



WHELPLEDALE COAT-OF-ARMS
on what is now "Gloucester Arms."

Arms : Argent, 3 grey hounds Courant in pale gules,
Collared Argent.

Facing p. 31.

ART. V.—*The Whelpdale Family of Penrith.* By COL. FRANCIS HASWELL, C.I.E., M.D.

THE name of Whelpdale is frequently cropping up in old local deeds and it is unfortunate that Dugdale in his Visitation did not include this family to the year 1666; the name only occurs twice, viz.:—

1. Anne dau. of James Braithwaite of Ambleside, married . . . Whelpdale of Penrith, circa 1600.
2. Anne dau. of Sir Christopher Dalston of Acornbank, married John Whelpdale of Penrith; the date of this is certainly about 1640 and probably would be at Kirkby-Thore, but that part of the Parish Register is lost.

In this paper is an attempt to make an account of the family from obtainable documents, but its completeness is decidedly lessened by the few wills obtainable and the want of Parish Registers at the earlier times. There is a branch of the name at Broughton-under-Stainmoor, but no connection with the Penrith family is found and they are not included in this paper. In the County Histories the first appearance of the surname is in 1380, when Gilbert de Whelpdale is one of the Inquisition Jurors in a local case of land descent, followed by a paragraph in Nicolson & Burn's *History*, concerning Roger Whelpdale, "born at or near Greystock" who was Bishop of Carlisle in 1419 and died in 1422. "He was a learned man." In 1485, Gilbert de Whelpdale held land at Ormsby, Cumwhitton (these *Trans.*, n.s. xix). Then there is a brass-slab in Greystock church to John Whelpdale, who died in 1526, stating that he was a Doctor of Laws and had been Master of the College at Greystock and Rector

of Caldbeck; the Heraldic Arms are also given (*ibid.*, n.s. xiii).

From close on this time the Penrith Parish Registers commence and show two branches of the family here, one in the town and the other at Frenchfield, a farm near-to; the family in the town is taken first, with the probability that the first name recorded in each are brothers.

PENRITH TOWN FAMILY.

I. John Whelpdale, probably lived at the house in Great Dockray, over the door of which can still be seen the coat of arms of the family, viz.:—Argent, in pale, three greyhounds courant, gules, collared argent. and the letters I.W. with the date 1580, the photograph of which is here given. He was one of the original Governors of Penrith Grammar School when this was founded in 1564. As the Parish Register begins in the year 1556 neither his baptism nor that of his sons is given, but the following entries are definite:—

1596. Oct. 28. Mr. John Whelpdale, gent., of Penrith, buried, and

1603/4. Feb. 5. Susan wife of Mr. John Whelpdale, buried (her maiden surname is unknown).

Of his family, there is only a record of two sons, Gilbert apparently a bachelor, whose will is the only one existing at this time and extracts of which are given at the end of this paper: he lived in Bishop's Row, close to St. Andrew's Church and which still has the same name; he was buried on the 1st of August, 1601.

II. Andrew, s. of Mr. John, married Katherine Whelpdale on 31 Aug., 1572 at St. Andrew's Church; her parentage has not been found and after a short marriage period of fifteen years and a numerous family, she was buried in Penrith on 16 Sept., 1587. Her husband lived on to August, 1612, when his burial is recorded on the 25th of the month.

The children were:—

1. John, bapt. 11 Aug., 1574; described as John, senior, probably to distinguish him from John, a son of George Whelpdale of Frenchfield.
 2. William, bapt. 21 Dec., 1576, concerning whom see III.
 3. George, bapt. 6 Mar., 1578/9, sepult. 30 Mar., 1580.
 4. Gilbert, bapt. 24 June, 1583, sepult. 19 Feb., 1583/4.
 5. Andrew, bapt. 10 Jan., 1584/5, sept. 11 Aug., 1598.
 6. Richard, bapt. 18 July, 1587, sept. 11 Aug., 1598.
 - a. Susan, bapt. 5 Feb., 1580/1, married Thomas Stevenson of Penrith and had several children; she was buried 11 Aug., 1649.
 - b. Frances, bapt. 13 Mar., 1585/6, sept. 14 Aug., 1587.
- Several of these deaths may be due to epidemic disease, which from the number of Burials per year is frequently very great.

III. William, s. of Andrew Whelpdale, married twice, 1st to Alice, whose maiden name has not been traced; she died in Penrith and was buried on the 14th Jan., 1614/5, leaving two children:—

John, bapt. 29 Aug., 1611 and from whom the family descended. IV.

Dorothy, bapt. 16 Feby., 1605/6 and there is no trace of her future.

