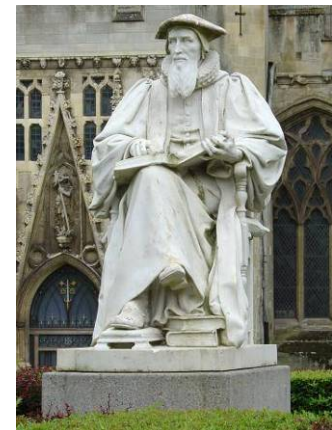
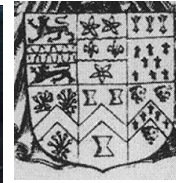
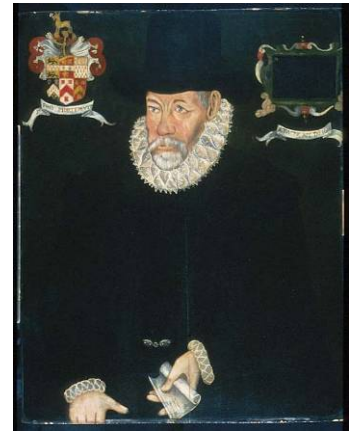


c.1445-1493 (son of John Vowell Hooker and his wife Margery daughter and heir of Roger Bolter of Bolterscombe, Ugborough), who was recorded in John Kelly's 1486 Will, MP, and Mayor of Exeter 1490. Their son, Robert Hooker/Hoker, born c.1500, held the official position of Constable in the Exeter Corporation during the 1526 Mayoralty of Henry Hamlyn, *see later*, became Mayor in 1529, but died of the plague at an early age in 1537 with a great estate, leaving his children to be brought up as orphans. This Robert's eldest son was John Vowell Hooker, better known as John Hooker, (1525-1601), the celebrated Elizabethan writer and historian, Chamberlain of Exeter from 1555 until his death, MP for Exeter 1571, and close friend and associate of Sir Peter Carew in establishing Carew's claim to the Barony of Idrone, Ireland. John Hooker's portrait is held at the Royal Albert Museum in Exeter, *see above right*. His arms, (being those of 1.Vowell, 2.Hooker, 3.Bolter, 4.Drewell, 5.Kelly, 6.Wilford) are portrayed in his portrait, *left*; on his 1587 Map of Exeter, (with the erroneous *ermine* chevron on Wilford) *centre*; and on 1594 panelling in Exeter Guildhall, *right*. This John Hooker was the uncle of Richard Hooker, (1554-1600), the celebrated divine, whose statue stands in Exeter Cathedral Close, *see right*.

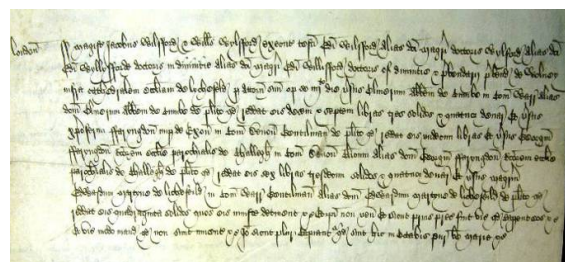


7 Frydeswyde Wilford, recorded in her father's Will written 1 November 1476, as eldest surviving daughter, in which a legacy of 40 marks is made for her marriage, but not recorded in either of the 1490 grants of Philip Skinner. ?Died in interim? No further record has been found to date.

8 Elizabeth Wilford (born c.1470), "daughter of Rob. Wilford of Kenton and Oxtan" per Farringdon genealogy in Visitations of Devon, and recorded in her father's Will written 1 November 1476, as youngest surviving daughter, in which a legacy of £20 was made for her future marriage. She married prior to 1490 John Farringdon/Farendon/Ferendon *the younger* of Farringdon, Devon, eldest son of John Faringdon, *the elder* gent. and Joan (daughter and coheir of Warren de Hampton, lord of Ashe, the widow of both John Bonville and John Sacheville). The Farringdon coat of arms was: "Sable three unicorns courant in pale Argent". The Farringdons acquired the Manors of Piswell and Orwey in Kentisbeare through Joan Sacheville (but see 1480 deed William Wilford later), and following Joan's death, John *the elder* married a daughter of the Walrond family (*Westcote is inaccurate*). Joan Sacheville's daughter, Julian Sacheville, was the first wife of Elizabeth Wilford's eldest brother William Wilford I, *see later*.



