

## ARCHAEOLOGIA AELIANA.

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### I.—NOTICES OF THE FAMILY OF CRAMLINGTON OF CRAMLINGTON AND NEWSHAM.

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In the old reading room of the Literary and Philosophical Society hangs a coloured drawing, of a group of members of the unreformed corporation of Newcastle, and local notabilities of the period.<sup>1</sup> In the middle of the group, between aldermen Forster and Clayton, stands the tall figure of alderman William Cramlington. He is clad in a black coat, open to show his shirt and white stock, and grey tights finished off with tasselled Hessian boots. His long, grave, clean-shaven face, endorses the tradition that he was never known to laugh.

Of the family to which he belonged I desire to lay some notes before you this evening, and for that purpose will use the pedigree of the Cramlingtons of Cramlington and Newsham, by Bigland, Somerset Herald, as a cord to which to attach the facts.

The manor of Cramlington, a member of the barony of Gaugy, or Ellingham, was, for a considerable period, the seat of a family deriving thence its name. Though not of the first rank in the county, either for wealth or importance, members of the family were doubtless amongst 'the best and wisest men of Cramlington,'<sup>2</sup> who witnessed the gift by Nicholas de Grenville of the church of Ellingham with certain lands at Cramlington, to St. Cuthbert; and the Great Roll of the Pipe for the year 1258 records the receipt of half a mark from Walter de Cramlington.<sup>3</sup>

In 1322 Richard de Cramlington was found to have died seised of the manor of Cramlington, of half the extent, and of a messuage and

<sup>1</sup> The writer has been reminded of this by Mr. R. R. Dees.

<sup>2</sup> The new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ii. p. 226.

<sup>3</sup> Hodgson, part iii. vol. iii. p. 250.

twenty acres of land in Hatelawe.<sup>4</sup> The latter is doubtless Wytelawe, which has been identified with the White Hall in the same parish.<sup>5</sup> From an inquisition taken three years later, we learn that this Richard was the son of Margaret de Cramlington,<sup>6</sup> probably an heiress. With him the registered pedigree begins.

He left two sons, John, who died without issue in 1339,<sup>7</sup> and Richard, who succeeded his brother. The latter, in 1360, paid 3s. 4d. for castle ward to the castle of Newcastle in respect of his lands in the vill of Cramlington,<sup>8</sup> and died in 1385,<sup>9</sup> possessed of half the manor and of the advowson of the chapel of Cramlington, of 190 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, two husband lands, and two cottages. His wife's name was Alianora.<sup>10</sup>

He left two sons, William, his heir, whose daughter and heiress carried the manor of Cramlington with the hamlet of Whitelawe in marriage to Thomas Lawson, ancestor of the long line of Lawsons of Cramlington and Chirton, and George.

This George Cramlington was of Newsham in the reign of Henry VI. For, many years afterwards, a dispute having arisen between his descendants and the Delavals, who had put forward a claim to the manor, a judicial enquiry was held, the finding of which was submitted to the Heralds in 1615.

Robertus Delavale ar. Noveritis me prefatu' Joh'em remisisse, relaxisse, etc. Joh'i filio et heredi Georgii Cramlington heredibus et assignatis suis totu' ius, etc., quo habuit in territorio de Newsam in com. Northumbr. quod quidem ius prefatus Georgius habuit ex dono et feoffamento meo a<sup>o</sup> 32 H. 6.<sup>11</sup>

A certificate to testify that George Cramlington died seised of the manner of Newsam, and that after his death yt descended to John Cramlington his sonne, whoe like manner died seised thereof, after whose death, the said manner descended to Thomas his brother as his heire, who thereof died seised, and that James Delaval was never seised of that manner; w<sup>ch</sup> is testified vnder the handes and seales of Roger Heron, John Lilborne the elder, John Lilborne the younger then sheriffe of the Countie of Northumberland and others.<sup>11</sup>

George Cramlington, son of the last-mentioned Thomas, married, about the year 1488, Eleanor, daughter of Gawen Ogle of Choppington. The articles of agreement before marriage begin :—

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.* part iii. vol. i. p. 62.

<sup>5</sup> The new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ii. p. 225.

<sup>6</sup> Hodgson, part iii. vol. i. p. 65.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.* part iii. vol. i. p. 73.

<sup>8</sup> Brand, vol. i. p. 151.

<sup>9</sup> Hodgson, part iii. vol. ii. p. 253.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.* part iii. vol. ii. p. 333.

This Indenture, made the 4<sup>th</sup> yeare of the raigne of Henry the 7<sup>th</sup>, betwene Gawen Ogle of Chapington, in the Countie of Northumberland esquire, and Thomas Cramlington of Newsam, in the said Countie, on the other partie Witnesseth, that yt is covenanted betweene the said parties, that George Cramlington, his sonne and heire, shall take to wife Elinor, da. of the said Gawen Ogle.<sup>11</sup>

The son<sup>12</sup> of this marriage, Thomas Cramlington, held the vill of Newsham in 1568,<sup>13</sup> and married Anne Lawson of Raskelf in Yorkshire, who brought him two sons, George and Lancelot. George Cramlington married Phillis, daughter of John Ogle of Ogle castle, and apparently died early, leaving an only son, Thomas. The widow re-married John Ogle of Newsham, and died, apparently at Lemington, near Alnwick, whence her will is dated, on the 22nd June, 1606.<sup>14</sup>

The heir, Thomas Cramlington, is mentioned in the will of sir John Delaval in 1562,<sup>15</sup> and takes a legacy of 'one whye with a calffe.' He afterwards married sir John's daughter, Anne, and died without issue, having made his will on the 26th February, 1572, in which he mentions his father-in-law (*i.e.*, step-father), John Ogle, his brother-in-law, Robert Delaval, and desires to be buried within the chapel of Seaton Delaval.<sup>16</sup>

He was succeeded by his uncle, Lancelot Cramlington of Blyth Nook, who married Mary, daughter of John Ogle,<sup>17</sup> described in the *Heralds' Visitation* and in the pedigree as of Cawsey park, but who may be more accurately described as of Newsham, on which he had probably settled on his marriage with Phillis, widow of George Cramlington.

