

II.—AN ATTEMPT TO ELUCIDATE THE DESCENTS OF THE FAMILY OF ALDER OF PRENDWICK.

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In a striking passage written more than two hundred and fifty years ago, Fuller quotes the fable of the contest of the Wind and the Sun to illustrate the tenacity with which the borderers held to their lands of inheritance, and proceeds to say:

Such [of the English gentry] who live Southward near London—which for the lustre thereof, I may fitly call it the *sun* of our nation—in the warmth of wealth, and plenty of pleasures, quickly strip and disrobe themselves of their estates and inheritance; whilst the gentry living in this county [of Northumberland], in the confines of Scotland, in the *wind* of war—daily alarmed with their blustering enemies—buckle their estates (as their armour) the closer unto them; and since have no less thriftily defended their patrimony in peace, than formerly they valiantly maintained it in war.¹

With this preface I purpose to attempt to elucidate the descents of the family of Alder which, from its original or early seat at Prendwick, in the parish of Alnham, thrust out branches, some of which survived the decay and seeming extinction of the parent stem.

The township of Prendwick, high up the valley of the Aln, and amongst the outliers of the Cheviots, was a member of the Vesci barony of Alnwick. It has an area of 1,415 acres—now comprised in one farm (with a population in 1901 of 29 persons), on which is reared a sheep stock of high repute.

No trace remains of that 'lytle toure' which, in the survey or 'View of the Castles, Towers, Barmekyns, and Fortresses of the Frontiers of the East and Middle Marches,' made by Bowes and Ellerker in 1541, is stated to have been 'newlye buylded by one Thomas Aldye(r) gent.'²

¹ Fuller's *Worthies*, ed. 1840, vol. II, p. 554.

² Bates, 'Border Holds' (*Arch. Ael.*, 2 ser. XIV), p. 43.

It is possible that the family of Alder may represent and be descended from the earlier family which took its name from the place, but of this there is no proof. By an undated charter, given between the years 1253 and 1288, John de Vesci of Alnwick granted (or perhaps confirmed) lands in Prendwick to Alexander, son and heir of Walter de Prendwick;³ and in the year 1346 the vill was held by John Coupland and Elena de Prendewyk.⁴ The vill of Prendwick reappears in 1428, at which period it was held by Robert Alder, and the heirs of Richard Alder, of Henry Percy, earl of Northumberland, as of his barony of Alnwick, for the fourth part of a knight's fee.⁵ This Robert Alder, with much probability, may be identified with the Robert Alder of Alnwick, who, by a charter dated 3 April, 1459, and attested by Thomas Ilderton, constable of Alnwick castle, confirmed certain lands at Alnwick to William Edgar. Appended to the charter was the seal, on a shield, supported by two lions crowned, *Four bars, on a canton a lion rampant*.⁶ Either Robert Alder used a borrowed seal on this occasion, or his descendants discarded his arms in favour of *Azure, on a bend argent three billets of the field*.⁷

THE PRENDWICK OR MAIN LINE OF THE FAMILY.

At the musters for Coquetdale, taken by Sir Cuthbert Ratcliffe on Abberwick moor, on the 17 and 18 April, 1538,⁸ the Prendwick contingent of horsemen was headed by Thomas Alder, who was supported by his kinsmen, Robert and George Alder, and followed by retainers properly armed. It may be assumed that this was the Thomas Alder who, as has been already shown,

³ Schedule of Deeds, Rev. John Hodgson's collection.

⁴ *Feudal Aids*, vol. IV, p. 72.

⁵ *Ibid.* p. 89.

⁶ The charter is printed in the *Heralds' Visitation of Northumberland* ed. Foster, p. 5.

⁷ See p. 27, *post*.

⁸ *Arch. Ael.*, 1st series, vol. IV, p. 165.

built the tower of Prendwick shortly before 1541. He died May 5, 1554, the following being an abstract of the inquisition taken on his death:

Inquisition taken at Morpeth, Monday, 21 Sept., 1554, after the death of Thomas Alder of Prendwick. The jury found that he died seised of a capital messuage called 'la Toure' in the town of Prendwick⁹ and also of four messuages, four cottages, two hundred acres of arable land, one hundred acres of meadow, four hundred acres of pasture and three hundred acres of heath in the said town and territories and hamlets of Prendwik and Hartleyfeld, of the yearly value of 5*l.* beyond reprises, in time of peace; they are held of the king and queen in socage as of their castle of Alnwick, late belonging to Henry, late earl of Northumberland, and pay free rent, yearly 8*s.* 8*d.* and 1 lb. pepper, viz., for one ploughland 2*s.* and for one ploughland in the said town 1 lb. pepper and for 'le Hertleyfeld' 6*s.* 8*d.* The said Thomas Alder died 5 May last, 1554; Richard Alder is his son and heir and is now aged five years.¹⁰

Richard the young heir apparently died young, being succeeded by Robert Alder, who, in the Percy Feodary's Book, drawn up about 1586, is described as Robert, son and heir of Thomas Alder, and as holding lands in Over and Nether Prendwick.¹¹ He was not exempt from the perils and insecurity incident to the Borders, for in broad daylight, on June 23, 1587, a strong band of the Armstrongs of Liddesdale raided Prendwick, Ryle, Ingram, and Reaveley, and according to a bill filed on behalf of the laird of Prendwick and Henry Collingwood (of Great Ryle) carried away six hundred kine, six hundred sheep and 'insight goods' of the value of 40*l.*, together with thirty-five prisoners.¹²

⁹ The statement in the Feodary's Book of 1568 that *Thomas Alder* held the whole vill called Prendwick is somewhat belated. Cf. Hodgson, *Northumberland*, III, iii, lxx.

¹⁰ *Inq. p. m.*, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, part 2, No. 55. Writ dated 18 June, 1 Mary (1554).

¹¹ Duke of Northumberland's MSS. The other freeholders were George Alder of Hobberlaw, and Robert Carr who in right of his wife, daughter and coheir of John Alder, held a tenement.

¹² *Cal. Border Papers*, Bain, vol. I, pp. 263, 314.

Robert Alder is named in 1585 in the will of his kinsman George Alder,¹³ and again in the following year in that of Thomas Alder of Little Ryle.¹⁴ He seems to have died about 1623, for the administration of the personal estate of Robert Alder of Prendwick, gent., was granted on the 18th April of that year to his son Robert, who, on the 30th March previously, had exhibited an inventory of his father's goods.¹⁵

The name of George Alder 1 of Prendwick, gent., appears in the freeholders' list of 1639,¹⁶ and either he or his son of the same name was one of the volunteers who assembled on Bockenfield-moor, 29 January, 1660-1, and engaged themselves to follow William, lord Widdrington.¹⁷ The proprietors in Prendwick in 1663¹⁸ were :

Mr. Robert Collingwood (of Great Ryle), rated at 60*l.* per annum.
Mr. George Alder, rated at 30*l.* per annum.
George Alder, rated at 48*l.* per annum.

