

ART. VI.—*The Last Laytons of Dalemain.* By C. ROY  
HUDLESTON.

MR. F. J. FIELD records in his book *An Armorial for Cumberland* (p. 179) that “the ancient and modern coats of Layton were until lately to be seen impaling each other over the north doorway of Greystoke Mid Farm.” The achievement, dating from the year 1649, is still to be seen at the Mid Farm, which is now known as the Manor House, and there can be no doubt that it was carved when William Layton of Dalemain (1624/5-1675) married his kinswoman Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Laton of Laton in Yorkshire. This William Layton was the last male of his family, long settled at Dalemain, but in what way he was connected with Greystoke Mid Farm I have not been able to discover. The notes which follow were compiled in an endeavour to trace the connection, and though I have failed in my enquiry, certain facts which have emerged seem worth placing on record.

Nicolson and Burn (ii, 383) say under Dalemain: “In the reign of King Henry the Third, Sir Richard de Layton Knight was Lord thereof, in whose name and family it continued for many generations . . . of this family William Layton was Sheriff of Cumberland in the 5 Cha. 1 and again in the 20 Cha. 2. At length the issue male failing, the estate came to six daughters coheirs, and was sold to Sir Edward Hasell Knight . . .” Hutchinson (i, 467) adds only one further detail—that the sale to Sir Edward Hasell was “sometime in the latter part of the reign of King Charles II.” Jefferson (Leath Ward, 193) says “of this family was William Layton, Sheriff of Cumberland, 5th Charles 1 and 20th Charles II; probably

the same who was appointed by Charles II to be one of those gentry of the county who should be invested with the Order of the Royal Oak. His estate in 1660 was valued at 1000*l.* per annum. Male issue failing the estate came to six daughters, co-heiresses and was sold in 1665 to Sir Edward Hasell, Knight." The date, 1665, which has been copied by later writers, is a mistake, for, as will be shown later, William Layton did not die until 1675. As he was 40 in 1664/5 (Vis. of Cumberland, 1664/5) he cannot have been sheriff in 1629. It was obviously his grandfather of the same name, who married one of the Sandfords of Howgill Castle, and was sheriff in the earlier year.

Sir Daniel Fleming, writing in 1671, says of Dalemain, "This place is much improved by the present owner Wm. Layton esq." and Sandford, writing five or six years later, observes, "And on daker beck a little below going into heimont riuer: yow have Daleman: an Ancient Squires house and fair mansion: quondam Mr. Laton: and somtimes Knights of Malta of it Long agoe. Lately now come in the hands: of Squire Warlope of Tamer feild (?) Yorkshire, by mariage of Madam Isabella eldest coheire Thereof: 300<sup>li</sup> p an:"

The Dacre registers contain the baptisms of William Layton's children between the years 1651 and 1664, and except in the first case (the baptism of the eldest daughter Isabella on 30th January, 1650/1), he is described as of "Dalemane," and when he was buried at Dacre on 10 October, 1675, he is recorded as of "Dailemaine." There are no references to him in Greystoke Register and no evidence that I can discover that he ever owned any land in that parish. My own explanation of the presence of his coat of arms at Greystoke Mid Farm is that it was originally set up at Dalemain and was brought to Greystoke perhaps by Mary Blencow,\* one of his

\* Jefferson (Leath Ward 385) wrongly calls her Anne, and this mistake has been copied by later writers.

daughters, when Dalemain was re-built by the Hasells. So far as I can discover, Mrs. Blencow was the only daughter who had any associations with Greystoke, though it is true that William Layton's sister, Katherine, describes herself as of Greystoke in her will,† made in 1683, and another sister, Elizabeth, married Thomas Mounsey, of that parish. A third sister, Joan, also lived in the parish, but her home was with her niece, Mrs. Blencow at Blencow Hall.

William Layton made his will\* on 22nd September, 1675, less than a month before he was buried in Dacre Church‡ as he desired, "as near as can be to my two sons," who had died as children.

