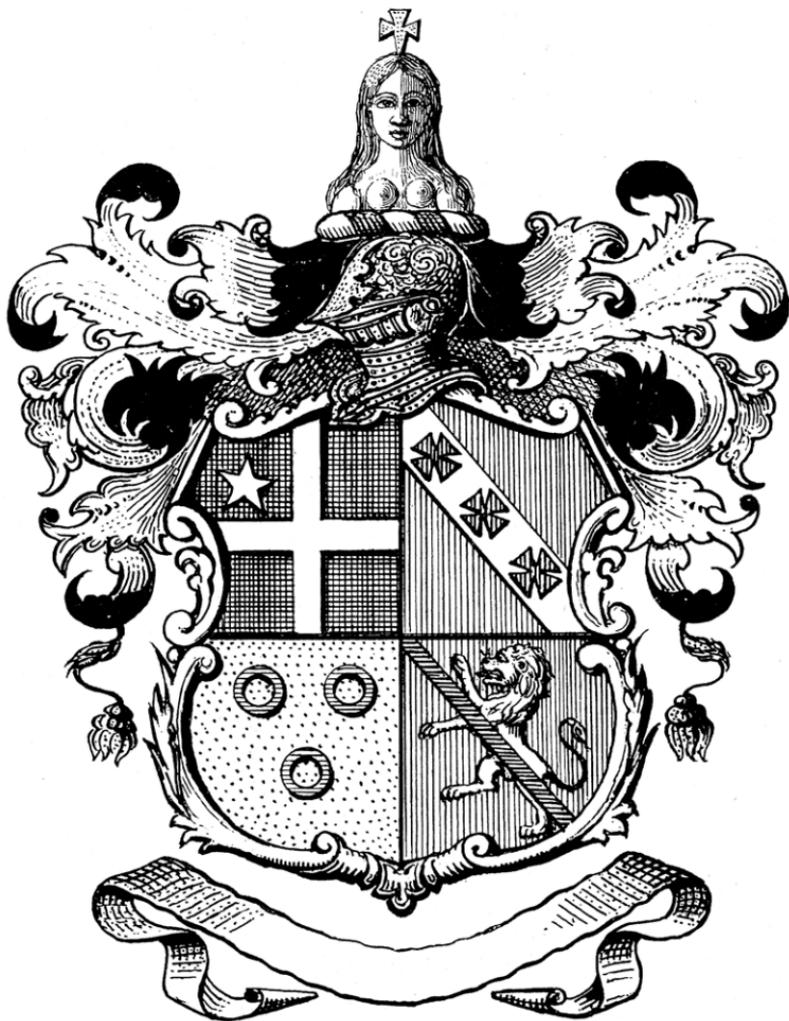


Orfeur Arms and Crest.



Orfeur Arms Quarterly. 1st Sable a cross argent, in the first quarter a mullet of the second for Orfeur. 2nd Gules on a bend argent three crosses patée of the first for _____? 3rd Or 3 annulets azure for _____? 4th Gules a lion rampant argent over all a bendlet azure for Tilliol. — Crest, A woman coupéd at the breast all proper, on the head a cross patée fitchée Or (as tricked in Harleian MS. N^o 1536)

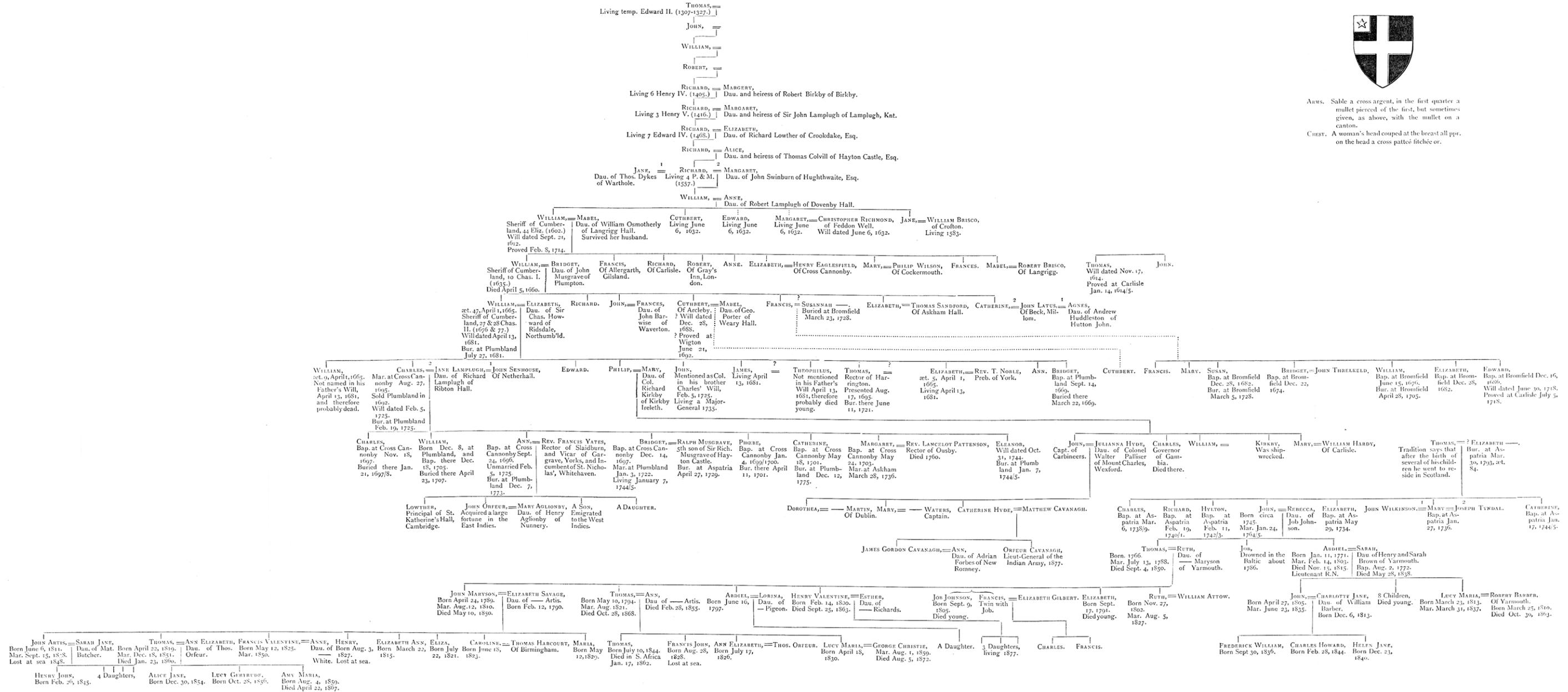
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A PEDIGREE OF THE FAMILY OF ORFEUR OF HIGHCLOSE OTHERWISE PLUMBLAND HALL.



ARMS. Sable a cross argent, in the first quarter a mullet pierced of the first, but sometimes green, as above, with the mullet on a canton.
 CREST. A woman's head couped at the breast all proper on the head a cross pattee fitchée or.



ART. XII.—*The Orfeurs of High Close, Plumbland.* By

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IN investigating the history of the family of Orfeur, we do not find ourselves lost in the mists of antiquity, as we should in the case of the Irtons or the Birkbys, “of that ilk,” as our Scotch brethren say when the family and the manor are of the same name. The connection of the Orfeurs with the parish of Plumbland appears to have originated during the reign of Edward II., and we may suppose, judging from the name, that the patriarch of the family was the George Heriot or “Jingling Geordy” of his day.

Not having had an opportunity of making researches into the original records, I have been unable to add much that is new down to the eleventh generation of the pedigree as given by Dugdale, when my additions will begin, and will in one instance, at any rate, prove to be of primary importance.

I purpose throwing my remarks into the form of a chronological commentary on the pedigree given in the large sheet, the accuracy of which, in the main, I shall vouch for by an appendix of proofs from wills, registers, monuments, and other sources.

It is worthy of observation in connection with the name, that one of the most common in the Plumbland Register at an early period was that of Goldsmith, which looks as if some member of the family had anglicised his French surname.

