

V.—KNIGHTS OF NORTHUMBERLAND

1278 AND 1324.

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I. DISTRAINED FOR KNIGHTHOOD—1278.

On 26th June 1278 Edward I issued a writ to the sheriffs of certain counties ordering them—"as we and our ancestors have been wont to do"¹—to enforce knighthood under threat of distraint (fine) upon all who ought to be knights and are not (*milites esse debent et non sunt*), namely all men holding £20 of land *per annum* whether held in chief or otherwise,² that is mesne tenants holding their lands from an intermediate lord. Those to be distrained were therefore the lesser tenants—"the most thoroughly English part of the population."³ They were to find sureties that they would severally take upon themselves the degree of knighthood before Christmas 1278 or be distrained in default.

The conscription (enrolment) for Northumberland was made in full county court on 22nd September 1278. The return being made under the seals of the sheriff John of Lythegreynes and those of William of Middleton and John of Cambo, knights. The names, with their sureties (not here given) are taken from *Parliamentary Writs*, ed. Palgrave, I, p. 214.⁴ There are seven tenants in chief and thirty

¹ As illustrated by writs dating from the early years of Henry III.

² *Omnes illos . . . qui habent viginti libratas terrae, vel feodum unius militis integrum valens viginti libras per annum de quocunque teneant.*

³ *The Welsh Wars of Edward I*, by J. E. Morris, p. 36.

⁴ From MS. Harl. 1192, fo. 56b, and MS. Cott. Claud., C. 2, fo. 87; a copy of the former was printed by Hodgson Hinde in vol. I, pp. 295-97, of Hodgson's *History of Northumberland*.

sub-tenants, but in addition three names are illegible so that the total to be distrained was forty. The sureties (*mancupatores*) were mostly people of less importance who are not now to be identified, they were either relations or, as their names show, neighbours of him for whom they stood surety. It has been calculated that there were, at this time, ninety-three knights' fees in Northumberland,⁵ if, as seems probable, this is approximately correct, a very large proportion shirked the burden and honour of knighthood. This evasion was widespread throughout the country though the figures of Sussex only are given in *Parliamentary Writs*, these show a much smaller proportion, namely thirty to be distrained out of an estimated total of two hundred and eighty-four knights' fees. Probably the comparative poverty of Northumberland accounts for the discrepancy; for the civil and military duties attached to knighthood were onerous and the expenses burdensome, hence so general evasion by the less wealthy part of the eligible population.

When at the king's summons a knight, in performance of his due service, went to the wars he had to provide a strong war-horse (*dextrarius*) able to carry himself and his heavy armour; this consisted of a hauberk of interlaced chain-mail worn over a quilted gambeson, a hood of mail was worn beneath a heavy cylindrical war-helm, mail chausses protected his legs and feet, with ornamental knee-caps probably made of boiled leather, over all was a loose linen surcoat; he carried an armorial shield, a spear with pennon and a heavy two-edged sword.⁶

It has been said that this writ "must be regarded chiefly as one of a class of expedients for raising money,"⁷ but the urgent need caused by the Welsh war for an efficient force of heavily armed and mounted knights may have been as pressing a need as the financial one.

It will be noted that most of those threatened with dis-

⁵ *Welsh Wars*, *op. cit.*, p. 36.

⁶ See plate III, AA⁴ xxv.

⁷ *Stubb's Select Charters*, ed. Davis, p. 448.

traint in Northumberland became knights;⁸ the Exchequer, therefore, did not benefit much, but the king did get the knights he wanted.

ABBREVIATIONS OF REFERENCES.

- AA.—*Archæologia Aeliana*, 4 series.
 BF.—*Book of Fees*.
 CDS.—*A Calendar of Documents relating to Scotland*, 2 vols.
 CR.—*Calendars of Close Rolls*.
 CP.—*The Complete Peerage*, new ed.
 DS.—*Durham Seals*, AA³ vols. VII-XVII.
 FR.—*Calendars of Fine Rolls*.
 JH.—John Hodgson's *History of Northumberland*.
 HS.—Harleian Society's Publications.
 NCH.—*History of Northumberland*, 1896-1940.
 NDS.—*Seals of Northumberland and Durham*, AA³ XX-XXI.
 PR.—*Calendars of Patent Rolls*.
 PW.—*Parliamentary Writs*, ed. Palgrave.
 RS.—*Newcastle Records Series*, vol. VII.
 RND.—*A History of North Durham*, by James Raine.
 SS.—Surtees Society's publications.

ABBREVIATIONS IN TEXT.

b.	born	cr.	created.	m.	married.
bur.	buried.	d.	died.	s.	son.
bro.	brother.	dau.	daughter.	suc.	succeeded.
coh.	coheir.	h.	heir.	sumd.	summmoned
commr.	commissioner.	kt.	knight.	ygr.	younger

⁸ On 12 Mar. 1279, John of Aulton, William of Middleton and Roger of Doncaster were ordered to enquire into the conduct of the sheriff of Northumberland in distraining persons to take the degree of knighthood pursuant to Writ of 26 June 1278 (*Parl. Writs*, I, 219).

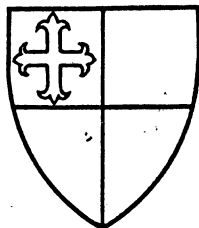
THE RETURN MADE UNDER THE SEALS OF—

JOHN OF LYTHGREYNES, KT.

*Gules an orle argent and a bend or.*

Sheriff 1274-48. See AA⁴ xx, 36. In addition to particulars of him there given, he was sumd. amongst the justices to the parl. at Westminster 1 Aug. 1295 and to that held at Salisbury 24 Feb. 1297; on 16 Oct. 1300 he was commisd. to compound with persons who had left the army without leave. (PW.)

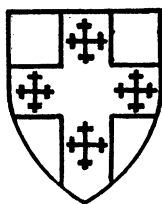
WILLIAM OF MIDDLETON, KT.

*Quarterly gules and or a cross patonce argent in the quarter.*

S. and h. of Richard of M., m. Joan sister of John of Orton; in 1275 William Bataill confirmed him in the manors of Brunton and Preston; in the same year had grant from Walter of Huntercombe of lands in Shotley, Black Hedley, etc. On 1 July

1277 is styled *serviens*, that is trooper or serjeant and proffers the service due from Walter Surtees at the muster before the Constable and the Earl Marshal at Worcester; styled kt. 1278, steward of Alnwick castle 1282; d. before 1291 when his lands and heir were in the custody of Sir John Swinburne. (PW, CR, PR, NCH x.)

WALTER OF CAMBO, KT.

*... on a cross . . . four crosses-crosslet (seal.)*

Sheriff 1279-81. See AA⁴ xx, 36. Kt. of the shire 1295. See AA⁴ x, 151.

TENANTS IN CHIEF.

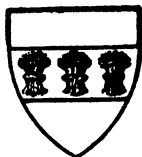
1. ROBERT OF SOMERVILLE.



Azure crusilly fitchy and three eagles displayed or. Seal of Robert's sec. s. Philip (DS 2271 and pl. 22).

S. and h. of John S., lord of Wichnore and other manors in Staffs., who d. before 6th Jan. 1280. Robert m. Isabel dau. and coh. of Roger Merlay III; sumd. to serve against Welsh 1277, acknowledged 2 kts.' fees for his wife and will serve in person with three serjeants (*servientes*); had livery of his lands 25 Feb. 1280. Held with his bro.-in-law 2 fees in Burton Agnes; in 1282 will serve against Welsh with three serjeants for 2 fees of barony of Merlay and $\frac{1}{4}$ fee of his own; held with Wm. of Greystoke advow. of Horsley church, his wife had share of Ulgham, Benton, Killingworth manors 1292, held Wichnor and Sirescote manors Staffs. as 2 kts.' fees of the earl of Mortain, served as kt. against Scots 1296; d. 17 Oct. 1297; suc. by his son Edmund who d. c. 1319 and was suc. by his bro. Philip who was living 1346. (HS, NCH, JH, PW, PR, CR.)

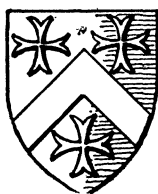
2. THOMAS OF DIVELSTON (Dyvelston).



Argent on a fess sable three garbs or.

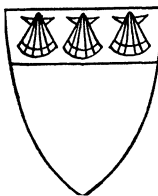
S. and h. of Simon D.; m. Lucy dau. of Sir Wm. Heron and was enfeoffed in manor of Dilston by his father, was a kt. when sheriff of Northumberland and keeper of Newcastle 1281-88. Held township of Higham and purchased Hedgeley from Walter of Edlingham, d. before 19 May 1290 holding manor of Dilston and Higham manor, his cousin William of Tyndale was his heir. (HS, NCH, CR, PR.)

3. ROBERT OF GLANTON (Glantedon).



Azure a chevron between three crosses patonce argent. See AA⁴ xxv, p. 102.

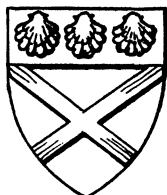
4. NICOLAS OF GRAHAM.



Argent on a chief sable three escallops or.

When sumd. against Welsh, 1277, acknowledged 1 kt.'s fee to be served by 2 serjeants; m. Mary dau. of Malise earl of Strathearn and granddau. of Robert of Muscamp and sister of Muriel countess of Mar; fined as kt. for 1 fee of Muscamp 1282; a Scottish baron "dwelling on this side of the Forth," 7 July 1297; adhered to Robert Bruce, his lands were forfeited 1297, in 1300 the king gave his lands at Wooler, Hethpool, Belford, Lowick, etc., to Isabel widow of John of Vesci; livery to him, who has long been in the king's peace, of his wife's land in Durham 1304; d. before 4 April 1306 holding lands jointly with his wife and in her right a moiety of barony of Muscamp. His s. and h. was John. (HS, CR, FR, PR, PW.)

5. ROBERT TAILLEBOIS.

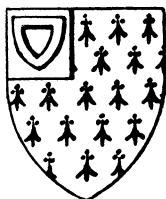


Argent a saltire gules on a chief gules three escallops argent.

S. and h. of Robert T., who was dead 18 Oct. 1257, and his wife Margery. Robert II was then over 40; held 1 kt.'s fee at Hepple and in 1277 being infirm will serve against Welsh by Robert of the Manor and Eustace of Gourlay, inq.p.m. 7 June 1281 held moiety

of Hepple manor and of town of Tosson as 1 kt.'s fee. Luke was his s. and h. (AA⁴ xxv, 102, PW, HS, NCH.)

6. WALTER SURTEYS.



Ermine on a canton gules an orle argent.

S. and h. of William Surtees, heir to Ralph Surtees who in 1256 held North Gosforth as $\frac{2}{3}$ ds of a kt.'s fee. Walter sumd. against Welsh in 1277 acknowledges $\frac{1}{2}$ a fee at Gosforth and will serve by a serjeant, William of Middleton; held 1 kt.'s fee in Northumberland 1278, d. 29 Nov. 1278 holding North Gosforth as $\frac{2}{3}$ ds of a fee and Dinsdale and Morton, Durham s 1 fee. (NCH, HS.)

7. JOHN OF ESLINGTON.

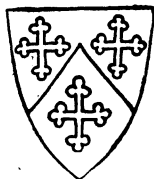


Argent two bars and in chief three molets azure.

