

but my book fails to
point out the connection
between the Pitts of Rush-
more & those of Kingston
I have always been rather
fond of tracing pedigrees,
& had I Harbes Perrage
& the more modern Hutchins
I should have been
bowed to make this one
clear - I remain
Yours very truly
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Grove House
Sordchester
April 29.
My dear General Pitt Rivers
My edition of
Hutchins's history of
Sordset about the Pitts
of Kingston, ^{was published in 1794} but I
expect the edition Shipp
of Blandford published
several years ago brings
the pedigrees down to a
much more recent
date. The old house
is still standing

about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile to the east of the present one which was built 1717-1720 by George Pitt of Stratfield Say. Kingston had belonged for many generations to the Greys: it was then called Kingston Maurwood or Marwood. The last of the family Lora married the G Pitt mentioned above: she died 1750: so I conclude he must be the ancestor of 2 or 3 generations

who possessed the property. Encombe belonged to the Cullifords from the reign of Edward ^{no mention of Pitts} VI to 1723. Hatchins says Stratfield belonged to John Saccomb knighted 1616 & the 3 previous generations had it. "In 1646 the farm of G Pitt cornet to Lord Hopiton value £140 was sequestered & 1654 G Pitt ^{of Stratfield Say} sold it to J. Fowles for £6000. In 1745 J. Fowles sold it to Julius Brookford of Jamaica for £12,000." Of course you knew all this

that I have gone into
them the least deeply
Thanking you again very
much for gratifying my
taste I remain
Yours very truly

A & I Mansel

The rowdies listened to
Lord Selborne but no
other speaker was allowed
to utter without frequent
& gross interruptions

and
L3007
Dorchester
May 2^d

Dear General Pitt Rivers

I am quite sure the
information I supplied
you with was too meagre
& incomplete. How the
few extracts out of
Hutchins' for your
consideration: but I
really do feel very much
indebted to you for the
clear & complete answer

which must have given
you so much trouble
to put together. It had
never come to my knowledge
before how the sur-name
of Rivers came to be
affix to the family name
of Pitt, and I expect
many in this county
are still ignorant of
the condition of inheritance

I dare say you know
the bulk of the Moreton
property came to the
Pleydells, one of my
ancestors of that name
having married the
heiress, so then another
relationship has
come to light. These
discoveries make the
study of genealogies
so interesting: not

of Natalus and he then embraced
Rushmore & made a seat of it. having
been originally one of the Lodges of
Cranbourne Church Guild, belonged to
him. The title of Rivers was granted
to the first Lord in consideration of his
descent from Lady Jane Savage
daughter & heiress of Earl Rivers. The
Earldom became extinct & the title
of Baron Rivers was conveyed in the
person of George Pitt in 1776 who was
ambassador in Spain. The name of
Rivers as a surname appears to have
been introduced first into the will
of the 2^d Lord, I do not know exactly
why, but I believe in order to distinguish
this family from the Crantham Pitts
which was at that time of course the
more prominent branch of the family
My predecessors the Beckfords
then they inherited the ^{name} property
took the surname of Pitt Rivers for
the eldest & Pitt only for the remainder

Copy of letter in answer to W. Mansel;
letter of the 29th April.

Rushmore,
Salisbury.

May 1. 1817

Dear Mr. Mansel

Many thanks for your note
and the interesting information
contained in it, some of which was
new to me. as you take an interest
in genealogy I will give you the
particulars of the Pitt family otherwise
one does not naturally write to people
about ones pedigree. The George
Pitt who died in 1734 aged 72 and
whose monument is in Stinsford Church
was my Great Great Great Grandfather
that is to say he was Grandfather of
the 1st Lord Rivers & Lord Rivers was
my Great Grandfather. This George
Pitt married first, Lucy daughter of
Thomas Pile of Beverstock, Wilts, from