One of the earliest notices we have of the family, independent of Dugdale, is found in the *Abbreviatio Rotulorum Originalium*,

Originalium, 4th Edward III. (1330), where occurs the record of a grant made at that date of two parts of the mediety of the manor of Culgaith, to Isabella, widow of Christopher Moriceby and Richard Orfèvre, until the majority of the heir. Culgaith had been granted to Christopher Moresby for his share in the bold and, it is right to characterize it truly, the treacherous capture of Andrew de Harcla, in the hall of Carlisle Castle. This record of a connection between the Moresbys and the Orfeurs throws a certain though, unfortunately, only a faint light upon the arms of both houses. The arms of Orfeur are sable, a cross argent, in the first quarter a mullet of the second; those of Moresby are argent, a cross sable, in the first quarter a cinquefoil or. Now, clearly, this remarkable similarity, which only by a shade escapes identity, indicates a connection; but whether one adopted the arms of the other with a variation, or both copied from a more important house, I cannot pretend to decide, but I may remark that Culgaith was a principal member of the Barony which had been granted to Fitz Swain, whose history has not yet attracted the attention it merits on several accounts, one being that he was one of the few Saxons who were permitted by the Conqueror not only to retain but largely increase their possessions. I may add that the crest of Crevecœur, a member of which family married a co-heiress of this Barony, was probably the original of that borne by the Musgraves; in their instance, two arms elevated counter embowed grasping an annulet, perhaps a substitution for a heart in that of the Crevecœurs.

I have no comment to offer on the pedigree till we come to the first Richard, most probably the individual who sat as member for Carlisle in the Parliament of 39 Edward III. (1366.)

The marriage of the second Richard accords very well with the probabilities of the Lamplugh pedigree, and that
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of the third Richard with the possibilities of the pedigree of Lowther of Crookdake, of which, however, very little is known; but I cannot find a Thomas Colvill in the Hayton Castle line at that time, as a parent for Alice, the fourth Richard's bride. The first wife of the fifth Richard was Jane, daughter of Thomas Dykes of Warthole, a marriage confirmed by the Dykes' pedigree, but of this union there was no offspring; and his second wife was Margaret, most likely the daughter of that John Swinburn who rebuilt his mansion house of Huthwaite Hall, and placed an inscription over the entrance which, as it has not been given in the county histories, I subjoin :

John Swynburn
Esquire & Elisabeth
his Wyfe did mak
coste of this work
in The dais of their LYF
Ano Dni 1581 Ano Reg. 23.

His successor was a William, whose wife was a daughter of Robert Lamplugh of Dovenby Hall, and here, on the authority of the will of Christopher Richmond of Feddon Well, which I have given at page 18 of our second volume, I have added two sons, Cuthbert and Edward, and one daughter, Margaret, the wife of the said Christopher.

Saint George's visitation, combined with the statements in the same will, seem to leave little room for doubt that Jane, the wife of John Brisco of Crofton Hall, was a child of the same marriage.

At this point our information from previously unexplored sources commences, and though on the one hand that information, when derived from wills or registers, is nearly always trust-worthy, yet on the other it is fragmentary and demands great care in its combination.

William Orfeur's will corroborates the statement of Dugdale that he married Mabel Osmotherley, directly so far

far as her christian name is concerned, and indirectly by the appointment of William Osmotherley as one of his supervisors. All the children he mentions except Robert are named in the will, and two additional daughters Anne and Frances; his brother Cuthbert is appointed another supervisor, and this mention of him confirms a conjecture I had previously made. Altogether this will is of considerable interest, but the appended inventory is of primary importance, and its total amount reaches a very large sum indeed for those days. Which brother of William was father of his nephew Cuthbert, who died in the same year 1614, cannot be ascertained, but the latter in his will enumerates his cousins, the children of William, adding Robert thereunto. I am not able to place several of the kinsfolk that he mentions.

Thomas Denton, it appears, as quoted by Lysons, has stated that about this period the manor of Arkleby belonged to a member of the family of Orfeur, and that a daughter of a Charles of that name carried it by marriage to a Mr. Henry Pierson who sold it to Gustavus Thompson in 1702. The parish register of Plumbland bears witness that there were Piersons well connected existing there at that time. I cannot, however, but think that the last owner of the manor of Plumbland was the first Charles of his race, and that his name was introduced from his mother's ancestry. It may be, the main statement that the family held for a period the manor of Arkleby is correct, and that it is simply the Christian name that it is erroneously given.

I know nothing new of the third William who it seems married Bridget Musgrave, except that he is mentioned in his father's will. The name of Bridget will be found to occur more than once hereafter, and is valuable as identifying offshoots of the family subsequent to this period, whose exact position cannot be absolutely fixed.

Passing over the eldest son of this marriage to be dealt with

with presently in greater detail, I would suggest that his brother Cuthbert, called of Arkleby by Dugdale, may be the Cuthbert of Pryor Hall, whose will, dated December 28, 1688, is appended, and who had a son of that name. Possibly also his next brother Francis may have been the Francis who, as we learn from the combined evidence of the will of William Orfeur of Bromfield, dated March 12th, 1704, that of Edward Orfeur of Carlisle, dated June 30, 1718, and the parish register of Bromfield, by his wife Susannah had a family of at least six children. We conclude that the Bromfield family was closely related to Charles of Highclose, from the fact of William of that house appointing the latter trustee to his will, together with Ferdinando Latus the son of John Latus and Catherine Orfeur, whose identification as another child of William and Bridget may be considered established by the monumental inscription in Millom church, a copy of which is given in Jefferson's Allerdale Ward p. 171. Edward, whom I have mentioned above, and whose will is given in the Appendix, was a Notary in Carlisle, a position at that time generally held by a younger scion of one of the county families.

I dare not even attempt to fix the place in the pedigree of the Mary and Cuthbert Orfeur of the Allhallows register. It may not be out of place to remark here, that the prevalence of the name of Cuthbert is accounted for by the parish church of Plumbland being dedicated to that saint, just as Mungo occurs with equal frequency in the parishes of Aspatria and Bromfield, whose patron saint was Mungo otherwise Kentigern.

William, the eldest son of the 13th generation in lineal descent, is certified by Dugdale, who held his visitation at Cockermouth in April 1655, to have been 47 years of age at that time, and to have had two children, William aged 9, and Elizabeth aged 5—there may have been others dead—by Elizabeth, the daughter of Sir Charles Howard

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of Ridsdale, Northumberland. Now, as I propose to go rather elaborately into the various statements with regard to this marriage, I wish to insist at the outset upon the great authority of this *ex cathedra* statement of Dugdale. Burn and Nicolson, and Hutchinson, under the Orfeur heading, give the marriage with Elizabeth, the daughter of Sir Charles Howard, but without the appendage of Ridsdale. The late Mr. Henry Howard of Corby, in his most valuable volume "Howard Memorials," identifies the Sir Charles Howard of this pedigree with Sir Charles Howard of Croglin, the fourth son of Sir William Howard (Belted Will), but gives no proof, only referring to Hutchinson. Hodgson, the historian of Northumberland, whose attention to minutiae shows him to be a very prince of genealogists, under his heading of Redesdale has occasion to enter closely into one department of the Howard pedigree, into which we must follow him; but I will quote a remark he makes which shews how doubtful he was as to some of his tentative conclusions:—"Our gleanings on this subject have nothing bright in them, but we subjoin them in the hope that the glimmerings they afford will allow some investigator to grope his way further into this obscure genealogy than we have been able to go." Redesdale had been granted for life to George Hume, Earl of Dunbar in Scotland, and Baron Hume in England, one of the favourites of James I., and had upon his decease lapsed to the crown, but on the marriage of his co-heiress Elizabeth with Theophilus eldest son of Thomas first Earl of Suffolk, and who became Earl in his turn, an absolute grant of this and other Lordships was made to them and their heirs. Theophilus is stated by Dugdale, in his *Baronage* published in 1676, to have had four sons, James, Thomas, George, and Henry, and several daughters, the fifth of whom was Frances, who became the wife of Edward Villiers, and from their union spring the Earls of Jersey and of Clarendon of our day. Collins agrees

agrees as to the number and names of the sons, and Mr. Henry Howard in his "Memorials," and the Rev. F. E. Paget, Rector of Elford, in the lately privately printed volume composed under the auspices of Mrs. Howard, and entitled "The Howards of Ashtead," both follow the older authorities. Hodgson quotes several conveyances by which the Carlisle branch of the Howard family had become connected with the Redesdale property as trustees, and a Charles Howard being named, he is led to believe that he is a Charles Howard of that branch, there being none of that name of the Suffolk stock on record at that exact period. From this Charles he deduces a pedigree, which cannot be controverted, down to William Howard who sold Redesdale to the Earl of Northumberland in 1750. Let it be noted, that in one of the deeds quoted by Hodgson, bearing date July 6, 1657, James the third Earl of Suffolk of the first part, Sir Charles Howard and Elizabeth his wife of the second part, and Edward Villiers and Lady Frances his wife of the third part, and the Earl of Carlisle and Richard Newman and Thomas Lee, then trustees under a deed of July 3, 1657, of the fourth part, conveyed to a trustee for the lives of Sir Charles Howard and his wife and the survivor, remainder to their son in tail, remainder to the Earl of Suffolk in fee.

