

aforesaid *John* to Us and Our heirs in form aforesaid to be granted do not extend to the value of seven hundred pounds *per annum*, by lawful extent thereof to be made then to the same *John* of the said four hundred librates of land so to him by Us granted may be subtracted *pro rata* that portion of the sum which according to such extent shall be wanting of the seven hundred pounds above mentioned as shall reasonably seem should be done. In which *etc.* WITNESS. *The King at Westminster xx day of November [1311]. By the King himself and Council.*

JOHN DE CLAVERING was present at the Battle of *Stirling* on the 24th June, 1314, when he was taken prisoner by the *Scots*; but released upon ransom. His youthful son-in-law THOMAS DE UFFORD, who had married, on the 9th March, 1309, his daughter *Eva* (then in her fourth year; and at nine years a Widow), was there slain;* leaving *Eva* again widowed in childhood, but with a sufficient Dower. In this engagement also, as an item of general interest, *Gilbert*, Earl of *Gloucester*, was slain, 'whom the *Scots* would willingly have kept for ransom, but he had neglected to put on the tunic of his proper (coat of) arms.† JOHN DE CLAVERING died at *Aynhoe* on the 13th January, 1332, and was buried within the Choir of *Langley Abbey*. He left issue by his Wife *Hawise* (who died on the 18th February, 1345) one daughter, *EVA DE CLAVERING*.

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EVA DE CLAVERING, the daughter and heiress of JOHN DE CLAVERING, was born about the year 1305,‡ and was first betrothed before two years of age, when she could scarcely have had much voice in the matter, to THOMAS DE AUDLEY, who died in the year 1307, aged eighteen. Upon her Spouse's decease, *EVA* had the usual assignment of Dower by the Court§ on the 24th March, 1308, to the yearly amount of £136. 11s. 5½d., a sum equivalent to more than decuple that amount of present money.

EVA DE CLAVERING was betrothed secondly, on the 9th March, 1309,|| to THOMAS DE UFFORD, who was slain at the Battle of *Stirling*¶ on 14th June, 1314, leaving *EVA* again a 'widow' about nine years of age. *EVA DE CLAVERING* was betrothed thirdly, and may be said to have been first married to Sir JAMES AUDLEY—by whom she was mother of the chivalrously celebrated Sir JAMES AUDLEY, K.G., the HERO OF POICTIERS—who pre-deceased her. *EVA DE CLAVERING* again married, before the year 1342, ROBERT DE BENHALE, who survived her. *EVA* died** on the 20th September, 1369, and was buried at *Langley Priory* in *Norfolk County*.

Mackenzie, in his 'History of *Northumberland*,' remarks:—††

* *Beltz's* 'Memorials of the Order of the Garter,' page 83.

† Translated from 'Rolls Series Chronicles,' *Edward I.-II.*, Vol. II, page 299.

‡ *EVA DE CLAVERING'S* age was returned upon Oath as of forty years on 16th April, 1345. See 'Inquisitio Post Mortem' of *HAWISE DE CLAVERING*, 18-19 *Edward III.*

§ Enrolment of Assignment of Dower, 'Close Roll,' 1 *Edward II.*, membrane 7.

|| Marriage recorded and confirmed by Enrolment in 'Close Roll,' 2 *Edward III.*, membrane 13 d. The date might be that of the agreement which recites:—'. . . 'the same *EVA* whom the said *THOMAS (DE UFFORD)* married on the 9th March, 2 *Edward III.*, it was agreed in this manner to wit, *etc.* . . .'

¶ 'Originalla,' 8 *Edward II.*, Vol. I., page 210, and *Beltz's* 'Order of the Garter,' page 83.

** 'Inquisitio Post Mortem,' 45 *Edward III.*, Number 2.

†† 'View of the County of *Northumberland*' (1825), by *E. Mackenzie*, Vol. II., p. 30. *Mackenzie*, however, mis-states the names of two of *EVA DE CLAVERING'S* husbands, and quite omits to mention that *EVA DE CLAVERING* was Mother of Sir JAMES AUDLEY, K.G., the HERO OF POICTIERS: an individual quite as illustrious as any of the above.