

ART. I.—*The Threlkelds of Melmerby, and some other Branches of the Family.* By W. JACKSON, F.S.A.
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AS many of the proofs confirmatory of the narrative portion of this paper are of considerable length I have decided to place them in an Appendix, together with the Wills, Abstracts of Wills, Inventories, and the Extracts from Melmerby Registers which are not numerous; the former I will call *Miscellanea*, giving the others their own names. All, under their respective headings, that I am able to connect with the Melmerby family will come first in order; and those of other branches, or isolated individuals whom I am unable to place in any group, will follow, both in the narrative and in the Appendix. Some of these will I hope be attached to the main pedigree by future labourers.

I believe that the Threlkelds of Melmerby branched off from the parent stem of the Threlkelds of Threlkeld, Yanwath, and Crosby Ravensworth,* at a very early period. That Melmerby was held by the Threlkelds as early as the latter part of the fourteenth century is certain (*Miscellanea* No. 1.), and as no mention of that Manor occurs in any of the numerous notices I have given in my paper on the "Threlkelds of Threlkeld &c," we have, at least, negative evidence that the Melmerby proprietors then formed an independent line.

A blank, so far as Melmerby is concerned, occurs of two centuries, and then I find mention of a certain Rowland Threlkeld, associated in one instance with a Lancelot (*Mis.* 2 & 3.); and again in another isolated case a Rowland appears (*Mis.* 4.); and as the Christian name of Rowland, not to lay too much stress on that of Lancelot, occurs immediately afterwards more than once in the

* See *The Threlkelds of Threlkeld, Yanwath, and Crosby Ravensworth*, *Ante* vol. ix., p. 298.

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actual Melmerby line, I deem it probable they may have been progenitors, but at present this is mere conjecture.

The difficulty of getting an unassailable starting point so far back as I desire is very great. I give in the Appendix (Mis. 5 & 6.) two attempts with which I have been favoured from authentic sources, confirming in some respects my own researches, and indicating in others that more piercing eyes than mine have been foiled in their attempt to penetrate the darkness beyond.

I cannot assent without proof to the identification of a very probable Lancelot of Melmerby (bearing in mind the Lancelot of Mis. 2.) with a Sir Lancelot of Yanwath (Mis. 7.). But abandoning all attempts to identify a generation more remote, I find that Machell, in his Manuscripts preserved at Carlisle, states briefly in a tabular pedigree of the Threlkelds of Melmerby (Mis. 8.), that a certain Humphrey was the father of his successor Christopher, and the existence of this Humphrey and his position in the Pedigree is confirmed beyond doubt by the Post Mortem Inquisition which I quote (Mis. 9.).

Humphrey had brothers and sisters, several of whom I am able to identify. Richard of Cunscliff, Durham, whose Will I append (Wills & Inv. No. 1.), seems to have founded a family which must have lasted for many generations; several names are recorded which appear to be those of descendants. (Mis. 10.) Dying in 1546 we cannot be surprised that Richard was an adherent of the old faith.

(Roland Threlkeld, another brother, seems to have been a remarkable character. Much information regarding him is given in a very fragmentary form in Jefferson's "Leath Ward," in Extracts from communications made by the Rev. Richard Singleton, in the year 1677, when he was Rector of Melmerby, to the Revd. Thomas Machell, which are preserved in the Collections of the latter, to which I shall have frequent occasion to refer. It is there.

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in stated that he had a special antipathy to women, but probably the tradition of this and some other noted eccentricities may have arisen from his celibate and almost monastic life, for it is observable from his Will, which I append (Wills & Inv. 2.), that he continued to adhere to the faith of his youth. He died Rector of Melmerby in Cumberland, Dufton in Westmorland, and Halton in Lancashire. (Mis. 11, 12, & 13.) He had, apparently, been Rector of Salkeld, and certainly Rector of Kirkoswald (Mis. 14.), and subsequently Provost of the College of Kirkoswald and Dacre. (Mis. 15.) All these preferments were in the gift of one or other of the two branches of the Dacre family, with both of which, though they were hostile to each other, the Melmerby Threlkelds were astute enough to maintain friendly relations; indeed, although they seem to have recognized with most gratitude the patronage of the Dacres of the North, Roland was indebted for his preferments both of Kirkoswald and Dacre to the Fiennes family who had carried away with an heiress the ancient Barony of Dacre. But the Melmerby Threlkelds were brought into very close connexion with the Gillesland line, denominated for distinction "Dacres of the North," (whose wealth and power had shortly before this time been recruited by marriage with the heiress of the great Barony of Greystoke,) by the fact that the petty mesne Manor of Gale owed suit and service to the Manor of Melmerby. (Mis. 35.)

The Parsonage House at Melmerby, an account of which I extract from Singleton's letter and place in the Appendix (Mis. 16.), furnishes remarkable illustrations of Roland's devotion and gratitude to his Dacre patron. One figure therein described, the Escallop shell and the ragged staff, no doubt tied together with the Dacre knot, is a well known cognizance of that family, while the Talbot on the other side of the staff refers to the marriage of William, 3rd Baron Dacre, of Gillesland, from 1525 to
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1563, with Elizabeth, daughter of George Talbot, 4th Earl of Shrewsbury.

Roland Threlkeld is said to have been founder of the College of Kirkoswald and Dacre. Its suppression within, comparatively, a few years must have been regarded by him with peculiar feelings of bitterness and indignation, for he must have been a benefactor, if only so far as to convert the Rectory into a fitting habitation for the few priests who were to fulfill the duties; and that this building was secularised is proved by its present existence as the seat of the Fetherstonhaugh family. Roland, however, from his various rectories accumulated, as his Will evidences, a goodly amount of worldly gear.

A sister of Humphrey, Richard, and Roland, named Margaret, became the wife of Thomas Bellasis of Henknoll, Durham, who, it appears, (Mis. 17.) died in 1499, leaving several children, the eldest son being about eleven years old. She afterwards married one Simpson, whom I suppose to have been the Robert Simpson named in a pedigree of Hutton of Hunswicke (Mis. 18.) as of Henknoll; which, if it were he who married the widow, he very likely might be during the minority of the heir. I am much inclined to think after a careful study of the Will of Richard Bellasis, dated Sept. 25th, 1539, and proved July 11th, 1540, and that of his brother Anthony dated Aug. 10, 1552, and proved Sept. 5, of the same year, that Margaret had children by both husbands. The sons, of course, were issue of the first marriage, but I am unable to fix the parentage of the daughters. I would have liked to give the two Wills I mention for they are, especially Anthony's, of great interest and have never been published, but I cannot ask for space for them in a Threlkeld paper. The children I embody in the Pedigree Sheet.

It is remarkable that another sister, named Elizabeth, is only mentioned by her brother Richard, of Cunscliffe, in his

his Will as "Elizabeth Simpson;" she was probably the Wife of a brother of the Simpson just named.

After a minute investigation of the Wills and Inventories of Richard, Roland, Christopher (Wills & Inv. 3.), William of Brough (Wills and Inv. 7.), John of Lazonby (Wills & Inv. 12.), Thomas of Lazonby (Wills & Inv. 13.), and Richard Bellasis, I have placed the names of Emersons, Walleses, and Tallentires as they will be found in the Pedigree Sheet, but I by no means exclude all possibility of error. Lancelot Wallis is a new name for the list of Vicars of Lazonby. Was he the husband of another sister of Roland, and his successor in that parish?

Humphrey, the eldest brother of the preceding, who died in 1526, had, at least, three sons, Christopher, William, and Lancelot, and probably others whom I cannot identify. Lancelot, the youngest, had a son Christopher and other children. From William (Wills & Inv. 7.) there descended a numerous stock, which are illustrated by the Inventory of William of Holm Cultram (Wills & Inv. 8.), the Will of Thomas, Bailiff of Brough (Wills & Inv. 10.), and that of the Revd. Edward Threlkeld, Canon of Hereford (Wills & Inv. 9.). These and other members of the same family were settled at the places I have named, and at Bowness and Beaumont, all in the same locality, enjoying the patronage of the Dacre family, (Mis. 19.); some sharing in the troubles of the Border (Mis. 20.), and some, very naturally, being concerned in the Rising of the North (Mis. 21 & 22.), and in the subsequent brief struggle of Leonard Dacre called "the Dacres Raid." (Mis. 23.) The Canon had a more peaceful and prosperous existence. I abbreviate a notice of him, from a source trustworthy in the main, in the Appendix (Mis. 24.), but I think the statement that he was ever Rector of Greystoke is an error. From my own researches I append three notices of benefices which he enjoyed. (Mis. 25, 26, 27.) I draw special attention to his

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Bondsmen when he compounded for the first fruits of Great Salkeld; the name of Saye suggesting their being members of the Fiennes family to which the Barony of Dacre of the South then appertained. He is said to have resigned the Archdeaconry of Carlisle and, consequently, the associated Rectory of Salkeld, when he became Chancellor of Hereford, but his successor in those appointments, Henry Dethick, is stated to have only entered upon that benefice in 1588, the year of Edward's death. His wife's name is given as Mary Leighton (Mis. 28.); of her I know nothing, but she probably predeceased him as there is no mention of her in his Will.

About the same time appears on the scene a John Threlkeld, certainly belonging to the Melmerby branch and probably to the Brough offshoot, whom, however, I am unable to place in the pedigree. I give all that I have been able to ascertain regarding him in the Appendix (Mis. 29, 30, & 31.), only observing that, in connection with the last of these notices, it is worthy of remark that a certain John Moyses occurs in the list of Vicars of Kirkoswald, 1535, and this would almost surely, the name being so uncommon, indicate relationship. The good positions which Roland and Edward had attained in the Church perhaps induced another member of the family to embark in the same career, but beyond the name I cannot point to any connection of William Threlkeld with his probable relatives. (Mis. 32 & 33.)

Christopher Threlkeld, the eldest son of Humphrey, and brother of William and Lancelot, was Lord of Melmerby for forty-six years, indicating that his father, Humphrey, was young when he died, and this it is not unimportant to observe. Three notices relating to him will be found in the Appendix. (Mis. 34, 35 & 36.) His Will marks very distinctly the transition between the old faith and the new, the bequest to our "Blessed Lady St. Mary and all the holly company of heaven" being written and subsequently
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erased in the original. He relates in it with peculiar indignation how he had bought the Wardship of Henry Bacchus, of course intending to bestow one of his daughters upon that ungrateful young gentleman, but as "he had gone from him and married himself" to a lady of his own choice, he enjoins his executors to "follow the suit as the lawe will" and, in fact, to get as heavy damages as they can. A curious error exists in the Inq. P.M. with regard to the date of his death, for it is therein stated that it took place Jany. 26th 1571^o, whereas he must have died before Aug. 12th, 1569, on which day his personal effects were valued. As the "Rising of the North" did not take place till later in that year Christopher was spared from seeing the ruin of his patron, Leonard Dacre, and of the last chance of the creed of his earlier years, to which, if indeed he ever forsook it, it seems more than probable he cast back a lingering look. His wife is not mentioned in his Will; we may therefore almost certainly conclude that she was dead, and, unfortunately, we do not even know who she was. Christopher left four sons and five daughters, all named in that document; of the latter, the youngest, Margery, was, apparently, the only one married at that time, but to whom we must, at least for the present, remain in ignorance. George, the second son, whom his uncle Roland desired as his successor in the Rectory of Melmerby, in due time filled his place. (Mis. 37.) Christopher is for us a name and, at present, nothing more. Michael is, I think, he of Bristowe, father of that Edward to whom the Rev. Canon Edward Threlkeld left the sum of Ten Pounds "to bind him apprentice to some good occupation," and I also think is the one to whom Machell refers. (Mis. 38.)

John, the eldest son and heir of Christopher, married, some time before 1569, Margaret daughter of John Eden, (Mis. 39.) of Windleston. Six children are named in the Pedigree given in Flower's Visitation (Mis. 40.).

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Two of them are, I think, mentioned in the Will of their maternal Grandfather (Mis. 41.); the John Threlkeld referred to (Mis. 42.) is probably this John. I am disposed to think, after much consideration, that the Michael Threlkeld who died in 1629, and whose Will I append (Wills & Inv. 4.), was a younger son of John and Margery, born subsequent to 1575. The John Threlkeld named in the mere memorandum of an Inquisition, which I think it right to give (Mis. 43.), may not be the lord of Melmerby; indeed, I am disposed to think the latter died previously, because his widow was about this time engaged in building operations. In my Extracts from Singleton, a statement will be noted that Margaret married, as her second husband, the well known Sir Richard Lowther, of Lowther; no evidence of this marriage has ever, hitherto, been published, but Singleton, as Rector of Melmerby, was very likely to know. Sir Richard's first wife, Frances Middleton, was buried at Lowther, Sept. 28, 1597. He does not mention Margaret in his Will, dated Decr. 8, 1607, but it is very brief.

John, the eldest son of the aforesaid John and Margaret, was born before the death of his grandfather, Christopher, in 1569, but I have no exact date with regard to him. His wife was Anne, the daughter, not of William, as Machell states (Mis. 44.), but of John Orrell (Mis. 45.), and the only child named of this marriage was Humphrey, his successor.

This Humphrey married Margaret, daughter of Lancelot Salkeld, of Whitehall (Mis. 46.), by whom he had Lancelot and Ann, and perhaps other children.

