

Hi Craig!

In regard to the family history and lineage of Herbert W. Armstrong, I can add some information for clarification. Mr. Armstrong's paternal GREAT-grandmother was actually Elizabeth COPE. He once said that the Cope Foundation had sent him an ancestral chart that traced his ancestry from Elizabeth COPE back to King Edward I. That lineage was given in the 1983 feast film, "Behind the Work." I copied it from the video and added details as follows:

Edward I, King of England

Princess Joan Plantagenet m. Sir Gilbert De Clare

Lady Margaret De Clare m. Hugh De Audley

Margaret De Audley m. Sir Ralph De Stafford, Earl of Stafford

Margaret Stafford m. Sir John Stafford of Bramshall

Sir Ralph Stafford of Grafton m. Maud Hastings

Sir Humphrey Stafford of Grafton, 1384-1419, m. Elizabeth Bindette

Sir Humphrey Stafford of Grafton, living 1467, m. Eleanor Aylesbury

Sir Humphrey Stafford of Grafton, executed in 1486, m. Catherine Fray

Sir Humphrey Stafford m. Margaret Tame

Anne Stafford, living 1613, m. Sir Anthony COPE

Edward Cope of Brixton, living 1613, m. Maud

John Cope of Marden, Wilts., m. Margaret

John Cope, d. 1649, m. Elizabeth

Oliver Cope of Avebury, Wilts., m. Rebecca (came to Pennsylvania in 1683 having received a grant of land from William Penn at "Backington", Naaman'sCreek).

John Cope, 1691-1773, of East Bradford, Chester Co, PA, m. Charity Jefferies

John Cope, 1730-1812, m. (2) Mary Dickinson

Jesse (Joshua) Cope

Elizabeth Cope m. Samuel ARMSTRONG

Nathan H. Armstrong m. Lydia HOLE dau of Elon Hole

Horace Elon Armstrong m. Eva WRIGHT

Herbert W. Armstrong m. Loma DILLON

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Most of the above details are verified in the book, "Living Descendants of Blood Royal" by Count D'Angerville, Vol.3, pp. 172-173, published by World Nobility and Peerage, London and Paris, 1964.

Mr. Armstrong once said he did not have a middle name to begin with. But since there was another Herbert Armstrong in Oregon, he added the "W" which he took from the family surname of WRIGHT.

I hope that information is of interest.

-- Robert C. Boraker

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