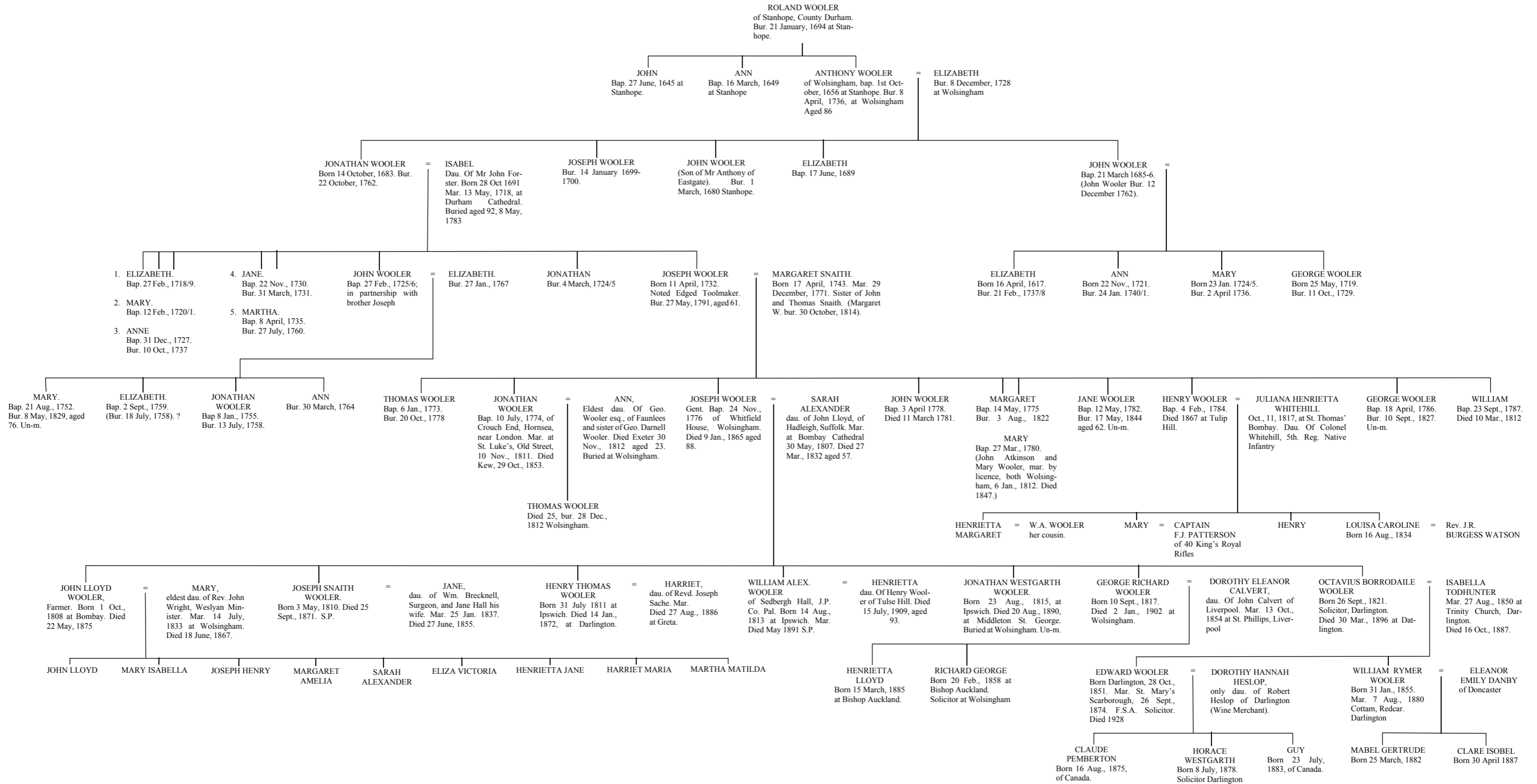


**PEDIGREE OF  
WOOLER OF WOLSINGHAM.**

**WOOLER ARMS**  
GULES. Three Tassels Or. (These arms were granted to David Wooler.\* Master of the Rolls and Keeper of the Great Seal 1349 - 1353 Rector of Bishop Wearmouth. The Tassels being symbolical of his Office as Keeper of the Great Seal and taken from the purse wherein the Great Seal was kept.



