

ART. XXIII.—*A Calendar of Grinsdale and Kirkandrews documents, 1635—1817.* By W. G. COLLINGWOOD, M.A., F.S.A.

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THIS paper owes its existence to Mr. Francis Grainger of Southerfield, who kindly procured the material from deeds relating to farms in Grinsdale and Kirkandrews-upon-Eden. The later fortunes of these estates do not concern us as antiquaries, but the earlier documents contain a good deal of the kind of interest for which we look. They relate the rise and fall of yeoman families in the old days of the Stuarts and the Georges, and this is always valuable to the pedigree-maker and the student of eugenics. They throw some light on obsolete dialect, and illustrate forgotten customs. Taken merely as curiosities, they contain relics of persons we know from history, in the shape of their seals and autographs.

The signatures of Squire Musgrave of Crookdake, 1656 ; of Sir John and Lady Ann Ballantyne, 1665 ; Lady Preston, 1725, and James, Earl of Lonsdale, 1792, take us far back in county history : so too the signatures of church dignitaries,—of Chancellor Tullie, 1708 and 1723 ; Registrar Aglionby, 1723 ; Registrar Jackson from 1749 ; Deputy Registrar Nicolson from 1756, and Bishop Fleming, 1739, 1740. But a still wider circle of readers would be interested in the beautifully written, round-hand autograph of " Jn<sup>o</sup>. Wordsworth steward of the said Barony " (of Burgh) in 1765. He was the father of the poet and lived from 1741 to 1783, the later part of his life at Cockermonth ; an attorney-at-law and agent to Sir James Lowther, lord of the barony of Burgh ; being also

a man of literary tastes and a lover of poetry. Mr. Gordon Wordsworth, who is the chief authority on his own family, accepts the identification, though he says that John Wordsworth has not been hitherto known have acted in this capacity of steward at the courts. This record therefore adds a mite to general knowledge.

The signatures of the yeomen and their women-folk are often well written, from the earliest periods onwards; but a large proportion of both sexes (about  $\frac{5}{8}$ ) made their marks. The marks are very rarely mere shaky crosses, as of people who had never handled a pen. They are usually the initial letter of the name, firmly drawn, and suggest that the signatory or witness had learnt, but had no ordinary use for writing. William Coltherd, 1638, signs with a big Q; Edward Robson, 1658, with a reversed E; John Norman, 1693, with a figure like a Greek *theta*; Robert Hine, 1712, with a triangle; Joseph Hind, 1739, draws a kind of hurdle; John Robson, 1748, a fret in a circle. They attempted something distinctive as substitutes for their names. At Alston one of the ancient "pains" ran:—"That no man shall mark any other man's marke, but to marke and keep his own house marke"; and in Denmark, it seems, such a mark was used not only for cattle, but on a man's house, on his place in church, and on his grave (these *Trans.* o.s. viii, 37). The seals appear to be usually what the lawyer supplied. Viscountess Preston affixes her arms, in 1725, and there are several impressions of the episcopal and chancery seals. Of the well-known Great Seal of Charles I. (1637), a finely designed and boldly modelled disc of crude wax, six inches across and nearly half an inch thick, only a part remains.

A few notes may be given on the leading families of Sibson, Hodgson, Robson and others; details can be left to the calendar which follows, and to the appendix on

various members of the Sibson family, from 1560, kindly contributed by Mr. George Sibson of Grinsdale.

Some—perhaps old-fashioned—readers remember Scott's little tale of "the Laird's Jock," John Armstrong, son of the Laird of Mangerton in Liddesdale, at the end of the sixteenth century. The title was not confined to Scotland, for about the same time, on our side of the border, lived 'Lard' (as it was then spelt) Tom Sibson of Grinsdale, and his son Matthew, known as "Lard's Mathew." The Lard held an estate in the Whitmore part of the manor; this was the Newton moiety of Grinsdale, which had gone to Martindales, and thence to William Dacre, who forfeited it for joining Leonard Dacre's rebellion (1568). The Queen granted it to Whitmore, and it was not until after the time of Laird Tom Sibson that Dacres regained it. In his manor-house there was some furniture which would be interesting if we could see it now; for "two Cubberts, one Counter (writing-table), two Chaires and a wood Chist with keys and locks," of the beginning of the 17th century, are older than most of the old oak of a domestic kind in Cumberland. After the Laird's death his family seem to have been in poor circumstances; they finally (1635-38) sold their house to a well-to-do man of their own name, no doubt a relative.

Richard Sybson, S.T.B., was fellow of Queen's College, Oxford (having matriculated as 'plebeius'), rector of Bowness, and then canon of Carlisle from 1603 to 1617.\* He is confused in Dr. Hugh Todd's *Notitia* with Henry Sybson, D.D., rector of Bewcastle in 1643, according to Nicolson and Burn, but from these deeds we see he was

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\*This and the quotation from Feet of Fines I owe to the kindness of Canon Wilson of Dalston. Chancellor Ferguson's note from Gilpin in J. Denton's *Accompt*, p. 101, says that Dr. Henry Sibson's daughter Mary married Henry Dacre of Lanercost, and suggests that she brought him the manor of Caldcotes *alias* Harrington House. Their daughter Dorothy married her cousin, Joseph Appleby, who took the surname of Dacre and became the ancestor of the Dacres of Kirkclinton. This Joseph Dacre rebuilt Grinsdale church (Mr. George Sibson of Grinsdale).

rector already in 1635.\* About 1641-2 Dr. Sibson was a party to a fine touching the manor of Harrington House near Carlisle, the rectory of Grinsdale and appurtenances in Calcoats, Brisco and the city of Carlisle, from which it would appear that he alienated the property to Ric. Skelton, junior, Ric. Eglisfield, George Graime, Edw. Fletcher, clerk, Ric. Skelton, senior, and Hen. Eglisfield (*Feet of Fines*, 17 Charles I., Michaelmas).

It was to Dr. Henry Sibson, but for the use of his son John, then a student at St. John's College, Cambridge, that the Laird's Mathew and his mother Jane sold their property for £60. In 1751, Thomas Sibson bought a large estate at Grinsdale from Joseph Dacre esq. of Kirklington Hall, and sold it soon afterwards to his brother John. In 1765, Thomas Sibson sold land to the value of £97, but the landowners in 1798 and 1860 still included different Thomas Sibsons as important persons in the parish, with others of the name. Of the Thomas Sibson who lived there in the middle of the 19th century Whellan says that he destroyed the last remains of the Roman Wall in Bleachhouse field, when he straightened the path between Grinsdale and Kirkandrews. Well! our Society was not then founded, or we should have tried to persuade him to sacrifice a little of the straight line: and yet path-making is always a good work.

After the Sibson deeds the next oldest is a Licence of Alienation under the Great Seal, September 1, 1637, with a bit of King Charles I. on his throne still visible. For the sum of 3s. 4d. that king permits his well-beloved Thomas Carlile—namesake of Cromwell's apologist—to sell the farm he had inherited from his father of similar name; part of the property being "holden by knight's service or in capity [*sic*] of the king's most excellent ma'tie." Richard Backhouse, the buyer, sold in 1676 to

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\* Mr. George Sibson says that he was warden of the Western Marches. Richard Sibson, A.B., was incumbent of Irthington, 1642.

Thomas Backhouse of Burgh, whose will, 1729, left it to his son-in-law, Samuel Hodgson, who, in 1765, left it to his daughter, wife of Robert Blamire. This appears to be the estate which Joseph Blamire gave to his wife, afterwards Mrs. Westray; at whose death in 1843 it was sold in three portions to Messrs. Thomas Sibson, Thomas Robson and Sibson Graham.

