

ART. XI.—*The Jeffersons of Westward. Part I.* By the
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FROM the date when enough documents have survived to make it possible to form a judgment, that is in the middle of the 16th century, it is apparent from the frequency with which the name appears that the Jefferson clan must have been in Westward for a considerable time.

The searcher is immediately struck by the curious fact that the name did not become fixed until the 17th century. In the 16th century Jeffray and Jeffrayson or Jefferson seem to be interchangeable forms. In the Percy estate fines from 1578-1669, John Jeffray is the owner of the Mill at Woodside,* but wills and evidence quoted later in the article make it clear beyond doubt that these Jeffrays were of the same family as the later Jeffersons. On the other hand, the Brisko pedigree contains the marriage of Elizabeth Brisko with John Jeffrayson of Ye Woodside† in about 1550 and he was almost certainly one of the Mill family. It must be very unusual to find a family of good position with an unfixed surname at so late a date.

The description 'the Jefferson clan' has been used above. The Jeffersons were indeed a clan and must at one time have owned almost the whole of Westward. This article is only going to deal in detail with one branch of this clan, but before beginning with this it may be of interest to give a brief account of the family as a whole. Unfortunately the usual paucity of information makes it impossible to shew the connection between the branches, though no doubt they all sprung from a common stock.

* Cockermouth Castle Records.

† Brisko MSS. Pedigree.

The most important branch, with which this article is chiefly concerned, was the Jeffersons of the Milne or Mill at Woodside, and later of Cuning Garth, Longmore, and many other places in Westward and Wigton.

There was another Jefferson family at Woodside, generally described as of East Woodside. This family is known for its possession of a 17th century bible with many entries of genealogical interest.* These begin with John Jefferson, 1620-1701. But later generations did not continue these entries. The family do not seem to have been as important as the Mill one, of which they were probably a junior branch.

Then there were the Jeffersons of Millbeck, they seem to become extinct at Westward in the middle of the 18th century. They were of some position. By his will dated 31 May, 1691, John Jefferson of Millbeck leaves his freehold estate at "Seburham" to his son Thomas, and another freehold estate at Dockeray to another son Joseph. The eldest son John, of course, had Millbeck. Mr. Field in his useful *Armorial* says "This yeoman family, who first settled at Sebergham in the 17th century, were descended from the Jeffersons of Ripon in Yorkshire."† The above shews their origin was much nearer home.

Mr. F. H. M. Parker in his article on the Parkers of Old Town‡ gives a short account of Robert and Francis Jefferson of Stoneraise in Westward, both fellows of their College at Cambridge and the former a chaplain to the Duke of Cambridge. The Jeffersons of the Mill also owned land at Stoneraise and it seems certain the two families were related, but how cannot be discovered.

The local historian Samuel Jefferson probably came from Woodside, Westward. There was a Joseph Jefferson,

* I am indebted to Mrs. K. Harrison for leave to see this bible.

† *An Armorial for Cumberland*, p. 172.

‡ *Trans. O.S.*, xvi, 104.

minister of the independent church at Basingstoke, who was born at Woodside.* As Samuel was born at Basingstoke, it looks as if this was his father, but certain evidence has not been found, nor is there any as to which Woodside family can claim him.

The Jeffersons of Springfield, near Egremont, one of whom, Henry was Sheriff in 1890, may have come from the Jeffersons of the Mill. The founder of the family at Whitehaven was Robert Jefferson, 1703-1779. He was the son of Thomas Jefferson of Aikton, who was baptized there, the son of another Thomas, in 1675. A brother of Robert aforesaid, Thomas by name, was an innkeeper at Wigton and died in 1768, leaving a will. Lancelot Jefferson of the Cunning Garth family, who died in 1685, mentions his cousin William Jefferson of Aikton in his will.† This William seems to be contemporary with Thomas, grandfather of Robert, and was presumably a son of Robert, second son of John Jefferson II. But there is no evidence that Thomas, the eldest son of this Robert was also of Aikton, though he may well have been so. The later history of the Springfield Jeffersons can be found in the Rev. Caesar Caine's History of The Churches of the Whitehaven Rural Deanery and Mr. Field's Armorial.‡

THE JEFFERSONS OF THE MILL, WOODSIDE.

Enough of Westward Jeffersons in general; to deal with the family of the Mill at Woodside in particular.

The first certain date is 1578; at the survey of the Percy estates in that year it was recorded that:

THE NEW MILL.

Jo. Jeffray holdeth a water corne milne within the Westward called the new mill at Woodside. £1. 13. 4.

