

XII.—A NORTHERN ROLL OF ARMS.

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Amongst the Ashmolean manuscripts in Bodley's library at Oxford is a volume (no. 834) of heraldic collections in the handwriting of the Elizabethan herald, Robert Glover, containing, amongst other items, a roll of the arms of six or seven hundred northern families. The Northumbrian entries are forty-five in number, and are here extracted.

The portion of the manuscript volume containing this roll (div. iv. ff. 41-64) is paged separately, and appears to have originally formed a separate tract. The arms are tricked in pen and ink, having the names of their owners written above, but no further description. There can be little doubt that the manuscript (which dates from about 1580) is a copy of a considerably earlier roll. Making allowance for the retrospective character of some of the entries, such as those of Balliol and Bertram, there is strong evidence for assigning the original, from which Glover made his transcript, to the second or third decade of the fifteenth century. The list of names presents similarities with that of the owners of castles in Northumberland drawn up in 1415 and printed in Bates's 'Border Holds,'¹ and the inclusion of William Delaval, Sir Henry Fenwick and Sir William Whitchester conflicts with any date subsequent to 1430. The roll does not appear to have been previously published, either in whole or in part, and it is not even named in the list of early rolls of arms, published and unpublished, given in *The Genealogist*. For want of a title it may tentatively be termed 'Northern.' In the main it bears out the statements in older

¹ *Arch. Ael.*, 2 ser. vol. xiv.

rolls as against the visitations of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Four coats given in it are contained in no other roll, namely those of Cheswick, Doxford, Goswick and Whitchester. The writer wishes to express his obligations to Mr. C. H. Blair and to Mr. F. W. Dendy for help received in annotating the roll.

1. ACTON OF NEWCASTELL : [gules], a fess ermine, in chief a label of three points.

The Actons of Worcestershire and Warwickshire bore : gules, a fess within a bordure ermine (Burke, *General Armoury*). The roll here edited gives as the arms of Laurence Acton : argent, a lion rampant within a bordure engrailed sable. The *Carr MS.* (41 Surt. Soc. Publ., p. lv.) ascribes to Laurence Acton, mayor of Newcastle in 1432/3 and 1437, a different coat : argent, a saltire gules and a chief sable charged with three bezants. Compare Dendy, *Jesmond*, pp. 120, 121.

2. BALLYOL : gules, an orle argent.

See Foster, *Some Feudal Coats of Arms*, pp. 18, 19, for the various coats borne by this family.

3. BOTHELL OF NORTHUMBERLAND : or, an orle azure charged with three annulets of the field.

The same device, without the charge, occurs on the shield of Sir Robert Bertram on Bothal castle (Bates, 'Border Holds,' p. 290).

4. BURONDON : sable, three unicorns' heads couped argent.

In Glover's *Ordinary*, the arms 'sable, three horses' heads couped argent,' are ascribed to 'Wawhum,' query Burrodon. Sir Gilbert de Boroudone bore : gules, three roses sable with a bend argent for difference ; and Sir Walter de Boroudone bore : argent, three roses sable (*Parliamentary Roll*, temp. Edw. II., Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 20). In *Powell's Roll*, temp. Edw. III., the coat of Sir Walter Bordonn is given as : argent three cinquefoils pierced sable (Foster, p. 26). Thomas Burowdon, temp. Edw. III., bore : argent, three cinquefoils sable (Foster, p. 39). See also below under Horsley.

5. J. CARTINGTON : gules, a fess argent between three Catherine wheels of the second.

Cartington : gules, a fess between three Catherine wheels or (*Elizabethan Roll*, 41 Surt. Soc. Publ., p. xxxiv).

6. CHESWYKE : gules, a bend wavy argent.

Compare the Foliot and Hansard coats : gules, a bend argent, and see pedigree of Cheswick given by Raine (*North Durham*, p. 228).

7. CLENNELL : or, three voided cinquefoils sable.

A similar coat, namely, sable, three voided cinquefoils argent, was borne by Horsley [of Thernham] (*Willement's Roll*).

8. COLLENWOODE : argent, three stags' heads cabossed gules.

Collingwood : argent, three bucks' heads gules attired or (Papworth, p. 926, citing Glover's *Ordinary*).

9. COLPLAND : sable, three covered cups (or tankards) argent, with a mullet of the second for difference.

A similar coat was that worn by Sir John Stryvelyn, temp. Edw. III. : sable crusily, three covered cups argent (Dendy, *Jesmond*, pp. 96, 125). John de Coupland, temp. Rich. II., bore : argent, on a cross sable a mullet pierced of the field (*Jenyns Booke of Armes*²; Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 56).

10. COLVELL OF NORTHUMBERLAND : argent, three chevronels sable, each charged with five bezants.²

Colvile : argent, three chevronels sable besantés (Burke, *General Armoury*).

