

COKER

including Casker, Cawker, Cawker, Coaker, Cocker, Cooker, Corker, Cowker, Cowkther)

Jos Jacobs (Jewish Encyclopaedia) states "Cok" was common personal name in 14th C.

Ewen, History of Surnames - 1931) states "Cok" common in Devonshire in 1327 Subsidy Rolls: Cok = Coch, Cornish for "red"; "Coker" is diminutive of "Cok".

But possibly a Somerset, later Dorset fam. Also a Coker family held Pickmere, Cheshire, for many centuries

Arms registered under "Coker" include:

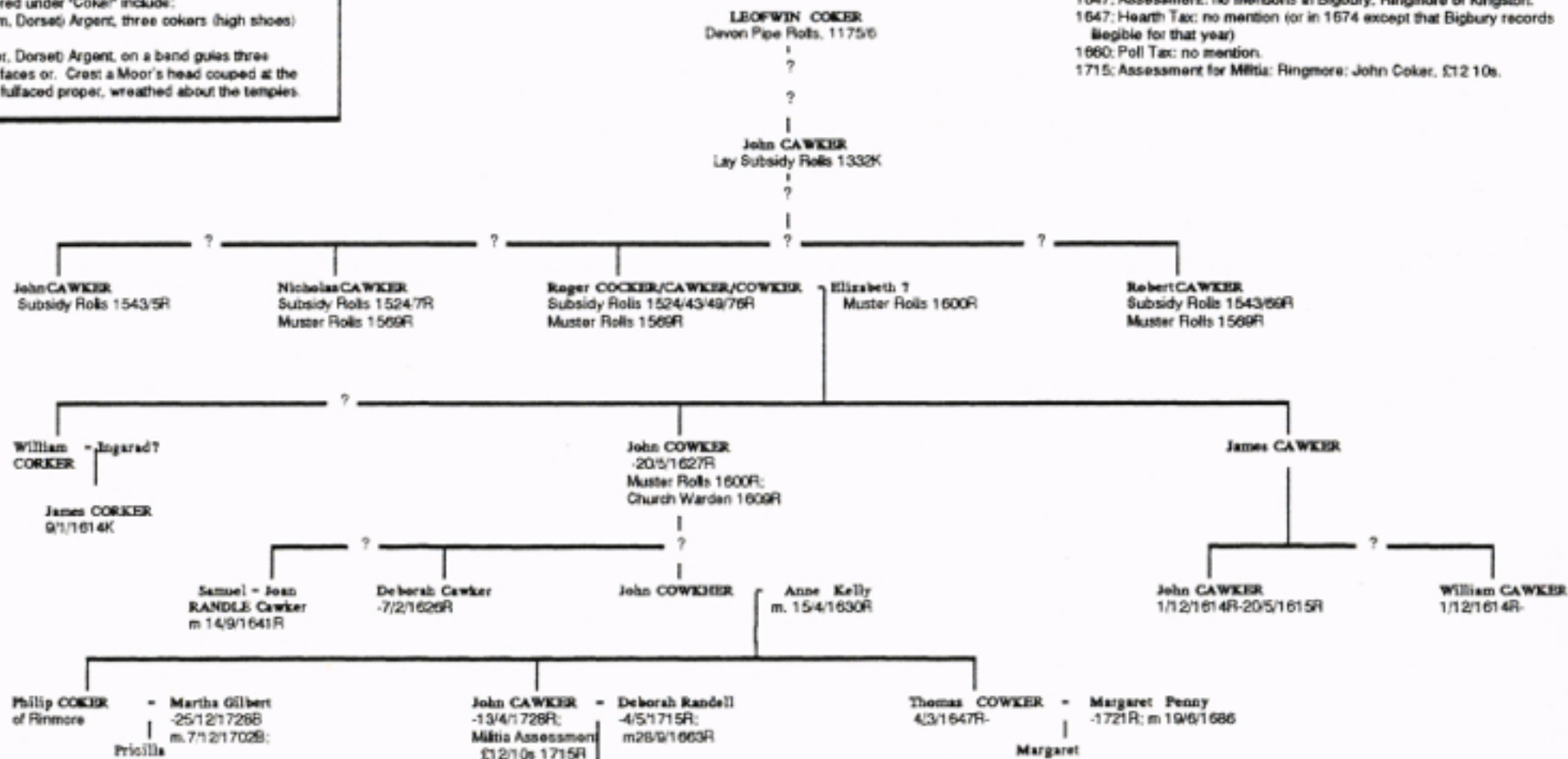
1. (Ashbosom, Dorset) Argent, three cokers (high shoes) sable.
2. (Mapowder, Dorset) Argent, on a band gules three leopards' faces or. Crest: a Moor's head couped at the shoulders furred proper, wreathed about the temples.

