

II.—AN EPISODE IN THE HISTORY OF A MORPETH FAMILY.

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‘There dwells a wife by the Northern Gate,
And a wealthy wife is she;
She breeds a breed o’ roving men
And casts them over sea.

Home, they come home from all the ports,
The living and the dead;
The good wife’s sons come home again
For a blessing on their head.’

KIPLING.

The family of Marr was settled in Morpeth in the reign of Elizabeth and probably earlier. During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries scions of the name occupied prominent and respectable positions as tanners, merchants, and smaller tradesmen, gathering wealth, and some of them attaining the honourable position of bailiff or chief officer of the borough. These prosperous individuals were probably all descended from Thomas Marr who, 9 May, 1587, married Agnes Lemman, William Marr who, 1 December, 1594, married Agnes Dunn, or Andrew Marr who, 16 November, 1602, married Isabel Gair. The degree of affinity of these three men has not been ascertained.

In the middle of the seventeenth century the head, or a prominent member of the family, was Edward Marr the elder; whose eldest son, Edward Marr the younger, on the 18 May, 1661:

Being sicke of body but of perfect minde and memory, and desirous to make his last will and testament, did by word of mouth, nuncupatively, make and declare the same in manner and form following, or in words tending to

the like effect: viz., he did give and bequeath unto his deare, naturall and lawfull father all his goods and chattells whatsoever, and all bills, bonds, creditts, and whatsoever he did then enjoy, whom he made sole executor of his sayd will, which words were soe spoken and declared in the presence and hearing of Thomas Gaire and William Marr. [Pr. at Durham, 23 Oct., 1661.]¹.

Edward Marr the elder survived his son for nineteen years and was buried 29 January, 1679/80.

29 Dec., 1679. Will of Edward Marr. My body to be decently buried in Morpeth church, the funerall to be ordered by the discretion of my executors. To my son George Marr, the dwelling house that George Witherupp lives in, and all the back houses thereunto belonging and the garden and trees. To my daughter Isabell Ritheson [*sic*], 10*l*. To my daughter Anne Coatesforth, 10*l*. I give to my son George Marr, to pay these two legacies, the two houses that is in Old-gate and the ridges thereunto belonging. I give unto my said son the cubbord that is in my dwelling, and likewise all the work-geer that belongs to the shopp and likewise the sheep that belongs to me. To my two daughters the household goods between them. [Pr. at Durham, 1680.]

He was succeeded by his son George Marr, described alternately as blacksmith and whitesmith, who was bailiff of Morpeth in 1705 and again in 1707. On October 13, 1711, George Marr conveyed certain property to his eldest son, Edward Marr of Morpeth, merchant, for his better preferment in marriage, and for other considerations. The property comprised a messuage in Newgate Street, acquired in 1694 from Thomas Dawson, and another messuage in Bridge Street. Besides his eldest son Edward, George Marr was the father of four sons who attained manhood and of two daughters who married. Of this family the most interesting member was the fourth son, William Marr. He was baptized 6 July, 1693, and apprenticed 20 Sept., 1708, to Richard Turner of Newcastle, tanner.

¹ All the documents printed or quoted in this paper are taken from Morpeth Collectanea, vol. VII., Woodman Collection, in the possession of the Society. For the use of the transcript of the Morpeth Register and for reading the proofs the writer is indebted to Mr. H. M. Wood, B.A.

Impatient of discipline, William Marr, either before or immediately after the expiration of his apprenticeship, took himself off to North America and settled at Charlestown in the province of Carolina. Distance and reflection united to promote a warmer feeling for his native country and for his kinsfolk, and, taking an opportunity of a visit to the north of England by his neighbour and fellow countryman, Thomas Selby, he sent greetings and dutiful messages to his father.

Thomas Selby | To | Mr. George | Marr senr | att Morpeth | These |
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Oct. 14, 1718.

I having been pre-engaged by a promise made to your son Mr. Wm. Marr in South Carolina to wait one you, am oblig'd to decline it; your ways being so bad, together with the season of the year, which makes it impracticable for me who am not acquaint with such affairs. Theses inconveniencies attanding it, have obledged me to lett you know by writing of my speedy departure for them parts, and that I shall be always ready to sarve your son in whatever lays in my power Sir, your son for the time he has been in them parts has made very good use of his time and does still continu to doe the same. He being a great distance from England makes nessassrys come very dear with which you cann supply him much cheaper then he cann buy them there. I would desire of you, sir, to acquaintt Mrs. Steel of my going, which if any commands to her brother I shall be ready to sarve her.

Of the correspondence which ensued, the following letter, which reached Morpeth after the father's death, has been preserved:

To Mr. | George Marr | senior att Morpeth | in England in the | county
of Northumb | erland | These |
Charlestown, Feb. the 28, 1721/2.