Does not the position of Charles, between Earl James and his sister the Lady Frances and her husband, attract our attention? Again let it be noted that in Somersham church, Huntingdonshire, there is a tablet with the following inscription: — "Here lieth under this stone the body of William Howard, the third son of Sir Charles Howard of the House of Suffolk, of the age of two years, and deceased June the 29th, 1646." Now Somersham was a royal manor, and Theophilus the second Earl of Suffolk, was Lord High Steward of the same, as was also his son James after him. Somersham was sold under an Act of Parliament in 1649, and Sir Charles's occupation as deputy

of James Earl of Suffolk was gone. Might not Sir Charles of Somersham and Sir Charles of Redesdale be one and the same, and an unrecorded son of Theophilus second Earl? If I did not wish to bring this investigation to an end, I might cite several instances of almost equally remarkable omissions or confusions in the pedigree of the illustrious house of Howard, but I may briefly state that of the four recorded sons of Theophilus which I have named, the most elaborate researches of the family historians, with all the facilities afforded to them, have failed to find any record of the birth or baptism of two, George and Henry.

Mr. John Orfeur of Norwich, so far back as 1841, wrote to the Rev. James Bush, curate of Plumland, to ascertain whether there were any Orfeur monuments in the churchyard there, and the reply, dated 18th January 1841, was "there is no monument in the church, churchyard, or chancel, of any of the name of Orfeur," but on the 4th May 1842, he wrote a letter which, with the accompanying facsimile of the monumental inscription, I give in the proofs.

I think we have here sufficient proof that Charles was a son of Theophilus Earl of Suffolk, and his wife Elizabeth Hume. But in addition, Edmund Sandford in his gossiping manuscript, of which a copy, if not the very original itself, is found in the library of the Dean and Chapter of Carlisle, has something very pertinent to the subject to lay before us. He describes Plumland as "a faire village and fairer Squires seate called Plumland Hall, the now owner, Monser Gulielmus Orpheur, '300 p. an. estate, late Sheriff of Cumberland, married Madam Howard daughter to Sir Charles Howard, sone to Theophilus late Earle of Suffolk, who came into this country with Right Honble Contes of Carlisle, her cosen, and hath many fine children And a fair church and psonage of 200 p. an." And again in a sort of note, probably an addition at a later period

period to the first composition, "This gallant Monsire Orpheurs great grandmother was a daughter of Sq. Lampley, of Duffenby, and nye of kindred to old Lady Howard of Naward Castle, and coheir to the last Lord Dacres, and great grandmother to the now Right Honble Earle of Carlisle, and this young madam a fair virgin coming with this brave Monsir Orpheur, Late Sheriff of Cumberland, and with all friends consent they married and hath many fine children and fair estate in the north 400lb p. an."

Thanks to the researches of the Rev. Thomas Lees of Wreay, in the Askham register, we may, I think, identify the writer of this with Edmund Sandford of Helton, who was baptised January 10, 1601/2, and was buried May 4, 1681. Now Monsir William's sister Elizabeth married Thomas Sandford the head of the family, cousin to Edmund, and the connection was kept up, for Margaret, the same William's granddaughter, was married from Askham Hall, as is shewn by an extract from the Askham register.

What more reliable authority can we have as to whom Elizabeth the wife of William Orfeur was, than that of his contemporary and connection Edmund Sandford?

Again, a pedigree preserved in the Brooks' collection in the College of Arms, states that William and Elizabeth had eight sons, not giving the names of the three youngest; but another pedigree, also supplied from the Herald's College many years ago, in the possession of the late Mrs. Aglionby and furnished by her to Mr. John Orfeur without any idea of its significance, supplies the omission, and gives the name of the eighth son, the only one we cannot supply from other sources, and that name is Theophilus.

It may seem to some that I have enlarged upon an unimportant point, but the skilled genealogist will not think so.

William the fifth was gathered to his fathers, having
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been predeceased by his wife, his eldest son William, and his youngest son Theophilus, as I gather from the distinct statement of his will as regards his wife, and the omission of any mention of the two sons alluded to, whilst all his other children are named in due order.

The will, beyond the genealogical information, contains little of special interest, except that it records the fact that the Oughterside Royalty was worked by the Lord of that manor at this early period. Unfortunately there is no Inventory attached to it.

The eldest son of this marriage, Charles, the first of his name and the last of his race, who held the old family estate, having greatly impoverished himself, sold it to Sir Wilfred Lawson of Isell in the year 1692, and continued to live at Plumbland, probably at High Close as a tenant, for Thoresby made his acquaintance on his visit to Threapland Hall in 1694. In 1695 he married Jane Lamplugh, the widow of John Senhouse of Netherhall, and took up his residence there, where he remained until 1705, then returning to Plumbland he died and was buried there in 1725. Jane Lamplugh was very unfortunate, she had two sons and six daughters by each of her husbands, and though all the daughters, except one, lived to mature years the four sons died young. Charles Orfeur sold his estate, and the estate of her first husband was also sold, but fortunately was purchased by his younger brother Humphrey the male heir.

“And Bertram’s right and Bertram’s might
Still meet on Ellengowan’s height.”

The inventory appended to the will of Charles affords matter for interesting comparison with that of his ancestor William, upwards of a century earlier. It is little more than one-third of the amount of the older one, but that may be accounted for by his having little or no land to cultivate, whilst the silver plate is twice the value and a clock has become a household necessity.

I have continued Philip's line down to the present day because I have been favoured with the pedigree, and it has never, so far as I know, appeared in print so perfectly as I am enabled to give it. John became a General Officer, and some confusion has arisen with regard to him. His career was contemporary with, and he fought under, Marlborough and died unmarried. Of James, I know nothing; Thomas was presented by Henry Curwen of Workington to the rectory of Harrington July 10, 1695, and, as I gather from the register of the parish that there was a resident curate there all, or most of, the time of his incumbency, I conclude that he was probably a pluralist, and resided elsewhere. The only mention of him in the Harrington register is that of his burial. Elizabeth married, as is recorded in the pedigree sheet, and descendants of that marriage still exist. I know nothing of Ann.

Of the daughters of Charles and Jane three married, and descendants of Ann and Margaret still flourish, but as they are recorded in the county histories I have not reproduced them on the sheet. The marriage of Bridget with Ralph Musgrave was childless.

The will of Eleanor is appended, but if ever her wish that a tombstone should be placed over her grave and another over her father's was fulfilled, such memorials have long since perished. Her desire that her body might be opened after her decease is a quiet evidence of much physical suffering and a desire to relieve others from the same agonies she had endured. The family portraits she valued so highly are still carefully preserved by the descendants of those to whom they are bequeathed.

In the year 1734, nine years after the death of Charles, the name of Orfeur occurs for the first time in the register of Aspatria, the adjoining parish to Plumland: it records the baptism of Elizabeth, the daughter of Thomas Orfeur of Aspatria, and a series of names are continued through successive years, all, except one, according with the old family names, and the exceptional one is Hylton.