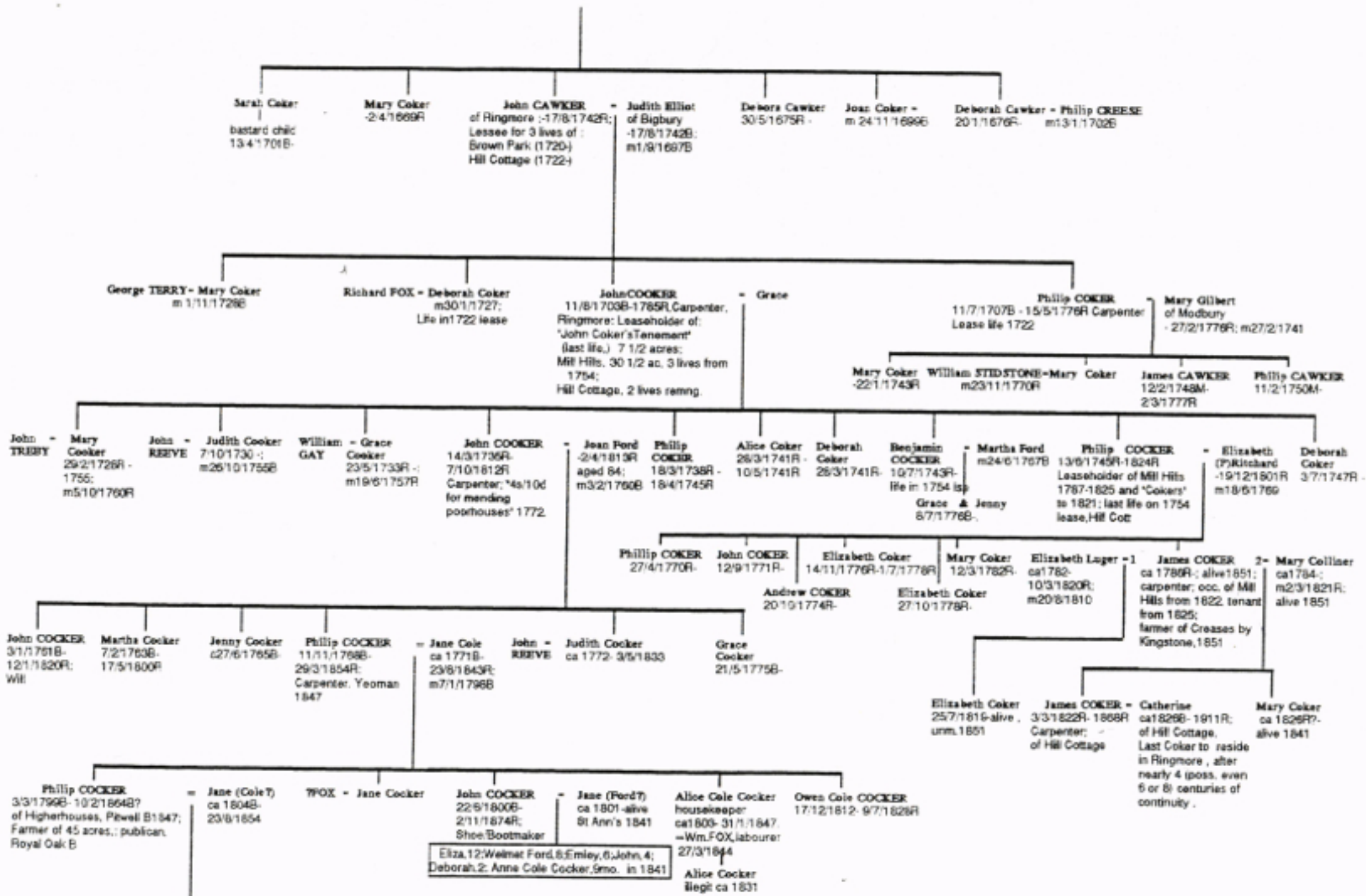
Earliest Mentions of Family Name.