Honer'd Sir,—After my love and duty to you this comes to acquaint you that I am in good health and in good bussiness. I don't follow my tanning bussiness, but I have got into a way of trading with the natifs of this country which I have followed for thre years now, and havè cleared about seven or eight hundred pounds starlling money. I have had a great deal of sickness in this country which has bean very expencife to me. I have not as yet alter'd my condition by mariage, nor I don't desine it, for this country is very sickly, and dus not agree with the constitution of English people, but this country is a very good country for any ingenius tradesmen that

will mind their bussiness, but, if thay don't, thay have no bussiness to come hear. Pray let me know how the prices of rice, pitch, tarr and deare skins bears in Newcastle, that I may know whether it will be with [[?]worth] my while to bring some over or no. If their is any young man has a mind to travel into these parts that has got any money, I would advise them to lay their money out in goods fitting for the Indian trade, which they may inform themselves about in London, only by making inquiry at the Carolina Coffy-house. Captain Fennick was a-telling me that his sister Jane Steall's son had a great desire to come over to Carolina, which I found that the[y] had no mind to encourage his comeing, but if the young man has a desire to travell he may do worse than to come to Carolina if he has but one hundred pound to lay down for goods that will [suit?] this trade, which he or any other may inform themselves att London. There is one Mr. Galilely, a Ne[w]castle man, that has bean hear and is now come over for a cargoe for this bussiness. Give my love to my brothers and sisters and to all my relations and to all my neighbours. Direct your letter for me to be lefft at the South Carolina Coffie-house, post paid. So I conclude with my prayers for you, hoping that you will forgive all my past offences that I have given you and the rest of your family, but I hope that I shall be accounted, for the future, amongst the rest of your children. All from your most dutifull son, William Marr.

George Marr, the father, was buried 6 Feb., 1721/2; having made his will 16 Aug., 1721:

Being infirme in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory, praised be God for it, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life, and that all flesh must yield to death whensoever it shall please God to call, and being desirous soe to settle my estate amongst my children as may prevent disputes and differences amongst them after my decease, doe constitute and make this my last will and testament. To my son Edward Marr the messuage, etc., that he now lives in, the messuage William Taite lives in and the sum of 40s. as a legacy. To my son John Marr of Whalton, yeoman, my messuage or burgage in the Market Place, which Thomas Richardson now lives in. To my son Joseph Marr of Morpeth, my messuage in Oldgate, he paying to his sister Isabel Coats the sum of 20*l.*, and also paying to his brother William Marr the sum of 10*l.* 'if he should happen to come to Morpeth.' I give to my daughter Anne Marr a yearly quitt-rent of 6*s.* 8*d.* issuing out the house I now live in, also my household goods, linen, plate, etc. Residue to my son Edward Marr, he sole executor. [Pr. at Durham, Oct., 1722.]

William Marr prospered in Carolina and acquired land, but his health becoming undermined by the 'great deal of sickness'

he had passed through, he arranged his affairs to permit a visit to England in 1725, bringing with him a valuable consignment of deer skins. He crossed the Atlantic in a ship of which William Wilson was master, but was stricken for death when he landed in London on August 16. Carried to lodgings in Wapping at the house of Alexander Allen, rope-maker, a physician was called in, and received a guinea a visit, as his fee, and the attendance of two nurses was also secured—relatives probably of Sarah Gamp and Betsy Prig—who assisted the dying man to consume nine bottles of red port, three bottles of white port, three bottles of French claret, besides brandy and canary, four chickens, three joints of mutton, loaf sugar, almonds and raisins. The patient died on or before the 31st of that month, when payments were made for church dues and gravedigger's fees.

Two of William Marr's brothers happened to be at or near London at the time, but neither of them saw him before his death. An undated letter was written by John Marr about the 4 Sept., 1725, to his sister 'Mrs. Ann Marr | in Morpeth in | Northumberland.'

Dear Sister,—I received a letter from my brother Edward last Thursday at noone, in persuaunce of which went to London imidiety, and when I came there Mr. Young was not at home, but on Friday last, he and Mr. Pattison, who is an atorney and son to Mr. Lewiss Pattison of Eachweake, went to enquier after my brother William, who expired on Sunday at night last and was buried last Wedinsday. I am informed he has made a will and left all his effects to your children and my sister Coatse's. I have made the striktst iniquery I can possible, and finds his goods he brought with him was dear-skis and some goold. As for the peticulars I can not give you an account for he has left on Prudom, a grosear, and on Alon, a roper, his exacters, and they will neather let me se the will nor inventory but has prevericated most strangly. I have almost prevaled with them to surender thare trust and that my brother Edward to act for the children, which Mr. Pattison and I can get maneged provided you will write to them to renounce there trust, which I find th'are unwilling to do. I have been greved most sadly to se what evations they have used with Mr. Pattison and I, to renounce thare trust, and I do beleive thay will conseall and imbesile a grat part of the effects. As for my brother William he was most sadly decaved befor he dyed,

which I shall give you the particulars of afterwards; and beg of you, with my sister Coats, to write the next post to me and likewise to Mr. Prudom, grosear, in Wapping, to renounce his trust. Dear Sister, I am in such a con[fusion]. that I can scarce write. My service to all friends. I am your affectionate brother, John Marr.

William Marr's will, in which he describes himself 'of Morpeth, tanner,' is dated 23 August, 1725:

Being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, I give all my messuages, lands, etc., either in Great Britain or Carolina or any other part or country beyond the seas, with all my goods, chattels, monies and effects to such of the children of my sister Ann Marr by her late husband Edward Marr and such of the children of my sister Elizabeth (*sic*) Coates by her husband Joseph Coates as shall be living at the time of my death to be equally divided betwixt them share and share alike. To my loving friends Mr. William Wilson of Whitby, co. York, mariner, John Prudome of the parish of St. John's, Wapping, Middlesex, grocer, and Alexander Allen, junior, of the hamlet of Wapping, Stepney, Middlesex, ropemaker, one guinea each to buy them rings. The said John Prudome and Alexander Allen executors. [Pr. Prerog. Court 28 Sept. 1725, and administration committed to Joseph Marr.]