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With regard to the name of Hylton, Dorothy Musgrave the sister of Ralph of that name, Bridget Orfeur's husband, married John Hylton of Hylton Castle, Durham, and whilst Sir Richard Musgrave, Ralph's nephew, married his cousin Ann, one of the coheiresses of the same John Hylton, and died in 1739, the Rev. Sir John Brisco, whose mother was also a Musgrave and who was vicar of Aspatria from 1729 to 1771, married Catherine, the other coheiress, so that it is easy to understand how one so closely connected with the family as Thomas Orfeur undoubtedly was should call a son Hylton.

I must confess, however, that after considerable research I have not been able to ascertain whether he sprang from a brother of Charles, or the Bromfield, or Allhallows line.

The baptisms and burials of the children of Thomas Orfeur go on regularly till the year 1744, when these entries cease, and the name occurs only once more, in an instance to which I will presently allude.

Thomas Orfeur, it is recorded by tradition, went into Scotland, where at least one child was born to him, John; and that this was so, is proved by a letter to his son Thomas, still preserved by his descendants, from his aunt Mary and her second husband Joseph Tyndal. John the son of Thomas, was probably the fifteenth in descent from Thomas the first recorded member of the line.

It will be observed in the list of extracts from the Aspatria register that Elizabeth Orfeur, widow, was buried March 30, 1793, aged 84 years. I suppose her to have been the widow of Thomas Orfeur of Aspatria, and that she was a relative who had sunk into poverty is proved by the recollection of the late Mrs. Aglionby that the descendants of Ann Yates and Margaret Pattenson allowed her a small annuity.

For all the entries on the sheet subsequent to John who married Rebecca Johnson, I am indebted to Mr. John Orfeur of Norwich, who has extracted them mainly from the
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the registers at Yarmouth, and it will be seen that while the name of the family, and even their remembrance, have passed away in the country where they occupied for many centuries a position of considerable importance, the almost unrecognized representative, John, has left in the country of his adoption a vigorous offshoot of the old stem which is flourishing like a green bay-tree.

APPENDIX.

The following Wills are all, relating to the family of Orfeur, of which any record is to be found in the Registry of the Probate Court at Carlisle. The originals of the whole exist there, except those of William of 1614, of Thomas of 1614, and of Edward of 1718, in which cases copies only have been preserved.

The Will of William Orfeur of Plumbland 21st September 1612

In the name of God Amen the xxi day of September in Anno Dom. 1612 Annoque Regni dom nri Jacobi Reg. Anglie &c decimo et Scotie xlij. I Willm Orfeur of Plumbland in the countie of Cumberland Esqr* although sicke in bodie yett of A sound whole and pfect remembrance praised be Almighty God And calling to remembrance the Certentie of deth and the uncertaine Hower & tyme of the same and not onelie in discharge of my bounden dutie towards God But also for the better quietnes amongst my Wife and children after my deth deature out of this vaine and transotarie wordle doe ordaine make and declare this my last Will and testament following as well of all my lands tenemts & hereditamts millnes & leases according to the tolleration of the estatute pvided in that behalfe As of all my goods & chattells moveable and unmoveable in manr and forme following* ffirst I bequeath and comend my soule to Almighty God whom I faithfullie

* Hereafter I propose, as is usual in printing old wills, to omit these two clauses, but I do so with some reluctance, because although they are almost always met with in wills of this period, and indeed are very ancient in their origin, yet every testator seems to endeavour to relieve them from mere formality and to throw into them some of his own individuality and the vitality of his own belief. Nothing can be more sublime in its simplicity than the clause in Shakspeare's Will—"First I comend my soul into the hands of God my creator hoping and assuredly believing through the only merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour to be made partaker of life everlasting and my body to the earth whereof it is made."

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believe made me to be saved onelie by the death and passion of his sonne Jesus Christ and not by mine owne merits or works and my bodie to be buried wthin the the phe Church of Plumland amongst my ancestors where yt shall please my executor & my eldest sonne Item I will and bequeath for and towards the churchstocke of Plumland lvis viiid to make upp the Churchstocke xlb to be paid by mine executor wthin one yeere next after my death Item I will give and bequeth unto my eldest sonne Willm Orfeur and to his Heires for ever my manner Howse of Highclose and all the grounds thereunto belonging used or occupied with the same Plumland mayner in Plumland Plumland Mills and Plumland towne wth all & singular the Appetenances to them or anie of them belonging or appertayneing And also all my estate tytle and interest of Oxholmes. Im I give will bequeath unto the said Willm my sonne in forme aforesaid viz. to him and his heires for ever all my lands tenements & hereditaments lyeing in Arceby wth all and singular there Appenncs payeing such suits and services as is due to the chief Lord of the fee and alwaies reserving the right of his deare mother Item I give will and bequeth unto the said Mabel my wife for and dureing her naturall life All that my Mansion House or Mannor Howse called Oughterside Hall in Oughterside with one Water Corne Mylne called Oughterside Mylne Together with all and singular my lands tenemts and hereditamts meddowes pastures feedings Comons & Comons of pastures Intakes Wastes Washes easements Comodities pfts & appytences whatsoever in Oughterside aforesaid And alsoe one medowe close called brigghm lyeing neere the Ffytys in Plumland aforesaid for and towards the maintenance & bringing upp all the younger children and they to be at her dispose & plesure And if it please God my said Wife doe die before Mabel my daughter accomplish her full age of xxi yeers Then I give unto Ffrances Orfeur Richard Orfeur my sonnes & Elizabeth Orfeur Mary Orfeur Ffrances Orfeur & Mabel Orfeur my daughters All my said Lands tenemts & hereditaments wth there Apptenances in Oughterside aforesaid Ymediately from & after the death of there said mother untill all my children wch shall happen to live shall Accomplish there full age of xxi yeares for & towards the maintenance of themselves And my Will and Mind further is that in consideracon of my former bequeasts and legacies of my sayd lands and tenements & hereditaments severallie given and bequeathed to my sayd sonne Willm in this my last Will and testament The said Willm Orfeur my sonne shall lowse the mortgage of Plumland Mayns from Richard Fletcher and likewise passe unto the sayed Richard or cause to be payed unto him the somme according to the Covenats between him & me made and agreed upon And also pay or cause to be payed unto the aforesaid Mabel my wife his deare mother other two hundred pounds of like lawful monie Videl at the end of two years next after my death the sume of one hundred pounds and wthin one yeare then next following the other. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne Orfeur for & in consideration of her childs portion two hundred pounds wch in this my last Will is appointed to be paid to her mother by my sonne Willm at the end of two yeares next after my death The Residue of all and singular my goods and chattells Moveable and unmoveable what soever of what kind soever it be not named and unbequeathed I give & bequeath to Mabel my wife whom I make sole executrix of this my sayd last Will and she to pay my debts and see my funerall expenses discharged And of this my said last Will & testament I make supvisors Thomas Lamplugh esq John Briskoee esqr Thomas Ellis gent Mr pson Lamplugh Cuthbert Orfeur my brother Wm Orfeur my sonne & Willm Osmotherly to see the same performed in all things

things according to the true meaning hereof In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & subscribed my name with my owne hand the day and yeare above written in the pscence of these

Thomas Orfeur
John Ellis
Willm Patrickson
John Stamper
& others

The xxviith of October 1614

The sayed Testator the day last above sayd further willed that the agreement formerlie made by him wth Cuthbert his brother on the behalfe of Robert his sonne should be pformed by his executors above named and Willm Orfeur his eldest sonne equallie between them

Witness whereof

Thomas Orfeur

Mem That after the sealing and signing of this Will the sayd Testator did will and appoint that Mabel his wife shoude after his death have and enjoye such pte of his Capitall messuage called Highclose as his supvisors or the more pte of them with the consent of his wife shal be thought convenient until the sayd Willm Orfeur his eldest sonne shall repaire his Capitall messuage of Oughterside in such manner as his said supvisors or the more pte of them shall think the same fit and convenient for her said dwelling

