II .-- NOTES OF THE FAMILY OF HEBBURN OF HEBBURN.

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THE recent meeting of the Society at Chillingham, when the bastlehouse of Hebburn was inspected, affords a not unsuitable opportunity of laying before you the gathered fragments of the history of its ancient owners, whose surname was taken from this, their principal seat.

The earliest notice of the Hebburn family seems to be in the reign of king John, when John Viscount II., gave to the monks of Farne land at Newton-by-the-Sea, adjoining the meadow of Robert de Between 1237 and 1244 John Viscount III.. Hebburn, knight. granted a third part of Earle, near Wooler, and a moiety of Newton to Robert de Hebburn. In 1255 Gerard de Hebburn was an attesting witness to the charter which records the sale of the barony of Embleton by the Lady Rametta and Hereward de Marisco, her husband, to Simon de Montford, and was witness to another charter of the same period of a grant of a tenement in Stamford from Patrick Harang to de Montford. In 1352 sir Thomas de St. Maur granted to sir John Stryvelyn all his rights in the manor and township of Newton and the holdings which John de Hebburn had held in Hebburn of sir Lawrence de St. Maur, his grandfather. It was probably the widow of this John de Hebburn, and mother of Guychard or Gerhard de Hebburn, who, in 1292, as Mathilda, wife of John le Taillur of Berwick, claimed one third of Newton as her dower from the said John de Hebburn, her former husband.¹

In 1271 Nicholas Hebburn granted to the vicar of Chillingham certain lands and offerings there conditional on his officiating in the chapel at Hebburn on specified feast days,² and the names of James de Hebburn and Alice de Hebburn appear in the Subsidy Roll of In 1319 Guychard de Hebburn and Isabel, his wife, held the 1312. manor of Hebburn, with lands in Newton and Earle.³

² Border Holds, pp. 23, 302. ³ Hodgson, Hist. of Northd. iii. vol. i. p. 62.

¹ The new Hist. of Northd. vol. ii. pp. 17, 18, 83, 85, 89.

On the 19th March, 1350, Mathilda, daughter of [Guychard and] Isabella de Hebburn, and wife of William Darrayns, for a rent of 100s. granted to Robert Wendout, an adjoining landowner and kinsman, all her lands at Newton, Embleton, and Earle, for the term of her life. These lands, some six years later, were finally transferred by Darrayns to Wendout.

Robert Wendout, the purchaser, had one son and six daughters. Upon failure of heirs to the former in 1379 the daughters became co-heiresses, and part of the lands, including one third part of the manor of Newton, fell to the second daughter Isabel, who had married a Hebburn, probably a second cousin of Mathilda Darrayns. In this way the alienated lands, or part of them, were restored to the blood of the former owners.⁴

The husband of Isabel Wendout was probably that John Hebburn who was found to have died circa 28 Edward III. (1354), seized of the manor of Hebburn, and of lands at Newton and Earle.⁵ We now reach firmer ground, for Robert de Hebburn, son of Isabel Wendout, was found to be of the age of thirty in 1381, and to have died 3rd August, 1415. An Ing. p.m. was taken (4 Henry V.), and he was found to have died seized of Newton-by-the-Sea, of the manor of Hebburn, and of the manor of Earle.⁶ He was succeeded by his son, Thomas de Hebburn, then aged twenty-seven, who died 1st July, 1424, leaving a son and heir, John de Hebburn, aged five years. In 1448 Agnes, widow of Robert de Hebburn, was found to have died seized of lands and tenements at Earle. Newton, East Ditchburn, etc.⁷

In 1486 John Hebburn, who would then be aged about sixtyseven years, and is described as senior, conveyed his manor of Hebburn, and his lands at Hebburn, Earle, Newton-by-the-Sea, Ellington, Ingo (?), and Coldmartin to William Rutherford of Rochester, William Lawson, and others, in trust.⁸

In 1509 Thomas Hebburn is returned as owner and occupier of Hebburn-hold, capable of accommodating twenty horsemen. He was possibly a grandson of John Hebburn, senior, and is mentioned again

- ⁶ Hodgson, *Hist. of Northd.* iii. vol. ii. p. 267; and new *History*, vol. ii. p. 89. ⁷ Hodgson, *Hist. of Northd.* iii. vol. ii. p. 274.
- ⁸ Visitation, edited by Joseph Foster, p. 66.

