

VII.—AN ACCOUNT OF THE FAMILY OF DAGNIA,  
OF NEWCASTLE AND SOUTH SHIELDS, GLASS-MAKERS

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In compiling this short account of the family of Dagnia<sup>1</sup> during their residence in the northern counties, no serious attempt has been made to trace their earlier history. The evidence seems to show fairly conclusively that the family came from Gloucestershire to Tyneside to engage in glass making, and it seems fairly certain also that they were somehow connected with the well-known Gloucester family of Paul<sup>2</sup> whose use of the unusual Christian name of Onesiphorus they shared, and who like the Dagnias were associated with the forest of Dean.

Mr. Sydney Glazebrook in his 'Collections for a genealogy of the noble families of Henzell, Tyttery and Tyzack'<sup>3</sup> states that 'Dudley in his 'Metallum Martis,' published in 1665, mentions an ingenious glass maker, Master Edward Dagney an Italian living in Bristow, who about the year 1651 went with Capt. Buck and others to the Forest of Dean and there endeavoured to smelt iron in furnaces made of 'glass-house clay' but failed. It is a possibility that the three brothers who settled

<sup>1</sup> The arms of the family as given by Papworth are *silver on a bend sable fimbriated three annulets of the first. Ex inform. Mr. C. H. Blair.*

<sup>2</sup> Nicholas Paul, vicar of Frampton-on-Severn, married Mary, sister of Denis Bond, M.P., one of Cromwell's council of state, and died in 1680. His second son Onesiphorus Paul, M.A., vicar of Wamborough, Wilts., whose wife's name is unknown, left a daughter Elizabeth, wife of Thomas France, minister of Easingwold, Yorks., with a son Nicholas whose eldest son Dean (whose third wife Margaret Hampton belonged to the Forest of Dean) was grandfather of Sir John Dean Paul, bt., and whose younger son Sir Onesiphorus Paul was created a baronet in 1762. Cf. *Baronetage*.

<sup>3</sup> Page 14 note.

at Newcastle within the next thirty years were sons of this Edward. The order of seniority of these brothers is unknown, they were however :—

- 1 Edward, buried as ' Mr. Edward Dagnia, ' 1 Feb., 1711-12<sup>4</sup> apparently unmarried<sup>5</sup>; the previous year he had assigned ' ye white glasshouse ' to John Dagnia.
- 2 Onesiphorus,<sup>6</sup> for whom see Genealogy I.
- 3 John,<sup>6</sup> for whom see Genealogy II.

#### GENEALOGY I.

I.—Onesiphorus Dagnia of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, assumed to have been son of Edward, in 1684 joined with John Dagnia, Benezar Durant, and others, in taking an assignment for a term of 999 years of a messuage near the Close Gate, Newcastle<sup>7</sup>; and seven years later he and John Dagnia having become entitled to the premises by survivorship entered into partnership, which partnership they renewed by deeds in 1695 and 1701. Having made his will, 18 June, 1712, Onesiphorus Dagnia was buried at St. Nicholas', Newcastle, on the 26th Aug., of that year. By his wife Margaret,<sup>8</sup> daughter of . . . . ., he had issue—

- 1 John Dagnia for whom see next II.
- 2 Onesiphorus Dagnia, baptized 8 July, 1683<sup>9</sup> (sponsors Thos. Poyd, John Dagnia, Eliz. Lee), buried 23 April, 1684.<sup>9</sup>
- 3 James Dagnia, baptized 8 March, 1687/8<sup>9</sup> (sponsors James Carr, John Marley); apprenticed to Richard Thompson, merchant adventurer, of Newcastle, by indenture 12 October, 1705; enrolled

<sup>4</sup> St. Nicholas's Register, Newcastle.

<sup>5</sup> Perhaps the following entry may be the burial of his wife: ' 1697, April 2, Mrs. Mary Dagnia buried, St. Nicholas's, Newcastle.'

<sup>6</sup> On the 21st October, 1693, licence was granted to John Stokell of Elvet to demise ' all that messuage or tenement, mill closes, parcels of land and customary lands in Ryton to John Dagnia and Onesiphorus Dagnia.'—*Halmote Court*, Durham.

<sup>7</sup> ' Local Muniments,' by R. Welford, *Arch. Ael.* 2 ser., xxiv, 147-155.

<sup>8</sup> She is named Margaret in the entries of the baptisms of their children, and also in her husband's will, but she is called Mary in the Chancery Proceedings in 1712, alluded to in the account of his brother John, and she is probably the ' Mrs. Mary Dagnia ' widow entered as buried at St. Nicholas's, Newcastle, 10th June, 1718.

<sup>9</sup> St. Nicholas's Register, Newcastle.