In pscence of us

Thomas Orfeur
John Ellis

Apud Wigdon vij die mensis Februarii anno Dm. 1614 pbat fuit hum Testam &c &c

A true and pfect Inventory of all Chattells goods and Cattolls moveable and unmoveable of William Orfeure of Highclose wthin the pshere of Plumland Esq. valued & prized the xij day of November 1614 by the foure men sworne viz Robert Gibson John Richard Chambers & Willm Walker

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Itm	one knopp one handle 2 salt pres dishes wooden dublers -		2	
Itm	in the milkehou milk bowles one tubb & a & a fatt		3	
Itm	In the Kitchine 2 bushells of salt -		6	
Itm	lyne - - - -		5	6
Itm	3 frames - - - -		4	
Itm	one iron grayte 3 crookes one mortesse wt pestell tongs fire pore -		20	
Itm	in the haul one table wt a frame one counter one cupboard formes 2 charres 3 buffett stooles one square table & one iron grayte -		30	
Itm	all the armourye & one paire tables -		7	8
Itm	in the parlor one chist - - - -		6	8
Itm	one cupboard - - - -	iiij		iiij
Itm	one chaire - - - -			xv̄i
Itm	one standing bed wt a truckle bed -		14	
Itm	one table frame and a long buffett stoole		4	
Itm	one little iron graite - - - -			12
Itm	one still - - - -			12
Itm	one paire of tonges - - - -			4
Itm	2 greene carpetts - - - -		2	
Itm	2 carpetts in the haul - - - -			12
Itm	in the butterye 3 barrells 2 stanes one Knapp one Ringe & 3 firkins one spin-g wheele - - - -		9	
Itm	one cupboard one little table - - - -		5	
Itm	the larder house 3 chists - - - -		10	
Itm	one fleshfatt wh flesh - - - -		10	
Itm	2 fatts - - - -		9	8
Itm	one chespart ? one old chist one table - - - -		3	
Itm	2 barells one eld arke and two loose boards - - - -		6	
Itm	4 sakes - - - -		5	4
Itm	one winding cloathe - - - -		2	8
Itm	8 paire of linne sheets wh 8 pillowers - - - -		53	4
Itm	7 paire of course sheets		14	8

Itm

		lb	s	d
Itm	4 line table cloathes & 2 course table cloathes - -		14	
Itm	3 dozen of table napkins - -		12	
Itm	10 featherbeds wt boalsters and pillowes - - -	5		
Itm	one bed coveringe of dev - - -		26	8
Itm	3 other bedd coverings - - -		20	
Itm	one greene rugg - - - -		26	8
Itm	14 coverletts - - - -	3	10	
Itm	8 paire of blanketts - - - -		32	
Itm	11 cushions whereof 3 is of needle worke 2 of satten 6 of carpett - - -		40	
Itm	7 other cushions of carpett - - -		13	
Itm	silver playte - - - -	10		
Itm	6 candlestickes - - - -		9	
Itm	3 pewter fflagons & one bottle - -		20	
Itm	2 pewter salts & 2 hopps - - -		4	
Itm	2 wooden cannes - - - -			8
Itm	2 chamber potts - - - -		8	
Itm	2 basons & 2 ewers - - - -		13	4
Itm	7 dozen of pewter vessell & 8 odd dishes - - - -	vj	6	8
Itm	one table wt a frame & covering 3 long buffetts - - - -		15	
Itm	6 little buffetts - - - -		6	
Itm	one cupboard wt covering 2 little tables 3 buffetts - - -		20	
Itm	2 chaires - - - -		10	
Itm	in the greene chamber one posted bedd wt teaster & curtaines & one truckle bedd - - - -		53	4
Itm	3 trunckes - - - -		15	
Itm	one chaire - - - -		2	
Itm	one paire of reed curtaines - - -		5	
Itm	his apparell & Ryding gear - - -	16		
Itm	in the partition chamber & in the closett one posted bed 2 chists one table wt a cupboard - - -		34	
Itm	in the crosse chamber one truckle bed one chaire a Trunck one little table		13	
Itm	In the highe chamber one posted bedd wt teaster & curtaines two little truckle beds - - - -		20	
Itm	one presse - - - -		20	
Itm	one great chiste wt a chaire - - -		20	
Itm	one brandrith & a paire tonges - - -			12
Itm	wool - - - -		16	
Itm	butter - - - -		10	

Itm

		lb	s	d
Itm	4 sping-g wheeles	-	5	4
Itm	10 cheeses	-		
Itm	certain casems of glasse	-	13	4
Itm	in the buttery loft 2 beds one eld chaire & one eld chist	-	5	
Itm	wheat sown & avher	-	52	
Itm	7 swyne	-	22	
Itm	20 geese	-	10	
Itm	10 duckes	-	ijj	iiij
Itm	the lease of oxeholmes	-	iiij	
	Suma totalis	-	336	5 6
Debts wch was owing unto Willm Orfeur				
Esq aforesaid deceased				
Inpmis	Richard Chambers	-	8	
Itm	John Plaskett	-	6	
Itm	Edward Akeshaw	-	ijj	10
Itm	Willm Morrison	-		20
	Suma debitorm	-	18	10

The Will of Thomas Orfeur of Plumland November 17 1614.

In the name of God Amen the xvijth day of November 1614 I Thomas Orfeur of the parish of Plumland in the County of Cumberland gent being sick &c do make this my last Will, &c &c and my will is that my bodie shall be buryed whin the parish churche of Plumland above said Itm I give and bequeath unto my cozens of Highclose, Francis Orfeur, Richard Orfeur, Robart Orfeur, Anne Orfeur, Elizabeth Orfeur, Mary Orfeur, Francis Orfeur, and Mabell Orfeur two whies one stirke one nagg all the cropp of hay and corne wch is at my house at Ffitts Provided that my Ffunerall charges shal be taken and deducted out of the foresaid legacies Itm I give and bequeeth all the Right Interest and title of tenant right of my tenement at the ffitts aforesaid to my brother John Orfeur Itm whereas Mrs Jane Brisco of Crofton is owinge unto me xxiiib as appears by two severall bonds I give and forgive unto the said Jane Brisco xlb thereof Itm I farther give out of the Remainder of the foresaid som of xxijlb to every one of the children of John Brisco of Crofton Esq xs to every one of the children of Cuthbart Orfeur of Arcleby gent xs to every one of the children of Elizabeth my cosen Pallada his wife xs and to Margaret Orfeur of Crofton xs lastly all the rest of my goods not bequeathed alreadye I give and bequeethe unto Cuthbart Musgrave of the Holme Coltram gent and the said Cuthbart I appoint Executor of this my last Will and testament and further I desire John Brisco of Crofton Esq and Cutlibart Orfeur gent my kinsmen to take panes as supravisors to see the pforminge of all things accordinge to this my will and testament In the psence of John Youngusband and Thomas Tinkler als Goldsmithe wth others

Apud Carlioll xiiijto die mensis Januarii Anno Dno 1614 probat fuit hum testam
&c &c

The

The Will of William Orfeur of High Close April 13 1681.

In the name of God Amen I Willm Orfeur of Highclose in the pish of Plumbland in the County of Cumbland Esqre sicke &c doe make this my last Will and testament in manner and forme following first I give and bequeath my Soule &c and my Body to be buried in Christian buriall in the pish church of Plumbland aforesaid as neare as Conveniently cann be where my late and Deare wife was buried And as for my worldly goods the Lord hath endowed me withall I dispose of them as followeth first I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Orfeur my Daughter the best horse that I shall have att the day of my death and my silver cupp with two eares Itm I give and bequeath twenty shillings to Sr Wilfred Lawson to buy him a mourning ring withall. Itm I give and bequeath to my cozen Roger Brisco and my cozen Henry Eaglesfield each of them Tenn shillings to buy each of them a mourning Ring with all Itm I give and bequeath to be putt forward towards the maintenance of the poore within the parish of Plumland the sum of twenty shillings Itm I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Elizabeth one press and one round table standing now in her chamber and my best Truncke and one silver salt with my coate of armes upon it and my best looking Glass Itm I give and bequeath unto Charles Orfeur my eldest son my Gold ring upon my finger my silver signet my clocke in the Dyneing roome all my husbandry geare whatsoever and all loose wood about my house and all manner of geare belonging to my colliery at Outersyde and one cubboard standing in the parlor where he lyeth desiring that he will take care of his brothers and sisters and especially of his brother Thomas and that he will carefully educate him and secure what shall fall to his share untill he be fitt and capable for a trade And as for all the rest of my Goods and chattells and cattell moveable and unmoveable my debts legacys and funerall expenses first discharged I give and bequeath unto Edward Orfeur Philipp Orfeur John Orfeur James Orfeur Thomas Orfeur my sonnes and Elizabeth Orfeur and Ann Orfeur my Daughters who I make Executors of this my last Will and Testament desiring that my cozen Roger Brisco and Henry Eaglesfield they be supvsors of this my last Will and Testament that my Goods after my decease be fairly apprised by Apprizors to be appoynted by the said Supvissrs and that if any difference doe happen to arise (wch I wish may not) that it may be desyded by the said Supvissrs without any further dispute to be had amongst my said children

In Witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale this thirteenth day of April in the year of onr Lord God one thousand six hundred eighty and one

WILLIAM ORFEUR

L.S.