I do not know who was Lancelot's wife; indeed I am disposed to think from the wording of his Will that he was twice married; and that of his five daughters the youngest, Margery, bap. March 10, 1663, (Mel. Reg.) was the only child of his second marriage with Katherine, the lady whose surname Singleton is unable to recall (Mis.

(Mis. 47.). His Will (Wills & Inv. 5.) puts us on firm ground.

His eldest daughter, Anne, had married William Thirkeld, who probably had sprung from the same stock, though the spelling of the name had even at that time become fixed differently from that of the Melmerby branch, Lancelot in his Will being careful to mark the distinction. Singleton, in the lengthy gossiping details which he gives with regard to the family and which I append (Mis. 48.), states that he was connected with Brancepath, in Durham; and Mr. Longstaff gives some particulars of a family of that place of which he must have been a member (Mis. 49.): another writer speculates on other possible origins. (Mis. 50.) He is said to have held the Rectory of Melmerby from 1684, the date of the death of Singleton (whose communications I have so often quoted), until 1701, when the name of William Lindsey appears on the list of Rectors of the parish. He probably died at that time but I do not find any record of his burial in the Melmerby Register.

Catherine, the second daughter, had before her father's death become the wife of Richard Studholme, of Wigton, and I believe the last descendant of that name died there within a very few years. Mary, in less than three months after her father's decease, married Thomas Crackenthorpe, Mar. 3, 1673. (Mel. Reg.) A portrait of this lady still exists in the possession of the Rev. Robert Cane Pattenson, now of Southport, the representative through females of this ancient family. There is a curious tradition that as she was passing the church she was seized and married there and then by her impatient lover—possibly she was less taken by surprise than might appear.

Dorothy, the third daughter of Lancelot, espoused Anthony Dale of Durham, by whom she had a son, Lancelot. Anthony was buried at Melmerby, Jany. 13,
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1680 (Mel. Reg.), and she subsequently, as we learn from her Will (Wills & Inv. 6.), became the wife of Thomas Denton, of Sebergham, who died in 1695, and whose first wife was Letitia Vachell. This marriage is not recorded and there were no children of it. Dorothy was buried Oct. 12, 1683. (Mel. Reg.) Curiously enough, Thomas Denton, of Sebergham, the eldest son of the aforesaid Thomas, became the husband of Margery, the youngest daughter of Lancelot, and carried on the Denton line.

William Thirkeld, who married the eldest daughter, Anne, had by right of his wife and by paying off the other sisters, so says Singleton, become Lord of the Manor, but this can scarcely be correct, unless he left it to his wife who, apparently, survived him; because on her death (she was buried March 22, 1707, Mel. Reg.) a general fine was levied on the tenants, for some interesting particulars regarding which I refer to the Appendix. (Mis. 51.) There were three children of this marriage; Lancelot, born Jany. 12th, and baptized Feb. 6, 1672, (Mel. Reg.); and Edward, and Elizabeth—of whose baptisms I find no record. The two sons died within four days of each other; Edward being buried Aug. 26th (Mel. Reg.) and Lancelot Aug. 30th, 1674 Mel. Reg.); and the name, under whatever spelling, became extinct at Melmerby when Elizabeth abandoned it for that of her husband Thomas Pattenson, the patriarch of a new line which existed there till within a very few years.

From the disjointed communications of Singleton I select and combine in one note (Mis. 52.) all that relates to the armorial bearings of the Threlkelds of Melmerby. The length of the extracts is considerable and there is a good deal of repetition, but I venture to insert the whole as much that is therein described has perished, and the record will hereafter be of great value in identifying alliances of the family, upon which, writing in Italy, and being consequently unable to consult heraldic works, I cannot

cannot at present throw light. The explanation of the origin of the Crest is amusing, and characteristic of heraldic legend.

Before closing my notice of this branch of the Threlkelds I must draw attention to the occurrence of the name of a John Threlkeld, some details connected with whom would seem to make him a member of the Yanwath, and others one of the Melmerby family. I append an Extract from the commencement of a Williamson pedigree. (Mis. 53.) Now this was evidently the starting point of the Williamsons becoming a family of any importance. I refer to the Inq. P.M. (Mis. 9 & 36.) where it will be seen that both Humphrey Threlkeld and his successor Christopher had lands at Appulthwaite and Milbeke, the same places where subsequently the Williamsons were seated. Who was this John? And where was Mehere? Which I think is a corruption, the sort of mistake the Heralds were frequently guilty of.

I may be allowed, perhaps, to put in the Appendix (Mis. 54.) a copy of a Pedigree which may have been published in the Staffordshire County Histories. There are no doubt errors in some of the names.

I next refer to the Threlkelds who have any connection with the parish of Lazonby. I append (Wills & Inv. 11.) a translation of an Abstract of the Will of William de Threlkeld, Vicar of Lazonby, which has not been published. This worthy priest, and he may have been better than many of his contemporaries, may have founded a family at Lazonby, but I think the Extract appended with regard to Henry (Mis. 55)., and the Wills of which I give Abstracts (Wills & Inv. 12 & 13). indicate close relationship to the Melmerby line. It will be observed that Richard Bellasis was one of those present when the homicide, or murderer, sought refuge at Durham. Threlkelds continued at Lazonby till a late period.

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There appears to have been a family of the name possessing the Manor of Glenridding, in Patterdale. I give an Inq. P.M. (Mis. 56.) which is the earliest and only notice I find of them except the Wills, abstracts of which I refer to (Wills & Inv. 14, 15, 16, 17, & 18.).

The Threlkelds of Kaybergh, in the parish of Kirkoswald, possess a special interest because from them there sprang Caleb Threlkeld, one of our most noted early Botanists, who has been thought worthy of record by Jonathan Boucher in his "Biographia Cumbriana" in Hutchinson's Cumberland. The Wills which I have of this branch are not early enough to throw light on his parentage, but as a Caleb is mentioned in one of those of which I give Abstracts (Wills & Inv. 19, 20, & 21.) it is sufficiently clear that he was a member of this family.

I append an Abstract of the Will of Lancelot Threlkeld of Little Salkeld, (Wills & Inv. 22.) because I think, from the date and names mentioned, he may have been that Lancelot who was a younger son of Humphrey who died 1526.

One more reference to the Appendix (Mis. 57). gives us the name of a Nicholas Threlkeld, who was concerned in the rising at Kabergh Rigg, for which the leader,——— Atkinson, was hung, drawn, and quartered at Appleby, much to the satisfaction of Ann, Countess of Pembroke and Montgomery. This Kabergh is situated near Kirkby Stephen, and is a different place from the Kabergh in the neighbourhood of Kirkoswald.

And now having followed the fortunes of the Threlkelds through good report and evil report, for as specimens of the latter we have had cases both of rebellion and of homicide, the last year has witnessed a culminating point to which few families attain, in the beatification by the present Pope, Leo Xth, of Richard Threlkeld, in company with Sir Thomas More, Cardinal Fisher and others, for his, so called, Martyrdom in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

APPENDIX.

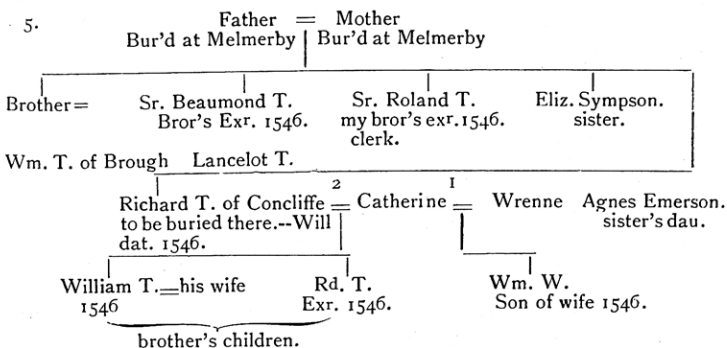
MISCELLANEA.

1. Henricus de Threlkeld et Robertus de Threlkeld Capellani
retinere possint Melmorby Maner, et advoc ecclie 4 Ric. 11.
Inq. ad quod Damnum. P. M. Inq. Vol III., p. 33.

2. Bond of Rowland Thrylkelde and Lancelot Thrylkelde to John
Penyngton Knight to abide by the award of Thomas Abbot of Fur-
ness and other arbitrators dated Oct. 6. 9 Hen. VII (1494).
Historical MS. Comⁿ. (Muncaster MSS.) p. 228.

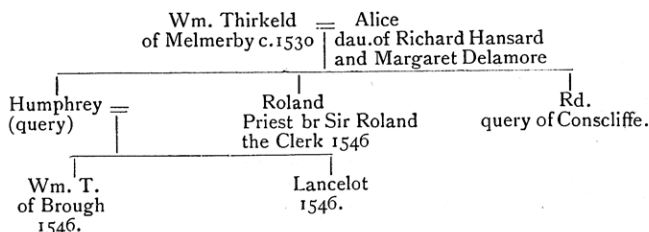
3. Award between Sir John Penyngton Knight and Rowland
Threlkeld and Elena his Wife as to a tenement called Whywnray
Oct. 21. 9 Hen. VII (1494).
Historical MS. Commission. (Muncaster MSS.) p. 228.

4. Roland Threlkeld acquits Thomas Rose de Barweys of all
demands that he has against him 1 Hen. VIII (1509) Aug. 24.
Communicated by Edwd. Bellasis, Esq.



Sir Chas. Young (Garter's) Collⁿ. Coll. of Arms T V. p. 1.

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Ped. of Hansard per Cooke (Clarencieux) Coll. of Arms. A 20, p. 169.

7. In a pedigree of Bellasis it is stated that Margaret Threlkeld was a daughter of a Lancelot Threlkeld of Melmerby, who, it is assumed, was that Sir Lancelot of Yanwath who was certainly one of the escort who accompanied the Princess Margaret when she went to Scotland to become the wife of James IV.

Miscellanea Genealogica, Vol. I., pp. 308-9.

8. Machell MSS. in the possession of the Dean and Chapter of Carlisle, Vol. VI., p. 721.

9. Inq. taken at Penreth co. Cumb. 27 Aug. 18 Hen. 8. (1526) after the death of Humphrey Threlkeld Esq. decd. seised of the manor and advowson of Melmorby in said co. &c. &c.; 24 Messuages, 1 water mill and lands, &c. in that parish; 1 messuage and lands &c. in Blencrake in said co.; 14 messuages and lands &c. in Appulthuyt, Milbeke, and Normanthuyt in said co.; 5 burgages in Graistoke in said co.; 1 messuage and lands &c. in Glassenby in said co.; and 1 messuage with the appurtenances in Ullysby in said co.—Died 20 July last and Christopher Threlkeld is his son and next heir and is aged 30 and more. Geoffry Middyilton Escheator.

Inq. P. M. Calendars, Exchequer Series, 18. Hen. VIII. No. 2.
18 Hen. 8 Humphrey Thirkeld.

Inq. P. M. Calendars, Chancery Series, 18 Hen. VIII. Cum^b. 13.

10. John son of Brian Thirkell bapt. 6 June 1591, Lancelot, son 8 May 1596, Ann daughter of Francis Thirkeld bapt. 8 Dec. 1614, Dorothy, bapt. 16 Nov. 1628, William 14 Aug. 1631, Elizabeth 4 Feb. 1634.

Surtees History of Durham, Vol. III., pp. 381-2.

11. He vacated the Rectory of Dufton by death, 1565. The advowson was the property of the Graistocks and subsequently of the Dacres. Nicolson & Burn's Westmorland, Vol. I. p. 358.

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12. Rolland Threlkeld is said to have been presented to the Rectory of Halton by Sir William Dacre. His successor Ambrose Hicheingham is first named Feb. 15. 13 Eliz. (1571).

Baines' Lancashire.

13. 24 Oct. 34 Hen. VIII. 1542. Rowland Thrylkeld clk. for first fruits of the Rectory of Halton, Richmondshire.—Bond given by Antony Belasses, clk. Dr. of Laws.

First Fruits Composition Books, York.

14. 22 Nov. 31 Hen. VIII. (1539). Rowland Thrikkeld, Kirkoswald Rectory.

First Fruits Composition Books, Calendar only.

15. 22 Nov. 35 Hen. VIII. (1543). Rowland Thrikkeld, clk. compounds for the first fruits of the Rectory and College of Kyrkowswalde and Dacre. Bondsmen, Anthony Belasses clk. Archdeacon of Colchester, and Thomas Andreson of Bisshop Awkeland co. Durham, yeoman.

First Fruits Composition Books, Cumberland.

16. The parsonage house stands at the north side of the towne, and towards the west end thereof, some 80 yards from the church which stands north west, some 60 yards from the Lord's Manour house which stands full west thence, so that these three, the Church, the Lord's Manour house, and the parsonage stand as it were in a triangle.

The building is but meane being two stories high bie that which stands east and west, with its ends from which at the east end thereof ther is another part of it reaching northwards, but one story high, and in which ther is a hall, another little room, and a kitchen.

I take it to have been built by Mr. Rowland Threlkeld abovesaid, and the rather for that in the last chamber thereof, (which is wainscoted over the lintell of the chimney), ther is an R in a carved piece of wainscot, next to that the Maunch with the Trefoil on the top of the Maunch, on the midst ther is cut out an Escallop shell, to which ther is link a talbot, a stoop of an Oak standing between them. Towards the north end ther is that coate in which are three mullets, viz: two and one, and then a T for Threlkeld.

