

ART. VIII.—*Crackenthorpe of Little Strickland: A Foot-note.* By C. ROY HUDLESTON.

SOME recent researches in Carlisle Probate Registry add some new facts to the valuable pedigree of Crackenthorpe of Little Strickland, which the Rev. Dr. Moor contributed to these *Trans.*, N.S. xxxiii. On p. 81 reference is made to Christopher Crackenthorpe, about whom there is some information in the Calendar of State Papers, Domestic, for the years 1663-4. Therein is quoted a letter, dated Penrith November 3, 1663, written by Sir Thomas Dacres and William Carleton to Sir Philip Musgrave. This letter gives some details of information given by Andrew Hudleston, of Hutton John, concerning "the people engaged in the late plot," and contains a request that Hudleston's name may not be published, "that he may be instrumental for further discoveries." Thirteen days later Sir Philip Musgrave wrote from Edenhall to Sir Joseph Williamson, enclosing some information from Christopher Crackenthorpe, of Little Strickland, who had stated that he had heard that Robert Wharton, a Kendal quaker, had refused a commission, and that Thomas Wilson, of Greenhooime reported meetings of 80 men, who dispersed because 80 more did not come. Though Musgrave says "there is less in the information than he expected, considering what the man's father-in-law, Huddleston, informed from his mouth," he acted promptly, for he says that he and Sir George Fletcher had secured the most suspicious persons in Cumberland, and had sent 30 prisoners—"a most dangerous pack of knaves"—to Carlisle on charges of suspicion, adding that he would prefer to act irregularly, rather than hazard the peace of the kingdoms by releasing them."

When and where Christopher Crackenthorpe married Jane Hudleston is not known. There are no Hudleston entries in Greystoke Register between 1646 and 1662, during which period the marriage took place.

Jane survived her husband, who died in 1672, by nearly 60 years, being buried at Penrith on 6 July, 1729. She seems to have re-married,* for in the will of her sister, Mrs. Agnes Latus, she is called "Mrs. Jane Morland *alias* Crackanthorp," and in her own will,† dated 22 September, 1726, she describes herself as "Jane Morland *alias* Crackanthorp of Penrith, Cumberland, widow." The chief beneficiaries in this will were Jane's grand-daughters, Mrs. Jane Adderton,‡ and Mrs. Mary Wilkinson,§ wife of the Rev. William Wilkinson. These two ladies were the daughters of Ambrose Nicholson,|| a Penrith attorney, who is mentioned in the will of Richard Crackenthorp (Jane's son) as brother-in-law, so that Nicholson must have married one of Jane's daughters. The Penrith Registers record the baptisms and burials of a number of Ambrose Nicholson's children, and his wife is sometimes called Anne and sometimes Elizabeth. Probably Elizabeth was her name, for she was so recorded when buried at Penrith on 27 January, 1710-11.

In the account of Jane's eldest son, Richard Crackenthorpe, in *Trans.*, vol. xxxiii, p. 81, his wife is called Elizabeth Wilson, but the Registers of Penrith (transcribed and edited by Colonel J. F. Haswell) show that on 28 April, 1680, Mr. Richard Crackenthorp and Marian Wilson

* By a curious coincidence a marriage licence was granted in the Faculty Office on November 27, 1706, to Thomas Moreland, of St. James', Westminster, widower, aged about 40, and Jane Huddlestone of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. This Jane, however, was a spinster, about 30 years of age.

† See her will in the Appendix. She is called Mrs. Jane Morland *alias* Crackenthorp in the burial reg.

‡ An abstract of Jane Adderton's will is in the Appendix.

