

Godwulf

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Godwulf was born about 80 AD. He heads the longest genealogical line recorded in my records, covering 67 generations. That shows easily that a generation averages about 29 years. That is the time between a person's birth and the first child given issue by that person.

Source:<http://www.smokykin.com/ged/f002/f54/a0025416.htm>

Various royal genealogies of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms, collectively referred to as the Anglo-Saxon royal genealogies, have been preserved in a manuscript tradition based in the 8th to 10th centuries. The genealogies trace the succession of the early Anglo-Saxon kings, back to the semi-legendary kings of the Anglo-Saxon settlement of Britain, notably named as Hengest and Horsa in Bede's *Historia ecclesiastica gentis Anglorum*, and further to legendary kings and heroes of the pre-migration period, usually including an eponymous ancestor of the respective lineage and converging on Woden. In their fully elaborated forms as preserved in the *Anglo-Saxon Chronicles* and the *Textus Roffensis*, they continue the pedigrees back to the biblical patriarchs Noah and Adam. They also served as the basis for pedigrees that would be developed in 13th century Iceland for the Scandinavian royalty.

Godwulf seems to be the 34th great grandfather of the 26th great grand uncle of Betty Westmoreland and the 28th great grand uncle of my Westmoreland grandchildren. Betty is the mother of Steven O. Westmoreland, my son-in-law. Godwulf's descendants travel down through the Westmoreland family line.

Source:http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Vesuvius

Godwulf came about on this earth in the days that the Biblical New Testament were being completed. The concluding book of the Bible, "*The Revelation of Jesus Christ*," was written by the Apostle John, "the disciple whom Jesus loved," when Christians were entering a time of persecution. The two periods most often mentioned are the latter part of Nero's reign (54-68 AD) and the latter part of Domitian's reign (81-96 AD). Most scholars date the book by the Apostle John about 95 AD. A few suggest a date during the reign of Vespasian: 69-79 AD." Other New Testament writings were being wrapped up in the era of Godwulf's birth. John is thought to have written this last book of the Bible while a political and religious prisoner on Pastmos, a rocky island used as a Roman prison off the western coast of Asia Minor, near Ephesus (modern day western Turkey).

Source: "The New International Version Study Bible," editor Kenneth Barker, Zondervan, publishers, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49530, 1984,page 1,522

The Gospel of Jesus Christ was beginning to grow across the world. However, it would be the 17th generation from Godwulf before Christianity came into this family line.

Of course, one of the most famous Post Biblical events to occur to the Israelite nation was the destruction of the Temple at Jerusalem in 70 AD, just a decade prior to Godwulf's birth.

In Godwulf's lifetime, when Trajan was Emperor of Rome (98-116), the Roman Empire reached its greatest geographical extent.



★ #Year 80 was a leap year starting on Saturday of the Julian calendar.



★ # The Emperor Titus inaugurates the Colosseum with 100 days of games.



★ # The earliest stage of Lullingstone Roman villa is built (approximate date).



★ # The Roman occupation of Britain reaches the River Tyne-Solway Firth frontier area (approximate date).



★ # The original Roman Pantheon is destroyed in a fire, together with many other buildings.



★ # The Eifel Aqueduct is constructed to bring water 95 km (60 miles) from the Eifel region to Colonia Claudia Ara Agrippinensum (modern Cologne).



★ # The first African enters the Roman Senate



★ #The aeolipile, the first steam engine, is invented by Hero of Alexandria.



★ #The Gospel of Luke and Acts are written (approximate date), as well as the three letters of the Apostle John and his Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ.



★ #The Gospel according to Matthew is translated into Greek.



★ #Saint Timothy, bishop of Ephesus died in 80 A.D. (traditional date)



★ Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/80>



This series of genealogical and historical events have been compiled for the information and enjoyment of interested persons. Obviously, dates and facts claimed to have ancient origins, chiefly prior to the 1600s, are often not considered reliable by serious historians. However, they do reflect ideas and notions people researching history have felt likely took place. It is in those senses that I hope the reader enjoys this effort.

For those interested in a more complete genealogical report of descendants in these 67 generations, here is a 377-page report:

<http://www.dasharpe.com/Genealogy/GodwulfDesc.pdf>

To see a genealogical chart of my relationship to Godwulf through my father's Sharpe family line, here is a link:

<http://www.dasharpe.com/Genealogy/Charts/GodwulfRelaDA.pdf>

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