

IV.—NOTICES ON THE FAMILY OF SPEARMAN.

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Although the family of Spearman of Preston in the parish of Tynemouth, afterwards of Eachwick in the parish of Heddon on the Wall, ended in the direct line in Ralph Spearman of Eachwick, the antiquary, who died in 1823 it was continued, at least for a time, by branches settled in the county of Durham at Thornley and Old Acres both of which lines produced some notable men.

John Spearman of the city of Durham, attorney and under-sheriff of the county palatine for some eight and twenty years, was baptized at Tynemouth on the 16th January, 1645/6, as son of Robert Spearman of Preston. Described as a sound and judicious lawyer and antiquary, he left a collection of MSS. some part of which is preserved in Bp. Cosin's Library at Durham, and another portion was in the possession of Mr. Robert Surtees, the historian. He was author of the well known, and still much sought after *Enquiry into the Ancient and Present State of the County Palatine of Durham*, a work completed and published in 1729 by his son Gilbert Spearman. Having purchased Thornley, in the parish of Kelloe, in 1678, he designed to be buried in the Thornley porch of the church, but, apparently, his wish was disregarded for the Register of Burials of Durham Cathedral has the following: "1703 September 22 Mr. John Spearman Under Sheriff" buried.

The first of the following notices, which are printed from a MS. in the handwriting of the late Rev. James Raine, canon residentiary and chancellor of York, is taken from John Spearman's account book and gives details of the cost of his eldest son's education. The other notices are evidently selected from the family papers.

My son John's¹ charges at Oxford with ye journey upp.

11 May 1689. His journey from Durham with a servant £2 16s. 10d. Charges at Oxford with horses &c. £1 5s. His man and horse back 16s. and given him £1 12s. 6d. Necessaries at admittance, gowne, tutors and caution money and pocket £17 1s. 4d. Left with his Tutor towards ye Quarterage running £10 15s. Given Jacke and paid for him at goeing away £5 13s. od. 6 Aug. 89. £39 3s. 8d.

29 Sept. 1689: his second Quarterage £14 1s. 21 Dec. 1689: his third Quarterage £15 5s. 2d. Ladyday 1690: 4th Quarterage £15 11s. 11d. Midsummer 1690: 5th quarterage £15 2s. 11d. Michaelmas Quarter and till 21 Octo. 1690, 6th Quarterage and a month over, besides his caution money rec^d backe and furniture sold (being together £7 8s. 6d.) more £20 2s. 6d. Tokens sent him by Dr. Adams a ginney £1 1s. 6d. Mr. Cuthberts a ginney £1 1s. 6d. More a Luidore 17s. 6d. £3 6s. 6d., more by my wife. £83 4s. od. In all £122 7s. 8d. Oxon. /89: £122 7s. 8d.

Of Univ^r Coll. jurat. 12 Junii /89 coram Gilberto Ironside, Vice Canc.

Easter terme 2, William and Mary, 13 May 1690 adm. in ye Mid. Temple; but entered into Commons there Michs. 1690 Octo. 25. Ja. Buck sub thesaur. Middle Temple.

17 May 1690 pd. by Mr. Cuthbert² for his admittance and fees £4 12s. 6d.

4 Nov. pr. eundem for clothes and necessaries at London and journey from Oxford £21 3s. 6d.: 2s. 6d. letter returne. 13 Jany. more at London £22 10s. od. unde 36s. (ultra bil 6li.) £20 for my son pro cosen Hancock, soe rests £20 14s. od. More to him at Durham for coach hire and journey up £5. and my man with horses to Yorke and backe 20s. £6 os. od. More a ginney, 21s. 6d.: my wife a half broad 10s. £1 11s. 6d. £54 4s. od.

At London and Barnet Schooles 1687/8 £100 12s. 4d.

At Oxford 1689 £122 7s. 8d.

More at Temple £54 4s. 6d.

In all £277 4s. 6d.

