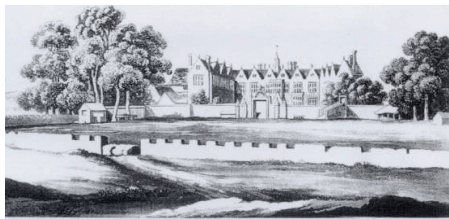
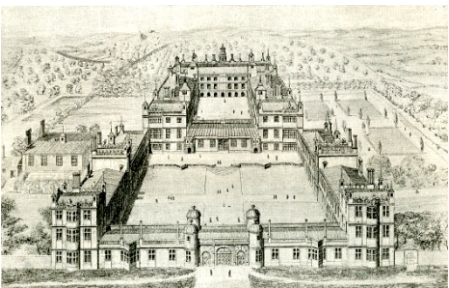




Lady Caroline



Billingbear, the childhood home of Lady Caroline. It became neglected when the family moved to Audley End near Saffron Walden. In 1924 the house was so severely damaged by fire that it had to be demolished



Audley End was purchased for the nation in 1948 and is now managed by English Heritage



Stanlake Park, Hurst, Berkshire, former home of the Neville family, is now a vineyard

Lady Caroline Neville (1792-1868)

The effigy of Lady Caroline Neville has pride of place in the North Aisle of Escrick Church. She was born in October 1792 at Lower Grosvenor Street, Hanover Square, London, the fourth child of Richard Aldworth Neville and his wife Catherine Grenville. Catherine's ancestry traces back to Richard FitzHamon de Grenville, a Norman who was awarded lands in Devon and Cornwall after the Norman Conquest.

In 1817 Lady Caroline married Paul Beilby Lawley Thompson, the 1st Lord Wenlock at Westminster in 1817.

Richard Aldworth = Catherine Neville of Billingbear
of Stanlake Park | B Oct 1691
D 1738 | D 1720

Richard Aldworth-Neville = Magdalen daughter of Francis Calandrini
of Hurst, Berkshire | of Geneva
B Sep 1717 | D Jul 1750
D Jul 1793

Richard Aldworth Neville = Catherine Grenville
2nd Lord Braybooke | B 1761
B Jul 1750 M Jun 1780 | D Nov 1796
D Feb 1825

Richard Aldworth-Neville = Jane Cornwallis
3rd Lord Braybrooke | B Oct 1798
Inherited Audley End | D Sep 1856
B Sep 1783
M May 1819
D Mar 1858

Caroline Neville = Paul Beilby
B Oct 1792 | Lawley Thompson
M May 1817 | 1st Lord Wenlock
D May 1868 | of Escrick Park
B 1784
D 1852

Caroline's great-grandmother Catherine, was the daughter of Richard Neville of Billingbear, a mansion in Berkshire built on an estate granted by Edward VI to Henry Neville in 1549. Caroline's ancestry traces back to Gospatrick, who was created Earl of Northumberland after the Battle of Hastings.

Caroline's brother, the 3rd Lord Braybrook, inherited Audley End near Saffron Walden in Essex, a mansion once owned, though never fully paid for, by Charles II.

Caroline's great-grandfather, Richard Aldworth of Stanlake Park in Hurst, Berkshire, held a birthday party there in March 1720. An argument arose between himself and Sir Owen Buckingham, MP for Reading and Gentleman of the Privy Chamber during the reign of George I. Tempers rose and the argument was finally settled by a duel in which Sir Owen was killed.

Lady Caroline was a major contributor to the building of Escrick Church in 1857, and the restoration of Riccall Church in 1865.



Lady Caroline died at London in May 1868