

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF HENRY SALISBURY AND HESTER MIDDLETON

The family of Sir Henry Salisbury has been well researched, and goes back over 32 generations, including Welsh and English nobility, royalty, Magna Carta barons, Charlemagne, Brian Boru, and finally Claudius, King of the Franks, born in the year 0006. (To view the ancestors of Henry Salisbury, both paternal and maternal back one generation at a time, [click here.](#))

Henry Salisbury was born in about 1582 of Lleweni, Denbighshire, Wales, the son of Sir John Salisbury and Ursula Stanley.

Henry Salisbury was created a baronet in 1619, and in 1628 was made High Sheriff. "He does not seem to have taken much interest in public affairs. He was probably wise in this, for Charles the First was king, and was fast undermining the constitution of the country, and hastening fortuitously to that scaffold at Whitehall, which witnessed his terrible end. Sir Henry was far away from the seat of anarchy, and quietly awaited in his Welsh home the chapter of events." (Source: "Salisburies of LLeuweni", [hppt://members.aol.com/dalesman/wales3.htm.](http://members.aol.com/dalesman/wales3.htm))

The same source quotes Dr. Johnson, who visited Lleweni in 1774, and described the family portraits: "Sir Henry, the first Baronet, sitting in his shirt, head naked, red mantle over one arm, red breches with points at the knees, purple stockings, slippers rich in lace, seated at a balcony, small whiskers, bushy beard."

Henry Salisbury married Hester Middleton. Hester was born in about 1587, of Chirk Castle, Denbighshire, Wales, the daughter of Thomas Middleton and Elizabeth Danvers (the daughter of James Danvers).



Hester Middleton

Hester died on 26 Jan 1614. She was buried in Stansted, Montfichet, Essex, England.

Henry died on 2 Aug 1632 in Lleweni, Denbighshire, Wales. He was buried in Whitechurch, Denbighshire, Wales.

Henry and Hester had the following children:

1. **Ursula**, born in about 1602 of Lleweni; married Sir Edward Lloyd.
2. **Thomas**, born in about 1605 of Lleweni; died August 1643; buried Whitechurch, Denbighshire, Wales.

SOURCE: Ancestral File at www.familysearch.com, citing source as Medieval Unit, Family History Department.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN SALISBURY AND URSULA STANLEY

John Salisbury, son of John Salisbury and Catherine Tudor, was born in 1561 of Lleweni, Denbighshire, Wales. He married Ursula Stanley in England. Ursula was the daughter of Henry Stanley and Jane Halsall, born about 1560 in Knowsley, Lancashire, England. She died in 1591.

A poem about the love story of Sir John and Ursula was written by William Shakespeare, and it called "*The Phoenix and the Turtle*". The poem is dedicated to Sir John.

"Let the bird of loudest lay, On the sole Arabian tree, Herald sad and trumpet be, To whose sound chaste wings obey.

But thou shrieking harbinger, Foul precurrer of the fiend, Augur of the fever's end, To this troop come thou not near!

From this session interdict Every fowl of tyrant wing, Save the eagle, feath'ed king: Keep the obsequy so strict.

Let the priest in surplice white, That defunctive music can, Be the death-divining swan, Lest the requiem lack his right.

And thou treble-dated crow, That thy sable gender mak'st With the breath thou giv'st and tak'st, 'Mongst our mourners shalt thou go.

Here the anthem doth commence: Love and constancy is dead; Phoenix and the turtle fled In a mutual flame from hence.

So they loved, as love in twain Had the essence but in one; Two distincts, division none: Number there in love was slain.

Hearts remote, yet not asunder; Distance, and no space was seen 'Twixt this turtle and his queen: But in them it were a wonder.

So between them love did shine, That the turtle saw his right Flaming in the phoenix' sight; Either was the other's mine.

Property was thus appalled, That the self was not the same; Single nature's double name Neither two nor one was called.

Reason, in itself confounded, Saw division grow together; To themselves yet either neither, Simple were so well compounded;

That it cried, How true a twain seemeth this concordant one! Love hath reason, reason none, If what parts can so remain.

Whereupon it made this threne To the phoenix and the dove, Co-supremes and stars of love, As chorus to their tragic scene.

THRENOS

Beauty, truth, and rarity, Grace in all simplicity, Here enclosed, in cinders lie.

Death is now the phoenix' nest; And the turtle's loyal breast To eternity doth rest.

Leaving no posterity, 'Twas not their infirmity, It was married chastity.

Truth may seem, but cannot be; Beauty brag, but 'tis not she; Truth and beauty buried be.

To this urn let those repair That are either true or fair; For these dead birds sigh a prayer.”

