

borne a daughter, Anne, heiress of the Massingberd estate [*Lincolnshire Pedigrees*, II, 654]. Elizabeth was the daughter and co-heiress (with her three sisters) of Thomas, Lord Hoo and Hastings, K.G., and his wife Eleanor, who was a daughter of Leo (or Lionel), Lord de Welles. By this alliance Sir John acquired distinguished connections. The paternal grandmother of Lord de Welles was Margery, daughter of John, Lord Mowbray, by Elizabeth, daughter and sole heiress of John, Lord Segrave, and Margaret Plantagenet, Duchess of Norfolk and granddaughter of Edward I. Thus Elizabeth Hoo was in the eighth generation of direct descendants of King Edward I and Margaret, daughter of Philip the Hardy, King of France. John, Viscount Welles, the son of Leo and half-brother of Elizabeth Hoo's mother, married Cicely Plantagenet, daughter of Edward IV. Sir Thomas Hoo, created Baron of Hoo and Hastings in 1448, was descended from an ancient family having estates in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Sussex, and elsewhere. He was one of the commanders sent by Henry VI to suppress a revolt of the Normans around Caux in 1436. He subsequently served on several occasions as a military commander and as Henry's chancellor and treasurer in Normandy. For his "many great and toilsome services" he was awarded a life annuity of £40 in 1442. In 1445, after assisting in the negotiations for the king's marriage with Margaret of Anjou, he was granted the castle, lordship, barony, and honour of Hastings, and three years later was made Lord Hoo and Hastings. During the same year he was elected to the Order of the Garter. Although married three times he had only one son, who died without issue. By his second wife, Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Sir Nicholas Wichingham, he had one daughter, Anne, who married Sir Geoffrey Boleyn and was great-grandmother of Anne Boleyn, the mother of Queen Elizabeth. By his third marriage, to Eleanor, daughter of Lord de Welles, he had three daughters: Anne (or Jane), born about 1448, who married (1) Sir Roger Copley, (2) William Greystock; Eleanor, born about 1450, who married Sir James Carew of Beddington, Surrey; and Elizabeth, born about 1451, who was the wife of (1) Sir Thomas Massingberd, (2) Sir John Devenish [*Holinshead*, III, 185; *Dugdale's Baronage*, II, 233-234; *Close*, 1441-1447,