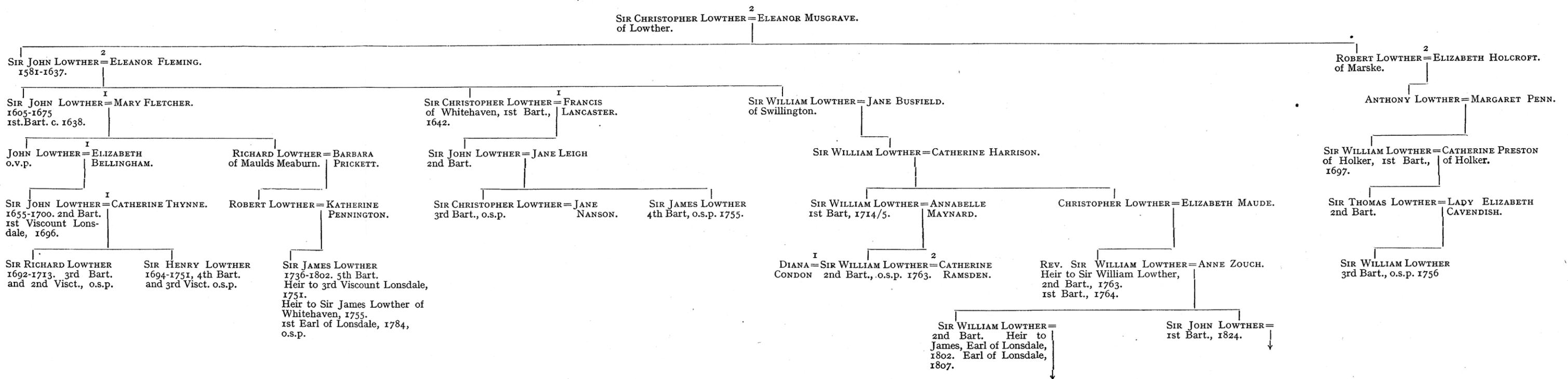


PEDIGREE SHEWING DESCENT OF LOWTHER LANDS AND TITLES.

Note: only names necessary to shew this descent are given.



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ART. V.—*Lowther of Swillington from its origin till 1788.*

By the Rev. C. M. LOWTHER BOUCH.

THIS article is an account of the family of Lowther of Swillington in Yorkshire from its origin in William Lowther, son of Sir John Lowther and Eleanor Fleming, who was born in 1606 or 7, until the death of his great grandson, another William Lowther, in 1788. It was the son of this latter, who succeeded in 1802 to the combined estates of the Lowther family, which had fallen to his distant cousin James Lowther, who had been created 1st Earl of Lonsdale in 1784, and had died without issue. The earldom was recreated in 1807 in favour of this William Lowther, who is the direct ancestor of the present holder of the title. The accompanying pedigree will illustrate better than many words how it came about that all these estates fell to one person, and the relationship of the Earl of the 1807 creation to his predecessor of the 1784 one.

Strictly, this article is not eligible for inclusion in these *Transactions*, as this family was during all these years domiciled in Yorkshire. But the fact that it is the stem from which the present family descend is held to be sufficient excuse for publishing it in them.

Swillington itself and the adjacent villages of Great and Little Preston, Garforth and Kippax are all situated a few miles from Leeds in country that in the past was pleasant and full of "gentlemen's houses," but is now eaten up by modern industrial Yorkshire. In 1816 Swillington Hall was described as follows:

"The hall, an excellent house lately modernised, has a long and handsome but low front, and stands rather too near the river to be very conspicuous in this scene of splendid mansions."\*

\* Whitaker, *Loidis and Elmet*, 259.

An account of Preston Hall by Thoresby, the Leeds Antiquarian, will be found later on in the article.

The founder of the Lowthers of Swillington was, as has been stated above, William Lowther, the 3rd son of the then head of the family. One of the reasons for the position attained by the family has been the abilities of the younger sons and the fact that the property acquired by them has eventually fallen to the head of the house. In the beginning of the 17th century, the Lowthers were a family of well to do local gentry and no more. Their marriages, except for that of Hugh Lowther with Dorothy Clifford, were with the neighbouring gentle families. So there cannot have been a great deal with which to endow the younger sons. They had to make their own fortune, if they were to have one. One of the simplest ways to do this at that time was by a marriage with a rich heiress. But most of these Lowthers did not follow that course, they followed the harder one of going out into the world and making their own fortunes by their own energies in competition with their fellow men.

So William Lowther became a merchant at Leeds and later on at Rotterdam in Holland; it seems propable, though by then the family fortunes were well established, that his son followed in his steps. By that time, the family had acquired sufficient wealth to leave commerce to serve the community as members of Parliament and magistrates. A tradition of scholarship and religion can be seen in the lives of the heads of the family. The first Sir William is described as "a man of great reading and extensive knowledge." The fourth as "living a contemplative and studious life. He was a man of extensive learning and knowledge, a great philosopher and divine, and reckoned the best grecian in the Kingdom." Of the same Sir William it is recorded "he was reckoned a man of great benevolence of temper, a very sincere and good Christian. He was very desirous of taking orders before

his father's death, but his first wife, who was a gay woman, put him off from it." His cousin and successor in the property was in Holy orders. The same traditions of honourable employment were carried on in the younger sons of the family. Of these, three were merchants, the same number were in the Army and Holy orders; two were in the service of the East India Company and one was a Doctor and one in the Royal Navy.

There were five generations included in the period dealt with in this article. During this time twenty-four sons were born to the family, yet at the end of the period Sir William Lowther and his two sons were the only surviving male members of it. This is very strange at a time when the population of the country was rising and when therefore it would be natural to expect a growth rather than a decrease in the family.

I have to thank Mrs. Anthony Lowther for her interest and encouragement, without which this article could not have been written. Also Mr. G. E. Kirk, Librarian of the Thoresby Society, who has very kindly given me the benefit of his knowledge of Yorkshire genealogies, without that knowledge, so freely given, this article would lack much of its completeness and Mr. Gordon Davidson of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford for research there. I have also to thank the Revd. J. Lowther Bouch for placing at my disposal his collection of Lowther notes, and Mr. R. L. Overbury, C.B., for supplying the list of members of Parliament, and the clergy of the various parishes for extracts from their registers.

The reader will notice the omission of any record of the family wills. This is due to the difficulties of war-time research.

I. William Lowther, the founder of the Swillington branch of the family, was the 3rd son of Sir John Lowther of Lowther and his wife Eleanor, daughter of William

Fleming of Rydal. His baptismal entry has not been found, but he must have been born in 1606 or 1607. Nothing is known of him till in March, 1636 there is a receipt among the state papers for £500 paid by William Lowther, on behalf of the Sheriff of Westmorland, in part of £1000, ship money charged upon Cumberland and Westmorland; there is a further receipt for £700 in the next year.\*

He was a merchant of Leeds, and must have settled there at about this time, as his first child was baptized at the parish church in Augt., 1637. In the registers, he is described as of Bore Lane, 1637-8 and again in 1647, of Kirkgait in 1639, of Brigait in 1642, and of Buslingthorpe in 1642.

These were the years of the great civil war and William Lowther, like all other Englishmen of position, was involved in the quarrel. The facts set out below suggest that, unlike many of his family, he did not take up arms on the king's side. He lent him money, but this seems to have been done somewhat unwillingly. But the Lowther family was too well known for its royalist sympathies for him to escape heavy fines and penalties.

So it came about that in Nov., 1645 "William Lowther, Leeds, Yorkshire, begs to be admitted to compound for delinquency in contributing to the Earl of Newcastle's forces, when living in their quarters. Has lived for the last two years in Holland, is not sequestered." On 9 April, 1646 a fine of £184 is noted and on 16 April that "Fine augmented to £200 for an additional particular."†

But this was by no means the end of his troubles, because during the civil war merchants and moneyed men often advanced loans for the royal cause, but they required better security than the king's privy seal. Noblemen and gentry around him therefore became

\* C.S.P. Domestic Series.