In the south window of the chamber there is painted in glasse the resemblance of an heart, out of which at the top doth arise a flower like a violet, upon which there is a little cross; at each corner of the heart ther is the picture of an hand placed, and towards the lower end of the heart, part of two legs and representing our Saviour his five wounds. This, adorned about with black and white glass,
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and some skie coloured glasse, and about the whole a wreath of yellow glass. In the west window, having two little lights, ther is an R T in yellow glass in each of the lights, and a falcon's head in yellow glasse. In the window towards the north, having two lights, ther's an escallop shell tied to the stump of an Oak, R T in one of them and a falcon's head in the other.

Singleton's Communication.

17. 14, May, Bp. Fox (1500). Inq. taken at Durham after the death of Thomas Belesys. Burgage in Stokton and manor of Henknoll. He died the last of Feb. last, and Richard Belesys is his son and next heir and is aged 11 and more.

Durham Inq. P.M. Portf. 169, No. 55.

18. A pedigree of Hutton of Hunswycke, in a paper on "Stainton in the Street," by W. H. D. Longstaffe.

Archæologia Æliana, Vol. III., p. 89.

19. 1589, 31 Eliz. Survey of manor of Burgh upon the Sands and other manors in the County of Cumberland, made on the attainder of Leonard Dacre, Esq.

Tenentes ad voluntatem secundum consuetudinem Manerii de Burghe.

Burghe, Thomas Threlkeld tenet vnu tentu xxxvi acr. terr. arr. vnde xiiij acr. sunt inclus cum xii acr. terr. pt. et x acr. pastur cu coia pastur infra Manerii pd. et redd p. annu. xlijs

Bowsted Hill infra Maner de Burghe pd. Thomas Threlkeld tenet vnu molendin infra Maneriu de Burghe et redd inde p. ann. lxvijs

Thomas Threlkeld et al tenent cert. terr. Marisc voc Burghe Marishe et Sandis Fieldes coia. p. estimac m^l m^l acr. terr. jacen infra maneriu pd. et reddunt inde p. annu. vi^l x^s iiij^d.

Reddit divers Cottag. infra Maneriu de Burghe pd. Thomas Threlkeld Ball. tenet vnu cottag. et vnu curtilag. et reddat inde p. ann. iiij^d

Tenentes ad voluntatem Dni scdm consuetudin Maner de Beaumonde. John Threlkett tenet vn. tent. xvij acr. terr. arr. ijjes acr. prat. jacen in Beaumond cu. coia. pastur ibm. et redd. inde p. annu. xixs viij^d.

The Fysshenges of Salmo. New Draught. Beaumond. John Threlkeld. xls.

Bowness. Thomas Threlkeld tenet similit. vn cottagiu. ibm et redd. inde p. annu. viij^d.
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The Verdict and Presentment of the Jury of Survey on Leonard Dacre's Attainder. The last name being Thomas Threlkeld Gentleman.

Extracts from Carlisle and Lowther Fishery Cases.

Privately printed.

20. 1548, March 25. Thomas Lord Wharton writes from Carlisle to the Lord Protector. "On my return to Carlisle I commanded all the gentlemen and leaders to give me in writing an account of what men and horses they lacked, and upon that information I wrote to you that there were 176 carriage men and 379 horses taken. The best of those prisoners have not £10 to live upon, and there are but three gentlemen, James Salkelde a younger brother, John Blennerasset leader of the horsemen of the barony of Gillesland, and youngest son of Thomas Blennerasset, and John Threlkeld son of the Bailiff of Burgh; his father also and younger brother all poor men, and taken in a place where they were not commanded to be."

Calendar of State Papers (Green), Addenda, 1547 to 1565, p. 374.

21. 1565, April 18, Wressel Castle. Thomas Earl of Northumberland to Sir William Cecil, Master of Wards and Liveries. "Upon good matter shown before you in court, you awarded that Michael Threlkeld, Christopher Overend &c. should deliver to me all money &c."

State Papers (Green), Addenda, p. 564.

22. Papers found at Dacres House, (Leonard's), 1569 or 1570. She (the Countess of Northumberland) has sent to Richd. Grame and to Michael Trelkelde for all my Lord's guns to furnish your houses which I perceive are yet all safe.

Michael Thirkeld [his (the Earl of Northumberland's) servant] said the Earl of Cumberland was affected towards these causes.

Calendar of State Papers (Green), 1566-1579, pp. 254 and 413.

23. 1574, Feb. 24. John Gower was harboured in Scotland by Geo. Grame, Thos. Wray, Robt. Smelt, and others, and afterwards secretly conveyed in England to John Thirkeld, otherwise Bailiff John at Stonyford near Carlisle, by whom he was delivered to Thos. Laborne in Whinfield Park near Penrith, and thence to Thos. Wray who supports him as an apt instrument for intelligence from the rebels beyond seas.

1574, March 28, Thomas Metcalf examined. Met Thomas Wray at Thirkeld's House near Carlisle on Good Friday after the rebellion. Wray being at Richie Geordie's house sent for him to meet him there
whence

whence all four went to Birkbeck's house at Whinfield where Thirkeld turned back.

Calendar of State Papers (Green), 1566-1579, pp. 457-460.

24. He was born at Burgh by Sands in or about 1526, was educated at Eton, was admitted a scholar of King's College, Cambridge, Aug. 11. 1544, became a fellow 1547, took his B.A. degree 1548, M.A. 1552, and LL.D. 1562. On March 11, 1567, he succeeded George Neville as Archdeacon of Carlisle, with the associated Rectory of great Salkeld. He was noted for his eloquence, and during the superannuation of Bishop Scory exercised Episcopal Jurisdiction at Hereford.

Athenæ Cantabrigienses Vol. II., p. 42.

25. 1 July, 10 Eliz. (1568). Edward Threlkeld, clk. compounds for the first-fruits of the Rectory of Salkeld. Bondsmen, William Saye of Ickenham Co. Midd^x. and Robert Saie of the same, gentlemen.

First Fruits Composition Books, Cumberland.

26. 11 Feb. 14 Eliz. (1571). Edward Threlkeld clk. for the first-fruits of the Prebend of Cublington. Bondsmen, Thomas Willis of Ledburie co. Heref. gent. and Walter Turnor of Washnerswaie in same co. yeoman.

First Fruits Composition Books, Hereford.

27. 5 May, 15 Eliz. (1573). Edward Threlkeld clk. for the first fruits of the Vicarage of Tenbury. Bondmen, Thomas Willis of Ledburie Co. Hereford, gent. and Walter Turnor of Westmorswaie in same co. yeoman.

First Fruits Composition Books, Worcester.

28. Notes and Queries, 2nd S., Vol. VI., pp. 148-9.

29. 10 Nov. 1563 (?). John Thirkeld instituted to Rectory of Beeston, next Mileham, on presentation of Sir Thomas Gresham Knt. died 11 Apr. 1602, buried in the church.

Curthew's History of Launditch Hundred, Norfolk, Pt. 2, p. 382.

30. 17 Feb^y. 10 Eliz. (1567). John Threlkeld clk for the first fruits of the Rectory of Beston. Bondsmen, George Thimblethorp of Holesham co. Norfolk. gent. and Thomas Nyxson of Burroghe co. Suff. Yeoman.

First Fruits Composition Books, Norfolk.

31. Bill (not dated) by John Threlkeld, clk. Parson of Beston co. Norf. Rowland Threlkeld brother of your orator having been seised of 2 messuages and 30 acres of land meadow and pasture in Melmbye

co,

co. Cumb. devised the same to your orator by will for his life and died seised 18 years ago at which time your orator was a minor aged about 16. Agnes Moyses wife of the said Rowland had the will in her keeping, and she and Elizabeth Threlkeld her daughter and one John Watson alias Smyth immediately after the death of the said Rowland entered into the premises and have since taken the profits thereof.

Answers (not dated) of John Watson alias Smythe and Agnes Moyses, defendants. Watson says that one Rowland Threlkeld, Parson of Melmerby, who had 1 messuage and certain lands, parcel of the 2 messuages and 30 acres of land &c. mentioned in the bill, mortgaged to him by the said Rowland the testator, mortgaged the same to him the said Watson alias Smythe. Isabel Threlkeld, daughter and heir of the said Rowland Threlkeld the testator, paid him (Watson) his claim upon this property about 26 Sept. last, and she is now seised thereof. Agnes Moyses says she holds only 1 close of land called Redcastle, by estimation 6 acres or thereabouts, parcel of the premises mentioned in the bill and that she holds this as her right for her dower.

Chancery Bills and Answers Temp. Eliz. Printed Calendars T.t. 7-13.

(Depositions in the suit, if any were taken, do not seem to be preserved).

32. East. 1 and 2 P. and M. (1554-5). William Threlkeld *v* George Stonard, Glebe lands of Vicarage of Steeple, Essex.

Chancery Town Depositions.

33. "Where matter in variance hath long depended in this honourable Court of Chancery" between William Threlkeld clk Vicar of Steeple co. Essex complainant, & George Stonard of Loughton in said co. Esq. lord of the manor of Steeple defendant, concerning 10 acres of land in Steeple aforesaid alleged by the complainant to be part of his glebe lands.

Chancery Enrolled Decrees, Dur. I., Pt. 6. No. 38.

34. Christopher Threlkeld, of Melmerby Gent. Richard, Abbot of Shap, Thomas Dudley and William Pykryng Esquyers, chosen arbitrators in a dispute between Guy Machell and Hugh Machell, 23 Hen. VIII (1532) Aug. 7th.

Communicated by Edward Bellasis, Esq., Lancaster Herald.

35. "A Christopher Threlkeld came to be heir about the 18 Hen. VIII (as I perceive by a copy of a Court Roll) and continued Lord of the said Manor all his reign and Edward VI and Queen Maries if not longer and as it appeareth by the Court Rolls held yearly Court there.

At

At which Court William Dacre Miles Dns de Dacre and Graisstock either did or was to answer or appeare (on account of his property of Gale) who came to his estate about the same time. This Christopher's predecessor (whether father or brother I cannot tell) had kept a Court in the 17th Hen. VIII by the name of Humphrey Threlkeld Esq. and noe higher can I trace the familie by ought I have yet seen."

Singleton's Communication.

36. 3 March, 13 Eliz. (1570). Inq. taken at Newchurche within the forest of Westwarde co. Cumb. after the death of Christopher Threlkelde Esq. decd. Seised of the manor and advowson of Melmerbie in said co. &c. and 1 water mill and lands &c. with the appurtenances in that parish; 1 messuage and lands in Blencraike in said co.; 20 messuages and lands &c. in Appelthwate Myllebeck and Manthwate in said co.; 1 messuage and lands in Glasanbie in said co.; and 1 messuage in Ullysbie in said co. He died 26 Jan. 13 Eliz. and John Threlkeld is his son and next heir and was then aged 28 and more.

Inq. P.M. Calendars Chancery Series, 13 Eliz. Part I., No. 7.

37. 5 Feb. 16 Eliz. (1573). George Threlkeld, clk. for the first fruits of the Rectory of Melmerbie. Bondsmen, the said George, Michael Threlkeld of Melmerbie, co. Cumb. Esq. and William Allanbie of Allanbie in same co. gent.

First Fruits Composition Books, Cumberland.

38. "There is one of the collateral line yet extant viz: John the son of John the son of Michael a younger brother to the John formerly mentioned and hath both sons and daughters but I know not how many."

Machell MSS., Vol. VI., p. 721.

39. "This sonn John the former was the son of Christopher he married Margery Eden one of the Edens in Bishoprick. She was called "faire Margery" and was left a widdow and married to Lowther of after . Ther is also a piece of a Hall belonging to the Lord which stands to the east of the parsonage some 20 yards from it which was begun by a widdow of that family whom Sir Richard Louthor of Louthor Hall in the meantime married by reason whereof it was never finished and the more so that the mason who should have built it drowned himself in the river Eden whose name was Peebles."

Singleton's Communication.

40. John Threlkeld of Mellmerbye married Margaret daughter of John Eden and Elizabeth daughter of William Lampton of Bellasis. They had John, Rowland, Henry, Bridgett, Margaret and Maria.

Flower's Visitation of Durham, 1575, p. 12.

41. Will of John Eden of Windleston dated May 11, 1588. He was buried at St. Andrews, Auckland, May 21, 1588. "To Margaret Eden my daughter one reede cowe and her calf, and whereas I have maid a lease of xxi yeres of Windleston Miln and my said daughter in full satisfaction of her childe's porcion, my will is that my brother Robert have the keeping of the said lease and the said milne to lett and sett to the greatest benefitt of my said daughter. Mastris Margerie Threlkeld, Mastris Bridget Threlkeld and other Witnesses."

Surtees Socy., Vol.

Durham Wills, Vol. II., p. 327-8.

42. John Threlkeld Gentyman is a Witness to the Will of Lancelot Threlkeld of Lytyll Salkeld dated 1567.

43. 39 Eliz. (1597-8). John Threlkeld, Cumb.

Inq. P.M. Calendars, Chancery Series, Part 2, No. 11.

44. Machell MSS. Sheet Pedigree, Vol. VI., p. 721.

45. In one of my pedigrees of Orrell, Agnes (which is generally the same as Anne at that date), daughter of John Orrell of Turton Esq. by his second wife Elizabeth Butler, is married to John Thyrrkill of Mellorby, County Cumberland. John Orrell's Will made May 10th, 1581, was proved at Chester July 20th in that year. He was a Roman Catholic as clearly appears by his Will. He names none of his daughters but some of them were then married. His wife's Will is dated Jan. 23, 1607⁶ but she does not name her daughter Agnes or Anne Threlkeld at all.