¹ John Spearman fourth but eldest surviving son of John Spearman, the under sheriff, was born at Durham on the 21st March, 1671/2, and, a week later, was baptized either in the Cathedral or in St. Mary-le-Bow for the ceremony was entered in both registers. After being at school in London and at Barnet he was entered at University College, Oxford, matriculating 12th June, 1689. In the following year he was entered at the Middle Temple. He succeeded to his father's estates at Thornley and Hetton, and dying at the latter place he was buried 23rd March, 1724/5, at Houghton-le-Spring. He left issue.

² "Mr. Cuthbert" may with much probability be identified with John Cuthbert, serjeant at law, Recorder of Newcandle, who 21st July, 1690, took out a licence to marry Dorothy daughter of John Spearman the under sheriff.

All which particulars I acknowledge to be true, as witness my hand this 17th day of Jany. 1690. J. Spearman jun.

Eod. die set forward to London agen.

On a silver flaggon for the communion are engraved the Sp. arms and crest engraved

Johannes Spearman Gen. D.D. Deo et Ecclesiae Christi MDCCOI.

This piece of plate was left by will to the ch. of Tynemouth by Mr. John Sp. under sh.³ and pres. by his ex. John Sp. esq. as appears by a rec^t from ye churchwardens of T. inter ye Hetton papers now penes Charles Spearman esq. at Thornley in maxima sua cista ferrea, or else in a dark closet libi divina Opici rodebant carmina manes. T. meapsa apud Thornley 1810. Et sic exit Spearman.

Jousted in Aspramont or Montalban

Such and so numerous was their chivalry.

Shrewsbury Apr. 17. 1780.

Sir, Mr. Phillips of this town lately put into my hands a letter from you respecting the family of Spearman of Dunnington.

There is a gent^l of that name now living at Dunnington, a friend of mine, who lives in very good credit and repute. I find from him that his ancestors have lived there for a great many generations. He thinks he has heard six or seven hundred years but that they have had very trifling landed property there for many generations back. He says he has heard that some of his family removed a great many years ago into the north, and settled he believes in ye co^v. of Durham. He has three sons very fine lively boys and — daughters.

His arms are spears and | | and laurel leaves.

Mr. Spearman would be glad to be favord with an answer. He says it w^d. be some pleasure to him to know what relations he has in your part of the world. If you wish for more particular information he will send you his pedigree as well as he can make it out, or if either business or inclination should bring you into this neighbourhood he begs you will take yr residence during yo^r stay at his house and I assure you he is a very worthy and hospitable man.

Your obed^t servant

— Atcherley.⁴

You will be pleased to direct to Mr. W^m Spearman at Dunnington, to be left at the Elephant and Castle in Newport.

If you sh^d have occasion to write to me you will please to direct to the Rev^d Mr. Atcherley in Shrewsbury.

Circa 1723. John S. says Books that I have of my fathers [the under sheriff].

³ John Spearman, the under sheriff, by will gave communion plate to Bow Church, Durham, as well as to Tynemouth. The pieces are described in *Proceedings*, 2 ser., vol. iii, p. 20 and vol. iv, p. 126.

⁴ The writer of the letter was apparently the Rev. James Atcherley of Shrewsbury.

1. Hist^r of the Reformation abridged per Burnett. 2. Hist^r of France, in French, by Mazeray. 3. Heylyn's Cosmographie. 4. Baker's Chronicle. 5. The Life of Man, by Dr. Taylor. 6. True Acc^t of ye horrid Conspiracy agst Chas 2^d. 7. Philip de Comines History. 8. The histories of ye plots and conspiracies of our pretended Saints. 9. Camden's Elizabeth, with frontispeice, and MSS. notes. 10. Taylor's dissuasive from Popery. 11. Moral Essays relating to ye present times. 12. Charleslain's present state of England. Dec. 16 1692 1 Feb. 93-4. The three parts of Hughes grand Abridgement. *Law Books.* 1. Wingates Abridgem^t of the Statutes. 2. Plowden's Reports. 3. Fitzherbert Brevium. 4. Hobart's Reports in 4^{to}. 5. An apology for sundry proceedings by Jurisdōn Ecclesiastical p^r B^p Cosins. 6. The Register of Writts. 7. Kitchin's Court Leet and Baron. 8. Finches law in Johf. 9. A yeare booke of King Henry 7. 10. Termes de Caley. 11. Doctor and Student. 12. Coke's Institutes of ye lawes of England and commentary upon Littleton.