B. 3rd May 1248 son of Alan E. and grandson and h. of John E. by his wife Johanna dau. of John of Pontop. The word "pauper" is affixed to this return; he was a surety for Robert of Glanton also distrained. He held the manors of Framlington and Eslington; d. 27 Mar. 1293, suc. by his son Robert, coroner of Northumberland 1308. (HS, NCH.)

MESNE TENANTS.

8. RICHARD OF CHARTNEY.

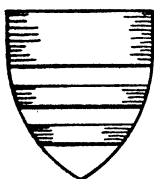


Per chevron gules and argent three crosses-crosslet counter-coloured.

Held one kt.'s fee of Robt. Tailboys. About 1281 he granted his manor of Hepple to his bro. Robt., but in 1293 Luke Tailboys and Richard C. held

Hepple for service of 1 kt. and 2 armed horses. He appears as a witness *temp.* Ed. I and is one of the sureties of Robert Tailbois in this return. (NCH xv, PW, HS.)

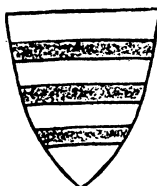
9. ROBERT OF MANERS.



Or two bars azure and a chief gules.

S. of Robt. M. who held manor of Etal of Robert Muscamp for $\frac{1}{2}$ a kt.'s fee in 1250, serjeant acting for Robert Tailboys 1277, described as son of Robt. M. 1274. (NCH xi, PW, CR.)

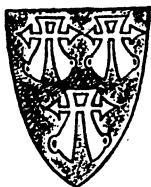
10. STEPHEN OF MUSCAMP (Muschauns).



Or three bars gules.

Little has been found about him except that holding 1 kt.'s fee in Northumberland he should have been a kt. Aug. 1291 ordered to elect a coroner for Northumberland *vice* Stephen M. who was then of the household of the Bishop of St. Andrew's and always attending to the affairs of the bishop. In 1294 he was assessor and collector of subsidy in Northumberland. (HS, CR, PW, NCH xi, AA⁴ xiv.)

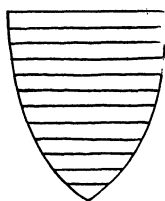
11. WILLIAM OF ROS.



Or three bougets sable, with difference.

This William was in all probability a younger son of William Ros s. and h. of Robert Ros of Wark on Tweed who died in 1274. He was called William Ros of Mindrum, in the parish of Carham, and of Downham in the same parish. A William of Ros who may have been him was sumd. for personal service against the Welsh from 1277 to 1283. He paid the subsidy of 1296 for Downham. (NCH xi, PW.)

12. ADAM OF SELBY.



Barry or and sable.

S. and h. of Sir Walter Selby who was enfeoffed in the manor of Felling c. 1220; Adam did homage for the manor of Seghill 1264, his wife was Johanna, he d. c. 1291. (NCH IX, PW.)

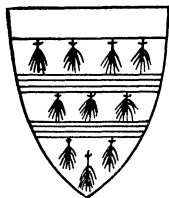
13. MAURICE OF EWART (Ewurth).

In Doddington. Holding a kt.'s fee in Northumberland pays £20 fine to be excused from knighthood for 7 years. In 1289 holds $\frac{1}{4}$ fee at Ewart late of John of Vesci. His dau. Alice was the wife of John of Burradon. No arms are known. (HS, FR, CR, NCH XIV, PW.)

14. JAMES OF HOWBURNE.

In Carham. In the division of the Muscamp lands after the death of Robert Muscamp, James of Howburn held $\frac{1}{4}$ of a kt.'s fee. He was s. and h. of David H. who sealed with a lion rampant not on a shield, James sealed with a horse-shoe and on another deed with an eagle, in the latter he is called lord of Howburn. He made various benefactions to the monks of Holy Island witnessed by Robert of Muscamp and others. No arms known. (NCH XI, RND, App., p. 116.)

15. HENRY OF DICHEND.



Ermine two bars gemell and a chief gules.

Now Detchant. M.P. Northumberland 1298. As kt. he witnessed a deed of 25th July 1279 (CR). Arms derived from Muscamp. See further AA⁴ x, 154.

16. WILLIAM OF OLECESTER.

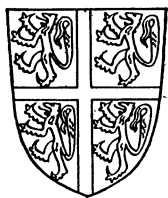
Now Outchester in Bamburgh, part of the barony of Muscamp. Robert of Ulcestre was dead 8 May 1271 holding the manor as 1 kt.'s fee; William, probably Robert's son, as kt. witnessed a deed at Bamburgh of 25 July 1279. On 14 May 1313 Robert U., possibly William's son, held the manor as 1 kt.'s fee late of Walter of Huntercombe. No arms are known (HS, Inq., CR, NCH 1.)

17. THOMAS OF ROCK.

Gules on a rock proper a bird argent.

In parish of Embleton. Held 1 kt.'s fee in the county as serjeant did service due from Ralph fitz Roger in Wales 1282; held $\frac{1}{4}$ of a fee at Unthank late of Walter of Huntercombe valued at £10 in 1313. In 1314 held manor of Rock as $\frac{1}{2}$ a kt.'s fee of Henry Percy. In 1322 owes £300 in Northumberland. (HS, CR, Inq., PW, NCH 11.)

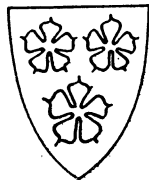
18. THOMAS OF KARLEOL (Carlisle).



Argent a cross between four lions rampant gules.

One of a wealthy family of citizens of Newcastle, Thomas was mayor of the town at intervals between 1264-1279; in 1282 he with other burgesses lent the king two thousand and eight marks, six shillings and eightpence; purchased manor of Swarland in Felton which he gave to his eldest son Hugh; he was dead in 1293. (HS, PR, CR, PW, NCH VII.)

19. RICHARD OF HORSLEY.



Silver three cinquefoils sable.

M.P. Northumberland 1300 and later, see AA⁴ x, 155.

20. WALTER OF EDLINGHAM.

S. and h. of John of Edlingham, kt., of a cadet branch of the earls Gospatric. He is first mentioned in 1256 with his wife Isolde, had protection going to the court of Rome 22 Jan. 1286 and again 10 Sept. 1289. On the 24 Aug. 1290 he had enfeoffed Thomas of Divesstone and Lucy his wife in the manor of Hedgeley, made grants of his lands in Edlingham 1294 and 1295 and was d. by 1296.



His armorial seal shows two shields side by side, the dexter bears a lion rampant (*gules a lion rampant argent*), the same charge as on his father's shield and as borne by the main line of Gospatric who later added a border with red roses upon it. The charges on the sinister shield are not decipherable. (NCH VII, HS, PR, CR, DS.)

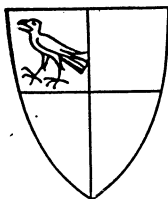
21. JOHN OF HILBURN.



Sable three bougets argent.

Hilburn is probably an error for Lilburn. Nothing is known of this man except that in 1285 his heir Henry of L. was sued by John of Hartington and others for lands in Coldmartin. He was possibly grandfather of the well-known Sir John L., M.P., and sheriff of Northumberland. (See AA⁴ XI, 24; XX, 44; NCH XIV.)

22. RICHARD OF CRAUCESTER (Craster).

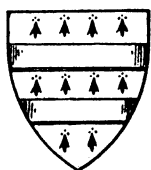


Quarterly or and gules a crow in the first quarter.

In 1296 held $\frac{1}{2}$ a kt.'s fee in Craster and paid subsidy roll for that year, probably s. and h. of John of C. who is said to have been killed at the battle of Evesham in 1265, in 1278 he was surety for

the above John L., in 1285 he witnessed a charter of Prince Edmund about Finchale; suc. in 1313 by Edmund C., probably his son. The seal of the latter was quarterly a bird in the quarter. (NCH, HS, CR, Inq.)

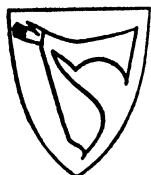
23. ROGER MAUDUIT.



Ermine two bars gules.

M.P. Northumberland 1297 and later.
(See AA⁴ x, 152, and xxv, 113.)

24. ROGER OF COYGNERS (Conyers).

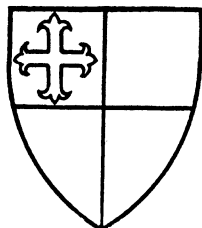


Azure a maunch or with the hand proper.

Had protection going to the Holy Land 1271, had safe conduct going on the king's business 1279 and again 1282, had quittance of eyre Northumberland 27 Dec. 1278, brought an action against Walter

Heron as to lands in Bockenfield 1284 and had suit with Roger Mauduit as to lands in Eshot Heugh 1282. He was living at Eshot in 1279, suc. by his son Richard living there in 1296 and 1312. (NCH VII and XIII, HS, CR, PR, PW.)

25. JOHN OF BELSHOVE (Belsay).



Quarterly gules and or a cross patonce argent in the quarter.

He was probably the same man as John of Middleton, s. of John M., who suc. to No. Middleton in c. 1225 and who had grants of land in Thornburgh and Styford from

Hugh of Bolbec before 1240. John (2) m. firstly a dau. and coh. of Walter le Scot of Belsay and secondly

Luciana; exempted from serving as sheriff 1258; suc. to moiety of Belsay in his wife's right *c.* 1242 and to a moiety of Thornburgh and lands in Wallington on his father's death; steward of Tynemouth priory in 1264; had grant of free warren in Belsay and Thornburgh 11 Sept. 1270. Walter was his s. and h. (NCH x, JH, CR, PR.)

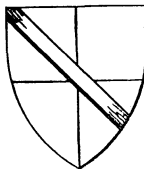
26. RALPH OF ESSENDON (Ashington).



Argent a lion rampant gules.

Granted his manor of Essindon to his s. John and his (John's) wife Isabella *temp.* Edward I, as a kt. he witnessed a deed of Robert Bertram, Walter of Cambo being then sheriff (1278-81). He is surety for six mesne tenants like himself in this list. He is named with other kts. of Northumberland in pleas of *Quo Warranto* 21 Edward I (1292). (JH, PW.)

27. ROGER OF WODERINGTON (Widdrington).



Quarterly argent and gules a baston sable (with difference).

A younger son of Sir J. W., lord of the manor of W. Witnessed the foundation charters of the chapels of Plessey and Shotton *c.* 1268, witnessed *inspeximus* of a deed of Roger Bertram 28 Oct. 1267, coroner in Northumberland 1275. (JH, HS, PR, Inq.)

28. SIMON OF PLESSEYS.

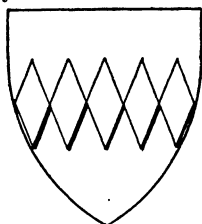


In 1315 John of Plessey sealed with a lion rampant, colours unknown. Simon was a younger s. of Richard of Plessey and Idonea his wife, his bro. settled Shotton and Plessey on him and he had a grant as kt. from Wm. of Stanington. (JH.)

29. PETER OF FAUDON (in Gosforth).

Probably son of Robert F. and his wife Iseult who in 1269 are mentioned in a law suit with Robert del Isle of So. Gosforth. In 1267 Peter had quittance for a charter and life exemption from juries 16 Oct. 1267. He and William of Rihill held that place as 1 kt.'s fee late of John of Baliol in 1288; in 1271 he held a moiety of Rihill as 1 fee late of Hugh Baliol. Had respite from knighthood for five years from 24 April 1271, distrained 1278. He was suc. before 1293 by Robert, presumably his son. No arms are known. (NCH XIII, HS, PW.)