5 June, 1706, but apparently never admitted free of the Merchants Adventurers' Company.<sup>10</sup>

James Dagnia, who resided in Newcastle, married at Long Benton, 8 April, 1711, Anne (bapt. 26 Sept., 1683, at Ryton), sister and co-heir of Francis Anderson of Newcastle and daughter of Henry Anderson of Bradley by his wife Dorcas, daughter of Oswald Matten of Newcastle, merchant<sup>11</sup> (whom he married at South Shields 22 June, 1681) and by her (who had previously been married at Heddon on the Wall, 19 May, 1702 to Ralph Anderson) he had issue —

- (a) Onesiphorus Dagnia, baptized 17 July, 1716<sup>12</sup> (sponsors Mr. John Dagnia, Mr. John Simpson, Mrs. Margaret Dagnia). His death is noticed in the *Newcastle Courant*, 16 Feb., 1754: 'Last Sundays Post brought an account of the death of Lieut. Oni Dagnia of General Cholmondeley's Dragoons, at Sherborn in Dorsetshire; a gentleman remarkable for an easy address and polite, genial Behaviour.' He was buried at Sherborne abbey 12 February, 1754.
- (a) Dorcas, baptized 5 August, 1712<sup>12</sup> (sponsors Roger Anderson, Esq<sup>re</sup>, Mrs. Marg<sup>t</sup> Dagnia and Mrs. Jane Simpson), buried 1 Nov., 1713.<sup>12</sup>
- (b) Anne, privately baptized 5 September, 1714<sup>12</sup>; buried 6 September, the next day.
- (c) Jane, born posthumous, baptized 18 July, 1717<sup>12</sup> (sponsors Mr. John Dagnia, Mrs. Jane Simpson, Mrs. Anderson); buried 12 June, 1718.<sup>12</sup>

James Dagnia and Ann his wife released their fourth part of a messuage in Westgate, which she held under the will of her uncle Charles Matten, in 1711 to Onesiphorus Dagnia. James Dagnia was buried 18 April, 1717.<sup>12</sup> His will is dated 14 April, 1717, and was proved Durham the same year

- 1 Rebecca, daughter of 'Oney' Dagney, buried 28 October, 1671.<sup>13</sup>
- 2 Jane, bapt. 25 January, 1684-5<sup>12</sup> (sponsors Tho. Fryer, Jane Tyzack and Eliz. Dagnia); married 24 June, 1705<sup>14</sup> Richard Thompson, merchant, of Newcastle.

<sup>10</sup> Dendy, *Merchant Adventurers* II, 338 (Surtees Society publ.).

<sup>11</sup> Cf. deeds in the possession of Mr. Richard Welford; and Dendy *Merchant Adventurers* II, p. 318 (Surt. Soc. publ.). Mrs. Dagnia was one of the eventual co-heirs of her uncle Charles Matten of Newcastle, merchant, who died 28th September, 1704, and was buried at St. Nicholas's, Newcastle, 1st October of that year.

<sup>12</sup> St. Nicholas's Register, Newcastle.

<sup>13</sup> Glazebrook, p. 14 note

<sup>14</sup> St. John's Register, Newcastle

II.—John Dagnia, the eldest son of Onesiphorus Dagnia was baptized 6 January, 1680-1<sup>15</sup> (sponsors Ralph Walker, John Henzell and Jane Henzell). He was a freeman of the skimmers' and glovers' company in Newcastle but resided for the greater part of his life in South Shields, where he appears to have owned a glasshouse. He is the subject of an interesting biographical sketch entitled 'John Dagnia of South Shields, Glassmaker,' by the Rev. C. E. Adamson, M.A., printed in the *Proceedings* of this Society, vol. VI, 163-168, and of which considerable use has been made in the compilation of this paper.

In 1738 John Dagnia purchased an estate at Cleadon from Thomas Wood of London, mariner, for 550*l.* and in that year<sup>16</sup> he erected Cleadon House, a picturesque red-brick mansion still standing towards the south-west end of the village. The owner of which is now Mr. E. F. Dix.

Mr. Adamson says 'there is a tradition that two (an error for three) bevelled panes of glass in the garden door of the house at Cleadon were the first manufactured in England' and also remarks that the Rev. George Cooper Abbs used to 'point these panes out to his visitors and relate how the builder of the house had introduced the manufacture into this country.' For a number of years one of these three panes has been in the possession of the writer of this paper.

John Dagnia married firstly, 27 December, 1704,<sup>17</sup> Mary daughter of James Quincy of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and by her (who was baptized 26 June, 1683<sup>17</sup> and buried 19 October, 1734<sup>17</sup>) he had a numerous family:—

- 1 Onesiphorus Dagnia, bapt. 23 Oct., 1707,<sup>18</sup> buried 20 Nov., 1715.<sup>18</sup>
- 2 James<sup>18a</sup> Dagnia, bapt. 11 Jan., 1708/9,<sup>18</sup> living 1742, an amateur artist; see Mr. C. E. Adamson's paper above mentioned.
- 3 John Dagnia, baptized 27 Dec., 1710<sup>18</sup>; buried 1 July, 1714.<sup>18</sup>
- 4 John Dagnia, baptized 24 April, 1716<sup>18</sup>; buried 12 Feb., 1719-20.<sup>18</sup>
- 5 John Dagnia, baptized 7 Aug., 1722.<sup>18</sup> Apprenticed to James Atkinson, merchant of Newcastle, by indenture dated 1 Feb., 1740;

<sup>15</sup> St. Nicholas's Register, Newcastle.

<sup>16</sup> The date '1738' is on the lead water-head at the top of one of the spouts.

<sup>17</sup> St. John's Register, Newcastle.

<sup>18</sup> South Shields Register.

<sup>18a</sup> 1755, July 6, Mr. James Dagnia of Raby Castle, buried.—Staindrop Registers.