11. CORBETT : argent, a corbie sable.

Peter Corbet, baron of Caux, in 1297 bore : or, a corbyn sable (*Nobility, Parliamentary, and Powell's Rolls*; Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 51). The number of 'corbyns' (or ravens) varies in the *Parliamentary* and subsequent rolls. Compare Papworth, *Ordinary*, p. 295.

12. CRAWSESTER : quarterly or and gules, in the first quarter a crow sable.

John Crawcestre, temp. Edw. II., bore : quarterly or and gules, in the first a 'merlett' sable (*Jenyns Booke of Armes*²; Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 56).

13. WILLIAM DE LA VALE : ermine, two bars vert, with a mullet argent for difference.

This mark of difference is also given on a shield in Seaton Delaval chapel. William de la Vale was returned as owner of Seghill tower in 1415 (Bates, 'Border Holds,' p. 16).

14. DOXFORD : argent, on a bend sable three quatrefoils of the field.

The Northumbrian families which bore similar coats are, Radcliffe : argent, a bend engrailed sable; Sabraham of Jesmond : argent, a bend embattled counter-embattled sable (Glover's *Ordinary*); Dent : argent, on a bend sable three lozenges ermine (41 Surt. Soc. Publ., p. xxxiv).

15. ERINGTON : argent, two bars azure, in chief three escallops of the second.

The same arms are ascribed to John de Erington, temp. Edw. III., in *Jenyns Booke of Armes*² (Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 78).

16. ESLINGTON : argent, two bars azure, in chief three mullets of the second.

These arms were borne by John de Eslinton, temp. Edw. III. (*Jenyns Ordinary*³; Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 79).

17. ESSELRYKS : argent, three hazel-leaves vert.

This coat was worn by Thomas Hasilrig of Fawdon (Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 106).

² *The Antiquary*, vols. I. and II.

³ *Walford's Antiquarian* for 1885-7.

18. SIR HENRY FENWYKE AND J. FENWYCKE : party per fesse gules and argent, six martlets countercharged.

Henry Fenwick was owner of Fenwick tower in 1415 (Bates, 'Border Holds,' p. 18). Upon the arrangement of the martlets in the Fenwick coat, see Longstaffe (41 Surt. Soc. Publ., p. xxxiii., note 1); and compare Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 84. The martlets on the coat of Sir Henry Fenwick are here tricked 3 and 3; those on the coat of J. Fenwick as 3, 2, 1.

19. ALEXANDER FETHERSTONHAUGH : gules, a chevron between three ostrich-feathers argent.

Alexander Featherstonhaugh was living in 1421, when he made a grant of his manor of Featherstonhaugh to his son Ralph.

20. GOSWYKE : vert, a fess argent between three geese proper.

A pedigree of the family of Goswick is given by Raine (*North Durham*, p. 182).

21. RAUF GRAY : gules, a lion rampant within a bordure engrailed argent.

This adaptation of the Heton coat dates back to the thirteenth century. In 1303-7, Sir Thomas Grey bore : gules, a lion rampant and a bordure indented argent; a baston azure (*Nativity Roll*; Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 100). Sir Ralph Grey of Chillingham died in 1443.

22. GREY OF WYPERDEN : gules, a chevron between three lozenges or.

The Greys of Wooperton and Kylloe subsequently adopted the arms of Grey of Chillingham, with a martlet for difference (St. George's *Visitation*, 1615).

23. HAGRISTONS : azure, on a bend cotised argent three billets gules.

Robert Haggerston, temp. Edw. III., bore : azure, on a bend cotised argent three billets gules (Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 104).

24. HEBORNE : argent, three uncovered lamps sable.

John Wetewang, temp. Edw. I., bore this coat with the colours reversed (*Jenyns Booke of Armes*; Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 204).

25. JWAN HERON : gules, three herons argent.

This coat was borne by Sir Roger Heron and by Sir William Heron, temp. Edw. II. (*Parliamentary and Powell's Rolls*; Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 110).

26. HETON : vert, a lion rampant within a bordure engrailed argent.

These arms were borne by Thomas de Heton, temp. Edw. II. (*Jenyns Booke of Armes*; Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 112). The roll here edited gives as the arms of T. Heton : gules, a lion rampant within a bordure engrailed argent; and Thomas de Heton, temp. Edw. III., bore : gules, a lion passant argent (*Jenyns Ordinary*; Foster, *Ordinary*). Uncertainty as to the colour of the field continues to be shown in later quarterings of the Heaton arms. The Greys of Chillingham quartered for Heaton : gules, a lion rampant within a bordure engrailed argent. The Fenwicks of

Wallington quartered : vert, a lion rampant within a bordure engrailed or.
 The Swinburnes of Capheaton quartered : vert, a lion rampant argent.

