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Tempest family of Bracewell and Broughton

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In the January 2009 issue of *Foundations* (**3**(1): 37-60) I presented an article "*The Early Tempests*," regarding the Tempest family of Bracewell and Broughton, Yorkshire in the 12th and 13th Centuries. An additional considerable amount of information about the Tempests up to the early 20th Century has now been posted on Chris Phillips's website, at:

<http://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/families/ebt/index.shtml>

This material is a transcript of a manuscript developed in the early 20th Century by Eleanor Blanche Tempest of Broughton Hall, titled "*Tempest Pedigrees*." The manuscript is in the British Library, Add. MS 40670 and a copy exists at Broughton Hall. Mrs. Tempest lived at Broughton with her husband Arthur Cecil Tempest. In the 1930s, Mrs. Tempest's daughter, Blanche Cecil, arranged for a typed transcript of the Broughton Hall version of the manuscript. Copies of this transcript exist at Broughton Hall and Stonyhurst College, near Clitheroe. With the assistance of Henry Tempest, the current resident of Broughton Hall, my colleagues and I have produced an electronic version of the transcript (now posted above) which runs to over 700 pages plus an index. The document contains detailed information about over a thousand Tempests and their wives. There are colour renderings of coats of arms and signatures and a number of pictures, drawings, and other ancillary material.

As this document contains a vast amount of information about the Tempest family, it should be a valuable resource for Tempest researchers. The document is remarkable for its detailed documentation. The material should also be of interest to social historians of the late medieval and early modern period. There are also interesting descriptions of the tribulations and persecution of a stoutly Catholic family in the two hundred years following the Reformation.

The transcript is in MS WORD format.

Medieval Soldiers database

from the Editor²

A free-to-use pilot database of medieval soldiers (1369 to 1453) has been developed by the Universities of Southampton and Reading. The compilers consider it should be of immense value and interest to genealogists as well as social, political and military historians. It may be found at:

<http://www.icmacentre.ac.uk/soldier/database/index.php>

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