† Calendar of Committee for compounding, 1040.

guarantors, and signed bonds on account of these loans. As a result, the Cromwellians made them pay to the state half of the sums they had thus guaranteed. At the same time, the actual lenders found their estates sequestered and were summoned to surrender their bonds and thus disabled from recovering their money by law.

William Lowther was among those who advanced money in this way; and so, as "Wm. Lowther, Leeds, Delinquent" was summoned on 20 May, 1647 on "information that Sir Wm. Savile and 15 others are bound to him in £12,000, on bond of 2 Oct., 1643 to pay £5,876. 10." The guarantors pleaded that this bond was "in trust to be paid for arms never supplied, so there is nothing due," 21 July, 1648. But William Lowther claimed that the money was lent by force. Nevertheless, on 24 May, 1650, he was ordered to bring before the Committee for the advance of money the bonds for this sum and on 12 Nov., 1652 there was "an order that he show cause why his bonds are not delivered up 14 days after notice."

On 20 July, 1654, he petitions this committee "In 1642, as I traded to Holland, I agreed to give Lord Goring 10,000 guilders in Holland for £1,000, but as I could not get ready money, I took security for it, I suffered much by the king's party, and beg leave to take my course at law to recover my debt, which was a mercantile transaction." As a result it was noted on 18 July, 1655. "Order on full hearing of the case, the bond being lodged, that as it appears on proof that the money was lent by way of merchandise, and not to forment the war, when the moneys come in from the obligers, consideration will be had for repayment of the sum, and Mr. Leech is to deliver the bonds to the auditors, to be kept till further order." The last entry on the matter dated 19 Nov., 1656 is "Lowther not having given releases of the bonds as ordered, and the Protector and Council, forbidding the taking into custody of the bondholders till all the moneys

secured on the Engagement are paid in, order that the case be referred to counsel."\*

During these years, he lived mostly at Rotterdam, where he carried on his business as a merchant. He has left a note dated from Kirkby on 17 April, 1648 in which he states "at the decease of my brother Sir Christopher Lowther (which was in April, 1644) was I in Holland at Rotterdam, where I continued three yeares and had not the trust left to me by my brother beene one principal reason amongst others I had remained there till the unnatural differences in the Kingdom had been settled. I came to Meaburn April 1647." He appears to have remained in England for two years, but on 1 June, 1649 a pass was granted to William Lowther of Rotterdam, merchant, with his wife, a man and maid, to Rotterdam.† It is said that it was there that he gained most of his fortune and that he contributed largely to the support of Charles II during his banishment.

He bought Roundhay Grange and manor in Yorkshire on 16 Sept., 1653.‡ This property formerly belonged to Stephen Tempest, Esqre.§ Its discharge from sequestration, having been bought by William Lowther, is noted on 7 Nov., 1653 in the records of the Committee for compounding.|| He describes himself as of Roundhay Grange in the County of York on 15 Augt., 1655, so he was certainly back in England by that date.

Sir John Lowther, his brother, records that in this year, 1655, "beeinge then at London, my brother William and I bought Greate Preston and Astley near Swillington, of the Lord Darcies son, the moitie cost me £3050 and will be after a life or two worth p. ann. above £200.

\* Calendar of the Committee for the advance of money, xvii, 823, 895, 898, 902, 933, 936, 1007.

† C.S.P. Domestic Series.

‡ Thoresby Society, xvii, 242.

§ Y.A.S. Record Series, xviii, 135.

|| Calendar, 2432.

There is in it a rich cole mynes and lyme quarries which is of good value there; and that part called Astley is very rich ground, lying upon the River, and rich meadow, and good pasture and arable; and the house at Preston, though ruinous, might be made a good seat having a goodly prospect as most in Yorkshire." Another account states "He (William Lowther) purchased the manors of Swillington and Great Preston of Conyers Darcey, Esqr., son of Lord Darcy,\* he afterwards purchased the estates of Garforth and Rothwell, he lived sometime at Swillington, and then removed to Great Preston."

He was elected M.P. for Pontefract on 3 April, 1660 in the famous Parliament that resulted from the elections after General Monk's march from Scotland and the dissolution of the Rump. It met 25 April, 1660 and on 1 May invited the king to return.† He also represented Pontefract in the next Parliament from 1661 to 1679. He was one of the citizens of Leeds, who signed the petition to the king in Jany., 1661, for a charter for that town, and also signed several of the documents connected with the granting of the charter.‡ He was knighted 2 Jany., 1662. It has been said that he "had no other satisfaction for the money he had advanced for the king, but by being made one of the commissioners of the customs." This was 26 Sept., 1671.§ In fact, he was also on 13 May, 1662 appointed steward of the Marquis and Richmond Fee of the barony of Kendal, on surrender of his father Sir John Lowther.||

He lived the rest of his days at Great Preston. He has

\* Conyers Darcy, Esqr., was the eldest son of Conyers, Lord Darcy and Conyers, who was created Earl of Holderness in 1682. He succeeded his father in 1689.

† Bryant, King Charles II, 74-76.

‡ Thoresby Society, xxxiv, 200-4.

§ C.S.P. Domestic Series.

|| *Ibid.*

been described "as a man of great reading and extensive knowledge."\*

The following words from a prayer and letter of advice, which William Lowther wrote for his eldest son on his appointment as High Sheriff of Yorkshire in 1681, are not only of interest in themselves, but provide a pleasing insight into the character of the man who wrote them.

"That thou wilt bestow upon me a wise and understanding spirit, to enable me always to discern exactly between good and evil, and to pronounce a righteous sentence in the most perplexed cases. More especially, I beseech Thee, to endue me with such an honest and upright mind, that nothing in the world may ever tempt me from my integrity. O, that mine eyes may never be blinded by gifts; nor my heart turn aside to follow after rewards. Let no love towards friends or hatred towards enemies; no fear of those who are mighty, or desire of popular applause in the least corrupt my judgment to decree unrighteously. But remembering Thine all seeing eye, I may always proceed uprightly and regard the person of no man in judgment". . . . .

Son,

"The above written is a prayer I desire you to use, and so begin first by prayer to our Heavenly Father to guide and govern you that you may faithfully discharge your duty; I must tell you that I never sought either honour or place, yet tho' you have not done so, and therein like your father, yet I pray, consider that this preferment is from God, who stirred up friends and blessed the means, and brought it to pass, therefore be sure to return the whole Praises unto Him, and execute your trust with faithfulness and humbleness of spirit; consider what impress God hath stamped upon you, remember your great, great grandfather's† motto *Magistratus indicat Verum*" . . . . .

He died at Great Preston on 20 Feby., 1687, and was buried at Kippax, the parish church of that village, on 22 Feby., aged 80.

He married Jane, daughter of William Busfield of Leeds, merchant, and Elizabeth, his wife, eldest sister of

\* Where no source is given, the authority is an account of this family by Sir William Lowther written in about 1766-8.

† Sir Richard Lowther.

Thomas Metcalf, alderman of Leeds.\*† She was baptized at Leeds Parish Church on 7 Sept., 1615. The place and date of the marriage has not been found, but under the date 20 Feby., 1636, his father, Sir John Lowther, records "I have not withdrawn the lone I intend from my son Will whoe would perforce marrie ageinst my desire my reasons every way tried and contrarie to his promise under his hand to me." She was buried, 29 March, 1686 at Kippax.

