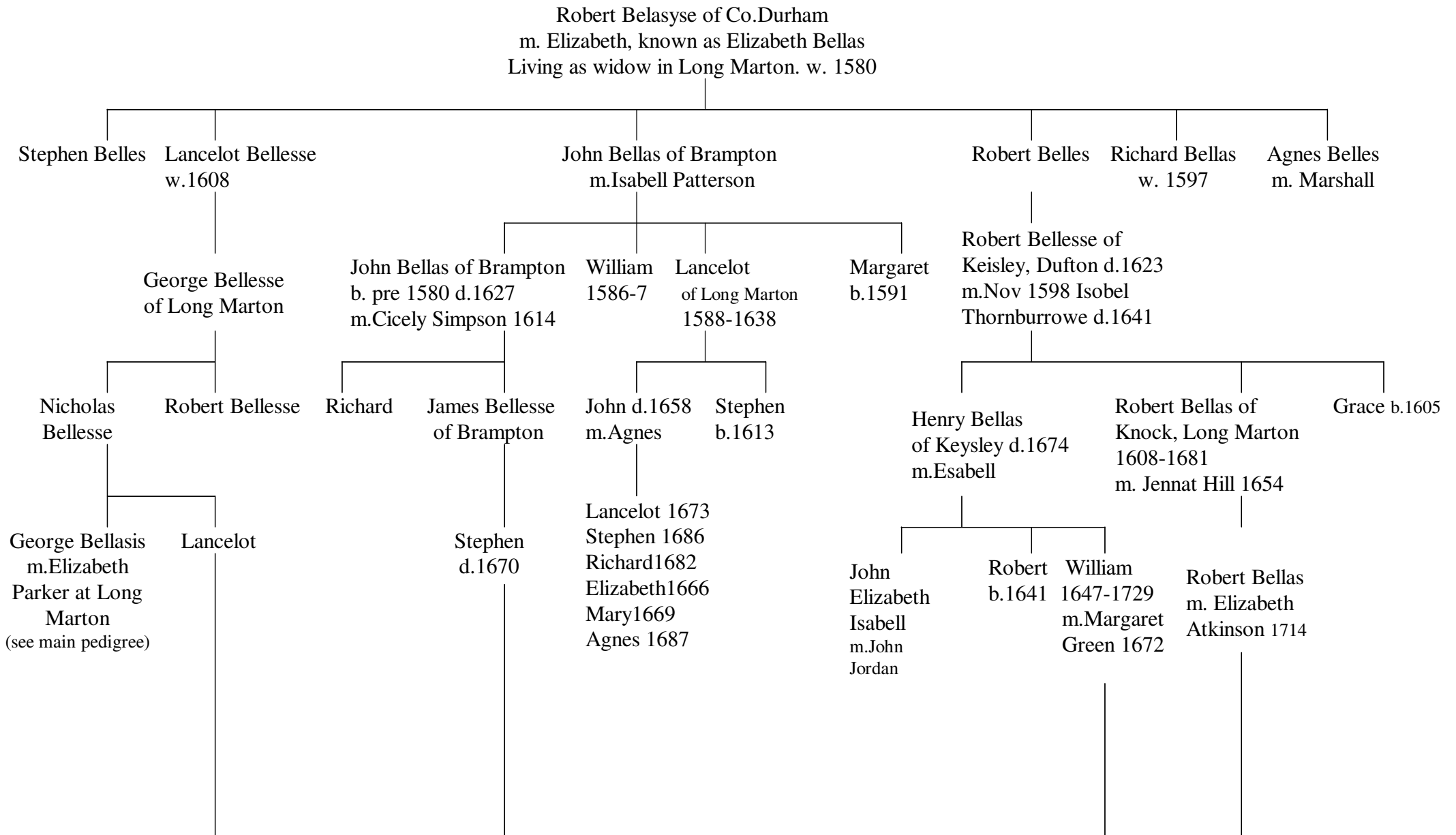
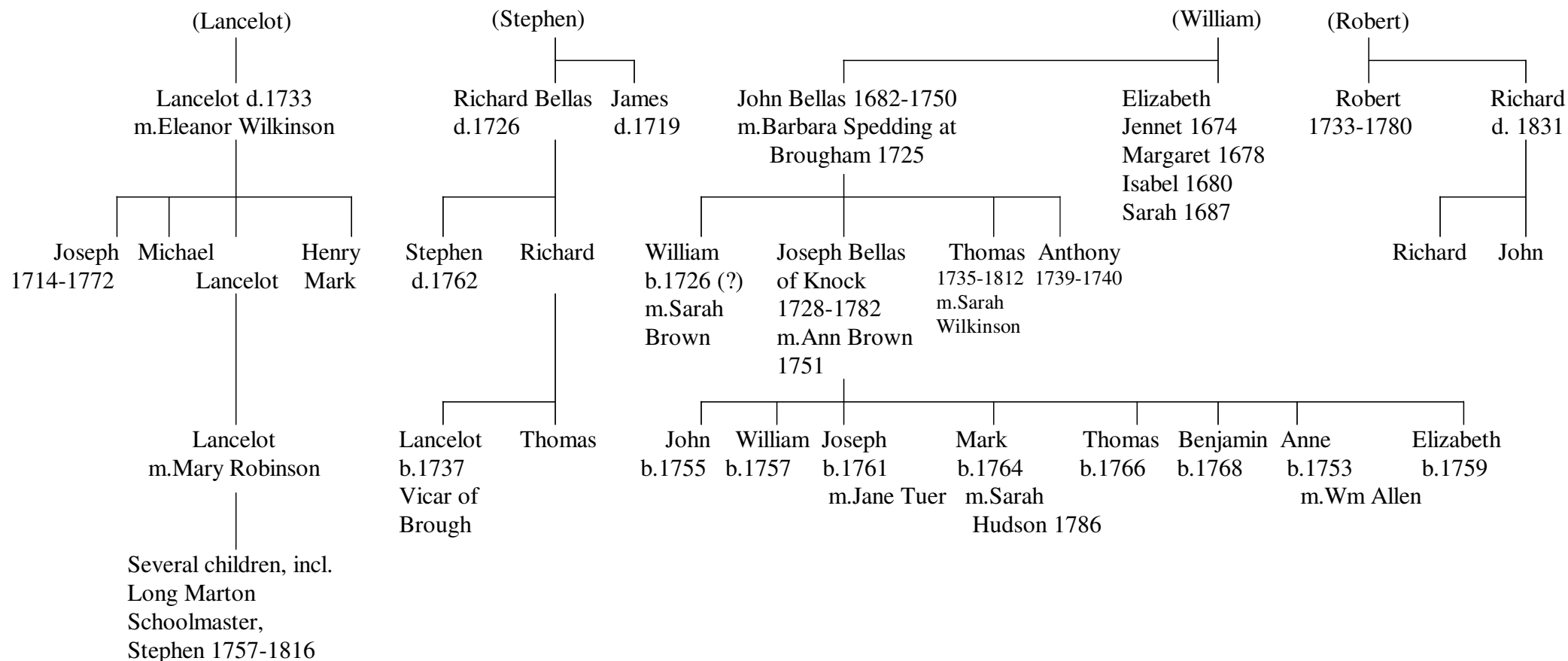


Bellasis Origins Hypothesis based upon The Family Story of Sydney Bellas





The aim of this hypothesis is to find some proof for our link with the ancient line. The family history shown in the website is based mainly upon research by Augustus Bellasis and Edward Bellasis, Lancaster Herald. The supposed connection of George Bellasis with Brancepeth, Co.Durham, is put into question by his Will that mentions his brother Lancelot.

The above family tree has been compiled from the research presented at <http://www.edenlinks.co.uk/HISTORY/PATH1.HTM> and additions by Tom Bellas. The first record of the Bellas family in Westmorland (now Cumbria) is the Will of Elizabeth. It is feasible that she was settled on lands acquired by those in the ancient line after her husband died. It is possible that Robert, son of William Belasyse and younger brother of both Thomas and William, was the husband of Elizabeth Bellas. This is based upon the dates of battles fought by both his father and eldest brother, Thomas. It is known that Robert's nephew Richard, who died in 1540, had acquired lands in Westmorland and it is interesting to note the similarity of first names down both branches of the family in each generation from that time. For further detail see George's Notes at <http://www.bellasis.net/belasisdescendants/aqwn23.htm#15>.