

ART. XI.—*The Family of Dalston.* By FRANCIS HASWELL,
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I.—DALSTON OF DALSTON.

THIS Society last year visited Acornbank which, as far as I can gather, is the sole remaining dwelling in these parts associated with any branch of the family of Dalston. Their name has ceased in the county of Cumberland, where they were once of considerable importance and held much land, although not to any great extent in the parish from which they derived their name. Members of the family are mentioned frequently in the papers in these *Transactions*, but it does not appear that a pedigree has been made to bring together the various names given or to trace the landed possessions in the two counties.

This paper only attempts to trace the main line, the Acornbank and two smaller branches; and even in that, the earlier part of the parent stock is open to some doubt. Such other information as has been gleaned is inserted in its proper place, but there remain considerable data which are incomplete or not traceable with present knowledge and have not been used in this paper.*

The first notice met with concerning the family of Dalston is that "Robert de Vallibus, brother of Hubert de Vallibus, first baron of Gilsland, had granted to him the manor of Dalston, and assumed that name."† This statement is no doubt taken from the "Distributio

* The writer would be glad to receive any further information in connection with this family. He also has to thank Mrs. Boazman, Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. F. W. Ragg, H. M. Wood, Esq., T. Leighton, Esq., C. W. Ruston-Harrison, Esq., and the incumbents of the various parishes from whose registers extracts have been taken.

† Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.

Cumberlandiæ ad Conquestum Angliæ" of the Chronicon Cumbriæ, or one of the chartularies.* Whether this is a statement of fact or an attempt in later times to account for the then distribution of land may be left for others to settle, but in this particular case it seems improbable. In a later period Denton stated that the posterity of Robert de Vallibus ended in the main stem "in a daughter who, marrying a Harkla, conveyed the Dalston estates to that family," but from 1185 to 1230 the manor was in the hands of the king, and in the latter year it was granted to the bishop of Carlisle.† From this it appears that as early as 1185 the manor was no longer in the hands of the Dalstons (if it ever had been), but Nicolson and Burn mention one Reginald de Dalston, and Harrison (*History of Gilling West*) ‡ states that Robert de Dalston was lord of Little Dalston and was defendant in a plea of land at the suit of the prior of St. Mary's of Carlisle in 1219, and both appear to take it for granted that these persons are of the same family as Robert de Vallibus.

Other early mentions of persons of the name of De Dalston are given below ; but there is nothing to show that they are of the family which subsequently became known as Dalston.

1232. 19 Feb. Gilbert de Dalston pardoned of his outlawry at the instance of the bishop of Carlisle for a misdemeanour in the king's forest.§

* Ranulph de Meschinis feoffavit Hubertem de Vaux de Baronia de Gillesland et Robertum fratrem eorundem de Baronia de Dalston (Chancellor Prescott's *Register of Wetheral*).

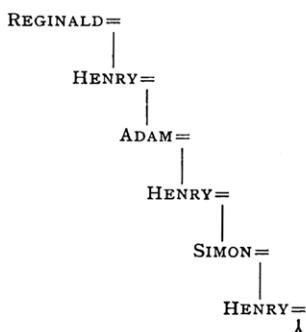
† In 14 Henry III. the manor of Dalston was granted to Walter Malclerk, bishop of Carlisle, but the Harkla family seem to have had some claim to it, as Bishop Irton in 1272 makes payment for it to Michael de Harkla (Nicolson and Burn), and in 1272 the same man had sued Robert Cherry, then bishop, in a writ of right (Denton). But whatever the rights were they would be extinguished by the flight and forfeiture of the Harklas in 1323.

‡ Harrison's extracts are, I suppose, correct, but his conclusions very inaccurate, and must be taken *cum grano salis*. For example, there is nothing to show that Robert de Dalston was a manorial lord.

§ Dr. Wilson.

1276. William de Dalston, with divers others, was defendant in a plea at the suit of the abbot of St. Mary's of Carlisle touching common of pasture in Sowerby, co. Cumb. (Harrison, *l.c.*)
1291. Adam de Dalston, parson of the church of Edenhall, defendant in a plea at the suit of William de Goldington for detaining wool belonging to him unjustly, value £50 sterling. (Harrison, *l.c.*)
1292. Emma, daughter of Nicholas de Dalston had two cows stolen at Dalston in the liberty of the bishop of Carlisle, for which Gilbert de Tingate, the thief, was hanged.*

We shall see later on that in 1301 the Dalstons did hold the manor of Little Dalston of the bishops of Carlisle, and there is nothing impossible in the pedigree that Denton† gives—viz.,



but of these one can only state that :—

- 1.—A Henry de Dalston gave Brownelston to the priory of Carlisle. †
- 2.—Adam de Dalston was a pledge for the bailiffs of the Bishop of Carlisle in 1258. §
- 3.—Against a Henry de Dalston, Richard de Boll claimed two bovates of land in Dalston in 1291. (Harrison, *l.c.*)

* Dr. Wilson.

† Denton married into this family, and had exceptional facilities for investigation during his enforced stay in the Tower.

‡ Denton's *Accompt.*

§ Parker's *Pipe Rolls of Cumberland and Westmorland.*

- 4.—Of Simon it is certain that in 1301 he held the manor of Little Dalston, and in 1271 he is mentioned as defendant with others in a suit of Alan de Over-ton (Orton) in Cumberland in a plea of trespass. (Harrison, *l.c.*)

From this time onward we are on firmer ground, and it is preferable to begin the family with :—

I.—SIMON DE DALSTON. The date given above (1301) is the earliest certain one showing the family in possession of this small manor, but as in 1258 Adam de Dalston was a pledge for the bailiffs of the bishop it is possible that they held it then ; and the fact that some of the services had already been commuted for a money payment may tend to the same conclusion. The tenure is given below :—

Simon de Dalston tenet xvj bovatas terre et arrabit cum iiii^{or} carucis integris per tres dies, herciabit quod arrabit, metet cum viij hominibus per tres dies, falcabit cum duobus hominibus et cariabit quatuor plaustratas bladi et habebit prandium semel in die et reddit pro cornagio v^s et pro victu forestarii vj^s et pro quodam equo pro firmis Baronis per annum cariendis Londoniam v^s et faciet quartam partam stagni molendini, carriagium molarum et mæremii : postea redempta sunt omnia predicta pro xxj^s vjd, quamdiu domino placitum, preter opera stagni et domus molendini et carriagium molarum et mæremii. Summa xxj^s.*

Only one further fact about him has been gathered—namely, that Robert de Dalston was ordained priest by the bishop of Carlisle in 1332 on the title of Simon de Dalston.† If these facts all relate to one person he must have been over eighty years of age at his death.

II.—HENRY DE DALSTON is the next who appears to have held the manor ; Denton says he was the son of Simon.‡

* Rental of Bishop Halton ; MS.

† Dr. Wilson.

‡ Harrison says son of Stephen, but as he makes a similar mistake before, probably the account given above is correct.

In 1301 the prior of St. Mary of Carlisle claimed against him two tofts and six acres of land with the appurtenances thereof in Dalston as the right of his church. (Harrison, *l.c.*) On February 18th, 1307, he was appointed Commissioner of Array in the liberty of the bishop to raise 20 men to pursue Robert Bruce and his accomplices,* but it does not appear that any notable results were accomplished. He seems to have been succeeded by John, but to have had another son Thomas, whom Harrison mentions as a soldier in the Scottish wars in the reigns of Edward I. and Edward II., and who during his father's lifetime is called "Thomas fil. Henry." Later, the same authority states that one "Thomas fil. Thomas de Dalston," a man-at-arms in the Scottish and French wars of Edward III., was defendant in a plea of trespass at Warneshall (Warnell) in 1361 and again in 1362, and he gives the date of his death as 1363.

III.—JOHN, son of Henry de Dalston first appears on the scene in 1346 when he was one of the garrison of the castle of Carlisle, with the bishop, on the occasion of the battle between the garrison and the citizens.* It would be extremely interesting to know what the squabble was about, but I have not been able to trace anything. In 1366 he was plaintiff concerning lands in Thoresby (Thursby).*

He died in 1369 and his will, which is published in the *Testamenta Karliolensia*, is worth giving in extenso:—

In dei nomine Amen. Ego Joh. de Dalston die dominica proxima post festum Sci. Luce Evangeliste anno Domini MCCCLXIX condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo et beate Marie et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia de Dalston cum meliori averio meo nomine mortuarii. Item, do et lego in lumine circa corpus meum die sepulture mee et oblationibus xiijs iiij^d. Item, do et lego lumini beate Marie in ecclesia de Dalston xld. Item, lego lumini Sce Crucis in ecclesia de Dalston xld.

* Dr. Wilson.

Item, lumini Sci. Michaelis in ecclesia de Dalston xld. Item, lego uilibet pauperi venienti die sepulture mee jd. Item, quatuor ordinibus fratrum per equales porciones xijjs iiijd. Item, lego ad celebrandum divina servicia pro anima mea per unum annum in ecclesia de Dalston viij marcas. Item, lego duos boves ut transeant ad conducendum (sic)* pro anima mea. Item, lego ornamentis altaris Sci. Michaelis de Dalston ijs. Item, lego pro uno libro missali ad altare beate Marie in ecclesia de Dalston xx^s. Item, lego pro reparacione fontis in ecclesia de Dalston xij^d. Item, lego Willmo servienti meo duas vaccas et j eskeppam avene. Item, lego Johe del Feld ancille mee tres agnos. Item, lego Thome filio Ade Porter xij agnos. Item, lego domino Johi de Midleton vicario ecclesie de Dalston dimidiam marcam. Item, Dno. Nicho Lambe capellanus xld. Item, Thome clerico xld. Item, ponti de Caldewe juxta Karleolum xij^d. Item, ponti de Caldewe juxta Dalston xij^d. Item, lego residuum omnium bonorum meorum Agnete uxori mee et pueris meis. Et ad istud testamentum meum perimplendum et faciendum hos facio executores meos viz. :—dnm. Johem de Midleton, Adam Porter et Rob. de Briscawe. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum apposui.

IV.—JOHN (II.), son of John de Dalston. The first mention of this particular John is in 1379, when, on February 6th, the vicar of Dalston makes him one of the executors of his will,† and a few years later he appears to be a person of considerable importance, as he serves on several commissions with such notable men as John de Nevill, Roger de Clifford, Hugh de Dacre, and others ; in 1383 to arrest and imprison thieves and violators of truces,‡ and in the same year, on February 8th, to enquire into the pollution of a stream§ leading to Penrith by certain tanners and the consequent infection of the inhabitants.|| The infection was no doubt plague, for in 1384 the Scots, having made a raid as far as Penrith, carried the disease back with them and their booty.

* "Capellanum celebraturum per unum annum" are probably omitted.

† Dr. Wilson.

‡ *Rotul. Scot.*, ii., 48a, 52b.

§ The stream would be Thacka Beck, the head of which is fed by the river Petterill and the watercourse cut about this time at the expense of William de Strickland, afterwards bishop of Carlisle.

|| Patent Rolls.

We now come to a difficult period when in 1397 John de Dalston, senr., and John de Dalston, junr., are both mentioned, first as jurors at Carlisle* and secondly as witnesses to a deed relating to Ainstable,† and it is not till 1403 that it is stated that John de Dalston held Parva Dalston of the bishop of Carlisle, and from this I imagine that John, senr., was dead about this time. The county histories do not agree on the point; Nicolson and Burn get out of the difficulty altogether by giving one John only and Denton gives two, but the first John died, as we have seen, in 1369, and subsequently the names of John, senr., and John, junr., point to father and son, the latter leaving only young children at his death in 1416, whereas if there were but two men of this name (father and son?) the second would be about sixty years of age on his marriage. Altogether the probability is in favour of there being three Johns. John II. appears also to have had a daughter Margaret, who married a De Rybton,‡ whose name comes later in the descent.

V.—JOHN DE DALSTON (III.). Of him very little is known, except the fortunate fact that by his wife Isabella he held land directly from the Crown, and consequently his inquisition post-mortem is available. No doubt he is the John, junr., of the deeds previously mentioned, and it is probably he who held the manor of Parva Dalston in 1403, and was acquitted on an accusation of robbery by one Thomas Rypshaw in 1403.§ He died in 1416, and his Inquisition post-mortem states:—

Inquisitio capta apud Penreth die Martis proximo ante festum Ascensionis Domini anno regni regis Henrici quinti, quarto (1416) coram Hugone de Salkeld escaetore dicti domini regis, &c., in Comitatu Cumb. per sacramentum Ricardi Restewald, Willi. de

* Patent Rolls.

† These *Transactions*, N.S., vi., p. 285.

‡ Inquisition post-mortem of Joan Wheteheved, see p. 209.

§ Harrison, *History of Gilling West*.

Stapilton jnr, Rogeri de Layburn, Thome de Raghton, Willi. Flechere, Willi. de Rawbankes, Joh. de Robertby, Tho. de Hoton, Joh. Foster, Tho. Cardien, Adam Halteleghe et Hen. Atkynson, qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Johannes Dalston in dicto brevi nominatus tenuit die quo obiit ad terminum vite sue per legem Anglie post mortem Isabelle* medietatem nuper uxoris ejus defuncte ut de jure ejusdem Isabelle medietatem unius messuagii dimidiam carucatam terre, unam acram et dimidiam prati cum pertinentiis in Salkeld Regis in Comitatu predicto et quod dicta medietas terre et prati de dicto domino Rege in Sokagio, videlicet per servitium reddendi annuatim dicto domino Regi ad Saccarium Karlioli ad festum Sti. Michaelis 3^s 4^d pro omni servitio tenentur, quodque eadem medietas terre et prati valent per annum in omnibus exitibus juxta verum valorem eorundem ultra reprisas 10^s.

Item dicunt quod predictus Johannes Dalston tenuit dicto die quo obiit in dominio suo ut de feodo 16 bovatas terre cum pertinentiis in Dalston in Comitatu predicto et quod eadem 16 bovate terre tenentur de Episcopo Karliolensi ut de jure ecclesie sue Karliolensis per cornagium et per servitium faciendi eidem Episcopo et successoribus suis homagium et fidelitatem, et valent per annum ultra reprisas 20^s.

Et dicunt quod idem Johannes Dalston nulla tenuit plura sive alias terras sive tenementa dicto die quo obiit de domino Rege in capite in dominio suo nec in servitio, nec de aliquo alio in Comitatu predicto die quo obiit.

Et dictum quod predictus Johannes Dalston obiit 9 die Martii ultimo preterito.

Et quod Johanna et Maria fuerunt filie et heredes tam ipsius Johannis Dalston quam predictae Isabelle propinquiores, et quod dicta Johanna fuit etatis 11 annorum et prefata Maria 6 annorum dicto die quo idem Johannes Dalston obiit et amplius. In cujus rei testimonium, &c.

Joan, and I suppose Mary, being both under age, were made wards of the bishop, and soon after Joan was forcibly abducted by one William Whithede, apparently a person of good position in Carlisle, as appears from the following record :—

* Inquisition post-mortem, 4 Henry V., No. 7. Isabella appears to have been the daughter of Hugh de Salkeld Regis (Harrison), and had another sister Cecilia, who was the wife of William de More, but the Hugh de Salkeld mentioned as escheator cannot be the same as he would be next heir to his daughters, and if this is his son Hugh the same would apply.

Wills. Episcopus Karliol per attornatum suum optulit se 4^{to} die versus Willm. filium Mathei Whithede de Karliolo de Comitatu Cumb. armigerum, de placito quare Johannam filiam et heredem Johannis de Dalston infra etatem existentem cujus maritagium ad ipsum Episcopum pertinet apud Grysmere (? Grasmere) inventam rapuit et abduxit contra voluntatem ipsius Episcopi et contra pacem domini Regis, &c. Et ipse non venit. Et preceptum fuit Vicecomiti quod capiat eum, &c. Et Vicecomes modo mandat quod non est inventus, &c. Ideo et sicut prius capiatur quod sic hic a die Pasche in tres septimanas.*

It is not to be supposed that much kindness was exercised at these times in such matters, and probably Joan, who would be only thirteen years of age, suffered considerably in the process. No record is obtainable of the further trial, if any, but she appears to have married Robert Whithede (or Wheteheved, as he is called in a later document), and probably the bishop assented for a payment; such was the life of those times. Joan did not long survive the treatment, and died at the age of twenty years. The account comes as follows:—

1425. Wednes. after Transl. of St. Hilary. No. 26.

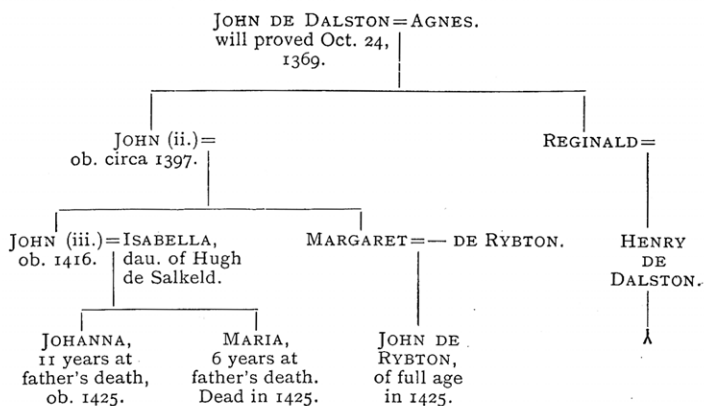
Joan, late wife of Robert Wheteheved; her heir was John de Rybton of full age, son of Margaret, sister of John de Dalston, father of the said Joan.†

From this we gather that Mary must also have been dead at the time.

The Rybton family did not long remain in possession of the Dalston lands, for Denton says that Henry, the brother of John, recovered by entail; Harrison says Reginald, whose son was Henry. Denton's account would make Henry of a very great age, as his father died in 1369, and another generation placed between would bring the ages about correct. A search has been made for the deed, but it cannot be found. I imagine the relationship may be expressed thus:—

* De Banco Rolls, Hilary, 5 Henry V., memb. 265.

