

NOTES.

1. *The Rev. Richard Conder.* By C. ROY HUDLESTON.

Some light is shed on Westmorland properties in the will, preserved in the Department of Palaeography, South Road, Durham, of the Rev. Richard Conder, of Stranton, co. Durham. It is dated 6 March 1737-8, and the testator mentions his customary messuage and tenement and all the lands belonging at Aikebank within the Liberty of Farleton in the county of Westmorland "formerly belonging to Christopher Conder my brother deceased with all their appurtenances coheir widow estate [*sic*] of Thomasin Conder my sister-in-law". This property he leaves to his wife Elizabeth, with his close in the manor of Lupton and his piece of peat moss or turbarry ground at Deepthwaite, Westmorland, the widow Estate of the said Thomasin. To the Rev. — Werge of Hartburn and Rowland Burrow of Lupton he leaves the advowson of Stranton, and to his sister Susanna Burrow five guineas for mourning. He leaves 5/- apiece to his brother-in-law Hugh Armitstead of Skirrieth, York, his son John and each of his daughters.

The testator was dead before 26 November 1743 when one of the witnesses was sworn as to the truth of the execution of the will, but it was not until 1 December 1747 that his widow Elizabeth Conder proved the will.

2. *A Westmorland Customs Officer.* By C. ROY HUDLESTON.

In Vol. ii of the New County History of Northumberland (1895) at p. 79, in the account of monuments in Embleton Church, near Alnwick, an inscription to a local man, Anthony Wilson, is given, part of which runs: "He was born at Helsemeaton near Kendal in the County of Westmorland". Clearly Helsemeaton is a misreading or a misprint for Helsington, and the vicar of Embleton, the Rev. G. H. P. Karney, has kindly confirmed that this is so. His rubbing of the relevant part of the inscription shows that the whole word would not go on the line, so that the letters "ton" are cut immediately above the "ing" of Helsington, the letter "i" having a clear dot above it.

The full inscription reads:

Near this place lieth
interred the Body of
Mr Anthony Wilson Who
died November the XIth
in the year of our Lord 1718

ton
He was born at Helsing
Near Kendel in the
County of Westmorland. he

der
was Custom Office at Craster un
His Majesty King George
He was born in the year 1676
Watch and pray for ye
Konw [*sic*] not when the time is
Mark 13. 33 MDCCXIX

Miss Sheila J. McPherson, of the Record Office, Kendal, has found Anthony's baptism among Kendal Bishops' transcripts, a fortunate find, for the registers for this period are missing, and only two transcripts before 1689 exist. That for 1676 contains the following baptismal entry:

17 July 1676 Anthony son of Anthony Willson of Helsington.

Miss J. Thackray, of H.M. Customs and Excise Library, tells me that the Calendars of Treasury Books contain Anthony's appointment as waiter and searcher at Craster, Northumberland, and the appointment of his successor. The Treasury warrant to employ Anthony in succession to Lawrence Croft — another Westmorland man — is dated 17 February 1715-16 (Vol. xxx, pt. ii).

The Treasury Warrant to employ Richard Banner as his successor is dated 24 December 1718.

Mr Karney says that Craster is now a small fishing village, with a world-wide reputation for its kippers. Anthony Wilson's father survived him, but living far away at Helsington he did not feel able to administer his son's estate.

On 22 December 1718, describing himself as of Helsington, yeoman, he renounced administration in favour of Thomas Taylor, to whom administration was granted at Durham.

The renunciation says: "Whereas my son Anthony Wilson late of Dunston in the County of Northumberland died lately intestate and whereas there were several sums of money due from him . . . to several persons which sums are still unsatisfied

and whereas the right and title of administration to my said son legally belongs to me but because I live at a great distance from Dunston . . . where my . . . son died and am desirous that the said debts may as soon as possible be discharged and paid off out of my . . . son's effects . . . I do hereby give grant renounce assign transfer and make over to my trusty friend Thomas Taylor of Dunston . . . all my right and title of administration to the goods . . . of my said son . . ." The renunciation is signed Antho Wilson, and he used the armorial seal of Ford Grey, one of the witnesses, the other being Robert Yelloly.

On 17 January 1718/19 Thomas Taylor entered into a bond of £40, his bondsman being George Story of Alnwick, to administer the goods of Anthony Wilson. The bond at some time has been sent to Mr Ford Grey, attorney in Alnwick.

3. *The Warener family.* By C. ROY HUDLESTON.