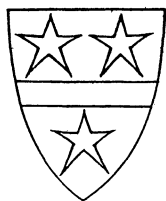
30. JOHN OF FERLINGTON.



Sable a fess indented of five fusils gold.

Probably Farlington, a few miles N. of York. He was son and heir of Henry F. and his wife Joan, witnessed charter of Robert Neville 1273, distrained 1278. Held kt.'s fee at Ferlington and W. Lytling, Yorks, late of Robert Neville 1283, witnessed charter of Ranulph Neville 1287, served in Scot. 1298-1301, wife named Maud, 1274 held 1 kt.'s fee of Roger Bertram III. (HS, PR, PW.)

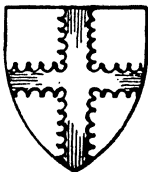
31. ADAM BARET.



Argent a fess between three molets sable. (*Visit. N.* 1666, p. 54.) The Fenwicks of Wallington quartered this for Baret of Walker. He was surety for Robt. Bertram, M.P., 1290; had lawsuits 1280-84. Free warren in his manor of Walker 1307, held lands at Milburn, Westmorland late of Robert Clifford 1314, heads lay subsidy

roll of Walker 1312, dead before 22 April 1317 when his daughters Catherine and Joan his coheirs held manor of Walker as 1 kt.'s fee late of Robt. fitz Ralph. (NCH XIII, HS, PW.)

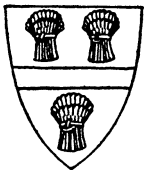
32. ROBERT OF MEREVILL (Menevill).



. . . a cross engrailed . . . (seal).

In 1268 he held Ridley as $\frac{1}{2}$ kt.'s fee late of John of Baliol, by suit of court and paying castle guard at Newcastle; in 1271 he held it from Hugh B., in 1282 he witnessed as kt. a Galloway deed of 1282 and a Whittonstall deed of 1292, he acted as sub-scheator 1268. (HS, NCH VI, PW.)

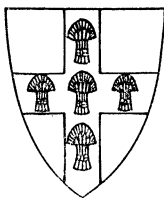
33. THOMAS OF BLENCANSOP (Blenkinsop).



Argent a fess between three garbs sable.

In Haltwhistle. Little is known of him apart from this entry, he held, as mesne tenant, 1 kt.'s fee; he witnessed an undated deed about Wyden. It was probably his son who in 1399 was licensed to make a castle of his house of Blenkinsop—an effigy of the latter is in Haltwhistle church. (JH.)

34. WILLIAM OF SWINBURNE.



Argent on a cross gules five garbs or.

Younger son of John S. lord of West Swinburn; in 1257 Gilbert earl of Angus granted him the manor of Chollerton and about the same date Reginald Pratt granted him $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of the manor of Haughton, confirmed by Alex. III of Scotland in 1257, and in 1273 made him bailiff in Tyndale, he was for a time treasurer to queen Margaret of Scotland, d. 1289. (NCH, HS, JH.)

35. JOHN OF GUNWARTON (Gunnerton).



. . . a lion rampant . . . (seal).

In parish of Chollerton. S. and h. of Robert G. by his wife Christine Heron, he had a grant of lands in G. in 1268, witnessed a deed of 1278, not then a kt. In 1279, as kt. coroner of Northumberland south of Coquet, d. before 1296 when Nicholas G. was his s. and h. (NCH IV.)

36. ROBERT OF CHIBCHESS (Chipchase).



Ermine a lion rampant azure.

He was Robert del Isle of Chipchase in Chollerton; s. and h. of Robert I by his wife Margery; Robert I was dead before 1269 when his cousin Robert del Isle of Woodburn became guardian of his s. and h. Robert II who heads the subsidy roll of 1296 for Chipchase. (NCH IV.)

37. PHILIP OF CRAUDON.

In 1168 Hugh C. held 1 kt.'s fee of Walter of Bolbeck, namely Wallington, Whitchester and Haughton in Heddon on the Wall; in 1240 Sibyl C. held them as 1 kt.'s fee of the old feoffment and also the barony of Craudon in Cambridgeshire of Gilbert of Peche. There is no reference to Philip as a local witness and this is the only entry about him I have found. (JH, PW, FA.)

2. KNIGHTS AND MEN-AT-ARMS IN 1324.

A writ of 9 May 1324 ordered the sheriffs of counties, because of the great difficulties and troubles of the country¹ (*magnis et arduis negotiis*), to enrol immediately in full county court the knights and men-at-arms of their baili-

¹ The immediate cause of the emergency was a rebellion in Edward's duchy of Aquitaine and its threatened invasion by the forces of Charles IV of France.

wicks.² The return for Northumberland, made on 7 July 1324 and certified by the sheriff Sir Gilbert Burradon, contains the names of 21 knights and 95 men-at-arms.³ The preponderance of the latter is partly accounted for by the general poverty of the county during the earlier half of the fourteenth century, many of those eligible for knighthood being too poor to uphold the dignity. It should also be remembered that a large part of the county was not under the control of the royal sheriffs. The five shires in the county, Norham, Island, Bedlington, Tynmouth and Hexham, with the districts of Riddesdale and Tyndale were not included in their bailiwick. The bishop of Durham as lord palatine, appointed his own sheriffs for Norham, which included Islandshire; Hexham was governed by bailiffs, officers of the archbishops of York and Tynmouthshire by officials of the prior of Tynmouth. The wild districts of Riddesdale and Tyndale were usually in charge of special Keepers (*custodes*) often appointed by the Wardens of the Marches. Ten of those ranked as men-at-arms in 1324 did become knights at varying dates thereafter. They were Henry of Swinburne, Robert of the Manor, Thomas of Heton, Alexander of Hilton, Edmund of Craster, William Taylbois, Robert Darreyns, Robert of Ogle, Thomas of Grey and William of Felton. Robert of Cresswell, John Cosyn and Geoffrey Conyers were later styled *esquires*; Simon of Heselrig and Thomas of Featherstonhaugh were called *valllets*, whilst Robert of Hagerstone was a *king's yeoman*. The greater number therefore, remained men-at-arms, which though in this list, the name was used to distinguish them from knights, often elsewhere included knights and even barons as well as men of inferior rank.

Compared with more southerly counties Northumberland had a larger proportion of men-at-arms to knights, as the following table shows:⁴

² *Parl. Writs*, ed. Palgrave, II, 637.

³ *Ibid.*, II, 649-50, see also J.H.I., 303, where four names are omitted.

⁴ *Parl. Writs*, II, 638ff.

Northumberland	21 knights	95	men-at-arms.
Lancashire	13	51	„ „ „
Yorkshire	127	13	„ „ „
Lincolnshire	95	16	„ „ „
Hampshire	37	20	„ „ „
Kent	40	62	„ „ „
Staffordshire	37	20	„ „ „

The returns of members of parliament at this time illustrate the state of the county. Nineteen "knights of the shire," at this period, were not *knights* and in many parliaments the county was not represented at all. Loss of the official returns may account for some of the blanks, but not for all; the reason was also the distressful plight of Northumberland, suffering not only from continual Scottish invasions, but from the scarcely less destructive passage of English armies northward.

The endorsements⁵ upon some of the writs testify to the unhappy state of the county. In 1306 no knights could be spared, their presence being needed in the county "because of war"; in 1315 none could be sent as all were needed for "the defence of the March"; in 1318 Sir William Ridell was ordered to distribute 40 tuns of wine to "knights in Northumberland impoverished by invasions of the Scots"; in 1327 "the people of Northumberland were so destroyed by the Scots that they were not able to pay the expenses of two knights to parliament"; in 1332 no knights could be elected "because of war with Scotland," and finally in 1358 there were no "discreet, trusty and able knights left in the county except Sir Walter Tyndale and he was ill and infirm."

A document printed in *Proceedings*, 3rd ser., iv, pp. 20ff., tells of the measures taken to defend the March of Northumberland at this time (1319-20), it is of much interest and it may well be further examined here. Sir John Cromwell and Sir Robert Umfraville, earl of Angus, were

⁵ *Arch. Ael.*⁴ vols. x and xi *passim*.

appointed "keepers of the March of Northumberland and of the parts around Newcastle upon Tyne," under their command were 249 men-at-arms of whom 3 were barons and 35 knights; 14 of these knights were men of Northumberland and included 11 of the knights named in the return of 1324 with the addition of Sir Henry Clavering, Sir Nicholas Scot and Sir John del Isle. The name *man-at-arms* here includes all ranks of armed (*coopertus*) men mounted on horses⁶ (*dextrarii*) able to carry the weight of their own and their owner's armour. It does not include the more lightly armed hobelars who were mounted on light unarmed horses (*runcini*), nor are foot-soldiers included, of whom 3,000 were levied in Northumberland by Walter of Burradon in 1300 and 2,000 in 1319.⁷ The castles in the March were to have their garrisons strengthened at the king's expense. *Newcastle upon Tyne* was to receive all the help that it needed.⁸ *Mitford* and *Prudhoe* had each 12 men-at-arms added to their usual garrisons. *Bamburgh*, where Sir Roger Horsley was constable, had 15 men-at-arms and 30 foot, under the command of David Langton and Thomas Heddon, added to its garrison. The regular garrison of *Alnwick*, where Sir Gilbert Burradon was constable, was increased by 20 men-at-arms and 20 hobelars together with 6 men-at-arms under Sir John Burradon and 7 under Sir John Lilburn, whilst the constable was to find an extra 20. *Warkworth* whose regular garrison was 12 men-at-arms was increased by 4 men-at-arms and 8 hobelars under Robert Darreyns and John Thirlwall.

The bishop of Durham's castle of *Norham* was then in charge of Sir Thomas Grey with a strong garrison and had

⁶ In 1277 a fully armed serjeant doing service in Wales for Sir Ralph fitz Roger is called a *serviens coopertus* (*Parl. Writs*, I, 201). In 1282 a serjeant serving for Thomas le Rous was to be mounted on an unarmed nag (*runcinum discoopertum*) and armed with an haubergeon an aketon and a skull cap (*ibid.*, pp. 231, 238, 812).

⁷ *Parl. Writs*, II, *Pat. Rolls* of date.

⁸ In 1298 its garrison was 6 men-at-arms, 88 archers and 88 cross-bow men (AA⁴ xxv, 72).

recently withstood three Scottish sieges.⁹ *Wark on Tweed*, belonging to William lord Ros of Wark was successfully defended by its garrison of 30 men-at-arms and 40 hobelars before it was temporally given up to the king in 1317.¹⁰

In the later fourteenth century the defensive power of the March was greatly increased by the many castles, towers and fortalices then built, these lessened the damage that could be done by invading Scots. In fact by the early fifteenth century the March of Northumberland had become an armed camp whose outlying defences stretched south-westwards from Berwick upon Tweed to Featherstonehaugh on South Tyne.¹¹ The distressed state of Northumberland at this time did but reflect in an acute form the unsettled condition of the country generally. After the defeat at Bannockburn in 1314 and the recapture of Berwick in 1318, the Scots under Sir James Douglas and Sir Thomas Randolph ravaged the northern counties almost yearly. Edward II, by 1322, had largely regained his power threatened by the barons' rebellion and the banishment of the two Despencers, he recalled his favourites and on 16 March 1322 defeated the forces of Thomas earl of Lancaster at Boroughbridge and executed the earl in his own castle of Pontefract six days later. Edward then marched into Scotland and laid waste the Lowlands, but achieved nothing of military importance; when retreating he was harassed by a Scottish army under Robert Bruce and suffered a severe defeat at Byland in the North Riding. By the ensuing peace Robert Bruce was acknowledged king of Scots and a truce of thirteen years agreed to. This, however, was often broken and brought little peace to the March of Northumberland.

