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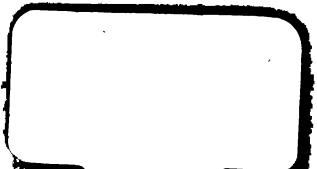
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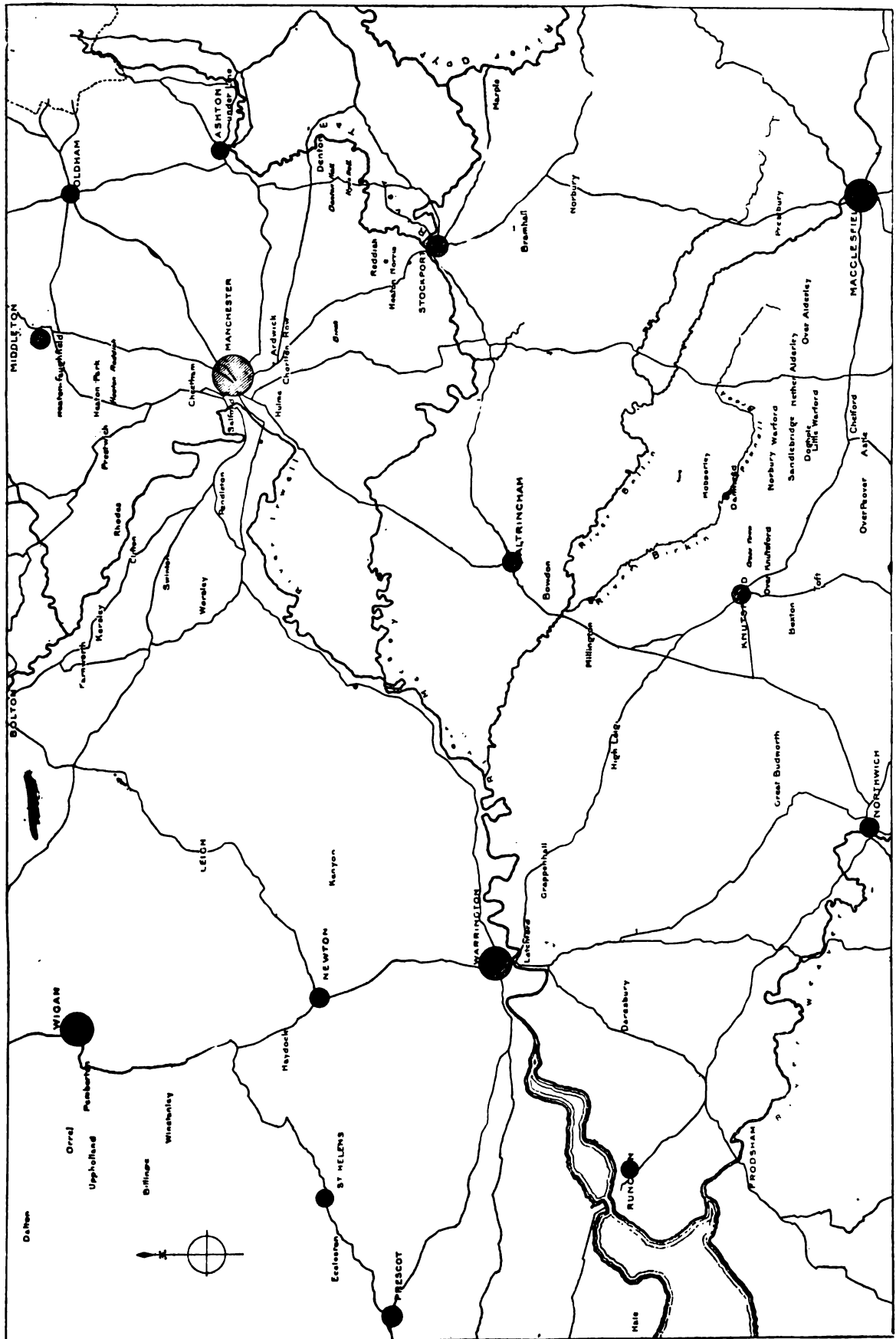
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MAP SHOWING THE PORTION OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE MAINLY REFERRED TO IN THIS VOLUME

PREFACE

THE following account of the Holland family is largely drawn from materials gathered by the late Edgar Swinton Holland. Mr. Holland's collections were the work of a lifetime, beginning with a manuscript history, which he compiled when about twenty years of age. Subsequent research, however, led him to see that the statements and assumptions of previous workers in the same field were not all of equal value, and he then entered upon a long series of investigations among original sources of information, a labour which occupied many years and which he left incomplete. The Editor has taken up the thread, and acting in consultation with Mr. Charles Menzies Holland and Mr. Walter Holland, has pursued these researches somewhat further, mainly among documents which have only recently come to light or only recently been made accessible. Some of the results of these investigations, together with information supplied by Lord Knutsford, Admiral Holland, and other members of the family, are now embodied in book form. An appendix has been added containing transcripts of the more important of the documents bearing on the history. The illustrations were contributed by Mr. William Gaskell Holland, many of them being from photographs taken by himself specially for this volume.

This publication is undertaken solely for private circulation, and simply has for its object the gathering together in convenient form of information for the various members of the

family, and does not aspire to be of interest to any one outside their circle.

The Editor's warmest thanks are due to all who have helped in the work, especially to Mr. William Farrer of Marton for the very generous way in which he has permitted access to his splendid collection of Lancashire documents, and to Mr. J. Paul Rylands for his invaluable advice and suggestions.

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THE FAMILY OF HOLLAND

CHAPTER I

HOLLAND OF UPHOLLAND

NO better introduction to an account of the Holland family can be given than in the words of one of Lancashire's greatest antiquaries.

"There has existed no family in Lancashire," writes Mr. Langton,¹ "whose career has been so remarkable as that of the Hollands. Playing an active part in the most picturesque and chivalrous period of English history, they figured among the founders of the Order of the Garter, allied themselves repeatedly with the royal family, and attained the highest rank in the peerage. How great the vicissitude of their fortune appears by what is related in the History of Philip de Comines, who tells of Henry, Duke of Exeter, doubly descended from the Plantagenets, and married to the sister of King Edward IV., that he saw him run on foot, bare-legged, after the Duke of Burgundy's train, begging his bread for God's sake."

There appear to have been two distinct families in Lancashire bearing the surname of Holland from an early period. The

¹ Chetham Society's Publications, vol. xxxvii. p. 146.

Hollands of Down-Holland, who never rose to any important position in the county, and the Hollands of Up-Holland, with whose descendants we have to deal in the following pages. There is no evidence of any blood relation between the two families, and the strong probability is that they were not in any way connected.

The township of Upholland¹ is in the Hundred of West Derby, and is bounded on the north-west by Dalton and Skelmersdale, on the south-west by Bickerstaffe and Rainford, and on the south-east by Billinge, on the east by Orrell, and on the north-east by Shevington and Wrightington. It is in the parish of Wigan, from which town it is about four and a half miles distant in a westerly direction. Upholland formerly ranked among the market-towns of Lancashire.

The manor is mentioned in Domesday Book as "Hoiland,"² and was in the possession of one Steinulf in the time of Edward the Confessor. The land was assessed at two carucates, and we are told that it was worth sixty-four pence, though what this "value" represents it is difficult to say.

The descendants of the English owner do not appear to have remained in possession of this manor during the twelfth century, as we find Upholland and Melling grouped together as one estate in the *Inquisitio Comitatus Lancastriæ*, made in 1212.³ At the same time it is possible, since Melling and

¹ It is hardly necessary, perhaps, to point out that the family took its name from the place, and not the place from the family. According to Canon Isaac Taylor ("Words and Places," 4th edition, p. 55), the word Holland is from the Norse *ollant*, meaning marshy land. A more probable explanation, however, is Mr. Harrison's, who in "Liverpool District Place-Names" (p. 67) derives it from the Anglo-Saxon *holt-land*, or woodland.

² In DERBEI HUNDRET. Steinulf tenebat Hoiland. Ibi ij carucatae terræ. Valebat lxiii denarios.—*Domesday Book*, fol. 269^b.

³ *Vide infra*, p. 3.

Upholland were still held "in thanage" in 1212, that the Melling family were descendants of Steinulf and the Hollands a younger branch.¹

The earliest mention of an undoubted member of the house of Holland occurs in a Final Concord made at the Lancaster Assizes, dated 5th November 1202.² In this, Uhtred de Chyrche, who seems to have had some claim or right in the manor of Upholland, in consideration of the sum of six marks of silver, releases his right in fourteen oxgangs of land in Upholland in favour of MATTHEW DE HOLLAND (I).

Fourteen oxgangs³ of land meant about 210 acres of arable land, and the possession of this arable land carried with it certain rights to pasturage and meadowing, so that the release referred to represents the transfer of a considerable parcel of land, subject, of course, to the fulfilment of certain specified services to the overlord, which were done instead of a payment of rent in money.

Matthew de Holland we find still living in 1212, when, in the *Inquisitio Comitatus Lancastrie*,⁴ we are told that "Henry de Melling holds four teamlands of the King in thanage and pays twenty-two shillings, of which Matthew and Alan (de

¹ Mr. Farrer, to whom I am indebted for this suggestion, also writes that it is possible that "Matthew and Alan [de Holland] of 1202 were the respective eldest sons of two daughters who were co-heirs of Upholland, and that Alan was no other than Alan de Lydiate, afterwards called Alan de Halsall, son of Simon, son of Steinulf, the latter name, curiously enough, being the same as that of the pre-Conquest thane who held Upholland. Perhaps Ughred de Chirche was the son and heir of a third co-heir. This would explain the releases effected by fines in 1202 and 1224.

² Lancashire Final Concords (Rec. Soc., vol. xxxix.), p. 14.

³ Mr. Farrer suggests that the fourteen oxgangs represented the manor, less two oxgangs held in dower by the widow of some previous lord, sixteen oxgangs being equal to two carucates, the Domesday assessment.

⁴ Testa de Nevill, ii. f. 812.

Holland) hold two teamlands in fee-farm for twelve shillings." A teamland was about 120 acres of arable. That this refers to Upholland is confirmed by an entry in the Pipe Roll of 11 Henry III. under Lancashire, "De Henrico de Melling de þeinagio in Melling et Up-Holland i" ij."

Some years later than this a claim to two teamlands in Upholland was released by Simon de Halsall in consideration of five marks of silver paid to him by ROBERT DE HOLLAND (II). This was confirmed by a fine levied at Westminster 29th October 1224.¹

Thus between the dates 1212 and 1224 Matthew must have died and been succeeded by Robert, in all probability his son and heir; for though the relationship between these two does not appear on record, still, as Robert de Holland held the manor of Upholland in the latter year, he clearly held it by inheritance, and was therefore almost certainly Matthew's son and heir.

With Robert we emerge more into the light of day, and a good deal of information and fuller details are forthcoming. In 1241 Robert de Holland and his son Thurstan were taken and lodged in the King's prison upon the charge of having set fire to one of the houses of a certain John Mansell in Wigan.² The Sheriff was directed, however, to release them if they would find good and sure pledges that they would appear before the King to reply to the charge.

Thurstan did not appear on the day appointed (7th June), "but Robert came and defended his whole action, and put himself for good or evil upon the country, to wit, upon twelve

¹ Lancashire Final Concords, p. 47.

² Curia Regis Roll (Trinity Term 1241), No. 121, *m.26d*, *25d*, and 32.

knights above suspicion and upon four vills of the neighbourhood of Wigan." A day was given him upon the advent of the Justices to those parts, and the Sheriff was directed in the meantime to let him have peace, and in no wise to trouble him or permit him to be troubled. Thurstan appeared before the Justices on the 23rd July, and because no one sued against him, he was questioned as to how he would acquit himself concerning the fire if any one would speak against him, whereupon he too "put himself for good or evil upon twelve knights and four vills of the neighbourhood." A day was given him at the advent of the Justices to those parts. As no subsequent proceedings, however, appear to have been recorded, it is possible that the affair did not go any further. From the fact that the son, Thurstan, was of man's estate at this time, it is clear that Robert must have been at least forty years of age, so that we get some idea of the period covered by his life.

Robert de Holland probably died about this time, as his son Thurstan represented the family on the important inquiry held in 1242-43 to ascertain the knight's fees in the Hundred of West Derby chargeable to the Gascon Scutage. The name of Robert's wife is not known, but he had a large family, among whom were Thurstan, his son and heir, already mentioned, Adam, from whom sprang the Hollands of Euxton, Richard, from whom descended the Hollands of Sutton, Matthew, Robert, and Roger.¹

Under THURSTAN DE HOLLAND (III) the family seems to have prospered, and on all hands we find Hollands acquiring estates and holding important offices. As has just been

¹ Assize Rolls, 404, Lanc. (30-31 Hen. III.), m. 42, Plea Rolls.

stated, Thurstan's brother Adam founded the family of Holland of Euxton by a marriage with a Bussel heiress, and his brother Richard became the progenitor of the Hollands of Sutton, a family some of whose members, in later times, distinguished themselves by their devoted allegiance to the old faith at the time of the Reformation, and it is believed even gave several of its sons to the Society of Jesus.

Thurstan is said to have married, first, the daughter of Adam de Kellet of Nether Kellet, whose grandson, Orm de Kellet, by a fine levied at York on the 18th December 1299, conveyed the manor of Nether Kellet to Thomas Banastre of Broughton, in consideration of £100 sterling.¹ Orm died without issue after 1299, and so eventually the lordship of the manor and the bailliwick of the Wapentake of Lonsdale and of Furness and Cartmel descended to the heirs of Thurstan de Holland by his said wife. By this wife he had five sons, SIR ROBERT DE HOLLAND, his eldest son and heir; William, afterwards of Sharples; Richard, who held lands in Hale (20 Edward I.); Roger and Adam.²

He married, secondly, Juliana, a daughter of John Gelli-brand, and had four other sons, Thurstan, Adam, Elias, and Simon. To this last he gave lands in Pemberton, Wigan, and Golbourne.³

He is said to have married, thirdly, a daughter of Henry de Hale, an illegitimate son of Richard de Meath, Lord of Hale. The evidence of this is not very satisfactory, however, though it is rather quaint. Among the Hale charters in the

¹ Lancashire Final Concords, p. 186.

² Plea Rolls, 47 and 53 Hen. III.

³ A grant of a portion of this land occurs, under date 1293, in the "Crosse Charters," p. 5, edited by R. D. Radcliffe, Esq., M.A., F.S.A.

possession of Mr. Ireland-Blackburne of Hale Hall is a very interesting charter roll, evidently drawn up early in the fifteenth century, and among the documents there copied is a curious Norman-French petition to the King from the "loyal tenants of Hale," which states that from Richard de Meath, the original grantee of the manor from the King, it descended to Henry de Hale, his son and heir, who held it until his death, and as he lay dying came one Thurstan de Holland, *who had married the daughter of the said Henry*, and as he lay at the point of death (*come il lanngnist a la mort*), his memory lost, the said Thurstan took the said Henry's seal, which he had round his neck, and made use of the seal to issue charters granting the said manor (of Hale) to himself, the said Thurstan, and Robert his son.

There is reason to believe, however, that this picturesque account is without foundation, and that Thurstan obtained his interest in the manor of Hale by the more prosaic medium of purchase.

Thurstan, who, as we have already seen, was of man's estate in 1241, and who was probably born about 1210, lived to a good age, and witnessed a deed as bailiff of Makerfield in 1286.¹ He must have died shortly after this date; he was certainly dead in 1293. In witnessing a charter to Stanlaw Abbey in 1272 he is described as Sir Thurstan de Holland.

Of Thurstan's sons, his eldest, SIR ROBERT DE HOLLAND, seems to have been most famous; but from a younger son, William, with whom we will deal in the next chapter, sprang

¹ "Crosse Charters," p. 5. The date of this charter is fixed by the names of two witnesses, Sir Robert de Holland, who was knighted in 1282, and Sir Robert de Lathom, "Sheriff of Lancashire," who held this office in 1286. It is conceivable, however, that this may be another Thurstan, possibly a son by Juliana Gellibrand.

the family of Denton, with which this book is more immediately concerned. Sir Robert's descendants, however, fill such a large place in English history that it is perhaps well to mention them, though somewhat briefly.

Sir Robert married Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir of Sir William de Salmesbury, lord of Salmesbury, and of the moiety of the manor of Harwood, near Bolton. Sir Robert was seised of a sixth part of Harwood in right of his wife in 1292 and 1302. He enjoyed the lordship of the manor of Hale and Orrel, and lands in many other townships. He was knighted in 1282, and probably died between 1302 and 1305. He had at least three sons, ROBERT, Adam, and William, and one daughter, Avena, who married Adam Austyn of Ireland (de Hibernia), who is better known as Adam Ireland, the first of the house of Hale.

SIR ROBERT DE HOLLAND, eldest son of the just mentioned Sir Robert, was summoned to Parliament as first Baron Holland. He was a striking character, and one who has left a mark in English history, and consequently deserves more than a passing mention.

According to Beamont,¹ Sir Robert was present at a certain famous tourney held in 1307 at Stepney, where his arms are mentioned as *azure, semé of fleur-de-lys, a lion rampant gardant argent*. In 1310-11 he had licence from the King to embattle his house at Holland, and also his house at Melbourne in Derbyshire. From 1307 to 1311, and also in 1312 and 1320, he filled the office of Justice at Chester, an important position at this time. In 1308 he assisted in raising troops, probably to serve under Gaveston in the Irish

¹ "History of Halton Castle," p. 37.

war, and in 1311 he was appointed governor of Beeston Castle, an office of much responsibility and honour.¹ In 1315 he became Governor of Liverpool Castle.²

It may not be out of place at this point to recall what was then passing in the general history of England. Edward II., who came to the throne in 1307, perhaps one of the worst and most unscrupulous of kings, had early in his reign alienated the major portion of the Baronage of England by the wretched favourites with whom he surrounded himself, chief among them being Piers Gaveston, whom Edward made Earl of Cornwall. "Gay, genial, thriftless," says Green,³ "Gaveston showed in his first acts the quickness and audacity of the Southern Gaul; the older ministers were dismissed, all claims of precedence or inheritance set aside in the distribution of offices at the coronation, while taunts and defiances goaded the proud Baronage to fury."

After a few months, however, Gaveston was banished from the realm at the instance of the Barons, who, under Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, adopted a bold policy. When in 1310 Edward recalled Gaveston, Lancaster withdrew from the royal Council, and a Parliament which met in the same year resolved that the affairs of the nation should be intrusted to a body of twenty-one "Ordainers." The Barons carried the day, and Gaveston was again banished, only to be recalled, however, a few months later. The strife between King and Barons again broke out, and it was not until Gaveston was beheaded by the order of the Earl of Lancaster, at

¹ Abbrev. Rot. Orig., p. 187.

² Picton's Liverpool Records, vol. i. p. 9.

³ "History of the English People," p. 208.

whose feet he flung himself praying for pity, that the triumph of the Baronage was complete. A feigned submission of the conquerors completed the King's humiliation, and the Barons knelt before Edward in Westminster Hall to receive a pardon that seemed a death-blow to the royal power.

In this pardon was included Sir Robert de Holland, for having "adhered to the cause of the King's rebellious kinsman, Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, abetted him in his murder of Gaveston, and taken part in the disturbance which it created." About this time, or shortly afterwards, Sir Robert became secretary to the Earl of Lancaster, and so was drawn more closely into connection with his patron.

In the years that followed the fall of Gaveston, England was the scene of great unrest and distress. Famine succeeded famine, and the utter absence of organised rule told terribly on the suffering people, while disgrace to English arms at Bannockburn and elsewhere completed the national degradation.

Edward could not be long without his favourites, and the fall of Gaveston only made way for the Despencers. Their rise was sufficiently rapid to excite general jealousy, and the Earl of Lancaster found little difficulty in extorting by force of arms the exile of the younger Hugh from the kingdom. But the tide of popular sympathy turned in the royal favour on account of an insult offered to the Queen, and the surprising energy shown by Edward in avenging it brought fresh support to his cause. He now felt himself strong enough to recall Hugh le Despenser, and when the Earl called the Barons together in 1321, and in the February of 1322 broke out in open rebellion, Edward was a match for

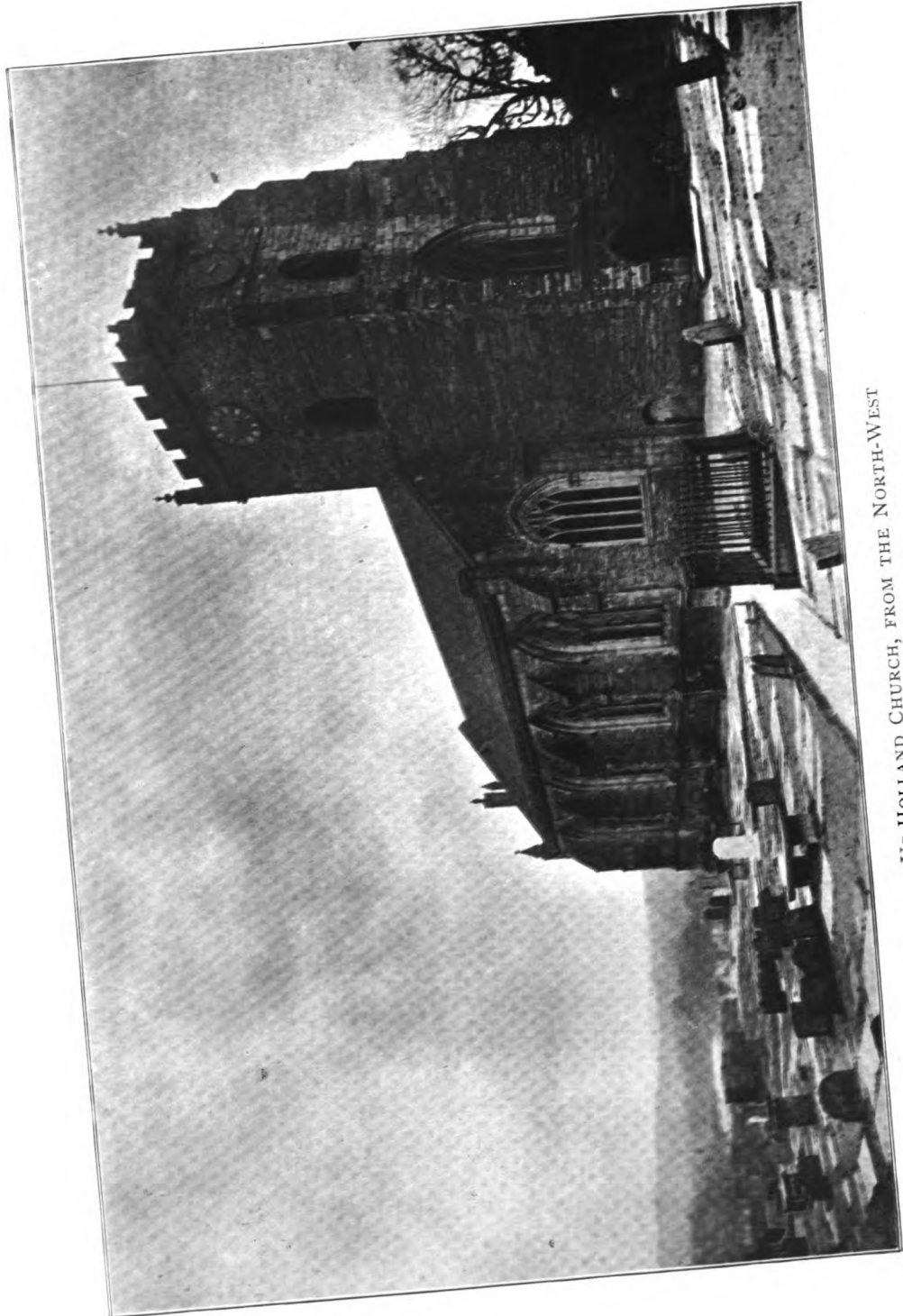
him. The rival armies met near Burton, where they faced each other across the Trent. Burton Bridge was left in charge of a portion of the troops, with whom Sir Robert Holland and his men remained, but the battle did not fall to them, as the King, making a feint of attacking them, marched the bulk of his forces to a ford some miles away, crossed the river unopposed, and swept down on the Earl's flank, compelling him to retire to his castle of Tutbury.

"To sally out," says Beamont, "in face of the King's large army and march through Staffordshire was impossible; but fortunately night and darkness came to the Earl's relief, and gave him a respite, which enabled him to consider what was the best course he could take. The river Dove, where there was neither a ford nor a bridge, was in his rear, so that there was danger both before and behind; but to attempt to cross the Dove, which the enemy had left unguarded, seemed the only alternative. Summoning, therefore, to his side his cofferer, Henry de Leycester, and committing to his care the army chest, they quitted the castle under the shadow of darkness by a postern and reached the Dove. The river was in flood, which had perhaps caused the enemy to watch it less closely, and the Earl succeeded in reaching the other side in safety; but the cofferer was not so fortunate, for some panic having seized the guards who bore the money-chest, they let it fall into the stream, where it sank and was lost, while they were glad to escape even with their lives. The chest contained more than 100,000 silver pieces of money; and Time, the revealer of secrets, in the month of June 1831, as some men were widening and deepening the Dove, brought the chest and its contents from their watery grave, after they had reposed in

it for more than five hundred years. On the 10th March 1322, King Edward took possession of the Earl's vacated castle, but he could not loiter there, and so he immediately pushed on after his rebellious kinsman. The Earl went first to Pontefract, and thence, after a council of war, it was determined, owing to the recent defeat and losses, and the non-arrival of Sir Robert de Holland with two forces whom the Earl had ordered him to raise in Lancashire, to retire to Dunstanborough. At Boroughbridge, as he was on his way thither, and just as he had been met and repulsed by Sir Andrew de Harclay, the King came up with him, and on the 16th March the Earl, who had now been joined by Sir Robert de Holland, capitulated to Sir Andrew, and the next day the King himself received the surrender of the Earl's great ally, Sir Robert de Holland, and of Sir John and Sir Richard de Holland, Sir Robert's kinsmen, who had followed the Earl's fortunes until his star had set. From Boroughbridge the progress to the scaffold was short. The Earl, a man who was said to be bustling without vigour and intriguing without abilities, was taken to Pontefract to a tower opposite the Black Friars, and there, on a hill outside the town, on the 22nd March 1322, after a trial which was not likely to be impartial, he received short shrift and was beheaded, while some of his adherents, Sir William Touchet, Sir William FitzWilliam, Sir Waryne Lisle, Sir Henry Bradburne, Sir William Cherry, and John Page, Esq., were hanged about the same time; but Sir Robert de Holland and his two kinsmen experienced the King's clemency, and, though their estates were forfeited, their lives were spared.

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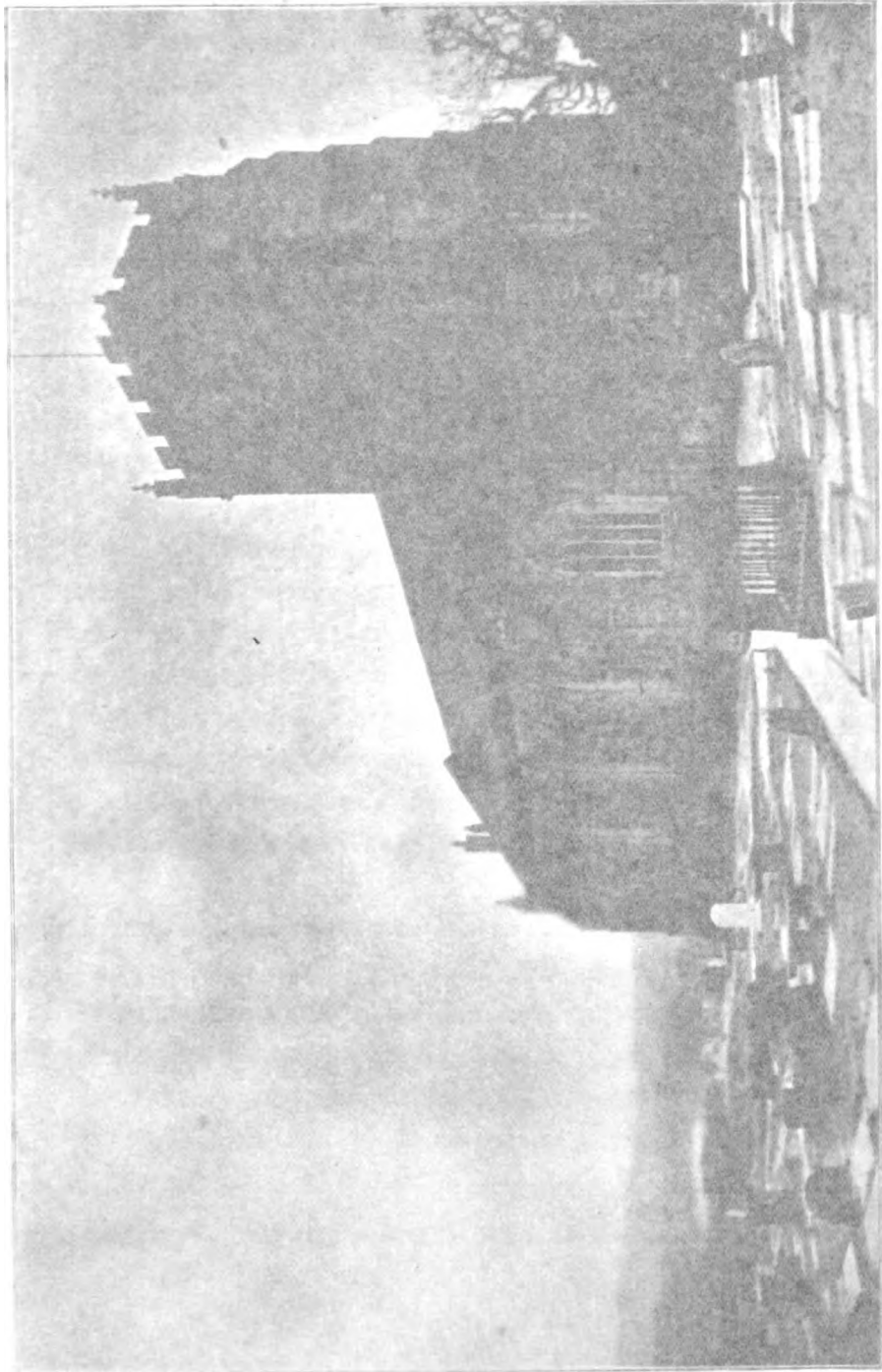
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Robert, were at Boroughbridge, and their arms appear on the roll of the battle. They surrendered with Sir Robert de Holland, and in 16 Edward II. they were released on giving sureties for their good behaviour. Sir Robert de Holland was attainted, and Oliver de Ingham was commanded to seise into the King's hands all his Cheshire lands as an adherent of Thomas of Lancaster and the King's enemy.¹ All his estates being confiscated, they were taken into the King's hands, where they remained during the rest of his life. He himself was first sent prisoner to Dover Castle, from which he was transferred to York, and from thence he was ultimately liberated on giving security for his future good behaviour.

Six years later, in October 1328, Sir Robert de Holland was seized by a body of men in a wood near Henley when on his way to Windsor. This force is said to have been led by Sir Thomas Wither, an adherent of Henry, Earl of Lancaster, who overpowered Sir Robert's followers and murdered their master. His head, we are told, was sent to the Earl of Lancaster, then at Waltham Cross, while his body was sent to Preston in Lancashire and buried there in the Church of the Grey Friars.

In 1307 Sir Robert endowed a church or collegiate chapel, dedicated to St. Thomas the Martyr at Upholland, consisting of a dean and twelve secular priests; but the loneliness² of the spot proved too great and the canons separated. The founder then resolved on another course, and determined to secure the permanence of his work by obtaining a colony

¹ Abbrev. Rot. Orig., 265-295.

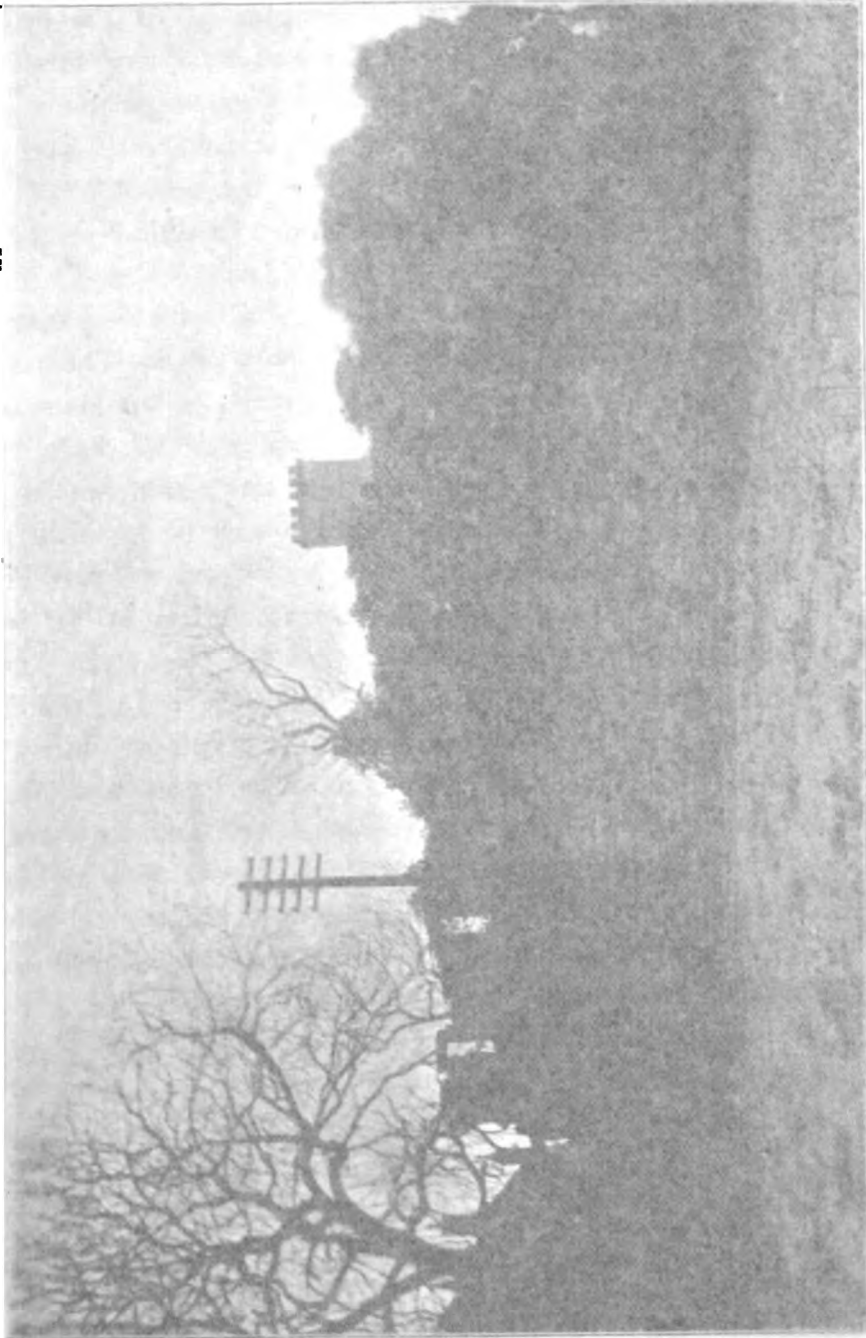
² "Notes on the Ancient Religious Houses of Lancashire," by Dom. Gilbert Dolan, Trans. Hist. Soc. L. and C., vol. xliii.-iv. p. 229.

of Benedictine monks to fill the vacant places left by the canons. The site, too, was recognised as being fitter for regulars than for seculars, and after various negotiations, and with the approval of the Bishop of Lichfield, the place was handed over to the monks. Before the invasion of the collieries, Upholland must have been a beautiful spot, and well adapted as a retreat from the world.

