



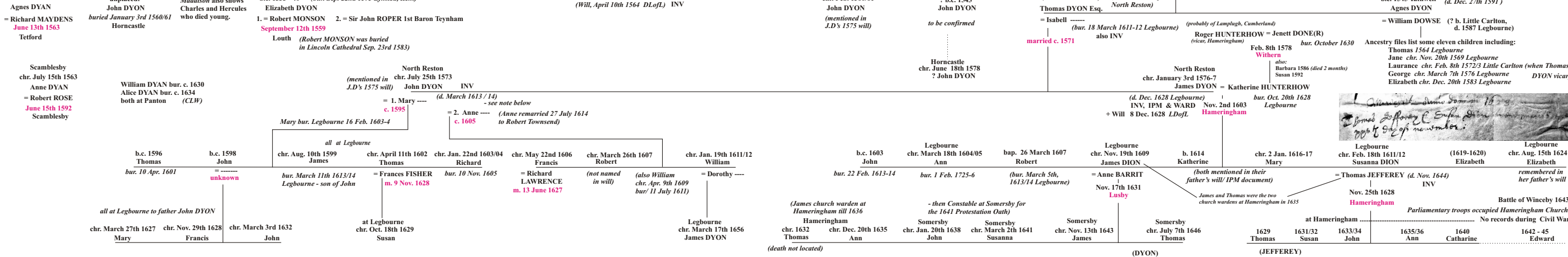
Elizabeth DYON lies beside her second husband Sir John ROPER, 1st Baron Teynham, in the church of St Peter & St Paul, Lynsted in Kent She was buried there on September 22nd 1593.

THE DYAN / DIAN / DYON / DION LINE IN LINCOLNSHIRE FROM THE END OF THE 15TH CENTURY UP UNTIL THE MARRIAGE OF SUSANNA DION AND THOMAS JEFFEREY AT HAMERINGHAM, NOVEMBER 1628

http://www.ardrosshouse.com/family.htm

Unfortunately Maddison does not know Margaret's father's name. In 1575 John Dyon's will includes William Curteis the Attorney and John Curteis of Welton, leaving them both an old Angel (coin depicting an angel) and " Curteis wife of Louth, widow a * and 3s 4d" There are other CURTEYS families very close by, at Walmsgate and Castle Carlton and at Wispington near Horncastle, while William CURTEYS gent. was at Upper Toynton in 1585. As early as 1383 we read of the appointment of Reginald Curtays, senior, of nearby Wragby, as Collector of the Customs in the port of Boston, for life (Patent Roll, 7 Ric. II). On the other hand Margaret's family could be from further afield in Lincolnshire, for example Old Clec, near Grimsby, where the Le Curteys name has been known since the 13th century. Brian Curteys was mayor of Grimsby in 1531. (A History of Clec and the Thorpes of Clec, Watson 1901)

A POSSIBLE SCENARIO!



There are Lincolnshire DYAN / DYON families in the 16th century from Immingham and nearby Habrough in the north down to Kirton in Holland in the South; but most are from a much more contained area within the 13 miles between Horncastle and Louth. And a bit farther away: John DYON died April 1583 (INV) at North Somercotes, very near to Grainthorpe. Elizabeth DYEON married in 1568 at Normanby le Wold Robert DYON married in 1595 at Wragby

Note too the number of DYAN clerics listed. To this should be added the name of Ponthus DYAN, vicar of Goxhill in the north of Lincolnshire whose inventory is dated 1571.

