



Arms.—Az. a demi-masle, between three covered cups or.  
Crest.—A unicorn's head erased arg. armed and gorged with a collar invecked or.

# A Pedigree of the family of Christian of Milntown

IN THE ISLE OF MAN, AND EWANRIGG, CUMBERLAND.

WILLIAM McCHRISTEN,  
M.K. Present at the Tynwald 1422. M.C.

JOHN—  
of Altadale in Lezayre.  
JOHN—  
Dstr. 1500  
1510

(1) JOHN— Dstr. living 1524. (2) DANIEL of Balldroma, par. of Kirk Maughoid. a dau.=JARRET of Ballabroay, par. of Kirk Christ. a dau. a dau. a dau. a dau. a dau. a dau.

(1) WILLIAM— Dstr. d. about 1535. (2) JOHN— Water Bailiff of the I.O.M. (3) ROBERT d. without issue. (4) EWAN— a dau.= of Ballaugh. a dau.=KELLY of Kirk Andrews.

EWAN or HUAN— M.K. 1532. d. about 1539. a dau.=WILLIAM and co-heir. of Thos. Samsbury, of Ronaldsway. a dau.=DANL. CAINE of Jurby. ROBERT— Dstr. IONY CATHARINE CHRISTIAN WILLIAM THOMAS

WILLIAM— d. 1568. a son a dau. a dau. a dau. a dau.

WILLIAM— d. 1593. dau. of — Culven, of Clifton, co. Cumberland. (1) EWAN CHRISTIAN— Dstr.; b. 1579; d. about 1653; M.C. dau. of — Harrison of Hestholme in the Field, in Lancs. JANE=THOS. SAMSBURY of Ronaldsway. MARY=JOHN QUALE Waterbailiff, of Ballaquala.

(1) JOHN=MARGARET dau. of John Parker, of Bradkirk, in the parish of Kirkham, co. Lancs. (2) EWAN d. Oct. 20, 1613, aged 7 years and one day. (3) WILLIAM b. April 14, 1608, executed Jan. 2, 1662-3. M.K. (4) EDWARD\* b. 1599. m. July 17, 1615. d. without issue. (1) MABEL=JOHN CURGHEY of Ballakillingham. (2) MARGERY=Salvester RATCLIFFE of Knockalo. (3) MARGARET=EWAN CURGHEY son of John Curghey, of Ballakillingham.

(1) EWAN b. Mar. 8, 1626. pre-deceased his father. (2) EDWARD=DOROTHY Dstr. b. Aug. 7, 1628. d. about 1693. 3rd dau. of Thos. Wilson of Haversham, co. West'd, sister of Ed. Wilson of Dallam Tower; bur. at Dearham, Feb. 27, 1694. twin with Edward b. Aug. 7, 1628. (3) JOHN=AAMY d. of Capt. Edward Christian of Loughmolla. (4) WILLIAM b. Apr. 18, 1632. (5) JAMES b. Apr. 22, 1633. (6) ROBERT b. Apr. 7, 1636. (7) CHARLES b. June 5, 1644. (8) EWAN (1) ISABEL=MAJOR RICH. STEVENSON, of Balladoole, I.O.M. (2) ALICE=THOS. SKELTON b. May 1, of Branthwaite, co. Cumberland. (3) MABEL=ROGER CRIMBLE b. Aug. 21, of Donachadee in Ireland. (4) ANNE b. Sept. 26, 1641. (5) HENRIETTA (1) EWAN (2) GEORGE (3) JAMES (4) EWAN (5) JOHN (6) CHARLES (7) WILLIAM (8) PATRICIUS (1) MARY a dau.=WM. HUDDISTON of Ballasht.

(1) EWAN b. 1651. d. Sept. 10, 1719. bur. at Dearham, M.I. (1) EWAN=MARY eldest dau. of Jno. Caine, of St. Mary, Whitechapel, co. Middlesex. (2) EDWARD (3) JOHN (4) WILLIAM (5) VALENTINE (6) JAMES a dau. a dau. a dau. a dau.