* Directory of 1829 for Cumberland.

† Appendix 3.

‡ I am indebted to Mr. R. E. Porter for drawing my attention to the Jeffersons of Springfield.

In the surveys of 1585 and 1633, other John Jeffrays owned the mill and pay the same rent.*

Before that, as has been mentioned above, Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Brisco of Crofton, married John Jeffrayson of ye Woodside.†

A John Jeffrason, who made a will dated 24 Feby., 1576, describes himself as "balif of Thursbie." He leaves a legacy to Magdalen Holme, who became the wife of William Lowther, bailiff of Great Orton.‡

These facts suggest that these Jeffersons were then people of good position. It seems curious that they were not included in either of the local visitations. They certainly appear to have been of as good a social position as many families, who were accounted gentry in 1665. One possible explanation is that, like the Briscos and Barwises, both prominent Westward families, they were Cromwellians, and so not popular with Dugdale. The Briscos he could not ignore; the Barwises and the Jeffersons he did.

In later years by a series of fortunate marriages the family much increased its wealth. This was used not to build up the position of the eldest son, but to endow the younger ones. The result being that in the first half of the last century there were descendants of the Jeffersons of the Mill, not only at the Mill itself, which after the marriage of the head of the family with the Brisco heiress in 1686 passed to a younger son, but at Cunning Garth, the property of the head of the family, at Hawkrigg House, and Longmore, and Field End, Wigton, and at Greenrigg and Stoneraise, Westward. To-day, though none of the family are living at any of these places, their male descendants still flourish overseas in Jamaica and New Zealand and in other parts of England.

* Cockermouth Castle Records.

† Brisco Pedigree, between pp. 192 and 193.

‡ *Trans.* N.S. xl, 65.

I. John Jeffray is entered as the owner of the 'Milne' at Woodside, Westward, in the general fine on the Percy estates in 1633. His rent is given as £1. 13s. 4d., which shows him to have been a man of some substance. He was probably born about 1590. There seems no reason to doubt that the next generation were his children; they were

1. John Jefferson, of whom next.
2. Robert, mentioned in his brother's will in 1667, with his two children Thomas and Janett.

II. John Jefferson of Milne, Woodside, Westward, made his will on 23 April, 1667* and was buried at Thursby. He leaves money to the poor of both Westward and Thursby. He mentions his estate at 'Little banton' and is clearly quite well off. By his wife Jannet, who had previously married . . . Lightfoote, by whom she had a daughter Mary, he had issue:

1. John Jefferson, of whom next.
2. Thomas, who is described as of Gilheade by his brother Lancelot in his will in 1685, who also mentions his children.
3. Joseph, described as of Cardew in the same will, he also had children.
4. William, living in 1667.
5. Robert, living in 1667.
6. George, left with his brother Lancelot, land at Little banton in his father's will.
7. Lancelot, of Woodside in 1685, when he made his will dated 17 June.†
1. Isabell, of Burgh in 1685.
2. Isabell, of Bawdingholme in 1685.

III. John Jefferson, eldest son of John and Jannet, was left the house, stables and all the husbandry gear by his father's will. His will was dated 21 April, 1673.‡ He mentions his wife Mary, by her, he had issue:

* Appendix I.

† *Ibid.* 3.

‡ *Ibid.* 2.

- I. Robert Jefferson, of whom next.
1. Jane, bapt. at Thursby, 27 Dec., 1664.
2. Mary, bapt. there 23 Aug., 1668.
3. Sussana, bapt. there 10 April, 1670.

IV. Robert Jefferson, only son of John and Mary, was bapt. at Thursby 6 May, 1666.* He married at Westward on 23 Oct., 1686, Jane, daughter, and eventually heiress, of John Brisco of the Coney Garth or Cunning Garth in that parish and of Longmore, Wigton.† He died there and was buried at Westward 2 Jany., 1702. His will was dated 12 Nov., 1700‡ His eldest son John was to inherit Cunning Garth, the second son Joseph was to have The Mill at Woodside, and the third son George a tenement called Eldors. By his wife Jane, he left issue:

1. John Jefferson, of whom next.
2. Joseph Jefferson, see Section 'C.'
3. George, who was buried at Wigton, 4 June, 1773, aged 82.
4. Robert, bapt. at Westward 2 Sept., 1694 and buried there 14 Oct., 1724. He left a will dated 9 Oct., 1724.§
5. Lancelot, bapt. 11 April, 1697 and died 13 April, 1786. There is a tombstone to his memory in Wigton church yard.|| He married Catherine Wait of Thursby, by licence on 5 Nov., 1722. She died 15 Nov., 1758 aged 66 and was buried at Wigton.
1. Dorcas, bapt. 20 Nov., 1692.
2. Susanna, bapt. 7 July and buried 8th July, 1700.