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Published and sealed in the presence of us

Roger Brisco Hen Eaglesfield

John — Notary Public

Apud Carliol xxij die Octobr Anno Dom. 1681 probat fuit humod testam ac Administraco bonor dict. defunct. comiss fuit Elizabethæ Orfeur & Edwardo Orfeur executoribus in dict testamento &c &c

* (The seal in red wax is a shield bearing a cross with a mullet in the first quarter, surmounted by an esquire's helmet, having as a crest a female couped at the breast, on her head a cross patteé fitchée)

The

The Will of Cuthbert Orfeur of Pryor Hall December 28 1688

In the name of God Amen I Cuthbert Orfeur of Pryor Hall in the County of Cumberland gent &c doe make this my last Will & Testam^t in manner & forme following First &c Item give and bequeath to my son Cuthbert my message & Tenemt wth all and singular the Appurtenances att Pryor Hall aforesaid holden of the Dean and Chapter of Carlisle by ye paymt of ye yearly Rent of xxs & ye same message & Tenemt to hold to him the said Cuthbert my son his Executors & Assignes for ever Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas five pounds to be payed to him att three years end after my decease & he to give Cuthbert a general release of all his right to all or any pte of my reall or psonall estate The rest of all my goods and chattells my just Debts & funerall expenses discharged I give & bequeath unto my said son Cuthbert Orfeur whom I make my Executor of this my last Will & Testam^t In witness whereof I have putt my hand & seal this Twenty eight day of December One Thousand six hundred eighty & eight
Witnesses hereof

Geo Relfe
William Harrison
Lan Relfe

CUTHBERT ORFEUR

Apud Wigton 21mo Junii Anno Dom. 1692 prob. fuit &c

A true and pfect Inventory of all ye goods & chattells of Cuthbert Orfeur of Pryor Hall Gent appraised ye 16th day of 1692

Impr. his Apparrell	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	00	00
Bedding	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	00
Linnen &c	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	00	00
Bedsteads Arkes Chists &c	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	00
horses & cows &c	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	00	00
Corne & Hay	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	10	00
Sacks &c	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	05	00
Husbandry Gear	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	04	06
Tables frames pewter & brass	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	08	04
Troughs	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	8	02
							<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>

Apprisors

Lancelot Relfe

The Will of William Orfeur of Brumfield March 12. 1704.

In the name of God Amen I William Orfeure of Brumfield in the Countie of Cumberland Gentleman &c Do make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and Form following First &c. And as for the Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to blesse me I give and dispose as followeth I give and devise all my Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in the parish of Brumfield

or

or elsewhere unto Charles Orfeure of Netherhall Esq. the Reverend John Procter of Brumfield Clerk and Ferdinando Latus of Cockermouth Esq and their heirs And all my Right Title interest and Equity of Redemption therein upon the special Trust and Confidence that they and their heirs or the Survivor of them and his Heirs do sell the same for the payment of my Debts and Legacies ~~and Funeral expences~~ and the overplus to be equally divided between my two Brothers Francis Orfeure and Edward Orfeure and my two sisters Mary Orfeure and Susan Orfeure neverthelesse it is my Will and Mind that if either of my said Brothers Shall Redeem my Estate within two years after my Death and also faithfully discharge all my Debts and Legacies within the said two years that then such Bror shall have my Messuages Lands and Tenements hereinbefore devised to him and His heirs he paying to each of his Brothers and Sisters five pounds apiece excepting my sister Bridget Threlkeld to whom I give ten pounds and in default of such Redemption within the time aforesaid and paying and dischargeing my debts and Legacies as aforesaid that then my sd Messuages Lands and Tenements be sold by my Trustees aforesaid upon the Trusts aforesaid I give to my Mother my Gold Signet Ring I give to Mrs Ann Proctor daughter of the sd Mr Proctor my Silver cup I give to ye poor of the parish of Brumfield Fifty Shillings to be distributed at the discretion of the said Mr Procter I give to each of my said Three Trustees ten shillings to buy each of them A Ring And I do make my dear and loving Mother Executrix of this my Will and would have my Funeral Expenses discharged out of my Goods and Chattells and the residue of my Goods and Chattells to goe towards payment of my Debts In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the twelfth day of March In the yeare of our Lord God One Thousand Seaven hundred and Four.

WILLIAM ORFEUR

L.S. *

Signed Sealed and
Published in the psence
of us

Tho. Grainger
Cuthbert Grainger
John Twentyman

Apud Wigton 16mo die mensis Octobris (1705) Probat fuit humod. Testum. ac Adco bonor com fuit Extr. in eod &c

The Will of Edward Orfeur of Carlisle June 30th, 1718.

In the name of God Amen I Edward Orfeur of ye City of Carlile Gentleman do make and ordain this my last Will & Testamt in manner & Form following As I have always lived (tho' not so worthiely as I shd) a true member of ye Ch. of England so thro' Gods Grace I hope to die thro' the merits of my Bless'd Saviour

* Exactly the same as in the Will of William Orfeur 1681.

into

into whose hands I commend my soul & my Body to be buried at ye Discretion of my Executrs hereafter named As to my worldlie Goods I dispose of them in this manner 1st I bequeath to my affectionate Mother Mrs Susanna Orfeur ten pounds to be paid by my Executrs Six months after my Desease with also ye Interest of all ye other Goods and Chatts I'm possess'd of till her Decease

2dly The Rest of my Goods and Chattells funerall Expenses excepted I leave to my sister Brigget Threlkeld & Sister Mary Orfeur (on condition yt they bury me in ye prish Ch. of St Marys Carlile pay my Debts and Legacies & yt at my Funal a Sermon be preachd by Mr. Whittingdale on Eccles. ii. 9. And do hereby revoking all former Wills constitute & appoint them joynt Executors of this my last Will & Testamt As witnessse my hand & seal this 30th Day of June Anno Dom. 1718

Published in the psence of

Geo. Knowles
Wm. Hodgson
Chr. Whittingdale

Apud Carlil Quinto die mensis Julii Anno Dni. 1718 Pbat fuit humod Testam &c &c

Endorsed Will of Edward Orfeur Nory Pub. Carlisle 1718

A true and perfect Inventory of all the goods and Chattells of Mr Edward Orfeur late deceased taken and appraised the 5th July 1718 by Mr Henry Hall and Mr Peter Gibson apprisors

Imprs His purse and aparell lining			
and woolen	05	00	00
Books Boxes and papers	01	05	00
One watch and seales wth keys and chaine	03	10	00
In Bonds and Nots	54	09	00
Stamps	7	19	6
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In all	72	3	6
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Ap. Peter Gibson jurat

The Bond is given by John Threlkeld of Kaber parochie de Kirbe in
com Cumb and Bridget Threlkeld his wife