⁴ The new Hist. of Northd. vol. ii. pp. 89, 90.

⁵ Lambert MS.

in 1522 as a freeholder in Embleton, and in 1541 as owner of Hebburn tower. His will, written by the vicar of Chillingham, and made 18th April, 1574, when 'syck in body & hole of mynde & of good & p'fett memorie,' gives his body 'to be buryed wthin the ... church of Sent peter th'appostle in Chillangh'm where I am a p'rshon^r.' He gives to his daughter 'Bele' Hebburn £20; to his son Ralph 40s. a year out of his lands in 'Slynglay,' within the bishopric of Durham; to son Robert 40s. a year out of Newton-by-the-Sea. 'I will that Myghell hebborne my sonne and heire shall stand and be charged and chargeable wth Rauf hebborne and Robert hebborne his brothers for mete drynk and loddinge in my Mansion hows of hebborne orells where, from the day of my deceas duringe and untill they & either of them shall com to xxiiij yeres of age orells be otherwise p'vided by s'uice or interteynment, & Also I will that the said Mighall shall fynde my syster Elsabethe mete drynk and clothe Lyn. & Wollende from the day of my desceas duringe her lif naturall yf she will remayne wth him.'9

He was succeeded by his son, Michael Hebburn, who married the posthumous daughter of that George Craster of Craster who died in 1546. In his time occurred the blood feud between the Stories and Hebburns, whose differences were submitted to arbitration. The award of Edmund Craster, the arbitrator, is printed in *Border Holds*,¹⁰ in the *Annals of the House of Percy*, and elsewhere.

Michael Hebburn's will is dated 2nd January, 1601, and was proved at York 24th July, 1613. He charges his lands at 'Newton Morell, co. Richmond,' with $\pounds 100$ apiece to his daughters, Eleanor and Ann, and appoints numerous executors, viz, his wife Margaret, his son Arthur, Ralph Gray of Chillingham, Nicholas Forster of Huln abbey, Arthur Grey, Ephraim Widdrington (his son-in-law), and Roger Grey.¹¹

Arthur Hebburn in 1614 took a mortgage on Carlecroft,¹² and occurs as owner of Hebburn in the freeholders' list of 1628. His will is dated 19th August, 1636, and was proved in 1638. Besides his eldest son Ralph, he had three sons, Edward, Arthur, and John, to whom he left £100 apiece, to his eldest daughter Margaret, he

⁹ Durham Wills, (Surt. Soc.) vol. i. p. 401. ¹⁰ Border Holds, vol. i., p. 303.

¹¹ Raine, Testa. ¹² Lambert MS.

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devised £200, and to the other six £100 apiece, charged on Hebburn, Earle, and Newton. He appointed his wife (Mary, daughter of John Salkeld of Hulne abbey) his executrix.¹³ His inventory, taken by Henry Ogle, Thomas and William Armorer, and Richard Forster, was exhibited in 1638,¹⁴ and an *Inq. p.m.* was taken 10th November, 14 Charles I., by the king's escheator, when he was found to have died seized of the manor and township of Hebburn and other lands, Ralph Hebburn, the son and heir, being under age.

In 1661 the heir of Arthur Hebburn was amerced 3s. 4d. for not appearing at the court at Alnwick.

The heir, Ralph Hebburn, embraced the profession of arms, and became the colonel of a foot regiment in the service of king Charles I., and in 1662 and 1664 was stationed at Berwick. In 1663 he was rated to the county rate for Hebburn on £120, and for Earle at £20 per annum. He married a daughter of Robert Delaval of Cowpen, and entered his pedigree at the Heralds' Visitation of 1666, in which he returned his then age as fifty, apparently an over-statement. He called in the mortgage on Carlecroft, and re-leased that estate to George Potts in 1672.¹⁵

His son, Robert Hebburn, was aged eight years in 1666, and appears in the Bamburgh *Register* as godfather to William, son of Thomas Forster of Adderstone, in 1685. In 1693 he rented the great tithes of Chatton from Ford, lord Grey of Wark,¹⁶ and four years later was a trustee of the marriage settlement of Fergus Story of Beanley and Dorothy Proctor of Shawdon and Rock.¹⁷ The writer has no record of his death or will, but he would seem to have resided on his own estate at Hebburn, for the Chillingham *Register* records the baptisms of five of his children.