Communicated by J. P. Earwaker, Esq., F.S.A.

46. Machell MSS. Sheet Pedigree, Vol. VI., p. 721.

47. "This Lancelot was the sole heir male of Humphrey and married Kat. daughter of Rich. Wh of Alston Mooryeate. She is yet living. Humphrey was the son of John and married Margaret daughter of Lancelot Salkeld of Whitehall Esq. John was the son of John and married Ann daughter of William Orrell of Lancaster Esq. I have often heard this Lancelot in his merry mood say his family derived themselves from Sir Lancelot duc Lac one of Arthur his Knights."

Singleton's Communication.

48.

48. "Your friend Mr. John Pattenson is Steward of the Court of William Thirkeld and can perhaps better inform you than I can only 'tis not amiss I let you understand the ancient family of the Threlkelds is now extinct as to the male line thereof a collateral fee Lord William Thirkeld (for soe he writes his name) is now Curator at Brancepeth neer Duresme and comes to his estate partly by purchase and partly by marrying Anne the eldest daughter and one of the coheirs of Lancelot Threlkeld Esq. deceased some three years the last William was no way related to the former familie tho' his ancestors bore the same name yett is he (I assure you) a Lord and not a Laird and soe called not onlie bye his Tenants but the whole countrie And his wife the young lady is one of the Viragoes of our age and posseseth the Spirit as well as the Estate of her warlike ancestors. Mr. Richard Studholme of Wigdon in the west part of your country hath married Katherine the second daughter of the said Lancelott who is a gentleman of an ancient familie and well accomplished Mr. Thomas Crackenthorpe a younger brother of the house of Newbiggen hath married Mary the third daughter of the said Lancelott Mr. Anthony Dale Junior and Laird in Duresme hath married Dorothy the fourth daughter of the said Lancelott and the youngest called Margery is yet to be married and at your service."

Singleton's Communication.

49. *Archæologia Æliana*, New Series, Vol. III., pp. 99-100.

50. It has been suggested that he might be the William Threlkeld who was Vicar of Bishopton in Durham from 1681 to 1686, or another William who was son and heir of Edward Thirkeld of Durham Gent. and younger brother of Anthony Threlkeld of Dale? who entered his pedigree in 1665 (Dugdale's Durham Visitation). The eldest son was at that time eighteen years of age.

E.H.A. Notes and Queries, 2nd S., Vol. VI., pp. 148-9.

51. There were 24 Freeholders in the Manor of Melmerby who paid in the aggregate an annual rent of 10/1. The Customary Tenants were 47 in number; Thomas Maugham's (note the name in connexion with that of the other manor) rent of 16/4 was the highest, and Thomas Boults of 4d the lowest, the total amounted to £9 7 10. 22 of the Tenants were liable for 23 days ploughing and 39 had to present 44 hens yearly. The Fine on the death of Mrs. Anne, the Lady of the Manor, amounted to £257 19 0; the maximum was levied on the property of Thomas Maugham and the minimum of 10/- on that of Thomas Boults.

The

The adjacent Manor of Maughanby had no Freeholders and apparently none of the tenants were liable for boon ploughings or hen payments. There were 12 Customary Tenants, the highest rent of 8/- being paid by Joseph Parsivall and the lowest 2d. by Jonathan Hodgson. The total Fine levied on the death of the Lady was £35. 6. 8. Communicated by the Rev. Robert Cane Pattenson.

52. "The old Tower of Melmerby Hall has a shield upon the battlement with a Maunch upon it and some distinction upon it not decipherable now.

Over the door of the new building which was erected by Lancelot Threlkeld the last of the Family in 1655 as appears by the figures on the stone thus:—1 A Maunch charged with a Trefoil coupé, 2 A Cross engrailed, 3 A Mullet of five points, 4 A Cross between 3 Cocks, over all on a a Tower and a lady looking out. At the bottom the motto *Pie Repone Te*.

In the Hall Window are two Coats of Arms which show the colours, 1 Argent a Maunch gules charged with a Pear of the first, 2 Argent a Maunch Gules charged with a Trefoil impaling two Cocks or Cornish Choughs. As also another which hangs upon vellum and looks pretty old which is quarterly 1 Argent 2 and 3 blank in original 4 Argent a Crossbow between 3 Cocks (otherwise than they are in the glass) beaked comb'd wattled lim'd and armed gules. At the head of the door of the New Hall which looketh towards the North there is a lintel of five or six quarters long on which are set three coates with the yeare of our L^d God on it as (in the original the whole is rudely drawn but I insert the description in my own language). In the centre on a shield A Maunch impaling a Chevron between 3 Garbs. On the left side a shield charged with a Maunch and on the right side a third shield charged with a Chevron between 3 Garbs; between the shield to the extreme left and the middle and larger one the figures 15 with M below, and between the middle one and the one to the right the figures 97 with T below (and now to revert to the language of the original), By this I presume these garbs belong to the family of the Edens. Upon the north wall (I think of the North Aisle) of the church are four Coats of Arms in an Escutcheon A shield quarterly. 1. The Coat of the Threlkelds of which hereafter. 2. A Cross Sable engrailed. 3. A Chevron between three great Wheat Sheaves as we call them in Heraldry Garbes. 4. A Crossbow Sable between 5 black Cocks Proper, the field I take it should be Or. This is I believe the Coat of Arms of the Highmoors of Ousebrig. On the head of the Escutcheon of four Coats stands an helmet wreathed upon which a turret and a maid with her hair dishevelled

dishevelled looking over it. Near the Vestry door there is a Coat of Arms but unless it be the Coat of the Threlkelds we cannot tell what it is. The window at the east end of the Quire hath three lights. In the middlemost towards the top there is yet to be seen A Coat of the Threlkelds in its Colours. A Maunch Gules in a field Argent and in the midst of the uppermost part of the Maunch there is I take it a Trefoil. Between the Altar or Communion Table and the south wall at the upper end of the quire there is cut out and joined together two Coats of Arms, the first the Coat of the Threlkelds, the other hath three Mulletts or spur rowells as we corruptly call them the field gules. In the light next the door on the south side of the Church there is a Coat of the Threlkelds impaling Highmoores painted in the glass viz: 1. Argent a Maunch Gules charged with a trefoyle of the first, 2. Argent a Crossbow between 3 Cocks sable.

Above these Coates there is another Coat seems to be very ancient. In the midst of a field gules a Cinquefoil between seven Crosses fitchee or. In the third light are some reliques of these ancient Coates as thus, the uppermost is a curious coat the field or and the bearing six things gules three, two and one, they are Eaglets. Under it there are two coates or part of two coates; the first a (Cross or rather) Saltier gules charged with 5 little Crosses or in a field argent thus nor can I describe the second whereof ther is but part left.

The third light has had three coates depicted on it. One at the top which has been Or six Eaglets. Volant gules and two underneath Argent a Saltier gules charged with five cross crosslets or impaling sable three covered cups argent which belong to the Warcops 3 as it appears by the has been Three Greyhounds courant argent which are Machells of Crackenthorpe impaling Warcops."

The tradition with regard to the Crest of the Threlkelds is as follows: "There was a young lady and heiress called Ann de Melmerby sometime courted by two valiant Knights the one a Turke and the other a Christian (no less than a Knight of King Arthur's Round Table Sir Lancelot du Lake) who fighting with and vanquishing the Turke in the Courts before the Tower from which she looked, and marrying the Lady thence took the sirname of Turkild whence corruptly Thirkild and Threlkeld And for his Crist the Lady looking down from the Tower. I am very apt to believe that there is something of truth in the fable and that some of the Threlkelds might fight with his rival for the Heiress of Melmerby or rescue her by stelh or otherwise out of this Tower where perhaps she being an Heiress was confined and secreted and in memory hereof might assume that crest with the motto now used Pie Repone Te."

Singleton's Communication.
Sir

53. Sir Lancelott Thirkeld=
 Sir Lancelott Thirkeld Knt. John Thirkeld=Elizabeth
 of Mehre | dau. & heire of Thos. Hanford.
 John Williamson=Elizabeth
 of Mylbeck in Com. Cumb. | dau. & heire of John Thirkeld of | of Com. Cumb.

St. George's Visitation of Cumberland 1615.

54.

Robert Thirkell=
of Yenworth

Rowland = Rose Sir Lawrence Threlkeld
who first came into Staffordshire dau. of John Myers of Yenworth, Knt.

John =
of Smallwood dau. of John Poole of Parlington, Derby.

John = Elizabeth
of Smallwood dau. to Swynerton of Swynerton.

John = Joanne
of Smallwood dau. to Sir Lewis Bagot.

Ellen = Rowland Rugeley
da. & heire of Shenton & Smallwood.

Rawlinson MSS., Bodleian Library, B. 417, 6^b.

55. CLXXXVI. Ad Ecclesiam Cath. Dunelm. venit quidam Henricus Thirlekelt de Lasynby in Com. Cumbriæ v Novembris MDXV. et peciit immunitatem pro eo quod xxi Octobris ultimo præterito apud Lasynby prædictum quendum Willielmum Pyxson cum uno le dager in pectore mortaliter percussit in qum incontinenter obiit Pro quam immunitatem peciit Presentibus Ricardo Ballacis generoso, Henrico Fetherstonhaugh literato et aliis.

Surtees Socy. Vol. v. Sanctuarium Dunelmense, p. 70.

56. 12 Jany. 15 Eliz. (1572). Inq. taken at Kirkbye Kendall co. Westmoreland after the death of Lancelot Threlkeld Gent. dec^d. On the day of his death he was seised in his demesne as of fee of the Manor of Glenryddinge with its members and appurtenances in Patterdall in said Co. and of the right of fishing in the water of Ulsewater in

in said Co. His will as Lancelot Threlkeld of Patterdall Gent; dated 29 Sept. 1571. Dorothy his wife then enceinte. He died 30 Sept. last, and Richard Threlkeld is his son and next heir and was then aged 10 and more.

Inq. P. M. Calendars, Chancery Series, No. 193.

57. Nicholas Threlkeld was one of the company who met at Kaberrigg, according to the proceedings taken before Sir Philip Musgrave, Sir John Dalston, Richard Brathwaite, Robert Hilton and Edmund Nevinson Esqrs. Oct. 22, 1663.

Surtees Society Vol. xl. Depositions from the Castle of York, p. 104.

WILLS AND INVENTORIES.

Will of Richard Threlkeld of Conscliffe 1546.

In die nomen. Amen, the IX Day of maye in the yere of our lorde a thousand fyve hundreth fortye and sex. I Richeird Threlkeld of consclif in the countye of Durisme of good mynd and halle of remembrance Ordynith and makes my last Will in manor followinge first I gif and bequeste my sowlle to god Almighty the blisside Vrgyn sainte marye And to all the hollye companye in hevyn to pray for me. My bodye I bequeithe to be buried within the pische church of consclif afore the crucifix with my mortuare Dewe by the Kinges Mate lawes Accustomed. Also I gif vnto the warkes and repacons of the said church Also I gif and bequestes unto the poor householders of Ou'consle and nether consle XXs. to be Disposed by the Discrecon of my mynisters. Also I gif and bequestes vnto the warkes and buyldinge of the church of melmorby wher my father and mother lyes XXs. Also I gif and leggit to a honeste prest to singe a twelmonthe for my sowlle and my good frenndes iiij li. Also I gif and bequest vnto my sonn William his wif and his childer to bringe them vpe of xiiij li. vjs. viij d. Also I gif and bequestes vnto my frindes and Kynsfolkes William Threlkeld, Xpofer Threlkeld, Agnes Newtonn Amonges them equely to be Devidite by the Discrecon of my mynestor. Also I gif and to every servand that servie me at consle and Whitwell viij d. a pese over and besides ther wages. Also I gif to Willm Threlkeld of burgh and lanslote Threlkeld my brother childer ether of them vj s. viij d. Also I gif to Agnes emerson my sister Dowghter iij s. iiij d. Also I gif vnto my lovyngemayster Thomas Dacre my lordes sonn for a remembrance a ryall. Also I gif vnto my godsonn Richard bellas xs. Also I gif and leggett vnto Richeird my sonn all my housholde stuf remanyng the tyme of my marreage with Catheren my Wif soo as my said Wif maye have the vsage of the same Duringe her Wedohed. Allsoo I gif vnto George Warcope my louyngemayster for a remembrance xs. Also I gif vnto Willm Wren my wifes sonn and Willm Cornforthe ether of them ij quye. Also I gif to Godfray muncastor j quye by the Discrecon of my mynistor. Also I gif vnto my sister elsaabeth symponn a

Angell

Angell for a tokinn. Provyditt all wayse that in caise my wyf be with childe, that the same haue accordinge to right porcone naturall with my sonn Richerd of my goodes. And if it fortonne as god Defend that they or other of them Depte or they come to yerres of Discrecon then I will that my brother SirRoland Threlkeld with the aduise of Catheren my wif if she be unemareyd Dispose ther porcons for the well of my sawlle And helpinge my sones Willm childr. and other my pore frenndes as they think most nedfull by ther Discrecons. The residue of my goodes my Dettes paid and my legetes I gif and bequestes vnto my brother Sir Rolannd Threlkeld clarke Catheryn my Wife and Richerd my sonn Whoyme I ordynn and constitute my executors to Dyspose for the well of my sawlle as shal be seyme to them. Thes be the Whitnese Sir Henry Plumer my curat Vicar of conslce John gibson and John emerson Wt

Will of Roland Threlkeld 1565.