William's 2nd wife was Bridget, one of the daughters of Robert Burdett of Bramcote, co. Warwick, whose widow lived and died in Penrith and her three daughters married in this district. The date or place of this marriage has not been found, but she was buried the 28th Nov., 1636, and had six children:—

1. Thomas, bapt. 14 Nov., 1624.
2. Richard, bapt. 20 Nov., 1625.
3. Andrew, bapt. 10 June, 1627.

Concerning these three sons, unfortunately no further information has been obtained.

- a. Jane, bapt. 4 Oct., 1629; sept. 6 Feb., 1630/1.
- b. Susan, bapt. 12 May, 1622 (P.). Wife of Mr. Roger Sleddall, High Constable, who was buried 10 Feb., 1666/7 (P.). She married again to Mr. Thomas Langhorn, 18 June, 1685 (P.), and was buried 19 Aug., 1702 (P.).
- c. Marie, bapt. 14 Sept., 1623, wife of Lancelot Dawes, Vicar of Barton (obit 1675) and afterwards wife of Thomas Fletcher of Little Strickland Hall (obit 1693) and she lived to the great age of 88, when she was buried at Morland, on 3rd of March, 1711, as stated on a slab there.

William Whelpdale was one of the Governors of the Penrith Grammar School and evidently he carried out the management thereof in a doubtful way, with the result of an Inquiry Commission being held in 1647, which stated "that William Whelpdale did not send *all* the rent of land, belonging to the school, for their use," and he was ordered to do so. But the trouble continued and neither he, nor his son or grandson complied with the Order, so that, as far on as the year 1700, a letter was sent to his grandson by the Governors of the School with the statement "your Grandfather, Mr. William Whelpdale was Governor and in 1623, the Charter and other evidence were put in his hands; in 1633 your said Grandfather purchased other land, with a charge for the use of the School," and five years after, Mr. Andrew was slowly paying the remainder of the past debt. The whole account of the procedure is excellently given by Mr. Reaney, a former Grammar School Master and printed by this Society.

William W. was buried at Penrith on the 12th of July, 1652.

IV. John married Anne, dau. of Sir Christopher Dalston of Acornbank, in the Chapelry of Temple-Sowerby (Dugdale); the date of this marriage has not been discovered, but it was evidently about the year 1640

and probably at Kirkby-Thore, where the parish Register from 1609 to 1646 is missing.

He probably bought the Skirsgill property and the family lived there for the next 150 years. His wife Anne was buried in Penrith on the 9th of August, 1655 and their children were:—

1. Andrew, V.
2. William.

The dates of their Baptisms have not been found, but William was buried in Penrith on the 22nd of Feb., 1654/5, and according to custom, may have been the eldest son; Andrew will come in later in this pedigree.

3. Christopher, bapt. 14 May, 1655 and buried the 25th of Sept. the same year at Morland.
 - a. Katherine, bapt. 19 Aug., 1642.
 - b. Lucy, bapt. 7 Sept., 1643; married Mr. Rowland Barrow, Rector of Clifton and Brougham and after she had lived, as a widow in Penrith, she was buried 26 Nov., 1707 at Clifton.
 - c. Elizabeth, bapt. 24 June, 1647, sepult. 30 Sept., 1650.
 - d. Alice, bapt. 21 Nov., 1650, sept. 8 Dec., 1666. She left a small Will, dated 1666 and not proved until 1676, in which she left everything to her sister Lucy. From the detail of this will, it is probable that her father John had died before its date.

V. Andrew Whelpdale of Skirsgill, whose wife was Elizabeth dau. of Lancelot Simpson of Fairebank, Plumpton, married 31 Jan., 1681/2, at Heskett-in-the-Forest and they had a family of fourteen children, of whom seven died in infancy. His wife was buried the 21st of March, 1704/5 and Andrew himself departed this life, being buried the 3rd Feb., 1715/6. The children were:—

1. Andrew, bapt. 3 Oct., 1687; sept. 27 May, 1688.
2. John, bapt. 31 Jan., 1688/9; sept. 15 Apr., 1689.
3. William, bapt. 20 Aug., 1690, was his father's heir (VI).