(1) EWAN b. Mar. 23, 1679. d. May 18, 1680. bur. at Epsom. (2) EDWARD b. Dec. 8, 1681. bur. at Dearham. (3) JOHN b. May 14, 1688. bur. at Dearham, Sep. 25, 1745. (4) WILLIAM b. Feb. 3, 1690. bur. at Dearham, Feb. 8, 1721. bur. at Dearham, M.I. (5) THOMAS b. Mar. 29, 1697. bur. at Dearham, d. 1770. (1) ELIZABETH b. June 10, 1680. d. Dec. 8, 1696. bur. at St. Mary's, Whitechapel. (2) SARAH b. Sept. 1683. d. Aug. 1684. bur. at Whitechapel. (3) DOROTHY b. July 3, 1685. d. Aug. 24, 1685. bur. at Dearham. (4) MARY=JOHN FLETCHER of Clea. b. Apr. 26, 1687. bur. at Dearham, Feb. 7, 1710. (5) MARGARET=THOS. CRAKEPLACE of Crakeplace Hall. b. Nov. 2, 1689. bapt. Nov. 3, 1689. (6) ANNE b. Sept. 8, 1692. bapt. at Dearham, Sept. 11, 1692. d. Jan. 12, 1692. bur. at Dearham. (7) ISABEL b. Dec. 13, 1693. bapt. at Dearham, Dec. 28, 1693. died young. (8) JANE=WILFRID CLARKE of Standing Stone. b. Feb. 18, 1695. bapt. at Dearham, March 1, 1695. mar. at Dearham, June 8, 1719. (9) MARTHA=ROBT. TUBMAN of Cockermonth. bapt. at Dearham, Aug. 27, 1698. (10) ALICE=QUAYLE CURPHY of the I.O.M. bapt. at Dearham, May 25, 1702.

(1) EWAN b. July 28, 1718. bapt. at Dearham, Aug. 3, 1718. died and bur. at Dearham, Aug. 16, 1752. (2) JOHN=JANE eldest dau. of Eldred Curwen, of Workington. b. Oct. 4, 1720. d. Oct. 14, 1719. d. at Petty France, Nov. 23, 1767. bur. at Dearham, Dec. 6, 1767. (3) HUMPHREY— living 1791. (4) JOSEPH b. May 17 and bapt. at Dearham, May 26, 1723. d. March 12 and bur. at Dearham, March 14, 1734. (5) EDWARD b. July 15, and bapt. at Dearham, Aug. 5, 1725. d. and bur. in Church, Cambridge, M.I. (6) CHARLES=ANNE dau. and co-heir of Jacob Dixon, of Moreland Close, co. Cumberland, and had issue. b. Dec. 12 and bapt. at Dearham, Dec. 23, 1729. d. March 1768. bur. at Brigham. (7) GEORGE b. Jan. 3 and bapt. at Dearham, Mar. 27, 1721-22. d. Nov. 4 and bur. at Dearham, Nov. 6, 1731. (1) MARY=EDMUND LAW, D.D. afterwards Bishop of Carlisle. b. Mar. 19 and bapt. at Dearham, Mar. 27, 1721-22. mar. at Dearham, June 24, 1740. (2) ELEANOR b. Sept. 13, and bapt. at Dearham, Sept. 22, 1726. d. Mar. 29, and bur. at Dearham, Mar. 31, 1728. (3) BRIDGET=— HIRST Rector of Boxworth, co. Canterbury. b. Oct. 30, and bapt. at Dearham, Nov. 5, 1732. died without issue. (4) DOROTHY b. Dec. 1, 1737. bapt. at Dearham, Jan. 19, 1738. d. unmar. at Cambridge.