There, on a hill-side overlooking a wide expanse of wood and water, was founded the Priory of St. Thomas of Canterbury, the latest in date of foundation of any monastery of Black Monks in England. Unfortunately we have little to guide us as to the early history of the house, but as Sir Robert de Holland's petition to the Bishop of Lichfield was drawn up at Pontefract (February 2, 1318), and the first Prior was one Thomas of Doncaster from the Priory of St. John at Pontefract, it is not improbable that the colony came from this or some other religious house in Yorkshire. The churches of Childwall in Lancashire and Wightwick in Leicestershire were impropriated to the new foundation. The Priory was further enriched by grants of land in Holland, Orrell, and elsewhere.

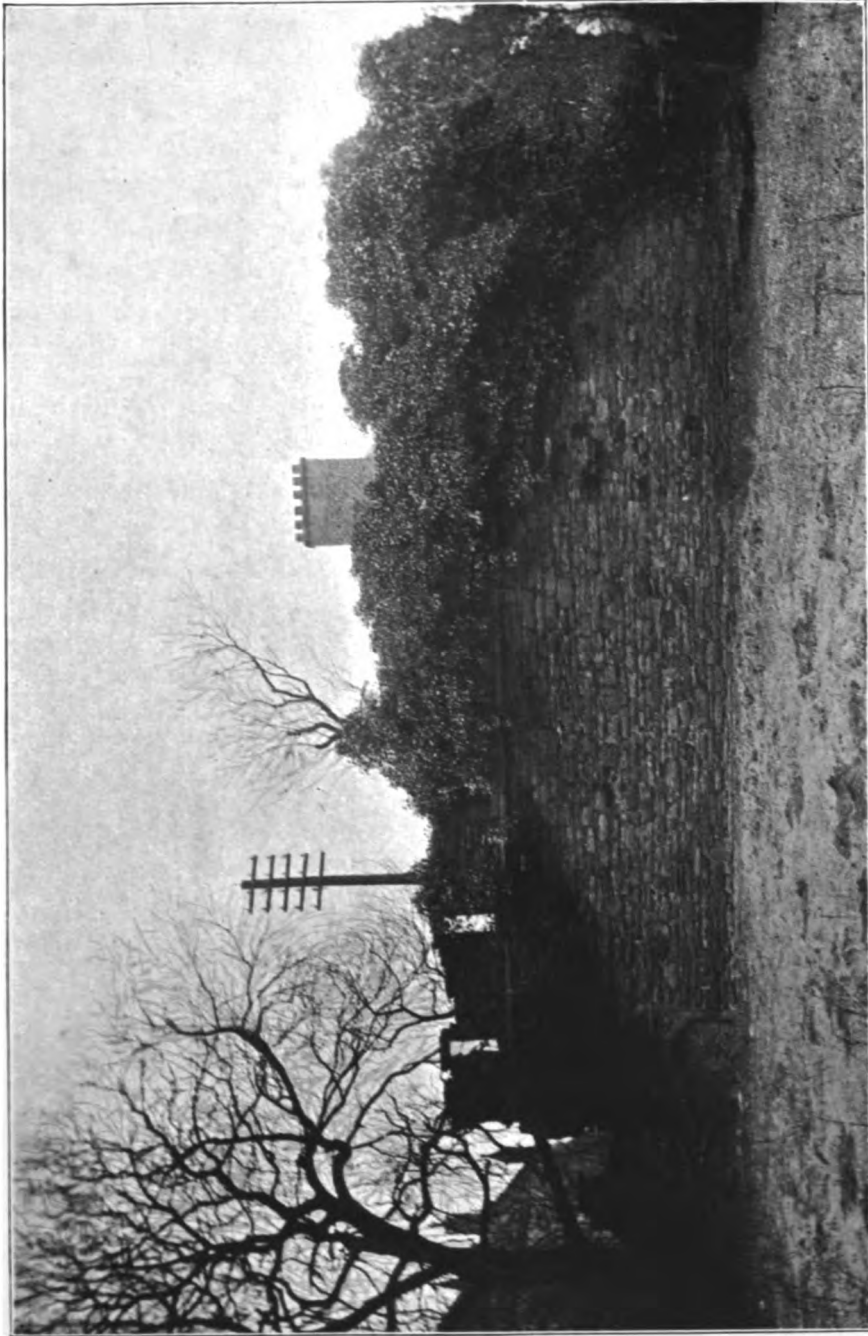
The existing remains of the priory¹ consist of a high wall of yellow sandstone, partially covered with ivy, through which are discernible five windows. Portions of wall still exist on the north and south, while near a house that has been built on the eastern outline of the site are mutilated parts of arches and columns. The parish church of Upholland, dedicated to St. Thomas à Becket the martyr, was the church of the priory. This was transferred at the time of the dissolution of the monastic houses to the inhabitants of

¹ Baine's "History of Lancashire" (Croston's edition), vol. iv. p. 302.



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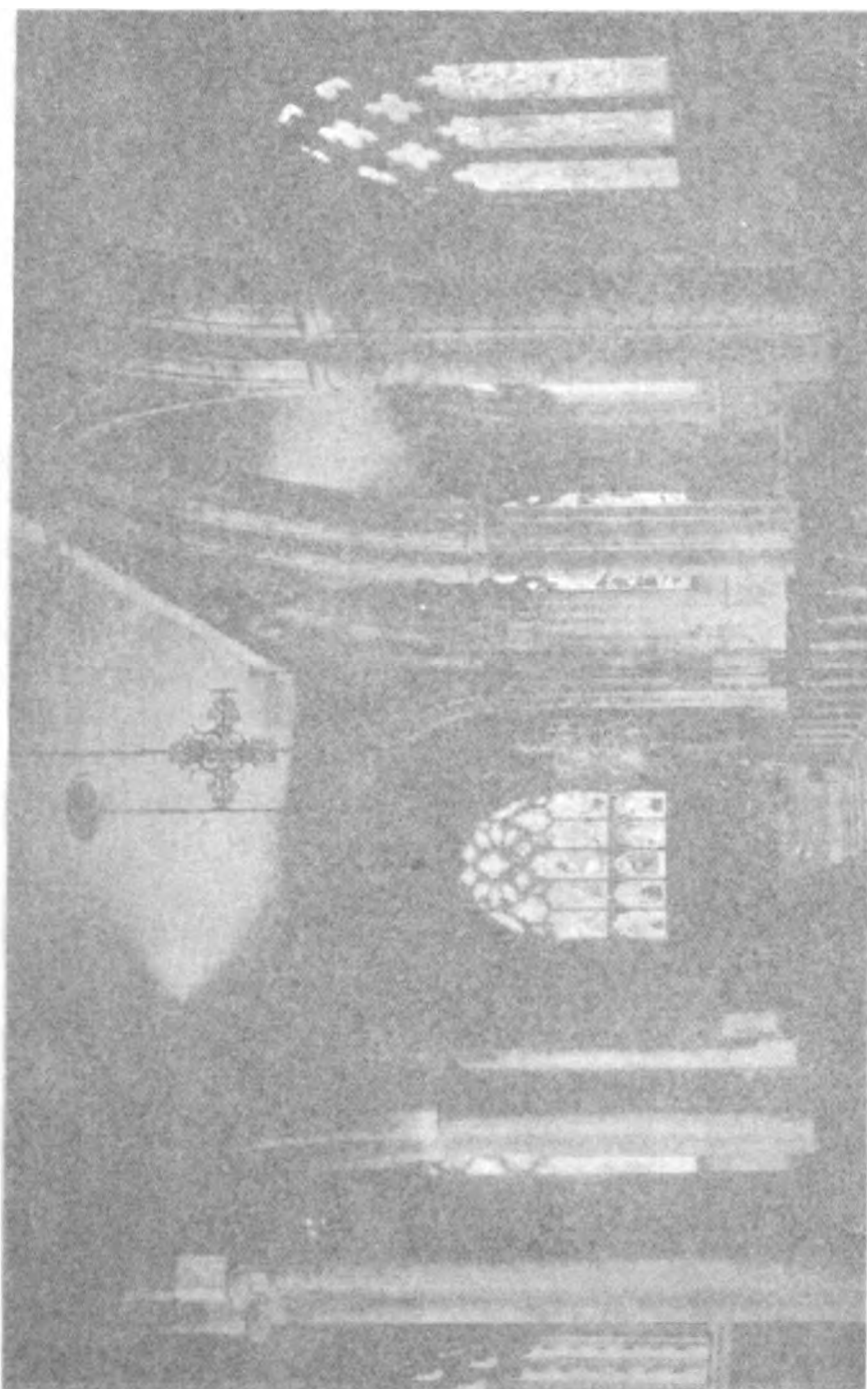
Upholland, Orrell, Billinge, Higher End, Winstanley, and Dalton, and was the parochial chapel of these townships until 1882, when, by an Order of Council, it was constituted a separate parish.

It is said to be the finest ecclesiastical building in the old parish of Wigan, and was originally planned on a magnificent scale, but a portion only of the nave, including the western tower, was completed. It consists of a tower, nave, side aisles, and chancel. The tower, which is strong but low, is said to have replaced the two original ones, itself occupying the intervening portion of the western front. This, however, is extremely doubtful; it appears rather that the original intention had been to build a cruciform church with a central tower, and that the present nave was intended for the chancel, and that when this scheme could not be completed, the tower as it now stands was added, possibly as a temporary structure. It is lighted by three windows, that are said to have been removed from the clerestory which formerly lighted the nave. The three windows on the south side are large pointed ones, the tracery of which is modern. The great glory of the structure was its noble east window, which fell in 1840. One of the windows contains mediæval glass, irregularly jumbled together; here and there shields, none, however, referring to the Hollands; and in one pane the mitre of an abbot. The effect of the arcading of the nave is very imposing, the whole structure being an interesting example of unmixed Decorated work. The church was restored in 1882.

Sir Robert had married, at some date prior to 1311, Matilda, daughter and co-heir of Alan de la Zouche of

Ashby, in the county of Leicester, and by her had at least four sons—Sir Robert, who succeeded his father; Thomas, who afterwards became Earl of Kent; Otho, one of the earliest knights of the Order of the Garter; and Alan, who died young.

Thomas married Joan, the famous "Fair Maid of Kent," daughter of Edmund Plantagenet, Earl of Kent, and who eventually became the wife of Edward the Black Prince. The second son of this union became Earl of Huntington and Duke of Exeter, and married Elizabeth, daughter of John of Gaunt and sister of King Henry IV., while the eldest son, who was Earl of Kent and Baron Woodstock, became father of the third Earl of Kent, who eventually attained to the highest rank as Duke of Surrey, and was beheaded at Cirencester in 1400 for attempting to restore Richard II. The main line of the Hollands ended in an heiress in 1373, who married Sir John, afterwards Lord Lovel, in whose family the Upholland estates continued for several generations, until the fateful battle of Bosworth, when they were forfeited, and we find them ultimately granted to the Earl of Derby.



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CHAPTER II

HOLLAND OF DENTON

IT is necessary to retrace our steps to Thurstan Holland, who died about the year 1290 (p. 7), in order to obtain the point of junction between the Hollands of Upholland and the Hollands of Denton. As already stated, Thurstan de Holland had a large family. By his first wife, besides his son and heir, Sir Robert, he had a son William, afterwards SIR WILLIAM DE HOLLAND (IV.), from whom the family of Denton sprang.

Very little is known of Sir William de Holland beyond the fact that he received a grant of the manor of Sharples from Roger de Sharples in 1272, and that he probably died before 1314.

It is not known whom he married, but he had at least three sons, all of whom became knights—SIR WILLIAM, Sir Robert, and Sir Richard. From Sir Richard descended the Hollands of Myerscough and Preston.

Sir Robert de Holland, though he is said to have had at least two sons, Robert and Thomas, does not appear to have founded a separate branch, unless he passed into Yorkshire and obtained lands in that county, which seems possible.

SIR WILLIAM DE HOLLAND (V.) married, at some date probably a good deal earlier than 1315, Joan, daughter of Robert de Pleasington.¹ Nothing is known of this lady, except that the

¹ See Baines' "Lancashire" (Croston's edition), vol. iv. p. 69.

marriage does not appear to have been a happy one. They had no children, at all events none who survived their father, and at some time early in the fourteenth century Sir William de Holland formed an alliance with a Margaret de Shoresworth, daughter of Robert de Shoresworth, lord of the manor of Denton, and by her had at least two sons, THURSTAN DE HOLLAND and John.

With the evidence forthcoming it is difficult to be certain as to the character of this alliance. It is conceivable that William de Holland may have married Margaret de Shoresworth in proper form, and then have afterwards discovered that she came within the limits of consanguinity forbidden by the Roman Church, and so have been obliged to seek a declaration of nullity of marriage, and after that have married Joan Pleasington. One thing is certain, however, that the law did not recognise Thurstan and John as legal heirs to their father, as his brother Robert appears as next-of-kin after Sir William's death. This is further borne out by the wording of several of the charters (*vide* p. 99).

Sir William in 1315-16 granted the manor of Sharples to his son Thurstan, and in 1316, at Easter, he appears as witness to a deed by which Alexander de Shoresworth grants¹ to Adam de Ryecroft, Vicar of the Church of Huyton, Denton Hall, together with all his lands and tenements in Denton. This grant was evidently made to Adam de Ryecroft in trust, as a few days later, namely, on the Thursday next after the Feast of St. Philip and St. James, Sir William de Holland witnesses another grant, this time from Adam de Ryecroft to Alexander

¹ The Earl of Wilton's MSS. See Appendix, p. 97.

de Shoresworth, of all his lands, &c., in Denton, with remainder to Thurstan, son of Margaret de Shoresworth, and the heirs of his body, &c.¹

It may not be out of place here to sketch the devolutions of the Denton estates until they passed into the possession of the Hollands.

Denton is a township situated about six miles east-south-east of Manchester, in which parish it was for ecclesiastical purposes. It is bounded on the north by the townships of Gorton and Audenshaw; on the south by the river Tame, which here forms the division between the counties of Lancaster and Chester; on the east by Haughton; and on the west by Reddish and Gorton. Anciently it was a hamlet in Withington.²

In the reign of Richard I. Denton was held by Matthew de Reddish as of the fee of Withington. By an undated charter,³ Matthew gave half of the town of Denton to Richard, parson of Stockport, namely, four oxgangs of land, to hold in fee and inheritance by the yearly service of 12d. and forinsec service.

From the said Richard one moiety of this land descended in the reign of Henry III. to Robert, parson of Mottram, who granted it to Cecily, his daughter, and her heirs in tail, one oxgang of which William Canus and Henry his brother held, and another oxgang which Jordan, the grantor's brother, held, and the service of certain land belonging to these oxgangs which Richard, son of Robert de Hide, held, rendering to the grantor and his heirs a silver penny at Christmas,

¹ The Earl of Wilton's MSS. See Appendix, p. 97.

² It is worth noting that there are fourteen places in England and Wales bearing the name of Denton.

³ From information supplied by Wm. Farrer, Esq., of Marton House, Skipton.

and fivepence of silver to the lamp of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Manchester at the Feast of the Assumption, and defending the said Richard and his heirs against Robert de Reddish and his heirs for the ferm and service due for the said land. Remainder, in default of issue of Cecily, to Robert her brother and his heirs in tail, remainder to the right heirs of Richard the grantor.

This Cecily married Robert de Shoresworth, and so conveyed this estate into the family of that name. By another deed without date, Adam, son of Robert de Brunyngton (in Denton), gave to Alexander, son of Robert de Shoresworth, in tail, a portion of his land in the town of Denton, described in the said charter by bounds; remainder to William de Shoresworth. For this grant Alexander gave Adam ten pounds sterling.

By deed without date, Robert de Shoresworth and Cecily his wife gave to William their son, in tail, the whole estate which they had in the town of Denton; remainder to Geoffrey, brother of the said William, rendering two iron arrows for all services.

By deed dated at Denton on the morrow of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 27 Edward I. [1299], Cecily, relict of Robert de Shoresworth, gave to Alexander her son, in tail, the moiety of all the lands in Denton which she had by the gift of her father Robert, remainder to William, brother to Alexander.

The exact relationship between this Alexander and Margaret de Shoresworth, the mother of Thurstan de Holland, is not clear, but it must have been very close, as she is specially alluded to in the remainder, dated 1316, and

mentioned on p. 18. Margaret de Shoresworth was the daughter of a Robert, who may have been a brother or a son of Alexander, though it is not improbable that the two Roberts are one, and Margaret was therefore sister of Alexander de Denton.¹

In the year 1330, by a deed dated at Denton on the Feast of St. Hilary (4 Edward III.), Alexander de Shoresworth granted to "Margaret, daughter of Robert de Shoresworth," all his messuages, lands, and tenements in the hamlet of Denton, in tail. A few days later Margaret de Shoresworth grants the same estate to Thurstan her son, in tail, with remainder to William, son of Robert de Radcliffe and his heirs, further remainders to John, brother of the said William, and to Robert, son of Henry de Worsley.

Five years later, on the Friday next after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula, by a deed dated at Bury, THURSTAN DE HOLLAND (VI.), calling himself "son of Sir William de Holland, K^t," grants to "Margaret my mother," for her life, all the estate in Denton which she had granted to him.

Thurstan's father, Sir William, probably died about 1318,

¹ This elusive and much-married person, Margaret de Shoresworth, has long been a puzzle to genealogists. A few facts only seem to be beyond dispute, and one of these is that she was the daughter of a Robert de Shoresworth. It is also certain that she was the mother of Thurstan de Holland, son of Sir William, and that she was the mother of several children by Robert de Radcliffe of Radcliffe Tower, ancestor of the Radcliffes of Smithells, and that she married ultimately Sir Henry de Worsley of Booths. In "Lancashire Funeral Certificates" (Chetham Society) Mr. Langton prints a pedigree of the Shoresworths, which he bases on extracts from the Dodsworth MSS., and in this he makes Margaret a granddaughter of Alexander. In Whitaker's "Whalley" (4th edition, Radcliffe pedigree, p. 292) she is described as a daughter of Alexander de Denton and relict of Robert de Shoresworth, while in the same work, on p. 319, she is described as daughter of Robert de Shoresworth and heiress of Cecily de Denton. The latter is probably the correct solution.

as no mention of him occurs after the two to which reference has already been made (p. 18) in 1316, while in 1319 we have a grant in Norman-French from Sir Robert de Holland, Knight, probably Thurstan's uncle, to "Thurstan de Holland, son of Margaret de Shoresworth," and his heirs, of all his lands and tenements, with certain services in "Heetun sour Faghefeld." The grant is dated at "Sandale," probably Sandal, near Wakefield in Yorkshire, on the Wednesday in the Feast of St. Mark, 12 Edward II. [1319]. This probably points to the death of Sir William having taken place.

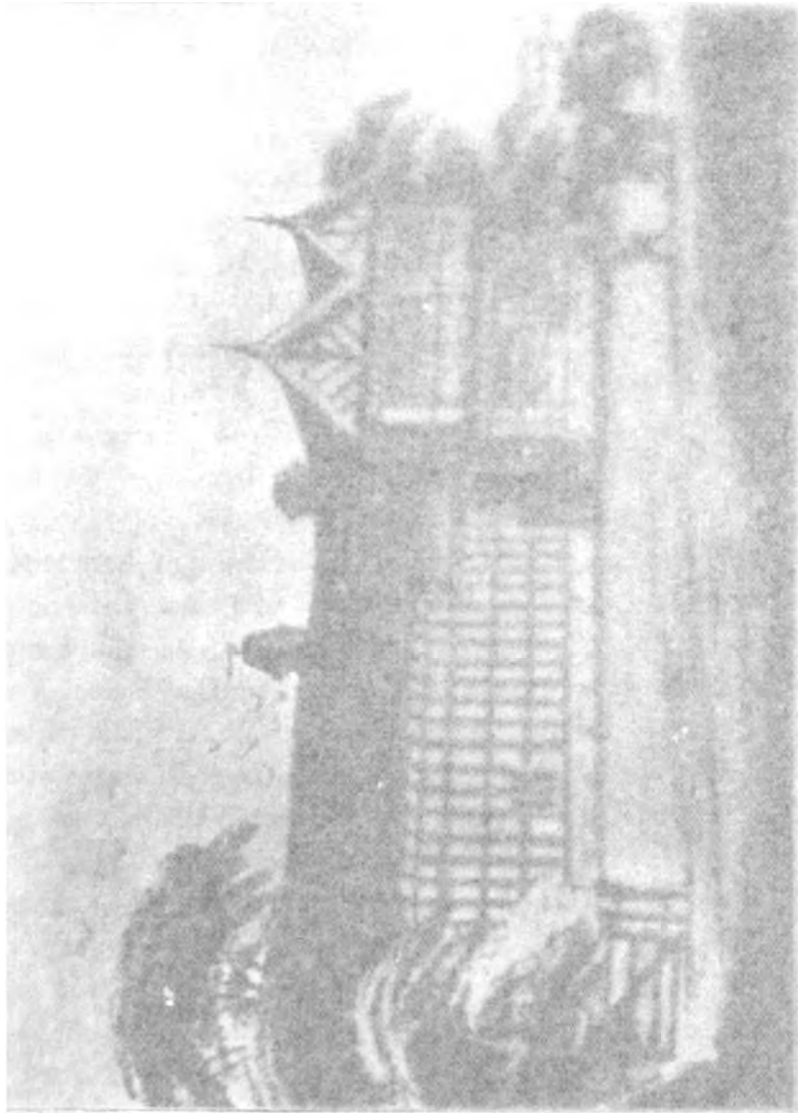
Allusion has been already made to Denton Hall, and though the building, a portion of which still stands, was doubtless of later date than the period with which we are dealing, it may not be out of place to give a short account of the house in explanation of the accompanying illustration.

Mr. Henry Taylor, in his "Old Halls in Lancashire and Cheshire,"¹ writes: "Denton Hall was clearly at one time a fine quadrangular building, of which two sides now remain;² the southerly or central portion containing the fine great hall and the family or eastern wing. Both portions have been much injured by the hand of man and by the ravages of time."

Mr. Booker, in his "History of Denton," assigns the building of the Hall to the end of the sixteenth century, but Mr. Taylor corrects this, and states that the architectural evidence points to a date at least a hundred years earlier. "We have here," he writes, "in the great common hall the complete arrangements for the lord and his retainers dining in common; but at the end of the sixteenth century a fine

¹ Page 110.

² Only a very small portion of one wing now stands (1900), the rest was demolished three or four years ago.



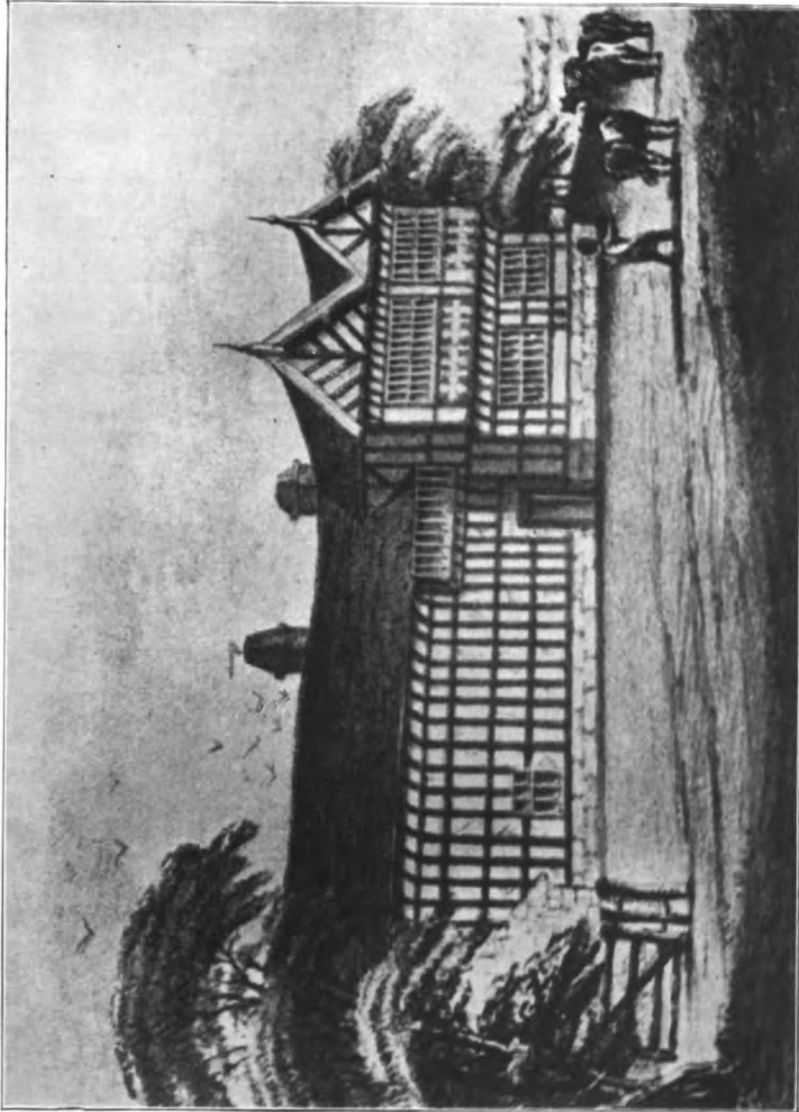
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great hall like this, with a massive, open-timbered roof, and with high table, canopy, and musicians' gallery, had gone out of fashion, and was very seldom built." Mr. Booker seems to have been misled by the Jacobean plaster-work with which some of the rooms were decorated.

The great hall was originally thirty-five feet long and twenty-three wide. The mapping out of the roof is very similar to that of the great hall at Smithells, an interesting fact, when we remember the close relationship of the two families, to which allusion has already been made. Denton does not seem to have originally possessed any fireplace, the great hall being warmed by braziers, the smoke escaping through a louvre in the roof. In the early portion of the sixteenth century, however, a large ingle-nook seems to have been inserted, not in the customary position in the side of the room, but at the end opposite the high table.

Mr. Taylor further adds: "It is very remarkable that at Speke Hall a fireplace was inserted in the same manner as at Denton and at about the same period. In both cases the alteration has occasioned the partial destruction of the minstrels' gallery. The ornamentation of the fireplace in the two houses also is almost identical in character, so that it is difficult to resist the conclusion that one of these examples must have been copied from the other.

Four deeds, to all of which Thurstan de Holland was a party, dated in the spring of 1341, still remain among the Earl of Wilton's papers, and it is curious to note that in three of these the old designation of "Thurstan de Holland, son of Sir William de Holland, K^t," is kept up. They relate to land in Prestwich called Bradlache and Rodon [Rooden].

A few years later King Edward issued letters patent to Thurstan Holland, dated at Windsor, 12th June 1346, in which he states that at the request of "our cousin, Henry of Lancaster, Earl of Derby," he pardons Thurstan de Holland for all ills committed prior to the 16th June 1345. It is not quite clear what these "ills" may have been. Henry of Lancaster at this time seems to have been in Gascony, where he had won a signal victory over the French at Auberoche, and it will be remembered that it was to relieve the Earl that Edward a year later led the expedition into France which culminated in Crecy. It is possible that Thurstan may have been under a cloud ever since the ill-fated rising of Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, which led to Thurstan's kinsman, Sir Robert Holland, losing all his estates.

The next document of the series is of a more pacific character, and appears to be a family settlement, which provides us with much useful material for the elucidation of the next step in the pedigree. It is a grant dated at Denton, on the Friday next after the Feast of St. Hilary, 32 Edward III. [1359], from Roger, son of William, son of John, and Geoffrey de Bexwyk, chaplains, who were trustees, to Thurstan de Holland of all the messuages, lands, and tenements which they had by the gift and feoffment of the said Thurstan in Denton, Heaton Faughfield, Manchester, Bolton near Eccles, Barton near Eccles, Bolton on the Moors, Harwood, Worsley, Myerscough in Amounderness, and Sharples, together with the homage and services of their free tenants in the said vills, to hold to the said Thurstan for the term of his life, &c., with remainder to Richard, son of the said Thurstan, and the heirs between Richard and

Almarica, daughter of Adam de Kenyon, lawfully begotten, with remainder to the heirs of the said Richard, remainder to Robert, son of Alice de Cobbeleres, for his life, remainder to William, son of Alice de Pussch [?], and his heirs, remainder to William, son of Robert de Radcliffe, and his heirs, remainder to William, son of Robert de Worsley, and his heirs, and final remainder to Sir Robert de Holland, Knight, and his heirs and assigns.

Thurstan de Holland must have been growing old by this time, but evidence remains which shows that he was still alive ten years later. In the autumn of 1368, Thurstan, son of John de Prestwich, grants to Thurstan de Holland all his land in Heaton Faughfield under certain limitations. The grant is dated at Manchester on the Tuesday next after the Feast of St. Leonard the Abbot, 42 Edward III. [1368]. His death must have followed shortly.

Thurstan is said¹ to have married Mary, the daughter of John Collyer, and had at least two sons, RICHARD DE HOLLAND (VII.), of whom mention has already been made, and William de Holland, who married Marjory, the daughter of Henry de Trafford, and from whom sprang the Hollands of Clifton. Thurstan is also stated to have had three other sons—a second William, a Robert, and a John de Holland. Robert is said to have had children by an Alice de Cottelawe or Cobbelere,² and William is said to have had children by an Alice de Bissch or Pussch.

Richard de Holland married, probably prior to 1358, Almarica, daughter and heiress of Adam de Kenyon, and

¹ Harl. MS., 1987.

² See settlement cited above, p. 102.

through her became possessed of considerable property in Kenyon.

Little is known of Richard de Holland. In the Appendix (p. 103) will be seen a curious agreement into which he entered in 1377 with Richard de Hyde relating to the "marling" of certain parcels of land in Denton. In 1383 he leased the manor of Denton for eight years to one William de Hulme, probably of the neighbouring township of Heaton Norris. Whether this act betokened impecuniosity or not it is impossible to say. Richard de Holland died on the 1st July 1402.¹

By his wife Almarica he had at least three sons—THURSTAN (VIII.), his eldest son and heir, William, and Nicholas. In the Appendix (p. 104) will be seen an indenture dated 1403, made between William de Hulme (probably the lessee of Denton mentioned above), together with his brother John, and Thurstan de Holland and his brother Nicholas de Holland, concerning certain lands and tenements in Denton.

There can be little doubt that the Hollands, in addition to the alliance through Margaret de Shoresworth, were connected by marriage with the neighbouring family of Radcliffe, but the exact relationship is not clear. Thurstan and his son Thurstan both had several transactions in land with Sir Ralph de Radcliffe, Knight. In 1418, Thurstan the father quit-claimed to him certain rights of pasture and common in Sharples, Bolton, and Harwood (see Appendix, p. 106). To the original of this deed there is a beautiful seal still affixed, the badge used being an acorn, and the legend—**RADCLYFF.**

¹ See Post-Mortem Inquisition, Appendix, p. 104.

Thurstan is stated to have married an Agnes —, who had writ of dower 3 Henry VI. [1424-5], and was still living in 1439. By her he had at least three sons—THURSTAN DE HOLLAND (IX.), who succeeded him, Richard, and Henry; he died 1 Henry VI. [1422-3].

Thurstan de Holland the younger, who succeeded his father in 1422-3, first appears in a deed dated in the early summer of 1429, in which he conveys to Sir Ralph de Radcliffe just mentioned a portion of land called Rapedenheye. The interest of this document lies in the curious local place names that occur in it, part of the boundary of the land "extending as far as the field of Paradyse!"¹

In the following year (20th February 1430) Thurstan, whose matrimonial experiences may be described as varied, arranged a divorce between himself and his wife Margaret, daughter of Gilbert de Aldburgham, on the plea of consanguinity, under which Margaret was to receive an annual payment of £4 during the lifetime of Agnes, Thurstan's mother, and Nicholas, Thurstan's uncle, and £4 more yearly after the death of Agnes, Nicholas, or Thurstan. A portion of this money was still being paid in 1439, as a receipt from Margaret de Aldburgham, dated 6th February in that year, still exists among Lord Wilton's muniments.

By the summer of 1430 these divorce proceedings had been brought to a successful issue, as several deeds exist relating to a marriage settlement² made in favour of Margaret, daughter of Sir Lawrence Warren of Poynton, Knight. These deeds are

¹ See Appendix, p. 106.

² See Appendix, p. 107. See also Warren pedigree, Earwaker's "East Cheshire," vol. ii. p. 286. From this it appears that Margaret Warren can scarcely have been more than fifteen years of age at this time.

valuable as proving the relationship of Thurstan de Holland and Nicholas, his uncle.

By this wife he is said to have had three children—RICHARD HOLLAND, his son and heir; Margaret, who afterwards married Nicholas Hyde of Denton; and Elizabeth, who married John, son of Richard de Reddish.

His second wife must have died before 1442, as in that year Thurstan makes a settlement¹ in favour of his "wife Matilda, daughter of Sir John Honford, Kt." Sir John Honford or Handforth² was a celebrated Cheshire soldier who distinguished himself very highly in the French wars.

Nothing more is known of this wife, but according to Hardy, Thurstan was outlived by a wife Elena —; so that Matilda must have died and Thurstan entered for a fourth time into the married state.

It is not clear when Thurstan died; certainly before 1479, in which year RICHARD HOLLAND (X.), who succeeded his father, had a dispute with Sir John Assheton of Ashton-under-Lyne as to their respective rights to dig "turves" in Ashton Moss.³

According to information contained in the Inquisition Post-mortem of Thurstan Holland of Denton, who died in 1510,⁴ Richard Holland, by his charter dated 12th May 1481, settled certain lands in Heaton and Wardley on himself and his wife Agnes, and after their death on Nicholas and Lawrence, their sons.

For the immediate purposes of this volume it is of interest to note that among the tenants referred to in this settlement is

¹ See Appendix, p. 110.

² Earwaker's "East Cheshire," vol. i. p. 240.

³ Appendix, p. 110.

⁴ Appendix, p. 111.

William Heywode of "Roodes,"¹ thus showing an early connection between the Hollands of Denton and the property of Rhodes, subsequently the location of the family with which this volume more especially deals.

Richard Holland died on the 7th February 1483, being survived by his wife Agnes —. He was succeeded by his son and heir, RICHARD HOLLAND (XI.), who was probably born about 1450, as he had a marriageable son in 1486, and his own father Richard, as we have already seen, cannot have been born earlier than 1431.

Richard Holland, the younger, married, probably about 1466, Isabella, daughter of Sir William Harrington of Hornby, a famous Lancashire knight, who was standard-bearer at the battle of Agincourt,² and by her had at least five sons and one daughter—THURSTAN, his son and heir, probably born about 1469; William and Thomas, who were both living in 1486 and 1510;³ Robert, living in 1497 and 1510; Peter, living in 1510, and Ellen, who afterwards became the wife of John Bradshaw, the son and heir apparent of Alexander Bradshaw, Esq.; these latter were married prior to 1501. Richard Holland probably died about 1500 or 1501.

