

## V.—SOME ACCOUNT OF ILBERTON AND THE ILBERTONS.

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The Genius . . . led me to the highest pinnacle of the rock, and placing me on the top of it, Cast thy eyes eastward, said he, and tell me what thou seest. I see, said I, a huge valley, and a prodigious tide of water rolling through it. The Valley that thou seest, said he, is the Vale of Misery, and the tide of water that thou seest is part of the great Tide of Eternity. . . . . Examine now, said he, this sea that is bounded with darkness at both ends, and tell me what thou discoverest in it. I see a bridge, said I, standing in the midst of the tide. The bridge thou seest, said he, is Human Life.—‘The Visions of Mirza’ in the *Spectator*, No. 159.

In a brilliant and suggestive paper on the ‘Names of Persons and Places mentioned in the Early Lives of St. Cuthbert,’<sup>1</sup> the late Mr. C. J. Bates attempted to prove that the home of Kenswith, the foster mother of St. Cuthbert, was at Roddam. This suggestion lends weight to the identification of the adjoining township of Ilderton,<sup>2</sup> as representing the vill whence came Hildemar, king Egfrid’s prefect, who, seemingly about the year 680, journeyed to Lindisfarne to supplicate St. Cuthbert, when prior to that house, to go back with him to minister to his afflicted wife, and after her looked-for death, to grant her the privilege of burial in Holy Island.

If the arch thrown across the centuries be too unsubstantial to bear the weight of criticism, or if, like the bridge seen by Mirza in the valley of Bagdad, it be but a splendid vision,

<sup>1</sup> *Arch. Ael.*, 2 ser. xvi, 81, where the original authorities are cited.

<sup>2</sup> The township of Ilderton, with an area of 5336 acres, comprised in 1901, 21 inhabited houses with a population of 97.

there is documentary evidence to carry back the history of the very ancient house of Ilderton to the period of the Norman Conquest.

In a grant made by Stephen, when at York in 1135, or 1136, to Gospatric II (who was killed at the battle of the Standard, 22nd August, 1138), amongst the manors and lands was the land of Liulf, son of Uctred, to wit, the three Middletons, Roddam, etc. (*terram Liulfi filii Uctredi videlicet tres Middeltonas, et Roden*).<sup>3</sup> In 1201, Gospatric's great grandson, Patrick I, earl of Dunbar, owed ten marks for having a jury of twelve men of Bewick, Eglingham, Middleton, and Roddam, to enquire whether amongst the lands, etc.; forfeited to the Crown by his great uncle Edgar were the services of Liulf, son of Liulf, before the first coronation (1154) of Henry II, of the three Middletons and of Roddam.<sup>4</sup> A similar enquiry was made in 1210.<sup>5</sup>

Liulf was succeeded in the three Middletons and Roddam by his son Thomas (*Tomas filius Liulfi*),<sup>6</sup> who was dead before 1211, when Thomas, son of Thomas de Hildreton, rendered an account of 100 marks for having his lands Middelton and Roddam (part of earl Patrick's fee), which were in the king's hand.<sup>7</sup>

Thomas de Hildreton was succeeded by Henry de Hildreton, who held the three Middletons about 1235, when the great

<sup>3</sup> *Percy Chartulary*, folio 125 (116 Surt. Soc. publ.). Cf. Raine, *Hexham Priory*, I, app. XIII (44 Surt. Soc. publ.). Cf. *new Hist. of Northumberland*, VII, 30.

<sup>4</sup> *Pipe Roll*, 3 John, rot. 17. Cf. *new Hist. of Northumberland*, VII, 41.

<sup>5</sup> *Jurata si Edgarus avunculus comitis Waldevi, patris comitis Patrici, fuit seisisus in servitio Liulfi filii Liulfi, post primam coronationem (1154) Henrici regis patris, de ii Middelton et de Roddam, scilicet xxx solid' et iiii weinting' remanet. Quia Thomas filius Liulfi qui servicium illud debet bene cognoscit quod ita fuit seisisus de servicio illo et ipsemet facit illud servicium domino regi per preceptum domini regis.* (11 John) *Curia Regis Roll*, no. 21, m. 12 *dorso*. For an explanation of 'waytinga' see *new Hist. of Northumberland*, VII, 41n.

<sup>6</sup> *Pipe Roll*, 6 John, rot. 4 *dorso*. Cf. *new Hist. of Northumberland*, VII, 42n.

<sup>7</sup> *Pipe Roll*, 13 and 16 John. Cf. *new Hist. of Northumberland*, VII, 48.

medieval feodary known as Testa de Nevill was made,<sup>8</sup> and although the name of his feudal superior only is given in the certificate, as tenant *in capite*, of Ilderton, Rosedon and Wooperton, it seems in every way probable that Henry de Ilderton already held those villis, from William de Ros, as of his barony of Wark-on-Tweed.<sup>9</sup>

The family of Roos, or Ros, who inherited Wark from their collateral ancestor Walter Espec (died 1153)—to whom the manor was granted by Henry I—bore the arms, *or, three water bougets sable*, derived and differenced from the arms of Roos of Hamlake, *gules three water bougets argent*, and from them, as their feudal superiors, the Ildertons were permitted to take, and have continued to bear, similar arms, differenced in tincture, *argent three water bougets sable*.<sup>10</sup>

When the priory of Kirkham in Yorkshire was founded in 1121 by Walter Espec in memory, it is said, of his only son, who was killed near that place by a fall from his horse, he endowed it with the Northumbrian churches of Hildretune, Carham-on-Tweed, and Kirknewton, with many manors and estates.<sup>11</sup>

The prior of Kirkham was defendant in a suit brought by Thomas de Hylderton, at the Northumberland assizes in 1256, respecting lands in Hilderton. At the same assizes the latter was defendant in a suit brought by Thomas de Middleton for the manors of Middleton and Wooperton.<sup>12</sup> It was probably as an outcome of the first of these suits that Thomas de Hilderton

<sup>8</sup> *Testa de Nevill*, Rev. John Hodgson, *Northumberland*, part III, vol. i, 214.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, 211.

<sup>10</sup> The neighbouring family of Lilburn of Lilburn with their descendants the Proctors of Shawdon also bore the *water bougets*. Cf. Mr. C. H. Blair's admirable account of derivative coats in *Arch. Ael.*, 3 ser. vi.

<sup>11</sup> Dugdale, *Monasticon*, ed. Caley, 1846, vi, 207, 208.

<sup>12</sup> *Northumberland Assize Rolls* (88 Surt. Soc. publ.), 48, 62.

granted to the canons of Kirkham and to the church of St. Michael in Ilderton common of pasture in Ilderton for fifteen cows, and one bull, for six mares, six swine and one boar, for eight oxen and four hundred sheep, with wood for fuel.<sup>13</sup> By another charter he gave 4 lbs. of wax to be rendered yearly on the altar of Ilderton on Michaelmas day.<sup>14</sup>

At the Northumberland assizes in 1279 there were suits—difficult to comprehend in their bearings—brought by William, son of William de Ros of Myndrum, as next heir of Henry de Ylderton, against John de Middleton and Alan de Lilleburn, for two parts of two carucates of land in Ylderton, and against Elizabeth, daughter of Richard le Fleming, for the remaining third part of the said two carucates.<sup>15</sup>

In the month of January, 1289-90, it was found that Henry de Hilderton held of Patrick, earl of Dunbar, the three Middletons with Roddam at the rent of 30s.<sup>16</sup>

## ILDIRTON SUBSIDY ROLL, 1296.

	£	s.	d.		s.	d.
Summa bonorum Adae molendenarii ... ..	2	1	6	unde regi	3	9½
„ Thomae Kuogi ... ..	1	10	0	„	2	8¾
„ Galfridi filii Roberti ... ..	3	0	0	„	5	5½
„ Adae de Reveley ... ..	3	1	3	„	5	6¾
„ Adae filii Adae ... ..	2	11	5	„	4	8
„ Willelmi Scort ... ..	0	16	1	„	1	5½
„ Thomae del Hill ... ..	3	7	8	„	6	1¾
„ Willelmi de Tindale ... ..	0	19	8	„	1	9½
„ Alani molendinarii ... ..	1	18	2	„	3	5¾
„ Adae breuster ... ..	4	16	0	„	8	8¾
„ Henrici de Ildirton ... ..	6	14	2	„	12	2½
„ Hugonis de Flinthalug' ... ..	3	15	2	„	6	10
„ Hugonis capellani ... ..	1	0	8	„	1	10½
Summa hujus villae, 35l. 11s. 9d. Unde domino regi,					64s.	8½d.

<sup>13</sup> Register of Kirkham, Bodleian Library.

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>15</sup> *Northumberland Assize Rolls* (88 Surt. Soc. publ.), 289.

<sup>16</sup> *Cal. Inq. post mort.*, vol. II, 455.