Various Hodgsons occur from 1638: one important line comes in with John Hodgson of Rocliff, yeoman, who in 1741 bought a small piece of land in Kirkandrews. In 1750 he bought "all that ffour days work or ffour customary acres of meadow ground at the west end of Carr meadow in Beaumont." In 1753 he offered 6s. for Neddy's Well, a spring in Kirkandrews, "together with the Water Stones and appurtenances," but seems to have been involved in a dispute with the owner, Joseph Irving. Irving was a weaver, who had bought land in Kirkandrews and set up as yeoman; he died in 1793 leaving a curious will and a son Jonathan who was a merchant in Newcastle. The dispute was settled, and Irving and the Hodgsons witnessed one another's deeds in the friendliest way thereafter, both parties acquiring and prospering. John Hodgson married Margaret Robson, and had a son John to whom he left, in 1770, the reversion of his property at Astonby, Kirkclinton, when the younger son Edmund should be 24, and have had the revenues meanwhile to support him at a grammar school and college. No Edmund Hodgson appears among Cumberland and Westmorland clergy, and he is not mentioned in these deeds later; like some studious boys from the farms—unlike the early Sibsons—he may have died young. His sisters married John Graham and William Heskett, the latter of Plumpton Park, who came to grief, and after borrowing £700—chiefly from his brother-in-law John—died a failure. This John Hodgson the younger was a bachelor and very prosperous. He never kept house, but

went on adding to his property until he died in 1813—no longer a yeoman but a gentleman, worth £1424 13s. 7d. personalty besides considerable real estate. He left a will in which is the bequest to his nephew William Graham of his “share of tithes called a Noublesworth,” which, as a noble was 6s. 8d., seems to mean a third of the whole tithes; but the word is not in the dictionaries. The main bequests were keenly contested, but it was ultimately awarded by Messrs. Silas Saul and John Robinson of Carlisle that Mr. and Mrs. Graham were to keep the property at and near Kirkandrews, leaving Little Astonby with a sum of money to the younger Heskett. And so the estate came down to those who recently parted with it.

The elder John Hodgson had married Margaret Robson, we said, and we must add a few words about her family. As early as 1653 John Robson of Kirkandrews, yeoman, was buying land and houses: in 1658 he bought more from William Musgrave of Crookdake. But by the death of both the vendor and his son and heir, and the claim of a relative, this purchase was not completed until 1664, by the deed of Sir John Ballantyne and Lady ‘An,’ as she spelt it. Edmund Sandford, ten years later, had not yet learnt the name of the Scotch doctor, new to the county, and called him “Sir John Ballington of Crockdake, marrying the heir of late Sir William Musgrave.” Sir John now for £6 quitclaimed to John Robson, already in possession, all the interests in the premises “and of the seignorie and ffee simple. . . John Robson to appeare and doe Suite of Court once in the yeare at the Court Baron for y<sup>e</sup> manor of Stainton”; but he and his representatives “shall not be pressed by any compulsory meanes to serve upon any jury or to undergoe any Office att y<sup>e</sup> courts for y<sup>e</sup> Lord, and pay y<sup>e</sup> yearely a[moun]t of two pence as a free and quite Rent.” John Robson’s next purchase was “Half a Boat of Water” at Cargo: ‘boat’ in the sense of *boot* or *bote*, right of use, and meaning a share in fishery

rights. He must have known all about the prototypes of Nanty Ewart and the people in *Redgaunilet*. He seems to have died in 1675, for his son, of the same name, was admitted to his tenement in Kirkandrews, and he too acquired property—land in Cargo Holm and an inclosure on the common allotted him by his neighbours in exchange for his common rights. In 1710 he died leaving a widow Elizabeth and three young daughters who inherited. But there were many other Robsons in the parish. One was “late of the city of London” returning with money to the North and buying in 1732 a house with a barn “containing three rooms in length,” which seems to mean an old building on siles, three bays long. John Robson, tailor, died in 1748, so that the John Robson, yeoman, who bought property in 1738 may be the man who died before 1767 leaving daughters both married to Hodgsons, by whom their line, as already noticed, was continued.

Other local names are those of Studholme, a family which had owned a moiety of Grinsdale from the time of Edward III.; Liddell, Sturdy or Stordy, Hine or Hinde, Barne or Barnes and Burton, all running through the 17th and 18th centuries. Norman comes in late in the 17th century; earlier in that century we find Noble, Taylor, Johnson, Birney, Wayby, Coltherd and Dixon, with a few Scottish names—Johnston, 1655, Douglas, 1656, and much later Edger of Gretna, 1774. The vicar of Burgh for half the 18th century was Thomas Ismay who married a Wilson of Burgh; according to Whellan his granddaughter, Mrs. French of Chelsea, was a benefactor of the parish in the 19th century.

These notices of families in no very conspicuous walk in life are not without value. Among other points they show how incessant was the change, the struggle for life, the come-and-go of fortune even in a quiet place in those “good old times” we often imagine as somewhat stagnant. They show how, from quite early days, the educa-

tional ladder was open to the competent, in spite of rustic surroundings; how one and another rose from the ranks by business aptitude or intellectual ability, and how, as Tennyson's Northern Farmer said, "Proputty, proputty sticks and proputty, proputty graws."

One further illustration of the old times is worth giving here to show the stringency of the conditions under which ordinary tenants still lived in the 18th century, and to add an unusual word to our vocabulary. It is a lease of High Moat in Kirkandrews in 1725 from Anne, Viscountess Dowager Preston, to a group of tenants: she was the widow of the second Lord Preston, son of Sir Richard Graham of Netherby, who had been raised to the peerage in 1680 and took an important part in local and general affairs. By this lease all trees and woods, mines and quarries, hawking and hunting, fishing and fowling, are safeguarded to the landowner; the tenants must every year plant eight young ashes, oaks or elms, and preserve them from lopping and topping, hurt and spoil of beasts; they must use all the straw and hay growing on the premises and the manure and compost thereon; they must attend Court Leet and Court Baron; they must grind their corn in the mill "to which the *Sooken* therein doth belong or appertain or where any former tenant used to grind"—the *Sucken*, as we usually spell it; that is, the duty of tenants with regard to their lord's mill for a given area; and they must perform all such boon-days, duties and services as have been customary, including the payment of "all that duty called *Kaine Fowl*."

The word *Kain* or *Cain* is not generally known to have been used in England: the Oxford Dictionary limits it to Scotland and Ireland. It represents the Gaelic *cáin*, tribute or payment in kind; "cain fowls" is a phrase known in Scots law. But perhaps the charter of Huctred f. Fergus of about 1170 (quoted by the Rev. F. W. Ragg

in these *Transactions*, N.S. xvii, 218) shows how the word, spelt in the twelfth century *chaan*, may have come into Cumberland during the period of Scottish rule. The word *kend* in the Milburn Register, 1678—"paid her kend and 2½d."—is no doubt the same, perhaps modified because it was understood as a payment in "kind." This instance of 1725 is nearly 50 years later, and the long survival is curious.

Some more old dialect words are found in the field-names, for ancient forms are now and then embedded in place-names like fossils in the soil, long after their conversational use has died out. A few of the more remarkable may be mentioned:—

Bralages, 1658. *Lag* in Lake-district place-names means a hollow spot; it seems to be Gaelic in origin and is used in the Isle of Man, whence it might have been brought by the Vikings. Here it has the Norse *breid* broad, prefixed.

Breeches, 1722; Breeches Heads, 1739; Uppermer Breeches Close, 1741. In N. Cumbd. "breek" is the portion of land ploughed out of ley, or arable land in grass (Prevost). *Breaks*, as a Yorkshire place-name, means unenclosed arable land; for example, "an essart called Newebrek," 1348, now Brecks Hill near Rotherham. The transition from *breaks* to *breeches* is natural—and amusing.

Chirm in a 19th century survey of Grinsdale is the "Cherim and Carr Head" of 1798. The association with *carr*, marsh, suggests the other derivative of O.N. *kjarr*, marshy wood, which is found in Yorkshire as *cheer* or *chare* (Goodall, *Plns. of S.W. Yorks.*, 100, 102). The full form of Cherim would be 'chare-holm,' O.N.\* *kjarr-hólmr*. Compare Chaire in Ainstable (Prescott, *Wetherhal*, 268) about 1240; probably *kjarr-eyrr*.

Drouks, 1722; perhaps the Icelandic *drög*, watercourse. Faun Rigg, 1722. If this is for *forn*, it may be the O.N.

word for 'old.' We have Fornside near Keswick and anciently Fornthwaite near Ulverston; perhaps from a personal name, also meaning 'old.'

Gullylands, 1658, 1739; Gullen Rigg, 1722. The Cumbd. *gully* means any slack or hollow, not only a rock-chimney. 'Gullen' would be a contraction of 'Gullyland, as Gullom for Gullyholme.

Hayning, 1722, is common in various forms—Haining, Heaning, Hening, Hining, Hinning—and in Gospatrick's charter of about 1050, "on heininga"; from O.N. *hegna*, to fence; an "inclosure."

Line Rudd Rigg, 1722. *Line* is flax. *Rudd* from O.N. *rud*, M.E. *rode*, parallel to the Yorkshire *royd*, though now lost in Cumberland where a clearing is called a "ridding."