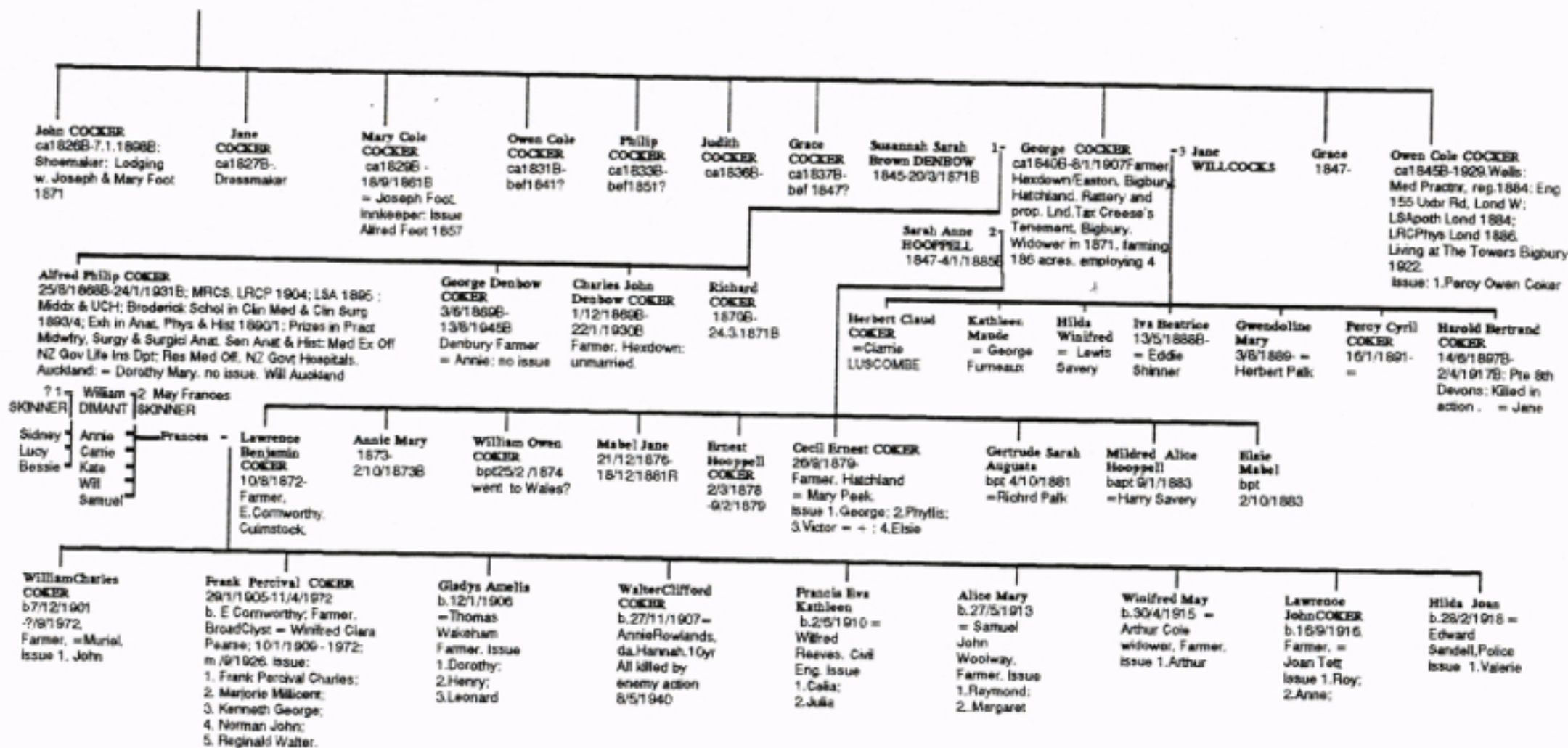
Pipe Rolls: 22 Hen 2 (1175/6) Devon's: rot. 10.m.11: "Do his qui reddiderunt. Idem vicecomes. redd. comp. de catalis fugitivorum et eorum qui perierunt iudicio aque per assisam de Northant", quorum nomina hic subscribuntur De Leofwino (i.e. Leofwin or Lewin) Coker. xv. d."

