

ART. VIII.—*The Pickering Shield of Arms at Crosby Ravensworth Hall.* By FRANCIS HASWELL, M.D.

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THIS interesting shield of arms of the Pickering family stands above the doorway of the hall at Crosby Ravensworth, and no doubt is not in its original position, as the dripstone, which is the almost invariable accompaniment of such armorial shields, has gone.

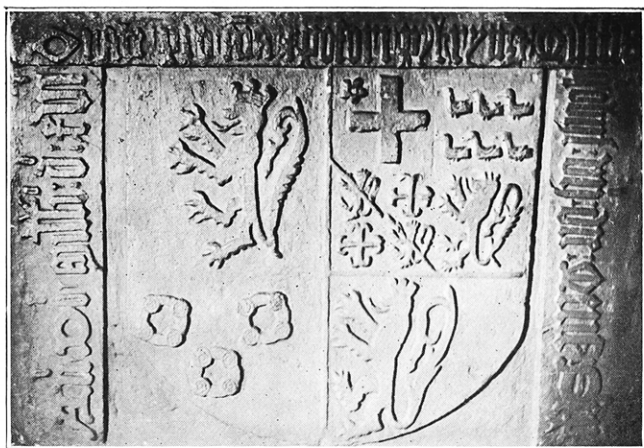
It is also interesting as showing a shield of a knight banneret with supporters, which appear to be a lion and a unicorn. This is unusual in this county, but examples do occur on seals, and there is sufficient warrant for it.

The shield has eight quarterings:—

1. Ermine, a lion rampt. az. crowned or ... for Pickering
2. Argent, three chaplets gules ... for Lascells
3. Sable, a cross arg. in the dexter quarter a cinquefoil of the second ... for Moresby
4. Per fesse, gules and argent, six martlets counterchanged ... for Fenwick
5. Gules, a lion rampt. arg. debriused of a bendlet az. ... for Tyllioll
6. . . . . a cross moline . . . . . for ?
7. . . . . a lion rampt. . . . . for Asby?  
(if Asby, it is arg. a lion rampt. sa.)
8. Argent, a maunch gules ... for Threlkeld

Nos. 2, 3, and 8 are Pickering alliances, and come as follows:—

2. James Pickering=Margaret, daughter and heiress of . . . .  
Lascells, *circa* 1480.  
(This is not a barry coat, and consequently not Greystock.)
3. James Pickering, Knight, his son, ob. 1516=Anne, daughter and heiress of Christopher Moresby, Knight.
8. James Pickering of Crosby Ravensworth, living 18 Henry VIII.=Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of Lancelot Threlkeld, Knight.



THE PICKERING SLAB ; St. Andrew's Church, Penrith.



THE PICKERING SHIELD OF ARMS ; Crosby Ravensworth Hall.

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Nos. 4, 5, and doubtfully 7 are Moresby alliances, thus:—

4. Christopher, son of Christopher Moresby, ob. 1499, who died during his father's lifetime=Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of Sir Henry Fenwick.
5. Christopher Moresby, ob. 1459=Margaret, daughter and co-heiress of Robert Tyllioll.
7. Hugh de Moresby, ob. 1343=Margaret, daughter and heiress of Sir Robert Asby of Asby.

I am doubtful about this coat, as the order on the shield would not warrant the assumption ; but I give it with less diffidence as the coats 4 and 5, about which there is no doubt, are not in sequence.

There remains No. 6, a cross moline. It is not possible for this to be Vesci, as Dr. Taylor seems to think, as the Vesci arms are a plain cross, and Margaret, daughter and heiress of Henry Bromflett, Lord Vesci, who married Christopher Moresby, who died in 1499, would carry her paternal arms—sable, a bend flory, counter flory or, as shown on a corbel in Crosby Ravensworth Church. Also on the Pickering slab in St. Andrew's Church, Penrith, the cross moline is shown as a quartering of the Tylliolls. I can find no surnames of the wives of this latter family, and thus am unable to give an interpretation of the coat.

There is also at Crosby Hall a nice piece of Jacobean glass in the stairway window giving the arms of Lowther impaling Fleming:—

Sir John Lowther, ob. 1637=Eleanor, daughter of William Fleming of Rydal.

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