Under his father's will he inherited, jointly with his brothers, whose interests he seems to have purchased, the estates of Wolsington and Cleadon, and sold the former to the Bells and the latter to the Cooksons.

enrolled 16 April, 1740, but never took out his freedom of the company.<sup>20</sup> By his wife Mary, daughter of . . . . . he had issue—

(a) John Dagnia, baptized 16 Jan., 1754.<sup>19</sup>

(a) Mary, baptized at Boldon, 23 Oct., 1749; buried 22 Nov., 1752.<sup>19</sup>

6 Onesiphorus Dagnia, baptized 1 Nov., 1717<sup>18</sup>; buried 17 Jan., 1717/18.<sup>18</sup>

7 Quincy Dagnia, baptized 25 Sept., 1718<sup>18</sup>; buried 14 June, 1719.<sup>18</sup>

8 Edward Dagnia, baptized 19 April, 1720, of South Shields, married at Durham Cathedral, 9 June, 1752 (bond for licence dated same day), Hannah, daughter of . . . . . Johnson (she was buried at South Shields 4 May, 1764) and had issue—

(a) Benjamin Clayton Dagnia, baptized at Sunderland, 2 Dec., 1756; buried there 11 Jan., 1757.

(a) Ann, buried 28 April, 1755.<sup>21</sup>

(b) Mary, baptized 9 Oct., 1744.<sup>22</sup>

(c) Jane, baptized 1764<sup>18</sup>; buried 26 April, 1765.<sup>18</sup>

Edward Dagnia, died 24 Sept., 1799, M.I. South Shields; buried 26 Sept., 1799, aged 79.<sup>19</sup>

9 Onesiphorus Dagnia, baptized 2 February, 1724/25,<sup>19</sup> of Wallsend, ballast officer; buried at Wallsend, 3 Feb., 1775. He married (bond for licence dated 16 June, 1752) Mary, daughter of . . . . . Hutchinson of Kelloe, and had issue —

(a) Simon Dagnia, baptized 24 Jan., 1755<sup>19</sup>; buried at Sunderland, 4 Nov., 1795, aged 41.

(b) Onesiphorus Dagnia, baptized 6 Feb., 1760, at Whitburn.

(a) Mary, baptized 16 Oct., 1753.<sup>19</sup>

(b) Jane, baptized 8 July, 1756.<sup>19</sup>

(c) Hutchinson, baptized 16 Jan., 1759.<sup>19</sup>

1 Margaret, baptized 5 Feb., 1705/6<sup>23</sup>; married 16 April, 1734,<sup>19</sup> John Ward of Newcastle, attorney-at-law.

2 Jane, baptized 5 March, 1712/13; married 15 December, 1737,<sup>19</sup> (bond for licence dated 13 Dec.), George Noble of South Shields, master mariner.

<sup>19</sup> South Shields Register.

<sup>20</sup> Dendy, *Merchant Adventurers' Company*, II, 357.

<sup>21</sup> St. Nicholas's Registers, Newcastle.

<sup>22</sup> St. Andrew's Register, Newcastle.

<sup>23</sup> St. John's Register, Newcastle.

- 3 Sarah, baptized 25 March, 1721 ; married at Whitburn, 4 December, 1748, Evan Deer of South Shields, glass manufacturer, who died 17 April, 1790, aged 63. She died 26 December, 1791, aged 73.
4. Mary, baptized 5 July, 1715<sup>24</sup> ; buried 30 Dec., 1725.<sup>24</sup>
- 5 Ann, baptized 30 July, 1723<sup>24</sup> ; buried 22 Dec., 1727.<sup>24</sup>

John Dagnia married secondly, 8 July, 1736<sup>24</sup> (bond for licence dated same day) Hannah,<sup>25</sup> daughter of Thomas Page by his wife Sarah Burdon and widow of John Baxter, but by her—who was buried 10 July, 1759,<sup>24</sup>—had no issue.<sup>26</sup> He died 21 May, 1743, aged 63 years ; buried 23 May.<sup>24</sup> His will, in which he is described as 'of South Shields Westpanns, gentleman,' is dated 26 June, 1742, and was proved at Durham, 1743. The inscription on his altar tomb in St. Hilda's churchyard has already been printed by Mr. Adamson.

#### GENEALOGY II.

I.—John Dagnia of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, glass manufacturer<sup>1</sup> assumed to have been another son of Edward Dagnia of Bristow, twice married : first to Elizabeth daughter of . . . . who was buried 18 April, 1699,<sup>2</sup> and secondly 23 December, 1703<sup>2</sup> (bond of licence dated 20 December,

<sup>24</sup> South Shields Register.

<sup>25</sup> *Newcastle Courant*, 14th July, 1759 : 'Saturday night [7 July] died Mrs. Dagnia, Relict of John Dagnia, esq., a considerable glassowner at Shields. She was a Lady of great Piety, a Friend of the Poor, and a worthy Pattern of Humility and Social Virtue.'

<sup>26</sup> Unless the following was his daughter : '1807, May 28, Hannah Dagny, single woman, died 27 May, aged 66.'—South Shields Register.