(1) JOHN bapt. at Dearham, Oct. 31, 1753. bur. at Dearham, Oct. 2, 1754. (2) HENRY bapt. at Dearham, Mar. 9, 1755. bur. at Dearham, Nov. 16, 1760. MARGARET=(1st wife) dau. of John Taubman, of Castletown, I.O.M. mar. at Kirk Maughoid, Sept. 10, 1775. d. at Peeltown, Feb. 1, 1778. (3) JOHN bapt. July 13, 1756. d. at Workington, Dec. 9, 1828. = ISABELLA (2nd wife) dau. and sole heir of Henry Curwen, of Workington. b. Oct. 2, 1765. mar. at Edinburgh, Oct. 5, 1782. bur. at Workington; had issue. (4) HENRY bapt. at Dearham, Apr. 21, 1761. (1) BRIDGET unmar. 1789. (2) JULIA=EDWD. STANLEY of Workington. mar. Nov. 11, 1769. (3) JANE=WILLM. BLAMIRE of Hollingbush, surgeon. living 1794. (4) FRANCES=EDWD. CHRISTIAN d. at Unerigg. of Brancaster, co. Norfolk. bur. at Dearham, Oct. 29, 1787. (5) DOROTHY=JOHN TAUBMAN, of the Nunnery, I.O.M. Speaker of the House of Keys. b. Oct. 23 and bapt. at Dearham, Nov. 20, 1757. mar. at Dearham, Dec. 20, 1774. d. Dec. 3, 1822. (6) MARY b. May 1, and bapt. at Dearham, June 19, 1759. unmar. 1789. FLETCHER leader of the 'Bounty' mutiny.

JOHN=SUSANNAH dau. of Lewis Robert Allen, of Bath. mar. Aug. 23, 1807. d. March 1853. (1) JOHN ALLEN b. Feb. 28, 1809. d. unmar. June 3, 1828. (2) HENRY TAUBMAN b. Jan. 29, 1810. d. unmar. 1859. (3) ROBERT b. Aug. 30, 1812. d. 1813. CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH (1st wife) dau. of Thos. Brine, of the I.O.M. mar. July 16, 1840. d. Oct. 27, 1862. EMMA MARY Houssemayne (2nd wife) dau. of Rev. Jas. Thos. Houssemayne du Boulay. mar. Jan. 5, 1864. d. Dec. 19, 1864. (4) WILLIAM BELL M.A., J.P., M.K., Bar. at Law. Vicar of Kirk Christ, Lezayre, I.O.M. b. Aug. 17, 1815. MARIA BOWES (3rd wife) elder dau. of Col. Chas. Chris. Johnson of Argenteuil, Canada, mar. June 18, 1867. d. Mar. 20, 1871, without issue. SOPHIE MARIE (4th wife) dau. of Carl von Schlaet, of Schwerin, Germany. mar. Sept. 1, 1874. (5) CHARLES CRAIK b. March 28, 1821. d. 1838. (1) SUSAN CURWEN=Augustus Wm. Hilary only son of Sir Wm. Hilary, bart. (2) MARGARET=Thos. Underwood M.D. (3) ISABELLA ANNE (4) LOUISA DOROTHY=REV. Jno. Wm. Molyneux.

(1) EWAN JOHN b. May 10, 1845. (2) MALCOLM WILLIAM b. Feb. 5, 1850. (1) ANNIE LOUISA=REV. FRANCIS HOUSSEMARYNE DU BOCLAY, Rector of Heddington, Wilts. mar. Sept. 3, 1867. (2) ISABELLA SUSAN d. July 11, 1863. (3) JULIA ELIZABETH (4) BERTHA MABEL EMILIE IDA HOUSSEMARYNE EDWARD ALAN b. Dec. 5, 1879. MARY ULRIKE RITA GWENDOLINE

HILARY b. Sept. 14, 1868. DOROTHY b. Oct. 19, 1873.

### ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE PEDIGREE.

- Dstr. - Deemster.
- M.K. - Member of the House of Keys.
- M.C. - The "Manx Chronicle."
- I.O.M. - Isle of Man.

### NOTES.

\* This Edward is called by Hutchinson "Lieut. Gov. of the I.O.M. in 1629," but the Edward who was Governor, has since been identified with the second son of the Rev. John Christian, Vicar of Maughoid. He was born about 1600, and died in prison 1661.  
† This date is obviously incorrect, probably a misprint for 1631.

ART. XVI.—*The Christians of Ewanrigg.* By ALAN D. CURWEN.

