

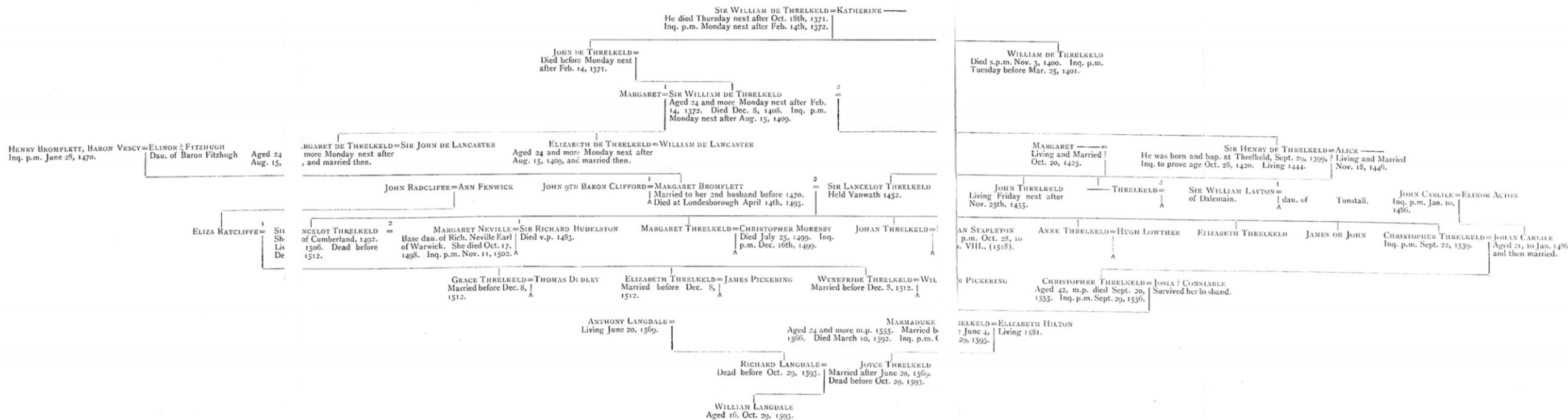
ART. XXII.—*The Threlkelds of Threlkeld, Yanwath, and Crosby Ravensworth.* By W. JACKSON, F.S.A.  
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THE manor of Threlkeld is situated at the foot of Blencathra, as that mountain was called in what we may term, through our entire ignorance of previous settlers, the language of the aboriginal inhabitants of the district. Our own forefathers have given it what sounds to our ears the more homely name of Saddleback.

How sequestered Threlkeld was, and how secure from the prying eyes of strangers to the district, we may conclude from the fact of its having been chosen, even so late as the fifteenth century, as a safe retreat for the young sons of the, so called, "Butcher" Clifford; the eldest of whom became known as the "Shepherd Lord." The manor gave its name to the family of its Lords, and as it is the only place so called, we are warranted in the conclusion, that wherever we find an individual of that name he sprang from that ancient house.

How the Lords of Threlkeld became also Lords of Yanwath, or a portion of it, or landowners in Crosby Ravensworth, we are yet ignorant; but Threlkeld was a mesne manor of the Barony of Greystoke; and Yanwath was held by the Greystokes under the Cliffords, Lords of the Barony of Westmorland; and, in the long chain of feudal dependency, the Threlkelds held that manor, or a portion of it, under the Greystokes, as they did their lands at Crosby Ravensworth, and as they continued to do under the Dacres, one of whom had married the heiress of the Greystokes. At Crosby Ravensworth they appear to have been closely associated with the family of Hastings. The  
 Threlkeld

Pedigree of the Threlkelds of Threl eld, Cumberland, of Yanwath & Crosby Ravensworth, Westmerland, & of the Threlkelds of Esthorpe, Yorkshire & Pensher, Durham.



Threlkeld arms seem to point to a connection with that ancient family; for, whereas the arms of Hastings are, sable, a maunch argent, the Threlkelds bore argent, a maunch gules; and it is worthy of note that William de Threlkeld, in the fourteenth century, bore a maunch, in chief six annulets, as is evidenced on two of his seals hereafter to be quoted; the annulets no doubt referring to the original dependency on the Viponts, first holders of the Barony of Westmorland, from whom the Cliffords acquired.

Genealogy is a science in which it is impossible to secure, even at the best, a perfectly satisfactory result, and as the heart alone knoweth its own bitterness, so the labourer in that field the most deeply feels his own failures. In this special instance, after more than usual investigation I have to lament that I have attained even less than an usual modicum of success. True, I have been able to add a good many facts, as Mr. Gradgrind would say, to the scanty notices given in Nicolson and Burn's history, and elsewhere in print, but I have been unable to rivet the links of the chain further back than the middle of the fourteenth century; other workers may, I hope, by future labours be enabled to weld their own discoveries and my fragments into a substantial addition to the pedigree sheet which I have compiled. I have determined to arrange all the notices of the Yanwath stem that I have succeeded in gathering in chronological order, and, where necessary, to translate the original records rather than to place them as footnotes.