A. JEFFERSON OF CUNNING GARTH AND LONGMORE.

Va. John Jefferson, eldest son of Robert and Jane, IV, was bapt. 20 June, 1687. He inherited Cunning Garth

* In future all baptisms, etc. are at Westward, unless otherwise stated.

† See Pedigree of Brisco of Cunning Garth between pp. 192 and 193.

‡ Appendix 4.

§ *Ibid.* 5.

|| Monumental Inscriptions at Wigton. All the Wigton tombstones mentioned are entered in this book.

and Longmore, Wigton from his father. He was buried 23 Dec., 1747. His will was proved 27 Dec., 1747.* There is a tombstone to his memory at Westward. He married on 19 Nov., 1709 Esther, daughter of Thomas Reed of Crosshill, Wigton. She was buried there 25 Feby., 1763. By her, he left issue:

1. Robert Jefferson, of whom next.
 2. Nathaniel, bapt. 15 March, 1727 and buried at Westward 15 Aug., 1749. He left a will dated 29 July, 1749.†
 3. John, bapt. 8 Oct., 1722, living at Grainger Houses, Westward in 1749. He married Mary Willis of High Hall, Westward by licence on 3 July, 1742, there described as of Cunning Garth, yeoman.
 4. Joseph, bapt. 23 Sept., 1715, described as of Woodside in 1749, when he had a son John.
 5. Thomas, bapt. 26 March, 1718, described as of Longmoor in 1745 and of Wigton in 1749. He had issue as shewn in the pedigree.
1. Jane, she married Isaac Jefferson on 27 May, 1731.
 2. A daughter, bapt 4 Oct., 1722.

Via. Robert Jefferson, eldest son of John and Esther, was bapt. 8 Feby., 1712. He was living at Field End, Wigton in 1739. He was buried at Westward on 12 Dec., 1748, as of Longmore, Wigton, but on his tombstone at Westward, he is said to have been of Cuning Garth. His will was dated 11 Dec., 1748.‡

He married firstly, Margaret . . . , who was buried at Westward 11 Jany., 1736. By her, he had issue

Joseph Jefferson, bapt. 7 May, 1734.

Elizabeth, buried 30 Oct., 1736.

* Appendix 6.

† *Ibid.* 8.

‡ *Ibid.* 7.

He married secondly, Mary, daughter and eventual heiress, of John Messenger of Field End, Wigton* by licence dated 12 Dec., 1738. She died 8 Nov., 1801, aged 88 at Wigton, where there is a tombstone to her memory. Her will was dated 1 July, 1800.† By her, he had issue:

1. John Jefferson, of whom next.
1. Esther, bapt. 23 March, 1742 and died 18 June, 1763. She was buried at Westward, but is commemorated in a tombstone at Wigton.
2. Betty, bapt. 7 Feby., 1739. She married John Sibson of Birkby, Cross Canonby, by licence on 12 Nov., 1759, and had issue.
3. Mary, bapt. 28 Dec., 1748. She married Robert Elliot of Thackthwaite, Bolton, widower, gent., by licence on 12 July, 1768 and died 29 March, 1834 at Wigton, where there is a tombstone to her memory. They had issue:
 1. Robert Elliot, who died at Kingston, Jamaica 20 June, 1794, aged 25.
 2. John William Augustus Elliot, who died 18 June, 1801, aged 18.

VIIa. John Jefferson, the only son of Robert and Mary, was born 21 Dec., 1745 and bapt. 4 Jany., 1746. In 1802, John Jefferson of Cuning Garth, uncle and heir on the mother's side of John William Augustus Elliot, deceased, was admitted tenant of two parcels of ground called Wham and Colemire.‡ He died 28 Jany., 1823 at Cuning Garth, and was buried at Wigton, but the tombstone to his memory is at Westward. He is described in the burial entry as of Longmore. He married on 27 Feby., 1771, Mary, daughter and eventually heiress of Robert Hodgson of Mosside, Abbey Town by his

* The Messengers of Field End were an ancient yeoman family; the pedigree can be traced back to John Messenger, who died in 1607.

† Appendix 9.

