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*From the Real Downton Abbey
to the Discovery of Tutankhamun*

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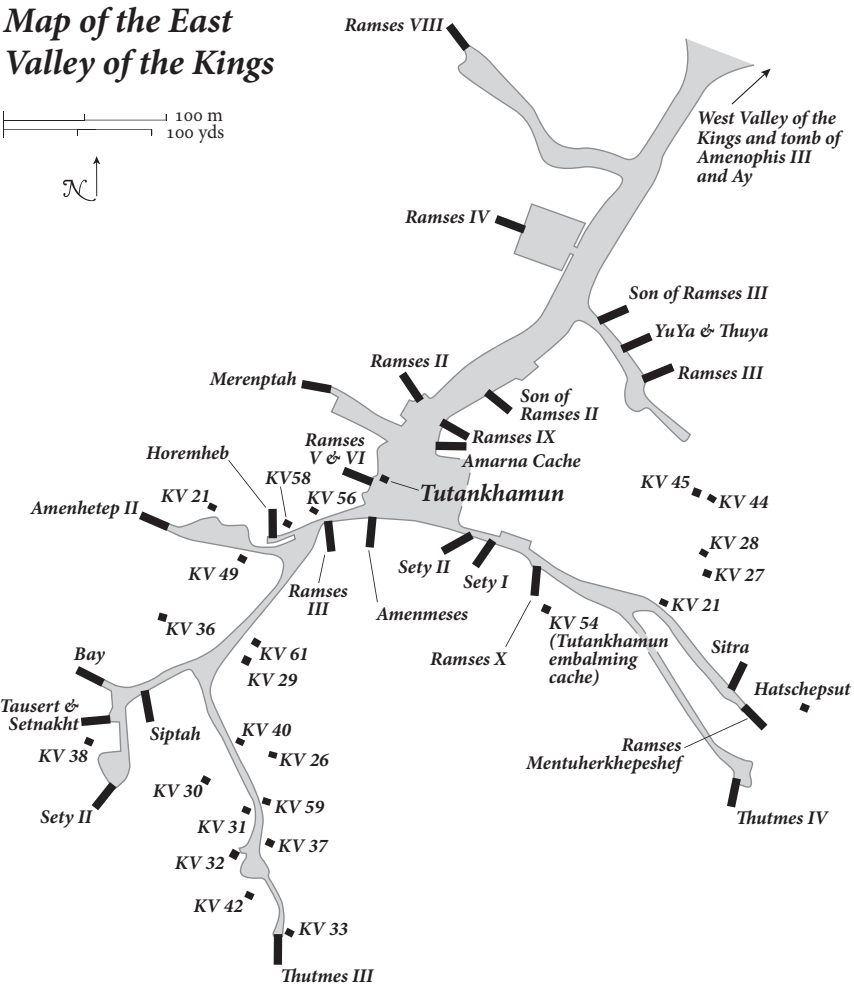
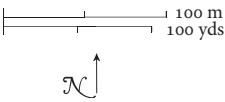
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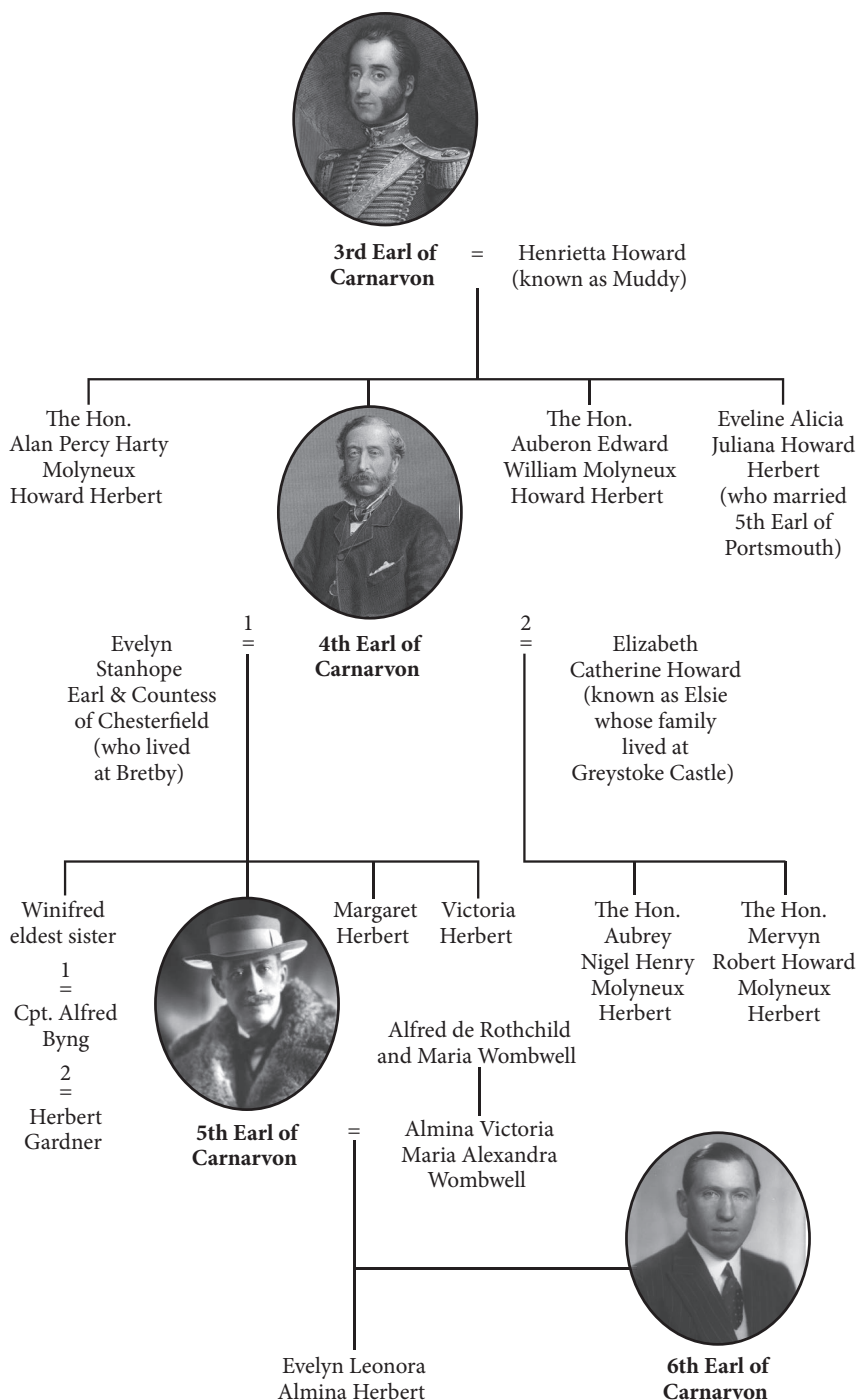
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Map of the East Valley of the Kings





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