



THE BOWMAN STONE AT YANWATH.

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ART VI. — *On Armorial Stones at Yanwath and Barton Church.* By FRANCIS HASWELL, M.D.

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LAST summer Col. Westmorland, of the Grotto, Yanwath, drew my attention to a stone in his garden with a shield of arms on it. It had evidently been placed there after the wall was built and without much obvious reason. The puzzle was, whose arms were recorded and where had the stone come from? A little investigation and cleaning of the stone showed that the salient point of the shield was three bows. We have a local family of Bowman, represented by Mr. William Bowman, of Askham, and on applying to him I found he had a book-plate with the identical arms, as borne by Thomas Bowman, of Trinity College, Cambridge, and afterwards master at Hawkshead, from whom the estate at Askham was inherited. The arms are:—Or. on a chevron gules, three ermine spots between three bows ppr. Crest, on a mount vert, the stump of a tree ppr., around the upper part a belt, therefrom pendant on the dexter side a quiver all or, filled with arrows arg. Motto: *Regem et legem arcu defendo.*

Through the kindness of Mr. Richard Bowman Brockbank, I find that the stone was brought to the Grotto by Thomas Wilkinson (the Quaker friend of Wordsworth and Eliz. Smith, of Coniston), from Low Close, in Askham parish, probably at the time it was sold to the Lowthers, about 1840. There are evidences that it was over the doorway at Low Close above a stone inscribed:—

R. B.

(Richard Bowman.)

A.D., 1759.

but as the walls have been covered with rough-cast, the indications are not quite clear.

The family of Bowman has been living at Askham as far back as the Askham registers go (1566) with a branch at Helton. They do not appear to be connected with the Bowmans of Brampton, whose arms are probably of the type of which the late Chancellor Ferguson wrote ("Heraldry of the Cumberland States men," these *Transactions*, xii., art. vii.).

The family at Askham has a tradition that their forebears were foresters of Martindale, and it may well be so, but I can obtain no definite evidence on the point. About the year 1700, Thomas Bowman took to wife Eleanor Law, of a family which is probably related to Edmund Law, Bishop of Carlisle (Miss Noble's *History of Bampton*), and ultimately the estate of the Laws passed to the Bowman family. As showing the value of chattels at that time the following inventory, taken on the death of Thomas Bowman, may be of interest.

A true inventorie of all & singular the goods & chattels & credits of Thomas Bowman, late of Askham in the County of Westmorland, deceased, taken & apprized this fifth day of October, 1724, by us whose names are underwritten :

		lb	s	d
Impr.	His horse, saddle, purse and & apparel	20	. 00	. 0
Item.	Brass & pewter	05	. 00	. 0
"	Wood vessel	01	. 00	. 0
"	A clock & a case	02	. 10	. 0
"	Two cubbarts, a table, 5 chairs a forme	04	. 00	. 0
"	Bedding & Bedsteads	15	. 00	. 0
"	Five chestes	01	. 10	. 0
"	Two arks	01	. 02	. 0
"	A fleshe tub	00	. 10	. 0
"	Meal and malt	03	. 16	. 0
"	30 stone of wool at 3 shillings a stone	04	. 10	. 0
"	Corn & Hay	40	. 10	. 0
"	17 Black Cattle & four horses	42	. 00	. 0
"	Two hundred & twenty sheep, old & young	35	. 00	. 0
"	Carts & wheels & husbandry gear	06	. 10	. 0

„ A swine	00 . 10 . 0
„ (undecipherable)	01 . 00 . 0
„ Butter & cheese	01 . 12 . 0
„ Poultry	00 . 10 . 0
Debts owing to the deceased	01 . 10 . 0
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	lb s d
Sum of the inventory	188 . 00 . 0
Debts owing by the deceased	40 . 10 . 0
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	lb s d
Rests due	147 . 10 . 0
Names of appriz ^{rs} .	Henry Smith
	John Law
	Thomas Law's mark ×
	Richard Bowman.

The family patrimony was divided in 1777 by Richard Bowman between his two sons, the Law's part ultimately coming to the Rev. Thomas Bowman, who was for many years the master of the Grammar School at Hawkshead, where the following inscription is placed to his memory—

“In memory of the Revd. Thomas Bowman, A.M., Head Master of the free Grammar School of this place, upwards of forty-two years. He closed a useful life the xiv day of June, MDCCCXXIX, aged LXVIII years. Also Margaret his wife, who died the vi day of January, MDCCCXLI, aged LXXIV years.” (*Monumental Inscriptions of Hawkshead*, by H. S. Cowper, F.S.A.)

Mr. Cowper also states that he was a benefactor of the school about 1789, and that it was on his suggestion that every scholar subscribed annually 5s. to the library and presented a book or books on leaving school. He became the owner of Grisdale Old Hall (*Hawkshead, its History, &c.*).