‡ Percy Estate Records at Cockermouth Castle.

wife Jane, daughter of Thomas Barwis of New Cowper.* She was born 25 July, 1751 and bapt. on 24 Aug. She died 14 Aug., 1816, there is a tombstone to her memory at Wigton. By her, he left issue:

1. Robert Jefferson, of whom next.
2. John, see Section B.
3. Thomas, born 8 April, 1777. He died 18, and was buried 21 April, 1813 at Wigton. Administration of the effects of Thomas Jefferson, late of Cunning Garth, attorney-at-law, deceased, was granted to John Jefferson, his father, 2 Dec., 1815. There is a family tradition that his father inherited the Mosside estate, and had to sell it to pay the debts of a son, who was a barrister and got into trouble. It looks as if this was the son. The Mosside estate was left by Robert Hodgson in his will of 15 June, 1784 to his wife; she left no will. So how it came to the Jeffersons, if indeed it did, is not known.
1. Mary, born 3 Dec., 1771, died 4 Nov., 1781.
2. Jane, born 16 April, 1779 and died 10 July, 1820. She married, by licence at Westward, John Bouch on 27 July, 1801. There is, if it has not been destroyed, (March, 1941), a monument to their memory in the church of St. Magnus the Martyr in the City of London.

VIIIa. Robert Jefferson, eldest son of John and Mary, was born 19 Aug., and bapt. at Wigton, 22 Oct., 1773. He inherited Cunning Garth and died there 26 Oct., 1861, and was buried at Westward, where there is a tombstone

* Thomas Barwis married Elizabeth Osmotherley in 1710. Her father was Cuthbert Osmotherley, who married Mary, daughter of Henry Salkeld of Threapland at Torpenhow on 2 June, 1686. His father was William Osmotherley, 1638-1670. He married Ann, 5th daughter of Thomas Dykes of Dovenby and his wife Joyce, daughter of John Freschville, at Plumbland on 10 Aug., 1665.

I am indebted to Col. Ballantyne Dykes for this later marriage. These facts help to clear up several points left doubtful in Mr. Skelton's account of the Osmotherley family in *Trans.* n.s. xvi, 180. *Ibid.* n.s. xxxvii, pedigree opp. p. 123, Visitation of 1665.

to his memory. He married Sarah, daughter of William Skelton. She died 16 June, 1831, aged 41. By her, he had issue:

1. John Hodgson Jefferson, of whom next.
2. Robert Jefferson, Xa.
3. Skelton Jefferson, of Preston Hows, near Whitehaven, where he died 2 March, 1884, aged 55. His will was dated 13 April, 1880 and proved 22 May, 1884.
1. Mary, married William Kennedy and died at Aspatria, 22 Dec., 1870.
2. Eliza, died at Hensingham, 24 Jany., 1882.
3. Jane, married George Twentymen of Wigton.
4. Sarah, died 23 July, 1896.

IXa. John Hodgson Jefferson, eldest son of Robert and Sarah, was born in 1818. He farmed Cuning Garth, which he inherited from his father. He died there on 27 July, 1875, and was buried at Westward, where there is a stone to his memory. He was unmarried. By his will, which was made 28 July, 1873 and proved 13 Aug., 1875, he left both his personal estate and lands to his brother Robert and his brother-in-law George Twentymen, as trustees, and directed them to sell all his property and divide the proceeds between his nephews and nieces, "when they think proper."

Xa. Robert Jefferson, second son of Robert and Sarah, lived at Preston Hows, near Whitehaven and died there 28 Dec., 1891, aged 70. He married Margaret, daughter of John and Ann Troutbeck of Penrith. She died 14 March, 1905, aged 65. By her, he had issue:

1. Robert Ewan Jefferson, of whom next.
2. John Hutton Jefferson, XII.
1. Florence, married to Marcus Geerts of South Africa and has issue.
2. Mabel, married Donald Walton of South Africa and has issue.

3. Edith.

4. Bertha.

XIa. Robert Ewan Jefferson, eldest son of Robert and Margaret, was born 15 Oct., 1875. He now lives in New Zealand. By his wife, Jesse Eastwood, he has issue:

1. Joyce Jefferson.

2. Molly.

3. Ruth.

XIIa. John Hutton Jefferson, second son of Robert and Margaret, was born in 1884 at Preston Hows. He lives at Lucky Hill, Jamaica, B.W.I. He married Margaret, daughter of James Harmer of Dalton-in-Furness. By her, he has issue:

1. Robert Jefferson.

2. Margaret Jefferson.

B. JEFFERSON OF HAWKRIGG HOUSE.

VIIIb. John Jefferson, second son of John and Mary, VIIa, was born 9 June, at Longmore, and bapt. 20 Oct., 1775, at Wigton.* He inherited Longmore and Field End from his father. He appears to have lived mostly at Hawkrigg House, Wigton, where he died on 6 April, 1855 and was buried at Wigton, 9 April. His will was dated 21 April, 1851 and proved 13 June, 1855.