† Close Roll, 4 Henry VI., m. 19.



VI.—HENRY DE DALSTON. Of him I can give little information except that mentioned above, and that in 1432 he rents to John de Rybton one-third part of Drumlynane (Drumleading) and Partayn (Parton) and Aykton (Aikton), which John de Dalston formerly owned, for sixty years for two marks yearly. The date is September 7th, 10 Henry VI., and in the following June 4th, 10 Henry VI., there is a half-year's receipt for the rent of the same lands.* This goes to confirm the statement above, and probably John de Rybton, being in possession, was allowed to retain part of the same at the above mentioned rent. In 1475 we find Henry replaced by his son,†

VII.—ROBERT, who married a daughter of . . . Southaic.† On September 29th, 1475, the bishop of Carlisle demised to him Dalston Bank, *alias* Bishopbank, for forty years; also in 1490 he paid a rent of 13s. for the farm of the close called Lingclose in Parva Dalston to the bishop for the ten years preceding.‡ He was succeeded by his son,

* Lowther MS.

† Denton's *Accompt.*

‡ Dr. Wilson.

VIII.—JOHN, who began to enlarge the family fortunes by marrying Elizabeth, one of the daughters and coheir-esses of George Kirkbride of Kirkbride. The marriage took place before 1507. The date of a settlement is shown in George Kirkbride's inquisition post-mortem, the abstract of which is given below :—

George Kirkbride died on January 24th, 1511, possessed of the manors of Kirkbride and Dockerey : premises settled by indenture dated February 1st, 1507, on himself in the one part and on John Dalston and Elizabeth his wife, Thomas Beauchamp and Isabel his wife, and Robert Clybbourn and Emmotte his wife, daughters and heirs of the said George. Heirs are the said Elizabeth, now aged 33 years; Isabel, aged 29 years; and Emmotte, aged 21 years.*

In 1513 there seems to have been a serious affray in which the other and junior branch of the Kirkbrides were the assailants, and which evidently shows bad blood between the heiresses of George Kirkbride and his brother and descendants. It is this :—

John Dalston and Elizabeth his wife, Gilbert Weddale and Isabel his wife, and Robert Clyborne and Emmotte his wife appeared by attorney against Richard Kyrkbryde, lately of Little Brathwayte in the county of Cumberland, "gentylman," Percival Kyrkbryde, lately of Little Brathwayte in the said county, "gentylman," James Stell, lately of Brathwayte in the aforesaid county, husbandman, Christopher Stevenson, lately of the aforesaid Brathwayte, husbandman, William Munte, Robert Bromell, lately of Brathwayte, Thomas Rumpney, Robert Briggs, lately of Brathwayte, Walter Kyrkbryde, lately of Westwarde in the said county, "gentylman," Milo Lowder, lately of Wygton in the said county, "gentylman," James Thompson, lately of Wigton, labourer, Robert Snell of Paterill, John Bewle of Darrock, Christopher Snell and John Snell, on a plea as to why in armed force they broke into the premises and dwellings of them, John Dalston and Elizabeth, Gilbert and Isabella, and Robert and

* Inquisition post-mortem, 3 Henry VIII., file 117, No. 1. The manor was held by knight service, 13^s 4^d cornage, 22^d puture, 16^d seawake and suit (Nicolson and Burn). For cornage, see Hodgson Hinde's *Pipe Rolls*, p. xxvii. For puture (Nicolson and Burn), the custom claimed by foresters to take food for man and beast of inhabitants within the forest. For seawake (Nicolson and Burn), this service consisted of finding men to watch and fire the beacons if any hostile ships threatened invasion from the sea.

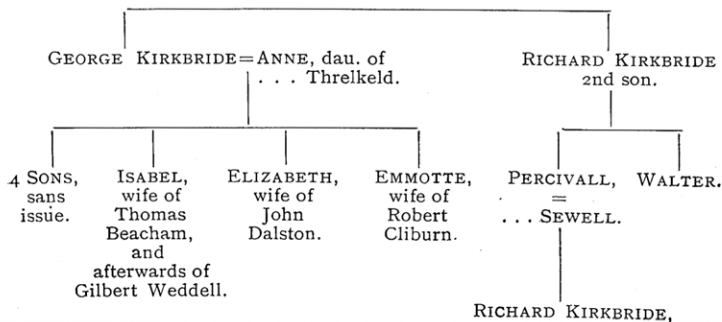
Emmote at Wygton, and committed other outrages, &c, &c, to the serious injury, &c, and against the king's peace, &c. The accused did not appear. The sheriff was accordingly ordered to attach them, and require them to appear within three weeks after Easter.*

He seems to have had a daughter Mary, who married Thomas Thornborrow of Hampsfeld.† He was dead in 1537, as appears from a suit of his son Thomas.

On the tower of Dalston Hall there are four coats of arms, well seen in the photograph by Mr. Stead, the present owner—two of Kirkbride and two of Dalston. The latter is different from the usual coat, being three daw's heads erased within a bordure indented. That this is not simply careless work on the part of the mason is shown by the definite engrail on the Kirkbride arms. The coat is interesting as the earliest Dalston arms I have come across, and from the fact that it is without the chevron and has a bordure.

IX.—THOMAS DALSTON considerably increased the possessions of his family by obtaining the manors of Brundholme, Uldale, Caldbeck-Upperton,‡ by purchase

* The Common Roll, Hilary, 4 Henry VIII. The relationship of the Kirkbrides, who brought with them a number of the baser sort, is given in the Visitation as follows:—



† St. George's visitation of Westmorland.

‡ Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.



THE ARMS OF DALSTON AND KIRKBRIDE
on the tower of Dalston Hall
(seen from below).

Photo. by E. W. Stead, Esq.

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from the Crown in 1544,* and in the same way the manor of Temple-Sowerby, part of the possessions of the late priory of St. John of Jerusalem, and the manors of Bowes and Waverton.† He also acquired from the Crown some of the lands of the abbey of Holme Cultram in 1546—viz. Lambert Garths, Thwait Croft and Reygarth, a fishery in Flemby and lands called Flemby Park and the wood there, but he sold them the following year to John Blenerhasset, Esq.‡ He purchased on January 27th, 1545, the advowsons of Harrington and Workington from Robert Brookelsbie and John Dyer, to whom they had been granted on the dissolution of the abbey of St. Mary of York, to which they had belonged.§ By his second marriage he came into possession of the manors of Ulton and Lassenhall, site of the manor of Bowness (wasted by the Scots), along with the advowson of the church of Bowness.|| The family estates had now increased to an important extent, and he was appointed sheriff for Cumberland in 1541.‡ He married twice:—

Firstly, Mabel, daughter of . . . Denton of Cardew,¶ and by her had two sons—

- 1.—John, who succeeded to the Dalston estates.
- 2.—Robert of Thwaites Hall, Greystoke, concerning whose family see below.

* These were also part of the lands of Henry, earl of Northumberland. Waverton is also mentioned by Harrison, but this was restored to Thomas, seventh earl, in 1557, whether by John Dalston or not is not clear. Nicolson and Burn also state that Caldbeck-Underfell was granted to Thomas Lord Wharton, who, being at that time warden of the West Marches, did so treat Mr. Dalston that he was glad to sell Caldbeck-Upperton to him; but Thomas Wharton seems generally to have been a disagreeable man.

† Harrison, *History of Gilling West*.

‡ Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.

§ Jackson's *Cumberland and Westmorland Pedigrees*, p. 309, states that Thomas Dalston sold the advowsons of these livings in 1564, but Thomas was dead in 1550, and his son John sold them.

|| Inquisition post-mortem, 4 Edward VI., file 90, No. 15. The other two coheiresses of George Kirkbride sold their two-thirds of the manor of Kirkbride to Henry, sixth earl of Northumberland, who gave this property to King Henry VIII., who in turn sold to Thomas Dalston (Nicolson and Burn).

¶ Denton's *Accompt*.

Secondly, Eleanor, daughter and coheiress of Thomas Carlile,* and had issue—

- 3.—Christopher, on whom his father by fine settled Uldale and Temple Sowerby in 37 Henry VIII.† He was the founder of the Acornbank branch of the family.

In the Dalston register the names of four daughters are given, but there is no indication of which wife they were the issue :—

- 1.—Barbara, wife of John Blenkinsop (of Helbeck?), married July 30th, 1571.
- 2.—Mabel, wife of Thomas Barwis (of Ile Kirk), married September 17th, 1571.
- 3.—Marie, wife of Nicholas Williamson (of Newhall), married September 13th, 1573.
- 4.—Elizabeth, wife of Henry Leigh, Kt. (of Isel), married September 22nd, 1573; sept., March 27th, 1622.

The suit previously mentioned as shewing that John Dalston was dead in 1537 is somewhat interesting, as giving detail of the heiresses of George Kirkbride :—

Agnes Cowell, lately in the service of Anne Kirkbride, widow, appeared by her attorney against Thomas Dalston, lately of Murhows, and Robert Clibburn of Clyburne, in the county of Westmorland, gentleman, and Gilbert Weddal of Nafferton, in the county of York and of Northumberland, gentleman, and against John Suthake of Skel (Scales in Skelton parish), and Thomas Clibborn of Clibborn, esquires, on the plea that each of them should pay her £20, which they owe her and are unjustly keeping back. The accused did not appear, and the sheriff was ordered to attach them, &c.‡

* Visitation pedigree. The arms of Carlile are evidently a variant of those of the city.

† Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.

‡ The Common Roll, Easter, 28 Henry VIII. Mr. Ragg states that Thomas Cliburn was summoned because Robert his son was then only enfeoffed under him.

Thomas Dalton died July 22nd, 1550, and the following is an abstract from his inquisition post-mortem :—

Inquisition post-mortem of Thomas Dalston of Dalston, September 25th, 1550.

Thomas Dalston died July 22nd, 1550, in seizin of the manors of Little Dalston, Kirkbride, Dockray, Brundholme and Murehouse, and the patronage of the rectories of Workington, Harrington and Kirkbride, and jointly with his wife Eleanor, who survives, of the manors of Ulton and Lassenhall, site of the manor of Bowness and rectory and advowson of Bowness.

John, son and heir, aged 27 years.*

This inquisition says nothing about the partition of the estates, but it certainly took place, for shortly after this time we find John Dalston at Dalston Hall and Christopher living at Uldale. It will be better to trace the main line first.

X.—SIR JOHN DALSTON, according to the inquisition of his father, was born in 1523, and filled an important position in the history of his county, being sheriff in 1568 and 1578 and knight of the shire with Leonard Dacre in 1556.† His name also appears on commissions.‡ He married Catherine Tolson of Bridekirk, who was buried at Dalston on May 11th, 1579 (Dalston register). The visitation pedigree commences here and gives as issue to the marriage one son and two daughters :—

- 1.—John, who succeeded his father.
- 2.—Mary, wife of Thomas Gent of Bunstead, co. Essex.
- 3.—Jane, wife of Francis Sandys of Coniston (? Hawkshead), whom she married on January 14th, 1575 (Dalston register); and secondly, of Sir Richard Musgrave of Norton Conyers, co. York.

* Inquisition post-mortem, 4 Edward VI., file 90, No. 15.

† Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.

‡ Commission to decide the customs of the manor of Holm Cultram, 1570 (these *Transactions*, N.S., iii., p. 173).

There were apparently two more daughters, as is seen by the will of John Dalston, his son :—

- 4.—Catherine, wife of Lancelot Skelton of Armathwaite.
- 5.—Elizabeth, wife of John Denton of Cardew, the author of the "Accompt of the Estates and Families of the county of Cumberland." *

Sir John Dalston died in 1580, and his burial is recorded in his native place on the tenth of December of that year. The inquisition post-mortem made on April 27th, 1581, shows that he died on the same day as his burial, and was in possession of the manors or lordships of Little Dalston, Kyrkbryd, Murehouse, Ulton, Dockerey and Brundholme, settled on his son John by indenture, dated January 8th, 1580, and that his son John was heir, and was then aged 24 years.†

He sold the advowsons of Workington and Harrington in 1564 to Sir Henry Curwen of Workington,‡ and the manor of Bowes to Philip Brunskill of Startforth in 1594.§

XI.—SIR JOHN DALSTON, Kt., was born in 1556, and appears to have been a person of importance in the county. He was steward of Burgh Barony for the earl of Arundel in 1582, and the *Border Papers* (vol. i., p. 89, *et seq.*) give an interesting account showing how Humphrey Musgrave, John Dalston, and others made a successful retaliatory raid into Scotland, and how the Scots threatened to burn his house down in revenge. The following Scottish claim in 1592, June 29th, probably relates to the same incident :—

* Nicolson and Burn state (p. 318) that John Denton married a daughter of Sir John Dalston of Dalston, and the Dalston register gives :—"John Denton of Cardew, sept. 26 Nov., 1617; Elizabeth Denton uxor Jo. generosi, sepult. 3 July, 1597."

† Chanc. inquisition post-mortem, 23 Elizabeth, file 192, No. 6.

‡ Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.

§ Harrison, *History of Gilling West*.

The provost and bailiffs of Kreakembut (Kirkcudbright) and other inhabitants, upon Mr. Dalston, esq., Dickes Davie Grame, for reset of 24 horses and meares, insight, &c., 2000^{li} sterling.*

There is quite a flavour of Mr. Kruger's claim for "moral and intellectual damages" about this incident. He was also commandant of the citadel of Carlisle in 1592,† a position of great trust during this reign. In 1586 he bought the manor of Little Bampton from Richard Tolson and John Southaic for the sum of £240.‡ He married twice:—

Firstly, Anna, daughter and heir of Thomas Tyrell of Birdbrook or Budebroke, co. Essex,§ by whom he had two daughters. She was buried March 19th, 1580 (Dalston register):—

- 1.—Dorothy, baptised May 12th, 1577 (Dalston register), wife of Henry Gent of Bunstead, co. Essex (Cumberland and Westmorland pedigrees; Foster).
- 2.—Catherine, baptised July 31st, 1580 (Dalston register), wife of Sir Henry Curwen of Workington (Cumberland and Westmorland pedigrees). She died before 1623.

Secondly, Frances, daughter and coheir of Thomas Warcop of Smardale (Cumberland and Westmorland pedigrees). The issue of this marriage was:—

- 1.—George, his heir.

* *Border Papers*, vol. i., p. 516.

† "The cittidell hath bin allwaies a distincte office by yt selfe and is lately granted to Mr. John Dalston whoe taketh that chardge uppon him and is redie for any requisyte service there" (*Border Papers*, vol. i.).

‡ Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.

§ Thomas Tyrell of Warwiche, born 1553, was heir to his grandfather, and died May 14th, 1573, holding the manor of Budebroke, &c. His heir was his only daughter, wife of Sir John Dalston of Dalston in Cumberland (*History and Antiquities of Essex*, Morant, 1708). The Visitation gives her name as Katherine, but Denton, who was her brother-in-law, says Anna. Moreover, the Dalston register has:—"1580. 19 Martii Mistress Anna Dalston uxor Jo. Ju. (junioris) brd."

- 2.—Robert, baptised April 21st, 1595 (Dalston register). Of him nothing can be gathered unless he is the Robert who was buried at Penrith on November 23rd, 1623.
- 3.—Elizabeth, wife of Sir Thomas Braythwayt (Cumberland and Westmorland pedigrees).

By his first wife he obtained the manor of Birdbrook in Essex and a moiety of the manor of Beckenham in Kent,* and by Frances Warcop the manor of Smardale in Westmorland (Cumberland and Westmorland pedigrees). He was knighted, probably by James I. during his progress in Cumberland, as was his relative Christopher Dalston of Acornbank.

Sir John Dalston was sheriff for Cumberland in 1585-88-95-1606, and was buried at Dalston, where the following entry occurs in the register:—"1633. December 2. The Rt. Worshipful Sir John Dalston, Knight, was buried." His will was proved December 20th, 1634, and is given with other wills in the course of this article.

XII.—SIR GEORGE DALSTON continued to increase the position of the family by marrying Catherine, daughter and coheiress of John Tamworth of Hallstead, co. Leicester (Cumberland and Westmorland pedigrees). She and her sisters were the coheiresses to a great estate—viz., the manors of Loudon and Gonthorp in Notts; Halstead, worth £1,000 per annum, in Leicester; Langton, Kingston, and Kripton in Dorset; and the manor of Blackpatch Hall in Radnor—of a total value of £3,600 per annum.† She was born at Hallstead,‡ and married February 11th, 1604 (Dalston register); but did not long survive, being buried at Dalston, July 22nd, 1614. Sir George was sheriff for Cumberland in 1619, and knight of

* *History and Antiquities of Essex*, Morant, 1708.

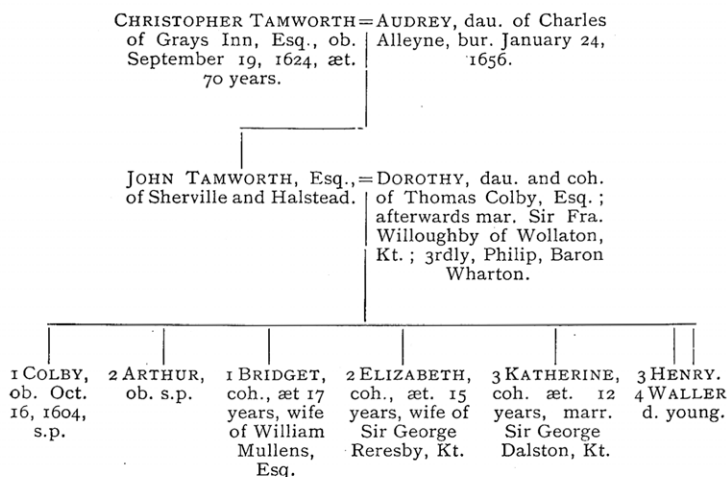
† MS. of Sir T. Reresby, British Museum.

