

# A description of England, as it was devided in the Saxones time into vij. kingdomes.



## The entring and raigning of the Saxons.

This was the coming in first of the Angles or Saxons into this realme, being yet vncivilized and infidels: which was about the yeare of our Lord, as William Malmesbury testifieth. CCC. lxx. the Captaines of who were Hengist and Horus. Although the sayd Hengist and Saxones at their first coming, for all their subtle working and cruell attempt, had no quiet settling in Britayne, but were driven out divers times by the valiantnesse of Aurelius Ambrosius, and his brother Uter aboue mentioned, who raigned after that among the Britaynes: yet notwithstanding they were not so driven out, but that they returned againe, and at length possessed all, driving the Britaynes (such as remained) into Cambria, which we call now the wales. Hengist, as some Chronicles recorde, reigned 43. yeares, and died in Kent. Galfridus in suo Britannico sapeth: that he was taken in warre by Aurelius Ambrosius, and beheaded at Loningsburgh, after he had raigned xxxij. yeares.

After the death of Hengist, his sonne Ose, raigned xxxij. yeares leaving his sonne Ose, to whose reigne with his sonne Ymensicus, by some doe attribute liij. yeares,

who also were slaine at length by Uter Pendragon, Polichroni. Lib. 4. cap. 4.

The Saxones after they were settled in the possession of England, distributed the realme among themselves, first in seven parties: every part to haue his king, that is: The first to be the king of Kent. The second to be king of Suffer and Southerye, holding his palace at Licester. The thirde king was of Westsax. The fourth king of Essex. The fift king was of the East Angles, that is, of Cambridgshyre, Northfolke, and Southfolke. The vi. king of Mercelaud, or Mercia, and in his kingdome were contained the Countiees of Lincolne, Leiceser, Duntynghdon, Northampton, Oxford, Darby, warwoke, &c. The vii. king had all the countiees beyond Dumber, and was called king of Northumberland.

Of these seven kingdomes, although they continued not long, but at length ioyned all in one, coming all into the possession & subiection of the Westsaxons: yet for the space they continued (which was in continual trouble & warres among themselves) thus is the race and order of them, as in this Table particularly followeth to be seene.

Ex Polierow. lib. 5. cap. 4.

Seven kings ruling in England.

Aurelius and Uter. Ioanes to Constantinus.

Ex Galfrido. Ex Alfredo. in suo Britannico.

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