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I was greatly interested by a recent article in the Daily Telegraph about your researches into Lieutenant Mark Phillips' ancestry.

Over the last six months I have been doing a lot of research into my own modest family history, and only two weeks before seeing the Telegraph article, had obtained from an aunt in South Africa a copy of my maternal grandmother's family tree. She was a Carmichael, related to the Earls of Hyndford, and could thus apparently show a direct line of descent from Edward I by his second wife, Margaret. My own enthusiasm prompts me to enclose, for your own interest, a copy of the tree, showing the direct line only. I cannot vouch for its authenticity but a note attached to the copy in my aunt's possession, which belonged to her Carmichael grandmother, stated that the original was held in Somerset House.

I note that Debrett's was first issued in 1802, by which time the Earls of Hyndford had not yet become extinct. I shall return to the UK on leave in August and wonder whether I might call at your offices to consult one of your earliest editions. Could you very kindly say whether this might be possible. All I have in mind is to spend half an hour making a note of all the relevant details of the Hyndfords; I have no intention of bothering anybody with my own family questions.

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Edward I	m	2ndly	Margaret d of Philip III of France
Edmund Earl of Kent d 1330	m		?
Joan Plantaganet, Countess of Kent b 1328	m		Thomas, Lord Holland d 1360
Lady Margaret Holland	m		John Beaufort, Marquis of Dorset & s of John of Gaunt
Lady Joan Beaufort	m		James I of Scotland
James II 1437-1460	m		Marie d of Arnold, Duke of Gueldes
Princess Mary of Scotland	m		2ndly James, Lord Hamilton
Lady Elizabeth Hamilton	m		Matthew Stewart 2/10 Early of Lennox d 1513
Lady Elizabeth Stewart	m		Sir Hugh Campbell of Doudon
Margaret Campbell	m		James Carmichael of Hybdford
Walter Carmichael of Hyndford 1567-1616?	m		Grizel d of Sir John Carmichael of Meadowflats
John Carmichael (brother of Sir James C of Hyndford)	m		?
James Carmichael the Younger	m		?
Andrew Carmichael of Dungarvon d 1758	m		1701 Annie Montgomery
James Carmichael 1702-1730	m		Mary White
Andrew Blair Carmichael	m		Jane Moore
Andrew Blair Carmichael (Registrar of Court of Exchequer) d 1812	m		Jane Colbeck
Hugh Carmichael	m		Caroline Wright
Jemasina Frederica Carmichael	m		William Woolley
Mary Caroline Woolley b 1885	m		Henry Clifford Kay (S Africa) b 1881
Dorothy Kay b 1908	m		William Gregory MacDonald b 1903 in Boston Mass
Michael Gregory MacDonald	m		Pamela Audrey Martyn