An inventory of his goods remaining in the possession of Alexander Allen, his landlord and one of his executors, was taken 6 Sept., 1725. It comprised:

One cedar chest, lock and key; 5 holland shirts; 10 muslin neck-stocks; 7 muslin turn-overs; 3 pair of thread stocks; 2 handkerchiefs; 2 thread cappes; 1 nagskin; 3 stript wastcoats; 1 pair of breaches; 1 fustian coat; 1 pair of breaches; 1 pair of leather breaches; 1 blew kersey cloak; 1 hatt; 1 small trunk; some India basketts. Valued at three pounds two shillings.

To which was to be added the proceeds of the three and a half chests of skins which the testator had brought with him. The chests contained 2,605 skins weighing 4,222 pounds, sold at 2s. 3d. per pound, which, less an allowance for 107 pounds of damaged skins, were sold by brokers for the sum of 463l. 12s. 3d. Against this sum were charges for passage money, freight, lodging, funeral² and other expenses which amounted to 76l. 19s. 4d.

² The undertaker's account amounted to 16l. 16s. 6d. and comprised the following items: 7 crape hat bands, 1l. 4s. 6d.; a black silk scarf for the

John Marr reported events in letters to the family, writing on the 7 (August being a slip of the pen for) September to his sister 'Mrs. Ann | Marr, opposite | to the Post-house | of Morpeth,' etc.

My dear Sister,—I writ to you on Saturday last, the 4th of this instant, in a confusede manare. My brother has left all his efects to my sister Coats's and your childer. I have been much perpelext in finding out the efects. There is one Mr. Proudome, a groser in Waping—a virey honest gentleman—and Mr. Alon, a roper, tru[s]te[e]s. He lodged at Mr. Alon's, who has had the oportunity of rifeling his chist and accounts, and he is pevish because Mr. Pattison and I have oposed him in having the trust for the chillder which I desire may be lodged in my brother Edward's hand. After a great many evations of Mr. Alon's, Mathew Patterson, the undertaker for his funeral, and I was with them on Munday last, the 6th instant, and se his chist opened, and there is on cyapersile [?] of old clothes in a charming fine cedar chist, which I send you the inventory of, inclosed. The cheaf of his efects consisted in dear skins—Mr. Alon tould me, Mathew Patterson and Mr. Pattison, that there was about two thousand, but I have been at the Custam-house and findes three thousand one hundred and more skins enter'd, and is sould at 2s. 3d. p. pound, which all properly belongs to him, as I am informed by the master of the ship he came over in, who is a prity sivel young gentilman, and will be at Newcastle in a week, or fourteen days time, if God permits him, and he has promised to call upon my sister Coats and you and give an exact acount of the whole circumstances. I am informed by him that there is a hegar [?] and a tract of land left at Carolina, belonging to him and some deer skins to be disposed of in the hands of one Frazer and Storey, who was my brother's partners. Mr. Willson, the master of the ship, is [a] Whitb[y] man and will by the efects he has left at Carolina, provided my brother, Edward, has the trust confer'd upon him before he, the said Master, leaves the north, for he designs to go over to that country agane pritty soone. Dear Sister, I have in this afare taken all the care I possible could,

minister, 17s.; the hire of six gentlemen's 'clokes,' 9s.; 7 white silk sarsenet scarves with broad ribbon favours, 5l. 12s.; 7 ribbon favours for the hats, 10s. 6d.; 7 pairs of 'shammy' gloves, 1l. 4s. 6d.; 7 pairs of men's kid gloves, 14s.; 6 pairs of women's kid gloves, 12s.; one pair of boy's lamb and 1 pair of girl's kid gloves, 2s. 6d.; for two porters at the door with scarves, 12s.; for the use of six carrier's gowns, caps and truncheons, 3s.; gloves and favours for the coachmen, bearers and porters, 14s. 6d.; 2 ribbon favours for the children, 3s.; for a hearse and four horses, 17s. 6d.; for 4 pair-horse coaches, 1l. 12s.; for the use of 5 coachmen's cloaks, 5s.; gifts to bearers and beadle, 11s. 6d., etc., etc.

which Mathew Patterson can attest, who I have been oblidged to borrow one gunie from to go about the afare and must have one or two more which, hope I, you will remitt to him, for I can not virey well spare it prisent. Mr. Pattison and I has stopt them from proving the will, and I desire you, in conjunction with my sister Coats, to impower me to act in the afaire or to let me know who you do. As I mentioned in my last to you I have prevaled with Mr. Prudom to renounce his trust, and I doubt not but to do the same with Mr. Alon; for to have them to act and the money lodged in their hands for the childer's use will be precarious, and am sure it will be of more advantage to have it in my brother Edward's hands, who loves them, and I am confident will do all that lies in his power for them. Tharfor I disire you and my sister Coats not to faile in writing to Mr. Proudum, Grocer, in Waping, Mr. Alon, Rope-maker in Shadwell, and myself, the first post, without fail, to convince them of the same. My brother has left a ring with W. M. upon it, a snufe bocks: and his cloths—which is of no great value—which I have a great fancy for and they will be of particular use to me, which I beg of you and my sister Coats to let me have, if you both think convenient. I have seen the letter you sent to my cozin Ralph Morrison, dated the 30th of August, and have taken all the care imaginable before the receipt of it. Mr. Morrison gives his love to his wife, Mr. Ralph his duty to her and there service to all fri[en]ds. My love to all fri[en]ds and pleas to accept of the same from your affectionate brother John Marr.

P.S.—As for the Inventory of the money and goods I shall send you in my nixt.

