

Manor of *Warkworth*, he conceded to King *Edward* the Second; who in return for this easy benevolence gave him a life-grant of certain Manors and Hundreds in *Norfolk*.

JOHN DE CLAVERING was the first of the family who adopted the permanent surname of CLAVERING, from his Manor of *Clavering* in *Essex*, by Command of King *Edward* the First, between the years 1277 and 1297. This statement is authenticated by an entry in the original Chartulary of the Abbey of *St. Mary Sibton*, in *Suffolk*, now in the British Museum; a page of which, containing this record, is here given in facsimile. Of the derivation of the name *Clavering*, the Rev. *Philip Morant*, in his 'History of *Essex*,' very prettily and correctly derives it from two Saxon words, signifying 'violets' and 'meadow' or 'pasture.'

The translation of a portion of this facsimile is as follows:—

Genealogy of the Founders of the Abbey of Sibton.

THE Lady *Sibyl*, sister of JOHN DE CAYNETO, daughter of RALPH DE CAYNETO, who came at the Conquest of *England*, was married to Sir ROBERT FITZ-WALTER, Founder of the House of *St. Faith*, of *Horsham*; who begat of her a son by name *Roger*; and *John*, Sheriff; ¹ Founder of the and WILLIAM DE CAYNETO.¹ *Roger*; and *John*, the Sheriff, died without issue; *Abbey of Sibton*. but *William* took a Wife, and begat of her three daughters, namely:—*Margaret*; *Clemence* and *Sara*. *Clemence* and *Sara* died without issue; but *Margaret* was married to a certain Norman HUGH DE CRESCY; who begat of her a Son, named *Roger*. ROGER DE CRESCY took a Wife by name ISABELLA DE RYE; and begat of her four sons, namely:—*Hugh*; *Roger*; *John* and *Stephen*, who all died without issue. The aforesaid *Margaret*, after her husband Sir HUGH DE CRESCY was dead, married another Nobleman, by name, ROBERT FITZ-ROGER; who begat of her JOHN FITZ-ROBERT.* *John* begat a son by name ROGER. The same ROGER begat a son by name ROBERT FITZ-ROGER, now Patron. Who after the death of STEPHEN DE CRESCY succeeded by Inheritance to the Barony of *Horsford*, as heir of the Lady MARGARET DE CHENEY, who married two husbands as is aforesaid. But the aforesaid ROBERT [FITZ-ROGER] married a Wife, by name, ² Whose name King *Edward*, MARGERY DE LA ZOUCHE, of whom he begat many sons and daughters, son of King *Henry*, caused to be namely:—JOHN²; ALEXANDER; ROGER; ROBERT; ALAN†; called CLAVERING from his HENRY; and EDMUND. JOHN married a Wife, by name, HAWISE, of principal Manor. of whom he begat a daughter, by name, EVA, who now claims to be the Patroness of the House of *Sibton*, of *St. Faith*, and of *Blythburgh* as of Hereditary Right.‡

IN the year 1307, JOHN DE CLAVERING disputed the right of his younger brother, Sir ALAN DE CLAVERING (the lineal ancestor of the present Sir HENRY AUGUSTUS CLAVERING, Baronet), to a portion of the Callaly property as heir-at-law of *Margery*, sole heir of another brother, ROGER DE CLAVERING. It was found by Inquisition,§ dated 1st August, 1307, taken upon Oath, that ALAN DE CLAVERING was the heir, by virtue of the gift of his father, ROBERT FITZ-ROGER. Whereupon JOHN DE CLAVERING appeared with his Complaint in the King's Court|| (as he was very much prone to do), and claimed the property, worth about £26 per annum. By the King's Command another Inquisition was taken on the 18th June, 1308, at which the Jurors returned upon Oath, but without any recorded proof, that JOHN DE CLAVERING was the heir; and so, no doubt to his great satisfaction, he possessed himself of the heritage which seems by right to have belonged to his

* One of the MAGNA CARTA Barons.

† Whose Heir-Male and lineal descendant is Sir HENRY AUGUSTUS CLAVERING, Baronet, of *Axwell Park*.

‡ The note respecting the Adoption of the Surname in the facsimile, is the second marginal note in the larger handwriting. Above this note is an interpolation in a smaller hand made in 1646, some three centuries later.

§ 'Inquisitio post Mortem,' 35 Edward I., No. 24.

|| 'Inquisitio post Mortem,' 1 Edward II., No. 3.