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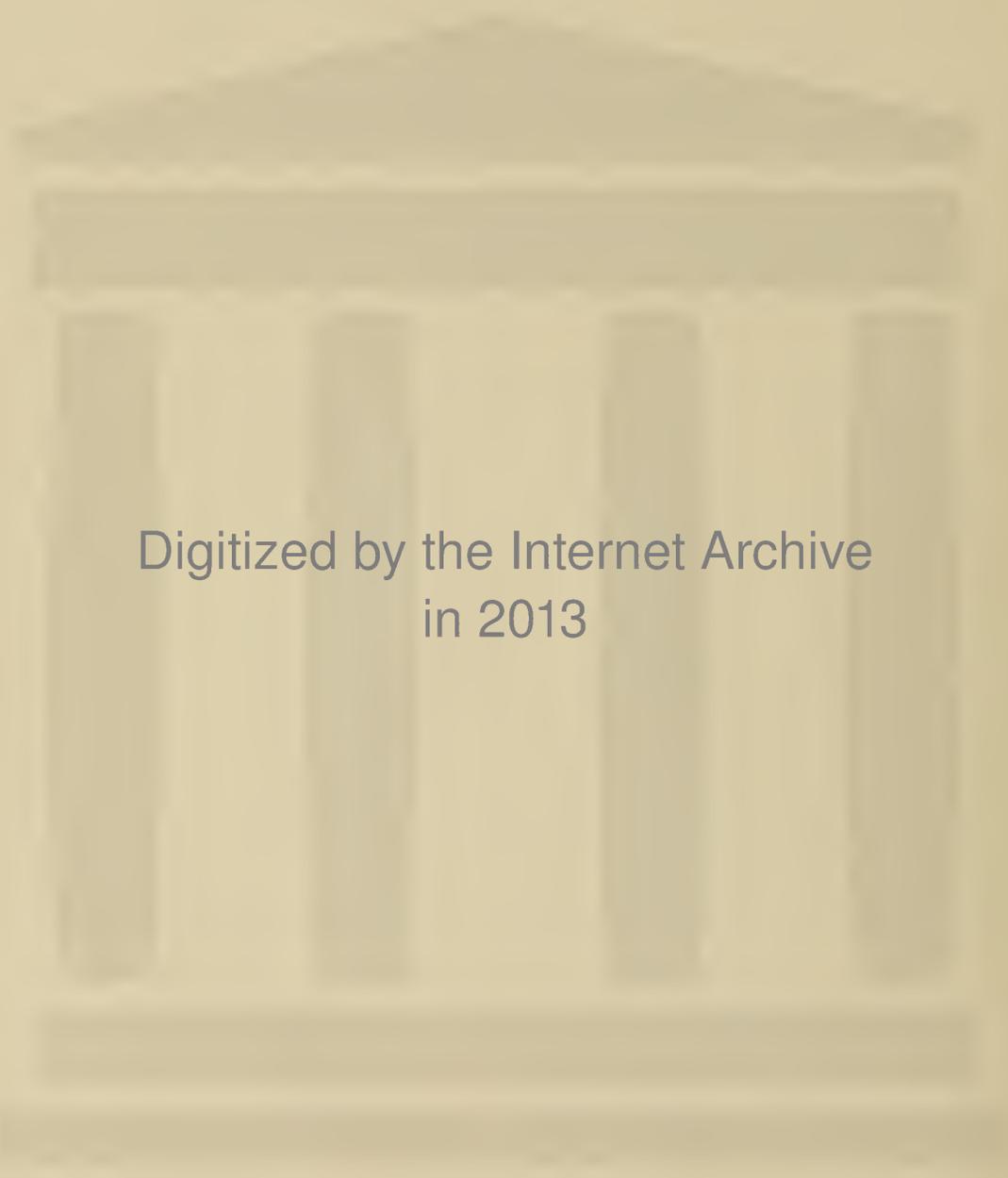


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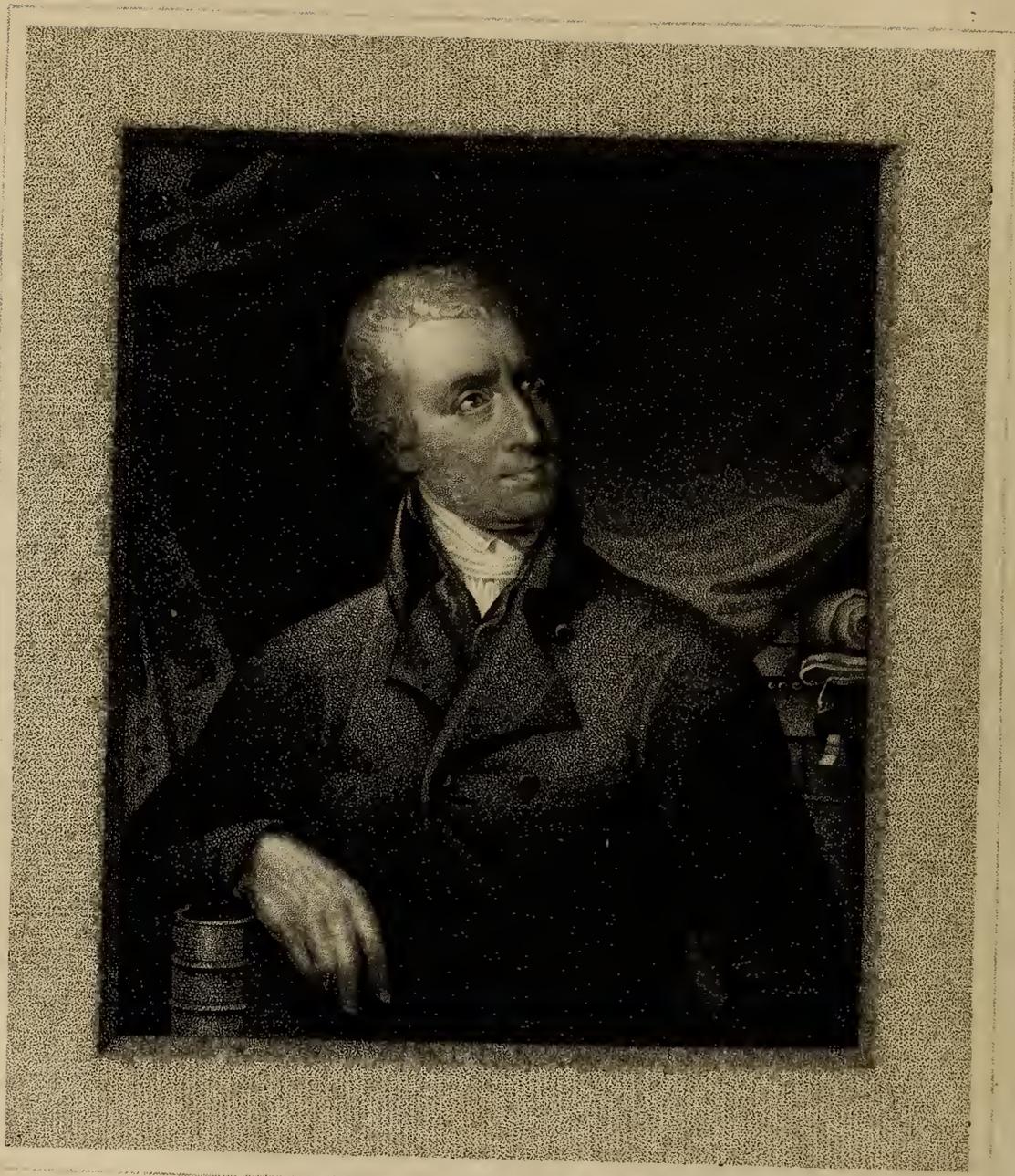
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*Thomas Dunham Whitaker.*