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THE Manor house at Ewanrigg, lately demolished, appears, like many of the country houses in the district, to have originally consisted of a square Pele tower. The manor was anciently possessed by a family bearing the local name, for Robert de Ewanrigg appears as witness to several deeds. In 1368, Lady Margaret de Multon was in possession, for in that year license was granted by the Bishop to John de Thwaites to be domestic chaplain to her, in any convenient building within the manor. (Nicolson and Burn.) It afterwards became the property of the Thwaites family, and in the seventeenth century was purchased by Ewan Christian—according to one account, with a sum of money won from the Bishop of Sodor and Man at play.\*

The family of Christian, anciently McChristen or

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\* Joseph Thwaites of Ulnerigg, Esq., is mentioned as the owner in John Denton's *Accompt*, 1610 (p. 14 of our Tract Series, No. 2). Sir Daniel Fleming in 1671 says "Unerigge [belonged] formerly to the wealthy family of the Thwaites, and now to the Christians" (Tract Series No. 3, p. 17). Edmund Sandford, about 1675, mentions "Unerigge an Ancient squire's Towerhouse and family's residence for most part Though they had an other Lordship called Thwaites vp in the head of Millome: Mr. Joseph Thwaites, in my time one of wittest brave monsirs for all gentile gallantry hounds, haukes, horsecourses, boules, bowes and arrowes, and all games whatsoever: play his tooles at cards, dice, and Shovelboard if you please, and had not above 200*li* p. an: yet left his children pretty porcions: and dyed beloved of all parties. (His wife was Mr. Georg Salkeld's daughter of Rosgill.) And his son sold it to Mr. Barwis, and Mr. Barwis to Mr. Christian deemster in Ile of Man" (Tract Series, No. 4, p. 22). The Lysons (p. 97) and Whellan (p. 356) give the date of the sale by Richard Barwise to Ewan Christian of Milntown, deemster, I.O.M., as 1638. "Thomas Denton, writing in 1688, says, Mr. Ewan Christian hath built a good house out of the shell of the old tower" (Lysons, p. 97).

As to the name, J. Denton's "Ulnerigg" seems to be analogous to "Uldedale" (Uldale) which is usually supposed to be the dale of the Ellen, Alne, or Olne: so that Ulnerigg would be the ridge, as Ellenborough was the Burg, commanding the river. The spelling Ewanrigg seems to have crept in after the appearance of Ewan Christian. Nicolson and Burn indeed say, "The place was so called at first from one *Ewan* who was a Scotch king or chieftain:" on what authority?—ED.

McChristin, have from the earliest times on record taken an active part in the government of the Isle of Man, and their history belongs properly to that country; but as they have intermarried with some of the best-known Cumberland families, and have naturally had frequent occasion to cross to the coast of Cumberland on their way to other parts of England, an account of the family may not be uninteresting to members of this Society. In drawing up the pedigree I have made use of that which appears in Hutchinson's *History of Cumberland*, a MS. copy of the *Manx Chronicle*, the Earl of Derby's treatise on the government of the Island, contained in Peck's *Desiderata Curiosa*, and the Appendix to the Introduction to Sir W. Scott's *Peeveril of the Peak*.

The first of the name\* in Hutchinson's pedigree is William McChristen, a member of the House of Keys.

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\* Mr. A. W. Moore gives a list of old forms of the name, taken from documents:—"Mac Crystyn [1408], Mac Christene [1504], Mac Crystyn, Mac Christene [1511], Mac Cristin, Mac Cristen [1586], Christin [1610], Christing [1626], Cristen [1632]." The form "Christiane," he says, "is given in the Statute Law Book as 1419, but it is more probably 1499: Christian is not the usual form till the seventeenth century." "It is a very common name in the Isle of Man, especially in the parish of Maughold. Compare (Scandinavian) Christian, Christiansen." Mr. Moore thinks that the name *Kristin* came from Iceland; the Celtic *Mac* was prefixed to it, and then it gradually became Anglicised (*The Surnames and Place-names of the Isle of Man*, p. 87). On this Mr. A. D. Curwen notes:—"Jenkin Moore and John *Christine* appear as deemsters in 1419—(*Manx Chronicle*—MS. copy seventeenth century).

Christian was not uncommon in the early middle ages as a personal name, male and female. Christianus was Bishop of Candida Casa 1154-1186 (Chancellor Prescott's *Wetherhal*, p. 85). Christiana, wife of Ketel son of Eitred, lived at the end of the eleventh century (*ibid.* p. 371), and other ladies of the name are known. The Norse feminine form was *Kristin*, whence our Christina; a Frú *Kristin*, princess of Norway, is named in *Sturlunga-saga*, vii., 40, early in the thirteenth century.

