Abstract of the Genealogy of the Grevilles

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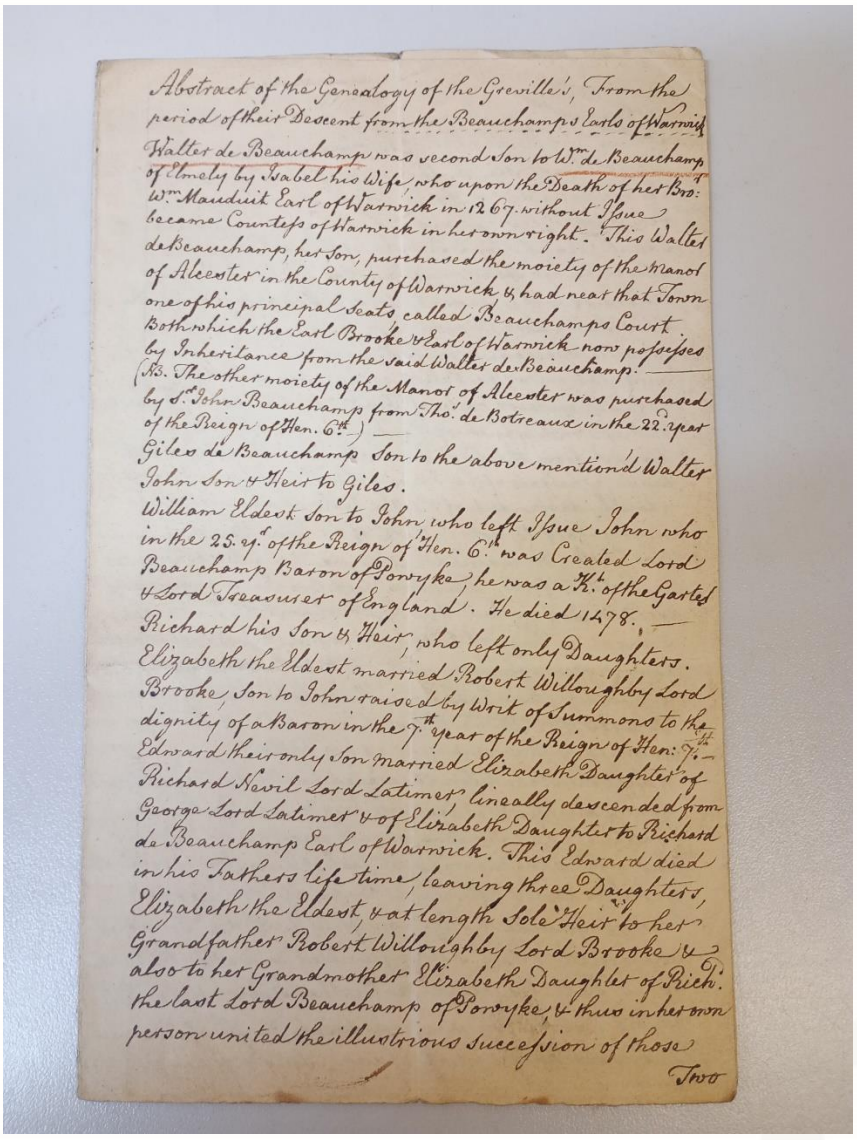
June's Document of the Month focuses on the theme of family history and notable Warwickshire families. We've chosen this abstract of the genealogy of the Greville family. The Grevilles are better known as the current Earls of Warwick, and their ancestral home was Warwick Castle until its sale in the 1970's. We hold a lot of the Greville family papers in our collections here at the Record Office under the collection reference CR 1886. More information about the family and the collection can be found in our online exhibition hosted by Explore Your Archive on their website[1].

This three-page document dates from the late 18th century, and details how the family are related to the previous Earls of Warwick, the Beauchamp family. It comes from a small collection of documents relating to the Greville family compiled by a Mr Alfred Robinson. The author of the document is unknown.

A transcript of the document has been provided separately.

The document starts with William de Beauchamp in 1267, following the line of succession for nearly 500 years until it ends with Francis Greville, who was created Earl of Warwick in 1746. It covers details such as marriages into other families and the number of children from these marriages. It even mentions other information such as the purchase of land in Alcester by Walter de Beauchamp[2].