By her, he had issue,

1. John, baptized 29 July, 1638 at Leeds Parish church and buried there 17 July, 1639.
  2. William, of whom next, II.
  3. Richard, see page 92.
  4. John, born 17 Feby., 1649. A Major in the Army, of Farlington, Yorks.
  5. George,‡ born 27 Nov., according to the Swillington Parish Register, but 20 Nov., 1655, according to another record, He was a merchant in Holland and died there unmarried.
1. Eleanor, baptized 7 Augt., 1637 at Leeds Parish Church, died young.
  2. Jane, born 31 Dec., 1640, married Sir Francis Bland, Bt., of Kippax Park, Yorks. in 1660.§
  3. Eleanor, born 14 Oct., and baptized as Helenor at Leeds Parish Church, 19 Oct., 1643, married Richard Harrison of South Mimms, Middlesex in 1662.§ He is later described as of Dancer's Hill, Herts. and Cave, Yorks.; there is a monumental inscription.||

\* There is a certain amount of information about the Busfields and allied families in G. G. Macturk's Notes on South Cave Church.

† Thoresby Ducatus, 5.

‡ He was a twin with Dorothy.

§ Paver Marriage Licences: there is no record of these marriages either at Swillington or Kippax.

|| History of South Cave, J. G. Hall, 46, Appendix. There are also some interesting notes on Harrison and Busfield in Notes on South Cave Church, G. G. Macturk.

4. Elizabeth, born 14 Nov., 1645, and buried at Kippax 9 Feby., 1662.
5. Mary, born 3 Feby., and baptized 23 Feby., 1647 at Leeds Parish Church, married William Ellis of Kiddall, Yorks, at Kippax, 5 Dec., 1665.
6. Agnes, born 15 Feby., 1651, married William Dawson of Farlington at Kippax on 11 Sept., 1684.
7. Frances, born 16 June, 1654, married Richard Beaumont of Whitley Hall, York at Swillington on 2 Nov., 1676.
8. Dorothy, born 20 Nov., 1655, married Robert Baynes of Knowesthorp, Yorks.; their daughter Frances married her cousin John Lowther, M.D.\*
9. Barbara, born 15 March, 1657, and died young.

II. William, eldest surviving son of Sir William Lowther and Jane, his wife, was born at Leeds 18 Augt., and baptized at the parish church 25 Augt., 1639. Thoresby mentions "an ancient house near the church is very remarkable for the nativity and residence of several persons of quality. Here was born Sir William Lowther."† During his father's lifetime he lived at West Garforth Hall, where most of his children were born, after his father's death, at Swillington, till his eldest son's marriage, and then removed to Great Preston. He was in the Commission of the Peace for the West Riding and Deputy Lieutenant. He was also High Sheriff of the County in the year 1681 and knighted in 1688, the year after his father's death. He was chosen member of Parliament for Pontefract on 28 Oct., 1695.‡ This Parliament lasted until 7 July, 1698; he did not seek re-election.

De la Prynne in his diary has given rather an amusing account of how he began his candidature at Pontefract.

\* Hunter's, *Familiae minorem Gentium*, 101.

† Ducatus, 38.

‡ Appendix.

1695, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>.

“ I being in Yorkshire last week, at Sir George Look’s, we heard there how that Sir William Lowther, a presbyterian, hearing of a great meeting of the townsmen of Pomfrit together, he goes thither, and sends them in, in the first place, a duzen of bottels of claridd, and then a duzen more, by which time, thinking they had been a little drunk, he makes bold to go amongst them, and, after haveing complemented them exceedingly, he at length begins to tell them what he drive at, to witt, of geting their votes that he might be made a parliament man, and did tell them so many fine things, and what favours and kindness he would bestow upon, so that they scarce knew what to say. But immediately one M<sup>r</sup> Stables, sitting at the end of the table, took him up, saying “ Sir William, we thank you for your wine, but, had we understood that this was the design thereof, we would have raither been without. And for our votes, I must tell you truly, if I had ten thousand I would not give one of them to you, nor to any such Commonwealth’s men as you are.” “ I a Commonwealth’s man ” (says Sir William) “ I defy it; I scorn to be scandaliz’d so ” etc. Upon which, and a great many more words, Sir William challeng’d M<sup>r</sup> Stables to the door. To which M<sup>r</sup> Stables answer’d, “ To the door! I scorn to come to the door with any such presbyterian raskal.” Upon which Sir William drew at him; but the company riss up against him, bid him get him gone; what had he to do to intrude into their company, and to disturb them. And so Sir William went away curseing and swearing how he would be reveng’d of them. Thus this M<sup>r</sup> Stables saved the votes of all his company; for undoubtedly, if he had not stood up to him, he had got all their votes.”

1695, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>.

“ For all the stirr that was made at Pomfrit about S<sup>r</sup> Will Lowther, yet I hear today that, upon better consideration, when they had not got so much wine in their heads, they have chosen him for their parliament man, after that he had clear’d himself from being a Puritan.”\*

Probably the use of the term Presbyterian in the above has no religious significance. All the evidence shews that the Lowthers belonged to the established church. But it does suggest that the Swillington family, like their

\* The Diary of Abraham de la Prynne, Surtees Society, 64, pp. 69 and 73.

kinsman of Lowther, belonged to the Whig, rather than to the Tory party.

Ralph Thoresby, the Leeds antiquary, records in his diary on 13 March, 1703, a visit he paid to Sir William, which must have been at the house at Great Preston,

“ Rode by Halghton (Halton) to Preston Super Hill, where most courteously received by Sir William Lowther, a native of Leeds and noble benefactor to the Library, whose house is pleasantly, but strangely situated, they go upstairs to the cellars and downstairs to the garrets . . . After dinner, I transcribed the 28 families they have matched into, and had the perusal of some original letters to himself from eminent hands.”\*

The 28 families are, of course, the marriages recorded in what may be described as the traditional family pedigree, it begins with . . . Lowther (temp. King Edmund 940-6) who married a Deincourt. Further comment is needless.

As a result of this visit, Thoresby evidently hoped to be able to get some of these letters for his collection and accordingly wrote to Sir William on 30 March, 1703.

“ The favours you were pleased to shew me when I had the Honour of your conversation have added a particular obligation to that more generall for your noble Benefaction to the public Library in this town (Leeds), which glories in your nativity, and is far more memorable because the very first of your no less honourable than very ancient family yt was born in Yorkshire, Sir William Lowther your father being born (if I mistake not) at Lowther in Westmorland.

He was one of the Right Honble Councillors in the North,† and I think member of several Parliaments.

I long for other memories, because he was Leodiensis incolate, the noble patron and the first of a flourishing family in these parts.

He was pleased to shew me some remarkable and very ingenuous letters to yourself from several Persons of honour and eminence, if you please to favour me with a few of the several Persons for

\* Thoresby Society, xxvi, 376.

† The meaning of this title is doubtful. The Council of the North was abolished in Nov., 1640: so he can hardly have been a member of it.

my collection of autographa it will be a memorial as of your kindness so of your honourable correspondence for wch you mentioned several as very remarkable. I beg your pardon for this additional trouble from etc.”\*

Thoresby had evidently been shewn some of these by the first Sir William and his memory been refreshed by seeing them on his visit of 3 March.

His request was well received, because the next day he notes in his diary:

“ Received a kind visit from Sir William Lowther, with whom I dined at Mr B’s. Sir William designs to oblige me with several letters to him from persons of honour.”†

Sir William was not long in carrying out his promise, because Thoresby notes on 5 April:

“ Only obliged to steal so much time as to show collection to Mr Boulter of Gawthorpe and his friend and to write to Sir William Lowther to make an acknowledgment for the fifty autographa sent me per post.”

The letter was as follows:

“ I ought not to omit the very first opportunity of making an acknowledgment of the great obligation you have laid upon me by so noble a Present of 50 most valuable autographa of the most Honble and eminent persons.”\*

The following note explains how the Society came to possess these letters.

“ Among the original letters of our Leeds antiquary possessed by the Thoresby Society are two relating to the collection autographs. These were presented to the Society by Sir C. B. Lowther, Bart., on 9 July, 1919, having been found in a copy of the Ducatus during the sale at Swillington Hall.”‡

\* Thoresby Society, xxvi, 376.