Lancelot Cramlington of Blyth Nook was buried at Earsdon, on the 14th September, 1602, leaving besides Thomas, his heir, at least four other sons, James, Stephen, Ralph, and John, of whom later.

<sup>11</sup> *Heralds' Visitation of Northumberland*, Forster, p. 35.

<sup>12</sup> There was probably other issue, for Isabel Ogle of the parish of Bothal by will dated 24th January, 1539, devises the half of Thrunton tithes to William Cramlington for ten years, and gives to William Cramlington's daughter three queys. Surt. Soc. *Durham Wills*, vol. i. p. 115.

<sup>13</sup> Hodgson, part iii. vol. iii. p. 71.

<sup>14</sup> *Durham Wills*, vol. ii. p. 130, Surt. Soc.

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.* vol. i. p. 204.

<sup>16</sup> Raine, *Testa*.

<sup>17</sup> The will of John Ogle of Newsham, dated 18th January, 1586, devises 'to my son-in-law, Lancelote Cramlington, £40 in full payment of C.C. marks which I gave in marriage with my daughter Marye.' In the inventory, exhibited on proving the will, Mrs. Marie Cramlington owed the testator 'for v stone of butter, at 4<sup>s</sup> the stone, and iii cheses, 12<sup>d</sup> a pece—23<sup>s</sup>. Lancelot Cramlington [owed] for ij stone of wool 15<sup>s</sup>.' *Durham Wills*, ii. p. 130. (38 Surt. Soc. publ.)

Thomas Cramlington was of Newsham in 1615 when he entered his pedigree at the *Heralds' Visitation*. He had married his kinswoman, Grace, daughter of Robert Lawson of Cramlington, and at that time had two sons living, Robert, the eldest, aged fourteen years, and Thomas. Robert was buried at Earsdon on the 23rd January, 1649, and was quickly followed to the grave by his daughter, Dorothy.<sup>18</sup>

At this point both the *Visitation* and family pedigrees fail us, but there is sufficient evidence that Robert Cramlington left as his heir a son, or perhaps a nephew, Philip Cramlington, who, in 1663, was rated at £200 for the whole township of Newsham. It is said that he became involved in the troubles of the period, and that his estate was sequestered.<sup>19</sup> The Sessions Records yield some gleanings.

On the 28th January, 1680, William Urwin of Morpeth lodged an information before the justices of the county that two days before, being on Blyth rocks, on his own freehold, and about to approach a vessel ashore there, he was assailed and assaulted by John Cramlington of Newsham, who presented his fowling-piece at him, and only desisted when his brother, Henry Cramlington, 'did call upon him to forbear.' The magistrates issued a warrant to Thomas Gofton of Gosforth, the high constable of the East Division of Castle Ward, to apprehend the offender, with his father and brother. On the 15th of July following Gofton deposed—

Having a warrant from His Majesty's Justices for the Peace for the apprehending of Philip Cramlington, esq., and his two sons, this informant accordingly went to the house of the said Philip Cramlington, and the wife of him, the said Philip Cramlington, gave this informant noething but badd words, and said this informant was a bussy [illegible] fellow, and that he was over busy in his office.

We do not know the outcome of the affair, which was probably a quarrel about the foreshore.

<sup>18</sup> A daughter of the house of Newsham seems to have married a Loraine, for on the 29th December, 1656, John, son of Captain Anthony Loraine of Newsham, was baptized at Earsdon, whilst on the 16th December, 1675, letters of administration were granted at Durham of the goods of Marie Cramlington of the parish of Long Benton, spinster, to John Loraine of the city of York, gent., nephew of the deceased. The Long Benton Register contains the following entry:—'Antonius Lorraine de Walker in catholica et apostolica fide, hanc papicolarum, vigesimo primo die Novembris ex hac mortali ad immortalitatem feliciter emigrabat atque vigesimo tertio die ejusdem mensis extremus honor persolvebatur Milesimo sexcentesimo sexagesimo nono.'

<sup>19</sup> The name of Robert Cramlington of Newsham, esq., appears in the third Royalist Confiscation Act, 1652. Peacock's *Index of the names of Royalists*, etc., Index Society. See also Wallis, vol. ii. p. 281.

Three years before, on the 21st January, 1677, Philip Cramlington and John, his son and heir, had conveyed certain lands, called Butcher's Close, the Green, the Orchard closes, the Whinny Loop, the Four and Twenty Riggs, all in the parish of Earsdon, and known as Newsham demesne, to Joseph Huddlestone of Newcastle, to secure an annuity payable to Mary [or Margaret?] Huddlestone.

John Cramlington died in his father's lifetime and before 1696, for on the 7th June, 7 William III., there was an indenture made between Ralph Brandling of Felling, esq., and Nathaniel Wyersdale (?) of London, draper, of the one part, and Philip Cramlington, esq., and Henry Cramlington, esq., of Newsham, his son and then heir-apparent, of the other part. At the midsummer sessions of the same year 'Philippus Cramlington de Newsam arme,' and 'Hehricus Cramlington de eodem' were amongst the Roman Catholics who entered into recognizances.

