

Pedigree of Stokes.



Sable, a lion rampant ermine doubled queued, armed and langued gules.

Whatever appears in italics in this Pedigree and Notes is additional matter* gathered from trustworthy sources, such as a MS. History of the family written, in 1854, by Edward Dalton, Esq., D.C.L., F.S.A., and by him dedicated and presented to Thomas Stokes of Stanshawes Court, Esq., and until lately (as was this Pedigree) in the possession of Adrian Stokes of Sidmouth, now deceased; Aubrey's 'Wilts Collections,' Bible registers, Visitation of Wilts, etc. Any notes, additions, and corrections will be gratefully received by the contributor.

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The Pedigree is about three-quarters of a yard wide, and $4\frac{1}{2}$ yards long, composed of several skins glued together. It commences with Adam de Stokke, 1312; and the last date is 1661, soon after which it appears to have been drawn out; the last name is Thomas, son of Captain Thomas Stokes. The arms are well blazoned in colours, amounting to over sixty coats; and where those of any family were not ascertained blanks are left. Much collateral information is given, and contemporary pedigrees of families into which the Stokes family married, particularly those of Snell and Gore. Towards the close is an escutcheon of six quarters, and on the skin, above this, is a drawing of a lion rampant ermine double queued, holding a tilting-spear; thereon a pennon; at the head of the pedigree is a lion holding the shield of Stokes. There are several extracts from deeds, etc., and the whole is well executed and in good preservation' (1854). At the close of the pedigree of Snell is a date "now living, 1701."

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