THURSTAN HOLLAND (XII.) married, between 1486 and 1490, Joan, the daughter of John Arderne of Alvanley and Harden, in the county of Cheshire, Esquire; she survived her husband, and married, secondly, Sir John Warren of Poynton, Knight, who predeceased her; and thirdly, John Davenport of Davenport, Esquire.

We are now getting into the period when records are

¹ It is not quite clear, however, whether this refers to Roads in Middleton parish or Rhodes in Prestwich parish.

² Baines (Harland), vol. ii. p. 616.

³ *Vide Postmortem Inquisition*, p. 111.

more abundant, and from this time on it will be possible in most cases to give more exact dates of births, deaths, and marriages. Thurstan Holland had six sons by his wife Joan—Thurstan, Robert, Richard, John, Ralph, and Lawrence. Thurstan died young. ROBERT (XIII.), who was born at his mother's old home at Harden in Cheshire on the 19th August 1491,¹ and baptized at Stockport, succeeded to the property on his father's death in 1508. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Richard Asheton of Middleton, Knight, and died without issue on the 9th September 1513. He was succeeded by his brother RICHARD HOLLAND (XIV.), then under age, having been born at Denton on the 25th March 1493,² and baptized in the Collegiate Church of Manchester. On 22nd March 1515, being still under age, his wardship and marriage were granted by the King to John Byrom, Esq. He married, first, Anne, daughter of John Fitton of Gawsworth, and had issue Richard, Ralph, and Randle, all of whom died without issue; Edward Holland, who succeeded his father, and Margaret, who died unmarried. Richard Holland married, secondly, Eleanor, daughter of Sir Ralph Harbottle³ of Beamish, co. Durham, Knight, and relict of Sir Thomas Percy, Knight, by whom he had at least two children—Richard, who was living in 1548, and Mary, who subsequently married (prior to 1567) Sir Geoffrey Poole, Knight.

In addition to these children, Richard Holland, or Sir

¹ The Friday next after the Feast of the Assumption, 7 Henry VII. [17th August 1492], is the date given in the proof of age, but it is obviously impossible for Robert to have been born on the 17th August 1492 and his brother Richard on the following 25th March. Moreover, as he was proved twenty-one in October 1512, it is clear that he must have been born in 1491.

² See Note 1.

³ It is worth noting that Sir Edward Fitton, brother of Richard Holland's first wife, married Mary, younger daughter and co-heiress of Sir Guiscard Harbottle, of co. Northumberland, Knight.

Richard, as he now was, had three other sons—Henry, William, and Richard. The name of their mother is not known, but from some expressions used in Sir Richard's will it is not improbable that they may have been children by his second wife before marriage, otherwise it is unlikely that he would have requested his wife to bring up the two younger boys, and they were evidently carefully provided for by their father by special deeds of gift, as mentioned in the will.

Until the reign of Henry VIII., Denton was dependent on the mother church of Manchester for whatever spiritual supervision it enjoyed, but in 1531 the local family of Hyde of Hyde Hall joined with Richard Holland,¹ possibly assisted by other inhabitants of the surrounding district, in building a chapel at Denton. A considerable portion of the structure, as shown in the plate opposite, is substantially the same as when first built. It approached in form a parallelogram, and consisted of a nave and chancel, the latter, of very scanty proportions and of recent date, having been added about the year 1800; it looks in the picture more like a glazed porch than a chancel. The diminutive vestry will be seen on the north side and the bell-turret over the western gable.²

The chapel was constructed mainly of timber, and in an ancient document seen by Mr. Booker is said to have been framed in Hibbert Wood. A low footing or basement of stone supporting a strong framework of oak, with upright posts divided into squares by horizontal beams extending the length

¹ See Booker's "History of Denton," published by the Chetham Society, p. 41 *et seq.*

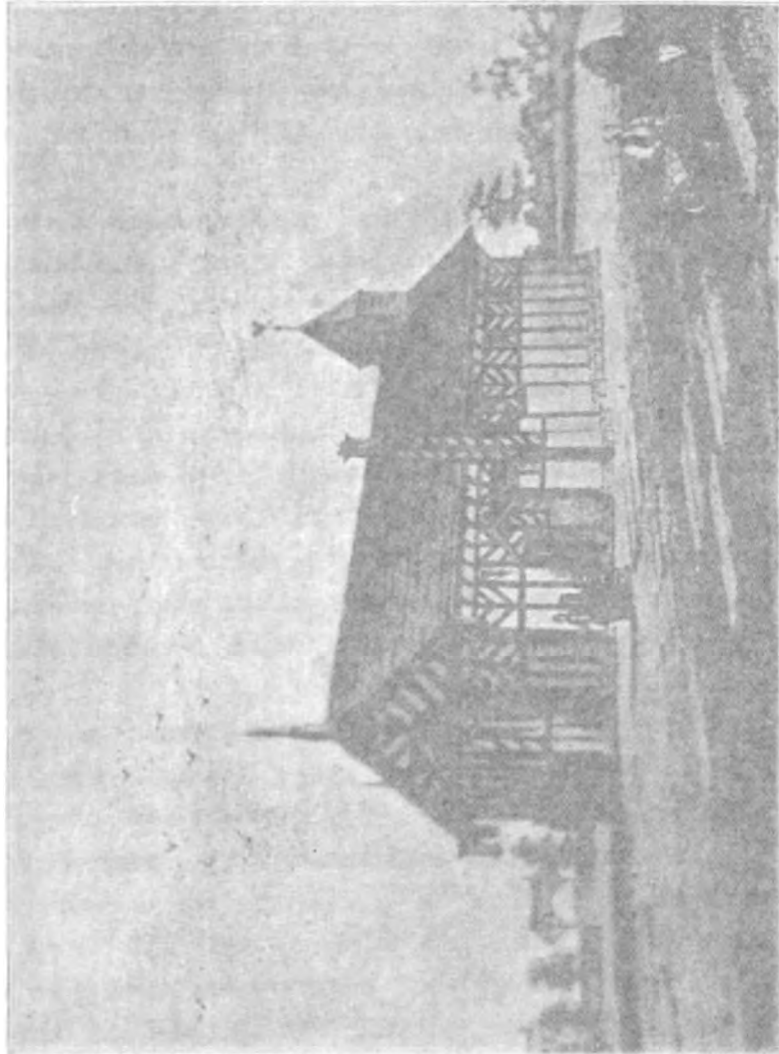
² About thirty years ago two transepts and a larger chancel were added, in keeping with the older structure in appearance. The black and white, however, is only the result of a judicious use of the paint brush.

of the building, the whole braced at intervals diagonally, and the spaces filled with plaster flush with the outer surface of the woodwork. The roof was, for the period, rather steep in pitch, and, as is customary in this style, extended considerably beyond the walls in what are termed dripping eaves. The gables of the nave and chancel were protected by bargeboards pierced with trefoils and having hip-knobs and pendants.

The interior was divided into two equal parts by an avenue running from east to west, the north side being originally appropriated to the exclusive use of the inhabitants of Denton, and the south side to the use of the inhabitants of Haughton and Hyde.

The original roof was plain and simple in its construction, divided into bays by horizontal tie-beams resting upon wall-pieces, and strengthened on either side by curved bracing ribs with spandrels springing from plain corbels. From the upper side of the tie-beams rose struts, which served to brace the principal rafters; the spaces formed between these rafters and the purlins being quatrefoiled.

With the exception of the one towards the east, the windows were small and of irregular form. They seem to have been originally filled with stained glass, some of which still remains, but so fragmentary and transposed that all attempts to decipher the inscriptions are unavailing. The windows were plain and square-headed, and placed without much regard to regularity, eight on the north side and six on the south. The east end was lighted by a four-centred window of five lights partially filled with stained glass, apparently monumental in its design. About the centre of the



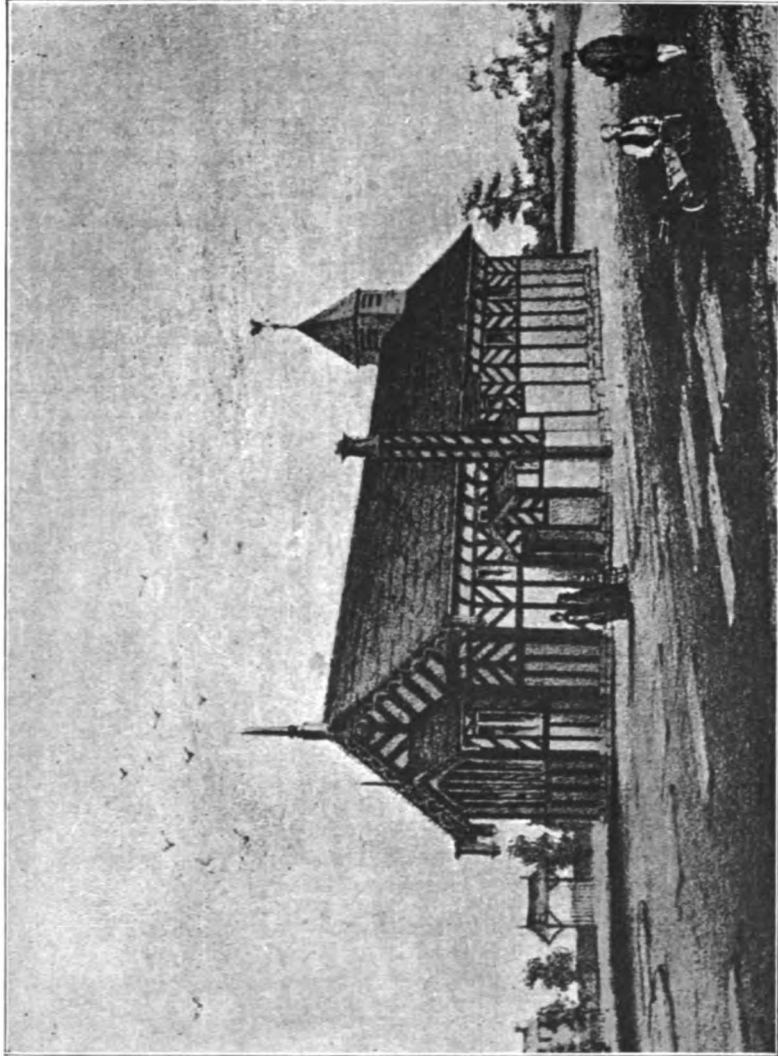
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second light "are the remains," says Booker, "of a figure robed in white, the head surrounded by a nimbus, holding in the hand a palm branch, and above it the arms of Holland, *a lion rampant arg. ducally crowned or.*¹ . . . The south windows contain the arms of the Holland family rudely executed, and an inscription as follows . . . ET CRISTIANE UXORIS SUE ANIMABꝫ . . . DNI . M^oCCCC^oXXXJ."²

"The principal dimensions of the chapel externally are—length of nave, 83 feet 6 inches; width, 23 feet 9 inches; chancel, 8 feet 4½ inches long and 7 feet 1 inch deep. Height of wall to the spring of the roof, 14 feet 10 inches; to the apex of the roof, 21 feet 1 inch. The chapel yard is raised some three feet above the road, surrounded by a low stone

¹ In the window in the north transept is a shield, *argent, a lion rampant gules, ducally crowned and langued or.* Neither of these coats, however, is that of the Hollands of Denton.

² Sir Stephen Glymne in his "Lancashire Church Notes" (Chetham Society, vol. xxvii. N.S., p. 60) states that when he visited the church in 1859 he saw in the east window stained glass with the inscription ". . . statu Will: Hyde et Katerine et filiorum . . . qui . . . fieri feci . . . anno dñi . . ." with two kneeling figures. On the north side in a window he saw the inscription ". . . Katerine uxoris sue . . ." The writer visited the church recently and found the following scraps of inscriptions still remaining. In the window on the south-west end, lighting the churchwardens' pew, were the following :—

EDWARDI . . KNOLIS [?]
 UX^aIS . ER . . FECERŪT

 ET CRISTIANE UX
 DÑI M^oCCCC^oX . . .

 JAHANE UXORIS SUE
 KATHERINE UXORIS SUE
 JOHANE UXORIS SUE

 . . ARDI SOPPUT [?] ET RAD . .
 . . HĀC FENESTRAM [?]

In the window on the south side of the chancel was the following :—

ARMIGERI ET KATHERINE
 FENESTRĀ FIERI FECERŪ

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wall, and is entered on the east side by a gateway, and by a quaint-looking covered lych-gate on the south."

Denton Chapel is dedicated to St. James, as by a curious coincidence are also the neighbouring chapels of Gorton and Birch. A recent incumbent unfortunately changed the name of the patron saint to St. Lawrence on altogether insufficient grounds. Both Ecton (*Thesaurus*) and Bacon (*Liber Regis*) agree in committing it to the guardianship of St. James, and their testimony may be regarded as conclusive.

It may be mentioned that the inscription placed by the late Mr. Greswell over the south door of the chapel, in which he states the date of the building to be the year 1467-68 is incorrect, the date should be 1531-32, as already stated.

Sir Richard Holland died in 1548 after making his will on the 27th May in that year; this interesting document is printed in the Appendix.¹ He was succeeded by his son, EDWARD HOLLAND (XV.), who married in 1541 Jane, daughter of John Carrington of Carrington, Esq., by whom he had numerous children. He married, secondly, in 1562, Cecily, daughter of Edmund Trafford and widow of Sir Robert Langley of Agecroft, Knight, who survived him. Edward Holland died on the 22nd August 1570, and was succeeded by his son RICHARD (XVI.), born in 1546, who died without male issue in 1619. The estate passed to his brother, EDWARD HOLLAND (XVII.), who in his turn was succeeded in 1631 by his son RICHARD HOLLAND (XVIII.), the famous Puritan soldier, who married Katherine, daughter of William Ramsden of Longley, co. York, Esq. Richard

¹ Appendix, p. 118.

Holland had one son, Edward, who died before his father, so that the estate passed, in 1661, to Richard Holland's brother, the Rev. WILLIAM HOLLAND (XIX.), Rector of Malpas, co. Chester, a man of a peculiarly saintly life. His sons, however, died without issue, and the estate eventually devolved upon his daughter, Elizabeth Holland, who married Sir John Egerton of Wrinchill and Farthinghoe, Bart., from whom the present Earl of Wilton descends.

CHAPTER III

HOLLAND OF RHODES AND CHORLTON ROW

TWO generations, concerning which some uncertainty exists, will be dealt with in this chapter, and as it will be necessary to go somewhat minutely into the evidence, and deal with it in a technical manner, it is perhaps well at the outset to warn the reader, so that, if desired, this chapter may be avoided, and the thread taken up in the next, when the family will be found settled at Mobberley.

For the purposes of this chapter, it will be best to abandon the method so far pursued of telling the history from father to son, and instead take up the story with William Holland of Mobberley, who died in 1654, and work back in order to show the manner in which it is probable he was connected with the family of Denton.

With William Holland of Mobberley we are on absolutely sure ground, and from him down to the present day the various steps in the family tree can be mathematically demonstrated, so that we will take this as the point from which to work back into the unknown.

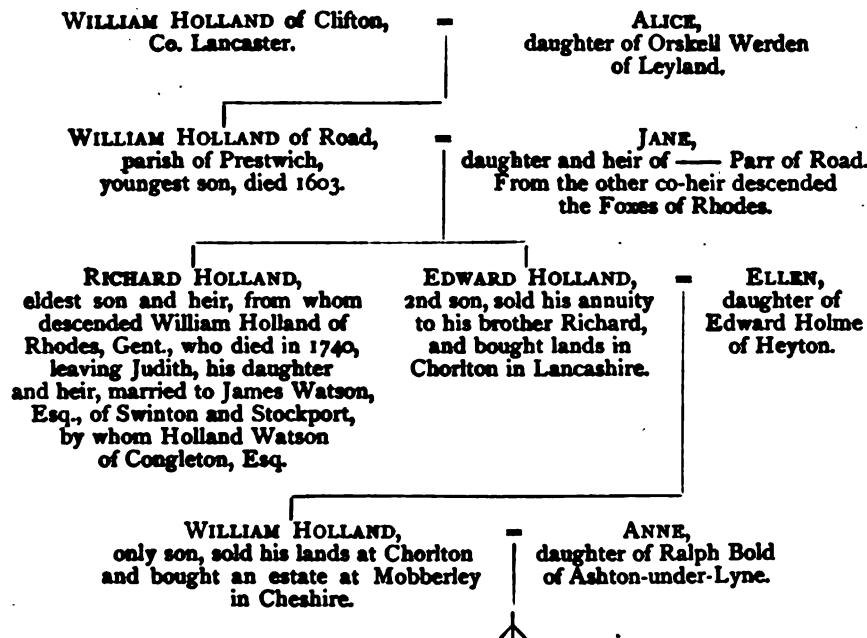
At the outset it may be taken as an accepted fact that all printed pedigrees of the Hollands of Mobberley and Knutsford now existing are based on one made in the early part of the last century by a Mr. Holland Watson of Stockport,¹

¹ The pedigrees in Hunter's *Minorum Gentium*, vol. i. p. 176, and in Gregson's "Fragments" (Harland's edition), p. 209, are both from this source.

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who claimed descent from a Richard Holland, stated in his pedigree to have been an uncle of William Holland of Moberley. Mr. Watson was an antiquary of some repute, but he lived at a time when genealogy could scarcely be called an exact science, and he assumed relationships and accepted other genealogists' results in a somewhat uncritical spirit, with the result that, though much of his work is trustworthy, some is not, and consequently every statement he makes has to be independently tested before it can be accepted.



Taking Mr. Watson's pedigree, then, a copy of a portion of which is here given, the first step that he takes, working backwards, is that he derives William Holland of Moberley from an Edward Holland of Chorlton Row, near Manchester.

On the face of it, this is highly improbable, and yet a careful search has entirely confirmed its accuracy. Again, he states that William married Anne Bold, daughter of Ralph Bold of Ashton-under-Lyne, and this also has proved to be correct, as will be seen by a reference to the Appendix (p. 144).

His second step is to derive Edward Holland of Chorlton Row from a William Holland of Rhodes in Prestwich parish, who died in 1603. Here a most extended and careful search has failed to prove either his accuracy or the reverse, though a number of small pieces of information have been elicited which certainly point in the direction of his being correct; and the same may be said of his statement that Edward Holland married Ellen, the daughter of Edward Holme of Heaton.¹

Beyond this point Mr. Watson's pedigree breaks down. William Holland of Rhodes he affirms was a son of William Holland of Clifton, who married Alice Werden of Leyland. This statement is demonstrably false. The William Holland, son of William Holland of Clifton and Alice Werden, went into Shropshire and there founded a family, as will be seen by reference to "The Visitation of Shropshire,"² 1623, and so obviously cannot have also settled at Rhodes and died in 1603.

To sum up the position: Mr. Watson is perfectly correct as to William of Mobberley and his wife; he is certainly correct about Edward of Chorlton Row and his wife, he is probably correct about William of Rhodes and his wife, but

¹ While in the press, the writer accidentally met with actual proof of this marriage in a most unexpected quarter (see Appendix, p. 143), the only difference being that Ellen was the daughter of *Nicholas*, not *Edward*, Holme of Heaton-Norris.

² Harleian Society's Publications, vol. xxviii., edited by George Grazebrook, F.S.A., and J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A.

certainly wrong as to the parentage of William of Rhodes. It will be naturally asked, How is it that Mr. Watson should be correct in three points and wrong in the fourth? The answer is probably this: Mr. Watson seems to have based his statements¹ on a pedigree of the Hollands of Chorlton Row made in the time of Charles the First. This he saw in a manuscript volume which at the beginning of last century was in the possession of a Mr. Seddon of Prestolee in Prestwich parish. A volume of this kind would probably not venture on more than three generations—such was the almost invariable rule in collections at this date—or, if it did venture on more than three generations, it would be just as likely to be wrong as right,² as practically all pedigrees except those of the more considerable county people, where they had “evidences” to show, were based on the statement of the man who recorded the pedigree. Now a pedigree of the Hollands of Chorlton Row, drawn up, say, in 1635, would be supplied by William Holland, afterwards of Mobberley; he would naturally give his own marriage, and the names of his father and mother correctly, and possibly even his grandfather and grandmother, but farther than this he would hardly go. With these facts before him, Mr. Watson would look about for a likely parent for William of Rhodes, and finding the William, son of William of Clifton—and it must be remembered that Clifton and Rhodes are not a rifle-shot apart—and not knowing that this William was accounted for in Shropshire (this fact having only been brought to light by

¹ Chetham Soc. Trans., vol. xxxi. p. 109.

² The writer could cite instances that have come under his own notice where people entering their pedigrees at Heralds' Visitations in the seventeenth century gave the name of their own grandparents incorrectly, either by accident or design.

the publication of the "Visitation of Shropshire" within the last ten years), would very naturally assume that the William of Rhodes was the unaccounted-for William, son of William of Clifton. This is, of course, only a suggestion, and may be the correct explanation, or it may not, but the fact remains that the evidence supports Mr. Watson back to William Holland of Rhodes, but no further.

It remains, therefore, to discover the parentage of William Holland of Rhodes who died in 1603. The best solution that the writer can offer will be seen in the pedigree-sheet facing this page.

The position is this: We know that a William Holland was living at Rhodes at the latter end of the sixteenth century, and the entry in the Prestwich Register¹ confirms Mr. Watson's statement that he died in 1603.² He was evidently an old man, as he was succeeded by a William Holland, who was almost certainly his eldest son, and who was a grandfather himself at his death in 1614.³ He had, in addition to this William, two sons of whom we may be certain, namely, Richard (ancestor of Mr. Holland Watson) and Edward Holland of Chorlton Row, and he had probably a fourth son, Henry, who was buried at Prestwich as "of Rhodes" in 1607. Now if William Holland of Rhodes was an old man at his death in 1603, we must probably go back to about 1530 to 1535 for the date of his birth.

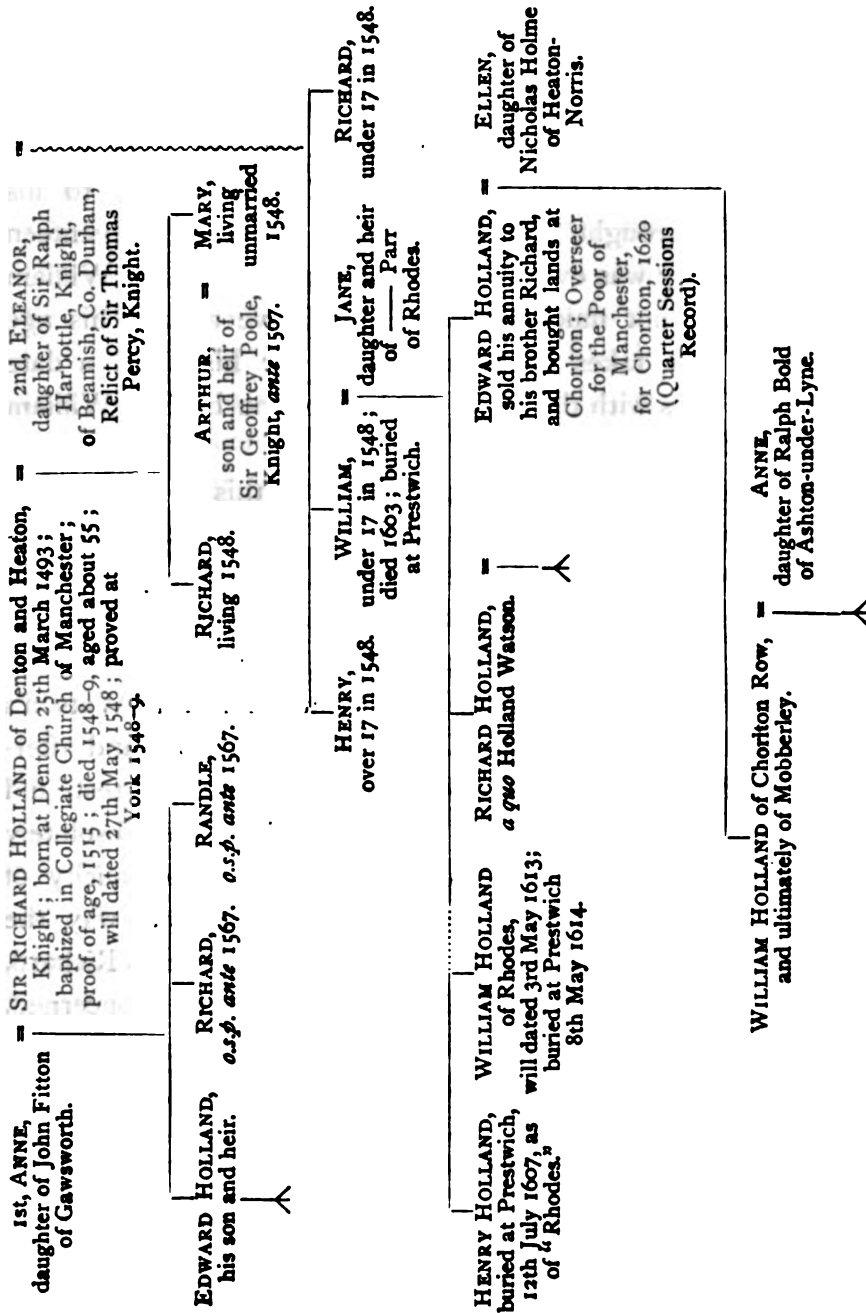
At this point, if we turn to the will of Richard Holland

¹ See Appendix, p. 125.

² The writer does not overlook the fact that there is no absolute evidence that the William Holland of Rhodes who lived at the latter end of the sixteenth century was not identical with the William Holland who died in 1614; still a number of small pieces of evidence incline him to the belief that they were father and son, and not identical.

³ See Appendix, p. 123-4.

HOLLAND OF RHODES



of Denton, who died in 1548,¹ we find that he had three younger sons, Henry, William, and Richard (notice the similarity of Christian names with those of the sons of William of Rhodes),² for whom he makes special provision, and William and Richard are definitely commended to his wife, "to be brought up till they attain the age of seventeen years." Henry was evidently over this age; therefore William probably was not much under it; and if we assume his age as fifteen, this takes us back to 1533 for his birth, a date which coincides with the probable date of the birth of William Holland of Rhodes.

It may quite fairly be urged that all this is guesswork, but it can at least be said that it is guesswork which has some show of probability to support it, and it may stand in the meantime until a better solution be forthcoming.

To return, however, to a point in the argument which has perhaps not been made sufficiently clear. All Mr. Watson's facts relating to William Holland of Chorlton Row, and afterwards of Mobberley, have stood the most searching test, and on every single point have been proved to be absolutely correct; but it has not been possible, owing to paucity of records for this period, to corroborate in the same way the facts stated on the pedigree-sheet on page 41, so far as Richard, Edward, and their father, William of Rhodes, are concerned. On these points, however, Mr. Watson's statements are too circumstantial not to be based on good evidence,³ unless we

¹ Appendix, p. 118.

² It is a remarkable coincidence, if it be only a coincidence, that the sons of Richard Holland of Denton were Edward, Henry, William, and Richard, while those of William Holland of Rhodes were also Richard and William, and probably also Henry and Edward.

³ It is important, in order that the circumstantial nature of Mr. Watson's evidence may be appreciated, to point out that most of the evidence collected by the writer in

are prepared to say that he deliberately concocted his story—a supposition which the character of all his other genealogical work will not permit for a moment. We may take it, therefore, as good evidence when he says that “Edward Holland, the second son of William [of Rhodes], sold his annuity charged on the Rhodes estate to his elder brother, Richard, and purchased land in Chorlton near Manchester, which William, his only son, sold, and then purchased an estate in Mobberley.” In all probability Mr. Watson actually had in his possession deeds relating to this transaction when he wrote this, for it must be remembered that at the time he drew up the pedigree he was actually in possession of a moiety of the Rhodes estate, which had descended to him from his ancestor, Richard Holland of Rhodes.

To recapitulate finally. The pedigree can be almost certainly proved back to William Holland of Rhodes, the only point in dispute being whose son he was. It has been shown that he was probably born about 1530 to 1535. A William Holland occurs who fulfils the necessary conditions as to date of birth, and who otherwise cannot be accounted for, and the writer's contention is that these two Williams are one and the same person.

corroboration of the facts relating to William of Mobberley and his wife was derived from sources that were almost certainly not available when Mr. Watson drew up his pedigree, e.g. the Bishop's Transcripts at Chester (only recently arranged), Mistress Anne Holland of Mobberley's will, the marriage licences at Chester and documents at the Record Office, besides the Parish Registers of Manchester, Prestwich, and Ashton-under-Lyne. These Registers may of course have been examined by Mr. Watson, if so, however, his pedigree shows no sign of it by dates or otherwise. The presumption therefore is, that Mr. Watson's information was drawn from other sources, such as private muniments or the pedigree drawn up in the reign of Charles I., in the possession of Mr. Seddon, referred to above.

CHAPTER IV

HOLLAND OF MOBBERLEY

WILLIAM HOLLAND (I.) of Chorlton Row near Manchester, and subsequently of Damhead in Mobberley, must have been born about the year 1606. The earliest mention that we have of him is on the 8th September 1624, when he obtained a licence granting permission to Mr. Jackson, the curate of Ashton-under-Lyne, to marry "William Holland and Anne Bold, spinster, of the said parish." The bondsman to this licence, a position usually held by a friend, and equivalent in some ways to that of "best man," was a Robert Birch,¹ probably a member of the strongly Puritan family of Birch of Chorlton Row. According to Holland Watson's pedigree, Anne Bold was the daughter of Ralph Bold of Ashton-under-Lyne, and this is confirmed by a reference to the register of that parish.²

Unfortunately there is a hiatus in the register between 1622 and 1632, so that no record of the marriage of William Holland and his wife remains, though no doubt it took place at Ashton the day following the issue of the licence, in accordance with the usual custom.

¹ It is worthy of note that a Robert Birch married an Ellen Holland at Manchester, November 15, 1623, and that the will of a Robert Birch of Chorlton Row was proved at Chester, June 23, 1632. This will is now, unfortunately, missing.

² Appendix, p. 145.



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BOOK IV

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Their first son, Samuel, was probably baptized at Ashton, it being the usual custom at this time for the mother to go to her own people when her first child was born, and the child would consequently be baptized in the church of the parish in which the maternal grandparents lived. This child, Samuel, was buried at Manchester in 1629. A few months earlier than this, the second son, Daniel, was baptized at the Collegiate Church; he, however, died in infancy. JOHN HOLLAND, the eldest surviving son and heir, was baptized at Manchester on the 22nd January 1632. Their other children, as will be seen in the pedigree-sheet and in the Appendix (p. 131-3), were Sarah, Anna or Hannah, Daniel, William, Samuel, Jonathan, and Abigail. The strong Puritan bias is very evident in these names.

Puritanism had a very strong hold on south-west Lancashire during the first half of the seventeenth century, and there can be little doubt that the Hollands of Chorlton Row, as well as their kinsman of Denton, were very pronounced in their views. That the family remained true to its traditions will be seen as the history goes on, William Holland's son being one of the first to cast in his lot with the Nonconformists on the passing of the Act of Toleration. In this connection it is instructive to note that Rhodes appears to have been the centre of a particularly enthusiastic Puritan coterie. There is a quaint and interesting picture drawn in Dr. Halley's "Lancashire Nonconformity"¹ of the household of Mr. Fox of the Rhodes, a household which was in all probability connected by ties of relationship with William Holland of Rhodes.

William Holland must have been a man of some con-

¹ Vol. i. pp. 193-94.

siderable substance, as is evidenced by his leasing the tithes of Chorlton Row in 1649,¹ and by his purchase of the Dam-head property in the next year. He is usually described as "Mr. William Holland of Chorlton Row, Gentleman," in contemporary documents.

It would lead us too far afield to do more than refer to the siege of Manchester, and the remarkable stand that the town made for the Parliament in the heart of a disaffected district, but it is highly probable that William Holland took a prominent part, and it is not at all unlikely that he served under the leadership of his distinguished kinsman, Colonel Richard Holland of Denton.

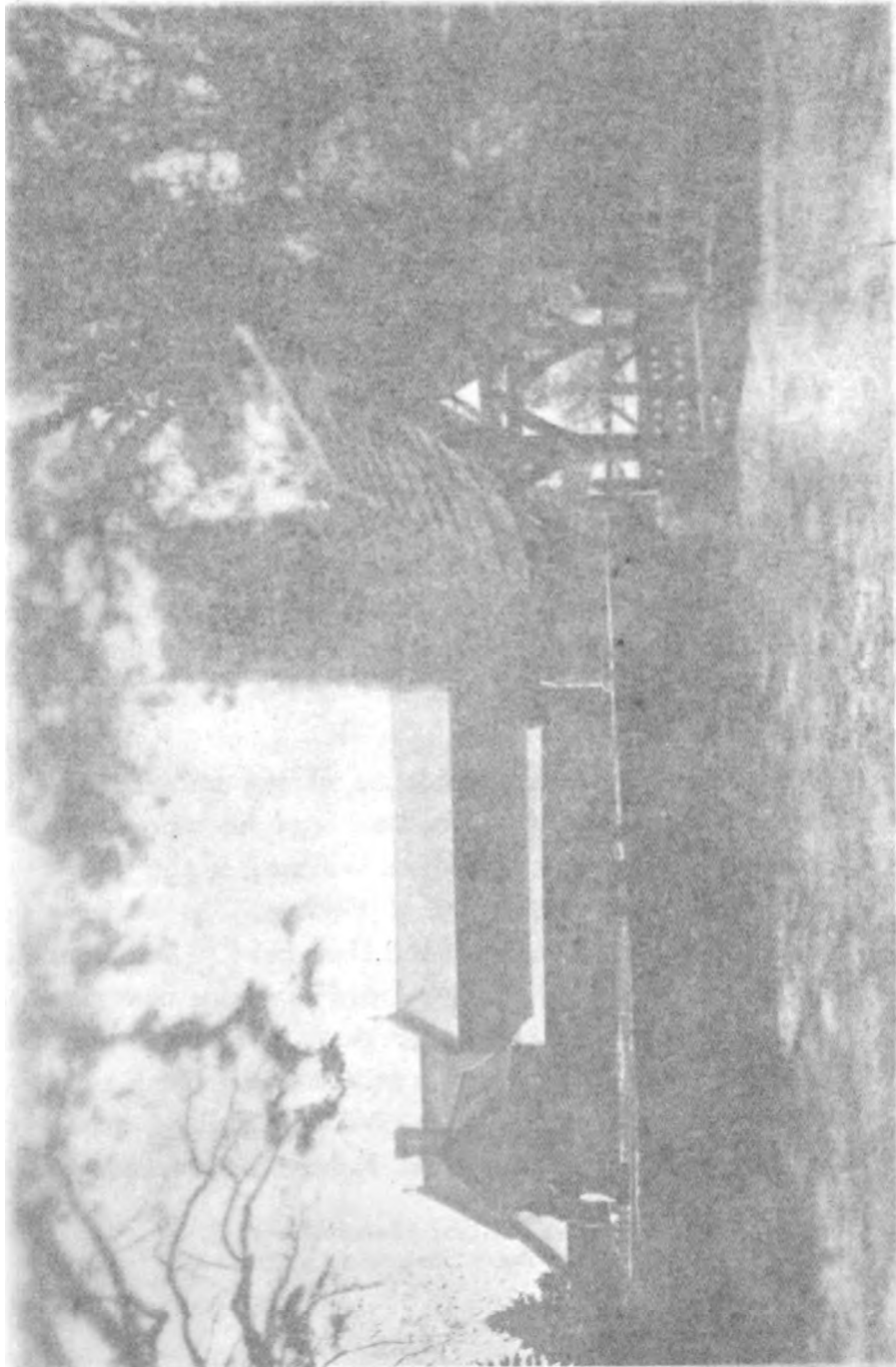
It is, of course, impossible to say what took William Holland to Mobberley, but he was getting towards middle age, and, with his sons growing up to manhood, he may have wished to settle down in peace and quiet in the country, and a suitable opportunity occurring at Mobberley, he purchased the estate of Damhead.