Henry de Threlkeld  
20 Edw<sup>d</sup> I (1292).

is said to have been Sheriff of Westmoreland. He probably was under Sheriff at this time, when the office of hereditary Sheriff was jointly held by Isabella de Clifford and Idonea de Leybourn as coheirresses of their father Robert de Veteripont.

Nicolson and Burn's Hist<sup>y</sup> of West<sup>d</sup>  
and Cumb<sup>d</sup> Vol. i., pp. 273 and 610.

Henry

- Henry Threlkeld  
32 Edw<sup>d</sup> I (1304). had a grant of Free Warren at Yanwath, Crosby Ravensworth, Tebay & Rounthwaite. N. & B. Vol. i., pp. 492 & 498.
- Willilm Thurkild  
33 Edw<sup>d</sup> I (1304-5). Abbas de Sancto Albano Inq. ad quod damnum de tenementis adquisitis de Roesia quæ fuit uxor Willielmi Thurkild.  
Calendarium Genealogicum p. 128.
- Emma Threlkeld  
10 Edw<sup>d</sup> II (1316-7). was wife of Robert de Newbiggin. They had a daughter and heiress Emma, who married Robert de Crackantlorpe.  
N. & B. Vol. i., p. 366.
- Henry Threlkeld  
13 Edw<sup>d</sup> II (1319-20). had a repetition of the Grant of Free Warren at Yanwath, Crosby Ravensworth, Tebay & Rounthwaite.  
N. & B. Vol. i., p. 498.
- Henry Threlkeld  
14 Edw<sup>d</sup> II (1320-1). had a Grant of Free Warren at Threlkeld, Cumb<sup>d</sup>, & Yavennith, Crossby, &c., West<sup>d</sup>.  
Charter Rolls, 14 Edw. II, Part 1, No. 6.
- Robert de Threlkeld  
8 Edw<sup>d</sup> III (1335).  
March 29. Confirmation by John, Bishop of Carlisle, of Letters Patent of Edw<sup>d</sup> III., granting licence to Robert de Threlkeld to alienate in mortmain a yearly rent of 74/7 in Appleby held of the King by yearly service of 2/10, which service is called Danegeld, to a chaplain who shall celebrate for his soul in the Church of St. Lawrence at Appleby. The Bishop also recites the charter of foundation of the Chantry, dated Saturday before the Feast of St. Gregory (March 12th) 1335. The Confirmation is dated at Rose.  
His. Man. Com<sup>n</sup> 10th Report, Appendix Part iv., Bagot Papers, p. 323.
- Robert de Threlkeld. The above is quoted but as being confirmed by Bishop Ross 4th Edw<sup>d</sup> III (?) and the value as being 64/7 (?) with the addition "As appears by Inquisition taken by John de Lowther Escheator General in the Northern Parts. Town Chest Appleby."  
N. & B. Vol. i., p. 328.  
William

- William de Threlkeld of Westmoreland, Had Licence to impark his  
10 Edw<sup>d</sup> III (1336-7). Woods at Crosby Ravenswath.  
Patent Rolls.
- John de Threlkeld Commission to John de Levynghon, S.P.P.  
12 Edw<sup>d</sup> III (1338-9). an Augustinian Friar to receive the vow of  
March 24. chastity of Christian, widow of John de  
Threlkeld.  
Reg. John de Kirkby, epis. Carlisle, 208a.  
Testamenta Eboracensia Vol. iv., p. 338.
- Sir Henry Threlkeld A dispute arose between Sir Henry Threl-  
(1341). keld, Lord of the Manor of Threlkeld, and his  
lay tenants of the one part, and the Provost  
and Canons of the Collegiate Church of  
Greystoke of the other part, respecting the  
nomination of a Curate to the Chapel at  
Threlkeld.  
N. & B. Vol. ii, page 374.
- William de Threlkeld sold certain burgages in the town of Appleby  
15 Edw<sup>d</sup> III (1341-2). to Sir Robert de Clifford Lord of Westm<sup>d</sup>  
anno 15 Edw<sup>d</sup> III. and sealed with a manch  
charged with 6 annulets about which was  
wrt S. Willi. de Thirlkeld not Threlkeld as  
we write it now.  
Machell MSS. Vol. vi., p. 721.
- William de Threlkeld Sheriff of Cumberland to give an account of  
30 Edw<sup>d</sup> III (1356-7). £40 with which he had to repair the gates of  
Carlisle.  
Communicated by Edw. Bellasis, Esq.,  
Lancaster Herald.
- Robert de Threlkeld Bishop Welton made a confirmation of a  
1359. grant by the said William Lord of Greystoke  
to one master and six chaplains, Robert de  
Threlkeld being one of the latter.  
Jefferson's Leath Ward, p. 354.
- Robert de Threlkeld appointed to the Vicarage of Crosby Ravens-  
1361. worth co. Westmerland by Abbot & Convent  
of Whitby. He died 1362.  
N. & B. Vol. i., p. 496.  
William