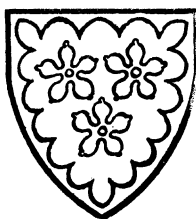
⁹ *Ber. Nat. Club Hist.*, xxviii, 40.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, xxix, 9.

¹¹ AA² xiv, pp. 12ff.

KNIGHTS.

1. GILBERT OF BURRADON, kt. Sheriff.



Argent three cinquefoils and a border engrailed sable (AA⁴ xx, p. 43).

In 1319 he was constable of Alnwick Castle with seven men-at-arms; with him were Sir John Burradon with six men-at-arms and Sir John Lilburn with seven. (Pro.³ iv.)

2. WILLIAM RYDEL, kf.



Gules a lion rampant and a border indented argent.

Sheriff 1315 (AA⁴ xx, 41), knight of the shire for Northumberland 1325 (AA⁴ x, 176).

3. THOMAS GREY, kt.

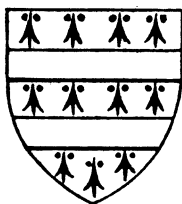


Gules a lion rampant and a border engrailed argent.

Probably s. and h. of Sir Robert Grey. His wife was Agnes and with her he held the manor of Heton from 28 Oct. 1312; taken prisoner at Bannockburn 1314; commr. in Northumberland 1314; a knight at Berwick and on the Marches with 14 esquires on the king's service in the company of Sir John Segrave, the king's lieutenant in Scotland, 1318; constable of Norham 1320-23; sumd. as knight to Great Council at Westminster 9 May 1324; commr. to receive into the king's peace those in Northumberland who, because of "poverty or necessity," had joined the Scots in 1325; had grant of lands in

Howick, forfeited by the treason of William of Benley, for good service in the Scots wars of 1318 and 1326; appointed with other knights to see that the ports of Northumberland join John of Sturmy, admiral of the fleet in the north, 16 Aug. 1326; granted Mitford castle and manor for five years by David, earl of Athol, 1327; grant of £20 payable out of the issues of the county of York 1327; as Thomas Grey the elder had grant of lands in Nesbit 1335; grant to him and to Alice late wife of John of Burradon to pay a chaplain to celebrate divine service in the chapel of Ewart 1342; dead March 1344. (RND, NCH XIV, HS, CR, PR, CDS, Inq.)

4. ROBERT DE LA VALE, kt.



Ermine two bars vert.

S. of Sir Hugh D. by his second wife; b. 1289, m. Alice dau. of Sir Wm. Felton of Edlingham, she had assignment of dower Oct. 1353; in 1311 being 22 years of age was found heir to Margery sister of Robert Delaval and widow of Andrew Smithton who held the manor, he had livery of her lands 15 Nov. 1311; he defended Tynemouth castle against Gilbert Middleton 1317; settled Burradon and Dokesfield manors upon his s. William on mar. with Ellen dau. of Sir Robt. Leybourne 1322; agreed to find "food, clothing and maintenance" for them; had protection staying with Andrew (Harcla) earl of Carlisle in the Marches of Scotland for the king 18 Sept. 1322; sumd. as kt. to council at Westminster 1324; to guard coast of Northumberland from Tynemouth to Blyth against emissaries from France 1326; entailed Delaval and other manors 1333; died 14 Aug. 1353, his grandson Henry was his heir. (NCH, HS, CR, PR.)

5. JOHN OF FENWICK, kt.



Argent three martlets gules on a chief gules three martlets argent.

Sheriff 1319-23. (AA⁴ xx, 43.)

6. JOHN DEL ISLE OF WOODBURN, kt.



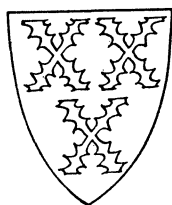
Ermine a lion rampant azure.

Sheriff 1327 (AA⁴ xx, 44). He was with the earl Angus in defence of the Marches 1319-20 (Pro.³ IV, 22).

7. ROBERT DEL ISLE, kt.

Arms as above. Probably s. and h. of John: he was 50 years of age and more at inq. of his father 1362. With the earl of Angus in defence of the Marches 1319-20, settled lands on his grandson Robt. and Mary dau. of Sir Aymer of Athol; d. 1367. (JH, NCH.)

8. ADAM OF BENTON, kt.



Argent three saltires engrailed sable.

Of Little Benton; paid subsidies of 1296 and 1312; held Little Benton of Wm. Heron for 12d. and pair of gilt spurs; founded chantry of St. Mary in ch. of Benton 1310; assessor of subsidy in Yorks. and Northumb. 1297 and 1301; justice in Northumb., Cumb., Westm. and Lancs. 1317; as kt. on defence of the Marches 1319-20; commr. in Yorks. 1314 and 1323, sumd. as kt. to Council at Westminster 1324; held lands in Killingworth from Robt. lord of Greystoke in 1327; by 1347 his lands at Little Benton had passed to Geoffrey le Scrope, d. 20 Sept. 1349. His wife was Beatrice, by whom he had a s. and h. called John of Eslington. (NCH XIII, IPM, HS, PW.)

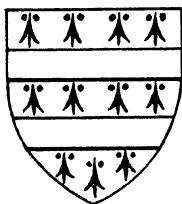
9. JOHN OF LILBURN, kt.



Sable three bougets argent.

Knight of the shire Northumberland 1328 (AA⁴ XI, 24). Sheriff 1327-29 (AA⁴ XX, 44). He was in garrison at Alnwick castle with seven men-at-arms, Sir John Burradon was with him with six men-at-arms; Sir Gilbert Burradon being constable 1319-20 (Pro.³ IV). Held 1 kt.'s fee in Beanley of earl Patrick 1355. (CDS III, 1145.)

10. ROGER MAUDUIT.



Ermine two bars gules.

Knight of the shire Northumberland 1297 and 1311 (AA⁴ X, 152.)

11. ROGER OF HORSLEY, kt.



Gules three horses' heads couped argent.

His parentage is unknown. In 1312 at Berwick he is styled esquire of the king's household and his horse was a bay with a white star and a white forefoot, valued at 40 mks.; constable of Bamburgh 1314, this he ceded in 1315, but was constable again from 1318 to 1325; constable of Berwick castle in 1317 and its keeper when lost to the Scots 1318; as king's yeoman he had a grant of 40 mks. a year; rebuked by the king because, as constable of Bamburgh, he allowed a small force of marauding Scots to escape Sept. 1322; ordered to advise how Harbottle castle "may be destroyed in the best and most secret manner"; m. 1321; constable of Dunstanburgh 1322; commr. to enquire into an attack on Norham castle 1323; sumd. as kt. to Great Council at Westminster

1324; as warden of the truce gave safe conduct to the Steward of Scotland 1325; ordered to blockade coast between Coquet and Holy Islands to prevent emissaries from France landing 1346. His seal to a deed of 1330 bears three horses' heads couped. (JH, HS, CDS, PR, CR.)

12. ROBERT GREY, kt.



Gules a lion rampant and a border engrailed argent.

Probably a younger brother of Sir Thomas Grey of Heton, as a kt. of Northumberland, owning £20 lands in Northants, is sumd. to serve overseas in 1297; commr. of array in Northumberland 1311; ordered to be paid arrears of wages as sheriff of Lanark and constable of Rutherglen castle, also of arrears whilst in garrison at Berwick and for horses lost there and for wages when with Sir John Segrave, king's lieutenant in Scotland, 1319; was a kt. of Berwick garrison with Sir Ralf Monthermer, with a retinue of three esquires and three hobelars in 1312; his horse was a black destrier worth 50 mks.; sumd. as a kt. of Northumberland to the Gt. Council at Westminster 9 May 1324. Sir Robert Grey and Robert Grey were in the company of Sir John Cromwell and the earl of Angus, wardens of the Marches in 1319-20. (RND, CDS, HS, PR, Pro.³ iv.)

13. ROGER HEYROUN, kt. (Heron).



Gules three herons argent.

Brother and h. of Gilbert Heron whom he suc. at Ford in 1300; he held Ford and other manors as 1 kt.'s fee late of Walter of Huntercombe in 1313; ordered in 1307 as keeper of the peace in Northumberland to aid with all his power the expedition to Galloway against Robert Brus under John earl of Richmond; in

1317 is paid £148 for horses lost at Stirling; in 1311 held lands of Roger Bertram and was granted reversion of Grendon manor and lake on death of Sir John Swinburn; commr. of array in Northumberland 1316-26; keeper of Bamburgh castle 1316-18; ordered to lead men of Northumberland against Scots, and to keep arms ready in towns; went to Scotland for the king with the earl of Richmond 1322; keeper of Dunstanburgh and of the barony of Stamford 1323; to repair an old hall in the castle and to keep it victualled 1323; sumd. as kt. of Northumberland to Gt. Council at Westminster 1324; ordered to receive into the king's peace men of Northumberland who "either from poverty or necessity" had adhered to the Scots, 1325; keeper of truce with the Scots 1325; he and Sir Roger Mauduit report to the king (Ed. III) how his subjects on the march are much *affraiz* by the preparation of Sir Henry Beaumont who has set out by sea for Scotland. In the company of Sir John Cromwell warden of the Marches in 1319-20, he was then a kt. He d. c. 1332. (NCH XI, CDS, HS, PR, CR, Pro.³ IV, Inq.)

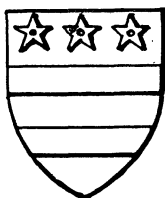
14. ROBERT OF CLIFFORD, kt.



Argent three spread eagles gules.

S. and h. of Robert C. II; in possession of the barony of Gaugy or Ellingham in 1304, granted concessions for a water course to the monks of Durham; settled his estates upon his son Robert and his wife Elizabeth dau. of John of Vaux; d. 1339 holding the manor of Ellingham and land in Osberwick (Newstead) by grant from Michael of Presfen. His seal bears three spread eagles (DS 640). His wife was Margaret, she held Murton in Islandshire after Robert's death. (NCH II, AA⁴ x, 165.)

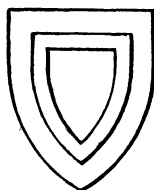
15. ROBERT OF ESLINGTON, kt.



Argent two bars and in chief three molets azure.

S. and h. of John of E.; had livery of his father's manors of Eslington and Framlington 3 May 1293, claimed lands in Whittingham 1306; order of 1 Aug. 1309, to elect a coroner for Northumberland in place of Robert E. who was staying in Scotland; accused of impounding sheep of the prior of Alnwick 20 Nov. 1312; on defence of the Marches with the lords Warden 1319-20; licensed to make a castle of his house at Eslington 1334; licensed to hold divine service in his chapel at E. 1340. (PR, CR, FR, NCH XIV, Pro.³ IV.)

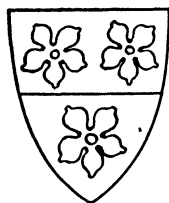
16. ROBERT OF LUKER, kt. (Lucker).



Argent an orle sable.

Lucker in Bamburgh parish. Robert suc. to the manor and other lands upon the death of his bro. Simon c. 1280; in 1288 he held the township of Hoppen as a member of that manor and also lands in Fallodon as Simon's heir; as *dominus* and *miles* he witnessed a charter of 1325; he also held Warendford of the barony of Muscamp as $\frac{1}{8}$ part of a kt.'s fee. (NCH I and II, RND, Inq.)