Henry Cramlington seems to have married twice, for there is at Durham a bond of marriage, dated 31st October, 1693, between Henry Cramlington of Newsham, esq., and Margaret Nearne [or Hearne? Heron], spinster [for St. Nicholas or All Saints, Newcastle], and there is at York another bond of marriage, dated 2nd May, 1698, of Henry Cramlington of Newcastle, aged 37, and Frances Hamerton of Brotherstone, spinster, aged 29.

It was not until the 26th August, 1723, that the long connection of the Cramlingtons with Newsham was finally severed, when the said Henry Cramlington, then 'of York, esquire,' conveyed Newsham 'to Richard Ridley of Newcastle, esquire and alderman, and to Matthew White of Blagdon, esquire.'

Meanwhile cadet members of the family<sup>20</sup> had come to poverty, and the Sessions Records for 1708 contain the following pathetic petition:—

<sup>20</sup> The following notices the writer is unable to apply:—

23rd April, 1635. Office of the court against Robert Cramlington for clandestine marriage. Ordered to repair to Mr. Johnson, parson of Bothal, to confer with him on points of religion. *Acts of High Commission Court of Durham*, p. 122 (34 Surt. Soc. publ.)

1656. Nicholas Cramlington, an apprentice to Mr. Henry Rawling of the Merchants' Company, Newcastle. *Memoir of Ambrose Barnes*, p. 186 (50 Surt. Soc. publ.)

7th July, 1664. Bond of marriage of Edward Cramlington of Newcastle and Grace Wall, widow.

16th July, 1675. Administration of the goods of John Cramlington of the parish of All Saints granted to Margaret Armitage, widow.

To the Worshipfull the Justices to hold the Quarter Sessions for the county of Northumberland, the humble Petition of Mary Ogle of Backward, in the county of Northumberland aforesaid.

Humbly sheweth

That your petitioner (who was born in Tinmouth, being daughter<sup>21</sup> to John Cramlington who lived in the said place and dyed in the parish) lived all along in the said parish of Tinmouth, residing in Backward with her husband, Oliver Ogle, for many years, till it pleased God to take him from her, and since falling into adverse fortune, and being very ancient, and consequently incapable of keeping herself or preventing her falling into extreme poverty, too much of which (God knows) she already feels.

These are, therefore, humbly to implore your worships seriously to consider and piously to redress these her present circumstances by assigning her either a place and relief in her own parish, or otherwise by causing some to come yearly to her here.

And your petitioner shall ever pray.

The petitioner was ordered to be paid a shilling a week from the chapelry of Earsdon, which proved to be her settlement.

The family pedigree constructed by Bigland continues the line from Stephen Cramlington of Morwick, second or third son of Lancelot of Blyth Nook. The same authority tells us that his wife was one of the Forsters of Fleetham, in whose pedigree, however, she does not appear. He must have farmed on that part of Morwick which belonged to the Greys of Wark and Chillingham. That he was living in 1646 and 1648 is shown by an entry in Nicholas Forster's ledger of the indebtedness of 'Mr. Stephen Crambleton of Morwick' to the amount of £9 19s, which debt was discharged by the payment of the amount per 'my cosen Joseph Forster.'<sup>22</sup>

Lancelot Cramlington, eldest son of Stephen, was probably bound an apprentice to a freeman of Newcastle, for late in his life he was, on the 21st November, 1705, admitted to the Hoastmen's Company. He held the appointment of receiver of the land tax for Northumberland and Durham, and on the 23rd December, 1670, married, at All

The *Registers* of St. Nicholas yield the following baptisms of the children of William Cramlington of Newcastle, cooper, and Mary, his wife:—

John, baptised 28th September, 1679. Matthew, baptised 13th April, 1684. Lancelot, baptised 26th December, 1686; buried 18th April, 1688. James, baptised 30th May, 1689. Stephen, baptised 12th October, 1692; buried 7th June, 1695. Ann, baptised 30th November, 1681. Mrs. Cramlington, buried 17th October, 1695.

<sup>21</sup> The following is doubtless the marriage of a sister of the petitioner:— 7th January, 1656. William Wood, gent., and Elizabeth, daughter of John Cramlington of Backworth. All Saints' Register.

<sup>22</sup> *Proceedings*, vol. vii., p. 194.

Saints, Jane, widow of — Mills, and daughter of Captain White. He made his will on the 4th March, 1717, and gave his lands at West Hartford, and all other his real and personal estate to his grandson-in-law (*i.e.*, his wife's grandson by her first marriage), William Reed of Newcastle, merchant.<sup>23</sup>

His younger brother, William, had predeceased him. He had married on the 28th October, 1691,<sup>24</sup> Eleanor, daughter of Toby Blakiston of Grays Inn and Newton Hall in the county of Durham. He made his will on the 6th September, 1707:—<sup>25</sup>

To my loving wife Elinor the sum of £50 due by Bond to me from Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Musgrave and Mr. Baptist Johnson to and in the name of Mr. Tobias Blakiston in trust for me. I give the further sum of £80 to my said wife. I give to my children Lancelot, Frances, Ralph, Margaret, Mary, and Isabella the sum of £250 equally between them together with my two coal boats, with the tackle and appurtenances thereunto belonging, my wife however shall be entitled to all interest and stand possessed of the whole of my estate until my children shall attain 21 years. I appoint my loving friends, my brother Mr. Lancelot Cramlington, and my wife's brother Tobias Blakiston, supervisors of my will. I appoint my said loving wife Elinor, sole executrix.

The will was proved in 1708, and in the same year the tuition of the children was granted to the mother.

That the widow married again may be inferred from the grant of administration of the goods of Ellenor Cramlington, *alias* Sowerby, of . . . on the 15th March, 1725, to Lancelot Cramlington of Earsdon, gentleman, the son of the deceased.