Inv. Jo Spearman esq. Hetton-le-Hole : 10 June 1733. Late Mr. Sp^s picture, half length £2 2s. Mrs. Coleman's picture. Old Mr. Spⁿ. 12 Indian Pictures. Several Dutch Landscapes. Fruit piece. Seven little old pieces on wood. Two heads, Old Age and Youth.

Parlor : Mr. Thos. Conyers' picture sold £5. Dr. Burnett and Mr. Machon £1. Mr. Blakeston (Thos) and Dr. Chambers £1 10s. Mr. Geor Shadforth Eppl. and Mr. Wardale, £1 10s. Mr. Coleman and Mr. Bittleston £1 10s. One picture of plenty. One do. in Emulation of Beauty £2 5s. 6d. Two Landscapes £2 6s. od. One Prince George of Denmark £2 2s. 6d. One, a robbery £2 2s. A Night-piece with a white horse £1. Two of Monkeys £1. Fruit piece and Music £2.

Drawing room. Old Mr. Spearman's picture £2 2s. Late Mr. Spearman's—Mr. Rob^t Coulson,⁵ Mr. Wm. Coulson, Mr. Wright King Charles on Horseback going thro' a wood £10. King of Sweden on horseback £10.

Hall. One dozen of Cæsar's heads £10 10s. 5 English Kings 7s. each. 5 do. Foreign kings 6d. each. 3 blunderbusses and a halbert, a dirdcage (*sic*) etc. Mr. Spearman's medells.

Then Law books as over and I think all the books belong to this Inv.

Robert Sp. of Preston a y^{er} son of (Thos) Sp. of Lilleshall and or within Dunnington co. Salop (whose ancestors were seated there since the Conquest and derived their descent from Aspremont or de Asperomonte who came over with the Conqueror) born at Lilleshall circa 1520. m^d 2 d. Mat Whitb. esq. Robt his only s. and h. md. Alice dau. Thos Browne subgov^r of Tynemouth Castle marr^d March 1596.

⁵ John Coulson of Jesmond married Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir of Robert Bromley of Nesbitt in the county of Durham, her sisters being Anne wife of John Spearman of Hetton the subject of foot note 1; Mary, wife of Gilbert Spearman, brother of the aforesaid John; and Isabel and Phillis who died unmarried. Cf. Surtees *Durham*, vol. i, p. 48.

Mich. Sp. his s. and h. born Oct. 3 1597. m^d 1625 Marg^t d. John Fenwick of Stanton esq. Thos. 2^d s. of Robt Sp. born 6 Nov. 1598.

From an old fam^r paper penes Rad Spearman de Eachwich esq.

I do not conceive ye above brief acc^t of ye descent from Spearman of Lillishall and through that family from Aspramonte &c. to be totally groundless. The name of Aspramonte stands on ye list (true or false) called Battle Abbey Roll, ye 6th in Order, amongst William's attendants, and ye Count D'Aspramont, and several of ye family appear in ye last *Royal* army list of France. The name is said to have been changed to *Spearman* from some exploit performed during the Crusades. A very ancient iron ring said to have been worn by a crusader was preserved in ye family but accidentally lost no long time since. The arms, tho' never till lately enrolled in ye Heralds office bear evidently an allusion to ye name and motto 3 spear points—*dum spiro spero* and I am inclined to suppose them from this and the simplicity of the bearing, ancient.

1593. 35 Eliz. Robt Spearman ten. 1 liber. ten. mess. cotag. gardin et claus. una cum certis terris prati et past. in Preston de regina ut de Manerio de Tynemouth pcell. nuper dissolue. Monast. ibidem. pr servitia etc. ct. 3s. 4d. Tynemouth Court Rolls.

1614. 11 Jac. Robt. Spearman holds free lands in Tynemouth, viz. at Mardon-side, Stonylands, ye Leases, Southfields and Shelebank, and lands in Preston, viz. in Westfield, Miller leases, Chedletch, Longdike, Dikes-Dubbs, the Rakes, Moreton Highway, Bunnells, Garland meadow and Hundhill.