17. WILLIAM OF SWYNBURN, kt.



Per fess gules and argent and three cinquefoils counter-coloured.

He was of Chollerton and Capheaton, s. and h. of Alex. S. and Agnes his wife; in 1306 his father granted him a rent charge out of Chollerton; commr. of array to raise 2,000 foot and take

them to Newcastle 1319; in 1319-20 he was serving as kt. on the Marches, in the company of the earl of Angus; keeper of the coast of Northumberland and commr. of array 1335; served with Gilbert of Umfraville with two mounted and armed vallets, 1336; keeper of truce with Scotland 1338-47; styled lord of Heaton (Capheaton) 1347; sumd. as kt. to Gt. Council at Westminster 1324. M. Alice dau. of John of Vaux, suc. by his s. Will. who was lord of Capheaton in 1349. (JH, NCH xv, Pro.³ iv, HS.)

18. JOHN OF BORNDON, kt. (Burradon).



Argent three pierced cinquefoils and a border engrailed sable (seal SND 130).

Kt. of the shire Northumberland 1328 (AA xi, 26). In 1319 he was in garrison at Alnwick castle with six men-at-arms, with him were Sir John Lilburn, with seven men-at-arms and Sir Gilbert Burradon then constable of the castle. (Pro.³ iv, 22.)

19. THOMAS BOTACOMB, kt.

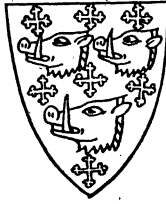
Arms unknown. In 1319-20 he was serving as kt. upon the Marches in the company of the earl of Angus. (AA xxv, Pro.³ iv.)

20. ADAM OF SHOTTELINGTON, kt. (Shitlington in Wark).



The manor in Wark on Tyne was held by various persons of the name in the thirteenth century, nothing has been found about Adam except that in 1323 he used the armorial seal of *three boars' heads rased*, which suggests a Swinburn connection. (SND 716.)

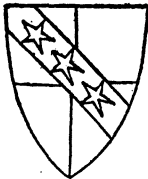
21. ROBERT OF SWYNBURN, kt.



Gules crusilly and three boars' heads rased argent.

S. and h. of Sir John S. and bro. of Sir Adam. He was of Gunnerton and his branch of family purchased the manor of Little Horkesley, Essex, where they subsequently settled. He received grant of manor of Chirdon in Greystead par. 1296; ordered to defend his desmesnes in the Marches 1309; held manor of Askcom in Westmorland 1314; granted manor of Knaresdale for his good service in Scotland 1315; protection going overseas with Sir John Butefort on the king's service 1318; served in Wales with Sir John St. John of Basing, 1322; in munition at Alnwick castle 1322; in Aquitaine with the king 1324; sumd. as kt. to Gt. Council at Westminster 1324; d. 15 Feb. 1329 holding manors in Glouc., Essex, Cum. and in Northumberland. Knaresdale manor $\frac{1}{2}$ kt.'s fee, Chirdon $\frac{1}{2}$ fee, and Gunnerton $\frac{1}{3}$ fee. Thomas was s. and h. (HS, CR, PR, NCH IV and XV, Gen. NS XII, 277, AA XXI.)

22. ALAN OF CLAVERING, kt.



Quarterly or a gules on a bend sable three molets or.

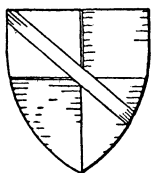
A younger s. of Robert fitz Roger of Warkworth by his wife Margery de la Zouche; he was aged 20 in 1307; m. Isabel dau. and coh. of Sir Wm. Riddell, who was a widow 30 Jan. 1328. In 1298 was enfeoffed by his father and his bro. Robert, of the manors of Callaley and Yetlington; 12 Feb. 1326 he was licensed to grant to Wm. his eldest s. and Maud his wife and their heirs lands in Yetlington and Callaley. He died before 17 Jan. 1328 holding manors of Yetlington,

Callaley and Wark upon Tweed. He does not appear to have been employed in either public or military affairs. (JH, NCH v and xiv, PR, Inq.)

Eleven of these knights were among the fourteen knights of Northumberland who were in the company of Sir John Cromwell and Sir Robert Umfraville, earl of Angus in defence of the March of Northumberland, 1319-20 (Pro.³ iv, 21).

The three additional knights were :

23. HENRY OF CLAVERING, kt.



Quarterly or and gules a baston sable, with due difference.

This is the only entry found about him, he was in all probability a younger son of Sir Robert fitz Roger of Warkworth by his wife Margery de la Zouche and a younger brother of John fitz Roger and of the above Alan of Clavinger.

24. NICHOLAS SCOT, kt.

M.P. Newcastle upon Tyne 1307 (AA⁴ XIII, 67).

25. RICHARD OF HORSLEY, kt.

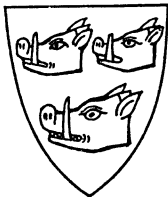


Silver three cinquefoils sable.

Sheriff of Northumberland 1309-10 (AA⁴ xx, 40).

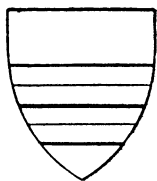
MEN-AT-ARMS.

26. HENRY OF SWINBURN.



Gules three swines' heads couped argent.
 S. and h. of Adam S. by his second wife Idonea dau. of Henry Graham; b. 1296, was of age at his father's death in 1318 when Robert Sapy, escheator, was ordered to take into the king's hands all the property of the late Adam S.; Henry probably fought on the side of earl Thomas of Lancaster at Boroughbridge on 16 Mar. 1322 when he was taken prisoner; on 5 April 1322 the king granted to Robert S. his nephew Henry to deliver him or do as he pleased with him; his lands were forfeited, but had been restored to him by 1324 and himself pardoned; sumd. as kt. to Gt. Council at Westminster 1324; May 1322 he with Robert S. acknowledged a debt of £20 due to Joan widow of Robert of Denton; Sept. 1324 had protection for one year going to Aquitaine on the king's service with his uncle Robt. S. He was dead by end of 1326 when his sisters Barnaba, Christine and Elizabeth were found to be his heirs. (NCH IV, XV, PW, CR, PR.)

27. ROBERT OF THE MANOR (Maners).



Or two bars azure and a chief gules.
 S. and h. of Sir Robt. M. who was distrained for knighthood in 1278. Robert II suc. 1297 to the manor of Etal, a commr. to cause the truce with the Scots to be observed in Northumberland 1328; constable of Norham, sheriff and escheator in the shire 1333-45; ordered to deliver the offices to Sir Thos. Grey 1345; grant of exemption from all offices against his will 1333; styled kt. in an inq. of 20 Feb. 1335;

licensed to make a castle of his manor house of Etal 1341; licensed to have a chaplain in the chapel of St. Mary, Etal, 1345; commr. as to right of Rich. Lovel to the barony of Hawick 1354; d. Sept. 1354; Edward of Letham granted custody of the fortalice of Etal during the minority of Robert's heir Oct. 1355. (NCH XI, CDS, PR, CR, Inq.)

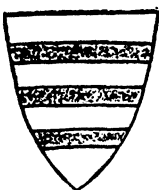
28. THOMAS OF HETON.



Vert a lion rampant and a border engrailed argent.

A natural s. of Thomas H., he was one of the young men-at-arms who with Sir Wm. Felton captured the rebel Gilbert of Middleton at Mitford castle Nov. 1318; he is styled kt. when with others he received a general pardon for aiding the king, in the late rebellion, in 1329; appointed, with others, keeper of the county of Northumberland 21 Mar. 1332; on commis. of peace for the county 11 Dec. 1332; commr. of array 1333; for his services in the Scottish war and at the siege of Berwick received grant of the lands of Gilbert of Middleton 15 Feb. 1319; pardoned for acquiring manor and settled it upon his s. John with the remainder to his s. Alan 1329; granted Akeld 1335; commr. of array 1335 and 1344; licensed to make a castle of his house of Chillingham 27 Jan. 1344, bought manor of Ingram c. 1343; d. Jan. 1353; suc. by his son Alan. (NCH IX, XI and XIV; PR, Inq., CR, AA² xxv.)

29. THOMAS OF MUSCHANTE (Muscamp).



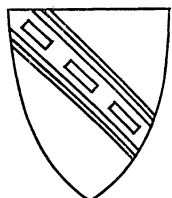
Or three bars gules, with difference.

Later arms: *azure three butterflies argent* (visit. of 1615).

S. and h. of William M. and his wife Joan, he was of Barmoor in Lowick, a cadet branch of the barons of Wooler;

held Barmoor in 1245, of the barony for $\frac{1}{4}$ fee; he was licensed to make a castle of his house at Barmoor 17 May 1341; collector of aids 1346 and 1359; sumd. to Westminster in 1351 to show by what service he held lands late of Sir John Coupland; he was living 1365 but was not a kt. though both his father William and his bro. Stephen were kts. (NCH XIV, RS VII, PR.)

30. ROGER OF HAGARSTONE (Haggerston).



Azure on a bend cotised argent three billets sable.

Haggerston in Ancroft. In 1327 Robert H. and Christine his wife were sued by Roger Heron respecting lands in Ford; he held lands in Akeld, Coupland and Yeavering at a $\frac{1}{4}$ fee; for the feudal aid of 1346 Robert paid with William for $\frac{1}{2}$ a fee in Hetherslaw; he was at Berwick in the company of Sir Robert Grey in 1312 when his horse was valued at 20 mks.; in 1345 he was styled king's yeoman and licensed to make a castle of his house at Haggerston. He was not a kt. (NCH XI and XIV; RND, PR, CDS, RS VII.)

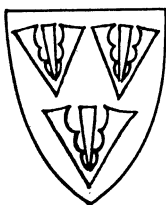
31. WILLIAM OF PRESFEN (in Carham).



Gold three sheaves gules.

Knight of the shire for Northumberland 1341—See AA⁴ XI, 41. He had grant of vill of Edrington Oct. 1335, constable of Jedburgh castle 1335-36. Michael of Presfen M.P. 1322 (AA⁴ X, 175); sealed with . . . a chevron between three stags . . . (AA⁴ XIX, 88, 71; CDS.)

32. ROBERT ARCHER.



Argent three pheons gules.

His seal of 1348 bears these charges, in 1369 his son placed a chevron between the pheons (SND 17 and 18). S. and h. of John Archer lord of Kilham, in Kirknewton, in 1318; Robert suc. in 1323; in 1348 he granted part of the vill of Mindrum to Sir John Coupland and appears as witness to various deeds of that date, he was not a kt. In 1369 Robert, s. and h. of Robert, granted his brother David lands in Kilham, Mindrum and reversions of lands in Northumberland to hold of the chief lords of the fees. (NCH XI, RS VII.)

33. JOHN ARCHER.

Arms as Robert A. S. and h. of Robert A. who died c. 1324; his wife was Isabel; in 1353 he sold the manor of Kilham to Sir John Coupland; in 1369 he granted a rent of 200 mks. to his brother Robert A. (NCH XI, RS VII.)

34. JOHN OF DENUM.



... on a bend three popinjays ...
(seal of 1324, DS 784).