The Will of Charles Orfeur of Plumbland February 5 1725/6

In the name of God Amen I Charles Orfeur of Plumbland in the county of Cumberland Esqre being weak of Body but of sound and perfect minde and memory praise be therefore given to Almighty God Doe make and ordaine this my present last Will and testament in manner and form following that is to say ffirst and principally I comend my soul &c my body I comitt to the earth to be decently and privately Buried without inviteing of any to my funeral save the adjoining neighbouring

bouring Inhabitants according to the discretion of my Executrixes hereafter named And as touching the disposition of all such Temporall Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as followeth ffirst I will that my Debts Legacies and funeral expenses shall be paid and discharged Itm I give unto my daughter Ellenor my picture

all the rest and residue of my personal Estate Goods and Chattels of what kinde soever I doe hereby give and Bequeath unto my loveing Daughters hereafter named viz Anne Orfeur Spinster Bridgett Musgrave wife of Ralph Musgrave Gent Catherine Orfeur Spinster Margrett Orfeur Spinster and Ellenor Orfeur Spinster who I hereby make and ordaine full and sole Executrixes of this my last Will and Testament But whereas the within named Ralph Musgrave hath heretofore had and recovered of me the said Charles Orfeur the just sum of fifty pounds of lawful Brittish money in part of the fortune or marriage Portion with Bridgett Musgrave my daughter aforesd now wife of the said Ralph Musgrave aforesaid my will now is and I doe hereby declare direct and order that the said sume of fifty pounds soe by me paid as aforesd upon an equall division of the Effects by me the said Charles Orfeur left as aforesd shall be reputed and taken as a proportion part or share soe farr as it doth extend, due to the said Bridgett Musgrave by vertue of her being joint Executrix in this my present last Will and testament and she the said Bridgett Musgrave my said Daughter to make an abatement of her share in the said Executrixship to the value of the said sume of fifty pounds And to the end that this my last Will and testament may be duly observed I doe hereby nominate constitute and appoint Colonnell John Orfeur my brother John Fletcher of Clay Hall Esq the Reverend Mr. Thomas Nevinson Vicar of the parish of Turpenhow and Elizabeth Senhous Spinster my much esteemed friends Trustees therein earnestly desiring them and every of them to take the care and charge upon them to see that this my last Will and testament be duly performed according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and I desire my body may be buried in the parish church of Plumbland aforesaid And I doe hereby revoke dissannul and make void all former and other Wills and testaments by me heretofore made either by word or in writing In Witness whereof I the said Charles Orfeur to this my last Will and Testament have hereunto sett my hand and seale this fifth day of february anno Dominy 1725:6

CH. ORFEUR

L.S.

Signed sealed and published
in the presence of
Robert Farish jurt.
Mry Smith jurt.
John Sharpe

Apud Carloli octavo die mensis Junii anno Dom 1726 Probat. fuit humod testamē virtute commissionis Ac Adco Bonor com. fuit Annæ Orfeur nunc uxori prdæ Franci Yates cler Bridgettæ ux Radulphi Musgrave . . . Reservata

* Signature of Testator very feeble. Seal exactly the same as in Will of William Orfeur 1681.

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potate

potate . . . Eleanoræ Orfeur jam in ejus minoritate existend dum ad plen etat
sua . . tunc . . personis Eleanoræ Orfeur Impub com fuit John Fletcher Ar.

An Inventory of the Goods & Chattels of Charles Orfeur Esq late of the Parish
of Plumbland in the County of Cumberland Dece'd Apprized by John Hodgson
John Ardell, Anthony Dowson & John Chambers March the 21st 1725.

Imps	His Horse Purse Apparell & Riding Gear	-	10	10	0
Itm	Goods in the Parlour Chamber	- -	5	0	0
	Goods in the old Room above Stairs	- -	5	10	0
	Bedsteads & Bedding	- - - -	30	0	0
	Clock	- - - -	2	10	0
	Tankard Spoons and other Plate	-	21	0	0
	Goods in the Parlour	- - - -	3	10	0
	Pewther Brass & other Goods in the Kitchin	-	20	0	0
	Goods in the Dairy	- - - -	3	0	0
	Brewing Vessels & other Goods in the Brewhouse old Room & Cellar	- -	5	0	0
	Three Mares Two Cows & Husbandry Gear	-	12	0	0
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			£118	10	0
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Apprs

John Hodgson jurat
John Ardell jurat
Anthony Dowson jurat
John Chambers jurat

A Bond is given by Fr. Yates, Ra. Musgrave, Catharine Orfeur, John Fletcher &
John Chambers of Parsonby yeoman, for the proper execution and a second Bond
is given by John Fletcher, Ra. Musgrave and Fr. Yates that John Fletcher will take
proper care of Eleanor Orfeur till she is of age or married.

The Will of Eleanor Orfeur of Wigton 31 October 1744

In the name of God Amen I Eleanor Orfeur of Wigton in the county of Cumber-
land do make and ordain this my last Will and testament in maner and form
following I desire my body may be buried in Plumpland church yard near ye
grave of my Brother Wm. Orfeur Also I desire my Trustee to putt one Tomb
Stone over my grave and another over that of my Dear Father after my just debts
and funeral Expenses are paid Also I give to my sister Musgrave and sister
Catherine Orfeur the sum of sixty pounds out of which sum I desire my Funeral
Expenses may be paid I give to my brother and sister Pattinson each Ten
Pounds I give to my sister Stevenson one Guinea I give to my sister Elizabeth
Senhouse one Lockett ring I give to my niece Jane Yates Two Guineas I give
to Richd Briscoe of Lamplugh Esqr the sum of Ten Pounds I give to ye Revd
Wm. Briscoe five pounds I give to Mrs Cath Sandford one Guinea I give to Mrs
Ann Coats one Guinea I give to Miss Julian Robinson my necklace and Ear
ring

ring I give to my Eleanor Allisson forty pounds & all my Bed and table Linen I give to my servt Mary Ismay Forty shillings I give to my sister Musgrave my Mother's Picture I give my sister Pattinson my Father's Picture I give my sister Cath: Orfeur all my china and the furniture of my own room My will is yt my body be opened by Jas Douglass Esqre of Carlisle and I give to the said Jas Douglass Ten pounds for his trouble And to the rest & residue & residue of my Goods & chattels & personal Estate whatsoever I give and bequeath the same to my Executor in trust nevertheless for my three sisters Bridget Musgrave Catherine Orfeur & Margtt Pattinson for their use herein after mentioned that is to say my Will & mind is that the sd residue of my goods & chattels & personal Estate be as soon as may be after my decease turn'd into money & vested in ye public Funds or plac'd out upon good Land Security in ye name and at ye discretion of my said Executor & out of ye interest arising therefrom I will yt ye sum of Forty shillings be paid yearly & every year to Marg. Orfeur during her natural life & yt ye remainder of ye Interest be equally divided between my sd. sister Musgrave & Cath: Orfeur every year And as to ye money so plac'd out in Fund or upon Land Security my Will is that ye same shall go to the longest liver or survivor of my three sisters above named Bridget Musgrave Cath: Orfeur & Margt Pattinson And lastly I do nominate and appoint Richd Briscoe of Lamplugh Esq in ye County of Cumberland Executor of this my Will and do hereby revoke and annull all former Wills by me any time heretofore made and I do declare this to be my last and only Will In Witness whereof I have set my hand & seal this 31st of 8ber 1744

ELEANOR ORFEUR

L.S. *

Witness

Mary Twentyman
Mary Rooke

sworn

Proved at Carlisle May 14 1746 by Richard Brisco Esquire of Lamplugh the sole Executor and Bond given for the due performance by him and George Railton of the City of Carlisle before J. Farish Surrogate

EXTRACTS FROM THE PLUMLAND REGISTER.

- 1669 Bridgett the daughter of William Orfeur Esq & Elizabeth his wife bapt.
Aug. 11.
,, Bridgett Orfeur of High Close buried Mar. 22.
1681 Willm Orfeur Esq buried July 29.
1705 William ye Son of Charles Orfeur Esq & Jane his wife was born ye 8th of
December & was baptized ye 18th of ye same month.
1706 William ye son of Charles Orfeur Esq & Jane his wife was buried April ye
23. Affi p Mr Nevinson of Torpenhow.

* Seal in red wax; Shield bearing a cross with a mullet in the first quarter.