4. Andrew, bapt. 13 July, 1691; sept. 8 Jan., 1691/2.
5. Thomas, bapt. 31 Jan., 1694/5, of whom later.
6. Lancelot, bapt 21 Aug., 1698 and of whom nothing further has been found.
7. Roger, bapt. 15 June, 1700; sept. 4 Nov., 1705.
 - a. Sarah, bapt. 8 March, 1682/3; sept. 30 Mar., 1683.
 - b. Mary, bapt. 19 May, 1684, married William Herleckenden, on 10 Oct., 1724 (Kirkby Thore) and buried as a widow at Penrith, 10 Nov., 1742.
 - c. Elizabeth, bapt. 16 Aug., 1686; sept. 28 Jan., 1690/1.
 - d. Bridget, bapt. 27 Nov., 1692, married a Wilson, and was living in 1756; mentioned in brother Thomas' will.
 - e. Eleanor, bapt. 4 Jan., 1693/4; sept. 11 Nov., 1694.
 - f. Jane, bapt. 22 Oct., 1696, wife of a Nelson, and also was living in 1756.
 - g. Alice, bapt. 26 Mar., 1702; also wife of a Wilson and living in 1756; mentioned in brother Thomas's will.

VI. William, son of Andrew, was the next to hold the family estates and lived at Skirsgill; he married twice:—
 1st Jane, d. of . . . Atkinson, of Appleby, on the 5th of April, 1715 at Brougham; she died without issue and was buried at Penrith on the 4th of April, 1732.

2ndly Mary Brougham, probably dau. of Mr. Thomas Brougham of Penrith, married at Dacre the 21st of Dec., 1732 and had a family of six children. She was buried the 22nd of July, 1779, age 76.

It is desirable here to quote an excellent paragraph from an article in the *Penrith Herald* newspaper, showing the settlement of the dispute with the Governors of Penrith Grammar School; "In the year 1700, Dr. Hugh Todd asked Andrew Whelpdale, 'How the land is, if it be entire and in condition to answer the sum.' Andrew did not answer. Seventeen years later Andrew's son William (he would be 27 years old then) was similarly approached and he it was who pleaded ignorance. When the

Governors threatened legal proceedings, the money was paid." That was the end of the dispute, which had given the family such a bad reputation in the town, and even now, when the family is mentioned, it is reproduced.

William W. was buried the 21st of Feb., 1773, aged 82 years, and had the following family:—

1. Andrew, bapt. 7 Feb., 1734/5, he succeeded his father, VII.
2. Thomas, bapt. 9 Feb., 1737/8, concerning whom details are given later. VIII.
3. William, bapt. 3 Dec., 1739; sept. 15 Apr., 1741.
 - a. Mary, bapt. 4 Oct., 1733; sept. 24 Oct., 1787, age 54, spinster.
 - b. Elizabeth, bapt. 6 Sept., 1736, wife of Walter Carruthers, Lt.-Col. of Marines, age 45, married 4 July, 1772.
 - c. Frances, bapt. 24 Sept., 1744, wife of John Hutchinson of Appleby, married 13 July, 1760 and she died at the same place on 21 Sept., 1821, as recorded on a slab in St. Michael's Church there.

All these children were baptised and the marriages took place at Dacre Church; probably from the awkward position between their father and Dr. Todd, the Vicar of Penrith.

VII. Andrew, the eldest son of William W. was the owner of the property and lived at Skirsgill, but only for a short period, and nothing further is found about him, except that his burial, on the 5th of Aug., 1778, age 43, is recorded in St. Andrew's Register.

At Tullie House, there is a long written document concerning the family, with no date, by J. H. Martin, who claims relationship. He states that "Andrew, another younger brother of William (see No. VI) had property in Yorkshire, which descended to his only child Mary, who married Coulthard, Esq., an eminent Solicitor in London, they had no children and she died in 1813 at

Sydney Place, Bath." This William had certainly two brothers, christened Andrew, but according to the Parish Register, they both died in infancy and there is no record, or likelihood of a third! The Coulthard marriage is given in the Register thus:—James Coulthard of the Liberty of the Rolls, Middlesex and Mary Whelpdale, married 24 Oct., 1754. The parentage of Mary W. is still a mystery. Mr. Martin also says "I remember her well, she had been very handsome, was clever and very eccentric—in short, an original more feared than beloved, tho' she spent a large proportion of her handsome income in acts of charity." He also mentions this lady's aunts, who are stated here under Thomas W. the fifth son of Andrew (No. V).

VIII. Thomas s. of William W. (No. VI) bapt. in 1738, married Jane Green, whose parentage has not been found, on the 14th May, 1770 at Dacre and he is first described as Lieut. in the Register and after 1778 as Esquire, when he probably came to live at Skirsgill. They had a large family, many of whom died in childhood. She, living as a widow for many years, was buried at Penrith on the 25th of April, 1843, aged 90.