† *Ibid.*

‡ *Ibid.*, 377.

Sir William Lowther died at Great Preston, 7 Dec., 1705, and was buried at Kippax 10 Dec. He married in 1662, Catherine, daughter of Thomas Harrison of South Mimms, Middlesex,\* and Catherine, his wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Bland, of Kippax. "She lived several years after with her daughter Stanhope at Horsforth and was buried there on 8 March, 1707." There is a monumental inscription in the Church.†

By her, he had issue,

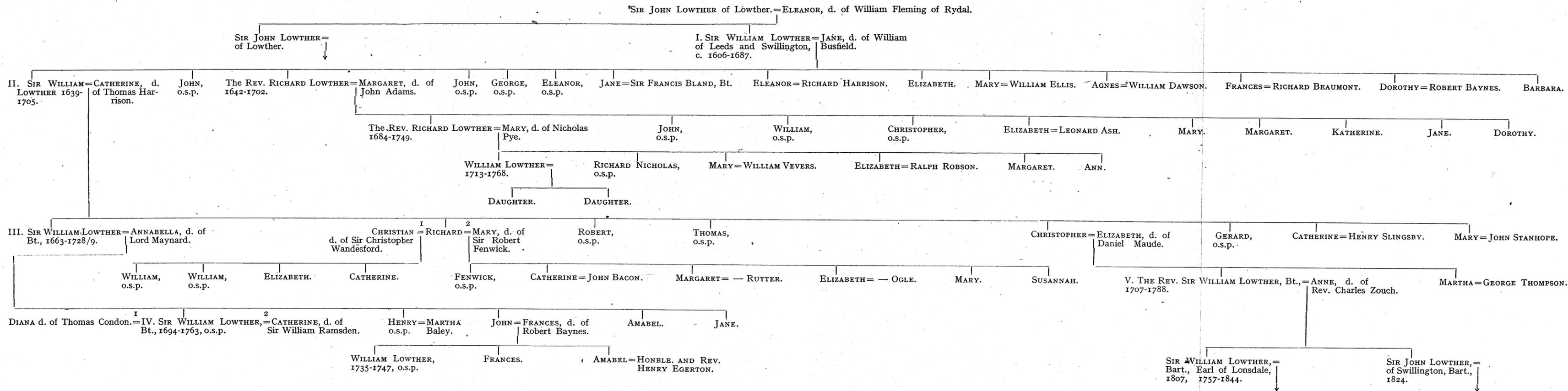
1. William, of whom next, III.
2. John, born 8 March, and baptized 29 March, 1666 at Swillington. "He was brought up to the army in which he was a major. He was in all King William's wars, and at the reducing of Ireland, was afterwards sent to the West Indies, where he contracted an illness, the climate not agreeing with him, which threw him into a consumption, he came home in 1694, and died the year after at Great Preston and was buried at Kippax, June 22nd, 1695, aged 29, he made a most remarkable, exemplary and Christian end."
3. Richard, born 16 Feby., and baptized 17 Feby., 1666 at Swillington and buried there the same day.
4. Richard, born 28 Augt., and baptized 9 Sept., 1669 at Kippax. He was brought up a merchant and settled at Leeds. Latterly, he seems to have lived at York, as there is a monument to his youngest daughter in St. Cuthbert's church, York. He died in that city, 30 May, 1715 and was buried at Kippax on 14 July, 1715.

He married 8 May, 1693 at Whitkirk, Christian, daughter of Sir Christopher Wandesford and his wife Eleanor, daughter of Sir John Lowther of Lowther. By her, he had issue:

\* Paver's Marriage Licences.

† Appendix.

PEDIGREE OF LOWTHER OF SWILLINGTON.



To face p. 80.

1. William, buried 15 April, 1698 at Swillington.
2. William, buried 16 Jany., 1699/1700 at Swillington.
1. Elizabeth, baptized 26 June, 1694 at Kippax and buried 29 April, 1697 at Swillington.
2. Catherine, born 12 Feby., and baptized 27 Feby., 1695/6 at home, the baptism being entered in the register of Leeds Parish Church, as child of Mr. Richard Lowther of Briggat; buried at Swillington, 18 July, 1696.
3. A child, unnamed, baptized 23 June, 1697 at Leeds Parish Church.

He married, secondly, Mary, daughter of Sir Robert Fenwick of Bywell, near Newcastle upon Tyne, by Margaret, his wife, sister of Sir Richard Graham of Netherby.\*

By her, he had issue,

1. Fenwick, the name is spelt as "Phenick" in the baptismal entry of 11 Oct., 1710 at Kippax.  
He lived to the age of 25 and died, unmarried.
1. Katherine, married John Bacon of Stanard, Northumberland, F.R.S., F.S.A., on 23 Augt., 1732, at St. Bennet's, Paul's Walk, London.†
2. Margaret, married Mr. Rutter. Dorothy, daughter of Katherine and John Bacon above, married Lowther Rutter of Ripon, who may be a son of this match; both these matches and the next one are given on the authority of Whitaker's, Leeds.
3. Elizabeth, married Mr. Ogle.
4. Mary, baptized 14 March, 1702 at Horsforth.
5. Susannah, died 6 Sept., 1714, aged 1 year, 11 months and 15 days; monumental inscription in St. Cuthbert's church, York.‡

\* Northumberland County History, vi, 98.

† *Ibid.*, vi, 235.

‡ Yorkshire Archaeological Journal, xviii, 48, Appendix.

5. Robert, born 26 July, and baptized 15 Augt., 1672 at Garforth, "was intended for business in London, but not settling well to it was afterwards put into the army, where he continued many years; at last thinking himself ill-used by his colonel, he burnt his captain's commission and gave him a challenge, which he refused to accept. He spent the latter part of his time with his nephew Stanhope at Horsforth, where he died" and was buried there 28 Jany., 1749; monumental inscription at Horsforth.\*
6. Thomas, born 21 Dec., 1673, and baptized 8 Jany., 1673/4 at Garforth; "was brought up to the army and being sent to the West Indies as Lieut. in his brother John's company, the climate disagreed with him and he died there in 1693, aged 20."
7. Christopher, see page 87.
8. Gerard, born 26 Feby., and baptized 20 March, 1678/9 at Garforth. He was educated at Eton and was admitted to Gray's Inn, 20 Dec., 1697, "but fell into a consumption and died at Great Preston, Nov. 1st, 1702" and was buried at Kippax, 4 Nov., 1702.
1. Katherine born 27 Oct., and baptized 3 Nov., 1664 at Swillington. The following account of her life may be of interest. "Married against her father's consent to Mr. Slingsby of Kippax, grandson to Sir Willm. Slingsby, Kt., Lord of the manor of Kippax [this was Henry Slingsby;† the marriage was in 1695] who pretended to have a grant of the manor from the crown, though it was believed he had it by being guardian to — Bayldon, Esqr., an infant then Lord of Kippax, heir of Sir Francis Bayldon and

\* Appendix and Hist. of Ancient Parish of Guiseley, P. Slater, 266.

† Genealogist n.s. xvi, 177; which gives an account of this family. For his father, see the Diary of Samuel Pepys.

that none knew what became of him. Mr. Slingsby being greatly in debt and his estate mortgaged for near as much as it was worth, Sir William Lowther was much against the match, as he could make no settlement upon her, and endeavoured to hinder it as much as he could, but Mr. Slingsby finding opportunities to visit her, persuaded her at last to go off with him in the night and get married; they lived in great straits and difficulties several years notwithstanding what Sir William did for them, which was not less than £100 a year while she lived. besides laying out large sums in rebuilding their house at Kippax. She was very handsome and a healthy young woman when he married her, but her great trouble to see her husband in so much debt that he durst not stir out of doors and the consideration of her disobedience to her parents which brought her to that low state, shortened her days and she died at the age of 30 leaving no issue behind and is buried at Kippax, 1694."