Loneing Rigg, 1739; usually "lonnin"; Scots and Furness *loaning*, lane.

Mill Gavel, 1739. A gavel-dyke, according to Prevost, is an allotment of fence liable to be maintained by a farm not adjoining it. It may be asked whether *gavel* here is confused with *cavel*, lot, still used in Cumberland for a miner's working-place or allotment, but in older English meaning any share of land. The mill-gavel would be a detached piece belonging to the mill.

Millings, 1658; the mill's meadows: Cumbd. *ing*; O.N. *eng*, meadow.

Organ Rigg, 1722, 1739: perhaps "o'ergang," a rig that overstepped the rest, or which was crossed by a path.

Pallet Ridge, 1712; Palat rigg, 1739. *Pallet* in old English and in the *Barnabee* of Braithwaite, the Burneside poet, meant "head." Compare Pallet Hill near Newton Reigny, Palet in 1293.

Sandy Hills, 1781, seems to have been the Saunders Hill of 1722.

Scab, 1722; Scabs, 1739, looks like the N. Cumbd. *Scap*, for "scalp." *Scopy* means thin or bare of soil, as on the head of a crow (Prevost). *Scaup*, *scalp*, in Scots

and N. English is a bare rock standing out of water or grass (N.E.D.).

Sivesfield, 1658; Cumbd. *sieve*, rush; O.N. *set*, sedge.

In the following calendar, G indicates the deeds belonging to the Grinsdale property, and K those referring to Kirkandrews-upon-Eden. A few which are now missing are described from an old schedule.

G. Aug. 20, 1635. Noverint vniversi per presentes me Mathew Sibson alias Lard Mathew in Com' Cumbrie yeoman Teneri... Johanni Sibson filio Henrici Sibson Sancte Theologie professoris in Com' predict' in duodecem libris bone et legalis monete Anglice Soluendis dicto Johanni Sibson aut suo certo in Carlyle Atturnato [etc.]... If the aboue bounden Mathew Sibson ... keepe all and singular the covenants [etc.] in one writeing or deed of sale... for and consideringe two acres of eareable land... in the fields of Grinsdale... of the annuall Rent of fflowerpence... then this present obligation to be voyde... [witnesses:] Henry Sibson junior, William Taylor his marke + Stephen Sibson with other.

G. Feb. 23, 1635-6. Mathew Sibson alias Lards Mathew of Grinsdale... eoman [sells to] John Sibson sonne of Henry Sibson Doctor of Devinity now Student in St. John Colledge in Cambridge... for Three score pounds... All that his Messuage Tenement or Fermehoulde with the appurtenances of the Annuall Rent of fowerteine shillings 6d. scituate ... within the Towneshipp... of Grinsdaile... (and likewise these implements remaining in the mansio house Two Cubberts one Counter Two chaires and a wood Chist with keyes & lockes thereto belonging) together with Alle his... customary estate [subject to an] Annual Rent of fowerteine shillings 6d. and other dueties and services fines and girsoms\* from hencefourth to be due to the sade Doctor Sibson and 5s. to M. Whitmoore... [witnesses:] Stephen Sibson, William Birney, Henry Noble.

G. Same date and witnesses. Mathew Sibson's receipt for £60 paid him by Henry Sibson, D.D., parson of Bewcastle and John Sibson his sonne now student in St. Joh. College in Cambridge.

G. Same date and witnesses. Mathew Sibson's bond of performance in £120.

G. Sept 1, 1637. Licence of alienation under the Great Seal

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\* *Gersum*, *gressome*, fine payable upon admission to a holding.

...pro tribus solidis et quatuor denariis... dilecto nobis Thome Carlell quod ipse unum messuagiū et octo acras terre prati et pasture cum pertinenciis in Grinsdale... que de nobis teneat in capite... dare possit... dilecto nobis Rico. Backhouse.... [signed] Bacon.\*

G. Jan. 17, 1637-8. Thomas Carlile of the Cittie of Carlell... marchant... by the death of Thomas Carlile his late father became seized in ffee of seuerall messuages [etc.] in the Towne and feildes of Grindsdale... conteyning about twenty Acres of arable Land meadow and grassing... a part whereof was and is holden by knights service or in capity of the king's most excellent ma' tie And was lately purchased from Thomas Dalston of mirkeholme gent<sup>n</sup> [and now sells the same to] Richard Backhus of Whitriglees... yeoman... The sayd Thomas Carlile and Mary his wife now being & theyre heyr... make [etc.] all such assurances [etc.] as shall be lawfully devised [etc.]

[Endorsed] Signed... And full & peaceable possession livery & seizin... was gyven [etc.] in presence of... Richard Sibson, George Sibson his m'ke N, John Mathew of Kirkburton his m'ke O, John Hodgson, John Hine his m'ke +, William Coltherd his m'ke Q, Thomas Hynde his m'ke X, Ge: Skelton.

K. April 5, 1638. Jane Sibson of Grinsdale widow of Thomas Sibson alias Lard Tom for a certeine so<sup>m</sup>e of money [assigns] unto the said Henry Sibson, D.D., and John Sibson his sonne all [her] widow right [etc. in a] tenement in Grinsdale late belonging to Thomas Sibson alias Lard... of the Annuall Rent of fowerteene shillings and sixpence. [Witnesses] John Sturdy his m'ke. Thomas Sibson, Mathew Sibson his m'ke, John Johnson his m'ke, Robert Wayby his m'ke, Geo: Millikin clarke.

K. May 12, 1653. Bond in Latin and English of Richard Hodgson of Dikesfeild, Brough by Sands, gentleman, to John Robson of Kirkanders on Eden, yeoman, in £112 to perform Agreements set down in one Deed of Sale. [Witnesses] John Liddell, Edward Robson E, Jo: Davison.

K. Feb. 13, 1655-6. Bond, all in English, of George Johnston of Grinsdale, yeoman, to Thomas Robson of Kirkanders, younger, yeoman, in £51, to keep agreements "in one Indenture of saill." [Witnesses] Rich: Studholme, Richard Dixon m'ke R, James Do<sup>u</sup>glas, Jo: Mark m'ke E.

K. Jan. 25, 1657-8. William Musgrave of Crookdaike, esquire, appoints John Hodgson of Langbrough, yeoman, his

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\* Not, of course, the great Lord Bacon, who died in 1626.

attorney to deliver "seizon" of a messuage etc. in Kirkanders unto John Robson. [Witnesses:] Thomas Wilson his m'ke U, Thomas Robson his m'ke U.

[The old schedule mentions also a deed poll of the same date, William Musgrave granting to John Robson a tenement in Kirkandrews, rent 6s. 8d. with the seigniorie and fee simple; and William Musgrave's bond in £40 of the same date. Also a bond of June 6, 1660, from the same to the same in £40 for further assurance.]

K. Nov. 17, 1658. Elizabeth Burton, relict of Edward Burton of Kirkanders and the late sister and heire of Willm. Taylor, sonne and heire of Thomas Taylor... for £8... paid.. by John Robson of the same, yeoman... haith granted [him] all that her acre of arable land... in the fields of Kirkanders in seuerall places... halfe acre lying in Gullylands Adjoining to the lands of William Threlkeld on the east and John Hodgson of Sivesfeild and Elinor his wife on the west, and Two roods... on the Millings adjoyneing to Stephen Robson on the east And Willm. Burton on the west. The other rood lying on the Bralages adioyneing to the sd. Stephen Robson on the east and the sd. Willm. Burton on the west... Elizabeth Burton mark B. [Witnesses:] Thom' Robson of Kirkanders young<sup>r</sup> m'ke T, Edward Robson of the same m'ke A, Robt. Robson of the same m'ke R, Joseph Jefferson.

[The old schedule mentions Eliz. Burton's bond in £16 to John Robson, of the same date, for the sale of an acre in Kirkandrews.]

K. March 18, 1664-5. Sir John Ballentine of Crokdake of John Robson of Kirkanders. Whereas William Musgrave of Crokdake esqre dec[ease]d by his Deed poll 22nd Dec. 1657 [sic] did for £25 grant to John Robson one messuage and tenement at Kirkanders and the seigniorie Lordshippe... and absolute fee simple thereof for y<sup>e</sup> yearely Rent of 6s. 8d... and although afterwards in pursuance of the said deedpoll a fine was duely levied by the said Willm Musgrave, & William Musgrave his sonn, and heire apparent, unto hi the said John Robson, yett in regard they both dyed since without issue male of either and for y<sup>t</sup> it is p'tended there was a Remainder in taile settled upon one Willm Musgrave gentn... wch said Remainder upon the decease of both of them did actually vest in the said Willm the uncle whose right the said Sr John Ballentine hath since purchased Now... Sr. John Ballentine... for £6... hath quite claimed... to John Robson (being in actuall possession...) all the... interests in the said p'mises, and of... the seigniorie... and fee simple...