Two days later, again writing *August 7th* instead of *September 7th*, he says to 'Mrs. Isabel Coats | att her shop in the | Side in Newcastle-upon-Tyne':

Dear Sister,—I sent a leter to my sister Marr on Saturday last and on this day with an exact account of the afair of my dear brother William. He has left all his efects to yours and my sister Ann's childer, which will amount to fower or five hundred pound ekwelly to be divided amongst them. I have sent a more particular account to my sister Ann, and desires you to go to Morpeth yourself toe consult with her what is proper to be done in this afaire, which I have advised my sister Marr with almost the whole circumstance of the storey. My dear Sister, I can have liberty, and therefor will dow all the service thats in my power in this afaire. Fail not in going imidiety about it, otherwise [it] will be of great pridjudice to the afaire. My service to my Cozin Ritchardsons and all friends and accept of the same from your affectionate brother, John Marr.

P.S.—Mr. Willson, the master that my dear brother came over in, will be at Newcastle in 10 or 14 days' time. Enquire for him at Mr. John Simpson's the fiter.

Isabel Coats immediately forwarded this letter to her sister Ann Marr with the following lines :

Dear Sister,—I received this, and if you think there be any necessity for my coming and as my brother John desires, lett me know and I will waite of you accordingly. If there be any thing material in yours I should begg a copy thereof. I sent your letter in yesterday's post and am, with service to all friends, your sorrowful sister, Isable Coates.

Newcastle, Saturday.

Joseph Marr now takes up his pen and, on the 14th Sept., writes to his sister Ann Marr :

Sister,—I had this day the opportunity of wating of Mr. Fetherston and was very kindly received, and he will go allong with my brother John and Mr. Patison and I, to Mr. Proudham and Allan to-morrow. Mr. Patison expressed a great deal of satisfaction at the receipt of your letter to my brother. I shall be able to give you a better account the next post.

It will be very necessary to wate upon Captain Wilson as my brother John intimated to you.

Two days later he writes to her again :

Sister,—My brother and Mr. Fetherston waited upon Mr. Proudham yesterday morning, and in the evening my brother and I waited uppon Allan. They both have consented to resine their trust, and have this day been at Doctors Commens, and finde it absolutely necessary to have a full Power signed by the children and executed as other writings in law; their signing at Morpeth and Nedy Coats' must both be attested. You desire in my brother Edward's letter to my brother, an account of the will, which we have seen and the effects are entirely left to my sisters' children. As to the Inventory I can give no accou[n]t, having not seen it as yeat, but was with the broker, who tould me he had sold skins to value of fower hundred pounds. The enclosed is an instrument drawn by a proctor in Doctor's Commons, which Mr. Fetherston has perused and is very well pleased with their condensation in quitting their exactors-ship, having taken the advice of one Mr. Sayr, in Doctors Commons, that we could not oblige them to resign their trust. I desire you'l be as expedisious in eticuting the inclosed, or if you think it proper, may draw another of the same nature, to my brother Edward, but it must be uppon stamps and tested by all parties as I have mentioned. Pray communicate this letter to my sister Coats and let me have your answer as soon as possible. Direct to me at Mr. Fetherston in Crooked Lane, nigh the Monument, it being his desire. From your affectionate brother, Joseph Marr.

Pray desire my brother Edward to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Fetherston.

On the 18th of September John Marr writes to his brother 'Mr. Edward Marr | Marchant in Morpeth | in Northumberland':

Dear Brother,—I received yours dated the 11th and thanks my sisters. We yesterday prevaled with Mr. Proudom and Mr. Allen to goe with us to Doctor's Commons, where we had thare renounsation regestered in court and they took an othe before one of the Doctors to deliver up all our late brother William's effects, with a true and exact inventarey and likewise to discover all they know concerning him to my brother Joseph and Mr. Fetherstone and I, as soon as that instument—which we sent down last post to be signed by the childder to impower my brother Joseph to act—is returned, which I hope you and they have taken care to dispatsh. Mr. Fetherstone is wonderfully well pleased that we have got them to make this condeshon, for they are left sole exactors and trustees in the will, therefore we could not by law have compeld them to it. We have been all along obliged to treat them siviley, contrary to our inclination, which has incresed the charge pritty much, but the first cost is the best; for to have entrd into law suits, which is both troublesome and chargeible, would have consumed all the childders money, which would have been a great conserne to us all, for I am confident we love them viry well. As soon as that instrument returns we will get the busines dispatcht, and brother Joseph will leave the money in Mr. Fetherston's hand, and take a bill from him upon Mr. Alderman Ree, and then return as soon as possible. As for the copy of the will and inventory we cannot have as yet, but Mr. Fetherstone has seen the will and there is not one peney left to any friend, but all to the children; only one gunie a peace to the trustees. My service to my sisters and the children, and assure them I have done all thats in my power for them in this afaire. Please to communicate this letter to my sisters, and likewise my service to all friends, and please accept of the same from your affectionate but sorrowful brother, John Marr.

Joseph Marr took his passage home on October 7, leaving with John their late brother's silver snuff-box, his gold ring, wearing apparell and 6*l.* 12*s.* in money, for all of which he took his receipt. By post he advertised his sister Ann Marr of his arrangements:

Sister,—These are to acquaint you that I am now aborde the 'Bachelor,' Richard Haswell, of Newcastle, master. I have not time to give you any account of the busines, the ship being ready to sale.