In dei noie Amen. The XXXt day of June in the yer of our lord God a thousand fyve hundreth thre score and fyve I Roland Threlkeld clark pson of Melmerby in the county of coumbland W'hin the dioses of Carlell of hole mynd and in pfyte remembranc yet nevrtheles cosydering this Transatorie warld and the of the same ordeneth and mayketh this my Last Will and Testament in manr & forme folowyng Ffirst I geve and bequeth my soull to Almyghty God my maker redemr besechyng the blyssyd Vyrgen Marye and all the holly copany of heven to pray for me and my boyd to be buried wthin the quere of the pysh church of Melmeby ner to the ashes? of my father & mother wth such adornamentts as I have ordayned for the mantenance of the servys of God wthin the same church And also I geve & bequeth to the poore people of the pyshes of Melmoby Dufton & Halton to evy one of the same pyshes thre pounds to be dystributyd for the health of my Sowle wth the advyse & Counsell of the curatt church Wardens & balyfe of evy of the said pyshes accordyng to ther dyscrecon to them yt most ned yt Also I geve & bequeth to the poore people of the pyshyng of Kirkoswald xls And to the poore people of the pyshyng of laysonby xxs And the poore people of huonsonby Wynscale Robbe and farmanby xxs And to the poore people of gamlysbye xxs to be dystributed as is aforesaid And also I geve to the Curatt of Melmoby xls to the Curatt of Dufton xls to the Curatt of Halton xls to pray for my Sowle Also I geve to my nephe Xhopher Threlkeld one Ryng of Gold for a tokyng and two old Ryalls of gold lykewyse I geve unto John Threlkeld his eldest son one Cuppe of Sylver and Pcell gylted with a covr & to his wyfe xxs also I geve unto George Threlkeld his Brother of the said John serteyn Implementts of houshold as planely shall appere in one Sedall Subscribed wth my hand unto this psent Will annexed Also I geve to Xhopher Threlkeld his brother xls towards his exibicion at the Unyvisyte Also I geve there four Systrs evy one of them xxs Also I geve to Wellm Threlkeld of home xxs And to Thomas and John his brothers ather of them xs & to ther syst xxs Also I geve to Lancelot Threlkeld my Brother son for the helpinge of his chyl-dren iiij lb. Also I geve to of nyne Kyrkes? xxs and to his son Matthew xs and to his systr at Newcastle xs Also I geve to Essabell the Wyfe of Geffray Thomson xls and to Grace, Elenor and Jenet his Daughters evy one of them xxs Also I geve to Ryc Walles my systr son and to his Wyfe for helpinge of the chydre iiij lb and to Mrgat his Dowtr xxs Also I geve to the wyfe of Willm

Willm Talentyr my sistr dowghtr xls and to ethr of his sonnes at the Unyvrsyte xls Also I geve to the wyfe of Leonard Chardeu ? my cusen xx shepe two Kye and xxs in money for helping of his chylder Also I geve to Richard Threlkeld my Brothers son of Cunslyfe all the Lands and Tenements wch I have purchasyd in Wyndystone, Cunslyfe & Barnard Castell and also of my hown Goods I purchased the said lands wth all manr of Evydences Charters and mynamentts belonging to the same and to have and to hold all the said lands and Tenementts wyth the Appurtenances unto the said Rychard Threlkeld and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begottyne for ea of the chefe Lord of the fee by the servys thereof Ryght and dues accustomed and for default of such Issue Male then all the said lands and tenements to remane dessend & come unto Willm Threlkeld Brother of the sayd Rychard and to the heres male of his body lawfully begotteng And for default of such yssue male then all the forsaid Lands and tenementts wth ther appurtenances to remane dyssend and come unto Xpoffer Threlkeld of Melmerby esquier and his ryght heres for ever Also I geve to the said Rycherd Threlkeld my brother son xx marks in mony Towards his exibycio at the scole Also I geve unto Roland bowman and Elsabethe his systr to ether of them xls over and besydes iij lb vi s viij wych ther father howeth me wych I geve to them two accordynlye Also I geve to Willm Threlkeld my cusin of Cunslyfe aforesaid iij lb and to his son Rycherd xls towards his exibycio at the scole Also I geve and bequethe to evry one of my Sarvants as hereaft generally foloweth to Roland Walles xls To Thomas Pottr xls To John benson xls to Robart Dunsforth? xls to Rynd housby. xxs To Jenken Hall xs to Matthew Cowlle xxs And to evry one of my other servantts not named over and besydes ther wages v.s Also I geve to John Emrson xxs to his son Roland my godson xxs To John Wylson my cusin Towards his exibicio att the scole xls and to Robert Hetherinton xls Also I geve to Willm Emrson xls to his son Robart xxs To Roland Threlkeld my godson xxs Also I geve to Xyofer Gyll for brenging upe his two dowghtrs my cusingts Ether of them xxs And to Thomas Bowman xxs over and besydes other mony wyche he borowed of me to Xyofer Gyll xxs to Thomas Braythwatt xls To Xyoffer Threlkeld, Lancelotts son xls Also I will that all my Legaces aforesaid be tayken of my holle goods moveabil and unmoveabil as shall appere by a inventory and Debytorye maid estemyd and subscribed wth my same hand And forther I make and costytute my executors of this my last Will and Testament That is to saye Rycherd Threlkeld my Brothers son Mr Lancelot Walles Vycar of Lazonbye and Mr Richard Talentyre whom I mayke to have ffull power to dyspose all my goods for the furthfyllinge of my Will and for the healthe of my Soule and helpynge of my porest ken as shall be sene to them tayken for there panes evry one of them fyve pounds a pece over and besyds there ordinary costs and charges Also I will that my said Executors shall bring me honestlie furthe and mayke a honest dynr ffor my ffrends and for the poore people wth meate and drink at the Day of my Buryall Also I will request & desire my Worshypful Cusing Sr Willm Relyff to be supvysor of this my last Will and to give his counsell and Ade to my executors yf they nede for furthfullyng of the same for the love that hayth Bene betwext his father his uncle and me

p me Roland
Threlkeld

Wytnesses hereof Andre Saukeld Roland

Willm Mawghtson

John Benson Cho. Gyll wth others

I geve in my last Wyll unto my cusyng George Threlkeld who I trust by the grace of God shall be pson of Melmerby afr me certeyne Implements wyche I wyll that my executors shall leve hym to remane in the psonage of Melmerby as here after folowythe that is to say

in my chambr ovr the buttye

A wheale bead a fether bed a bostr a payr of blankets a payr of shetts a coveyng In the same chambr a standyng bed carvyd and a closse presse of wanescot In my studye With the deske therein And certen boukes thatt is to saye and the wth lok and key upon both

In the new chambr

A standyng bed wthowt cloythes a cubbart
upon the dore a loyke and a key

In the buttr

dyvse shelves as there standythe and on
the dore a lock and key

In the new lardr

Itm two grate fatts a dressynboard wth loyke and key

In the Hall

Two bords two forms wth as they stand a
lyttell cubbard a Cruke a bar of Iron to hang a croke on

In the Kytchyng

Two dryssing bowrd a brasse pot a pan a dosyn old Vessells

In the Brew House

A lead a masfat a wort trough a gyle fat

in the backe howse

A Tinn for bowlyng a wth a locke and
key for ether dore

This I will be delyvered unto him upon that covenant that he
trowbill not my Executors for no delapedacios
p me Rolande Threlkeld

A trew inventorie of all such goods moveaball and unmoveaball Layttly ptenyng unto Roland Threlkeld clarek pson of Melmeby prasad by fower sworne men Thatt is to say George Dyckson John persyvell Willm swaynbanke & Gawyne tyckell the VII day of September An Dni 1565 as hereafr ptyculerly folowyth

Inpmis

Itm in Gold	xvii lb
„ in monye	xviiij lb
„ one whyte horse	xl s
„ one gray nag	xxxvi s viij d
„ one gray mere	xx s
„ one bay mere	x s
„ one old horse	ii s

Itm

Itm ix Kye	vij lb vi s viij d
„ viij Oxen	ix lb
„ two stotts	xxvi s viii d
„ two young notts	xx s
„ thre	xv s
„ One why at	vii s
„ in Hawl ? more iij Kye & iii caulves	xl s vii d
„ iij younge nott there	xviij s
„ at	
„ xlxxx wethers at iis & vijjd a pec } ?	xxvi lb xiii s iij d
„ vxx & xi lames att xvid a pec }	iiij lb xvi s
„ in Wolle lv stone at vis a stone	xvi lb x s

in platt

„ One standing pec of Sylvr Dubbill gylt wth a covr one sylvr Sawelt wth a covr One drenkig pott, pcell gylt wth a covr 11 sylvr pews ? One chales & viii sylvr spownes	lviij lbs
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in his hawen chamer

Item a fether bed, a bostr, a payre of shetts, a payre of blankets, a covreng	xx s
„ A nother fether bed, a bostr a payre of shetts and a covringe	x s
„ A chest in his stody	v s
„ A deske wth draw lockers.	vi s
„ A nother deske	xx d
„ One lytill cubburde	iiij s iiij d
„ v long gownes 11 short gones iij jackets a cloke iij dublyts & iii payre of hose in the new chambr	v lb
„ One fether bede wth gere belongyng unto it	xx s
„ One carvyd cubord	x s
„ One carpent for a tabill	ij s
„ A chest	iiij s iiij d
„ One tabill wth two lekes and a grene clayth on it	iiij s iiij d
„ another chest	ii s viij d

in Sr Edwards chambr

„ a fether bed a bostr a payr of shetts & two covr clothes	x s
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in the halle

„ ij bourds ij formes, one chare one cub- bourd ij hangings and a carpencloth one buffet viii quyshings	xiiij s iiij d
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in the law lofte

„ A fether bed a bost a payre of shetts a covecloth	vis viij d
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in a chambr behind ye hall-dore
 Itm A fether bed a bostr a payre of shetts and }
 a covrclothe and a covringe } xii s
 „ two chests in the chambr v s iiij d

in a chamber in ye stabill
 „ one materes a bostr a payre of shetts and a
 covert cloyth v s

in the Madyngs chamber
 „ One matteres a bostr a payre of shetts a covrcloyth iiij s

in the ophouse
 „ two payre of shetts 3 happers v s

in the brow howse
 „ A Lead a mashe fat a gyle fatt & a lytell fatt xl s
 „ two Kytts iiij d

in the larder
 „ two greate fatts one lesser a long fatt for fyshe,
 a chest xx s

in the buttery
 „ iiij bourd cloythes ii cubbercloyes iiiij dyap
 Napkins, ii diap towels ix s
 „ iii stands iii s
 „ One blythr & v potts xii d
 „ iii trusles vi d
 „ One old xx d

In the Kychen xviii platers xvi dysshes
 „ v sawers iiij pottagers & xii platts xl s
 „ iiij platers ii basons a weshenge basyng & a stand-
 ing pot of pudr? x s
 „ v candylstyches xx d
 „ iiij brase potts iii possetts one chamber one
 shavyn chaffer xxij s iiij d
 „ v pannes one chaffen dyshe one scom? v s
 „ one Kitcheng Iron, one cockell pan
 „ i fryeng pann ii payre of tongs i and Iron i brandreth
 & one flesh croke iij s iiij d
 „ iii Spets and i lytell spet vi s viij d
 „ iii Crokes a bar of Iron to hyng them on one
 morter & a pestell iii s

In husbandre gere
 „ iii gavelocks ii Iron Melles, one mattoke ii peckes
 ii one axe, one flesh axe ii gart
 spads ii turfe spads, one chessell iij wombils vi
 tennes? a cuttr a pecke ii a peny nales of
 Iron ii one great saw & a
 saw xxxi s viij d

Itm

Itm two payre of wane whelles a payre of wane rustis	
ii	ii plowes a plowband of Iron
iiij powkes & iiij whele cartts	xvi s
„ ii bushells of malt	xx s
„ vii steckes, one wyndcloythe & xv yards of	
Webbe	vi s viij d
„ in corne uppon ye ground in	
othr by estymacio	v lb vi s viij d
„ in corne at Robartby in	
and othr by estymacio	xlvi s viij d
„ in hay	xl s
„ v swyne	xii s
Sma total	clxxxiiij lb iiij s x d

Endorsed "Testamentum et Inventarium Rowlandi Threlkeld cici nup Rectoris de Melmerby pbat apud Carliul tertio die mensis Octobris 1565."

Will of Christopher Threlkeld of Melmerby, 1569.