In 1293 Robert de Ros, as lord of the barony of Wark, asserted his right, as against the Crown, to have free warren and other privileges in all his manors, including Ilderton and Rosedon;<sup>17</sup> but on the 6th October, 1307, on the petition of Thomas de Gray, free warren in their demesne lands in Ilderton, Middleton, Roddam, and Rosedon, was granted to Henry de Ilderton and his heirs.<sup>18</sup>

By inquisition taken on the Saturday before the feast of St. Gregory the pope (March 12), in the second year of Edward II (1308-9), on the death of Patrick, earl of Dunbar, it was found that he died seised, *inter alia*, of the three Middletons and Rodom, which render the farm of St. Cuthbert (that is a rent payable on St. Cuthbert's day), viz., 30s. yearly.<sup>19</sup>

At this period the condition of Northumberland was terrible, wasted by rebellion and ravaged by the Scots, 'no one daring to live in it except under the shadow of a castle or walled town.'<sup>20</sup> The neighbouring family of Roddam of Roddam was amongst the sufferers, and in 1309, a rent charge of six marks out of the moiety of Roddam held of John de Roddam by Henry de Ilderton was conveyed to Richard Embleton of Newcastle, probably by way of mortgage or security.<sup>21</sup>

Henry de Ilderton was one of the attesting witnesses to a grant of land in Beanly moor made by William de Benley to Sir John de Lilleburne, knight, on the 28th May, 1320.<sup>22</sup> Having no son, he sought, and in 1328 obtained, licence<sup>23</sup> to

<sup>17</sup> *Placita de Quo Warranto*, 21 Edw. I, rot. 3. Rev. John Hodgson, *Northumberland*, part III, vol. ii, 134.

<sup>18</sup> *Cal. Charter Rolls*, III, 107.

<sup>19</sup> *Cal. Inq. post mort.* vol. v, 40.

<sup>20</sup> Bates, *Northumberland*, p. 156.

<sup>21</sup> The deed is printed in new *Hist. of Northumberland*, II, 86n.

<sup>22</sup> Woodman Charters, *Arch. Ael.*, 3 ser. v, 48.

<sup>23</sup> *Inq. ad quod dam.*, 2 Edw. III, no. 113, taken on the Monday after St. Gregory's day. It was stated that the manor of Ilderton in time of peace, and before the ravages of the Scots, was worth 20l., but now on account of those ravages is worth no more than 38s. 4d.

settle his manor of Ilderton, held as of the manor of Wark-on-Tweed, upon himself for life, and, after his decease, upon Thomas, son of Walter Wetewang and Alice his wife, in tail, and, if they should die without issue, with remainder to his own right heirs.<sup>24</sup> He seems to have been still alive 19th February, 1334-5, when among the possessions forfeited by Patrick, earl of Dunbar, and granted on that date to Henry Percy, there were the homage and service of Henry de Ilderton for his tenements in the towns of Middleton and Roddam.<sup>25</sup>

## ILDRETON SUBSIDY ROLL, 1336.

	s.	d.
Henricus de Ildreton ... ..	6	8
Hugo filii Alani ... ..	4	0
Alexander de Ildreton ... ..	3	0
Johannes del Chambre ... ..	2	0
Johannes Storour ... ..	4	0
Robertus Storour ... ..	1	4

Summa 21s.

Lady Margery de Ilderton in Northumberland, who died *circa* 1338, was buried in the church of the Augustine Friars in London.<sup>26</sup>

Seeing that the settlement made by Henry de Ilderton in 1328 was upon Thomas Wetewang and Alice his wife and their heirs, it is in every way probable that she was daughter, or other near kinswoman, of the settler. Thomas Wetewang was, no doubt, a member of the family of Wetwang of Dunston, whose pedigree—in which Thomas is not placed—is set out in the second volume of the new *History of Northumberland*. He evidently assumed the territorial name of Ilderton, and, as Thomas de Ilderton, he held, in 1346, the vills of Ildreton,

<sup>24</sup> Feet of Fines, Northumberland, Trinity Term, 2 Edw. III. *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1327-1330, 265.

<sup>25</sup> *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1334-1338, 79.

<sup>26</sup> Stowe's *Survey*, ed. 1774, I, 442.

Weperdon, and Rosden, from Sir John Montague, knight, as of the barony of Ros;<sup>27</sup> and, in 1367, he acquired six marks of land, or rent, in Roddam, from Thomas de Cougate<sup>28</sup> and Agnes his wife.<sup>29</sup>

To a grant of lands made by Alan de Strother, at Kirkharle, July 7th, 1352, Sir Thomas de Ildyrton, knight, was an attesting witness.<sup>30</sup> He was one of the thirteen knights who were present at the great feast made by the abbot of Alnwick to Henry, fifth lord Percy of Alnwick, on the 15th August, 1376, when, besides the 206 who sat down in the refectory, 1020 persons were regaled in the cloisters.<sup>31</sup> He was also an attesting witness to a Strother charter, given at Lanton on the 1st February, 1371-2.<sup>32</sup> As sheriff of Northumberland, at Midsummer, 1376, he went to London to receive a letter of acquittance for 4000 marks paid by Robert, king of Scotland, as the ransom of David II; and on the 20th October of that year payment was ordered to be made to him for his expenses, from York to London and back to York.<sup>33</sup>

On the 24th May, 1379, being at Westminster, Sir Thomas de Ilderton and Sir John Heron, knights, entered into covenants to undertake the ward of Berwick-on-Tweed, from Trinity Sunday; for one year, for the payment of 1000 marks per annum, one or other of them to be constantly in the town living or dead. Attached to the indenture are two seals, one of them being evidently Sir John Heron's own seal armorial, *a chevron between three herons*, the other, apparently borrowed by Sir

<sup>27</sup> *Feudal Aids*, iv, 71, 75.

<sup>28</sup> Caldgate mill is a sweet spot on the Caldgate burn, near the northern boundary of the modern North Middleton township.

<sup>29</sup> Feet of Fines, Northumberland, Michaelmas Term, 41 Edw. III.

<sup>30</sup> Woodman Charters, *Arch. Ael.*, 3 ser. v, 46.

<sup>31</sup> 'Chronicle of Alnwick Abbey,' *Arch. Ael.*, 1 ser. III, 43, 44.

<sup>32</sup> *Laing Charters*, 18.

<sup>33</sup> *Cal. Doc. Rel. Scotland*, iv, 53.

Thomas Ilderton, has the legend SIGILLVM WALTERI DE SWYNHOW—*three swine two and one*, within an engrailed bordure.<sup>34</sup> A similar agreement was made by Ilderton and Heron with John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaster, 17th December, 1381.<sup>35</sup>

In the meanwhile, on the 27th July, 1379, he had been appointed by the duke of Lancaster, to be constable of Bamburgh castle, being by him styled, his 'very dear and well beloved Bachelor Monsieur Thomas de Ilderton.'<sup>36</sup> He received commissions of array in 1377, 1380, and 1381,<sup>37</sup> and a commission of the peace and of oyer and terminer in 1382.<sup>38</sup> In 1383 he was one of the sixty-seven knights who, with a thousand squires and archers, were retained by the earl of Northumberland for the defence of the Borders.<sup>39</sup>

On the 7th August, 1400, three knights and three squires, of whom Edward Ilderton, esq., was one, were ordered by Henry IV to proceed to Scotland to deliver in person the king's letters to the king and nobles of Scotland to demand their homage, and, this done, to publish them in Edinburgh, Kelso, and other towns in Scotland.<sup>40</sup> Of him little is recorded, but in 1434 the fine estate of Grindon in the parish of Norham 'belonged to Thomas de Ilderton of Ilderton as son of Edward who was cousin and heir of Robert de Clifford.'<sup>41</sup>

The Thomas de Ilderton to whom the tower of Ilderton belonged in 1415<sup>42</sup> must therefore have been son of the above named Edward. He was knight of the shire in 1423-1424, and in 1428

<sup>34</sup> *Cal. Doc. Rel. Scotland*, iv, 61.

<sup>35</sup> *Ibid.*, iv, 67.

<sup>36</sup> Bates, 'Border Holds' (*Arch. Ael.*, 2 ser. xiv, 174.)

<sup>37</sup> *Cal. Pat. Rölls*, 1377-1381, 38, 472, 515, 572.

<sup>38</sup> *Ibid.*, 1381-1385, 253.

<sup>39</sup> Fonblanque, *Annals of the House of Percy*, i, 138, 509.

<sup>40</sup> *Cal. Doc. Rel. Scotland*, iv, 116.

<sup>41</sup> Raine, *North Durham*, p. 319, where it is stated that Grindon continued in the Ilderton family till about the beginning of the sixteenth century.

<sup>42</sup> Bates, 'Border Holds,' 17.



was possessed of some property at North Charlton in the parish of Ellingham,<sup>43</sup> and held the vill of Ilderton, Rosedon, and Wooperton of Ralph Grey, as of his lordship of Wark.<sup>44</sup> He received a commission of array in 1434, took the oath, but apparently did not act;<sup>45</sup> and on the 14th May, 1435, under the description of Thomas Ilderton of Alnwick, esq., he obtained a pardon for not appearing before the justices to answer Ralph Holand, citizen and draper, of London, touching a plea of debt of 1*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.*<sup>46</sup> Finally, being present at the battle of Wakefield on the 30th December, 1460, he received knighthood by the hands of the earl of Northumberland;<sup>47</sup> and he probably was the Thomas Hyldertone, knight, whose name, written in a fifteenth century hand, is inscribed in the *Liber Vitae*, which, before the dissolution of religious houses, lay on the high altar at Durham.<sup>48</sup>

The Thomas Ilderton, knighted in 1460, may possibly have been father to the Thomas Ilderton 'esquire' who died on the 11th November, 1478, leaving his eldest son about nine or ten years of age.