*L.L.D. F.S.A.*

*Engraved by W. Maddocks from a Picture painted by W. D. Fryer, of Warwick.*

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## PARISH OF KILDWICK.

THIS extensive parish consists of the townships of Kildwick, Silsden, Steeton, Holden, Farnhill, Estburne, Bradley, Cowling, Cononley, Glusburne, and Sutton in Aredale.

The Domesday Survey is as follows :

## TERRA REGIS.

- <sup>i</sup> In Childeuic . Archil . II . caſ ad gld . 7 I . ecclā  
<sup>i</sup> In Esebrune . Gamelbar <sup>.II. caruc' t're</sup> 7 II . boū ad gld.  
<sup>i</sup> In Cutnelai . Torchil . II . caſ ad gld  
<sup>ii</sup> In Bradelai . Archil Torchil 7 Gamel . VII . caſ ad gld.  
<sup>i</sup> In Fernehil . Gamel . II . caſ ad gld  
<sup>i</sup> In Sutun . Rauenchil . II . caſ ad gld

All these soon after became members of the first Skipton Fee, granted to Robert de Romille. Gislebert Tison also held considerable estates here ; viz.

- <sup>.II. c' 7 II. b5.</sup>  
 In Estburne.  
<sup>.III. c'</sup>  
 In Stiuetune . Ĥ ĥb Gamelbar . m ĥ Gislebert.  
<sup>tif n. 9</sup>  
<sup>i</sup> In Glusebrun 7 Chelchis . III . caſ . Gamel ĥb . Gisleb ĥ.

## TERRA OSBERNI DE ARCHES.

- <sup>m xx . sot.</sup>      *IN CRAVE.*  
 \* <sup>v.</sup> In SIGLESDENE . ĥbr . v . taini . VIII . caſ træ ad gld.

These manors afterwards became accessions to the Skipton Fee, though by what means cannot now be discovered.

William de Percy also held a manor in the last-mentioned villages.

- <sup>i</sup> In Glusebrun 7 Cheldis . ĥb Gamel . III . caſ . Wiſts ĥ.

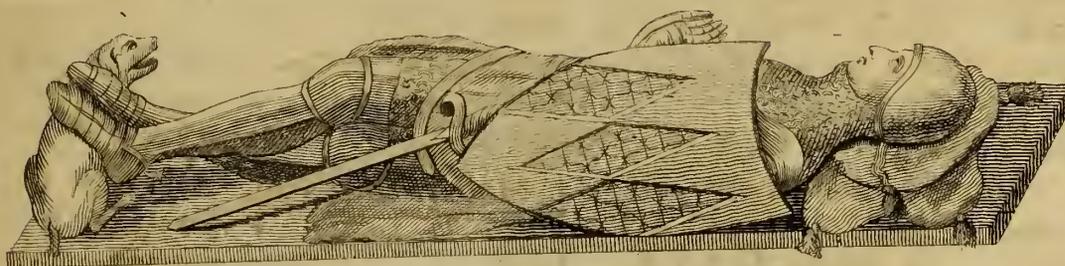
The village and manor of Kildwick were among the first donations to the priory of Embsay, by Cecilia de Romille, the foundress. In that house it continued of course till the dissolution of monasteries, when it was granted by Hen. VIII. A. R. 32, to Robert Wilkinson and Thomas Drake, of the parish of Halifax. In the 2d of Edw. VI. is a licence to Drake, to alienate the manor of Kildwick, to John Garforth, of Farnhill, by whom, or his son, anno 1 Eliz. it was sold to Henry Currer, Esq. from whom it has lineally descended to the present owner.

The church of Kildwick is one of two in the whole deanery which are mentioned in Domesday.

The church of St. Andrew in this place was given by Cecilia de Romille to God, St. Mary, the church of St. Cuthbert of Embsay, and the canons there serving God. It was soon after appropriated by archbishop Thurstan, and in 1381 the portion of the vicarage was confirmed by archbishop Melton.

But in 1455, archbishop Booth ordained that the portions anciently belonging to this vicarage be declared; *viz.* all manner of tithes, obventions, oblations, and profits, of the church, excepting to the religious (of Bolton), tithes of gerbes, wool, lamb, albi, and mills; ordaining that the vicar shall have the manse which the vicars have been wont to inhabit, and pay all burdens incumbent on the said vicarage, excepting repairs of the chancel, which the prior and convent shall perform at their own cost, the vicar allowing them yearly £ 1. 6 s. 8 d.

After the dissolution of the religious houses, this rectory, with the advowson of the vicarage, was granted by Henry VIII. to Christ Church, Oxford.