He seems to have been succeeded by his son, Robert Hebburn, the last male of the direct line, who also served in the army. His will preserved in the rev. John Hodgson's collection, is printed at length in the Appendix. It shows that besides his daughter Mary, and his two sisters, he apparently had no near blood relative.

The heiress of this ancient line had a somewhat eventful and unhappy life. After being educated at the once well-known York Manor school, she afterwards visited Bath, Clifton, London, etc., ¹³ Raine, Testa. ¹⁴ Ibid. ¹⁵ Lambert MS. ¹⁶ Ibid. ¹⁷ Ibid.

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under the care of Mrs. Johnstone, her father's sister. She married Edward Brudenell, a descendant of Lord Cardigan and a kinsman of the duke of Montague, who, after serving as aide-de-camp to his father in the German war, took orders for the sake of the family living of Hougham, Lincolnshire. The marriage settlement is dated 6th November, 1764. 'The habits of dissipation he had acquired in the army were not forsaken, and his marriage to an heiress was a further step to the gratification of his expensive pleasures. He was a man of insinuating and accomplished manners, but totally without moral or religious principle, and the selfish hardness of his heart showed itself in utter disregard of the happiness of an affectionate wife, and in the grossest indulgence in illicit amours and profligate habits of expense. His wife brought him two sons; they both, however, died in infancy; and after suffering every species of unkindness and indignity Mrs. Brudenell came to the resolution of parting from her ungenerous and cruel husband.' She left a letter for her husband 'threatening that if he attempted to molest her or refused the separate maintenance provided by her marriage settlement, she would throw herself on the protection of the duke of Montague, and disclose the cruelty with which she had been treated.' 'Mrs. Brudenell visited some of her mother's connexions in London, while Mr. Brudenell made some arrangements with respect to her estate of Hebburn in Northumberland, and he finally agreed to allow her $\pounds 100$ a year. From the deranged state of his own affairs he found it expedient to accept the appointment (obtained for him by his halfbrother, General Philips) of chaplain to General Burgoyne's army, along with a detachment of which he sailed for America in the year 1776.'

At her husband's death in 1804 Mrs. Brudenell became again possessed of her paternal estate of Hebburn. 'She who in her youth had bounded over those fields, the heiress of a fair domain, full of life, hope, and promise, now, at the age of 66, came back a shattered, feeble, old woman.' Mr. Brudenell had 'pulled down an old baronial castle which time had spared,' and built Hebburn house upon 'precisely the only part of the estate which affords a prospect utterly devoid of picturesque beauty.'¹⁸

¹⁸ Mrs. Fletcher's Autobiography (Edinburgh, Edmonston & Douglas, 1875), pp. 2, 3, 4, 5, 85, 91, and 96.

Mrs. Brudenell, 'having no connexions on her father's side, and her mother's connexions never having shown her any affectionate consideration or regard, devised her estate to the daughter of an old friend, the wife of Mr. Archibald Fletcher of Edinburgh, an eminent lawyer and a member of the literary society of the period. She died at Tadcaster 25th November, 1806, and was buried near her children in the chancel of Hougham, where the following epitaphs preserve their memory :--

Near this place are deposited the remains of Edward and William Brudenell sons of the reverend Edward Brudenell rector of Hougham cum Marston and Margaret his wife, daughter and sole heiress of Robert Hebborne esq. of Hebborne in the county of Northumberland.

> Edward the eldest was buried July the 20th, 1767, aged 1 year. William February the 24th, 1770, aged 3 years

Sacred to the memory of | Margaret Brudenell | of | Hebburne | To an elevated and generous mind | she unite l | a grateful and affectionate heart | she died in the humble trust | of a blessed immortality | November, 1806 | aged 61.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher sold Hebburn 13th September, 1808,¹⁹ to the earl of Tankerville, who has absorbed part of it in the Chillingham park.²⁰

POSTSCRIPT.—On 4th January, 20 Henry VII., Ralph Hebburn of Hebburn, esquire, granted to the Fraternity of Mariners the site of the present Trinity house at Newcastle. The priest ministering within the chapel there was to pray for the good estate of the said Ralph Hebburn, of master John Hebburn, and of George Hebburn. On the 9th September, 16 Henry VIII., the Fraternity obtained a confirmation from Thomas Hebburn, son of the above Ralph, who was to be made a brother and a partaker of all masses, prayers, and suffrages said in the chapel.—Bourne, pp. 143-144; cf. Welford, i. p. 400; ii. p. 77.