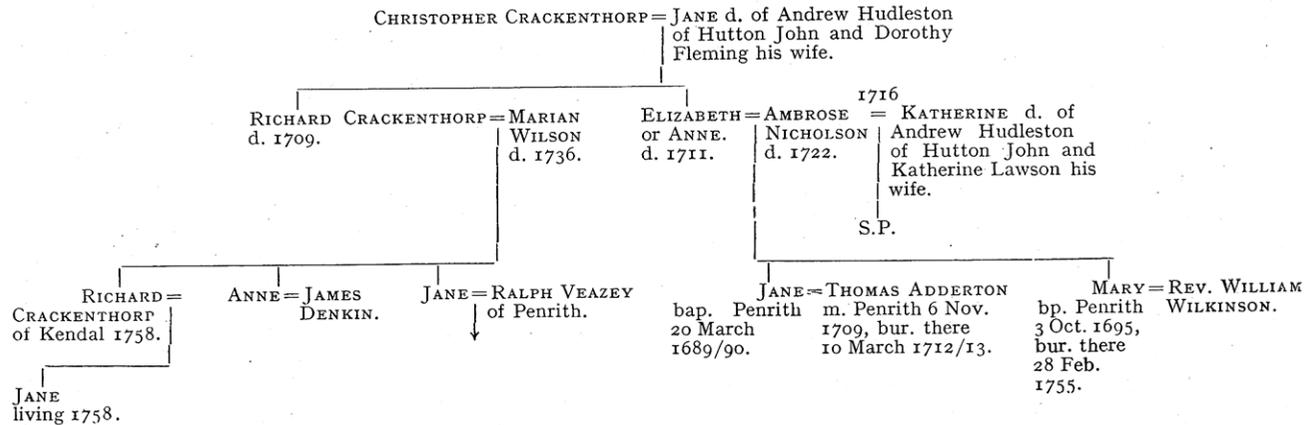
§ See her will in Appendix.

|| His will, and his widow's are in the Appendix.

were married, and in his will, dated 15 July, 1709, he speaks of "my loving wife, Marian." There is a significant reference in this will to "all such debts as my eldest son Richard is or stands bound together with me for shall be paid out of my freehold lands and tenements within the lordship of Little Strickland." Richard named his three younger children, Anne, Christopher and Jane as his executors. Anne renounced, and Christopher and Jane were minors, so the younger Richard obtained letters of administration on 28 February, 1709-10, and many years later, on 11 July, 1735, Anne, by this time the wife of James Denkin, yeoman, obtained a new grant of probate. Anne Denkin was one of the chief legatees of the will of her mother, Mrs. Marian Crackenthorp,* who seems to have had little regard for her son and heir, Richard, to whom she left only a shilling. The will shows that her other daughter, Jane, had married Ralph Veazey.† The pedigree attached shows the relationships more clearly.

* An abstract of her will is printed in the Appendix.

† Ralph and Jane had children baptised at Penrith between 1726 and 1734. Ralph was buried at Penrith "a poor Householder" on 15 April, 1739. Jane's will, dated 12 August, 1767, is at Carlisle, where it was proved 28 May, 1774. She mentions her son Thomas (bap. Penrith, 24 July, 1727) as "now living at Gibraltar," and her cousin Ann Robinson, of Brough, Westmorland.



APPENDIX.

1. Will of Mrs Jane Morland alias Crackanthorp, in Carlisle Probate Registry, in probates for 1729. 22 Sept., 1726. My body I give to be buried in the parish church or churchyard of Penrith. To my grandson Richard Crackanthorp one guinea. To my great grandson the oldest son of Robert Bell of Newcastle £5. To my great grandson Ralph Vezey son of Ralph Vezey of Penrith £5. To my cousin Christopher Blencow Esq.* one guinea. To my cousin Mrs Dorothy Blencow one guinea. To my cousin Mrs Bridget Blencow one guinea. To my cousin Mrs Mary Blencow one guinea. To my present servant Anne Goodburn two guineas provided she continues to be my servant at my decease. All my messuage and tenement houses out houses barns etc. and the close and inclosed parcel of ground situate and laying on the Backside thereof wth their appurtenances at Townhead in Penrith aforesaid and which my sister Agnes Latus gave me by her last will† unto my two granddaughters, Jane Adderton widow and Mary Wilkinson wife of William Wilkinson of Lowther clerk, My said granddaughters sole executrixes and to these my sd. executrixes I give and bequeath all my moneys credits goods and chattels and all my personal estate.

Witnesses John Rumney, Jane Morland alias Crackanthorp, her mark, John Shperd, Richard Nellson mk.

