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In reference to the relatives in England, very distant ones to the present generation, I will quote from Burke's Landed Gentry and "Notes of my Life" by Archdeacon Denison, Archdeacon of Taunton, a very well known and respected man in his day. The Archdeacon corresponded for years with my sister Laura Late, always addressing her as "cousin". Burke's Landed Gentry states as follows:

BURKE'S LANDED GENTRY SAYS

Wm. Denison, an eminent merchant of Leeds, purchased the Manor of Ossington, Nottinghamshire 1753, served as High Sheriff 1779, died 1782 and was succeeded in his estates in Nottinghamshire, Yorx, Lincoln and Durham, by his brother Robert, who died in 1785. He was succeeded by his nephew.

ARCHDEACON DENISON

"I was born Dec. 11, 1805, at Ossington, Nottinghamshire, one of a family of fourteen children, nine sons and five daughters, living to man and woman's estate; the nine sons, and three daughters, my mother's children. My dear father died in 1820, aged 62, he sat in Parliament I think for Colchester, afterwards for Minehead, my dear mother died in 1859 aged 82. Two sons, one daughter are still living; I am the eldest survivor. Six of us were at Eton, one at Harrow; one was brought up for the navy, he died at the age of thirty-one, loved and valued by all who knew him; six were at Oxford as undergraduates; four at Ch Ch, one at Oriel, one at Balliol. My eldest brother John Evelyn Viscount Ossington 1872, married 1827, Lady Charlotte Bentinck, third daughter of the Duke of Portland; and after some thirty years of parliamentary life became Speaker of the House of Commons 1857, resigned 1872, died 1873.

Edward, First Class in Classics, Fellow of Merton became Bishop of Salisbury in 1837, married 1839 Lousia Mary Ker Seymour, 2nd Hon. Clementina Hamilton, 1845, died 1854. William went from Eton to Woolwich then into the Engineers, married 1838 Caroline Hornby After employments at home and abroad he became in 1846 Governor of Van Diemens land; Governor General of Austrialia K. C. B. 1855; Governor of Madras 1861. After Lord Elgin's death he acted for some months as Governor General of India, died 1871.