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The books *Burke's Peerage & Baronetage* and *Burke's Landed Gentry* have, for 175 years, recorded the genealogies of the UK and Ireland's titled and landed families. Often referred to as 'the aristocracy bible', these are without comparison as a genealogical reference to the influential figures and families of Great Britain and Ireland.

Burke's publishing director, Harold Brooks-Baker says Bush's royal connections are startling. "[Bush] is closely related to every European Monarch both on and off the throne," says Brooks-Baker. Some of the governor's royal kin include Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, the Queen Mother, Duchess Sarah "Fergy" Ferguson and even the late Princess Diana. His most prominent ancestor may be England's King Charles II, who shared the governor's vision of a strong military. Going back nearly 1000 years, Brooks-Baker points out both the Bush and Pierce families [Barbara Bush's maiden name is Pierce] were high society. "Not one member of his family was working class, middle class, or even middle, middle class," he notes.

Gore's family members weren't exactly peasants. The vice president's family tree includes Charlemagne and three Holy Roman emperors. And a good fight wouldn't frighten the vice president's most famous ancestor, England's Edward I - best known today as the king who defeated, then executed Braveheart. Gore is running a bit behind Bush in the European royal count, his blood-line runs close to some American home-grown nobility, including Thomas Jefferson.

As for John Kerry, "the 60-year-old can trace his roots back to the first Massachusetts governor, John Winthrop, to every great family in Boston and to a host of royals in Europe. Kerry can almost certainly be traced back to King James I and to the bloodlines straight through the Windsor and Hanover families," Brooks-Baker said. "But both candidates have a remarkable number of royal connections and both are related to Queen Elizabeth."

What about Bill Clinton ? In an Associated Press article published in *The Daily Oklahoman*, October 28, 1996, Harold Brooks-Baker said: "Bill Clinton was born William Jefferson Blythe, but took his stepfather's name as a teenager. Clinton's ancestry can be traced back, on his mother's side, to King Henry III who ruled England from 1227 to 1272. He is descended from King Robert I of France.

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I'm related to the Kennedy family on my paternal grandmother's side. ^^

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I am related pretty closely to Barbra bush, so would that make me related to the royal families you listed there? because my family has looked back and found something about Blue blood that i dont quite understand

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Ben Bush



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I believe I am 3rd or 4th cousin to President George W. Bush.
7 years ago, that was a great thing. Now???????????? I have to be careful about my name. 😊

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Burke's Peerage may be right in the above but as far as I am concerned they are not correct all the time. For instance the present day chiefs of Clan Donald have all been tested to have the R1a haplogroup except one while most Irish and descendants of Highland Scots have R1b haplogroup. The R1a haplogroup is more Germanic. To get the connection to the R1a haplogroup the Clan Donald USA historian goes back to a character in the 12th century called Somerled. So now 800 years later we are suppose to believe that the most powerful and prominent clan in Scotland and Northern Ireland chose a Viking to lead them. 🤔

Obviously the Clan Donald USA historian is alone with Burke's Peerage in their beliefs. Irish historians have known for centuries that Somerled was a common Irish name in the 8th century and beyond. It's believed that the name of a clan leader of the 16th century, **Sorley Boy MacDonnell** was a derivative of the name Somerled.

For a while peerages could be bought in Great Britain as if they didn't mean anything. I'm afraid Burke's Peerage can be trusted about as much as the Mormon's genealogical data base, questionable at best.

A little off topic but hopefully interesting to some.

Mike

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