<sup>1</sup> 1712, Feb. 7, John Dagnia of Newcastle, white glass-maker, orator deposes that he *circa* Trinity term 1701 exhibited a bill against Onesiphorus Dagnia of the same town and trade, his brother, stating that they were jointly possessed of a glass bottle house near a street called the Closegate in Newcastle, and by an agreement *circa* 1690, they became possessed of a parcel of ground on the north side of same street for 40 years commencing *circa* Feb. 2, of said year, and were partners together till 1696. Great quantities of glass bottles sent beyond seas or coastwise. 1701, March, Onesiphorus Dagnia and one John Harrop became possessed of another glass-house, of which he the said orator had 3/8, Onesiphorus Dagnia 3/8 and John Harrop 2/8. Onesiphorus Dagnia set up another glass-house at South Shields. 1712, July, Onesiphorus Dagnia died, having made his will 18 June, 1712, of which his two sons John and James Dagnia were executors. They are defendants (and answer 1713, May 21). Testator had filed a bill against this complainant and Mary executrix of John Harrop. (Partnership dispute).—*Chancery Proceedings*, before 1714; Bridges 235/3.

<sup>2</sup> St. Nicholas's Register, Newcastle.

1703), Eleanor, widow of . . . . . Vautleroy, who was buried 6 March, 1714/15. By the former only he had issue :—

- 1 Edward Dagnia, baptized 9 Dec., 1683.
- 2 John Dagnia, for whom see II below.
- 3 Onesiphorus Dagnia of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, gent., baptized 1 Dec., 1689<sup>3</sup>; buried 8 October, 1724.<sup>3</sup> Will dated 30 Sept., 1724, proved 17 at Durham. He married 25 April, 1718<sup>4</sup> Margery daughter of George Foster of North Shields, but by her (who was baptized at Tynemouth, 14 November, 1699) had no issue. She re-married 21 Oct., 1731,<sup>3</sup> John Williams of Newcastle<sup>5</sup> who died 5 Feb., 1763.
- 4 Francis Dagnia, baptized 27 February, 1695-6,<sup>3</sup> buried 27 Oct., 1697.<sup>3</sup>
  - 1 Elizabeth, baptized . . . . ., married at Wallsend, 11 April, 1699, John Ramsay of Newcastle, goldsmith, as his second wife. She re-married John Younghusband of Budle. She was buried 3 Jan., 1713/14<sup>3</sup> and her husband was buried 24 November, 1718.<sup>5</sup>
  - 2 Susannah, baptized, married, 10 December, 1702,<sup>6</sup> Thomas Hilton, tanner, of Eiswick (born 7 March, baptized 14 March, 1671/72 at Heighington) who was buried 17 March, 1714/15<sup>6</sup>; she was buried 9 Aug., 1752.<sup>3</sup>
  - 3 Hannah, baptized 26 December, 1692; married, 28 Nov., 1717<sup>3</sup> Edward Johnson of Newcastle, upholsterer.

John Dagnia was buried 3 Feb., 1716/17. His will is dated 9 Jan., 1716-17, proved at Durham.

II.—John Dagnia the younger of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, son of John Dagnia, was baptized 1 Jan., 1686/7,<sup>7</sup> and buried 1720. He married (bond for licence dated 1715)<sup>8</sup> Eleanor, daughter of Christopher Barker (baptized at Earsdon, 20 Dec., 1687), and by her (who was buried 8 July, 1732; will dated 14 June, 1732; proved at Durham) he had issue :—

- 1 Christopher Dagnia of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, skinner, baptized 15 Nov., 1716<sup>6</sup>; married 10 November, 1739<sup>3</sup> Ann daughter of . . . . . Hall and had issue :—

(a) John Dagnia, baptized 16 April, 1745<sup>7</sup>; buried 15 Feb., 1745/6.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> St. Nicholas's Register, Newcastle.

<sup>4</sup> South Shields Register.

<sup>5</sup> *Proceedings*, 3 ser. vii, 208.

<sup>6</sup> St. Andrew's Register, Newcastle.

<sup>7</sup> St. John's Register, Newcastle.

- (a) Eleanor, baptized 27 July, 1740<sup>8</sup>; buried 30 April, 1741.<sup>8</sup>  
 (b) Frances, buried 28 May, 1743.<sup>8</sup>  
 (c) Ann, baptized 26 Jan., 1747-8<sup>9</sup>; married William Holmes 25 July, 1768,<sup>9</sup> Capt. of the 4th Regt. of Foot<sup>b</sup>; she died 24 April, 1769, buried 27 April.<sup>8</sup>

Christopher<sup>c</sup> Dagnia was buried 26 January, 1778.<sup>8</sup> His widow<sup>d</sup> was buried 23 September, 1783. Her will, dated 31 Jan., 1778, and proved at Durham, 1783, is printed in the appendix and shows that the family were still interested in the glasshouses.

- 2 John Dagnia of Newburn, baptized 24 October, 1717<sup>8</sup>; apprenticed to Henry Ward, merchant adventurer of Newcastle, by indenture 10 October, 1733, enrolled and set over to William Ward, 11 Feb., 1734, and admitted a Freeman of the Merchants Company 20 Jan., 1744.<sup>10</sup> He was buried at Newburn, 16 April, 1766. He married (bond for licence dated 31 Aug., 1740) at St. Hilds, South Shields, 31 August, 1740, Elizabeth<sup>e</sup> (born at Newburn, 4 Nov., 1718), daughter and eventual co-heir of William Kelly of Whorlton by his wife Dorothy, daughter of Ralph Soulsby, and by her (who was buried 25 September, 1787,<sup>11</sup> will dated 10 October, 1785,<sup>f</sup> proved Durham, 1787) had issue :—

<sup>b</sup> *Newcastle Courant*, 30th July, 1768: 'Monday was married at St. John's Ensign Holmes of Gen. Brudenels Regiment to Miss Dagnia daughter of Mr. Christopher Dagnia a considerable glassowner here; an amiable young lady with a considerable fortune.'