On the 19th of the same month John Marr wrote, from Brentford, to Ann Marr :

Dear Sister,—I received yours on Friday last dated the 4th of this instant. I parted with my brother Joseph, the 7th, and took my leave of him on board the 'Batchiller,' a virey good ship loaded with Alderman Fetherston's and Mr. Muncaster's goods, which I hope is arived safe at Newcastle by this. The moment I got to Kingston, was ordered to this place upon the Prinses party for one month. We had the Administration granted with the Will anexed imeditly after the return of the instrument the brokers account that had the skines to dispose of which amounts to fouer houndred and one pound besides duty and all charges paid. Allen has confesed with fifty pound tenn shillings in money that was in my poor brother's chist and a bill of tenn pound upon Sam. Ragg, a merchant, which is accepted. My brother Joseph got money of Mr. Fetherston to manige the afaire, and has left him a Letter of Atourny to impouer him to act and is to receve what money [is] due of Mr. Ree. at Newcastle. He has likewise left the [acco]unt of the effects at Carolina with Mr. Alder, and has taken a copy of everything to satisfie you and my sister Isabel. I am impatient to hear whether my brother Joseph be arrived safe amongst you or not. Fail not to let mee hear the first post. He promised he wou'd write to you that day I took leave of him and the ship was just goeing to saill. The price of barley is advanced prity much hear, but is not settled, but shall let you know in three weeks or a month's time at furthest. If there be anything that I can serve you or any of my fri[ends] in, please to let me know and I shall be both willing and redey upon all ocations. My love to my brothers and sisters. My service to al frin[ds] and please to accept of the same yourself from your brother John Mar.

In the more troublesome business of realizing the testator's colonial property the devisees had the help of their kinsman and ex-townsmen, Robert Fenwick of Charlestown, who, writing from that place 6 July, 1726, to 'Mr. Matthew Fetherston,' says :

I was honoured with yours of 9^{ber} the 12th, 1725, with two letters under your cover, one from my brother and another from my nephew Marr. I find in yours a singular favour in you to exert your interest for your friend and countryman deceased, and his relations, and a considerable concern for their interest, a principle worthy of remark and all grateful acknowledgment. I, according to your desire, have done my utmost indeavour to make a scrutiny into the interest Mr. William [Marr] left here, and into what he shipt of from hence to London and upon the whole I find that what he left here

exactly corresponds with inventory my nephew Edward Marr transmitted to me in his letter, and there is here neither more nor less of Mr. Marr's effects. As what he brought over to England is as followeth, viz., 3 tun chests of dear-skins and 1 half-tun chest, the tun contained about 800 skins—chests: the half-tun chest 400 skins, every skin weighed a pound and a half and upwards. This account I have from the packers, and if an affidavit to prove this matter be wanting you may have it. I have writ to my brother to this purpose relating to this affair, and am also of opinion that Mr. Samuel Wrag, merchant, if applied to, may contribute some light to this matter. As to my acting according to the desire of my brother and nephew in Mr. William Marr's affairs in this Province, I am utterly incapable for want of a Power of Attorney from the legatees of Mr. William Marr's will, as also for the want of an authentic tested copy of Mr. Marr's will, made in England, by the Publick Notary; for the said Marr made a will here, before he sailed hence, a copy of which I send in mine to my brother John Fenwick, which he will readily communicate to you, which can never be set aside but by posterior will. Therefore its vanity to demand anything out of the hands of the persons that possesses Mr. Marr's interest here, till sufficient power be sent for that purpose, and I must inform you that the persons here concerned in trust are ready on honourable terms to be discharged according to law. This I think to be what is needful and, according as I'm empowered, for the future shall be ready to serve you and all relations and countrymen, and present shall beg leave to subscribe myself, Yours to the utmost of my power, Robert Fenwick.

On the 14th October, 1726, Matthew Fetherston, writing from London to Edward Marr states that he is sending a copy of his late brother's will, with a letter of attorney annexed, to your 'Unkel Fenwick' in Carolina.

Thomas Ellery, writing from Charlestown under date July 2, 1730, states that he has no doubt he will get the money owing to the late Mr. Marr on Sanders and Evans's bond, as Col. Fenwick has made himself liable to pay the same, but Thompson's bond, and that of Bassett's executors, are doubtful. He continues—

As to the affair of Mr. Marr's freehold estate—he hath demised it to the children of his sisters by their husbands Edward Marr and Joseph Coates, and in default of such issue at his death, then to such of his brothers and sisters as shall be living at his death. Now it neither appears by the Letter Attorney from Joseph Marr the administrator, nor by that of Mr. Fether-

stonhaugh's to you, who are the persons intituled thereto, which probably may be infants, so that you have no power at all, either to sell or otherwise dispose of the land, which I take to be worth about 100*l.* Sterling.

On the 25th July, 1730, Hugh Butler, writing to Fetherston from Carolina, after acknowledging the receipt of his correspondent's letter dated 4th March, previous, states:

There is also 1528 acres of land lying contiguous to the 500 acres of land that Mr. Mar in his life-time purchased, which I don't find you know anything of; [these] 1528 acres, according to the usage of this country, may be purchased for a small matter by Mr. Mar's representatives, if they think fit so to do; they being intituled to the preference thereof, the same being run out and plotted for there benefit. And if you'll have me do, please to signifie in whose name and whither, that, when purchased, as also the 500 acres shall be disposed of for the use and benefits of the heires, who, if are of age, may give a power to any person in this Province so to do, there being nothing mentioned of it in there Letter Attorney to you, nor yours to me.

If you or any of your friends are concerned in trade, either dry goods or negroes would turn to very good advantage in this country, and if you think well of consigning them to me, shall be disposed of to the best advantage and returns made according to your directions. . . .

Edward Marr of Morpeth, the eldest brother of William Marr of Carolina, was buried 22 June, 1742, leaving one son, Roger, and four daughters surviving him.