- William de Threlkeld 35 Edw<sup>d</sup> III (1361-2). Grant from the King to William de Therekilde in fee of the manor of Dighton, co. York.  
Patent Rolls, 35 Edw<sup>d</sup> III.
- William de Threlkeld 37 Edw<sup>d</sup> III (1363). Grants to Henry de Threlkeld and John Wadesly (former his son) all his lands in to March. Yanonwith which his sister Isabel de Thuryng- ham held for her life. Inter testes, Sir Hugh de Lowther the son. Perfect seal, I think a maunch with a chief.  
Lowther Papers.
- William de Threlkeld 38 Edw<sup>d</sup> III (1364-5). John de Crofton for William de Threlkeld and Catherine his wife, Ullesby Manor, Cumb<sup>d</sup>.  
Chancery Series, Inq. ad quod damnum 2nd numbers, No. 38.
- Robert de Threlkeld (1366). William son of Robert de Threlkeld was instituted on a presentation by King Edw<sup>d</sup> III., in right of his ward Ralph Lord Grey- stock, to the Rectory of Dufton, Westmerland.  
N. & B. Vol. i., p. 358.
- William de Threlkeld 40 Edw<sup>d</sup> III (1366-7). paid a relief for the moiety of Eanwath which he held of the Barony of Graystock.  
N. & B. Vol. i., p. 412.
- William de Threlkeld 42 Edw<sup>d</sup> III (1368-9). Release by W<sup>m</sup> de Threlkeld Knt to the Abbot and Convent of Byland of all his right in certain lands in Bretherdale.  
His. Man. Com<sup>n</sup>. 10th Report, Appendix, Part iv. Bagot Papers, p. 323.
- William de Threlkeld 40-1 Edw<sup>d</sup> III (1368). Miles, Executor with Henry de Threlkeld and John de Dent to Will of Henry de Threlkeld. Names his wife Idonea. Bequeathes 20 marks to poor of Helton and Yanewith. Will in Prov. June 13, London. Prov. June 22, Rose.  
Norman French.  
Communicated by E. Bellasis, Esq.,  
Lancaster Herald.  
William

William de Threlkeld Inq. taken at Penrith co. Cumb<sup>d</sup> Monday  
46 Edw<sup>d</sup> III (?) (1372). next after Feast of St. Valentine, (Monday  
Feb. following Feb. 14), after the death of William  
de Threlkeld Chivaler dec<sup>d</sup> Seized jointly with  
Katherine his wife & William their son of 2  
parts of a moiety of the manor Uliesby of  
the grant of John de Crosseton (Crofton?).  
Seized also in his demesne as of fee of the  
manor of Threlkeld with the appurtenances.  
He died Thursday next after the Feast of St.  
Luke the Evangelist last past, (Thursday  
following 18 Oct. 1371), and William son of  
John son of the said William de Threlkeld is  
his next heir and is aged 24 and more.

Inq. P.M. Chancery Series, 46 Edw<sup>d</sup> III.  
No. 65.

Henry de Threlkeld  
49 Edw<sup>d</sup> III (1376).  
Oct. 6.

Fine levied in the Octave of Saint Michael  
between Henry de Threlkeld complainant  
and Thomas Taillor and Margaret his wife  
deforcians of 3 messuages 6 acres of meadow  
1½ acre of wood & the 3rd part of 1 messuage  
with the appurtenances in Great Stykeland  
consideration 100 marks.

Cumb<sup>d</sup> & Westm<sup>d</sup> Feet of Fines.  
Ordinary Series. Westm<sup>d</sup> No. 48.

William de Threlkeld  
2 Rich. II (1379).  
April 18.

Release by William de Threlkeld Knight son  
and heir of John de Threlkeld to the Abbot  
and Convent of Byland of all his right in  
certain lands in Bretherdale usurped by his  
grandfather William de Threlkeld within the  
bounds assigned by Henry late King of  
England &c.

His. Man. Com<sup>n</sup> Tenth Report, Appendix,  
Part iv., p. 323. Bagot Papers.

Henry de Threlkeld  
3 Rich. II (1379).  
Oct. 20.

Fine levied in three weeks from St. Michaels  
day between Robert Matthewson of Morland,  
Chaplain, William de Thorneburgh, Hugh de  
Salkeld and Thomas Lighclop, complainants,  
and Henry de Threlkeld and Johan his wife  
deforcians of 2 messuages 100 acres of land

16 acres of meadow and 8 acres of wood, with the appurtenances in Great Stirkeland consideration 100 marks.

Cumb<sup>d</sup> & Westm<sup>d</sup> Feet of Fines.  
Ordinary series, Westm<sup>d</sup> No. 2.

William de Threlkeld 1390. Ricardus de Redman son and heir of Matthew de Redman confirms a Charter of the said Matthew, William de Threlkeld a witness.

Duchetiana by Sir G. Duckett, p. 213.

