



**The Society of
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Brass plaque on the south wall of St. Mary's Chapel in St. Andrew's Church, Westhall, Suffolk, England:

"Thomas Plantagenet, Duke of Buckingham and Gloucester, sone of king Edward the third, married Eliouer, eldest daughter and heire of Humfry Bohun, earl of Hertford, Essex and Northampton, high constable of England, whose grandmother was a daughter of king Edward the first: the sayd Thomas and Eliouer had issue a daughter, named Anne, sole heire. She was first married to ye erle of Stafford of whom discended the late dukes of Buckingham & the lord Stafford that now is: secondly, she was maryed unto Sr William Bouchier erle of Ewe, by whom she had issue Henry, Wil'm, John, and Thomas. Thomas became a priest and was archbishop of Canterbury (the second person in the realm in those dayes); of Henry discended the late earles of Essex & others: of William is discended the earle of Bathe that now is (heir male, and therefore beareth the name of Bouchier still, a man of greate honour and reputation). The afore named John married the daughter and heire of the lord Barners, and (was, in her right, lord Barners:) they had issue Sr Humphry Bouchier, who married Elizabeth, daughter and sole heire of Sr Fredericke Tylney; and they had issue John Bouchier. And the said Humphry died in the lyfe of his father, and therefore lived not to be lord Barners. (The saide Elizabeth was afterwards married to Sr Thomas Howard, duke of Norfolk, that woonne the Scottish field wherein the king of Scotts was slaine; and they had issue Sr Thomas Howarde, duke of Norfolk, that dyed of his fayre deathe in the tyme of queen Mary.) & the sayd John Boucher, lord Barners, after the death of his grandfather married Katherine daughter of Sr John Howard duke of Norfolk (father of the said Sr Thomas Howard that woon the Scottish fiede); and the said lord Barners and Katherine had issue a daughter named Jane, their sole heire; she was married to Edmund Knyvit sergeant porter of the house of king Henry the eighth; and they had issue divers sonnes and daughters, wherof one was married unto Frauncis Bohun esquire; and they had issue Nicholas Bohun that married Audrie (the daughter of Robert) Cooke (a lawyer) sister to Sr Edward Cooke attourney generall to kinge James; and the said Nicholas died in the life of his father, leaving behind him, begotten of the bodie of the saide Audrie, seaven children all infants. Novemb. 16, 1602."

(Their son Edmund Bohun of Westhall, esq. (1592-1658) married 10 Jan. 1614 Dorothy, daughter & sole heir of Stephen Baxter of Mendham, lord of Dale Hall in Whitton. Their son Baxter Bohun (1616-1658 in the life of his father) married 8 July 1641 Margaret daughter of William Lawrence of Brockdish, Norfolk, gent., and left a son Edmund Bohun, esq., (1645-1699), 1st Chief Justice of South Carolina.)