27 Mar. 1588. Adm. Alex. Spereman, par. Morpeth, to Geo., John and Marg^t S. lib. defuncti in persona Wm. avunculi peten. et jurat. Inv. £32 17s. die. Merc.

29 Dec. 1631. Inv. Tho^s. S. of Preston.⁶

1649. Tynemouth and Preston division. Mr. Mich^l Spearman and Robt. Spearman hold ye above lands and take divers allotments in ye Marshland 56 acres—3 closes north of the town, 80 acres on the north side of Monkseaton highway etc. in all 175 acres and upwards.

4 Oct. 1676. John Butler esq. and Isabella his wife, Thos Otway gent. and Mich^l Sp. gent.⁷ surr^r customary lands called Halfer acres and other lands in East Chirton to John Spearman of Durham gent., on trust, and parcell of Dacres close. T. Court Rolls.

⁶ Thomas Spearman of Preston was buried at Tynemouth, 15th December, 1631.

⁷ Michael Spearman (see note 8), [Agnes] wife of Thomas Otway of Preston, Jane wife of Dr. Middleton of Shields, and Isabel wife of John Butler of Chirton were children of Robert Spearman of Preston (living 1608). Cf. pedigree of Spearman, new *History of Northumberland*, vol. viii, p. 346.

1681. Inv. Mich. Sp., of Preston, gen.⁸

14 Apr. 1680. Admission of Edw. Sp.⁹ gent., eldest son and next heir of Mich. Sp., of Preston, gent. to one customary ten. in Preston.

16 Apr. 1706. Admissⁿ of Philip Spearman gent. eldest surviving son and next heir of Edw. Sp., of Preston, gent. to above lands in Preston.

20 Apr. 1716. Philip Spearman, of Birtley, gent.¹⁰ surr^{rs} to Marg^t Jacques, N C, widow—and said Marg^t, by app^t of same Phillip, surr^{rs} to Leonard Shaftoe, rector of Gateshead, and James Burfield, 60 acres in Preston in five closes—to use of s^d Marg^t for life, rem^r to ye sequels in right of Philip Sp.

1695. Will of Anne Sp. of Preston.¹¹

9 Aug. 1702. John Spearman,¹² of N. C. gent. eldest s. and heir of Edw^d Sp. of Preston, gent. dec^d, recites that by deed of settlem^t he had settled the lands of Birtley, co. Pal. subject to such Will.

1718. Will of Philip Sp. and Inv.-curious.¹³

⁸ Michael Spearman was buried at Tynemouth, 13th December, 1679.

⁹ Edward Spearman, son and heir of Michael Spearman of Preston, was baptized at Tynemouth, 6th April, 1629, and was buried there 26th December, 1690.

¹⁰ Philip Spearman, eighth son and eventually heir of Edward Spearman of Preston, was baptized at Tynemouth, 31st March, 1685. He was residing at Shortflatt, 25th August, 1703, when he took out a licence to marry Jane Burfield, the bondsman being James Burfield, jun., of Shortflatt, gent. The marriage took place at Bolam the following day. The bride's father, James Burfield, resided successively at Newsham, at Seghill, at Shortflatt, and, perhaps, at Wallsend. Another of his daughters, Margaret, born at Newsham was baptized at Earsdon, 28th February, 1670/1, was married 3rd June, 1690, at Ponteland, to John Jacques, or as the name is spelled in the Register, Jakes. Philip Spearman settled at Birtley in the county of Durham and was buried at Chester-le-Street, 30th April, 1718.

The Spearman interest in Birtley was obtained through Barbara one of the three daughters and co-heirs of Ralph Blenkinsop of Birtley, another third passing to Thomas Billington. Cf. Surtees *Durham*, vol. ii, pp. 122 *n.d.* 189.

¹¹ Ann Spearman of Preston, widow, was buried at Tynemouth, 25th July, 1695. She was daughter of James Perkins, and widow of Edward Spearman to whom she was married at Tynemouth, 4th May, 1663.

¹² John Spearman of Preston and of Newcastle, seventh son of Edward Spearman of Preston, was baptized at Tynemouth, 9th January, 1682/3, and was buried there, 2nd September, 1702.