William de Threlkeld 13 Rich. II (1389-90). Knight of the Shire for Cumberland.  
N. & B. Lists of Knights of the Shire.

William de Threlkeld of Ullesby. 2 Hen<sup>y</sup> IV (1401). Inq. taken at Penreth co. Cumb<sup>d</sup> Tuesday next before Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Mary (25th March, 1401), after the death of William Threlkeld of Ullesby. Died seized to him and his heirs male of 2 parts of a moiety of the Manor of Ullesby with the appurtenances of the gift & grant of John Croston (Crofton?). If he died s.p.m. the said two parts to go to the right heirs of William de Threlkeld Knt, his father. He died Nov. 3 last, without heirs male and William de Threlkeld of Crosby, Chivaler, is his cousin & next heir, viz., son of John son of the said William the father and is aged 40 and more.

Inq. P.M. Chancery Series, Hen. IV. No. 16.

William de Threlkeld 5 Hen. IV (1403-4). of Crosby Knt. cousin and heir of William Threlkeld Knt. father of William Threlkeld of Ulvesbye son of John son of William paid his relief for two parts of the moiety of the manor of Ulvesbye.

N. & B. Vol. i., p. 498.

William de Threlkeld 10 Hen. IV (1409). Inq. taken at Appilby co. West<sup>d</sup> Monday next after the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary (15 Aug. 1409), after the death of William Threlkeld, Chivaler, deceased.  
Seized

Seized in fee of the Manor of Crosby raveneswath with the appurtenances in co. Westmoreland, seized also jointly enfeofed with Margaret late his wife deceased to them the heirs of their bodies of the 3rd part of the Manor of Yanwith with the appurtenances in said County. Said William and Margaret had issue two daughters viz., Margaret wife of John de Lancaster, chivaler, and Elizabeth wife of William Lancaster of Yanwith, which John de Lancaster and Margaret his wife and William de Lancaster and Elizabeth his wife immediately after the death of the said William Threlkeld chivaler entered upon the said third part of the manor of Yanwyth &c., and are aged 24 and more. William Threlkeld died on Feast of the Conception of the blessed Mary 10 Hen. IV., (8 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1408), and Henry Threlkeld is his son and next heir and is aged 13 and more.

Inq. P.M. Chancery Series, 10 Hen. IV., No. 14.

Henry Threlkeld  
7 Hen. V (1420).  
Oct. 28.

Inq. taken at Penreth co. Cumb<sup>d</sup> to prove the age of Henry Threlkeld son and heir of William Threlkeld chivaler dec<sup>d</sup>. He was born at Threlkeld in the said C<sup>o</sup> on the Feast of St. Michael and was baptized in the church there on the same day. He was aged 21 on the Feast of St. Michael last. William Threlkeld aged 60 one of the witnesses.

Inq. P.M. Chancery Series, 7 Hen. V., No. 84.

Henry Threlkeld  
7 Hen. V (1420).  
Nov<sup>r</sup> 11.

This Indenture made at Crosby Ravenswath in the County of Westm<sup>d</sup> and on Martenmas day in November in the seventh year of the reign of King Henry the Fifth after the Conquest of England Witnesseth that I John Milthorp substractor of Will<sup>m</sup> de Beaulieux estractor of our said Lord the King in the Counties of Cumb<sup>d</sup> & West<sup>d</sup> by virtue of a Writ of the King directed to the same estractor (the fealty of Henry Threlkeld son and

and heir of William Threlkeld Knight deceased contained in the said enclosed Writ being first taken) have made full seisin to the same Henry Threlkeld on the day of the execution of these presents of all the lands and tenements with their appurtenances of which the aforesaid William son of the same Henry Threlkeld was seized in his lordship as of Fee in the Counties aforesaid on the day on which he died and which by the death of the same William Threlkeld and by reason of the minority of the aforesaid Henry Threlkeld were taken into the hands of the Lord Henry lately King of England father of our Lord Henry the King who now is the rights of each being preserved as the tenour of the said Writ of the King in the matter demands and requires. In testimony whereof I the aforesaid John Milthorpp substraetor have affixed my seal to the one part of the Indenture remaining in the hand of the above-said estraetor the aforesaid Henry Threlkeld has affixed his own seal given at the place day and year aforesaid.

Communicated by Edw<sup>d</sup> Bellasis, Esq.,  
Lancaster Herald.

Henry de Thirkeld  
4 Hen. VI (1425).  
Oct. 20.

Fine levied in three weeks from St. Michael's day between William de Stapulton jun<sup>r</sup> Thomas de Burham and John Hankyn clk, complainants and Henry de Thirkeld chivaler and Margaret his wife deforciantes of 20 messuages 200 acres of land 80 acres of meadow 10 acres of wood and 20/- rent with the appurtenances in Ullesby consideration 300 marks.

Cumb<sup>d</sup> & Westm<sup>d</sup> Feet of Fines, Cumb<sup>d</sup>.