In the inquisition, on his death, taken at Alnwick on the 12th June, 1480, it was stated that he died seised of the manor of Ilderton, the vill of Rosedon, a moiety of the manor of [North] Charlton, of a tenement in Wooperton, of a tenement and 40 acres of land in Shipley; and, conjointly with Philippa his wife, of a tenement and 100 acres of land in Coupland. His wife Philippa was living, and Thomas Ilderton, his son and heir, was then aged 11 years and upwards.<sup>49</sup>

<sup>43</sup> *New Hist. of Northumberland*, II, 282.

<sup>44</sup> *Cal. Feudal Aids*, IV, 86.

<sup>45</sup> *Cal. Pat. Rolls, 1429-1436*, 361, 396.

<sup>46</sup> *Ibid.*, 435.

<sup>47</sup> Shaw, *The Knights of England*, II, 12.

<sup>48</sup> *Liber Vitae* (13 Surt. Soc. publ.), 120.

<sup>49</sup> *Cf. Inq. post mort.* Thomas Ilderton, 20 Edw. IV, no. 50. *Cf. Rev. John Hodgson, Northumberland, part III, vol. II, 279.*

In Thomas Ilderton, the son, the family possessions were augmented, for he held a moiety of Detchant in Bamburghshire in 1480,<sup>50</sup> a tenement in Rennington in 1498,<sup>51</sup> and on the 17th June, 1503, he took a conveyance of lands in Broxfield from the trustees of Robert Sokpeth or Soopeth.<sup>52</sup>

Sir Thomas Ilderton was dubbed a knight bachelor in Scotland by the earl of Surrey on or about the 30th September, 1497;<sup>53</sup> was sheriff of Northumberland in 1504, and, on the 20th March, 1505/6, as son and heir of Thomas Ilderton, lately deceased, conveyed lands in Coldstrother and Kirkheaton, 'as they all descended to me by hereditary right from my father Thomas Ilderton,' to Thomas Shafto. He appends to the deed 'the seal of office of the mayoralty of Newcastle,' as his own 'seal is unknown to many'; the latter, also affixed, and bearing *three water bougets*, is earlier in date than 1506 and may possibly have been that of Sir Thomas's grandfather.<sup>54</sup> He seems to have died very soon after.<sup>55</sup>

In an inquisition taken at Newcastle in the 21st year of Henry VII (1505-1506) with regard to an accusation made against his conduct when high sheriff, he is described as 'Thomas Ilderton late of Ilderton, knight, late sheriff of the county'; he was alive 12 July, 1504, when 'without any reasonable cause'—so ran the accusation—at Terreburn [query Tarretburn on the North Tyne] he seized 'by extortion and unjustly by his great power (*ex magna sua potencia*) the cattle of Andrew Forster, and on the same day he seized the cattle of Joan Forster and Agnes

<sup>50</sup> *New Hist. of Northumberland*, I, 403.

<sup>51</sup> *Ibid.*, II, 153.

<sup>52</sup> *Ibid.*, II, 166n, where the deed is printed.

<sup>53</sup> Shaw, *The Knights of England*, II, 32.

<sup>54</sup> Deed in the possession of the Rev. William Greenwell. Cf. *New Hist. of Northumberland*, IV, 379.

<sup>55</sup> The name of Sir Thomas Ilderton occurs in a list of free tenants of the manor of Stamford, 15th May, 1522. *New Hist. of Northumberland*, II, 42.

Forster, widows.' To these charges no doubt sir Thomas would have been able to make good answer had he been alive.<sup>56</sup>

Ralph Ilderton headed the Ilderton contingent of horsemen at the muster taken by Sir Robert Ellerker, knight, on Coldmartin moor, on the 17th April, 1538.<sup>57</sup> As one of the gentlemen in fee with the warden of the middle marches he was paid, *circa* 1528, 40s. a year.<sup>58</sup> Ralph Ilderton, who evidently received his christian name from his father's neighbour and feudal superior, Sir Ralph Grey of Wark, possessed at Ilderton one of the strongest towers (although in bad repair) in the district; in 1541 it was coupled with Hebburn, near Chillingham, as 'a mete place for a garrison of 50 [foot] men' in time of war.<sup>59</sup> He died soon afterwards, for the earl of Hertford, writing from Alnwick castle, 19th November, 1542, to Sir Thomas Wriothesley, recommends a certain Thomas Carlylle who had done 'good and forward sarvis,' that the king would be pleased to bestow on him the 'pencion of xx nobuls that Rafe Elderton, late desesid, had.'<sup>60</sup>

In the Order of the Watches upon the Middle Marches, as set out in the month of October, 1552, it was ordered:—

The passages from Elderton to South Mydleton to be watched with six men, nightly, of the inhabitors of Elderton, Wapperden, and Roston. Setters and searchers, from Rodam to South Myddleton, Anthony Elderton and John Rodam.<sup>61</sup>

It will be observed that the first of the two setters and searchers of the watch bore the same name and was probably the same man who followed his laird at the muster in 1538.

<sup>53</sup> *Inq. post mort.*, Thomas Ilderton, 21 Henry VII, P.R.O., ser. 2, vol. 19 no. 4. The original of the inquisition is so faded that the date is illegible.

<sup>57</sup> Ralph Ilderton was followed by Antony Elderton, Rowland Elderton, and seventeen others, not all of whom were able with 'horse and harness.' *Arch. Ael.*, 1st ser. IV, 194, 201.

<sup>58</sup> Fonblanque, *Annals of the House of Percy*, I, 555.

<sup>59</sup> Bates, *Border Holds*, 42.

<sup>60</sup> *Hamilton Papers*, I, 306.

<sup>61</sup> Nicolson, *Border Laws*, 184.

The portion of the feodary's book of 1568 relating to Glendale and the adjacent parts of the county, though obviously imperfect, contains the statement that Thomas Ilderton held Ilderton and Rosedon with other lands at Branton and Shipley<sup>62</sup>

According to the statement made in the return to an inquisition taken at Alnwick on the 28th July, 1579, Thomas Ilderton, described as esquire, died on the 6th April, 1578, but, as his will is dated on the 29th of that month and year, there is evidently a mistake in one or other of the documents. It was found that he held in fee tail the castle and lordship of Ildertoun, and Rosedown, that he died without issue male, and that Thomas Ilderton of London, gentleman, was his kinsman and heir male: the latter was of full age.<sup>63</sup>

Mr. Ilderton's will dated, as has been already mentioned, 29th April, 1578, is printed in the second volume of *Wills and Inventories*, published by the Surtees Society, and will repay a perusal. The testator, after appointing his wife Isabel and Sir Thomas Grey, knight, executors, gives his 'beste horse' to Sir Thomas with all his 'houndes' except two, named 'Waklet' and 'Ruffler,' which he gives to captain Reade. To Mr. Roger Grey he gives his gold chain, his 'velvett bonett, with xxiiij buttons of golde,' and his 'cloke gardyt with velvett.' To his servant, John Ellerker, he gives his larger 'cros-bowe, withe the windowe [windlass] and greate boltes.' To Mr. Thomas Forster of Adderston he gives 'a cros-bowe and a rakke, with a caise of boltes.' He gives his corn on the ground to his wife, to his aunt Sotheron and 'balyf weif of Whickham.' He mentions his tenants at East and West Harbroughe and Blackbroughe, his house at Newcastle and his lands in Felkington. To Edward Ilderton he gives his tenement for ten years on nominal terms,

<sup>62</sup> *Liber Feodarii*, 10 Eliz. Rev. John Hodgson, *Northumberland*, part III, vol. iii., p lxxi.

<sup>63</sup> P.R.O. *Inq. post mort.*, ser. 2, vol. 186, no. 47.

and gives to Thomas Ilderton of the Langehaughe<sup>64</sup> the reversion of his house at Newcastle, certain cattle, and 'one white fustiane dublett layde withe white silver layse,' etc. The testator neither mentions nor seems to refer to his heir-at-law. The will was proved at Durham on the 16th of March, 1578/9.<sup>65</sup>

The degree of consanguinity which subsisted between the testator and Thomas Ilderton of London, the heir of entail, has not been ascertained. It is possible that the latter never came north to take possession; at all events he did not enjoy his heritage for more than eight years. By an inquisition taken at Morpeth on the 24th September, 1588, in which he is described as Thomas Ilderton of Ilderton, gentleman, it is stated that he died seised of a tower, or capital messuage, with other buildings in Ilderton; of lands there called demayne lands, and of other lands and messuages in Ilderton and Roisden. He died in London on the 1st May, 1586, and William Ilderton his brother and heir was aged 40 years at the time of the taking of the inquisition.<sup>66</sup>

William Ilderton was succeeded, or followed, by John Ilderton, who died about 1643, an aged man, from whom all the later generations, as may be seen in the accompanying pedigrees, are descended. His descendant in the fifth generation, Thomas Ilderton of Ilderton (born 1692, died 1762), married into the Brandling family, and his sons not only succeeded to a large proportion of the valuable corn tithes of the parishes of Lesbury, Alnwick, and Shilbottle, but inherited some of the business ability of their mother's family. The old tower at Ilderton having become uninhabitable, one or more of the brothers rented from the Greys of Howick the fine farm of Hawkhill which occu-

<sup>64</sup> Administration of the goods of Thomas Ilderton of Longhaugh in the parish of Ilderton was granted, 2nd May, 1620, to Anthony Ilderton *repos*, and James Ilderton, the brother, of the testator. Raine, *Test. Dunelm.*

<sup>65</sup> *Wills and Inventories*, II, 173 (38 Surt. Soc. publ.).