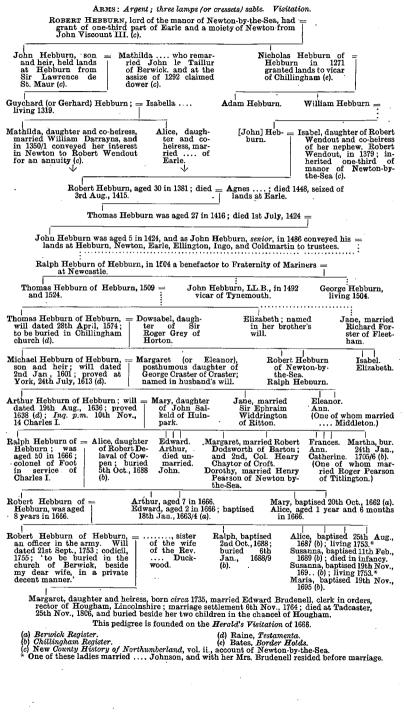
Master John Hebburn may be identified with John Hebburn, LL.B., vicar of Tynemouth in 1492.—Brand, vol. ii. p. 102.

¹⁹ Lambert MS. and ex. inf. Mr. R. G. Bolam of Berwick.

²⁰ There remains on the Chillingham vestry books a 'survey and valuation, made in 1806, of Hebburn, the estate of Mrs. Mary Brudenell':---

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APPENDIX.

This is the last Will and Testament of me Robert Hebburne of Hebburne in the County of Northumberland, Esquire, made and published this twenty first day of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty three, as follows : First it is my mind and will that all my just debts I shall owe at my death and the legacies hereinafter given shall in the first place be paid and discharged and for the more sure doeing thereof I do hereby charge and make subject all my Estate as well reall as personal with the payment of the same. And I give, devise and bequeath all my messuages, lands, Tenements and Hereditaments with their and every of their appurtenances situate lying and being in Hebburne aforesaid or elsewhere in the said county of Northumberland in whose tenure or occupation seever the same are or be. And all my personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever, and of what nature kind or quality soever, unto my daughter Margaret Hebburne and her heirs for ever when she shall have attained the age of twenty one years (subject and liable to all my just debts, funeral expences and legacies hereinafter bequeathed) and in the mean time, and untill my said daughter shall have attained the said age of twenty one years, I hereby order and direct my Trustees and Executors, hereinafter named, to pay yearly out of the rent of my real Estate and other my yearly income, to Mrs fforster, wife of Thomas fforster of Lucker, in the said County of Northumberland, Gentleman, to whom I commit the sole care, management, and direction of my said daughter, the sum of one hundred pounds yearly, to be applied by her towards my said daughter's maintenance, education, and bringing up, till she arrives at the age of twenty one years ; and the overplus of all my rents, and other yearly income of my real and personal estate, after payment yearly of the said one hundred pounds and annuities hereinafter bequeathed, I do order and direct the same to be placed out and put forth at interest by my said Trustees and Executors to the use of my said daughter, to be paid her with the increase thereof when she shall have attained the said age of twenty one years. But if my said Daughter Margaret Hebburn shall happen to dye before she shall have attained the said age of twenty one years, and unmarried (charged and chargeable with the several annuities herein bequeathed) I give and devise all and every my messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever in Hebburne or elsewhere in the County of Northumberland aforesayd, unto Robert fforster, one of the sons of the said Thomas fforster of Lucker aforesaid, and the heirs male of his body lawfully issuing; and for default of such Issue, I give and devise all and singular the same premises (charged and chargeable as aforesaid) unto John fforster, another son of the said Thomas forster of Lucker aforesaid and the Heirs Male of his body lawfully issuing; and for default of such issue, I give and devise all and singular the same premises etc. unto Ralph fforster another son of the said Thomas fforster and the Heirs Male of his Body lawfully issued; and for default of such issue, I give and devise all and singular the same premises to the right heires of the said

