

CORRIGENDUM: SHARP PRACTICE

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Following the publication last year of *Sharp Practice: An Exposé of the Sharpe Pedigree from the 1558 Visitation of Essex*,² Dr Matthew Payne contacted me to advise that although Robert Fabian the Chronicler had two brothers named Stephen and John, like others before me, I had conflated them with their cousins, sons of Robert Fabian of Coggeshall. Rather, the chronicler's eldest brother was John who was the same individual I described as living in 1481 when termed gentleman of Coggeshall, in 1484 when he was reported as his mother's heir at her Inquisition *Post Mortem*, and in 1498 when, as son and heir of his mother Agnes daughter of Walter Bonefey, he quitclaimed London property. This, of course, removes all the difficulties of interpretation about his relationship to Agnes. Stephen, referred to as gentleman of Beckenham, Kent was the second brother, and Robert was the youngest. The implication of this is that Agnes Bonefey was mother of all three sons of her husband John Fabian.

The early death of Robert Fabian's father and his mother's second marriage to Nicholas Sharpe as revealed in my article were new to Dr Payne who is working on a biography of the chronicler's life to be published in due course.

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² *Foundations* 12 (2020): 55–88.