The family were:—

1. William, bapt. 23 Sept., 1771; he apparently died young.
2. Andrew, bapt. 26 Aug., 1772 and buried the 5th of Oct., the same year.
3. Andrew, bapt. 4 Jan., 1774 and it is also stated that he was born the 3rd Dec., 1773. When he became an adult, he removed from these parts and lived at Battersea in London, where he was Clerk to the Government Tax Office and was buried on the 10 Nov., 1830, aged 57 (Battersea). His wife's Christian name was Mary Sarah, but no more has been ascertained about her. They had a family of three sons and some daughters, viz.:—

1. Andrew, born 23 July, 1813.
2. William Walter, born 17 Apr., 1815.
3. Walter Hutchinson, born 15 Dec. 1817; he was heir to John de Whelpdale (of whom later) and sold the Skirsgill estates about 1850.
4. Michael le Fleming, born 16 Feb., 1775 and buried the 25th of same month.
 - a. Mary, bapt. 11 Oct., 1777, buried 25 May, 1778.
 - b. Diana, bapt. 23 Aug., 1783, wife of Henry Dixon, an Attorney of Penrith, married 4 Feb., 1802, afterwards lived at Laithes in Skelton parish and had a family.
 - c. Caroline, bapt. 2 March, 1785 and buried at Penrith 12 May, 1815.
 - d. Elizabeth, bapt. 24 Oct., 1786; living 1843 and mentioned in John de Whelpdale's will.
 - e. Mary, buried at Penrith, 29 July, 1794, age twelve years.
 - f. Jane, a probable dau. of this Thomas W. but no baptism has been found; she married 31st of May, 1802 to Richard Ellwood and his burial is entered in Barton Register on the 19th of Oct., 1811, age 39, and as Attorney-at-Law of Penrith. She was mentioned in John de Whelpdale's will of 1843 as a widow.

There is a Memorial Slab in St. Andrew's Church, the only one, giving part of these statistics and it varies slightly with the Register.

TABLET IN ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PENRITH.

Sacred to the Memory
of

THOMAS WHELPDALE, late of Skirsgill, in this County, Esquire,
who died on the 12th day of Decr., 1792, aged 57 years.

and of

JANE WHELPDALE, his widow, who died on the 25th day of
April, 1843, aged 90 years.

and of

MARY, their daughter who died on the 12th day of June, 1798, aged 12 years.

and of

CAROLINE, their daughter, who died on the 5th day of May, 1815, aged 30 years,

Thomas Whelpdale himself was buried at Penrith on the 15th Dec., and was the last of the real Whelpdale family in this town.

A. To go back to Mr. Thomas Whelpdale, son of Andrew W. (V) who was baptized in 1695, he married Mrs. Elizabeth Hawden on the 17 Oct., 1720 at Hesketh-in-the-Forest; he was an Attorney-at-Law in Penrith and Steward for the Lord of the Manor, the Duke of Portland, from 1731 and onwards. They lived at a house, then called Brewhouse in South-end Road, Penrith, which still exists but all cut up into small dwellings; a print of this is shown. They had only one child, Elizabeth, bapt. 1 Nov., 1722, who, without his wishes or consent married John Richardson of Penrith, also a lawyer. Thomas W. was buried the 20th of Sept., 1756, and he leaves an interesting will, of which the greater part is included at the end of this paper. The date of his wife's burial has not been found.

His daughter Elizabeth had only one son at the time of her father's death and he was christened Thomas Whelpdale Richardson, which does not comply with the clause of his grand-father's will; however that never came into operation, for the youth died age 23, and a long time before his mother.

The place of Elizabeth Whelpdale's marriage to John Richardson has not been found and, like all such events, it would probably be at some distance from Penrith parish Church, and about the year 1750. They lived at Bishop-yards, a property close to the Church. He was buried, age 55, on the 22nd of April, 1780 and she remained

PEDIGREE A.

MR. THOMAS WHELPDALE = MRS. ELIZABETH HAWDEN,
 bapt. 1695, of Brew House, Penrith. Sepult. 1756. *Will.*
 d. of . . . Marr., 1720
 (Hesket). Living 1760.

ELIZABETH = JOHN RICHARDSON,
 bapt. 1722 Sept., 1794, age 71. Of Bishopyards. *Will.*
 of Penrith. Sept. 1780
 age 55.

THOMAS WHELPDALE
 bapt. 1756. Sept.
 1779, age 23.

JOHN = MARY, d. of John
 bapt. 1760, of Bishop- Storey, of Penrith.
 yards took the surname Marr. 1801. Obit
 of "de Whelpdale." 1848, age 77, sine
 Obit, 1844, age 84. prole.
Will.

Three other sons and six
 daughters, of whom five are
 mentioned in mother's will.