Lancelot Cramlington, eldest son of William and Eleanor Cramlington, was baptized at All Saints in 1692, and consequently was under age at the time of his father's death. In his will he is styled a roper, and as of that trade he voted at the Newcastle election of 1741 for Walter Blackett and Nicholas Fenwick. But he also followed the paternal calling of fitter, for the 'North Country Notes' in a recent issue of the *Newcastle Daily Journal* record a policy of insurance effected in 1720 by Lancelot Cramlington, fitter, with Nicholas Ridley of Newcastle, merchant, for £160, at a premium of £4 10s., on the

<sup>23</sup> In 1722 and 1734 Wm. Reed of Newcastle voted for freehold at West Hartford. *Poll Book*. See also Hodgson, part ii. vol. ii. p. 276.

<sup>24</sup> Surtees, *Burham*, vol. iii. p. 164.

<sup>25</sup> It is possible that he may have been married before, for the Gateshead Register records the marriage on the 16th January, 1656-7, of William Cramlington of Newcastle and Mary Marshall.

'Friend's Goodwill,' then lying in the Tyne, and bound for London. On the 17th October, 1720, he was admitted to lands in the manor of Tynemouth as heir at law to his uncle, Lancelot Cramlington; and at Earsdon most of his children were born, his wife being Anne, one of the daughters of William Wharrier of Birling, of an old and respectable family, in the parish of Warkworth.

The will of Lancelot Cramlington of Earsdon,<sup>26</sup> roper, is dated 5th March, 1757, and was proved at Durham in 1765 :—

I charge my copyhold tenements situate at Earsdon and in the manor of Tynemouth with the annuity of £10 to my wife Ann Cramlington. I devise my said copyhold premises unto my son Henry Cramlington and his heirs: and failing issue, then to my son William Cramlington and his heirs: and failing issue to my daughter Ann Harrison wife of Richard Harrison, of North Shields, brewer.

Of the two sons only the younger, William, occupied any public position. He, too, was a roper, and, like many Newcastle mercantile men of his day, he had an interest in the salt trade. The *Courant* of 18th November, 1752, advertises to be sold or let :—

Four good salt pans at South Shields, with dwelling houses for work people, public house, large key, granaries, warehouses, &c., all on the premises. Application to be made to Mr. William Cramlington, Rope-maker, Newcastle, or Mr. Richard Harrison, Beer-brewer, in North Shields.

His first wife was Anne, eldest daughter of William Scott of Newcastle, Hoastman, by his first marriage with Isabella, daughter of George Noble,<sup>27</sup> and therefore half-sister to lord Stowell and to lord Eldon. She died in 1764, at the age of 32, and a contemporary newspaper gives her the following inflated character :—

A lady who, in the duties of wife, parent, and daughter, was equalled by few and excelled by none. Her humanity of temper, charity, and benevolence were so extensive that her death is deservedly lamented, and her known merit makes all panegyric unnecessary.<sup>28</sup>

William Cramlington remained a widower for eight years, and then married Ann, widow of Lewis Hick of Newcastle, hoastman.

<sup>26</sup> The *Newcastle Courant*, of 30th September, 1749, contains an advertisement offering a reward for information respecting a gelding stolen from Earsdon, and belonging to Lancelot Cramlington of Earsdon, the information to be communicated to him or to his son, Wm. Cramlington, rope maker, 'Keyside,' Newcastle, or to Henry Cramlington of Warkworth.

<sup>27</sup> *Extracts from the letter-book of William Scott*, etc. Newcastle, M. A. Richardson, 1848.

<sup>28</sup> *Newcastle Courant*, 2nd June, 1764.



As she was sole executrix to her former husband, power was secured to her by the articles before her second marriage, dated 25th April, 1772, that, notwithstanding coverture, she was to have the full and free disposal of all such further estate to which she should become entitled.<sup>29</sup>

In 1778 William Cramlington, then one of the Common Council, resided at St. Ann's, and had his offices as a fitter and rope maker at the foot of the Broad chare.<sup>30</sup> In 1804 he resided 'in Pilgrim Street, opposite the east end of Mosley Street,' and had a country house at Walbottle, near which place apparently were his coal mines. By his second marriage he had no issue, and by his first only one surviving child, whose marriage, 1779, is thus announced :—

On Saturday last at All Saints, John Crichloe Turner, esq., one of the auditors of the Governors of Greenwich Hospital, to the elegant Miss Cramlington, only daughter of Wm. Cramlington, esq., of St. Ann's, with a fortune of £10,000.<sup>31</sup>

Turner was knighted on the 13th February, 1786. Of the marriage there was but one child, Anne, who was born and died at Chester deanery in 1780.<sup>32</sup>

Alderman Cramlington made his will on the 2nd July, 1804, and devised to sir William Scott and John lord Eldon :—

The messuage, dwelling house, and premises wherein I now live, situate in Pilgrim Street opposite the east end of Mosley Street, with its appurtenances, in trust for my daughter Ann, Lady Turner. I give to my said daughter for life the silver cup and stand presented to me by the Corporation of Newcastle, as an acknowledgment of sundry services which I have rendered to that body : after her death, the same shall become the property of my nephew Henry Cramlington, absolutely.

I give to my said daughter my pew in All Saints church, No. 45, which I purchased, and also my family vault in the church yard, of the same church, built at my expence.

To my niece Margaret Cramlington, all furniture, &c., in my dwelling house at Walbottle, with all hot houses, gardens and materials used there. The books, pictures, and furniture in my private room, to my nephew Henry Cramlington, with residue of my estate, he executor. [Will proved 1810, personal estate sworn under £5,000.]

<sup>29</sup> The trustees of the settlement were John Baker and George Lake; and Mrs. Cramlington exercised the power secured to her to devise certain personal estate, by will dated 1st November, 1800, to the daughters of her first marriage, Alice Hick and Elizabeth Hedley.

