



Forty-Four Strong: The Dowager Lady Radnor's Family Group at Homington House

Here is a photograph of whci any family album would be proud. Taken recently at the Dowager Lady Radnor's Wiltshire home, it shows her with her five sons, five daughters, four sons-in-law, four daughters-in-law, and twent five grandchildren.

From the left in the back row are Commander the Honorable Edward Pleydell-Bouverie (who married Lady Montagu of Beaulieu last year). Lady Elizbeth Pleydell-Bouverie (unmarried daughter), the Earl of Radnor¹, the Hon. Peter Pleydell-Bouverie (unmarried), the Hon. Mrs. Anthony Pleydell-Bouverie², Lieutenant-Commander, the Honorable Anthony Pleydell-Bouverie, Captain J. H. McNeile³ (son-in-law), Mr. David Petherick, his father, Captain G. G. Petherick⁴ (son-in-law), Miss Anne and Miss Julian Petherick, the Honorable David Smith (son-in-law), the Honorable Bartholomew Pleydell-Bouverie, Captain Gerald Barry (son-in-law), Christopher Petherick, and Miss Anne Barry.

In the second row are the Honorable Mrs. Edward Pleydell-Bouverie⁵, Lady Radnor⁶ with her children, Lord Folkestone⁷, the Honorable Reuben Pleydell-Bouverie and the ladies Jane, Belinda, Phoebe, and Harriot; Lady Katharine McNeile, who has four sons; the Dowager Countess of Radnor⁸ with her youngest grandchild (name not signalled); Lady Jeane Petherick, who has two sons and three daughters; Lady Helen Smith holding her younger son and with Julian and Esther Joanna nearby; Lady Doreen Pleydell-Bouverie⁹, wife of the Honorable Bartholomew Pleydell-Bouverie, and mother of Simon and Penelope Jane ; and sitting in the last chair on the right, Lady Margaret Barry, whose family consists of four daughters. Here endeth the family history. Errors and Omissions excepted of course!

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¹ William Pleydell-Bouverie, 7th Earl of Radnor

² Anita Estelle Henrietta Costiander

³ John Henry McNeile

⁴ George Gerald Petherick

⁵ Alice Pearl Barrington

⁶ Helena Olivia Adeane

⁷ Jacob Pleydell-Bouverie

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