[1] *Exhibition: The Greville Family of Warwick Castle Collection*, https://www.exploreyourarchive.org/exhibition-the-greville-family-of-warwick-castle-collection/ (accessed 14/05/2025).
[2] *Abstract of the Genealogy of the Greville's, From the period of their Descent from the Beauchamps Earls of Warwick*, Warwickshire County Record Office, CR 2605/3.

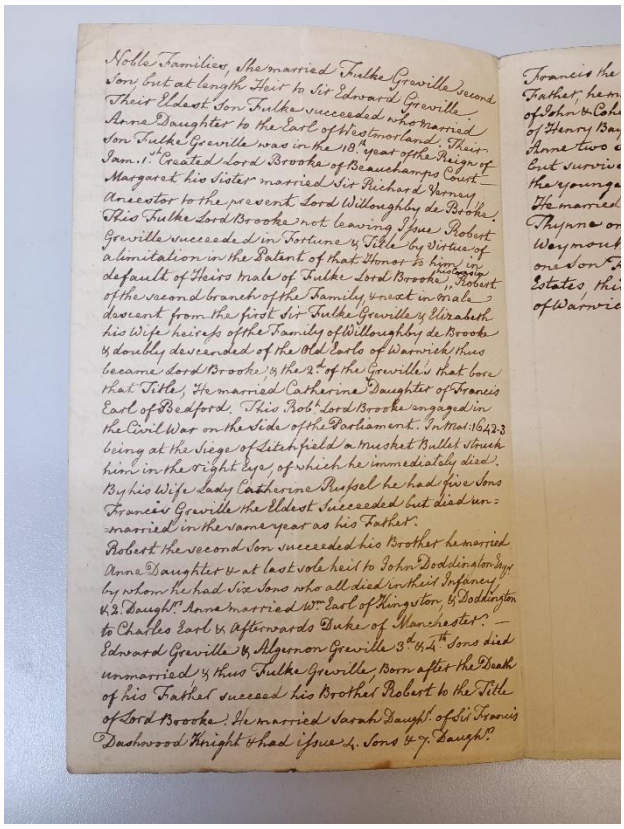


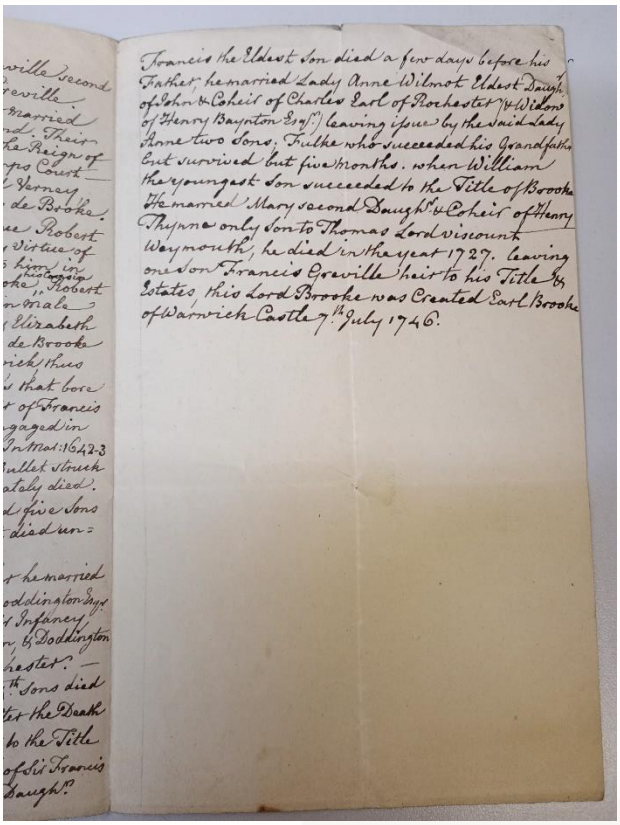
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period of their Descent from the Beauchamps Earls of Warwick
Walter de Beauchamp was second Son to Wm. de Beauchamp
of Elmely by Isabel his Wife, who upon the Death of her Bro:
Wm. Mauduit Earl of Warwick in 1267. without Issue
became Countess of Warwick in her own right. This Walter
de Beauchamp, her Son, purchased the moiety of the Manor
of Alcester in the County of Warwick & had near that Town
one of his principal Seats called Beauchamps Court
Both which the Earl Brooke & Earl of Warwick now possesses
by Inheritance from the said Walter de Beauchamp.
(N.B. The other moiety of the Manor of Alcester was purchased
by S.r John Beauchamp from Tho.s de Botreaux in the 22.d year
of the Reign of Hen. 6.th)
Giles de Beauchamp Son to the above mention'd Walter
John Son & Heir to Giles.
William Eldest Son to John, who left Issue John who
in the 25.th y.r of the Reign of Hen. 6.th was Created Lord
Beauchamp Baron of Powyke, he was a K.t of the Garter
& Lord Treasurer of England. He died 1478.
Richard his Son & Heir, who left only Daughters.
Elizabeth the Eldest married Robert Willoughby Lord
Brooke, Son to John raised by Writ of Summons to the
dignity of a Baron in the 7.th year of the Reign of Hen: 7.th
Edward their only Son married Elizabeth Daughter of
Richard Nevil Lord Latimer lineally descended from
George Lord Latimer & of Elizabeth Daughter to Richard
de Beauchamp Earl of Warwick. This Edward died
in his Fathers life time, leaving three Daughters,
Elizabeth the Eldest, & at length Sole Heir to her
Grandfather Robert Willoughby Lord Brooke &
also to her Grandmother Elizabeth Daughter of Rich.
the last Lord Beauchamp of Powyke, & thus in her own
person united the illustrious Succession of those
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An interesting tale is also included in this document. Robert Greville, 2nd Baron Brooke inherited his title from his cousin, Fulke Greville (1st Baron Brooke). When the English Civil War broke out in 1642, he:

"*Engaged in the Civil War on the Side of the Parliament. In Mar[ch] 1642-3 being at the Siege of Litchfield a Musket Bullet struck him in the right Eye, of which he immediately died.*" [3]





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What a way to go! Documents such as this can be an absolute goldmine for family historians. They can provide a wealth of background information which is useful to consult whilst conducting your own research. This one in particular covers nearly 500 years of family history for the Greville and the Beauchamp families. However, as we do not know the full provenance of this document and there are no references for where the information came from, it is important to keep an open mind and not treat it as fact until proven with primary sources.

[3] Ibid.

Researching your family history and resources available at the Record Office

Family history research is a hugely popular pastime. The advent of shows such as *Who Do You Think You Are?* and *DNA Journey* have further increased the popularity of the hobby.

To begin tracing your family tree, we recommend collecting information from family members in the first instance. Once you've done this, you can then work backwards from the earliest event that you have definite evidence for (for example, a birth certificate) and start creating a basic family tree. You can find several family tree templates online. Whilst there are a lot of resources available online, it is still important to use original primary material available at Record Offices. If you're unable to visit the Record Office, we do offer a research service. Further details of this can be found on our website[4].

Undertaking family history research can be a highly rewarding and interesting exercise. Here at the County Record Office, we provide access to a number of resources which can help you with tracing your family tree. We provide free access to family history websites such as *Ancestry*, *Find My Past* and the *British Newspaper Archive*. We also hold many primary sources in our collections, such as parish registers, apprenticeship records, newspapers and school records. You can find out more information about the resources available here at the Record Office by using our Tracing Your Warwickshire Ancestors research guide[5]. We have a free Family History Helpdesk which is run by the volunteers at Midland Ancestors 11-2:30 Wednesday-Friday. We also host monthly Trace Your Ancestors sessions with a professional genealogist. More information about these and booking details can be found on the Heritage and Culture Warwickshire *Eventbrite* page[6].

[4] https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/enquiries-copying-services (accessed 14/05/2025).
[5] *Tracing Your Warwickshire Ancestors*, Warwickshire County Record Office, https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/talks-research-guides/tracing-warwickshire-ancestors/1 (accessed 08/05/2025).
[6] https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/heritage-and-culture-warwickshire-74671062993 (accessed 14/05/2025).