‡ Blore, in his *History and Antiquities of Rutland*, states that she was an heiress of twelve years in 1604. The following is her immediate ancestry:—

the shire on several occasions—in 1621 with Sir Henry Curwen, in 1624 with F. Hudleston, Esq., in 1625, 1627, and in 1640 and the following year with Patricius Curwen, Esq.

There is an interesting note in a letter from Sir William Hutton of Penrith to Lord William Howard, dated October 9th, 1662, stating that “at Newcastle assizes a prisoner escaped from the bar. Sir Ralph Delaval, then sheriff, was not fined £500 as Sir George Dalston was for ye like by Sir T. Tilsley.” It seems an enormous fine for those days, but the sheriffs had much greater power and responsibilities than at present. §

He must have been a loveable man, for Bishop Jeremy Taylor, in his funeral sermon, delivered on September 28th, 1657, says that his county chose him as their representative in Parliament for more than forty years, where he was a leading man, prevailing by his great reputation of justice and integrity. He says that “God was pleased



(Inquisition on death of Colby Tamworth.)

§ Northumberland Tracts, 1/16.

to invest him with a marvellous sweet nature," and going to church "that he would be there so early, that he was seen to walk long in the churchyard before prayers, being as ready to confess his sin at the beginning as to receive the blessing at the end of prayers. And thus, having walked profitably with his neighbour and humbly with his God, and having lived a life of piety, he died in a full old age, in the midst of friends, and in the midst of prayer" (Miss Kuper, these *Transactions*, O.S., vii.).

The date of his knighthood has not been discovered, but it seems probable that he and his father were honoured for services to the Stuart cause, for which they suffered largely in pocket if not in person.

He had issue:—

- 1.—William, his heir.
- 2.—John, baptised September 30th, 1610 (Dalston register), of whom I know nothing.
- 3.—Catherine, baptised June 1st, 1606 (Dalston register), and wife of Henry Fletcher of Hutton, buried at Cockermouth, April 18th, 1676.*
- 4.—Dorothy (Cumberland and Westmorland pedigrees).
- 5.—Frances, baptised February 2nd, 1611 (Dalston register), wife of . . . Newman (see wills).
- 6.—Bridget, baptised February 14th, 1613 (Dalston register), wife of Sir Thomas Sandford of Howgill Castle (see wills).

* There is an interesting difficulty concerning this lady. Nicolson and Burn state that after Henry Fletcher was killed at Rowton Heath in 1645, his widow married Dr. Smith, dean and afterwards bishop of Carlisle, but this seems unlikely. The facts are as follows:—Dr. Smith was made dean in 1671 at the age of 40 years; the lady in question was buried under the title of "The Vertuous and Rt. Worshipful Lady Catherine Fletcher," and there is no mention of Dr. Smith as her husband, although he was there and wrote to her son-in-law, Sir Daniel Fleming, telling him of his mother-in-law's death and calling her "this good lady," and Sir Daniel Fleming in 1671 calls her "Lady Catherine Fletcher." Dr. Smith was married, whether before or after this time is not known, and his wife Anna is buried in the cathedral at Carlisle in 1698, and it is there stated that she was 67 years of age. All the facts are against Nicolson and Burn, except that Dr. Smith seems to have been in the privileged position of announcing the death to the family.

Here the Visitation pedigree ends, and fragmentary as it is, it lends considerable aid, especially with the marriages of the family.

XIII.—SIR WILLIAM DALSTON. I have not been able to find the date or place of his birth, but it must have been between 1604 and 1610, when his younger brother was baptised. Sandford,* in his racy diction, says of the Dalstons of this time :—

And nye hand Little Dalston An ancient Kts. family: and a faire Tower house raïsd to a great estate 3000 per an. by marriage old Sir John Dalston marying the heir of Chivilier Warcope of Smardale Tower in Westmeland his sone Sir Georg Dalston married the Coheir of Tamworth in the South; both braue gentile gallants and Justiciers: great gamsters never without two or three Roning horses the best in england and venter the 100 pounds freely and brauely attended, dozen Liurey Cloakes then in fashion servites and braue houskepers: and the now Sir Willym Dalston; marries the heir of monsir Bolds: The now Lady Boldes her mother in Nottinghamshire.

No doubt they were great people in Sandford's day, and he would help them well with their horse-racing and housekeeping. But William Dalston's wife was not the heir of the Bolles family, as he says, and as can be seen from the glass presently to be described. She was eventually the heir to a considerable property from her mother, and this being so we need not quarrel seriously with his statement.

The gist of the matter is this—Anne, daughter of Thomas Bolles of Osberton, co. Notts, was the wife of George Dalston, and her mother Mary the daughter of William Witham of Ledston, and Lady Bolles in her own right† left the estate of Heath Hall to George, the son of

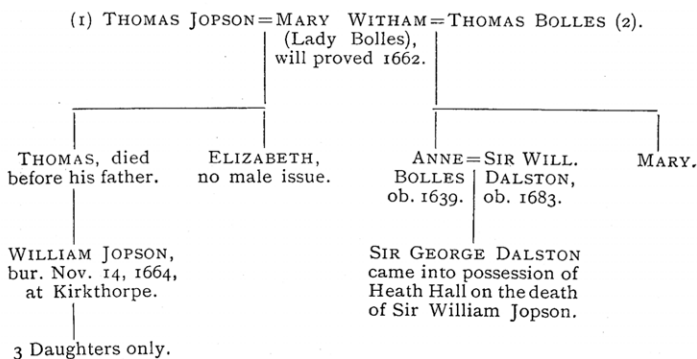
* Sandford, *A Cursory Relation of the Antiquities and Familyes in Cumberland*.

† Burke says she was created a baronetess in her own right, the only one so created.

Sir William Dalston.* The glass, which is at present at Acornbank, and which must have been moved from either Dalston Hall or Heath Hall when these places were sold (as it does not relate to the Acornbank branch in any way), shows the quarterings of the Dalston and Bolles families. Opposite are photographs of these Jacobean shields of glass.

No. I.—This shield gives Dalston impaling Bolles. Dalston quarterly—1, arg., a chevron engrailed between three daw's heads erased sa., for Dalston; 2, sa. three covered cups arg., for Warcop; 3, arg. a fess dancette between three cock's heads erased sa. combed and wattled gules, for Tamworth; 4, azure, a chevron between three escallops or, a bordure engrailed of the second, for Colby; over all the Ulster badge. Impaling Bolles quarterly—1, azure, out of three standing dishes or, as many boar's heads arg. a mullet or for difference, for Bolles ancient; 2, arg. a chevron gules between three mullets sa. on a chief of the last a lion's head erased between two lozenges or, for Bolles of Osberton; 3, arg. on a fess vert, three cross-

* Lady Mary Bolles died in 1662, and by the terms of her will she left Heath Hall to her grandson Sir William Jopson, and in default of male issue to him she left "her mansion house call'd Heath Hall and the close wherein the same standeth to her grandchild George Dalston for life, to his first son and heirs male of such first son." The descent went as follows:—



(Kirkthorpe register and Lady Greene's *The Old Hall at Heath*.)

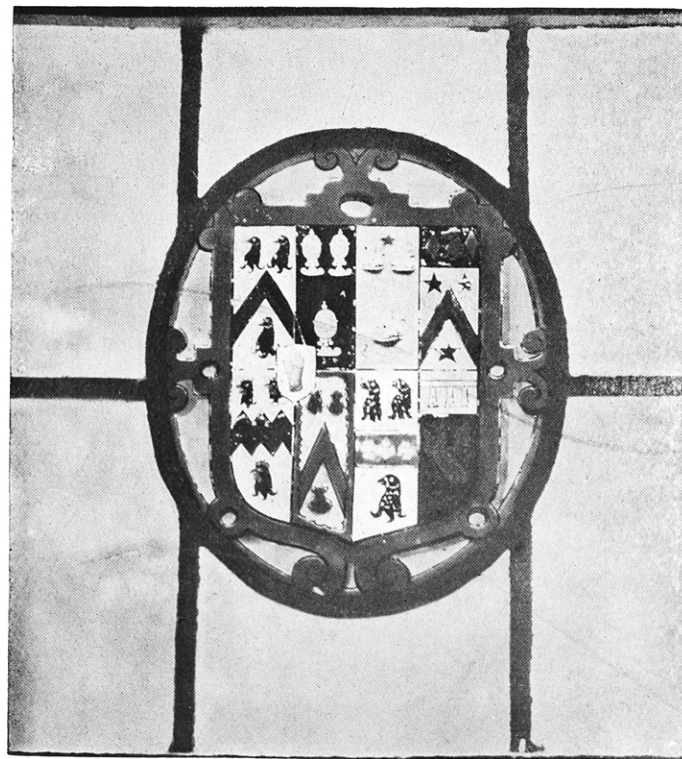


FIG. I.

THE ARMS OF BOLLES, ETC.

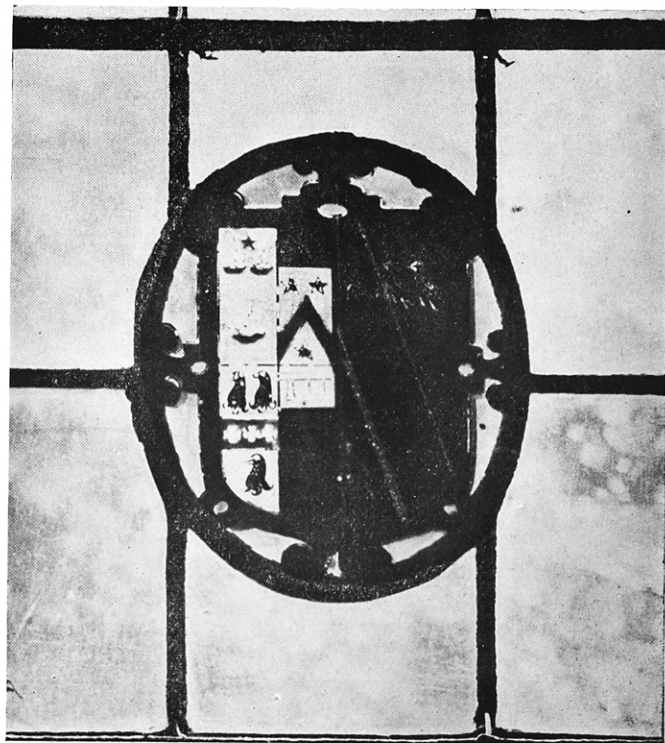


FIG. II.

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crosslets arg. between as many hawk's heads erased sa., for Watts ; 4, gules a cockatrice or, on a chief arg. a label of three points ermine, for Brent.

The marriages to which these coats relate on the Dalston shield have been given before with the exception of Colby, which is a Tamworth alliance (see Tamworth pedigree in footnote, *ante*).

The Bolles coats 1 and 2 are those of the family named, No. 2 having been granted to the Osberton branch in 17 Elizabeth. No. 3 is Watts, the alliance being:—William Bolles of Osberton, c. 1535=2ndly, Lucy, dau. and heir of John Watts, grocer, of London ; coat granted 19 Henry 7. No. 4 is Brent, but I cannot trace it, and it is probably a Watts alliance.

No. II. shows Bolles and his quarterings impaling—Or, a bend gules between three pewits sa. 2 and 1 for Witham of Ledston, co. York. It is Anne Bolles' mother's coat, and the match to which it relates is that mentioned in the Bolles pedigree (footnote, p. 222). The charges in some cases have not been very correctly represented, and the hand of time has altered the colours of red and yellow, so that they are much alike even to an isochromatic photographic plate. The bird's heads in the Watts coat are much more like daws than hawks, and in the Witham shield the charges are certainly martlets, but all the authorities give pewits, and I have no doubt the coat is of that family.

There are four crests in lozenges in a window on the ground floor, which are:—1, A cock ppr., for Bolles of Suffolk ; 2, a boar's head couped arg., for Warcop ; 3, out of a ducal coronet or, a falcon's head ppr., for Dalston ; 4, an arm in armour arg. garnished or holding a sword ppr., for Colby. These crests have no doubt the same history as the coats of arms just mentioned.

Sir William Dalston brings us into the midst of the disturbances of the Cromwellian wars, in which this family took a part on the Royalist side and suffered accordingly.

There is no account of any of them being killed, but among the list of those persons who sent money for the provision of victual for the garrison of Carlisle are Sir William and Sir George his father;* also, he wisely compounded for his estates in the sum of £3,000, the largest amount levied on anyone in the county, his father having also paid £700.† He was created baronet by Charles I. on February 18th, 1640-1, and was Member of Parliament for Carlisle in 1641,* also sheriff for the county after the Restoration in 1667.*

The fortunes of the family came to a climax in his marriage with Anne Bolles, and never afterwards do they seem to have taken such a position in the county, although this may partly have been due to their change of residence to Heath Hall in Yorkshire.

His wife died early, and was buried at Dalston on September 17th, 1639. Sir William survived her many years and died at Heath Hall, and was buried at Warmfield on January 17th, 1683,‡ but his will was not proved until July 23rd of the following year. They had issue:—

1.—George, who was knighted during his father's lifetime, but did not survive him, and was buried on May 13th, 1677.‡ He married Brown, eldest daughter of Sir William Ramsden of Byrom and Longley, co. Yorks, on September 11th, 1673,‡ and left two daughters:—

1.—Frances, married firstly John Jermy of Sturton Hall, Suffolk; secondly, Sir William Hutton, Bart.; § thirdly, Mr. Helston.||

2.—Catherine, baptised May 18th, 1675;‡ sepult. May 31st, 1677.‡

* Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.

† "A Catalogue of the Lords, &c., that have compounded for their Estates:" printed for Thomas Dring at the signe of the George in Fleetstreet, 1655.

‡ Warmfield register.

§ Burke's *Baronetage*.

|| *The Old Hall at Heath*, by Lady Green.

His wife survived him, and married two more husbands before her death in 1723.

- 2.—John, his heir.
- 3.—Mary, the wife of Thomas Gent, Esq., of Moyns, co. Essex.*

XIV.—SIR JOHN DALSTON, Bart., was baptised April 12th, 1639 (Dalston register), and appears to have lived both at Heath Hall and at Dalston,† and was knighted shortly after the Restoration in February 16th, 1663.* He was sheriff for Cumberland in 1688 and 1704,‡ but he does not appear to have taken a great part in public affairs. He married his brother's sister-in-law Margaret, second daughter of Sir William Ramsden, on March 3rd, 1673,§ and was buried at Warmfield on January 25th, 1711. He had issue:—

- 1.—William, baptised May 24th, 1676, and buried April 2nd, 1678.§
- 2.—Charles, his heir.
- 3.—John, baptised November 1st, 1687,§ who Burke says was a major in the army. He is the John Dalston who occurs in Bishop Nicolson's Diary, 1707-1713.|| He was living in 1722, and trying to dispose of his troop.¶
- 4.—Elizabeth, baptised November 22nd, 1677,§ wife of Richard Browne of Islington, married 1702.¶
- 5.—Anne, baptised 1674,¶ buried January 10th, 1678-9.§
- 6.—Mary, baptised January 23rd, 1683,§ obiit 1683, and buried with her grandfather.¶

* Burke's *Baronetage*.

† Bishop Nicolson in his diary says "1707 Sept. 9, visited Sir John Dalston and his lady at Dalston Hall."

‡ Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.

§ Warmfield register.

|| Mentioned as C. Dalston, which is probably an abbreviation for Captain, as he is not called "sir" or his wife "lady," and she appears to have been living at Cockermouth. His wife had come to the bishop craving justice under very unpleasant circumstances.

¶ *The Old Hall at Heath*, by Lady Green.

XV.—SIR CHARLES DALSTON was baptised April 26th, 1686,* and resided chiefly at Warmfield. His name appears little in the county histories, and his interests seem to have been confined to other parts; he was, however, sheriff for Cumberland in 1714.† In 1714, the year of the Hanoverian succession, Sir Charles and his lady had a house in Devonshire Street, Queen's Square, London, and his mother lived there with them.‡ He had only a short life; a monument to his memory in the church at Warmfield states that he died on March 5th, 1723, in his 38th year, and was buried on the tenth of the same month. He married :—

Firstly, Susan, daughter and coheir of Sir Francis Drake of Whitney, co. Oxon., and had £3,000 as her dowry.§ By her he had issue :—

- 1.—George, his heir.
- 2.—Margaret, baptised October 23rd, 1704.
- 3.—Katherine, baptised February 21st, 1706, and married Francis Fauquier (see wills).
- 4.—Susanna, baptised September 10th, 1708, died at Stanley, and buried at Kirkthorpe, 1733.‡
- 5.—Elizabeth, baptised February 15th, 1709, born February 10th, unmarried in 1762 (see wills).
- 6.—Frances, baptised April 9th, 1711, not married in 1762 (see wills).