¹³ 2 June, 1585. Will of George Awder of Prendick. My eldest son Rauff Awder, executor. My eldest daughter Nanne. My brother Thomas Awder and Adam Maves of Callale. My masters George Awdder of Hobbornlaw and Robert Awder of Prendek, supervisors. Raine, *Test. Dunelm.*

¹⁴ 10 March, 1586/7. Will of Thomas Alder of Lyttle Ryle in the parish of Whittingham, yeoman. I give my farmhold to my wife Jenet. My eldest son Robert Alder and my daughter Jennet Alder to be in the tuition of Robert Alder of Prendyke, gent. My children Robert Alder, George Alder, Henry Alder, and Jennet Alder and my wife to have all my goods. Robert Alder, gent., supervisor. Raine, *Test. Dunelm.*

¹⁵ Raine, *Test. Dunelm.* By a happy accident the monumental inscription of the eldest son of this Robert Alder still remains in Alnham church. 'Here lyes Georg Adder of Prendick sone to Robert Adder gent dyed riding through the water at Kelso the forde caled Hempseid ford in Twead [cast?] awa and fownd beneath at Shaipitt-la and castin awa the xv of february ano domene 1611 al laud and prayses b to the Lord and so povrth.' Cf. *Proceedings*, series II, vol. ix, p. 83.

¹⁶ *Arch. Ael.*, 1st series, vol. II, p. 324.

¹⁷ *Proceedings of the Newcastle Society of Antiquaries*, 2nd series, vol. v, p. 163.

¹⁸ Book of Rates ; Hodgson, *Northumberland*, part III, vol. I, pp. 264, 341.

At the Knights' Court, held at Alnwick in 1664, George Alder answered for lands in Prendicke,¹⁹ and he died an aged man about six years later, possessed of personal estate valued at 698*l.* 18*s.*

21. Jany. 1669/70. Will of George Alder the elder of Prendicke gent. Whereas my wife Catherine had a jointure made before her marriage of Carr's lands in Prendicke, I direct the same to be paid by my son George. I appoint my nephew Ralph Clavering of Callaly, George Collingwood of Eslington, esq., and my good friend Thomas Riddell of Calloly, gent., feoffees in trust to sell Allerburn Spittle, where my son John now liveth. My sons George and John to join in the sale. I give to the said trustees the money due to me by Mr. Lisle of Newton on the Moore to be added to the sale monies arising from Allerburn Spittle, and good sound land to be bought and settled upon my son John and his heirs male, remainder to my son George. I give half my interest in Three-stone-burn to my son John, to be entailed in the same way. I give 10*l.* out of the first money my son George shall receive of Mr. Clavering of Learchild to the two daughters of my son John. To my son George half the money due to me on bond from my nephew William Alder, the minister. My son Ilderton oweth me 80*l.* I give half of it to my great grandchild, George Ilderton, and the other half to the six children of my said son Ilderton. I give 10*l.*, which John Ramsey of East Lilburn oweth to me, to the three younger sons of Mr. Burn, the minister, deceased [husband of] my sister Barbara Burn. I give to my nephew George Alder of Berwick, the debt that Percival Stephen oweth. To my grandson Mark Alder, 40*s.* To the poor, 10*l.* My son George, executor. Pr. 1671.²⁰

John Alder of Allerburn Spital, for whose welfare his father made such careful provision, made his will March 13, 1702-3, describing himself as of 'Harbottle Peels,' gent.

'To my son John I give half my stock and half the profits of the farm I hold of John Gaskin, esq. To my daughter Margaret, wife of William Potts of Milkhope, yeoman, 26*l.* To my daughter Barbara Alder, 60*l.* My daughter Jane, wife of Thomas Procter of Lilburn, gent., and her daughter Margaret Procter. My natural Son, Mark Alder of Newcastle, tailor. My son Thomas Alder of Harbottle Peels, executor. Pr. 1703.²¹

George Alder of Prendwick was succeeded by his eldest son, also named George Alder II, who after the marriage of his

¹⁹ Tate, *Alnwick*, vol. I, p. 349.

²¹ Raine, *Test. Dunelm.*

²⁰ Durham Probate Registry.

son George Alder III with Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Fenwick of Nunriding,²² near Morpeth, made a settlement of his estate dated 23 January, 168.... The premises comprised the capital messuage of Prendwick, the capital messuage of Threestone-burn, and the two hamlets (or farmholds) of Hartlaw-house and Prickley-knows, which he conveyed to trustees to hold to himself for life, and on his death to secure a dwelling-house and jointure to his wife Eleanor; subject thereto the premises were limited to the use of George Alder the younger, with successive remainders to William, the second, Henry, the third, Robert, the fourth, Thomas, the fifth, and Charles, the sixth sons of the said George Alder the elder and their respective heirs male.²³ Having so settled his real estate at Prendwick, George Alder II made his will:

6 July, 1687. Will of George Alder of Prendick in the parish of Alnham, gent. I give my lands, mill, etc., in Upper Trewhit to my fourth son Robert, he paying out of the same 300*l.* to my sixth son Charles when 21. I give to my son Henry Alder the 350*l.* which my cousin Clavering of Calloley is owing to me. To my son George Alder all my stock of cattle, horses, and implements of husbandry, he paying out of the same to my sons Robert, Thomas and Charles 100*l.* apiece, and to my son Henry 200*l.* I give my share of the debt out of my brother Ord's tithes to my son William. To my son Thomas 300*l.* due to me out of the mortgage of Prendick-town-head. I give to my wife the 370*l.* due to me by Mr. Riddel of Alnham, and to my son William the 180*l.* owing to me by the lady of Great Ryle. I give the debts due to me by John Hall of Whittingham and his son-in-law, James Robson of Bygat-hall, and Robert Collingwood of Eslington, to my son Lancelot Read and Mary, his wife. My wife Eleanor sole executrix. Pr. July, 1686.²⁴

²² 1680, Sept. 7. Mr. George Auder, jun., gen., of Prendick and Elizabeth Fenwick of Nunriding, mar.

1683, April 26. Elizabeth, wife of Mr. George Alder of Langshowes in the parish of Horsley, bur. *Mitford Register*.

²³ Colonel Carr-Ellison's deeds and muniments of title.

²⁴ Durham Probate Registry.

The testator died on or before 19 April, 1696, when an inventory of his personal estate, valued at 63*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*, was exhibited in the Probate Registry at Durham.

Of the marriage of George Alder III. with Elizabeth Fenwick there was issue an only surviving daughter Eleanor, wife of William Aynsley, to whom was paid 400*l.* for her filial portion. For a second wife George Alder married [Frances,] daughter of Thomas Reaveley of Newton-under-wood, near Morpeth—a family of the smaller gentry with numerous ramifications in the county—the bond of marriage being dated 31 Oct., 1683, some six months after the death of his first wife. By her he had, with other issue, an eldest son, Robert Alder, who sought a wife from the other side of the Border, and married Isabella,²⁵ daughter of Thomas Rutherford of Rutherford, the articles before marriage being dated 23 July, 1713, and the property brought into the settlement comprising lands at Prendwick, Three-stoneburn, Prickle-knows, Hartlaw-house, etc. The date of the death of George Alder III has not been ascertained, but his son Robert Alder voted at the election of knights of the shire in 1748 in respect of Prendwick and polled for his neighbour, Lord Ossulstone. This Robert Alder, and Isabella his wife, with Thomas Alder their eldest surviving son, and John and Frances, described as their only younger children, were parties to a mortgage deed of 24 Feb., 1746; he was dead before 1756. Three years later the accumulated weight of inherited mortgages compelled his son

