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The line to Deacon John Fowler, of Guilford.

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# The Fowler Family

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- I. Reginaldus Le Fowler, of Shryvenham, County of Berks, is the first one of the line that can be definitely located. He died 29 Edward I., 1301. In the Calendarium Genealogicum Henry III. and Edward I., Master of the Rolls, Vol. 2, p. 602, we find the following: "Reginaldus Le Fowler de Shryvenham. Inquisition post mortem: Johannes Le Fowler de Shryvenham filius Reginaldi est propinquior haeres ejus, et est aetatis triginta duorum annorum amplius, 29 Edward I. 1301. Berks."
- II. Johannes Le Fowler, born at Shryvenham, before 1269; was 32 years old at his father's death. We know nothing further of this man. His son
- III. John Le Fowler, or Fowler, of Shryvenham, married about 1315, Isabel, daughter of Sir Thomas Foxley, County of Berks, who purchased Foxley Manor from Sir Ralph Dayrell in 1314. Sir Thomas de Foxley, Knt. of Foxley, County of Berks, and Bramhill, County of Hants, was M. P. for Berks

I Edward III., 1327-28; II Edward III., 1337-38; died 1360, aged 55. His son, John de Foxley, Knt., born 1330, aged 30, 34 Edward III., 1360-61; M. P. for Hants 38 Edward III., 1364-65; for Berks 43 Edward III., 1369-70; for Hants and Berks, 47 Edward III., 1373-74; died in November, 1378; will dated November 5, 1378, proved at Southwark, 1 Dec. 1378; widow (1) Matilda, daughter of Sir John Brocas of Baurepere, County of Hants, and had 1. William; 2. Katherine (married John Warbleton and had: Elizabeth, who married John Syferwaste and had: Margaret, who married Robert Breknoke, (see No. VIII.); 3. Margaret, widow David Bullock. Sir John Foxley married (2) Joan Martin, and had, 1. Richard, d. s. p. 1408; 2. Thomas, who married Theobalda Marys; 3. John married his cousin, Isabel Fowler. Topographist and Genealogist, Vol. III., p. 178-80.

John Fowler (III.) had issue: 1. John, son and heir, 2. Isabel = her cousin, John Foxley, Jr., who died 1420, leaving daughter Alice.

IV. John Fowler (3rd) of Shryvenham; born before 1320; mentioned in the will of Richard de Hartleigh (evidently his brother-in-law), Marshal and citizen of London, who lived in the Parish of St. Sepulchre-without-Newgate. Will dated 23 April, 1361; entered on Roll 89, folio 68, Husting's Court of London; who makes among other bequests 100 Geneva Florins (Florenode Genevyns) to brother John Fowler to assist him in

finding his (John's) son, if living. John had issue:  
Calendar of Ancient Wills, London, Vol. III., p. 16. 1  
John; 2, Robert, of Bray, County of Berks, wife Agnes  
(Etc., Etc.) See Ashmole's Berkshire, Vol. III., p. 16.

V. John Fowler (4th) of Shryvenham, County of Berks; born about  
1350, acquired an estate in Bucks, which he named Foxley;  
married after 1375 and before 1380, Margaret, daughter of  
Henry Loveday, and died in the reign of Henry IV., leaving  
son and heir, 1. Henry. 2, John, of Bray, County of  
Berks; wife's name Alice. Their monument in the church at  
Bray reads: "Pray for the soules of John Fowler and Alice  
his wife, which John decessed the 24th day of August in the  
yere of Our Lord 1479 on whose Soules Jesus have mercy."  
Ashmole's Berks, Vol. III., p. 7.

VI. Henry Fowler, of Foxley, born before 1380; married before 1400,  
Isabel, daughter and heiress of John Barton of Castle House,  
County of Bucks; Lipscombe's Buckinghamshire, Vol. 2, p.  
569, and used the Barton arms as those of Fowler, as did his  
heirs, until 1520, viz: Ermine on a canton, gules, an owl  
argent. Had William, John, Walter, Sybell and Isabel.  
John settled in London; was an alderman there;  
married Alice of ----- Their monument is still to  
be seen in the church of Grey Friars. - - - John

died 2 Jan'y, 1494. Alice, 6 April, 1490.

"Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica", Vol. 5,  
p. 285.

Walter was Bishop of Norwich - mentioned in his nephew  
Richard's will.

Sybell: Richard Quartermaine -- in same will.

Isabel = Henry Shatterbrooke -- " " "

VII. Sir William Fowler of Foxley and Castle House; born about 1400--  
Cecelia, daughter and heiress of Nicholas Englesfield of  
Rycote, County of Oxford, by Johanna, daughter of Nicholas  
Clark of Rycote, County of Oxford, by Catherine, daughter  
and heiress of John Rycote, by Elizabeth, daughter and heiress  
of John Gernon of Wiltshire.