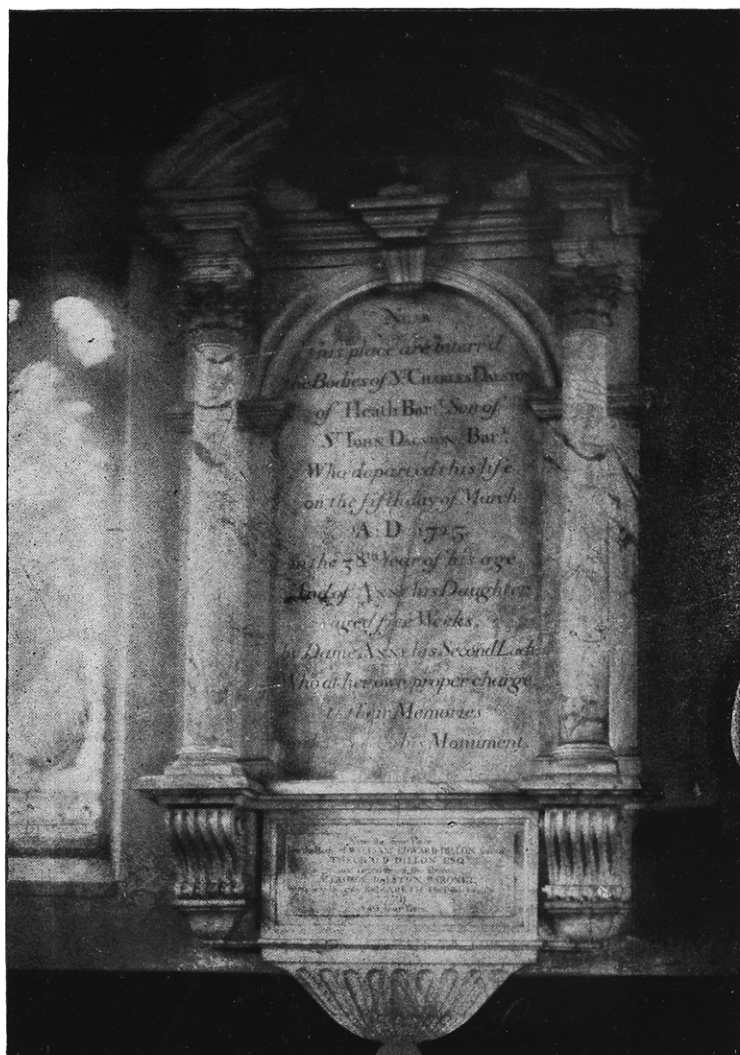
Secondly, Lady Anne Pilkington, widow of Sir Lionel Pilkington and daughter of Sir Michael Wentworth of Wooley, married January 29th, 1720, and had issue :—

* Warmfield register.

† Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.

‡ *The Old Hall at Heath*, by Lady Green.

§ Burke's *Baronetage*.



THE DALSTON MONUMENT AT WARMFIELD.

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- 7.—Anne, born November 24th and baptised December 23rd, 1721, and died the same year.

Lady Anne Dalston married again, her third husband being Mr. John Maude,* and she is buried at Wakefield with her first husband. Musgrave's *Obituary* gives "Anne, Lady Dalston, Yorks., buried August 15th, 1764," but whether this lady or not I cannot be quite certain.

Nearly all the above extracts are from the Warmfield register.

XVI.—SIR GEORGE DALSTON was baptised at Warmfield on July 13th, 1718, and was left an orphan at the age of five years. He was sheriff of Cumberland in 1752,† and sat in Parliament for the county from 1745 to 1752.† In 1757 we find him working in the interests of Sir James Lowther for the Parliamentary representation of Whitehaven, and arranging for treating the electors; "there is unlimited ale at Mr. Dixon's."‡ I have not been able to find whom he married, except that her Christian name was Henrietta Maria, and that she died at St. Omer on November 2nd, 1776.§ Sir George had no male heir, and left an only daughter:—

- 1.—Elizabeth, baptised April 21st, 1751,|| who married a Frenchman named Captain Theobald Dillon.¶

Sir George died in 1765, and the following entry in Warmfield register records his death:—"Buried Sir George Dalston, Baronet, March 9th, 1765, died March 7th. Distemper, lethargy."

* *The Old Hall at Heath*, by Lady Greene.

† Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.

‡ Lowther MS.

§ Musgrave's (Sir William) obituary.

|| Warmfield register.

¶ Burke's *Baronetage*.

Here ends the last of the main line of Dalstons, and also the baronetcy dies out. Evidently the want of a male heir induced him to sell his estates at Dalston in 1761, Mr. Monkhouse Davidson, grocer, of London, being the purchaser for the sum of £5,060.*

The latter years of this family are not of much interest locally,† as they appear to have found the hall at Heath more convenient to their purpose, and Dalston Hall must have been somewhat unsuited for the growing luxuries of a gentleman's life.

WILL OF SIR JOHN DALSTON OF DALSTON.

7 Oct. 1631. John Dalston of the towne of Dalston in the county of Cumberland, Knight my body to be buried in my parish church of Dalston To Patricius Curwen† Baronet, my grandchilde, a goulde ringe worth forty shillings; to William Dalston, Katherine Fletcher,§ Dorothy Dalston, Frances Dalston,

* Defoe, *Tour through Great Britain*, p. 388.

† Heath Hall and some property there was left to George Dalston's daughter Elizabeth and her heirs, but her only son did not survive, being buried at Warmfield in 1779, aged four years. The estates then went to his sister. Mrs. Fauquier, and to her son William. In 1802 there was suit between an illegitimate daughter of Elizabeth and the Fauquiers for the estate, and the latter were successful. But the other estates had all been alienated before this to pay the large debts of the family.

‡ KATHERINE, dau. of Sir John = SIR HENRY CURWEN
Dalston, sept. ante 1623. of Workington.

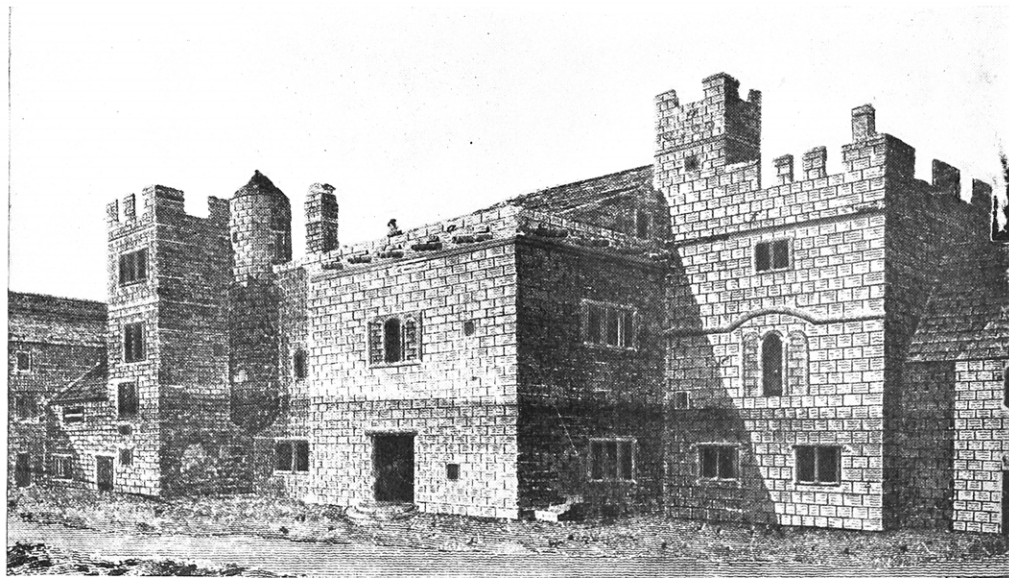
PATRICIUS, bapt. 1601,
sept. Dec. 16, 1664.

THOMAS, bapt. 1605,
sept. March 20, 1672.

(Jackson papers and Workington register.)

§ KATHERINE, dau. of Sir George = SIR HENRY FLETCHER of
Dalston, bapt. June 1, 1606. Hutton, killed at Rowton
(Dalston register.) Heath in Cromwellian wars.

BRIDGET = CHRISTOPHER DALSTON of Acornbank,
grandson of the Christopher Dalston
mentioned in this will.



From *The Gentleman's Magazine*,
DALSTON HALL IN 1790.

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and Bridget Dalston, my grandchildren, sonne and daughters of George Dalston, Knight, my sonne, I say, to each of them a jewell worth five pounds; to Dame Elizabeth Brathayte,* my daughter, a peece of plate worth twenty shillings; to Christopher Dalston, Knight, a gold ringe worth twenty shillings; to my nephew John Skelton, Esq.,† a gold ringe worth twenty shillings; to Thomas Gent, my grandchilde, a gold ringe worth forty shillings; to my grandchild Dorothy Dacres* a ringe worth twenty shillings; to my grandchilde Thomas Curwen‡ £5; and as concerninge all other my goodes I bequeathe the same unto George Dalston, Knight, my executor.

Witnesses.—John Skelton, Richard Skelton, senr.,† Robert Thompson, John Dalston.§

WILL OF SIR W. DALSTON OF HEATH HALL, YORKS.,
KT. AND BARONET, DATED JULY 5TH, 1681.

He devises his one-third of the manors of Lowdham and Gunthorp in Notts, all his messuage and lands in co. Notts, his rent-charge of £60 on the manor of Wheldrake, his estate at Cornbrough (which was conveyed to him by his son Sir George Dalston, deceased) and all his other lands to his son Sir John Dalston,

* ELIZABETH, dau. of Sir John=SIR THOMAS BRAYTHWAITE of
Dalston. Warcop.

DOROTHY=SIR THOMAS DACRE of Lanercost.

† KATHERINE, dau. of Sir John=LANCELOT SKELTON of Arma-
Dalston and Katherine Tolson. thwaite, ob. 1623, æt. 63 years,

JOHN SKELTON=JULIAN, dau. of Sir
ob. 1652. Philip Musgrave.

RICHARD SKELTON,
senior.

RICHARD SKELTON=LETTICE BURDETT.

(These *Transactions*, N.S., i., p. 94.)

† Pedigree, p. 228.

§ John Dalston of Acornbank.

Knight, and his sons successively in tail male, then to his grandchildren, Mrs. Frances Dalston, daughter of the said Sir George Dalston, deceased, and Mrs. Elizabeth Dalston, daughter of his said son Sir John Dalston, and all other daughters of the said Sir John Dalston equally. Gives household belongings, &c., to said son Sir John Dalston, then to his heirs male successively, then to his said two grandchildren Frances and Elizabeth Dalston.

Legacy to his said grandchild Frances Dalston at 21 years.

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Legacy to his sister Mrs. Frances Newman.

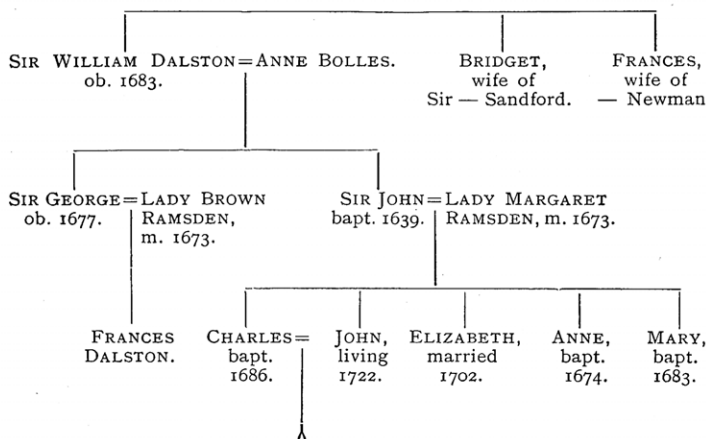
Legacy to his sister Dame Bridget Sandford.

Executor his son Sir John Dalston and residue to same.

Legacy to his two daughters Lady Browne Dalston and Lady Margaret Dalston.

Witnesses.—Thomas Dalston, Peter Winbanke, Richard Braithwaite, and others.

Probate granted at York 23rd July, 1684, to John Dalston, Bart.



WILL OF SIR GEORGE DALSTON OF HEATH, BART.,

DATED DECEMBER 30TH, 1762.

Gives to his wife Henrietta Maria his house, &c., at Heath, and all his household goods for life and all jewels, &c.

Devises to his said wife and John Harrison of Wigton, co Cumberland, all his manors in Cumberland on trust to sell to pay debts and pay residue to said wife absolutely, and in case they shall be

insufficient for his debts, he also devises to his said trustees all his lands, &c., in Yorkshire and Westmorland (except his house, &c., at Heath) for raising of money for that purpose.

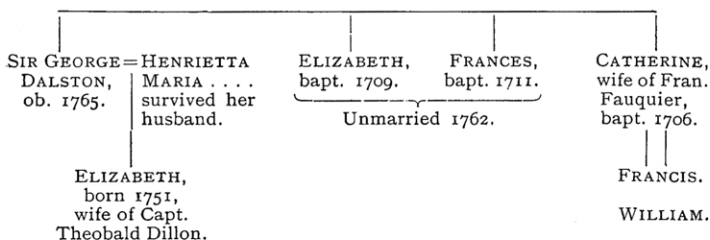
Gives to his said wife an annuity of £200 charged on his lands, &c., in Yorkshire and Westmorland in lieu of dower, and subject thereto he gave the same and his house, &c., at Heath to his sons successively in tail male and in default to his only daughter Elizabeth for life, then to his friends Harrison Pilkington, Esq., and the Rev. Thomas Metcalfe upon trust for the sons of his said daughter successively in tail male and her daughters in tail general, and in default he gives to each of his three sisters, Elizabeth and Frances Dalston and Mrs. Fauquier, annuities charged thereon with benefit of survivorship, and subject thereto he gave all the said hereditaments to his wife for life and then to his nephew Francis Fauquier for life and to his sons successively in tail male, and in default to his nephew William Fauquier for life and his sons successively in tail male.

Directs £3,000 to be raised for his daughter Elizabeth's portion at 21 years.

Constitutes his said wife to be guardian of his daughter Elizabeth. Executrix his said wife.

Witnesses.—Joseph Milner and others.

Probate granted at York, March 21st, 1765, to Dame Henrietta Maria Dalston.



II.—DALSTON OF THWAITE HALL, GREYSTOKE.

The second son of Thomas Dalton, who died in 1550, appears to have been Robert, who had a considerable estate at Hutton Roof in the parish of Greystoke, but whether this property was in the family previously or

bought at this time there are no facts to show, and as there are no manorial rights there is no inquisition available.

The records of this branch of the family are fragmentary, and it seems impossible to trace them with any absolute certainty, especially as the register of Castle Sowerby,* where they would in all probability be buried, does not go back to any early date.

Thwaite Hall, where they lived, although described by Sandford as "a faire mansion house," is now only a farm of the character of many in the district in a bleak and lofty position.

I.—ROBERT DALSTON's will was proved in 1581, and from this and a few scattered entries in the registers of the parishes of Greystoke, Castle Sowerby, and Wigton, it is possible to string together the following pedigree. His wife's name was Anne, and she survived him. They had issue :—

- 1.—Thomas, his heir.
- 2.—Robert, died 1617, his will being proved at Carlisle on May 26th of that year. He lived at Oulton, probably on the lands mentioned in his father's will, and was evidently unmarried.
- 3.—William, who was under age at the time of his father's death, and of whose subsequent history I can find no trace.
- 4.—Mabel, mentioned in her father's will.
- 5.— . . . wife of Robert Sander (see wills).
- 6.— . . . wife of William Armstrong (see wills).
- 7.— . . . wife of George Skelton (see wills).
- 8.—Magdalene, buried March 28th, 1577 (Greystoke register).

* Although Thwaite Hall is in Greystoke parish, it is close to the border and only about a mile from Castle Sowerby Church.

II.—THOMAS DALTON. He was alive in 1606, when he is mentioned among the gentlemen attending service at Greystoke Church; also in 1617, when he witnesses his brother Robert's will. It is possible that he married a Crackenthorpe, for Sandford,* who wrote about 1675, says—"And on a hill from Graistoke about four miles west you have a younger branch of the Dalstons of Thaits a faire mansion house 250^l per annum his grandmother daughter of Sqr. Crackenthorpe of Newbiggen in Westmorland." His issue is more or less conjectural, but his brother Robert mentions his nephews Joseph and John, to the former of whom he gives "all the lands which I have or should have under the will of my father," which looks like a release to the heir of Thomas. It is at any rate a workable hypothesis, and I have used it:—

1.—Joseph, his heir.

2.—John of Oulton occurs in the Wigton register. His wife's name was Anne; she was buried July 19th, 1665 (Wigton register), and her will is given below. They had issue:—

1.—William, mentioned in his mother's will, and had a daughter Anne.

2.—Thomas, baptised April 21st, 1628 (Wigton register).

3.—Peregrine, baptised January 8th, 1634-5; sept. December 4th, 1661 (Wigton register).

4.—John, mentioned in mother's will.

5.—Margaret, baptised March 16th, 1623-5 (Wigton register).

6.—Bridget, baptised September 27th, 1626, and married a Dawson (Wigton register).

* Sandford, *A Cursory Relation of the Antiquities and Familyes in Cumberland*.

III.—JOSEPH. (?) He may be the Mr. Dalston of Thwaite, who gave £2 to the garrison of Carlisle for provisions during the siege.*

IV.—WILLIAM DALSTON was at Thwaite Hall in 1662. He died there, and was buried at Castle Sowerby on April 21st, 1682. He may have been the son of Joseph or the William who is mentioned as the eldest son of John and Anne. All that one knows about him is that he had a daughter Anne, who was baptised at Greystoke on August 21st, 1662.

I can trace no more of this family. In 1716 another family was at Thwaite Hall, and the property had left the Dalstons.

WILL OF ROBERT DALSTON OF "HUTTONROFE,"

PROVED JUNE 2ND, 1581.

I, Robert Dalston of Huttonrofe, Cumberland, gentleman, by will dated January 7th, 1580, direct my body to be buried within the quire of Castle-Sowerby, and give to my son Thomas Dalston my demane of Thwaite, Huttonrofe, South Scales, Rontry banke, Ormant Cragg, Heygill-head, 2s. free rent out of Bishoppott, Hantly brigg, the Milles, the new close, the landes of Heygill felde, and Lowgill felde, Barton Park, the whole house, two farmholds in Lamonby and Alanbye with all my lands in Caldbeck, Hantley, and Sowerbye and his heirs on condition that he does not alienate any part thereof (Christopher Dalston, Esq., John Dalston, Esq., and Richard Barwise, Esq., appointed to see condition carried out). In default I give said lands, &c., to my sons Robert and William and their heirs, and to the longer liver. To my said son Thomas my lease of my "proctershipp" of Wigton and the lease of the corn and hay tithe of Kings Meaburn, he paying thereout and out of aforesaid lands to my daughter Mabel 300 markes. To Anne Dalston my wife my demane of Ulton, with all my lands in Ulton and Ackett, with all the tithe hay of Ulton meadows, &c., &c., for her life; on her death to said son Thomas on same conditions as named respecting other before named lands. To my said wife Anne and sons William and Robert the residue of my goods, and appoint them

* Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.

executors. I give to my son Thomas the half of all my goods and implements belonging to my house on condition that he shall not marry at the "Whole" (Whole-house), and shall in all his causes and doings be ruled and advised by his friends John Dalston, Christopher Dalston, and Richard Barwise, Esqrs.*

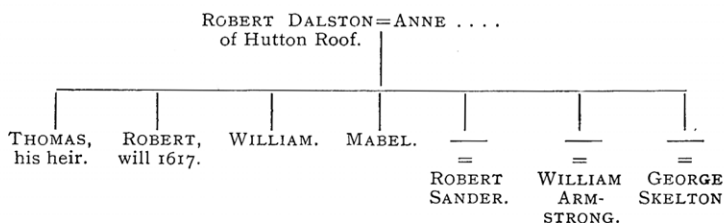
By way of codicil on the 10th day of January, 1580, I will that my son Thomas shall maintain with meat, &c., and learning my younger son William until he attains 21 years, then William to have a tenement at Lazonby occupied by Benjamin Vickers or in lieu of tenement £20.