¹³ 1718, March 26th. Will of Philip Spearman of Birkley (*sic*) gent. To my son George Spearman, when he attains 21 years, all my farm, messuage and lands at Birkley. To my wife Jane Spearman and my son Jaques Spearman and my daughter Ann Spearman all my copyhold lands and tenements in Preston equally among them. To my niece Ann Fenwick daughter of my late sister Margaret Fenwick, when she attains 21 years, according to my late brother George Spearman's desire, the sum of £10. I appoint my said wife sole executrix and tutor of my children. Pr. at Durham, 1718. Raine *Test. Dunelm.* Cf. note 10.

1753. Will of Geo. Sp.¹⁴

My ancestor Robt Sp. gave lands in Chirton to his dau. when she m^d Mich. Milburn, of East Chirton, gent. He gave o[the]r lands there when his dau. Towers m^d Mark Milbanke. He gave a house in New castle when his dau. m^d Geo. Durham of Wallsend, gent. His son Robt Sp. gave his yger. son Thos. half a farm in E. Chirton and Preston wh. was sold by Jno. Sp. of Hetton to Henry Walker.¹⁵

Aspera mons est sed virtuti uti spero
via in via nulla est. Jo. Sp^r MSS. 1698.

Mich. Sp. was a person of strict loyalty to Charles I.

Rob. Sp. gave lands in Shields to his dau. Jane m^d Dr. Middleton; sold by her gr^t gr^{son} Geo. M. Esq. barr. at law.¹⁶

Mr. Hen. Burfield of Wallsend a D & C lessee 14 Dec. 1660 et usque 1685.¹⁷

Mich^{ns} MSS.

On 13 Feb. 1635: Adm. of Eliz. Atkinson of Tynemouth gr^d to Marg^t Spearman wid. and Mich. Sp.

¹⁴ George Spearman of Preston, and *jure uxoris* of Eachwick, fourth but eldest surviving son of Philip Spearman, was baptized 19th June, 1710, at Chester-le-Street, and was buried at St. John's, Newcastle, 4th November, 1753. He was an attorney in Newcastle.

1753, October 16th. Will of George Spearman of Eachwick, gent. I give to my wife Elizabeth Spearman and my sister Ann Walker, and their heirs, all my real and personal estate upon trust for my three sons John, George and Matthew, and my only daughter Mary Spearman, until they attain 21 years. To my sisters Sarah and Ann Bell and to my sons Ralph and Edward Spearman each a ring of the value of ten guineas. I will that £400, part of £500 charged upon Island Hall and my house at Tynemouth, be paid out of Island Hall and the other £100 out of my house at Tynemouth. I request and hope my friends John Widdrington, William Aynsley, Lancelot Atkinson, and William Bolam will assist my said wife and sister in my affairs. Executors my wife and sister Ann Walker. Proved at Durham, 1758. Raine *Test. Dunelm.*

¹⁵ This statement seems to be the only known evidence of the existence of these ladies and of their respective marriages.

¹⁶ Concerning the Middletons of South Shields, Mr. H. M. Wood has furnished the following information. George Middleton of South Shields, barber surgeon, on the 24th October, 1666, took out a licence to marry Jane Milburn. They were married at South Shields the same year. Although she is described in the marriage bond as a spinster and although proof is lacking it is possible that she was a widow and that her maiden name was Spearman. The above named George Middleton was buried at South Shields, 2nd December, 1682, leaving a son of the same name baptized at South Shields 28th June, 1669. He also was a surgeon, and married 25th December, 1700, Deborah, widow of Anthony Atkinson, and daughter of ——— Trewhit by whom he had issue a son George Middleton III, baptized at South Shields, 10th October, 1701, admitted to Grays Inn 11th September, 1721, as son and heir of George Middleton deceased.

¹⁷ Mr. Henry Burfield was rated in 1663 for lands in the parish of Wallsend at £50 per annum. Hodgson, *Northumberland*, III, i, 254. He was buried at Wallsend, 15th July, 1677.