Sir Peter Leycester's² account of the transaction is in the following words. Under date 1673 he writes:—"John Holland [eldest surviving son of William] of the Dam-head in Mobberly. George Talbot of Grafton, Esquire, sells the Tenement of John Strettle of the Dam-head to one Perine of Manchester, 1 Junii, 14 Jacobi [1616]. Perine mortgageth it to Francis West of London, 16 Aug: 14 Jacobi. West & Perine after joyn in the sale of it to William Holland, 1650."

An additional attraction to William Holland may have been the ministry of the Rev. Robert Barlow, an earnest

¹ Rec. Soc. Lanc. Chesh., vol. i. p. 260.

² Leycester's "Antiquities," p. 322.



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Puritan divine, who was during the Commonwealth Rector of Mobberley.

The Damhead property, which covered an area of about 113 acres, remained in the possession of William Holland's descendants for over two hundred years, but was in 1887 offered for sale by the late Robert Holland, Esq., and was eventually purchased by Lord Egerton of Tatton. The house, which has been practically rebuilt within recent years, is in the occupation of Lees Knowles, Esq., M.P.

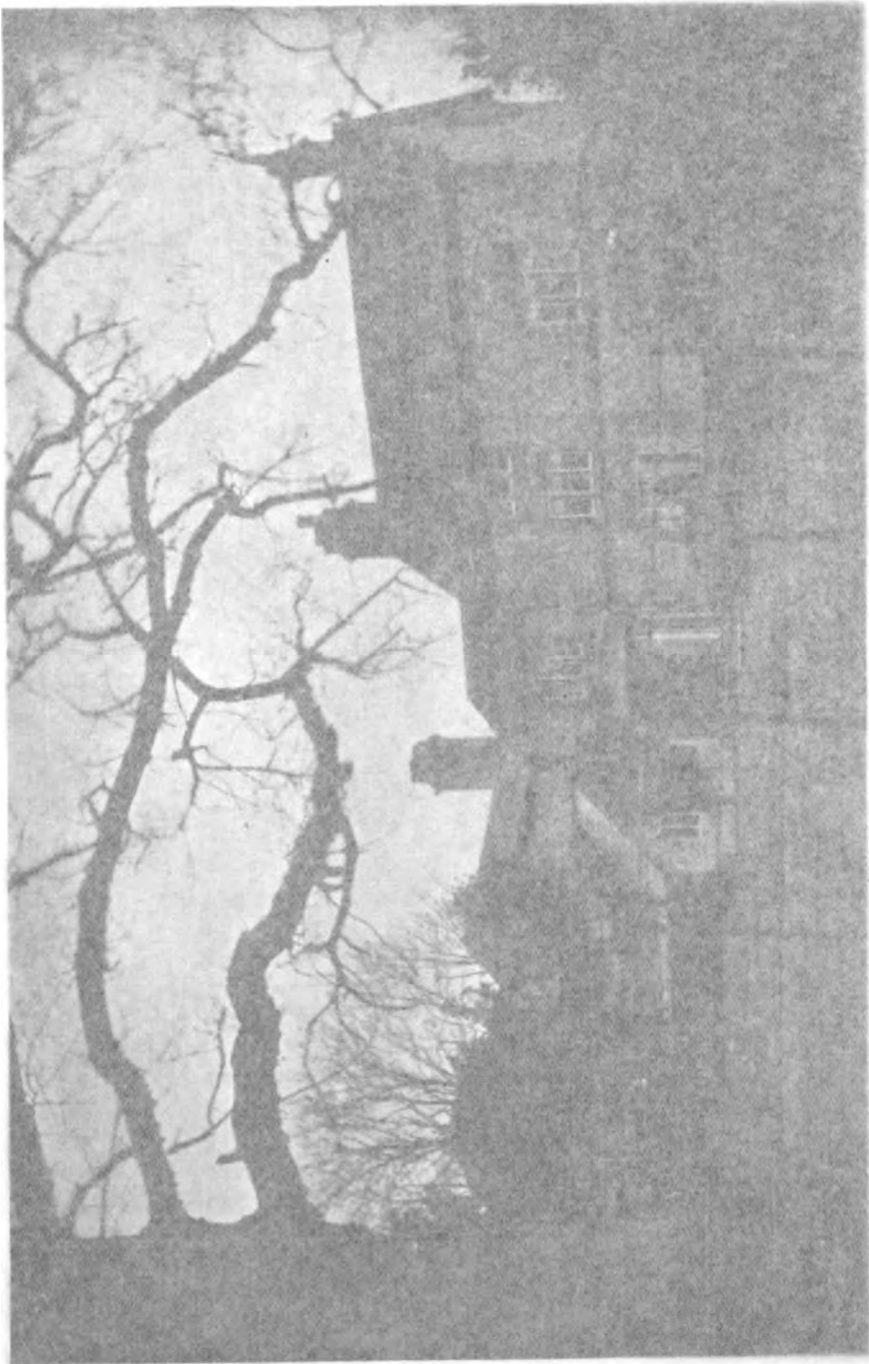
The following notes from among the papers of the late Mr. E. S. Holland will be of interest.

"Mr. Robert Holland of Mobberley writes to me:—'This estate, when bought in 1650 by William Holland, was in quite a different shape to what it is now (1866). The house was then called "John Strettle's house." A great deal of the estate must have been exchanged and purchased since 1650, as in the old parchment plan the fields are scattered about and divided by other people's lands. The date of this plan is about 1617, it is supposed, and came into the possession of William Holland in 1650. All the long narrow holdings have been laid together. The derivation of the name Hurle Butt Hey is doubtless from Oliver Hurlebot, *temp.* 1501, or some one of his family, who may have been possessed at some time of these lands. The brook Marthall flows for some distance along the bottom of the estate. William Holland was buried in Mobberley Churchyard, and the date of his death is 1654. It is somewhat remarkable that no one else of the family was buried there till John Holland, my father, was in 1855—201 years.¹ The Mobberley estate is in four

¹ This statement is not correct, however, as will be seen by a reference to the Appendix, p. 146-7.

detached portions, as will be seen from the tracing of the plan in the possession of Robert Holland of Mobberley. The following are the names and sizes of the fields:—

	Statute.			Customary.		
	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
1. House, Garden, Outbuilding Yard	1	1	39	0	2	33
2. Orchard	0	3	11	0	1	23
3. Barn-field	3	2	28	1	2	38
4. Calf-Croft	1	0	1	0	1	36
5. Sandhole Field	4	2	32	2	0	35½
6. Old Meadow	5	2	20	2	2	25½
7. New Close	2	1	38	1	0	28
8. Top Barn Field	5	0	30	2	1	32
10. Large Crabtree Land	8	0	15	3	3	12
11. Old Intake	4	1	32	2	0	16½
12. Large Coppinheath	5	0	20	2	1	27½
13. Road	0	0	21	0	0	10
14. Little Coppinheath	2	3	36	1	1	26
15. Cowhey	6	2	33	3	0	27
16. Curhey	8	2	5	4	0	5
17. Pitfield	8	1	22	3	3	34
18. Cherryfield	7	3	31	3	3	1½
19. Brookfield	12	0	1	3	2	17½
20. Hurle Butt Hey	8	0	30	3	3	19
21. Plantation	1	1	5	0	2	16½
22. Harbour Hill	8	3	21	4	0	32½
23. Holden Cliffe Bottom	2	2	2	1	0	30
24. Near Holden Cliffe	7	2	39	3	2	25½
25. Holden Cliffe	8	0	39	3	3	23½
26. Mere Plat	4	3	18	2	1	8½
Total	131	0	9	61	3	32½
1. House, Garden, Outbuilding Yard	0	0	29	0	0	13½
2. Square Field	1	2	3	0	2	34½
3. Shippon Meadow	1	1	31	0	2	29
4. Pit Field	1	1	27	0	2	27½
5. Moss Field	0	1	29	0	0	32½
Total	4	3	29	2	1	17



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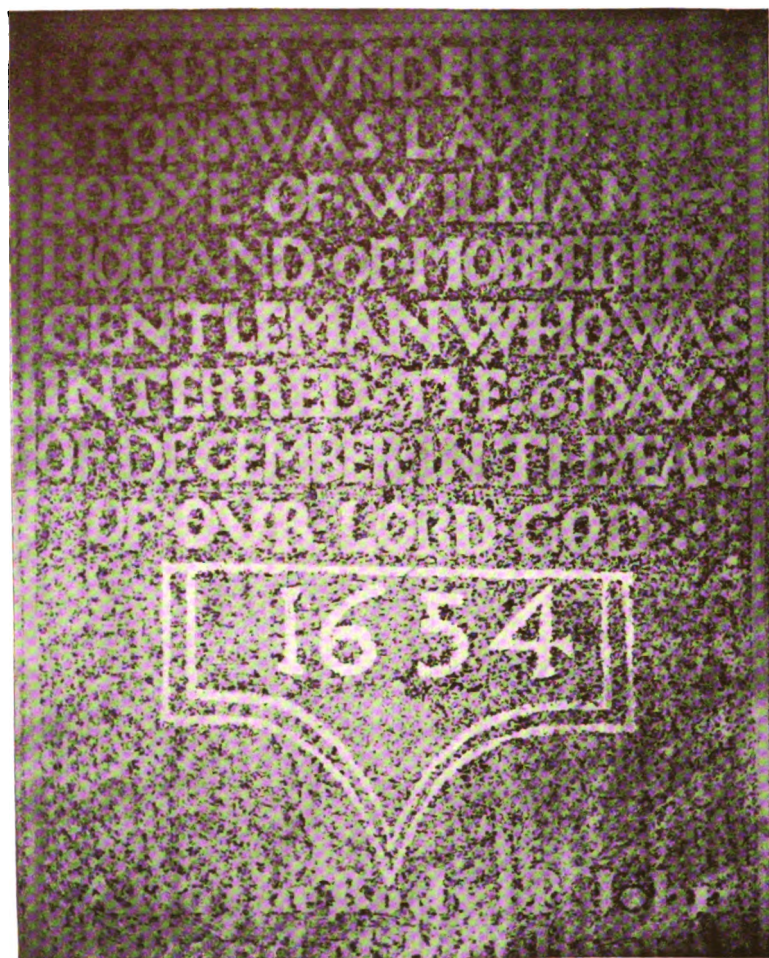
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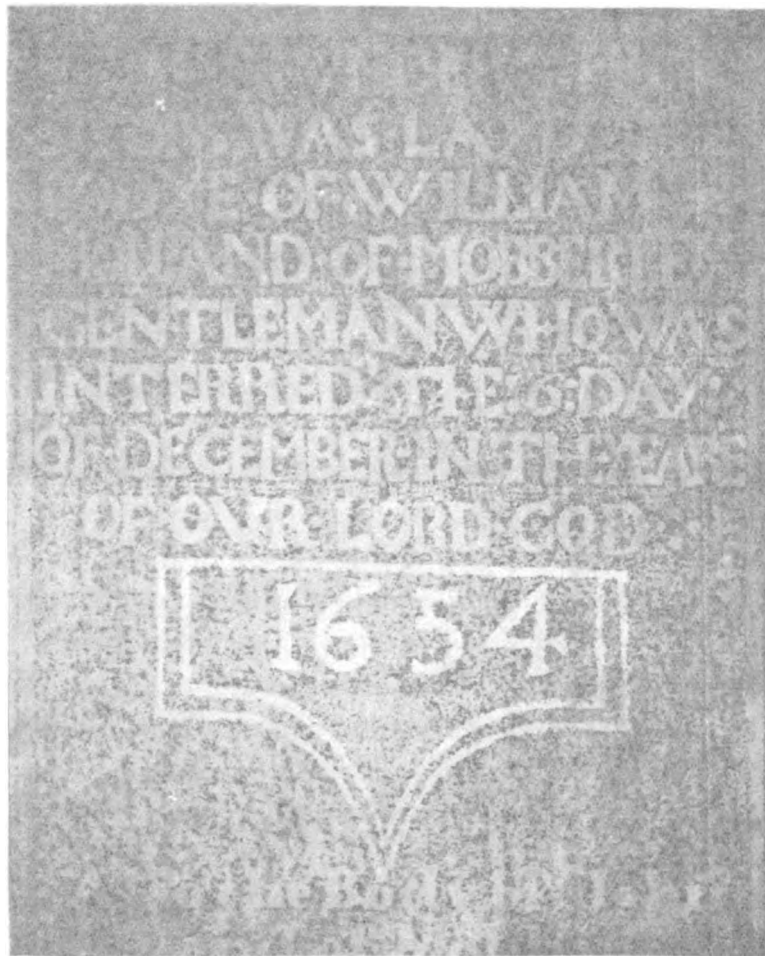
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William Holland did not live long to enjoy his purchase, but died in 1654 while still a comparatively young man, and was buried in Mobberley Churchyard, under a gravestone bearing an inscription, which is reproduced in the plate opposite. In this he is described as "William Holland of Mobberley, gentleman." He unfortunately left no will, or, if he did, it is not now to be found.

His widow did not long survive him, dying early in 1659, a little more than four years after her husband's death. Her will is still preserved at Somerset House, and an abstract will be found in the Appendix.¹ This is a most important document, proving, as it does, a point otherwise most difficult of proof, namely, the identity of the William Holland of Chorlton Row with William Holland of Mobberley.

It will be seen from this will that Sarah Holland, the eldest daughter, had married Henry Strongitharme of Goostrie, Esq.; their marriage took place at Marton, September 4, 1658. Mention is also made by Anne Holland of "my brother Roger Moores" of Bewsey. This is meant, however, for brother-in-law, a license still existing at Chester, addressed to the curates of Ashton-under-Lyne or Manchester, to marry Roger Moores and Jane Bold of the parish of Ashton-under-Lyne, spinster, dated 19th May 1631. Jane Bold being the sister of Anne Holland.²

JOHN HOLLAND (II.), the eldest surviving son and heir, who was baptized, as we have already seen, in the Collegiate Church of Manchester on the 22nd January 1632, married at Over Alderley on the 1st August 1655, Hannah, the daughter of Thomas Norbury of Over Alderley and Eleanor his wife.

¹ Appendix, p. 148.

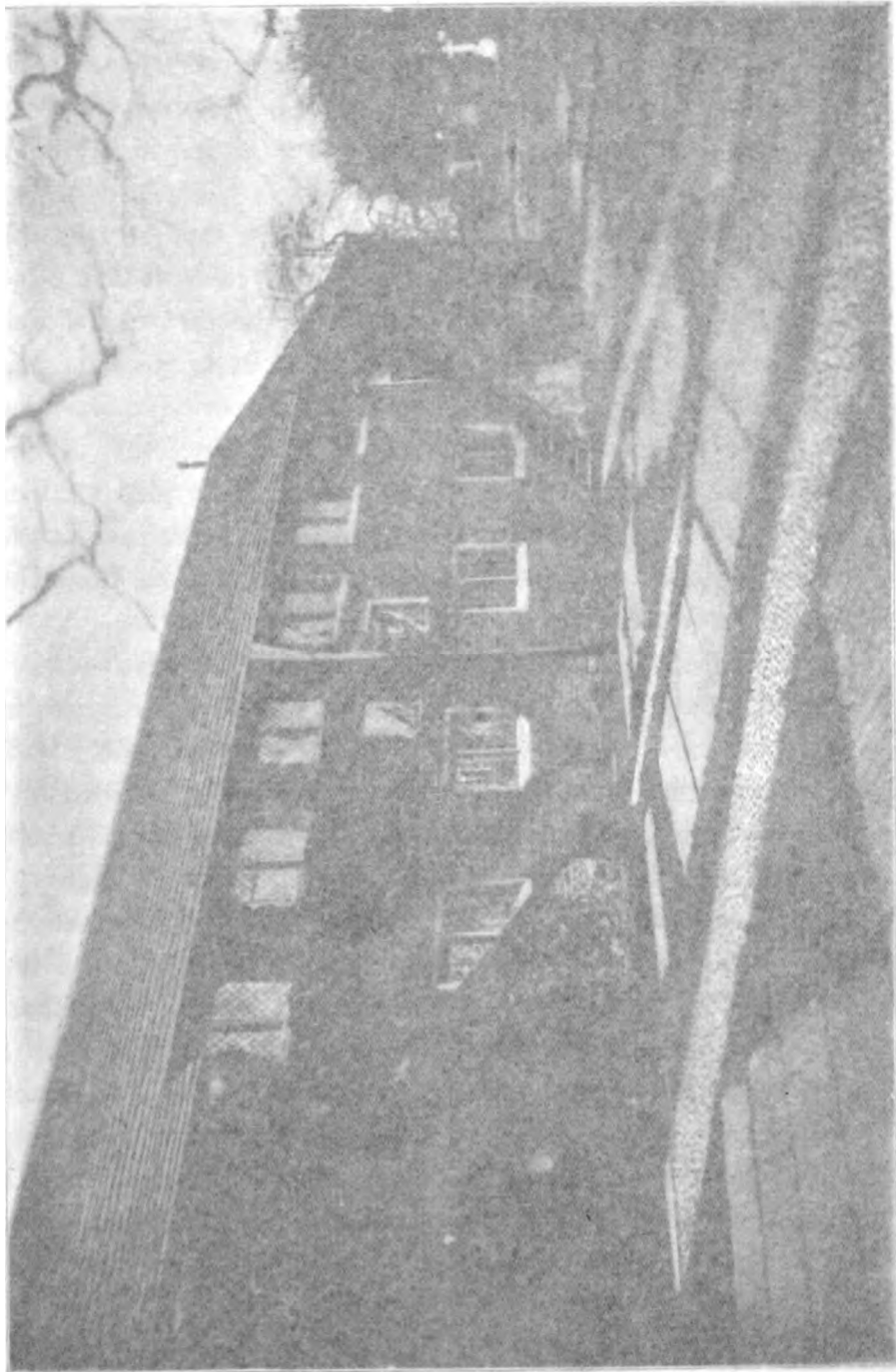
² See Appendix, p. 145.

She was only eighteen at the time of her marriage, having been baptized at Alderley on the 11th December 1636. John Holland was twenty-three years old. The Norburys were a substantial yeoman family that had been settled in Alderley parish for many years.

Little is known of John Holland except that he was the father of at least eight children, and that towards the close of his life he left Mobberley, probably to the care of his son, and retired to Macclesfield, where he died in 1705 at the age of seventy-three. The Damhouse at this period must have been a good-sized dwelling-house for the time, as in the Hearth Taxes of 1663 and 1673, John Holland paid for four chimneys, the usual number being two, and in the case of the smaller husbandmen and cottagers only one. Four bespeaks a state of considerable comfort.

John Holland, like nearly all his immediate relatives, was a strong Puritan, and when, in 1688, some trouble arose in Knutsford as to the appointment of the parson in the Established Church, and a strong party in the parish seceded and founded a Nonconformist meeting, John Holland gave his support to the movement. Tong in his "Life of Matthew Henry"¹ says, "Many of the inhabitants that had never been Dissenters refused to own him [a new clergyman presented to the living by Lord Delamere] as their minister, and joyned with others that had been always Dissenters in judgment to set up a meeting and invite a Dissenting minister to come and preach to them; in this they were encouraged by several eminent Christians that lived near the place, such as the pious widow of Colonel Venables of Wincham, Mr. Lee of Oughterton and

¹ Quoted in Green's "Knutsford," p. 63.



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his son of Ollerton, Mr. Brookes and Mr. Low of Chelford, Mr. Colthurst, Mrs. Ward of Capesthorpe, Mr. Holland of Mobberley, Mr. Philip Wright, and Mr. Randal Merrel of Peover, Mr. Robert Kell, and several others; most of which had been hearers of Mr. Edge at Withington, and were some of the most eminent persons for religious knowledge and wisdom, for a spirit of prayer, for a true Christian temper and regular conversation that ever I had the happiness to be acquainted with."

It is interesting to notice how many of these names are connected with the Holland family. Mr. Colthurst and Mr. Brookes were both ancestors through the marriage, presently to be mentioned, of John Holland with Mary Colthurst in 1718. Mr. Low was one of the residuary legatees of Thomas Deane together with John Holland in 1695 (see p. 149), and the Wrights were intimate friends of Mary Holland ~~nee~~ Colthurst, as evidenced in her diary.

A connection with the Nonconformist Chapel at Knutsford thus begun has lasted almost down to the present day, each generation standing steadfastly to the traditions of the family, and frequently giving its sons to the ministry, and its substance in support of the cause.

Administration of John Holland's goods was granted on the 22nd January 1705—five days only after his death—to his younger son, William Holland, chapman, of Macclesfield, John Holland, his eldest son, being surety. Among the papers relating to the administration, at Chester, is a letter addressed "to all Christian people," &c., to whom "John Holland, Thomas Holland, Peter Holland, and Daniel Holland, sonnes of John Holland, late of Macclesfield, send greeting." It further states

that "whereas the said John Holland, the father, departed this life on or about the 17th January instant, not having made any will or testament," &c., "and leaving five sonnes (and no daughter or sonnes-in-law) att the time of his death, to witt, William Holland and the aforesaid John, Thomas, Peter, and Daniel," therefore the said four renounce their right to administer their father's goods in favour of "their brother William Holland of Macclesfield, chapman."

This document is interesting as affording considerable proof in the pedigree at this point, but more especially since all the above-named brothers signed the document, and the writer has taken careful tracings of the signatures, which will be seen on the opposite page. The Hannah Holland who acted as a witness was probably the grand-daughter of the intestate, and who afterwards married Benedict Brooke of Toft.

JOHN HOLLAND (III.), the eldest son and heir of John Holland, was baptized at Alderley on the 1st June 1656. He married at Alderley, on the 23rd February 1685, Mary Deane of Alderley, by whom he had at least eleven children. Mary Deane's parentage is not known, but she was a niece of Thomas Deane of The Park House in Nether Alderley, a house which has since been replaced by the stately mansion of Lord Stanley of Alderley. It is a curious fact, worthy of mention, that a strong tradition prevailed in the Holland family that one of their ancestors about this time married the daughter of one of the Stanleys of Alderley. This tradition evidently arose from this connection, as Thomas Deane leaves his house to his "cozen William Stanley of Astle in Chelford," who had married Sarah Deane, another niece of Thomas Deane, from whose descendant it passed into the possession of a family

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SIGNATURES TO THE LETTER MENTIONED ON PAGE 52

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of the name of Tasker, and finally into the hands of the Stanleys of Alderley.¹ There is nothing, however, to prove that William Stanley of Astle was related to the family of Alderley. William Stanley also acted as executor of John Holland and guardian of his younger children.

In this interesting will Thomas Deane leaves to "Thomas Stanley [son of William Stanley of Astle], John Holland, junior, of Mobberley, and Thomas Woods of Marthall, all my books except my Bible;" to "my godson, Thomas Stanley, and my niece, Mary Holland, my silver spoons;" to "John Holland, my silver seale, my little silver breast buttons, and to Mary, his wife, my pocquet watch with the studied [*sic*] case." He also leaves "to my godson, Thomas Stanley, and my niece, Mary Holland, equally betwixt them, what stockes of bees I have att John Smith's in Over Alderley, att Isaac Peerses in Nether Alderley, and att James Bibbie's in Chorley."²

Mary Holland was buried at Mobberley on the 23rd December 1700, and John Holland appears to have married as his second wife, on the 14th April 1705, at St. Michael's, Chester, Mary Hopton of Knutsford, widow. His second wife, however, must have predeceased him, as she is not alluded to in his will. He himself died in 1713 at the age of fifty-six, and was buried at Mobberley on the 22nd January. His last illness seems to have been a protracted one, since he made his will as long before his death as the 21st April 1712, and in this he mentions that he was labouring "under many infirmities."

His will, which is printed nearly *in extenso* in the Appendix, is a very full and interesting one, and beside his signature, is

¹ Earwaker's "East Cheshire," vol. ii. p. 613.

² See Appendix, p. 149.

the earliest example of the armorial seal used by the Hollands of Mobberley, a drawing of which will be seen opposite.

The will contains an interesting list of field names on the Damhead estate, some of which remain to this day, as will be seen by comparing them with the list printed on page 48. He leaves some curious gifts to his son and heir, "my pocquett watch"—possibly the "studied" one left to his wife by Thomas Deane—"a Brass clock, all the ceilling that my father left in the house when he removed to Macklesfield, my Black-horse called Buck, and also one feather-bed and feather Boulster, two pillows, two pillow-beares, one Rugg, one payre of Sheets, Two Blanketts, Two Towells, Two Napkins, to be chosen by my Executors, and also my fouleing-Gunn."

To Thomas, his second son, he only left £100—"having layd out considerable in his education." Thomas had been trained for the Nonconformist ministry, and became a minister at Wem in Shropshire. He also left him "my pendulum watch, Burkitt upon the New Testament, the Bible in folio, and a desk covered with Red Leather, and the gold-ring he commonly weareth."

To his son Peter he left £140, which he was to receive when he attained the age of twenty-one, also his "large Red silk quilt, the Chest that was at Knutsford, and such goods of mine as shall be there at the time of my deceese,"—"a gold-ring and my Bible with silver clasps." This reference to Knutsford is interesting; it possibly points to the second wife of John Holland having had some property there; it will be remembered that she was a Mary Hopton of Knutsford, widow. This son Peter eventually became an officer for the collection of salt duties at Northwich.¹

¹ Hunter's *Minorum Gentium*, vol. i. p. 176.



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SEAL USED BY THURSTAN HOLLAND OF DENTON, 1439



SEAL USED BY JOHN HOLLAND OF MOBBERLEY, 1712

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To his daughter Abigail he leaves "£200 and a great chest with a panelled lid and a little wood cabinet with several drawers in it, a gold chain, a Patch-work squob-cushion, a gold ring she hath in her owne keepinge, my Trunck and a cow att her owne choyce," and "the Bible that commonly useth to be att Knottesford." To Katherine, his daughter, he leaves £200 when she is twenty-one, "a large black cheste, a Blood-stone necklace, and a handkerchief-box." While to his youngest daughter, Mary, he leaves the sum of £200 when she reaches the age of twenty-one, and "my cheste of drawers and the smalest ringe."

The executors of the will and the guardians of the younger children were "William Stanley of the Parke in Nether Alderley and Peter Colthurst of Sandle-Bridge in Little Warford, gentlemen."

From the inventory attached to the will we get some hints as to the size of the house, reference being made to "the Parlor," "the clossett adjoyninge to ye Parlor," "the Hall," "the Parlor Chamber," "Mr. John Holland's chamber," "Mr. Thomas Holland's room," "the best chamber," "Mrs. Abigail's chamber," and "the chees-chamber." This makes at least a nine-roomed house, as there probably was a kitchen in addition to the rooms enumerated.

Among "the goods" are included "eight ledder [leather] chairs and one elbow-chaire," valued at £1; "two wooden chaires," "one ovell table," "two lookinge-glasses," "glasses upon the chimney-peice," and "nine silver spoons and three tea spoones," and "fourteen hundred of cheese."

John Holland, the eldest son of John Holland, and his brother Thomas were twins, and were born on the 7th Decem-

ber 1690, and baptized at Mobberley four days later. Thomas Holland, as has already been mentioned, was educated for the Nonconformist ministry.¹ He was trained under the Rev. Mr. Cunningham of Manchester, and was examined, approved, and allowed to preach as a candidate by Matthew Henry and Mr. Murrey of Chester in 1711. He was ordained in 1714 and appointed to the charge of the Baptist Chapel at Kingsley near Frodsham, where, in 1715, it is recorded, he had a congregation numbering one hundred, thirty of whom were of sufficient substance to have votes for the county. He removed to Shropshire in 1717. He married Mary Savage of Wrenbury Wood, a niece of the Rev. Matthew Henry, the well-known commentator. They had several children, two of whom were educated for the ministry, though only one, the Rev. Philip Holland, continued a Nonconformist; he was located at Bolton.

JOHN HOLLAND (IV.), the eldest son and heir, succeeded to the Damhead estate at his father's death in 1713, and married early in 1718 Mary, the daughter of Peter Colthurst of Sandlebridge in Little Warford by his wife Elizabeth Brooks of Chelford. The Colthursts had held this estate of Sandlebridge for several generations, and it eventually passed into the possession of the Holland family. It seems to have been bought originally in 1562² by John Millington and Henry Hough. From Hough a portion seems to have passed to Thomas Colthurst in 1618, but he apparently sold it; while in 1666 we find a Millington Colthurst, son of Richard Colthurst, who had married Margaret, daughter of Robert Milling-

¹ Urwick's "Nonconformity in Cheshire," p. 452.

² Leycester's "Antiquities," p. 386.

ton and grand-daughter of John Millington, holding the other half, which had originally belonged to John Millington.

Among the late Mr. E. S. Holland's papers¹ is the copy of a letter, unsigned and undated, evidently written early in this century, from which it appears that Peter Colthurst of Sandlebridge was the son of Millington Colthurst by his wife Sarah Fallowes, a daughter of John Fallowes of Fallowes,² and a niece of Lord President Bradshaw, the famous Cromwellian judge. The letter referred to is as follows:—

“My gt. gt. grandfather, named Colthurst, married Miss Fallows, a niece of Judge Bradshaw. His son, Peter Colthurst (who died about 70 years ago), married a Miss Brooks of Chelford, by whom he had 7 children. My mother's father, Thomas, the eldest, a clergyman, married Miss Bill, died at Knutsford, whither he came from Whitchurch. John, who left the estate of Sandlebridge to Mr. S. Holland, Sam and Peter, the other three sons of Peter Colthurst's 3 daughters were married, Mary, Elizabeth, and Ann. Mary married John Holland of Mobberley, father of Mr. S. Holland of Sandle Bridge. Elizabeth married Mr. Cartwright of Newcastle, Staffordshire, and died without issue. Anne died unmarried.

¹ In the same collection are some notes which are stated to have been sent by a Mr. T. D. Hibbert, and to be from Harl. MS. 2039, at the British Museum. The notes are in Mr. E. S. Holland's handwriting, and are as follows:—“John Millington of Nether Knutsford, who with Henry Hough of the same, purchased the lands in Little Warford in Marthall of Gilbert Leigh, Esq., of Leeds in Yorkshire and Middleton in Lancashire. Richard Coulthurst of London, student at law, who married Margaret Millington, daughter of Robert Millington, son of the said John Millington. Millington Coulthurst, son and heir of said Margaret, who desires to know how the estate came from Robert de Vernon, Knt., to Gilbert Leigh, and how the pedigree went, and what right came to him, the said Millington, of the river running between Little Warford and Marthall, and what you find touching the said estate.”

² Earwaker's "East Cheshire," vol. ii. p. 619.

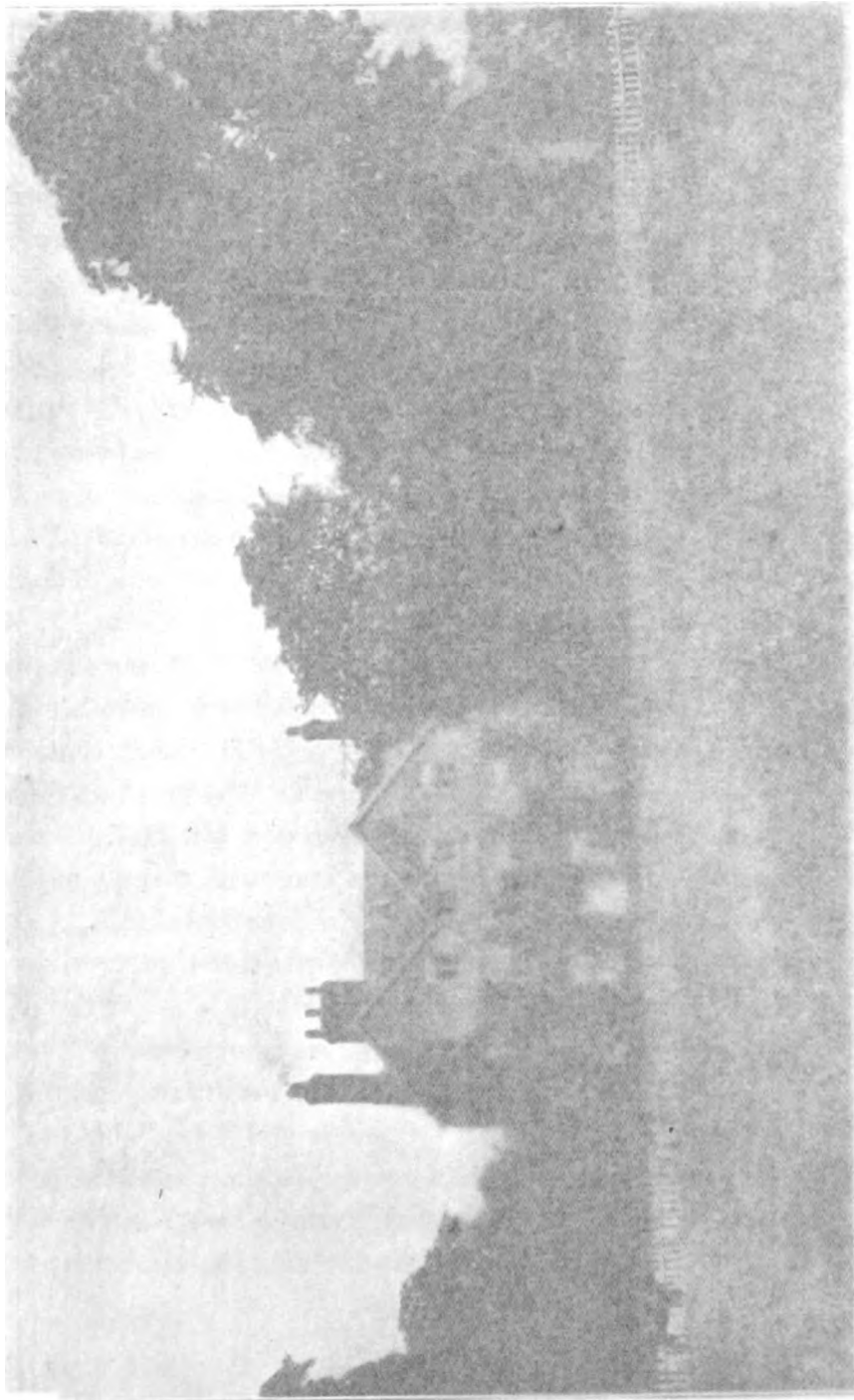
Mr. Holland of Mobberley had by his wife Mary Colthurst 10 children. Mr. Thos. Holland of Wem was twin brother to Mr. John Holland of Mobberley. Mr. Thos. Holland of Wem was the father of Mr. Philip Holland of Bolton and nine others, one of whom died an infant. Mr. Philip Holland of Bolton was brother to Mr. Thos. Holland, and both of them married daughters of John and Mary Holland of Mobberley."