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THOMAS WHELPLEDALE'S HOUSE CALLED BREW-HOUSE.

a widow for fourteen years and was buried the 12th of March, 1794, leaving a will which complies with her father's ideas. They had a large family of five sons and six daughters, all christened with the Richardson surname, but only two sons are of concern in this paper, viz. :—

1. Thomas Whelpdale, the eldest son, bapt. 26 Feb., 1756, who died before his father and was buried, age 23, on the 14th Oct., 1779.
2. John, bapt. 7th of Sept., 1760 and took the name of "de Whelpdale." He married Mary, dau. of John Story, stated to be "Surgeon" of Penrith; Jefferson in his History of 1840 says John de Whelpdale lived in an elegant mansion in Bishop Yards, which is also shown in Clark's Survey of the Lakes, printed in 1787 and is now called The Mansion House, also the road adjoining is still called "de Whelpdale" or "Richardson" lane. He was buried the 16th of March, 1844 and his wife survived him for four years, being buried, age 77, on the 11th of May, 1848. They had no children and he left a will of which details are given at the end of this paper; all his property is left to his wife for life and finally handed to the descendant of the Skirsgill family, who was living in Battersea (see VIII, 3), also he established a Charity in this town, arranged by his wife and himself, which still exists as the Whelpdale Charity. The Will shows a man of a very different character to that recalled by the past concerning his mother's ancestors and he was the last of the name of Whelpdale in these parts.

Among the entries who have not been traced is William Whelpdale, who may have been a son of John W. (IV) and Ann Dalston; one of that Christian name died as an infant, but the absence of wills and also Parish Registers about that date makes his place in a pedigree doubtful.

He was evidently a wanderer as may be seen from the entries.

Mr. William Whelpdale married at Penrith 17th Sept., 1695 to Dorothy dau. of John Sanderson of Penrith and had issue three daughters only:—

- a. Elizabeth, bapt. 25 July, 1696 and married Thomas Corney of Penrith on 27th Jan., 1721/2, at Brougham Chapel; she died as a widow and was buried 7 Nov., 1753.
- b. Dorothy, bapt. 10 Feb., 1697/8 at Greystock, when her parents were living at Blencow; she was buried as a spinster, age 85 in Penrith on the 10th Nov., 1782.
- c. Bridget, bapt. 23 Apr., 1702 at Crosthwaite and buried the 4th of Dec., 1715 at Penrith.

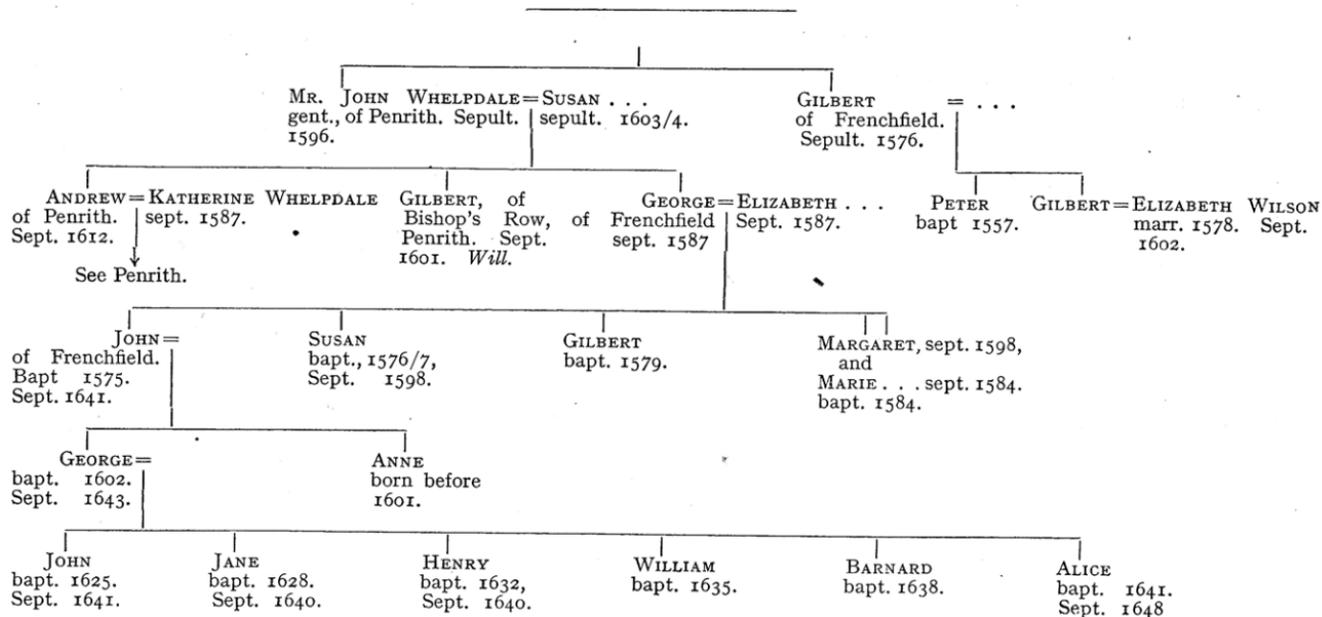
Mr. William W. who in an early stage was stated at Greystock to be "of Kirkby Thore," was evidently of some importance at Keswick, where he was buried in the Quire of the Church on the 27 June, 1703, only eight years after his marriage and his wife survived him for a long time, being buried at Penrith on the 22nd of May, 1747.

