

STEDMAN COUSINS



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Dear Cousins,

May I wish you all a very Happy Easter. I think after the long dreary winter, we are all looking forward to Spring/Summer (Apologies to our Cousins in the southern hemisphere who are no doubt wanting to hold onto their warmer weather).

Some of you will know that cousin Pauline has had a complicated surgical procedure carried out just before Christmas. It has been a long and complicated recovery, but I'm glad to say she is recovering well now and gaining strength. Hopefully she will be well enough to join us for this year's Reunion. We missed her greatly last year.

During the Autumn and Winter Dave had made a trip to Staffordshire Archives to take photos of some Stedman documents there, and I have been transcribing (where possible) the documents (which were handwritten in English). Fortunately an email contact of mine and her friends, have been able and are still doing more transcribing of some Latin documents. These documents are opening up information on the Torpley Hall Stedman branch. Most of the documents are dated between 15-1600s, but one earlier Latin document is dated 1320! (Edward II). Unfortunately that document doesn't mention any of our family, but relates to the granting of some property in Corfton from a father to his son. I thought you might be interested in reading one of the documents and have attached it to this letter. We will hopefully, be put these onto the Dropbox site eventually.

With Spring approaching, I have been thinking of our next Reunion (Late July/early August). Could you let me have some ideas of what and where you would like to visit this year, please (and any dates you won't be available). I have a few ideas, but need some of your ideas too. Would you like to re-visit any places that we have been to in past Reunions?

Thinking about the venue for our meal together, as the meal at the George and Dragon was not very accommodating last year, are you happy to return to the Horse and Jockey, where we are sure of a warm welcome?

In the past we have had my 'Heath Robinson' badges and one or two people mentioned that perhaps it would be nice to have 'proper' ones. Just by chance,

when looking for something else, I came upon a site that produces badges, amongst other things. For 50 of these badges, with a magnetic backing, we could get them for £1.85 each (normally £2.85 each). Is anyone interested in having one?



Cousin Brian recently stayed with his family at The White House. If anyone is interested, you can stay there for 4 nights from £472 (or up to 8 people).

<http://www.landmarktrust.org.uk/search-and-book/properties/white-house-13069>

No I'm not getting commission on bookings! I just wondered if anyone would like to stay there.

Looking forward to seeing as many as possible at the Reunion in the Summer.

Best wishes

Sandra

28th March 1566

An old Lease from Stedman to Stedman of Torpley Hall with 18(or 16) parcelled

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This indenture made the 28th day of March and in the eighth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the year of God Queen of England, France and Ireland Defender of the Faith and between Thomas Stedman of Corfton in the county of Salop, Yeoman and also his wife on the one part and William Stedman of Corfton forsaied and in the said county, yeoman and brother to the said Thomas *snr* the other of the *mytuefeth* that the said Thomas Stedman and his wife for good *consithevacence* (consideration?) them moving have devised leased granted and to terme let and set and by those prith do devise lease permit and to rent let and set unto the said William Stedman all that those messuage or *tente* (tenements) set lying and being in Corfton commonly called Torpley Hall (Torppley Hawle) now in the ?tenancy of the said William Stedman all lands meadows leasowes pastures woods and woods and common used occupied and let (letten) to and with the same – all and singular their appurtenances to have and to hold the said messuage with all and singular the premises with their appurtenances to the said William Stedman his heirs and assigns from the feast of St Michael the Archangel next *ens-yinge* (ensuing or including) the date hereof unto the full end and term of twenty and one years then next and immediately following fully to be completed and ended yielding and paying therefore yearly rent the said Thomas Stedman during his life if the term so long ended and to the said Alys that if she happen to survive and to the heirs between the said Thomas and ?Alys (Alice) lawfully begotten during the said term of twenty and one years three shillings and four pence of lawful English money at the feast of St Michael the Archangel and the annunciation of our lady by every portions and further the said William Stedman con----teth and guaranteeth for him and his assigns by these prith (prithy) to and with the said Thomas Stedman and his wife and to and with the heirs between them lawfully begotten that he the said William Stedman and his assigns shall not only bear and pay all chief rent and all other duties issuing and going out of the premise as well to the Queen and sovereign lady the chief lord of the fee the ?church and to all other person and persons ensuing(?) the said term but also shall maintain bear and support the reparations of the premises during the said term and in the end of the same term shall lease(or leave) him bes—de able and the said Thomas Stedman and Alice (Alys) his wife con---- and guarantee for them their heirs executors and administrators to and with the said William Stedman and his assigns that being the said William Stedman and his assigns shall and may peaceably and ---ssly have *possede* accept and *myaye* the said messuage and all other the premises with those appurtenances before these prithy devised for and during the said term of twenty and one years without let or interruption of the said Thomas and Alys and those heirs or any other by those means provement? or assent. In witness whereof the p—es to those indentures named under the annyeablye have put their seales yeven the day and year first above written.