To finance Henry II's introduction of the Assize of Northampton, a code of English laws issued in 1176 (after the murder of Becket and the rebellions of 1173-4), drawn up in the form of instructions to six committees, each of three judges, who were to visit the six circuits into which England was divided for the purpose. It increased the severity of punishments prescribed by the earlier Assize of Clarendon of 1166 (e.g. loss of hand as well as foot for failure by ordeal and added arson and forgery to list of crimes to be subject to jury enquiry. Also introduced the possessory action of "mort d'ancestor" re landed property.

1332: Lay Subsidy Rolls: Kyngston: John Coker, 10d. (No mention in rolls of Rydmore or Bigbury.)
1524/7: Subsidy (Tax) Rolls: Rymmore: Nicholas Coker. £10 in goods: Roger Coker, £3 in goods.
1543/5: Subsidy Rolls: Rymmore: John Cowker, £1; Robert Cowker, £2; Roger Cowker, £5 1/2. Byttery: John Cokkr, £2.
1547: Subsidy Rolls: Rydmore: Roger Cawker, 3s 4d.
1549: Subsidy Rolls: Rydmore: Roger Cawker, 10s.
1569: Muster (militia) Rolls: Rydmoure: Nicholas Cawker, Pikeman; Robert Cawker & Roger Cawker (& 7 others), share between them 2 bows, 2 sheaves of arrows, almen rivets (£40-£100 goods)
1576: Subsidy Rolls: Rydmore: Roger Coker, £5 5s.
1581: Tudor Subsidy: Rengemore: Richard Cawker, £3 goods. Bygburge: John Coker, £3 goods. Kyngston: John Coker, £3 goods.
1581: Lay Subsidy: Kyngston: Ricus Cawker, £3 3s.
1600: Muster Rolls: Rydmore: Elizabeth Coker, £3 3s, John Coker, £3 3s.
1641: Protestation Returns: Bigbury: Richard, William & William Cawker out of total popn. of 149 names. (No mentions in Ringmore return.)
1647: Assessment: no mentions in Bigbury, Ringmore or Kingston.
1647: Hearth Tax: no mention (or in 1674 except that Bigbury records begible for that year)
1660: Poll Tax: no mention.
1715: Assessment for Militia: Ringmore: John Coker, £12 10s.







B = (in) Bigbury; K = Kingston;
M = Modbury; R = Ringmore.
Julian Calendar to 1751.
Dates of bapt shown where d.o.b not recorded.

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Dear Col. Guinness.

I enclose what I believe, as a reflection, to be a more accurate version of page 2.

I don't have any record of James's birth in 1786 but his age from the census seems to fit into that family.

Catrin (Catherine) seems to be out by one generation in her recollection of John Coker the original lessee but this is the sort of thing that easily happens in reports.

I'm pretty convinced my original deduction were wrong because Philip = James Cole seems to have moved to Bigbury where his children were born.