<sup>30</sup> Whitehead's *Directory*.

<sup>31</sup> *Newcastle Journal*, 9th January, 1779.

<sup>32</sup> *Letter-book of William Scott*.

Cramlington died in 1810, and is buried at All Saints.<sup>33</sup> An account of his municipal career, and of his careful account keeping, when mayor, may be found in Mr. Welford's *Men of Mark*.

Henry Cramlington, eldest son of Lancelot Cramlington of Earsdon, and elder brother of the alderman, succeeded to his father's copyhold lands at Earsdon and to his maternal grandfather's lease at Birling, on the Percy estates. He resided at the latter place, and married, in 1756, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Watson of Warkworth Barns<sup>34</sup> (previously of Gloster Hill and of Newton-by-the-Sea), and by her had five sons and five daughters, none of whom married. His will, dated 18th July, 1808, devises his copyhold estate at Earsdon, and his freehold messuage at Warkworth, to his eldest son William, and his issue, with remainder to his other son, Henry. He requests that his four daughters, Margaret, Ann, Hannah, and Alice, 'do live together at Birling in my present dwelling house, if his grace the Duke of Northumberland shall so permit.'

William Cramlington, the eldest son, succeeded to the tenancy of Warkworth Barns, held by his maternal grandfather. In 1799 he was a cornet in the 2nd troop Percy tenantry volunteers, and died unmarried and intestate *circa* 1829.<sup>35</sup>

Henry Cramlington followed the family trade of roper, and was in some measure adopted by his uncle, alderman William Cramlington, whose executor and residuary legatee he was. In 1827 he was residing at No. 84 Pilgrim street, was an alderman, and three times mayor of Newcastle. He died unmarried at Birling on the 22nd May, 1844.

The Misses Erskine of Warkworth possess two oil paintings by

<sup>33</sup> 'An Inscription on my tombstone in All Saints church yard | "The Family vault of William Cramlington Esq Alderman | and one of His Majesty's Deputy Lieutenants for the | Town and County of Newcastle upon Tyne | Ann his first wife paternal sister of | S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Scott, LL.D., His Majesty's Advocate General now | 1803 R<sup>t</sup> Hon S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Scott Knt LL.D. Judge of the | High Court of Admiralty of England and of his | Brother S<sup>r</sup> John Scott now Right Hon. John, Lord Eldon | Lord High Chancellor of England. Died 18 May 1764 | aged 31, having survived four children who died young, | and leaving Ann her only child who married | S<sup>r</sup> John Greechloe [*sic*] Turner Knt | ."—A note in alderman Cramlington's handwriting at the foot of the family pedigree.

<sup>34</sup> Thomas Watson, married . . . daughter and coheirss of John Davison, of Warkworth Barns, a house within the parish of Warkworth, built by Robert Davison in 1658. Cf. *The new History of Northumberland*, vol. ii. p. 434, and *Border Holds*, vol. i. p. 419.

<sup>35</sup> Letters of administration granted 5th January, 1830, to brother Henry. In marked contrast to his brother, William Cramlington had a round, florid, ever smiling face.

an unknown artist, one is a portrait of Henry Cramlington and the other of his sister Miss Alice Cramlington, done at the time when she was mayoress of Newcastle.

Lancelot Cramlington, the third son, in 1799, was a captain in the Percy tenantry volunteers. His death is thus recorded in the *Newcastle Courant* of 8th January, 1803 :—

On Sunday last, at his father's house at Birling, Mr. Lancelot Cramlington of Walbottle, nephew to Mr. Alderman Cramlington, much respected for his integrity and goodness of disposition.

John Cramlington the fourth son went out to India as a 'Free Mariner' and died in Bombay in 1799. The *Newcastle Courant* of 11th October, 1800, quotes the following notice from the *India Gazette* of 23rd December, 1799 :—

On Monday last Mr. John Cramlington, whose detail of the dreadful conflict between the 'Trincomalee' and 'Iphigenia' was inscribed in our last courier, arrived at Bombay in a very bad state of health, in a dhow from Muscat, and we are sorry to say expired yesterday.

The *Courant* adds :—

To a natural openness and candour of disposition he added an unremitted attention to the duties of his profession and an undaunted perseverance under every difficulty. He had not attained his 30th year and yet had encountered greater hardships than usually fall to the lot of humanity.

The *Newcastle Journal* of 25th February, 1847, records the death :—

At Warkworth, after a long and painful illness, borne with exemplary patience, on the 20th inst., much and deservedly lamented Hannah, fourth daughter of the late Henry Cramlington, esq., of Birling, and sister of Henry Cramlington, esq., of the same place.

And there died at Birling on the 10th August, 1855, Miss Alice Cramlington, the last survivor of this ancient family. Her will is dated 6th September, 1852 :—

I bequeath to Roger Buston of Buston my large silver drinking cup as an acknowledgment of my gratitude for kind offices rendered to my late father by his father, the late Thos. Buston. To Margery Brunton of Sunderland widow of Thomas Brunton<sup>35</sup> late of Southwick Lime burner £1000 ; to the rev. Robt. Green of Newcastle clerk my book case and all my books ; to Wm. Armstrong Treasurer of the Borough of Newcastle £200 ; to my executors £1000 to be applied by them to such charities in Newcastle as they shall select and £100 for the benefit for such poor persons in the village of Warkworth as my said trustees shall deem proper objects of charity. Trustees Roger Buston Robert Green and Wm.

<sup>35</sup> In 1808 Thos. Brunton, esq., purchased for £7,000 of Elizabeth countess Grey her part of Southwick. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. ii. p. 18.

