

ART. XVII.—*Notes on Some Westmorland Clockmakers*
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SINCE my former paper (N.S. xxxv, 42-55) which, after preliminary remarks on the general question, dealt in particular with the clockmakers of Kendal and Kirkby Lonsdale, I have been favoured with particulars of four Kendal clocks not included in my former communication:—

(a) Mr. J. Wilson Brown, the Public Librarian of Kendal, has had a letter from Mr. W. Dodgson, of Vancouver, B.C., as to a "J. Hadwen" clock he possesses. It has a square brass face and only one (the hour) hand, and consists of works only. The case appears to have been discarded when Mr. Dodgson emigrated to British Columbia some years ago. There is no indication of date on the clock face.

(b) Mr. E. R. Whitehead, of Mill Close House, Town Bank, Ulverston, reports a single-handed brass-faced clock by Hadwen of Kendal.

(c) My attention has been directed to a Kendal clock which is now in the possession of our member, Miss Heald, of 8, Castle Park, Lancaster. It has been in her mother's family for some generations. The clock has a white face and birds on it and the name "BELLMAN, KENDAL."

Miss Heald's nephew, Mr. Maurice James King, of Downing College, Cambridge, has kindly photographed the clock and has placed a print at the disposal of the Editor for illustration of this article. There is no record in any of the clock books of a Bellman of *Kendal*.

Reference is made in Reid to a *Daniel* Bellman, of Broughton-in-Furness (1814-24) mentioned in a List of Lancashire Clockmakers, compiled by Mr. S. H. Hamer, of Halifax, in the "Yorkshire Weekly Post," of 24th October, 1908. There is also a Wm. Bellman, of Broughton, 1784. This is therefore probably the first discovery of a Kendal clockmaker.

Our member Mr. Wilson Butler informs me there were three George Bellman's, clockmakers; he also tells me the following tombstone is in Broughton Churchyard: "Daniel Bellman, late of Broughton, clock and watch maker, who departed this life Decr. 10th, 1865, aged 60. Thomas, his son, died Septr. 12th, 1851, aged 11 years, also Bidy, widow of above, who died at Ulverston, May 6th, 1877, aged 76." There are two George Bellman Wills in the Lancaster Probate Registry.

(d) Mr. R. F. Parker, watchmaker, of 29 King Street, Lancaster (a descendant of several Lancaster Clockmakers who were Freemen of the Borough), has a brass-faced clock-dial by T. Houlding of Kendal. On the top of the dial is the Latin motto "Sic volat irrevocabile tempus."

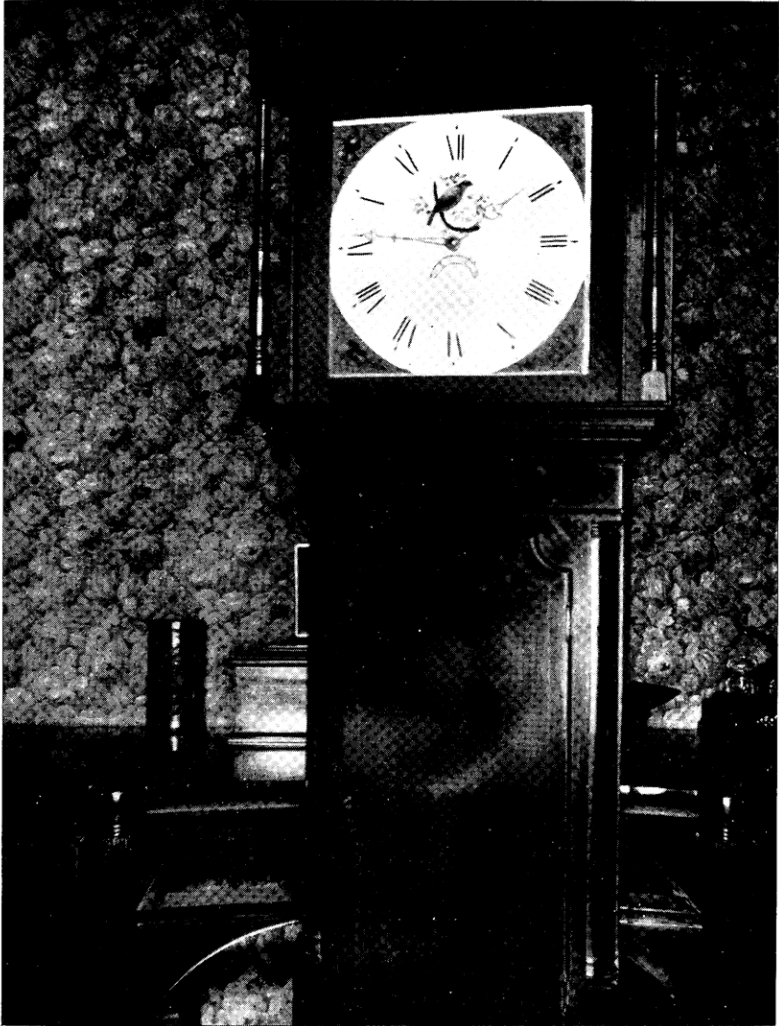
KIRKBY LONSDALE.