A story of John Holland is also preserved among the same collection of papers which is worthy of mention.

"A remarkable instance of this [his integrity of character], and of his daring to incur the risk of a quite contrary public impression of himself, occurred in the case of a Mr. Wylde, who was so extremely incensed at the misconduct of his son that he determined to cut him off and leave his estate to Mr. Holland, who, fully convinced that should he refuse, Mr. Wylde would leave it to somebody else who might not act for the benefit of the testator's family, accepted the bequest, and after suffering much censure and obloquy for so doing, continued to manage the estate and advise young Wylde, who afterwards became a reformed character, whereupon Mr. Holland restored the whole property to him much improved, though he himself had nine children with a property of inferior value."

Mary Holland's brother was Dr. Peter Colthurst, surgeon, of Sandlebridge and Knutsford, a fact that is worthy of note by those who are interested in the study of heredity.

The children of this union were ten in number, the most celebrated of whom was the eldest son John, who was, however, never married, and did not live to succeed to the property, dying in 1751, nearly twenty years before his father. He was baptized at Mobberley on the 24th November 1720, and



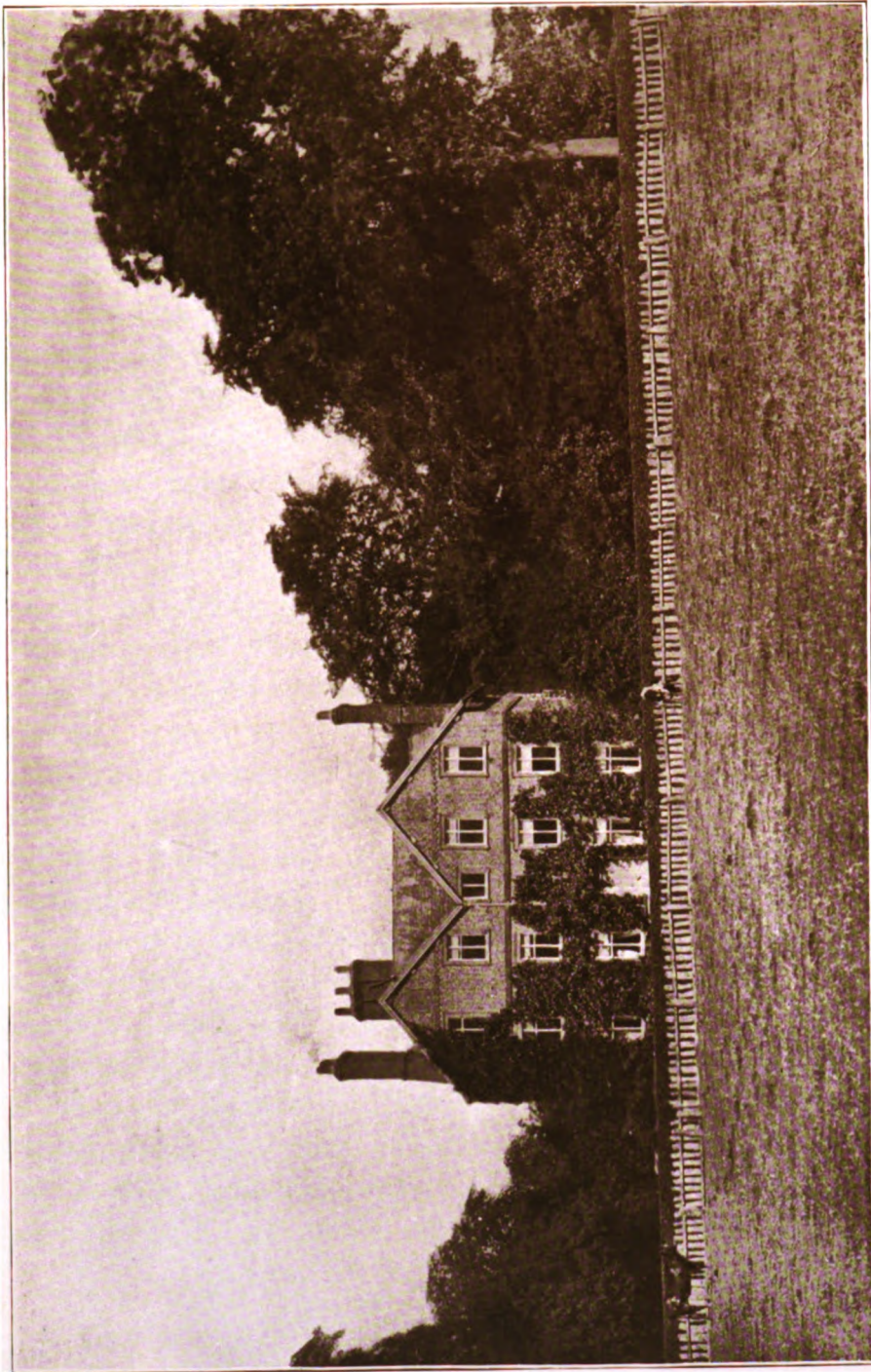
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trained at the Knutsford School under Mr. Isaac Antrobus, a famous schoolmaster of that time; he afterwards went to Dr. Rotheram's Academy in Kendal. His mother refers to this in her diary, and says, under date August 5, 1740: "My son John set out to Kendall with a design to persue his studdys for y^e great worke of ye ministry." As an indication of the difficulties of travel at this time, the following quotation from the same diary six months later may be cited: "April ye 2, 1741.—My son John came back from Kendall, walk't on foot, found good frinds on y^e road, had been preserved in Health in absence from us; we have encouragement from his Tutor of his improvement and Likeness for usefulness."

On October the 3rd, 1743: "My son John set out for Glasgow, arrived there ye 10th," where he seems to have spent two years. After this he was for some time assistant to Dr. Eaton at Nottingham, certainly until late on in 1750. He is said to have had a call to a congregation in Chowbent, but died before commencing his work, being buried at Knutsford, 28th December 1751. Two volumes of his sermons have been printed, both of which at the time were highly valued by many readers.

The second son, Peter Holland, who was born 14th October 1722, also died before his father, being buried at Knutsford Chapel, 26th March 1761. He was an attorney in Knutsford, and married Margaret, daughter of William and Margaret Bostock of Nether Knutsford, by whom he had three sons and three daughters, the eldest son being John Holland, who succeeded his grandfather in his Mobberley property, and died in 1835. From this Peter was

descended the late Mr. Robert Holland, who eventually sold the Damhead estate.

The third son, Thomas, died shortly after attaining his majority in 1751.

Samuel Holland, the fourth son, moved to Knutsford, and as it is with his descendants that this book particularly deals, we will defer reference to him until the next chapter.

Of the daughters, Elizabeth married first John Norbury of Norbury House in Great Warford, possibly a distant relation of her own, as it will be remembered, her great grandfather married a daughter of Thomas Norbury of Alderley. She married secondly, about 1775, as his second wife, Peter Swinton of Nether Knutsford. Relationships are rather complicated things sometimes, but it would not be easy to present a more puzzling complication than is revealed in the fact that Elizabeth's brother Samuel had already married a daughter of Peter Swinton by a first wife!

Mary married the Rev. William Turner of Wakefield, a well-known Nonconformist minister, and had issue. Mr. Turner was the son of the Rev. John Turner, a minister in Preston in Lancashire, who, as Green relates in his book on Knutsford (p. 65), was publicly thanked in the presence of King George's army for his bravery and for the service he had rendered to the Hanoverian cause in the rebellion of 1715. It appears that he had armed the young men of his congregation, and one night when on patrol he had taken prisoner a messenger from the rebels who was the bearer of important dispatches and letters. John Turner is described as a man of athletic make, a veritable member of the Church-

militant. Mr. William Turner eventually became minister at Knutsford and lies buried in the old chapel.

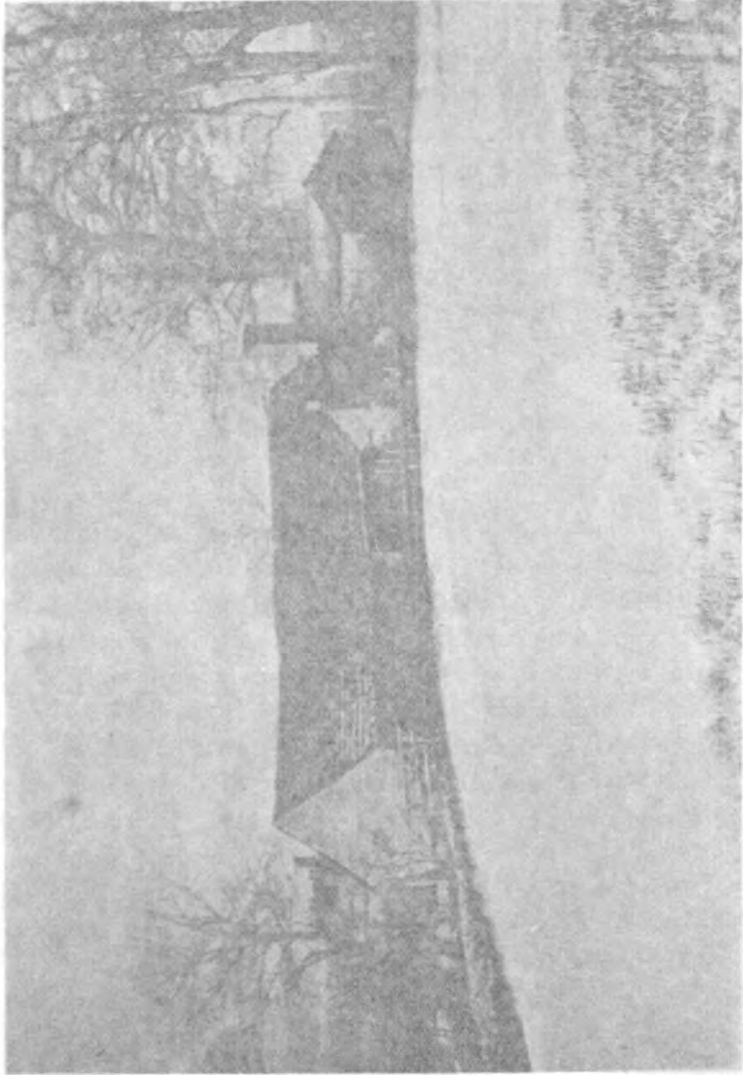
Anne married her cousin, Thomas Holland of Manchester, merchant, who was a son of the Rev. Thomas Holland of Wem, while Catherine married another son of the same man, the Rev. Philip Holland of Bolton, to whom allusion has already been made. Abigail married her cousin, Mr. William Coppock of Stockport. Among Mr. Holland's papers is a copy of a letter dated February 10, 1838, from, apparently, Miss Margaret Holland of Mobberley to Miss Abigail Holland of Knutsford, referring to the Coppock family.

"MOBBERLEY, *February 10, 1838.*

"MY D^r COUSIN ABIGAIL,—I am pleased if in anything I can oblige you, altho my Eyes are very indifferent, and indeed most of my members are nearly worn out. When you send the history of the Coppock Family pray make my kindest regards to y^r Brother, S. Holland. I have ever esteemed him. I will begin with my first knowledge of the Coppocks. Mr. Coppock of Ringway married my Grandfather's sister, and their son William married my Aunt, Abigail Holland. I was at their wedding, and when she had taken leave of her friends that went with her to Church, she rode behind her Husband on a pillion to Stockport. Now during the time my Uncle and Aunt brought up their Family I was not in the neighbourhood, or at least not at liberty; therefore Cousin Sam and you must remember more of them than I do. For as long as my uncle Holland of Sandle Bridge lived the Coppocks frequently went thither. Well now I am coming to that part Cousin Sam wishes to be informed about. When my uncle Coppock had realized a property, as you know, he built a House a little way out of the Town and gave up business to his Son, who married his Sister's apprentice, Miss Magnall. At that time she could have but a small Fortune, for her sisters were making their way in the world; they had a large Family; business did not answer to Cousin W^m as it had done to my Uncle, and during his life time they could but just make do. Miss Magnall, who kept a

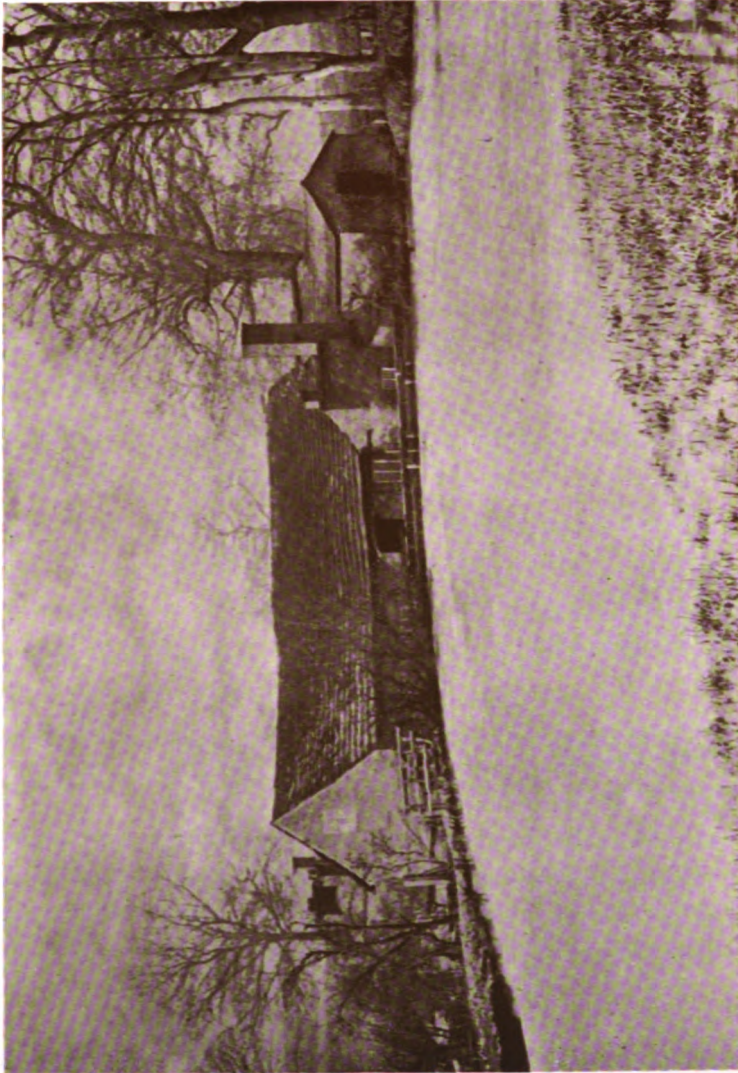
school at Crofton, gave Catherine her education. The Boys went to school to the Curate of Stockport, who is a good grammarian, and they were all educated under him. Miss C. married a man in the medical line and lives n^r London. James, the eldest son, serv'd his apprenticeship to his father, afterwards went to London, settled in business, married, soon failed; he was not calculated for trade; he is a man of superior abilities; he articed himself to an Attorney for a short term, but long enough to enable him to act when out of it, and he is now doing very well; he married a co-heiress. Mary Ann is not mistress of so many fashionable accomplishments as her sister, but she is my favourite and my Brother was much amused with her. I am very glad she is likely to be well settled. Henry is no doubt a clever attorney. He was chose to be Town Clerk, which is, I believe, certain five hundred a year—'tis said as good as *eight*—he is, too, in full practice. There is a Miss Ashton who was at school with his sisters. I hope it is the same Henry is engaged to; she was at my House twice with the Coppocks. A very pleasing Girl and rather remarkably handsome. Mrs. Gaskell and Miss Lucy Holland have just been here, and Mrs. G. tells me it is not Mary Ann but Charlotte that is going to be married, and I am disappointed. Am afraid I shall not be able to go on so well with my narrative. Charles Coppock, the youngest son, was with his Brother in London whilst he was in trade; he afterwards went into business and I think he has failed, altho he seemed fit for nothing else. Mr. W^m Coppock did not do very well in business I think, but has abilities to take care of his property now that he is rich, and riches have flowed in upon them. One of the sisters (Miss Magnall) was a Governess I think, and a Gentleman married her. He died, left no child; his widow had thirteen hundred a year jointure. She died not long since and left Mrs. Coppock's children each several hundreds and all that remained to Mrs. Coppock. Miss Magnall, who kept the school at Crofton, realized more by it than any female I ever knew. I think all the family of the Magnalls are dead except Mrs. Coppock, and the property chiefly centers in her family. I think you will be tired of my narrative—old women's tales are often tedious. Sir Walter Scott says what squires call bother and what men call prose. Adieu. I was very glad to see Mrs. Gaskell; give my love to her.—From yr affectionate Friend,

MARGARET HOLLAND."



THE HISTORY OF HILTON

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John Holland made his will on the 1st February 1769, an abstract of which will be found in the Appendix. In this, after providing for his children, he leaves to the poor of Mobberley the sum of forty shillings; to the Rev. Robert Lord of Knutsford, clerk, three pounds, and to "the Trustees of the Protestant Dissenters' Chapel or Meeting-House in Nether Knutsford" the sum of five pounds. The interest on this sum is "to be applied yearly to the use of the Minister."

The will was proved on the 3rd September 1770 by Samuel Holland, his son, and Peter Colthurst, "doctor in physick."

John Holland died on the 24th June 1770, and was also buried in Knutsford Chapel, where his wife Mary had been buried thirteen years before.

Before leaving this generation, it is necessary to return to Mary Holland *née* Colthurst, the mother of all these children. She seems to have been a woman of exceptional force of character and sanctity of life. The short diary or notebook which she left, a copy of which was among Mr. E. S. Holland's papers, is of considerable interest, though couched in language which does not always appeal to modern readers.

Before concluding this chapter it may not be out of place to quote a few extracts from this diary.

Amongst y^e many kind providences Thou hast exercised over me all my Life Long may I never forget those remarkable ones, y^e safe deliverances in child-birth. How ungrateful have I been in unthankfulness for great mercye & ready to distrust him who has so often helped me.

Many deliverances has my dear Husband had from dangerous distempers w^a other poor familyes have been deprived of Husband & father, & how forgetfull have we been of such mercye & quickly again carnal & secure too much set on the world.

Children brought near to y^e grave time after time & yet restored again, Lord thou seems not willingly to correct us.

Jacky wⁿ not 3 years old in danger of haveing his hand taken of wth A Brake, but only took y^e end of his finger w^{thout} much damage to him.

Sept^r 27, 1729.—Peter Holland A very narrow escape of being drowned, fell into y^e Brook comeing from school, carry'd down y^e water four roods had not y^e wonderfull providence of God sent seasonable help by hearing the screicks of y^e children y^t ware wth him, my child had been gone in A moment, but ho! that I could not forget such an affecting thing.

[1732].—This continues to be a year of Tryals, with [—?] as much as I thought I could bear. Gracious God pardon me w^t I have done amiss in any respect & give me more wisdom & prudence to behave towards y^{ou} Better for y^e future help me to forgive such as have injured us, & do thou graciously forgive them & grant y^e may repent of their sins.

June ye 3^d.—Ye same year Jacky begun of y^e small-pox & had them in A very high degree, so y^t none scarce thought he would live. All y^e rest had them & were brought comfortably through. May we never forget God's Distinguishing mercys both in y^e means & end, inclining our frinds & neighbours to be very usefull to us, past our own expectation has thou gracious God helped us & to thy Blessing would we ascribe all.

June ye 27.—We ware greatly surprized and amazed wth a mighty storm of Thunder & hail such as was never seen in these parts, it swept away much of y^e fruits of y^e Earth, all our Corn, much damage to y^e House & Garden, but that we say tho' there be no flock in y^e fold nor no Herd in y^e stall, tho y^e figtree should not blossome nor there be no fruit in y^e vine nor y^e field should not yield her increase, yet will we rejoyce in y^e Lord & joy in y^e God of our Salvation. Lord why is it thou hast not cut us down as Cumber grounds.

Jan. y^r 29, 1734-5.—Abby Holland fell into ye fire, had A very narrow escape of being spoil'd, but Blessed be God it was not worse. thou Lord has preserved & dost preserve.

Feb. y^e 18, 1734-5.—Bro' Colthurst had A son born, great mercys & a fine Child, was Baptised in Publick called Thomas: I went there on ye 25 of march, sis^{tr} was seized wth y^e small-pox that week & had them in so ffavourable A manner it was great Cause of rejoycing, but the Dear little one taken out of y^e world by them April 15.

Sep^r 1735.—My Daughter Betty was very desirous to be admitted to y^e Sacrament, & I hope had a good work wrought in her soul, which I would Heartily Bless God for his own work & beg he wou'd carry on & perfect to y^e end. Oh that they may all live to his glory, & be a generation to seek & serve him.

1735-6.—This year begins wth new mercys, five of our little ones come well through y^e measles w^{ch} to some have been fatal.

Bro. Holland preached Sacrament day March.

Whitchurch, April y^e 6, 1735.—Sacrament day, Brother Colthurst preach'd.

Bro. Colthurst over In Feb. 1735-6, preach'd one Lord day at Knutsford.

De^r y^e first 1737.—About this time they have invited Bro. Colthurst again to Knutsford. Lord grant he may be dericted aright, & if he accept this it may greatly tend to thy Honner & glory, his own comfort & sattisfaction in the Esue. Many are & have been afflicted Throughout most parts of the nation, many seized with sudden death from Throne to the meanest of the Land.

The Tenth of Decem^r 1737.—God was pleased to try me A new way by the Death of my Little dear Sally, who was greatly afflicted y^e last week it lived, but I hope tis gone to everlasting rest. I bless God for divine support and comfortable frinds in this time of tryall. D^r bro Colthurst came to do y^e last offices for her as well as the first, & preached the 11th December.

Y^e first day of January was my Dr Bro here. How affectionately did he pray with us & for us. January y^e 13 he was seized with A slow ffavour & y^e 27 died. A great and wide breach upon us

all and much lamented Loss to the Church of God just when he was come to settle in the midst of us.

March y^e 27, 1739.—I parted with Peter to A profession I can't say I was very fond of, but most of his other friends ware for it. providence seem'd to favour it, A good family to put him too. God almighty keep him from the snares & temptations of this deluding world.

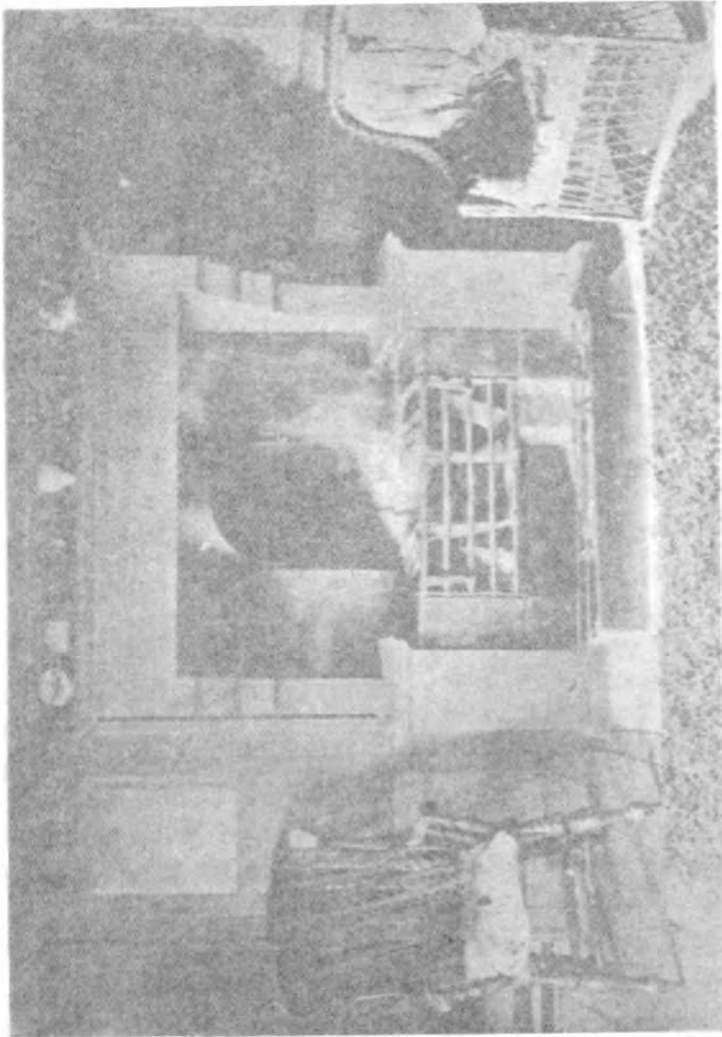
[1739] *January y^e 9.*—A fast proclaimed by y^e government upon y^e account of warr wth Spain for our Libertys & priviledges which ye seem to deprive us, & indeed how God is pleased to visit us wth an extreamty of season such has as not been known for many years of frost & snow, many poor people ready to starve. Oh that these providences may tend to turn us from our sins that have been & are so provoking to God almighty.

This violent season lasted for 2 months very severe, but we have not wanted fire food nor raiment, but are comfortably brought through it.

July ye 14.—Abby Holland had a great escape of being drowned with playing on y^e side of y^e Brook.

June the 14, 1741, my dear ffather died, had a ffainting fit at Knutsford y^e day before came home, said he was pretty well & was as well as he used to be to all outward appearance. Sis^r Betty went up twice & took him to be asleep in y^e morning, but y^e 3 time, to her and the Doct^r to y^r great surprise, found him Dead. They sent off y^e sorrowfull tideings to us at Knutsford just before we ware going to chappell in y^e afternoon. This is y^e 3^d time within 2 years & half that I have received y^e sorrowfull tideings of y^e Death of A Bro mother & ffather as Dear as any cou'd be in y^t relation to me, ye surprizeing newse of each came to me on ye Sabbath day.

March ye 27, 1742.—Sis^r Colthurst left Knutsford, went to Chester with her daughter and M^{rs} Bill. Some worldly differences at this time have happened amongst us, but I must still pray for them that the may never do any thing to forfit thy promise either to ffatherless or widdow.



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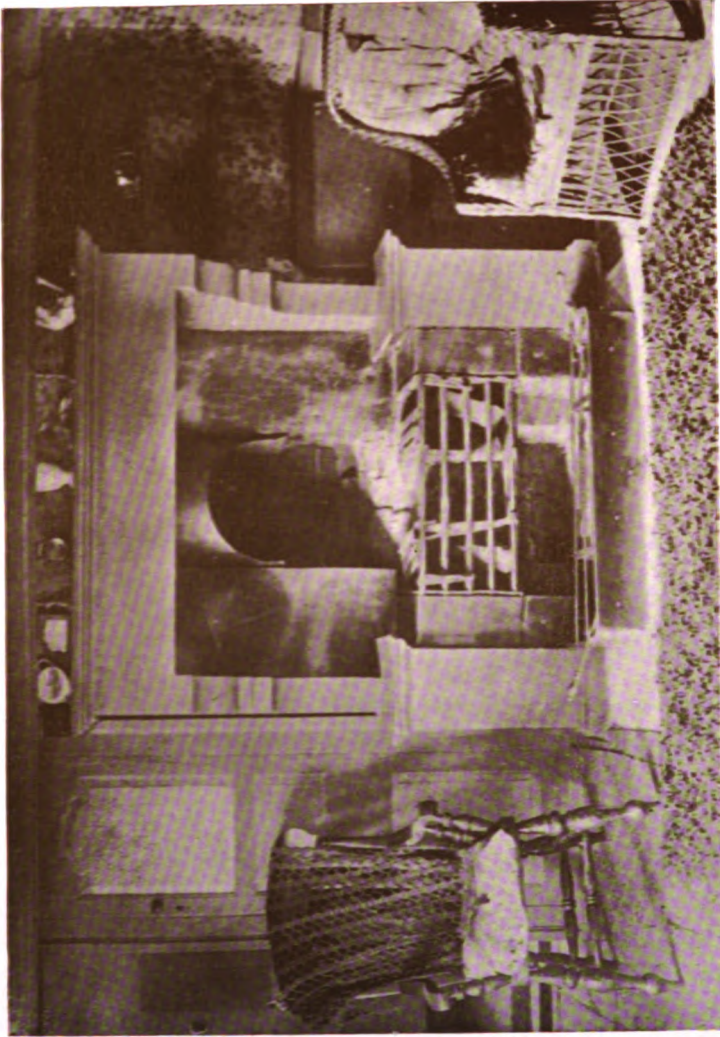
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst.

in relation to the above mentioned matter.

As you are aware, the same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
[Signature]

Very truly yours,
[Signature]



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March the last.—Daughter Abby broke her arm with a fall of a Ladder. I wou'd be thankfull it was no worse, for just before came the ill news of Mr Isaac Antrobus being so hurt by a gun as to endanger his life, at least his Limbs.

August 28, 1743.—Molly had a fall of a Horse in going to Chapel. Hurt her arm, but not so ill as we fear'd.

July 8, 1744.—My son begun to preach at Ormskirk, we have account his performances were acceptable.

Nov. 24, 1745.—The week past has been attended with a great deal of bad tideings from our armies, many in great alarm & consternation.

November ye last day.—Every day brings fresh alarms, our Rebel enemies drawing nearer & nearer, 6 beside our own family come for shelter.

Dec^r y^e 8.—Ye week past we had some intervall from our fears. After many abuses in Maxfild [Macclesfield] they [the rebels] went to Leek, pressed several to go with them, from their to Asburn, from their to Darby. A little behind meeting with y^e King's forces, ware frightened back to Ashburn, Leek and poor Maxfild again. On Saturday night they begun to come in; all the Country alarmed again with great fear of them; one & twenty came this day by the Hall and Mill and made towards Altringham; gave no disturbance in this neighbourhood.

April 26, 1746.—We have joyfull news from Scotland that the Rebels are defeated by the Duke on the 16th of this instant. We have great outward Rejoicing.

Sept. 14, 1747.—My husband & son being both with an useful neighbour titheing corn, the person that was with them was bit by a mad dog & died in consequence.

Feb. 17, 1748.—A general fast upon account of the war with our enemies & the pestilence among Cattle [by] which some parts of the country have been long exercised. It now draws near our Borders in Cheshire, where many precautions are used.

January 28, 1750.—I this day heard of a relation near ye same age,

Cousin Brooks of Chelford, near to his last change. He died the 30th, his age 54. he was a great contriver for ye convenience of this present life.

March 31.—My dear brother Samuel took his leave of our world, he was eleven years younger than I. He was serious, quiet, & peacable. When his friends would have diverted him with reading a play or pretty History during his affliction, he said he thought sermons were the fittest for him.

Oct. 2, 1750.—One of our Beasts was seized with the distemper that has made such devastations round about us. We killed her immediately as the Law directed & as my Husband & family thought was what we ought to do, though our neighbours did not so.

Nov. 20—Another was seized, which was done after the same manner.

Dec. 7.—This day we killed the 3rd Cow. Many of our neighbours have lost all.

March 17, 1751.—Son Peter & his wife went to their house.

CHAPTER V

HOLLAND OF KNUTSFORD

SAMUEL HOLLAND (V.), the fourth son of John Holland of Mobberley, was born on the 25th March 1734. A few references to his childhood occur in his mother's diary. When he was nearly six he met with a rather serious accident. "My little boy, Samuel," she writes, "fell down ye stairs and broke his arm, but might have been much worse." And again in 1749 she writes: "July ye 23. I cannot describe how I am got through ye week past; various things happened; in ye beginning of it my own indisposition, the alarm of Sammy's as we thought ye small pox."

He married at Knutsford, on the 10th October 1763, Anne, the daughter of Peter and Hannah Swinton, of Nether Knutsford. The Swintons were a family who had been closely identified with Knutsford for over two hundred years. Both the Colthurst and Swinton families would amply repay further investigation.

Samuel and Anne Holland had three sons and six daughters. It is reasonable to suppose that both the parents must have been remarkable people, as all three sons in their several callings distinguished themselves, and their daughter Elizabeth became the mother of one of England's most winsome authors, Mrs. William Gaskell.

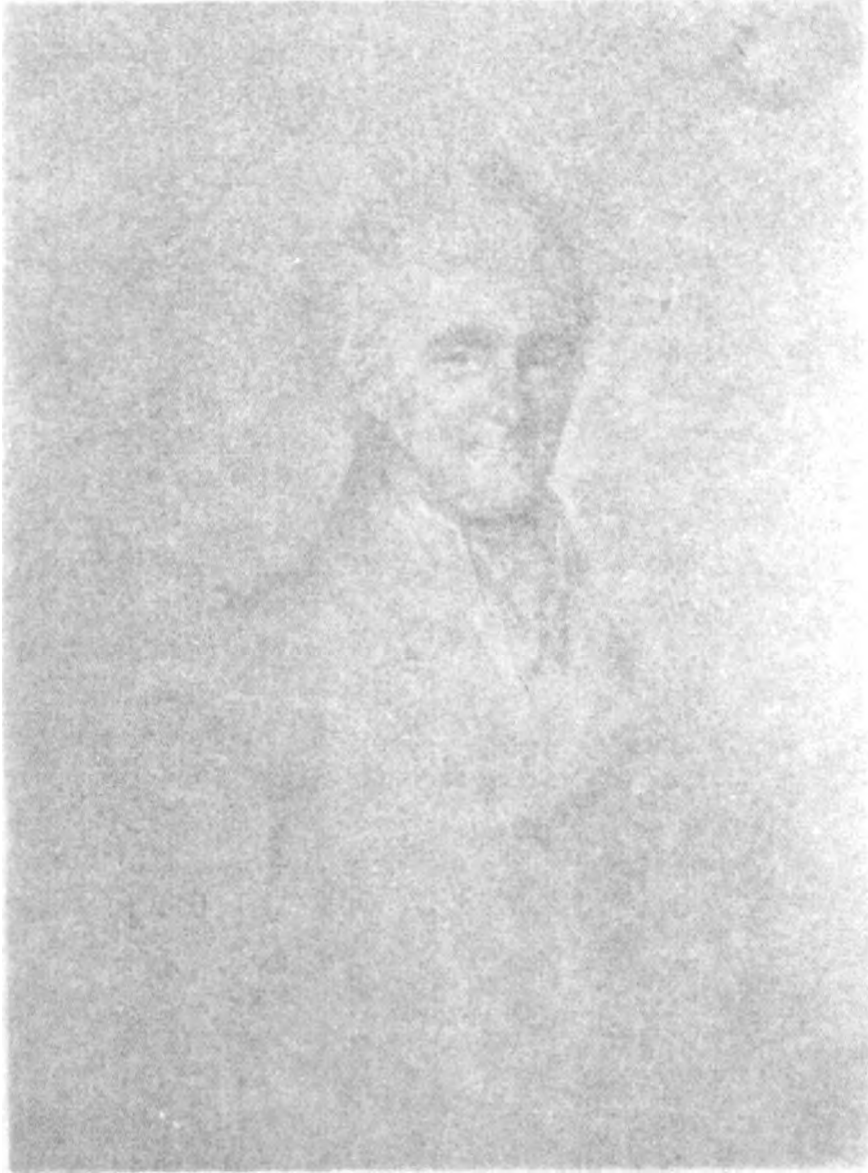
Turning again to the papers of the late Mr. Edgar Holland,

we find that "Mrs. Samuel Holland was a person of extraordinary energy and will, and was rather the opposite of her husband, who, though firm, was far quieter, and disposed to treat his servants with more leniency than his wife, who was excessively particular with them. To the unostentatious merits of this excellent man, not only his numerous family and family connections, but all who employed or intrusted their affairs to him, bore willing testimony." He possessed, besides Sandlebridge, an estate called Dogholes, near Great Warford. Sandlebridge came to him by bequest from his uncle, John Colthurst of Little Warford, who died in 1774, and was buried in Knutsford Chapel.