Armstrong £100 a piece. Estate subject to foregoing legacies to be divided amongst my cousins Margaret and Anna Maria Watson of Warkworth spinster, my cousin the Hon. Mrs. Erskine wife of the Hon & Rev. Thos. Erskine of Beighton clerk. John Thomas Edward and Mary Reed, Elizabeth wife of Chas Eliot sons and daughters of John Reed of Warkworth Barns farmer and John Elliot Nelson of Argyle Terrace Newcastle a descendant of the late William Wharrier.<sup>37</sup>

The members of the family who died in the parish of Warkworth are buried in the nave of the parish church, against the north wall, and before the pulpit.<sup>38</sup> Neither epitaph nor any inscription commemorates them, but the short lane north of Birling hamlet which conducts the visitor from the Warkworth and Lesbury high road through the ravine in the links, called the Rim-houlán, was made by the last survivor of the family, and is still described as 'Miss Cramlington's lane.'<sup>39</sup>

#### APPENDIX.

With Bigland's pedigree of Cramlington is interlaced a portion of that of the cognate family of Lawson. This I have taken out and extended, the additions being shown by the use of italics.

After the death of Hilton Lawson in 1767 a great contest arose as to the proper construction of his will. It ended in the House of Lords on the 28th April, 1777, when the widow and devisee of the personalty recovered from the heir of the real estate the amount of the testator's debts. In a very few years the family became extinct, and the estates devolved, under a provision of Hilton Lawson's will, upon his maternal kinsman, Adam de Cardonnell. As the latter was not descended from either of the families dealt with in this paper, it is not necessary to trace his history, some particulars of which may be found under the head of Lawson's hall at Chirton, in the series of Mr. Horatio A. Adamson's papers on 'Old Land Marks.'

<sup>37</sup> For most of the wills and administrations quoted above the writer is indebted to Mr. J. J. Howe of Durham.

<sup>38</sup> Under pews now numbered 3 and 4.

<sup>39</sup> In the possession of Mr. John Wilson of the Hermitage farm, Birling, is a handsome 'whistling' tankard with cover, made in Newcastle in the early years of George III.; on the upper part of the handle are these letters:—

C[ramlington]

H[enry]

E[lizabeth]

and on the front. 'Presented to | Mr. Matthew Wilson | of Birling by | Misses Ann and Alice Cramlington | for his skill in forming and his readiness in assisting | them in making a Road to the | Sea Beach | Birling 6th June 1848. |'

The Genealogy of the ancient Families of CRAMLINGTON of CRAMLINGTON and of NEWSHAM in the County of Northumberland: from whence William Cramlington of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, gentleman is descended. Collected from the Registers in the College of Arms London and other authentic Testimonies, and illustrated with the Paternal Arms to the Several Matches in their proper colours, and continued to this present year 1763 By Ralph Bigland esquire Somerset Herald

ARMS.—Barry of six argent and azure, in chief three annulets of the last.—Visitation.

Richard Cramlington, died 16 Edw. II. = Alicia, his wife, died 33 Edw. III.

II. Sir John Cramlington of = Juliana, daughter of Sir John Belasyse, ances- Richard Cramlington of New-  
Cramlington, Knt. tor to the Lord Viscount Fauconberg. sham, died 9 Richard II.

III. Sir William Cramlington of Cramlington, Knt., died 8 Henry V. = George Cramlington of Newsham. =

IV. Thomas Lawson of Cramlington, lieth buried = Agnes, daughter and John Cramlington [of Thomas Lawson [Orate pro anima Thomae Lawsoni generosi, qui obiit 2 die mensis Julii anno D.M. millies cccclxxxix. Cujus animae proprietur deus. at Cramlington, with this epitaph: Orate pro anima Thomae Lawsoni generosi, qui obiit 2 die mensis Julii anno D.M. millies cccclxxxix. Cujus animae proprietur deus. Edward IV. Cramlington, Knt. She died a. 1466; 6 Edward IV. Newsham], son and heir, died s.p. Thomas Cramlington = [of Newsham], heir to his brother John, temp. Edward IV. [living 1488].

V. George Cramlington, = Elenor, daughter of Gawen Ogle of temp. Henry VII. Choppington. [Articles before marriage, 4 Henry VII.]

VI. Thomas Cramlington, temp. = Anne, sister of Wm. Lawson of Rascall (? Raskelf), Henry VIII. in the county of York, esq.

VII. George Cramlington, esq., son and heir. = Philize, daughter of John Ogle of Ogle Castle, in the county of Northumberland. = John Ogle of Bebside, 2nd son of Sir William, and grandson of Ralph, 3rd Lord Ogle. Lancelot Cramlington, uncle and heir to Thomas, his nephew. He was buried at Earsdon, 14 Sept., a. 1602. Mary, daughter of John Ogle of Causey Park, esq. [had a marriage portion of cc marks].

VIII. Thomas Cramlington = Anne, daughter of Newsham, esq., died s.p. [Will dated 26 Feb. 1572. To be buried in the chapel of Seaton Delaval.] = Anne, daughter of Sir John Delaval of Seaton Delaval, Knt. Thomas Cramlington of Newsham, a. 1615, buried at Earsdon, 12 June, 1624. Grace, daughter of Robt. Lawson of Cramlington, esq. She was buried at 21 Feb., a. 1649. Stephen Cramlington of Mowich, near Warkworth, gentleman [living 1646]. Isabel, daughter of Forster Fleetham, esq. James Cramlington, John Cramlington, buried at 3 April, a. 1666. Mabill, married 19 June, 1603, Christopher Prior of Monkseaton, in the county of Northumberland. Mary, married Christopher Dobson.