In dei noie Amen the vijth day of July A^o dni 1569 and in ye xith yere of the reigne of or sovereigne ladye Elizabeth by ye grace of God of England Ffrance and Erland quene defender of ye faithe &c I Xrofer Threlkelde of Melmebie in ye County of Cumberland Esquier hole of body and pfighte in Remembrans thanks be to God almighty do make this my psent testament and laste Will Revoking all other former Willes by me made before ye making of this my psent testament & laste Will wch at this time I make & ordeyne in maner and forme following Fyrste I geve and comende my sowle unto Almighty God my maker & redemer by whome I was created to or blessed lady St Mary and to all ye holly company of heaven & my body to be buried wthin ye churche of Melmebie aforesaid nighe unto where as my Wiff doth lye Wth my mortuaries & other dewties belonging unto holly churche Also I geve and bequethe by this my psent testament & laste Will to George Threlkelde & Xrofer Threlkelde my sonnes landes and tenements of ye yerely valeiue of foure pounds yt is to either of them for terme of ther liffes natural & to ye longer lyver of them landes and tenements of the yerely value of forty shillings set lyeing & being in Melmebie Marzonbie & Glassingby as by a dede of gifte ready to be showed it doth appere also I geve George Threlkelde my myddell sonne ye advowson of ye churche of Melmebie & he to be wt ye grace of God pson of ye same Also I geve and bequethe by this my laste Will & testament to my doughter Ffrances fferty pounds towards her marriage And to my doughter Anne tenne pounds to be tacon of my hole godes if the same may closely extende unto and if not I Will that twenty Pounds be tacon of Thomas Willmson's farmalde for ye fulfilling of this my last Will & testament and if yt fortune yt either of my said doughters Anne or Ffrances to die or dept from this transytory worlde before they come to helpe after my dpture that then hir porcion to be devided amongst ye other of my children Also I geve to John Threlkelde my eldest sonne and heire as heyrelams to be lefte to his sonne & heire as hereafter followeth conditionally yt he wil be good & gentell & favorabell to his Brethen & Sisters & for yt consideracon I geve him this legacye a silver salte worthe

worthe iiij lb pcell gilt ij silver spones With the madens heade upon them a Crosse of Golde wch I have delyvered to his Wiff iij Kistes one of Spewse & two others a Mashhing fatt a gyling fatt & a brewing leade & all this pcell to Remayne at my said howse of Melmebie as heirelams Also I geve him a greate tounge for Salting Ffleshe a Beiff Pott of brasse a morter & a pestell wch I have delyverd already Also I give unto every one of my daughters a silver spones Also I geve to ffrances my doughter hir mother's belte & a silver Mazour Also I geve to Mawdeleyne my doughter a cove or xx s in mony Also I geve to my doughter Elizabeth a Payer of Almond Beades and to ffrances my doughter a payer of beades of Correll wth silver gaudes Also I geve unto my daughters Mawdeleyn & ffrances a Byllemente of gold smythe worke wche I lente unto my doughter Margere condicionally yt she shoulde be either good to ye executors or ells geve them fyve pounds as it cost ltm I geve unto my doughter Margere paire of amber beades and she to leave them to her sonne wche I have delyvered already Also I geve to Rowland Threlkelde godson xs Also I geve to Marye Threlkeld my sonnes doughter one wedder Also I geve to Henrye Threlkeld one wedder Also I geve to Thomas Threlkeld of Brough my brother sonne & John Threlkeld his brother either of them xld Also I will yt every one of svants bothe manne & woman shall have ther hole Wages paid and every one of them xiid over & besides ther Wages to praye for my sowle Also I Will yt Elizabeth the Dobson shall have a Whye Styrke Also I Will yt Isabell Verty shall have a lambe Also I Will yt every tenant of myne have iiij d wthin Melmebie to praye for my sowle Also I Will yt there be no penny dole delte for me at my buryall but yt breade & chese & ale delte to ye pore at the discrecion of my executors Also I Will yt all preastes & clerkes being psent at my buryall shall be awarded according to the custome of the gentrye The Residewe of all my goodes moveable and unmoveable above not given nor legacied I give & bequeathe unto my three sonnes George Threlkelde Xrofer Threlkelde & Michell Threlkeld whome I ordeyne & make my Executors by this my psent testament and laste Will and them to ordeyne & distrybute in dedes of charytie for the helthe of my soale & all my ancestors sowles as to them shall be thoughte moste expedient whom I charge wtall Also whereas I bought the warde-shypp of Henry Bacchus & is married & gone from me & married hymself & I have him in sewrtie I Will myne executors follow the sewte as the lawe will and the mony thereof to be distrybuted for the fulfilling of this my last Will Also I give to John Threlkeld my sonne a Coveringe of a Bedd wch he borrowed of me when his father in lawe John Eden was here wche is in his owne handes remayning also I geve to hym a chafer of brasse & a Brandyron to be left to his sonne as heyrelams Supvsors of ye same Sir Lancelot Wallas clerke Matthew Bec & Sir John Austen Clerke In Wytnes whereof I have subscribed my name wt myne owne hand in ye psens of Sr John Benson Clerke Sr Edward Nischolson Clerke Willm Swinbanke Lyones Benson Xrofer Percevell Gawen Tyckell, wt other mo

A trewe Inventory of the gudes & catalls of Xrofer Threlkeld of Melmebie deceased taken the xii day of August Ao dni 1569 and prised by Willm Swynbanke Rowland Morton John More & John Watson as hereafter followeth

xx			
Item in primis	iiij wether	.	.
shepe at ijs viij d a pce	price	.	vi lb xiiij s iiij d
Item xl ewes at			
ii s iiij d a pece	price	.	iiij lb xiiij s iiij d
			Item

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xx		
Item iij lambs at xvi d a peece . . .		iiij lb
Item one fryeng pan ii spetes . . .		
on Kyrseide & ij trepetts price . . .		v s
Itm the pewter vessel wh . . .		
ii candlesticks the price . . .		xvi s
Item iij potts wythe . . .		
ii pannes price . . .		xvi s
Item iij ffether bedds wh . . .		
Bolsters at xiiij s iiij d a peece price . . .		xl s
Item ij coverings price . . .		xiiij s iiij d
Item vi worse coverings price . . .		xij s
Item ij payer of shetes price . . .		xs
Item iij payer of worse shetes pce . . .		vi s
Item ii payer of blanketts price . . .		v s
Item on Counter poynte price . . .		iiij s
Item one other bedd covering . . .		iiij s iiij d
Item viij bushells of malt . . .		xxiiij s
Item iiij Iron teames wtall . . .		
things belonging to the drafte . . .		
Wth a gavellogg an axe & . . .		
Wymble price . . .		xs
Item ij payer of Cowpe Wheales . . .		
& one payer of Carte Wheles pce . . .		xs
Item vi Oxen . . .		vi lb
Item iiij Oxen price . . .		liij s iiij d
Item vi Neates prices . . .		iiij lb
Item five yong neats price . . .		xxxiiij s iiij d
Item one Nagge price . . .		xs

In corne as hereafter followeth

Item sowen in Prestfeled vij bus		
at iiij s iiij d every bush price . . .		xxiiij s iiij d
Item of Nixsons farmald in . . .		
Rie sowen iij bus . . .		xi s viij d
Item Nixsons farmald in bigg		
ix bus iiij s every bus price . . .		xxxvi s
Item otes of the same farmald . . .		
xvi bus at xx d every bus . . .		xxviii s viii d
Item otes in Prestefelde ix . . .		xii s
Item Hay at Nixsons farmald . . .		xvi s

Sm totalis

Endorsed Apud Penreth xvii die mensis Januarii Anno Dni 1569.

4. *Will of Michael Threlkeld of Melmerbie, 1627.*

In the name of God Amen the xxii daie of Marche 1627 I Michell Threlkeld of Melmerbie sicke in bodie but in good and pyfte remembrannce thanks be unto Almyghtie God doe make this my laste Will & testamente in maner and forme followinge

followinge Ffirste I doe geve and comend my soule into the handes of allmightie God my maker and Jesus Christe his sonne my onely Saviour & redemer by whose paynefull passhon & innocence I hope & fullie doe truste that all my sinnes are washed away in his blode and that I shal be one of those for whom he dyed and that I shall inherit a place in heaven pvided by God the father for Christe and his

where shal be joye such as never eye hathe sene eare hathe heard nor harte of man ys able to conceyve to the wch place of joye Jesus Christe that boughte me with the preciose bloode bringe me Amen : and my body to be buried in the parishe church of Melmorbie in or neare the place in the Queare where my father & his ancestors doe lye & Were buryed my duties & rites to the Church I owe, to be paid & done Nowe as concernyng my temporall estate wch yt hath pleased Almightye God to bestowe upon me in this present wordle wherein I have lyved and to the end that my debts may be dischargd and the resydewe reserved for my Wyfe and children I doe despose of them in maner and forme followinge firste I doe geve and bequiethe unto John Threlkeld my sonne thre blacke kyne, thirtie shepe one nagg and all my apparell savinge my best Cloke And my fedder bedd after the deathe of his mother Itm I doe geve unto my wyfe Dorathie my best cloke and my Gould ringe Itm I doe geve unto Margerie Threlkeld my daughter my new cupboard in the house—~~Itm I doe also geve unto Ffrances my base begotten daughter fower shepe and a Whie Stirke and halfe a stone of Woll wch my niece hath~~ to make her a coat withall

I doe further by this my last Will and testament resyne & sett over unto my said Wiefe Dorathie her executors and assignes all the demised grounds wch I amongst others now have a hold of humfrey Threlkeld esquier for all the yeares to com and me devysed and she my said wiefe to doe and pforme for the same in such measure and maner as I should have done in righte yf I had lyved Itm I doe geve unto my sister Bridgett payre of shoes Itm I doe by this my last Will and testament make and appoint my said wiefie Dorathie Threlkeld my sole and whole executrix of this my said Will and doe geve her all my goods moveable and unmoveable quick and dead and I doe herebie Will and desyre her to se this my Will pformed my debts paid and my funerall expenses dischargd and that she doe bestowe upon the poore of the Parishe xs to be disbursed unto them upon my funerall daie Supervisors of this my laste Will and testament to se that it be trewlie pformed accordyenge to my trewe meaninge I doe appoynte Mr. John Parson my nephewe desyringe him hereby to be to my wiefe and children his good advise & counsell and to stand to them in their trewe and honest cause as occasion shall fall

Mich Threlkeld

Witnesses hereof

Willm Harris, John Rayson

Henry Bird

Penrith 3 Nov. 1629 Probat. fuit &c.

5. *Will of Lancelot Threlkeld of Melmerby 1673.*

In the Name of God Amen I Lancelot Threlkeld of the pishe of Melmbie Esqr somewhat weake & distempered in Bodie, But sounde & pfect both in mynde & Memorie

Memorie thanks be to Allmightie God for the settling of myne Estate and putting of my house in order doe make constitute & ordaine this my last Will and testament in manr & fforme as followeth Ffirst I give comend and committ my soule into the hands of Allmightie God my maker hoping onelie through the merits of my Savior Christe Jesus to be saved Itm my Bodie I committ to the earth from whence itt was taken. And my desire is that my said Bodie be Buried wthin the Quier of the pishe Church of Millmbie aforesaid And there to be Enterred neare adjoyneing to the corps of my late ffather Hymfrey Threlkeld Esqr deceased And as ffor all my worldlie Estate wherewth It hath pleased Allmightie God to Bestowe upon me & Endowe me wthall I give and Bequeath in manr & fforme as hereafter followeth viz Ffirst I give and Bequeath unto my Eldest daughter Ann Thirkeld Twentie shillings in money to Buy her a Ringg wthall Ite I give unto my second daughter Katherine Studdam ffifte poundes to be payed att the end & expiration of Two yeares then nextt after my decease Item I give & Bequeath unto my Third daughter Marie Threlkeld Three hundred & ffifte poundes to be payed att or wthin one yeare next after my decease Item I give unto my ffourth daughter Dorethy dale Twentie shillings in money to Buy her a Ringg wthall Item I give and Bequeath unto my youngest daughter Margere Threlkeld one hundred poundes wch my sonne in Law Willm Thirkeld & his ffather are oweing & indebtedt unto me Item I give & Bequeath unto my Sister Ann Threllkeld ffortie shillings The rest of all my Goodes Cattells & Chattells moveable & unmoveable Bills Moneys Plate Householde Goodes and Husbandrie Goodes And all other my Goodes & Cattells of what Kynde & qualitie soever my aforesaid Legacies Churchdewes & ffunerall Expenses paid & discharged I freelie give & Bequeath unto my nowe Espoused Wife Katherine Threllkeld and my said youngest daughter Margere Threlkeld whom I make my wholle & Joynte Executrixes of This my Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I the said Lancelot Threlkeld unto this my psent said last Will & Testament have sett my hand & sealle this Two & Twentie day of November in the yeare of or Lord God one Thousand six hundred seaventie & Three Memoriam That my Will further is that my aforesaid Executrixes shall give & distribute Ten Shillings amongst my servants

George

Willm Lee

Lancelot Threlkeld

Tho. Bell

Seal

Endorsed Testamentum et Inventarium bonorum Lanceloti Threlkeld nup. de Melmerbie Ar. defunct Probat fuit 17 Die msis Ffebruarii Anno Dni 1673.