19 June, 1742. Will of Edward Marr of Morpeth, merchant. Being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, I give to my wife Isable (over and above her dower or thirds which she will be entitled to out of my freehold estate) my now dwelling house for her life or widowhood. After her death I give the same to my son Roger Marr. I order my executors to pay to my sister Isable Coats the 20*l.* which I owe her. I give to my two daughters Isable Marr and Mary Marr 150*l.* apiece to be paid at the age of 21 or marriage. To my daughters Jane Marshall and Ann Pye 10*l.* apiece. I give to my son Roger Marr after his mother's death my silver tankard and silver salver. Household goods to my wife. She sole executrix. Trustees, Edward Lumsden of Morpeth, dyer, Benjamin Bennet of Morpeth, clothier, and William Marr of Morpeth, sadler. [Pr. at Durham, 2 Nov., 1742.]

Roger Marr, the last male of his line, did not marry until he attained the mature age of 45, and only lived four months after, being buried 29 March, 1772.

2-March, 1772. Will of Roger Marr of Morpeth, merchant. I give my household goods to my wife Mary Marr; also my now dwelling house in Morpeth, together with the garden in the Backriggs near my said dwelling house, etc. I give to my sister Jane Marshall, widow, my burgage in Morpeth, now in the occupation of Thomas Dawson, shoemaker. I give all other my real estate to my two friends John Orde of Morpeth, esq., and George Turton, of High House, near Morpeth, gent., in trust for my three sisters: Ann, wife of the said John Orde, Isabella, wife of the said George Turton, and Mary Marr, spinster, as tenants in common. To my wife Mary Marr 30*l.* per annum in lieu of dower. Residue to my four sisters. [Pr. at Durham, 1 June, 1772.]

Of Roger Marr's four sisters, Jane became wife of George Marshall of Morpeth and had issue; Anne married, first, John Pye and, secondly, John Ord, both of Morpeth, and had issue of her second marriage; Isabel married, first, John Berwick and, secondly, George Turton of Morpeth High-house, but had no issue of either marriage; and Mary who died unmarried.

28 Sept., 1784. Will of Ann Orde of Morpeth, widow. I give all my messuages and lands at Morpeth and Longhirst to my daughter Ann Orde, spinster. To my son the Hon. Thomas Orde, esq., 50*l.* To my son John Orde, esq., 50*l.* To my daughter Mary, wife of Robert Lisle, esq., 50*l.* To my godson William Orde, one of the sons of my son-in-law William Orde, esq., five guineas. I give to my said son-in-law William Orde, esq., 'all and singular the locks, bolts, snecks, keys, hinges, grates, bars, crooks, cranes, pots, ovens, mangles and brewing vessells and utensils which shall at the time of my decease be remaining in the messuage in Morpeth aforesaid wherein I now live and reside.' To my daughter-in-law, the wife of my said son Thomas Orde, my best diamond ring. To my granddaughter Anne Orde, daughter of my said son Thomas Orde, my gold watch. To my daughter-in-law, the wife of my said son John Orde, my diamond hoop ring. Residue to my daughter Ann Orde, spinster. [Pr. at Durham, 17 Sept., 1795.]

20 Dec., 1789. Will of Isabel Turton of Morpeth, widow. I give to my sister Jane Marshall, 20*l.* per annum. To my nephew Thomas Marshall, son of my said sister, 100*l.* To my nephew William Marshall and Fenwick Marshall, sons of my said sister 200*l.* apiece. To Elizabeth Berwick of Richmond, co. York, spinster, sister-in-law of my first husband John Berwick, 30*l.* I give my real estate at Morpeth and Longhirst to my sister Mary Marr, spinster, and my niece Ann Orde, daughter of my late sister Ann Orde, deceased.

5 Oct., 1795. Will of Mary Marr of Morpeth, spinster. I give to my nephew Thomas Marshall, eldest son of my sister Jane Marshall, 100*l.* To my nephew Fenwick Marshall, another son of my said sister, 40*l.* To my sister

MARR OF MORPETH.

TABLE I.*

ANDREW MARR of Morpeth, buried 25th November, 1618 (a). = Isabel Gair, married 16th November, 1601 (a).