IX. Robert Cramlington of Newsham, gentleman [of the age of 14 years in 1615]. Buried at Earsdon, Jan. 23, a. 1649. Thomas Cramlington [living 1615]. Dorothy. Barbara, married Bertram, son of Francis Liddell, by Anne, daughter of Wm. de Seagrave. Lancelot Cramlington, = Jane, daughter of of [West] Hartford and of Earsdon. Receiver-General of the Land Tax of Northumberland and Durham. [Admitted to Hostmen's Company of Newcastle, 21 Nov. 1705.] Buried at All Saints' church, Newcastle. [Will, dated 4 March, 1717, pr. at Durham, 1720.] William Cramlington = Elenor, daughter of Tobias Blakiston of Blakiston, afterwards of Newton hall, in the county of Durham, who had 21 children. [She remarried... Sowerby, and administration to her effects was granted, 15 March, 1725, to her son Lancelot Cramlington of Earsdon, gentleman.]

X. Dorothy, daughter of Robt. Cramlington of Newsham, gent., buried [at Earsdon], 10 March, 1649. [Philip Cramlington of Newsham, for which township he was rated in 1663, and where he was residing in 1677, 1680, and 1696.] [Living 1680].

XI. [John Cramlington, eldest son, of full age in 1677, died in father's lifetime before 7 June, 1696, s.p.m.] [Margaret Hearne, or = [Henry Cramlington of Newsham in 1696, described as son and heir apparent, was of York in 1723, when he conveyed Newsham to Richard Ridley.] [Frances Hamerton of Brotherston. Bond of marriage (at York) 2 May, 1698. He, of Newcastle, aged 37, she, aged 23, and a spinster].

Xa. Lancelot Cramlington = Anne, eldest daughter of Earsdon, gentleman, heir to his uncle Lancelot. Bap. at All Saints' church, a. 1692. [Voted as a rope-maker in the Newcastle election of 1741. Died 9 Jan., 1765. Newcastle Courant. Will, dated 5 March, 1757, pr. 1765.] Ralph Cramlington, = Anne, daughter of Thos. Howell of Gildon Down, in the county of Salop, gentleman. Ambrose Maughling of Newcastle-upon-Tyne deceased. He left issue, one son, George, now living, 1763. Frances: she died, and was buried at [Margaret Mary. Isabella, whose tuition, in 1708, was granted to their mother.] [Blakiston, bap. at All Saints, 15 Feb., 1704.]

XIa. Henry Cramlington = Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Watson of Warkworth Barns. [Bond of marriage, 21 April, 1756. Married at Warkworth, 1756, and buried there, 3 January, 1804, aged 73.] Anne, daughter of Wm. Scott of Newcastle, esq., and paternal sister to Sir Wm. Scott, Knt., LL.D., His Majesty's Advocate-General, etc., and of Sir John Scott, Knt., Solicitor-General and Chancellor of the diocese of Durham. [Bap. 17 Aug., 1732, married 18 May, 1752. Died 18 May, 1764.] William Cramlington = Anne, daughter of Wm. Lake, esq., of Benton, in the county of Northumberland, relict of Mr. Lewis Beck, Hostman. Married at St. John's Church in Newcastle the 18 May, 1772. [Articles before second marriage, dated 25 April, 1772. Will dated 1 November, 1800, pr. 1808.] Richard Harrison of North Shields [beer brewer]. Anne, married at Earsdon [1750]. [Wharrier, bap. at Earsdon, 23 Jan., 1723/4; bur. there, 1724. Hannah, bap. at Earsdon, 1732; bur. there, 1734. Isabel, bap. and bur. at Earsdon, 1734.]

William Cramlington, son and heir, born in the parish of All Saints, Newcastle, 17 June, 1761, and died [28 December, 1763]. Isabel, born 19 March, 1753, died 2 March, 1755, and was buried in All Saints' church. Anne, born in the parish of All Saints, 22 Dec., 1755. Married at All Saints, Sir John Crichton Turner, Knt., of Castle Carleton, Lincolnshire, [2] January, 1779. [She died without surviving issue, 11 November, 1815.] Elizabeth, born 9 Jan., 1758, and died the 18 of the said month. Jane, born 17 Feb., 1760, and died 10 March, 1762. Both buried in All Saints' church. Elizabeth [bap. at Earsdon, 1732; bur. there, 1734. Isabel, bap. and bur. at Earsdon, 1734.]

XII. William Cramlington [of Warkworth Barns], son and heir, born in the parish of Warkworth [bap. 10 August, 1758, and was buried in Warkworth church, 27 Feb., 1829. Administration 5 Jan., 1830, granted to brother Henry]. Henry Cramlington [of Newcastle, alderman] 2nd son, born in the parish of Warkworth [and bap. 26 Jan., 1763. Mayor of Newcastle 1805, 1815, 1824. Died at Birling, 22 May, 1844]. Lancelot Cramlington [of Walbottle], 3rd son, born in the parish of Warkworth [and baptized 24 Oct., 1764. Captain in Percy volunteers. Died at Birling, 2 January, 1803]. John Cramlington, 4th son. Born in the parish of Warkworth [and baptized 8 Feb., 1769. Died in Bombay, Dec., 1799]. Thomas Cramlington, 5th son. Born in the parish of Warkworth [and baptized 6 Sept., 1773]. Margaret [bap. 24 Oct., 1760, died 9 Sept., buried 14 Sept., 1837]. Elizabeth, 2nd daughter [bap. 24 Nov., 1766, died 1837]. Ann, 3rd daughter [bap. 2 June, 1772, buried 13 Sept., 1853]. Hannah, 4th daughter [bap. 3 August, 1774, died Feb. 1847]. Alice, 5th daughter [bap. 27 Aug., 1776, died at Birling, 10 Aug., buried 14 August, 1855. Will dated 6 Sept., 1852, pr. 1855].

