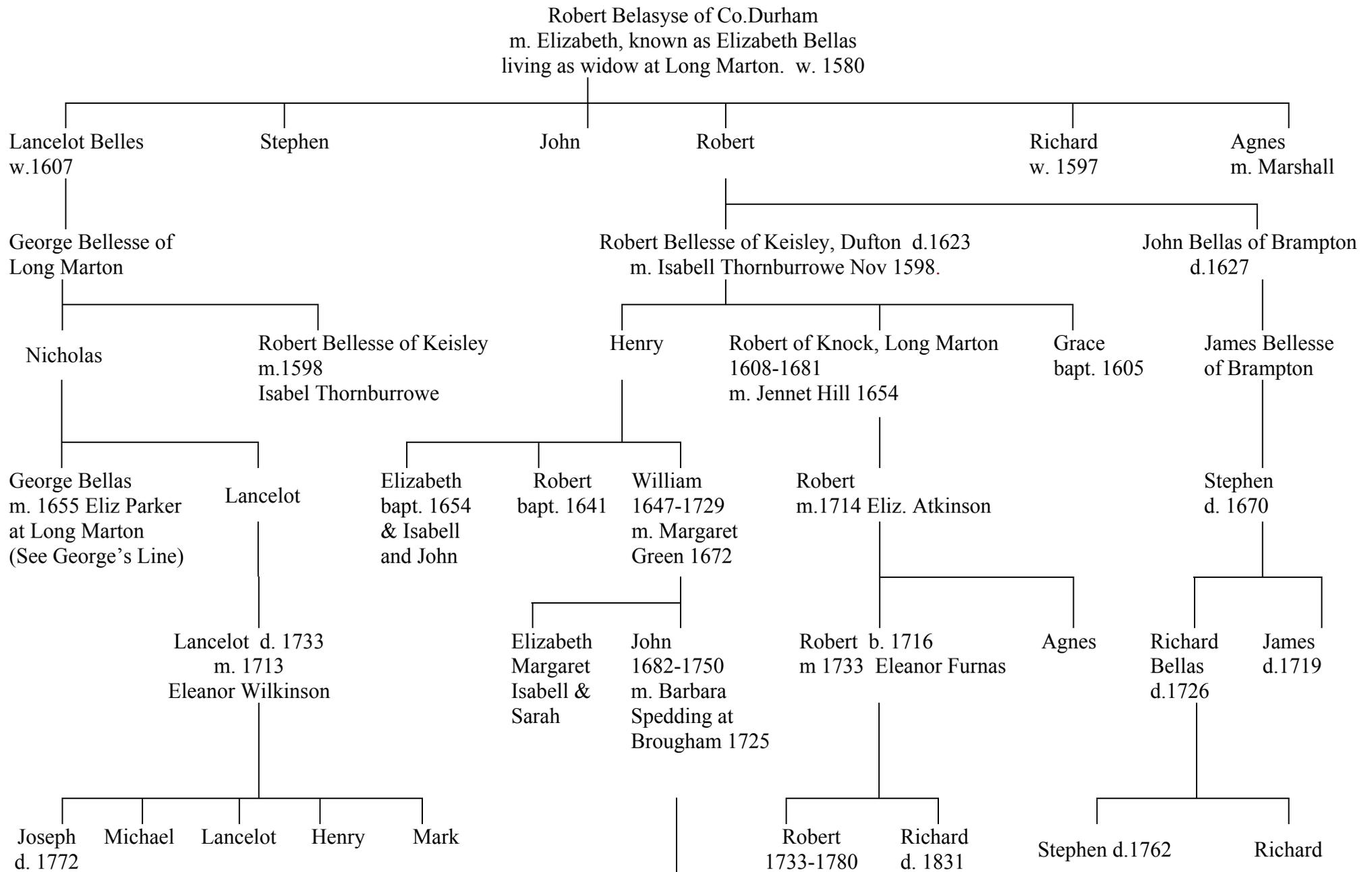
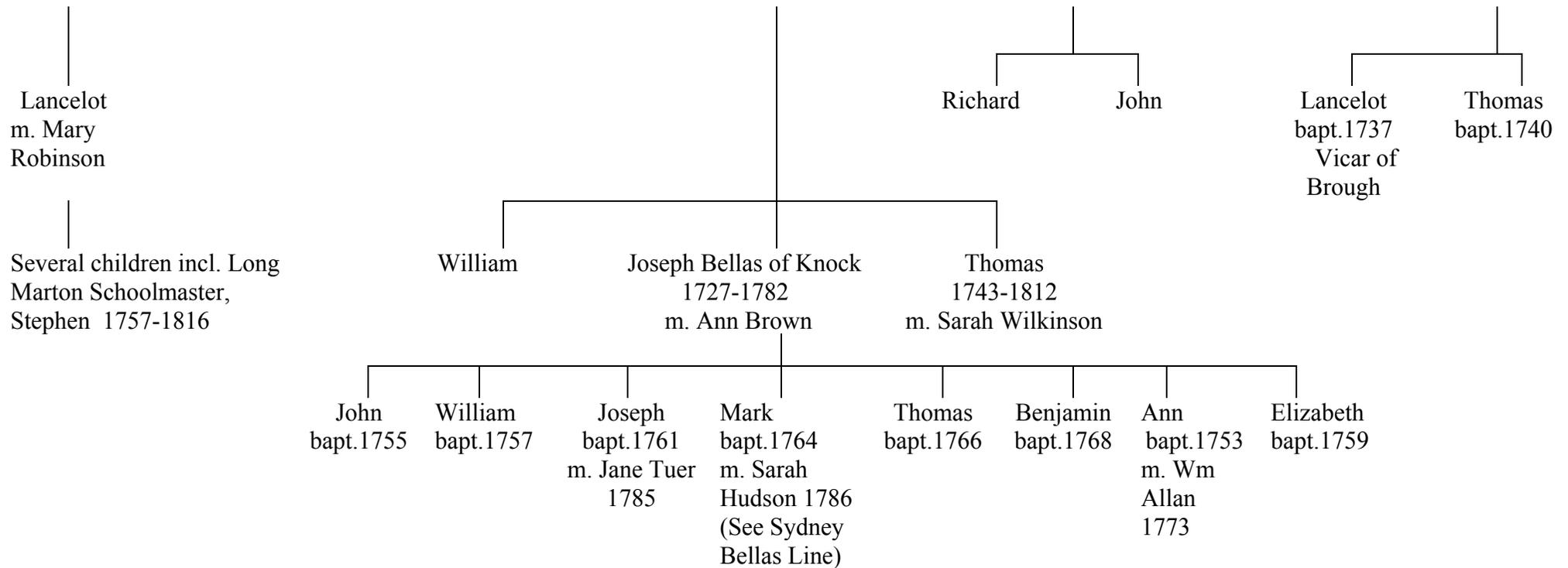