<sup>66</sup> P.R.O. *Inq. post mort.*, ser. 2, vol. 216, no. 78.

pied a central position for making the utmost of their corn tithes, for if the farmer of the land could not be induced to purchase the tenth sheaf and the tenth stook, the tithe-owner was entitled, and in this case ready, to cart the tithe corn on to his own land.

At Hawkhill, Mr. Ilderton erected a machine for threshing corn, worked by horses. Apparently of his own invention, it attracted great attention in his day and was subsequently improved by Sir Francis Kinloch of Gilmerton, bart.<sup>67</sup>

Thomas Ilderton, the eldest and the last survivor of the brothers, died at Alnwick on the 25th October, 1789, leaving Ilderton and Rosedon to Robert Ilderton of Westoe, near South Shields, formerly a solicitor at Hexham. He must not have shown to his predecessor's widow<sup>68</sup> the deference she expected and required, for she caused to be cut on her husband's tomb at Ilderton, 'He was the last in a direct line of the family of Ilderton of Ilderton and the inheritor of all their virtues.'

The subsequent history of the family may be followed in the accompanying pedigree:

<sup>67</sup> Bailey and Culley, *General View of the Agriculture of Northumberland*, ed. 1813, 50.

<sup>68</sup> Mrs. Ilderton had been widow of the Rev. Alexander Ferrier, minister of Oxnam, N.B., by whom she had issue a son and daughter, both mentioned in their step-father's will. The son, Dr. John Ferrier, educated at Edinburgh University, practised medicine at Stockton and afterwards in Manchester. He married at Alnwick on the 9th October, 1782, Barbara, daughter of Arthur Gair of Alnwick, surgeon. Dr. John Ferrier was one of the leaders of the Literary and Philosophical Society of Manchester, for which he wrote several important papers; he also published works on medicine and also reflections on Sterne. His portrait, drawn by Stothard, was engraved by Bartolozzi. Dying in Manchester, 4th February, 1815, aged 53, he was buried at St. Mary's church in that city. He had, with other issue, a son, Thomas Ilderton Ferrier, colonel in the Colombian service and adjutant general, who, mortally wounded at the battle of Carabobo on the 24th June, 1821, died at Valencia in South America on the 17th of the following month. Cf. *Newcastle Papers*, 6 December, 1821.

## ILDERTON OF ILDERTON.

TABLE I.

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 Liulf, filius Uctredi, in 1135 held the three Middletons and Roddam (*Percy Chart.* folio 125). = .....
 

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 Liulf, filius Liulfi, held the three Middletons and Roddam *circa* 1154 (*Pipe Rolls*, 3 Joh. rot. 17). = .....
 

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 Thomas, filius Liulfi, held the three Middletons and Roddam (*Pipe Rolls*, 6 Joh. rot. 4 dorso). = .....
 

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 Thomas, filius Thomae de Hildreton, in 1211 had his lands in Middleton and Roddam (*Pipe Rolls*, 13 and 16 Joh.).

 Henry de Hildreton held the three Middletons *circa* 1235 (*Testa de Nevill*).

 Thomas de Hylderton brought an action against the prior of Kirkham at the Northumberland Assizes in 1256 (*Assize Rolls*, 48); granted to the canons of Kirkham common of pasture at Ilderton for their cattle, etc. (*Register of Kirkham*).

 Henry de Ildirton, assessed for the subsidy of 1296; in 1307 had grant of free warren in his demesne lands in Ilderton, Middleton, Roddam and Rosedon (*Cal. Charter Rolls*, III, 107; *Inq. p.m.*, March, 1308/9; *cf. Cal. Inq. p.m.*, v, 40).

 Henry de Ildreton, in 1328 had licence to settle the manor of Ilderton, etc., on Thomas Wetwang and Alice his wife (*Inq. ad quod dam.*, 2 Edw. III, file CC., no. 16); was assessed for the subsidy of 1336.

 Thomas, son of Walter Wetewang, who as Thomas de Ilderton held the villis of Ilderton, Wooperton and Rosedon = Alice, married in 1346 (*Feudal Aids*, iv, 71, 75). before 1328.

 Sir Thomas de Ilderton, knight, occurs in Chronicles of Alnwick Abbey, 15th August, 1376; sheriff of Northumberland, 1375-1376; constable of Bamburgh, 1379 (*Border Holds*, 174); joint custodian of Berwick, 1379, 1381 (*Cal. Doc. Rel. Scot.*, iv, 61-67).

Edward Ilderton, esquire, 7th August, 1400, appointed, with others, to carry the king's letters to the king and nobles of Scotland; as 'cousin and heir' of Robert de Clifford succeeded to Grindon. = .....

Sir Thomas Eldreton, who as Thomas Ildirton held the 'turris de Ildirton' in 1415 (*Border Holds*, 17); knight of the shire, 1423, 1424; was knighted at the battle of Wakefield, 30th December, 1460 (Shaw, *Knights of England*, II, 12).

Thomas Ilderton, 'esquire,' died 11th November, 1478, seised of Ilderton, Rosedon, etc. = Philippa, jointly seised with her husband of lands in Coupland.  
(*Inq. p.m.* 20 Edw. IV, no. 50).

Sir Thomas Ilderton, was aged 11 years and upwards when his father's inquisition was taken, 12th June, 1480; made a knight bachelor on or about 30th September, 1497 (Shaw, *Knights of England*, II, 32); sold lands in Coldstrother, 20th March, 1505/6 (*Hist. of North.*, IV, 379); sheriff of Northumberland, 1504, and died in or before 1506.

Ralph Ilderton, headed the Ilderton horsemen at the muster of 1538 (*Arch. Ael.* 1 ser., IV, 194, 201); had a great tower at Ilderton in 1541 (*Border Holds*, 42); died shortly before 19th November, 1542, being in receipt of a pension of xx nobles a year from the Crown (*Hamilton Papers*, I, 306). Ilderton. = .....

Thomas Ilderton, held Ilderton and Rosedon in 1568 (*Liber Feodarii*, lxxi); died, 6th April, 1578, = Isabel, an without issue male, seised of the 'castle and lordship' of Ilderton and of Rosedon; *Inq. p.m.* executrix taken at Alnwick, 28th July, 1579, when his heir was found to be his kinsman, Thomas of her Ilderton of London, gent., who was of full age; will dated April, 1578; proved at Durham, 16th husband's March, 1578/9. will.

Thomas Ilderton of London, a 'writer of supplications about the Court and Westminster-hall' (*Cal. Border Papers*, I, 228); succeeded to Ilderton in 1578 as heir in tail; died in London, 1st May, 1586, seised of the tower and demesne lands of Ilderton, *s.p.m.*; *Inq. p.m.* taken at Morpeth, 24th September, 1588.

William Ilderton, brother and heir, succeeded to Ilderton on the death of his brother in 1586, stated to be 40 years of age at the taking of his brother's inquisition.



## TABLE II.

JOHN ILDERTON of Ilderton, party to deeds, 22nd August, 1637, 13th September, 1637 (*d*); will dated 15th January, 1642/3; = ..... proved 26th September, 1643 (*c*).