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Thomas fforster for ever; and in case my said Daughter Margaret Hebburn shall happen to dye as aforesaid, before she attains the said age of twenty one years, and unmarried, Then I give and bequeath unto Eleanor fforster and Joannah fforster, Daughters of the said Thomas fforster of Lucker, aforesaid, all my personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever, of what nature, kind, or quality, and of whatsoever the same consists, equally betwixt them, to be divided share and share alike, Subject and liable in the first place to and with the payment of all my debts legacies and funeral expences. Also I give and devise unto my sister Alice Hebburn for and during the term of her natural life, one clear annual rent of twenty pounds of lawfull money of great Britan to be yearly issuing and payable out of all and singular my said messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and to be yearly payable to my said sister at or upon the first day of May and the eleventh day of November by equall portions, free of all manner of deductions or abatement whatsoever; the first payment thereof to be made on such of the said days as shall happen next after my decease. And I also give and bequeath unto my said Sister, Alice Hebburne, the sum of twenty pounds, to buy mourning with, to be paid her within two months after my death. Also I give and bequeath unto my sister Susannah Hebburne for and during the term of her natural life, one other clear annual rent of twenty pounds of like lawfull money, to be yearly issuing and going forth out of and from all and singular the same premises, and to be yearly payable to my said sister Susannah Hebburne at or upon the said first day of May and eleventh day of November by equal portions, etc the first payment, etc. And I also give and bequeath unto my said sister Susannah Hebburne, the sum of twenty pounds to put her into mourning to be paid her etc. And I do will and devise that of either if the said annual rents or sums of Twenty pounds or either of them shall happen to be behind and unpaid in part or in all by the space of twenty days next after either of the said days, upon which the same are respectively before limitted and appointed to be paid (the same being lawfully demanded) Then and so often it shall and may be lawfull to and for my said sisters Alice Hebburne and Susannah Hebburne respectively unto whom the said respective annual rents or sums of money in any part thereof shall be so due and in arrear unto and upon all and singular the said messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, out of which the said yearly rents are to be issuing as aforesaid, and unto and upon every or any part or parcel thereof, to enter and distrain, and the distress and distresses then and there found to take. impound, detain and keep untill the said respective rent or rents so unpaid, and all arrears thereof (if any shall happen to be, and all costs and charges of such distress and distresses shall be fully satisfied and paid. And also that if the said rents hereby before detailed or any of them shall be behind and unpaid in part or in all by the space of fforty days next after any of the said days whereon the same respectively ought to be paid as aforesaid, the same being lawfully demanded, then and in every such case and so often it shall and may be lawfull to and for my sisters respectively unto whom the said respective yearly rents