Margaret, his widow, retired to Penrith to live, surviving him for nearly a quarter of a century. She made her will\* on 9th August, 1699, and it was proved at Carlisle on 20th February following. She was buried at Dacre on Christmas Eve, 1699, as "formerly of Dalemain." The accompanying pedigree summarises the information given in the three wills printed in the appendix.

#### APPENDIX I.

##### ORIGINAL WILLS AT CARLISLE.

###### I. WILL OF WILLIAM LAYTON.

In the name of God Amen I William Layton of Dalemaine in the county of Cumberland Esq. My Body to be buried as near as can be to my two sons in the quire of Dacre Church. As for my worldly estate I do give to my dear wife Mrs. Margaret Layton and her assigns all that my manor capital messuage and demesne lands of Dalemain aforesaid, all that the rectory of Dacre and all that my water corn milne called Dalemain Milne and all other my messuages lands tenements tythes etc. in Dalemaine Dacre and Alby or elsewhere in Cumberland to have and hold for the term of

\* Printed in appendix.

† See *Miscellany accounts of the Diocese of Carlisle*, 128, under Dacre, 1704: "Dacre's Isle, on the Souta, is now left to the care of the Parish; and that on the North (which some call Laton's Porch, and had probably belong'd to the proprietors of Dalemain . . .) is now challeng'd by Mr. William Dawes of Timperon, who refuses to suffer Mr. Cuthbert Rawling to erect a Seat there."

her natural life and I do also give and devise all and every the s<sup>d</sup> manor rectory mill messuages etc. etc. after the decease of my s<sup>d</sup> wife to S<sup>r</sup> David Fowlis of Ingleby Manor co. of York Baronet S<sup>r</sup> George Fletcher of Hutton in the forest Cumberland Baronet S<sup>r</sup> Robert Eden of West Auckland co. of Durham Baronet. Christopher Matteson of Workington county of Cumberland clerk and James Bird of Brougham, county of Westmorland Gent. on trust to sell the s<sup>d</sup> manor etc. etc. unto any person that within three years next after my decease shall happen to marry any one of my daughters now unmarried and shall purchase all the said manor etc. etc. and after such purchase shall settle the same so as after the death of himself and such of my said daughters as he shall happen to marry the same may remaine and come either to the heirs male or else to the heirs female or any other wise to the heirs general of such person on the body of such of my daughters. Out of the first part of the purchase money to pay to such purchaser £500 for the marriage portion of such daughter as he shall marry. £200 to my daughter Katherine wife of Mr. William Dawes the younger besides the £100 payable to the said William Dawes at my death by virtue of certain articles made between me and Mr. William Dawes the elder touching the marriage of William Dawes the younger and Katherine my said daughter £200 to be employed for the children of Katherine Dawes in such manner as my son-in-law Christopher Blencow Esq. and James Bird shall deem fit. To Christopher Blencow £500 in full discharge of the £500 agreed to be given as a marriage portion with Mary my daughter, now wife of the s<sup>d</sup> Christopher. My other four daughters Isabella Anne Margaret and Elizabeth. My wife residuary legatee and sole exix

22 Sept. 27 Charles II

Wm. Layton.

Witnesses:

Ja: Bird.

John Jackson.

Joseph Green

Charles Benson.

At Dalemain 14 Nov 1675 probate granted to Margaret Layton. widow.

2. WILL OF KATHERINE LAYTON OF GRAYSTOCK. CO. OF CUMBERLAND, GENTLEWOMAN.

To avoid the cares of worldly affairs which might be a trouble to my preparation for the heaven of happiness and more comfortable passage to that glorious kingdom of heaven etc. etc. My

body I desire may be interred in the parish church of Dacre. To my nephew George Mounsey being my godson and now in parts unknown to me beyond the seas £10 to be paid at the end of six months next after that the s<sup>d</sup> George Mounsey shall come to Graystock to make his lawful claim and demand of the said legacy. To my dear sister Elizabeth Mounsey (for her great care and respect to me) and to my two nephews Charles and Layton Mounsey whom I make joint exors desiring my estate may be equally divided among them. To my niece Mrs. Blencow being my dear and faithful friend one black satton petty coat and to her son Henry I give my silver tobacco box and to her daughter Mary I give my book called the practice of piety one yellow satton petty coat and a pair of silk stockings. To my sister Joan Layton one black crape gown a new hood & a scarf ready to be made up To my niece Mrs. Elizabeth Tissock one diamond ring To my niece Mrs. Katherine Dawes two combing cloathes one pair of silk stockings & a laced apron.