James Ilderton, son and heir, party to deed, 22nd August, 1637 ( <i>d</i> ); died in his father's lifetime; administration of his personal estate, 6th November, 1639 ( <i>c</i> ).	= Elizabeth, 'his ungracious wif' ( <i>c</i> ). '1621/2, 27th February, James Ilderton and Elizabeth Audeley married' ( <i>g</i> ).	Elizabeth, wife of [Michael] Wilkinson [clerk in orders], named in her father's will.
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..... daughter of George Alder of Prendwick, whose will is dated 21st January, 1669/70.	= John Ilderton of Ilderton, grandson and heir; was rated in 1663 for Ilderton, Fourstoneburn and Longhaugh; conveyed Rosedon and Flinthill, 22nd January, 1674, to Patrick Crow [?] in mortgage], and 4th May, 1674, settled Ilderton and Longhaugh upon his son George ( <i>d</i> ).	= second wife.	George Ilderton, living 6th November, 1639 ( <i>c</i> ). William Ilderton, living 6th November, 1639 ( <i>c</i> ); named in his grandfather's will ( <i>c</i> ). Robert Ilderton, living 6th November, 1639 ( <i>c</i> ); named in his grandfather's will ( <i>c</i> ). Philip Ilderton, liv. 6th November, 1639; named in his grandfather's will ( <i>c</i> ).	Fortune ( <i>c</i> ), named in her grandfather's will ( <i>c</i> ). Ursula ( <i>c</i> ), named in her grandfather's will ( <i>c</i> ). Elizabeth ( <i>c</i> ), wife of ... Crawford; named in her grandfather's will ( <i>c</i> ).
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Elizabeth, daughter of John Ramsay of Bewick; born <i>circa</i> 1639 ( <i>h</i> ); died <i>circa</i> 1665 ( <i>h</i> ); first wife.	= George Ilderton of Ilderton, son and heir; party to deed, 22nd January, 1674 ( <i>d</i> ); will dated 26th March, 1696.	= Margaret, daughter of ..... Crow; bond of marriage, 27th January 1665/6; named in deed, 4th May, 1674 ( <i>d</i> ).	Robert Ilderton, called second son in deed of 4th May, 1674 ( <i>d</i> ). John Ilderton, called third son in deed of 4th May, 1674 ( <i>d</i> ). Three other children living 21st Jan., 1669/70 ( <i>c</i> ).
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Rachel, daughter of John Storey of Beasley; bond of marriage, 9th November, 1691.	= George Ilderton of Ilderton, son and heir, to whom his great grandfather George Alder, 21st January, 1669/70, gave £40 ( <i>c</i> ); party to deed, 11th June, 1717 ( <i>d</i> ); <i>circa</i> 1715, had issue living, three sons and one daughter; buried 31st March, 1731 ( <i>a</i> ), in Ilderton church, 'his funeral was in the night by candle light.'	= Mary [widow of William] Selby of Earle; bond of marriage, 19th September, 1723; died at Earle; buried at Wooler, 13th March, 1741/2.
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Thomas Ilderton of Ilderton, son and heir, born at Gallalaw, near Beasley, and baptised at Eglington, 27th September, 1692; buried 4th January, 1762 ( <i>a</i> ); will dated 26th December, 1761.	= Margaret, daughter of Francis Brandling of Hoppen, afterwards of Little Eden; bond of marriage, 5th June, 1717; married 13th June, 1717 ( <i>e</i> ); buried 19th June, 1763 ( <i>a</i> ).	John Ilderton, born at Aberwick (an estate belonging to his maternal grandfather), and baptised at Edlington, 17th January, 1694/5; apprenticed 1st December, 1709, to John Shaw of Newcastle, surgeon ( <i>f</i> ). George Ilderton, buried 26th February, 1728/9 ( <i>a</i> ). Elizabeth, living <i>circa</i> 1715.
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Thomas Ilderton of Ilderton, son and heir, born in Bigg-market, Newcastle; baptised 14th August, 1718 (e); to whom his brother John gave his tithes of Denwick, Bilton, Hawkhill, and Shilbottle; died at Alnwick, 28th, buried 30th October, 1789 (a) (b); will dated 9th October, 1789; proved at Durham, 4th November, 1789.

Mary or Maria, widow of Rev. Alex. Ferrier, minister of Oxnam, N.B., and daughter of..... Burn; as sole executrix of her husband's will, party to release, 21st June, 1790; died at Bagot, Jersey, 18th May, 1820.

John Ilderton of Alndyke, born in Bigg-market, Newcastle, and baptised 27th August, 1730 (e); apprenticed, 7th August, 1746, to Robert Ellison of Newcastle, mercer; admitted free of Merchants Company, 31st May, 1756; to whom, with his brother Francis, their maternal grandfather, Francis Brandling, gave the reversion of the tithes of Alnwick, Lesbury, and Shilbottle; buried 16th November, 1774 (a); will dated 6th November, 1774 (c).

Francis Ilderton, clerk in orders, born at Bilton Banks; educated at Wooler and St. John's College, Cambridge, to which he was admitted, 25th May, 1744, aged 19; Fellow, 1752-1760; ordained deacon, 1748; priest; 1754; curate of Great Braxted, Essex; buried at Lesbury, 24th May, 1760.

George Ilderton, tenant of Hawkhill, born in Bigg-market, Newcastle; baptised 6th August, 1734 (e); died at Hawkhill, 11th August, 1768; buried 13th August, 1768 (a).

Elizabeth, bapt. 16th February, 1720/1 (e). Margaret, born in Bigg-market, Newcastle; baptised 21st Mar., 1722/3 (e).

James Ilderton of Rose-don, second son, 4th May, 1674 (d).

See Table III.

William Ilderton of Humbleton, third son, 4th May, 1674 (a); apprenticed 1st May, 1685, to Robert Crow of Newcastle, boothman; set over to Thomas Robinson, 2nd May, 1690; party to deed, 8th June, 1709 (d); in deed poll of 30th March, 1705, described as 'one of the younger children of George Ilderton, late of Ilderton, esquire, by Margaret, his second wife, since also deceased' (d).

John Ilderton, fourth son, 4th May, 1674 (d).

Thomas Ilderton of Gateshead, dead before 7th June, 1707.

Robert Ilderton of Newcastle, watchmaker, youngest son; party to deed, 8th June, 1709 (d); took a conveyance of Rosedon Northside, and a moiety of Flint-hill, 26th Nov., 1720, from James Ilderton of Rosedon and James Rosedon of Newcastle, his son and heir (d); will dated 31st Jan., 1745 (d).

Elizabeth, party to deed, 2nd June 1761 (d); died at her house in Newgate St., Newcastle, 26th September, 1765.

Martha, wife of Charles Stoddart, curate of Bamburgh; party to deed, 8th June, 1709. Margaret, wife of Deodatus Threlkeld of Newcastle, watchmaker, and of Tritlington; administration of her personal estate, 10th October, 1699, granted to her husband, who was party to deed, 8th June, 1709 (d).

Robert Ilderton of Hexham, attorney-at-law, party to deed 26th June, 1738 (d); only son (d), to whom his father on his marriage gave Rosedon North-side and Flinthill (d); of Westoe in 1761 (d); succeeded to Ilderton on the death of Thomas Ilderton in 1789; died at Westoe, 24th March, 1792, aged 77 (b); buried South Shields, 27th March, 1792; will dated 16th November, 1789; proved at Durham, 2nd April, 1792.

Hannah, daughter of John Aynsley of Hexham, attorney, and of Threapwood; post-nuptial settlement, 25th and 26th June, 1738 (d); died at Westoe, 23rd Jan., 1788; buried South Shields, 28th January, 1788.

Margaret, baptised 2nd September, 1708 (e); named in her father's will; resided at Nungate, Newcastle, where she died, 3rd November, 1775.

Elizabeth, baptised 25th May, 1710 (e); died in her father's lifetime.

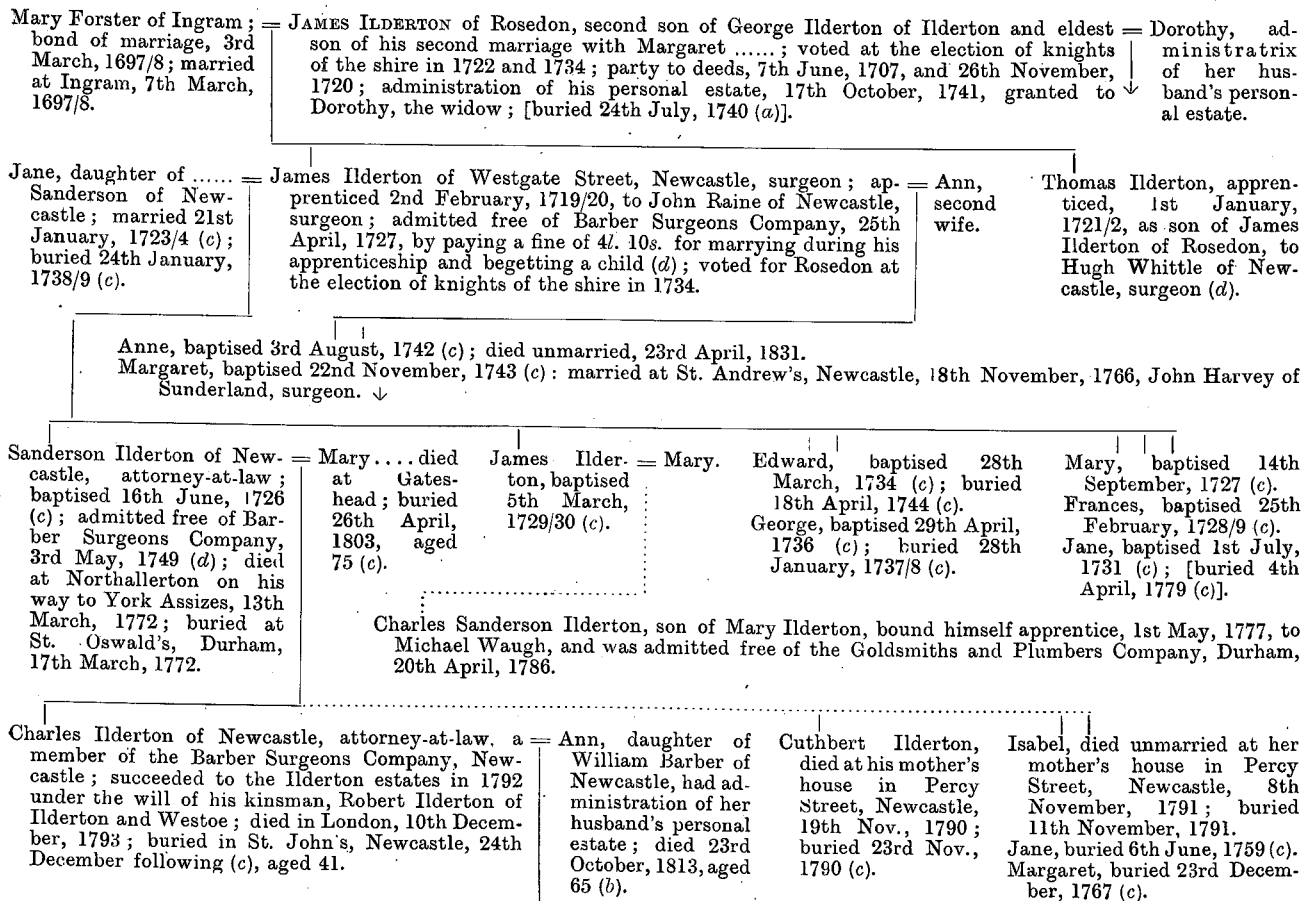
Mary, named in her father's will; died at her house, Nungate, Newcastle, 11th February, 1782; will dated 1st October, 1777.