It is believed that William Shakespeare may have been the tutor at the home of Sir Henry Stanley, Earl of Derby, for Ursula and her sister. Sir John's mother was the well-known character, Katherine Tudor of Berain, a relative of Queen Elizabeth I.

“John Salusbury, surnamed the strong, succeed his brother in possession of the estates. He sat in Parliament for the county of Denbighshire in 1597, and again in 1601. He had been an Esquier of the Body Guard to Queen Elizabeth and was knighted by her.” (Salisburies of Lleweni, <http://members.aol.com/dalesman/wales3.htm>)

The same source quotes Dr. Johnson, who visited Lleweni in 1774, describing a portrait of Sir John the Strong: *“dated 1591, aged 24, half-length, short hair, no beard, dressed in a yellow figured jacket, a ruff, and with his hand on a sword. Syr John ye Strong was also represented in half-length, stout, with dark hair, but no beard; with a great ruff and yellow figured jacket, having a sword in one hand, AD 1591.”*

Ursula died in 1591. John died in 1613.

John and Ursula had the following children:

1. **Henry**, born about 1582, married Hester Middleton, died 2 Aug 1632 in Lleweni, Denbighshire, Wales.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN SALISBURY AND URSULA STANLEY

John Salisbury was born in about 1540, the son of John Salisbury and Jane Middleton. He married Catherine Tudor. *“At the age of 22, Katheryn married John Salusbury, Esquire, son of Sir John Salusbury of Llewenni (died 1578), of the prestigious Salusbury Family of Llewenni, Denbighshire. According to John Ballinger, this was probably a "child marriage". There is said to be a letter written by young Salusbury while at Westminster School in which he mentions his wife.”* (www.wikipedia.com)

Catherine was born in about 1545 in Berain, the daughter of Tudor ap Robert Vychan and Jane Vielville. *“Catherine Tudor was daughter and heiress of Tudor ap Vychan of Berain. She was beautiful, rich, and of a royal race; the ward, companion, friend and relative of Queen Elizabeth...Catherine Tudor, being great-grand-daughter of Henry VII, in female descent; and also descended from Sir Owen Tudor on her father's side.”* (Salisburies of Llewenni, <http://members.aol.com/dalesman/wales3.htm>)

John died about 1575.



Catherine of Berain

Catherine married again soon after John's death. *"There was also a fine portrait, by Lucas de Heere, of Catherine of Berain: in the costume of the time of Queen Elizabeth, date 1568. She wrote a locket (said to contain the hair of her second and favourite husband, Sir Richard Clough) suspended to her neck by a gold chain. She had four husbands: John Salusbury of Llewenni, Sir Richard Clough of Denbigh, Morris Wynne of Gwvdir, and Edward Thellwall of Plas y Ward. She died 27 August 1591, and was buried at Llanefydd on the first of September. No monument perpetuates her memory, but her portrait is preserved at Garthewin. Tradition, which is always extravagant, and has a special delight in the marvellous, has given this lady no less than seven husbands. It is said that when performing her last duty at the tomb of her first husband, she was escorted to church by Sir Richard Clough, and home by Morris Wynned of Geydir, who expressed a wish to be her second spouse, and received the civil reply, that his offer came too*

late, for she had already promised her hand to Sir Richard in going to church; but that is she should be call to perform the same melancholy ceremony over that gallant knight, he might rest assured that he should be her third benedict; a promise which she afterwards honorably performed.” (Salisburies of Lleweni, <http://members.aol.com/dalesman/wales3.htm>)

Catherine died on 27 Aug 1591.

John and Catherine had the following children:

1. **Thomas**, born in 1564, married Margaret Wynn. He was executed as a traitor for participation in the Babington Plot to assassinate Queen Elizabeth and put Mary Queen of Scots on the throne.
2. ***John**, born in about 1565, married Ursula Stanley, died in 1613.

The ancestors of John Salisbury were:

John Salisbury, son of Roger Salisbury and Elizabeth Puleston, was born about 1512 in Lleweni, Denbigh. He died in 1578. He married Jane Middleton, who was born in about 1515. *“In 1542 he had been elected as the first Member to represent his native place in Parliament. He was also Chancellor and Chamberlain for the county of Denbigh. He was the first Sheriff for his county, having filled that office in the years 1541 and 1542...This gentleman was a most active character. He interested himself in local and in public affairs, and was the happy sire of a large family of seven sons and two daughters, by Jane Middleton of Chester, whom he had married.” (Salisburies of Lleweni, <http://members.aol.com/dalesman/wales3.htm>)* John died in 1578. Jane died in 1588.