2. Mary, born 4 June, and baptized 28 June, 1677 at Garforth. She married 11 Nov., 1697, by licence, at Kippax, John Stanhope of Horsforth, Esqre.\*

III. William, the eldest son of Sir William Lowther and Catherine, his wife, was born 18 May, 1663. The place of his baptism has not been found. He was at school at Barwick in Elmet, Yorks and from there went to Christ's College, Cambridge, which he entered as a pensioner, 17 May, 1681. He was admitted at Gray's Inn on 14 Dec., 1682.† He served the office of High Sheriff of Yorkshire, 1697/8. He was first elected to Parliament, as M.P. for Pontefract, on 25 Nov., 1701 and continued to sit until his death.‡ He was a gentleman of the Privy

\* A full account of the Stanhope family is given in "Annals of a Yorkshire House," A. M. W. Stirling.

† Venn.

‡ Appendix.

Chamber in 1707. He was created a Baronet 6 Jany., 1714/5.\* He died 5 March, 1728/9. The following notice occurred in the Leeds Mercury, dated from London: "This morning died at his house in Hanover St., near Hanover Square, Sir William Lowther of Swillington, Bart., a representative in Parliament of the Borough of Pontefract."† He was buried at Swillington 17 March. There is a monumental inscription there erected by his widow.‡

He married Amabell, daughter of Banaster, 3rd Lord Maynard§ and his wife Elizabeth, only daughter of Henry Grey, Earl of Kent. She died 8 Augt., 1734 and was buried 14 Augt. at Swillington, where there is a monumental inscription.

By her, he had issue,

1. William, of whom next IV.
2. Henry. "Was sent when young into the East Indies and became chief of the Company's factory at Surat, but meeting with great losses from friends whom he trusted, and having lived there in great state and pomp, he returned home without any fortune. He died at Easton Parva in Essex at a house of Lord Maynard's, his uncle, in 1758. The monumental inscription says he died at Mawburn, Essex, and was buried at Estaigns. He married Martha, the daughter of Capt. Baley, while abroad. She survived him and was buried at Little Easton in 1772."
3. John, born 29 May, and baptized 9 June, 1696. He was at school at Wakefield and Leeds. He was

\* G. E. C. Baronetage.

† Thoresby Society, XXII, 232.

‡ Appendix.

§ He had eight sons: three of them succeeded to the title, the 3th followed his 3rd brother, who died at the age of 65, yet enjoyed the title for 30 years. The feat of succeeding to a peerage as the 3th son and then living for so long must be almost a record in this form of competition!

admitted Fellow Commoner at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, 13 May, 1715; admitted at Leyden 14 July, 1719 and studied under Boarhouse. M.B. Cambridge, 1725. Practised at Ackworth, Yorks. Searcher of the customs at Newcastle upon Tyne, where he died 10 or 11 Febr., 1742/3\* and was buried at Swillington, as Dr. John Lowther, 21 Febr., 1742/3. There is a monumental inscription at Swillington.

He married at Hunslet chapel, Leeds, by licence of 5 Jany., 1726, Frances, daughter of Robert Baynes of Knowstrop, Yorks. and Dorothy his wife, daughter of Sir William Lowther.† She survived him and her burial is recorded at Swillington on 27 April, 1773, aged 76. By her, he had issue.

1. William, he died of the smallpox in 1747, aged 12 and was buried at Swillington, 21 Nov.
1. Frances, buried at Swillington on 14 July, 1759.
2. Amabel, her marriage was announced in the Gentleman's Magazine of 14 April, 1766 to Hon. and Revd. Mr. Egerton, brother to the Bishop of Bangor.
1. Amabel, she died in London, 19 June, 1762, aged 68, and was buried at Swillington, 29 June, where there is a monumental inscription to her, and her sister Jane.
2. Jane, baptized 15 Oct., 1697. She died at Easton Lodge, Essex on 8 Febr., 1766 and was buried at Swillington on 19 Febr. Monumental inscription there.

IV. William, the eldest son of Sir William Lowther, Bart., and Amabell, his wife, was born 12 Jany., 1693/4. The record of his baptism has not been found. He was

\* Venn, Cambridge Alumni.

† Whitaker, Leeds.

educated at Wakefield and Leeds and admitted at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, 28 Feby., 1712, as a Fellow Commoner. He matriculated 1713/14, M.A. 1714.\* Upon his father's death, he succeeded him as member for Pontefract. The date of his election was 8 April, 1729. He also sat in the next Parliament, which was dissolved in 1741. The following account of him has been recorded: "he afterwards disliking the attendance of Parliament sold his burgess houses and his estate in Pontefract to William Pitt Esqr. for £10,000 and retired into the country and lived the rest of his days at Swillington, living a contemplative and studious life. He ws a man of extensive learning and knowledge, a great philosopher and divine and reckoned the best grecian in the Kingdom; he was a man of great benevolence of temper, a very sincere and good Christian. He was very desirous of taking orders before his father's death, but his first wife, who was a gay woman, put him off from it. It was a great loss to the church, for he would certainly have made a great figure in it and done a great service."

The following extract from the registers of Swillington Church give a concrete example of the benevolence mentioned.

"February the 26<sup>th</sup> 1752. Be it remembered that Sr W<sup>m</sup> Lowther Bart. after having been at great expences in building the School and School-house, with several conveniences for the same presented the Parish with a Covering of fine Shag for the Communion Table, Desk and Pulpit: and having also erected a new Sounding-Board, He caused the Whole together with the Communion Rails and the wood work adjoining, to be repaired and painted, entirely at his own proper charge. The abovesaid Sir W<sup>m</sup> Lowther presented at Christmas last a set of Silver Plate for the Administration of the blessed sacrament." "Lay up thy treasure according to the Commandments of the most High and it shall bring thee more profit than gold." Eccles. 29, 11.  
 \* N.B. The Plate for the Communion is ordered to be kept by the School-Master and is preserved in a Shagreen case containing one

\* Venn.

large Flaggon one Cup one Plate for collecting the Alms one Salver for the Bread." Catherine [Diana deleted] Lady Lowther presented the Parish with an handsome Bible and Common Prayer-Book, which were first used on Trinity Sunday 1752. Sr W<sup>m</sup> Lowther likewise gave the large Porch Door and contributed towards another, viz. the North-Door."

"All the silver vessels bear the Sacred Monogram in a glory and the inscription "The Gift of Sr W<sup>m</sup> Lowther Bart. to the church of Swillington, 1751."\*

He died 22 Dec., 1763 "universally lamented." This notice occurred in the Leeds Intelligencer "On Thursday morning last died, at his seat at Swillington, of a lingering disorder, or rather a gradual Decline of Nature, which he bore with becoming Fortitude, and saw his approaching Dissolution with that calmness and serenity of mind so peculiar to Christianity, Sir William Lowther Bart."† He was buried 26 Dec., at the east end of the church in the churchyard at Swillington; where there is a monumental inscription.‡

He married, firstly, Diana, daughter of Thomas Condon, Esqr. of Willerby, Yorks. She died 14 Feby., 1736, and was buried at Swillington on 27 Feby., where there is a long monumental inscription in Latin. And secondly, Catherine, eldest daughter of Sir William Ramsden of Bynam, Bart., at Brotherton on 17 Augt., 1736. Her mother was Elizabeth Lowther, daughter of the 1st Viscount Lonsdale. She survived him and died 30 Dec., 1777, in the 81st year of her age. She was buried at Swillington.

He had no issue by either marriage.

Christopher, 7th son of Sir William Lowther II and Catherine, his wife, was born 26 Feby., and baptized at Garforth, 24 March, 1675. "He was intended for business

\* Swillington church, G. E. Kirk, 19-22.

† Thoresby Society, xxxiii, 159.