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*The Tomb of Sir Robert de Siverton, at Kildwick.*

## VICARII DE KILDWICK.

Temp. Inst.	Vicarii Eccl.	Patroni.	Vacat.
16 kal. Oct. 1272.	Dns. <i>Rog. de Skypton</i> , cap.	Prior et Conv. de <i>Bolton</i> .	
3 kal. Apr. 1302.	Dns. <i>Mark de Grymston</i> , Pr.	Iidem.	
5 non. Mar. 1305.	M. <i>Job. de Walkynton</i> , Diac.	Iidem.	
12 kal. Jul. 1316.	Dns. <i>Wil. de Gargrave</i> , Presb.	Iidem.	per resig.
10 kal. Jan. 1326.	Dns. <i>Rob. fil. Alex. de Estburne</i> .	Iidem.	per mort.
Non. Oct. 1328.	Dns. de <i>Hospitali</i> , cap.	Iidem.	
	Dns. <i>Ric. Shyrewood</i> .	Iidem.	per mort.
1347.	Dns. <i>Job. de Goldsburgh</i> .	Iidem.	per mort.
8 Sept. 1349.	Dns. <i>Job. de Mikelfield</i> , Cap.	Iidem.	
	Dns. <i>Job. de Bolton</i> .	Iidem.	per resig.
27 Feb. 1361.	Dns. <i>Rog. de Slayteburn</i> , Cap.	Iidem.	
15 Apr. 1403.	Dns. <i>Tho. Hulot</i> , Presb.	Iidem.	per mort.
19 Junii, 1436.	Dns. <i>Rob. Haulay</i> , Presb.	Iidem.	per resig.
19 Apr. 1437.	Dns. <i>Rob. Clayton</i> , Presb.	Iidem.	per resig.
11 Oct. 1452.	Dns. <i>Ric. Walker</i> .	Iidem.	per mort.
18 Oct. 1459.	Fr. <i>Tho. Colton</i> , Can. de Bolt.	Iidem.	per resig.
13 Oct. 1465.	Fr. <i>Edw. Bradford</i> , Can. ib'm.	Iidem.	per mort.
20 Maii, 1478.	Fr. <i>W. Britwysall</i> , Can. ib'm.	Iidem.	per resig.
6 Maii, 1514.	Fr. <i>Rob. Whixley</i> , Can. ib'm.	Iidem.	
8 Mar. 1571.	<i>Alex. Horrocks</i> , Cl.	Assignat. Dec. et Cap.	
	<i>Hugh Newbury</i> , 1593.	Eccl. Cath. X'ti Oxon.	per mort.
4 Jun. 1594.	<i>Job. Hicks</i> , Cl. A. M.	Dec. et Cap.	
	<i>Job. Harrison</i> , ob. 1596.	Iidem.	per resig.
5 Mart. 1599.	<i>Henr. Bradshaw</i> , Cl. A. M.	Iidem.	per resig.
15 Apr. 1601.	<i>Tho. Chatfield</i> , Cl. S. T. B.	Iidem.	per mort.
5 Maii, 1603.	<i>Job. Foote</i> , Cl. S. T. B.	Iidem.	per mort.
25 Jul. 1623.	<i>X'topher White</i> , Cl. S. T. B.	Iidem.	per cess.
9 Jul. 1628.	<i>Job. Gifford</i> , Cl. A. M.	Iidem.	
	<i>Edmund Garforth</i> , living 1659.		
1661.	<i>Francis Little</i> , ob. 1678.	Iidem.	
	<i>Richard Pollard</i> , ob. 1697.	Iidem.	
	<i>Roger Mitton</i> .	Iidem.	
	<i>John Topham</i> , A. M.	Iidem.	
	— <i>de Hayne</i> , A. M.	Iidem.	
	— <i>Marsden</i> , A. M.		

Kildwick is a discharged living, valued in the King's Books at £ 10. 8s. 1½d. and at £ 38. 8s. 8d. clear yearly value.

In the Register of archbishop Melton, 12 Edw. II. the taxation of this church, as having been wasted and destroyed by the Scots, is reduced to 18 marks.

Baptisms at Kildwick.	Burials at ditto.
1600. 55.	45.
1700. 75.	75.
1800. 152.	79.

The fabric of the church seems to have been almost entirely renewed in the reign of Henry the Eighth. The choir is extended to an unusual length; from which circumstance it has acquired with the vulgar the name of the Lang Kirk in Craven; but, on the whole, it is a very respectable structure, and in a very laudable state of repair.

In the windows are considerable remains of painted glass, which were much more perfect when Roger Dodsworth surveyed the church in 1621.

In the East window there was then the figure of an Ecclesiastic in a gown (probably the habit of a canon of St. Augustine), kneeling before a figure of Christ; and on a scroll in his hand this verse:

Wyley Robertum fac imago.\* scandeze celum.

Beneath,

Orate pro a'ta Roberti Wyley vicarii hujus ecclesie qui hanc fenestram fieri fecit.

A. D. M D LXX. Cujus a'te p'pitiety Deus.

In the East window of the North choir, belonging to the Scarboroughs of Glusburne, were the figures of a man and woman kneeling. Behind the father were ten sons, and behind the mother four daughters.

Orate pro a'tibus Willielmi Scarborough, aym. et Alicie uxoris ejus, et filiorum.  
et filiarum eorundem, qui hanc fenestram fieri fecerunt, A. D. M D LXXIII.

In the North window (I suppose of the same choir):

Orate pro a'ta Petri Scott, parentum, uxoris ejus, ac filiorum et filiarum eorundem  
qui hanc fenestram fieri fecerunt, A. D. M D LXXIII.

When Dugdale made his visitation, in 1666, he delineated from the windows of Kildwick church the following shields: Gules, a plain cross, Arg. (unknown). 2. Le Gros, earl of Albemarle. 3. Clifford. 4. Fountain Abbey. 5. St. George's cross. 6. Rocliffe et de Alta-

\* The gross idolatry contained in this direct address to the representing object would be disclaimed by intelligent Catholics at present. But this example may shew how dangerous are all representations of the objects of worship, and how soon the mind learns to rest in the painting or the statue. It is remarkable that after two centuries and an half of strong popular prejudice operating in a contrary direction the Scottish dialect should still afford an instance of a metonymy from the object represented to the outward resemblance. I was told at Dumfermline, that when Charles the First was in his cradle there, an *image* descended from heaven, and covered him with a bloody mantle. I need not add that by the word image was meant an angel.

ripa. 8. Scarborough. 9. Master John Ricroft, whose name and shield yet remain in several windows, and have survived all other remembrance of him, excepting that he bought "eighteen score kine, and put them out to the end they should pay a yerely benefit to the poor of the parish of Kildwick \*."

Master John Ricroft was probably ignorant that money would breed † as well as kine; otherwise he would scarcely have left behind him this aukward monument of his charity.

The North chapel was purchased by the late John Currer, Esq. from Robert Parker, Esq. of Cuerden, owner of the Scarborough estate at Glusburne; and this, together with the choir of the church, now contains the following epitaphs of that family.

#### KILDWICK CHURCH.

In the choir.

Underneath lieth the body of Henry Currer, Esq. who died January 19, 1723, aged 72.

He was a great proficient in the study of the law; but, allured by the charms of a private life, retired to the place of his birth, where he chused rather to employ the skill he had acquired therein to the benefit of his country, in the dispensation of Justice of the Bench, than to the improvement of his own fortune, in attendance at the bar. He excelled in all the relations of life, in discharging the several obligations of a loving Husband and affectionate Father, of a sincere Friend and obliging Neighbour, tenderly, discreetly, faithfully, and conscientiously.