*Newcastle Courant*, 29th April, 1769: 'Monday [24 April] Mrs. Holmes wife of Lieut. Holmes of the fourth Regiment of foot and daughter of Mr. Dagnia at the Forth, her death is much lamented.'

<sup>e</sup> *Newcastle Courant*, 24th Jan., 1778: 'Died Thursday [22 Jan.] at his house at the Forth Mr. Christopher Dagnia.'

<sup>d</sup> *Newcastle Courant*, 27th Sept., 1783: 'Died Sunday [21 Sept.] Mrs. Dagnia, widow of the late Mr. Christopher Dagnia.'

<sup>e</sup> Elizabeth, sister and co-heir of John Kelly of Whorlton, married [at South Shields, 31 Aug., 1740] John Dagnia.—See new *Hist. of Northumberland*, v 396.

<sup>f</sup> Will of Elizabeth Dagnia of Newcastle, widow, dated 10 Oct., 1785. To my eldest son, John Dagnia, 5*l.* for a token. To my youngest son, William Dagnia, my share of the lands at Chevington. I give to my daughter, Dorothy Fish, my share of lands in Annitsford and North Weetslaid. My daughter Dorothy executor. Pr. 1787.—*Bullock Hall Deeds*.

*Newcastle Courant*, 6 October, 1787: 'Died last week at her son-in-laws, Mr. John Fish's house in High Friar Street, Mrs. Dagnia, widow of Mr. John Dagnia, late principal owner of the glass-houses in South Shields.'

<sup>8</sup> St. Nicholas's Register, Newcastle. <sup>9</sup> St. John's Register, Newcastle. <sup>10</sup> St. Andrew's Register, Newcastle. <sup>11</sup> Dendy, *Merchant Adventurers' Company*, II, 374.



- (a) Joseph Kirton Dagnia, buried 11 June, 1755, at St. John's, Newcastle.
- (b) John Dagnia, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, clerk in the bank of Sir Matthew White Ridley,<sup>12</sup> baptized 30 October, 1745, at Newburn; married 14 Oct., 1773,<sup>18</sup> Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Clark of Tynemouth, and by her <sup>s</sup> (who died 14 October, 1802, aged 60.<sup>12</sup> Will dated 26 June, 1802, proved Durham,) had issue:—
- (aa) John Dagnia, baptized 6 March, 1777.<sup>13</sup>
- (bb) Robert Dagnia, baptized 25 Nov., 1778<sup>13</sup>; buried 29 Feb., 1780.<sup>13</sup>
- (cc) Ralph Dagnia, born 20 Jan., baptized 10 April, 1787.<sup>13</sup>
- (aa) Mary, baptized 5 Oct., 1775<sup>13</sup>; married William <sup>h</sup> Major of North Shields, master mariner.
- (bb) Elizabeth, baptized 23 Oct., 1780.<sup>13 i</sup>
- (cc) Dorothy, baptized 28 July, 1785; married at Durham, 16 July, 1821, Robert Rattray, of Edinburgh.
- (c) William Dagnia, baptized at Newburn, 31 March, 1748, of London, merchant, sold lands in Chevington in 1788; voted at the Newcastle elections, 1777, 1780.
- (a) Dorothy, baptized 21 Jan., 1743/4<sup>12</sup>; married 11 November, 1773<sup>13</sup> John Fish.<sup>j</sup>
- (b) Eleanor, buried at Newburn, 19 Jan., 1747-8.

<sup>s</sup> Admitted free of the Merchants' Company, Newcastle, by patrimony 14 November, 1793 (3).

<sup>12</sup> *Newcastle Courant*, 30 October, 1773: 'Married Thursday [28 Oct.] at North Shields Mr. John Dagnia of this town to Miss Clarke, daughter of Mr. Robert Clarke of North Shields.'

*Newcastle Courant*, 16 October, 1802: 'On Thursday died Mrs Dagnia of Dockwray Square, North Shields, relict of Mr. John Dagnia of this town.'

<sup>h</sup> 'On Thursday, at Tynemouth Church, Captain William Major of that port, to Miss Dagnia of Dockwray Square.'—*Newcastle Courant*, 16th November, 1799.

<sup>i</sup> *Newcastle Courant*, 23 March, 1805: 'On Saturday last [16 March, 1805], at Tynemouth Church, Lieut. Saunders, of the Derbyshire Militia, (married) to Miss Dagnia, daughter of the late Mr. John Dagnia of this town.'

<sup>j</sup> *Newcastle Courant*: 'Married Thursday, 11 November, 1773, at St. Andrew's, Mr. John Fish to Miss Dagnia, daughter of the late Mr. Dagnia of Newburn.'

<sup>12</sup> St. Nicholas's Register, Newcastle.

<sup>13</sup> St. Andrew's Register, Newcastle.

John Dagnia died 19 August, 1798, aged 53.<sup>14</sup>

I Elizabeth, baptized 20 Oct., 1718.<sup>15</sup>

DAGNIAS : WILLS, ADMINISTRATION, &c., 1680 TO 1830.