John Robson to appear and doe Suite of Court once in the yeare at the Court Baron... for y<sup>e</sup> manor of Stainton... [and] shall not be pressed... by any compulsory meanes... to serue upon any Jury, or to undergoe any Office att y<sup>e</sup> Courts for y<sup>e</sup> Lord... and pay... y<sup>e</sup> yearly r[en]t of two pence as a free and quite Rent... and Sir John Ballentine... warrants... John Robson against hi the said Sr. John Ballentine & Dame Ann his wife, & Mary Chartres widdow, and Dorothy Musgrave spinster Sisters of the said Dame Ann... [Signed] Johne Ballantyne, An Ballantyne. [Endorsed; witnesses] Robt: Hodgson, Will. Wilkinson, John Ramsay mark R. it is to be noted heare that there is a fyne of recouery serued out for the within mentioned premisses And is at Samuell Hodgsons in Longbrough and serues for both our estates.

K. Same date. Sir John Ballantyne's bond in £30 to John Robson in respect of the above indenture.

K. March 6, 1666-7. Bond of Thomas Robson of Kirkanders, yeoman, in £40 to Robert Robson of the same, yeoman, on an indenture of Sale of one cottage, half an acre arable, and house in Kirkanders. Thomas Robson signs with his mark, a hand. Witnesses: John Liddell, ffrancis Story, John Henderson.

K. Oct. 3, 1674; from the old schedule. Deed poll and bond in £50 from Thomas Stagg of Cargo to John Robson for Half a Boat of water, consideration £7 10s.

K. April 14, 1675. Admittance, at the court at Burgh before John Aglionby, steward, of John Robson for a cottage and land in Kirkandrews, ancient rent 2s., fine £2: signed J. Henderson.

G. Dec. 13, 1676. Richard Backhouse of Whitrigge Leas, yeoman, sells to Thomas Backhouse of Burgh by Sands for £16 a house and land in Grinsdale. Witnesses: W. Henderson, Jo: Henderson, John Hewson his m'ke I, Stephen Barne his m'ke S.

K. May 12, 1683; from the old schedule. Richard Hodgson of Dykesfield gent<sup>n</sup>. sells to John Robson of Kirkanders for £56 one-fortieth of the tithe: with bond in £122.

K. April 4, 1684. Admittance at the court at Burgh before John Aglionby, of Robert Robson for one cottage, ancient rent 8d., fine 13s. 4d.; signed, W. Henderson.

K. Dec. 18, 1688; from the old schedule. Indenture and bond; Thomas Bone of Cargo sells to John Robson for £6 an acre in Cargo Holm, paying a yearly free rent of 9d. to the Lord of the fee.

K. Jan. 20, 1692-3. Indenture, ff Francis Threlkeld, Thomas Robson, John Hinde, William Burton, John Norman, John Liddall and John Hodgson of Kirkandrs upon Eden, yeomen... give in exchange... to John Robson of the same, yeoman... for his right unto eighty four acres of comon waste or wast ground scituate in Kirkandrs Moor holden of y<sup>e</sup> Rig<sup>t</sup> honn'ble Sir John Lowther\* [the following pieces of ground :] one parcell of comon ... two acres... haueing y<sup>e</sup> Kinge Street way adjoining to it on y<sup>e</sup> South side Theirow and y<sup>e</sup> ground of Henry & John Robson adjoining to it on y<sup>e</sup> North side theirow and a curent of water caled Milnbecke on y<sup>e</sup> East side theirow and Longlands gate adjoining to it on the West side theirow. [Signed] John Lidall, Thomas Robson T, frances thelkett +, John Hinde, William Burton W, John Norman  $\theta$ , John Hodgson Mark  $\ddagger$ . [Witnesses :] John Wilson O, John Smith.

K. Dec. 10, 1708. Letters of administration to Agnes, widow of John Hind of Kirkandrews, yeoman ; signed Thomas Tullie †.

K. Oct. 11, 1710. Admittance at the court at Burgh before John Aglionby, of John Robson for a message in Kirkandrews, ancient rent 2s. and services ; fine £4, half to be remitted. Signed Jo : Henderson, clerk of the court.

K. Jan. 26, 1711-2. Robert Hine in y<sup>e</sup> Parish of Kirkand' upon Eden, yeoman, sells to Isaac Hine [also spelt Hinde] weaver the freehold estate Pallet Ridge in Kirkandrews for £14 7s., subject to rent 3s. and services and dues accustomed to the Rt. Hon. Richard, Lord Viscount Lonsdale. Signed Robert Hine mark V ; witnesses : Joseph Hodgson, Jacob Losh, Tho : Lewthat. Endorsed, Sept. 27, 1712, possession given to Isaac Hine by me, Robt. Hine ; Test. Joseph Hodgson, Stephen Robson.

K. Nov. 29, 1714 : from the old schedule ; release from Thomas Robson of Harraby to John Robson, executor of the will of John Robson of Kirkandrews.

K. Dec. 18, 1722. Robert Norman of Kirkanders sells for £160 to Isaac Hinde the following in Kirkandrews :—Clossett Rigg, half an acre ; Gullen Rigg, half an acre ; Line Rudd Rigg, half an acre ; Faun Rigg, one rood ; Little Organ Rigg, one rood ; Saunders Hill Butts, half an acre ; West Organ Rigg, half an acre ; one parcell lying at Drouks in Intack, half an acre ; three acres in the west of Hayning adjoining lands of John Liddall

\* The Barony of Burgh was sold by the descendants of the Earl of Arundel in 1688 to Sir John Lowther, who became Viscount Lonsdale in 1696.

† Chancellor 1683—1727.

east and west ; one parcell called Breeches, one acre ; Little Breeches, one rood ; the Scab, one rood ; the Croft, half an acre ; Muckle Meadow, half an acre. Witnesses : John Liddell, Wm. Burton his m'ke B, Jn<sup>o</sup> Norman his m'ke N, W. Rook.

K. June 8, 1723. Letters of administration to Elizabeth Robson of Kirkand's, widow, as guardian to Margaret, Anne and Mary Robson, daughters and heiresses of the late John Robson, minors. Signed, Thomas Tullie [LL.D., Official] ; Ri. Aglionby, Reg'rarius.

G. Oct. 16, 1724. Admittance of Margaret Robson, daughter and heiress of John Robson, to a tenement in Kirkanders, rent 11s. 1d., fine £2 1s. 8d. Signed, John Cockell, steward.

K. March 27, 1725. The Rt. Hon. Anne, Lady Viscountess Dowager Preston grants to Peter Wilson, Andrew and Thomas Litle, William Edger, James Underwood, Robert Peill, Sara and Thomas Morton and Jane Murray, widow, a lease of High Moat in Kirkandrews, excepting the woods, underwoods and trees, mines, quarries and stone, ingress and egress with wains or carts, etc. and liberty to hawk and hunt, fish and fowl : To have and to hold severally and without benefit of survivorship from Feb. 2nd last past for eleven years if the said Viscountess shall so long live, at a rent of £35 10s. payable May 2, Aug. 2, Nov. 2, and Feb. 2, and all that duty called Kaine Fowle and all such other Boondays, duties and services as have been done by Peter Wilson, etc. or former tenants ; they shall well and sufficiently uphold the premises and so yeild up the same. . . grind all the corne in such mill or mills of the Viscountess Preston to which the Sooken thereof doth belong. . . And shall every year plant. . . eight young Ashes, Oakes or Elms. . . and preserve from lopping and topping, hurt and spoil of Beast. . . and shall use all the straw and hay growing upon the premises and the manure and compost thereon. . . attend Court Leet and Court Baron of the Lord Viscount Preston . . . and permit Lady Preston to improve the wastes and commons of Kirkandrews. (Signed) Ann Preston. (Witnesses :) Tho : Beaver, J : Carleton.