15 June 1646. Rich. Hamblett¹⁸ of No. Sh. mariner, releases to Mich. Sp., of Preston, all debts, actions etc.

13 Sep. 1665. Mat. Bonner,¹⁹ Fellow of Magd. Coll. Cambridge Lrê of Attorney to John Sp. of Durham, gent. to enter on all grounds in N. Sheeles in occ. Ambrose Hamblett or s^d Matt^h Bonner, or one of them, w^{ch} were formerly in possⁿ of Eliz. Atkinson or her assigns, and to defend etc. Witn. Hen. Bonner.

Ind. 20 Feb. 18 Car. 2. Whereas Math. Bonner of S. M. Magd. Coll. Camb^r is seized of an undivided 3^d of ten^{ts} in N. Sheeles formerly belonging Eliz. Atkinson, grgrandmo^r of s^d Mathew, and in occ. of him s^d Matt, John Spⁿ and Ambr. Hamblett—for £20 conveys his 3^d to John Sp. of D^m gent. to be paid at house of Tim. Bonner, draper, N C: cov^{ts} agst. acts of Mich. and Magd. Bonner fa^r and mo^r of s^d Mat.

In ano^r Letter Mr. Bonner calls Ambrose Hamblett²⁰ his cousin, desires Mr. Sp. to prevent the trouble "blustring Ambrose" may give etc. I shd. suppose Sp. Bonner and Hamblett descended from 3 daurs of Eliz. Atkinson.²¹

30 Nov. 1663. James Cordie²² gent. and Dor. ux. lease to Mich. Spⁿ a parcell in townfields of Preston late in occ. of Robt. Spearman.

3 Dec. 1663. A view taken by R^d Walker and Thos. Horner²³ of lands of Mr. Rob. Sp. dec^d, in Preston.

¹⁸ Richard Hamlet of North Shields, sailer, was married at Tynemouth 16th January, 1629/30, to Mary Bee and was buried at the same place, 4th July, 1654.

¹⁹ Matthew Bonner was son of Michael Bonner of Newcastle by his first wife Magdalen Taylor whom he married at Tynemouth, 18th January, 1635/6. He was baptized 13th March, 1638/9, at St. Andrew's, Newcastle, educated at Berwick School, and at Magdalen College, Cambridge, where he matriculated 4th April, 1654; B.A., 1657/8; M.A., 1661. He was vicar of Warkworth 1667-1679, vicar of Hartburn 1676-1679. One of these names was rector of Simonburn, 1666.

Magdalen wife of Michael Bonner was buried 7th February, 1646/7, at St. Nicholas, Newcastle. The widower married secondly 3rd June, 1647, at All Saints, Elizabeth Johnson. The statement in the text corrects the pedigree of the family of Bonner in the *History of the Family of Carr*, which ignores Michael Bonner's first marriage.

Timothy Bonner the draper was a younger brother of the above named Michael Bonner.

²⁰ Ambrose son of Richard Hamlet of Shields was baptized 12th April, 1629, at Tynemouth, and was buried there 31st May, 1678.

²¹ Elizabeth Atkinson was evidently widow of John Atkinson of Cleadon, whose daughter Margaret was married 16th November, 1620, at Tynemouth, to Thomas Spearman of Preston. A woman of those names was buried at Tynemouth, 16th May, 1629, and another of the same names on the 22nd November, 1635.

²² James Cordie of Tynemouth and Dorothy Spearman of Preston were married 16th October, 1663, at Tynemouth. She was widow of Robert Spearman of Preston and daughter of John Pattison of Hedworth. Cf. Surtees *Durham*, vol. ii, p. 81.

²³ Thomas Horner of Glass-houses, 18th March, 1661, purchased lands in Tynemouth from John B—— and conveyed the same 6th January, 1662, to his daughter Ann Spearman.

Robt. Spearman of Old Acres, will pr. at York.