which marriage the Pitt Rivers of
Wheatfieldsay & Rushmore are
descended. ^{from the} and secondly he married
Laura daughter & heiress of Audley Grey
of Kingston from which latter marriage
I fancy the Billy Pitt you spoke of
was descended. John Pitt of Incombe,
^{from the} son of Trade & Plantations, was
his third son. ^{from} He married Marcia daughter
of ~~John~~ Marcus Morfan and had
issue by her William Morton Pitt
M.P. for Dorset. The name of ^{Morton}
appears to have been derived from
Edmund Pitt who married in 1620 the
daughter of Sir George Morton of Melbourn
at Andover in Dorset. William Morton
Pitt's sister Marcia married in 1790
George James Chomondley and had
issue by her. William Pitt I fancy
must be the Billy Pitt you spoke of,
at least he is the only William of
this generation that I can find.

conclude that the ^{property} ~~property~~
went to the children of Laura, ^{with Pitt's} ~~his~~ second
wife and the Wheatfieldsay & ^{of} ~~of~~
property came to the descendants of his
first wife Lucy & thence to me.
as respects Wheatfieldsay. It ~~was~~
was purchased by the Pitt family
some time before 1636 but I do not know
when. Sir William Pitt was seated
at ^{at that time} ~~at~~ Wheatfieldsay to Hants & Weymouth to
beset his monument in at Wheatfieldsay he
was knighted by ^{in 1618} ~~Queen Elizabeth~~ & was
granted the arms of 3 bezants & a
chevron with stalk for crest such is on
the monument of ^{of} ~~of~~ Pitt in Weymouth
church. Sir William Pitt was the eldest
son ^{the eldest branch} ~~of~~ and from his younger brother
Thomas all descended the Earls of
Chatham who took the arms of the
eldest Brother Sir William. Wheatfieldsay
was sold by Lord Rivers to the Duke
of Wellington sometime after the Battle

both being that was considered
 by the reasonable men of those times
 lease properties. too late to come
 into the possession of one heirson.
 the owner of ^{the Manor of} ~~Bermsingham~~ was not
 to inherit but it was to pass
 to the children of the second son
 of my Grandmother. he was my
 father. I am afraid you this
 time five year more about the
 Pitt family. ^{Mean time asked for.}
^{but John a long deal interested in de archbans}
^{royal matter. Myself along your party in pale debar.}
 I hope you liked the Records
 at Gorchowen yesterday.

Your most
 Obedt Servant.

PS I think that the Pitts keep
 at that time were a Hampshire the
 a Essex family that is not much
 in Hants about there.

Rushmore,
 Salisbury.

of the family in accordance with
 this will about 50 years ago and
 then I inherited the property of
 the same will I was compelled to
 do the same within one year or
 the property was willed to go in
 default of this to the next in the
 entail. I am rather glad always
 to have an opportunity of mentioning
 this to any one who takes an interest
 in such matters because it is not
 generally understood in the County why
 I have the name of Priors at all,
 that being the title of my predecessors.
 which I do not inherit. the late Lord

Pious & his brother the preceding
Lord ~~was~~ always obliged to
^{gravelly} sign ~~was~~ always obliged to
sign ~~was~~ always obliged to
Pious Duke of Devon & Cornwall
name was Pitt only. being a Peer
the name of Pitt Pious as a surname
did not appear at all in ordinary
life & it is therefore sometimes
supposed that I was the first to
assume the name of Pious as a
surname which is not the case
and I think of course I should be
very unlikely to do of course not
compelled by the will to do it.
It looks rather like a pretension
then it is not understood to be

a legal necessity, and creates
confusion with those who do not
care to investigate hereditary descent.
The title of Baron Pious would have
become extinct with the 2^d Lord
if he, having no children, had
not taken a second patent with
remains to the children of his eldest
son Mrs Beckford. When the
male line of the Beckfords became
extinct the property went to
the children of Lord Pious second
son my grandmother. but not
the title. George Fox being the
eldest line of the Foxes would have
inherited it had it not been for
a second provision in the will of the
2^d Lord. that Bramham & Rushmore