²⁵ Mr. Henry Rutherford of Fairnington Craigs, co. Roxburgh, the present representative of Rutherford of that ilk has found in his family papers that Susan (*sic*) third daughter of Thomas Rutherford of that ilk and of Egerston by his wife Susanna, daughter and heiress of Riddell of Minto, married Robert Alder of Prendrick (*sic*). That her name was not Susan but Isabella is proved by the bond of marriage dated 30 June, 1713, and by her marriage settlement dated 23 July, 1713, and by a deed of release of dower dated 1 May, 1759, in all of which she is called Isabella.

and successor, Thomas Alder, to alienate his property in Prendwick, which, 1 May, 1759, was conveyed to William Collingwood for 5,620*l.*²⁶

After the sale of his Prendwick property, Thomas Alder seems to have resided at Berwick, where he died in 1765. In the church there is the following epitaph:

Here lieth the body of Master Percy Alder, son of Thomas Alder, esq., who departed this life year (*sic*) 10 Feb., 1755, aged 18 months; also Robert Northumberland Alder, died year 8 May, 1760, aged 4 years 2 months. Also Thomas Alder, esq., died 10 day of Febr., 1765, in the 42nd year of his age. Also the body of Mrs. Isabella Alder, his mother, late of Prendick, who died the 10th of Feby., 1763, aged 79.²⁷

THE HOBBERLAW LINE.

By a charter given at Alnwick in 1341 and attested by Sir John Lilburn, knight, Sir Robert de Eslington, knight, and Sir John Burradon, knight, Robert de Sokpeth settled certain lands in Alnwick upon his son Thomas and Margaret his wife. This document, to which was appended a seal, *On a bend three billets*, was produced by Francis Alder of Hobberlaw when he entered his pedigree at St. George's *Visitation* in 1615. Three generations of the local family of Sokpeth appear in the records as proprietors of Hobberlaw in the parish of Alnwick, viz., the above-named Robert de Sokpeth²⁸ who, in 1311, was the bishop's

²⁶ Sir David Smith writing about eighty years ago notes that on the east side of the old house at Prendwick, once the residence of Mr. Collingwood the attorney, was the inscription G[eorge] 1706 A[lder].

²⁷ 1763, Feb. 13. Mrs. Isabella Alder, bur.

1765, Feb. 12. Mr. Thomas Alder, bur. *Berwick Register*.

²⁸ This Robert de Sokpeth, with much probability, may be identified with Robert de Soppeth or Soopeth, who gave Broxshawe to the abbot and convent of Alnwick (Alnwick Abbey Charters.—Tate, *Alnwick*, vol. II, pp. xvii and xviii). The latter had succeeded to Broxfield near Alnwick as 'cousin and heire' of Germain Broxfield, a member of the family of Rybaud of Howick and a retainer of Ivo de Vesci, at whose request William de Hilton had given him lands in

PEDIGREE OF ALDER OF PRENDWICK.

RICHARD ALDER of Prendwick, dead before 1428.

Robert Alder of Prendwick, living 1428 and 1459.

Thomas Alder, headed the Prendwick contingent at the muster of 1538 (*j*), and held the tower of Prendwick in 1541 (*j*); died 5th May, 1554; *Inq. p.m.* 1 and 2 Phil. and Mary, pt. ii. No. 55 (*i*). =

Robert Alder of Prendwick, son and heir, was five years of age at the taking of his father's inquisition (*i*).

Robert Alder of Prendwick [17th August, 1610, took a conveyance of a parcel of land at Prendwick from Francis Alder of Hobberlaw (*c*)]; died 20th March, 1622/3; inventory of his goods exhibited, 30th March, 1623 (*d*); administration of his personal estate, 18th April, 1623, granted to his son Robert (*d*). =

George Alder, son and heir, died in his father's lifetime in fording the Tweed near Kelso, 15th February, 1611 (*b*).

Robert Alder of Prendwick, in 1623 had administration of his father's personal estate (*d*). =

George Alder I. of Prendwick in 1639 (*j*); was rated for lands in Prendwick in 1663 at £30 per annum; styled 'the elder'; will dated 21st January, 1669/70; proved 1671 (*d*).

Catherine named in her husband's will (*d*).

..... Alder. = Barbara, wife of Burn; named in her brother's will (*d*).

William Alder 'the minister' (*d*) [? vicar of Grindon].

George Alder of Berwick (*d*), both of whom are named in the will of their uncle, George Alder, in 1670 (*d*).

George Alder II. of Prendwick 'the younger,' party to settlements, 22nd and 23rd January, 1682/3 (*c*); will dated 6th July, 1687; proved 1696 (*d*).

Eleanor, daughter of Henry Ord of Berwick, married at Berwick, 19th February, 1655/6 (*f*); party to deed, 28th January, 1682/3 (*c*); executrix of her husband's will (*d*); party to deed, 17th April, 1697 (*c*).

John Alder of Allerburn Spital, afterwards of Harbottle Peels, to whom his father gave an interest in Threestone-burn (*d*); will dated 13th March, 1702/3; proved 1703 (*d*).

..... wife of Ilderton (*d*).
[Elizabeth, married at Rothbury, 13th October, 1667, Thomas Robson of Thropton].

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| <p>Thomas Alder of Harbottle Peels, executor of his father's will; voted at the election of knights of the shire in 1722; was then residing at West Lilburn.</p> | <p>Ann Collingwood of the parish of Eglington; bond of marriage, 9th November, 1703.</p> | <p>John, bapt. 10th May, 1666 (<i>k</i>). George, bapt. 1st May, 1671 (<i>k</i>).</p> | <p>Mary, baptised 31st January, 1664/5 (<i>k</i>). Elizabeth, baptised 1st September, 1667 (<i>k</i>). Margaret, wife of William Potts of Milkhope; named in her father's will. Jane, wife of Thomas Proctor of Lilburn; named in her father's will. Barbara, named in her father's will; married Robt. Potts of Bygate; bond of marriage, 1 Oct. 1703.</p> |
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| <p>Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Fenwick of Nunriding; bond of marriage, 11th August, 1680; married 7th September, 1680 (<i>e</i>); died at Langshaws, parish of Long Horsley; buried 26th April, 1683 (<i>e</i>).</p> | <p>George Alder III. of Prendwick, son and heir; party to deeds, 23rd January, 168..., 13th May, 1693, and 25th October, 1711 (<i>c</i>).</p> | <p>Frances [or Mary], dau. of Thomas Reavely of Newton Underwood; bond of marriage, 31st October, 1683.</p> | <p>William Alder, named in his father's will (<i>d</i>). From whom Alder of Horncliffe, Table III.</p> | <p>Henry Alder, apprenticed, 1st May, 1680, to Henry Maddison of Newcastle, bootman; admitted free of Merchants' Co. 24th January, 1688; named in his father's will (<i>d</i>).</p> |
| <p>Eleanor, born at Nunriding; baptised 7th July, 1681 (<i>e</i>); married William Aynsley of Gallow-hill (<i>c</i>); bond of marriage, 14th April, 1701; only surviving issue of first marriage (<i>c</i>).</p> | | <p>Isabella, born at Langshaws; baptised 12th November, 1682 (<i>e</i>); buried 17th of same month (<i>e</i>).</p> | | |