Witnesses.—Rowland Vaux, clerk, Thomas Watson, George Skelton, and William Watson.

By way of codicil on the 11th January, 1580, I will that my son Thomas pay unto Robert Sander, son of Adam Sander, my son-in-law, the sum of £20 yearlie during his life out of a farmhold at Lamonbie now occupied by John Dickson the elder. I owe William Orpher £33 for a tenement at Gilcrux Grange lately purchased by me; this £33 I direct to be paid by my executors. I give to William Armstrong the timber lately set out for building a mill, the rest of the cut timber I give to my son Thomas. I remit to my said son-in-law William Armstrong the moneys I have paid and laid out for him. To Christopher Vicars my servant the grey nag my son Thomas has.

Item.—George Skelton, son-in-law unto the said testator, saying unto him that he was good unto Willm. Armstrong, and hoping that he would be as good unto him, the said testator answered that so he would at his death day.

Witnesses.—William Watson and Christopher Vicars.



* MABEL DALSTON, dau. of=THOMAS BARWIS of Islekirk.
Thomas Dalston, m. Sept.
17, 1571.

RICHARD BARWIS, "the great Barwis,"
sept. Feb. 15, 1648-9.
(Westward register.)

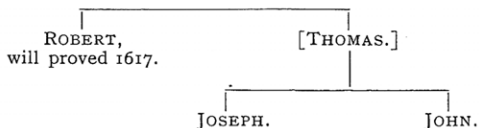
Places mentioned in this will:—South Scales, now Scale; Ormant Cragg, now Norman Crag; Alanbye, now Ellonby; Ackett, now Aikhead; Rontry banke, now Bank House; Heygillhead, now Hegglehead; Hantly brigg, now Haltcliff Bridge; Ulton, now Oulton; and Whole house, now Holehouse.

WILL OF ROBERT DALSTON OF "ULTON,"

PROVED MAY 26TH, 1617.

I, Robert Dalston of Ulton, Cumberland, yeoman, by will dated 8 April, 1617, direct my body to be buried in Wigton Church, and give to my nephew John Dalston, 30s. To Robert Dalston and Pyckering Dalston his son, 30s. To Richard Dalston, 30s. To two poor women Nanye Abbot and Nany Pearson 10s. between them. To the household servants at Thwaite and Ulton, 4s. To Joseph Dalston my nephew all the lands, &c., which I have or should have under the will of my father Robert Dalston of Thwaite, and the residue of my goods and appoint him executor thereof.

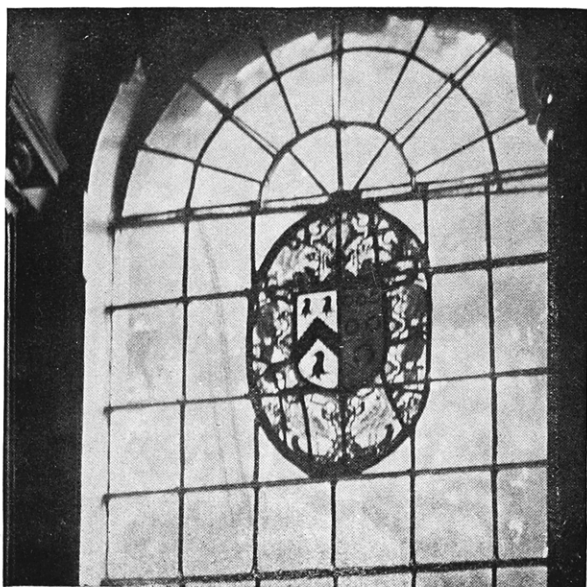
Witnesses.—Thomas Dalston, William Jackson, George . . . , Thomas Vaux, and Jo. Vaux.



WILL OF ANNE DALSTON OF OULTON,

PROVED OCTOBER 10TH, 1665.

I, Anne Dalston of Oulton, Wigton, Cumberland, widow, by will dated May 25th, 1665, direct my body to be buried in the church of Wigton, and give to my eldest son William Dalston all the husbandry gear, &c., &c. To my daughter Bridget Dawson, 10s. To my son John's daughter £5 if she come herself and demand it, if not then to Ann Dalston the second daughter of my son William. To my daughter Ann Chambers a bay fillie. To my daughter Margaret Dalston all my household goods, and excepting one bed and bedding, &c., I give to my son Thomas Dalston. To Thomas Ritson my servant one ewe, &c. To said son Thomas one half of my gear, &c.

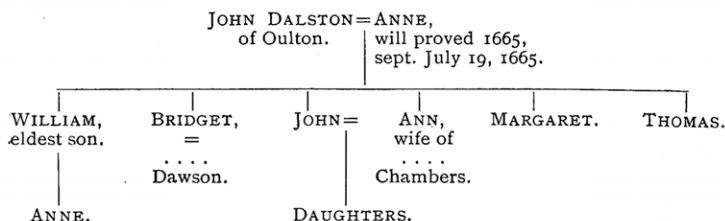


THE ARMS OF DALSTON IMPALING LOWTHER
in glass at Acorn Bank.

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To my said daughter Margaret the rest of my goods, and appoint her executrix.

Witnesse.—Joseph Vaux, James Thomson, Will. Dodgson, and Thomas Barwis.



III.—DALSTON OF ACORNBANK.

Thomas Dalston of Dalston, who died in 1550, left three sons, of whom

I.—CHRISTOPHER DALSTON was the third. On him his father in 1546 settled the manors of Uldale and Temple Sowerby,* and as his descendants remained in these parts until the family died out through failure of male heirs, they are more interesting locally than the later descendants of the main stem. Christopher Dalston was born about 1530, and married Mabel, daughter of Sir John Lowther (Visitation pedigrees). The date of the marriage is not known, but Sir John Lowther died on February 8th, 1552-3 (Lowther register), and the fine piece of glass at Acornbank, of which an illustration is given opposite, refers to this alliance. In 1574 he had a dispute with his tenants at Temple Sowerby concerning their customs in the manor, but a decision appears to have been easily reached.†

* Nicolson and Burn state " Thomas Dalston, by fine levied in the 37 Henry VIII., settled the same (manor of Uldale) on himself and his (second) wife Eleanor for life, remainder to his son Christopher Dalston (by his said second wife) and the heirs male of his body and his own right heirs." Temple Sowerby was also included.

† Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.

The tenure of Uldale manor is given in 1578, and evidently at this time it was the chief seat of this branch of the family :—

The tenure of Christopher Dalston in the town of Uldale.

Christopher Dalston holdeth the manor of Uledale by knight-service, that is to say by the twentieth part of a knight's fee, which said manor or towne being of the ancient possessions of the said Earl (of Northumberland) and of the yearly value of £18 : 3 : 9 was purchased by one Thomas Dalston of the late King Henry the 8th to be holden by like service as is aforesaid and by the yearly rent of 47^s 3½^d, and for cornage 13^s 4^d, seawake 10^d, and turnsilver 3^s 4^d.*

He was sheriff of Cumberland in 1597, when he is styled of Acornbank, which is the first mention of this place—an instance showing, as Mr. Batten says, that it is no modern name. On his death, which took place on January 30th, 1603, he is styled as "of Uldall." The inquisition post-mortem was taken on January 8th, 1605, a considerable time after his death, and is as follows :—

Christopher Dalston died on 30 Jan., 1603-4, in possession of the manor of Uldall and the advowson of the parish church; settlement dated 8 Jan., 1580, on the marriage of his son Thomas with Jane Phillip, daughter of James Phillip of Brignall, co. York, settlement dated 8 Oct., 1596, of a quarter of the manor of High Ireby† on the said Thomas, then of Acornbank, co. Westmorland. Thomas Dalston, son and heir, aged 50 years.‡

He had issue two sons :—

* Survey in the Percy estates in Cumberland in 1578 MS. There are three interesting services mentioned here :—Cornage, which is fully dealt with in Hodgson-Hinde's *Pipe Rolls*. Seawake, which Nicolson and Burn say was the service of providing watchmen to fire beacons against the king's enemies from seaward. Turnsilver—I venture to think this service to be a customary payment for the expenses of the sheriff's tourn and payable to him, although Dr. Wilson thinks it might be a composition in money for suit at the sheriff's Court. He very kindly gives me the following extract :—"Tenants of Crofton pay the lord of Thursby a certain custom called turne silver; John Atkinson holds estates in Burgh by Sands by suit of court and military service, but renders a free rent beyond the turne silver due to the sheriff." He adds "that it has clearly to do with the sheriff's turn."

† A fourth part of this manor was purchased by Christopher Dalston in 1589 from William Rybton and Jane his wife.

‡ Chancery inquisition post-mortem, 2 James I., file 290, No. 102.

- 1.—Thomas of Uldale, his heir (Visitation pedigrees).
- 2.—John of Merkhholme or "Uldon" (Visitation pedigrees).

II.—THOMAS DALSTON was born in 1555, and in the year 1580 married Jane, daughter of James Phillip of Brignall, co. York., as appears from the marriage settlement, dated January 20th of that year. She was buried at Kirkby Thore. He appears to have lived at Acornbank, and probably built part of the house there. On the lintel of the door at Millrigg, about a mile away, are the initials "I.D." and the date 1597, probably for Jane his wife, and above this at the top of the entrance gable

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for Henry Birkbeck and his wife, whose son Edward married Jane (the Visitation, I think wrongly, says Bridgett), the daughter of this Thomas Dalston (see p. 240). Both Thomas Dalston and his wife were buried at Kirkby Thore, but the register contains no entry of the fact, and there are gaps at several points. He had issue :—

- 1.—Christopher, his heir.*
- 2.—Barbara, wife of William Tiffyn, citizen of London (Visitation pedigrees).
- 3.—Jane, wife of Edward Birkbeck of Millrigg (see will of Thomas Dalston).
- 4.—Margaret, wife of John Richmond of Highhead.†

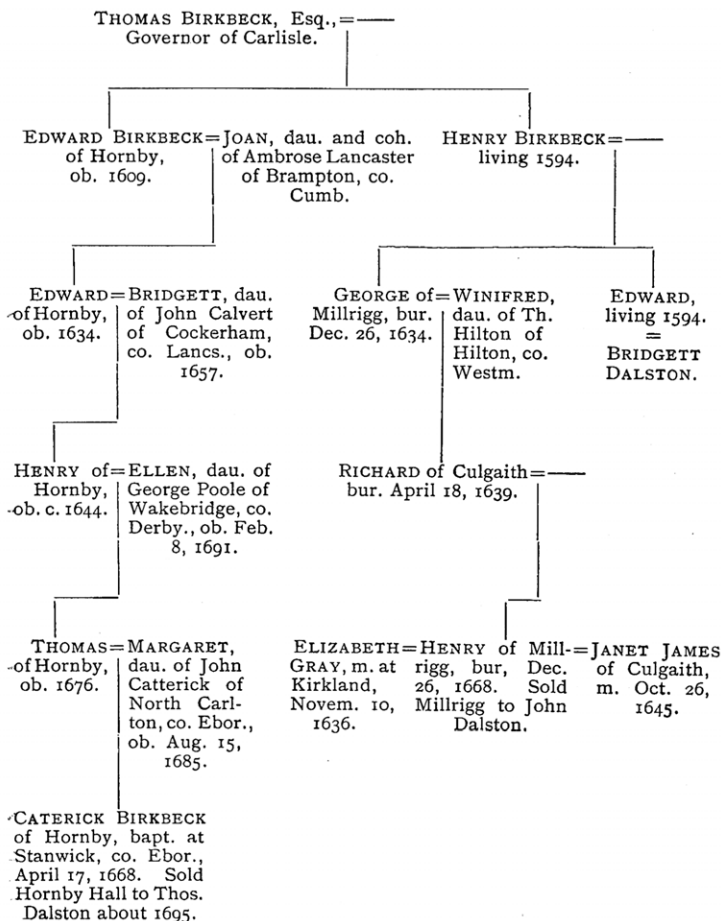
His will is given appended, and the inquisition post-mortem is as follows, and is dated April 12th, 1616 :—

Thomas Dalston died 17 Jan., 1616, in seizin of the manor of Uldale, fourth part of the manor of High Ireby, &c. By fine at Michaelmas, 1605, a settlement was made on Christopher Dalston, son and heir of Thomas Dalston and Anne his wife, daughter of Sir William Hutton, for their joint lives and then to their heirs male. Christopher Dalston, son and heir, aged 30 years and upwards.*

* Chancery inquisition post-mortem, 14 James I., series ii., vol. 354, No. 105.

† Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.

In 6 Edward VI., Henry, earl of Cumberland, granted Hornby Hall, &c., to Edward Birkbeck in exchange for some property near Appleby, reserving a rent of £6. A pedigree of this family as to their connection with this farm and Millrigg may be interesting. It is taken from a document privately printed by Mr. Collis;—



III.—CHRISTOPHER DALSTON was born in 1586 and was knighted in 1615 by James I., probably during his progress in this part (Mr. Heelis tells me that an account of this visit was given in the first volume of the Brougham register, which is lost). Acornbank seems at this time to have become the chief residence of the family, but the farm of Millrigg appears also to have been used, although it was not bought until some years later. The house of Acornbank was, of course, very much smaller than it now is.

He married a neighbour, Anne, daughter of Sir William Hutton of Hutton Hall, Penrith, on September 26th, 1603 (Penrith register), and was sheriff for the county in 1629.* They had a numerous family :—

- 1.—Thomas, baptised February 22nd, 1607; buried September 16th, 1608 (Penrith register).
- 2.—John, his heir (Visitation pedigrees).
- 3.—Thomas of Ousby (Visitation pedigrees) married Agnes, daughter of Richard Nevison of Newby, buried June 22nd, 1683 (Temple Sowerby register). She was buried July 5th, 1677 (Temple Sowerby register), and had issue :—

- 1.—Christopher, baptised August 4th, 1658 (Morland register), buried July 22nd, 1683 (Temple Sowerby register). From his will, which consists of administration only, his wife's name was Janet.
- 2.—Thomas, buried July 25th, 1672 (Morland register).
- 3.—Anne, baptised October 1st, 1656 (Morland register).

It appears as if this branch ended here.

* Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.

- 4.—Mary, baptised December 3rd, 1613 (Penrith register), wife of Richard Crackenthorpe of Newbiggen (Visitation pedigree).
- 5.—Dorothy, wife of Sir William Carleton of Carleton Hall, Penrith (Visitation pedigree).
- 6.—Elizabeth, baptised October 29th, 1609, and buried May 26th, 1610 (Penrith register).
- 7.—Barbara, wife of James Bellingham, son and heir of Alan Bellingham of Levens (Visitation pedigree).
- 8.—Anne, wife of John Whelpdale of Frenchfield, Penrith (Visitation pedigree), and buried August 9th, 1655 (Penrith register). He died June 20th, 1641 (Penrith register).
- 9.—Susan, wife of Edward Nevison, son of Richard Nevison of Newby (Visitation pedigree).
- 10.—Frances, baptised September 14th, 1606, and buried August 10th, 1607 (Penrith register).

Sir Christopher Dalston was buried on May 15th, 1634, at Temple Sowerby.

IV.—JOHN DALSTON was baptised on October 15th, 1611, at Penrith, the home of his mother, and lived to a great age, being buried at Kirkby Thore, where a tablet exists on the north wall of the chancel to his memory, placed there by his son Thomas. This brass states that he had twenty-one children, of whom ten died in infancy, the names of several others being given. He was a Royalist like the rest of the family at this time, and subscribed as "John Dalston of Uldale" the sum of £1 for provisions for Carlisle garrison in 1643-4, and was mulcted in the sum of £290 10s., as the price of the restoration of his estates.* He was Member of Parliament for Appleby for fifteen years from 1660 to 1675, during which time he

* Catalogue of the lords, &c., who compounded for their estates, 1665.

presented part of the regalia to the town.* He presents to Uldale Rectory in 1665, and is then styled as of "Acornbank," and in 1677 or 1684 as of "Millrigg;" also in 1686 Bishop Nicolson visits him when living at the latter place. It may be supposed that he lived chiefly at Acornbank, but in his later days retired to his farm of Millrigg, leaving his son in possession of the manor house.

On the outside wall of the staircase at Acornbank is a stone with the initials

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with a lover's knot, which relate to this John Dalston and his wife Lucy; also the pretty sundial described by Mr. Batten in these *Transactions* is of this date.† This has on opposite sides the arms of Dalston and Fallowfield, the latter being rather peculiar by the presence of a sinister canton, containing a boar's head.

There is also an overmantel in the hall which shows in oak the matches of the family. It has the Dalston coat in the centre with the mullet for difference of a third son. On each side are two coats:—

1.—Dalston impaling Lowther; 6 annulets for Lowther.

CHRISTOPHER DALSTON=MABEL, dau. of Sir John Lowther,
c. 1550.

2.—Dalston impaling 3 sparrows for Phillip.