By him lieth interred Margaret his first wife, daughter of Abraham Fothergill, of London, Esq. who died June 23, 1697, aged 32; by whom he had issue three sons and seven daughters.

Haworth Currer, their only surviving son, caused this monument to be erected to their ever dear and honoured memories.

Near this place are also deposited the remains of Haworth Currer, Esq. who, by Sarah the daughter of Tobiah Harvey, of Womersley, Esq. left one son and one daughter. After having supported the reputation of his family in hospitality and the distribution of justice, he exchanged this life in hopes of a better, the 13th day of April, 1744, in the 54th year of his age.

In the North Chapel of the Church.

Near this place, amongst the remains of his ancestors, Lords of this manor for many generations, rests the body of Henry Currer, Esq. whose liberality and benevolence, during the few years he spent at his family's seat, were justly repaid by the general esteem and affectionate regard of his neighbours. He married Mary, one of the daughters and coheirs of Richardson Farrand, of Harden, Esq. and died deservedly lamented, on the 10th of March, 1756, aged 28. To whose memory, and that of Sarah Currer, his only sister and heiress, who died on the 27th of February, 1759, aged 30, John Currer, Esq. her cousin and devisee, hath caused this monument to be erected, as a memorial of her virtues, and an incitement to her successors, to imitate her most amiable example.

\* Hopkinson's MS. I think from Dr. Johnston.

† Merchant of Venice, act I. scene 3.

CURRER OF KILDWICK.

Hugh Currer, of Kildwick in Craven, in the county of York. = Ann, daughter of ... Knowles, of Riding, near Settle.

William Currer, of Marley. = Isabel, daughter of Christopher Mahut, of Hollinghall. Henry Currer, of Kildwick, who died there Aug. 19, 1566, 8 Eliz. = Ann, daughter of ... Wade, of Plumbtree Banks, in the parish of Addingham.

- 1. William Currer, who went to Stainton Coles, and died June 22, 20 Jac.
- 2. Hugh Currer, who lived at Kildwick, with Henry his father, died Feb. 26, 1617.
- 3. Henry, lived at Middleton, in the parish of Ilkley.
- 4. Christopher Currer, died young.
- 1. Margaret.
- 2. Agnes.
- 3. Agnetta.
- 4. Ann.
- 5. Isabel.
- 6. Jane.
- 7. Lucia.
- 8. Sybella.
- 9. Mary.

Henry Currer, of Kildwick, son and heir, born June 4, 1587, = Ann, daughter and sole heiress of John Harrison, of Flasby, Gent. 2. Hugh Currer, went to Steeton. Christopher, died before his father, Dec. 2, 1611. William Currer and Samuel Currer, twins. William lived at Kildwick Grange, Samuel died young.

- Hugh Currer, son and heir, born May 18, 1608, died at Kildwick, Jan. 28, 1690.
- Ann, daughter of Peter Haworth, of Thurocroft, in the county of Lancaster, Gent.
- 2. Henry Currer, died at London unmarried, March 18, 1654.
- 3. John Currer, of Bradley.
- 4. William Currer, died March 25, 1624.
- 1. Helena. = Roger Whaley, of Winterburn.
- 2. Mary. = Thomas Hammond, of Threshfield hall.
- 3. Ann. = William Watson, of Silsden Moor.
- 4. Sarah, = Susanna, } Twins, died young.
- 5. Martha. = Edmund Bawdwen, of Stone Gap.

Henry Currer, son and heir, of Gray's Inn, and afterwards of Middle Temple, died at Kildwick in January 1722. = Margaret, daughter of Abraham Fothergill, of Chancery Lane, London, Gent.

1. William Busfield, of Leeds, Merchant, afterwards of Rishworth.

1. Ann. = Robert Ferrand, of Rushworth, Esq.

2. Eleanor. = Richard Entwische, of Fox Holes, in the county of Lancaster, Esq.

3. Gracc. = John Leche, of Stretton in Cheshire, Esq. son and heir apparent of John Leche, of Carden and Stretton.

4. Mary. = Robert Pickering, Rector of Eccleston and Croston, in Lancashire, son of Robert Pickering, of Thelwall in Cheshire, Esq.

5. Eliza. = Ellis Meredith, of Pentrebychan in Denbighshire, Wales, Esq.

- 1. Hugh Currer, born in the parish of St. Bridget, London, died at Chelsea, and was buried at St. Dunstan's Church in the West, London, born Sept. 5, 1684, and died Oct. 20, following.
- 2. Hugh Currer, died at Kildwick, an infant.
- 3. Haworth Currer, born at Kildwick, Jan. 26, 1690.
- Sarah, daughter of Tobias Harvey, of Womersley, Esq.
- 1. Ann. = Benjamin Ferrand, of St. Ives, in the parish of Bingley, Esq.
- 1. Sarah, sole daughter, and heir apparent of John Crossley, of Kirksaw House, in the parish of Halifax, and of Crossley Hall, in the parish of Bradford, married at Luddenden, in the parish of Halifax, Feb. 9, 1699, died Oct. 21, 1702, and buried at Bradford 25th of that month.
- Richard Richardson, of Bierley, Esq. M.D. R. S. S. Justice of the Peace for the West Riding of Yorkshire, baptized at Bradford Sept. 24, 1663, died 21st, buried at Cleck Heaton Chapel, parish of Birstal, April 24, 1741, where he has an elegant monument.
- 2. Dorothy, daughter of Henry Currer, Esq. of Kildwick, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, and at length one of the coheirs to her niece Sarah Currer, born May 20, 1687, baptized the same day at Kildwick, married there Dec. 27, 1705, died there Jan. 5, 1763, and was buried at Cleck Heaton Chapel 10th of that month.
- 3. Elizabeth, died at Kildwick unmarried.
- 4. Margaret, born at Kildwick May 31, 1692.
- 5. Mary, born at Kildwick Dec. 29, 1693, died Feb. 24, 1693, and buried at Kildwick.
- 6. Henrietta Maria, born at Kildwick March 21, 1694.
- 7. Martha, died at Kildwick, an infant.

Henry Currer, son and heir, born at Kildwick Oct. 18, 1728. Sarah Currer, the only daughter, born at Kildwick Nov. 13, 1729. Richard Richardson, born Oct. 16, 1702, baptized at Bradford 25th of the same month, buried there Nov. 18th following.

1. William Richardson, born Nov. 18, 1706, baptized at Bradford Dec. 12, following, died Jan. 17, 1707, buried there 19th of that month.

2. Richard Richardson, Esq. of Bierley, Lord of the Manor of Okenshaw and Cleck Heaton, in the Commission of the Peace, and Deputy Lieutenant for the West Riding of Yorkshire, born Sept. 26, 1708, baptized at Bierley Oct. 2 following, died s. p. Jan. 30, 1781, and was buried at Heaton Chapel Feb. 5.