He married firstly, Mary Elizabeth Polly of Galley Wood Common, Chelmsford; she died 24 May, 1807. By her, he had issue:

Mary, born 4 May, 1807.

He married secondly, Sarah Taylor of Terling, near Witham, Essex, on 22 Nov., 1808. She died at Longmore, 15 Oct., 1868, and was buried at Wigton, where there is a stone to her memory.

By her, he had issue:

1. John Taylor Jefferson, of whom next.

1. Sarah, born 18 March, and died 8 April, 1810.

* All the baptisms of this family were there unless otherwise stated.

2. Sarah, born 15 Nov., and named 21 Dec., 1814, and bapt., 21 May, 1817. She married Joseph Benn of Longmore and died 12 March, 1858.
3. Mary, who married . . . Bewley and had issue Sarah, who married Arthur Ashworth, a clergyman.

IXb. John Taylor Jefferson, eldest son of John and Sarah, was born 8 March, 1821, and bapt., at St. George's, Southwark, 20 Jany., 1822. He appears to have lived at Hawkrigg House, Wigton, where he died 18 March, 1884. He was buried at Wigton, 16 April, 1884. His will was dated 4 Dec., 1863 and proved 4 June, 1884. He married Mary Jane, daughter of Joseph Studholme of Wigton, Solicitor. She died 8 Dec., 1871. By her, he had issue:

1. John Studholme Jefferson, of whom next.
1. Fanny, bapt., 29 Sept., 1852. She died young.
2. Sarah, bapt. 6 Feby., 1855. She married John Addison of Parton, and died 14 March, 1833, without issue.
3. Annie Jane, married Charles Percy Barnes of Demerara and died childless.
4. Mary Alice, bapt. 4 March, 1858, and married Frederick Walter Barnes and has issue.

Xb. John Studholme Jefferson, only son of John Taylor and Mary Jane, was bapt. 8 Oct., 1862 and died unmarried 10 May, 1891.

