



The Tomb of Lady Elizabeth Tocotes 1409-1491

Lady Elizabeth married firstly, Sir William Beauchamp. Lord of Bromham Manor. In 1449, Sir William inherited the title of Lord St. Amand through his wife Lady Elizabeth's great grandfather, Almeric. Lord St. Amand had died in 1402 and the title had been in abeyance since that date, there being no male to inherit. Sir William and Lady Elizabeth had one son Richard. Sir William died on the 19th March 1457 and was buried at Market Lavington where he also held lands and a house. The title of St. Amand then passed to their son Richard Beauchamp.

In 1458 Lady Elizabeth had licence to marry again; Her second husband was a Yorkshire man Sir Roger Tocotes. In 1485 her son Richard and her husband Roger were granted licence to add a chantry chapel onto Bromham Church. It was complete by the time Lady Elizabeth died in 1491. Her husband died in the following year on the 2nd November 1492. His full length alabaster effigy is in the centre of the chapel.

Sir Richard Beauchamp died in 1508. He was married to Anne but they had no children so the St. Amand title became extinct upon his death. In his will he directed that he was to be buried at Blackfriars in London. The Manor of Bromham (Roches Manor) then passed to Sir John Bayntun who was descended from Sir Richard's grandmother's sister, Joan Roches who had married Nicholas Bayntun. A brass memorial to Sir John Bayntun who died in 1516, is on the floor near the tomb.