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| <p>Robert Alder of Alnham Northfield, to whom his father gave lands in Upper Trewhit (<i>d</i>); party to deeds 13th May, 1693, and 25th Oct. 1711 (<i>c</i>); wil, dated 15th March, 1723; proved 1734 (<i>d</i>).</p> | <p>Ann . . . named in her husband's will; [? buried 19th October, 1737 (<i>a</i>)].</p> | <p>Thomas Alder of Prendwick, named in his father's will; party to deeds, 13th May, 1693, and 17th April, 1697 (<i>c</i>).</p> | <p>Elizabeth, a widow [? of Felton], named in his father's will (<i>c</i>).</p> | <p>Charles Alder = Mary, widow of John Kenelm of Little Houghton; married 1727 (<i>m</i>).</p> | <p>Mary, wife of Lancelot Reed of Hethpool; bond of marriage, 17th June, 1683; named in her father's will (<i>d</i>).</p> |
| <p>George Alder, bapt. 9th October, 1704 (<i>a</i>); to whom his father gave his property in Northumberland and co. Durham; party to deeds, 2nd June, 1730, and 2nd May, 1733 (<i>c</i>).</p> | | <p>Eleanor, bapt. 13th June, 1709 (<i>a</i>); married 25th January, 1725/6, John Charlton of Mitford (<i>a</i>); named in her father's will.</p> | | | |

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| <p>Robert Alder = Isabella, daughter of Thomas Rutherford (c), of Rutherford, N.B.; bond of marriage, 30th June, 1713, she being described as of Jedburgh; articles before marriage, 23rd July, 1713 (c); party to deeds, 12th September, 1728, and 24th February 1746 (c); bur. 21st April, 1750 (a).</p> | <p>William Alder = Isabella Hepple, married 26th Oct., 1714 (h); [? buried 1st February 1733/4 (h)].</p> | <p>Thomas Alder, named in deed, 8th August, 1713 (c). George Alder, named in deed, 8th August, 1713 (c).</p> | <p>Margery, baptised June, 1688 (a); married 29th September, 1720, James Gledstone (a), vicar of Alnham and Alwinton. ↓ From whom Gledstone and Hindmarch of Alnwick.</p> |
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George, baptised 26th July, 1715 (h); buried 15th August, 1756 (h).
Richard, baptised 26th July, 1715 (h).
Charles, baptised 26th February, 1716/7 (h); buried 9th September, 1753 (h).
Robert, baptised 24th June, 1718 (h); buried 21st January, 1721/2 (h).
John, baptised 25th July, 1727 (h).
William, baptised 19th March, 1732,3 (h); buried 22nd July, 1733 (h).

Margaret, baptised 5th July, 1720 (h); buried 24th September, 1721 (h).
Frances, baptised 17th July, 1721 (h); buried 13th March, 1725/6 (h).
Elizabeth, baptised 1st December, 1724 (h).
Eleanor, baptised 25th April, 1726 (h).
Ruth, baptised 1st October, 1728 (h).

George Alder, baptised 28th December, 1714 (a); died before 24th February, 1746/7 (c).
Rutherford Alder, baptised 4th May, 1716 (a); died before 24th February, 1746/7 (c).
Robert Alder, baptised 7th November, 1721 (a); buried 21st May, 1742 (a).

Thomas Alder of Prendwick, afterwards of Berwick, baptised 25th July, 1723 (a); as eldest son and heir apparent, party to release, 24th February, 1746 (c); sold his property at Prendwick, 1st May, 1759 (c); died 10th February, 1765, aged 42 (f) (g).

John Alder, baptised 10th November, 1725 (a); party to deed 24th February, 1746/7 (c).

Frances, baptised 4th January, 1718/9 (a); party to deed, 24th February, 1746/7 (c).
Susanna, baptised 11th April, 1720 (a); died before 24th February, 1746/7 (c).

Percy Alder, died 10th February, 1755, aged 18 months (g).

Robert Northumberland Alder, died 8th May, 1760, aged 4 years (g).

(a) *Alnham Registers*.

(b) Monumental Inscription, Alnham.

(c) Colonel Carr-Ellison's muniments.

(d) Raine, *Test. Dunelm.*

(e) *Mitford Registers*.

(f) *Berwick Registers*.

(g) Monumental Inscription, Berwick.

(h) *St. John's Registers*, Newcastle.

(i) P.R.O. *Inquisitions post mortem*.

(j) *Arch. Ael.* 1st series, vol. iv, p. 165; and 2nd series, vol. xiv, p. 43.

(k) *Rothbury Registers*.

(l) *Arch. Ael.* 1st series, vol. II, p. 324.

(m) *Longhoughton Register*.

receiver general for Norham and, in 1314, one of the keepers of Norham castle; his son Thomas de Sokpeth, who in 1350 held the hamlet of Hobberlaw by the service of a quarter of a knight's fee, paying yearly 2s. 9d. for castle-ward; and John de Sokpeth, who was in possession in 1368.²⁹ Apparently the property passed to the Alders in marriage with the heiress of the family, and the descendants of the match adopted the Sokpeth arms, *Azure, on a bend argent three billets of the field*, which were confirmed or allowed to Francis Alder in 1615.

Of Robert Alder, who was already seated at Hobberlaw in 1479,³⁰ little is known, but after the death of his son Richard Alder, who died 6 Jany., 1532-3, an inquisition was taken:

Inquisition taken in the castle of Newcastle-upon-Tyne on Thursday, 20 October, 1533, after the death of Richard Alder of Hedburnlaw [Hobberlaw], gentleman. The jury found that the said Richard, some time before his death, was seised of twenty messuages and eighty acres of land and meadow in the town and territories of Alnewik and Bondgatefeld; one messuage and four bovates of land in Hedburnlaw [Hobberlaw]; twenty acres of land in Bertlaw [Bertwell] by Alnewik; six messuages and six bovates in the town and territories of Prendwik; one messuage and one bovate of land in Alneham; one messuage and one bovate of land in Todlaw; three messuages and three bovates of land in Bromley and Farnylees. Being so seised, the said Richard Alder, by charter indented (shewn to the jury), dated 5 March, 21 Henry VIII (1529/30), granted the premises to Roger Bednell, Roger Archer, Richard Holly, William Ladley, clerks, and John Heron of Bokenfeld, gentleman, to his own use for life, and afterwards in tail male successively to Peter Alder his son and heir,

Broxfield. Cf. new *History of Northumberland*, vol. II, p. 164. There is a place named Soppit, or Sopwith in the parish of Elsdon, and the surname of Sopwith is well known in Newcastle.

Robert de *Sokpeth* was also a benefactor of Alnewik abbey. 'Roberto de Socekpeth, quod ipse unam carucatam terrae cum pertinentiis, in Alnewyk.' Alnewik abbey charters.—Tate, *Alnewik*, vol. II, p. xvii.

²⁹ Cf. Tate, *Alnewik*, vol. II, p. 380.

³⁰ St. George's *Visitation of Northumberland*, 1615.

According to a Harl. MS. there was once in Alnewik church a shield of arms Alder quartering *a chevron between three lozenges* [(?) Learmouth of Bamburghshire]. *Ex inf.* Mr. Edw. Bateson.

ALDER OF HOBBERLAW.

ROBERT ALDER of Alnwick, esq., 1455 (a).

Robert Alder of Hobberlaw, gentleman, 1479 (a). = daughter of Fenwick of Stanton (a).

Richard Alder of Alnwick (a) and Hobberlaw (c), party to deeds, 5th March, 1529/30, and 26th December, 1530 (c); died 6th January, 1532/3 (c); will dated 15th January, 1532/3 (c); *Ing: p.m.* 20th October 1533 (c).