G. May 14, 1725. Will of Thomas Backhouse of Grinsdale. To his wife Dorothy all his tenements at Grinsdale for her life ; after her death to his son-in-law Samuell Hodgson of Kirkanders, yeoman, and his heirs, subject to payments at the end of one year after the death of testator or his wife, namely—to his grandchildren Martha and Mary Johnston £25 each ; to his grandchildren Joseph, Mary, Elizabeth, Dorothy and Margaret Hewet £10 each ; to his grandchildren Mary, Dorothy, Gerard, Thomas and Jane

Stalker £10 each ; to his daughters Anne and Grace Backhouse £105 between them ; to his sons-in-law John Johnston, Henry Hewet, John Stalker and Samuel Hodgson half-a-crown each. Personalty to his wife and daughters Anne and Grace. Witnesses, Thomas Robson mk. TR, Edward Robson, William Stordy. Copy for probate signed Joseph Pattinson, March 29, 1729.

K. March 22, 1732-3. Thomas Robson, late of London and now of Kirkandrews and Mary Stordy of Carlisle widow sell to Jeremiah Moore of Great Orton, shoemaker, for £52 10s. property in Kirkandrews—a house called the Chamber and barn, between the chief mansion house of T. Robson and the Kings Street leading through Kirkandrews ; a barn containing three rooms in length, bounded with the ground of Isaac Hind on the north and the Kings Street on the south ; a garden adjoining the last ; two riggs at the Croft, half an acre, between the grounds of Isaac Hind on north and south ; half an acre at the Croft heads, between Isaac Hind on the north and Margaret Robson on the south ; half an acre at the Breechey heads adjoining Isaac Hind on the N.E. and Margaret Robson on the S.W. ; and half an acre at the Breechey Rigg adjoining John Simpson on the N.E. and Isaac Hind on the S.W. Witnesses : Tho : Lewthwait, William Stordy.

K. Same date and witnesses. Thomas Robson and Mary Stordy sell to John Robson of Kirkandrews, taylor, for £40 a close of two acres arable in the Townfields of Kirkandrews at Intacks adjoining the close of Thomas Robson on the south and that of Margaret Robson on the north ; subject to 3d. prescription every year to the Rector of Kirkandrews in lieu of all tithes and "one farthing penny\* to each purvey" and suit of court.

K. Oct. 25, 1738. Joseph Hind of Little Orton, yeoman, agrees to sell all his freehold lands in Cumberland to John Robson of Kirkandrews, yeoman, for £213 3s. Signed, Joseph Hind his mark I, John Robson his mark +. Witnesses : Tho : Lewthwait, Thomas Blain, Timothy Twentyman, Jno. Norman.

K. Jan. 1, 1738-9. Joseph Hind of Little Orton sells to Margaret Robson of Wigganby, spinster, for £96 11s. 6d., land in Kirkandrews :—half an acre at Crofts, adjoining Jeremiah Moore on S. and Margaret Robson on N. ; half an acre at Scabs, adjoining J. Moore on N. and M. Robson on S. ; one rood at Loneing rigg

\* A "farthing noble" was the quarter of a noble ; in the Lindisfarne Gospels, Mark xii, 42 is rendered "two stycas that is *feorthung penninges*," a quarter of a penny : so that "farthing penny" is the ancient expression in full for what is usually called a farthing.

adjoining M. Robson on N. and the Kings Street on S. ; one acre at Breeches Heads adjoining J. Moore on N. and William Liddle on S. ; half an acre at Little Organ Rigg adjoining John Hind on N. and Thomas Simpson on S. ; half an acre at Mill Gavel, adjoining John Norman on S. and Thomas Robson on N. ;  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acre at Little Haining, adjoining John Norman on E. and Joseph Robson on W. ; four acres holden of the Rt. Hon. Henry, Viscount Lonsdale by annual payment of 1s. 6d. at Great Palat rigg, adjoining Robert Robson on W. and John Robson on E. and the Kings Street on S. ; three acres of turf ground at Kirksteeds, adjoining John Robson on W. and Joseph Robson on E. ; one acre and a half of turf ground at Far Moore, adjoining John Norman on N. and Isable Norman on S. and Wm. Laminby on W. and Millbeck on E. ; all free except for rents and services due to the Lord. Signed, Joseph Hind his m'rks **HH**. Witnesses : Timothy Twentyman, Jonathan Hodson, Josiah Johnson, John Norman.

K. Same date and witnesses. Joseph Hind sells to John Robson of Kirkandrews, taylor, for £116 7s. 6d., two acres arable at Sandy Hill close ; adjoining Robert Norman on W. and Isable Norman on E. ; half an acre at Organ rigg, adjoining Isable Norman on W. and Wm. Burton on E. ; half an acre at Gully Lands, adjoining Wm. Burton on W. and Margaret Robson on E. ; one rood arable at Bottom Butt, adjoining Margaret Robson on E. and Thomas Simpson on W. ; one rood arable at Common Gard Butts, adjoining John Hind on W. and Thomas Robson on E. ; three acres arable at Great Hainings, adjoining the close of Joseph Robson on E. and Wm. Liddle on W. ; two inclosures (three acres) at Palate rigg, held under Viscount Lonsdale, rent 1s. 6d., adjoining Robert Robson on E., Margaret Robson on W. and the Kings Street on S. ; one acre of turf ground at Palate rigg sike, adjoining Robert Robson on W. and Wm. Norman on E. ; three acres of turf ground at Kirksteeds, adjoining the close of Wm. Liddle and Line Moss on W. and Margaret Robson on E. ; and one parcel of turf ground at far Moore, adjoining Margaret Robson on S., the Kings Street on N., William Laminby Close on W. and Millbeck on E.

G. Jan. 1, 1738-9. Licence to Thomas Ismay, clerk, as curate of Brugh by Sands, stipend of £15 from the Rev. Thomas Story, vicar. Signed, Jos. Nicolson [deputy Registrar], Geo. Carlisle [Bishop Fleming].

K. Sunday, Dec. 23, 1739. Letters of holy orders to the priesthood from George [Fleming], Bishop of Carlisle, on this

date holding a public ordination in the chapel at Rose Castle, to Thomas Ismay, deacon.

G. Feb. 11, 1739-40. Admittance of Thomas Ismay to the vicarage of Burgh upon Sands. Signed, Jos. Nicolson, Geo. Carlisle.

[These three endorsed with dates of exhibition up to June 25, 1770.]

K. Nov. 30, 1741. Jeremiah Moore of Kirkandrews, shoemaker, and Frances his wife sell to John Hodgson of Rocliff, yeoman, for £41 6s. 3d., one acre, Uppermer Breeches close, adjoining Widow Sibson on E., John Hodgson on W., and the occupation way on S.; and one barn and a garth adjoining John Hodgson on N. and E. and the Kings Street on S. and W. paying rents etc. to Viscount Lonsdale. Witnesses: Thomas Stordy, J<sup>n</sup> Norman.

K. Jan. 30, 1745-6. John Norman of Kirkandrews, weaver, and his sisters Isabel and Elizabeth, spinsters, sell to William Burton the elder of Kirkandrews, yeoman, for £10, one dwelling or mansion-house and Byars containing in length about 15 yards and adjoining Jeremy Moore's house on S. and John Hodgson's house or byar on N.; and one house or chamber and one little house, together about nine yards, adjoining John Hodgson on N. and J. Moore on S., as they stand now divided from the other part of the messuage there lately purchased by the sd. Jeremy Moore; paying rents, etc. to Viscount Lonsdale. Signed, John Norman, Isabel Norman's mark I, Elizabeth Norman. Witnesses: John Norman's mark N, William Burton younger, William Stordy.

K. Aug. 9, 1748. Will of John Robson of Kirkandrews, Taylor. To his wife Elizabeth, his freehold at Kirkandrews, "but in case my brother Thomas Robson or his heirs do pay my debts and legacys and suffer my wife to hold . . . during her life . . . this bequest to be void. My wife to pay Thomas Robson or his heirs £1 5s. out of the profits of the premises during her life in lieu of interest for my debts. To my sister Mary's six children £10 apiece within twelve months after my wife's decease. If Thomas or his heirs refuse to pay my debts [etc.] I give my wife or her heirs power to sell my messuage [etc.] to satisfy my debts and legacys." Personal estate to his wife. Signed with his mark, a fret in a circle. Witnesses: John Hodgson, sworn; John Paipe; J<sup>n</sup> Norman, sworn.

Probate attached: administration given to Eliz. Robson. Signed; Robert Wardale, surrogate.

G. April 15, 1749. Letters of administration to Jane, wife of

Thomas Ismay, clerk, and daughter of Mary Wilson, late of Burgh upon Sands, widow, intestate. Signed, Thos. Jackson, Registrar; Robert Wardale, surrogate.