In the pedigree of the MacLeans (Skene's *Celtic Scotland*, iii., p. 482) there is a Cristina, daughter of Murdoch MacLeod, son of Tormod (Thormódr), son of Leod (Ljótr), son of Gillemuire, son of Race (Ragi), son of Olbar (Ölvir), son of Gillemuire, son of Ealga of the Beautiful Locks, daughter of Harald, King of Norway. This, says Skene (*ibid.* p. 356), is probably a fragment of the true pedigree of the MacLeods. The name Christina is obviously Norse.

The Norse masculine is *Kristinn*; not found as a name in the earlier Icelandic sagas. But in the genealogy of Clan Kenneth (Skene, p. 485), *Cristin mac Cainnig* (of Ross-shire, a partly Norse district) appears in 1222 as *Gilchrist filius Kinedi*, proving that *Cristin* was merely Norse for *Gilchrist*, *Gillechrist*, or in full Gaelic spelling *Giollacriost*.

A search in the *Annals of the Four Masters* shows that names beginning with *Gille* came into fashion only in the latter half of the tenth century, when Norse and Gael blended. The first *Gillechrist* mentioned died in 998. The name became common, especially in the Viking districts of Scotland.

He was present at the Tynwald Court held the Tuesday next after the feast of S. Bartholomew, 1422.

He was succeeded by his son John McChristen, who was seated at Altdale, in the parish of S. Trinity, I.O.M.

He was succeeded by his son John McChristen of Altdale, who was a Deemster of the Island, and Justiciarius Regis with John Moore in 1500, 1502, 1505, and 1509. The Deemsters are two in number, and their office is that of judges and lawgivers. At the Tynwald Court the Lord or his Lieutenant sat to promulgate the laws of the island, and when any doubtful point arose the Deemsters were consulted and gave their opinion, either offhand or after consultation with the 24 ancient men called the Keys.

John McChristen was succeeded by his son of the same name; he purchased the estate of Milntown\* in the I.O.M., was Deemster with Thos. Norris in 1511, 1512, 1516, 1517, 1520, and 1521, and first put the monks' laws in writing. He was entered by the Homage Jury on the Manerial Records for the estate of Milntown in 1511, probably on purchasing it, and was living with his son William 1524 (Lib. assed.) He married a daughter of — Skillicorne of Pries Hall co. Lancashire,† and was succeeded by his son—

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In the *Chronicon Mannie* the sixth bishop is Christinus Archadiensis, Cristin of Argyll: buried at Bangor, Ireland. Later, in 1238, Gospatric and Gillechrist son of MacKerthac, were sent by the King of Norway (Håkon Hákonsson) to expel Harald from the Isle of Man; they governed the country as viceroys of the Norwegian King. Gospatric died in 1240 and was buried at Rushen Abbey; but Gillechrist apparently continued as governor for a year or so, until Harald had made his peace with Håkon and was reinstated. Now among the Norse of the I.O.M. the Scottish Gillechrist would be called Cristin, and his sons would be indifferently called MacGillechrist or MacCristin. I do not say that he founded the family in question, for there is a gap of 168 years between him and the first recorded Manx McCristins.—ED.

\* Milntown (near Ramsey) was, Mr. A. W. Moore says, formerly called Altdale (*op. cit.* p. 315) the seat of John McChristen in the previous century. Was the new purchase adjacent and additional to the old property?

† "Sir Philip Skillicorne was a vicar in 1521. Skylycorne [1511], Skillicorne [1521], Skyleskorn [1540], Skillicorn [1650], Skillecorn [1651] . . . a name peculiar to the Isle of Man, is puzzling" (Mr. A. W. Moore, *op. cit.* p. 91). Scillycorn of Scillycorn was one of the Lancashire families between Henry VII. and William III. (Baines, ii., p. 79). Adam de Skylicorne in 1359 had a lease of the fishery at Penwortham on the Ribble. Preesal is at the mouth of the Wyre, close to the Furness Abbey estate of Stalmine; whence perhaps the appointment of Sir Philip to one of the Furness Abbey churches in Man, and the connection of his family with the island.—ED.

Wm. McChristen of Milntown, Deemster with his father, mentioned with his father in the Lib. assed. 1512 and entered on the Manerial Records for the Milntown estate 1527. He died about 1535. His brother the second son, John McChristen, was Water Bailiff (apparently a sort of customs officer) of the Isle of Man, and had the granting of leases, and the ordinance of Pele Castle by gift of Henry VIII.