‡ Appendix.

and was put apprentice to Sir Joseph Herne, an eminent Spanish merchant in London, and was sent into Spain to Seville to learn the language, but his master failing in business before he returned home he was never put to any other; but coming home to his father at Preston, who was then advanced in years, he continued with him and undertook the management of his affairs, and was in so great favour with him, that at his death he left him sole executor. He also purchased an estate for him at Little Preston and built him the house there, which was furnished with the furniture, plate, linen and family pictures from Great Preston. After his father's death, which happened in 1705, he went to live at Little Preston, which was hardly finished." He died 20 Aug., 1718 and was buried at Kippax, 24 Aug.

He married Elizabeth, the only daughter of Daniel Maude of Alverthorpe, Esqr.,\* at Swillington on 27 June, 1706. After her husband's death, she went to live at York. She died 19 April, 1751 and was buried at Whitkirk near her aunt Lettice, her mother's sister, who left her the estate at Seacroft and sole executrix. There is a monumental inscription in Whitkirk church.†

By her, he had issue:

William, of whom next V.

Martha, born 29 Nov., 1709, and baptized 29 Dec., at Kippax. She was married 22 Nov., 1750, in York Minster, to George Thompson of York., Esq., they had one son named George, born 23 Sept., 1754, and married to a Miss Dell. She died at Bridlington in July, 1780 aged 71 and buried at Whitkirk.

V. William, the only son of Christopher Lowther and Elizabeth his wife, was born 20 July, 1707, and baptized 7 Aug., at Kippax.

\* For this family see Hunter's *Minor Gentry*, II, 622.

† Appendix.

He has left this account of his own life. " He was admitted at Wakefield School under Mr. Clark and when removed to Kirkleathen he followed him; at 18 years of age, he was admitted a Pensioner of Trinity College, Cambridge, he took his bachelor degree in the year 1730, and the year after took Deacon's orders and the year after that, Priest's orders; in 1734 he took his Master of Arts degree and then left College. He spent the winter of 1735 in London, where becoming acquainted with Sir Simeon Stuart, Bart., he offered him the Rectory of Hartley Maudit in Hampshire in his gift, the place of his residence in the County, which he accepted of; and in June, 1736 went down to it, and lived with Sir Simeon at his own house till the year 1741, when Sir Thomas Lowther of Holker, Bart., offered him the donation of Cartmell at the instance of Sir James Lowther of Whitehaven, Bart., which he unwillingly accepted of and went down to it. He kept on the living of Hartley till the year 1745 and went to it every year, at which time he resigned it, and continued at Cartmel till the year 1751, when his mother dying, he left that place and gave the profits of it to Mr. Walker, his curate, and went in 1752 to reside upon his estate at Little Preston . . . . In 1756 on the death of Mr. Clerk, Rector of Swillington, his old master, he was presented by his cousin, Sir William Lowther, to that living, . . . . on the 23 Dec., 1763, his first cousin, Sir William Lowther of Swillington, died and by his will left him all his estate charged with some annuities to his widow and some of his female relations. Sir William dying without issue male the Title of Bart. was extinct in him; but he being his next male heir and having now a much better estate than ever was in this branch of the family before by the addition of his own private fortune, His Majesty King George 3rd was pleased to give him a fresh Patent for the Title of Bart. of Great Brittain to him and the heirs male of his body dated 20 Augt., 1764. In the

year 1768, he got leave to resign the living of Cartmell to Mr. Walker, which he had held for him sixteen years and given him all the profits."

A certain amount can be added to this statement from other sources. William Lowther was ordained Deacon at Lincoln, 19 Dec., 1731 and Priest at York, 9 June, 1734. Venn states he was incorporated, presumably as M.A., at Oxford on 9 July, 1734. He was appointed Vicar of Throckington, Northumberland on 16 Oct., 1754. This vicarage was an endowment for a prebend in York Minster and its holder was entitled Prebendary of Throckington. He held this living and dignity until his death.\* It seems curious he should not have mentioned it in his account of his life. On 21 Feby., 1757, he was instituted to the Rectory of Swillington; this he also held for the remainder of his life. On 13 July, 1758, he was nominated by his brother in law, the Revd. Henry Zouch, vicar of Sandal, to the living of Chapelthorpe, Yorks.† Venn states he was Vicar of Welton, but this seems to be a mistake; it was Richard Lowther who held this living. An example of the unreliability of human evidence: Sir William himself, states the Patent for his Baronetage was dated 10 Augt., 1764. Collins' Peerage and G. E. C's. Baronetage give the date to be 22 Augt., while the Leeds Intelligencer has the following announcement under the date 14 Augt.

"Friday last the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Lowther (a near relative of Sir William Lowther, late of Swillington in this County, Bart., deceased) kissed his Majesty's hand, on his being created a Baronet of this Kingdom."‡

A reference in a letter from Barbara Stanhope to John Stanhope, her husband, who was the son of John Stanhope and Mary Lowther, gives a little relief to this catalogue of dates and appointments.

\* Northumberland County History, IV, 389.

† T. W. Walker, History of Wakefield, 301.

‡ Thoresby Society, xxxiii, 172.

“ Sir Will (Lowther) wishes to see you for he tells me he finds nobody to play at bilyards with him but Lord Chesterfield.”\*

While rector of Swillington, he appears to have lived at Little Preston Hall, in an adjoining parish, and it was there that his two sons were born.

He was much interested in the history of his family. Anyone who shares this interest in its story should be grateful to him for leaving to posterity a very full account of his immediate ancestry and contemporaries, giving details which would otherwise have been lost. He carried on a correspondence with the Revd. Henry Lowther, his kinsman, who was rector of Aikton, about the Lowther family, a part of which has been preserved and gives much interesting information, which would otherwise be unknown.

The Swillington registers state he died of “gentle decay” on 15 June, 1788, and was buried there on 20 June, where there is a monumental inscription.†

On the 31 Augt., 1753 he married Ann, the eldest daughter of the Revd. Charles Zouch,‡ vicar of Sandal, by his wife Dorothy, daughter of Gervase Norton of Ketelthorpe, Yorks. He was descended from the ancient family of the Zouch's of Ashby de la Zouch in Leicestershire. She died in childbed, after the birth of his 2nd son, on 5 April, 1759. Sir William says that she was “a most tender and loving wife, a faithful friend and a most endearing amiable companion.” She was buried at Swillington on 12 April.

By her, he had issue:

1. William. “Dec. 29, 1757, being Thursday, about five o'clock afternoon his eldest son William was born. He was baptized at Swillington on 2 Febr.,” 1758. He became 1st Earl of Lonsdale of the 2nd creation in 1807.

\* Stirling, *Annals of a Yorkshire House*, I, 234. There is a reproduction of a picture of Sir William in this book.

† Appendix.

‡ There is pedigree of this family in *Hunter's Minor Gentry*, II, 783.

2. John. "On Sunday the first of April, 1759, about eleven in the morning his second son John was born." He was baptized at Swillington on 12 April, 1759. He became 1st Baronet of the 2nd Swillington creation in 1824.

RICHARD, SON OF SIR WILLIAM LOWTHER I,  
AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

Richard the 3rd, but 2nd surviving son of Sir William Lowther I and Jane, his wife, was born 8 Nov., and baptized 16 Nov., 1642 at Leeds Parish Church. He matriculated at Balliol College, Oxford, 29 Oct., 1657, B.A. from University College, 1661 and M.A. 19 Jany., 1663/4.\* He was presented to the living of Swillington by his father 7 July, 1663,† remained there till his death in Augt., 1702, he was buried at Swillington on the 4th of that month. There is a monumental inscription to him in the church there.‡

He married Margaret, daughter of John Adams of Rawcliffe, Yorks. She survived him and lived to the age of 86. The monumental inscription says she died 6 April, 1747,‡ but the burial entry in the register at Swillington says 19 April. By her, he had issue:

1. Richard, of whom next.
2. John, born 14 April, and baptized 3 May, 1688 at Swillington. He was educated at Sedbergh and St. John's College, Cambridge at which he was entered 19 April, 1705, B.A. 1708/9. He was ordained Deacon at York 27 May, 1716 and Priest 25 Jany., 1716/7. Vicar of Eastington, Yorks. from 28 Jany., 1716 till 1745. Perhaps Vicar of Horsforth, Yorks., 1719-28.§

\* Foster, Alumni.