6. *Will of Dorothy Denton (Threlkeld) 1683.*

In the Name of God Amen, the ninth day of October in the five and thirtieth year of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles ye second by the Grace of God
of

of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, King Defendr of the Faith &c, I Dorothy the now wife of Thomas Denton of Sebergham in ye County of Cumberland Esqr and late wife, relict, and Executrix of Anthony Dale, late of Melmerby in the Countie of Cumbland Gentleman deceased, being sick in body but of good & perfect memory by and with the lycence & consent of my said Husband Thomas Denton (without any coertion or constraint but voluntarily and freely) doe make this my last Will & Testamt in maner & forme following, that is to say, First I render my Soul into the hands of God my Creator, hoping by ye meritt of his blessed Son Jesus Cht my redeemer to inheritt Eternity And I comend my body to the Earth whereof it was made to be decently interr'd in Melmerby Church. Item Whereas the said Anthony Dale my said late Husband in his lifetime by his last Will and Testamt in writing duely executed published & provd in solemne forme bearing date the tenth day of January Ano Domini 1680, did amongst other things give and bequeath unto me the said Dorothy the annuity of Twenty Pounds per annum out of his freehold Estate Within the City of Durham for my life naturall, and the remaindr of his freehold Estate there to his Son Lancelott Dale untill he accomplished the age of twenty one years for his education & maintenance and in case of the said Lancelott did dye before he did accomplish that age of twenty one years, his Will was that I the said Dorothy should enjoy all his said Freehold Estate for ever. And he the said Anthony Dale did thereby also give an hundred pounds unto his said Son Lancelot for his better education which would be due to him upon ye death of his aunt Mrs Mary Fenwick and in case his said sonne Lancelott dyed before he accomplished ye age of twenty one years then he gave ye said hndred pounds to me ye said Dorothy. And all the rest of his Goods and Chattells moveable and immoveable he did thereby also give to me the said Dorothy whom he did make his sole Executrix, of his said last Will & Testamt. And whereas also I the said Dorothy Denton, after the decease of the said Anthony Dale my said husband ye Testator, did prve his said last Will & Testamt and took administration of all his Goods & chattells as well real as personal to me, devised as Executrix as above said, and payd all debts Legacies & funerall expences, and having taken forth a Tuition of ye person & Estate of my said son Lancelot Dale being an Infant yet in minority My Will therefore is that my said Husband Thomas Denton (whom I dearly love & value, above all the world) do take the rents issues and profitts of the said freehold Estate, at Durham, aforesaid, and all the said annuity of ye said twenty pounds pr anum, & all the arrearages thereof as well given & bequeathed to me by the said last Will & Testamt of my said former husband Anthony Dale as also to take and receive the issues & profitts of ye remainder of ye said freehold estate in Durham aforesaid for the use & benefitt education & maintenance of my said Son Lancelot Dale until he shall accomplish the age of Twenty one years according to ye Power & limitations to me, devised & bequeathed by ye said Anthony Dale my late husband's last Will & Testamt above recited provided he the said Thomas Denton lives sole and unmarried for so long. Item I give and bequeath unto my said son Lancelot Dale (by like consent of my said husband) my best fether bed bedding & furniture of brown printed stuff guarded With guilded Leather belonging to the said as also my two silver goblets or Caudle cups & silver porrenger and two gold Rings, and one moitie or half part of all my Linnen Item I doe hereby give and bequeath grant and committ unto the above named Thomas Denton my said husband as well the custody rule order Tuition and governance of my said Son Lancelott Dale as also the Custody
rule

rule Tuition use occupation receipt & disposition of all his said freehold Estate and house at Durham aforesaid with ye appurtenances and other Lands tenements hereditaments farmes goods chattells money plate household stuffe and other comodities and possessions whatsoever they be which he the said Lancelot Dale now hath or by any means may or ought lawfully to have to ye use pfit & comodity of ye said Lancelot Dale my said son and his heires, to have and to hold unto the said Thomas Denton my said husband for and during the time of ye minority of him the said Lancelott or untill he be of capacity by Law to elect a new Guardian if he the said Thomas Denton be soe long lieving and unmarried as above said, but if it shall soe happen that he the said Thomas Denton shall chance to marry againe, or to die dureing ye minority of my said son Lancelott, or before the time of his lawfull capacity to elect, and chuse a new guardian: My Will therefore then is to comitt the custody rule Tuition order & governance of my said Son Lancelott and also of all his reall & personall Estate as is above mentioned which he then shall have or by any meanes may or ought to have to ye use & pfit of ye said Lancelott for & untill he be capable of electing a new Guardian himselfe by Law unto Richard Studholme of Wigton in the said County & to Thomas Crackanthorpe of Newbiggin in ye County of Westmorland gentlen my Brothers-in-Law Item I give & bequeath unto my said husband Thomas Denton the above mentioned sume of one hundred pounds settled upon me by ye above recited last Will & Testam^t after the decease of my sd aunt Mrs Mary Fenwick, if my said Son Lancelott Dale happen to die before he accomplish ye age of twenty one yeares, as is more amply limited & bequeathed by ye sd recited Will above mentioned which money last mentioned was secured unto ye sd Anthony Dale in his lifetime out of certain Coppihold Lands caled by the names of ye High Tofts & Agly bushes in Wardrigg in the manor of Chester in ye Streete in ye sd County of Durham by one John Watson ye then Ten. therof which lands are since sold unto one Shepperton of ye South Shields, and yet remain incumbered with ye same charge of £100 Item I the said Dorothy Denton do last of all give & bequeath all my Goods and chattells Bills Bonds Leases Rents farmes houshold stuffe corne & other comodities and possessions whatsoever I was intituled unto, as Executrix to my said former husband Anthony Dale as above said or where secnrities were taken in my name & ye pperty, or nature of ym not altered unto the said Thomas Denton my said husband whom I make my sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament And I doe hereby make the said Thomas Crackanthorpe & Richard Studholme my said Brothers in Law supervisors of my said Will and I do hereby revoake & adnull all former Wills. In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & sett my seale unto this my prsent last Will and Testam^t the day & year first above written Anno Domini 1683.

In the prse of us

Robt Abbott Jurat

Eliz. Studholme mke Jurat

Crissibell Salkield mke Jurat

proved 27 October 1683.

7. *Inventory of William Threlkeld, Bailiff of Burgh, 1564.*

An Inventrie of al the gudes of Willm Threlkeld beleve of Burgh by sand by four priselry men John Marser Willm Mathe Chr. Wilson & John Robinson.
1564.

In primus

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Itm xij bowshowles of bige the pris	xl s
Itm xij bowshowles of hawver the pris	xvj s
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Itm ij panns the pris	iiij
Itm vj pesse of powder vessels the pris	xij
Itm iij fedder beddis the pris	xxs
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Sum Totalis viij £—x s—

The just debita Wylm Therlkylde baleive of Burgh by Sand.

In primi

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Item the sand feld farm	iiij x s
Item to John Ledale & John Matho for thare	iiij marks
Item for the tene corn & haye	xxx s iiij d
Item To Adem Huntington & John Lawson for thare haye	xvj s
Item womand for thare haye	xvj
Item To Wylm Tallandier	iiij ll
Item To Thomas Baryn	vi l xiiij iiij d
Item To John Hogson	xx s
Item to Wylm Therlkeldt my son	xx s
Item to paten bob	xi s
Item to Willm Clarke	xv s
Item to John Robinson	xl s
Item to Roland Therlkeldt	xl s
Item to the Wyfe of Randal Hogson	xxij viij d
Item to John Skote	xvj s viij d
Item to my lord Dakare for hald aeriers	vj £
Item to Xpto leytall	iiij s
Item to the balowe of Thursby	xiiij s iiij d

Smo totalis xl £ ijs

8. *Inventory of William Threlkeld of Holm Cultram 1581.*

1581

HOLM COLTRAME.

A trew inventorie of the goods of Willm Threlkeld praised by iiij men sworn
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viz Robert Chamber Anthone Auston John Longcak & Robt Smith the xv day of August

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It. xiiij shepe	. . .		xxxv
It. v stirks	. . .		xxxiiij
It. a Leass (?)	. . .	iiij	
It. ij old naigs	. . .		x
It. a mear & a younger naig	. . .	ij	vj
It. Swine	. . .		x
It. geis	. . .		xiiij
It. His bedding wth towels & bordclothes	} . . .	iiij	
It. poulder vessell	. . .		xvi
It. potts panns mortres (?) a frying pan a girdell a chaffen dish	} . . .	xxxviiij	iiij
It. certaine Wodd	. . .	ix	iiij
It. a corne arcke	. . .	xx	
It. a wane & other housbandrie geir	} . . .	xx	
It. fatt barrell troughes & other wodden vessell	. . .	xxxiiij	
It. a cruike & a pair of touns	. . .	iiij	
It. ij chares a table & a counter	. . .	vi	viiij
It. Woole	. . .	xiiij	
It. iiij chists a bread arcke	. . .	xij	
It. Drink Potts & pitchers & a strand	} . . .	iiij	iiij
It. Spitt & tripett	. . .	iiij	
It. ix hancks of yarne	. . .	ix	
It. Wodd bord	. . .	ij	viiij
It. Waine Ropes	. . .		xvi
It. Riding geir & apparrell	. . .	xx	
It. A spear	. . .	ij	vi
It. an axe & a shodd shoull	. . .		viiij
It. Hens & Capons	. . .	ij	
It. Peite	. . .	xiiij	iiij
It. a cowe	. . .	xx	
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Administration granted 15 August 1581 to Thomas Threlkeld of Burgh-by-Sands the Guardian of Edward, Anna, Katherine, Elizabeth & Marie Threlkeld Minors—the Children of William Threlkeld for the use of the Minors.

9.

Will of Edward Threlkeld 1588.

In the name of God Amen the twoe and twentithe daye of June Anno Dni a thousand five hundred eightie eight Et anno Regni regine Elizabethæ dei gratia &c tricesimo I Edwarde Threlkeld clerke doctor of the Lawe and cannon resident in the cathedrall church of Heref beinge sick in bodye butt wholl in mynde and perfect in remembrance thancked be God therfore callinge to mynde my often and great sicknesses and knowinge that deathe and the departinge of the sowle from the bodye must followe how soone I knowe nott doe make my last Will and testament as followethe Inprimis I bequeathe and recomend my sowle to God my creator God the sonne my redeemer God the holy ghost my sanctefyer thre distincte persons and all theis thre persons but on^e God and I firmly beleve to be saved and deliuered from the wrothe due for my sinnes by the bludd of Jhesus Christ shed upon the crosse upon whiche tree he bare our curse and cancelled that bond that was laid upon the sonnes of Adam of his meere grace and mercy accordinge to his promisse whiche promisse I laye hand upon and take howlde of by a sure and stedfast faiethe as a sure buckler of defence and protection against the fyrie dartes and furius assaults of our ghostley eninie the devill And I hope to be one of his electe in the ioyfull kingdome of his father amen my bodye I comende to the earthe whence it came to be laide in christian buriall in hope to rise againe and be partaker of the resurrection of the iust and elect amen I dispose my worldly goodes that Go^d made me steward of in manner and forme followinge Imprimis I give to the pore of Tenburie fortie shillings Item I give to the pore of Chewton fortie shillings Item I give to the pore of Muche Salkett in the Countie of Cumberland thre poundes six shillings eighte pence to be distributed as the churchewardens ther respectively shall thinck good meete togeather withe thadvise and oversight of my curate that serve in any of them at my deathe Item I will that my howse be mainteyned for my servants one monethe after my decease withe meate drinke and Lodginge if they provide nott them selves of new maisters in that time Item I give to my curate Sr Edmund Alred fortie shillings Item I giue to Anne Henbage thirtene pounds six shillings eighte pence and my second best feather bed one bowlster one pillowe twoe payer of sheetes viz thone of hempen and thother of hurden one coverlett one blanchett and also one ioyned bedstead Item I giue to Alice Henbage her sister fortie shillings Item I giue to Gabriell Parrie fiftie thre shillings fower pence Item I giue to Wm Puchard liijs iiij d Item I giue to Rinian Huntington thirtene poundes six shillings eighte pence and my best trottinge geldinge or ells insted of the geldinge six poundes thirtene shillings fower pence at his choise Also I doe giue and bequeathe to the saide Rinian Huntington my twoe Leases viz thone is of my garden beyonde the Castle Mills which I howlde by Lease of Roger Cumberlache and his sonnes for yeares yett enduringe and thother Lease is of the demise or graunte of the Custos and vicars chorall of the cathedrall church of Hereford of a certeyne barn lyinge in the barshamstrete now in myne owne occupation Item I giue to John Buckenhill fiftie thre shillings fower pence Item I giue to Edward Threlkeld my coosen Michael Threlkelds sonne of Bristowe tenn poundes to bynde him prentice to some good occupation Item I giue to Roger Carter als Millard twentie shillings and all my owlde apparell viz my frise cote breches stockins and shooes Item I giue to Sr Richard Thomas my curate of Chewton fortie shillings Item I Will that all theis Legacies before said or written to my howshowlde servants be paide within fortie daies after my decease or sooner if it maye be Item