Among the wills preserved in the Department of Palaeography, South Road, Durham, is that of Nicholas Warener, of Barnard Castle, co. Durham, dated 28 July 1583. The testator leaves "To the children of my brethren at Kendall . . . viz to Richard Warener sonne of John 53s 4d to his brother John Warener 53s 4d to his brother Christopher £4 to their sister Dorathie Warener 53s 4d to the two daughters of my laite brother Rowlande Warener and to either of them 53s 4d to the sonne and daughter of my brother John Warener and to either of them 53s 4d I give to a poore girle which is my halfe sister 26s 8d I give to the sixe children of my cosen George Huton 30s viz to eache of them 5s to my brother in lawe William Ullocke 59s which he owes me to his daughter Anne Ullocke £20 and the greatest chist about my howse and as muche cupbord tymber as wilbe [*sic*] her a cupbord all which shall remayne in the custodye of hir aunte until the maryage of the said Anne . . ." He leaves Michaell Kiplin 10s., and timber for a cupboard to his wife. To Nicholas Ullocke 5s and to his sister Jane Ullocke 5s. and to her sister Esabell 5s. Other bequests are 5s. to his wife's sister, 10s. to his cousin Sir Matthew Coperthwayte and a black colt, his best black freese coat to Cuthbert Barnes and 3s. 4d. to his son James Barnes, and the same amounts to Nicholas Clarson, Reynolde Collinge and Anne Blenkinsopp. He leaves 40s. to his servant John Sisene, and the residue to his wife Esabell Warener, sole executrix. The supervisors were Mr Henry Myddleton, George Hutton and Robert Taylor.

4. *W. H. Benson, M.D.* By C. ROY HUDLESTON.

When Mr A. R. Jabez-Smith was going to Madeira in 1961-62 I asked him to look out for local inscriptions in the Protestant burial ground in Funchal. He reported that there was one to the memory of William Henry Benson, M.D., of Whitehaven, Cumberland, who died at Funchal on the 15th July 1856, aged 35 years. Our member Mr Edwin M. L. Macadam, quoting from the 1909 edition of the Sedbergh School Register, says that Benson, a native of Whitehaven, went to the school at the age of 14 in August 1835, and left in the following April. He made his will on 23 January 1855, describing himself as late of Newcastle upon Tyne "and now a Resident in the Island of Madeira Doctor of Medicine". He mentions his dear brother Tom Benson "now a captain in Her Majesty's 66th Regiment of Foot". [The Sedbergh Register contains the name of W. H. Benson's brother Tom, "born at Clifton, near Cockermouth. In the school April 1836-December 1838. Col. 66th Regiment. Died at Colborne, Ontario, 16 September 1897"]. The only other relatives mentioned in W. H. Benson's will are his two sisters — Elizabeth Anne, wife of Charles Murray Adamson, and Hannah, wife of William Adamson. The will was witnessed by Calverley Bewicke gentleman of Hallaton, Leics., and by John H. (the surname is illegible) a merchant in the Island of Madeira. The will was proved at Durham by Henry William Fenwick and Joseph Anderson both of Newcastle upon Tyne solicitors, under £7,000, on 6 September 1856. It was re-sworn in November 1862 under £8,000.

Dr C. C. Adamson, of Durham, a member of the family into which Elizabeth Anne and Hannah Benson married, tells me that their husbands were sons of John Adamson, of Newcastle, solicitor. William Adamson, who was born on 28 November 1818, was admitted a solicitor in 1840, and died at Cullercoats 14 November 1892. His marriage to Hannah, younger daughter of Henry Benson of Whitehaven, took place on 24 February 1847 at St Nicholas, Whitehaven. Hannah is described as co-devisee of her great-aunt Hannah Ellison of Newcastle. Charles Murray Adamson, who was born on 14 March 1820, was also a solicitor. He died on 19 November 1894. His marriage to Elizabeth Anne Adamson took place on 25 July 1843. She died 27 April 1901.

5. *The Luck of Skirsgill.* By C. ROY HUDLESTON.

At Messrs. Sotheby's on 22 January 1968 an armorial goblet, of particular interest to Cumbrians, described as "the property

of a lady'' was sold for £270. The catalogue described the goblet as follows:

Lot 150 THE LUCK OF SKIRSKILL. A large armorial Goblet with drawn-trumpet bowl and plain stem containing an elongated tear, terminating in a wide folded foot, the bowl diamond-engraved in bold large calligraphy

*The Luck of
Skirskill*

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The 1st

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flanked by a flowering tulip on one side and a fruiting vine on the other, the reverse of the bowl with the arms of Whelpdale, 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

It was suggested in the catalogue that the goblet was inspired by the Luck of Edenhall, now in the Victoria and Albert Museum. William Whelpdale of Skirsgill, near Penrith, married at Dacre on 21 December 1732 Mary daughter of John Brougham (CW2 lxi, pedigree facing 168), and 1 September may have been the date of their betrothal.



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The Luck of Skirsgill.

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