Edward Marr of Morpeth, smith, baptised 13th April, 1611 (a); buried 27th January, 1679, 80 (a); will dated 29th December, 1679; proved 1680.	= Ann, buried 27th January, 1676/7 (a).	George, baptised 17th September, 1615 (a); buried 24th December, 1616 (a).	Elizabeth, baptised 26th January, 1605/6 (a); buried 11th August, 1616 (a). Isabel, baptised 27th April, 1608 (a); [married 25th January, 1640/1, Thomas Morrison (a)].			
William Marr, baptised 12th Nov., 1637 (a); died in his father's lifetime.	Edward Marr of Morpeth, the younger, baptised 4th March, 1637/8 (a); nuncupative will dated 18th May, 1661; proved same year.	Roger, baptised 8th Sept., 1639 (a). Andrew, baptised 22nd Jan., 1642/3 (a). Both died in their father's lifetime.	George Marr of Morpeth, smith, baptised 5th September, 1647 (a); bailiff of Morpeth, 1705 and 1707; voted at the election of knights of the shire in 1710; buried 6th February, 1721/2 (a); will dated 16th August, 1721; proved 1722.	= Dorothy [Fenwick] buried 2nd Apr., 1696 (a).	Bertram (<i>alias</i> Bartholomew), baptised 10th Feb., 1652/3 (a); died in his father's lifetime.	Isabel, wife of John Richardson, baptised 29th December, 1640 (a); married 2nd November, 1663 (a). Anne, wife of Coatsforth, baptised 14th Aug., 1645 (a).
Edward Marr of Morpeth, merchant, baptised 24th November, 1687 (a); to whom his father in his lifetime gave certain messuages in Morpeth; voted at the election of knights of the shire in 1721 and 1734; buried 22nd June, 1742 (a); will dated 19th June, 1742; proved same year.	= Isabel Steel, married 1st November, 1713 (a).	John Marr of Whalton, baptised 3rd April, 1690 (a); to whom his father gave a messuage in the Market Place, Morpeth; voted at the election of knights of the shire in 1710. George, baptised 7th July, 1692 (a); buried 7th August same year (a).	William Marr of Carolina, baptised 6th July, 1693 (a); apprenticed 20th September, 1708, to Richard Turner of Newcastle, tanner; died in London; will dated 23rd August, 1725.	Joseph Marr of Morpeth, saddler, baptised 5th September, 1695 (a); buried 12th Jan., 1741/2 (a); will dated 8th June, 1741.	Ann, baptised 18th April, 1681 (a); married 29th July, 1701, her kinsman, Edward Marr (a), of Morpeth, butcher. Dorothy, baptised 29th October, 1682 (a); buried 25th December, 1682 (a). Isabel, baptised 19th June, 1684 (a); married Joseph Coats of the Side, Newcastle. Esther, baptised 19th April, 1686; buried 25th May, 1686 (a).	
George, baptised 9th September, 1714 (a); buried 13th October, 1714 (a). Edward, baptised 9th March, 1720/1 (a); died in his father's lifetime. Outhbert, baptised 13th March, 1724/5 (a); buried 7th November, 1725 (a).	Roger Marr of Morpeth, merchant, baptised 28th June, 1726 (a); buried 29th March, 1772 (a); will dated 2nd March, 1772 (a).	= Mary Drake of the parish of Morpeth, mar. 14th November, 1771 (a); [bur. 22nd February, 1786 (a)].	John, buried 6th Jan. 1729/30 (a).	Dorothy, baptised 5th January, 1715/6 (a); buried same month (a). Jane, baptised 13th June, 1717 (a); married 9th November, 1736, George Marshall of Morpeth (a); buried 3rd June, 1803, aged 86 (a). Isabel, baptised 28th August, 1718 (a); [buried 25th September same year (a)]. Ann, baptised 31st December, 1719 (a); married first, 13th July, 1741 (a), John Pye, only son of Thomas Pye of Newcastle, merchant; articles before marriage, 4th March, 1780/1, and secondly, 5th Sept., 1745, John Ord of Morpeth (a); her will is dated 28th Sept., 1784. ↓ Isabel, baptised 24th April, 1722; married first, 11th September, 1750, John Berwick (a), and secondly, 8th June, 1770, George Turtón of Morpeth High-house (a); her will is dated 20th December, 1789. Mary, baptised 5th December, 1723 (a); buried 9th September, 1799, aged 76 (a); will dated 5th October, 1795.		

(a) Morpeth Registers.

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TABLE II.

WILLIAM MARR of Morpeth [? buried 9th October, 1662 (a)]. =

William Marr of Morpeth, baptised 10th May, 1640 (a); [? buried 20th October, 1709 (a)].	= Anne Elliot, married 1st September, 1663 (a); buried 18th Feb., 1706/7 (a).	Edward Marr, baptised 12th June, 1642 (a); [buried 11th April, 1669 (a)].	Roger Marr, baptised 2nd November, 1651 (a); buried 18th April, 1736 (a).	Andrew, baptised 19th January, 1644/5 (a). Jane, baptised 5th June, 1636 (a); [married 23rd June, 1664, John Hawdon (a)].	Mary, baptised 27th March, 1647 (a); buried 4th June, 1647 (a). Julian, baptised 29th May, 1648 (a).					
Roger Marr, bapt. 2nd Oct., 1666 (a).	William Marr, baptised 8th Mar. 1668/9 (a); bur. 11th December, 1722 (a). +	Dorothy Carr, married 6th June 1695 (a); buried 6th Mar. 1708/9 (a).	Edward Marr of Morpeth, [baptised 31st Aug. 1674 (a)]; voted at the election of knts. of the shire in 1710; [buried 20th November, 1710 (a)].	Ann, dau. of George Marr of Morpeth, and sister of William Marr of Carolina, married 29th July, 1701 (a); bur. 27th April, 1765 (a); will dated March 5th, 1765; proved 25th May, 1765.	George, baptised 21st June 1677 (a); bur. same year (a).	George Marr of Morpeth, baptised 24th June, 1678 (a); voted at the election of knights of the shire in 1710.	Catherine Coward, married 20th May, 1705 (a).	Andrew Marr of Morpeth, baptised 1st April 1684 (a).	Elizabeth Byers, St. Andrew's, Newcastle bond of marriage, 15th Jan., 1713/4.	Isabel, bapt. 30th June, 1664 (a); mar. 1st May, 1687, John Todd (a). Mary, baptised 8th February, 1671/2 (a). Ann, baptised 4th April, 1681 (a); buried 2nd March, 1714/5 (a). Dorothy, baptised 28th February, 1687/8 (a).
William, baptised March 14th, 1698/9 (a); buried 19th March, 1698/9 (a). John, baptised 28th Jan., 1702/3 (a). William, bapt. 9th March, 1704/5 (a). Ann, baptised 25th January 1699/1700 (a).	George Marr, baptised 15th January, 1705/6 (a); living 1725; died in his mother's lifetime. William Marr of Morpeth, saddler, baptised 10th March, 1708/9 (a); with his mother took a conveyance of Lancaster's Close, Morpeth, 27th December, 1746; died without issue; buried 17th December, 1747 (a).	Dorothy, baptised 27th Aug., 1702 (a); buried same month (a). Ann, bapt. 22nd June, 1704 (a); married at St. Nicholas', Newcastle, 27th August, 1728, Benjamin Bennet of Morpeth; succeeded to Lancaster's Close on her mother's death. Isabel, baptised 17th December, 1707 (a); buried following month (a).	William Marr, baptised 14th April, 1708; buried same day (a).	Mary Pott mar. 16th June, 1736 (a).	George Marr of Morpeth baptised 2nd December, 1712 (a); buried 16th Aug., 1759 (a); will dated 10th Aug., 1759. §.	Elizabeth, she married, secondly, 16th November, 1762, Thomas Potts (a), of Morpeth and Tritlington, who by his will dated 13th November, 1790, made his stepson, George Marr, one of his executors.	Anthony, baptised 7th May, 1719 (a); buried 7th May, 1719 (a). Robert, baptised 30th July 1717 (a); married 1st June, 1740 Ann Longfellow (a).	Judith, baptised 25th March, 1706 (a); buried 24th July, 1757 (a). Mary, baptised 9th April, 1709 (a); buried same month (a). Anne, bapt. 23rd Oct., 1710 (a); [buried 6th August, 1752 (a)]. Isabel, bapt. 17th June, 1714; [buried 9th June, 1771 (a)]. Catherine, baptised 8th November, 1715 (a); buried 8th January, 1717/8 (a). Dorothy, baptised 24th September, 1724 (a); [married 5th March, 1753, William Potts (a)].		
Anthony, baptised 2nd Mar. 1741/2 (a); died young.	Isabel, baptised 17th April, 1740 (a); married before 27th August, 1765, Archibald Creighton of Edinburgh. Anne, baptised 29th December, 1743 (a); buried the following month. Dorothy, baptised 12th November, 1746 (a); buried 16th October, 1750 (a). Anne, 5th September, 1749; named in her father's will.				George Marr of North Shields, baptised 1st September, 1751 (a); named in the wills of his father and stepfather.	John Marr of Morpeth, bapt. 25th Jan., 1753 (a); gave a receipt for legacy under his father's will, 11th Dec., 1775; married 9th Dec., 1779, Barbara Tate; died 7th February, 1791, aged 38. ↓	Anthony Marr of North Shields, baptised 3rd April, 1755 (a); gave a receipt for legacy under his father's will, 23rd June, 1777.			

