

VI.—PROOFS OF AGE OF HEIRS TO ESTATES IN
NORTHUMBERLAND (continued from vol. xxii. pp. 116-130).

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When the documents entitled 'Proofs of Age of Heirs to Estates in Northumberland in the reigns of Henry IV., Henry V., and Henry VI.' were contributed to the twenty-second volume of the *Archæologia Aeliana* it was fully intended that the series should be continued and if possible completed at some future time. But a recent search at the Public Record Office has only disclosed two more documents of the class so far as this county is concerned; the following abstracts, therefore, which have been prepared by Miss M. T. Martin, must be regarded as an appendix to, rather than as a continuation of, the above named paper.

The first of these documents proves the birth of William Bertram,¹ son and heir of sir William Bertram of Bothal, knight, by his wife, a daughter of sir Thomas Kempston, knight. He was born at Bothal, on Monday, November 24, 1449, and, preceded and accompanied by various attendants who carried lighted torches, a silver basin, a towel, and a silver salt cellar with salt, was carried to the parish church the same day to be baptized. His god-parents were sir John Carloli of Newcastle, knight, John Ashton, vicar of Ovingham, and Agnes, wife of Robert Rhodes, the famous mayor of Newcastle, each of whom was respectfully and ceremoniously solicited by special messengers, viz., Roger Widdrington, of Widdrington, Thomas Heron, of Meldon, and Thomas Cramlington, of Widdrington, all men of family, who may have been squires to Sir John Bertram or guests at Bothal at the time of the child's birth.

The second document which relates to Thomas Cramlington² of Newsham, son and heir of Lancelot Cramlington of Newsham, sometimes described as of Blyth Nook. It contains no picturesque

¹ For a pedigree of Bertram, see Hodgson, *Northumberland*, II. ii. p. 126.

² For notices of the family of Cramlington, of Cramlington and Newsham, with a pedigree, see *Arch. Ael.*, vol. xix. p. 1.

description of his baptism, but proves his parentage and that he himself left at his decease one son and two daughters him surviving. Thomas Cramlington entered his pedigree at St. George's *Visitation* of Northumberland in 1615.

Inq. p. m., 12 Edward iiij. No. 85.—Proof of age of William Bartram, son and heir of William Bartram, knight, deceased, taken at Morpathe, 28 June, 12 Edward iiij. [1472]. The jurors say that the said William was born at Bothall on Monday next before the feast of St. Andrew, apostle, 28 Henry vi. [24 November, 1449], and baptized the same day in the church of Bothall, and is aged twenty-one years and more. Roger Wodrynton of Wodrynton, aged 48, was sent to John Karlele, knight, to ask him, on behalf of the said William Bartram, knight, to be godfather of William, his son. Thomas Herone of Meldowne, aged 66, was sent to sir John Ashton, vicar of Ovyngham, to ask him to be godfather. Thomas Cramlyngton of Wodrynton, aged 50, was sent to Agnes, wife of Robert Rodes, esquire, to ask her to be godmother. John Packare of Morpeth, aged 70, held a lighted torch at the time of William's baptism. John Wermowth of Morpathe, aged 60, carried a silver bason with a ewer full of water, from Bothall castle to the church before William on the day of his baptism. John Knyght of Wodrynton, aged 56, carried a silver salt-cellar with salt before William from Bothall castle to the church. Robert Grene of Rothbery, aged 60, carried a towel before William from Bothall castle to the church. Thomas Atkynson of Bothall, aged 54, rode with the venerable Father in Christ, Robert Nevyll, then bishop of Durham, from Bothall castle to Newcastle upon Tyne, and met John Carlyll at Bothall, who told him that he was godfather of the said William. Gilbert Arthure of Rothbery, aged 62, Alice, his wife, bore a daughter who was baptized in the said church on the day of William's baptism. Thomas Symson of Wodrynton, aged 53, rode with the said John Karlele, William's godfather, from Newburne to Bothall. Thomas Hedlee of Morpathe, aged 58, was in the church at the time of William's baptism, and was taken ill there with fever. William Browne of Morpathe, aged 60, in riding towards Bothall, fell from his horse and broke his left shin.

Inq. p. m., 21 James I., Part I., No. 1.—Proof of age of Thomas Cramlington, son and heir of Lancelot Cramlington of Newsham, esquire, deceased, taken at the castle of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 17 January, 21 James I. [1623], by oath of Tristram Fenwicke, Martin Fenwicke, Oliver Killingworth, Mathew Newton, Henry Holme, gentlemen; John Murton, Thomas Anderson, John Gardner, John Meggison, John Spraggan, Symond Robson and John Toplinge. The jurors say that the said Thomas, at the time of his father's death, was of full age, that is to say, twenty-one years and more. He was married, by his father, to Grace Lawson, one of the daughters of Robert Lawson of Cramlington, esquire, and had, by her, in the life-time of Lancelot his father, one son and two daughters, namely Elizabeth, Barbara, and Robert Cramlington.