FRENCHFIELD FAMILY.

This place is a farm, still in excellent condition, about a mile from Penrith, on an attractive site in view of Brougham Castle.

The pedigree given below is problematical, as the place-name given in the St. Andrew's Register, is only in a few cases, as recorded and the ending is not satisfactory. They were closely in relationship with the Penrith town family in 1601 as is shown by Gilbert Whelpdale's will and it will be noted that he remarks that the place was held in tenant right from Mr. Penruddock, so that the actual tenant at any time may have been a member of the Penrith family. The genealogical sequence is given below and unfortunately it ends somewhat abruptly.

WHELPDALE OF FRENCHFIELD.



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Gilbert Whelpdale of Frenchfield was buried the 13th of May, 1576 and he may have been the brother of John W. (No. I) of Penrith; the only detail is the Baptism of a son Peter on the 29th of June, 1557; no further detail is recorded. Also the marriage of another Gilbert W. to Elizabeth Wilson is given on the 6th of Nov., 1578 and her burial occurs on the 29th of Apr., 1602, as his wife, but no issue is recorded, nor is her husband's burial given.

The next notification as to the occupant of Frenchfield is George Whelpdale (X), who, from the mention of his children in Gilbert W's will, should have been his brother and consequently a son of John W. (No. I). He and his wife Elizabeth died at the same time, George on the 16th of Dec. and his wife on the 2nd of the same month and year, 1587. They had a family of five, the eldest of whom was only eleven years of age. The names are:—

1. John, bapt. 14 June, 1575, see below.
2. Gilbert, bapt. 31 May, 1579, buried Mar., 1601/2. He may be the Gilbert mentioned in Gilbert W's will as "nephew" and described in the Register as "the younger."
- a. Susan, bapt. 11 Feb., 1576/7, buried 26 May, 1598.
- b. Mary, bapt. May 30, 1584, buried 10 June, 1584.
- c. Margaret, bapt. the same date as her sister Mary, and buried 4 June, 1598.

Y. John W. of Frenchfield married about the year 1600, a wife, whose christian name was Jane and who died on the 21st Sept., 1618.

They had a family of four sons and two daughters, viz.:—

1. George, bapt. 25 Mar., 1602 (see below).
2. Andrew, bapt. 9th May, 1605 and buried the 28th July the same year.
3. William, bapt. 20 Sept., 1607 and buried Mar., 1607/8.
4. Gilbert, bapt. 27 Dec., 1615 and buried 9 Jan., 1617.

- a. Anne, baptism not found; married Thomas Ellergill of Carleton on 21st of Feb., 1621/2 and died a widow on the 15 Sept., 1655.
- b. Jane, bapt. 20 May, 1609 and buried the same day. John W. of Frenchfield lived for a number of years with only the one son and a daughter married, but living near-to and he was buried on the 26th of June, 1641.

George W. whose wife was called Anne and whose surname is not known, probably lived with his father until the latter died, afterwards the place-name of Frenchfield does not come into the Whelpdale entries. He was buried at Penrith on the 25th of June, 1643 and his wife on the 15th of May, 1645; they had a family of three sons and three daughters, all of whom, except two sons died before their parents; they were:—

1. John, bapt. 10 Aug., 1625, buried 3 May, 1641.
2. Henry, bapt. 4 July, 1632, buried 2 Apr., 1640.
3. William, bapt. 2 Mar., 1634/5, whose burial has not been found; but in Penrith Register a baptism is recorded of a daughter Anne, which may be his, in 1663.
4. Barnard, bapt. 3 Oct., 1638 and no record of that name has been found further.
 - a. Jane, bapt. 4 Dec., 1628, buried 21st Dec., 1640.
 - b. Alice, bapt. 3 Aug., 1641, buried 13 June, 1648.

Probably the tenancy of Frenchfield had ceased for this family, as certainly about the year 1660 it was inhabited by a branch of the Nelson family of Penrith.

