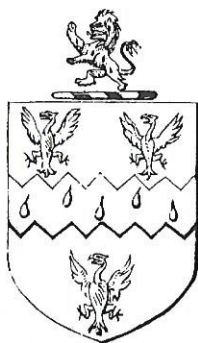


STEPHENS, OF TREGENNA.

STEPHENS, SAMUEL-WALLIS, esq. of Tregenna Castle, in the county of Cornwall, succeeded his father in 1834.

Lineage.



This family has possessed estates in Cornwall for four centuries at least. In the reign of EDWARD IV. John Stephyn settled as a merchant in the borough of St. Ives, and acquired considerable possessions there, still enjoyed by his descendants. At a subsequent period, John Stephens, of St. Ives, in common with others holding a certain quantity of land, was summoned to the coronation of CHARLES I. there to receive knighthood, and pay the fees, but like many situated so remotely from the capital, he preferred to ransom the fine for refusal, amounting to £6l. which was levied to recruit the exhausted treasury. The original receipt for the sum, signed by the treasurer Godolphin, is still preserved in the family.

JOHN STEPHENS, esq. who purchased the ancient manor of Killigrew, in the county of Cornwall, and died in 1764, was the lineal descendant of John Stephyn, the first settled at St. Ives. He married Mary, eldest dau. of Samuel Phillips, esq. of Pendrea, in the county of Cornwall, and had several sons and daughters, who all died young, with the exception of a daughter Anne, and a son,

SAMUEL STEPHENS, esq. M.P. for St. Ives, first returned in 1752, who wedded in June, 1762, Anne, only child and heiress of Richard Seaborne, esq. of the county of Hereford, and dying in March, 1794, was succeeded by his son,

SAMUEL STEPHENS, esq. of Tregenna Castle, a magistrate and deputy-lieutenant for Cornwall, and high sheriff of that county in 1805. In 1806 he was first returned to parliament by St. Ives, and continued to represent that borough for several years. He m. 29th November, 1796, Betty, only child and heiress of Captain Wallis, of Tremaine, the celebrated circumnavigator, by Betty, his wife, daughter and co-heir of John Hearle, esq. of Penryn, and had issue,

- i. SAMUEL-WALLIS, his heir.
- ii. John-Augustus.
- iii. Francis-Hearle, a cavalry officer.
- iv. Henry-Lewis, of Oriel College, Oxford.
- v. Ferdinand-Thomas.

- i. Sarah-Maria, m. 6th March, 1827, to the Reverend Charles-William Davy.

Mr. Stephens died in 1834, and was succeeded by his eldest son, the present SAMUEL-WALLIS STEPHENS, esq. of Tregenna Castle.

Arms—(Granted temp. HENRY VIII. to Henry Stephens, the direct ancestor of the present family,) per pale gu. and vert. a fess indented arg. goutée de sang between three eagles displayed or.

Crest—A lion rampant, arg. goutée de sang.

Motto—Virtutis amore.

Estates—In the counties of Cornwall and Devon.

Seat—Tregenna Castle, St. Ives.