Again, many thanks for your interest
& help.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Coker

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Dear Col. Guinham

Thank you so much for spending
 so much of your time in allowing me access to your
 records. We had a most interesting time and I have
 been able to add a bit to the "tree", a copy of which
 I enclose. (You are free to use this or copy it to anyone
 interested and if you do find any errors, omissions or
 improvements I shall be very pleased to hear)

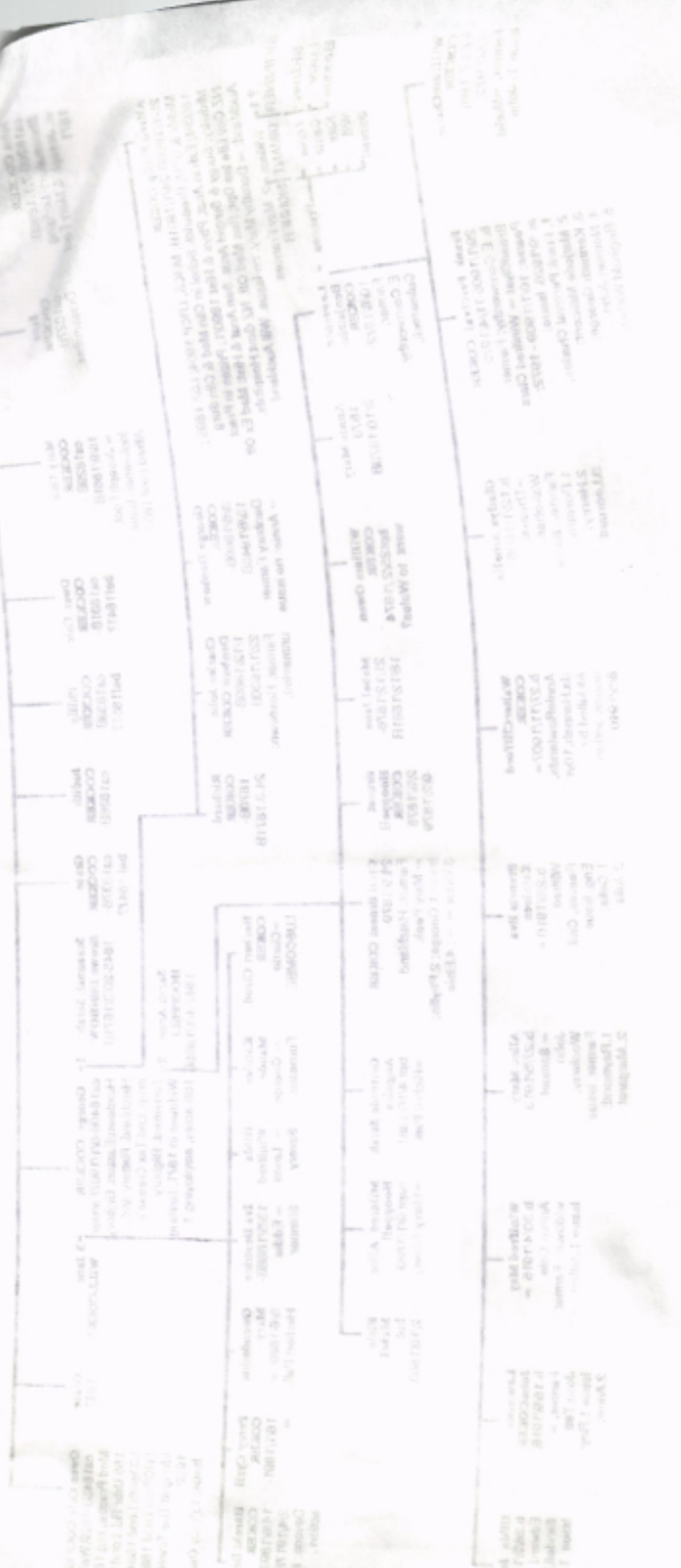
As I say it was a most interesting visit and
 brought me much to lift for us - which is what the family
 research does for me. I'm so pleased that such an
 energetic & diligent group are working both in Biggles &
 Bigbury.

