

Early History

The History of the FILBY FAMILY begins as we see it, at the village of FILBY, in Norfolk. The village was there as far back in time as 1042 when Edward the Confessor ruled England

- 800** **File the Dane.** Possibly the way the village of Filby got its name; "FILE" his name and "BY" meaning place of.
- 1202** Succeeding **Nicholas de Filby** was **Richard de Filby**,
- 1260** **Adam de Filby** was King's clerk, and in 1278 he was Canon of St Martin's le Grand, London, but died in debt in 1287. *See article 'A Filby of Renown'*
- 1273** There is a reference to a **Roger de Filby**.
- 1280** **Sir Ralph de Filby** was lord of the manor of **Filby** together with his wife Isabel.
- 1290** **Adam de Filby** was at Langley Abbey and at Caistor church in 1300.
- 1304** **Nicholas de Filby** was priest at Roydon.
- 1315** **Robert de Filby** Lord of East Hall, instituted John de Wykelwode Rector of the church of **Filby**.
- 1319** **Robert de Filby** was "presented" by Lady Joan de Clavering to the church at Burgh.
- 1321** **Nicholas de Filby** was appointed to the church at Hollesby
- 1325** **Richard de Filby** was Rector at Stokesby
- 1330** **Walter de Filby** was Lord of St Peters Mundon....
- 1342** **Walter de Filby** was indicted with Richard le Marshal 'and other robbers' at Royston. (possibly another person).
- 1345** **Walter de Filby** of Yarmouth and **John de Filby** settle a Manor on Robert Clere and his wife **Alice Filby**, daughter of **Sir John Filby**.

- 1349** **Walter de Filby** presented Walter Fraceys to the church at Burgh
- 1370** **Ralph de Filby** was master of St Paul's Hospital, Norwich. And was still there in 1389.
- 1399** Back at **Filby** village William Frysby was rector of the church.
- 1434** Sir Hugh Halsham held the Manor of **Filby**
- 1463** **Sir Jeffrey Boleyn** purchased land in **Filby**. His granddaughter Alice Boleyn married Robert Clere who was the great grandson of **Alice Filby** (see 1345); this Robert Clere was uncle by marriage to Anne Boleyn, Queen of England.
- 1473** Reference to the will of **Peter Fylby** of Wylby.
- 1480** Reference to the will of **John Filby**, North Walsham.
- 1542** **Mary Boleyn**, sister of Anne, confirm the Manor of **Filby** to Sir James Boleyn
- 1544** Church record for baptism of **Joan Filbye**, daughter of **Thomas Filbye** of Wilby, Suffolk.
Also "On October 22nd a **Nicholas ffylbye** took unto himself Elizabeth Gobbert as a bride and sired four sons - Nicholas on May 1st 1546; William on February 2nd 1548; Thomas on August 21st 1550 and Stephen on November 18th 1552."
Tree T01 - the beginnings of many **Filbys**.
- 1554** Sir William Paston died 'seised of' **Filby**. (*seised of = possessing legally*)
- 1560** Death of **Nicholas Filby** of Hoxne from whom several of the present **Filby's** are descended (see 1544).
- 1582** **William Filbie**, aged 27, died at Tyburn as a martyr for refusing to change his religion. From this time on many more Filby records appeared in Parishes around the country.