Since my first paper, I have received a report from Miss E. M. Buckley, of 1, Talbot Road, Cliftonville, Margate, of a clock with the name "WETHERED K-LONSDALE" on the dial. "It has a chased brass dial with embossed brasswork; originally shewed phases of the moon; also date; not working. On the outside edge of dial are ordinary English numbers for minutes; between 5 and 10, 10 and 25, 35 and 40, and 50 and 55 is a cross."

APPLEBY.

George Wilson, of Bridge Street, Appleby, made clocks about 1828. He is referred to in:—

(a) A list of clockmakers compiled by the late T. H. Gofton, of Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.



Grandfather Clock, by Bellman of Kendal.

Photo. by Maurice J. King.

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(b) A list of (mainly) Cumberland and Westmorland clocks compiled by Mr. J. H. Wilkinson, of Annan, N.B.

(c) A list of Cumberland and Westmorland clocks compiled by Mr. Hugh Machell, formerly of Lakeside, Ulverston, but now of "The Wick," Branksome Park, Bournemouth. This gentleman is hoping to edit a new edition of "North Country Clockmakers of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries," written by C. Leo Reid and published by Messrs. Andrew Reid and Co., Ltd., of Newcastle-on-Tyne (1925). In this book there is a record of a grandfather clock, by George Wilson, of oak with a domed head, 12-inches square brass dial with a calendar. I do not know who owned this clock in 1925 or where it is now.

Miss A. Lyne, of 15, Parr Street, Kendal, reports a clock, by George Wilson, with a white face and hunting scene painted above the dial; woodwork, oak and mahogany; the name of the maker on the face of the clock.

Another clock by this maker is reported from Miss E. Wharton, Croft House, Orton, Penrith.

I have so far been unable to trace any clocks by members of the Powley family (John and Robert) made in Appleby, other than those chronicled in Reid. There are traces of other clocks by this family at Asby (see later) and Battlebarrow. There are no wills of John or Robert Powley, of Appleby, at Carlisle.

I should be glad to hear of clocks by John Hutchinson, Joseph Barker, —. Savage, and James Weyman or Wemyss (1828), all of Appleby.

ASBY.

I have notes of the following clocks made by J. Pooley, of *Asby*, in the possession of:—

(1) Mr. E. J. Bracken, The Oaks, Marthwaite, Sedbergh. Brass-faced.

(2) Alfred Dennison, Stone Hall, Whinfield, Kendal.

(3) John Garnett, 70, Larkfield Lane, Marshside, Southport. 30 hour brass-dial, carved front IP/ASBY.

(4) A. E. Bousfield, 111, Clifton Road, Darlington: "brass-faced eight-day clock," IP/ASBY on face.

Rev. D. W. Neale, Rector of Asby, informs me there is no mention of a J. Powley of Asby in his Registers. Col. Haswell tells me there is a will of John Powley of *Orton* (not far from Appleby) in the Carlisle Probate Registry. This *may* be the man wanted.

CLIFTON.

Mr. Harold H. Day, of Hill Crest, Burton Road, Kendal, has a clock by Savage of Clifton. It is a 30-hour clock with an endless chain and striking apparatus, a square brass dial, silvered hours circle with $\frac{1}{4}$ -hour marks.

There is no will of a T. Savage at Carlisle, but Colonel Haswell writes that the following Savage wills are at Carlisle:—

(1) Nathan Savage (Morland), 1758.

(2) Henry Savage (Clifton), 1762.

(3) James Savage (Penrith), 1769.

Reid mentions Savage clockmakers at Appleby, Clifton, Huddersfield and Penrith.

Mr. James Cragg, of Barth, Dent, Sedbergh, reports a clock made by John Whitfield of Clifton. Reid notes two grandfather clocks made by him and one by R. T. Whitfield of Tanfield. There are no Whitfield wills at Carlisle.

GRASMERE.

I have notes of two clocks made by James Airey, of Grasmere, owned by:—

(1) E. Gordon Fell, 1, Beast Banks, Kendal.

(2) John Hodgson (grandson of the maker), Midland Bank House, Grasmere. "The clock has a white face,

black figures and gives the day of the month, chain winding, well polished oak case."

There is in Grasmere churchyard a tombstone with the following inscription: "To the memory of James Airey, who was for many years Parish Clerk and Postmaster and previously Schoolmaster of Grasmere, who died June 18th, 1864, aged 60 years. This stone is erected by the inhabitants in token of their respect and regard."

Miss Armitt writes in her "The Church of Grasmere": "James Airey the next Parish Clerk (1856 to 1862) must have been a clever ingenious man for he kept the Church Clock in order from 1831."

There is no will of James Airey in the Lancaster Probate Registry. There are other clocks by James Airey in Grasmere Village on which I hope to report later.

KILLINGTON.

Mr. T. Woof, of The Oaks, Marthwaite, Sedbergh, has a brass-faced clock made by Samuel Parrott, of Grassrigg, Killington.

I am particularly anxious to trace a clock made by Tainer of Asby.

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