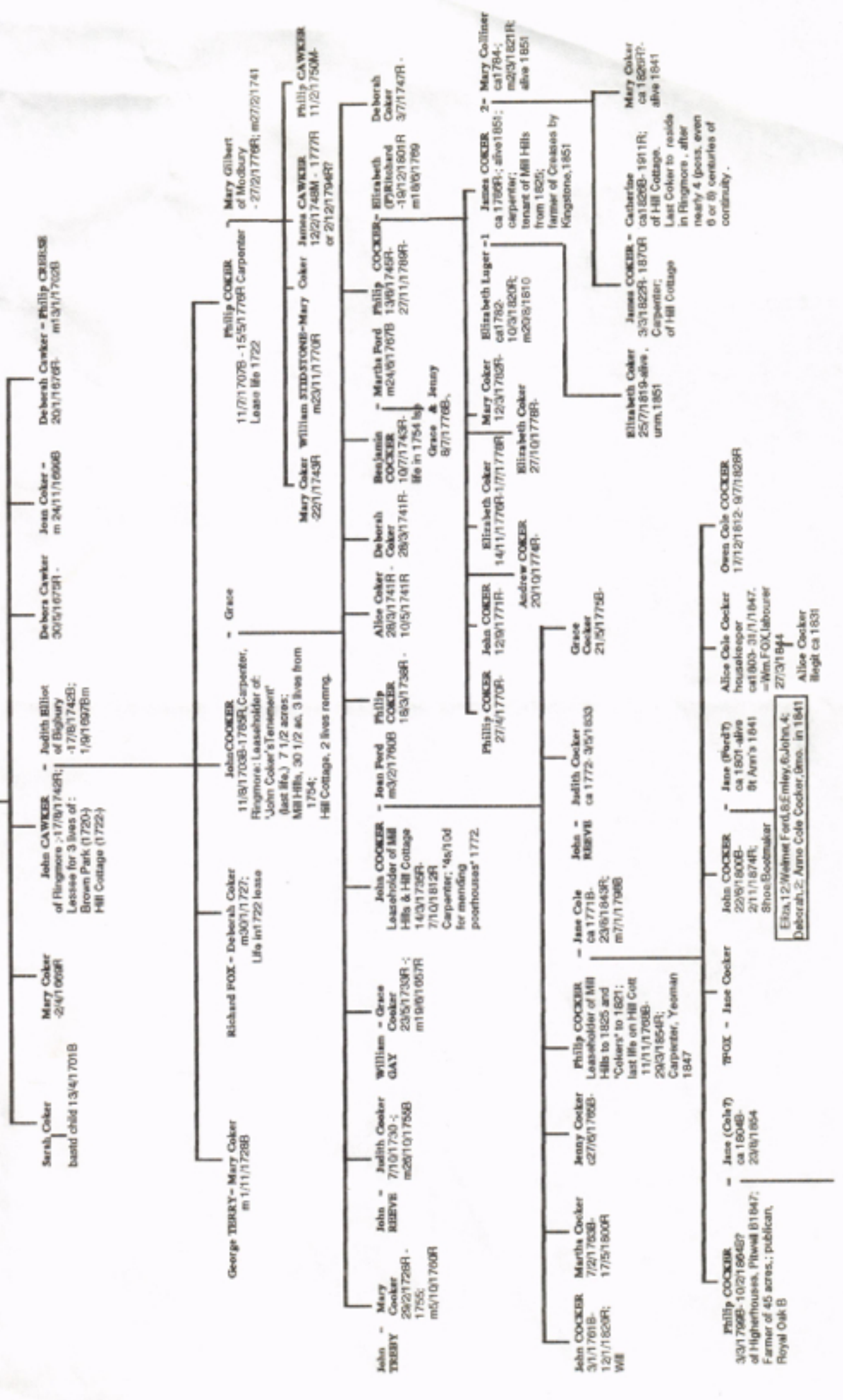
Also many thanks for your hospitality. I hope
 we may return the compliment soon.