THOMAS DALSTON=JANE, dau. of James Phillip of Brignall,
ob. 1611. marr. sett. June 20th, 1580.

* The regalia of Appleby (these *Transactions*, N.S., ix., p. 166).

† These *Transactions*, N.S., ix., p. 164. The initials "H.F." with the Fallowfield arms may be explained in the following way:—John Dalston's wife's father was Richard Fallowfield (bapt. February 16th, 1594-5, and buried March 14th, 1636-7, at Morland) and her mother Eleanor Lowther. He had a brother Henry, and as Richard Fallowfield must have died very shortly after his daughter's marriage (if not before) Henry may have stood *in loco parentis*. His son Christopher appears to have been associated with the Dalstons, and appears in John Dalston's will.

- 3.—Dalston impaling 3 stag's heads cabossed on a fess for Hutton.

CHRISTOPHER DALSTON=ANNE, dau. of Sir W. Hutton of
ob. 1634. Hutton Hall, Penrith, m. 1603.

- 4.—Dalston impaling 3 escallops on a canton a boar's head coupé for Fallowfield.

JOHN DALSTON=LUCY FALLOWFIELD of Melkinthorpe Hall.

The date of this overmantel is thus during the lifetime of John Dalston, and probably about 1650.

He married Lucy, daughter and heiress of Richard Fallowfield of Great Strickland (Visitation pedigrees), by whom the manor of Strickland came to the family.

John Dalston died at Millrigg on April 13th, 1692, and was buried at Kirkby Thore, in the register of which church the following is the only entry of this family :—

1691, April 18. John Dalston of Acornbank, Esq., who died at Milrig in Cumberland: upon his request, often made to the Rector That he might be entered within my church at Kirkbythore was buried accordingly (but in linnen).

Mem. One of Mr. Dalston's servants informed and that it was his master's desire to be Buried in Wollen and according to the Act and £ij already received for the use of the Poore by me.

Thos. Machell.

This account is somewhat involved, and does not render it clear whether he was buried according to the Act or not.

A brass to his memory was erected by his son Thomas on the north wall of the chancel of the church, with the following inscription :—

Subtus reconditur mortale JOHANNIS DALSTON de ACORNBANK,
infra comitatum WESTMORIÆ, Armigeri Filii CHR
ISTOPHERI DALSTON Equitis Aurati. Dum in vivis erat, magnum
se praebeuit virtutum Exemplar seræ Posteritati imitandum
Pietate, Prudentia morum candore et prona in omnes Benevolentia
inter populares suos diu Emicuit. Paternum genus duxit a ROBERTO



THE ARMS OF DALSTON
at Hornby Hall.

TO FACE P. 245.

de DALSTON Fratre HUBERTI de VALLIBUS, consanguineo RANDULPHI de MICENIS, cui WILL. I. (conquestor dictus) CUMBRIAM dedit. Primam Juventatem Humanioribus Literis imbuat Collegium Reginae quod Oxoniis est; Juris municipalis scientia Hospitium Graiense quod Londini: Patriae restitutus, officia Justiciarii ad Pacem Locum Tenentis Deputati, et Nuncii de Burgo ABALLABA ad Parliamentum per Quindecim annos, bene et fideliter gessit, Bello Civili, quod exarsit AD. MDCXLI a partibus Regiis fortiter stetit pro ea, Perduellionum rabie, gravia passus Publicis negotiis maxime Idoneus, intra Privatam vitam se continuit: satius ducens Hospitalitatem inter vicanos colere; Rem familiarem augere: sibi suisque sapere. Matrimonio accipit LUCIAM Filiam unicam et Herædem RICHARDI FALLOWFEILD de STRICKLAND Magna, intra Agrum WESTMORLÆ Arm. Quæ maternum stemma habuit de Familia de LOWTHER-HALL. Ex illâ suscepit Filios, Filiasque XXI viz:—CHRISTOPHERUM, THOMAM, GEORGIUM, WILHELMUM, CAROLUM, ELIZABETHAM, FRANCISCAM, LUCIAM, JANAM, DOROTHEAM, MARGARETAM, et Decem Alios, qui sub ipsâ Infantia morti cesserunt. Animam Deo Resignavit apud Prædolum suum MILL-RIGG XIII die mensis Aprilis AD.MDCXCII.

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His will is appended below. He had issue:—

1.—Christopher, his heir.

2.—Thomas as a younger son took the law as a profession, and was admitted as a barrister at Grays Inn. He lived at Penrith and seems to have acquired money, so that about 1695 he bought the estate of Hornby Hall from his relatives, the declining family of Birbeckes, who had for a long time been in possession of that estate.* His arms can be seen there placed over the doorway in the position where the Birbeck arms in all probability once stood. The stone is now much weathered, and only the following shields can be made out:—The centre shield quarterly of four: 1, Dalston; 2, 3, and 4, decayed. On each side three coats, Dalston impaling another: 1, Dalston

* See p. 240.

and Highmore of Armathwaite, the latter being ermine, a crossbow point down between three moorcocks sable (see Dalston of Mirkholme); 2, Dalston and Lowther; 3, 4, 5, and 6, decayed. He married Jane Wharton (daughter of John Wharton of Kirkby Thore, a distant relative of the ducal family of that name, who only survived five years, and was buried at St. Andrew's Church, Penrith, on August 11th, 1678, aged 26 years. There is a beautiful monument there (see opposite), of which the inscription is perhaps more beautiful still, slightly stilted towards the end as was the fashion of the time :—

Hic prope THOMÆ filij cineres jacet JANA, filia e
tribus Lectissima JOHANNIS WHARTON de KIRKBYTHORE
ar'. filia parente, parens filia quam dignissim' Fidelis
Consors et solamen uitæ THOMÆ DALSTON hospitii
Gravensis (ar) cuj p̄r Quinquennium marita Fælicis
Conjugij dedit pignora JOHANNEM, Luciam et THOMAM.
Summa pietate vel illa, quoad Deum Singulari Studio
erga Maritum Prisca Simplicitate inter omnes per dotes
corporis & animi. Olim hominum, nunc Dei amata.
O maritæ ex illa describe Maritam ! O posterī
vestrum deflete damnum ! Obijt christiane et pie 12^o die
Augusti Anno Salutis 1678, Ætatis 26.
Amoris erga posuit Tristissimus, T.D.

Thomas in his later years leased Hornby Hall to a Mr. Byers, reserving for himself lodging, food for so many horses, &c. He died shortly after, and was buried at Brougham on August 3rd, 1716 (Brougham register), where he is described as "late of Hornby." He had issue :—

- 1.—John, baptised May 25th, 1675 (Penrith register); sepult. December 31st, 1700 (Brougham register),
- 2.—Thomas, baptised August 23rd, 1677; sepult. May 1st, 1678 (Penrith register).



THE DALSTON MONUMENT
 in St. Andrew's Church, Penrith.

TO FACE P. 246.



THE ARMS OF DALSTON OF ACORNBANK
impaling Hutton of Hutton Hall.

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- 3.—Lucy married John Laybourne of Cunswick. On July 9th, 1702, Bishop Nicolson states in his diary that he met at Millrigg, Thomas Dalston and his son Leybourne.* Lucy is not mentioned in her father's will (appended), although she was alive at the time and his only surviving child, the reason probably being that John Leybourne had taken part in the rising of 1715, and his estates had been forfeited.
- 3.—John of Millrigg (Visitation pedigrees), who had a son John mentioned in his grandfather's will.
- 4.—George, buried at Temple Sowerby on September 30th, 1683. He had an only daughter Jane, also mentioned in her grandfather's will.
- 5.—William of Great Salkeld. He lived at Beckbank in the above parish, where there is a shield of glass of Dalston impaling Hutton of Hutton Hall, Penrith, with very beautiful diapering (see opposite). In 1715 his name appears among the list of nonjurors, but no further reference occurs to this incident.† He married Mary, daughter and coheiress of John Catterick of Carlton, co. York.‡ She is buried at "the church of St. Wilfred of Brougham" (Brougham register), the date being January 9th, 1701. This is one of the few cases in which interments took place at this chapel of ease; indeed, Bishop Nicolson says

* The statement in these *Transactions* (O.S., x., p. 125) that Leybourne's wife was the daughter of John Dalston is not quite accurate.

JOHN LEYBOURNE=LUCY, dau. of Thomas of Cunswick, sepult. Dalston of Hornby, living at Kendal, Dec. 10, at date of husband's death, 1737, then called "of to whom she erected a Highgate," æt. 69 monument in Kendal years. Parish Church.

† Earl of Carlisle, MS.

‡ Hunter's *Familia Minorum Gentium*. Her sister Margaret had married Thomas Birkbeck of Hornby Hall.

"none are buried here." On the death of his brother Thomas in 1716, William, no doubt, went to live at Hornby Hall, and in the Brougham register of 1724 he is described as of that place, but in 1730 as of "Udfoot," an adjoining farm. He was buried at Great Salkeld, where a large red sandstone slab, partly illegible, is affixed to the east wall of the porch, with the following inscription :—

Near this place Lieth ye Body
of Mr. William Dalston fifth son
of John Dalston of Acron
Bank (Gent or Esq) who dyed ye 24th. of
(November 1733) Aged 89 yrs.
(Also of his grand)daughter Mrs.
(Mary Dalston) who dyed
October (25th. 1739) aged 18 yrs.
Requiescat in pace.

The bracketed entries are filled in from the Great Salkeld register. He had issue one son, William, mentioned in his uncle Thomas' will; there may have been more, but I cannot find their baptismal record. This William came into possession of the Hornby property on the failure of his uncle Charles' issue, and had the following children :—

- 1.—John, baptised August 24th, 1724 (Brougham register).
- 2.—Thomas, baptised April 2nd, 1730 (Brougham register).
- 3.—Bridget, baptised April 27th, 1727 (Brougham register), and married in 1751 to Richard Lowndes, Lt. R.N., and had issue.*
- 4.—Mary, buried October 29th, 1739, æt. 18 years, with her grandfather (see above).

* Burke, *Landed Gentry*.

Probably William sold Hornby to the Acornbank family, for we find them in possession shortly after this date, and it was finally alienated by their successors to the Lowthers in 1828.

- 6.—Charles of Earsdon, Northumberland. He migrated to Newcastle, and was apprenticed to William Huntley, mercer of that city, on August 1st, 1677; admitted free of the Merchant Company, October 17th, 1687;* was disfranchised for disobedience to the Governor of the Company, January 23rd, 1730, the specific offence not being stated; and, having evidently eaten humble pie, was restored on August 18th of the same year. He married Anne, daughter and coheiress of John Preston, merchant, of Newcastle and Earsdon, on October 18th, 1687, at Long Benton. She was buried on July 6th, 1716 (Earsdon, Northumberland, register). He had issue:—

- 1.—John, born before 1692; buried May 19th, 1736 (Earsdon register).
- 2.—Charles, baptised September 26th (born 24th), 1694; buried December 30th, 1735 (Earsdon register).
- 3.—Thomas, baptised June 19th, 1705; buried June 3rd, 1707 (Earsdon register).
- 4.—Lucy, buried October 22nd, 1735 (Earsdon register).
- 5.—Christiana, baptised January 21st, 1701, wife of Edward Barras of South Blyth, married April 2nd, 1744, and buried February 6th, 1769 (Earsdon register), *sine prole*.
- 6.—Anne, baptised November 14th, 1708, wife of Joseph Barker of Earsdon, married November 20th, 1729, and had issue.

* Dendy, Newcastle, Merchant Adventurers.

Charles Dalston died June 25th, 1742 (Earsdon register), having survived all his children except two daughters. His will is dated July 16th, 1741, and states that "being an old man waiting his charge, when, where, and how it should attend him," he bequeathed his copyhold farm at Earsdon to his daughters, Christian Dalston and Ann, wife of Joseph Barker of Earsdon, to be equally divided between them.

John Dalston had also six daughters, who are mentioned on the Kirkby Thore tablet :—

- 1.—Elizabeth, wife of Anthony Duckett of Grayrigg, married December 15th, 1664 (Morland register).
- 2.—Frances, wife of Thomas Warwick of Warwick, co. Cumb. (Visitation pedigrees), who had a daughter mentioned in her grandfather's will.
- 3.—Lucy (Visitation pedigrees).
- 4.—Jane, wife of William Howard of Croglin Low Hall,* and after the death of his brother, of Corby Castle, married circa 1675 (Howard Corby MS.). There is a stone on the outside of the east end of Wetheral Church which states that she died on June 11th, 1710.
- 5.—Dorothy. She never married, but lived at Hornby with her brother Thomas, where she died June 21st, 1738 (Brougham register), and her will (appended) is dated from that place.
- 6.—Margaret, mentioned in her father's will; unmarried in 1692.

V.—CHRISTOPHER DALSTON, son and heir of John, was born in 1638, and was living at Millrigg when Dugdale made his visitation in 1664. He did not long survive his father, as he died in 1697 whilst governor of Carlisle

* Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.

Castle, from which place his will (appended) is dated. He married Bridgett, third daughter of Sir Henry Fletcher, Kt., of Hutton, on December 22nd, 1663,* and had issue :—

- 1.—John, his heir.
- 2.—Christopher, who along with his brother Henry, presents to the rectory of Uldale in 1702.† He appears to have lived at Johnby, Greystoke, where his son Christopher was baptised on September 9th, 1700. This son went to Queen's College, Oxford, where he matriculated on April 1st, 1717,‡ and it seems probable that it was a son of his who was the Captain Dalston mentioned by Lyson, since all the other branches can be eliminated, and from Dorothy Dalston's will his grandfather was in the army :—

The title (to the baronetcy) was assumed some time after Sir George's death by Captain John Dalston, who probably was led to believe that he had a claim to it as heir male of the Acornbank branch of the family, which became extinct by the death of Sir William Dalston, Kt., about the year 1700, but it could not be well founded, because the Acornbank family branched off long before the Dalstons became baronets, being descended from a younger son of Thomas Dalston, Esq., who lived in the reign of Henry VIII., by a second marriage with a coheiress of Carlile. Captain Dalston left no male issue, and the family is supposed to be now entirely extinct.

- 3.—Henry, of whom hereafter.
- 4.—Richard, baptised January 30th, 1679, and buried November 13th, 1680 (Temple Sowerby register).
- 5.—Lucy.
- 6.—Catherine.
- 7.—Bridgett, baptised December 4th, 1677 (Temple Sowerby register).

* The Flemings at Oxford, by the Rev. J. R. Magrath, D.D.

† Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.

‡ Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*.

They are all mentioned in their father's and brother's wills, and were unmarried in 1708.

VI.—JOHN DALSTON, baptised October 20th, 1664,* does not bulk largely in the family history. The only incident, except the statements on his tomb (given below), is that he had a squabble with Mr. Wicken, the rector of Kirkby Thore, for Bishop Nicolson in his diary, under date 1706, says he "visited Acornbank, and finds Mr. Wicken and Mr. Dalston reconciled by the help of their good-humoured wives."

He was buried in the old chapel at Temple Sowerby, where a monumental inscription, now lost, was placed to his memory :—

Here lies John Dalston of Acornbank, Esqr., a justice of the peace and deputy lieutenant for the counties of Westmorland and Cumberland. He was son and heir of Christopher, who was son and heir of John, who was son and heir of Sir Christopher, who was son and heir of Thomas, who was son and heir of Christopher, who was third son of Thomas de Dalston of Dalston Hall. He married Lucy, the only daughter of James Cook of Stockton, merchant, by whom he had issue John and Christopher. John survived him. He died in the forty-fourth year of his age, 1^o Jan. Anno Regni Reginæ Annæ sexto, Annoq. Dom. 1707.†

He was buried on January 3rd, 1707-8, and his will is given below. His wife survived him many years, and was buried in the same churchyard on November 11th, 1749. They had issue as stated above :—

- 1.—John, son and heir.
- 2.—Christopher, sepult. October 25th, 1707. (Temple Sowerby register).

VII.—JOHN DALSTON was baptised on July 30th, 1706 (Temple Sowerby register). He was sheriff for Cumberland in 1729, and represented Westmorland in Parliament

* The Flemings at Oxford, by the Rev. J. R. Magrath, D.D.

† Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.

in 1747, and again from 1754 to 1759 in company with his relative, Sir George Dalston.* He died unmarried at Bath on May 25th, 1759, and was buried at Temple Sowerby on June 15th the same year. He left no will, and administration of the estates was granted to William Dalston, the son of Henry, his first cousin (see wills).

It is convenient now to return to Henry Dalston, the son of Christopher (Visitation pedigrees). He went to Newcastle-on-Tyne, where he became an important personage, no doubt the principal factor in his removal being that his uncle Charles was a merchant there. He was sheriff of that city from 1709 to 1711, and was elected alderman on April 2nd, 1712,† and finally was mayor in 1715,‡ being elected at Michaelmas on the eve of the rising in Northumberland. He seems to have overcome the Stuart proclivities of his ancestors, for with the rest of the Corporation he held with the constituted authority, and the rebels did not care to knock their heads against the stone walls of Newcastle. He married :—

Firstly, Katherine, daughter of John Martin of Elvet, Durham, married August 12th, 1701, at St. Oswald's, Durham. He is then described as of the chapelry of All Saints, Newcastle-on-Tyne. They had issue one daughter :—

Bridget, baptised October 22nd, 1702 (All Saints', Newcastle, register), buried August 6th, 1705.

Katherine did not live long, as after 1707 the register of St. Nicholas, Newcastle, give his wife's name as :—

Secondly, Bridget. She had several sons and daughters, of which the entries may be given as they stand, as some of the sponsors are interesting locally.

* Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.

† Dendy's, *Newcastle, Merchant Adventurers*.

‡ Brand's *History of Newcastle-on-Tyne*.