*Date of Grant.*

1.	1712	Dagnia	Onesophorus	During this period the addresses are omitted from the Indexes.	Will.
2.	1716	„	John (on)		do.
3.	1717	„	James		do.
4.	1720	„	John		do.
5.	1724	„	Onesophorus		do.
6.	1732	„	Elianore		do.
7.	1732	„	Elianore Lib (2nd grant)		Tuition.
8.	1743	„	John		Will.
9.	1747	„	Hannah		Administration.
10.	1783	„	Ann, of Forth, Newcastle		Will.
11.	1787	„	Elizabeth, of Newcastle		do.
12.	1798	„	John, of Newcastle		do.
13.	1803	„	Elizabeth, of Tynemouth		do.

Will dated 18th June, 1712 [proved 1712] of Onesiphorus Dagnia of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, glassmaker.

I give to my dear wife Margaret Dagnia an annuity £20 a year, and to my dear mother Joanna Dagnia the annuity of £6. I bequeath to my loving grandchild Onesiphorus Thompson son of Richard Thompson, merchant, £20 when he attains 21 years. I devise to my dear son James Dagnia all such houses, messuages, lands and tenements as I have lately bought and purchased of Edward Forster and wife and Alexander Grimadi and wife and to his heirs for ever. I devise unto my dear son John Dagnia two full parts of all my messuages houses, glasshouses, land, leasehold, freehold and copyhold glasshouses, warehouses and to the heirs lawfully of his body, and failing issue to my said son James Dagnia and his heirs. I hereby order and place my son-in-law Richard Thompson

<sup>14</sup> St. Nicholas's Register, Newcastle.

*Newcastle Courant*, 25 August, 1798: 'Died on Sunday last [19 August] Mr. John Dagnia, cashier in the Newcastle Bank in this town.'

<sup>15</sup> St. Nicholas's Newcastle. Cf. Richardson's *Armorial Bearings in St. Nicholas's, Newcastle-upon-Tyne*, vol. II, p. 72.

a perpetual clerk or steward to my glasshouses and glassworks and that the said Richard Thompson receive for his care and management of the business the salary of £40 a year. I appoint my said two sons executors. Witnesses to will—James Quincy, Thorp Stuart, William Story.

Will [9 Jan., 1716-7, proved 1716] of John Dagnia, senior, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, glassmaker.

I bequeath to my daughter Susannah Hilton £20 together with one half of my linen. To my daughter Hannah Dagnia £200. To my grandson William Ramsay £20 when he attains 21. I give and bequeath to my two sons John Dagnia and Onesiphorus Dagnia and their heirs all my messuages, land, glasshouses and all other my real and personal estate with the appurtenances situate without the Close-gate at Newcastle-upon-Tyne or elsewhere within the realm of Great Britain. I hereby order and place my good friend Thomas Jackson perpetual clerk or steward of my glassworks at the salary of £40 a year. I appoint my said two sons Executors. I direct that if any differences arise between my said sons that they do not go to law, but that they submit such differences to my good friends Mr. Nicholas Ridley, merchant, Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Mr. John Cotterill, haberdasher of the same town. Witnesses—John Cowling, William Howson, Thos. Jackson.

Will [14 April, 1717, proved 1717] of James Dagnia of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, glassmaker.

I give and devise unto my loving brother John Dagnia and his heirs all my real and personal estate wheresoever situate, and part and share of all glasshouse or glasshouses, to be sold and disposed as follows:—To my dear mother Margaret Dagnia £5 to buy mourning. To my dear child Onesiphorus Dagnia £500, part to be paid to him when he attains 21, &c., &c. To the child or children now in the womb of my dear wife Anne Dagnia the like £500 when he or she shall attain 21. I give to my said wife the annuity or yearly sum of £25. I ordain my brother John Dagnia sole executor. Witnesses—William Campble, Geo. Campbell, William Story.

Will of 17 June, 1719 [Proved 1720] of John Dagnia without the Close-gate without the Walls, but within the liberties of the Town of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, glassmaker.

To my loving wife Ellinore the annuity of £20 out of my real estate. To my daughter Elizabeth Dagnia for her portion £200 when she attains

21 or marries. I give to the child which is now conceived in my wife's womb in case it shall be born alive and a daughter the like sum of £200. I give and devise all my messuages, glass-houses, lands and tenements lying without the Closegate aforesaid unto my sons Christopher Dagnia and John Dagnia and unto the child which my said wife Ellianor hath now conceived equally amongst them and their heirs and failing issue to come to my brother Onesiphorus Dagnia and his heirs. I appoint my said wife guardian of my children but if she marries again then I appoint my said brother Onesiphorus Dagnia and Robert Todd of Kenton guardians, and appoint these two executors. Witnesses Hen: Stafford, Cha: Clarke.

Will of 30 Sep., 1724 [Proved 1724], of Onesiphorous of Newcastle-on-Tyne, gentleman.

I give and devise unto my loving wife Margery Dagnia all my messuages, glasshouses, keys, wharves and parts and shares of messuages, glasshouses, wharves and all other my lands and reals estate unto my said wife for her life. I also give to my said wife all that my glasshouse and premises which I hold by lease under Mr. Swinburne near the Forth Bank, and after the decease of my said dear wife then I give and devise the said premises unto Christopher and John Dagnia sons of my brother John Dagnia deceased. I earnestly request and desire my dear friend and relation John Dagnia of South Shields to assist my wife in the management of the said glasshouses. I give unto my brother-in-law Edward Johnson, upholsterer and Hannah his wife each the annuity of £10. I bequeath to my nephew Edward Youngusband and to my niece Elizabeth Hilton £20 each. To Edward and John Johnson and to Elizabeth and Rebecca Johnson children of my said sister Hannah Johnson and to my nieces Susannah and Hannah Youngusband £10 each. I appoint my dear wife sole executrix of this my will. Witnesses to will—Christopher Robinson, William Bolam, Jno. Brown.