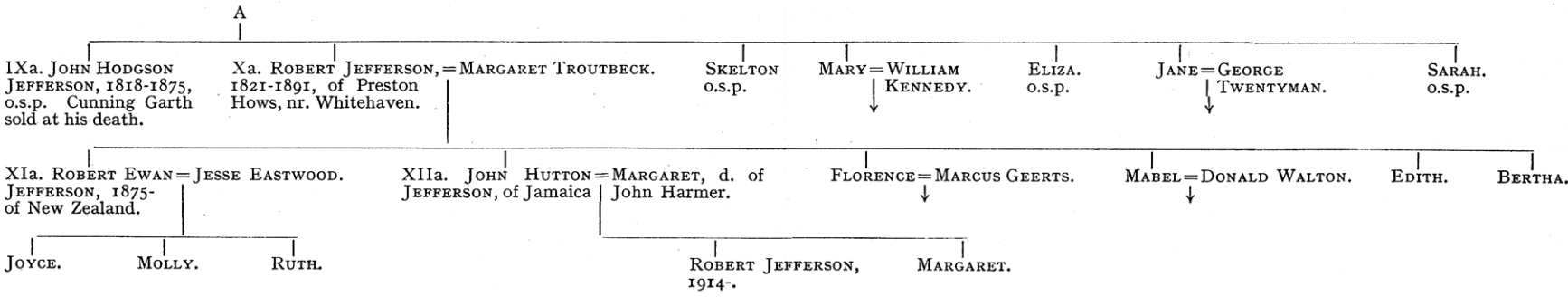
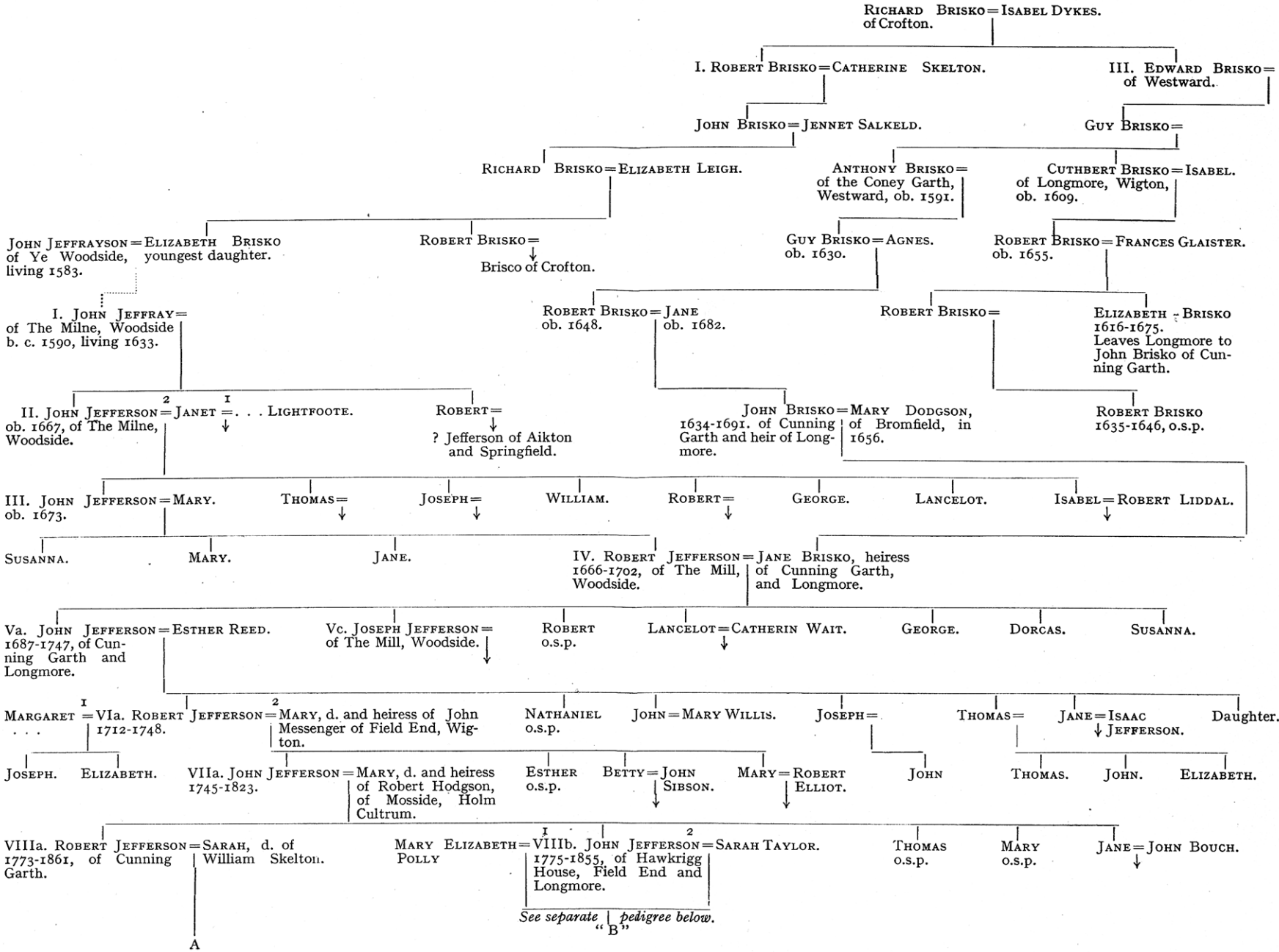
I am indebted to Miss Margaret Jefferson, Mr. Anthony Crofton, Mr. J. H. Addison, Mr. P. J. Barnes, the Rev. A. H. Tandy Lett and Messrs. Rigg & Strong, Solicitors, Wigton, for help in preparing this article.

APPENDIX.

- I. WILL OF JOHN JEFFERSON OF MILNE, WESTWARD, 23 APRIL, 1667.

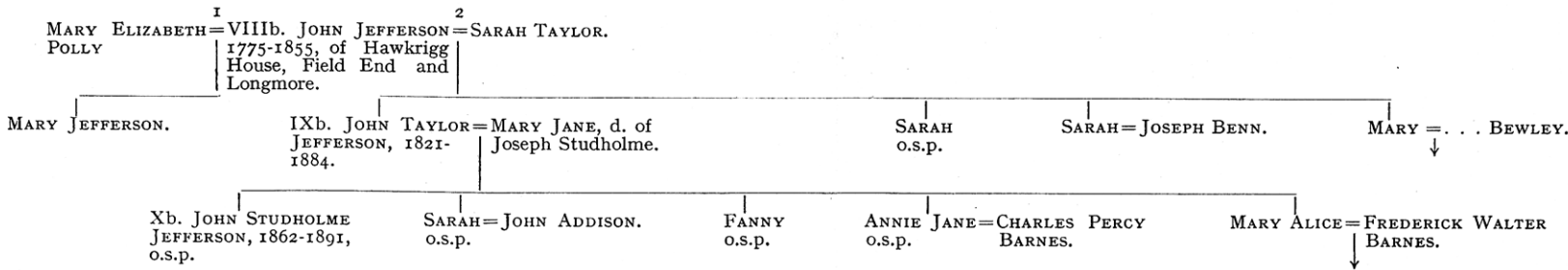
To be buried in Thursbie churchyard.