Phillis [or Felicity] (c), daughter of Heron of Bockenfield (a); named in her husband's will (c).

Roger Alder, clerk in orders; named in his brother's will (c).

Peter Alder, son and heir, living 5th March, 1529/30 (c); died in his father's lifetime (c).

George Alder (a) of Bondgate-hall (e) and of Hobberlaw (e), was 16 years of age at his father's death (c).

Jane, daughter of Sir William Lisle of Felton, knight (a).

Richard (a) Alder, to whom his father, by deed dated 26th November, 1530, gave a rent-charge issuing from Bondgate (c).

Ingram Alder (c).
Thomas Alder (c).

George Alder (a) of Alnwick (a) and Hobberlaw, administration of his personal estate, 18th November, 1617 (f).

Margaret, daughter of Nicholas Forster of Newham (a).

John Alder (a) [of Alnwick, merchant]; will dated 28th October, 1615; proved 9th December same year (f). ↓

Francis Alder (a) of Alnwick (a) and Hobberlaw, entered his pedigree at St. George's visitation in 1615 (a); party to deed, 8th April, 1634; administration of his personal estate, 16th July, 1638 (f).

Agnes (a), daughter of Shell (a); called Ann in deed of 8th April, 1634 (d), but Agnes in the grant of administration of her husband's estate (f).

Cuthbert Alder (a) of Alnwick will proved 1st Sept. 1632 (f).
Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas Taylor (a); married before 1615 (a).

Robert Alder (a).

Richard Alder (a) of Alnwick, an executor of the will of his brother Cuthbert (c); party to deed, 8th April, 1634 (d); inventory of his goods exhibited, 25th July, 1634 (f).

Mary, daughter of Gerard Widdrington; married before 1615 (a); [buried 25th March, 1648 (b)].

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| Ann . . . died at Hobberlaw; buried 6th March, 1666 (a). | = Francis Alder of Hobberlaw,* was one year old in 1615 (a); rated for Hobberlaw in 1663; party to deeds, 4th September, 1658, 5th April, 1683, and 17th February, 1686/7 (d); buried 6th December, 1688 (b). | = Ann died at Hobberlaw; buried 21st December, 1682 (b). | Mary (a). |
| Francis Alder, son and heir, born at Hobberlaw; baptised 13th Feb., 1654/5 (b); buried 27th October, 1656 (b). | Isabel, daughter and co-heir, married 13th June, 1682, George Potts of Hobberlaw (b). Tabitha (d), daughter and co-heir, married first, 14th February, 1666/7, Alexander Forster (d) of Bondgate, Alnwick (b) [in bond of marriage, 6th February, 1666/7, stated of Stannington mill, gent.], and secondly, John Gunthrop of Alnwick, tailor (d). Ann (d), daughter and co-heir, [married first, 15th June, 1693, Henry Smart (b), and secondly,] Edward Vardy of Rugley (d), parish of Alnwick. | Mary, buried 26th October, 1656 (b). Grace (d), daughter and co-heir, baptised 3rd November, 1649 (b); married, 23rd January, 1676/7, John Weatherburn of Greensfield (d), parish of Alnwick (b). Catherine, buried 31st August, 1657 (b). Sarah, daughter and co-heir, baptised 28th April, 1659 (b); married at Newcastle, 30th August, 1685, John Hall of Fallowlees and, <i>jure uxoris</i> , of Hobberlaw (b); bond of marriage, 20th April (?), 1685; parties to deed, 22nd April, 1690 (d). [Dorcas, married 27th November, 1683, Adam Brown (b)]. | |

(a) *St. George's Visitation*, 1615.(b) *Alnwick Register*.(c) *Inq. p.m.* Richard Alder.

(d) Duke of Northumberland's MSS.

(e) Hall and Homberton's *Survey*.(f) Raine, *Test. Dunelm.*(g) *Arch. Ael.* 2 series, vol. xxiv, pages 169, 170.

* It is not known whether Francis Alder's children were the issue of one or other marriage, nor is known the priority of birth.

George Alder, Richard Alder, sons of the said Richard, Roger Alder, the bastard son of John Alder, deceased, son of the said Richard the father, and the right heirs of Richard the father.

And by charter (shewn to the jury) dated 26 Nov., 21 Henry VIII (1530), the said Richard Alder granted to Richard Alder his son, an annuity of four marks (2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*) from his two messuages in Bondgate in the town of Alnwick, for life.

By his will dated 15 Jany., 1532, the said Richard Alder bequeathed to Felicity his wife and to Ingram Alder and Thomas Alder their sons, seven acres of land in the territories of 'Bondgait by Alnewik' for life; and to Roger Alder, clerk, his brother, an annuity of 26*s.* 8*d.* for life.

The said Peter Alder, son and heir apparent of Richard Alder, died without heirs male during his father's lifetime, and the said trustees hold the premises to the use of George Alder by virtue of the charter above-said.

The premises in Alnwick are held of Henry, Earl of Northumberland, as of his castle of Alnwick, by what service the jury know not at all, and are worth yearly 8*l.*

The premises in Hobburne-law are held of the said earl, by what service the jury know not at all, and are worth yearly 40*s.*

The premises at Bertlay are held of the said earl, by what service the jury know not, and are worth yearly 2*s.*

The premises in Prendwik, Alneham, Todlawe, Bromelawe and Farnyley are held of the said earl, by what service the jury know not at all, and are worth yearly in time of peace 4*l.*, and now are laid waste by the Scotch.

The said Richard Alder died 6 January, 24 Henry VIII (1532/3), George Alder is his son and heir male and was aged 16 years at the time of his father's death.³¹

George Alder, second, but eldest surviving son of the above-named Richard Alder, was sixteen years of age at his father's death. His name does not appear in the Alnwick contingent at the Muster of 1538,³² but it occurs in the survey of the barony of Alnwick made by Hall and Humberston in 1569, where it is stated that George Alder held Bondgate-hall³³ with 64

³¹ *Inq. p.m.* 25 Henry VIII, v. o. ³² *Cf. Arch. Ael.*, 1st series, vol. iv, p. 159.

³³ Bondgate-hall, Alnwick, was purchased in 1904 by, and is now the residence of, Mr. Thomas Alder Thorp, a collateral descendant of George Alder who was owner of the property in 1569.

acres of land in Bondgate, eight acres of land called the Banks and Wakes-knowles and a tenement and 200 acres of land at Hobberlaw.³⁴ It has been stated that he died before or about that time, in which case it was his son, of the same name, who was seised, in 1586,³⁵ of Birtwell, *alias* Hobberlaw, and of lands in Over and Nether Prendwick.³⁶

George Alder the younger married Margaret, daughter of Nicholas Forster of Newham, an alliance which is not recorded in the pedigree of that family entered at St. George's *Visitation* in 1615. Of this match there was issue at least four sons, the eldest of whom, Francis Alder, recorded his pedigree at the *Visitation* of 1615, and his name appears in the freeholders' list of 1628.³⁷ He and his wife Anne, with his brother Richard Alder of Alnwick, were parties to a deed concerning Hobberlaw, 8 April, 1634,³⁸ and the inventory of the goods of Francis Alder of Hobberlaw was exhibited at the Probate Registry at Durham, 24 August, 1637.³⁹

³⁴ Hall and Humberston's Survey, 1569. Tate, *Alnwick*, vol. i, pp. 261-262.