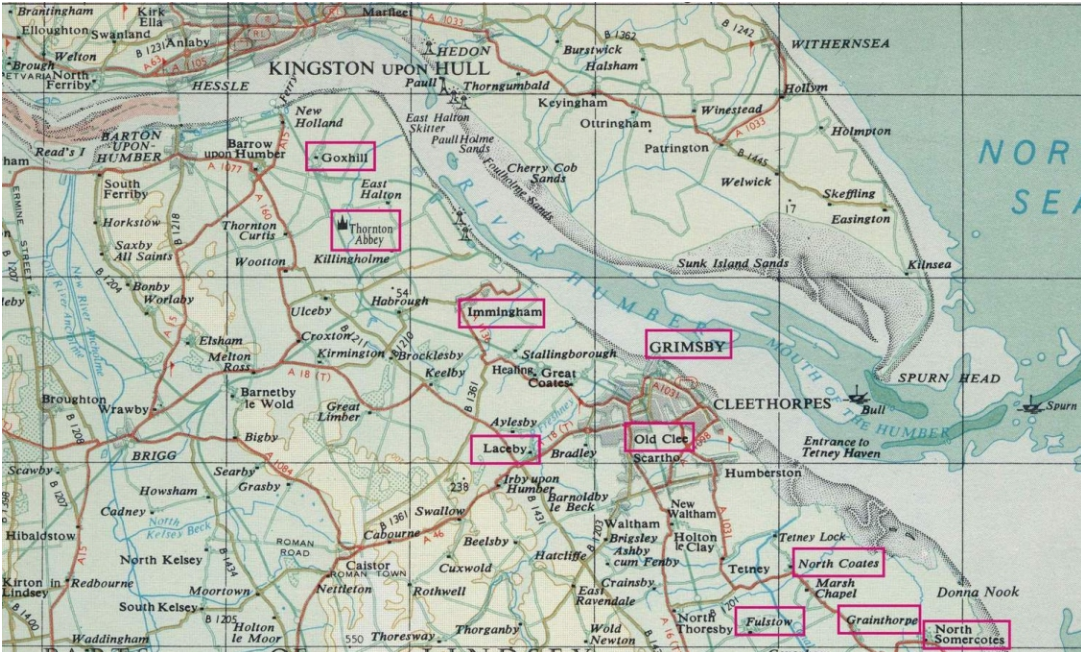
January to March 1613-14 was a calamitous time at Legbourne with sixteen burials between Jan. 25th and March 13th, with nine in one week alone. James's son Robert and John's son James died within a week, and only weeks earlier there was the death of John Dion on Feb. 22nd, perhaps another of James's sons (but not so indicated on the BT). John himself died between March 18 and 22 when his inventory was taken. Perhaps the BT was signed off early, because one of the churchwardens was a John Dyon, and his death is not recorded. It seems unlikely his 15 year old son would have taken on the role.

Thornton Abbey in north Lincolnshire was suppressed on Dec. 12th 1539; but Henry VIII then selected it as a college for training priests for what was to be the new Church of England. Even this, though, was suppressed in 1547 under Edward VI and ownership passed to the Tyrwhitts. A book called *The State of the Ex-Religious and Former Chantry Priests in the Diocese of Lincoln 1547-1574* has much detail as to what happened to the monks and the 1552 *Schedule of pensioners* indicates that John DYAN received an annuity of £1. The 1554 *Returns of the Dean and Chapter* names four officials who had been at Thornton: John Candysshe, knyghte, John Dyan, Christofer Smythe and John Hennage esquier. So this is yet another name to add to the considerable list of DYAN clerics in the north of Lincolnshire. Goxhill (where Ponthus DYAN was vicar till 1571) and Thornton are only a couple of miles apart, and very close to Immingham and Habrough where another DYON family is listed in the IGI records:-

John DION married Dorite ROCLYFFE at Immingham of June 5th 1585.(M02935-1) Robert DION was christened there on February 25th 1586 (C02935-2) (no father given) Elizabeth DYON was chr. to father John on Oct. 27th 1594, but died March 16th 1595 (C02935-2) Johanna DYON was chr. at Habrough (right next to Immingham) on Feb. 14th 1596 (C02879-1) to father John Anna DYON was chr. there, again to father John, on Feb. 18th 1600.

(It was legal for clerics to marry from 1549.)

Sources:
INV - inventory
IMP - Inquisition Post Mortem
ADMN - Administration Document
WILL - will
CLW - Calendar of Lincolnshire Wills
Bishops Transcripts for Hameringham.
Parish Registers at Lincoln Archives
IGI
IGI Ancestry Files.
- as at Jan. 2015 awaiting access to "Lawrence Dowsse of Legbourne, England" 1926, printed privately. This book has further valuable information on the Dyon family.



All the parishes mentioned in this outline lie within two very small areas of Lincolnshire:
1. between the towns of Horncastle and Louth, thirteen miles to the north
2. between the villages of Goxhill and North Somercotes, in an area centred upon Grimsby.