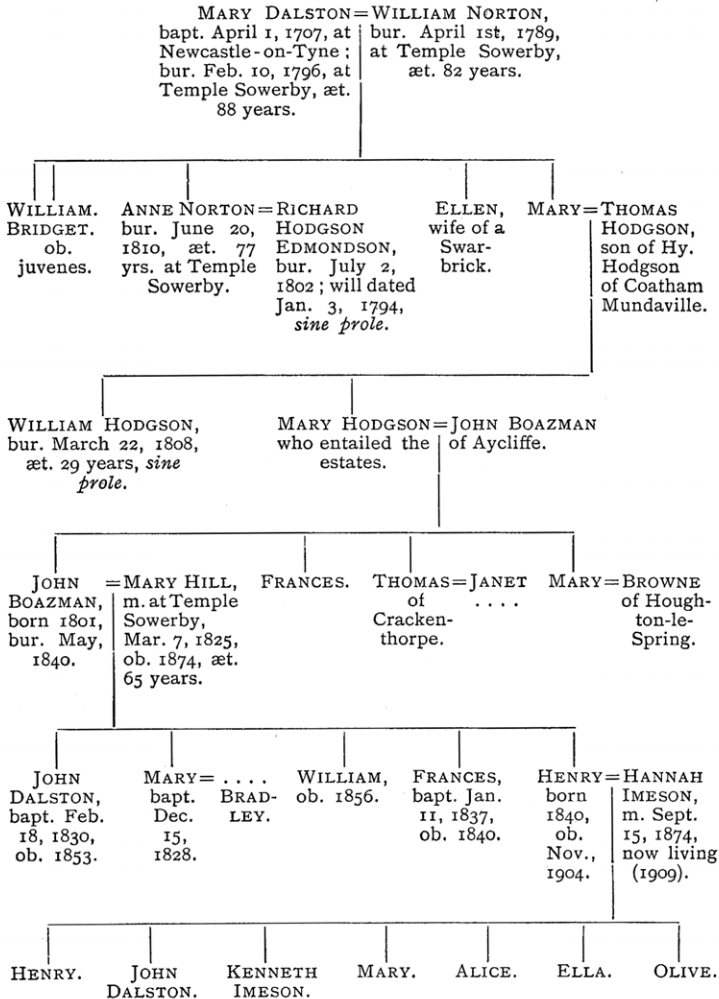
- 1706. March 28. Christopher, son to Mr. Henry Dalston, merchant, Sandhill, bapt. Buried April 2, 1706.
- 1707. April 1. Mary, daughter of Mr. Henry Dalston, merchant, and Bridgett, ux. bapt. Sur., John Dalston, Esq., Mrs. Magdalen Grey, Mrs. Mary Wilson.
- 1708. March 24. William, son of Mr. Henry Dalston and Bridgett, ux. cert. April 14. Sur., Mr. William Boutflower, Mr. Joseph Forster, Mrs. Lucy Dalston.
- 1710. October 17. Henry, son of Henry Dalston, Esq., sheriff, and Bridgett, ux. bapt. Sur., John Cuthbert, Esq., Dr. Hugh Todd, and Mrs. Catherine Foster. Buried October 19, 1714.
- 1711. December 28. John, son of Henry Dalston and Bridgett, ux. privately baptised.
- 1712. January 13. Thomas, son of Henry Dalston, Esq., alderman, and Bridgett, ux. bapt. Sur., Thomas Dalston, Esq., and Robert Law, D.D., and Mrs. Alice Colepits. Buried September 6, 1713.
- 1714. December 7. Charles, son of Henry Dalston, Esq., and Bridgett, ux. private bapt. cert. 30th. Sur., Mr. Christopher Teasdale, Mr. Charles Smithson, and Mrs. Adamson. Buried January 2, 1714-5.
- 1715-6. March 4. Catherine, daughter of Henry Dalston, Esq., mayor, and Bridgett, ux. private bapt. Buried March 5, 1715-6.

Of all his children, William and Mary alone survived him, and the former came into possession of the Acornbank estates in 1759.

VIII.—WILLIAM DALSTON was sheriff for Cumberland in 1760,* and was knighted soon afterwards for political services. He never married, and in 1767 he settled the family estates, such as remained from the extravagances of the last two generations, on his sister Mary, the wife of William Norton of Coatham Hall Garth, co. York. He died in 1771, and was buried at Temple Sowerby on the 22nd of September of that year. Thus the family of Dalston ceased at Acornbank, but it still remains in the possession of their lineal descendants, a manor house of much beauty and charm.

* Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.

It is interesting to give the descent in the form of a pedigree so as to continue the ownership to the present day :—



All now living (1909).

WILL OF THOMAS DALSTON OF ACORNBANK.

PROVED AT CARLISLE, FEBRUARY 20TH, 1615-6.

I, Thomas Dalston of Acornbank, Westmorland, Esqr., by will dated September 7th, 1615, direct my body to be buried in Kirkby-thore church, and give:—

To my Grandchild John Dalston all my plate, viz:—1 Bason and Ewer partly gilt, 1 great salt double gilt, 2 lesser salts double gilt, 2 great standing cupps with covers double gilt, 3 bolls for wine double gilt, 3 silver bowls for beer, a dozen and a half of spoons partly gilt and 1 silver sugar bol, reserving the use thereof to my wife for life; at her death to my son Christopher for life; at his death to Grandchild John to the intent that they remain as heirlooms from heir to heir.

I also give to my said Grandson £50 for his use and learning, and in remembrance of me.

To my Grandchild Mary Dalston £50 for her use and better advancement in marriage, if she live to be married.

To my two Grandchildren Benjamin and Mary Tiffin 100 marks, to be paid to my son William Tiffin their father for their better preferment.

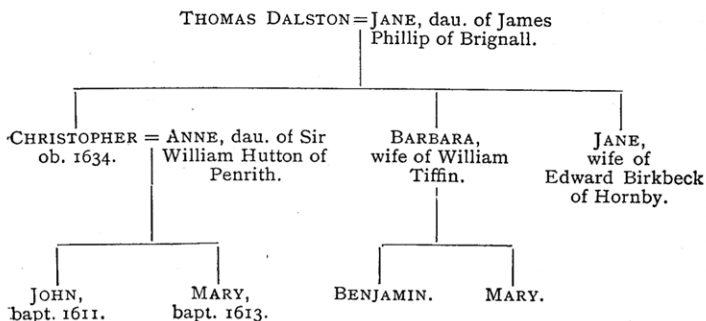
To Edward Birkbeck and my daughter Jane his wife £10 per annum for life without power of anticipation. I also give them £10 owing me by Sir William Hutton, Knight, on his bond.

To my cousin Anthony Hutton £10, and request him to assist my wife in the executorship hereof.

My son and heir Christopher Dalston to convey to my servant John Crosby a piece of land to be held by him according to the custom of the manor of Uldale.

To my wife Jane the rest of my goods, and appoint her executrix.

Witnesses.—Antho. Hutton, Christ. Dalston, John Crosby, John Dovenby, John Cliburn.



WILL OF JOHN DALSTON OF MILLRIGG,

OB. 1692.

In the name of God, Amen! I, John Dalston of Millrig in ye County of Cumb. Esq &c. Statutum est omnibus mori, This irrevocable Decree assures me that Dye I must, And since nothing is more certaine than death and yet nothing more uncertaine than the time & houre of death & that Ex hoc momento pendet Aeternitas. It concerns me as a mortal man & a Christian to prepare for it and in order thereunto that my dyeing moments may not be troubled with any worldly concernes & for settleing of peace & love amongst my dear & near relations I doe make this my last Will & Testament in manner following. First in all humility & thankfullness I returne my Soule into ye hands of Allmighty God my Maker trusting onely in ye mercies & meritts of my blessed Savionr & Redeemer Jesus Christ for pardon for my sins & for my hopes of Glory. My body I desire may be buried in ye Chancell of ye Church of Kirkby Thore in or near to ye grave where my Grandfather & Grandmother were buried & I give forty shillings towards ye keeping of ye said Chancell in good repaire And whereas I formerly made an assignment to my Son Christopher Dalston of all my Dean and Chapter Leases and of other leases of Lands for a thousand years upon certaine condicions or covenants therein express'd, Now as a further Assurance & confimacon of that assignement I doe hereby give & bequeath all ye said Leases to my said Son Christopher & his Assignes subject neverthesse to ye Covenants in ye deed of Assignement specified; And if I happen to dye before ye s^d Leases be renew'd then I give him one hundred pounds for renewing of them. And whereas by ye Deed of Settlement made upon my s^d Son Christopher's marriage I charg'd my Estate with Anuities or Rentcharges of twenty four pounds p. annum to my younger Sons & with nine hundred pounds to my three youngest daughters Jane, Dorothy & Margaret, Now those Annuities to my younger Sons I doe hereby ratifie & confirme, humbly desireing ye Trustees in that Settlement to cause ye same to be duely paid accordingly. And my will & desire is that my part of that Deed of Settlement be kept by my Son Thomas for ye security of his own & his brother's Annuities. And as for ye portions of my s^d three daughters (in regard that my s^d Son Christopher hath a great charge of Children of his owne) I doe hereby revoke ye s^d portions & doe acquitt & discharge ye Lands of that burthen And in lieu thereof & of their Claimes I doe hereby give & bequeath to my s^d Daughters as ffolloweth To my 2 Daughters Dorothy & Margaret Dalston I give & bequeath four hundred pounds apeice for their portions whereof the moneys put out for their use & ye Bonds &

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Securities taken in their names & in their custody is to be part. I further give to my ^{sd} 2 daughters twenty Guineas apeice to keep their purses with. As for my Daughter Jane Howard I have heretofore put her Portion into ye hands of Trustees for her use, whereof for severall years past she has had ye benefitt, yet for ye better Educateing of her Children I doe hereby give her twenty pounds more. To my Son Christopher Dalston I give all my flock of Sheep att Uldaile. To my Grandchilde John Dalston of Acornbank I give all my Sheep at Cammerheugh. I also give to my ^{sd} Grandchilde all my Household stuffe Husbandry gear & brewing Vessells at Millrig, excepting ye Silver Plate & Liberty to my 2 Daughters Dorothy & Margaret Dalston for each of them to choose & take away a Bedstead with ffeather bed & furniture thereto belonging & allsoe two paire of best Holland Sheets & Pillows & Covers for each bed which I doe hereby give and bequeath to my ^{sd} 2 Daughters. I likewise give to my ^{sd} Grandchilde John Dalston my Cabinet which was my Grandfather Dalston's with a large peice of old Gold w^{ch} was my said Grandfather's & w^{ch} I wish he would keep by him as safely as I have done in remembrance of his Ancestors. To my Son William Dalston in lieu of his Childe's part or portion I give & devise my messuage & tenement at Ousby for ye terme of his naturall life, the remainder after his decease to his first begotten Son & ye heires Male of his body issueing And for want of such heires then to his second Son & ye heires Male of his body issueing. And for want of such issue then to John Dalston Son of my Son Thomas Dalston & to ye heires Male of his body, the Reversion to my right heires for ever. To my Son Charles Dalston I give & bequeath towards his Livelihood & ye setting up of his Trade, ffive hundred pounds whereof ye three hundred pounds allready put out in his name is to be part. To my Grandchilde Jane Dalston (the onely daughter of my Son George deceas'd) I give one hundred & twenty pounds to be paid her at Michaelmas next after my decease if she be then liveing in full of her fillial portion. To my Grandchilde Frances Warwick (for ye care & paines she took whilst she liv'd with me) I give & bequeath twenty guineas. To my flour Grandchildren & Godsons, John Dalstons by name I give twenty pounds apeice. To all ye rest of my Grandchildren (being about twenty more) I give five pounds apeice. Item to every one of my Sons & Daughters in Law I give a broad piece of Gold to buy mourning Rings with if they please. To my Godson John Fallowfield I give Twenty shillings & to his 2 Sons (if they be liveing) forty shillings apeice to be put into the hands of Christopher Fallowfield (their Uncle) for their use. Item I give unto my Servants (if they stay & continue in my service untill my death) as ffolloweth

viz :—to Christopher Ffallowfield twenty pounds to Richard Railton twenty pounds to George Jeffreson fifty shillings To Thomas Hullock three pounds To Rowland Hodshon forty shillings to John Haggerstone thirty shillings To old John Hullock my Sheepherd twenty shillings To George Westgarth twenty shillings To Mrs. Lamley six pounds To Deborah Hodshon six pounds To mary Hullock twenty shillings To Isabell Jolle twenty shillings. To ye Townshipp of Culgaith I give & bequeath twenty pounds towards the maintaining of a Curate in orders to officiate in ye Chappell there Also to ye poors-stock in ye Townshippe of Templesowerby Great Strickland Uldaile and Culgaith I give five pounds apeice to every of them. Lastly I doe hereby make constitute & ordaine my Son Thomas Dalston sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament to whom I give & bequeath all ye rest & residue of my Goods & Chatells debts dueties & personall Estate whatsoever. My debts Legacies & ffuneral Expences being first discharg'd. And my Will is that one hundred pounds be kept in readyness for my interment for a six-penny dole for ye poor & other ffuneral charges hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. Now Blessed be God who hath given me at this present a personall Estate sufficient to discharge all my Debts & Legacies. But if in these times of Revolucon I happen to be dispoil'd of any considerable part thereof then I will that a proportionable abatement be made by all persons herein concern'd; And also that if any person herein nam'd shall any wayes obstruct ye execution of this my last Will & Testament or shall hinder my executor aforesaid if performing his office & trust herein Then my Will is that such person shall have noe benefitt hereby, And I humbly desire my Hon. ffriends and Relacons S^r John Lowther of Lowther & S^r Christopher Musgrave of Ednall (in case of any difference w^{ch} may happen to arise amongst my Children & Relacons) that they would please to take ye hearing of them and decide ye contraversary. And I doe hereby require all my Children & Relations to submit to & obey all such Orders & Awards as they ye s^d Sir John & Sir Christopher or ye survivour of them shall be pleased to make therein.

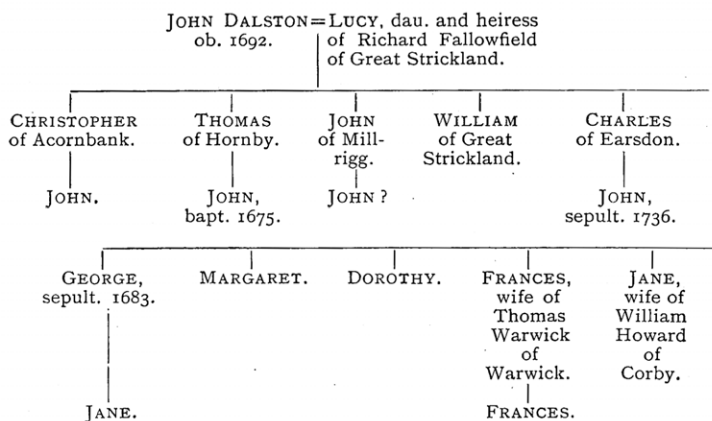
Now to this my last Will & Testament I have set my hand & seale this twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord God 1691 & in the year of my Age Eighty & one being then in good health & perfect memory Blessed be God for ye same,

John Dalston (loc. sigill.)

Sign'd seal'd & publish'd in ye presence of Thom. Machell Rectoris Ecclesiæ de Kirkbythore, Thomas Dawson Ecclesiæ de Newbiggin, Tho. Crackanthorpe, Ric. Birkbeck, Leonard Smith, Will. Jefferson jurat.

Proved at Carlisle 27th June 1692.

THE FAMILY OF DALSTON.



WILL OF CHRISTOPHER DALSTON OF CARLISLE,

PROVED AT CARLISLE, DECEMBER 14TH, 1697.

I, Christopher Dalston, Esq., Lieut. Governour of Carlisle Castle, by nuncupative will, dated 30 November 1697, give:—To my wife Bridget, £20 and the furniture in the house we now live in.

To my son John my golden signet which used to go to the heir of my family.

To my daughter-in-law Dorothy Dalston £10.

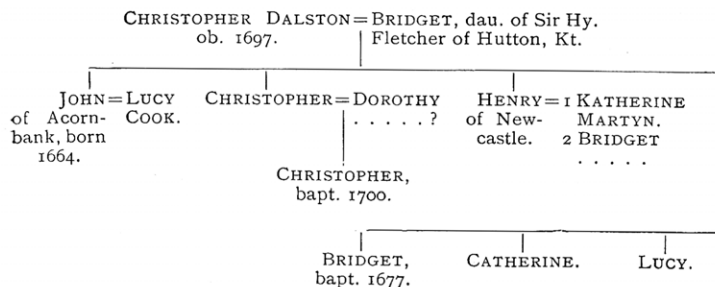
To my three daughters Lucy, Katherine and Bridget each £50.

To the poor of Carlisle £5 to be distributed by John Aglionby, Esq., and Mr. Chancellor Tully.

To my servant John Ellwood £5.

To my two younger sons Chr. Dalston and Henry Dalston the rest of my goods and appoint them executors.

Witness.—John How, not. publiq. John Elwood, Edward Holme, W. Rooke.



WILL OF JOHN DALSTON OF ACORNBANK,

PROVED AT CARLISLE, APRIL 29TH, 1708.

I, John Dalston of Acornbank, Westmorland, Esq., by will, dated 30 December 1707, direct my body to be buried in the porch of the Chapel of Templesowerby; my body to be carried thither by 8 men of my poor tenants who are to have 20s. each and black coats, and none but tenants to be invited to my funeral, and give:—

To the poor of Templesowerby £20.

To the poor of Uldale £20.

To the Minister of Kirkland £20 to be applied towards the maintenance of a Curate for the Chapel of Culgaith.

To the poor of Ten towns next adjacent to Acornbank £10.