28 March 1683.

Katherine Layton

Witnesses

John Westray (mark)

Thomas Martin (mark)

Jo. Mounsey

At Penrith 13 March 1683[4] probate to Layton Mounsey exor., p.r. to other exors.

3. MARGARET LAYTON OF PENRITH, CO. OF CUMBERLAND.  
WIDOW.

To be buried in the parish church of Dacre as near my dear husband's grave as conveniently may be. To my trusty friends Henry Blencow of Penrith Esq. Mr. William Dawes of Cocker-mouth & Mr. George Fothergill of Penrith £100 in trust for my daughter Ann Lewin, she to have the interest during the life of her husband George Lewin but if she survive him the s<sup>d</sup> £100 to be entirely at her disposal. If he outlives her the interest of £100 to be disposed for the maintenance and education of the children of the s<sup>d</sup> Ann Lewin and the principal to be distributed equally between the children at 21. To my daughter Kettlewell £20 To my daughter Tickell\* £40 To my daughter Hall £20 To my

\*Bridekirk Register records the baptism, on June 9th, 1682, of Richard Tickell, Vicar of Bridekirk, and on June 7th, 1683, that of Layton, ye son of Richard Tickell. The latter child, entered as Laiton son of Richard

grandchildren who are in number 25 to each 20s. To Dacre Church a piece of plate To Layton Mounsey 20s. To my cousin Mary Mounsey 20s. Residue to my daughter Blencow and my daughter Dawes whom I make joint exixes.

9 Aug. 1699.

Margaret Layton.

Witnesses

Wm. Raincocke

Margret Salkeld

Richard Holmes

Proved 20 Feb. 1699 [1700].

## APPENDIX II.

### LAYTON ENTRIES IN GREYSTOKE PARISH REGISTER.

1. 1606. Nov. 5. The same day was kept holy day and one sermon by Mr. Person . . . and there was Sir Rychard Lowther, Sir Xpofer Lowther, Mr. Leonard Musgrave, Mr. Henrye Blencowe, Mrs. Blencowe, Mr. Lancast<sup>r</sup>, Mr. Layton, Mr. Thomas Dalston, w<sup>th</sup> many other (?) gentill men.
2. 1611. Nov. 13. Mr. Thomas Layton and Mary Lancaster of Daker pishe, having a lycence to marry.
3. 1614-15. Feb. 6. Mr. Anthony Haddock clark and Mrs. Anne Layton both of this parish married.
4. 1615. July 18. Bap. Grace,\* d. of Mr. William Laton  
\* Perhaps marr. at Dacre 4 Sep., 1634 Mr. John Warwick.  
farmer of Graistock parsonage.
5. 1681. Aug. 18. John Rukin of Hutton John and Joan Layton in the parrish of Dacree married.
6. 1695. Oct. 26. Bur. Mrs. Joan Layton of Blencow Hall.

Tickell vicar, was buried on June 9th, 1685. It seems certain, therefore, that Richard Tickell had married a Layton. Tickell was buried at Distington, in 1692 and Margaret his widow was buried there in 1729. I have therefore assumed that Margaret Layton married the Rev. Richard Tickell. I hope to return to this point at some future date.

# THE LAST LAYTONS OF DALEMALN.

D = Dacre.

G = Greystoke.

THOS. LAYTON = ISABEL  
of Dalemain, bur. 12 Dec., 1640 (D). | bur. 6 Sep., 1643 (D)