2. Will of Ambrose Nicholson of Penrith gentleman. Carlisle Probate Registry. To Katherine my dear and loving wife all my messuages lands in or about Penrith or the fields thereof for her life for her for her jointure in pursuance of a settlement made between us thereof at our marriage. To my said dear and loving wife the use and wearing of one moiety of all my household goods now in Penrith for life and my said dear wife shall yearly have and receive to her own use the interest of her fortune of £450 according to the settlement made between us at our marriage. Rest of my household goods and other moneys and personal estate to my two daughters Mrs Jane Adderton of Penrith and Mrs Mary Wilkinson of Lowther joint executrixes I give to my said executrixes all my library or study of books and my will and desire is that my own collections or manuscript books shall not be given or sold to anybody but be kept and preserved for the use of

* He was her great nephew, the grandson of her sister Mrs. Dorothy Sisson (née Hudleston).

† Printed in W. Jackson's *The Hudlestons of Hutton John, Trans.*, o.s. vol. xi.

some son of my son Wilkinson or of my brother Richard Huddleston that may be bred to the practice of the law. I give to my said daughters my said wife's fortune of £450 to have as soon after my wife's death as they conveniently can or may. To my said wife the cow I am now possessed of. I appoint the Rev. Mr William Wilkinson of Lowther supervisor and trustee of my will. 24 August, 1722. Ambrose Nicholson.

Witnesses Esther Wilkinson, Thomas Winter, Wm. Bramwell, Robert Montgomery.

Proved at Penrith by the exixes, 30 Oct., 1722. Inventory, 3 Sept., 1722.

3. Will of Cathrine Nicholson of Penrith,* widow, Carlisle Probate Registry.

To the poor of Penrith £30 to be delivered the next day after my funeral. Whereas by vertue of and pursuant to a power given to me by a deed of marriage settlement between Ambrose Nicholson gent. my late husband and Kathrine Nicholson now his widow dated 22 February, 1716. First I give and bequeath the house garth or garding in Graystock to my brother Richard Hudleston. To my sister Ann Hudleston the house and garding in Penrith and adjoining Musgrave Hall and as to £100 left to my disposal by the said marriage settlement I give to my brother Wilfrid Hudleston 5s. [*sic.* but should be £5]. To my brother Richard Hudleston £60. To my brother Lawson Hudleston £5. To my sister Dorothy Warberton £10 to be paid to her own hands. To my sister Jane Davis £20. To my son William Wilkinson one guinea to buy a mourning ring. To my daughter Adderton one guinea to buy a hud and scarf. To my daughter Wilkinson one guinea to buy a hud and scarf. To my sister Bridget Askew £20. To my sister Mary Hudleston two guineas to buy a mourning hud and scarf. To my nephew and godson William Askew one guinea. To my niece Bridget Parke one guinea. To my niece Dorothy Parke one guinea. To my niece Jane Askew one guinea. To my maidservant that is with me when I die 20s. or a suit of close. In case any of the said legaties should happen to die before their legacies become due it is my will that the said legacies go to my dear and kind sister Ann Hudleston whom I make sole executrix. My brother Richard Hudleston to see this my will performed according to the power given to him by my marriage settlement.

* She was one of the daughters of Andrew Hudleston of Hutton John and Katherine Lawson his wife. Her marriage to Nicholson took place at Grey-stone.

Witnesses Tho^s Smith, John Raincock, Wm. Setree, Joseph Browne.

Proved 3 January, 1729.

4. Will of Marian Crackenthorp of Little Strickland in the parish of Morland, Westmorland, widow, in Carlisle Probate Registry.

To my daughter Anne Denkin my cow and all my household goods. To my son Richard Crackenthorp one shilling. All the rest of my personal estate I give and bequeath to my nephew George Wilson of Penrith and my cousin William Bleamire of Penrith brazier and their heirs for ever only in special trust for the uses following to pay the yearly interest produce of my personal estate to my above named daughter Anne Denkin during her natural life and after her decease my will is that they pay ye said yearly interest to my daughter Jane Veazey during her natural life and after her decease my will is that my said personal estate be equally divided among such children of my daughter Jane Veazey as shall survive her. To the above named George Wilson and William Bleamire each 10s. whom I also appoint executors of this my last will, 12 March, 1734.

Marian Crackenthorp her mark.