shall be so due and in arrear by the space of fforty days as aforesaid into and upon all and singular the said premises, out of which the same yearly rents are to be issuing or into or upon any part or parcel thereof, to enter and the same to have hold and enjoy untill she or they shall be therewith or otherwise fully satisfied and paid the said respective yearly rent or rents so behind and unpaid and all arrears thereof then incurred (?) or that shall incurr during such possession or possessions respectively together with all the costs and charges of such entry or entries. And further it is my will and mind that if my said Daughter shall happen to dye before she shall attain the age of twenty one years and unmarried, then and in that case, I give and devise unto my said sisters Alice Hebburne and Susannah Hebburne aforesaid, during their several and respective Life and Lives an additional clear annual rent or sum of ten pounds apeice. And if one of them be then only living, then one single additional clear annual rent of ten pounds to such surviving sister for and during the term of her natural life. The said additional rent or rents to be also yearly issuing and going forth out of and from all every or any of my said messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments and to be yearly payable to my said sister or sisters respectively at or upon the same days and times, and in like manner or proportions as is or are hereinbefore limitted for payment of the former annuities hereinbefore given and devised to my said sisters, with the same or the like powers and remedies for the obtaining and receiving thereof as I have given and devised to my said sisters for or in respect of their said former annuities anything contained to the contrary thereof anywise notwithstanding. Also I give and bequeath (if my said Daughter shall happen to dye before she attain the age of twenty one years and unmarried, as aforesaid) unto Mrs Duckworth, wife of the Reverend Mr Duckworth, and sister to my late dear wife, the sum of flifty pounds, to be paid her within six months after my said Daughter's death. I also give and bequeath unto my servant Robert Straughen, if he be living with me at the time of my death all my wearing apparell and wearing Linen whatsoever, and all my Saddles and Leather accoutrements in the stables whatsover (the chair and harness only excepted) And I do also give my said servant the horse he usually rode upon in attending my Chair. Also I give and bequeath unto the said Thomas fforster of Lucker, Nicholas Brown of Bolton in the said County of Northumberland, Esquire, and Matthew fforster, Gentleman, son of the said Thomas fforster, the sum of twenty pounds apiece as a token of gratitude for the trouble they will have in the execution and management of the trusts hereby reposed in them. And I do constitute and appoint the said Thomas fforster, Nicholas Brown, and Matthew fforster joint executors of this my will; And I do also give and devise unto the said Thomas fforster, Nicholas Brown, and Matthew fforster the Guardianship and Tuition of my said Daughter during her minority, and to the survivors or survivor of them. . And also I do order and direct and it is my will that the said Thomas fforster, Nicholas Brown, and Matthew Forster, their executors, etc., shall and may deduct and retain out of the income of my Estate all such costs, charges, and expences as they or either or any of them shall lay out, expend, or be put into, in about or concerning the execution or management of all or any of the trusts hereby in them reposed. And that they or any of them shall not be answerable for or chargeable with any more of the said trust money than what they respectively actually receive or comes to their respective hands, nor one for the others of them nor one for the receipts, acts, or defaults of another (their joining in signing receipts for money for conformity notwithstanding) nor for any loss or difficulty which may happen in the said trust money without their own wilfull acts and defaults. And I do hereby revoke all former and other wills by me at any time heretofore made and declare this to be my last Will. In Witness whereof I the said Robert Hebburne the Testator to this and another part hereof have set my hand and seal the day and year first above written. [Signed] ROBT. HEBBUENE.

[Signet Crown above 3 fleurs de lys].

Witnessed by GEORGE MARSH, Rector of Ford;

THOS. THORP, Vicar of Berwick; WM. JEFFREYS.

Codicil dated Ap. 1. 1755.

[Confirms annuities to sisters, etc.] I do also give and bequeath unto each of my said two sisters one further annuity of five pounds apiece to be paid them respectively during their respective lives on the same days and times I have by my said will ordered and directed their several annuities of twenty pounds apiece to be paid them. And I do also order and direct my Executors to give such further relief and assistance unto my said two sisters or either of them out of my estate and effects as they in their discretions shall see proper in case my said sisters or either of them shall happen to be afflicted with sickness or Infirmities. And I do also by this my Codicil make Null and Void to all and intents and purposes both in Law and Equity the bequest to John Forster in and by my said will of my Messuages. Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in Hebburn aforesaid, and the Heirs Male of his body lawfully issuing in case of his Brother Robert dyeing without Heirs Male as by my said Will is more particularly mentioned and expressed. I do also order my ffuneral to be about four in the afternoon in a private, decent but not expensive manner. My Corpse I desire may be interred as near as may be the Corpse of my late dear Wife, within the Church of Berwick aforesaid, And I do order that there be only four bearers to bear up the pall, vizt., Samuel Younghusband and George Carr Esquires, and Mr William Jeffreys and Mr William Hall. In Witness whereof I have herewith set my hand and seal the Twenty first day of Aprill One thousand seven hundred and fifty five. ROBT. HEBBURNE.

Witnesses. WM. JEFFREYS; ROBERT STRAWHEN; JN. NEALE.

Mr. Forster: I desire and my Will is that you and my other Executors may give to my serv^t Robert Straughen over and above what I have particularly given him in my will the following particulars (to wit) my Setting Dogg and all my * my gun, pistolls and sword. May 3rd, 1755. ROB. HEBBURNE.

Witnesses. ROBERT THOMPSON; JN. NEALE.