27. ROGER HORSLEY : gules, three horses' heads coupé argent, bridled sable.

The same device occurs on the shield of Roger Horsley of Srenwood on Bothal Castle (Bates, 'Border Holds,' p. 290). Robert Horsley, temp. Edw. II., bore : gules, three horses' heads erased argent, bridled sable (*Jenyns Booke of Armes*; Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 116). In 1413, Roger Horsley died seised of Burrodon in Coquetdale. This fact serves to explain the similarity of the Horsley and Burrodon coats as given in this roll. The connexion between the arms of the two families is made all the closer by the fact that Sir Walter Bordonn, temp. Edw. III., bore : argent, three cinquefoils pierced sable (*Ashmole Roll*; Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 26); while Robert de Horsele, temp. Rich. II., bore the same coat with the colours reversed (*Jenyns Ordinary* and *Willement's Roll*; Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 116).

28. ILDERSTONS : argent, three water-bougets sable.

John Ilderton bore this shield, temp. Edw. III. (*Jenyns Ordinary*; Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 120). With colours reversed, it was worn by the Northumbrian families of Lilburn and Elrington, though the Elringtons appear subsequently to have adopted the Swinburne coat (*Craster Tables*.³)

29. LORENS : argent, a lion passant gardant sable crowned or.

Lawrence : argent, a cross engrailed gules, on a chief of the second a lion passant or (*Craster Tables*).

30. J. MANNERS : or, two bars azure, a chief gules.

John Manners and Sir Robert Manners, temp. Edw. III., bore this coat (*Powell's Roll* and *Jenyns Ordinary*; Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 137). The augmentation in the modern Manners arms was granted by Henry VIII. in 1525, to the first earl of Rutland.

31. NICHOLAS RIDLEY : gules, a chevron between three goshawks argent.

Identical arms are ascribed to Ridley of Willimoteswick in the *Craster Tables*. The name of Nicholas was borne by several successive representatives of this family in the fifteenth century.

32. SIR WALTER SELBY : barry of ten, sable and or.

The number of bars and the order of the tinctures varies in the different rolls; e.g., *Powell's Roll* (temp. Edw. III.) gives the arms of Sir Walter Selby as : burrulée (14) or and sable (Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 177). Sir Walter Selby was slain in the defence of Liddell pele in 1346.

33. STROUDER : gules, on a bend argent three eagles displayed vert, armed of the field.

Thomas de Strother, temp. Rich. II., bore the same coat (*Jenyns Booke of Armes* and *Willement's Roll*; Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 186)

³ *Arch. Ael.*, vol. XXIV., p. 244.

34. WILLIAM SWYNBURN : party per fess gules and argent, three voided cinquefoils countercharged.

William Swynburn, temp. Rich. II., bore these same arms (*Jenyns Booke of Armes* and *Willement's Roll*; Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 186). The earlier Swinburn coat was : gules, semée of cross crosslets three swine's heads coupéd argent (*ibid.*). In another part of the roll here edited entirely different arms are, probably erroneously, assigned to William Swynburn : sable, fretty ermine. Sir William Swynburn was returned as owner of the castle of Capheaton in 1415 (Bates, 'Border Holds,' p. 15).

35. ROWLAND THIRLWALL : gules, a chevron between three boars' heads erased argent.

Ralph de Thirlwall, temp. Edw. I., bore : gules, a chevron between three boars' heads coupéd bendways or (*Jenyns Booke of Armes*; Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 190). The sepulchral slabs in Haltwhistle church give : a chevron between three boars' heads (Bates, 'Border Holds,' p. 327). Rowland de Thirlwall was returned as owner of Thirlwall castle in 1415 (*ibid.* p. 15).

36. ROGER THORNTON : sable, a chevron and a chief indented argent.

These are the arms given for Thornton of Netherwitton in St. George's *Visitation*, 1615, and they reappear in the *Military Roll*, temp. Henry VI. Roger Thornton was owner of Netherwitton tower in 1415 (Bates, 'Border Holds,' p. 16).

37. SIR WILLIAM WHITCHESTER : per pale indented or and vert.

An unknown coat. Sir William Whitchester was owner of the tower of Seaton Delaval in 1415 (Bates, 'Border Holds,' p. 16).

38. MATTHEW WHITFIELD ; or, a bend between two cotises engrailed sable.

This corresponds with the *Elizabethan Roll* (41 Surt. Soc. Publ., p. xxxvii). At the battle of Boroughbridge, Sir William de Whitfield bore : sable, a bend engrailed or (Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 206). Matthew Whitfield was owner of Whitfield tower in 1415 (Bates, 'Border Holds,' p. 19).

39. SIR WILLIAM WODDRINGTON : quarterly argent and gules, over all a bend sable.

The same roll gives as the arms of Th[omas] de Woddrington : quarterly argent and gules, over all a bend gobony sable and gules. The bend (*Powell's Roll*, temp. Edw. III.) is also blazoned as a baston (*Jenyns Ordinary*, Henry III. Roll), and a bendlet (*Willement's Roll*, circa 1392-7; Foster, *Feudal Coats*, p. 206). See also the seal of Roger de Widdrington (*British Museum Catalogue of Seals*, vol. III., p. 669). Neither the name of William nor that of Thomas occurs upon the Widdrington pedigree in the course of the fifteenth century.