His son, Swinton Colthurst Holland, in a commonplace-book (now in the possession of Mrs. Hutton, his granddaughter) writes in 1816 of his father shortly after his death: "My father's course had been smooth and easy, happy and contented, but not brilliant; he was fond of farming, improved his estate, was respected by all the neighbourhood and those who knew him, and was remarkable for his strict integrity."

Peter Holland, their eldest son, became a well-known surgeon in Knutsford, and was father of the famous Sir Henry Holland, Bart., and grandfather of the present Viscount Knutsford. Samuel Holland, the second son, came to Liverpool as a young man, and founded an extensive business. Swinton Colthurst Holland, the third son, also followed a commercial career, and eventually became a partner in the firm of Messrs. Baring Brothers of London.

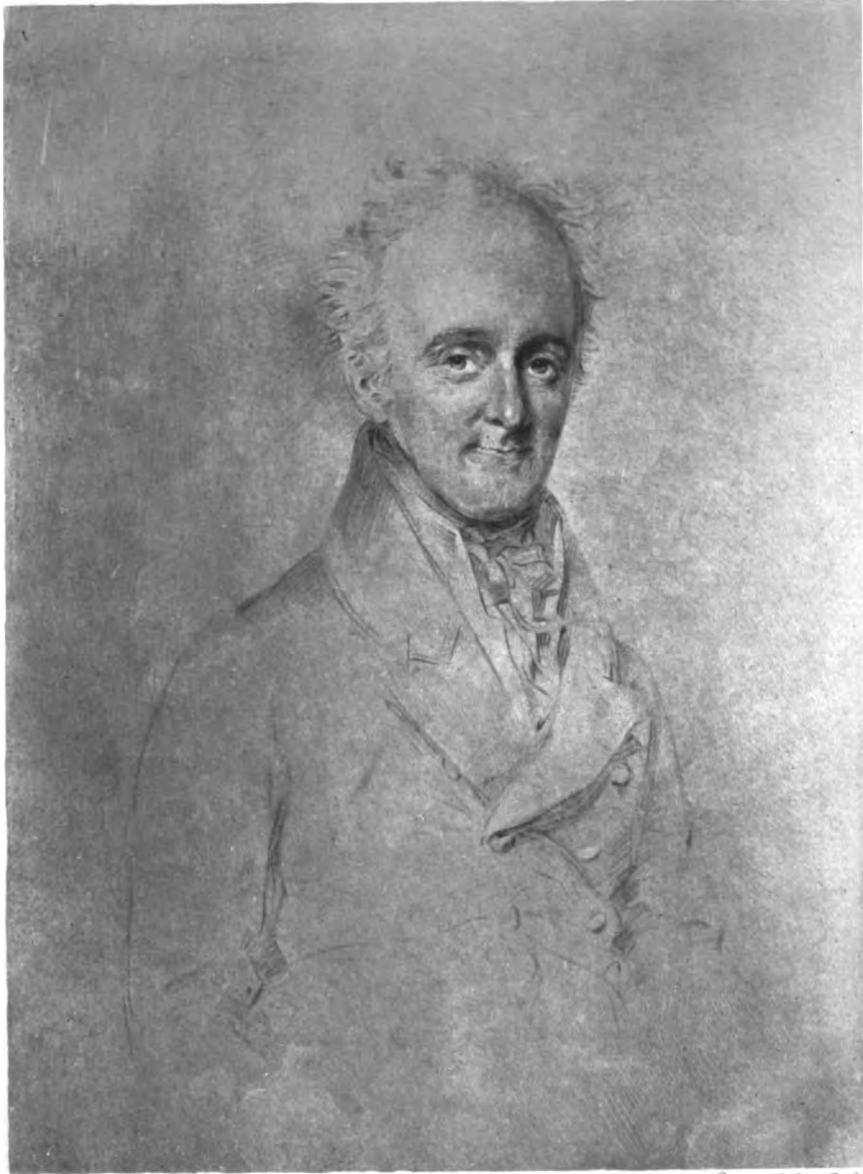
Samuel Holland died on 26th May 1816, at the age of eighty-two, and was buried in Knutsford Chapel. His wife, who had died two years earlier, was buried in the same chapel.



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PETER HOLLAND, who succeeded his father in the Sandlebridge estate, was born on the 3rd of June 1766. As has already been mentioned, he was trained as a surgeon, and succeeded in establishing a large practice in Knutsford and the surrounding district.¹

He married, first, Mary, the daughter of the Rev. William Willetts of Newcastle, in Staffordshire, by whom he had seven children: Henry, who was born on the 27th October 1788, and succeeded his father; Mary and Lucy, who never married; Elizabeth, who married the Rev. Franklin Howorth of Bury; and three children who died in infancy. By his second wife, Mary, daughter of Jeremiah² and Esther Whitaker of Manchester (married at Walcot Church, Bath, December 1808), he had three children: Charles Aiken Holland, who married — Cunliffe of Manchester; Susan, who married Dr. Dean, a surgeon in Knutsford; and Arthur, who died young.

Peter Holland, whose portrait will be seen on the opposite page, lived to be nearly ninety, dying on the 19th January 1855.

He was succeeded by his son, HENRY HOLLAND of Sandlebridge, who was born on the 27th October 1788.³ It is worthy of mention that his maternal grandmother was a sister of Josiah Wedgwood, the potter. At the age of eleven he went to school with his relative, the Rev. William Turner, at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, where he remained for four years. After this he was

¹ Some interesting references to Dr. Holland and his son will be found in the recently published "Early Married Life of Maria Josepha, Lady Stanley," by Miss Adeane.

² Called Daniel in some accounts.

³ This account is taken from the account in the "Dictionary of National Biography."

at school for a year at St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, under the Rev. John Prior Estlin, a well-known Unitarian minister. In 1804 he was apprenticed to a Liverpool merchant, with special permission to study at Glasgow University during the winter, but at the conclusion of his second session at Glasgow he gave up business altogether and threw himself into the study of medicine.

His versatility was great, as evidenced by his drawing up an official statistical Report on Agriculture in Cheshire while still under twenty years of age. He completed his medical studies at Edinburgh, besides studying at Guy's and St. Thomas's Hospitals in London. In 1810 he visited Iceland with Sir George Mackenzie, Bart., and Richard Bright, afterwards the famous doctor, then only a young man, in fact, a year younger than Henry Holland himself. He made considerable contributions towards Sir George Mackenzie's "Travels in Iceland," which appeared shortly afterwards in 1811. He took the degree of M.D. at Edinburgh and spent the following year and a half in European travel.

In 1814 he returned to the Continent as medical adviser to the Princess of Wales, afterwards Queen Caroline, for whom he always retained the highest regard, and for whose honour he pronounced with so much emphasis. He was made a Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians in 1816, and soon entered upon a fashionable practice at 112 Mount Street, Berkeley Square, and it is recorded that in his fourth year his income exceeded £1200. He then removed to Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, where he remained during the rest of his life. In 1816 he was admitted a Fellow of the Royal Society, and in 1828 a Fellow of the College of Physicians.



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In a few years he resolved not to let his professional income exceed £5000, and to spend all his leisure in study, recreation, and travel. He became one of the best known men in London society, the friend and adviser of almost every man of note. In 1837 he was appointed Physician-Extraordinary to Queen Victoria; in 1840, Physician in Ordinary to the Prince Consort, and he declined a baronetcy offered by Lord Melbourne in 1841. Eleven years later he was made Physician in Ordinary to the Queen, and in the next year became a Baronet. He was for many years President of the Royal Institution. In later years he retired from practice, but continued to make long tours. His last excursion was to Russia; on his way back he attended the trial of Marshal Bazaine at Versailles on 24th October 1873, returned to London the next day, and died on the 27th October on his eighty-fifth birthday.

He married in 1822 Miss M. E. Caldwell, daughter of James Caldwell of Linley Wood, in Staffordshire; she died 2nd February 1830, leaving issue: Henry Thurstan Holland, Francis James, Canon of Canterbury, and two daughters. In 1834 he married Saba, daughter of the Rev. Sydney Smith, who died on 2nd November 1866, and by whom he had three daughters. Lady Holland inherited much of her father's wit, and wrote his Memoir, which was published in two volumes in 1855.

Sir HENRY THURSTAN HOLLAND, second Baronet, now Viscount Knutsford, was born on the 3rd August 1825, and was educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge, of which University he became B.A. in 1847, and then chose the legal profession. He was called to the Bar of the Inner Temple,

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and joined the Northern Circuit. He soon acquired a fair practice, and in 1858 and 1859 was employed by the Government, jointly with Sir W. Stephenson, Mr. G. Arbuthnot, and Mr. George Hamilton, all high Treasury officials, in the important work of reorganising the establishments of various public offices, such as the Ecclesiastical Commission, the Poor Law Board, and the Department of Woods and Forests.

In 1850 he had been appointed secretary to the important Common Law Commission, composed of most eminent lawyers, and in 1851 he was appointed by Lord Chancellor Truro to assist Mr. Justice Willes in preparing the Common Law Procedure Acts of 1852 and 1854. He also aided Lord Chief Baron Kelly in framing two criminal law Bills later on. It may be added that soon afterwards Lord Campbell offered him the County Court Judgeship of Northumberland, but he preferred to keep to the Bar and declined that preferment. In 1867 the late Earl of Carnarvon appointed him to be legal adviser to the Colonial Office, and he then gave up private practice.

In 1870 he was appointed to the Colonial Under-Secretaryship, and this office he held until August 1874, when, having succeeded to the Baronetcy in 1873, he stood as Conservative candidate for Midhurst, and was elected without a contest, remaining its member until 1885.

Midhurst became absorbed in the county by the Redistribution Act, and Lord Knutsford stood against the Marquis of Lorne as a candidate for the new borough of Hampstead, winning the seat by a majority of 875 votes. Lord Salisbury came into office almost immediately, and the Financial Secretaryship at the Treasury fell to Lord Knutsford. This office, however, he did not hold long, as within a few months he was



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made Vice-President of the Committee of Council on Education and a Privy Councillor. Upon the reconstruction of the Salisbury Government in June 1886, he returned to the Education Department, being re-elected at Hampstead without opposition.

When, in 1887, the Right Hon. E. Stanhope was transferred to the War Office, Lord Knutsford at length attained Cabinet rank, and was appointed Secretary of State for the Colonies, which position he held until Lord Salisbury's Government resigned in 1892. It was during his tenure of office that the first Colonial Conference was held in London in 1887; and there can be no doubt that to the success of that Conference, over which he presided, is largely due the closer knitting together of the Colonies and the Mother Country. In 1888 he was raised to the Peerage by the title of Baron Knutsford of Sandlebridge, and in 1895, in recognition of his services, he was raised to the rank of Viscount.¹

Lord Knutsford has served upon many Royal Commissions, *e.g.* on the questions of Fugitive Slaves, Penal Servitude, Colonial Defence, and Copyright; and for several years he acted as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee.

In 1895 Lord Knutsford joined the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and became a Knight of Justice of that Order. He accepted and has since held the important position of Director and Chairman of the Ambulance Department of the St. John

¹ The arms borne by Lord Knutsford are as follows:—Per pale argent and azure *semée de lys*, a lion rampant gardant, counterchanged debruised by a bendlet engrailed gules. *Crest*—Out of a crown vallery or a demi-lion gardant per bend argent and azure, charged with a bendlet engrailed counterchanged, holding in dexter paw a fleur-de-lys argent. *Supporters*—On either side a lion gardant argent gutté de armes, the body charged with two fleurs-de-lys in fesse between two bars engrailed azure. *Motto*—Respice, aspice, prospice.

Ambulance Association. He is also a Trustee of the National Portrait Gallery.

Lord Knutsford first married, in 1852, Miss E. M. Hibbert, of Watford, a grand-daughter of the brilliant wit Sydney Smith; she died in 1855 leaving three children, of whom the Hon. S. G. Holland is heir to the title. Three and a half years later he married the present Lady Knutsford, who is the daughter of Sir Charles Trevelyan, Bart., and niece of the late Lord Macaulay.

Of Samuel Holland's six daughters, Anne died unmarried in 1809; Hannah married Mr. Samuel Lumb of Wakefield, the second son of Richard Lumb of Wakefield, Esq., a descendant of an old Nonconformist family in that town; Mary died at Knutsford unmarried in 1812, as also did Catherine and Abigail in 1822 and 1848. Elizabeth,¹ Samuel Holland's fourth daughter, married the Rev. William Stevenson, a man who filled many rôles, being successively a farmer, teacher, minister, boarding-house keeper, writer, and Keeper of the Records to the Treasury. He was a native of Berwick-on-Tweed. They had two children, a son, John, who died unmarried, and Elizabeth Cleghorn Stevenson, the talented author of "Mary Barton" and other English classics. She was born on 29th September 1810, at a house in Lindsey Row, now part of Cheyne Walk in Chelsea, and within a month of her birth her mother died. She was taken by a friend to her aunt, Mrs. Lumb, who was living at this time in Knutsford, and brought up with her only daughter. The journey down to Knutsford is represented by the travels of "babby"

¹ This account of Mrs. Gaskell is mainly taken from the article in the "Dictionary of National Biography."



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in "Mary Barton" (chap. ix.). Mrs. Lumb was not in good circumstances, and lived in a modest house on the Heath surrounded by an old-fashioned garden. Here Elizabeth Stevenson spent a happy childhood, and when fifteen years of age went to a school at Stratford-on-Avon kept by a Miss Byerley, probably a distant relative. The Byerleys were connected with the Wedgwoods, and Elizabeth Stevenson's uncle, Peter Holland, as has been already mentioned, had married a daughter of Catherine Wedgwood by her husband the Rev. William Willetts. She remained at Stratford for two years. For the next few years she was chiefly at Knutsford, though she occasionally visited London, staying with her cousin Edward Holland at his house in Park Lane.

On the 30th August 1832 she married at Knutsford Church the Rev. William Gaskell, the minister of Cross Street Unitarian Chapel, and went to live in Dover Street in Manchester, where they remained for ten years, until they moved to Rumford Street, and finally, in 1850, to 84 Plymouth Grove. Her married life was full of happiness. We get glimpses of the genial home circle in her *Life of Charlotte Brontë*. Much of her time was devoted to the education of her daughters.

In 1844, while staying at Festiniog, Mrs. Gaskell lost her only boy from scarlet fever, and, to turn her thoughts, she commenced writing a story, which has since given pleasure to countless readers, "Mary Barton." After the usual difficulties in finding a publisher for a first story, she sold the copyright to Messrs. Chapman & Hall for £100, and it was published in 1848. Immediate and remarkable success greeted its appearance; it ran through many editions, and has since been

translated into French, German, and many other languages, including Finnish.

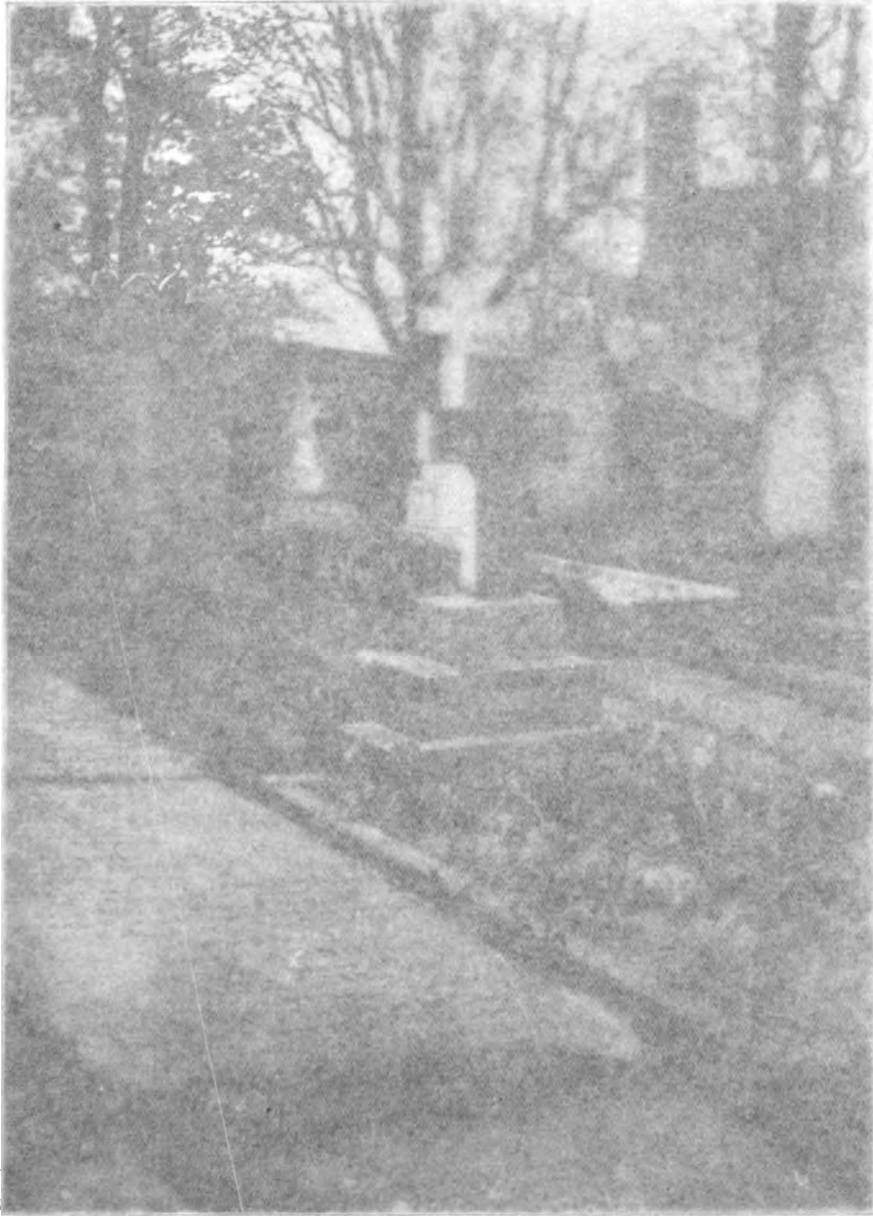
"Mary Barton" was quickly followed by other books and many magazine articles. "Cranford" first appeared in *Household Words*, but was shortly afterwards issued in complete form. This is perhaps her best known story. Lord Houghton has described it as "the purest piece of humoristic description that has been added to British literature since Charles Lamb."

Mrs. Gaskell enjoyed the friendship of many of the most distinguished writers of the time, among her intimates being Thackeray, Dickens, and Carlyle.

In 1850 she met for the first time that remarkable woman, Charlotte Brontë, and a strong mutual affection grew up between these strangely different characters. So close was their intimacy, that at Charlotte Brontë's death her father urged Mrs. Gaskell to write the Life of her friend, a request to which Mrs. Gaskell readily acceded. The "Life of Charlotte Brontë," though a remarkable book, was the cause of some rather bitter attacks on Mrs. Gaskell, which for a time gave her a distaste for writing.

In 1863 "Sylvia's Lovers" appeared, and shortly afterwards "Cousin Phillis" came out in the *Cornhill Magazine*, to be issued in complete form in 1865. "This story," says Dr. Ward, "is beyond dispute in execution the most perfect of Mrs. Gaskell's works, and has scarcely been surpassed for combination of the sunniest humour with the tenderest pathos." It is interesting to learn that Heathbridge in this story is drawn from Sandlebridge, the home of her uncle, Peter Holland.

Mrs. Gaskell's last work was "Wives and Daughters," which, like "Cousin Phillis," first appeared in the *Cornhill*



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Magazine. Her strength began to fail when nearing the end of the story, though her exertions never relaxed, and on Sunday the 12th November 1865 she died from heart disease without a moment's warning. She was at the time talking to her daughters, three of whom were around her, in the country-house at Holybourne, near Alton, in Hampshire, which she had bought with the proceeds of her last book, and which she intended to present as a surprise to her husband. She was buried in the Old Chapel Yard at Knutsford.

Samuel Holland's third son, Swinton Colthurst Holland, was born at Sandlebridge on the 27th November 1777, being the ninth child of his parents. He began his business career in Liverpool in 1793, in the office of a Mr. James Maury, who was engaged in trade with the United States of America. In 1798 Mr. Holland began business for himself in partnership with a Mr. Strickland, but the venture did not prove successful, and, after a visit to America in 1800, he dissolved partnership with Mr. Strickland and sailed for Italy, where, in 1802, soon after the Peace of Amiens, he started business in Venice. During the following year Mr. Holland travelled extensively in Italy, and in April 1803 finally determined to abandon his efforts to create a business at Venice, and settled instead at Trieste, where he entered into partnership with a Mr. Riggini, the American Consul.

Some years before, Mr. Holland had become engaged to be married to Miss Anne Willetts, the daughter of the Rev. William Willetts of Newcastle, county Stafford, a Nonconformist minister, and a sister of Dr. Peter Holland's first wife. In 1805 Miss Willetts having recently lost her widowed mother, and Mr. Holland's business prospering, he decided to

go back to England and carry out his engagement. They were consequently married on the 9th May 1805 in the Parish Church of Knutsford. Mr. Holland, in his Diary, says: "Our wedding was quite private, and the day was spent at Sandlebridge, my father's house; we remained there and at Knutsford a few days with our friends, and then went to my brother Samuel at Liverpool." After staying there a few days they travelled across Europe to Trieste. Shortly after their arrival in Trieste the war between Austria and France broke out, and many and exciting were the experiences which they had. These culminated in Mr. Holland's arrest and imprisonment, from which he only escaped by consenting to pay a fine of about £1500. This sum he paid by a bill at three months, but fortunately before the due date arrived, peace had been concluded, and the sum was consequently not paid.

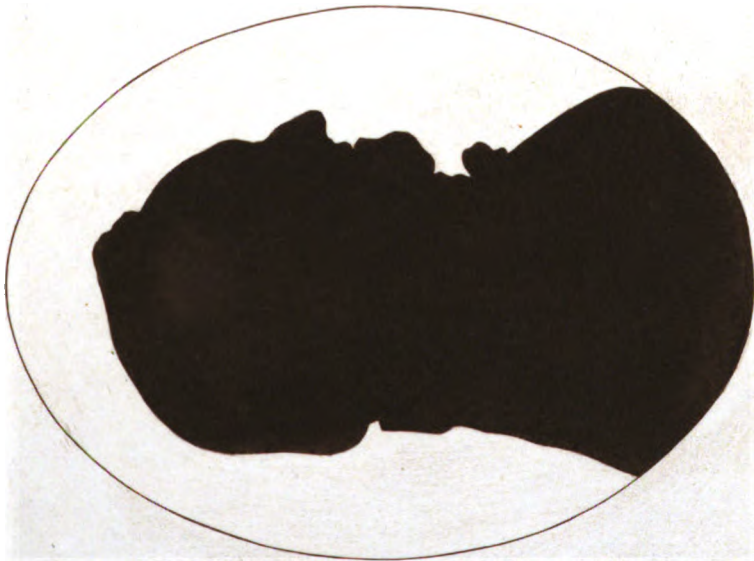
In 1808 Mr. Holland determined to leave Trieste, owing to the unsettled political aspect of affairs in Austria, and accordingly sailed for Malta, where he carried on business until 1810, when he and his family returned to England and settled at Newington Green, and afterwards at Hackney. In December 1814 Mr. Holland was offered a partnership in the firm of Baring Brothers, at this time, as Mr. Holland says in his Diary, "perhaps the first mercantile house in the world," and from this date became one of the most active partners. In 1816 Mr. Holland moved to Russell Square, where he continued to live until 1819, when he purchased an estate called the Priory, Roehampton, where he died in 1828. In his will, which is dated 17th November 1827, and proved on the 28th February following, the testator refers to real estate in Surrey, Toxteth Park, near Liverpool, and at Over Peover and Barnshaw, county Chester.





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Mr. Holland had seven children: (1) Edward Holland, born at Trieste, 11th February 1806, who succeeded his father; (2) Caroline, born at Trieste, 27th March 1807, who lived and died unmarried at Knutsford; (3) Charlotte, born at Malta, 10th August 1808, who married John Isaac of Worcester, Esq., and had two sons and three daughters; (4) Louisa, born at Malta, 7th February 1810, who married in 1857 the Rev. Richard Crofts, Vicar of Hillingdon; (5) Frederick, born in London, 6th August 1814, who became an officer in the Royal Navy, and married, first, Susan, daughter of Samuel Christian of Malta, and, secondly, Anne, daughter of the Right Hon. Lord Denman; he died in 1857, and left four sons and three daughters; (6) George Henry, born at Hackney, 31st May 1816, was called to the Bar, married Charlotte Dorothy, daughter of the Right Hon. Lord Gifford, and had issue four sons and two daughters; and (7) Jessie, who died in infancy.

Edward Holland, the eldest son, who was born 11th February 1806, succeeded his father, and lived for many years at Dumbleton, a property near Evesham in Gloucestershire. He was educated at Eton and trained for the Bar, but never practised. He represented East Worcestershire in Parliament for some years, and subsequently (1855-68) the borough of Evesham. In politics he was a Liberal. Edward Holland married in 1832 Sophia, daughter of Elias Isaac of Worcester, by Harriet, daughter of Wolryche Whitmore of Dudmaston, county Salop, and had issue three sons and six daughters: (1) Harriet Sophia, married in 1865 Crompton Hutton, Barrister-at-Law, Judge of County Court for fifteen years, and has issue one son and two daughters. (2) Edward Thurstan, Barrister-at-Law, married in 1866 Marianne, daughter

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of Rev. William Gaskell, died in 1884, and had issue four daughters and three sons; two sons and one daughter survive him. (3) Frederic Whitmore, Vicar of Evesham, died 1881; married, first, in 1870, Penelope, daughter of Robert Martin, Esq.; she died in 1873, leaving one son and one daughter. He married, secondly, Elinor Treherne, daughter of John Martin, Esq., and leaves one son. (4) Anna Caroline, married in 1875 Charles Gay Roberts, Esq., and had three daughters; he died in 1899. (5) May Emily, died unmarried. (6) Swinton Colthurst, Admiral in Her Majesty's Navy, married Eva, daughter of Captain Williams, R.N., and has one son and two daughters. (7) Frances Margaret, married in 1870 Captain W. Bentinck Ryan, Indian Army, died at Lucknow in 1874, leaving two sons and one daughter. (8) Lucy Georgina, married in 1880 Captain W. J. L. Wharton, R.N., now Sir W. Wharton, Hydrographer, and has issue three sons and two daughters. (9) Jessie Clara, married in 1876 Captain Pennell, 48th Regiment, and has issue three sons and four daughters.

Edward Holland married, secondly, in 1857, Frances Maria, daughter of S. Christian, Esq., of Malta, and widow of Robert Hunter. Of two sons and two daughters, only two survived their father, Herbert Holland, now Chief Constable of Derbyshire, and a daughter, Edith Jane, who died in 1889.

Mr. Holland took a very deep interest in all matters relating to agriculture, being an early experimenter with the steam-plough, and the possessor of some celebrated Shorthorns and Shropshire sheep. One of his favourite projects was the Agricultural College at Cirencester, of which he was an untiring friend and patron.¹ Mr. Holland died in 1875, and after his death Dumbleton was sold. Mrs. Holland died in 1898.

¹ See Appendix, p. 163.

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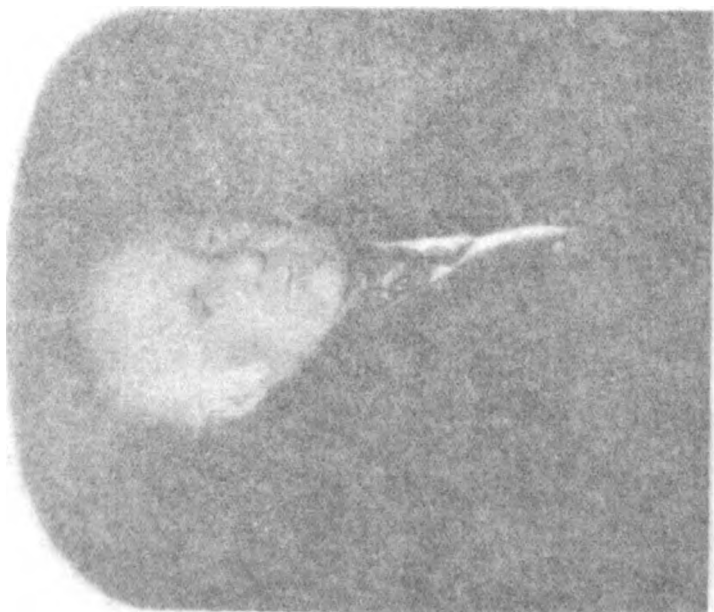
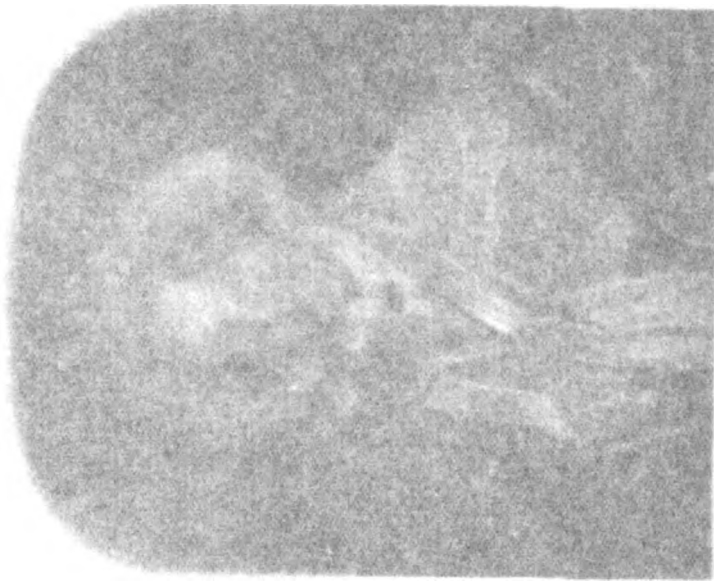
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¹ From the papers of the Marquis of



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CHAPTER VI

HOLLAND OF LIVERPOOL

(VI.) **S**AMUEL HOLLAND, the second son of Samuel Holland and his wife Anne Swinton, was born in 1768. He settled in Liverpool towards the close of last century, where he continued to live for the greater part of his life. Here he founded a business which extended very widely, and from which he derived a considerable fortune. In the year 1821 Mr. Holland resided in Toxteth Park, his office being No. 6 York Street, off Duke Street. For some years he was in partnership with a Mr. Humble, the style of the firm being Messrs. Humble and Holland. He married, 14th September 1796, at St. Anne's Church, Great Richmond Street, Liverpool, Catherine, daughter of John Menzies of Rodney Street, Liverpool.

John Menzies was an accountant in Liverpool, and married in 1766, at St. Nicholas Church, Liverpool, Anne Merry, by whom he had six children, Catherine, the wife of Samuel Holland, being the third child, and born in 1771. John Menzies, who was born in 1735, was the son of Alexander Menzies of Edinburgh, by his wife — Stewart, and grandson of — Menzies, by his wife, who was a daughter of the Laird of Donmachary.¹

¹ For further particulars of the Menzies family see Appendix, p. 158 *et seq.*

Samuel Holland and Catherine, his wife, had six children : Anne, born 27th June 1797, died unmarried in 1850 ; CHARLES HOLLAND of Liverpool, born 12th June 1799, died 5th February 1870 ; Frances, born 23rd September 1800, died unmarried in 1883 ; Menzies, born 4th April 1802, died at Leghorn 1817 ; Samuel, born 17th October 1803, died 27th December 1892 (see page 89) ; and lastly, Catherine, born 17th November 1804, married Richard Greaves, of The Cliff, Warwick, and died without issue 1st March 1886.

Samuel Holland died 28th September 1851, aged eighty-three, and was buried at the Ancient Chapel of Toxteth, his wife having predeceased him on the 1st September 1847, at the age of seventy-six. Their eldest son (VII.), CHARLES, was born on the 12th June 1799. After an education at Nottingham, he was sent to business at the early age of thirteen, being placed in the firm of Baring Brothers at Malta, a firm in which his uncle, Mr. Swinton Holland, was an active partner. He remained for some years at Malta, and after his return to England, when about nineteen years of age, went out to Buenos Ayres, where he rapidly attained to an important position, and in two years was appointed manager of Messrs. Fair & Co., at that time one of the largest business houses in Buenos Ayres.

Political events at Buenos Ayres obliged him to seek employment on the west coast of South America, where he carried on business for a lengthened period, being out on the coast at one time for ten years in control of the house of Messrs. Robertson & Co. at Lima and Valparaiso. Here again, however, political events—the war between the Spaniards and the National Party in throwing off their dependence upon





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Spain—interfered with Mr. Holland's prospects, and he returned eventually to the River Plate and Brazil, establishing houses there, principally at Rio Grande do Sul.

On his return to England he continued his connection with South America until his retirement about 1855. He married, on the 15th November 1838, Elizabeth, second daughter of William Gaskell of Latchford, near Warrington.¹

In 1844 Mr. Holland bought the estate of Liscard Vale, in the parish of Wallasey, in Cheshire, where he lived until his death. He was a magistrate for the county.

His public career may be said to have begun with the introduction of the Reform Bill, of which he was a most ardent supporter. He afterwards fought for the principles of Free Trade and the repeal of the Corn Laws, long before the Liberal party as a body had recognised the justice of these movements. After these great steps towards the freedom of trade had been gained, he was among the first to join the Financial Reform Association, of which he became president in 1865, an office which he held until his death. He was also one of the founders of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, and was elected president in 1856. He represented that Chamber at the great International Congress held at Brussels in the same year. On this occasion he made a speech in

¹ William Gaskell was born about 1777, and died 15th March 1819, aged forty-two: he was the son of Samuel Gaskell of Warrington (born 1733, died 6th May 1813), by his wife Anne Woodcock. Samuel Gaskell was the son of Roger Gaskell of Warrington, who was born at Great Sankey in 1701, and married on 6th February 1720, Elizabeth, daughter of Zachary Barnes, and grand-daughter of Richard Barnes. Elizabeth Gaskell died in 1765. Roger Gaskell was the son of Samuel Gaskell, a tanner in Sankey, near Warrington, who married about 1699 an Elizabeth Dutton, probably of Warrington. (From Gaskell pedigree among the late E. S. Holland's MS. notes.)