3. Dorothy, only daughter and heir of William Smallshaw, of Bolton in the Moors, by Mary, daughter of John Starkie, of Huntroyd, co. Lanc. married at Bolton Feb. 13, 1750, died at Mr. Iveson's at Black-bank near Leeds, Nov. 27, 1798, and was buried at Cleck Heaton Chapel.

4. Henry Richardson, A. M. Rector of Thornton in Craven, co. York, born March 20, 1710, baptized at Bradford May 4, following, died March 27, 1778, and was buried at Thornton 29th.

5. John Richardson, born April 5, 1717, died July 24, following, and was buried at Bradford.

6. John Richardson, born Nov. 12, 1721, baptized at Bradford Dec. 13, following, died at Paddington near London, June 24, 1784, and was buried at Kildwick July 11; he assumed the name of Currer, and by the will of his cousin Sarah Currer succeeded to her seat at Kildwick, and all her estates; was in the Commission of the Peace, and Deputy Lieutenant for the West Riding of Yorkshire. He died unmarried.

7. Thomas Richardson, born April 3, 1724, baptized at Bierley May 6, 1712, married at Websey Chapel July Jan. 18, 1763, and was buried at Hackney in Middlesex Jan. 22.

1. Dorothy Richardson, born June 16, 1712, baptized at Bradford Sept. 8, 1712, married at Websey Chapel July 29, 1730, being 22, wife, died at Gainsforth, co. Durham, Sept. 15, 1772, and was buried at Floc-ton Chapel.

Sir John Lister Kaye, of Deuby Grage, co. York, Bart. died 1752, and was buried at Floc-ton Chapel the 9th. He was born Aug. 30, 1697.

2. Susannah Richardson, born Aug. 29, 1713, buried at Bradford Sept. 12, following.

3. Margaret Richardson, born Sept. 27, 1714, baptized at Bierley Oct. 7, following, died unmarried at Kildwick 18th. Oct. 15, 1764, buried there 18th.

4. Susannah Richardson, born Oct. 2, 1715, baptized at Bradford Nov. 10, buried there June 19, 1718.

5. Jane Richardson, born Sept. 29, 1718, baptized at Bradford, Oct. 24, buried there April 6, 1719.

- 1. Richard Richardson, Esq. born Jan. 10, 1755, baptized at Thornton Feb. 9, following, late of University College Oxford, afterwards a Captain in Sir Thomas Egerton's Regiment of Royal Launshire Volunteers, died unmarried at Lisbon May 24, 1782, where he went for the recovery of his health, and was buried there.
- 2. Henry Richardson, born Dec. 9, 1758, baptized at Thornton Feb. 24, 1759, late of University College, Oxford, and Rector of Thornton in Craven, married at Gargrave Feb. 3, 1783, in which year he was inducted Rector of Thornton, died Nov. 10, 1784, and was buried at Thornton 13th. A little time before his death he took the name of Currer upon succeeding to the estates of Sarah Currer after the death of his uncle John Currer, Esq.
- Margaret Clive Wilson, only daughter of Matthew Wilson, of Eshton, Esq. by Frances daughter of Michael Clive, an Esq. co. Salop, Esq. and sister to Robert Lord Clive.
- Matthew Wilson, 2d son of the Rev. Henry Wilson, of Otley, her own cousin, married at Gargrave Nov. 24, 1800.
- 1. Dorothy Richardson, born Oct. 3, 1748, baptized at Thornton 30th of that month, (1803) living at Gargrave unmarried.
- 2. Mary Richardson, born Dec. 3, 1752, baptized at Thornton March 11, 1753, married in Jan. 9, 1775, now living 1803.
- William Roundell, of Gledston House, in Craven, co. York, A. M. late Fellow of Magdalen College Oxford, the younger of the two sons of Danon Roundell, of Marton, Esq. and heir to his brother Richard Roundell, who died Feb. 11, 1772; in the Commission of the Peace, and a Deputy Lieutenant for the West Riding of the county of York, now living 1803.
- 1. Lister Kaye, born Aug. 14, 1733, died young.
- 2. Sir Richard Kaye, Bart. LL. D. born Aug. 11, 1736, Rector of Kirkby in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, Sub-Almoner, Prebendary of Durham 1777, Archdeacon of Nottingham 1780, Dean of Lincoln 1783. In 1789, on the death of his half brother Sir John Lister Kaye, Bart. he succeeded to the title, but his brother left all his esates to his natural son John Lister Kaye, Esq. now living (1803) s. p.
- Hellen, daughter of ... Fen-ton, of the Glass House near Leeds, and widow of ... Mainwairing, Esq. of Lincoln, now living.
- 3. Christopher Kaye, born at York Jan. 29, 1737, died at three weeks old.
- 4. Miles Kaye, born July 3, 1743, died young.
- 1. Dorothy Kaye, born Feb. 27, 1741, married at York Sept. 12, 1763, now living, 1803.
- Robert Chaloner, Esq. of Bishop Ack-land, died ...
- 2. Katharine Kaye, born June 29, 1742, died at John Stanhope's, Esq. of Horsforth Dec. 17, 1752, and was buried at Floc-ton Chapel.
- 3. Margaret Kaye, born May 4, 1749, died at York unmarried March 16, 1767, and was buried at Floc-ton Chapel 19th.

1. Frances Mary Richardson Currer, only daughter and heiress born March 2, 1783, baptized at Gargrave May 16, following. For their children see the pedigree of the Roundell Family.

1. John Chaloner, Vicar of Wirksworth in Derbyshire, born June 3, 1765, now widow of ... Vavasor, of Weston, co. York, Esq. now living.

1. Dorothy Chaloner, born May 25, 1766, now living.

Robert Greville, Rector of Bon-sall, co. Derby, now living.

- 1. Robert Greville.
- 2. John Greville.
- 3. Henry Greville.
- 4. Charles Greville.
- 5. Arthur Greville.
- 6. Edwin Greville.
- 7. Sepimus Greville.
- 1. Dorothy Greville, died an infant.



The following epitaph, contributed by the author of this work to the memory of his benefactor and forerunner in the History of Craven, is intended to be inscribed on a monument in the chapel where Mr. Curre is interred.