(a) Ilderton Register.  
(d) Ilderton Muniments.  
(g) Berwick Register.

(b) Monumental Inscription, Ilderton.  
(e) St. John's Register, Newcastle.  
(h) Arch. Ael., 3 ser., II, 76, 78, 79.

(c) Raine, Test. Dunelm.  
(f) Barber Surgeons, etc., of Newcastle.

TABLE III.



<p>Sanderson Ilderton of Ilderton, son and heir, born 11th October, 1776; died 8th July, 1853; will dated 9th December, 1852; proved at Durham 13th August, 1853.</p>	<p>= Anne, daughter of ..... Harrison of Newcastle; married 18th August, 1798; died 26th November, 1852 (b).</p>	<p>Robert, buried 17th May, 1785 (c).</p>	<p>Hannah, wife of John Croft, only daughter, died in London, 20th Jan., 1840. ↓ Other issue.</p>
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<p>Robert Charles Ilderton, son and heir, born 20th March, 1806; baptised at Tynewmouth; died at Springhill, Berwickshire, 7th March, 1843, aged 36 (b).</p>	<p>= Diana, daughter of William Watson of North Seaton; articles before marriage, 15th April, 1836; married at St. Andrew's, Newcastle, ..... April, 1836.</p>	<p>Sanderson Ilderton, born ..... 1809; captain 25th Regiment; died in Jersey, 18th October, 1854, s.p.</p>	<p>= Elizabeth, widow of C. F. Sweeny of Kilbrenal and daughter of Philip Durell, married 16th August, 1857, at Faversham, Kent.</p>	<p>Thomas Ilderton of Ilderton, clerk in orders, born 22nd August, 1811; of Peterhouse, Cambridge; successively vicar of Felton and of Ilderton and rector of Ingram, where he died, 18th September, 1895 (b).</p>	<p>= Mary Susan, daughter of William Francis of Cambridge, born 1st October, 1811; articles before marriage, 8th October, 1834; married at Cambridge, 8th October, 1834; died at Ingram Rectory, 5th February, 1890, aged 78 (b).</p>
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Caroline Elizabeth Anne, died at Brighton; 21st May, 1906. Diana Isabella.

<p>Charles Richard Ilderton, captain, 98th Regt., born 22nd March, 1813; sometime of Great Tosson, afterwards of Newcastle; died 3rd November, 1880, aged 67; buried at Morpeth; s.p.</p>	<p>= Isabella, daughter of George Wilson of Alnwick, M.D.; died at Peebles, 21st May, 1876.</p>	<p>Henry Decimus Ilderton of South Croydon, solicitor, and of Brockley, Kent; born 6th March, 1817; died 2nd January, 1899, aged 81; buried at Sutton, Surrey.</p>	<p>= Harriet, daughter of Thomas Robins captain, R.N.; died ..... 1896; bur. at Sutton, Surrey.</p>	<p>Anne Mary, born 1801; died at Newcastle, unmarried, 1880.</p>	<p>Hannah, born 1803; died at Newcastle, unmarried, 28th July, 1878 (b).</p>	<p>Rose Isabella, wife of George Wilson of Alnwick, M.D.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Ilderton of Newcastle, was residing at Gravesend when she made her will, 18th June, 1845; proved at Durham, 15th January, 1862; buried at Newcastle.</p>	<p>Mary, married at Ryton, 27th September, 1836, R. G. L. Blenkinsop, clerk in orders.</p>
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<p>Sanderson H. S. Ilderton, born 1862, clerk in orders; chaplain, Santa Fé, New Mexico; died 22nd January, 1891, aged 29.</p>	<p>= Charles Francis Thomas Ilderton, born 1863.</p>	<p>Stewart John, born 1866, died same year.</p>	<p>= Henry George Ilderton, born 1868. ↓</p>	<p>Mary Margery.</p>
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Charles Edward Ilderton of Ilderton, D.S.O., and colonel West Surrey Regiment; born 1st March, 1841; baptised at Bebworth; served in New Zealand, 1864, and in Burmah, 1886; died unmarried at Upwey, Dorset, 25th January, 1905.

Thomas George Ilderton of Ilderton, born 10th July, 1848; baptised at Bebworth; major, Northumberland Fusiliers; mar. . . .  
William Sanderson Ilderton, born 11th March, 1854; baptised at Felton.

Robert Mitford Ilderton, born . . . . . 1858; baptised at Felton; clerk in orders; of Peterhouse, Cambridge; B.A., 1880; M.A., 1885; successively vicar of Bingfield and Wall; died in London 8th December, 1910.

Edith, daughter of J. G. Joel of Gosforth; married 8th October, 1895, at Gosforth.

Anne Elizabeth, married Richard Huntley King, sometime of Warkworth, and died at Carlton Mansions, London, 20th June, 1907.

Frederica Dorothea Hannah.

Mary Susan, died at Bemerton, 12th May, 1902 (b).

Rose Isabel, married Richard Jenkins, clerk in orders, vicar of Wallsend.

Charlotte, married Bernard Chichester, clerk in orders.

Laura Georgina, married Arthur B. Coulson, clerk in orders, vicar of Branxton.

George Mitford Sanderson, born 23rd May, 1898; died same year.

Kenneth Ilderton, born 8th July, 1900.

Gordon Ilderton, twin with Kenneth.

(a) *Ilderton Registers.*

(b) Monumental Inscription, Ilderton.

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

(d) *Barber Surgeons of Newcastle.*

## APPENDIX OF DOCUMENTS.

John Aneill of Elderton, 18 June, 1586, petitions Thomas Randolph; and states that he had for two years bypast lived at Elderton 'in government and rule of one Robert Rodham of Little Haughton, gent.'; he complains that Mrs. Roddam has ejected him, and is planting Elderton with Scotsmen; and he concludes by saying 'the lande dothe belonge to one Elderton, a commen wryter of supplications abowte the Courte and Westmenster Hall.' *Cal. Border Papers*, I, 228.

1637, Aug. 22. Feoffment by John Ilderton, esq., and James Ilderton, his son, to Mr. William Clennel and Mr. John Blackiston of a moor, or common, in the parish of Ilderton and a village called Flint-hill. *Ilderton Papers*.

1637, Sept. 13. Feoffment by John Ilderton, esq., and James Ilderton, his son, to Clennel and Blackiston, of the manor and lordship of Rosedon. *Ibid*.

1639, Nov. 6. Administration of the personal estate of James Ilderton, gent., of the parish of Ilderton. Mention made of John Ilderton, esq., father of the deceased, Elizabeth the widow, George, William, Robert, Philip, Fortune, Ursula, and Elizabeth, children of the deceased, under age. Raine, *Test. Dunelm*.

1639, Nov. 4. Inventory of the goods of James Ilderton, late of Ilderton, deceased. 'His apprell, his ungratious wif gave, and took away with a great sume of mony.' *Ibid*.

1642/3, Jan. 15. Will of John Ilderton of Ilderton, esq. To Fortune Ilderton, my grandchild. To Philip Ilderton, my grandchild. To Ursuley Ilderton and Elyzabeth Crawforth, my grandchildren. My heir, John Ilderton. To Robert and William Ilderton, my grandchildren. To Elizabeth Wilkinson, my daughter, and John Wilkinson, her son. To John Ilderton, my grandchild, my manor house at Ilderton, etc.

Administration, with will annexed, granted 26 Sept., 1643, to Michael Wilkinson, clerk, on behalf of Robert Ilderton, the executor, under age. *Ibid*.

In 1663 Mr. John Ilderton was rated for 'the High Land' of Ilderton and for Fowston Bourne [Fourstone-burn] at 12*l*. per annum, and for Longhaugh at 20*l*. per annum. *Book of Rates*, Rev. John Hodgson, *Northumberland*, part III, vol. i, pp. 265, 335.

