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## BRYAN FAMILY INFORMATION

### Early Bryan Records

The marriage of Sir Francis Bryan and Joan Fitzgerald in 1548 unified the scions of two royal houses: the one English, the other Irish. Their descendants are from the distinguished line of English Bryans, as well as the noble Geraldine line, the ancient Dalcassian line of Irish kings, and the Plantagents and Saxons.

Sir Francis Bryan was a direct descendant of Edward III, 1312-1377. His mother, Margaret Bouchier, who married Sir Thomas Bryan was related to Anne Boleyn through the Duke of Norfolk. She was descended from the Saxon line of Cerdic, who founded the kingdom of Wessex A.D. 519. Lady Margaret Bryan was the foster mother and governess for Henry VIII's children. She was very devoted to them and mch beloved by them all: Mary, Edward, and Elizabeth.

Sir Thomas Bryan, father of Francis, was a diret descendant of Engelbert I, Seigneur de Brienne, who died in 990. Thirteen generations later there was Lord Guy de Bryan, who did important civil and military services during the reigns of Edward III and Richard II.

Joan Fitzgerald was descended through the Earls of Desmond from Walter Fitz-other, living in 1100, and from Cas, b. 347, whose descendant Brian Boru was the 175th monarch of Erin, fifteen generations from Cas.

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