H. S. E.

Johannes Richardson Curre, armiger,  
 Hujusce Dominus Manerii,  
 In Societatem Antiquariorum Londinensium meritò cooptatus,  
 Patriarum ipse antiquitatum peritissimus:  
 Harum lautam satis et lectam coegerat supellectilem,  
 Historiam Craveniensem, ni mors præpropera vetuisset,  
 In lucem editurus.  
 At neque tantæ spes in irritum cecidere,  
 Et palma diu victa tandem reflorescit;  
 Ineunte enim sæculo XIX.  
 Melioribus auspiciis  
 Soluta historici denuo coalescunt membra  
 E cineribus rediviva.  
 Natus est apud Bierley Nov. XII. A. D. M DCC XXI.  
 Denatus prope Londinum Jun. XXIV.  
 Et in hoc Sacrario  
 II<sup>o</sup> Jul. A. D. M DCC LXXXIV.  
 Sepultus.

In the body of the church.

SACRED

To the memory of Samuel Swire, of Cononley, Esq. and his wife Elisabeth.  
 He died May the 5th, 1763, aged 62. She died April the 12th, 1790, aged 85.  
 Also to the memory of their son Roger Swire, of Cononley, Esq. and his wife Elisabeth.  
 He died January 22, 1778, aged 42. She died July 18, 1773, aged 43.  
 Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

In the choir was a brass plate with this inscription,

Hic jacet Edm. Jennings, A. M. filius natu max. Petri Jennings, de Silsden, Gen. Prid.  
 Die obiit quo secundum Astronomos accidit Saturni cum Jove conjunctio, scil. nono  
 die Jul. A. D. 1623; annoq' æt. 25.

If this conjunction were supposed to be pestiferous, the principles of modern and ancient astrology are at variance. According to Persius, it was certainly propitious:\*

“ Saturnumque gravem nostro Jove frangimus una.”

At least the benign influence of the one counterbalanced the bad effects of the other.

But it is now become almost as idle a task to expose as it would be to reconcile the contradictions of that exploded science.

In the present nave, but on the North side of the original choir, are the tomb and cumbent statue of Sir Robert de Steeton, in link-mail, with his arms upon his shield; viz. 3 fusils in fess, vaire; intended, no doubt, as arms of affection to the family of Albemarle. The statue is an exact counterpart of that of his contemporary Sir Adam de Midelton, at Ilkley; and as both are wrought in Hazelwood-stone, of which York cathedral is built, I have no doubt of their having been executed at that place. The æra of both their deaths is ascertained by the *Computus* of Bolton\*.

In the vestry of this church is a neglected parochial library.

The bridge of Kildwick is a monument of the well-judged liberality of the canons of Bolton by whom it was built, in the reign of Edward II.†

The manor-house, a respectable stone-building, perhaps a century and an half old, stands high above the church, with a very steep descent in front; but is sheltered by thriving plantations.

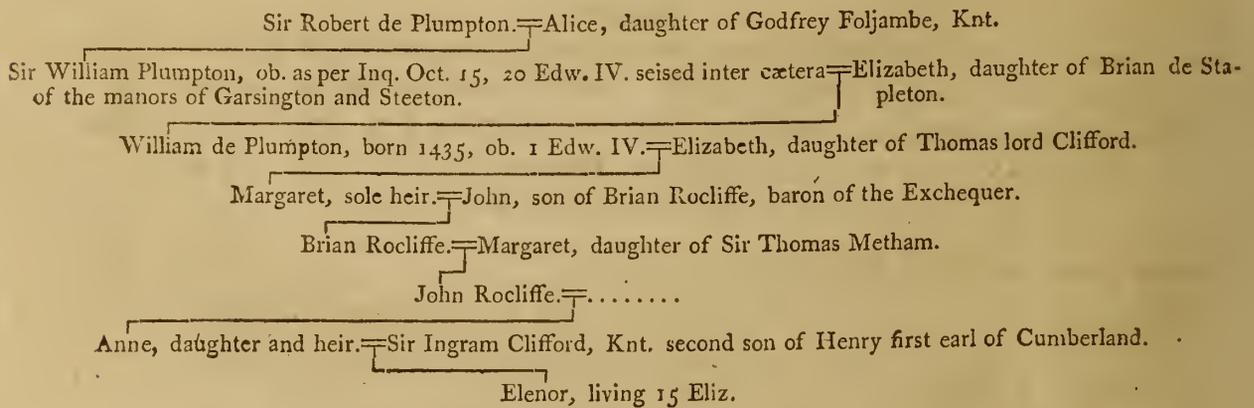
### STEETON, anciently STEVETON,

or

THE town of Stephen, is the most Southerly manor and village in this parish.

By charter, s. d. Thomas prior of Bolton grants to Elias de Stiveton celebration of divine service in his chapel of Stiveton: and the same Elias grants to the said prior and convent a certain garth called the Chapel Yard. This, though it appears to have been detached from the house, was merely a domestic oratory, and is only remembered by these transactions.

The next owners of this manor after the Steetons, of whom only five generations appear in ancient records; viz. Elias, William, Elias, Sir Robert, and John, were the Plumptions, of whom



It is supposed that this Elenor dying without issue, George earl of Cumberland succeeded to the manors of Grassington and Steeton, by devise from his uncle Sir Ingram Clifford. However this may be, it is very certain, that in the second of James that nobleman sold half the manor of Steeton to William Slater and William Midgley, who, three years after, sold the same to William Garthford, who had already purchased (A. D. 1600) the manor-house, and one quarter part of the manor from William Oglethorp, Esq. and Elizabeth his wife. In 1613 the remaining fourth part was acquired from Sir Gervase Clifton.

\* See under Bolton.

† See the *Computus* of Bolton.

## E A S T B U R N,

now annexed to the manor of Steeton, was anciently the inheritance of the Vavasours (as per Inq. — Hen. V. and 16 Hen. VIII.) In the 9th Eliz. a licence was granted to John Vavasour to alienate this manor to three persons of the name of Hewith; from whom I am unable to trace it to the present owner.

## G L U S B U R N E.

CALLED by Harrison Glukesburne, and the brook which runs through it the Glyke; but he is singular in this orthography, and quotes no authority in support of it.

Glusburne was part of the Colling Fee, though held of the Castle of Skipton, as of the superior fee. But it seems to have been anciently dependent upon Steeton; for, by Inq. 25 Edw. I. taken p. m. I. de Longvilliers, he was found to have held the manor of Glusburne of Robert de Stiveton. In the 13th of Elizabeth it was found to be parcel of the possessions of Henry second earl of Cumberland, and was sold by earl George his son, 42 Eliz. to William Oglethorp, Esq. by whom it was sold, along with a fourth part of the manor of Steeton, to William Garthford, as hath been already related.

A principal estate in this manor belonged to the Scarboroughs, of whom John de Scarborough first occurs 43 Edw. III. whose descendant, Nicholas Scarborough, by Florence daughter of John Nowell, of Read, Esq. left a daughter Mary, at length his sole heiress, who, marrying John Parker of Extwisle, Esq. brought the estate of Glusburne into that family, where it still remains.