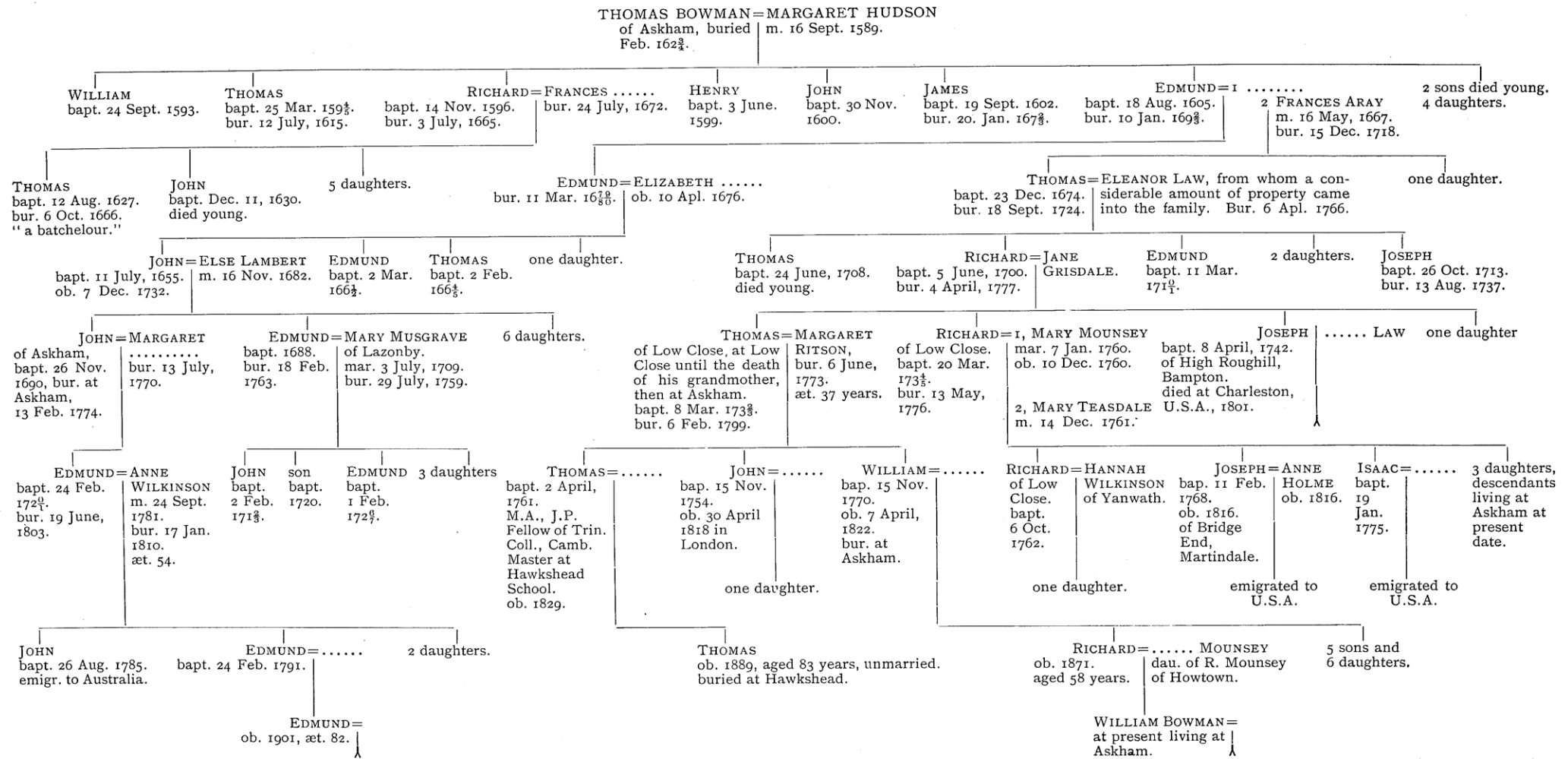
His son dying unmarried, left the estate to the present owner, Mr. William Bowman.

When the estate of Low Close came into the family I cannot state, but it was evidently left to Richard the son of Richard, in 1777, and sold by his granddaughter, Mrs. Brockbank, about 1840, to the Lowthers.

SHIELD OF ARMS AT BARTON CHURCH.

On the east side of the porch at Barton Church is an interesting shield of arms, concerning which some small error has arisen. It is supposed, and probably is, the armorial bearing of the family of Hartsop, of Hartsop in Patterdale. Nothing definite appears to be known about this family, and I have never come across the name except in Nicolson and Burn, who state that one of the Lancasters of Sockbridge, married an heiress of that family and quartered their arms. This is no doubt correct, in that the family of Lancaster did quarter these arms, but the name may not have been Hartsop. The small error I wish to correct is that the arms are incorrectly given in all the local books, and always without the tinctures. On carefully examining the shield, three cross crosslets are plainly visible between the tynes of the stag's horns, and in the visitation of Westmorland, 1615, the arms are given as arg. three stags' heads cabossed surmounted with cross crosslets fitcheé gules.

Pedigree of the Family of Bowman of Askham.



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