Wm. McChristen was succeeded by his son Ewan of Milntown; he was a member of the House of Keys 1532, mentioned with his father in the Manerial Records 1535, succeeded to the estate in that year, and died about 1539. He married, and was succeeded by his son—

William, entered by the Homage Jury on the Manerial Records 1539, mentioned with his mother in that year and in 1554, and died 1568. He was succeeded by his son—

William, entered on the Manerial Records 1568, and in the Lib. assed. taken at Pele 1569, 1575, and 1577. He died 1593.

In the MS. *Manx Chronicle* I find Robert and Don Christin mentioned as members of a jury, impanelled to advise with the Deemsters concerning the unlawful clipping of some sheep (1570).

Wm. McChristen married a daughter of — Culwen of Clifton, Cumberland, and was succeeded by his son—

Ewan, born in 1579. He was made Deemster at the age of 26 in 1605, and held the office for 48 years. He was Deputy Captain of Pele Castle under Sir Foulke Hounckes, Kt., and was the first of the family to give up the prefix *Mac*, and appear under the name of Christian (Lib. assed.); he died in 1653. I believe this Ewan to be the "Deemster Christian" mentioned by James, Earl of Derby, in his Treatise; he was at that time the head of the Clan, which was so numerous, and according to the Earl had got possession of so many places of power in the island, that he determined to reduce their influence. The

Earl remarks of the family, "There be many of the Christians in this country, that is, Christins, for that is the true name. But they have made themselves Chief here, wherefore, if a better name could be found they would likely pretend unto it. I pray God they be Christians indeed, and honest men, for then it matters not how many be of a name." This Ewan Christian, son of a Culwen of Clifton, seems to have been the one who bought Unerigg.

Ewan was succeeded by his son *John*, born August 1st, 1602; he married on the 31st August, 1622, Margaret daughter of John Parker of Bradkirk, in the parish of Kirkham, in Lancashire. He was constituted assistant Deemster to his father, in the latter's absence, by special warrant of the Lord Proprietor.

[Edward Christian, second son of John Christian, vicar of Maughold, who was descended from another branch of the same family, takes a prominent part in the government of the island at this period. He made a voyage to the East Indies and became owner of a vessel in the trade with that country, where he amassed a fortune. Returning to England, he appears in the suite of the Duke of Buckingham, by whose influence he got command of the "Bonaventure" Frigate of 37 guns. He returned to the Isle of Man 1627 and was early noticed by Lord Strange, afterwards Earl of Derby, who says of him in his Treatise, "He is excellent good companie, as rude as a sea captain should be, but refined as one that hath civilized himself half a year at court." The Earl seems to have trusted him implicitly at first, but afterwards complains that he presumed on the favours shewn him, and in 1643 we find him in prison on a charge of treason, where he remained until released under the government of the parliament in 1651. He was again imprisoned in January, 1660, for plotting against Chaloner, governor under Lord Fairfax for the parliament, and died January 19th, 1661; buried at Kirk Maughold.]

We now come to William Christian, brother of the last-mentioned John, the Deemster. He was born 1608, and is famous in Manx song as Illiam Dhone (brown William). He was appointed Receiver General 1648. His master, the Earl of Derby, was executed at Bolton 1651, having been taken prisoner in Cheshire after the battle of Worcester, and immediately afterwards Col. Duckenfield took possession of the island in the name of the parliament. On the Restoration of Charles II., the then Earl of Derby proceeded to try William Christian for alleged treachery in handing over the island to the parliament. He was tried by a court consisting of the Governor, Deemster Norris (John Christian and his son Edward not appearing) and the 24 Keys; he refused to plead before this court, and was condemned and shot on Hango Hill on the 2nd January, 1662-3. He made an eloquent speech, recorded in the Parochial Register, and died with intrepidity. His son George and nephew Edward appealed to Charles II. in council, taking with them such records and persons as were necessary to prove their case. As a result of their appeal, the Governor, Deemsters, and Council were brought up to London, and compelled to appear, together with the Earl, before the King in person, in council. They decided that an Act of Indemnity to all rebels having been proclaimed by the King, William Christian ought to have received the benefit thereof. It was therefore ordered that full restitution be made to his heirs of all his estates, real and personal. A very detailed account of William Christian's trial, written apparently by the then representative of the family, is to be found in the Appendix to the Introduction to Sir Walter Scott's *Peeveril of the Peak*. Whatever were Christian's faults, party-feeling ran so high at that time that it is difficult to arrive at an impartial opinion of these transactions, but it would seem that his execution was an act of revenge for what the Earl no doubt looked upon as the murder of his father by the agents of the parliament. What is reputed to be

