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In Reply to: [Langman Lang\(e/r\)man\(n\)](#) by Frank Macrander

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Langman-Genealogy- anomalies

Prior to William Langman D 1686 we have c'1559 Ralph Langman created Portcullis and then in 1567 York Herald, (and then Wm Dethick was Herald) and prior to him we have John Langman 1533, Roger Langman 1498, and Roger Langman 1377. How does one get from York Herald a royal position to Newton Farm? My lineage tree shows Tavistock Langmans as the main tree.

The name is claimed by many to be of continental origin. Well ---the problem then is to link it to the Roger Langmans(2 off) of 1377 and to the award of Portcullis and York Herald, all well documented in Amorial Books. The name root is Old English/Anglo Saxon with a base meaning of Tall Man. Reading the treatise online 'macrander' it is clear that there is not a direct connection to the UK, it only relates the commonality of the Tall Man supposition. Since english language shares words from the continent of Europe it is reasonable to assume there is some commonality but this does not create a connection. Factor in the language usage changes from Latin, French and others and we have a strange mix.

At or around the 1600s there are a number of anomalous dates and names that I have yet to resolve with multiple usage of first and second names for wives which then have different maiden names. Langmans of Lesnewth and Lawhitton are shown crossed over in other online records-an anomaly unresolved- in a number of forums with common precedents and descendants, not probable? so parish records will need extra scrutiny. It is probable that there are two Langman lineages (mayhap with earlier root relationship) one is of Newton Farm in Lesnewth and a second is from Lawhitton. I have found marriage lineages in the Brendan Family (well documented) that refer to marriages from Newton in Lawhitton but are a disconnect with others. Tangled webs weave?!

We are lucky in the UK that we have not been invaded for a while, and the habit of keeping parish records was a religious and Royal requirement, and widespread, till Tudor times Parish Priests were likely the only people in the area to be able to read and write. The parish Priest became the gate keeper controlling interrelation marriage. As of the Tudor times 40% of population could R/W due to Grammar School establishment.

My grandfather traced our name back to 1377 in the records, with some grave photos and brass rubbings, I have sadly none of his root documents. My grandfather PJJ traced these predecessors but my father gave the background documents to Reene who I assume to be Edwina Langman of Brighton UK who I believe died w/o issue, If any one has the data set provided to Reene I would appreciate a contact.

I can confirm a couple of pieces of data 1/ circa 1567 Ralph Langman was created Portcullis and then later a Herald, this is recorded in various books of Armorial Reference. 2/ Circa 1533 we have another John Langman. 3/ C'1498 we have a Roger Langman and 4/ C'1377 we have another Roger Langman, assuming a typical age of 55 we are reaching a birthday in the first quarter of the 1300s (pre 1325), and since we have descendants probably a marriage of around 1340. Not quite reached doomsday but getting closer. My genealogical tree traces back from 2013 all the way to 1377.

Now need to unwind the anomalies via documents.

Geography, whilst the original family came apparently from the Devon/Cornwall borders and very specific towns there, I find the York Herald intercept needs a lot of understanding since after royal appointment a Herald becomes a very important position both in court and on the battlefield. How does a family reach farming in a generation?

Drovers Ways (highways) Research of these drovers ways shows county/country interconnects. Many still exist and many became local roads and can be found on early Survey maps. Devon/Cornwall drovers ways are available online. However in the 14/15/16th century travel from the West country to either London was a multi week travail. why are the Langmans of Cornwall as Heralds so far away from court is it because in 1377 Cornwall was made a duchy? (Heralds have a notorious past as fayre/market organisers and have been known to be rough characters-love it)

The distribution of Langman families across the South of the UK has yet to be tied into any other branch. Is this a sign of an Offshoot from the York Herald era?

A number of emigrations took place to the new world and there are boat embarkation lists available to some places. I have found Liverpool data sets with embarkation dates to USA, clearly others exist for Canada, Australia, New Zealand, these would be endpoints for my UK ancestral tree.

Some of the wives Maiden names are of major interest, since Lawrence has been included in my Lineage for a number of generations as a middle name, also my grandfather was married to a cooper who is alleged to be related to the film beauty of the 30/40s Gladys Cooper and GF had a personal photo. My Grandfather's extensive photographic legacy includes personal photos, many from the mid/late 1800s, some still to be identified. Add in the predilection of ancestors to modify names as in Albert de vere Shrosbee changing to Albert do bois Shrosbee (I have his estate documents) and linkage becomes a moving feast.

Legal and Court documents have show some Langmans up before their Justices for the Bastardy Laws c'1832 (discharges but you cant be discharged w/o being charged), these could lead to fractured lineages. Also note that the adoption of the Bastardy fathers name was a ruse for Recognition/Revenge/Perversity/Financial gain/Embarrassment, especially if there was royalty involved.

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