Probably Deanham in Hartburn or possibly Downham in Carham which in 1324 was settled upon John s. of Adam of Denum and Joan his wife with remainder to his sons Thomas and Richard. Hodgson (II, ii, 15) identifies him with John of Denum, s. of Robt. D. lord of the manor of Meldon; for account of him see pedigree of Denum, Hodgson as above.

35. SIMON OF HESELRIG.



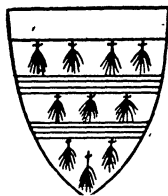
Argent a chevron between three hazel leaves vert.

Hazlerigg in Chatton. S. and h. of Simon H. lord of Weetslade and West Brunton in 1281, he was styled vallet, his seal of 1281 bore armorial charges as above. Simon II took part in a raid on Aldborough in 1319, in 1349 he was ordered to give seisin of a messuage in Hazlerigg to Thomas of Hazlerigg, in 1345 he witnessed a deed of Willm. Heron of Ford. (NCH XIV, AA³ XX, 165; RS VII.)

36. RICHARD FITZ RALPH.

No arms nor seals are known. Lord of Ditchburn in Eglingham, which in 1279 was held by Ralph s. of Roger in chief of the king by the service of one kt.'s fee; he died in 1314. Richard s. of Ralph his h., then aged 30, was lord of West Ditchburn, Great Ryle, and a moiety of Cartingdon held in chief, he d. before 1346 when half of Great Ryle was held of his heirs by John of Cartington. In 1320 he was styled of North Charlton. (NCH XIV, FF, nos. 196, 197; SS 88.)

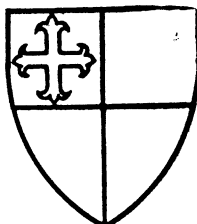
37. WALTER OF DYCHAND (Detchant).



Ermine two bars gemmell and a chief gules.

His parentage is not known nor his relation to Henry D. M.P. Northumberland 1298. Detchant is in Belford, part of the lands of Huntercombe which in 1335 Nicholas H. sold to Sir John Lilburn with the homage and service of Walter D. and many others. The charges on his shield are Huntercombe differenced. (NCH I, AA⁴ x, FF 259.)

38. JOHN OF MIDDLETON.



Quarterly gules and or a cross patonce argent in the quarter.

S. and h. of Sir Wm. M., kt., was under 14 years of age in 1293 when he claimed free warren in Belsay, Thornburgh, etc.; had licence to make a castle of his house of Newlands 1310; took part in rebellion of his cousin Gilbert of M. 1318, when his lands were forfeited except parts of Thornburgh and Whittington; in 1324 manor of West Swinburn was formerly held by him; he was not a kt.; Barnaba his wife was living a widow in 1328. (NCH x, RS VII, PR.)

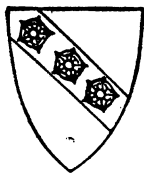
39. ROGER OF WESTON.

Arms unknown. His wife was Margery dau. and coh. of Robert of Ulchester (Outchester) who, in 1315, granted Roger the manor of Outchester, for which he paid the subsidy roll of 1336; his dau. and h. Joan m. Henry of Horsley; Oct. 1323 by fine manor of Outchester to revert to Roger of Horsley, grandson of Roger of W. after the death of Roger W. and Margery his wife; in 1335 Nicholas of Huntercombe granted his (Roger's) homage and services to Sir John Coup-land. He was not a kt. In 1319-20 he was with Sir John Weston, kt., of the king's household, in the company of the earl of Angus on the defence of the Marches. (NCH I, Pro.³ IV, FF 209 and 259.)

40. WILLIAM LEGGER.

No arms known. In 1328 he held property in Bam-
burgh, in 1322 he was a juryman there in a case before
Sir John Kingston, constable of the castle. (NCH I.)

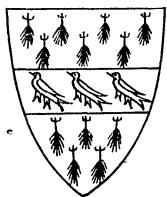
41. ALAN OF DOXFORD.



*... on a bend ... three roses or
quatrefoils ...*

See AA⁴ XXV, 112.

42. HENRY OF TUGHALE.



Ermine on a fess . . . thrée martlets . . .
(seal of Robert 1339).

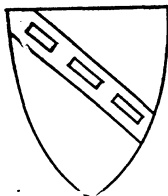
Tughall in Bamburgh, he was possibly a brother of the well-known Robert T. who held $\frac{1}{2}$ a kt.'s fee in Rock, and was chamberlain of Berwick and justice in Northumberland at this date. I have

found no reference to Henry except that in 1374 Richard s. of Henry T. was named in an action of novel disseisin brought by John of Hexham. His non-armorial seal is no. 774 (NDS). (CR, NCH, FA, DS 2471.)

43. JOHN OF ALNMOUTH.

Arms unknown. He was the only inhabitant of Alnmouth who paid the subsidy of 1336; in 1312 he was on service in Scotland, his horse, an *album ferandum* (dappled white), was counted but its value omitted. (NCH II, CDS.)

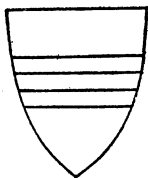
44. ROBERT OF SHOPPETH.



(Azure) on a bend (argent) three billets (azure).

In Otterburn called also Sokepeth or Soppit. The family of Sokpeth were owners of the vill of Hobberlaw in Alnwick held by Thomas S. in 1350 at $\frac{1}{4}$ of a kt.'s fee and $\frac{2}{9}$ castle guard at Alnwick. Robert was receiver for the bishop of Durham in Norhamshire 1311, and keeper, with others, of Norham castle in 1314; he m., as her second husband, Constance dau. of Thomas Carliol of Swarland and in 1344 Thomas C. settled Glantlees in Felton upon his dau. Constance then widow of Robert S. He was not a kt. (CDS, NCH VII, RS VII, AA v.)

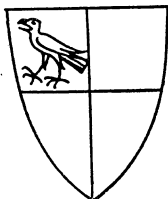
45. ALEXANDER OF HILTON.



Argent two bars azure.

S. and h. of Robert H. lord of Hilton, m. Maud dau. of Richard of Embleton and widow of Rich. of Acton; suc. to a third part of Jesmond manor; styled kt. in 1332 when he had protection going beyond seas in the company of Willm. la Zouche, was in the Scots wars, licensed to alienate in mortmain lands in Broxfield to the convent of Alnwick; commr. of oyer and terminer 1344-45; lord of Rennington in Embleton, held lands in Embleton with Maud his wife in 1359 for 1/20th part of a kt.'s fee; d. 1361. (NCH, PR, RS.)

46. EDMUND OF CRASTER.



Quarterly or and gules a crow in the first quarter. (Seal of 1323.)

He was probably s. of Richard C. and suc. to his lands c. 1313; styled kt. in 1344 and again in 1349; collector of an aid 1347; held vill of Craster as part of the barony of Embleton as of the duke by 1/2 a kt.'s fee. He was in the company of Sir John Cromwell, warden of the Marches, in 1319-20. (NCH II, Pro.³ IV, RS, NDS 201.)

47. WILLIAM OF FELTON.



Gules two lions passant within the Scottish tressure argent.

He was styled king's yeoman in 1318 and kt. before 1334, was distrained for kt. 1329. Sheriff of Northumberland 1341-43. (AA⁴ xx, 46.)

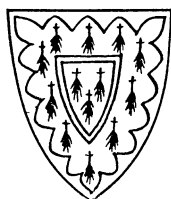
48. WILLIAM OF ESSELINGTON.

Arms as above (no. 7, p. 128). William gave evidence at the proof of age of Marmaduke of Lumley held in Chevington church 3 Mar. 1355. He was a younger s. of Robert E., witnessed a deed of his father in 1349. (AA³ III and VI.)

49. JOHN OF BORNDON (Burradon).

Probably s. of Sir John B. (no. 18, p. 149); in 1331 John B. "the younger" acknowledged a debt to Thos. of Bamburgh. Nothing more found about him.

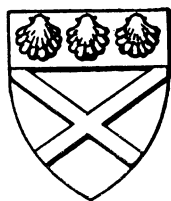
50. ROBERT OF HEPPEHALE (Hepple).



Ermine an orle and a border engrailed gules.

S. and h. of Robert H. who died in 1304, and Margaret his wife who claimed dower 1307; Robert II was then twenty-three years of age and executor of his father's will. His only dau. Joan m. Robert Ogle, and in 1331 her father settled a moiety of Hepple and 1 kt.'s fee in Tosson, Flotterton, etc., upon her and her husband. He was not a kt. (NCH xv, FF, RS.)

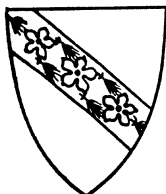
51. WILLIAM TAILBOIS.



Argent a saltire gules on a chief gules three escallops argent.

Lord of a moiety of Hepple, s. and h. of Sir Luke T. (M.P. 1300, AA⁴ x, 156) who d. 1316, William was then aged 30; he was a kt. before 1337, in that year he settled his lands in Hepple and Tosson on his son Henry upon his marriage with Eleanor dau. of Sir Robert Umfraville. He d. 28 July 1364 seised of half of Hepple, Trewhit, Bickerton and Tosson. (NCH xv, FR, Inq., AA.)

52. ADAM FITZ ROBERT OF RODAM.



Gules on a bend ermine three cinquefoils sable.

Adam s. of Robert of Roddam with Sir Gilbert Burradon, kt., and John of Morpeth were ordered on 11 July 1323 to buy provisions at Newcastle; with William of R. his lands in that manor were forfeited for taking part in the rebellion of Gilbert of Middleton in the reign of Edward II; his dau. Joan was the wife of Sir Thos. Umfraville of Holmside who d. 1387. Robert sealed in 1323 with an ancient gem (with John's name) s. JOHANNIS DE RODUM. John's seal of 1380 bears . . . on a bend . . . three cinquefoils . . . (NCH XII and XIV, CDS.)

53. STEPHEN OF HOWBURN.

Holburn in the chapelry of Lowick, a manor of the barony of Wooler in 1242. The family of the name owned the manor from the early thirteenth century. In 1319-20 s. was with Sir Roger Heron in the company of the Warden of the Marches, the earl of Angus, on the defence of the March. (FA, NCH XIV, Pro.³ IV.)

54. WILLIAM OF LYHAM.



(Argent) a fess between three bears (sable).

In Chatton parish, a manor of the barony of Vesci. In 1313 William replevied his lands which had been forfeited to the king; in 1329 he owned a moiety of the manor. He d. 1348 leaving two daus., Margery wife of Robert Forset and Constance wife of Alan del Strother, between whom his property was divided. In 1319-20 he was on the defence of the Marches in the company of Sir John of Lilburn. In 1329 he was a juror in an inquisition before John of Boling-

broke, escheator, held at Newcastle upon Tyne. He was not a kt. (NCH xiv, Pro.³ iv, RS viii, CDS.)

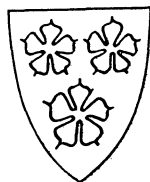
55. JOHN OF HESELRIG.

For arms see above no. 35. The only reference found is that in 1329 William of Denum produced a deed of 1307 concerning Lyham, all the witnesses to which were dead except John of Heselrig. (NCH xiv, CR.)

56. NICHOLAS OF BOLLISDON.

Bowsden in Lowick parish, a township in the barony of Wooler, the manor gave its name to a local family whose heiress Agnes m. c. 1292 Hugh of Haggerston; Nicholas was in the company of Sir John Lilburn on the defence of the Marches in 1319-20. No arms are known. (NCH, Pro.³ iv.)

57. JOHN OF HORSELEY.



Sable three cinquefoils argent.