† History of Swillington Church, G. E. Kirk, 27.

‡ Appendix.

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3. William, born 24 Sept., and baptized 11 Oct., 1691 at Swillington. "He went into the sea service and was lost in a man of war by its blowing up at sea occasioned by the powder rooms taking fire."
4. Christopher, born 24 March, 1697 and baptized 10 April, 1698 at Swillington: he was buried there 28 May, 1700: monumental inscription.\*
1. Elizabeth, born 4 May and baptized 20 May, 1686 at Swillington, she married Leonard Ash, Rector of Goodmanham, Yorks., 1718-48,† she was still living in 1766.
2. Mary, born 23 Sept., 1689. There is an entry in the Swillington registers of the burial on 26 Sept., 1763 of "Mistress Mary Lowther from Pomfret," which is probably this Mary.
3. Margaret, born 28 Oct., and baptized 12 Nov., 1690 at Swillington. The Leeds Mercury recorded her death on 30 Jany., 1776: "at Pontefract in the 86th year Mrs. Margaret Lowther a maiden lady and near relative of the late Sir William Lowther, Bt. of Swillington;"‡ she was interred at Swillington.
4. Katherine, born 18 Nov., and baptized 8 Dec., 1692 at Swillington, she was buried there 18 July, 1752 as Mrs. Katherine Lowther of Pontefract.
5. Jane, born 25 Nov., and baptized 3 Dec., 1693 and buried 4 Jany., following at Swillington; monumental inscription.§
6. Dorothy, born 11 July, and baptized 25 July, 1695 at Swillington; still living at Pomfret in 1766.

Richard, eldest son of the Revd. Richard Lowther and Margaret, his wife, was born 14 Augt., 1684 and baptized at Swillington 25 Augt. He was educated at Sedbergh

\* Appendix.

† Y.A.S. Record Series, lxxi, 194.

‡ Thoresby Society, xxxviii, 173.

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and admitted at St. John's College, Cambridge, 17 March, 1701/2, matriculated 1702, readmitted as a Fellow Commoner, 1704, M.A. 1705. He was ordained Deacon at Peterborough, 9 March, 1706/7 and Priest at York., 9 Sept., 1708.\* The following account of him is of interest: "He succeeded his father as Rector of Swillington. He married the daughter of Mr. Pye, Rector of Wintringham in Lincolnshire, she was reckoned a wit and a great beauty, but not very prudent and discreet, and he being an easy good natured man, they soon ran into so much debt that the living was sequestered, but by friends he got to be minister of the English church at Rotterdam, where he resided to the end of his days; sometime after he was settled at Rotterdam, he was made chaplain to the Princess of Orange and got the vicarage of Welton in the East Riding of York, worth £200 a year and upwards, but notwithstanding these acquisitions, the same bad management continuing, he was always in want and at last died in debt in Holland, which has never been paid to this day:" this would be in about 1766.

The records available to-day make it possible to add a certain amount to this account. He did not, in fact, immediately succeed his father, who died in 1703; a Walter Hickson filled the gap till 20 Sept., 1708, when Richard Lowther was presented by Sir William. The Princess of Orange was Anne, eldest daughter of George II. At Archbishop Herring's Visitation in 1743, Thomas Barnard, the assistant curate in his absence, very-tactfully accounted for this absence by the statement that the Rector was "abroad upon King's business." He was instituted vicar of Welton, 23 Feby., 1741/2. He died at Rotterdam and was buried 1 Augt., 1749. The burial is entered in the Swillington Register.†

He married on 5 May, 1712 at Winteringham, Lincs.,

\* Venn.

† Swillington Church, G. E. Kirk, 24, 25, 27.

Mary, daughter of the Revd. Nicholas Pye, Rector of that parish.\* By her, he had issue:

1. William, born 23 May, and baptized 8 June, 1713 at Swillington; "when about 18 he was sent to the East Indies, where he continued many years, but some differences ensuing between the company and factory, he with several others came home without making any fortune; after being sometime in England, he got into the Emperor's service and was settled at Leghorn in some place belonging to the customs, where he resided in 1766; he had married an Italian lady some years before that date and had by her two daughters." He died 1768.
  2. Richard Nicholas, born 12 July, and baptized 10 Aug., 1717 at Swillington, and died young.
  1. Mary, born 6 July, and baptized 9 Aug., 1714 at Swillington. She married William Vevers, vicar of Chapelthorpe, Yorks,† 1728-1757, she survived him and was living at York in 1766. They had several children.
  2. Elizabeth, born 11 June, 1719 and baptized the same day at Swillington. She married Ralph Robson, Vicar of Wighill, Yorks., 1739-45 and Dewsbury, 1744-9.‡ She was living at Pontefract in 1766. They had no children.
  3. Margaret, } Twins born 4 Oct., 1726 in Holland,
  4. Ann, } they were both living at Leeds, un-
- married, in 1766.

\* There seems some doubt if the name was Sye or Pye.

† J. W. Walker, History of Wakefield, and Venn.

‡ Venn.

## APPENDIX.

## LOWTHER M.P.'S. OF THE SWILLINGTON FAMILY.\*

	Date of Election.	of Summons.	of Dissolution.
William Lowther, Esq <sup>r</sup>	3 April, 1660	25 April, 1660	29 Dec., 1660
Sir George Savile, B <sup>t</sup>			
William Lowther, Esq <sup>r</sup>	11 April, 1661	8 May, 1661	24 Jany., 1678/9
Sir John Dawney			
Sir William Lowther	28 Oct., 1695	22 Nov., 1695	7 July, 1698
Robert Monckton, Esq <sup>r</sup>			
Sir John Bland, B <sup>t</sup>	25 Nov., 1701	30 Dec., 1701	2 July, 1702
William Lowther, Esq <sup>r</sup>			
Sir John Bland, B <sup>t</sup>	20 July, 1702	20 Aug <sup>t</sup> , 1702	April, 1705
William Lowther, Esq <sup>r</sup>			
Sir John Bland, B <sup>t</sup>	14 May, 1705	14 June, 1705	
William Lowther, Esq <sup>r</sup>			
Sir John Bland, B <sup>t</sup>	10 May, 1708	8 July, 1708	21 Sep <sup>t</sup> , 1710
William Lowther, Esq <sup>r</sup>			
Sir William Lowther, B <sup>t</sup>	3 Feby., 1714/5	17 March, 1714/5	10 March, 1721/22
Hugh Bethell, Esq <sup>r</sup>			
Sir William Lowther, B <sup>t</sup>	27 March, 1722	10 May, 1722	17 July, 1729
John Lowther, Esq <sup>r</sup> †			
Sir William Lowther, B <sup>t</sup>	22 Augt., 1727	28 Nov., 1727	
John Lowther, Esq <sup>r</sup> †			
Sir William Lowther, B <sup>t</sup>	8 April, 1729		17 April, 1734.
vice Sir William Lowther, Bart, deceased		(Bye Election)	
John Mordaunt, Esq <sup>r</sup>	7 Feby., 1729/30		
vice John Lowther, Esq <sup>r</sup> † deceased			
John, Viscount Galway	29 April, 1734	13 June, 1734	27 April, 1741
Sir William Lowther, B <sup>t</sup>			

\* From the official Return of M.P.'s made to an order of the House of Lords in 1877.

† This John Lowther was of the Ackworth branch of the family; see these *Trans.*, xli, 153.

## MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS.

## At Horsforth.

Horsforth old chapel (now superseded by a modern church of St. Margaret on another site) contained a large tablet commemorating the Stanhopes. Among its inscriptions was:

“ This stone is erected by Walter Spencer Stanhope, Esq., on March ye 8, 1708. Near this was interred Dame Catherine Lowther, relict of Sir William Lowther of Swillington, Baronet, and mother of Mary, the wife of John Stanhope of Horsforth, Esq. . . . . Jany. ye 28, 1749. Robert Lowther Esq., brother to the first mentioned Mary.\*

## At South Cave.

In what is now used as a vestry on the north side of South Cave Church is a large vault with this inscription.

Here lyeth the body of Richard Harrison, Esquire, Lord of this Manor,

Who departed this life the 16th day of May, A.D. 1682.

Here also lyeth the body of Eleanor, his wife,

Who was one of the daughters of Sir William Lowther,

Who departed this life the 23d. day of March, A.D., 1692/3.

## At St. Mary's Whitkirk, Leeds.

On north wall of Chancel.

In a Vault near this Place Lie the Remains of Mrs. Elizabeth Lowther

Relict of Chrif<sup>r</sup> Lowther of Little Preston Esq<sup>r</sup> who died Apl. 19 1751

Her Mind and Person were elegant and engaging

And her many amiable Virtues and Endowments

rendered her beloved and admired by all that knew her

She was the only daughter of Daniel Maude of Alverthorpe Esq<sup>r</sup>

and Niece and Executrix to Mrs Tottie of Seacroft

\* P. Slater, History of the Ancient Parish of Guiseley, p. 266. Horsforth was a chapelry of this parish.

in respect to whose Memory she chose to be buried near her  
 She left one Son, Sir W<sup>m</sup> Lowther Bart., Rector of  
 Swillington  
 And one Daughter married to George Thompson of York.  
 Esq<sup>r</sup>\*

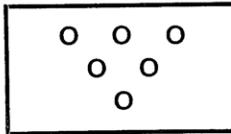
At St. Cuthbert's Church, York.

Inscription only with shield, crest, and mantling. Size  
 of Plate 17½ by 8 inches. On chancel floor on same slab  
 as that of Robert Huntgate, 1619.†

Crest:

A Dragon  
 passant arg.

Here lyeth the  
 Lowther youngest  
 Richard Lowther  
 Sr William Low



body of Susanah  
 daughter of M<sup>r</sup>  
 second son of  
 ther Knight late

of Great Preston in the West Rideing of  
 Yorkshire aged one year eleven months  
 and 15 days who departed this life the 6<sup>th</sup>  
 of September 1714

At Swillington Church.

Nigh to y<sup>e</sup> place lieth interred  
 y<sup>e</sup> Body of y<sup>e</sup> Rever<sup>d</sup> Mr. Richard  
 Lowther son of Sir Will<sup>m</sup> Lowther  
 of Purston and Rector of y<sup>e</sup> church  
 38 years and buried y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> day  
 of August in y<sup>e</sup> year of Our Lord  
 1702 Aged 59 years.

Here also lie interred y<sup>e</sup> Bodies of Jane Lowther and  
 Christopher Lowther children  
 of y<sup>e</sup> said Richard Lowther  
 the first was buried y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> day  
 of January 1693 and the latter was  
 bu: y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of May 1700

\* Copied by Mr. G. E. Kirk.

† Y.A.J. xviii, 48.

Also Mrs Margaret Lowther  
Relict of the above Mr. Richard  
Lowther was buried here the 6<sup>th</sup>  
of April 1747 aged 86 years.

Near this place Lyeth  
the Body of the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Amabell Lady Lowther  
Relict of the late Sr William  
Lowther of Swillington Bar<sup>t</sup>  
and Daughter to the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Banister Lord Maynard of Eston in  
Essex who has left surviving her  
three Sons the Present Sr Will<sup>m</sup>  
Lowther Bar<sup>r</sup> also Henry, and  
John, and two Daughters  
Amabell and Jane: the said  
Lady Lowther Departed  
this life the 8<sup>th</sup>  
of August 1734  
Aged 68 Years.

Near  
this Place Lyeth the  
Body of Sr William  
Lowther Bar<sup>t</sup> of Swillington  
who was the third in the  
lineal descent from Sr W<sup>m</sup>  
Lowther Knight a Younger  
Son of Sr John Lowther of Lowther  
in the County of Westmorland  
He married Amabel the Daughter of Banister  
Lord Maynard of Eston in Essex by whom  
he had three Sons William Henry and John  
and two Daughters, Amabel  
and Jane who survived him

He departed this life the 5<sup>th</sup>  
of March 1728/9 Ag<sup>d</sup> 66

This Monument is  
erected by Amabell  
his Relict in affectionate  
Remembrance of  
her  
Deceased Husband

In Memory  
of M<sup>rs</sup> Amabell Lowther  
Eldest daughter  
of Sir William Lowther Bar<sup>t</sup>  
of this Place

By his only Wife Amabell  
Daughter of Banestre Lord Maynard

She died the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 1762  
in the 69<sup>th</sup> year of Her Age  
and lies here interred

This Monument is Erected  
as a Mark of High Esteem  
by Her affectionate Sister

Jane Lowther

The above said M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Lowther  
died the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of Feby

1766

in the 69 year of Her Age  
and is buried in this  
Choir.

In Memory of.

Catherine Lady Lowther,

Wife of the late Sir William Lowther Baronet, of  
Swillington

and

Daughter of Sir William Ramsden, Baronet, of Byram.

The Loss of whose Benevolence and Charity

Many will lament:

The Example of whose Piety and Devotion  
All will do well to imitate.

She died 30<sup>th</sup> of Decemb<sup>r</sup> 1777, in the 81 year of her Age

To the  
Memory of  
Sir William Lowther  
Bart  
in whom  
Learning Piety  
and all the Virtues  
of a real Christian  
were united who  
departed this Life  
the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of Decem<sup>r</sup>  
1763, in the 69<sup>th</sup> year of  
his Age, and was buried  
according to his own desire  
in this Church Yard at  
the East end of the Chancel

Also  
Henry Lowther Esq<sup>r</sup> chief  
of the East India Company's  
Factory at Surat, who died  
in the Year 1758, at Mawburn  
in the County of Essex, and was  
buried at Estaigns in the said County.

And  
John Lowther Doctor of Physick  
who died at Newcastle upon  
Tyne 1742, and was buried here.

And also  
M<sup>rs</sup> Annabell Lowther, who  
died in London 1762, and

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was buried in this church,  
 the above  
 Sr William Lowther married  
 to his Second Wife,  
 Katherine the Eldest Daughter  
 of Sr Will<sup>m</sup> Ramsden Bar<sup>t</sup>  
 late of Byram  
 This Monument was Erected by the  
 Executors to the said Sr Will<sup>m</sup>  
 Lowther, Pursuant to  
 his Order.

Sacred to the Memory  
 of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir William Lowther Bar<sup>t</sup>  
 Prebendary of the Cathedral Church of York,  
 and Rector of this Parish.

In all the Relative Duties of Life, truly exemplary:  
 without Pride, without ostentation;  
 modest and un aspiring in all his desires;  
 of excellent understanding and sound judgement:  
 graced with all the noblest acquirements of learning,  
 and distinguished by that urbanity of manners,  
 which adorns the accomplish'd scholar:  
 the benign chearfulness of his aspect  
 shone forth, a silent testimony  
 of the inward serenity of his mind.

He died  
 full of the blessings of a virtuous life,  
 full of the hopes of an happy immortality  
 June 15<sup>th</sup> 1788, aged 81 years.

Anne  
 His most affectionate consort,  
 in whom were conspicuous all the amiable qualities  
 which embellish and exalt the female character,  
 died April 5<sup>th</sup> 1759 aged 35 years.