Will of 14 June, 1732 [Proved 1732] of Elianor Dagnia of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, widow. I give and devise all my goods, stock-in-trade, mortgage bonds and all my personal estate unto Matthew Hunter of Byker gentleman and George Brown of Newcastle-on-Tyne, skinner and glover Upon Trust for my eldest son Christopher Dagnia and my other son John Dagnia when they attain the age of 21 years or marriage and their heirs and failing issue one part to my brother Joseph Barker and one

other part to my sister Barbara Todd and the remaining part to the children of Robert Barnes late of Newcastle, skinner, deceased. I appoint the said Matthew Hunter and George Brown Executors. Witnesses Margaret Proctor, Jane Oswell.

Will of 26 June, 1742 [Proved 1743] of John Dagnia of South Shields and Westpanns, gentleman.

I devise and bequeath unto my four sons James, Edward, John and Onesiphorous Dagnia my glass houses part or parts of glasshouses and also the dwellinghouses and parts of dwellinghouses all situate in the close near the town of Newcastle and also my houses and gardens at the Forth and Westgate, and also my glasshouses and saltpanns and Saltworks and dwellinghouses keys wharfs in South Shields Westpanns held by Lease under the Dean and Chapter of Durham for 21 years, either alone or jointly with Mr. William Radley, and also all those my freehold copyhold and leasehold messuages houses and lands being at Wolsington in the County of Northumberland, and also all my freehold, copyhold and leasehold messuages lands and tenements lying and being in the town of Cleadon in the county of Durham. To my daughter Sarah Dagnia £1200. To my Daughter Margaret the wife of John Ward the sum of £200. I give the annuity of £50 to my dear wife Hannah. I give to Ann Clayton wife of Benjamin Clayton, widow of my brother James Dagnia £25 a year. To my said wife Hannah Dagnia the sum of £300, and I will she shall have all her plate, linen and jewels which I got with her and gave her upon our marriage. I give to my son Edward Dagnia £100 over and above what I have devised to him being the same given and devised to him by the last will of Mary Page deceased. The residue of my estate I give unto my said four sons and appoint James Edward and John Dagnia with my wife executors.

29 Jan., 1747. Administration of the goods of Thomas Page of South Shields master mariner left unadministered by Sarah Page his late wife was granted to Hannah Dagnia of Newcastle the sole executrix of the will of the said Sarah Page deceased.

Will of 31 Jan., 1778 [Proved 1783] of Ann Dagnia of the Forth near Newcastle widow of the late Mr. Christopher Dagnia.

I will that the debts of my late husband and my funeral expenses be paid out of my messuages and tenements and glasshouses in the Close Newcastle in the possession of Messrs. Cooksons and Company and subject

to such debts I give every of my messuages and shares of glasshouses potthouses and other houses in the close and also my shares in the implements and work tools in the said glasshouses and all my other real estate unto my nephew John Dagnia of Newcastle and his heirs. To my niece Mrs. Fish one silver coffee pott. To my son in law William Holmes Esq. late Captain in the 4th Regiment of Foot I give five guineas for a ring. Whereas my brother Mr. George Hall is indebted to me for money lent on account. Now I release the said George Hall of all payments save and except the sum of £83 14s. 9d. on bond dated the 3rd March, 1748, which bond was taken out in the name of Robert Ellison Esq. and which principal sum at my death becomes the property of Captain Holmes. The residue of my personal estate to my brother Thomas Hall and appoint him executor. Witnesses to will—L. Turner, Mary Turner, Wm. Peters.

Will of 10<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1786 [Proved 1787] of Elizabeth Dagnia of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, widow.

To my youngest son William Dagnia all my messuages lands and tenements lying and being in the town townfields of West Chevington. To my daughter Dorothy Fish all those my messuages hereditaments and parts shares within the fields and territories of North Weetsleede and Annasford. The rest and residue of my real and personal unto my said daughter Dorothy Fish and appoint her sole executrix. Witnesses—John Anderson, Thos. Davidson, Hen: Richmond.

Will of 19 June, 1794 [Proved 1798] of John Dagnia of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, gentleman.

I give and devise all my real and personal estate whatsoever to my dear wife Elizabeth Dagnia and her heirs and appoint her sole executrix. Witnesses—Wm. Peters, Wm. Peters, junr., Edw<sup>d</sup> Stuart. Effects sworn under £600.