(a) Morpeth Registers.

* These two pedigrees, although as full as the material will admit, are very far from satisfactory, and are offered with great diffidence.

† This William Marr apparently married, secondly, 31st May, 1710, Ann Bullock, by whom he had further issue.

‡ 1747, December 29th. Mr. John Marr, buried; 1763, May 1st, John Marr, buried (a).

§ It is probable that the Marrs of North Shields and some of the later Marrs of Morpeth were descended from one or other of the three surviving sons of this George Marr.

Jane Marshall the interest of 1000*l.* for life, and after her death the said 1000*l.* to be divided equally amongst Jane Elizabeth Marshall, Mary Marshall, George Edward Marshall, Elizabeth Marshall, Edward Marshall and Thomas Marshall, the children of my said nephew Thomas Marshall. To my nephew the Rt. Hon. Thomas Orde Powlett, 200*l.* To my nephew Sir John Orde, bart., 200*l.* I give my silver plate, linen, china and household goods to my sister Jane Marshall and my niece Ann Orde to be equally divided. I give my real estate at Morpeth and Longhirst and the residue of my personal estate to my niece Ann Orde. She sole executrix.

The burial place in Morpeth churchyard of the family of Marr was in the angle formed by the chancel and the south aisle. On one of the tombstones there may be traced the remains of an inscription which seems to read :

. . . . William Marr, butcher, son of the above William Marr, died February 20, 1802, aged 69 years. Mary, daughter of the above John Marr, sen., died September 1, 1806, aged 28 years. Elizabeth, his daughter, wife to George Laidman, died 18 Feb., 1809, aged 23. Ann, wife to John Marr, jun., died July, 1815, aged 66 years

On another stone there is an inscription :

To the memory of John Marr, tanner, who died February 7, 1791, aged 38 years. And of Barbara, his wife, who died April 8, 1793, aged 37 years. Likewise four of their children, viz., George, Barbara, William and Ann, who died young. Also Barbara, their daughter, who died 13 April, 1808, aged 17 years.

And on an adjacent cenotaph there may be read the following affecting inscription :

This stone is erected | to the memory of | Lieut. Edward Marshall of the Royal Marines | who was born in this parish | and was grandson | to the late Mr. Edward Marr who lies interred here. | He was dreadfully and mortally wounded, | in his sixteenth year, by a long granite shot | from the Castle of Abydos | on board H.M. Ship Repulse | March 3, 1807 | when the squadron under the command | of Admiral Duckworth retreated from the Dardanelles | after its unequal conflict with the Turks | before Constantinople. | He lingered until the 13 | of the same month | and expired | with the resignation of a brave and good Christian | fighting for King and Country.

Admiral Sir J. T. Duckworth's letter to Lord Collingwood,

written on board the 'Royal George without the Dardanelles,' March 6th, 1807, giving full particulars of the engagement, is printed in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1807, p. 464. Another account may be found in James's *Naval History*, vol. iv, p. 227. Mr. Marshall is there described as 'Thomas Marshall,³ lieutenant of marines.'

³ *Ex inf.* Sir Francis Walker, bart.

Cf. Morpeth Register, 10 July, 1792. Edward, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Marshall, bapt.