John Jefferson, my sonne, the house stables, etc., all husbandry gear to be divided equally betwixt Jannet, my wife and the sd. John, my sonne.



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JEFFERSON OF HAWKRIGG HOUSE, FIELD END AND LONGMORE.



Thomas Jefferson, my sonne, 20/- to be payed to him yearly by Hugh Marshall, soo long as Elizabeth Woodcock, widow, liveth.

Joseph Jefferson, my sonne, one little heifer.

Robert Liddell, sonne, one little filly.

William Jefferson, my sonne, farm goods and £15, which is in the hands of Jane Ismay and John Knott of Bawdingholme.

Robert Jefferson, my sonne, £30.

Mary Lightfoote, my wife's daughter, bushell of bigg.

Every one of my children's children one lamb.

Mary, my servant, one lamb.

Agnes Liddell, the daughter of Robert Liddell, one cauldron and two lambs.

Lancelot Jefferson, my sonne, one shift.

Janett Jefferson, my brother's daughter, one lamb.

Thomas Jefferson, my brother Robert's sonne, one lamb.

Poore of the parish of Westward, tenn shillings yearly so long as Elizabeth Woodcock of Seberham, widdow, liveth.

Poore of the parish of Thursby eight shillings yearly, soo long as Thomas Jefferson my brother's son is under age.

George Jefferson and Lancelot Jefferson, my two youngest sonnes, all the free land and houses which I have in Little banton with all the appurtinances thereto belonging.

Residue, Jannett Jefferson, my wife, and George and Lancelot Jefferson, my two youngest sonnes, and to be executors.

Witnesses, William Jefferson, John Jefferson.

Probate, 21 June, 1667.

2. WILL OF JOHN JEFFERSON OF WOODSIDE, WESTWARD,
21 APRIL, 1673.

To be buried Thursbie churchyard.

Robert Jefferson, son, farm goods.

Jannet Stoddart, servant, legacy.

Residue executors, wife, Mary, and Susanna, Mary, Jane, daughters.

Witnesses, William Jefferson, John Jefferson, Anthony Jefferson.

3. WILL OF LANCELOT JEFFERSON OF WOODSIDE, 17 JUNE, 1685.

To be buried at Thursby.

Brother Thomas Jefferson of Gilheade, £8 and £5 more, and to his children 2/- apiece.

Brother Joseph Jefferson's of Cardew children, 2/- apiece.

Sister Isabell's children of Bawdinholme, boys 2/6 and girls 1/6 apiece.

Sister Isabell of Burgh, that is her children, 2/- apiece.

My old mother, £5.

Neece, Elizabeth Lightfoot, daughter of John Lightfoot of Banton £3, when 21.

Brother Robert's children, each of them 5/-.

Brother Joseph of Cardew, sister of Bawdinholme and sister of Burgh, 30/- each.

3 nurses, that is John Watson's wife of Rosewan, Jane Reede wife of Jo., cozen George Lightfoote's wife, 5/- each.

Servants, Mary Stoddart, Joseph Ashift, cozen Jo. Studholme of Thurstonfield, cozen William Jefferson of Aykton, George Matthew's lad, Henry Atkinson of Gateside and George Ismay, 5/- each.

Brother George, executor.

Witnesses, John Jefferson, Anthony Jefferson.

Probate, 29 August, 1685.

4. WILL OF ROBERT JEFFERSON OF CUNNINGE GARTH,
WESTWARD, YEOMAN, 12 NOV., 1700.

Eldest son John Jefferson, farm goods.

Second son Joseph Jefferson, ark standing at Woodside, one great chest standing in the Mill, one table in the house at Woodside, farm gear in the loft at Woodside and other farm gear.

Eldest son John, when 21, to convey to second son Joseph all the right and tithe and interest of Woodside tenement and mill.

Third son George, all that his right and title and interest of one tenement called Eldors, with all the appurtenances thereto belonging, with one parcell of meadow grange near Thursby Mill.

Residue and executors, wife Jane, and sons Robert and Lancelot.

Witnesses, Jonathan Jefferson.

John Wilson.

Thomas Andrew.

John Robinson.