1674, May 4. Settlement made by John Ilderton on his son, George Ilderton, of Ilderton and Longhaugh. [Reciting an indenture made between John Ilderton, esq., and Dorothy, his wife (1); George Alder of Prendwick, Thomas Riddell of Farnham, and William Clennell of Callaly (2); and George Ilderton, son and heir of the said John Ilderton, and Margaret, his wife (3).] Estates settled upon George Ilderton, for life, and, after his death, on George Ilderton, eldest son of the said George Ilderton, in tail male, remainder to James Ilderton, second son of said George Ilderton, remainder to William

Ilderton, third son, etc., remainder to John Ilderton, fourth son. Remainder to Robert Ilderton, second son of John Ilderton, the grandfather; remainder to John Ilderton, third son of John Ilderton, the grandfather. *Ilderton Papers.*

1674/5, Jan. 22. Release from John Ilderton, esq., and Mr. George Ilderton (1), to Patrick Crow (2), of Rosedon and Flint-hill. *Ibid.*

1695, April 17. Release from Ann Crow, widow of Patrick Crow, to George Ilderton, of dower, etc. *Ibid.*

1707, June 6 and 7. Lease and Release: the latter between Thomas Burrell of Broompark and Robert Crow of Newcastle, merchant (1); James Ilderton of Rosedon, gent., eldest son of George Ilderton of Ilderton, esq., deceased, by Margaret, his [second] wife (2); William Ilderton of Humbleton, gent.; Robert Ilderton of Newcastle, gent.; Charles Stoddart, clerk, and Martha, his wife (who was formerly Martha Ilderton); Deodatus Threlkeld, administrator of the goods of his late wife Margaret, deceased (who was formerly Margaret Ilderton); and Susanna Thompson of Gateshead, spinster, executrix of the will of Thomas Ilderton, deceased, which said William, Robert, and Thomas Ilderton, Martha Stoddart and Margaret Threlkeld were the younger children of George Ilderton and Margaret, his [second] wife (3); and Francis Brandling of Newcastle, merchant (4); mortgage of Rosedon South-side to Brandling to secure a sum of money. *Ibid.*

1705, March 30. To all christian people, etc., William Ilderton of Humbleton, gent., one of the younger children of George Ilderton, late of Ilderton, esq., by Margaret, his second wife, since also deceased, etc. *Ibid.*

8 Anne [1709], June 8. Indenture between George Ilderton of Ilderton, esq. (1); William Ilderton of Humbleton, gent.; Robert Ilderton of Newcastle, gent.; Charles Stoddart of Bamburgh, clerk, on behalf of himself and Martha, his wife, sister of the said George Ilderton; and Deodatus Threlkeld of Newcastle, gent., administrator of the goods of Margaret, his late wife, another sister of the said George Ilderton (2); Aynsley Donkin (3). *Ibid.*

1717, June 11. Indenture between George Ilderton of Ilderton, gent., and Thomas Ilderton of the same place, his son and heir apparent (1); Thomas Ward of Newcastle, merchant, and Robert Ilderton of the same town, watch-maker (2). *Ibid.*

1717, April 20. Assignment by Brandling's trustees and mortgagees of the tithes of Denwick, Shilbottle, etc., to Thomas Ilderton of Newcastle, gent. *Ibid.*

1717/8, March 20. Release from Edward Grey of Alnwick, merchant, and Jane, his wife, Lancelot Reed of Hethpool, gent., and Elizabeth, his wife, Margaret Davison of Alnwick, spinster, and Robert Weems of Stranton, gent., of all right, claim, etc., in the tithes of Denwick, Shilbottle and Bilton, to Thomas Ilderton of Newcastle. *Ibid.*

1720, November 25 and 26. Lease and Release: The latter between James Ilderton of Rosedon, gent., and James Ilderton of Newcastle, gent., his eldest

son and heir apparent (1); Robert Kitching of Barnard's Inn, gent. (2); and Robert Ilderton of Newcaste, gent. (3); mortgage of the north side of Rosedon to Kitching to secure 700*l.* *Ibid.*

1720, Nov. 25 and 26. Covenants between James Ilderton, sen., and James Ilderton, jun., for making a recovery of the North side of Rosedon and the one half of Flint-hill. *Ibid.*

1721, June 1. Release between Mr. James Ilderton and his son (1); and Mr. John Aynsley (2); mortgage of Rosedon to secure 500*l.* *Ibid.*

1723, June 21. Decree of Court of Chancery, Charles Stoddart and James Algood, *versus* James Ilderton, sen., and James Ilderton, jun. *Ibid.*

1723/4, March 13 and 14. James Ilderton, jun., conveys Rosedon South Side and Flint-hill to Robert Ilderton of Newcastle to secure a mortgage of 1,530*l.* *Ibid.*

1724, Oct. 2. Indenture between James Ilderton of Newcastle, barber-surgeon (1); and Robert Ilderton of Newcastle, watchmaker (2). Recites lease dated . . . . . 1721, granted by Alice Hebburn, then of Newcastle, spinster, to Adam Atkinson of Rosedon, yeoman, of the tithes of Rosedon. *Ibid.*

1726. Burgess ticket whereby Robert Ilderton of Newcastle was admitted a burgess of Jedburgh. *Ibid.*

1735, April 23. Will of Francis Brandling of Little Eden, gent. To my wife Abigail all my furniture, etc. To my son Thomas Brandling of Newcastle, merchant, 10*l.*, to buy him and his wife mourning. To Francis Ilderton and John Ilderton, two of the younger sons of my son-in-law Thomas Ilderton, of Newcastle, esq., 100*l.* apiece. I give to my wife and the said Thomas Ilderton all my tithes in the parishes of Alnwick, Lesbury, and Shilbottle, in trust to pay to my son Francis Brandling 20*l.* per annum during my wife's life, and, after her decease, to hold to him, my said son, and his heirs male, remainder to my said grandsons Francis and John Ilderton. Pr. at Durham, 27 Feb., 1740. *Ibid.*

Robert Hebburn of Hebburn, and his brother Arthur Hebburn of the city of London, gent., being seised of one moiety of the corn tithes of Rosedon<sup>1</sup> and

<sup>1</sup> One of the unmarried daughters of Robert Delaval of Cowpen being seised of the corn tithes of Rosedon, gave one moiety to her sister Alice, wife of Ralph Hebburn of Hebburn, and the other moiety to her sister Barbara, wife of Sir William Carleton of Carleton, near Penrith, knight.

Alice Hebburn devised her moiety to her two daughters Mary and Alice, of whom the survivor, as 'Mrs. Alice Hebburn of London, sp.,' by will gave her moiety to her brothers Robert and Arthur Hebburn, who were parties to the articles of agreement of 8th Sept., 1736, mentioned in the text.

Dame Barbara Carleton, having outlived her husband, by will gave her moiety to her son [Robert], who died leaving Mary Carleton, his only daughter and heiress, party to the articles of agreement of 8th Sept., 1736.



Mary Carleton, spinster, being seised of the other moiety, enter into articles of agreement, 8 Sept., 1736, for the sale of the same to Robert Ilderton of Newcastle, gent., for 225*l.* *Ibid.*

1738, Jan. 25 and 26. Lease and Release. The latter between Robert Ilderton, the elder, of Newcastle (1); James Allgood of Newcastle, clerk in orders, and Thomas Clennel of the same place, esq. (2); Robert Ilderton, the younger, of Hexham, gent., only son of the aforesaid Robert Ilderton (3); reciting a marriage, recently solemnized, between Robert Ilderton, the son, and Hannah, one of the daughters of John Aynsley of Hexham, gent. For his better preferment Robert Ilderton the father, conveys his interest in the North Side of Rosedon<sup>2</sup> and the Flint-hill to his son. *Ibid.*

1745, Jan. 31. Will of Robert Ilderton of Newcastle, whereby he gave all his real estate to his two daughters, Margaret and Mary Ilderton, spinsters (recited in a deed dated 2 Aug., 1751, to which these ladies, then residing at Newcastle and unmarried, were parties). *Ibid.*

1755 (June?) 23 and 24. Lease and Release: the latter between Thomas Ilderton of Ilderton, esq., executor and devisee of Francis Brandling of Little Eden (1); Francis Ilderton and John Ilderton, sons of the said Thomas Ilderton and grandsons of the said Francis Brandling (2); and others of the third and fourth parts. *Ibid.*

1761, June 1 and 2. Lease and Release: the latter between Robert Ilderton of Westoe, gent., only son of Robert Ilderton, deceased (1); Margaret and Mary Ilderton of Newcastle, spinsters, daughters and devisees of the said Robert Ilderton, deceased (2); Elizabeth Ilderton, widow of the said Robert Ilderton (3); and Thomas Ilderton of Ilderton, esq. (4). *Ibid.*

On Sunday last, in the 80th year of her age, Mrs. Barbara Allgood, widow . . . . . of the late Rev. James Allgood, rector of Ingram . . . . . she has by her will . . . . . given the bulk of her fortune, which was very considerable, to Mr. Ilderton of Hexham. *Newcastle Courant*, 6th March, 1756.