the portrait of this William Christian hangs at Workington Hall. He appears as a tall handsome man of about fifty. He is dressed in a complete suit of black, consisting of doublet, hose, and long black cloak, the doublet being edged with gold; on his head he wears an embroidered white and gold skull-cap, and his belt is of the same material.

“ In so shifting a scene, who would confidence place  
 In family power, youth, or in personal grace.  
 No character's proof against enmity foul,  
 And thy fate, William Dhone, sickens our soul.”

Translation from the Manx.

John Christian (brother of William Dhone) was succeeded by his second son *Edward*, born August 7th, 1628. He married Dorothy, third daughter of Thos. Wilson of Heversham, Westmorland, a sister of Edward Wilson of Dallam Tower. He was a Deemster of the island, and died about 1693, being succeeded by his son—

*Ewan*, born 1651. He it was who rebuilt or added to Ewanrigg. He was a barrister-at-law, and married on February 12th, 1677, Mary, eldest daughter of John Caine of St. Mary, Whitechapel. He died the 10th of September, 1719, and was succeeded by his third son *John*, born May 14th, 1688. He married May 14th, 1717, Bridget, eldest daughter of Humphrey Senhouse of Netherhall.

He was succeeded first by his eldest son *Ewan*, born on the 28th July, 1718, who died on the 16th of August, 1752, and afterwards by his second son *John*, born at Ewanrigg the 5th of October, 1719. He was High Sheriff of Cumberland 1766, and died at Petty France on his return from Bath on November the 23rd, 1767. He married Jane, eldest daughter of Eldred Curwen of Workington. The fifth son, Edward, born the 15th July, 1725, was, according to Hutchinson's pedigree, a captain in the Navy; died unmarried, and was buried in Cambridge. The sixth son Charles, born 23rd December, 1729, was an attorney-at-law and lived at Moreland Close, Brigham,

Cumberland. He married Anne, daughter and co-heir of Jacob Dixon of that place, and their tenth son Fletcher Christian was the leader of the mutiny on the "Bounty." Mary, the eldest daughter of the above-mentioned John and Bridget Senhouse, was born March 19th, 1721, and married on the 24th of June, 1740, Edmund Law, D.D., afterwards Bishop of Carlisle, and father of the first Lord Ellenborough.

*John* Christian, third son of John Christian and Jane Curwen, was born at Ewanrigg on July 12th, 1756. He married on September 10th, 1775, Margaret, daughter of John Taubman of Castletown, I.O.M. She died in February, 1778, leaving an only son, and in 1782 he married as his second wife Isabella Curwen of Workington, the ancestress of the present family of that name. In 1790, he assumed by Royal licence the surname and arms of Curwen. He was High Sheriff for Cumberland in 1784, M.P. for Carlisle in 1786, and continued to represent the city in several parliaments. He was afterwards M.P. for the county, and retained the seat until his death. In 1790 he took an active part in the debate in the House of Commons concerning the sale of the Isle of Man, and again in 1805. In politics he was a Whig, but he is best remembered in Cumberland for his efforts on behalf of agriculture, and it was he who first instituted agricultural shows. At Workington Hall there are several portraits of John Christian Curwen, the best by Romney, a full-length, representing him as a young man with powdered hair. He is dressed in a blue riding coat, buff breeches, and top boots; his right arm rests on his horse's shoulder. He died in 1828.

His son *John*, who was born in 1776, succeeded him in the Christian estates. He was called to the Bar in 1803, was a Deemster of the Isle of Man, and a J.P. for Cumberland. He married on the 23rd of April, 1807, Susannah, daughter of Lewis Robert Allen of Bath, and died Feb. 27th, 1852. For further descents see pedigree.