K. June 24, 1749. Release of a conditional devise, from Thomas Robson of Kirkandrews, yeoman. Whereas John Robson by his will Aug. 9, 1748, left his wife Elizabeth his freehold estate, but in case his brother Thomas paid his debts [etc. as above] and whereas Joseph Irwin of Longcauseway in Westward has agreed with Thomas Robson for the purchase of all the estate which Thomas has or may have, Now Thomas Robson, for 5s. in hand and £10 secured to be paid when Elizabeth shall die, has sold to Joseph Irwin all right, title [etc.] under the above recited will. Signed, Tho. Robson T. Witnesses: John Pearson, Thomas Erwing.

K. Feb. 2, 1749-50. John Beeby of Allonby, merchant, having received from John Hodgson of Kirkandrews, yeoman, £70 15s. by appointment of William Hodgson of Killyate in Beaumont, yeoman, in payment of a mortgage on the lands hereinafter mentioned; and William Hodgson having received £10 paid by John Hodgson to him in addition, John Hodgson buys a customary estate, with consent of Viscount Lonsdale, namely all that ffour days work or ffour customary acres of meadow ground at the West end of Carr-meadow in Beaumont; customary rent 3s. and usual services. Witnesses: John Pearson, George Blaylock. Endorsed; presented at a Court holden at Drumburgh... Fryday the 27 April 1750. W. Armytage, stewd.

K. March 5, 1752. Indenture, Thomas Robson of Kirkandrews, yeoman, sells to Joseph Irwin of Kirkandrews, weaver, for £10, his expectations under the will of John Robson. Signed, Thomas Robson his mark T. Witnesses: George Hethrington's mark H, Wm. Harbet, Jno. Norman.

G. May 15, 1752. Lease for one year from Thomas Sibson of Grinsdale, yeoman, to Samuel Hodgson of Kirkandrews, yeoman, for 5s. and one peppercorn on demand, of the tithes of a tenement in Grinsdale occupied by John Richardson. Witnesses: John Moore, John Pearson.

G. May 16, 1752. Release of tithes as above, consideration £56, subject to payment of 3s. 2d. yearly to the curate of Grinsdale.

G. April 30, 1753. Lease for one year from Thomas Sibson, to his brother John Sibson of Grinsdale, for 5s. and one peppercorn on demand, of a tenement at Grinsdale late in possession of Tho. Robson as lessee and now in possession of Robert Hodgson as

lessee at a quit rent of 14s. and of the tithes thereof. Witnesses : John Wilson, Wm. Stordy.

G. May 1, 1753. Release by the same to the same of the above tenement and tithes, purchased by Thomas Sibson with other property from Joseph Dacre of Kirklington Hall, esquire, and Catherine his wife, Dec. 23 and 24, 1751 ; subject to a quit rent of 14s. to Joseph Dacre and 3s. 2½d. yearly to the curate of Grinsdale. Same witnesses.

K. Dec. 14, 1753. Joseph Irving of Kirkandrews, weaver, and William Harbert of Carlisle, yeoman, sell to John Hodgson of Kirkandrews, yeoman, for 6s. a Spring Well at Kirkandrews called Neddy's Well and heretofore in dispute, together with the Water Stones and appurtenances. And also for £3 11s. 6d. Joseph Irving doth release John Hodgson and John Barnes of Kirkandrews, yeoman, from all actions etc. Prepared with seals but not executed.

K. Jan. 1, 1754. John Hodgson and John Barnes for 1s. apiece release Joseph Irving from all actions. Signed : John Hodgson, John Barnes's mark X. No witnesses ; endorsed— " Be it remembered that this release was tendered to Joseph Irving in the presence of Thomas Robson."

K. Sept. 10, 1759. Admittance of Thomas Robson for a cottage called Gandy's and land adjoining at Kirkandrews ; yearly customary rent 6d. ; fine 5s. due to Sir James Lowther on the death of Henry, Viscount Lonsdale. Admittance 2s. 6d. ; inrollment 1s. Signed, John Robinson, W. Armitage, stewards and commissioners.

G. Jan. 19, 1765. Letters of administration to Dorothy, wife of Robert Blamire junior, and only daughter of Samuel Hodgson late of Kirkandrews upon Eden, yeoman, intestate. Signed, John Nicolson, deputy Registrar ; Hen : Richardson, surrogate.

G. May 15, 1765. Thomas Sibson of Grinsdale, yeoman, sells to John Hodgson the younger of Kirkandrews, yeoman, for £97, by license of Sir James Lowther, land called Wall rein, adjoining John Hodgson the elder on N. and S. ; Broad Meadow, also adjoining John Hodgson on N. and S. ; and Unkatres, adjoining John Hodgson on W. and Robert Robson on E., in the Townfields of Kirkandrews ; customary rent 2s. 2d. Witnesses : John Wilson, John Pearson. " At the Court holden at Burgh, Friday, Oct. 11, 1765, this deed was presented to the Homage Jury [etc.] Jno. Wordsworth, steward of the said Barony."

K. Aug. 17, 1767. Edmund Hodgson of Rockcliffe, yeoman

and Ann his wife quitclaim to John Hodgson the elder of Kirkandrews, yeoman, and Margaret his wife, for £180 the freehold, messuage etc. in the Townfields of Kirkandrews in tenure of John and Margaret, heretofore in possession of the late John Robson of Kirkandrews, father of Margaret and Ann. Witnesses: Joseph Irwing, Jn<sup>o</sup> Norman.

K. Jan. 26, 1770. Will of John Hodgson of Kirkandrews, the elder, yeoman. To my eldest son John Hodgson my writing desk. To my younger son Edmund Hodgson my freehold messuage etc. held in fee simple at Astonby, Kirklington, until he is twenty-four, towards his maintenance and education at a Grammar School and Colledge, and after he is twenty-four to my eldest son and his heirs, subject to £200 to be given to Edmund. My wife Margaret to let the premises aforesaid for Edmund until he is twenty-four and to receive rent for him. To my eldest daughter Mary, wife of John Graham, £100. Remainder to my wife and younger daughter Margaret, equally divided. My wife and Margaret to be executrixes. My wife and son John or survivor to be trustees. Signed with his mark, a fret in a circle. Witnesses: Joseph Irwing, Elizabeth Robson, Geo. Bowness.

Probate to Margaret, widow, and Margaret Hodgson, spinster, April 4, 1770; signed John Nicolson, deputy Registrar; Richard Dickinson [surrogate].

K. Dec. 21, 1774. Lease for one year from Joseph Irwin of Kirkandrews, yeoman, to Jannet and Jane Edger of Mill Flatt in the parish of Gratenay (Gretna), co. Annadale, N.B., spinsters, for 5s. and a peppercorn if demanded, of two closes of arable meadow in the Townfields of Kirkandrews, namely Bottom Butts, otherwise Sandy Hill Butts, two acres, adjoining Thomas Price to S. or E. and an occupation way to W.; and Intacks, two acres, adjoining Robert and Elizabeth Hodgson on W. and Margaret Hodgson on E. Signed, Joseph Irwing. Witnesses: John Mitchinson, Wm. Hodgson of Scotby.

K. Dec. 22, 1774. Release by way of mortgage of the same, for £100; provided that if Joseph Irwin pays £112 (£4 on Dec. 22, 1775, £4 on Dec. 22, 1776, and £104 on Dec. 22, 1777) he shall recover the property. Same witnesses.

K. Jan. 1, 1775. William Burton in Kirkandrews, yeoman, and Cathrine his wife, and Isacc Nelson of Grinsdale and Agnis his wife sell to John Hodgson, for £57, houses in Kirkandrews, namely a dwellinghouse with orchard adjoining Jane Lewthwait on S. and John Hodgson on N.; also land in the Townfields, Little Brickinhill, nine acres, adjoining the Common on S. and

Jane Lewthwait on N., John Norman on E. and John Hodgson on W. ; paying to Sir James Lowther a free rent of 4s. 6d. Witnesses : William Price, Jane Lewthwaite.

K. On the back of the deed of Aug. 17, 1767, is another, dating 1777, not in professional hand, but in complete form ; by which Agnes Nelson, widow of Isaac Nelson of Little Orton sells to John Hodgson of Kirkandrews, yeoman, for £26, two acres at Little Breckonhill in the Townfields of Kirkandrews, adjoining Robert Blamire on S. and John Hodgson on N., the common on W. and Allen Robson on E. ; paying to Sir James Lowther the annual rent of 5s. Signed, Agnis Nelson mark × and seal. Witnesses : Dorothy Nelson, William Mathers.

