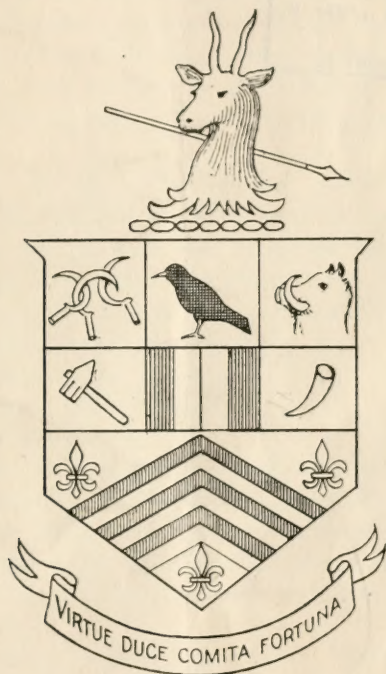


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# THE FARLEY, FAIRLIE, FARLO FAMILY,

THEIR ORIGIN, HISTORY AND GENEALOGICAL RECORD,  
FOR 1300 YEARS FROM A. D. 600 TO 1900



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## FARLEY, FAIRLIE, FARLO FAMILY HISTORY.

After a period extending over twenty years of careful research and study of old English records of the eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth centuries, I have traced the Farley family back thirteen hundred years to A. D. 600 when King Joar Vidfadine the great Skaanian king reigned over the land of the midnight sun, he being our first ancestor of the Farley blood and following his succession in an unbroken line down through eleven Northman or Viking kings to William Longsword, Jarl of Normandy, who reigned in the tenth century.

The history for this three hundred years is one unbroken record, wild, weird, and bloody, of our ancestors in their viking days and of fascinating interest when they as worshippers of the Scandinavian gods, Thor and Odin, performed deeds of valor and renown unequalled in the world's history of war, love and romance.

On plains beneath the midnight sun  
Met martial hosts at Odin's call,  
In fierce conflict the Viking's war  
For glory in Valhalla' hall.

I fancy I hear some one ask, "What have these old Vikings to do with the Farleys?" Kind reader, if any one of these whose names I shall give in my history had been killed before he had provided the next in succession, the Farleys today would have been restless wanderers in the Elysian shades of the under world waiting for a chance to get out.

To our ancestor of the tenth century, William Longsword, is due the first conception of the plan which resulted in the conquest of England and placing upon the throne, William the Conqueror, having in his veins the original Farley blood as much as any who bear our name in the twentieth century.

This Jarl or Duke of Normandy had three sons; Richard, Robert, and Walter, all born in the tenth century. Robert being his brother's vassal succeeded in removing Richard and took the



Dukedom when in A. D. 1000 he enlarged the old Roman tower built at the time of Cæsars invasion, on the brink of a deep gloomy precipice, called in Norman French a falaise, situated on the Ante, a tributary of the river Dive, calling it Castle Falaise and placed his youngest brother Walter in charge as Lord of Falaise.

Later Duke Robert, surnamed le Diable, had one son, William Longsword who became William the Conqueror, and born at this Castle of Falaise. Walter married the heiress of Guitmond and had born at this castle about 1030 a son, William, and later at Castle Molyneux, Richard, Alurd, (Alfred) and Ameline, which castle Robert built for him on his own son becoming old enough to govern Falaise.

William was knighted by his cousin and accompanied him to England in 1066 where his name appears on the roll of Battle Abby as Willelmus de Faleife, twenty-seventh knight on the list. On peace being restored he is given by the King, in 1072, the site on which later stood Farleigh Castle in Somersetshire but which at this time was occupied by a ruined Roman Villa.

In 1086 he is named as William de Falaise or Falaix, Baron of Dartington, with twenty-nine Lordships in County Devon where he built his castle on the summit of a prehistoric mound in what is now Totnes on the river Dart.

At this time he was known as William de Molyneux as well as Falaise but in all legal documents he was called the later surname, while towards A. D. 1100 his name was spelt Felles, Falet and Faley which in the Norman French of the eleventh century would have the sound of Farley. He died in 1100. This William de Falaise or Falaix was the first ancestor of the Farleys of England and America.

The name of William de Fareley occurs frequently in 1200 and William Farley is mentioned as marrying Ellen Dummer, widow of Sir Nicholas Atte Moore. Old records state the Farleys were scattered throughout England in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries and the family long remained eminent.

A large amount of history has been collected of the family from 1100 to 1650. I have the record of Thomas, George and Michael, going back one hundred years previous to their emigration to America. Thomas landed at Jamestown, Va., in 1624 with his wife Jane and one servent, Nicholas Shotter, where he was given nine square miles of land in return for services rendered his king, James I. He had several children of whom Ann was the first

being named from the ship that brought them over. This was the first Farley born on American soil.

George landed at Boston in 1640 and became the ancestor of over a thousand Farleys in New England, while Michael came over in 1675, landing at Ipswich, Mass., where he and his two sons, Michael and Mehack started the first woolen mill in America. His descendents were of a seafaring turn and their deeds during the Revolution were many and interesting.