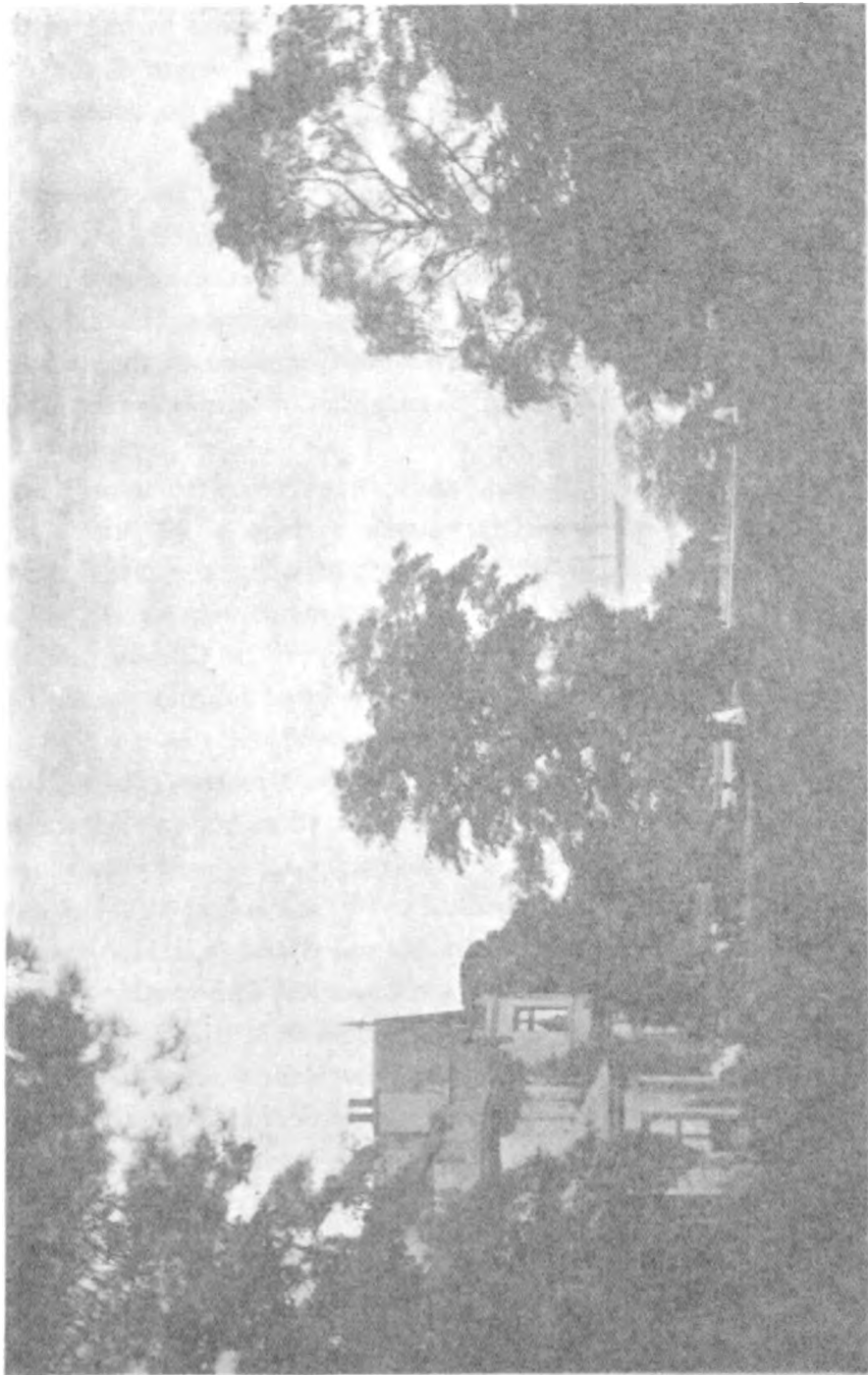
French, which was considered by some present as one of the ablest delivered at the Congress, and this in spite of the fact that he had not expected to be called upon to speak in a foreign language.

His name will be remembered especially in connection with the measures for the application of limited liability to partnerships, and also in connection with the reform of the banking and currency system in this country. His evidence before a Committee of the House of Commons on the question of banking is considered among the most important upon that subject.

Of advanced opinions, and always ready to avow them, he was held in the highest esteem by men of all parties, and a signal proof of this is the fact that when the late Earl of Derby was in power, Mr. Holland's name was placed on the Commission of the Peace for the county of Chester, and he would have also been similarly appointed for the borough of Liverpool had he not declined the honour.

He was invited to contest Liverpool in the Liberal interest at the Parliamentary election in 1860, but was reluctantly compelled to decline this offer owing to a weakness of the throat, which he was medically advised might develop dangerously if he were to exert his voice unduly. He was one of the earliest presidents of the Liverpool Philomathic Society, of which society he was a lifelong member.

Mr. Holland died suddenly from Roman fever in 1870, at the age of seventy-one, and was buried at Toxteth Chapel. His wife survived him upwards of twenty years, dying in 1892 at the age of eighty. They had ten children: CHARLES MENZIES, born 1839; Margaret Anne, born 1841, married in



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1869 John Frederick Schwann of Oakfield, Wimbledon, and has issue three sons and four daughters; Arthur, born 1842, and Walter, his twin brother; William Gaskell, born 1843; Edith, born 1845, married in 1875 Robert Norton of Coombe Croft, Norbiton, Surrey, and has issue four sons and one daughter; Edgar Swinton, born 1847, died unmarried in 1896; Catherine Elizabeth, born 1850, married in 1873 Arthur Worthington Biggs of Putney Heath, Surrey, and had issue four sons and one daughter; she died in 1891; Emily Lucy, born 1853, married in 1882 John Carlisle of Ashburton House, Putney Heath, and has issue one son and four daughters; and Mabel, born 1856, of Niddry Lodge, Kensington, unmarried.

Mrs. Charles Holland was, as has been already stated, the second daughter of William Gaskell, a manufacturer living at Latchford, near Warrington, by his wife Margaret Jackson of Leyland, near Preston, "of whom it is said¹ (and with reason) that she was the handsomest and best lady married in Leyland Church for some considerable time."

Mrs. Charles Holland was born on the 21st September 1812 at Warrington. The following notice from the columns of *The Inquirer*² is worthy of record:—"Mrs. Holland inherited the strong Nonconformist views of her father, William Gaskell of Warrington, who was a member of one of the oldest Presbyterian families in the North of England, and she derived from them all through her life a strong sense of comfort and religious support. She was sister to the Rev. William Gaskell, the well-known minister of Cross Street, Manchester, whom she resembled in the unaffected charm of manner, which

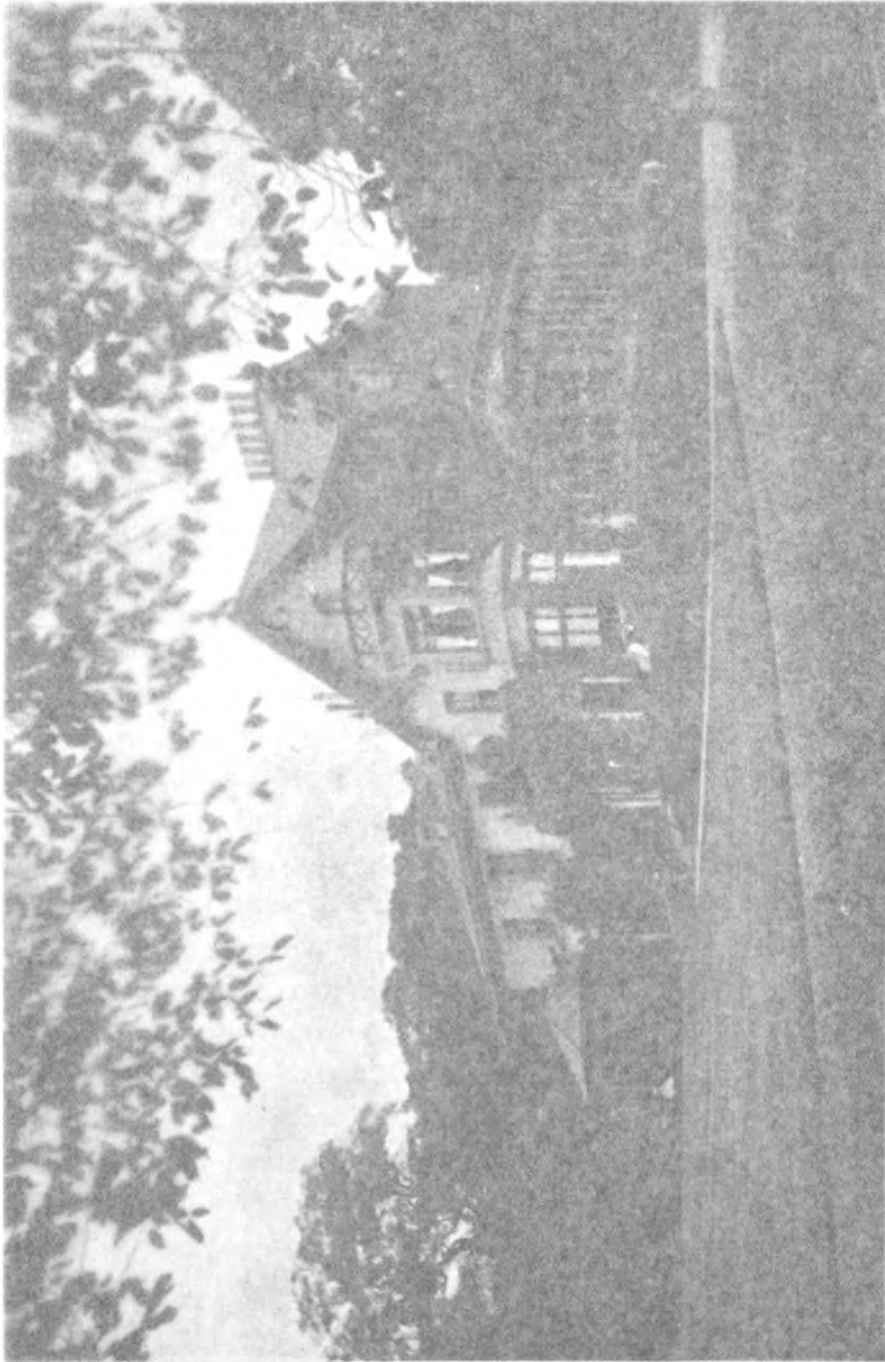
¹ E. S. Holland's MS. notes.

² *The Inquirer*, April 2, 1892, p. 219.

expressed the harmonies of a mind alike gentle and earnest, formed by nature and attuned by culture to be in all its utterances a part of this world's spiritual music. Like her brother, she had a grace of person and was brilliant in conversation, although never talking for effect. Her wit and wisdom were always humanised by kindly sympathies and dignified by unswerving adherence to the cause of truth and justice.

"She received a thoroughly classical education, which confirmed in her an intellectual and poetic tendency, and raised her high above the level of what then was thought to be the sufficient culture of woman's mind. The classical authors, both Latin and Greek, were, even to the end of her life, a constant source of ever-recurring pleasure. When settled near Liverpool, Mrs. Holland constantly interested herself in benevolent objects. One of these was the starting and carrying on of a club or drawing-room for working-men and their wives to come to of an evening; another was the superintendence of a district nurse among the poor in their own homes, a charity which at that time was in its earliest infancy. She also helped to found a cottage hospital in the low populous part of Seacombe; and while she fulfilled in the highest sense of the word her duties as a wife and mother, she found time for lettered ease, and numbered among her intimate friends Hawthorne, Barry Cornwall, Professor Morley, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Gaskell. The intercourse with such minds encouraged the literary and poetical side of her nature. She translated a great deal of poetry from German authors, and wrote and published many original poems, besides writing many literary articles. After her husband's death she settled in London and helped all

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Holland's nephew, which met all the requirements and proved a great success. The line is to the present day a prominent feature in the progress and development of the Festiniog district.

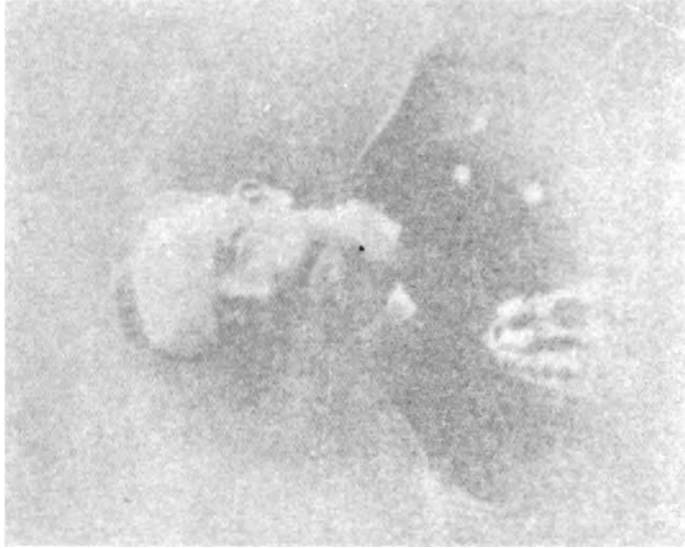
Mr. Holland spoke the Welsh language fluently; in fact, a story is told that on one occasion he was complimented in the House of Commons on speaking English so well for a Welshman as was assumed to be the case!

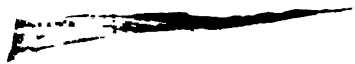
Mr. Holland began his political career in connection with the county of Merioneth, in company with the late Mr. David Williams of Castle Dendraeth, the first Liberal member who had ever sat for this constituency. Mr. Holland supported Mr. Williams' candidature most warmly, fighting through three contests, the first two of which were unsuccessful, and on Mr. Williams' death in 1869, he was unanimously chosen as the Liberal candidate, and returned as Member for the county in 1870, a position which he held until his retirement in 1885.

He lived at Plas-yn-Penhryn after his father's death until 1876, and then at Maentwrog, and afterwards he bought the beautiful estate of Cardeon, near Barmouth, where he lived until his death, which occurred on the 27th December 1892.

Mr. Holland was twice married, and his widow still lives at Cardeon.

CHARLES MENZIES HOLLAND (VIII.), the eldest son of Mr. Charles Holland of Liscard Vale, was born in 1839. He was educated at private schools, married in 1872 Harriet Martineau, third daughter of John Ross Neill of Belfast. A civil engineer by profession, he was either engineer to, or associated with, the Crystal Palace (High Level), the Girvan and Portpatrick Junction, Hoylake, Festiniog and Blaenau, West





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Widnes, and Derry Central Railways. In 1861 he designed locomotive engines for the Festiniog Railway, and the designs, afterwards somewhat improved upon by the builders of the engines, were adopted, and the Festiniog Railway was opened for public traffic in 1862. In 1870 he became partner in the Messrs. Holland's slate quarry, near Festiniog, until the termination of the quarry lease. In 1880 he constructed the Derry Central Railway in Ireland, after which he retired from professional work, and became connected with industrial and other companies, and was one of the three founders of Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co. (Limited), of which and of other companies he is a director. He is chairman of Marchwiell Parish Council, Denbighshire, is a Liberal in politics, and his family consists of two sons and four daughters. Residence, Bryn-y-Grôg, near Wrexham.

Arthur Holland, the second twin son, was born at Liverpool 13th July 1842, and married in 1868 Barbara, only daughter of the late Frederic Schwann of London. He was educated at private schools and at Trinity College, Cambridge, taking honours in the Mathematical Tripos, January 1864. In that year he entered the office of Lamport & Holt, Liverpool, and on 1st January 1870 became the London partner of that firm, and opened there their London house. That partnership terminated with the death of his friend, Mr. W. J. Lamport, and he has since traded on his own account. He is a shipowner, the head of the firm of Arthur Holland & Co., London, Liverpool, and Buenos Ayres, is an M.A. of Cambridge University, Justice of the Peace for Surrey, and director of several companies. His family consists of five sons and one daughter. His residence is at Wimbledon.

Walter Holland, twin brother of Arthur Holland, was born 13th July 1842, entered the business of Messrs. Lamport & Holt in 1858, and subsequently became senior partner of the firm. He has taken part in several business questions, in which he has represented the shipowners of Liverpool, and has also interested himself in some of the philanthropic institutions of the city, but has not taken any prominent part in Parliamentary affairs. In politics he is a Liberal. He married in 1876 Alice Franklin Wray, a daughter of Lieut.-Colonel Wray of the Indian Service, and has four sons and three daughters. He resides in Carnatic Hall, Mossley Hill, near Liverpool.

William Gaskell Holland, fourth son of Charles Holland, was born in 1843, and married in 1877 Mary Louise, eldest daughter of Thomas B. Rees, merchant of Smyrna. He was educated at private schools, and in 1868 entered a cotton-broking business in Liverpool, and subsequently became merchant in the Levant trade. He retired from business in Liverpool in 1893. Residence, Glan Alyn, Gresford, Denbighshire. Has a family of one son and four daughters.

Edgar Swinton Holland, fifth son of Charles Holland, was born in 1847, and died unmarried 11th November 1896. He was educated at private schools, and later devoted himself to a business career in Liverpool with ability and success. The present volume has been largely based on facts drawn from the extensive collection of genealogical and historical memoranda relating to the family of Holland made by the late Mr. Edgar Holland. On this collection, and in the researches which it entailed, Mr. Holland brought to bear the force of a keen and cultivated intellect.

APPENDIX

*(From a Charter-Roll in the possession of MR. IRELAND-
BLACKBURNE of Hale.)*

[S. D.]—Henry [etc.] to all to whom these presents may come. Greeting. We have inspected the Charter of Lord John the King our father in these words. John etc. to all etc. Greeting. Know ye that we have given to our beloved Nicholas de la Huse for his good service our capital rent of sixty shillings in the vill of Walton to himself and his heirs in perpetuity. [With right of distraint in case of arrears.] And we have conceded & by these presents do ratify the said Charter to Nicholas & his heirs for ever.

In witness whereof we have made these our letters patent. Given by me at Westminister etc.

[S. D.]—Know ye all [etc.] that I Nicholas de la Huse have given & by this present charter confirmed to Thurstan de Holand a capital rent of ten pounds issuing out of the vills of Hale and Walton, which rent was given to me by King John as appears by Record in the Patent Rolls [Warranty clause]. In witness whereof etc.

[11 July 1285].—Let it be patent to all etc. that Robert Holand, Knight, on the morrow of the Feast of the Seven Brothers in the year of our Lord MCCLXXXV. gave & conceded in the presence of faithful witnesses to Avina his daughter & Adam de Hibernia her husband & the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten between them, half of all the land of Halewood together with his share of the old mill lying between Ditton & the demesne of Alan le Norreis & his share of the new mill lying between Torboke Park & Halewood. And the s^d Robert further

granted the right of free grinding to their tenants for their own corn. And lest there sh^d be any dissension between the heirs of the s^d Robert & the heirs of the s^d Avina, he chose six Jurors who sh^d make partition of all the lands of Halewood & all that pertained to the s^d lands & these are their names.—Richard de Holand, Thomas the Forester, Robert de Thorinheved, Roger de Culcheth, Roger de Lee, Adam de la Bonke. And the partition having been made by the said Jurors, the s^d Robert conveyed the lands to Avina & her husband Adam except 200 acres. And if it sh^d so happen that Avina die without issue the whole mediety to go to Adam de Hibernia, & on his death to revert to the s^d Robert and his heirs except the half of 100 acres which were to remain to the heirs of the s^d Adam if he left legitimate issue. But Adam may not give, sell nor in any other way alienate any of the said concession under pain of one hundred pounds. In witness whereof the s^d Robert de Holand & Adam de Hibernia have affixed their seals. Witnesses: Alexander de Kuerdale, Richard de Holand, Roger de Culcheth, Ric^d de Waleton, Roger de Lee, Adam de la Bonke, Thos. the Forester & many others.

[12 Aug. 1289].—Memorandum that on Friday next after the Feast of St. Lawrence, in the 17th year of King Edward's reign, in the presence of Brother Hugh de Adburham, Prior of the preaching Friars of Chester, Dom. Thurstan, dean of Warrington, and others it was agreed between Sir Robert de Holand & Adam de Hibernia that they both faithfully observe the agreement made between them according to the tenor of the writings then made. [In case of dispute the following to act as arbitrators.] Sr John de Biron, Gilbert de Clyfton, Henry de Kygheley & Thomas Banastre or three of them, sh^d it not be possible for all four to meet, concerning the 200 acres of land.

In witness whereof [etc.]. Alexander de Keuerdale, Richard de Holand, John de Ditton, Stephan de Ditton, Roger de Ditton, John son of Henry, & Thomas the Woodwarde, with others.

[25 April 1300].—Edward etc. to the Sheriff of Lancashire. Greeting. Instruct Robert de Holand that he without delay keep his covenant with Adam Austyn de Hibernia & Avice his wife concerning

one hundred acres of land & 40 acres of wood in Hale juxta Ditton. And unless he do so & make the s^d Adam & Avice secure therein from all claims, then summons him, the said Robert, to appear before our Justices at York 15 days after the Feast of the Holy Trinity, to show why he has not done so. And have there the summons & this breve. Given by me at Bokyngham, xxv. day of April in the 28th year of our reign. And take security from the said Adam and Avice in half a mark to our use for this breve.

[c. 1300].¹—To Our Lord the King this petition of his loyal tenants of Hale sheweth that as they are tenants of the s^d manor of Hale, which manor is of the ancient Demesne of our Lord the King, and which manor is alienated out of the hands of the rightful heirs by which the s^d tenants are disinherited and defrauded of their ancient holdings by those placed there by those who now hold the s^d manor. It will be remembered [?] that the King John grandfather of our Lord the King who now is gave by charter to one Richard de Mithe, Knight, [*Baron*] clerke for his good services the manor of Hale aforesaid with its appurtenances etc. with the loyal villeins of the s^d manor to him and his heirs, the which gift King Henry father of our Lord the King who now is confirmed by his charter, by which gift and confirmation the s^d Richard had and held the s^d manor all his life, and after his death one Henry his son and heir had and held the same manor until his death, and as he was dying came one Thurstan de Holand who had married the daughter of the said Henry & as he lay at the point of death, his memory lost, he took his seal, which he had round his neck, and made use of the seal to issue charters granting the s^d manor to the s^d Thurstan and Robert his son, who entered into possession of the s^d manor without the permission of the King [etc. etc.] and the said Thurstan and Robert enjoyed all the easements etc. appendant on the manor, and further brought in sundry strangers & aliens as tenants to the hurt of those who held under the charter and confirmation of Kings John and Henry.

[8 June 1305].—To all who may see or hear these writings, Robert son of Sir Robert de Holand sends greeting etc. Know ye that I have granted to Adam de Hibernia & Avena his wife 60 acres of land in

¹ Original in Norman-French.

Hale which William de Tranemolle, John de Sutton, W^m Boydelle, Robert del Pulle, Hugo del Pulle, Alan fitz Hudde, H. de Chester, Richard fitz Ralph, Roger fitz Brome, Robert Hawhoselonds, Robert de Thorinheved, John de Crossbyhouses, William del Oldfield, Roger del Bonk, Edousa lately wife of Richard the cook, & Thomas Blakemon held of me in divers & particular portions, together with seven pounds annual ancient farm rent issuing out of Hale which Thurstan de Holand my grandfather formerly had by gift and feoffment from Nicholas de la Huse. And also my share in the water mill of Hale, reserving to me and my heirs the right to grind our corn when & as may be desired without charge. To have & to hold to the said Adam & Avena and their heirs legitimately begotten between them for the service of one Rose given to me & my heirs on the Feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist annually, paying & doing to the capital Lord such services & customs as are usual & due. And I have granted also to the s^d Adam & Avena & their heirs pannage in my woods of Hale for forty pigs forever together with & at the same time as my own pigs & those of my heirs. And further I grant & concede such common, easements etc. to them and their heirs and their tenants as they and their tenants enjoy in the two hundred acres of land which were granted to them by my father Robert as a gift, reserving to myself and my heirs similar rights.

And I also grant to the said Adam & Avena & their heirs four oaks annually from my wood of Hale, taking them at the view and judgment of my foresters, also all "necessaria" in the s^d wood in the same manner as my tenants, reserving always my rights and those of my heirs. And if it sh^d happen that the s^d Adam & Avena die without heirs lawfully begotten between them then all the said tenements and appurtenances to revert to me and my heirs.

In witness whereof I have hereto placed my seal, these being witness:—S^r Robert de Latham, William de Dacre, W^m Banaster & Adam Banaster, Knights, Alan le Norreys, W^m de Bradshawe, Richard le Waylays, Radūs de Bickerstath, Robert de Shireburn, Roger de Toxstath & others. Given at Hale 8th June in the 33rd year of the reign of King Edward son of King Henry.

(From the originals in the possession of the Earl of Wilton.)

[S. D.]—Grant from Robert, son of John de Plesington, to Sir William de Holand, K^t, all my lands and tents. in Tocholys in the vill Lyvesay. Warranty. Witnesses:—John de Blakeburne, Rich: de Rishton, Robert de Rishton, Nicholas de Doulton [?], Adam de Haldeleys, John de Wynkedley, Ad. del Owode [?], & others.

[1316].—Grant by Adam de Rycroft, vicar of Huton [Huyton], to Alexander de Shorisorworth and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, of all his lands and tenements, houses and gardens, in Denton, in the vill of Wethyngton; to hold of the chief lords of the fee by the services due and accustomed; remainder to Thurstan, son of Margaret de Shorisorworth, and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten; remainder to the right heirs of the said Alexander. Witnesses:—Sir William de Holande, Sir Henry de Trafford, knights; Richard de Hylton, William de Radeclif, Robert de Asheton, and others. Dated at Le Hope on Thursday next after the feast of the Apostles Philip and James, 9 Ed. II.

[Seal gone.]

[1316].—Grant by Alexander de Schoresworthe to Adam de Rycroft, chaplain, vicar of the Church of Huyton, of his capital messuage, together with all his lands and tenements in Denton, in the vill of Wythinton, in demesne & services. Witnesses:—Sir William de Holande, Sir Henry de Trafforde, knights; William de Blakeborne, Robert de Asshton & others. Dated at Denton on Saturday in the vigil of the close of Easter, 9 Edw. II.

[Curious seal, not heraldic.]

[1319].¹—Grant from Sr Robert de Holand, K^t, to Thurstan de Holand the son of Margaret de Schoresworth & his heirs, all his lands & tents., service of frank tenants etc. in Heetun sour Faghefeld, paying 5 marks of silver at the expiration of ten years. Rent "*un dener par an.*" Remainder to Robert and his heirs. Witnesses:—"Mons." Henry de Trafford, "Mons." Roger de Pilkinton, K^{ts}; Adam de Prestwiche,

¹ Original in Norman-French.

Richard de Hulton, William de Radcliff, Roger de Meddilton, Richard de Workeslee, W^m de Blakeburn, & others. Given at Sandale, Wednesday in the Feast of S^t Mark the Evangelist, 12 Ed. 2 [1319].

[1330].—Demise by Thurstan de Holand to Alexander de Schoresworth, of all his messuages, except the chamber in which his goods are contained, and the third part of all his land in the hamlet of Denton under Douneschagh in the vill of Wythinton, which he had by the feoffment of Alexander; to hold the messuages of Alexander until the feast of Pentecost, and the land until Alexander shall have received the crop of one year, the term beginning at the Purification, A.D. 1330, with reversion to Thurstan; the said Alexander rendering yearly to Thurstan, 2 marks of silver at the feasts of the Annunciation of the Blessed Mary and St. John the Baptist, by equal portions. Witnesses:—Robert de Assheton, John de Hyde, Richard de Redich, Richard de Mosseton, & Henry de Mosseton. Dated at Denton on the feast of the Purification of St. Mary, A.D. 1330.

[Seal of white wax, illegible—? a star.]

[1331].—Grant by Alexander de Schorisworth to Margaret, daughter of Robert de Schorisworth, of all his messuages, lands and tenements, in lordship and in demesne, in the hamlet of Denton under Douneschagh in the vill of Wythinton; to hold to her and her heirs and assigns, freely and quietly, in perpetuity, of the chief lords of the fee, by the services due and accustomed. Witnesses:—William de Radeclif, John de Radeclif, William de Schadyrton, Thomas de Hoppewode, Hugh de Atherton, & others. Dated at Denton on the feast (*die*) of St. Hilary, 4 Edw. III.

[Small seal of white wax, illegible.]

[1331].—Grant by Margaret, daughter of Robert de Schoresworth, to Thurstan, her son, of all the messuages, lands and tenements which she had in the hamlet of Denton under Douneschagh in the vill of Wythinton, by the feoffment of Alexander de Schoresworth; to hold to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, freely and quietly, of the chief lords of the fee by the services due and accustomed; remainder to William,

son of Robert de Radeclif and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, to hold as aforesaid; remainder to John, brother of the said William, & the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, to hold as aforesaid; remainder to Robert, son of Henry de Workeslegh & his heirs, to hold as aforesaid, in perpetuity. Witnesses:—William de Radeclif, John de Radeclif, William de Schaderton, Thomas de Hoppewode, Hugh de Atherton, and others. Dated at Denton on Sunday within the Octave of St. Hilary, 4 Edw. III.

[1331].—Grant from Thurstan, son of Sir William de Holande, K^t, to "Margaret my mother, of my manor of Sharpils," & with homage & service of Jordan, son of Adam de Sharpils, William de Haliwell Alexander de Turton, & Henry del Wode. Warranty.

Wit: Richard de Radeclife, John de Radclife, Henry de Workeslegh, John, son of Simon de Bradeschaghe, Rob^t de Workeslegh, & others. Given at Bury, Friday, next after the F. of St. Peter. ad vinc: 1331.

[Seal white wax—a small heater-shaped shield; charge obliterated.]

[1335¹].—Grant by Thurstan de Holande, son of Sir William de Holande, knight, to Margaret his mother, for her life, of all the messuages, lands and tenements which he had by the gift of the said Margaret, in the hamlet of Denton under Doufeschagh, in the vill of Withington; to hold of the chief lords of the fee by the services due and accustomed. Witnesses:—Richard de Radeclif, John de Radeclif, Henry de Workeslegh, John, son of Simon de Bradeschagh, Robert de Workeslegh, and others. Dated at Bury, on Friday, next after the feast of St. Peter *ad Vincula*, A.D. 1335.

[Seal of white wax, bearing a shield, illegible.]

[1341].—Quitclaim from John de Prestwiche, junior, to Thurstan, son of Sr William de Holand, K^t, all that land called Rodoun in the vill of Prestwich of wh. Thurstan is seized on the day of the making of this at the devise of Rich: de Radclyff, lands wh: John son of Ad. de Prest-

There is apparently some discrepancy as to dates here. This should probably be 1331 and not 1335. See previous charter.

wich formerly held. Wit: John de Radecliff, W^m of the same, Rich: de Reddiche, Rob^t de Workeslegh, Rich: de Tildeslegh, Rob^t de Eccles, & others. Given at Prestwiche, 29 March, 15. Ed: 3. [1341.]

[Seal in dark wax; charge, a ship.]

[1341. Mar. 20].—Quitclaim from Richard de Radcliff to Thurstan de Holand son of Sr William de Holand, K^t, of land in Prestwich.

Wit: John de Radcliff, William son of Robert de Radcliff, Richard de Reddich, Rob^t de Workeslegh, Henry de Bury, Tho^s de Strangwayes, Rob^t de Eccles, & others. Given at Prestwich xx. March, 15 Ed: 3. [1341.]

[Small seal in green wax, a label of three points over a bend engrailed. Legend:—S. RICARDI RADCLIFE.]

[1341].—Grant from John de Prestwiche, Junior, to Thurstan de Holand of a piece of land in Prestwiche called Bradelache, within the bounds wh: John son of Adam de Prestwiche "avus meus" made etc. Rent 3/4 annually. Warranty. Witnesses:—John de Radclyffe, William of the same, Rob^t de Workeslegh, John de Hulton, Richard de Tildeslegh, Rob^t de Eccles, & others. Given at Prestwiche 20 Jan: 14 E. 3. [1341.]

[1341].—Grant from Thurstan, son of William de Holand, to John de Prestwich, junior, an annual rent of 3/4 issuing from land in Rodon in the vill of Prestwich. Right of distraint. Witnesses:—John de Radecliff, Richard de Radcliff, William son of Robert de Radcliff, Rob^t de Asshton, Rob^t de Workeslegh, Robert de Stanlegh, Rob^t de Eccles. Given at Prestwich 1st April 15 E. III. [1341.]

[1346].—Grant by John, son of Hugh de Moston, to Hugh, son of Henry de Tyldeslegh, for life, of an annual rent of two marks, to be received yearly from all the grantor's lands and tenements in the vill of Denton near (*Jux^a*) Donnesagh, at the feasts of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist and the Nativity of our Lord, by equal portions; with power to distrain for the same. Dated at Denton near Donnesagh on Tuesday next before the feast of St. Peter in Cathedra, 20 Edw. III.

[1346].—Another grant from John, son of Hugh de Moston, to Richard, son of Henry de Tildeslegh hurst (*sic*), his heirs and assigns, of an annual rent of 10 li. of silver, to be received &c. [as above]. Witnesses:—John de Hulton, Henry de Workeselegh, Robert de Workeslegh, John de Athirton, John the clerk, and others. Dated at Moston &c. [as above].

[1346].—Pardon by King Edward III. to Thurstan de Holand for all felonies and transgressions committed against the King's peace prior to the 16th June last past. Dated at Wyndesore, 12 June, in the 20th year of his reign. [1346].

[Portion of seal remaining.]

[1348].—Grant by John, son of Hugh de Moston, to Thurstan de Holande, for life, of all his messuages, lands and tenements in Denton under Doweshagh, which belonged to Richard de Moston, rendering to the chief lord of the fee, the services due and accustomed. Witnesses:—Richard de Rediche, Adam de Hoppewode, Robert de Workeslegh, John de Holt senior, Robert de Hulme of Rediche, Thomas dil Bothe, Roger the clerk, & others. Dated at Mamcestre, on Friday in the feast of St. James the Apostle, 22 Edw. III.

[1352].—Cest endenté fait entre Thomas le fitz William de Abbenay de vn part e' Thurstan de Holand de altrepart testmoigne Cest assauoir qe lauaudit Thomas ad g^{ante} a dit Thurstan de doner soñ trauaille & soñ conceille ã lez coustages & lez despensez de dit Thurstan de faere (?) e' faire seurtee au dit Thurstan de lesser soñ dreyt au dit Thurstan de touz lez terez & tenementz qe fuerent iadys a Richard de Moston & Ad^m de Abbenay en la vile de Denton yssynt com ley wlt ð vne somme dire ont qe lauaudit Thurstan paiera au dit Thomas de Abbenay E. com le dit Thurstan & owe son counceylle pluis seurement puissent ordeyner en ley saunte clause de warentye E. de traouiller en chescun lieu com le dit Thurstan owe son counceille veillent ordeyner sur lez coustages & ley despensez de dit Thurstan de faire. En tesmoignauce de qelez chosez a cestez endentes lez partiez auaunditz entre cheaungeablement ount mys lourz seales. Donec a Denton le Ma^rsdye pcheyn

apres le Dymayn de palmez Lan de nre seign le Roi Edward tiers apres
lee conquest vyntysme syz. [1352].

[Seal of red wax—? a bird feeding its young.]