Sir Henry Threlkeld  
6 Hen. VI (1427-8).

bought from Sir John de Lancaster of Howgill's four daughters and coheireses in consideration £20 each the Lancaster moiety of Yanwath.

N. & B. Vol. i., p. 413.

Sir

- Sir Henry Threlkeld  
22 Hen. VI (1444).  
May 18. Indented Articles in English made at Amote-  
brige in Cumberland between Sir Henry  
Threlkeld and Sir Thomas Strickland con-  
cerning the Government of Lancelot son to  
Sir Henry and for reconciling him to his  
father.  
Communicated by Edw<sup>d</sup> Bellasis, Esq.,  
Lancaster Herald.
- Henry Threlkeld, Knt.  
25 Hen. VI (1446).  
Nov. 18. Fine levied in the Octave of St. Martin  
(Nov. 18) between Roger Crofte Vicar of  
Crosseby ravensthath co. West<sup>d</sup> complainant  
and Henry Threlkeld Knt. and Alice his wife  
deforciantes of a mediety of the Manor of  
Yanwyth with the appurtenances in co.  
Westm. Also of 4 messuages 160 acres of  
land 60 acres of meadow 200 acres of pasture  
and 10 acres of wood with the appurtenances  
in Threlkeld co. Cumberland.  
Feet of Fines Divers Counties.
- Lancelot Threlkeld  
31 Hen. VI (1452-3). It was found that Ralph Baron of Graystock  
held of the Lord Thomas de Clifford sundry  
Manors and amongst them Yanwith and that  
Lancelot Threlkeld held Yanwith of the said  
Ralph.  
N. & B. Vol. i., p. 356.
- Lancelot Threlkeld  
34 Hen. VI (1455). Release from John de Threlkeld to his brother  
Lancelot of all his right in a moiety of the  
Manor of Yanwith except so much land as  
shall be worth 20/- yearly. Dated Friday  
next after St. Katherines, 34 Hen. VI.  
Lowther Papers.
- Robert Threlkeld  
7 Edw<sup>d</sup> IV (1467-8). Inq. concerning the foundation of a Chantry  
at Appleby co. West<sup>d</sup>.  
Inq. P.M. &c., Chancery Series, No. 54.
- Sir Lancelot Threlkeld  
9 Edw<sup>d</sup> IV (1470).  
June 28. Inq. taken at Keterying co. Northampton  
after the death of Sir Henry Bromflete Knt.  
Lord Vessy (date of death illegible). Margaret  
wife

wife of Sir Lancelot Threlkeld Knt. is his daughter and next heir and is aged 26 and more.

Chancery Inq. P.M. 8 (?) Edw<sup>d</sup> IV., No. 37.

Lancelot Thirkyld  
7 Hen. VII (1491-2).

Plaintiff and John Flemyng defendant. Outlawry on a recognizance for debt. Plaintiff took the issues and profits of certain lands that were late of Sir Richard Huddelston which he received in right of his wife.

Duchy of Lancaster Pleadings, Vol. ii., T 5.

Sir Lancelot Threlkeld  
7 & 8 Hen. VII (1492-3).

Knt. Sheriff of Cumberland.

MS. List of Sheriffs. Pub. Rec<sup>d</sup> Office.

10 Hen. VII (1494).  
Oct. 28.

Inq. (record in bad condition) taken after the death of Sir John Hudylston Knt. dec<sup>d</sup>. Richard Hudylston son of Sir Richard Hudylston Knt. son of the said Sir John Hudylston is his cousin and next heir and was aged 17 on the Feast of St. Katherine the Virgin last past (25 Nov).

Chancery Inq. P.M. Cumb<sup>d</sup>. 10 Hen. VII. No. 4.

July 26. (1499).

On a marble slab fixed in the south wall of the chancel of Penrith church, charged with the arms of Moresby, a cross, in the first quarter a cinque foil, is the following inscription: Hic jacet Christophorus Moresby Miles, qui obiit 26 die Mensis Julii A.D. MCCCCLXXXIX Jesu Mc<sup>v</sup>.

Jefferson's Leath Ward, p. 51.

Dec. 16. (1499).

Inq. taken at Durham Monday 16 Dec<sup>r</sup> 6th Bishop Fox (1499) after the death of Sir Christopher Moresby, Knt. He died 25 July last and Ann Pickering is his daughter and next heir and is aged 30 and more.

Durham Inq. P.M. Portf. 169, No. 46.  
Sir

Sir Lancelot Thyrykyl One of the Knights of the Bath created at  
17 Hen. VII (1501). the marriage of Arthur Prince of Wales.  
Nov. 17. Beatson's Political Index, Part 2, p. 105.