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I Will to be buried after the sorte or manner of a cannon resident accordinge as my executer shall thinck convenient Item I Will that a diner be provided for my brethren of this church viz the Cannon residentiaries and others cannons and vicars and other ministers or servants of this church as shal be here resiant at my decease and be present at my buriall Item I Will that all duties or payments due to the ministers of this cathedrall church be paie within one monethe after my decease or before Item I Will that certeine breade of the quantitie of the dole loves be giuen and deliuered to the pore howshowlders within every Warde of this cittie accordinge to the number of persons in euery howse whiche hathe dwelled ther for the space of theis thre yeares last past at the discreation of my executer Item all the rest of my goodes and chattells debtes and rightes unbequeathed (my Legacies debtes and funerall expenses paie and discharged) I doe giue and bequeathe to my brother Thomas Threlkelde bayliffe of Burghe by the sandes in the countie of Cumberland gent And to my coosen Edward Threlkeld now prentice withe one Mr Marshe grocer in London sonne to my brother William gent deceased vppon condition that the saide Edward shall make no claim to the Lease of Home Coltrum equally to be devided by my executer Item I doe make and constitute my owlde Lovinge frend Mr Edward Cooper my executer of this my last Will and testament praying him to haue care of my saide coosen Edward Threlkeld prentice in London as my speciall trust is in him And for his paines and care in executinge of this my will and testament I doe giue and bequeathe to him the bill of twentie poundes in whiche he standethe bonnde to mee and tenne poundes over for his paines togeather withe suche of my apparell as hereafter he will chose and weare for my sake over and above all his charges to be susteyned about the execution of my Will his testibus James Ballard clerke prebendarie of Heref Tho: Cookesey Christofer Higgins

A Codicill to be annexed to the last Will and testament of Edward Threlkeld Doctor of the Civill Lawe Cannon resident of the Cathedrall church of Heref made the thirtithe daye of August Anno domini a thousand five hundrethe eightie eight et Anno Regni dne nostre Elizabeth nunc Regine &c tricesimo Item I giue and bequeathe vnto William Threlkeld sonne to my brother Thomas Threlkelde by his second Wife all my righte title and interest of all my Landes and tenements as well free Landes as other togeather withe all howses edifices Meadowes Leasowes pastures and tithes and euery parte and Parcell therof togeather withe the baywick of Burghe lyinge and beinge within the barony of Burghe by the Sandes in the countie of Cnberland now or late in the tenure or occupation of my saide brother Thomas or of his assignes to have and to howlde all the saide Landes tenements tithes and bayliwick withe all and singuler their apurtenances to the saide William and to his heiers for euer accordinge to the Custome of the mannor Item my Will is that the Lease of Home Cultrum shal be renued by my brother Thomas in the name of Richard Threlkelde sonne to my brother Thomas Threlkelde by his first wife vppon this condition that he the saide Richard shall renounce all his righte title and interest vnto all my foresaide Landes tenements tithes and bayliwick withe all and singuler their appurtenances within the Barony of Burghe and countie of Cumberlande before bequeathed And if the saide Richarde doe make any claime or challenge to any of my foresaide free Landes or other before bequeathed that then my Will is that the saide Richarde shal be excluded out of all Item I giue to my sister Elizabeth Parry twentie shillings Edw. Threlky Witnesses at the makinge and sealinge hereof William Garnons Rymer Huntington Gabriell Parrie John Buckenhell

Probatum

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum unacum Codicillo eidem annex apud London coram venerabili viro Mr Willmo Drury Legum doctore curie prerogative Cant commissario &c decimo sexto die mens Novembris Anno Dni millimo quingentessimo octogesimo octavo juramento Thome Barker notarii publici procuratoris Edwardi Cooper executori in hmoi testamento nominat cui comissa fuit administratio &c de benc et fideliti administrand etc ad sancta dei evangelia jurat.

10 *Will of Thomas Threlkelde Bailiffe of Burgh 1598.*

In the name of God Amen the xxiiijth daye of Auguste ani Dni 1598 Thomas Threlkkde bayleffe of Burgh by Sande within the countye of Cumberland Gentyllman beinge syke of bodye butt of goode and perfyte witt mynde and memorye thanks be to my God therefore makethe this my laste Will and testament in manner and forme followinge. Fyrste I gyve and bequeathe my soule into the handes of Allmyghtye God my maker Redemer & Saviour of whome I trust to receyve a mooste mercyfull and comfortable judgement and my bodye to be buried whn my pishe church of Bourgh yelding & payeing all the duties accustomed to the saide church Itm I gyve and bequeathe unto Magdalyne Threlkelde my Wyfe and to Elyzabethe my daughter and to the longer lyver of them bothe all my holle Ryghte state & Tythe of the tyethe corne belonging unto me and in my possession being of the yearlye rent of xx s. Also my Will is that Magdalyne Threlkelde my Wyfe & Elizabeth the my daughter or there heyres executors or Assignes shall paye or delyver unto Marye Threlkeld my brother Willm his daughter or her assignes the some of Twentye poundes of good and lawfull Englishe monye being her chyldes porcion—The Rest of all my goodes moveable and unmoveable not gyven nor bequested Theise my Legacies fullfylled and debtes paide and my funerall dyscharged I give and bequethe unto Magdalyne Threlkeld my wyfe and to Elyzabethe my daughter whome I do make my holle Executors of this my laste Will and testament Theise being Wittnesses Thomas Warwicke gentleman Richard Hodgson of the West ende Francis James Xprfer Broughe and Willm Witton clarke Wth others

Thomas Threlkeld

proved at Carlisle the 23rd day of June 1603 by Magdalene the relict one of the Executrixes—the other Executrix being a minor.

The Inventorie of all the goodes moveable and unmoveable that was Thomas Threlkelde bailiffe of Brough bi Sands prysed by George Connstable bailiffe of Thursbye John Skelton bailiffe of Aicton Arthure Glaister bailiffe of Bownesse and David Hodgson the ixth day of May Anno Dni 1603 as followeth

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Itm.

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Itm. fower geese		iiij
Itm. Husbrantye gere		xl
Itm. in oates sowne upon the ground		
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Itm. in bigg xxiiij bushels	vij	
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Itm wood vessels	v	
Itm 4 beddes furnished	liij	iiij
Itm 4 duple coverclothes wth pottes	xxx	
Itm vii paire of Sheetes	xx	
Itm 2 table coveringe with vij quissons	x	
Itm 2 coverclothes wth sacks bunshels and pookes	x	
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Itm one croppe (?)	xx	
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Itm all the brass vessel	xl	
Itm v seetes rackes tressell wth other impliments }	xx	
Itm in powder vessell xl peace	xxx	
Itm vi latten candle stickes	v	
Itm on ewer ; a powder pott 3 powder saltes }	vi	viiij
Itm fower bedsteede	vi	viiij
Itm one Lease of tyth Corne & Sheaves with woole and lambes for many yeares yet to come }	l	
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Testamentum Will. de Threlkeld 1367.

W. de T. Vicar of Leysingby by his Will made 14 May 1367 directs his body to be buried in Leysingby Churchyard. Legacies—6 lbs of Wax at the funeral to the high Altar at Leysingby and for church ornaments 10/. For the porch 2/. To the poor six strikes of oatmeal and a bullock. To John son of John de Threlkeld 4 oxen 2 of which he has already. To Thomas Randolf a bay horse. To John son of John Vikers two cows. To priests celebrating for his soul four-score sheep. The Residue (in his own words) ligo Johanni filio meo et alteram dimidian

dimidium (the half has not been mentioned before) Cristiane filiæ soror et Johanne matri suæ. Exors Hen. de Threlkeld junior and John son of Joh. de Threlkeld with John Happyne. Probacio 14 June 1367.

Communicated by Chancellor Ferguson.

12. *Abstract of Will of John Threlkeld of Lasenbye 1561.*

January 21, 1561.—I wyll yt Thoms my brother do remayne wythe my wyffe & my children & he to have yerlye 11 bushells of rye and 11 off bege & I gyve to Robert my sonne a in ye chamere a great cheast in ye loft a spett & a great potte wythe all my gear belongynge to husbandry. Ye rest of all my goods my detts payd I gyve to Margarett my wyffe Robert, John & Janet my children whom I mayke my Executors

Wytness hereof John Endson (query Emerson) John Potter &c.

13. *Abstract of Inventory of Thoms Threlkeld of Lazonby 1571.*

Sum of Inventory viil xvis viiid Detts to be payd—To Lancelot Walleis x s viiid. To Thomas Emortson iiis &c. Total Debts vii viiis viid.

Administration granted at Carlisle 30 April 1571 to Margaret, Intestate's Widow.

14. *Abstract of Will of Richard Threlkeld of Kellhouse, Patterdale, 1623.*

1623, April 21. To be buried in the churchyard of Patterdale. My sonne in law John Lancaster his fower children. Thomas Threlkeld (my grandchild). Elizabeth Thompson, Agnes Thompson and Margaret Thompson my sister daughters. Elizabeth Lancaster my daughter. My son Richard Threlkeld. Mr Michael Hirde our late Curate. My daughter Margaret Threlkeld. Elizabeth Threlkeld, my grandchild. My sonne Ambrose Threlkeld. My sonne John Threlkeld. My sonne John Threlkeld. Dorothy Ullock. Jennett my Wife.

Proved June 17, 1623.

15. *Abstract of Will of Ambrose Threlkeld of Patterdale 1631.*

1631, May 20th. To be buried within the parish Church of Patterdale. Agnes my wife. John Threlkeld, Ambrose Threlkeld and Elizabeth Threlkeld my children. Peter Byrkett, Curate, one of the Witnesses.

Proved Oct. 11, 1631.

16. *Abstract of Will of Jennett Threlkeld of Glenridding, Patterdale, 1661.*

1661, March 10th. My daughter Ellice Threlkeld. My daughter Dorothy Threlkeld. My sonne Richard Threlkeld. My sonne Thomas Threlkeld. My daughter Margaret

Margarett Harryson. Edward Harryson five children. Thomas Harryson son of the said Edward. My daughter Agnes Lancaster, her son Richard, his brothers and sisters. Mabell Stephenson. My sonnes, Thomas and Richard, and my daughters, Dorothy and Ellice, Joint Executors and Executrixes. Peter Byrkett, clerk, one of the Witnesses.

Proved Dec. 2, 1662.

17. *Abstract of Will of John Threlkeld of Glenridding, Patterdale,*
1690.

1690, Jan'y 10th. To my son Thomas Harrison. To my wife Mabell Threlkeld. Ambrose Threlkeld a Witness.

Proved July 21, 1691.

18. *Abstract of Will of Isabell Threlkeld, widow, of Wettside, Glenridding in Patterdale, 1725.*

1725, May 27th. My Sister Agnes Lee. My Sister Margaret Green. My Nephew John Lee. My nephew Thomas Green. My nephew William Green. My niece Margaret Lee. Margaret Lancaster. My God daughters Ann Walker and Elizabeth Mattinson. My niece Jane Scott at Green my Executrix.

Proved June 29th, 1725.

19. *Abstract of Will of Thomas Threlkeld of Kayberge, Kirkoswald,*
1670.

1670, April 15th. To be buried in the churchyard of Kirkoswald. My daughter Anne Lowthyon. My daughter Jane Dod and her children. To My grandchild Thomas Threlkeld sonne to my sonne John my houses and Tenement at Ruckcroft. To my sonne Thomas my grandchild my House at Kayberge. My grandchild Mary daughter of my sone John. My grandchild Dorothy Lowthyon. To the said Thomas all my freeland at Kayberge and Lincow bottom and his father my sonne John to enjoy the same dureing his life. Mabell my son John's Wife. My son John's three youngest daughters Isabell Mary and Rachell. To the poore Stock of Kirkoswald parish twenty shillings. John Threlkeld sonne of my sonne John. George Yates (Curate of Kirkoswald) one of the Witnesses.

Proved April 11th, 1671.

20. *Abstract of Nuncupative Will of John Threlkeld of Keybergh,*
Kirkoswald, 1684.

1684, April 18th. Thomas Threlkeld son and heyr. John Threlkeld his father and Thomas Threlkeld his grandfather. George Nicholson (a well known Presbyterian Divine) amongst the witnesses,

21. *Abstract*

21. *Abstract of Will of Thomas Threlkeld of Slack, Kirkoswald,*
1720.

1720, Sept. 5. To be buried in the burying place of my ancestors in Kirkoswald Churchyard. My son John. My son Caleb. My dear and loving Wife. My younger children. My loving Brethren John Threlkeld and Robert Hutchinson. My dear Wife Abigail. John Threlkeld is one of the Witnesses.

The Inventory of the Goods &c of Thomas Threlkeld, Junior, of the Slack, amounted to £40 15s. 6d. and they were appraised by Joshua Threlkeld, John Threlkeld, Thomas Lowthian & Robert Wells.

Proved March 11th, 1720.

22. *Abstract of Will of Lancelott Threlkeld of Lytill Salkeld,*
1567.

To my son Christopher Threlkeld the elder. To Annas Kyndlysyde. Roger Kyndlysyde. To Christopher Thylkeld the younger. To Margaret my Wyf. To Isabell my Daughter. Witnesses Mr. John Thirkeld Gentyelman &c.

Extracts from Melmerby Register.

1663. Margery Threlkeld daughter of Lancloft Threlkeld Esq. was baptized 10 March, 1663.
1672. Lancelott Threlkeld sonne of William Threlkeld of Melmowby gent. borne the 12th of January & baptized 6 of Ffebruary Anno Dni. 1672.
1673. Lancelot Threlkeld Esqr. buried 4 Decemb. 1673.
- „ Mr. Thomas Crakenhorpe & Mrs. Mary Threlkeld married 3 March '73.
1674. Mr. Edward Threlkeld younger sonne of William Threlkeld was buried 26 August.
- „ Mr. Lancloft Threlkeld sole sonne of Mr. William Threlkeld was buried 30 August.
1680. Mr. Anthony Dale buried 13 Jany. 1680.
1683. Mrs. Dorothy Denton buried 12 October, 1683.
1707. March 22, Ann Threlkeld Buried.
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