³⁵ Percy Feodary's Book.

³⁶ George Alder of Hobberlaw and Bondgate-hall had demised his lands at Prendwick to a kinsman, who as 'George Awder of Prendeck, gent,' made his will 2 June, 1585. He mentions his eldest son Rauff Awder, whom he makes executor, and appoints the following to be supervisors of the will. 'My brother, Thomas Awder, Adam Mawes of Callale, my master George Awder of Hobborlaw, and Robert Awder of Prendek.'

Richard Alder, third son of this George Alder, left a son John Alder, a merchant in Alnwick, whose will dated 28 October, 1615, was proved on the 9 December following. 'My body to be buried at Alnwicke. My sons Robert, Richard, Thomas, Luke, Edward, George and John. My daughters Barbara Clarke and Isabel Forster. My wife Jane full executrix.' Raine, *Test. Dunelm.*

Katherine Alder of Alnwick, widow, whose will dated 7 October, 1638, and proved the same year was another member of the family. 'My daughter Martha Alder. Luke and William, sons of Francis Alder. Isabel and George, children of Edward Alder. My daughter Phillis. Francis Alder of Hobberlaw. Witness, Thomas Delaval. *Ibid.*

³⁷ *Arch. Ael.*, 1st series, vol. II, p. 319. ³⁸ Duke of Northumberland's MSS.

³⁹ Raine, *Test. Dunelm.*

He was succeeded by his nephew, who, as Mr. Francis Alder of Hobberlaw, was rated in 1663, for lands at that place at 24*l.* per annum,⁴⁰ and was party to various deeds concerning the property between 1668 and 3 August, 1684.⁴¹ He seems to have been married twice and to have had, with one son who died in infancy, not less than seven daughters, upon one of whom, Sarah, afterwards wife of John Hall,⁴² he settled his property at Hobber-

⁴⁰ Book of Rates, 1663. Hodgson, *Northumberland*, part III, vol. I, p. 260.

⁴¹ Duke of Northumberland's MSS.

⁴² In 1663 Mr. Charles Hall was rated as sole proprietor of the township of Fallowles in the parish of Rothbury, a property purchased by his ancestor John Hall of the Otterburn family, in 1530. With other issue he had a son John, by courtesy called 'Captain' Hall, who while apparently under age married at Newcastle, 30 Aug., 1685, Sarah, daughter and coheir of Francis Alder of Hobberlaw, 'who was a very ancient freeholder there.' He fought in Queen Anne's wars and as an ensign in the 'Hon. Colonel Bowles Regiment' he was killed at the battle of Almanza in Spain in 1707. Previous to 'the last time of the said John Hall's going to Ireland which was in the year of our Lord God 1698,' he prevailed upon his wife to consent to the sale of her property at Hobberlaw, which consent she gave on his agreeing to vest the balance of the consideration money (after the payment of his debts) in trustees for the use of herself and her children. The two trustees were Mr. Robert Claxton of Alnwick, and (her brother-in-law) Mr John Wetherburn of Greensfield, in the parish of Alnwick. The property was accordingly sold, and by lease and release dated respectively 1 and 2 August, 1698, was conveyed to Mr. Henry Forster of Angerton, who seems previously to have had a mortgage upon it.

Of his marriage with Sarah Alder, ensign John Hall had issue the following children, all of whom seem to have been born at Hobberlaw as well as baptized at Alnwick :

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| Francis (a son) | baptized 26 June, 1686, | buried 14 Jan., 169 $\frac{3}{4}$. |
| Charles | „ | 3 Dec, 1689. |
| Mary | „ | 21 Feb, 168 $\frac{3}{4}$. |
| Ann | „ | 24 March, 169 $\frac{1}{2}$, buried 30 Nov., 1693. |
| Sarah (twin with Ann) | baptized 24 March, 169 $\frac{1}{2}$, | buried 9 March, 169 $\frac{3}{4}$. |
| Ann | „ | 19 Feb., 1694. |
| Elizabeth | „ | 23 June, 1697. |

According to a certificate given by the minister, churchwardens, and sundry inhabitants of Alnwick in April, 1716, Mrs. Sarah Hall, described as a woman of

law. The Alnwick and Prendwick⁴³ properties had apparently been alienated before his death in 1688.

The accompanying pedigree is as full as the material will admit.

THE HORNCLIFFE LINE.

On the apparent failure of the Prendwick line, the representation of the family passed, so far as is known, to the Alders of Horncliffe, in the parish of Norham-on-Tweed, descended from George Alder II of Prendwick and Eleanor (Ord) his wife, through their second son William. This William, born probably about 1658 or 1660, is stated to have farmed at Kirknewton, but having married Grace, daughter and sole heiress of Thomas Carr of Ford,⁴⁴ he was able to purchase property at Horncliffe in

sober conversation who had always lived in good repute in her neighbourhood, was then living with one son Charles and three daughters Mary, Ann, and Elizabeth. The youngest but one of these children, Ann Hall, was married at Alnwick 25 Aug., 1726, to John Falder of Alnwick, surgeon (son of Barnabas Falder of Alnwick, by Mary Roddam his wife, and baptized 7 Feb, 170 $\frac{1}{2}$), and by him, with other issue, had Joseph Falder, surgeon, R.N., afterwards medical practitioner in Alnwick, baptized 7 June, 1730, who when over seventy years of age became father of Roddam John Falder (born 26 Dec., 1800), who assumed the name of Roddam on succeeding to the Roddam estates in 1864.

The battle of Almanza at which ensign Hall was killed was fought 25 April [N.S.], 1707, by the English, Dutch and Portuguese forces under Ruvigny against the Spanish and French forces under the Duke of Berwick, natural son of the exiled James II. of England. The place is in the south-east of Spain.

About the year 1770 there was a great uproar about a faculty or prescriptive pew in Alnwick church between the Falders, who proposed to sell the pew to the Duke of Northumberland, and the Weatherburns, who were descended from and represented Grace, wife of John Weatherburn of Greensfield, another daughter of Francis Alder of Hobberlaw.

⁴³ 11 Aug., 1608, Francis Alder conveyed half a husbandland in Prendwick to Thomas Collingwood.—Rev. John Hodgson's Collection.

⁴⁴ Thomas Carr, the last male heir of the family of Carr of Ford castle, married Grace, widow of Thomas Armorer of Belford, and daughter of Richard

ALDER OF HORNCLIFFE.

WILLIAM ALDER [second son of George Alder of Prendwick], = Grace, daughter and sole heiress of Thomas Carr of Ford, representative of the families of Carr and Heron of Ford; bond of marriage, 17th August, 1685; married at Bamburgh, 14th September, 1685; party to deed, 5th July, 1707, as widow and administratrix of William Alder; [? 27th January, 1744/5, Mrs. Grace Alder of Horncliffe; buried (*f*)].

Margaret, daughter of Ralph Forster of Alnwick and Warenford; articles before marriage, 21st May, 1722 (*d*); married at St. Andrew's, Newcastle, 7th June, 1722 (*f*); buried 8th July, 1740 (*f*).

Thomas Alder of Horncliffe, son and heir, resided at Belford Westhall; voted at the election of knights of the shire in 1748; party to deeds, 3rd May, 1737, 12th November, 1747, and September, 1753; buried 30th September, 1753 (*f*); will dated 18th September, 1753; proved same year (*e*).