K. May 11, 1780. William Heskett of Plumpton, yeoman, being indebted to several creditors for £700 in all, assigns to John Hodgson his estate real and personal in trust for the creditors, by consent of Sir James Lowther, lord of the manor of Plumpton, to whom he pays 13s. 4d. rent. John Hodgson to dispose of the property by sale, to pay the creditors and to return any balance to William Heskett. Witnesses : Anthony Soulby, William Robinson, Edwd. Grave.

K. Oct. 21, 1780. Bond of John Ritson of Monkhill, Beamond, yeoman, and John Hind [who signs "Hine"] of Kirkandrews, yeoman, in £30, to idemnify Joseph Irwin, the purchaser of two closes (five acres) called the Haynings and four butts (half an acre) called Sandy Hills, and one rood of freehold ground called Butt of Broad End, in the Townfields of Kirkandrews, and a prescription of 3d. yearly out of John Norman's land, against any claim of Ann, wife of John Ritson, who will be intitled to her jointure thirds out of the said property. Witnesses : John Mitchinson, Jacob Stordy.

K. Jan. 31, 1781. Thomas Price of Biglands, Aikton, yeoman, and Edward Price of Great Orton, weaver, sell to Joseph Irwing for £14 freehold land at Kirkandrews Holme called Sandy Hills, half an acre, adjoining Joseph Irwing on two sides ; and they make John Norman of Kirkandrews, weaver, and Robert Robinson of Lonning, yeoman, their attornies to give seisin. Signed, Thomas Price his mark +, Edward Price || his mark. Witnesses to seisin, John Norman, William burton : to receipt, John Norman, Jacob Cowen.

K. April 16, 1792. Admittance of John Hodgson, only son and heir of Margaret Hodgson, widow, to land in Kirkandrews, customary rent 2s. 1d., fine £7. Signed, Geo : Wheatley [esq., steward], " allowed by me—Lonsdale."

K. Dec. 29, 1792. Jane Willis of Carlisle, widow, sells to Musgrave Lewthwaite of Carlisle, merchant, for £16, a freehold house with byer and ground used for a Dunghill at the end of such Byer, and ground on the opposite side of the road used for setting and stacking Turves and Peats, at Kirkandrews. Witnesses: John Norman, Christopher Elliott.

K. July 31, 1793. Will of Joseph Erwing. To my wife Tamer Erwing all my freehold estate at Kirkandrews during her life, and afterwards to my nephew Edward Norman, chargeable with debts and the following legacies:—to Tamer Erwing all my goods and chattels and £200: to my nephew William Norman £10; to his children Margaret and Mary £5 each; to Peggy, wife of Joseph Cartener £5; to Edward Cartener £5; to William Jonston £5; to John Jonston £3; to Peggy, Biddy, Mary and Nanny Jonston £3 each; to my sister Mary Liddl £20; to my sister Mary children, William, John and Mary £5 each; to my brother Jonnathan Erwing £35; to my nephew Jonnathan Erwing £100:—all to be paid within twelve months after the decease of my wife Tamer, who is to be sole executor. Provided my nephew Jonnathan Erwing will pay my nephew Edward Norman £100, he shall have my freehold estate so long as it shall remain in the name of Erwings, and after that to go to my brother John Erwing famley. Provided my nephews Edward Norman or Jonathan Erwin refuses to pay those Leages left out of my estate then the Legates or any one of the[m] to enter on my estate and pay them and all costs attending it. Witnesses: John Hodgson, John Graham, Mary Graham.

Effects under £100 proved by Thamar Erwing, Aug. 8, 1793. True copy, G. G. Mounsey, Depy. regr.

K. Feb. 5, 1796 (Copy or draught not executed). Musgrave Lewthwaite in Carlisle and Ann Price of Cattcoats sell (for £15?) to John Hodgson of Kirkandrews a freehold house, etc. of twenty yards in length and six in breadth adjoining King Street on W. and John Hodgson on E. and N.

K. Jan. 31, 1798. Jonathan Dickinson of Allonby, yeoman, and Mary his wife, only child of the late Thomas Stordy of Moorhouse, Burgh by Sands, yeoman, sell to Richard Robson of Thurstonfield, Burgh, shoemaker, for £25, freehold meadow Beck Close, late property of Thomas Stordy in Townfields of Moorhouse, three roods and ten perches, adjoining the road from Moorhouse to Burgh on E. and ground of Joseph Liddell; quitrent 6d. to the Lord of the Fee. The Dickinsons agree with Joseph Liddell of Moorhouse, Esq. that they will at the cost of Robson

levy before H.M. Judges of the Court of Common Pleas at Westminster one or more Fine or Fines sur cognizance de droit come ceo etc. unto the said J. Liddell etc. not only of the aforesaid close but also of several other messuages, etc. Witnesses: Thomas Forster, John Wright.

G. March 16, 1798. List of fields in Grinsdale Holme enclosed under an award. Far Holme:—Doudle, 5a. 2r. 2p., owned by Thomas Sibson; Broadlands, 3a. 2r. 11p., Thomas Robson; Broadlands, 3a. 2r., the late John Hodgson, now the Rev. R. Burn\*; Far Holme, 1a. 3r. 14p., William Nixon; Part of Peaslands, 1r. 1p., John Sibson, now John Graham; Broadlands 6a. 2r. 21p., Margaret Blamire, now Sibson Graham. Near Holme:—Cherim † and Carr Head, including all Mr. Studholme's holme, 9a. 2r. 13p., Sarah Moore, now John Studholme; Ashbush, 3a. 2r. 13p., Margaret Blamire, now Thomas Robson; Ashbush, 5a. 2r. 25p., Thomas Sibson; Hodgson Acre, 4a. 2p., J. Blaylock, now Edward Nixon; Under Kirk, 2a. 2r. 37p., J. Hodgson, now Rev. R. Burn; Coop House Field, 3a. 2r. 7p., Thomas Robson; Coop House Field, 3a. 1r. 24p., Wm. Dacre Esq.; Under Kirk, 8a. 3r. 33p., Thomas Sibson; Under Kirk, 1a. 27p., Wm. Nixon; Haver Riggs, 8a. 31p., Margaret Blamire, now Thomas Robson.

K. Oct. 18, 1800. Jonathan Irwin of Newcastle upon Tyne, merchant, assigns to John Hodgson of Kirkandrews, yeoman, for £200 all his interest under the will of Joseph Erwing. Witnesses: Robert Purvis, James Lang. Receipts for £10 paid Oct. 18, 1800, and £40 paid June 23, 1801. The remaining £150 was to be paid at the death of Tamor Erwing, widow of Joseph [see Dec. 28, 1814].

G. July 5, 1806. Letters of administration to Ruth Graham, only daughter of John Sibson, late of Grinsdale, yeoman, intestate. Signed, Robert Mounsey.

K. March 11, 1808. Receipt for £74 5s. 3d. paid by John Hodgson of Kirkandrews to the Bank of England to the credit of ex parte the purchasers of the settled estates of the Rt. Hon. James, late Earl of Lonsdale. Signed, Nicholas Smith, accountant general; T. Triquet, cashier; M. Sibly.

K. Feb. 28, 1810. Draft of will of John Hodgson in Kirkandrews. To my nephew John Graham all my estate at Kirkandrews and Beaumond, tithes in Brough by Sands and fishing in the Eden, but chargeable with legacies to my sister Mary £20

\* R. Burn, senior, rector of Kirkandrews.

† In a later deed spelt "Chirm."

yearly during life ; to my nephew Arthur Graham £300 ; to nephew William Graham £300 ; to my Nece Mary, the wife of John Hesket £300 ; to my Sis Peggs, the wife of William Hesket £20 yearly during life ; to my nephew John Hesket all my estate at Alstonby but chargeable with the £20 yearly to my sistr peggs ; to my Nece Mary the wife of Thomas Hall £300 ; to Isabellow Heskett £300 ; to Peggy Hesket £300 ; to my nephew William Heskett £300 ; remainder to John Graham and John Hesket.

K. Feb. 26, 1814. Probate of will of John Hodgson of Kirkandrews, yeoman. To John Grahame, tenement at Kirkandrews and Beaumont chargeable with £20 yearly to his sister Mary for life ; his nephew William Graham to occupy the same for fifteen years paying John Graham £30 yearly : to John Graham the fishery ; to William Graham, share of tithes called Noublesworth ; to his nephew John Hesket, tenement in Kirkkinton called Little Astonby, chargeable with £20 yearly to his sister Peggy : to William Graham his desk.