NOTE.—The pedigree now belongs to Miss Alice Erskine of Braat Broughton, Lincolnshire. Gen. XII. has been added by a herald or other competent person, the words in italics by Alderman Wm. Cramlington himself, whilst the details set out within square brackets have been added by J. C. H.



## LAWSON OF CRAMLINGTON.

ARMS: Quarterly 1 and 4, argent, a chevron between three martlets sable. 2 and 3, barry of six argent and azure, in chief three annulets of the last, CRAMLINGTON.—Visitation.

Thomas Lawson, sen., de Cramlington tenuet Cramlington et alias terras pro termino vitae ex dono quorundam seofatore A° 20 Edw. III.

Thomas Lawson of Cramlington, = Agnes, daughter and heiress  
lieth buried at Cramlington, of Sir Wm. Cramlington.  
died 2nd July, 1489. She died A° 1466, 6 Edw. IV.

William Lawson of Cramlington, in the ..... daughter of .. Horsley, of .....  
county of Northumberland, esq. in the county of Northumberland.

Thomas  
Lawson of  
Cram-  
lington,  
esq.

= Eden,  
daughter  
of Sir  
Roger  
Gray of  
Horton,  
knight.

(2) James  
Lawson,  
second son,  
mayor of  
Newcastle-  
upon-Tyne,  
1529. Pur-  
chased Byker  
from the  
Crown, 1540.

= Alice,  
daughter  
of George  
Bertram of  
Newcastle-  
upon-Tyne,  
will dated  
14th Nov-  
ember, 1547  
(c).

(3) George  
Lawson (a).  
↓  
..... daughter  
of Fenwick  
of Brink-  
burn (a).

Robert (a).  
Jane Lawson,  
last prioress  
of Nesham,  
will dated  
2nd June,  
1557 (c).

Other issue.

From whom the Lawsons of Brough  
in Richmond are descended.

Robert Lawson of = Elizabeth, daughter  
Cramlington, esq. of Lionel Fenwick  
(Called Thomas in of Bladon, in  
Visitation.) Northumberland.

Gerard Lawson  
and William  
Lawson, died  
without issue.

Mabell, daughter of Thos.  
Lawson of Cramlington,  
esq., married Lancelot  
Errington of East Den-  
ton, in the county of  
Northumberland, esq.

Thomas Lawson of Cram-  
lington, in the county of  
Northumberland, esq.,  
living anno 1615. Inq.  
p.m. 3rd April, 17 Jas.  
(b).

= Adinel (Adelina), daughter of George  
Brabant of the East Park of Brans-  
peth, in the county of Durham. She  
married secondly Roger Anderson of  
Jesmond (who died in 1622), and thirdly,  
before 1636, James Cholmley, some time  
of Branspeth. She was living in 1645 (d).

Grace, daughter of Robt. Law-  
son of Cramlington, esq.,  
married Thomas Cramling-  
ton of Newsham. She was  
buried at ..... 21st Feb.,  
a° 1649. ↓

John Lawson of Cramlington. = Ann, daughter of William Ross;  
In 1619 found to be son and articles before marriage 30th  
heir, under age in 1636. Inq. July, 1636, living 1645 (b).  
p.m. 15th May, 1645 (b).

Katherine, daughter of Thos.  
Lawson of Cramlington, aged  
1 year, anno 1615.

John Lawson of Cramlington. = Mary Isaacson; articles before  
In 1645 found to be son and marriage 26th July, 1670.  
heir. Will dated 2nd Nov., Randolph Isaacson, mer-  
1680 (b). chant, and Anthony Isaacson,  
gent., trustees (b).

Ralph Lawson, and his two  
sons, John and Richard,  
named in 1680 in will of John  
Lawson (b).

Rebecca Farr, niece to = Robert Lawson of Cramling-  
John Lawson, doctor ton and Chirton, high sheriff  
of physic. Articles of Northumberland in 1708,  
before marriage 20th buried in St. Nicholas' in  
and 21st June, 1694 1737. Will dated 4th Octo-  
(b). ber, 1737 (b).

= Margaret, daughter of Henry  
Hilton, baron of Hilton.  
Bond of marriage 5th July,  
1701, buried at Christ Church,  
Tynemouth 17th October,  
1729 (b).

Ann,  
living  
1680.

Robert Lawson of Cram-  
lington, son and heir,  
baptised at Tyne-  
mouth, 4th March,  
1701. A cornet in Field  
Marshal Wade's Re-  
giment of Horse. Ad-  
ministration granted  
at Durham 24th Nov.,  
1746, to brother, Hilton  
Lawson (b).\*

Hilton Lawson of = Winefred, daughter  
Cramlington and Chir- and co-heiress of  
ton, high sheriff John Roddam of  
of Northumberland in Chirton. Bond of  
1761, and died during marriage 12th  
his year of office, buried Feb., 1737, and  
in St. Nicholas', New- married at Tyne-  
castle, 18th Dec., 1767, mouth 14th Dec.,  
aged 63 years. Will 1737/8. Will dated  
dated 14th April, 1748 8th March, 1736 (b).

John Lawson = ..... Ann,  
of Barton, buried  
in Bedford- at Tyne-  
shire, living mouth,  
1748; died in 10th  
lifetime of brother Jan.,  
Hilton (b). 1713/4 (b).

John Lawson, the younger, devisee of uncle  
Hilton Lawson, died 17... , s.p. (b).

a Visitation. b Cramlington deeds. c Durham Wills (Surt. Soc.). d Surtees, Durham, vol. ii. p. 269.

\* To be let at Cramlington, a genteel newly built house, lately inhabited by Robert Lawson, esq.,  
—fit for a gentleman's family—13 acres of rich meadow. Enquire of Hilton Lawson, esq., at Chirton.  
Newcastle Courant, 21st March, 1747.