He was probably s. and h. of Sir Richard Horsley, kt., lord of Thirnam (Farnham) in Coquetdale; as John s. of Sir Rich. H. he had a grant of lands in Crawcrook from William of Bradley, 1320; he witnessed deeds of 1304 and 1322; his s. and h. was Sir Rich. H., sheriff and M.P. Northumberland 1357-59; one of the name, possibly this John, was an adherent of Gilbert of Middleton in his rebellion in 1317 and his lands were forfeited. (JH, NCH.xv, RS, FF.)

58. HENRY OF ILDETON.

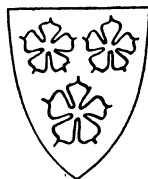


Argent three bougets sable.

S. and h. of Thos. I. a minor under the guardianship of Robert of Ros in 1266; paid the subsidy of 1296; grant of free warren in his lands of Ilderton, Roddam, etc., 1307; in 1328 licensed to settle his manor of Ilderton and other lands upon his dau.

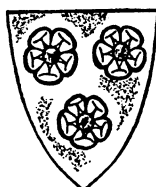
and h. Alice and her husband Thomas of Wetwang; he was living in 1336 when he paid the subsidy of that year. He was not a kt. (AA³ vii, NCH xiv, Inq., FF.)

59. THOMAS OF CLENHILL.



Or three cinquefoils sable. (AA⁴ xxv, pp. 102 and 105).

60. WILLIAM OF INGOW (Ingoe).



Argent three roses gules.

In Stamfordham parish; s. and h. of Thomas I and Margaret his wife; he m. Joan dau. of Emma of Skipwith; in 1360 the lands of his grandson Nicholas were forfeited and granted to Wm. Strother on the accusation that his grandfather had taken part in the rebellion of Gilbert of Middleton. He was not a kt. (NCH xii and xv, CDS, PR.)

61. HUGH DEL PARK.

Witnessed a deed of Thomas of Carliol in 1334, headed the subsidy role of 1336 for Felton. (NCH.)

62. THOMAS OF BICKERTON.

Argent on chevron sable three pheons argent.

See AA⁴ xxv, p. 104.

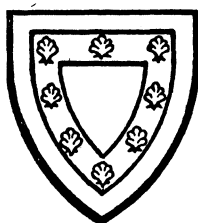
63. WILLIAM OF BEWICK.

In Eglington parish. In 1343 he purchased lands in Kilham and Paxton from Richard of Kilham for 100 mks.; in 1349 he occurs as witness to a deed of Thomas Horsley. No arms are known. (RS, FF, NCH.)

64. JOHN OF BEWICK.

In 1332 John s. of Thomas B. farmed the mills of Bewick, Edlingham and Lilburn from the prior of Tynemouth for 13 mks.; had grant from the king of lands in Lilburn forfeited by Adam Nicson of Lilburn for taking part in the rebellion of Gilbert of Middleton in 1317; he d. at Martinmas 1352, leaving s. and h. Thomas aged 14. (NCH xiv, FF, RS, PR.)

65. ROBERT DARREYS (Darreyns).



Argent on an orle gules eight escallops or.

Darras in Ponteland. Sheriff of Northumberland 1334-39. In 1319-20 he was in garrison at Warkworth with John of Thirlwall and in 1322 was constable of that castle. (AA⁴ xx, 46, Pro.⁴ iv, NCH v.)

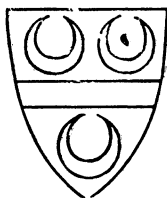
66. SIMON DARREYS.

Younger s. of Guy D. and bro. of above Robert D., he m. Maud dau. and cōh. of Guiscard of Hebburn and received her inheritance in 1322; s. and h. was William upon whom, in 1348, his parents settled their lands. (NCH xiv.)

67. WILLIAM DARREYS.

Possibly another s. of Guy D. and bro. of Robert. In 1343 he held the manor of Brotherwick, in Warkworth, and in 1349 paid fine of 60s. for having acquired it from Gilbert of Wauton without licence; in 1352 Sir Thos. St. Maur transferred with the manor of Newton (in Embleton) the services due from Sir Edmund Craster, William Darreys and others, to Sir John Strivelyn. (JH, NCH.)

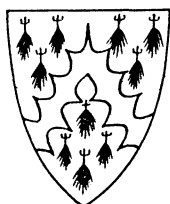
68. ROBERT OF OGGLE.



Argent a fess between three crescents gules.

S. and h. of Sir John Ogle; in 1302 he was a ward of John of Denum; m. Margaret dau. and h. of Hugh Gubion; commr. of array 1335 and 1345; bailiff of Tyndale 1338, licensed to make a castle of his manor house of Ogle, grant of free warren in his demesne lands, fought at Neville's Cross in 1346; in 1318 carries letter from Sir Thos. Gray, constable of Norham, to Edward II, in same year brings letter from the sheriff (Sir Wm. Ridel) as to stores at Mitford; in 1346, as steward of Annandale, agreed with Richard of Thirwall to keep castle of Lochmaben—his seal attached bears his arms with crest of a bunch of feathers—in garrison at Lochmaben, Michaelmas 1346; in 1343 purchased a moiety at Twisel; sumd. to council at Westminster 1346, commr. of array 1353, d. 1368, s. and h. was Robert. (JH, CDS, RS, FF.)

69. JOHN COSYN.



Ermine a chevron engrailed sable.

A family of this name held lands at West Matfen, but no mention of John there. In 1282 Ellis Cosyn had livery of his father's lands in West Matfen. In 1321 John C., esquire, was in garrison at the pele of Linlithgow, his black horse was valued at only 5 mks.

70. THOMAS MAUCLERK.

In 1308 and 1311 he claimed lands in Horsley (AA³ vi). Nothing more has been found about him.

71. ROBERT OF CRESSWELL.



(*Argent*) a squirrel (*gules*) (seal 1349). In Woodhorn, called esquire and was in garrison at Berwick in 1312, his horse a dappled white was valued at 10 mks., he occurs as witness in 1333 and in 1358 had restitution of his lands in Cresswell. (JH, CDS, SND).

72. ROBERT OF SETON.



. . . a fess between three birds . . .

North Seaton in Woodhorn. In 1341 he occurs as a witness to a grant to Gerard of Widdrington, and in 1346 to a deed of Richard of Plessy; in 1360 lands in Woodhorn forfeited by Gilbert of Middleton were granted to Robert S., s. and h. of Robert of Seton for £20. (JH, RS.)

73. JOHN OF SETON.

Probably bro. of above Robert with whom he appears as witness in 1346; he also witnessed in 1332 a quitclaim by Richard s. and h. of John of Plessey; he was a juror at Alnwick at inquest taken in 1343 before William of Felton then sheriff. (JH, RS, CDS.)

74. WILLIAM ALGODE.



Argent a cross engrailed *gules* between four molets *azure* on a chief or three roses *gules* (later arms).

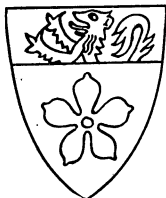
William has not been found, but the family were connected with Warkworth. In the subsidy rolls of 1296 and 1312 for that town Richard Algode is named. In 1324 an Alan Alegode of Warkworth is mentioned. (NCH v.)

75. JOHN SON OF JOHN OF HORSLEY.

In 1316 John s. of J. of H. granted a messuage in

Pilgrim St., Newcastle; in 1336 John s. of J. of H., whose wife was a dau. of William Russell of Dissington, held a toft in Tynemouth; in 1321 he appears as witness in a grant to Tynemouth Priory and again in 1331. There were other Johns of H. living at that time, but the above is the only one always called as above. (RS, NCH.)

76. SIMON OF WELTEDEN.



Argent a cinquefoil gules on a chief gules a demi-lion rampant or.

Welton in Ovingham. He suc. to moieties of Belsay and Thornburgh and to the manor of Welton which he entailed in 1300, sumd. as man-at-arms to council at Westminster 1324, m. Maud dau. of Roger of Esh, settled lands upon William of Denum in 1334. (NCH, RS, FF.)

77. JOHN OF PLESSIS.



. . . a lion rampant . . . (seal).

Plessy in Stannington; s. and h. of Simon P., m. Margaret; settled his lands in Shotton to his s. and h. Richard and in 1340 gave him all services and rents due in Shotton, Plessy, etc.; in 1349 he released to Roger of Widdrington claim to lands he had in Plessy and Shotton. In 1330 he was a witness at the proof of age of David earl of Athol. (JH II.)

78. STEPHEN OF DUDDEN.

Duddo in Stannington. I have not traced Stephen, but he may have been a brother of John of D., knight of the shire for Northumberland 1306-09. (AA x, 161.)

79. THOMAS OF WOTTON.

S. and h. of Robert of W. and Alice his wife, he was a freeholder in Great Whittington in 1321; on 15 Dec.

1319 the services of Thomas with others were transferred to Richard of Acton by Sir John Halton, in 1321 a further conveyance was made; in 1335 he sued Richard of Acton for a third part of the manor of Great Whittington; he was suc. by his s. John before 1337. (FF, NCH, RS.)

80. JOHN OF HARLE.



(Gules) on a bend (argent) three birds (shovellers) (gules).

Kirkharle. Bro. of Alexander H. whose lands were forfeited for treason, probably the rebellion of Gilbert of Middleton in 1317; in 1240 the manor was held of the barony of Prudhoe for 1 kt.'s fee; at the inq. of Gilbert earl of Angus in 1324 John H. held half the manor of West H.; in 1290 he sued John Lisle of Woodburn for lands in Troughend; in the Falkirk campaign his horse was a black runcy (nag) valued only 6 mks.; c. 1294 he was bailiff of Redesdale; in 1312 he was in garrison at Edinburgh castle as a man-at-arms, his black horse valued at Berwick in the same year was worth 100s.; probably took part in Middleton's rebellion in 1322; in 1341 John of West H. and Alice his wife had grant of lands there from Avice of Sweethope, remainder to their sons, Thomas, John and William. (JH, CDS, RS, SND.)

81. JOHN GRAY.

Little has been found about him; in 1312 he was in garrison at Berwick upon Tweed, his dark bay horse was then valued at £10. He witnessed a deed of Sir John Halton in 1315 as John Gray of East Herle and one of Sir Wm. Swinburne as of Little Herle and again in 1314 to a deed of Sir John Cambo, as of Herle. (RS VII, JH, CDS.)

82. ALEXANDER OF HERLE.

For arms see no. 80. He was probably the bro. of John H., but nothing has been found about him except that he took part with John in the rebellion of Gilbert of Middleton, and that in consequence, in 1360, his forfeited lands were purchased by Robert of Herle. (JH.)

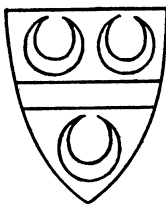
83. THOMAS OF BRADFORD.



Argent on a bend gules three martlets argent.

In Bamburgh. S. and h. of Alexander B., aged 40 in 1316; the manor was held in serjeanty in chief of the king by the service of finding one armed man (hobelar) for the king's army for 40 days and doing suit of court every 6 weeks. At the inquest upon Alexander the equipment of a hobelar was given—a tunic of buckskin, a hauberk of chain-mail, a bascinet, lance and dagger and to be mounted upon an unarmed (*discoopertus*) horse, to serve 40 days at his own expense in time of war; Alexander paid 13s. 4d. a year for castle guard at Bamburgh and suit at the county court every 6 weeks. In 1319-20 Thomas was in the company of the earl of Angus, Warden of the Marches, on their defence. (NCH I, Pro.³ iv.)