Yours sincerely,

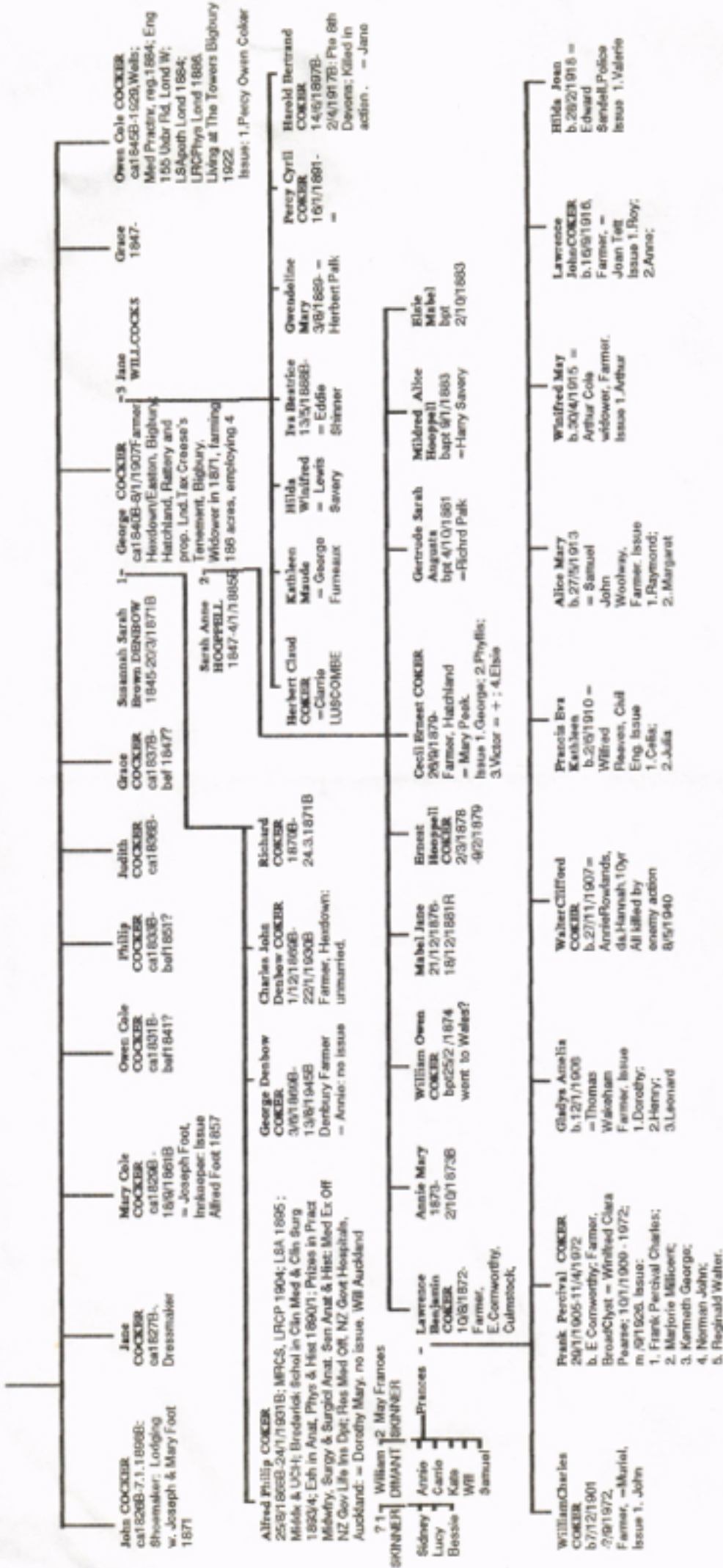
Frank & Mary Coker

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 19. 2020-2021
 20. 2022-2023





Eliza, 12: Welmet Ford, 8: E miley, 6: John, 4: Deborah, 2: Anne Cole Coker, m. in 1841
Alice Coker flnght ca 1831



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