**\*DAVID DE WOOLOUR OR WOLLORE 1366 P.M. NEWPORT**

He was connected with the Court, and many years Master of the Rolls; presented by Edward III. to the Church of Bradley in the Diocese of Lincoln, February 13th, 1330 to the Rectory of Knaresdale in Northumberland, and again to Bradley Oct. 19, 1336; to the Rectory of Foston, diocese of Lincoln, September 9, 1339. The King likewise gave him the Hospital of St. John at Ripon (sede vacante), February 3rd, 1340. On November 19, 1341 he was instituted to the rectory of Marham, Co. Northampton, on the presentation of Richard de la Pole, Knight, and was succeeded March 15, 1342 (Bridges' Northants. Vol II, p.519). Robert Parving, Knight, gave him the rectory of Shelton, in Cumberland, but he did not hold it long. On Aug. 23rd, 1345 the King appointed him, then his Chaplain, to the prebend of Wisberg in Chichester. Having been appointed to the prebend of Studley (according to Tome

March 19, 1345-6, he was instituted the next day to the Rectory of Hornsea on the presentation of the King. December 18, 1345, the Abbey of St Mary at York being vacant. He is said by Newcourt to have had the King's presentation to this prebend August 9, 1348, but in Reg. zouche 223a we have his collation March 19, 1346-7 in exchange with John le Smalle for the Church of Elsyng Molars, diocese of London. The King gave him the prebend of Ealdland in St. Paul's September 22, 1349, the appointment was ratified June 28, 1350, and he perhaps resigned it in 1370. The King presented him November 24, 1349, to the Church of Elvels, Diocese of York. In 1351 he was installed to the Prebend of Thorp at Howden (Hutchinson Dur. III., p452) and September 19, 1352 the King presented him to the prebend of Fridaythorpe at York, which he held till his death. About July, 1353 he received with Tho. De Brayton and Andr. De Ufford the custody of the Great Seal (Rot. Pat. 27 Edward III.) The King presented him April 19, 1355 to the Church of Rudby, and again to Hornsea May 1, 1359. In 1360 he was

appointed to the prebend of Brampton, in Lincoln, which he held 8 years. He is described as Canon and prebendary of Studley, Ripon in 1361. The King preferred him to the great Rectory of Levington, Cambridgeshire, August 23, 1361, and on September 21 following to the almost equally valuable Rectory of Summerham, Hants. He was also 'Parson' of Brighton in the latter county, and by the King's licence exchanged it with Richard Bedyk for the Chapel of St Thomas the Martyr on Bedford Bridge, September 5, 1366, in which year he was instituted to the rectory of Bishop Wearmouth, Co. Pal. Durham. He had a royal licence November 15, 1368 to found a chantry for one Chaplain at the altar of St Andrew in Ripon Minster. He granted lands to the chantry in 1369, being then Canon of Ripon and York. On December 23, 1370, the Chapter of York gave a receipt for a magnificent Black Cope, 2 silver gilt dishes etc. by way of his mortuary.

WOLLORE David de, named from the town of Wollore in Northumberland, is little known before he became master of the Rolls. The only previous notice we have met with is that he was sent to attend a parliament which King Edward Balliol summoned in Scotland in 8 Edward III. That his mission occupied 18 days, and that he was allowed 3/- a day for his expenses (N. Foedera 2, 875, 897). There is no evidence to show that he was a Clerk to the Chancery, nor does the date of his appointment as Master of the Rolls appear. He is first mentioned in that office on July 2, 1346, 29 Edward III. (Ibid iii., 85). He continued in that office about five and twenty years, during which time he frequently had the custody of the Great Seal - in 1349, 1351 and 1353. He was a receiver of petitions in the parliaments from 36-43 Edward III. (Rot. Parl. ii 268, 299). In his clerical character he was a Canon of St. Pauls, London, prebendary of Howden, and rector of Bishop's Wearmouth, his successor in which was inducted in 1379, the year of his death. (Surtees: Durham, vol I, p.231.)