The complete history of Farleigh Castle has been obtained carrying the record back 1850 years to A. D. 50 when it was a Roman camp. No castle in England can show such an unbroken record of owners numbering fifty-two going back to the days of King Aethelrid I, when he gave this site to his chief huntsman Leofwine, calling it Faernleaga. This name changes five times before reaching Farleigh or Farley. Our family has been connected with this castle three times in its history.

Thy moss crowned pile 'mid the waste surveys

Thy last lone relics of departed days,

Thy glory's gone while lingering fragments grace

The proud fallen grandeur of thy time worn face,

And moss clad towers and mouldering mounds disclose

Where knightly warriors sought repose.

I have also obtained the complete history of the Fairlies of Scotland showing they are our relatives whose ancestor, Rollo, a former Jarl of Normandy reigned previous to William Longsword, being another Farley Viking whose name was pronounced in French Rous and one of his sons called Roos settled near Caen and was the direct ancestor of Peter de Roos of England in 1100. His descendents went to Scotland where they were known as Roos or Ross of Tarbet and later in 1290 they took Fairlie Castle and its name, dropping that of Ross after the death of Hardi Knute, the first occupant, who led his thirteen sons into the battle of Largs, 1263, to repel Haco, King of Norway, in one of his raids. He had one daughter who was the first to bear the Fairlie name.

Great love they bore to Fairlie fair,

Their sister sweet and dear,

Her girdle showed her slender waist,

And golden glint her hair.

At West Skipton, County Devon lived a manorial lord named Farley, in the twelfth century, who collected as rent from his ten-



ants the best beast in each herd, which practice was called a herlot, later when money became more plenty he allowed his tenants to pay in pence, this was called a farley or farlo, which name was given to his sons who thus became the ancestors of Farlo, Farlough family of Lancashire and Scotland.

Having made arrangements with the Hollis (N. H.) Times for the publication of the entire Farley history in the near future, all that remains to assure its appearance in print is for one thousand Farleys to subscribe, one dollar each, for a year's subscription to this paper. As there are five thousand of our name in America I trust I am not asking too much, and after the publication, if I receive sufficient encouragement the Times will reprint it entire in book form with engravings, for general distribution at a nominal price. This paper is one of the neatest and most progressive of weeklies printed in New England and is issued on a fine quality of book paper suitable for a handsome scrap book for each family, its cheapness should commend it to every Farley in England and America.

I want the address of every Farley in the country with any records they may wish to see in print, for that purpose I desire every one interested to have my circular. Send in your address with one dollar to me to insure you against mistake and soon as the articles appear you will receive the paper for a year payable in advance.

I desire more particularly all legends, traditions, and anecdotes any one can tell of the members of their family. This is to be no dry record of simply when the Farley was born, married and died, but one of thrilling interest. Don't fail to make a scrap book of this record that future generations yet unborn in your family may know all about their ancestors.

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## FARLEY HERALDRY, ARMS AND CREST.

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The location whereon William de Falaise started the building of his castle on the ruins of the Roman Villa in 1072 and later known as Farleigh Castle, was a famous hunting ground in Saxon times, being covered with an undergrowth of ferns, hence the name Faern-laega. In this covert were found stags, antelopes, wild boars and other game which the expert hunter killed by throwing a short spear or dart piercing the neck. His descendents in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries when Arms reached their highest state of popularity, adopted the antelope with the short spear piercing the neck as their Crest in commemoration of the above facts.

Thor's hammer and Odin's drinking horn are symbols of their earlier religion when they were worshipers of these Scandinavian gods.

The Raven was worked on the banner of Regnor Lodbrog, another Farley viking, which he carried on his viking raids into England, by his sister Gesla.

The six Chevronels, one, three, five, Sable; two, four, and six, Gules, were the Arms of the Devon Farleys who claimed direct descent from William de Falaise.

The three Fleur-de-lis indicates their Norman French origin previous to 1066 and were borne by the Farleys of Lancashire, Or, three Fleur-de-lis, Sable.

The Pales, Sable and Or was borne by the Farleys of Warwickshire as an indication of their noble blood, the Or being higher than Argent while the Pales, Sable and Argent signified a lower social position than Sable and Or.

The Boar was the companion of the Antelope and Richard Felleigh of Hertsfordshire in 1500 took this for his Arms with per Pale, Sable and Argent. Reginald Farley in 1560 had the same Arms. The family as late as 1560 had these traditions of their early ancestry which the choosing of their Arms goes to prove.

The three sickles entwined were the Hungerford Arms of

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Farleigh Castle which Fabyan Farley received on his wife's side, Jane Hungerford. Argent, three sickles entwined, Sable, Sinister.

No Arms being perfect without the motto, that of the Farleys was "Virtute duce comita fortuna" which originated as follows. Farley Heath in Surry was originally a Roman camp and before Caesar's invasion a pagan altar stood on this Heath. Roman coins in the earlier centuries were frequently dug up bearing this inscription and the Heath being owned by a Farley in the earliest centuries it was proper that they should adopt this motto which translated is "Victory valors reward," or as some translate it "When honor leads victory attends.

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