Sir Lancelot Thyrkeld Inq. taken at Caldbecke co. Cumb<sup>d</sup> 9 June  
14 & 17 Hen. VII. 17 Hen. 7 (1502) after the death of Margaret  
(1498) & (1502). Hudelston widow deceased. Seised of manors  
of Blennerhasset and Upmanby in said c<sup>o</sup> and  
lands in Penreth and Caldegate next Carlisle  
in said c<sup>o</sup>. She died 17 Oct. 14 Hen. VII  
(1498) and Richard Hudelston is her son and  
next heir and is aged 21 and more. Sir  
Lancelot Thyrkeld Knt, occupied and received  
the issues and profits of the said Manors &c.,  
from the said 17 Oct. 14 Hen. VII to the  
Feast of St. Martin in hyeme (11 Nov.) 17  
Hen. VII (1502) and the said Richard  
Hudelston occupied and received the issues  
of the same from the said Feast of St. Martin  
to the date of this Inq.

Inq. P.M. Chancery Series, 19 Hen. VII.  
No. 86.

Sir Lancelot Threlkeld Escorted Margaret to Scotland to be married  
18 Hen. VII (1503). to James IV. of Scotland.

Sir Lancelot Trikkeld Special Pardon and release to Sir Lancelot  
21 Hen. VII (1506). Trikkeld Knt. of Yanwith c<sup>o</sup> Westm. late  
May 5. Sheriff of Cumberland of all matters con-  
nected with his said office and of all entries  
on the manors of Blenerhasset and Upmanby  
c<sup>o</sup> Cumb and on all lands &c. in those places  
and in Carlisle & Penrith in same c<sup>o</sup> Amot-  
brige c<sup>o</sup> Westm. & Egilthorp Barnyngham  
Bows Bolron (?) & Lartyngton c<sup>o</sup> York lately  
the inheritance of Margaret wife of the said  
Lancelot deceased and in the King's hands  
by the minority of Richard Huddilston her  
son & heir.

Patent Rolls, 21 Hen. VII. Part 3, mem.  
22.

Sir

Sir Lancelot Threlkeld Partition Deed of the Estates of the late Sir  
 3 Hen. VIII (1512). Lancelot Threlkeld between Thomas Dudley  
 and Grace his wyf one of the daughters and  
 Heyrs of Lancelote Threlkeld Knyght of the  
 one Part and James Pykeryng and Wynefride  
 his wyf Another of the daughters of the  
 second part and Willm Pykeryng and Wyne-  
 fride his wyf another of the daughters of the  
 third part.

Lowther Papers.

10 Hen. VIII (1518).  
 Oct. 28.

Inq. taken at Kingston on Hull after the  
 death of Sir Brian Stapleton of Wighall Knt,  
 decd. Wife Joan (*née* Threlkeld) mentioned.  
 He died 18 Sept. last & Christopher Stapilton  
 is his son and next heir and is aged 33 and  
 more.

Chancery Inq. P.M. 10 Hen. VIII. No.  
 50.

Little is known of the personal or domestic history of  
 the family, and that little commences with the first Sir  
 Lancelot. He seems to have been, at one time, at vari-  
 ance with his father, but the cause of this does not appear.  
 He married Margaret, the only child and heiress of Henry  
 Bromflete, Lord Vescy, and widow of John, Lord Clifford,  
 who fell at Ferry Bridge, in 1461, at the early age of  
 twenty-six, and from the terms of Inq. P.M., held on Lord  
 Vescy in 1470, Margaret, then the wife of Sir Lancelot  
 Threlkeld, must have been very young, although the  
 mother of two children, at the death of her first husband.  
 If she brought an accession of fortune and of consequence  
 to her second lord it was not unaccompanied by care, for  
 her sons had to be secreted from the vengeance of the  
 Yorkist faction, Lord Clifford having incurred their special  
 hatred by slaying the young Earl of Rutland, whom  
 they always described as a child compared with his adver-  
 sary, whereas there was, after all, no great disparity of  
 age between the two.

That

That Sir Lancelot strove not unsuccessfully to preserve the lives of his stepsons, the not unworthy words of Wordsworth bear record—

“ Give Sir Lancelot Threlkeld praise,  
Hear it good man old in days,  
Thou tree of covert and of rest  
For this young bird that was distrest ;  
Among thy branches safe he lay,  
And he was free to sport and play  
When falcons were abroad for prey.”

It is a curious fact, which one cannot help associating with Sir Lancelot and the concealment of the young Cliffords, that there is a secret chamber or nook at Yanwath Hall, only discovered within the last few years. Sir Lancelot had three sons ; Lancelot his successor, James or John, of whom nothing seems to be known, and Christopher, of whom more hereafter. He had also four daughters ; Margaret, who married Sir Christopher Moresby ; Johan, who became the wife of Sir Brian Stapleton ; Anne, who married Sir Hugh Lowther ; and Elizabeth. Sir Lancelot probably died before 1492. He was buried in Crosby Ravensworth church, where the Arms of Threlkeld, impaling the cross of the Vescys and the bend fleury of the Bromfletes in a manner not strictly in accordance with the rules of heraldry, may be seen on the massive tomb, in the vault beneath which, Sept. 20, 1745, was also laid Robert Lowther, the eccentric and tyrannical father of the sole Earl of Lonsdale of the first creation, who, in both characteristics far exceeded the paternal example.