Will of Gilbert Whelpdale, of Bishop's Row. Dated 20 July, 1601; proved 4 Sept., 1601.

To be buried in the Parish Church. To the repair of the Bark-house bridge, 3s. 4d. To the poor of the parish, £3. 6s. 8d. and every year to the said poor 13s. 4d. To John Parcivell, my servant, for his good service, 40/- and one suit of apparel. To Elizabeth Wath, my maid servant, 20/-. To John Richardson, my apprentice, 20/- and to stay, if he will, with my executors,

until time of his apprenticeship is over. To John Whelpdale of Frenchfield, my nephew, one new barne, which I hold by tenant right of Mr. Penruddock. To Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Crosbie, one black Hawkt (?) cow. To Ann, daughter of John Whelpdale of Frenchfield, one redd cow. To Catheren Stevenson, my god-daughter, one cow, which I bought from Henrie Sanderson. To Thomas Stevenson, the younger, . . . (illegible). To Gilbert Whelpdale, my nephew, one Bark-house.

To Mr. Haystye, Vicar, 3s./4d. (and several details of persons not of the family). To William Whelpdale, my nephew, and if he has no heires, then to Gilbert Whelpdale, my nephew.

(William Whelpdale and Susan Stevenson, my niece, mentioned).

Andrew Whelpdale, my brother	} Executors.
Mr. Christopher Lowther.	
Mr. Thomas Cliburne.	

Will of Alice Whelpdale of Skirwith (Skirgill), singlewoman. Dated 31 Oct., 1666; proved 9 Jan., 1676.

To my sister Lucy Barrow, wife of Rowland Barrow, Clerk, all my personal estate, debts, bills and legacies and all manner of debts and credits and funeral expenses added later (!)

Memo. Before the ensealing hereof, I gave to my God-daughter Anne Whelpdale, the sum of £5, to be paid after my sister Ruth hath received my portion.

Will of Thomas Whelpdale of Brewhouse, Penrith. (16 folios). Dated 16 Sept., 1756. Proved 17 June, 1757. (Details only given).

Property, messuages, Land and Tenements in Little Stainton and Redhills to my wife (Elizabeth) for her life and all put in charge of two Trustees, William Tatham, Esquire of Askham and George Wilson of Penrith, Ironmonger for Ninety-nine years and their heirs afterwards.

After his wife's decease to go to his daughter Elizabeth, the wife of Mr. John Richardson and the Trustees named to collect the Rents, etc. and give them to his daughter for her sole and separate use, without being liable to any debts of her husband and she is not to leave them to her husband.

After the term of years above-mentioned the trustees are to permit Thomas Whelpdale Richardson, son of my daughter to take the estate on the same trust, provided he uses the surname of Whelpdale only and no other surname. And after his death to

his first son and heirs and if he have none, then to his second son and so on, provided they take the surname of Whelpdale.

And if he have no sons, the property is to go to the 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th sons of my daughter, if they take the Whelpdale surname; otherwise to the eldest daughter of my daughter, provided any son she may have will take the surname of Whelpdale. Otherwise to the eldest daughter of my daughter and her heirs male provided they take the same surname. And in default of such heir, then to my next or nearest Heir-at-Law.

I give to my wife the Dwelling House, Brewhouse and all the adjoining property, where I now live in Penrith and £50 to be paid immediately after my death and all the beds, linen and plate therein and to go to my daughter after my wife's death and after my daughter's death to go as before stated (all again put in detail) and the mesne profits of my estate at Fowrass (near Laithes in Skelton parish) and Lowden-how, to be in the hands of the same Trustees for 21 years and the following Annuities to be given:—

To my sister Jane Nelson, £10.

To my sister Bridget Wilson, £4.

To my sister Alice Wilson, £4.

To my niece Elizabeth Gibson, £3.

To Thomas, the new-born son of Thomasin Miers, the sum of £300, when he is 21 yrs. old, and £9 yearly until he is 14 years old and £20 until he is 21 years.

To my grand-daughter Elizabeth Richardson, £1000.

John Richardson and his mother owe me £1800 on mortgage on their property and he married my daughter without my consent and the above sum and interest due thereon is to be paid to her directly.

To my Brother William Whelpdale, my sister Stanwix and my sister Nelson, £20 each; to my nephew Andrew Whelpdale the same sum; to my nephew Thomas Whelpdale, money for Clerkship up to £100.

To my nieces Mary Whelpdale and Frances, daughters of William Whelpdale, my brother, £10 each when they are 21 years old.

To Thomasin Miers, while she continues unmarried £10 yearly.

To be interred in the Chancel of Penrith Church.

Will of Elizabeth Richardson of Penrith. Dated 1st of March; Proved 22 April, 1794.

