

Secondly. Her son Ethelred (who is a simpleton) thinks to secure his kingdom against the Danes by treacherously murdering all of that people resident in it at a certain time: but instead of profiting by his villainy, only brings by it Sweyn the king of Denmark to England to expel him from his throne.

Thirdly. In course of time three of Ethelred's sons are put to death, one of them by the order of Sweyn's son Canute; and

Fourthly. The only one of all his sons who leaves family has but two sons, of whom the one dies issueless, and the other without a male representative in the second generation. Thus in the fourth generation the name of Edgar's house is blotted from the list of the families of the earth. "The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein." Psalm cxi. 2.

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