Witnesses Jane Adderton, William Wilkinson, Francis Whitaker.

Proved Penrith, December 6, 1737.

5. Will of Mary Wilkinson widow and relict of William Wilkinson late of Lazonby, Cumberland, clerk.* Carlisle Probate Registry.

All messuages etc. at Crosby Ravensworth, Westmorland, heretofore the estate of my late husband to William Brown of Melkinthorp, Westmorland, yeoman, Richard Smith of Newbiggin in the same county clerk and William Smith of Burneside in the same county clerk upon trust, they to retain to themselves each the sum of three guineas and to pay all the surplus of such moneys to my sister-in-law, Mary Brown, wife of the said William Brown and to her three daughters Elizabeth Bowness widow, Mary Bushby and Margaret Wilkinson. To Mrs. Mary Hudleston wife of my cousin Richard Hudleston of Penrith one pair of my best sheets and one dozen teaspoons in a shagreen case. Miss Jane Hudleston daughter of the said M^r Hudleston my set of silver casters my second suit of table linen and a looking glass

* His will as of Lazonby, clerk, is dated 27 September, 1749, proved at Carlisle 25 January, 1752. He mentions his wife Mary, his sister Mary Brown, and Mrs. Jane Adderton, his wife's sister.

now hanging in the hall. To M^{rs} Mary Grave wife of M^r Richard Grave of Penrith my two silver gill cans and my two little silver waiters my best suit of table linen my dozen of pewther plates with the Hudleston and Nicholson's arms on and the looking glass which hangs in the study. My cousin Joseph Bowman. My Cousin Jane Bond. M^{rs} Elizabeth Bowness of Clifton and her sister Dorothy Bowness. Miss Eliz. Simpson, daughter of M^r Thomas Simpson of Penrith. Miss Mary Adderton, daughter of M^{rs} Mary Adderton of Penrith. To the churchwardens of Lazonby for the use of the church and parishioners there at the Holy Sacrament my silver salver.* My sister Jane Adderton to retain the use of all the linen plate furniture above devised during her life. My cousin Richard Hudleston two guineas. To the said M^r Richard Grave £20 in trust for the said Mary wife of the said Richard Hudleston but if she dies before Jane Adderton the bequest to go to her said daughter Jane Hudleston also I give to the said Jane Hudleston £20. To M^r Richard Grave two guineas and to Mrs. Mary Grave his wife £40 and their son Richard two guineas. To Rev. M^r Sewell of Whitehaven and his wife two guineas for rings. To each of the daughters of Andrew Hudleston of Hutton John, Esq. two guineas and to the daughter of the Rev. Curwen Hudleston two guineas. My said cousin Joseph Bowman and Jane Bond. Mrs. Susan Jackson and M^{rs} Margery Jackson of Carlisle. To M^{rs} Mary Adderton of Penrith and her daughter. The said Elizabeth Bowness and her sister Dorothy Bowness and their brother Jeffrey Bowness. M^{rs} Bell wife of M^r Joseph Bell of Woodend. Jane Bell her daughter. M^{rs} Isabella Rudd of Appleby and her daughters Isabella and Jane. To my cousin Richard Crackenthorp of Kendal £10 and to his sister M^{rs} Jane Vaze of Penrith £10. To Miss Mary Wordsworth, daughter of M^r Richard Wordsworth. To Miss Mary Cowper daughter of the Rev. M^r Cowper of Penrith. To M^{rs} Jane Bewsher wife of M^r John Bewsher of Bartonkirk two guineas. £10 to the churchwardens and overseers of Penrith where I now reside to be added to their poor stock. Margaret Abram my servant. My servant Ann Abram. M^{rs} Ann Smith of Shap and her daughters Elizabeth Smith and Mary Backhouse. Alice Gowling, Elizabeth Olivant and Jane Mattinson, all of Lazonby. Hannah Thompson of Coathill, Christopher Gowling of Workington, George Lowdenhow and Mary Hall of Melmerby. Jane Adderton sole executrix. 3 June, 1754.

Witnesses Robt. Jackson, Jane Abram, Tho. Simpson.

Proved 24 June, 1755.

* See *Old Church Plate in the Diocese of Carlisle* 232-3.