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Roger Salisbury, son of Thomas Salisbury and Janet Griffith, married Elizabeth Puleston died in 1550. He married Elizabeth Puleston. *“Sir Roger Salusbury - He had in his father's lifetime been knighted at Rouen by the Duke of Brandon; and when he came to Lleweni to live he had buried his first wife, Elizabeth Hookes. He afterwards married Elizabeth Puleston of Bersham, and had by her 4 sons and 2 daughters...In 1550, Sir Roger died, and directs in his will that he should be buried at his parish church, and not with his ancestors at the old Lleweni chapel.” (Salisburies of Lleweni, <http://members.aol.com/dalesman/wales3.htm>)*

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Thomas Salisbury, son of son of Thomas Salisbury and Ellen Done, died in 1451. He married Janet Griffith: *“married Janet, sister to Sir William Griffith of Penrhyn, Carnarvonshire, a great match, for she was wealthy, and of the race of Marchudd, the founder of the 8th Noble Tribe of North Wales and Powis, whence sprang the Royal House of Tudor.”* Thomas Salusbury fought in the War of the Roses in the battle against Richard III, in which Henry Tudor came to the throne: *“In the hour of his need, Thomas Salusbury was again at his side. He displayed great valour on this occasion, and was rewarded by the king with the honour of knighthood.” (Salisburies of Lleweni, <http://members.aol.com/dalesman/wales3.htm>)*

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Thomas Salisbury, son of Henry Salisbury and Anne Curtis, married Ellen Done, the daughter of Sir John Done. “*Thomas Salusbury, better known as Thomas Salusbury hen to distinguish him from a cousin of the same name who resided near Lleweni.*” (Salisburies of Lleweni, <http://members.aol.com/dalesman/wales3.htm>)

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Henry Salisbury, son of Ralph and Margaret Salisbury. Henry married Ann Curtis.

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Ralph Salisbury, son of William and Margaret Salisbury, died in 1405. He was buried in Lleweni Chapel, Wales. He married Margaret, the daughter of Iguana ap Cawygan ap Llewarch. “*Daughter and heir of Iguana ap Cadwygan ap Llewarch, a descendant of Llewarch Holbwrch, treasurer of Griffith ap Llewelyn, Prince of North Wales.*” (Salisburies of Lleweni, <http://members.aol.com/dalesman/wales3.htm>)

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William Salisbury, son of Henry Salisbury and Nest, married Margaret: “*Margaret, daughter and heir of David ap Cynric ap Philip Fichden of Bychton, in Flintshire*”. “He sat in the Baronial Parliament held at Westminster in the 6th year of Edward the 3rd, as Burgess for Leominster, and again in the 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 36th, and 37th years of the same king.” (Salisburies of Lleweni, <http://members.aol.com/dalesman/wales3.htm>)

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Henry Salisbury, son of John Salisbury and Katherine Seymour. Henry married Nest. Nest was the daughter of Kendrick Sais ap Ithel Fychan of Northop, in the county of Flint. Henry Salisbury was known at Sir Harry Ddu. “*Black Sir Harry was the pride and darling of his country. The bards and minstrels sang merrily in his praise; he was one of themselves.*” “*So great did his descendants become, that there is hardly a family of any note in North Wales that cannot trace its history to Sir Henry Ddu, the noble and chivalrous founder of the great house of Lleweni – Llew, a lion, in ni for us... the emblem of courage and strength, the type of generosity and true nobility.*” (Salisburies of Lleweni, <http://members.aol.com/dalesman/wales3.htm>) “*Not only was Henry Salisbury a valiant soldier, by he had been wise in the selection of his wife. Her father derived his descent from Edwin Lord of Tegangel, founder of the 12th noble tribe of North Wales. Maternally she had descended from the De Clares, Earls of Hertford, the De Maschines and Alibinas, Earls Palatine of Chester, and the Saxon Earls of Mercia.*” (Salisburies of Lleweni, <http://members.aol.com/dalesman/wales3.htm>)

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John Salisbury, son of Thomas Salisbury, died in 1289. He married Katherine Seymour

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Thomas Salisbury, “*Sir Thomas Salusbury was a crusader, and may have been involved in the Siege of Acre. His son Sir John (d. 1289) also may have been a crusader.*” (Salusbury Family, www.wikipedia.com)

The early history of the Salisbury family is traced to the time of William the Conqueror:

“*John Williams, in Ancient and Modern Denbigh, traces back the family to Adam de Salzburg, a Bavarian knight from Salzburg who claimed descent from Charlemagne and who came over with William the Conqueror during the Norman Conquest, when he states that the toponymic surname Salzburg was anglicised into Salusbury...Furthermore, Williams traces the family's arrival in Denbighshire to the reign of Henry II, when Adam de Saltzburg is recorded as Captain of the Garrison of Denbigh.*” (Salusbury Family, www.wikipedia.com)