Sir William Fowler was dead before 1470 (buried in  
St. Dunstan Chapel, Westminster Abbey), having had:  
1-, Sir Richard, born probably 1420-22. M. P. for Oxford  
1467. Knighted by Edward IV, 1467, and made his Chancellor  
for the Duchy of Lancaster. He married Joan, daughter of  
Sir John Danvers, of Calthorpe, County of Oxford, and died  
3rd November, 1477. Will 10th October, 1477; proved 19th  
November, 1477; directs that masses shall be sung for the  
repose of his soul, and his father's soul, and his mother's  
soul, for seven years; and that if mass is said by a deacon  
he shall have five marks, and if by a priest, 10 marks;  
states that his father lies buried in Chapel of St. Dunstan

in Westminster Abbey; names his Uncle Walter, Bishop of Norwich, Aunts Isabell Shatterbrooke and Sybell Quartermayne; brothers Walter, Henry, Thomas, William; sisters Sybell Danvers and Alice Rookes; daughter Sybell Chamberlain; daughter Jean to marry Edward Stradling, his ward, now aged 15; son Richard; son Edmund; mentions his manors of Rycote, Castle House, Shebendon, Water Stratford, Stokholt, Stutely, Bourton, Mourton, Foscothe and Shaller. He was also seized of the Manor of Stanton Berry, Newport Hundred, by special grant of Edward IV. in 1467. Sir Richard was also a very generous benefactor to the church of St. Peter and St. Paul at Sutton-cum-Buckingham, and in 1470 he added the large cross aisle, 90 feet long, to the church.

Lipscombe's Buckinghamshire, Vol. 2, pp. 577-78.

There is now in the British Museum, London, Addition Charter No. 20,321, dated June 28, 27 Henry VI., (1449) to which is attached Sir Richard Fowler's seal, as Chancellor of Duchy of Lancaster.

Seal of Sir Richard Fowler  
Knt. Chancellor of Duchy  
of Lancaster.

Sir Richard evidently took his seal from the Rycote Arms, viz: "Argent three wolves' heads, erased, gules.", his father having married the heiress of Rycote and brought that estate into the Fowler family.

(Sir Richard's descendants are carried out to several generations)

2. Walter - Knighted by Edward IV.; died unmarried.
3. Henry - of whom nothing further known.
4. Thomas - High Sheriff of Bucks, 1478, 1483, 1487; M. P. for Bucks, 1478. Married (1) Mary, daughter of Edward Lee, of Coleville; (2) Daughter of John Houghton of Ellesborough and widow of John Hulcote, Northamptonshire; (3) Edith, daughter of John, Lord Dynham; but had issue by first wife only.
5. William (VIII.)
6. Sybell; married Thomas Danvers.
7. Alice; married Thomas Rookes.
8. Jane - a nun at Menors.

VIII. William. Born in Foxley, County of Bucks, about 1445. Had two sons and one daughter.

Roger (IX). Richard had William, whose descendants are given, and among them is Mary Ball, the mother of George Washington; and Robert, who was in Elizabeth City, Virginia, in 1620. Emma married Robert Harbottle, of Bassingthorpe, County of Lincoln.

IX. Roger Fowler, born at Foxley, in Bucks, before 1500. Removed to Bisley, County of Gloucester, where he died in 1540.

Wife's name, Jehanna Harman, as we learn from his will, where he mentions his wife's brother, Thomas Harman. \*  
\* \* He had Thomas (X); William; Giles; Henry; Francis; Roger; Katherine; Alice; Elizabeth; Agnes. Mentions in his will his lands in Salop, Derby, Bucks, Berks and Gloucester.

X. Thomas Fowler, of Bisley, was probably born there, as his mother's family, the Harmans, were natives of Bisley. We do not know whom he married, or how many children he had, but three are identified: Roger, son and heir, who continued the line in England; Abraham, born 1549; entered as a Queen's Scholar at Westminster in 1564, and at Christ College, Oxford, 1568, and graduated in 1571; was something of a poet \* \* died, unmarried, in London, 1584 or 5. William (XI.)

XI. William Fowler: Born at Bisley, County of Gloucester, about 1550 or 1551; removed to an estate at Dalbury Lees in Derbyshire - evidently the lands referred to in his grandfather Roger's will. Wife's name not found, but only daughter named Edith. He died 1526; his daughter sole executrix. He had: John (XII.), Henry, William, Thomas, Richard, Francis, Edith.

XII. John Fowler of Dalbury Lees, married Frances, daughter of William Webb, Sr., of Burntwood, Staffordshire, as we learn from Vol. IV., N. S. Win. Salt, Archaeological Journal, Staffordshire, p. 38 - a document which gives Humphrey Chritchley and Alice his wife; John Fowler and Frances, his wife, Richard Webb and Isabella, his wife, as heirs of William Webb, Sr., 1612. William Webb had a son Joseph, who married Mary, daughter of William Amphlet.