By articles of Agreement on my marriage, dated 20 Sept. in the 4th. year of Queen Ann, between John Dalston of Millrigg, Cumb., Esq., of the 1st part, and Lucy, now my wife, by her then name of Cooke of Stockton on Tees, spinster, of the 2nd part, and James Cooke of Stockton, Merchant, and Robert Hillton of Stockton, Gentleman, of the 3rd part, I agree to secure an annuity of £300 to my wife for life, payable out of certain of my real estate, now I give to my said wife the annuity out of my capital messuage and estate called Millrigg, and out of capital messuage and estate of Uldale, and of the farm called Dallonbank in Westmorland, and of the lands and Tenement called Farebank, Cumberland, and subject thereto I give the said real estate

To my only son and child John Dalston for life and his heirs male; in default of heirs

To my Brother Christopher for life, and on his death

To my nephew Christopher, son of my said brother Christopher, and his heirs male, and in default of such heirs

To my brother Henry Dalston for life and then to his heirs, and in default of his heirs

To my sister Lucy for life and to her heirs, in default

To my sister Catherine for life and to her heirs, and in default

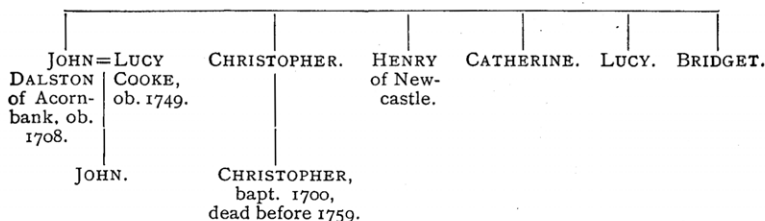
To my sister Bridget for life and to her heirs, the heirs of sisters to take the surname of Dalston, and to continue Protestants.

To my son John my Gold seal and broad piece of Gold and Cabinet left me by my Grandfather to continue as Heirlooms, and to remain with the owner of Acornbank.

The rest of my goods to the Honorable Lady Catherine Viscountess Lonsdale, Lyonel Vane of Longnewton in Durham, Esq., James Cooke of Stockton, Merchant, and my dear wife Lucy upon trust to pay debts, and then for my son John when he attains 21 years; should he die before attaining 21 then in trust for such persons as

shall inherit my real estate. And I give the custody and Tuition of my son John to my said wife and the Viscountess Lonsdale, Lyonel Vane and James Cooke.

Witnesses.—Ewan Christian, William Leight, John Caile.



5 Feb., 1733. Administration without will of the Goods of William Dalston of Great Salkeld, gentleman, was granted to William Dalston, gentleman, his son.

31 July, 1683. Administration without will granted to Janet Dalston of the goods of Christopher Dalston of Ousby, Cumberland. Inventory made by Thomas Lough, James Robson, Henry Hutchinson and Robert Hutchinson.

WILL OF THOMAS DALSTON OF HORNBY.

Mors Hominem ubique expectat, ubique etiam mortem expectat homo. Now I, Thomas Dalston of Hornby in the County of Westmorland, having outlived the age of man and taking this decay and weakness of body to be a summons unto death and that my dying hours may not be troubled with worldly concerns, doe make this my last will and Testament concerning the settling and disposing of my lands and real estate in Westmorland, viz:—

I doe hereby give, bequeath and devise the domains of Hornby and Hudfoot, the lands of Knock and all other my lands in Westmorland with their appurtenances unto my brother William Dalston of Great Salkeld in the county of Cumberland, Gent., and to his assigns for and during the terms of his natural life without impeachment of waste and from and after his decease

I doe hereby give and devise the said lands and real estate unto Charles Dalston of Earsdon in the county of Northumberland, Gent. (my 2nd. Brother), and to his assigns for and during the term of his naturall life without impeachment of or for any manner of waste and from and after his decease

I give and devise the same to John Dalston (eldest son of my said Brother Charles Dalston) and to the heirs male of his body, and for want of such issue then

I give and devise the same to Charles Dalston (2nd son of the said Charles Dalston his father) and to the heirs male of his body, and for want of such issue then

I give and devise the same to William Dalston, junr. (son of my said Brother William), and to the heirs male of his body.

I doe hereby revoke all former wills, &c.

In witness of this my last Will and Testament I have Hereunto sett my hand and seale this 23rd. day of July Anno Domini Jesu Christi 1716.

Witnesses.—Geo. Carter, Francis Mason, John Dalston, Will. Jefferson.

WILL OF THOMAS DALSTON OF HORNBY.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Dalston of Hornby in the county of Westmorland, being very weak in Body, but of perfect disposing minde and memory (praised be Almighty God), and having already settled and disposed of my lands and real estate and being desirous to doe the like with my Goods and personall estate, doe make this my last Will and Testament concerninge the same in manner following:—

ffirst, I give and bequeath unto my Brother William Dalston of Great Salkeld all these my Tythes of Corne and Graine in Lazonby, holden of the Rt. Worshipf. docter Thomas Gibbon, dean of the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity of Carlisle for the terme of 21 years therein mentioned.

I give and bequeath to my Brother Charles Dalston of Earsdon the sume of 40*l*.

To his son John the sum of 20*l* and to the rest of his children each of them 10*l*.

I give my trusty and faithfull serv. Wm. Jefferson the sume of Twenty pounds, beside the debt which I owe him, earnestly desiring him to be assistant to my Executrix in that troublesome office.

I give to docter fallowfield forty shillings.

To my servant Elizabeth Barrow the sume of fforty shillings, and to the rest of my servants twenty shillings a piece besides their wages.

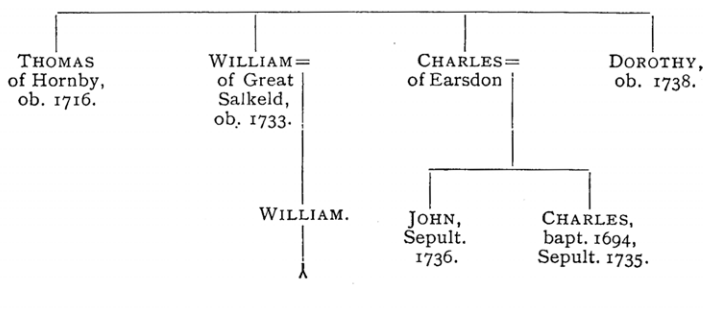
All the rest of my goods, chattells, debts and duties and personall estate whatsoever I give and bequeathe the same to my dear sister Mrs. Dorothy Dalston whom I make executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

And I doe appoint my Brother William Dalston to be joint executor with her in Trust, nevertheless for my said sister Dorothy and I desier my said brother to be assistant to her in the execution of this my Will, for which I give him Twenty pounds and to his son William Ten pounds.

I desire that all my debts may be duly paid.

In witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seale, the 25th day of July, Anno Domi. Jesu Christi 1716.

Same witnesses.



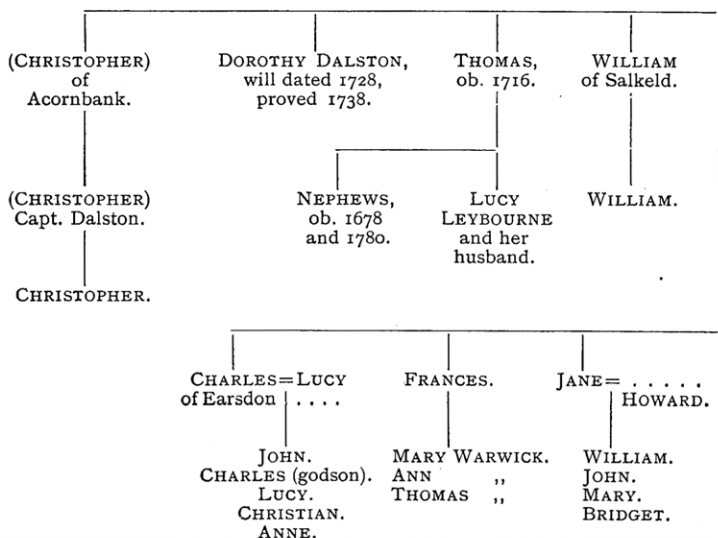
WILL OF DOROTHY DALSTON OF HORNBY,

PROVED AT CARLISLE, OCTOBER 3RD, 1738.

I, Dorothy Dalston of Hornby, Westmorland, spinster, by will dated 30 November, 1728, direct that if I die here at Hornby I be buried at Nine Church near my Dearest brother Thomas Dalston, Esq., and my two beloved nephews, and give To my brother Mr. William Dalston of Salkeld half a "Broad." To my brother Mr. Charles Dalston of Earsdon the Bedstead, &c., in the great room over the parlour commonly called the Lawyer's room, &c. &c. To my nephew John Dalston of Earsden £5, &c. To my Godson Charles Dalston £10 and my silver box. To my three nieces Lucy Dalston, Christian Dalston and Ann Dalston each £5. To my niece Lucy Leyburn and her husband Mr. Leyburn each £5. To my God-daughter Mary Warwick my Locketts and a guinea. To my two nephews William Howard and John Howard each a "broad." To nieces Mary Howard and Bridget Howard each a guinea. To my worthy friend Mrs. Mary Birkbeck a guinea. To my niece Ann Warwick, now abroad, a guinea. To my nephew Christopher Dalston, son of Captain Dalston, a guinea. To my

nephew Mr. Thomas Warwick a broad piece and my dear brother's picture that he may daily remember what he desired of him. To my maid servant Mary Huddleston £3, &c., &c., for her care of me these many years in my infirmity and illness. To my Godson Joseph Huddleston 40s. To my Godson Richard Fallowfield 20s. To my God-daughters Dorothy Jackson and Dorothy Russell each 20s. To my cousin Jane Rickerson 20s. To Deborah Slack 20s. To Mrs. Lucy Dalston of Earsden her own Tea Table and the chip coloured china. To Mrs. Elizabeth Huddleston my maids mother 10s. for her care and pains at several times. To Mrs. Elizabeth my maids sister a white silk hood. To my nephew Mr. William Dalston his own picture and a 3rd. part of my Books. To Mr. William Jefferson and my maid the other 2/3rds of my Books. To Sarah Wharton a crown. To Jane Willan of Haile Grange 1s. To Elizabeth Alsop 1s. To Robert Gowling of Culgaith 1s. To Mr. Orfer a crown. To my brother Mr. Charles Dalston of Earsden the rest of my Goods and appoint him executor. To Mr. John Huddleston, my clerk, and his wife each a guinea with the picture in the window in gilt frame.

Witnesses.—William Horne, Tho. Hall.



IV.—DALSTON OF MIRK HOLME.

Christopher Dalston had a second son John, who appears to have had property given him at Mirkholme in Uldale. This is now a farmhouse, and has no appearance of ever having been a house of any pretensions. He was evidently on the Royalist side, as were the rest of his family, and subscribed £1 for provisions for the garrison of Carlisle during the siege in 1643-4.* He married Anne, daughter of Robert Highmore of Armathwaite (Visitation pedigrees), who survived him. His will, which is in the registry at Carlisle, is simply an inventory of his goods (see below), and only mentions that he was the son of Christopher, but the inquisition post-mortem states that he died on July 24th, 1594 (an addition inquisition gives August 24th), and that Thomas Dalston was his son and heir, aged one year and two months at his father's death; also that Agnes his wife survived him, and was living at Armathwaite. The document is long, and gives his lands as :—

Five messuages and tenements in Fryerhall and Fryerpark in Caldbeck. Four messuages and tenements in Hartrigg in the forest of Inglewood. One messuage and tenement in Myrkeholme in Uldale. Four messuage and tenements in Uldale by "le Myrkeholme." One messuage and tenement at a place called "under le white waterdashe" in Uldale. A messuage and 40 acres called "le Whitefelde" in Iredale. One messuage and tenement in Grinsdale. Common of pasture and turbary in Uldale and Ireby. The whole held by knight service, but by what part of a knight's fee the jury would not venture to say.

All the other details given here are from the registers of Uldale and Greystoke, and unfortunately the books at the former place only begin in 1642.

II.—THOMAS of Mirkholme was born in 1593, and was only one year old when his father died. He was buried

* Nicolson and Burn, *History of Cumberland and Westmorland*.

June 26th, 1643, and his wife's name was Margaret . . . , who was buried March 12th, 1662. They had issue :—

- 1.—Joseph, his heir.
- 2.—Grace, wife of William Chambers, married November 19th, 1650.
- 3.—Agnes, buried June 23rd, 1665.

III.—JOSEPH of Mirkholme married Margaret Cope on February 20th, 1654, and she was buried May 24th, 1666. He survived until June 24th, 1690, and had issue :—

- 1.—Benjamin, his heir.
- 2.—Joseph, baptised May 24th, 1666, a twin with his brother Benjamin.
- 3.—Grace, baptised December 5th, 1655.
- 4.—Barbary, baptised January 26th, 1663-4, and buried August 20th, 1665.
- 5.—Mary, wife of Leonard Fell, married August 18th, 1668, of Stockdale.

IV.—BENJAMIN of Mirkholme, baptised May 24th, 1666, and married Dorothy Dawson of Castlesowerby on July 14th, 1688. There is no entry of his death, but it must have occurred before 1721, as one of his children is buried in her mother's name. He had issue :—

- 1.—Joseph, baptised June 15th, 1689; buried June 23rd, 1694.
- 2.—Timothy, baptised July 25th, 1691.
- 3.—Charles, baptised April 15th, 1693.
- 4.—Thomas, baptised April 6th, 1695.
- 5.—Josiah, baptised August 16th, 1697.
- 6.—Jane, baptised October 30th, 1710, and buried at Greystoke as the child of Mrs. Dorothy Dalston on August 28th, 1721.
- 7.—Dorothy, baptised June 25th, 1711.

From this time I have not been able to trace further the numerous sons of this branch.

1594. Novr. John Dalston of Ulndale, Cumberland, left no will registered. His goods are scheduled as follows :—

Christopher Dalston gives "a note of all such things as were left in my house of my sonne John Dalston deceased."

A Dublet & a paire of black briches.
 A Dublet and a paire of briches of canves.
 A Brown cloke laid in the neck with velvett.
 Two Jerkins of browne pesadow.
 Three shirts.
 A long chist for putting meal in.

John Crosby presenteth :—fyve shepe skins.

Randall Harrison presenth :—

A new sadlecloth.
 A pair of old botes.
 A whele barrow.
 A "reinge-fyve."

Isabel Harrison presenteth :—

Four harden sheetes.
 A paire of sylke garters.
 A scarf black.
 A little han.
 A swerdle belt.
 A stomager.
 A paire of old stirrup Irons.
 A piece of lether.

Inventory produced by Anne Dalston his widow.

Goods valued by Richard White of Uldale, Richard Simpson, Leonard Harryman, and Richard White of Stanthwaite.

APPENDIX.

THE DALSTON ESTATES IN CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

Estate.	How obtained.	Date.	Disposal.	Date.
Little Dalston.	From Bishop of Carlisle.	before 1301	Sold to Mr. Monkhouse Davidson for £5,600.	1761
3rd Kirkbride.	From Elizab. Kirkbride.	1511	Alienated by Sir John Dalston to Jas. Wharton.	1748
3rd Kirkbride.	From Crown.	1544	Ditto.	Ditto.
Dockerey.	From Elizab. Kirkbride.	1511	Given in marriage by Sir John Dalston with Elizabeth, his daughter, to Sir Thomas Braithwaite of Warcop.	c. 1620
Moorhouse.	Ditto.	Ditto.	Ditto.	Ditto.
Brundholme.	From Crown.	1544	Settled by deed dated 8th January, 1580, on John Dalston, who probably alienated to the Tolsons of Woodhall.	before 1608
Caldbeck- Upperton.	Ditto.	Ditto.	Sold by John Dalston to Thomas Lord Wharton.	before 1581
Ulton (Oulton)	From Eleanor Carlile.	1523 to 1550	Enfranchised by Sir G. Dalston, and sold after the extinction of the family to J. Watson.	c. 1764
Lassenhall.	Ditto.	Ditto.	Later esteemed parcel of Oulton.	Ditto.
Uldale.	From Crown.	1544	Sold under Act of Parliament for the settlement of the estates of Sir George Dalston to John Gaff, Esq.	Feb. 24, 1784
Little Bampton & Kirkbampton.	Parcels bought from R. Tolson and J. Southaic.	1586	Sold by John Dalston to the tenants.	before 1634
Waverton.	From Crown.	1544	Restored to Thomas, 7th earl of Northumberland.	1557

Estate.	How obtained.	Date.	Disposal.	Date.
$\frac{1}{2}$ High Ireby.	Purchased by Christoph. Dalston from W. Rybton and Jane his wife.	1589	The whole manor was in possession of Sir George Fletcher in 1687.	before 1687
Temple Sowerby.	From Crown.	1544	Still held by descendants of Dalston family.	1909
Great Strickland.	From Lucy Fallowfield.	c. 1637	Sold to Sir John Lowther of Lowther.	1695
Hornby Hall.	Bought from the Birbecks by Tho. Dalston.	c. 1710	Sold to William, 1st earl of Lonsdale.	1828
Nunclose.	Acquired by exchange by Christopher Dalston from Sir John Lowther.	1695	Sold by Sir Wm. Dalston to William Milbourne.	1762
Tarraby.	By exchange with Sir John Lowther.	Ditto.	Sold to tenants.	1764
Smardale.	From Frances Warcop.	c. 1590	Sold to Joshua Wilson.	1764 ?

ESTATES IN OTHER COUNTIES.

Bowes, co. York.	From Crown.	1544	Sold to Philip Brunskill of Startforth.	1594
Heath Hall.	From Lady Mary Bolles by will.	1662	To Francis Fauquier by marriage on failure of Dalston line.	1779
Budbroke, Essex.	from Anne Tyrell.	1573	To Dorothy Dalston on her marriage with Henry Gent, Esq.	1589
$\frac{1}{2}$ Beckenham.	Ditto.	Ditto.	Alienated to Sir Patrick Curwen.	c. 1640
$\frac{1}{3}$ Louden, Gonthorp, co. Notts Halstead, co. Leices. Langton, Kingston, Kripton, co. Dorset. Blackpatch Hall, co. Dorset.	From Catherine Tamworth.	1605	All sold to various persons before the year	1685