The Cheldis of Domesday, one of the numerous errors committed by the transcribers of that record is, I think, Melsis, or Mawsis; the Saxon  $\mathfrak{C}$ , in the hurry of writing, having been mistaken for  $\mathfrak{C}h$ , which the two letters resemble, with only the difference of a single stroke, and *d* carelessly substituted for *s*. Melsis is nothing more than the Saxon genitive of Melsi, some former possessor: just as Leeds, the  $\mathfrak{L}oidis$  of Bede, is the dwelling or town of  $\mathfrak{L}oidi$ .

Malsis, though immediately adjoining to Glusburne, seems to have been considered as the manor-house of Sutton; for, by inquisition, taken 34 Henry VIII. it was found that Alvary Copley (whom the jurors in their Latin strangely call Avaratius), was seised of the manor of Sutton, or Malseyes, held of William Vavasour, Esq. as of his manor of Adyngham. Robert le Vavasour held 3 caracutes in Sutton as early as the 4th of John. Under the Vavasours the first mesne lords seem to have been the Boyvils, of whom William de Boyvil, by inquisition (33 Edw. I.) was found to hold the manor of Sutton, in Aredale, of Sir William Vavasour; and in the 14th \* Edw. III. Edmund Boyvil released the said manor to Adam de Copley, whose descendants held it till the year 1621, when Alvary Copley sold it to one Laycock. It is now the property of the Parkers, but I am not sure whether it was purchased by the last of the Scarboroughs or since his decease.

It is certain, however, that the demesne and manor-house of Malsis was severed from the manor, and sold in the 22d Jac. to Richard Horsfall, in whose descendants it was vested till lately.

\* Claus. Rot. eo. an.

## COLLINGE.

THIS district which forms the upper part of a valley running up to the confines of Blackburnshire, and was probably so called from some appearances of coal which abounds a little beyond, is to be considered first as a subordinate *Fee* under the castle of Skipton; secondly, as a mesne manor, now subdivided into the manors of Colling, Stothill, and Ikornshaw. In the former relation it consisted of Colling, properly so called, of Cononley, and Gargrave, under the last of which places it will be more particularly considered. I shall only observe here, that a charter of Free Warren in Colling and Ikornshaw was granted to Geoffry de Nevile 9 Edw. I.

With respect to the mesne manor, I find that Richard Russel, of Wighall, co. York, Gent. releases to Thomas Mering, Esq. and Margaret his wife, the manor of Cowling, 31 Hen. VI.

In the latter end of the reign of Henry VIII. it belonged to Thomas Blakay who was hanged, and his estate forfeited; in consequence of which this manor was almost immediately after granted to Henry the first earl of Cumberland.

In \* the 22d of Elizabeth, it was still in the possession of earl George, his grandson; after which I meet with it no more in any of the family records, and am not sure whether it was sold by himself, his brother, or nephew, all of whom pursued the same system of improvidence and alienation.

It might probably be sold in three parcels, which would give rise to three reputed manors, of which Ikornshaw belongs to the freeholders, Stotthill to — Parker, Esq. a minor, and Cowling to William Wainman, Esq. under whose judicious improvements by planting, fencing, &c. the neighbourhood of his residence at Carhead has began to assume a new and very pleasing aspect.

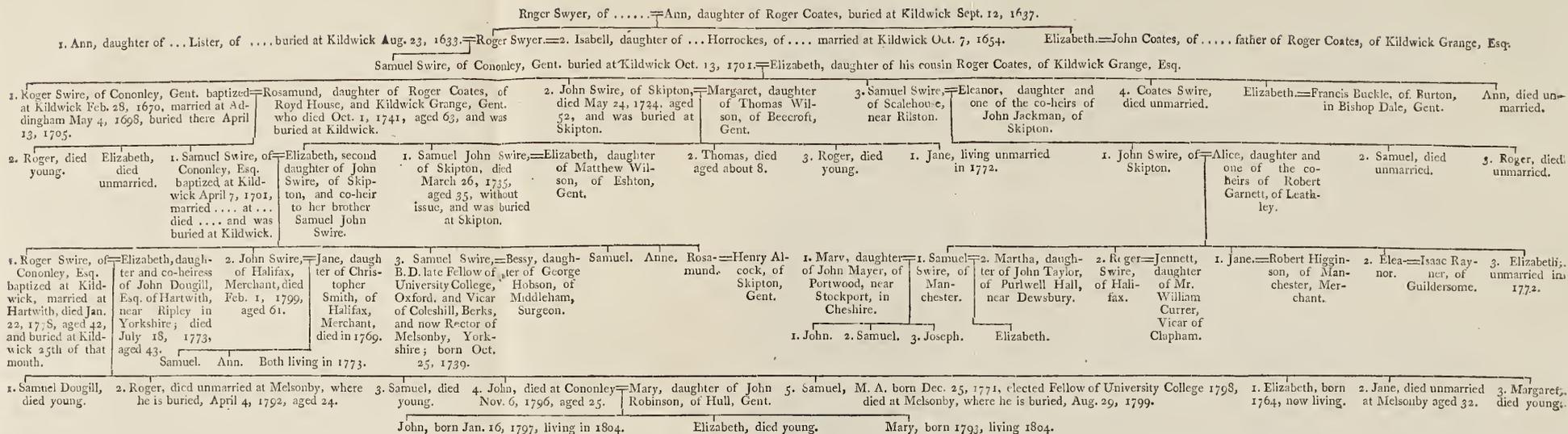
## CONONLEY.

Anciently written Kunetlay, the field of Kunet, a word, which, under the varying orthography † of Kunet, Kennet, Knut, etc. is still the same with the royal name of Canute. In this village, as well as at Bradley, were many parcels of land given in very ancient times to the hospital of St. John, of Jerusalem. But the principal estate at Cononley belonged to the canons of Bolton, who, in the 31st Edward I. held in this place 11 car. et 111 bov. of lady Margaret de Nevile, lady of the Collinge Fee, and she of the castle of Skipton. This being the principal estate was considered in after times as having the manor annexed to it, and in the 33d of Henry VIII. the manor of Cononley was granted to Henry earl of Cumberland. It is now the property of lord George Cavendish. Cononley has for two centuries been the residence of a respectable family whose pedigree is annexed.