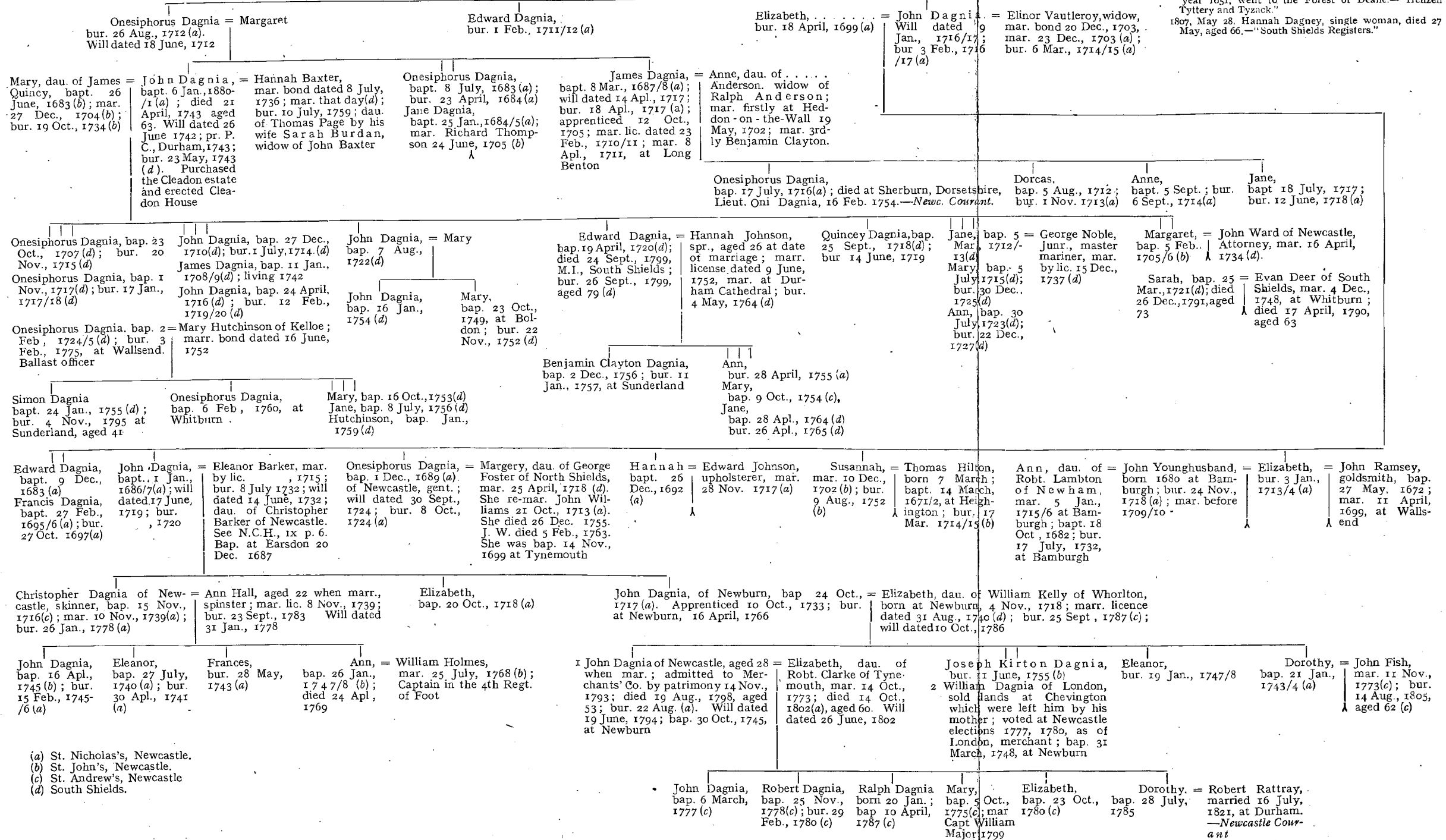
Will of 26 June, 1802 [Proved 1803] of Elizabeth Dagnia heretofore of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, but now of Dockwray Square in the parish of Tynemouth widow of John Dagnia deceased.

I give and devise unto my son John Dagnia my dwellinghouse at the high end of North Shields now in the occupation of Henry Coward esq. To my Daughter Mary wife of William Major of North Shields master mariner £250 being one third part of the sum of £850 capital stock in the names of my three daughters Mary, Elizabeth and Dorothy Dagnia

THE DAGNIA FAMILY PEDIGREE.

Dagnia = Joanna,  
To whom her son Onesiphorus left by will an annuity of £6.

1697, Apl. 2, Mrs. Mary Dagnia bur. St. Nicholas, Newcastle  
1718, June 10, Mary Dagnia, widow, bur. do. do.  
Rebecca, dau. of Oney Dagny, bur. 28 Oct., 1671, p. 14  
note, Glazebrook's. "Henzell, Tyttery and Tyzack."  
Edward Dagny, an Italian, living in "Bristow" about the  
year 1651, went to the Forest of Deane. — "Henzell  
Tyttery and Tyzack."  
1807, May 28, Hannah Dagny, single woman, died 27  
May, aged 66. — "South Shields Registers."



(a) St. Nicholas's, Newcastle.  
(b) St. John's, Newcastle.  
(c) St. Andrew's, Newcastle  
(d) South Shields.

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in the Navy Five per Cents. To my daughter Elizabeth Dagnia £500 and one third of the above stocks. To my daughter Dorothy Dagnia £800 and the remaining one third share in the said stocks. To my son Ralph Dagnia £1,000 and my share in the ship 'Fame.' To the eldest son of my daughter Mary Major £100 on attain 21 years. To my friends Moses Marshall the elder and Joseph Bainbridge both of Newcastle-on-Tyne gentlemen £20 each. The residue of my estate I give unto the said Moses Marshall and Joseph Bainbridge upon trust to be equally divided among my children John Dagnia, Ralph Dagnia, Mary Major, Elizabeth Dagnia and Dorothy Dagnia. Witnesses—Jas. Strachan, Chris Bainbridge attorney, South Shields, Cuth<sup>b</sup> Ward his clerk. Effects under £5,000.