

The family of John Bellaffe, believed to be the eldest son of Elizabeth (w.1580) of Longmarton.

John

I have a similar but alternative hypothesis:

I think John was Elizabeth's eldest son and had already been provided for at the time of her will in 1580.

Evidence of John;

1. 1565 Deed - a John Bellaffe is recorded as being of Brampton.
2. 1567 Will of Robert Lowe of Marton - Jhon Bellas was a recorder (witness).
3. 1573 Will of Richard Hodgeson of Marton - John Belles was a witness, a jurat and appraised the inventory.
4. 1580 Will of John Pattinson of Marton - bequest of one lambe to John Belles son to John Belles.
5. 1580 Will of Elizabeth Bellas was proved - John was the second supervisor mentioned and therefore probably a very close family member - very likely to have been an elder son, possibly even from an earlier marriage.
6. Pre 1580- John married Isabell Patterson as son John born pre 1580.
7. 1584 - John B was a witness to the wills of John Raisbecke of Marton, and John Tayzlor of Marton.
8. 1584 - John B was a creditor of Nicholas Scaife of Marton.
9. 1586 William son of John B and Isabell Pattison was baptised at Longmarton & buried there in 1587.
10. 1588 - Lancelot son of John B and Isabell Pattison was baptised at Longmarton (will pr 1638)
11. 1591 - Margaret daughter of John B baptised at Longmarton.

So this John had two surviving son, John and Lancelot.

The eldest son John was born pre 1580 as he is alive in the will of John Pattison

This eldest son John married Cicely Simpson in 1614 at Long Marton and they had a son Richard B baptised in 1615 at Longmarton who was probably an only child. This Richard made his will in 1644 and it as proved in 1651 - he left his estate to his cousin John at Longmarton.

The second surviving son of John B and Isabell Pattison was Lancelot, baptised at LM in 1588.

This Lancelot had at least two surviving sons, the eldest being John and the youngest being Stephen (the latter being baptised at Longmarton in 1613).

The eldest son John was buried at Marton in 1658 - he would be Richard's cousin (in Richard's will pr in 1651 mentioned above).

The 1658 manorial records give the admission of John son of John B in 1658 and so this John must also have married and had a son called John.

This son John probably married Agnes and had 6 or 7 children baptised at Longmarton between 1666 and 1687 viz; Elizabeth 1666, Mary 1669, son 1671, Lancelot 1673?, Stephen 1680, Richard 1682, Agnes 1687?.

The above should add a family line extending from John son of Elizabeth to your hypothesis.

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