On the 1st inst. died, of an inflammation in his stomach, Thomas Ilderton of Ilderton in the county of Northumberland, esq., one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for that county, and a governor of the Infirmary here, a gentleman greatly respected as an able and steady magistrate, and his death is much lamented. *Newcastle Courant*, 9th January, 1762.

Yesterday sennight, died at Ilderton in Northumberland, Mrs. Ilderton, relict of Thomas Ilderton, esq. *Newcastle Courant*, 25th June, 1763.

1765, April 23. Articles of Agreement made between John Ilderton and George Selby (1); and John Salkeld of Shilbottle, clerk (2); concerning the tithes of a portion of Shilbottle Moor. *Ilderton Papers*.

<sup>2</sup> Apparently about the month of December, 1740, James Ilderton, the younger, sold absolutely, the north side of Rosedon to Mr. Robert Ilderton, subject to an annuity of £40 per annum to James Ilderton, sen., father of James Ilderton, the younger; Dorothy, wife of James Ilderton, sen., is mentioned. *Ilderton Papers*

Thursday, died at her house in Newgate Street, Mrs. Ilderton, relict of Robert Ilderton of Rosedon in Northumberland, esq. *Newcastle Courant*, 28th Sept., 1765.

Tuesday, was married at St. Andrew's, Mr. Harvey, surgeon at Sunderland, to Miss Ilderton, daughter of Mr. James Ilderton of Newgate Street. *Ibid.*, 22nd Nov., 1766.

Thursday sennight, died at Hawkhill, in Northumberland, George Ilderton of Ilderton, esq., a gentleman whose good qualities made his death justly regretted by all his acquaintance. *Ibid.*, 20th Aug., 1768.

Yesterday sennight, died suddenly at Northallerton, on his way to York Assizes, Mr. Ilderton, an attorney in this town. *Ibid.*, 21st March, 1772.

On the 15th inst. were interred in the family vault at Ilderton the remains of John Ilderton, late of Aledike in the county of Northumberland, esq. He was a gentleman of worth and integrity and universally esteemed, and his death is greatly regretted by all that knew him. *Ibid.*, 19th Nov., 1774.

1774, Nov. 6. Will of John Ilderton of Aledike in the parish of Alnwick, esq. I give to my brother Thomas Ilderton of Hawkhill, esq., and his heirs for ever, my tithes of Denwick, Bilton, Hawkhill, and Shilbottle. To my cousin Edward Cook of Togston 200*l.*; and to William Hay of Alemouth, gent., 100*l.* for my godson (his son), William Hay. To my cousin Thomas Farquhar of Rothbury, gent., 100*l.* I give the residue to my cousin Robert Ilderton of Westoe, in the county of Durham, gent., the executor.

Codicil, dated 10 Nov., 1774. Since making my will I have purchased an estate, at Newmoor-house, of Miss Jane and Miss Elizabeth Manners for 6,400*l.*, to be paid out of my personal estate by my executor. He to have the said estate for ever. Raine, *Test. Dunelm.*

Yesterday at her house at the Nungate, after a lingering illness which she supported with christian patience, Mrs. Ilderton, daughter of the late Robert Ilderton of Rosedon in Northumberland, esq., a maiden lady much lamented by her acquaintance. *Newcastle Courant*, 4th Nov., 1775.

1777, Oct. 1. Will of Mary Ilderton. I give to William, son of John Errington, esq., 1,000*l.* when 21. To Mary Errington 50*l.* To my cousins Martha and Ann Stoddart 50*l.* apiece. To Mary Pattison of Alnwick 50*l.* To Mary, wife of George Mitford of Morpeth, surgeon, 50*l.* I give all my real estate, and the residue of my personal estate, to my brother Robert Ilderton of Westoe, esq., he executor. *Ilderton Papers.*

On Monday last, at the Nungate in this town, Mrs. Ilderton, who endured a long illness and confinement with great patience and fortitude. *Newcastle Courant*, 16th Feb., 1782.

On the 23rd ult. at Westoe, in the county of Durham, Mrs. Ilderton, wife of Robert Ilderton, esq. *Ibid.*, 3rd Feb., 1788.

1789, Oct. 9. Will of Thomas Ilderton of Alnwick. I give my corn tithes of Shilbottle, Bilton, Denwick and Hawkhill, and the wool tithes of Ilderton

to my wife Mary, or Maria Ilderton for her life: and after her decease to my son-in-law Dr. John Ferrier, and after his decease I give the said tithes to my cousin Robert Ilderton of Westoe. I give my house at Alnmouth in the occupation of Mr. William Hay, and the granary there in the occupation of Thomas Annett to my son-in-law, Dr. John Ferrier. I give my house in Alnwick, which I bought from John Dand, to my daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Nichol (late Elizabeth Ferrier). To my cousin Elizabeth Brandling, daughter of Thomas Brandling of Newcastle, merchant, 500*l.* To my wife's niece, Ann Burn, 500*l.* To my servant, Thomas Marshall, 200*l.* My wife to have her thirds out of Ilderton, etc. Residue of personal estate to wife, she sole executrix. Pr. at Durham, 4th Nov., 1789.

On Monday the 26th October, 1789, died Thomas Ilderton, esq., a man in the circle of his acquaintance much and deservedly loved for his many virtues, which though less conspicuous were yet more estimable than those of titled greatness, etc., etc., etc. *Newcastle Paper*, October, 1789.

Here lie the remains of Thomas Ilderton, esq., who departed this life, 28th October, 1789. *He was the last in a direct line of the family of Ilderton of Ilderton and the inheritor of all their virtues.* Monumental inscription, Ilderton.

[The sentence in italics, forming part of the inscription, was seen, and copied, by the Rev. John Hodgson, but it has since been cut out of the tombstone under the shadow of the south wall of Ilderton church.]

1789, Nov. 16. Will of Robert Ilderton of Westoe, esq. I give to my kinsman Francis Tweddell of Threepwood, esq., my parcel of ground near Causey-hill, Hexham, my allotment of Hexham East Common, my two copyhold fields in Summerrods Rig and my copyhold dwelling house in Hencoats, Hexham; 'this I do out of respect, and in return for his civility towards me in regard to Bingfield farm.' I give to my servant, Mary Donnison, for her fidelity to me during many years of service, 50*l.* per annum out of Rosedon. To John, Francis, Robert, Jane, and Phillis Ann, the children of the said Francis Tweddell, 100*l.* apiece. To Mrs. Mary Mitford, wife of Mr. George Mitford, of Morpeth, surgeon, 100*l.* To all my domestic servants 100*l.* apiece. To Robert Taylor of Newmoor-house 100*l.* I give to my friend and kinsman, Charles Ilderton of Newcastle, attorney-at-law, my estates at Ilderton, Longhaugh, Rosedon, Flint-hill, Newmoor-house, my houses and granary in Newcastle in a street called Plumber Chare; also my interest in the corn tithes of Shilbottle, Hawkhill, Bilton, and Denwick and in the tithe of wool and lamb of Ilderton and Longhaugh. He executor. Pr. at Durham, 2nd April, 1792.

Yesterday sennight, deservedly lamented, Mr. Cuthbert Ilderton at his mother's house in Percy Street. *Newcastle Courant*, 27th Nov., 1790.

Saturday, at his seat at Westoe, near South Shields, in an advanced age, Robert Ilderton, esq., one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the county of Durham. *Ibid.*, 31st March, 1792.

Sacred to the memory of Robert Ilderton of Ilderton, esq., who died at Westoe, in the county of Durham, on the 24th day of March, 1792, aged 77 years. Monumental inscription, Ilderton.

Monday, in London, in the prime of life, Charles Ilderton, esq., of Westoe, near South Shields, in the county of Durham. *Newcastle Courant*, 14th Dec., 1793.

Sacred to the memory of Charles Ilderton of Ilderton in Northumberland, who departed this life the 10th December, 1793, aged 41 years. His remains lie interred in the middle ile of this church. Arms, *argent, three water bougets* [ . . . . . ]. Monumental inscription, St. John's, Newcastle.

On Tuesday last, Sanderson Ilderton of Newmoor-house, esq., attained the age of 21, on which occasion the inhabitants of Framlington, and its vicinity, were entertained in the most hospitable manner. *Newcastle Courant*, 14th Oct., 1797.

On Saturday last, Captain Ilderton of the Northumberland Militia to Miss Ann Harrison of Percy Street. *Ibid.*, 25th Aug., 1798.

On Sunday last at Redheugh, near Newcastle, Mrs. Ilderton, mother of the late Charles Ilderton, esq., of Ilderton. *Newcastle Chronicle*, 30th April, 1803.

## ADDENDA.

Isabel, wife of Thomas Ilderton of Ilderton, named on p. 113 *supra*, must have been a widow when he married her. She is mentioned on the will, *circa* 1585, of her daughter, the wife of Robert Lamb of Newcastle, merchant. *Cf.* Welford *Newcastle and Gateshead*, III, 33.

The Parish Registers of Alnham, Rothbury and Wooler contain notices of persons bearing the name who probably sprang from seventeenth and early eighteenth century cadets of the family of Ilderton.