G. April 23, 1814. Account of the personal estate etc. of John Hodgson, late of Kirkandrews upon Eden, gentleman, who died Feb. 20th, 1813, exhibited by John Graham of Grinsdale, yeoman, and John Heskett of Low Wool Oaks, Heskett, yeoman, executors under the will proved at Carlisle, Feb. 26, 1814, and sons of two sisters of the deceased.

	£	s.	d.
Cash at the Bankers with interest to date	624	0	0
Cash from sale of household goods ..	1	0	0
Cash from sale of wearing apparel . . . .	5	0	0
[The deceased died a bachelor and never kept House himself, having boarded and lodged with a relation.]			
Rents due at death of the deceased ..	78	8	0
Interest from mortgage outstanding from William Heskett of Plumpton Foot ..	546	17	10
Cash for Principal on Bonds etc. . . . .	300	0	0
Cash for interest to the time of payment	12	7	0
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	1567	12	10
Funeral expences £30, debts, etc. . . . .	142	19	3
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Leaving balance of cash ..	£1424	13	7

K. June 9, 1814. Will of Robert Robson of Kirkandrews. To my niece Mary, wife of John Tinnian, all my Houses and Lands at Kirkandrews and real estate at Burgh by Sands late Greenhows ;

to Jane Blamire £100; to Robt. Blamire £20, and to Betty Blamire £20, children of Wm. Blamire of Hawksdale; and Jane Blamire to hold my house and garden at Kirkandrews for nine years without payment.

Effects under £100, proved May 13, 1815, by Mary Tinnian, sole executrix. Signed, G. G. Mounsey, depy. regr.

K. Dec. 28, 1814. Case and opinion of Mr. Richard Preston upon Joseph Irwing's will. Mr. Preston's opinion (abstracted) was that—(1) Edward Norman had a title to the Fee, but the Heir of the Testator had a fair opening to dispute it; (2) Jonathan Irwing contracted to sell his interest only; the £150 [see Oct. 18, 1800] might be recovered by his representatives from the estate of John Hodgson; (3) Tamer Irwing [who was still alive] had a right to make a will and give the £200 away.

G. Easter, 1817. Final agreement, Westminster, before Vicary Gibbs, Robert Dallas, James Allan Park, and Charles Abbott, Justices, between John Studholme, petitioner, and John Tinnion and Mary his wife, deforciant, of one messuage, two barns, two stables, two cowhouses, twenty acres of land, ten acres of meadow and ten acres of pasture with the appurtenances in Kirkandrews. The deforciant warrant these tenements to John Studholme, and for this acknowledgement he had paid them £60.

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#### APPENDIX.

An account of the Sibson family of Grinsdale, from the year 1560, extracted from ancient records and family memorandums (by Mr. George Sibson of Grinsdale).

1560, 21st Nov.—Award made at Carleol in favour of George Sibson of Grynsdale, being the settlement of a suit-at-law respecting the division of those lands whereof one moiety had been possessed by the Sibson family time out of mind, between William Willson of Beaumont, plaintiff, and George Sibson of Grynsdale, defendant; whereby it is awarded that a certain tenement in Grynsdale, then in dispute, should be enjoyed by the said George Sibson, his heirs and assigns for ever, and that the parties should thenceforth live on friendly terms as good neighbours and Christian people ought to do.

1607, 7th March.—Conveyance from Agnis Sibson, daughter and heiress-at-law of William Sibson to George Sibson of Grinsdale, yeoman, of a tenement in Grinsdale; executed in the presence of David Sibson and Robert Sibson, brother of David, and others.

1609, 4th Oct.—Conveyance from Agnes Sibson to George Sibson of a tenement in Grinsdale, consideration £60; executed in the presence of Richard Sibson of Carliell, webster and others.

1616, 20th Nov.—Mortgage by demise whereby Matthew Sibson of Grinsdale, yeoman, mortgages to George Sibson of Grinsdale, alias Newlands, yeoman, one half of his land at Grinsdale for £35, with the consent of the Honble. Francis Dacre of Saint Bees, gentleman, Lord of the Manor. Possession given in the presence of David Sibson, Robert Sibson, Richard Sybson, and William Sibson.

1616, 7th Dec.—Lease between the said George Sibson and the said Matthew Sibson whereby the said George Sibson lets the said half tenement for five years to the said Matthew Sibson; executed in the presence of Christopher Sibson and others.

1619, 12th June.—Conveyance from George Bell to George Sibson of a customary tenement in Grinsdale held of John Briskoe Esq. as part of the manor of Orton. Executed in the presence of David Sibson, Rowland Sibson, Thomas Sibson, clerk, and others.

1626, 5th April.—Conveyance by feoffment from Matthew Sibson to George Sibson the elder of his tenement in Grinsdale, wherein he and his ancestors had stood seized since before the memory of man.

1628.—Henry Sibson, D.D., lets John Sibson and George Sibson his house and tenement at Grinsdale for a term of years, reserving a chamber with chimney and stable.

1638.—Agreement whereby Richard Sibson the elder and Richard Sibson the younger become security for a sum of money.

1639, 10th Jan.—Deed of bargain and sale whereby Isaac Denton Esq. sells the Rectory of Grinsdale to the Rev. Henry Sibson, D.D., executed in the presence of Stephen Sibson, Thomas Sibson and others.

1657.—Admittance of George Sibson as son and heir of Richard Sibson to a customary tenement at Grinsdale, subject to the life estate of Bridget Sibson, his mother, being held under William Briscoe Esq. as parcel of the manor of Orton.

1694, 10th Aug.—Admittance to the said customary tenement of Thomas Sibson, son and heir of the said George Sibson, who was born 16th September, 1664, and married, 22nd July, 1690, Isabell Robson, daughter of John Robson of Kirkandrews, commonly called Stephen John.

1700, 9th Nov.—Deed of enfranchisement from John Briscoe Esq., to the said Thomas Sibson, executed in the presence of Joseph Sibson and others.

1726, 12th April.—The said Thomas Sibson died on this day, leaving his wife Isabell, who survived until 4th April, 1754. They had issue :—(1) George, the eldest son, who died 18th Aug., 1713, aged 23 years. (2) John, who succeeded to the estate, born 1693. (3) Thomas, who resided in Carlisle, tanner, and died without issue leaving his wife him surviving. He was the owner of the tanyards and property below Carlisle Castle. His will bears date 25th Nov., 1732, and was proved on 5th Dec., 1732. (4) Jacob, who also resided in Carlisle, shoemaker ; died without issue, leaving by his will dated 30th April, 1737, the whole of his property to his nephew Thomas Sibson, son of Joseph ; but he dying before the will was proved, administration was granted 28th March, 1768, to Robert Sibson. (5) Joseph, who also resided in Carlisle, saddler, died leaving four sons :—Thomas, a mariner, Robert, George and Joseph. (6) Jeremiah, another brother, received legacies under the wills of his brothers Jacob and Thomas.

1726.—John, the second son (as above) succeeded to the property, having previously married Ruth, daughter of the Rev. Thomas Story of Kirkbampton ; died 9th Sept., 1739, and had issue :—(1) Ruth, married Mr. John Wilson, Burgh. (2) Thomas, born 14th April, 1722 ; died 4th Dec., 1809. (3) John, born 22nd July, 1727 ; married Jane, daughter of the Rev. Thomas Ismay of Burgh. Ruth, his only child, married — Graham of Kirkandrews.

1734.—Thomas, the eldest son (as above), succeeded to the property ; married 2nd Nov., 1776, Jane Hodgson ; and died 4th Dec., 1809. Issue :—(1) George, died young. (2) Thomas. (3) Mary. (4) Ruth, married Ed. Robson, Grinsdale. (5) John, an officer of Customs at Whitehaven.

1809.—Thomas, eldest surviving son and heir-at-law of Thomas (as above) ; married Mary, daughter of Thomas Robinson of Cargo, and had issue :—(1) Jane, died young. (2) Thomas, a bachelor. (3) John, grandfather of Mr. Thomas Sibson, solicitor, of Carlisle. (4) George, father of Mr. George Sibson now of Grinsdale. (3) Margaret, married John Gibbons of Liverpool. (6) William. (7) Robinson, died young. (8) James. (9) Mary. 10) Joseph, a bachelor. (11) Martha.