The early Farringdon genealogy does not record siblings, and it was possibly an uncle or brother "Christopher Faryngdon late of Faryngdon co Devon Gentilman" who is recorded in a long list of Devonians granted a general pardon 9 May 1467 "of all offences against any statute touching liveries of cloths and hoods or other statutes committed by them before Christmas last" (CPR, m.15). He may possibly have been the same who acted as one of the Trustees for William Barnehouse, son and heir of Thomas Barnehouse 12 October 1513 (NDRO: 50/11/12/33a) and was still associated 1516. He may possibly be the same "of Exeter gentleman" recorded in a number of later Actions for Debt taken in 1519 at the Court of Common Pleas London, against him and others, including "George Faryngdon Rector of Challegh/Chawleigh", by Elizabeth Wilford's brothers, James and William Wilford, "brothers and executors for Edmund Wilford, Doctor of Divinity and Prebendary", *see earlier*, (TNA: CP40/1023: 27d, 633d, 733f, 761d, 764d, 767d, 898f, 902f, 906f) One particular entry, *see right*: "London: Master James Wilsford and William Wylsford executors of the Will of Edmund Wilsford alias Master Doctor Wylford alias Edmund Wyllysforde Doctor in Divinity and



Prebendary of the Prebend of Wolney within the Cathedral Church of Lychefeld, through their Attorney, Plaintiffs; against Oliver Abbot of Combe in a Plea of Debt for £17 3s 4d; and against Christofer Faryngdon of Exeter in Devon, Gentilman, in a Plea of Debt for £11; and against George Faryngdon, Rector of the Church of the Parish of Challeghe in Devon, clerk, alias George Faryngdon, Rector of the Church of the Parish of Challeghe, in a Plea of Debt for £6 13s 4d; and against Master Edward Martyne of Lychefeld in Warwickshire, Gentilman, alias Edward Martyne of Lichefeld in a Plea of Debt for 40s. (TNA: CP40/1023, 27d).

Christopher died c.1517/18, ("Christopher Faringdon, Devon", IPM 1518/19, TNA: C142/33/146 & E150/158/1), which possibly accounts for the lack of his Response to the 1519 Debt Summons. (Christopher may have been the father of both Edward Faringdon of Devon whose 1542/3 IPM TNA: C142/65/40 & E150/183/21, and of George Faryngdon).

George Faryngdon was *possibly* a nephew of John Farringdon *the younger*. He appears to be the same recorded as a Juror at the IPM of Thomas Pomerey held at Exeter 10 April 1494, and recorded at Oxford University in 1503/1505: "20 June 1503: John Godmore. One of the ringleaders of the law students who tried to molest the Northern Proctor at Brasenose Hall on the night of 18 June 1503, and who, together with George Faryngdon, was ordered by the King "with their harnes and their wepyns in their handis and bare headed without any bonet" to go to Convocation and "their submit themselves to the Chancellor of Commissary and abide by any correction or punishment for a riot lately doon" (CCR, & "Biog Reg Uni Oxf 1501-1540"). He became a cleric by 1507 and was recorded in the later Action for Debt in the Court of Common Pleas, London, taken against him in 1519 by the executors of Elizabeth's brother, Edmund Wilford (4th son of Robert Wilford). Edmund Wilford had resigned the Vicarage of Berry Pomeroy in favour of George Faryngdon for an annual pension of £6 13s 4d for life, secured by an Obligation dated 20 October 1507, *see earlier*:

"The Condicion of this obligacyon is suche that Whereas the w'thin namyd Edmund Wylford vicar of Bery pomeroy hath resynyd hys vycarye of Bery pom'ay aforeseid yn to the hands of the rev't fader yn god the Bysshoppe of Exet' to the use and proffytt of the w'thin namyd sr George Faryngdon if there fore the seid sr George Faryngdon et William Chubbe et John Lymyn Robert Alway and Christofer Crochay or ether of theym pay or do to be payd unto the w'thin namyd rev Edmund Wylford £6 13s 4d of sterlyng mony yerly for Bery pom'ay in the name of a pension duryng the naturall lyf of the seid rev Edmond Wylford at the usuall days of the yere by equall porcyns that is to say att Ester 33s 4d, att mydsom' 33s 4d, att myclmas 33s 4d, And att Cristismas 33s 4d, that then this obligacon to be void or els to stand yn his full strenght And virtue". (TNA:CP40/1023, 898f)

(The title "sr/syr" indicates a cleric. Robert Alway was one of the Trustees of the Will of John Farringdon 4 September 1510, *see later*). In 1542 George Faryngdon was recorded as the Perpetual Vicar of Berry Pomeroy, and Rector of Challey/Chaweleygh/Chawleigh, Devon, and died 12 April 1542, having obtained the permission of the Chapter of Exeter Cathedral 1 April 1542 for his burial in the Cathedral.