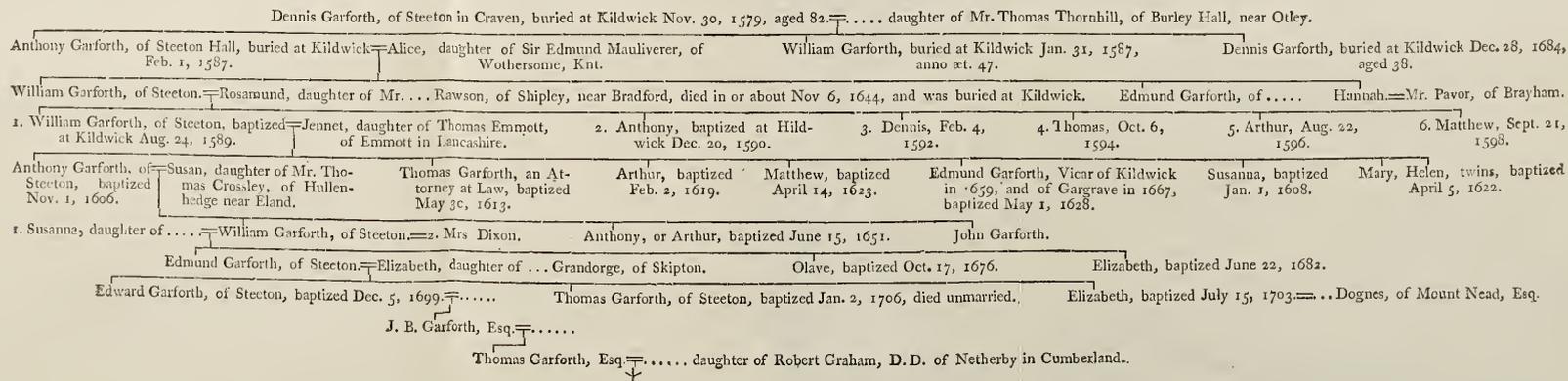
\* Claus. Rot. eo an.

† Thus the Kennet at Marlborough, the Cunetio of Antonine, is generally pronounced the Kunnet.

## SWIRE, OF CONONLEY.



## GARFORTH, OF STEETON.





We now turn back to the lowest point of the parish, on the northern bank of the Are.

Here is Holden, the deep or hollow bottom, which being parcel of the possessions belonging to the King's Thains in Craven, the rest of which were in Wharfedale, is for that reason surveyed in Domesday along with them, and out of its geographical place.

### TERRA TAINORV REGIS.

<sup>I.</sup> In HOLEDENE . Chetel . II . car<sup>7</sup> tre ad gld . Orme liſ.

<sup>II.</sup> Ibidē . Gospat<sup>7</sup> 7 Vlchil . IIII . car<sup>7</sup> tre ad gld . Idē ipsi hnt.

All these lands were acquired very early by the Romilles, and became a vast accession to the first or Bolton Fee. But Holden was always held in demesne, and afterwards converted into a park, full of aged oaks, and well stocked with deer, which, in the minority of the third earl of Cumberland, became the prey of poachers and wood stealers\*.

I have met with no record of the time at which it was disparked.

Next is

### SILSDEN,

anciently Sighelsden, the Dene or bottom of Sighel, a Saxon, which from the time of the Romilles to the present day, has been a member of the barony of Skipton. Here, in the year 1712, a small chapel, which had been endowed by Thomas earl of Thanet, was consecrated by archbishop Sharp, and dedicated to St. James.

Near this chapel was an ancient mansion house, called Jennings's hall, with a considerable estate held under the chief lord by a family of the name of Jennings, who about a century ago sold their property here to the earl of Thanet, and removed to Ripon, which borough they represented in several parliaments.

In addition to the ancient grant of Silsden Mill, of which an engraving will be given under Bolton, I subjoin the following charter nearly of the same date, on account of the early local surnames contained in the attestations :

— — “ Sciant etc. Wil' f. Helie de Scilesden confirmavi Deo et Eccl'e B. M. de Boolton, “ 1 bov' in Scilesden quam pater meus dedit. Test. Reiner de Gluseburn, Ad' de Fernhil, Samson “ de Cunetleie, Rodb' Cap' de Kildwick, Rodb' Cap' de Scipt' Ada' de Karelc'.”

Passing over Kildwick, which has been already described, we arrive at

### FERNHILL,

which carries its own etymology with it, as the situation of the manor house on a round and dry knoll, such as the Filices delight in, proves the propriety of the name.

\* There are several presentments in the papers of the Clifford family which shew these depredations to have been carried to a great extent. In one it is said that a certain person had, of the stolen wood, as heavy timber as any the lord himself had in his wood-yard at Skipton castle.

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The first mesne lords of this manor were the Fernhills, of whom Adam was party to the following very ancient charter, probably as old as king Stephen.

“ Adam de F’nil d. et c. Deo et S’cto Hosp. Jer’l’m unum toft’ in F’nil in quo Adam filius  
 “ meus domum suam et grangia’ sua’ posuit—scil’ juxta fontem S’c’e Helene ; et duas acras—  
 “ unam i’fra sepe’ qu’ Suward homo meus ad opus suum signavit desubt’ fot’e—T. Rob. Cap.  
 “ W. de Stiuetona Herioco f. Ade Jo. de Cun’ Rog. f. Hucidi Hamo’e de B’dlaia.”

I can trace the Fernhills no lower than the reign of Edward II. when Robert de Fernhill was assisted by the bounty of his fellow-sufferers, the canons of Bolton, whose *Computus* describes him as being “*destruct’ per Scotos.*”

In the 9th of Richard II. I find a John de Copley de Fernhill. He had a daughter and heir Margaret, who married an Eltoft, and had issue William Eltoft, living in the 4th of Henry V. In this name it continued till the 12th of Charles the First, when Isabel Eltoft married George Simeon, Esq. By these parties the manor of Farnhill was sold to Henry Currer of Gawthorp, &c. which Henry, or a son of the same name, sold it once more, about the year 1665, to Robert Benson, father of the first lord Bingley ; and it is now vested in James Fox, Esq. the present representative of the family.

The last township in this parish is

#### BRADLEY,

divided into the two hamlets called Bradleys Ambo.

This was a part of the consideration granted by Edward the First, A. R. 6. to John de Aston, for his claim upon the earldom of Albemarle, which will be explained hereafter.

Yet, in the 12th of Edw. II. I find that one Richard de Bradley held of the king, *in capite*, as of the honour of Albemarle, two oxgangs of land, at this place, by Knight’s Service. I suspect the decimal figure to be inserted by mistake, and that the real date is the 2d of that reign, two years before the general grant to Robert de Clifford.

Afterwards I hear nothing more of Bradley till the 4th of Henry VIII. when the manor was granted to John Carre, knight.

It was afterwards in the dukes of Queensbury, and, in 1756, was sold, I think, for the sum of £ 16,000, to the Cavendish family, in consequence of which, it is now the property of lord George-Henry Cavendish.

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