

ANCESTORS OF RICHARD RATCLIFF OF LANCASHIRE, ENGLAND
AND TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Addendum to Clarence Ratcliff's genealogy by Donald Ratcliff

Dr. A. Wayne Ratcliff, M.D. (50 N. Liberty Street #1, Delaware, OH 43015) has extended the Ratcliff line backwards to the earliest known ancestor, Ivo de Tailbois. He spent eleven years, made two trips to England, and hired a professional genealogist to secure this information. Most of this information is taken from *The Book of the Ratcliffs*, while generations 17-21 were taken from wills located at the courthouse in Preston, Lancashire. Thus our ancestors, in chronological order, include:

1. Ivo de Tailbois/Taillebois (born in Anjou or Normandy, France in 1020 or 1040). Married Lucia Malet, daughter of Earl Aelfger and granddaughter of Gruffydd, King of Wales. Known as "Baron of Kendal," brother of the Earl of Anjou. Went to England in 1066. Children included Lucia and Nicholas Fitz-Gilbert.
2. Aelfred de Tailbois (born 1045), known as "The Englishman."
3. Gilbert de Frunesco de Tailbois (born 1070). Married Goditha.
4. Nicholas Fitz-Gilbert de Tailbois (born 1097 or 1100). [Note that some records have Nicholas as being Ivo's son.] A knight who was given the Manor of Radeclive from his lord, and may have built Radcliffe Tower, in the village of Radcliffe in Lancashire, England. Nicholas took the name "de Radcliffe" meaning of or from Radcliffe. Eventually the last name Tailbois was dropped and Radcliffe took its place in the family lineage. Married a Saxon of the Booths. Children included Mathew, Henry, and Simon.
5. Henry de Radcliffe/Radeclive (born 1124 or 1126, died before 1190). Children included Richard, William, and John.
6. William de Radcliffe/Radeclive (1164 or 1189 to 1220). He was appointed High Sheriff of Lancaster in 1194 by Richard the Lionhearted and was one of twelve trust knights of the shire. Married Cecilia de Montbegon. Children included Adam, Geoffrey, and Hugh.
7. Adam de Radcliffe/Radclyffe (1188 or 1215 to 1250). Married a daughter of Alan de Curwen. Children included Robert, William, and John.
8. Robert de Ratcliffe/Radclyffe (1215 or 1240 to 1290). Married Amabil de Trafford. Children included Richard, Roger, and Adam.
9. Richard de Radcliffe/Radclyffe (1240 or 1266 to 1326). He was a gallant soldier of the Scottish wars and was given many honors by King Edward I. Married a daughter of William le Boteler.
10. William de Radclyffe known as "The Great William" (ca 1280 or 1282 to 1333). Married Margaret de Peasfurlong in 1303. Their children included Richard, Adam, William, Alice, Agnes, Elizabeth, Margaret, John, and Maud.
11. Richard Radclyffe (1305-1375). He was High Sheriff of Lancashire and

worked against oppressors of the poor. Married Anne de Leycester, but his children were from his second wife Isabel. Children included William, Christopher, Thomas, Roger, Nicholas, and Elena.

12. William de Radclyffe (1330-1390). Married Susanah de Legh. Their children included James, Thomas, Robert, and Isabel.

13. Sir James de Radclyffe (1355-1409). Knighted in 1385. Rebuilt Radclyffe Tower and Radclyffe Church. Married Joan Tempest. Children included Richard, John, Henry, Peter, William, Roger, Elizabeth, and Margaret.

14. Sir Richard de Radclyffe (1379-1442). He was High Sheriff of Lancashire from 1421 to 1424 and was Knight of the Shire in Parliament. Married Cecilia Ashton. Their children included James, Henry, William, Richard, and Helen.

15. James Radclyffe (1414-1446). Married Agnes Euby and later Cecily. Their children included John, James, Richard, Ellen, and Elizabeth.

16. John Radclyffe (1429-1485). Married Isabel Tyldesley. Their children included Richard, Henry, John, Roger, Hugh, Margery, and Lucy.

17. John Radclyffe (1459-1513). Married Anne Tyldesley. John had at least four children: John, Ellen, Agnes, and Roger, but John (below) and Roger were not Anne's children.

18. John Radclyffe (1485-1545).

19. John Rattclyffe (1529-?). Married Alyce/Alice/Alis. Children: Edward, Robert, Lettys, Alis, Elyn, John.

20. John Rattclyffe (1549-?). Married Alis (?). Had at least two children: John and James.

21. John Ratcliffe (1577-?). An innkeeper. Married Susanne. Children included: James "of Haslingden", Richard "of Chapel Hill", Lettice, Edward "of Haslingden", John ("of Quaker Farm?"), and Susanne.

22. Richard Ratcliff/Ratcliffe, born Sept 27, 1614 at Chapel Hill in Lancashire, England. Married Alice Rawsthorne about 1640. Father of Richard Ratcliff who came to America.