- 1707 Eleanor the daughter of Charles Orfeur Esq & Jane his wife was born the 20 of gbr. & baptized the 27th of the same month.
- 1722 Jan. 3. Mr Ralph Musgrave & Mrs Bridgett Orfeur married.
- 1725 Feb. 19. Charles Orfeur Esq buried.
- 1744 Jan. 7. Eleanor Daugr of Mr Orfeur late of Highclose bur. She lived at Wigton & Dyed there also.
- 1773 Dec. 7. Mrs. Ann Yates widow of the Revd Francis Yates LL.B. of Gargrave in Yorkshire & Daughter of the late Charles Orfeur of High Close Esq aged 77 bur.
- 1775 Dec 12 Mrs Catherine Orfeur Daughter of the late Charles Orfeur of High Close aged 73 buried.

EXTRACT FROM THE HARRINGTON REGISTER.

- 1721 Revd Thomas Orfeur Rector of Harrington buried June ye 11th.

EXTRACTS FROM THE CROSS CANNONBY REGISTER.

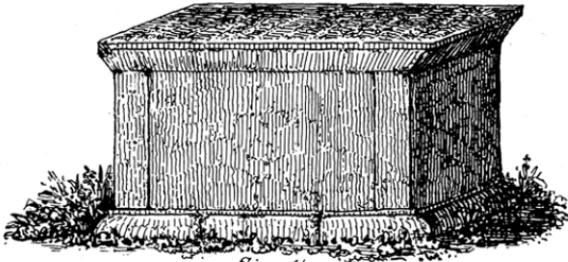
- Charles Orpheur Esqr & Mrs Jane Senhouse married the 27th day of August 1695.
- Ann the daughter of Charles Orpheur Esqr baptized the 1st day of September 1696.
- Mr. John Eaglesfield & Mrs Catherine Orpheur married the 29th day of June 1697.
- Charles son of Charles Orfeur Esqr baptized the 14th day of November 1697.
- Charles son of Charles Orfeur Esqr buried the 21st day of January 1697.
- Bridget the daughter of Charles Orfeur Esqr baptized the 14th day of December 1698.
- Phœbe the daughter of Chas Orfeur Esqr baptized the 4th day of January 1699.
- Phœbe the daughter of Chas Orfeur Esqr buried the 11th day of April 1701.
- Catherine the daughter of Chas Orfeur Esqr baptized the 18th day of May 1701.
- Margaret the daughter of Chas Orfeur Esqr baptized the 24th day of May 1702.
- Madam Jane Wife of Chas Orfeur Esqr buried December the 29th 1720.

EXTRACTS FROM THE ASKHAM REGISTER.

- 1651 July the 10th day was Willm the son of Tho Sandford esquier Baptized Willm Orfeur Esqr & Sir Willm Carlton Knight Godfathers.
- 1736 Mr. Lancelot Pattenson Retr of Ousby and Mrs Margaret Orfeur of Askham Hall Married March the 28th.

EXTRACTS FROM THE ASPATRIA REGISTER.

- 1734 29 Maii Elizabeth fil Thomæ Orfeur de Aspatria baptised.
- 1736 27 Jany Mary daughter of Thomas Orfeur of Aspaticke bap.
- 1738 March 6 Charles son of Thomas Orfeur of Aspaticke bap.



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Hic jacet
GULIELMUS a CAROLO
ORFEUR de HIGHCLOSE
Armigero &
IANA Uxore ejus
Ille filius & hæres GUL.
ORFEUR Arm. & ELIS. a
D^o CAR. HOWARD *Equite*
&
D^o ELISABETHA a
Comite de Hume
Illa filia RICHARDI
LAMPLUGH
Armig.
&
FRANCISCAE a D^o CHRI
STOPHERO LOWTHER
Baronetto
APRIL 20 1706

- 1740 febr. 19 Richard son of Thomas Orfeur of Aspaticke bapt.
 1741 18th 7 br. Elizabeth daughter of Thomas Orfeur of Aspatria buried.
 1741 7 br. 25th Charles son of Thomas Orfeur of Aspatria buried.
 1742 11th. febr Hylton the son of Thomas Orfeur Aspatria baptized.
 1743 March 7. Sarah Orfeur of Aspaticke buried.
 1744 17th Jany Catherine daughter of Thoms Orfeur Aspaticke bapt.
 1775 Dec. 19 Richard son of Elizabeth Orfeur of Aspatria aged 35 buried.
 1777 Mary Orfeur aged 40 married John Wilkinson yeoman aged 63.
 1784 Mary Wilkinson aged 47 married Joseph Tyndal aged 54.
 1793 March 30 Elizabeth Orfer Widow aged 84 buried.

EXTRACTS FROM THE BROMFIELD REGISTER.

- 1674 Decembr 22. Bridget of Mr. Francis Orpheur of Bromfield baptized.
 1676 June 15. William of Mr. Francis Orfeur of Bromfield bapt.
 1682 Decemb. 18. Susannah of Mr. Francis Orphyr of Bromfield bapt.
 1684 February 26 Elizabeth of Mr. Francis Orfeur of Bromfield bapt.
 1686 Decemb 16 Edward of Mr Francis Orfeur of Bromfield bapt.
 1705 April 28. Mr. William Orfeur of Bromfield buried.
 1728 March 5 Susan of Mr Orfeur of Brumfield buried.
 „ „ 23 Mrs Orfeur of Bromfield buried.

EXTRACTS FROM THE ALLHALLOWS REGISTER.

- 1719 October the 14th Married George Harrison and Mary Orfeur.
 1721 January the 24 Buried the son of Cuthbert Orfeur.

Copy of a letter from the Revd. James Bush, Curate of Plumbland.

Plumbland, Cockermouth 4 May 1842.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that a tombstone grown over with moss has just been decyphered in this Churchyard, near the Chancel Door. The Moss has been picked out with a Pen knife, and the following words can be not only felt but seen.*

The Register book says —

- 1706 William ye son of Charles Orfeur Esqr & Jane his wife was buried April ye 23d Affi pro Mr. Nevinson of Torpenhow.

These confirm one another, the death on the 20th & burial on the 23rd April.

In the sincere hope that the above may be of use to you,

I am, Sir,

John Orfeur Esqr
Norwich.

Your faithful Servant,
JAMES BUSH.

*Here followed a copy of the inscription, which, after 35 years more exposure, I have been enabled to verify in nearly every letter, and on the opposite page give a lithographed fac simile on a scale of one-ninth. The monument, which, it will be seen, is of the altar form and quite plain, has been removed since the rebuilding of the church to a new position in the churchyard, under the south wall of the Chancel.

Monument

*Monument in the churchyard of Cross Cannonby under the
Western front of the Church.*

This monument is of the altar form with 2 pannels on each side separated by a baluster in the middle, having another at each end: on the eastern end of the monument is an hour glass, and on the western a death's head and cross bones. The top slab appears to have been renewed, perhaps about the commencement of this century, but the inscription was probably copied literally, and is as follows:

Here lies ye body of Jane
Orfeur Daughter to Richard
Lamplugh of Ribton Esqr: who
by her first Husband John Sen
house of Nether Hall Esqr: had 2
Sons: John and Richard: both died
in their Infancy: Six daughters,
Mary, Jane, Frances, Grace, Isabel,
& Elizabeth all now living.
By her second Husband
Charles Orfeur of High-close
Esqr: 2 Sons: Charles and William who
died in their Infancy: Six Daughters
(Anne, Bridget, Pheby, who died
young) Catherine, Margaret, &
Eleanor: all now living
She was one of ye best of
Wives & tenderest of Mothers
Departed this life ye 26th of De
cember 1720. & much lamented
by all who knew her.

Qualis erat Dies illa Supremus indicabit

Extract from a letter of Joseph & Mary Tyndal 6 Ffebr 1803.

Nephew Thomas

We look long to hear from you and hath seen Josh Dodd and his Daughter Betty lately who are both well as we are at present they both are uneasy to hear from you as well as us so we all of us desire you will write the first opportunity & give us particular account in what situation of life you are all in we mean your brother as well as your own family

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From yr Affectionate Uncle & Aunt

Aspatria

JOS & MARY TYNDAL

6 ffeby 1803

Addressed

Mr. Thos Orfeur
Fighting Cock Row
Yarmouth
Norfolk