Sarah Burn, bond of marriage, 15th May, 1742; party to deed, 28th June, 1746; to whom her husband gave an annuity out of Crookham; died at Berwick, aged 69; buried 11th August, 1784 (*f*).

Robert Alder = Mary Carr of Belford, mar. 29th November, 1716 (*f*); named in her husband's will; buried 31st Oct., 1753 (*f*).

Robert Alder = Mary Carr of Belford, mar. 29th November, 1716 (*f*); named in her husband's will; buried 31st Oct., 1753 (*f*).

William Alder, named in the will of his great uncle, Marmaduke Forster, 23rd July, 1719 (*e*).
Eleanor, married 6th February, 1704/5, John Smart of Belford (*f*). ↓
Elizabeth (*g*), bapt. at Kirknewton *circa* 1698.
Grace (*g*).
Margaret, married 3rd December, 1724, Andrew Edmeston of Berwick (*b*).
Frances, buried 15th August, 1710 (*f*).

Robert Alder of Belford, baptised 26th June, 1720 (*f*); named in his father's will; administration of his personal estate, 1754, granted to Margaret, his widow (*e*).

Margaret Wade, married at Chillingham, 17th October, 1743; married secondly, 13th November, 1755, John Young husband (*f*).

Ralph, bapt. 7th May, 1724 (*f*).
Grace, baptised 2nd March, 1719/20 (*f*); buried same year.

William, baptised 10th October, 1746 (*f*).

Robert, baptised 14th December, 1748 (*f*).

Thomas, baptised 10th January, 1750/1 (*f*).

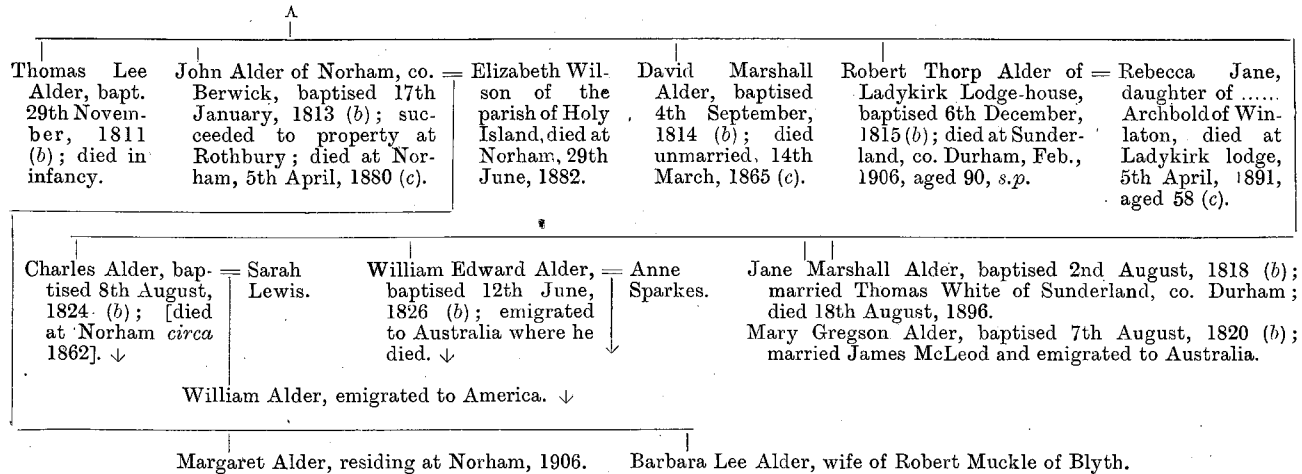
Grace, baptised 2nd May, 1745 (*f*); buried same year (*f*).

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| Ralph Alder of Horncliffe, son and heir, baptised 7th May, 1724; party to deed, 28th June, 1746 (<i>d</i>); bur. 19th October, 1758 (<i>f</i>); will dated 1st November 1753; proved 1759 (<i>e</i>). | William Alder of Horncliffe, brother and heir, baptised 13th January, 1742/3 (<i>f</i>); of Corpus Christi College, Oxon.; matriculated 11th October, 1759, aged 17; to whom his brother gave lands in Crookham, which with Mardon he sold in 1767; died 15th May, 1800; will dated 25th September, 1792; proved 1800 (<i>e</i>). | = | Eleanor, dau. of Rowland Graham of Glororum; married at Bamburgh, Oct., 1765; buried 3rd April, 1799, aged 63 (<i>b</i>). | Thomas Alder of Morris-hall, baptised 31st May, 1744 (<i>f</i>); executor of his father's will; resided at Goswick; died 16th Jan., 1807 (<i>f</i>). | = | Mary, dau. of John Grey of Shoreston, bur. 10th June, 1795 (<i>f</i>). | Grace, baptised 27th August, 1745 (<i>f</i>); named in her father's will; married 18th November, 1767, Robert Thorp, D.D., vicar of Berwick and archdeacon of Northumberland. Elizabeth, baptised 1st January, 1747/8 (<i>f</i>); named in her father's will. Eleanor, baptised 19th November, 1749 (<i>f</i>); named in her father's will; married George Charlton of Gateshead; died 19th July, 1805, aged 50; buried at St. Oswald's, Durham. |

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| William Rowland Alder of Horncliffe, baptised 11th January, 1767 (<i>b</i>); married 10th October, 1828; alienated Horncliffe, and died at Spital, 7th February, 1847 | = | Mary Anne, some time wife of Charles, third earl of Portsmouth, and dau. of Charles Hanson of London, solicitor (<i>h</i>); articles before marriage 9th October 1828 (<i>d</i>). | Thomas Ralph Alder, twin with William Rowland, baptised 11th January, 1767 (<i>b</i>); died same month. | Eleanor, baptised 25th April, 1768 (<i>b</i>); married 12th October, 1797, Samuel Barker Edmeston (<i>b</i>), captain 95th regiment. |
| | | | Thomas Alder, baptised 15th August, 1774 (<i>b</i>); died in infancy. | Grace, baptised 14th April, 1772 (<i>b</i>); married 28th June, 1796, John Parsons of the Middle Temple, barrister-at-law. |

William Graham Baillie Alder, son and heir, born at Bristol, July 1829 (*i*), living in Michigan, U.S.A., in 1882.*

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| Thomas Grey Alder of Morris-hall, afterwards of Norham Mains, died 1st June, 1853, aged 80 (<i>c</i>). | = | Barbara, daughter of David Lee of Norham Mains, married 20th December, 1810 (<i>b</i>); died 27th November, 1854, aged 62 (<i>c</i>). | Mary Anne, married Robert Thorp of Alnwick, clerk of the peace for Northumberland. Sarah, married 24th March, 1795, [Robert or Henry] Smith of Berrington, North Durham. | Dorothy, married 30th January, 1798, Patrick Dickson of Berwick, and of Whitecross, Berwickshire. | Constantia, buried 14th October, 1777 (<i>f</i>). |
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(a) *Holy Island Register.*(b) *Norham Register.*(c) *Monumental Inscription, Norham.*

(d) Documents in the possession of Mr. T. A. Thorp.

(e) *Raine, Testamenta Dunelm.*(f) *Belford Registers.*(g) *Cf. pedigree of Alder, Raine, North Durham, p.*

(h) Works of Lord Byron, ed. Prothero, vol. vi, p. 176.