His wife no doubt survived him, for she died at her ancestral estate in Londesborough, April 14, 1493.

The eldest son of Sir Lancelot, and the second of that name, married firstly, Elyn Radclyffe, as I find briefly stated in a pedigree attached to my papers on the Lowther House,

House, in Penrith. Writing at Naples, without being able to refer to my authority, I cannot give my proofs, but I am sure the statement is correct. I think she would be the mother of his children. His second marriage was, like his father's, calculated to bring *à clat* and a good dowry to his house, for Margaret was the illegitimate daughter of Richard Neville, the great Earl of Warwick, and widow of Richard Hudleston, K.B., eldest son of Sir John Hudleston, of Millom, whom he predeceased. By Sir Richard she had a son and two daughters. Sir Lancelot was created a Knight of the Bath at the marriage of Arthur, Prince of Wales, in 1501; he was also one of the escort of the Princess Margaret when she went to Scotland to marry King James the IV. of that kingdom. I am unable to state when he or his second wife died, or where they were buried; but he was dead before 1513, the date of the partition deed of his estate amongst his three daughters. Elizabeth, who had married James Pickering, took Crosby Ravensworth; Winifred, who married William Pickering, the brother of James, (both younger sons of Anne, the heiress of Sir Christopher Moresby by their aunt Margaret Threlkeld, which Anne had married Sir James Pickering of Killington and Winderwath,) took Threlkeld; and Grace, the eldest daughter, whom Dugdale and some other genealogists erroneously call Sarah, brought her husband, Thomas Dudley, the beautiful domain of Yanwath, the descent of which I propose to follow till it became merged in the wide-spreading possessions of the Lowther family.

I forbear attempting to connect any special members of the family of Threlkeld with the various dates at which Yanwath Hall was built, added to, or altered. The able paper by Dr. Taylor in the first Vol. of our Transactions, gives the periods approximately from the Architectural features; but I must protest against the statements made in Parker's Domestic Architecture, Vol. II, p. 216, where it  
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is asserted that "the original structure is believed to have been built by John de Sutton who married Margaret, heiress of the De Somerie family, in 1322." Now the Suttons or Dudleys, for the younger branches chose to take the title as a surname, had no connection with Westmerland or Cumberland until Edmund Sutton, eldest son of John, 4th Baron Dudley, married to his second wife, Maud daughter of Thomas, 8th Baron Clifford (and sister of John, 9th Lord, first husband of the Bromflete heiress), and it was the marriage of Thomas, son of this Edmund and Maud, with Grace Threlkeld that brought about the Yanwath connection soon after 1500.

I have no wish to disparage a very valuable work, but probably this utterly baseless assertion was foisted upon the unsuspecting Parker by the same individual who led him to insert a statement in Vol. II. p. 225, that "in the first year of Edward II, Licences were granted to Willelmus de Dacre and Richardus le Brun to crenellate their houses, both described as situated at Dunmalloch, in the Marches of Cumberland, (Dunmalloch in Marchibus). There seems good reason to believe that these two houses are Dacre Castle and Brougham Hall, which are within a few miles of each other, and both near to a hill called Dunmaloch." There is no reason to believe any such erroneous assertion. There were three licences to crenellate granted in the first year of Edward II. One was to Robert de Tylliol for mansum suum at Scaleby; another to Willelmus de Dacre for mansum suum near Dunmalloght, which refers clearly to Dacre Castle; and the other to Richardus le Brun for mansum suum at Drombogh which is undoubtedly Drumbrugh, and has no reference whatever to Brougham Hall which, it is well known, has every claim to beauty of site and architecture, but none to antiquity. I do not know at what degree of fortification a licence to crenellate became necessary; certainly Pele Towers in the Border districts  
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were exempt; but Yanwath had a fortified area, and was situated at a most important ford, and yet it is not amongst those enumerated in Parker's List.

With regard to Threlkeld Hall, there are doubts about its actual site, the very stones having been taken away.

The Hall of Crosby Ravensworth still stands, though many of its original features have vanished; enough, however, I think, yet remain to enable a well-qualified member of our Society to give us an interesting article on a dwelling in which Sir Lancelot Threlkeld took great delight; for, in the oft-repeated quotation, he was wont to say he had "three noble houses; one for pleasure, Crosby in Westmorland, where he had a park full of deer; one for profit and warmth, wherein to reside in winter, namely, Yanwith, nigh Penrith; and the third, Threlkeld, well stocked with tenants to go to the wars."

Over the main entrance of Crosby Ravensworth Hall are eight Coats of Arms:

- 1st. A Lion rampant, for Pickering.
- 2nd. 3 Chaplets, for Lascells of Eskrigg.
- 3rd. A Cross, with a Cinquefoil in the 1st quarter, for Moresby.
- 4th. Party per fess 6 Martlets, counterchanged, for Fenwick.
- 5th. A Lion rampant, debriused with a bend, for Tilliol.
- 6th. A Cross, probably for Vesci (?)
- 7th. A Lion rampant, for (?)
- 8th. A Maunch, for Threlkeld.  
Crest a Paw (?) displayed.  
Supporters, dexter a Lion, sinister a Unicorn.