6. Will of Jane Adderton of Penrith, Cumberland, widow. Carlisle Probate Registry.

My sister Mrs Mary Wilkinson in her last will gave and devised to Mr Richard Graves in trust for Mrs Mary Hudleston wife of Mr Richard Hudleston £20. To Mrs Mary Grave wife of the said Richard Grave £40 to Miss Jane Hudleston daughter of the said Richard Hudleston £20 to the said Richard Hudleston and to the said Richard Grave and to Richard son of the said Richard Grave two guineas and charged all the said legacies amounting to the sum of £86. 6s. and all her other pecuniary legacies which amount to a considerable sum to be paid out of her dwelling houses and shops in Penrith at my death and whereas the said Mary Wilkinson after the making of the will sold all the dwelling houses shops and estate charged with the payment of the legacies and the said Richard Hudleston the legatee together with Richard Hudleston his son on 27 Aug. 1751 entered into a bond to me in the penalty of £220 conditioned for the payment of £110 which bond still continues in force and unsatisfied. I will that if the said bond remain unsatisfied at my decease that my executors shall out of the moneys resting due upon such bond pay the said several legacies so devised to them the said Richard Hudleston Richard Grave the elder Mary Grave Jane Hudleston and Richard Grave the younger by the will of my said late sister. To the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Penrith where I now reside £20 to be added to their poor stock. To my cousin Joseph Bowman of Botcherby now a minor son of my late cousin Joseph Bowman dec^d two guineas. To my cousin Mary Bowman daughter of the said late Joseph Bowman £200. To Mrs Jane Vazie my close at Penrith Town Head commonly known by the name of Mawson Close for life and after her decease to the unborn child of the late Joseph Bowman which his widow goes with but if this unborn child decease before it attain the age of 15 I will the said Mawson Close to the said Mary Bowman. To Mrs Crofts wife of the Rev. Mr Croft of Kirkby Lonsdale £20. To Miss Jane Hudleston £60 and my silver waiter. To my cousin Jane Bond of Botcherby £20. To my cousin Mr Richard Crakenthorp of Kendal and to his daughter Jane £10. To Mr. Jeffera Bownes and his two sisters each two guineas. To Mrs Jane Bousher of Barton Kirk five guineas. To Mr Hudleston's daughters of Hutton John each two guineas. To Mr Hudleston daughter of Whitehaven five guineas. To Mrs Thomason Longcake of Carlisle two guineas. To Mrs Ann Lupton of Carlisle five guineas. To Mr Thomas Monkhouse son of Mr George Monkhouse

five guineas. To Miss Julia Cooper daughter to Rev. M^r Cooper two guineas. To Bridget Hodgson of Strickland daughter to Peter Hodgson one guinea. To M^{rs} Mary Adderton and her daughter each one guinea. To M^{rs} Mary Hudleston aforesaid one guinea. To Margret Collin wife to John Collin one guinea. To M^{rs} Elizabeth Simpson wife to M^r Thomas Simpson the clock that stands in my bedchamber. To Mary Grave the clock that stands in the kitchen. To my servant Ann Abram the escritore or writing desk that stands in the kitchen also the bedstead feather bed with all the other furniture in which she lays at present. My gray tabby gown to Mary Bowman of Botcherby widow. My best flowered silk gown to the aforesaid Jane Hudleston. To the aforesaid Ann Abram and Margret Collin each one stuff quilted pettycoat each one cotton gown each three shifts each three linen aprons each three mobs each three muslin kerchiefs the remainder my wearing apparel to the aforesaid Mary Bowman the younger. To M^r George Graham of Stony Stonerigg in the parish of Kirk-linton and to M^r David Hodgson of Scotby in the parish of Wethrell each two guineas. All the residue to George Graham and David Hodgson in trust for my relations aforesaid Mary Bowman the younger and the aforesaid unborn child to be equally divided between them. George Graham and David Hodgson executors. 22 Sept., 1758.

Witnesses Will. Sisson John Lamley Robert Lamley.

I desire all these my pecny legacys may be paid at the end of eight months (I know this is not in its proper place) but hopes this request will be complied with.

Proved August 6, 1763.