84. JOHN OF ROUCHESTER.



Or a fess between three crescents sable.

Rudchester in Ovingham. S. and h. of Simon R. who built the hall there in 1285 and paid subsidy of 1296; John's wife was Aline dau. and h. of Roger Sturdy, whom he had m. before 1308; at inq. of 12 April 1325 he held the manor from Robert of Umfraville at $\frac{1}{2}$ a kt.'s fee 6/8 castle guard to Prudhoe castle and suit of court at

Prudhoe, the manor at the time was wasted by the Scots. He served under the earl of Angus, warden of the Marches, in their defence 1319-20. No arms are known. (NCH, Pro.³ iv, FA, Inq.)

85. THOMAS GRAY.



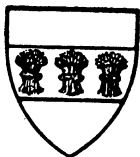
Gules a lion rampant and a border engrailed argent, with due difference.

S. and h. of Sir Thomas G. (*ante* p. 142) whom he suc. at Heton, Norham, etc., 10 April 1344; m. Margaret dau. of William of Presfen; called "junior" in 1331 and accused of taking a burgess of Berwick prisoner in time of truce; in 1344 granted the manor of Middlemast Middleton in Coquetdale for his good services beyond seas, kt. before 1351, ordered to show by what service he held lands of Sir John of Lilburn in 1351; in Aug. 1355 was taken prisoner with his son during a sortie from Norham castle, by Patrick earl of March, imprisoned at Edinburgh where he wrote the chronicle of his times called (*Scalachronica*); in 1357 receives one of hostages for David of Scotland, in 1367 settled his estates, d. c. 1369. (RND, NCH, CDS, RS.)

86. HENRY LITZSTER.

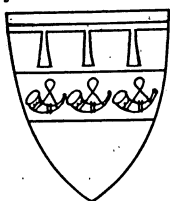
Not traced, but the family was connected with Morpeth where John and William L. are witnesses to deeds of this date; in 1339 William L. granted a messuage in Morpeth. (JH, FF.)

87. WILLIAM OF TYNDALE.



Argent on a fess sable three sheaves or.
Sheriff of Northumberland 1331 (AA xx, 45). Kt. of shire for Northumberland 1332 (AA xi, 29).

88. JOHN FORESTER OF CORBRIG.



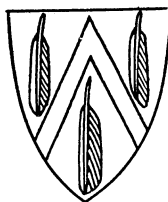
. . . *on a fess . . . three hunting horns*
 . . . *a label of three points* (seal of 1370).

John s. of Adam Forester of Corbridge leased the manor house of Corbridge from William of Tyndale in 1321; he was at the top of the subsidy roll of 1336; commr. of oyer and terminer 1319; joined Gilbert of Middleton's rebellion 1317; received pardon for treason 1326; sumd. to Gt. Council at Westminster May 1324; his s. John married Constance widow of Thomas of Tyndale. (NCH x, PR, etc.)

89. JOHN OF SEDLINGSTONES.

Settlingstones in the chapelry of Newbrough; the only reference found to John is that he was with Sir Richard Horsley on the Marches in 1319-20. (Pro.³ IV.)

90. THOMAS OF FEIRSTONHAUGH.



Gules a chevron between three feathers pens upmost argent (seal of Alex. F. 1388).

Featherstone in Haltwhistle; s. and h. of Thomas F. and Mariote his wife, inquisitor with his s. Thomas in 1309 after death of Thomas lord Lucy, conservator of truce with Scotland 1327, keeper of Staward pele 1327, also granted custody of the manor of Wark in Tyndale, styled king's vallet to array men of Hexham and Tynedale; commr. of array again in 1335. (JH, RS.)

91. HUGH OF WALES (Wallis).

Nothing found about him except that he appears as a witness to deeds relating to Humshaugh and other places in North Tyndale about this date. (JH.)

92. ROBERT OF BOCELAND.

Probably Buteland, North Tyne; he was probably the Robert B. who with others were justices of Archbishop Gifford to deliver Hexham gaol, later he had a grant of pasture in Capheaton from Sir Alan Swinburn. He was with the earl of Angus, warden of the Marches, in their defence in 1319-20. (NCH IV and XII, Pro.³ IV.)

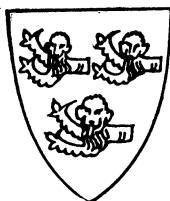
93. NICHOLAS OF PUNCHARDON.

Knight of the shire for Northumberland 1297; in 1319-20 on the defence of the Marches with Sir John Cromwell, warden. (AA⁴ X, 153; Pro.³ IV.)

94. JOHN OF FAWDON.

In South Gosforth; s. and h. of Robert F. who was sheriff of Northumberland 1307 (AA- XX, 40); suc. 1314; John and his bro. William joined the rebellion of Gilbert of Middleton 1317, but his lands were not confiscated until 1360; his son Robert m. Catherine, dau. of William of Acton, in 1328; c. 1337 John bought land in Eachwick from Hugh Basset and about the same time granted a rent from his property in Harlow and Whitchester to Hexham priory. No arms are known, he was living in 1343. (NCH VI and XIII, AA¹ III, SS, CDS.)

95. NICOLAS OF ELAND.



Gules three demi-lions passant guardant or.

S. and h. of Peter of Eland who was steward of Aymer of Valence; in 1330 Nicolas was a juror at enquiry as to proof of age of David earl of Athol, he said that David after baptism was taken with his nurse to Nicolas's father's house in Eland and nursed there for three years, Nicolas was then aged 19; he gave evidence as to age of Robert Bertram in 1330; Chris-

tine his dau. and h. m. Robert of Heselrigg. (NCH, CDS.)

96. THOMAS OF FENWICK.



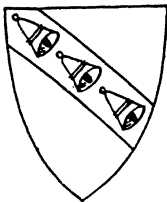
Argent a chief gules and six martlets counter-coloured.

In Stamfordham parish, assessed for the lay subsidy at Fenwick, 1296; styled lord of Fenwick 1299, occurs as witness in 1304, his s. and h. was Sir John Fenwick, kt., sheriff 1319 and later. It is probably his effigy which lies against the south wall of the chancel in Stamfordham church. (NCH, AA⁴ VII, 7.)

97. THOMAS OF HYDEWYN.

Robert of Hydewin held West H. for $\frac{1}{3}$ rd part of a kt.'s fee of the barony of Bolbeck *temp.* Henry III—Thomas was witness to a deed of 1331 as to the manor of Cramlington, and in 1332 to a deed relating to Prestwick. (JH, RS, AA³ II.)

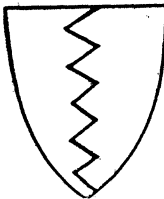
98. HENRY OF BELTON.



Argent on a bend sable three bells or.

In 1321 John of Belton was an esquire serving, with others from the north, in Berwick; his horse was white dappled worth only 10 mks. (CDS). In March 1319-20 Henry was serving under Sir John Burradon on the Scottish March. (Pro.³ IV.)

99. HENRY OF WHITCHESTER.



Party indented or and vert.

In Heddon on the Wall. He occurs as witness to a Denton deed of 1334, leased land in Benwell 1346, received pardon 1359 for his grandfather's purchase of land in Benwell without licence, he was owner of $\frac{1}{3}$ rd part of Benwell manor. (NCH, RS.)

100. THOMAS OF THROKELAW.

Thockley in Newburn. He paid 10s. to subsidy of 1335 for Newburn, after death of Robert fitz Roger in 1310 Thomas T. was stated to hold the manor of T. as for 2 kts.' fees of 55.7½ of *blanchfērm*. No arms are known. (NCH XIII.)

101. ROBERT OF RYHILL.



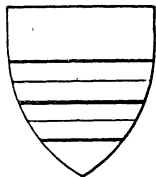
Silver three lions rampant gules.

Ryal in Stamfordham; he paid the largest amount for Ryal in the subsidy roll of 1336; in 1333 he held for life 36 acres in Hawkwell; he was in the company of Sir Adam Benton on the Marches in 1319-20; d. before 1367. (NCH XII.)

102. JOHN OF FORSETE.

In 1349 Thomas Horsley granted to Sir John Heron lands in Hertished which he had from John F., formerly lord of Hertished (Hartside in Ingram). In 1331 John held lands in Hartside with Thomas his son. (RS, NCH, FA, AA.)

103. ROBERT OF BYKER.



. . . two bars . . . and a chief . . . (seal 1339).

S and h. of Robert de la Chambre (or of Byker) by his wife Laderina coh. of John of Byker; he was enfeoffed of the manor of B. by his mother in 1323, settled the

manor 1344, d. 1349. (JH, Brand, NCH, RS.)

104. GALFRID CONYERS.



Azure a maunch or, with due difference. Possibly he was a younger son of Roger Conyers who was a younger son of Sir John Conyers, kt., of Sockburn; d. *s.p.* 1334. It was possibly he who as an

esquire of the king's household was on the defence of the Marches with the lords warden in 1319-20. (Pro.³ IV.)

Nothing has been found about the following seventeen "men-at-arms": Simon Bakester, William Oschestrother, Alan fitz Adam, Ranulf Skelton, John of Lyham, Richard del Newton, Simon Fote, Alan of Kirkby, Michael del Park, Richard del Isle, William Clericus, William Berhault, Thomas Maucclerk, John Manfeld, Gilbert Maltby, William Hetherwick, and William Whitfleshe.

NOTE.—Plate opposite p. 176 illustrates the transitional armour worn by knights *c.* 1324.

KEY TO PLATE

No. 1. SIR JOHN CREKE. Brass in Westley Waterless church, Cambs. He was sheriff of the shire 1306 and later, keeper of Cambridge castle 1320, knight of the shire 1320, d. c. 1325. His armour shows the transition from mail to plate armour, the mail is banded and seems to be made of rings sewn in rows on a foundation, probably of leather. His camail is laced to a fluted bascinet, his hauberk is worn over a padded gambeson and the mail on his arms and shins is protected by plates buckled over it; at shoulders and elbows are roundels in the form of lions' heads, his knees are covered by ornamented knee-caps, above his mail hauberk he wears another garment with a dragged edge and with embroidery upon it, over all is a loose surcoat long behind but cut short in front, of the style known as *cyclas*. His sword hangs from a decorated belt which is fastened by lockets to the scabbard. His feet which are covered by *solerets* over the mail, rest upon a crouching lion and have rowell spurs. His small heater-shaped shield bears—*or on a fess sable three lozenges vair*.

No. 2. SIR WILLIAM FITZ RALPH. Brass in Pebmarsh church, Essex, of which manor he was lord. He served in Scotland in 1296 and again in 1298 and 1301, held $3\frac{3}{4}$ kts.' fees in Essex and Suffolk of Gilbert earl of Gloucester 1314, d. c. 1325. He is armed in a hooded hauberk of mail, worn above a quilted gambeson, over all is a loose surcoat, belted at the waist and with fringed edges. His arms, shins and feet are protected by mail with plates buckled over it, his knees are protected by ornamental knee-caps. Decorated roundels are at his elbows and shoulders. A broad belt sustains his sword scabbard to which it is fastened by the strip laced method. A concave shield slung by its strap is at his left side. It is charged with the arms blasoned for him in the Parl. roll—*De or a iii cheverons de goules flurette argent*. His feet, in an early style of *solerets*, rest upon a lop-eared hound.



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