THE NUGENT FAMILY ORIGINS

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This is the first of three diagrams of our Nugent descendants

It has the Vector ID : **I**, and Vector codes for all Nugent descendants here range from :

IA1 to IX8

Example : Patrino I de Nugent(n.0089)
has the Vector Code : **I84**

The numbering of the De Nugent ancestors begins here at 001, because I had to start somewhere. The numbers were attributed to Family Members as I added them to the diagram, and are not associated with any date, hierarchy or importance in the Family Branch.

In the NugentTree (Revolution) Data Base, some numbers are marked "Reserved For Future Use" (RFFU) in case I need to add new members in any specific section.

As I have long since exceeded 999, I will now have to make major modifications, because all Family Member Numbers have been converted to 4-digit numbers.

The independant section of recent Nugents, my direct tree, (see Section 3) has been numbered from 1001 to 1500. So additions to the General Family Tree are numbered from 1501

Each Family Member in my data base (AllNugent.rev) has a Page Vector Reference (nA1 to nZ6) which allows me to find any member quickly on the diagram (see Technical Detail Section in each data record).

Information concerning the early part of the Nugent Family Tree tree is confusing and confticutal. Genealogists have marked areas of the family descent as "Obscure", especially the early "Barons of Delvin".

Nevertheless, this tree tries to explain how a certain number of Nugents became the "in private power", to military prowess, several judicious marriages and sound judgement. This period heralds the birth of a powerful dynasty which controlled the county of Pierche for several centuries and which was responsible for the building of the Castle of Pierche and the Abbey of Pierche-Nugent, as well as the Nugent Chapel in Rome that controlled by the King of Pierche. Thus is the family name "De Nugent" shortened improperly in many into roughly become "cousins" of kings, and follow these kings into several centuries of the history of England, Ireland and France. The family name "De Nugent" attributed to the brothers of Geoffroy le Bretagne, Nugent de Pierche, Nugent de Montfort, Nugent de Rosnay, Nugent de Bretagne, Nugent de Nevers, Nugent de Hagimenge of the Nugent Barons.

Huge favorite hypothesis would favour one or the other of these two theories.

Two major questions remain.

1 - What were the names of the successive Viscounts of Châteaudun ? In 12, during the period 900 to 1040 (Pages 23/4 and 72/4) ? Because of the frequent marring of the Viscounts as Gauchier (Geoffroy) or Hugh (Hughes), and the lack of documentary evidence, there is no more than one continuous connection during the early period of the House of Châteaudun, and three several schools of thought have emerged. Some historians believe that the Viscounts of Châteaudun were Counts of Blois (Thibaut I, Eudes I, Etienne I, Thibaut II, Etienne II and Eudes II), and even to have passed the title of Viscount to her son Geoffroy, after marrying Robrou de Nogent (this is highly improbable !). But she is also supposed to be the daughter of Hugh Capet and the wife of Richard Duke of Normandy (Nom de Duchmin, quite some years later. Then there is a third school of thought.

The existence of two unique Melisendes (mother and daughter), could explain the confusion, and answer all questions.

There are at least 4 major hypotheses explaining how the Châteaudun and the De Nugent lines merged together.

Kathleen Thompson in her book published in 2003, and Christian Settipani (Université de Sorbonne, Paris - 1993, in a recent thesis "Ancêtres Nu Comptes de Châteaudun et Laura Alléa"), both dispute the propositions usually held (De Remarck, O.C. Des Murs, Bart des Boudet, etc.), and suggest alternative versions. None of these hypotheses fully satisfy me, and so I propose my own minor variation.

If you take a quick look at the tree, it appears that royalty was introduced into the family when Robrou II married the daughter of King Henry II. Not so ! Robrou II was the son of Geoffroy le Bretagne and Melisende de Nogent, and Geoffroy was the son of Geoffroy le Bretagne and Melisende de Châteaudun. Geoffroy le Bretagne's father was the grandson of Bernard, King of Italy (ETRY now), who was the grandson of Charlemagne (ETAT 640).
So the true blood actually begins long before Robrou ! - And finally, it is the Melisendes who have Nugent blood in their veins !

Only Hugh and Geoffrey appear to have inherited land and power in France. Few documents carry information about the Nugents. The Nugents of Pierche, Nugent de Montfort, Nugent de Rosnay, Nugent de Bretagne, Nugent de Nevers, Nugent de Hagimenge of the Nugent Barons, others than Hugh, Roberts and Robrou II, Henry Beauclerc I Robrou succeeds by marrying the heiress of Montfort. Although Orderic Vitalis mentions the Nugents of Pierche, he does not mention the Nugents of Rosnay, Bretagne, Nevers or Hagimenge. There is also no reference concerning these nobles in the Domesday book (1086). Few appears to have the title to Bellême which is rather premature.) The documents exist concerning the Nugents of Pierche, Nugent de Montfort, Nugent de Rosnay, Nugent de Bretagne, Nugent de Nevers, Nugent de Hagimenge of the Nugent Barons, others than Hugh, Roberts and Robrou II, simple recorded evidence that they accompanied Ric Lacy from England to Ireland in 1171.

My numbering system, although it begins here, does in no way suggest that this is the root of the De Nugent Family. In fact, the De Nugent family, in the early middle ages, was at constant war with the Bellême family (below), and although there may have been tenuous connections between the two families, I am not aware of any. The De Nugent family was not a family of royal or not originally of noble stock, but benefited from the largesse of the belligerant Normans. On the contrary, the de Nugent family were of noble issue, and throughout several centuries showed their attention to the Christian faith with their numerous donations to the church.
And so, our Nugent Family, as far as we can trace it, began in Vector Page H4, with Robrou de Nugent (ID:640 - I2029) = Family Number (I640).

Here, we may have two possible lines lines of descent to Sir William Nugent.

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NOTES :

I have searched everywhere for dates concerning these 11 generations, and I found practically none ! The Baronry of Delvin passed out of the Nugent family in 1462, when Christopher Nugent, 5th Baron Delvin, had only a daughter (whose name was Rosa). However, the Baronry returned to the Nugent family (!) generations later when Katherine Nugent married Richard Nugent, 1st Earl of Westmeath. The Nugents, in Ireland, were returned to England, and some may have returned to France. We have no dates for this period, but the names of each generation appear trustworthy.

I suspect that a generation is missing (the "guesstmate dates" in blue are suspect, as generations are usually about 25 years).

To complicate the issue, I have noted two totally different lines of descent from Gilbert de Nugent (1st Baron of Delvin), to Sir William Nugent (6th Baron of Delvin). Which is correct ?