

IX.—FOUR NINETEENTH-CENTURY BANNERS OF SHERIFFS OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

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Dr. E. F. Collingwood of Lilburn Tower, a vice-president of the Society, recently bought, in a London sale room, four sheriffs' banners of early nineteenth-century date. They bore the armorials of Collingwood of Lilburn, Craster of Craster, Liddell of Eslington and John Hodgson-Hinde of Elswick. They are in good condition, framed in wood and covered in glass, except that of Liddell; which is not so well preserved. They are now in the possession of the present representative of each family, except that of Hodgson-Hinde, which Dr. Collingwood gave to the Society; this is now displayed in the Black Gate Museum.

From the thirteenth century, until recent times, it was customary for the sheriff of Northumberland, who, after 1400, was accompanied by the sheriff of the county of Newcastle upon Tyne, to go in procession with great "pomp and circumstance" to meet the Justices of Assize, coming from Durham, at Sheriff Hill. An account of this picturesque ceremony is printed in *Archæologia Aeliana*, 4th ser., vol. XXI, pp. 225ff. On plate XI in that volume, a picture by T. M. Richardson is reproduced showing the sheriff's carriage preceded by two trumpeters mounted on white horses, whose fringed banners have the sheriff's armorials, painted on silk, attached to them. All this high pageantry is now foregone. The Justices of Assize are met by officials of the County and City at the Central Station with little ceremony but they are still heralded on proper occasions by fanfares from two trumpeters whose trumpet banners bear the armorials of the county sheriff for the year.

THE BANNERS.

1. Henry John William Collingwood, esquire, of Lilburn Tower, 1832.

Armorial: Quarterly I and IV *argent a chevron between three stags' heads rased sable*—Collingwood, II and III *azure a man's arm, couped at the shoulder, vested proper, holding in his hand a baton or*—Clennell. Impaling *azure on a bend argent cotised azure three billets sable*—Haggerstone. Helmet rests on the top of the shield, above it on a wreath *a stag standing in front of a holly bush, all proper*. (Plate VIII.)

Henry Collingwood of Lilburn Tower and Cornhill House, was born 1802 and died 1840, married Frances Carnaby daughter of Thomas Haggerstone of Ellingham.

2. Shafto Craster, esquire, of Craster Tower, 1803.

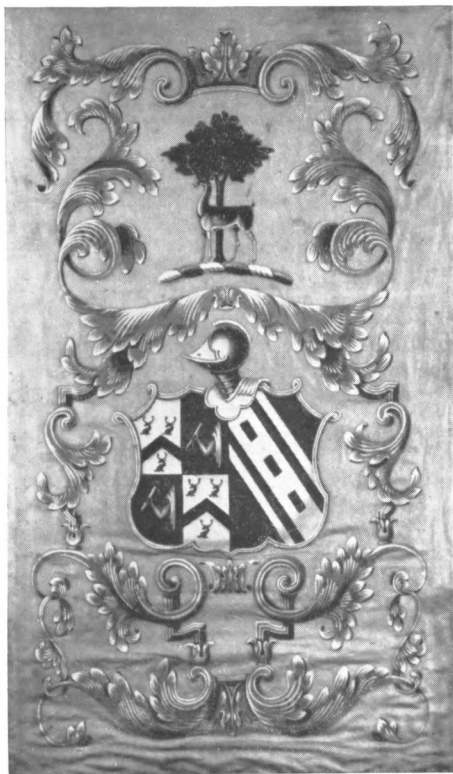
Armorial: Quarterly *or and gules a "craw" sable in the first quarter*—Craster. Impaling *gules a spread eagle or on a chief or a cinquefoil between two martlets gules*—Atkinson. Crest on a wreath *a "craw" sable*. Helm in an ornamental lozenge beneath the shield. (Plate VIII.)

Shafto Craster, born 1755, married Isabel Atkinson daughter of Charles Atkinson of Newcastle upon Tyne. Died 30th June 1837. His seal as sheriff is no. 22 on plate I, *Arch. Ael.*, XXI.

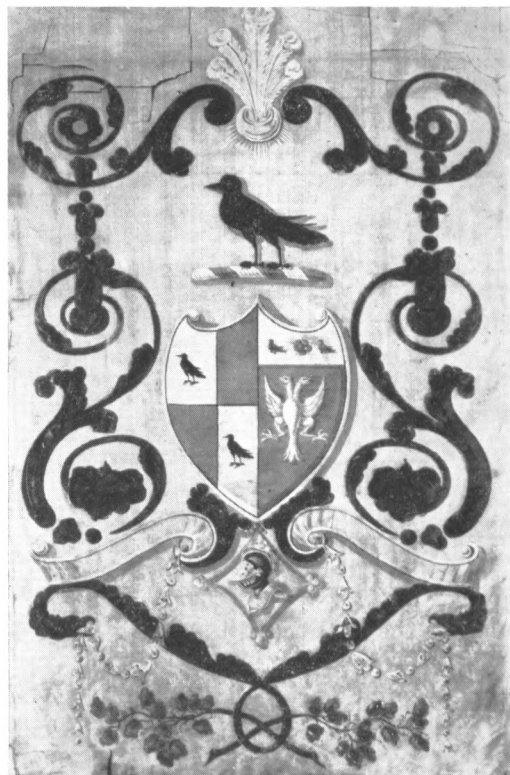
3. Sir Thomas Henry Liddell, Bt., of Eslington, 1804.

Armorial: *Argent fretty gules on a chief gules three leopards' faces or, on an escutcheon argent the Red Hand of Ulster*—Liddell. Impaling *gules a fess between two lions passant or*—Simpson. Crest on a wreath above the shield *a lion rampant sable billetty and crowned or*. (Plate IX.)

Born 1755, married Maria Simpson of Bradley, created Baron Ravensworth 1821, died 1855. His son and grandson were presidents of the Society from 1861 to 1898.



COLLINGWOOD



CRASTER.

Photo. King's College.



LIDDELL.



HODGSON-HINDE.

Photo. King's College

4. John Hodgson-Hinde, esquire, of Elswick, 1849.

Armorial: On a panel decorated with gold scrolls, *per chevron embattled or and azure three martlets counter coloured*—Hodgson. In pretence *sable a lion passant guardant or between three closed helmets argent*—Compton. Crest *on a rock argent a dove azure holding an olive branch in its beak*. Motto *Miseris succurrere disco*. (Plate IX.)

Son of John Hodgson of Elswick Hall, born 1808. Under the will of Miss Hinde of Stelling Hall he took the additional surname of Hinde. M.P. for Newcastle upon Tyne for some years between 1827-47. J.P. and D.L. Member of the Society between 1827-69. Vice-President and contributed many papers to the First and Second Series of *Archæologia Aeliana*. He wrote the introductory volume to Hodgson's *History of Northumberland*. Married in 1833 Isabella daughter and coheiress of Anthony Compton of Carham Hall. Died 1869.

