

THE BAYNES FAMILY OF HAVERING

The Baynes family at the time when John Baynes built Bower House, Havering (from early May 1729* and completed the same year) consisted of:

John Baynes (1689-1737) Serjeant at Law, son of Edmund Baynes of Essex

Mary Baynes (1687-1771) his wife, who he married in 1708, and was the daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Beke; her maternal grandfather was Sir Thomas Lee of Hartwell who married Elizabeth Sandys, the daughter and heiress of Thomas Sandys of London. Mary's eldest sister Anne married Marc Antonie**

Lucy Baynes (1709-1764) was John and Mary's only surviving child*** and she married in 1743, as his third wife, Francis Leigh of Kent (1716-1774). He had no children with any of his wives****.

Thus, in 1728/9 when Lucy's portrait was certainly painted to fit Henry Flitcroft's framing, she was about 20.

John Baynes was a barrister and chief legal adviser to the 2nd Duke of Montagu***** and Baynes' wife, Mary Beke, was sister-in-law to Mark Antonie, the Duke's Chief Steward, until 1720.

I have not tried to make a further link between the Lee and Leigh families. The other portraits from Bower House may have their subjects hidden within the Lee/Sandys families.

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*Jo Baynes Serjeant at law began a new house [Bower House] at Havering 3 May 1729' (page 4-35)
Essex Archives Online - Catalogue: D/DCm Z19

**Richard Beke (1630-1707) | WikiTree FREE Family Tree

https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=VtsHAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA105&lpg=PA105&dq=john+baynes+of+havering+lucy&source=bl&ots=xCM7D4NHA-&sig=ACfU3U2T4Derq7IXWUJDcgCUwG7-6aPXfA&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKewjFiq2i0c_0AhXLQkEAHRN0DRoQ6AF6BAgdEAI

****Francis Leigh (unknown-1774) - Find A Grave Memorial

***** Crispin Powell, Buccleuch Archivist, 2021.