I give to my two sons John Richardson and George Richardson, their heirs and assigns, all my messuages, lands and tenements and hereditaments situated at or near Halton, co. Lancs. and that they or the survivor shall sell the same, and upon trust by and out of such purchase money, which shall pay my Just Debts, funeral and testamentary expenses and afterwards shall divide the residue into six equal shares and to pay one sixth part to each of my children, Henry, Agnes, Mary and Margaret and the other two-sixth parts equally between my said sons John Richardson and George Richardson.

I give my silver cup and cover, Tea Kettle and four Silver Candlesticks to my said son John Richardson; twelve best silver Tablespoons to my four daughters; twelve small silver dessert-spoons to my sons George and Henry and my silver Coffee-pot and stand; to my said four daughters my silver Tankards; to my son Henry, my plaited fluted Candlesticks (then she states more furniture and plate, including a gold watch and chain; mentions daughter Mary and furniture for daughter Agnes' lodging room and now states my *three* daughters). Gift of all the rest of the furniture and belongings to her children.

Sons John and George to be executors. (No mention that she is a widow or Husband's name).

Will of John de Whelpdale of Bishop Yards, Penrith. (Extracts only; folios, 4). Dated 9th of September, 1843; Proved 4th of June, 1844.

He appoints two Trustees, namely Andrew Hudleston of Hutton John and Thomas Dobson Bleaymire, Solicitor-at-Law in Penrith to be my lawful Trustees.

Unto my very kind and most affectionate wife, Mary de Whelpdale, in whom I have the most perfect Confidence and implicit Reliance to give effect to every wish and desire by me expressed Verbally or in writing as it may happen, I give the whole of my estate.

And whereas it is the intention of my very affectionate wife, equally with myself, the Testator, to bequeath one thousand pounds, the interest arising yearly upon which to be equally divided amongst TEN indigent poor Widows or Spinsters, they being partitioners and housekeepers within the Parish of Penrith and who have, each of them severally attained to the age of fifty years or more and who have not at any time received Parochial or Parish Relief or support, Excepting during sickness. These Ten poor Widows and Spinsters who are to partake of this Charity

as above described are to be selected and approved by the Person next to succeed and residing in the House Bpp. Yards in Penrith or His Heirs, lawfully issued under this my Will, assisted in such situation by the Vicar and two Churchwardens in the Parish of Penrith for the time being. And in Trust to see to the just and proper application of the yearly Interest arising and accruing from this one thousand pounds hereby bequeathed according to the true Intent and correct meaning of Donors, Jn. de Whelpdale, Esq. and Mary de Whelpdale, the wife of this Testator. And this one thousand pounds as above bequeathed for a Charitable purpose and good Intent is now, at the present time Invested by Debenture at four pounds ten shillings per cent., upon the N'Castle and Carlisle Railway Trusts in the Names of . . . for the term of Four Years, 1837. The first division and application of the Interest arising from this one thousand pounds, as above mentioned and bequeathed, to take place on the second day of December that may first happen after the decease of my very affectionate wife Mary de Whelpdale and to take place be divided and given within the Chancel of the Church in Penrith and between the Hours of ten and twelve in the forenoon on the second day of December in each year and for ever hereafter the same.

I do devise unto my two Trustees herein mentioned All my real property and Landed estates and Houses whatsoever and wherever the same may be situated and in Trust that my very kind and affectionate wife, Mary de Whelpdale, may and shall for her life receive the full Rents and Profits arising through the very friendly and benevolent assistance of my two Trustees. And I do constitute and appoint my affectionate wife Residuary Legatee upon the Primisses.

And after the decease of my affectionate wife, Mary de Whelpdale, I do hereby devise the whole and every part of my Real property and estate unto my two Trustees and in Trust that they will see to the administration and execution of this my last Will and testament. That is to say to the use of Walter Whelpdale, Esqr., 3rd and youngest son of Andrew Whelpdale late of Battersea Esq., deceased, without committing Waste for his life and after the decease of the said Walter Whelpdale to the use of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and any other sons of the said Walter W. and always to the elder of such sons and heirs of his body and always in Intail; And in default of such issue Then to the use of Andrew Whelpdale the eldest son of the before mentioned Andrew Whelpdale and to his sons.

And I do will that after my dear wife's decease, the person who next succeeds shall pay within one year the full sum of Fifty pounds to Jane Ellwood, widow and every year after during her life the same sum on the 2nd of December.

Also the sum of Twenty-five pounds to be paid in like manner to Miss Elizabeth Whelpdale during her natural life.

And I do declare that this is the last Will and Testament of
John de Whelpdale.