Ex. orig. penes Ra. Sp. arm. Ind. 23 May 1716. Marg^t Jaques of N. C. wid., 1. Philip Sp. of Birtley, gent., 2. Leon. Shafto of Gateshead clk. and James Burfield of Birtley gt., 3^d Marg^t hath surr^d her copyh. in Preston, by the hands of Robt. Andrew and Chr. Barker etc. into ye hands of ye L^d of ye Manor of Tynemouth, called E. High Wash close, W. High Wash close, Rape seed close, Whitley nook close, and two beast gates etc. to said Shafto and Burfield on trust as by Indrê of equal date betw. s^d Marg^t 1st, Ph. Sp. 2^d, Shafto and Burfield 3^d, viz. Marg^t Jacques for life — rem^r then as to Manners Jaques Sp.²⁴ 2^{ds}. Philip—John Sp. 3^d son, and as to some other part—Jane wife of s^d Philip for life, rem^r s^d John 3^d son 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 ev^r o^r son—rem^r daurs. in common, rem^r Geo. Sp. eld. s. of s^d Philip S., rem. Geo. Burfield, bro^r of Jane wife of Philip S. and hrs. for ever.

Wm Hamilton son of Sir Wm H. nept to Earl of Abercorn.²⁵

Delaval's Sponsors were Robt. Delaval, Nich. Whitehead, Mrs. Jane Butler sister to Geo. Milburn gent. Fam. Bible.²⁶

Marg^t m^d John Fenwick gent. s. p. Sponsors J. Delaval Esq. Mrs. Marg^t Chapman and Mrs. ——— *Ibid.*²⁷

Capt. John Thompson of Cliff^{ds} fort. Phil. p. ob. 28 Apr. 1695.

²⁴ Jaques Spearman son of Philip Spearman of Birtley, school Houghton-le-Spring, was admitted to Peter-house Cambridge (as sizar), 3rd July, 1731, scholar 1731, B.A. 1734/5, ordained deacon (Lincoln, for Ely), 31st December, 1735 and priest (Norwich, for Ely), December, 1741. *Venn Alumni Cantab.*

²⁵ Here Lieth Interd ye Body | of Sir WILLIAM HAMELTON | Knight & Baronet, Son of ye | Earl of Abercone. Late Servant | to HENRIETTA MARIA ye Late | QUEENS Mother of Our | Sovering Lord KING CHARLES | ye Second that now is over | ENGLAND and who died to | ye mercy of GOD ye 18th June | Anno Domini 1681. |

Monumental inscription at South Shields; which has been, apparently, recut, for it differs slightly in the wording from the version given in Surtees, *Durham*, vol. ii, p. 99.

²⁶ 1672/3 March 11th. Delavale, son of Edward Spearman of Preston, baptized. Robt. Delavale esq., Nicholas Whitehead esq., and Mrs. Jane Butler, sister to George Milbourn esq., were witnesses, *Tynemouth Register*.

He became a lieutenant in the Royal Navy and was killed at La Hogue, 19th May, 1692.

²⁷ 1677/8, February 26th. Margaret, daughter of Mr. Edward Spearman of Preston baptized; John Delavale esq., Mrs. Margaret Chapman, and Mrs. Margaret Luck witnesses: baptized at home, *Tynemouth Register*.

1695, November 28th. Thomas Fenwick and Margaret Spearman married, *ibid.*

She was dead before the date of her brother Philip's will made 26th March, 1718. See note 13.

John Hall, gov^r of T. Castle of the Otterburn fam.——
Billington²⁸ of Birkley a Capt. under Oliver Cromwell.

In North Shields Ch. was a Hatchm^t of John Sp. of Preston gent. mentioning that he left an endowm^t for a master to teach six poor boys, viz., of Preston, Chirton, and Tynemouth.²⁹

²⁸ Thomas Billington of Birkley, or Birtley, co. Durham, yeoman, 26th August, 1672, took out a licence to marry Margaret Marley, widow, of the parish of Chester-le-Street [daughter and co-heir of Ralph Blenkinsop of Birtley. Cf. Surtees, *Durham*, vol. ii, p. 189].

He was a freeholder in the constabulary of Birtley in 1684 and three of his children, all born at Picktree, were baptized at Chester-le-Street viz., William, baptized 26th August, 1673; George, baptized 6th June, 1676; and Margaret, baptized 28th February, 1677/8. *Ex. inf.* Mr. H. M. Wood.

²⁹ For John Spearman's bequest to the vicar and churchwardens of Tynemouth for educational purposes see new *History of Northumberland*, vol. viii, pp. 312 and 365.