The singular way in which Crosby Ravensworth passed from Sir John Lowther, father to the 1st Bart., who had purchased it from the last of the Pickerings, and ultimately reverted to the house of Lowther, is worthy of notice. Sir John gave it as a marriage portion to his daughter Frances, the wife of John Dodsworth; after several transfers, it was bought by Robert Lowther, a scion

scion of the house, whose son became, on failure of the stem, the head of the family, and ever since it has formed a portion of their accumulated estates.

THE THRELKELDS OF ESTHORPE, YORKSHIRE, AND  
PENSHER, DURHAM.

Of James Threlkeld (or John, as he is called in the Rawlinson Manuscript Pedigree in the Bodleian Library), the second son of the first Sir Lancelot Threlkeld and his wife the Vescy heiress, I find no record beyond the doubtful name.

Christopher, the third son, married Johan, heiress of John Carliell, and acquired with her estates in both Yorkshire and Durham, and their male line was continued, as is indicated in the pedigree, to the third generation, but I find nothing to characterize these descendants individually. The outline of life sketched by Barry Cornwall might have been the moan of this offshoot—

“ We are born, we laugh, we weep,  
We love, we droop, we die ;  
Ah! wherefore do we laugh or weep ?  
Why do we live or die ?  
Who knows that secret deep ?  
Alas! not I.”

Christopher Thirlkeld Inq. at Bishop Auckland after the death of  
4th Bp. Sherwood, John Carlile. Johan aged 21 wife of Chris-  
1486-7), Jan. 10. topher Thirlkeld is his daughter and next  
heir.

Durham Inq. P.M.

Christopher Thyrkeld Inq. taken at the Castle of York after the  
31 Hen. VIII (1539). death of Christopher Thyrkeld Esq. decd.  
Sept. 22. Seized of property in Estrop &c. Son Chris-  
topher married or to marry Josia daughter of  
Sir William Constable of Hatfield Knt. Wife  
Joan dead. He died 6 Dec<sup>r</sup> last and Chris-  
topher Thyrkeld is his son and next heir and  
is aged 42.

Inq. P.M., No. 50, 31 Hen. VIII.

Christopher

- Christopher Threlkeld Inq. taken at Holden ? co. York, after the  
3 & 4 Phil. & Mary. death of Christopher Threlkeld gent. decd.  
(1556). Sept. 29. Manor of Esthorpe in said county &c., &c.  
&c. A capital messuage &c., in Touthorpe  
next Lonesburgh in said co. now in the  
tenure of Josia Threlkeld widow. Died 20  
Sept. 2 & 3 Ph. & M. (1555), and Marmaduke  
Threlkeld Esq. is his son and next heir and  
is and was at the death of his said father  
aged 24 and more.  
Inq. P.M., 3 & 4 Ph. & M., Part ii., No.  
43.
- Marmaduck Thirkell Will of Margaret Hilton of Northe Riddick  
June 4, 1566. Wedow, dated June 4, 1566. "I will yt my  
sone Marmaduck Thirkell & his wife Elizabeth  
&c. shall have the goverme't of my said  
sonnes & daughters. Item I give to Eliza-  
beth Thirkell & Joyes Thirkell to eather of  
them one silver spone. Michall Constable  
and Marmaduk Thirkell my sonnes in law  
and my nephew Anthony Thomlinson  
supvisors."  
Surtees Soc<sup>y</sup> ; Durham Wills. Vol. i., p.  
265.
- Marmaduke Thirkeld Will of Robert Hylton of Butterweyk dated  
Sept. 19, (1581). Sept. 19, 1581. Proved Oct. 27, 1581. "My  
sister Elizabeth Thirkelt (wife of Marmaduke  
Thirkeld of Esthorpe co. York and Pensher  
co. Durham.)"  
Surtees Soc<sup>y</sup> ; Durham Wills. Vol. ii., p.  
39.
- Marmaduke Threlkeld Inq. taken at Pocklington co. York after the  
35 Eliz. (1593). death of Marmaduke Threlkeld Esq. decd.  
Oct. 29. Seized of the Manor of Easthorpe &c., &c.  
By Indenture dated 20 June, 11 Eliz. (1569),  
(between the said Marmaduke Thirkeld of  
Eastthroppe Esq., of the one part and Anthony  
Langdaill of Santon of the other part) it was  
agreed that Richard Langdaill son and heir  
of the said Anthony and Joyce Thirkeld  
daughter

daughter of the said Marmaduke should marry together. The marriage took place and they had issue William Langdail and are both dead. Marmaduke Thirkeld died 10 March last and William Langdale son of the said Richard by the said Joyce is his next heir and is aged 16.

Inq. P.M., 36 Eliz. Part i., No. 104.