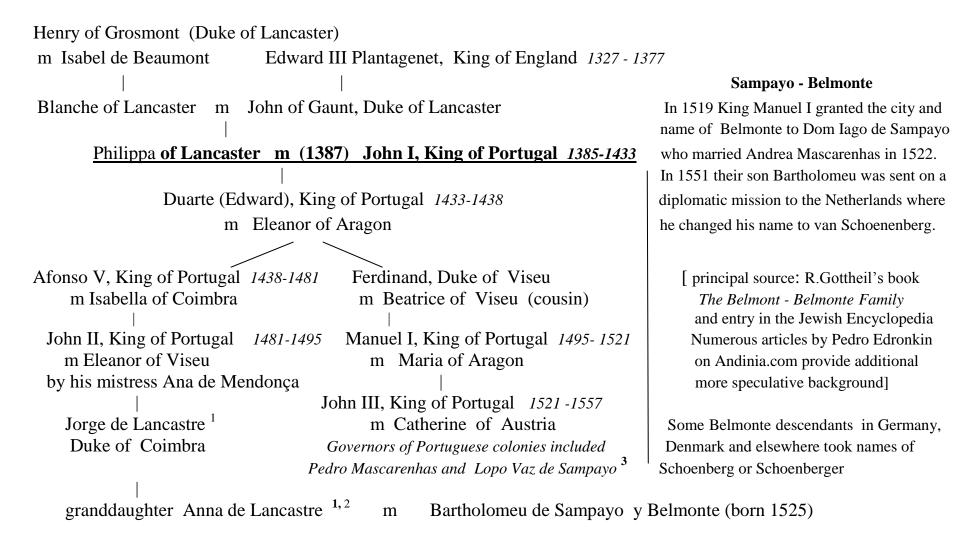
## **Linking the House of Lancaster with the House of Aviz**

and a note on the migration of distinguished Marranos from Portugal



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## **Footnotes**

- Jorge de Lancastre (1481-1550), Duke of Coimbra m. Beatriz de Vilhena, daughter of Alonso of Braganza.

  Articles on Andinia.com where his descendants including Anna de Lancastre are to be found.

  One of Jorge de Lancastre's sons was Jaime, who became Portugal's first Inquisitor-General and appears to have been an uncle of Anna de Lancastre, spouse of Bartholomeu de Sampayo Belmonte who was of Marrano descent
- The descent of Anna de Lancastre from Philippa of Lancaster, daughter of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster and his first wife Blanche of Lancaster, is discussed by RJ.H. Gottheil in his book "The Belmont-Belmonte Family" (published in 1917 and digitised by Google, 2008):

"It is quite probable that Anna de Lancastre belonged to this family. The supposition is strengthened when we remember that another female scion of this same Lancaster family, Dona Magdalena de Lancastre (expressly stated to have been "of royal blood"), was married to a Marrano, Francisco de Brito Coutinho, son of Heitor (Hector) Mendes de Brito, called De Elvas, a knight of the royal house.' Such eminent connections as these need not fill us with any wonder. The Jews, and especially the Marranos, occupied such a position for several centuries that they were able to aspire to the highest. There is a story, told again and again, that when, in consequence of the Inquisition, the proposition was made in Portugal to distinguish all Jews and all descendants of Jews by forcing them to wear yellow hats, the Marquis of Pombal appeared before the king with three yellow caps in his hand. When asked for whom they were, he replied: "One is for your Majesty, a second is for myself and the third is for the Inquisitor-General."

3 Lopo Vaz de Sampayo (ca 1480 – 1534) was Governor of Portuguese India from 1526 to 1529. He is referred to as the father of Dom Iago de Sampayo y Belmonte (P. Edronkin, Andinia.com).

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