(i) Newcastle paper, 14th July 1829.

* Mr. W. G. B. Alder of Michigan in 1882, after a friendly suit, succeeded in recovering some of the Portland plate which had been deposited at a Bank in Berwick-on-Tweed. *Ex inf.* Mr P. T. Dickson and Mr. Wm. Madden.

1698 from Thomas Ord of that place.⁴⁵ He died at Belford on or about 4 Nov., 1703. His will has not been found, but the inventory of his personal estate, preserved in the Probate Registry at Durham, testifies that he possessed, for that time, a fairly well plenished house.

4 Nov., 1703. A true inventory of the goods, chattels and personal estate of William Alder of Belford, in the County of Northumberland, gentleman, appraised by Robert Tate, John Fender, and John Gordon. His horse, arnes, purse, and apperell, 9*l.*; 10 sheep hoggs and one cow, 3*l.* 5*s.*; 12 pair of lining sheets, 3*l.* 12*s.*; 6 pair of coarse sheetes, 12*s.*; 12 pillibers, 10*s.*; 2 doz. diper napkines, 18*s.*; 2 table cloths and 2 towels, 17*s.* 6*d.*; 2 pair of bed curtains, 30*s.*; 12 pair blanketts, 2*l.* 8*s.*; 2 counterpenns, 5*s.*; 4 pillowes, 4*s.*; 2 feather beds, 2*l.* 10*s.*; 12 peuter dishes, 36*s.*; 1 doz. of plates, 6*s.*; one pott and one yatling, 6*s.*; 3 tables, 6*s.*; 14 chairs, 28*s.*; one pair of drawers, 20*s.*; 2 chests, 8*s.*; a warming pan, 6*s.*; 2 pair of tongs, 4*s.*; brass pan and salt box, 3*s.*; debts, 50*l.* Total 81*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.**

The history of the family is compressed into the accompanying pedigree.⁴⁶ The Horncliffe estate was acquired from Mr. William Rowland Alder between 1840 and 1850 by Mr. William Mather of Newcastle, by foreclosing a mortgage.

Forster of Tuggal. By her he left issue an only daughter and heiress, Grace Carr, who was married at Bamburgh, 14 Sept., 1685, to William Alder, then of Kirknewton, who with his wife obtained property at Cornhill, Crookham, and Marden. (The property at Marden and Crookham was sold by Mr. William Alder in 1767 to Dr. Adam Askew.) Thomas Carr died at Belford in 1702 and his widow in 1711. Her will, dated 9 March, 1710/1, and mentioning her daughter Grace, wife of William Alder, and their children, was attested by Marmaduke Forster and others (*Cf.* Carr, *History of the Family of Carr*, vol. II, pp. 146, 155, 156, 158, 160-163). This Marmaduke Forster has not been identified, but that he was a near kinsman is shown by his will.

23 July, 1719. Will of Marmaduke Forster of Belford, gent. My niece Grace Alder of Belford West-hall, executor. Thomas, Robert and William Alder, Nelly Smart, Margaret Alder, Thomas Ogle and his mother Fannie Ogle, Peggy Forster, Fannie Forster, junior, Ralph Muschamp, my nephew George Forster in Newcastle. Pr. 1721. Raine, *Test. Dunelm.*

⁴⁵ Documents in the possession of Mr. T. A. Thorp.

* *Durham Probate Registry.*

⁴⁶ This pedigree agrees in the main with the pedigree of Alder of Horncliffe given in Raine's *North Durham*, but contains additional information.

THE ALNHAM NORTH-FIELD LINE.

To Robert Alder, fourth son of George Alder II of Prendwick by Eleanor (Ord) his wife, his father gave his lands in Upper Trewhit, together with certain sums of money. By an arrangement with his brothers George and Thomas, he acquired before the year 1705, perhaps in satisfaction of moneys given him by his father's will, some closes or fields in Prendwick, variously described as Brockett's *alias* Unthank's lands, Hasleton-Rig, etc. He is described as of Alnham North-field in the conveyance which he took 25 Oct., 1711, from (his brothers) George Alder of Prendwick, gent., Robert Alder of Alnwick, gent., and William Alder of Newcastle, butcher, son of the said George Alder, of lands known as the 'Ninths of Prendwick Town-head' and Chesters, *alias* Carr's lands, the consideration paid being 117*l.* He died in 1724, after having made his will :

15 March, 1723/4. Will of Robert Alder⁴⁷ of Alnham North-field, gent., I give to my wife Ann 40*l.* per annum out of Prendick-Town-head and Chesters for the term of her life. To my daughter Elliner 700*l.*, to be paid out of the south-side of Trewhit.⁴⁸ To my son George all my lands, etc., together with the small tithes of Tweedmouth, Lowick, and Kyoie; he executor. Pr. 1724.⁴⁹

⁴⁷ There was a contemporary Robert Alder who in his will dated 7 July, 1716, is described as Robert Alder of Alnham moor, the elder. He devises 'to my son George Alder my lands in Alnham and Alnham common remainder to Robert Alder his eldest son. To my second son Robert Alder 20*l.* My daughters Mary Hall, Margaret Rutherford, Barbara Jackson, Ann Ackenhead, Isabel Rotchester, Sarah Rutherford, and my granddaughter Mary Akenhead. My son George, executor.' Pr. 1719. Raine, *Test. Dunelm.* George Alder, the son of the above named Robert, may have been the George Alder of Reveley who polled for lands at Alnham at the election of knights of the shire in 1722. He made his will 28 Jan., 1721, 'I give my lands at Alnham to my grandson, George Alder and his heirs male. To my son Matthew Alder 20*l.* My wife Ann. My daughter Margaret, wife of Thomas Henderson. My son William, executor.' Pr. 1737. *Ibid.*

1703, June 10. Michael Rochester, Fawdon and Elizabeth Alder, Alnham moore, mar. *Ingram Reg.*

⁴⁸ The Trewhit property was sold 24 March, 173 , to Mr. John Pringle.

⁴⁹ Raine, *Test. Dunelm.*

This Robert Alder was probably he who, according to the family pedigree shown to Mr. Raine, 'had as many sheep as Job,' whose 'son got among blacklegs and died without either property or posterity.'⁵⁰ On May 2, 1733, Ann, widow of Robert Alder of Alnham Northfield, gent., released her dower to (her son) George Alder, who by deed dated 3 May, 1742, sold and conveyed (all) his lands in Prendwick to Mrs. Ann Byne.

Postscriptum: It has not been found possible, with the material available, to connect the family of Alder of Hazlerigg with any of the lines recorded in this paper although numerous entries concerning them may be found in the Chatton registers. Nor has it been found possible to link with the parent stem the pedigree of Alder of Framlington given in the new *History of Northumberland*, vol. VII, p. 340.

ADDENDUM: The connexion of the families of Alder and Prendwick suggested on p. 17 is proved by an entry in *De Banco* Roll Michaelmas 46 Edw. III (1372), memb. 398, *d.*, from which it appears that Alexander de Prendewyk had a son Nicholas de Prendewyk to whom he gave lands in Alnwick. Nicholas married Elene, daughter of John de Hertwayton (Harterton), and had a son and heir, Alexander de Prendewyk, whose daughter and heiress became wife of John Alder.

⁵⁰ Raine, *North Durham*, p. 301.