5. WILL OF ROBERT JEFFERSON OF CUNNING GARTH, YEOMAN,
9 OCTOBER, 1724.

To be buried at Westward.

Mother and eldest brother, each of them 2/6.

Everyone of his children 1/-.

Brothers, George and Lancelot, to be executors.

Witnesses, William Stockdail, Mabel Sanderson, Sarah Hewetson.

state valued at £182. 9. 10.

6. WILL OF JOHN JEFFERSON OF CUNNING GARTH, WESTWARD,
YEOMAN, 27 DECEMBER, 1747.

Son Nathaniel Jefferson, and his heirs, all money owing by Thomas Olivant of Hesket in the Forest amounting to near £400, also £180 in the hands of son Robert Jefferson.

Grandson John Jefferson, son of daughter Jane, deceased, £10, when 21.

Son John Jefferson, 20/-.

Grandchildren, except John Jefferson above, 2/6 each.

Residue and executors, wife Esther and son Nathaniel, on condition my wife after my decease release all her right and title of dower of certain messuages, lands, tenements of the said Robert Jefferson's at Longmoor and Wigton to the said Robert Jefferson, his heirs and assigns, and certain meadow close to my son Joseph Jefferson, if wife refuses, then sons Robert Jefferson, and Nathaniel Jefferson to be joint excutors, and wife no right therein.

Witnesses, Thomas Jefferson, Nathan Tordiff.

Probate, 27 December, 1747.

7. WILL OF ROBERT JEFFERSON OF LONGMOOR, 11 DECEMBER,
1748.

To my trusty and well beloved friends:

John Messenger, my father-in-law, of Field End, Wigton,
Thomas Jefferson, Bookseller, yeoman, and
Lancelot Jefferson, yeoman,

All freehold messuages, lands and tenements within parish of Wigton and elsewhere in Cumberland as trustees to pay

Elizabeth Jefferson, daughter,	} £150, when 21 or on marriage
Esther Jefferson, 2nd daughter	
Mary Jefferson, youngest daughter	

Trustees to mortgage or sell so much of the above lands to pay all debts.

Residue of freehold lands to my heir at law after such debts and legacies paid.

Daughter, and loving wife Mary, joint executors.

Witnesses, Esther Jefferson, George Jefferson, Catherine Jefferson.

8. WILL OF NATHANIEL JEFFERSON OF CUNNING GARTH,
WESTWARD, 29 JULY, 1749.

Brother John Jefferson of Grainger Houses, £40.

Mother Esther Jefferson, £40.

Brother Thomas Jefferson of Wigton, £6 p.a.,

Son Thomas Jefferson,
 Daughter Elizabeth Jefferson, } £40, when 21
 Son John Jefferson, }
 Nephew John Jefferson of Woodside, £20.
 Niece and god daughter Mary Jefferson of Longmoor, £1. 1. 0.
 Godson Joseph Robinson of Fingland, 5/-.
 Brother Joseph Jefferson of Woodside, to be executor and residue.
 Witnesses, Henry Currey, Lancelot Jefferson.
 Probate, 21 Nov., 1749.

9. WILL OF MARY JEFFERSON OF WIGTON, 1 JULY, 1801.

Daughter Elizabeth or Betty Sibson, widow, annuity of £20 payable out of freehold messuage lying at Field End, Wigton and freehold messuage at Akebank, Wigton, and my pieces and parcels of meadow ground in Wigton called Colmire, Greenmire and Longtons.

Granddaughters Elizabeth or Betty, wife of William Brag, Mary Sibson and Esther Sibson, the 3 daughters of my said daughter Elizabeth Sibson, £80 each, chargeable on above grounds and payable after decease of daughter Betty Sibson.

Daughter Mary Elliot, widow, all freehold messuages in Wigton, subject to above legacies, and all household goods, etc., and to be executrix.

Witnesses, Anthony Barnes, Matthew Hodgson, Mary Borradiel.

10. LANDS OWNED BY THE JEFFERSON FAMILY.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>When obtained.</i>	<i>How obtained.</i>
The Mill, Woodside	ante 1669	?
Lands in Little Bampton	"	?
Eldors	ante 1700	?
Land near Thursby mill	"	?
Long more	1691	Brisco marriage
Cunning Garth	"	"
Field End	1750	Messenger marriage
Akebank	"	"
Colmire, Greenmire and Longtons	?	?
Mossie, Abbey Town ?	1802	Hodgson marriage
Wham	1802	Elliot
Colemire	"	"
Hawkrigg House	c. 1860	?
East Mires	?	?