Mr. Fowler died in 1645. Will proved by his son Joseph, who was sole executor. Will dated 20 June, 1639, proved in London, in 1645; mentions wife Frances; son William, not then in England; son Joseph, to whom he leaves lands bought from his brother Henry; daughter Ann, wife of William Brown; son Richard; niece Rebecca, orphan daughter of brother William; daughters Isabel, Margaret, Alice and Judith. His issue were:

1. William, evidently the William Fowler who came to Boston with Rev. John Davenport, landing there June 26, 1637; in New Haven (Quinnipiac) 30 March, 1638, and finally located at Milford, 1639, etc., etc. Died 25 January, 1661. Had two sons: William, who married Deborah Tapp; Jehn, who married Mary Hubbard.

(Mr. Dickinson brings Joseph and Richard, sons of John of Dalbury Lees, to America about 1650; Joseph finally to settle on Long Island and marry Sarah, daughter

of Richard Betts, Sr., of Hempstead, County of Middlesex, England, and sister of Richard Betts, one of the original patentees of Newtown, L. I. Richard settled in Rhode Island, where Jonathan and Christopher were born. His wife probably sister of Christopher Foster of Providence, who settled in Southampton, L. I. Christopher Fowler settled there too, and Jonathan in White Plains, N. Y. )

The "Henry Fowler branch" that were in Providence, R. I., 1655; Rye and Mamaroneck, Fairfield, Conn., 1666; East Chester 1672, and Long Island 1676, came from Anthony Fowler of Rycote, third son of Sir Richard Fowler the younger, called "Sir Richard the foolish ". See VII. Sir Richard Junior's children were by his first wife, George, Sir Edmund, Anthony, and Bridget; and by his second wife, John, Christopher, William, Thomas, Margaret and Elizabeth.



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- Abraham Fowler: Born 29 Aug., 1652. Died Sept. 30, 1719.
- Elizabeth Bartlett: Born Mar. 30, 1653; married 29th Aug., 1677; died 4th Oct., 1742.
- 32 Abigail: Born 1679; married Pelatish Teete; died 22 Oct., 1769.
- 33 Mary: Born 1681; married Samuel Hopson; died 17th Oct., 1717.
- 34 Abraham: Born 1683; married Elizabeth Hubbard; died 11th Oct., 1754.
- 35 Ebenezer: Born 1684; married Elizabeth Starr; died 28 November, 1768.
- 36 Daniel: Born 1686; married Grace Baron; died 20 Dec. 1776.
- 37 Josiah: Born 1688; married Hannah Baldwin; died Sept. 7, 1757.
- 38 Caleb: Born 1690. (single); died Jan'y, 1724.
- 39 Elizabeth: Born 1694; married Andrew Ward; died 26th Feb'y, 1794.

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- Ebenezer Fowler: Born 1684; died 28 Nov., 1768.
- Elizabeth Starr: Born 26 Nov., 1695; married May 1, 1718; died 26th March, 1765.
- 55 Ebenezer: Born 11 Jan., 1719; married Desire Bristol; died 19th Feb'y, 1800.
- 56 Nathaniel: Born 21 March, 1721; married Lucy Cruttenden; died 17th Nov., 1820.
- 58 Caleb: Born 8th Feb'y, 1726. Died 17th Mar., 1726. (S.)
- 59 Caleb: Born 21 June, 1727. Died 22 Sept., 1753. (S.)
- 60 Elizabeth: Born 26 May, 1732 (single). Died 22 Dec., 1810.

- 61 Lucy: Born 19 Feb'y, 1735; married Joseph Ward; died 5th Sept., 1800.
- 62 William: Born 6 Aug., 1738 (single); died 7 Dec., 1739.

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- Nathaniel Fowler: Born 21 March, 1721; died Nov. 12, 1764.
- Lucy Cruttenden: Born 12 March, 1733-2; married Nov., 1757; died March, 1807.
- 148 Nathaniel: Born 14th July, 1758; married Ruth Evarts; died 24th Feb'y., 1841.
- 149 Reuben: Born 11th June, 1760; married Adah Willard; died 2 Sept., 1832.
- 150 Lucy: Born 21 Sept., 1761; married Benj. Chittenden; died 9th June, 1835.
- 151 Hannah: Born 8th May, 1765; married Gilbert Cruttenden; died 1st June, 1835.

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- Nathaniel Fowler: Born 14th July, 1758; died 24th Feb., 1841.
- Ruth Evarts: Born 30th June, 1760; died 4th Oct., 1847.
- 333 Ruth: Born 11th Feb'y, 1783; married Eben. Cruttenden; died 13th May, 1866.
- 334 Anna: Born 12 Sept., 1787 (single); died 25 May, 1868.
- 335 Nathaniel: Born 24 Nov., 1788; married Sally Cruttenden; died 28 Nov., 1857.
- 336 Elisha: Born 6 Apr., 1790; married Mary A. Parmalee; died 13th Dec., 1876.
- 337 Richard: Born 3 May, 1794; married Polly Hart; died May 6, 1881.
- 338 Lyman: Born 6 Jan., 1850; married Mary Griffing; died 16 Feb'y, 1877.