Hypothesis based upon the Path of the Sydney Bellas Family - reproduced by John Bellasis 4/3/2005





This hypothesis is about trying to find the proof for our link with the ancient line. The Bellasis family website is www.bellasis.net which sets out everything that Augustus Bellasis and Edward Bellasis, Lancaster Herald, established in recent times, from many books and manuscripts in the family archives as well as the official records. Their efforts date back 100 years or more when it was difficult to accumulate information. With the use of the internet and the interest and involvement of many other people, it is hoped that a definitive link will be found.

The above chart has been pieced together after reading an entry on the internet by Sydney Bellas at www.familyhistoryuk.co.uk/edenlinks/HISTORY/PATH1.HTM. His description of the life and times of these relatives is extremely thorough and reflects a lot of hard work and dedication to the family. The essence of this work is that the Bellas, Belles, Bellasis (and others) link with the ancient line may not be where the College of Arms supposed. The College knew this might be so, and that is why there is a subtle difference in the coats of arms, mainly a blue chevron instead of a red one.

As can be seen here, it is possible that the link is further back in time. Instead of George Bellasis coming from County Durham in the middle of the 17th century, it may be that the widow, Elizabeth Bellas, was settled in Westmorland after the death of her husband, possibly Robert. Robert starts off as a strong preference of male Christian name, just at a time when it is dropped in the ancient line. The arguments for there being a link are stronger than the possibility that these families were simply derived from namesakes whose surnames were adopted from their landlord. Those of the ancient line had possessed lands in Westmoreland for a considerable period before the first recorded Bellas. It is due to those possessions that Elizabeth may have ended up with her family on this side of the Pennine range.