On 25 January 1474/5 "John Faryngdon the younger of Exeter, co. Devon, gentilman, alias John Faryngdon of Faryngdon" was granted a "General Pardon of all offences committed by him before 24 January" (CPR 13 Ed IV , vol 33, m8). John Faringdon was recorded as an Escheator to the Crown for Devon in 1489 and 1490. Elizabeth is recorded married to "John Faryngdon armig." in the two Deeds dated 3 and 4 June 1490 of her father's executor Philip Skinner, *see earlier*. From the Deeds' contexts the Wilford siblings -James, Edmond, William II *Junior* and Elizabeth - appear to be children of a second marriage. In the Deed dated 3 June 1490 John and Elizabeth Faryngdon are specifically granted property in Exeter, and this may have some bearing on her Marriage Settlement:

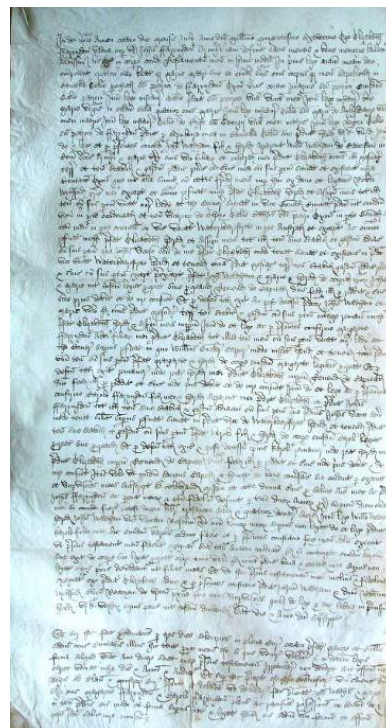
"To all faithfull Christians to whom these presents shall come, Philip Skynner, Clerk, executor of the Will of Robert Wilford, Armiger, sends greeting. Whereas Robert Wilford Armiger gave, conceeded and by his deed dated (*blank*) confirmed to the aforesaid Philip, together with Walter Wyndsores, Clerk, Nicholas Pyne and Thomas Douriss now deceased, for fulfilling the last will of that said Robert, which by the Will of the aforesaid Robert may more at large appear, all those messuages, lands, tenements, rents, and services, with their appurtenances which he had lately in the City of Exeter. Tenure being granted to said Philip, Walter, Nicholas and Thomas, their heirs and assigns forever, as fully appears in that deed. Now I the said Philip grant, demise, and by these writings confirm to John Faryngdon, Armiger, and Elizabeth his wife daughter of the aforesaid Robert, a moiety of all those messuages, lands, tenements, rents, and services, with their appurtenances which he had lately in the City aforesaid which John Starre, Robert Chubb, Henry Stephyns, John Brendon, Thomas Elys, Thomas Sares and Stephen Clawe now hold separately, to hold of the aforesaid John Faryngdon and Elizabeth and the heirs of the body of the said Elizabeth lawfully begotten; and on the failure of issue, with remainder to James Wylfford, Edmund (*Edo*) Wylfford and William Wylfford Junior, brothers of the said Elizabeth. And in case of failure on their part, the moiety to descend to the right heirs of the said Robert Wylfford. Randolph Duke (Duck) Junior and William Northlegh attorneys. Witnesses: Stephen Ruggeway, Maior of the said City, Mathew Alyngton, Robert Bonyfant, Walter Yorke and Simon Davy, Bailiffs of the same City and all citizens of Exeter aforesaid. 3 June An. Reg. HVII 5." (Seal: a Lion rampant guardant crowned). (DRO: ED/M/912)

In 1513 John Faryngdon was appointed an Escheator to the Crown for Devon and Cornwall, and the Compotus Returns record that he acted as Escheator on 4 IPMS held 1513/14. John Farringdon died 7 October 1515, and his IPM was taken at Newton Abbot 31 October 1515, which records his brothers-in-law William Wilford I of Exeter, James Wilford, and William Wilford II of London:

“Before William Gybbes, esq., Escheator; by the oath of John Wulston, Robert Pomeray, John Raynold, John Forde, Nicholas Parker, Thomas Ca., John Carypynter, William Sachevill, William Nek, Thomas Coke, Thomas Abram, Nicholas Jane and William Tobyn: Who say that John Faringdon, esq., was seised of the manors of Faringdon and Orway, and 47 acres in Rockebear, in his demesne as of fee. By charter dated 4 September 1510 he granted the same to John Kirkham, knt., Will Wilford senior, James Wilford, Nicholas Kirkham junior, Edmund Larder, Gilbert Seyntclere, William Wilford junior, Robt Alway, Rich Duke, and Charles Hoppyng, to fulfil his last Will. Faringdon is held of the heirs of John Tredirff, in free socage; worth by the year, clear, 10 marks. Orway is held of the lord of Audley in free socage; worth by the year, clear, 10 marks. Rockebear is held of the Abbess of Canonleigh, by fealty; worth by the year, clear, 20s. Charles is his son and heir aged 15”. (TNA: C142/30/131 & E150/155/1).

It is apparent from this IPM that the Farringdon family effectively owned Farringdon Manor, holding it of John Tredirff/Trethurffe (several spellings) of Tretherffe, Cornwall (born c.1451, married Elizabeth daughter of Sir Hugh Courteny of Boconnock, Cornwall, and died 20 June 1510 (IPM ‘Tretherf’ 1513/4 TNA: C142/79/180). John Trethurff’s father, Reginald, appears to have acquired the manors of “Comberale, Strete Rale, & Deandeport, Devon” as a result of his marriage with Margaret daughter of John St Aubyn c.1431 (TNA: CRO: V/T/1/53). John’s eldest son and heir was Thomas Trethurff (c.1480-1529, married Mary/Maud Trevisa) whose youngest daughter and co-heir, Margaret, married 1st John Boscawen, 2nd Edward Courtenay of Landrake, 3rd Richard Buller (Vivian’s Visitations of Cornwall 1530,1573,1620). By 1561 Thomas Hunt of Chudleigh (son of Thomas Hunt several times Mayor of Exeter) had acquired the overlordship of the manor of Farringdon (see 1561 IPM Richard Bidwell TNA:C142/129/30). In 1599 Thomas Hunt acquired the overlordship of the manor of Chudleigh from Thomas Bridges. Farringdon continued to be held by the Farringdon family until sold by the heirs of Mary Farringdon and her husband William Cooper in 1677 to John Cholwich, *see later*.

“Elizabeth Faryngdon widow of John Faryngdon esq” wrote her Will 8 July 1516, and it was enrolled into the Exeter Mayor’s Court Roll during the mayoralty of Thomas Hunt (c. 8 July 1517 MCR 8/9 HVIII, m.36) *see right and Appendix which requires a full translation*. It records, inter alia, her request that her body was to be buried in her tomb in the Chancel of the parish church of St Petrock’s, Farringdon, where the Rector is to be paid 6s 8d for the burial; pious bequests are made to the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Farringdon church and to the churches of St Mary at Aylesbeare and Clyst St George; to “John Wadham son and heir apparent of William Wadham of Caterston, Dorset, esq, and Mary his wife a daughter and coheir of me”, property in the City of Exeter “legacy of my father Robert Wylfford” except a tenement called “Our Lady at the Corner” situated in North street adjacent to Waterbeare Street to the south, occupied by John Scose/Scoose; to Margaret Faryngdon, another daughter, all that tenement called “Our Lady at the Corner”, occupied by William Ducke; property in the City of Exeter to Charles Faryngdon “my son”, who is appointed executor. John Wadham and Dom. Robert Wylsfford, clerk Rector of Upton Pyne, appointed Supervisors. The three properties at Waterbeare Street are doubtless those recorded in the 3 June 1490 Grant of the Executors of Elizabeth’s father, Robert Wilford (“Studies in Rom & Med Arch of Exeter”, Rippon, 2021), and recorded later by Hooker in his 1575 “Description of the Citie of Excester”: “The heyres of Robt Wylfford for the lands in Waterberestrete xvjd”, *see also George Horsey later*. In 1529/30 John Wadham still held at least one of the Waterbeer Street properties. Dom. Robert Wylsfford was Elizabeth’s brother, *see earlier*.



John and Elizabeth Faringdon had five children: two sons and three daughters: Christopher, Charles, Mary, Margaret and Grace.

For further details on the Children of Elizabeth Wilford and John Faringdon see Volume III.