[1359].—Grant by Roger, son of William, son of John, and Geoffrey de Bexwyk, chaplains to Thurstan de Holand, of all the messuages, lands and tenements, which they had by the gift and feoffment of the said Thurstan, in Denton under Douueschagh, Heton upon ffaghfeld, Mamcestre, Bolton near Eccles, Barton near Eccles, Bolton upon the Moors, Harewode, Workeslegh, Mirescogh in Amonderness, and Sharples, together with the homages and services of their free tenants in the said vills. To hold to Thurstan for the term of his life, of the chief lords of the fee, by the services due and accustomed; remainder to Richard, son of the said Thurstan, and the heirs between Richard and Almarica, daughter of Adam de Kenyan lawfully begotten, to hold as aforesaid; remainder to the heirs of the body of the said Richard begotten, to hold as aforesaid; remainder to Robert, son of Alice de Cobbeleres, for his life, to hold as aforesaid; remainder to John, son of Alice de Cobboles, for his life, to hold as aforesaid; remainder to William, son of Alice de Pussch(?) and the heirs male of his body, to hold as aforesaid; remainder to William, son of Robert de Radeclif, and the heirs male of his body, to hold as aforesaid; remainder to William, son of Robert de Workeslegh, and the heirs male of his body, to hold as aforesaid; remainder to Sir Robert de Holand, knight, his heirs and assigns, in perpetuity, to hold as aforesaid. Dated at Denton under Douueschagh, on Friday next after the feast of St. Hilary, 32 Edw. III.

[Two seals of white wax, worn, one bearing a shield, illegible, the other bearing a man's(?) face.]

[1364].—Grant by Roger de Mamcestre and Geoffrey de Bexwik, chaplains, to Thurstan de Holland, for life, of an annual rent of 40 li., to be received yearly at the feasts of Easter and St. Michael the Archangel, by equal portions, from all their lands and tenements in the vill of Withington which we had by the gift and feoffment of Thomas de Dvnay of High Peak (*de alto pecco*); with power to distrain. Dated at Mamcestre the 8th Feb. 38 Edw. III.

[1368].—Grant from Thurstan, son of John de Prestwiche, to Thurstan de Holand, all lands in Heton super Fawefeld in vill of Prestwiche, rendering for 3 years next following, one rose at Nat. S. J. B., and after that, if he retains it, to pay 100 shillings annually. Warranty. Given at Manchester Tuesday next after the feast of St. Leonard the Abbot, 42 Ed. III. [1368].

[Seal white wax, apparently a figure sitting on another figure's knee.]

[1377].—Conuz soit a toutz gentz q. come Richard fitz Ric' de Hyde soit tenuz & obligetz a Richard fitz Thurstan de Holand cez heirs & cez exec' en vynt & deux liu's dargent apaiers audit Richard ou a sōn c'tein iō an & lieu come come apt p vn escrit obligatore eut fait le dit Richard de Holand voet & g'unte p̃ lui cez heirs & cez exec' q. si le dit Richard de Hyde ou ascun alt' p̃ lui ou en sōn nōn marle ou face marler vynt & deux acrez de t're de se q. fuist coīe deu^{ant} la dit pteson deinz quatre annz ap's q. Richard de Holand ad marle sessaunt acres de t're de sa pt de Denton de ce q. fuist coīe deu^{ant} la dit ptesōn ou q. si le dit Richard de Holand marle meyns de sa pt & le dit Richard de Hyde marle a tu^{ant} come apeut a sōn pt de ce q. le dit Richard de Holand ad marle q. le obligacōn de vynt & deux liu's pde sa force & soit de null value q. si non qil estoise en sa force Et auxi le dit Richard de Holand voet & g'ante p̃ lui cez heirs & cez exec' q. a q. temps q. le dit Richard de Hyde ou ascun alt' p̃ lui ou en sōn noū marle ou face marler vynt & deux acres au^{ndiz} q. le dit oblig' de vynt & deux liu's pde sa force & soit lu'ie a dit Richard de Hyde a cez heirs ou a cez exec' En testi-moygniantz dez quels chosez a cestz endenētes les ptiez au^{nditz} entre-changeablement ount mys lō seals Doñ a Mamcestre le venderdy pschein ap's la fest de la concepçōn de n're dame lan de regne le Roy Richard secoude primer. [1377].

[1383].¹—Lease from Richard de Holand to William de Hulme, of his manor of Denton with the demesnes, for the term of eight years from the feast of St. Martin in Winter next ensuing the date hereof, at the yearly rent of 10 marks of silver, payable at the feasts of the Nativity of our Lord and the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

¹ Original in Norman-French.

William shall maintain the houses and "hayez" of the manor during the said term, by the view of Robert de Staueley, John de Holand, Robert de Holand, and John de Hulm. Dated at Denton on Monday next before the feast of All Saints, 7 Ric. II. [1383].

[1402].—Inquest taken at Manchester before Robert Laurence, Escheator, on Wed. next before the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross, 4 Henry IV., by the oath of William de Holand and others, who say that RICHARD DE HOLAND died seised of the Manor of Denton, and held it of Nicholas de Longford, Knt., by knight's service, which is worth yearly 10 li. beyond reprises; also of the manor of Kenyon as by right of Amaria his wife, and held it of Ralph de Longton of the Barony of Denton, as of his fee of Makerfeld by Knight's service, rendering therefor yearly to the said Ralph, or his heirs 4^s, which is worth 40 li. yearly beyond reprises; also seized of the moiety of the Manor of Heton upon Faufeld, and held it of the lord King in chief by the service of 40^d yearly, which is worth 100^s yearly beyond reprises; also seised of a place of land called Mateshed in the town of Claghton, and held it of the lord King by the yearly service of 1^d halfpenny, and also by rendering therefor yearly 4^s to William de Balderston, which is yearly worth 16^s beyond reprises; and that the said Richard died on Saturday next after the feast of the Apostles Peter & Paul, 3 Henry IV. [1 July 1402], and that Thurstan de Holand, son of the said Richard, is his next heir, and of the age of 30 years and upwards.¹

Writ of *diem clausit extremum* after the death of Richard de Holand addressed to the Escheator of co. Lanc. 20th March 4 Henry IV.²

[1403].—Ceste endenture testmoigne q' come desbate est pentr' Will^am de Hulme & John son frere dun pt et Thurstan de Holand & Nicholas son frere dautr' pt touch^aunt acc^ons de t're & de frank tenementz & de cōie en la hamelle de Denton q' lez ptiez au^antditz sont acordez en man qensuyt cest assavoir q' lez ditz Will^am & John porteront q̄conqz breif qils serront auissez p lour conseil al pchein session dassies q̄ s'ra tenuz a Lancastr' den' lez dit Thurstan & Nicholas de toux lez ditz t'res & frank ten^tz fee ou cōie qils claymont deñ lez ditz Thurstan & Nicholas

¹ Townley's MS., DD, p. 644.

² 33rd Rep. Deputy-Keeper, p. 4.

deinz mesme la hamelle a quel breif lez ditz Thurstan & Nich^h res-
 ponderont p l^o attornez ou coen ppre psone tenutz saunz d'lay & plederont
 al issu Et lez ditz Thurstan & Nicholas porteront a mesme la session
 q̄conqz breif qils s'ront auissez p leur conseil den' lez dit Will^am & John
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 ceste assau' John del Bothe John de Radclif de Chadreton Adam de
 Leuer Ric' de Hulton Elys de Entwystill Will^am de Heton Thomas de
 Huyde Rauf de Prestwych Robt de Pylkynton Elys de Bradshagh
 Ric' de Pylkynton Thom^as de Bradshagh de Horwych James de Hulme
 Hen^r del Grenehalgh Nich^h de Hyton Will^am de Worthington de
 Craushagh Yon de Bradshagh Rog' de Barton Alex' de Butterworth
 Ric' de Belfeld Alex' de Tetlaw Rauf de Belfeld Ric' de Butte'worth &
 Hugh de Barlow Et lez ptiez au^antditz suffront touz lez tentz q̄ s'ront
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 pschein ap's la fest de la purificacōn de n're dame lann du regne Roy
 Hen^r quart puis la conquest quart. [1403.]

[Two seals of red wax, one plain, the other bearing the letter S.]

[1418].—Indenture between Ralph de Radclyf, Kt., & Thurstan de Holand, quitclaiming, rights of pasture etc. in waste etc. in Sharples, Bolton, and Harewood. Given 8. May 6. Hen: 5. [1418.]

[Small seal—an acorn with legend, RADCLYFF.]

[1429].—Indenture between Ralph de Radclif, Kt, of the one part, & Thurstan de Holande, Esquire, of the other part: Whereas Thurstan granted to Ralph $\frac{1}{4}$ of a certain feild called Rapedenheye within these bounds:—beginning at the bridge wh: leads from Smythilles into the Foulescoles & so extending to the field of Paradyse & so following the said field of Paradyse from the southern side to the hedge between the said field of Rapedenheye and Sharpulleslegh & so following the said hedge to the new ditch & so along the new ditch to the water of Rapedene and descending the s^d water to the water of Egburdene & so ascending the said water of Rapedene to the said bridge in Bolton. Rent 21^d. Remainder to Nicholas brother of Ralph, remainder to heirs male of William son of Robert de Radcliff. Warranty. Witnesses:—Ralph de Longforde, Kt, Richard de Radcliff, James del Holt, John de Radcliff de Chaderton, Richard de Barton, & others. Given at Bolton, Monday in the septaine of Pentecost, 7. Hen. 6. [1429.]

[Small red seal—an acorn with legend, RAD - CLYFF.]

[1430].—Indenture made between Richard of Stanley, Archdeacon of Chester, on the one part, Rauf of Radclyf, knight, Thurstan of Holand, and Richard of Holand, on another part, and John of Abraham, on the third part, bears witness that the said Rauf, Thurstan, and Richard of Holand have delivered to the said Richard of Stanley, an obligation of a Statute Merchant, in which they are bound to the said John of Abraham in 100 li. That if Mergret wife of the said Thurstan be not ready to assent with the said Thurstan in proper person or by "procurator" to make divorce between the said Thurstan and Mergret, and to make estate to Thurstan and his heirs, of all the lands and tenements that the said Mergret had joint estate in within the county of Lancaster, then the said Richard of Stanley shall deliver the said obligation of Statute Merchant to the said Thurstan, And if the said Mergret be ready as aforesaid, then Thurstan shall make a sure estate of "lond 'taillet" within 20 days after

the said divorce, to Mergret for her life, of lands & tenements of the clear yearly value of 8 li. and as much more land as the said Richard of Stanley will ordain, upon condition that Mergret shall grant the said lands and tenements to Thurstan and his heirs for 60 years, yielding to Mergret for life, during the lives of Agnes, mother of Thurstan, Nicholas of Holand, and the said Thurstan, 4 li., and another 4 li. yearly after the death of Agnes, Nicholas, or Thurstan. And if Thurstan shall not make such estate, then the said obligation of Statute Merchant shall be delivered to the said John. And John "grauntez" that if Mergret shall not be ready as aforesaid, then the said obligation shall be void. Dated 20 Feb. 8 Henry vj. [1430.]

[Seals gone.]

[1430].—Indenture made between Laurence Warenne, knight, on the one part, and Thurstan of Holand, James of the Holt, Nicholas of Holand, son [? uncle] of the said Thurstan, Dycon, Henry and Thomas, brother[s] of the said Thurstan on the other part, bears witness that the said Thurstan is "sworne upon a boke by his conscience" in presence of John of Stanley, Thomas of Assheton, Richard of Radclyff, John the Maynwayryng, knights, Master Richard Stanley, Archdeacon of Chester, Rondolf Maynwayryng, Hugh of Dutton, John of Dauenport, "swyers," and many other "swyers and gentilmen," that the said Thurstan stands in full estate of fee tail or fee simple of the Manor of Denton, and of all the lands & tenements that Thurstan of Holand, father of the said Thurstan had occupied in Manchester, Denton, Wythyngton, Barton, & Myrescogh, & in the same estate shall stand, at the time that he shall make an estate of the said Manor of Denton, & of the lands & tenements in Denton and Wythyngton to the said Laurence, John the Maynwayryng, knights, John of Dauenport, John Pygot, Richard Pygot, Robert of the Downes, & William of Assheton, for the term of the life of Margaret, daughter of the said Laurence, after the form of the accord made between the said Laurence & Thurstan, save only that Thurstan has made terms of years to certain of his tenants of parcel of the said tenements, yielding the reasonable value thereof. Also the divorce made and solemnized between the said Thurstan and Margaret, daughter of Gilbert of Adburgham is good & true, and lawfully done. Dated

on Wednesday next before the feast of St. Michael the Archangel,
9 Henry vj. [1430].

[Seal of red wax, bearing a wyvern (?).]

[1430].—Grant by Thurstan de Holand of Denton to Sir Laurence le Warene, knight, Sir John le Maynwaryng, knight, John de Dauenport, John Pygot, Richard Pygot, Robert del Downes, & William de Assheton, of his manor of Denton, and all his messuages, lands, tenements, rents & services, in Denton and in Wythynghton; to hold during the life of Margaret, daughter of the said Sir Laurence, and wife of the grantor, of the chief lords of the fee by the services due and accustomed, upon condition, that if Nicholas de Holand, his uncle, or Agnes his mother formerly the wife of Thurstan de Holand his father, die in the grantor's lifetime, and that he shall then happen to enter into all the manors, lands & tenements, rents and services which ought to revert to him by the death of Nicholas or Agnes, and that Margaret shall be dowered thereof, then the said feoffees shall re-enseoff Thurstan of the said manor of Denton &c. In case Nicholas & Agnes shall survive, and that Thurstan shall not enter into the said manors &c., then the said Margaret shall hold the said manor of Denton &c. for her life. Witnesses:—Sir John de Stanley, Sir John Sauvage, Sir John de Bolde, Sir Richard de Radclyf, knights, Robert de Huyde of Norbury, Hamo le Mascy of Rixton, Otes de Rediche, & others. Dated at Denton, on Saturday next after the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, 9 Hen. vj.

[Fragment of seal remaining. Counterpart of the above deed, seven seals. Nos. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 destroyed; No. 2 curious—Mainwaring, ? a crest; No. 3 a gem.]

[1430].—Indenture made between Sir Laurence le Warene, knight, Sir John le Maynwaryng, knight, John de Dauenport, John Pygot, Richard Pygot, Robert del Downes, and William de Assheton, on the one part, and Henry de Merlond, vicar of the church of Rachedale, Robert de Radclyf, and James Broun, chaplains, on the other part, witnesseth that the said Sir Laurence &c. have granted & to farm demised to the said Henry, Robert, & James, his manor of Denton, &

also all his messuages, lands, tenements, rents & services in Denton and Wythnyngton, which they had by the gift & feoffment of Thurstan de Holand; to hold from the day of the making of these presents for the term of 60 years, rendering yearly to him (*sibi*) & his heirs, one red rose at the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, for all service, if demanded. Provided always that if Nicholas de Holand, uncle of the said Thurstan, or Agnes, mother of the said Thurstan, or the said Thurstan, die the term aforesaid, then the said term shall cease. Dated on Thursday next after the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, 9 Hen. vj.

[Seven seals of red wax. 1. (?) a wyvern; 2. (?) an ass's head couped, issuing from a helmet; 3 and 4. a chevron between three stags (?) couchant; 5. a gem; 6. illegible; 7. a mullet.]

[1439].—Feoffment by Thurstan de Holand to William de Tabley, Rector of the church of Stokport, and Richard de Gaytclif, Rector of the church of Alderley, of all his manors, messuages, lands, tenements, rents & services, within the county of Lancaster, except the lands, tenements, rents and services to the said Thurstan and Margaret, his wife, jointly given and granted, and except those messuages, lands & tenements now jointly or severally in the tenure of John de Pilkynghon, Roger le Smyth, Ralph le Smyth, Thomas de Walkden, Henry de Walmesley, John del Stones, & John Robynson, and the annual rent rendered by Sir Ralph de Radclyf, knight, to the said Thurstan, for lands & tenements called Rapden; to hold of the chief lords of the fees, by the services due and accustomed. Witnesses:—Sir John Buron, Geoffrey le Masey, Robert Bothe, Ralph de Radclyf, knights, Richard de Radclyf, Esq., & others. Dated 23 Dec. 18 Hen. vj. [1439].

[Two seals of red wax, one bearing a lion rampant, the other bearing the letter R surmounted by a coronet.]

[1439].—Letter of Attorney from William de Tabley, Rector of the parish church of Stokport, and Richard Gaytclif, Rector of the parish church of Alderley, to Roger Shotelworth, to deliver to Thurstan de Holand, Esq., full and peaceful seisin of all the manors, messuages, lands & tenements, rents & services, in the county of Lancaster, which they

had by the gift & concession of the said Thurstan. Dated 24 Dec. 18 Hen. vj. [1439.]

[1439.]—Receipt of Margaret de Adburgham from Thurstan de Holand of 40/ for farm of lands etc. in the vill of Harewood Bolton [?] & Pendelton. 6 Feb. 17 Hen: 6. [1439.]

[1442.]—Feoffment by Thurstan de Holand to Thomas Alcrynton, chaplain, of all the messuages, lands & tenements which Nicholas Jonesson, John Wylkynson, James Arderne, and John Meremon now hold for a term of years and at will in Denton; and also certain lands and tenements called Two Mores, Two Brokwalhurstz near James Hulme's land, Tochet Croft, Newfeld near John Meremon's place, Parkynson Feld, and the field (*campum*) called Marletfeld near James Ardren's field (*campum*) in Denton; to hold for the term of the life of Matilda, wife of the said Thurstan, and daughter of Sir John Honford, knight. Provided always that if Richard, son and heir apparent of the said Thurstan, when of full age, or any other heir of the body of the said Thurstan, being of full age, after Thurstan's death, shall assure lands & tenements of the clear yearly value of 20 marks, to Matilda, for life, then the said Thomas's estate by virtue of this charter shall be void. Dated on the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, 21 Hen. vj. [Sept. 29, 1442.]

[Seal of red wax, bearing a talbot (?) passant.]

[1479.]—Indenture made the 15 May, 19 Edw. iv. [1479] witnesseth that whereas variances and debates have been had between Sir John Asshton, Knt., on the one part, and Richard Holland of Denton, "Squyer," on the other part, the parties are bound by their several obligations to perform the award of Rauff Langley, clerk, "Warden of the College Chirch of our ladie of Manchester," John Biron, "Squyer," and Laurence Asshton, Clerk, parson of Asshton. Whereupon we award the said parties to be full friends, and the said Sir John & Richard "to occupye in delvyng of Turves upon the Mosse called Asshton Mosse & Denton Mosse as we the saidez Rauff & Laurence have sett the meares upon the said mosse the said Sir John upon the Side toward Asshton and the said Ric' upon the Side toward Denton for eu'

more. And nawthr to delve forthir w'toute licence of othir." Provided that if the said Rauff & Laurence "Shyfte the said meares" before the feast of "Pasche" next coming, then the said Sir John & Richard to occupy in delving turves according to the said "meares so shyfte."

[Fragment of one seal remaining.]

[1486.]—Acquittance by John Gydelowe to Richard Holand of Denton, for Ralph Holand, for 26s. 8d., awarded to him by Lord George, Lord le Straunge. Dated 26 Sept. 2 Hen. VIJ.

[Seal destroyed.]

(*Duchy of Lancaster, Inq. p.m., Hen. 8. Vol. IV. No. 36, P.R.O.*)

[1510].—Inquisition taken at Lancaster 14 October, 2 Hen. 8. [1510] before George Becansaw, Esq., Escheator, by virtue of his Office, by the oath of William Lathom, Esq., Ralph Caterall, Esq., James Pemberton, Thomas Longworth, Hugh Scolesfeld, William Chorley, Peter Worthyngton, William Wodecokke, Thomas Blakburn, William Johnson, William Claghton, John Gibson, John Cauncefeld & Robert Cauncefeld, who say that Richard Holland, senior, grandfather of THURSTAN HOLLAND, was seised in his demesne as of fee of the manors of Denton & Kenyan; 7 messuages, 60 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture & 6 a. of wood in Heyton; 5 messuages, 100 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture and 3 a. of wood in Bolton on the Moors; 1 messuage, 20 a. of land, 4 a. of wood in Wordeley; 1 messuage, 20 a. of land, and 4 a. of meadow in Barton on Irwyll; 7 burgages in Manchester; 2 messuages, & 10 a. of land in Pemberton; 1 messuage, 26 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 4 a. of wood in Myrescogh.

And so seised, by his charter dated 12 May 21 Edw. 4 [1481], the said Richard Holland gave the said premises in Heyton & Wordeley in the tenures of Robert Hogeson, William Heywode of Roodes, John Wrigley, John Gawen & Henry Heth, with reasonable common of pasture & turbary in Heyton & Wordeley, to Ralph Langley, Master or Warden of the Collegiate Church of the Blessed Mary of Manchester & Sir Henry Waren, Rector of the Church of Stokport: to hold to them & their heirs for ever.

And they being so seised, by their charter dated 14 May 21 Edw. 4, gave the said premises to the said Richard Holland, senior, & Agnes his wife, to hold for their lives, so that immediately after their deaths the said premises in Heyton should remain to Nicholas Holland, son of the said Richard & Agnes for his life, the remainder thereof after his death to the right heirs male of the said Richard: and the said tenements in Wordeley to remain to Laurence Holland, son of the said Richard & Agnes, for his life, with remainder to the right heirs male of the said Richard. After the deaths of the said Richard & Agnes the said Nicholas & Laurence entered respectively into the said premises in Heyton & Wordeley: they still survive.

The manor of Denton is held of Ralph [Long]forth, Knight, in socage, and is worth per ann., £20. The manor of Kenyan is held of Richard Longton in socage, and is worth per ann., clear, 40 marks. The tenements in Heyton are held of the King as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knights service, & are worth per ann., 20 marks. The tenements in Bolton on the Moors are held of Lord le Warre in socage, and are worth per ann., clear, £10. The tenements in Wordeley are held of the . . . St. John of Jerusalem in England in socage, and are worth per ann., 4 marks. The tenements in Barton on Irwill are held of John Both Knight, in socage, & are worth per ann., 40s. The burgages in Manchester are held of Lord le Warre in socage, and are worth per ann., £4. The premises in Pemberton & Myrescogh are held of Lord le Warr in socage, & are worth per ann, clear, 33s. . . . d.

Richard Holland, senior, died 7 February 22 Edw. 4 [1483]; after his death all the said premises descended to Richard Holland, junior, Esq., as his son & heir.

So seised, the said Richard Holland, junior, by his charter dated 1 July, 1486, gave the said premises in Bolton-on-the-Moors by the name of the messuages, lands &c. which Roger Stones, Richard Stones & Jurdan Walleden jointly or severally held of the said Richard for a term of years . . . Sherpuls & Harewode hamlets of the town of Bolton; also 13 a. of land in Denton, by the name of 1 field called Nether. . . . Holland, Esq., to Robert Dokenfeld, Esq., Ralph Arderne the son, Esq., Richard Heyton, son and heir apparent of William Heyton, Esq., & Ralph Devonport, Rector of the Church of Wilmeslow:

to hold to them and their heirs for ever for the term of the life of Joan, daughter of the *said* [sic] *John* Arderne, to her use; the remainder thereof after her death, to the said Thurstan Holland and his heirs male; for default, the remainder thereof to William Holland, son of the said Richard and brother of the said Thurstan & to his heirs male; for default, to Thomas Holland, son of Richard Holland and brother of the said Thurstan & William, & to his heirs male; for default, the reversion thereof to the said Richard Holland and his heirs for ever.

The said Joan afterwards married the said Thurstan, afterwards the said Richard, by the name of Richard Holland of Denton, Esq., by his charter dated 14 February 14 Hen. 7 [1499] enfeoffed the said Thurstan & Joan his wife, by the names of Thurstan Holland his son & heir apparent & Joan his wife, daughter of John Arderne, Esq., of 7 messuages, 200 a. of land, & 40 a. of meadow in Bolton on the Moors & Myrescogh, in the several tenures of John Aynsworth, John Stonys, William Swetluff & Hugh Barton: to hold to them & to the heirs male of the said Thurstan.

The said Joan survived the said Thurstan, and is still living.

The said Richard Holland, junior, by charter dated at Denton, 10 July 2 Hen. 7 [1487] enfeoffed James Culcheth & Henry Crompton, chaplains, of 4 messuages, 100 a. of land, 12 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture, parcel of the manor of Denton, & of the said 7 burgages in Manchester, in the tenures of Ralph Nicolson, John Johnson, Ralph Eutage & Christopher Nicolson for a term of years and common of close in the "demanlandes" of Denton called 13 acres, Parkynson feld & Tohecroft: to hold to them & their heirs for ever.

And the said James Culcheth & Henry Crompton by their charter dated the same day & year demised the said premises to the said Richard Holland, junior, for his life, with remainder to the said William & Thomas Holland, younger sons of the said Richard for their lives, with remainder to the said Richard Holland the son & his heirs male for ever. After the death of the said Richard, the said William & Thomas entered into the said premises: they still survive.

The said Richard Holland the son was seised of 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture in Denton in his demesne as of fee, & so seised by his charter dated at Denton 4 March, 12 Hen. 7 [1497] enfeoffed the

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said James Culcheth & Henry Crompton, chaplains, of 70 a. of land in Denton by the name of 4 closes of land called Bokulhurst, the Newfeld, the Whetfeld & the Five Acre: to hold to them & their heirs for ever.

They being so seised, by charter dated at Denton 6 March, 12 Hen. 7, demised the same to the said Richard for his life, with remainder to Robert Holland, younger son of the said Richard for his life, with remainder to the right heirs of the said Richard for ever. The said Robert still survives.

By another charter dated 2 March 15 Hen. 7 [1500] the said Richard Holland the son enfeofed Master Edmund Assheton, Clerk, Richard Assheton, Esq., son & heir apparent of Richard Assheton, Knight, John Hopwode, Esq., & Hugh Chetham, gent., of 7 messuages, 60 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, and 100 a. of pasture in Kenyan, which Agnes late the wife of William Hogekinson, Agnes late the wife of Roger Adamson, Richard Fraunce, Ellen late the wife of Henry Undesworth, John Undesworth, Thomas Colyer, & Thomas Chetham held of the said Richard for a term of years or at will; also of 1 parcel of land called the Blakcroft in Kenyan, in the tenure of Oliver Diggill: to hold to them & their heirs for ever for the life of Elizabeth daughter of the said [Richard] Assheton, Knight, to the use of the said Elizabeth, who still survives.

The said Thurstan Holland by his charter dated 14 November, 17 Hen. 7 [1501] enfeofed Master Edmund Assheton, Clerk, Rector of the parish Church of Middleton, Richard Assheton, son & heir apparent of Richard Assheton, Knight, John Hopwode, & Robert Holt, Esquires, of 5 messuages, 60 a. of land, 12 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, and 6 a. of wood in Kenyan, then in the tenure of Nicholas Makynson, Richard Geffronson, John Radclyff, Emot Webster, and William Collyar: to hold to them & their heirs for ever for the term of the life of Elizabeth Assheton, daughter of the said Richard Assheton, Knight, to her use.

The said Thurstan Holland by his deed gave to Oto Holland an annuity of 5 marks, issuing out of his lands in Kenyon and Bolton.

The said Richard Holland by his deed granted to Peter Holland an annuity of 16s. 8d., issuing out of his lands in Denton: the said Peter still survives.

After the death of the said Richard Holland the son, the said Thurstan, as his son & heir, entered into all the said premises.

The said Thurstan died . . . 24 Hen. 7; Robert Holland is his son & next heir, & is now aged 19 years & more.

The lands whereof the said Thurstan died seised are worth per ann., clear . . . pounds, and 12 pence.

(Henry 8th, N.D. Pleadings, Vol. V. H. 12, P.R.O.)

[c. 1510].—Plaintiff Jane Holland, Widow, late the Wife of Thurstan Holland, Esquire, demised the lands late of said Thurstan Holland to John Townley, Knight, and Richard Tempest, Esquire, to the behoof of said Jane Holland, Widow. Complains that the servants have impounded the cattle and that one Perys Holland, gentleman, Miles Hutton, Oliver Hobson, and Lawrence Holland and others have been guilty of breach of pound.

(Ducky of Lancaster, Inq. p.m., Hen. 8. Vol. IV. No. 29, P.R.O.)

[1512].—Proof of age of ROBERT HOLLAND, son and heir of Thurstan Holland, deceased, taken at Preston in Amounderness in co. Lanc., 16 October 4 Hen. 8 [1512] before George Becansaw, Esq., Escheator, by the oath of William Halle, James Gerard, Reginald Byron, Ralph Holland, Richard Swetluff, Adam Walwerk, John Jakys, Richard Hyne, William Maundewell, Richard Diconson, Robert Carre, Humphrey Herdman, John Brokholez, Esq., Richard Skelton, Esq., George Boteler, Robert Laurence, William Travers, William Brown, Thomas Syngleton, William Banastre, Richard Banaster, Esq., Thomas Lydyate, James Walton, John Syngleton, and Robert Hoghton, who say that Robert Holland was born at Harden in co. Chester on Friday next after the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary, 7 Hen. 7 [17 Aug. 1492], was baptized in the parish Church of Stopford in co. Chester, and is now aged 21 years & more.

The said William Halle, aged 60 years & more, says that on the said Friday Richard Holland, grandfather of the said Robert, demised to farm to him one tenement in Hayton in co. Lanc. for a term of years: on which said Friday the said Robert Holland was born.

The said James Gerard, aged 50 years & more, says that at Christmas next before the birth of the said Robert Holland his son Henry,

now deceased, was born, and would now be 21 years old if he had lived.

Reginald Byron, aged 44 years, says that he was with Dame Anne Holland, grandmother of the said Robert, at Heyton when a messenger came and told her of the birth of the said Robert.

Ralph Holland, aged 60 years & more, says that his son Adam was born on the same day as the said Robert Holland, and is now aged 21 years and more.

Richard Swetluff, aged 60 years & more, says that on the said Friday he was chief servant and miller to Richard Holland of Denton, then his master.

Adam Walkerk, aged 60 years & more, deposes that on the said Friday he carried to the lady of Heyton one piece of linen cloth, and she then told him that a young lord of Denton had been born.

John Jakes, aged 44 years & more, says that on the day the said Robert Holland was born he was sent to fetch Ellen Shotilworth to be nurse to him.

Richard Hyne, aged 48 years, says that on the said Friday he was sent to ask Robert Dukkwel to be Godfather to the said Robert Holland.

William Maundewell, aged 46 years, says that he carried a candle on the day the said Robert Holland was baptized.

Richard Dyconson, aged 43 years & more, says that on the said Friday he was sent to Alice Ardern, wife of John Ardern, to ask her to be Godmother to the said Robert Holland.

Robert Carre, aged 45 years & more, says that he stood near the place of the baptism of the said Robert Holland at Stopford when he was baptized there.

Christopher Herdman, aged 42 years & more, says that on the day the said Robert was born he was sent to the City of Chester to buy black leather [*correum*].

For all which reasons the said jurors believe that the said Robert Holland is now aged 21 years & more.

[It appears from the writ that the lands and tenements of the late minor were in the custody of Sir John Warren, K^t, and Joan his wife, late the wife of the said Thurstan Holland, deceased.]

(Inq. p.m. Vol. IV. Nos. 49, 58, and 59, P.R.O.)

[1514.]—Inquisition taken 4th April 5 Hen. 8, A.D. 1514, after the death of ROBERT HOLLAND of Denton, Esquire. This inquisition refers to the several settlements made by Richard Holland the great-grandfather, Richard Holland the grandfather, and Thurstan Holland the father of the said Robert. And further the jurors say that the same Thurstan died on the 11th of October 24 Henry 7th [1508]. That the said Robert by his Charter dated 2nd of August 5 Hen. 8th [A.D. 1513] gave to one Ralph Holland of Drylesden, gentleman, an annuity or yearly rent of 33^s 4^d out of certain lands and tenements in Manchester for the life of the said Ralph, and that the said Ralph was yet living. That the said Robert afterwards died, viz.: on 9th of September 5 Hen. 8th [1513]. That the aforesaid Robert Holland the son and heir of Thurstan Holland died seized of the Manors, lands, &c. . . . That Elizabeth Holland who was the wife of the said Robert was then living, and that Richard Holland was brother and next heir of the said Robert and was 20 years old and upwards.

(Inq. p.m. Vol. IV. No. 54, P.R.O.)

[1514.]—Assignment of dower to Elizabeth Holland, Widow of Robert Holland of Denton, Esquire, out of her husbands lands in Denton, Heton, Kenyan, Bolton in le Moris, Pemberton & Wigan in County Lancaster, and burgages in Manchester, 3rd September 6 Hen. 8th.

[1515.]—Letters Patent by King Henry [VIII.], granting to John Byron, Esq., the custody of the body of Richard Holland, brother and heir of Robert Holland, being a minor and in the King's custody; and also the marriage of the said Richard. Dated at Lancaster, 22 March, 6th year of his reign.

[Seal of the county palatine—broken—still attached.]

(Inq. p.m. Vol. IV. No. 66, P.R.O.)

[1515.]—Proof of age of RICHARD HOLLAND, brother of Robert Holland of Denton, taken 20th July 7th Hen. viii. The jurors say that said Richard Holland is brother and next heir of said Robert Holland,

and that he was born at Denton on 25th March 8th Hen. vii. and was baptized in the Parish Church of Manchester, and is now 21 years & upwards.

William Chorley, 50 years of age, says that he remembers the day on which the said Richard was born because Sir Christopher Standish, Kn^t, died on that day at Duxbury.

(*York Wills. xii^a 10.*)

RICHARD HOLLAND of Denton, co. Lanc., Knyght, 27 May 2 Ed. 6. [1548.]

To be buried where y^t shall please God to take me to his mercye.

To the poor xiii^{li} within this three yeares next.

Sonne & heare Edward Holland all my howsold stuff at Denton, & certain cattle &c.

To said sonne Edward half of my cheane of gold, & to my wyfe's sonne Thomas Percye the other half.

My 3 bastard sonnes Henrye, Willm & Richard an annual rent of xxvi^s viij^d each for their lives out of lands, as appears by their several deeds.

Servants one quarter's wages each, to pray for my soul.

Wife to give my old servant Henry Cloughe meat & drink so long as they live together.

Wife to bring up my 2 bastard sonnes Willm and Richard till they attain 17.

My damaske gowne to make 2 vestments of—the one to remayne at Denton, and the other at Heyton.

My feoffees seized of certain lands of my lordship of Kenyon, Lawton, & Wygam or else my exōrs, to recevie xx^{li} a year for 10 years to raise £200, as appears by my deed of gift of 20 March last, of which I will that 200 marks shall go to the marriage of my daūr Mary Holland & the other 100 marks towards the payment of my debts.

Youngest sonne Richard Holland, lands at Wardle & Keneon of yearly value of £3, 6s. 8d. for his life, as appears by my deed of gift to him.

Wife Dame Elano^r the take of the tythe corne of Kenyon which I have taken of Gowther Leyghe, gentilman, proctor and fermo^r of the churche of Wynwyke.

Servant Adam Wallewarke to have the house that Rich^d Diconson

dwells in on death of s^d Richard and his wife, or else to be restored to the house that was his father's.

Residue of goods to my s^d wife.

Daur in law Marye Percye a little chain of gold.

Sonne in law Henry Percye my baye geldinge.

Brother Rauff Holland a gowne &c.

Brother George Warren 4 marks & a doublet.

Cousin Thomas Grynehoughe & his bedfellowe 2 kie &c.

Exōrs.—My wife Dame Eleano^r Percye, Sr John Buron, knt., & Thomas Percye, gent., xx^s each.

Supervisors:—Edward Standley, erl of Derbe, & Dame Margett, countysse of the same.

Witnesses:—John Ardern of Haredin, esquier, John Redyche of Redyche, esquier, Edward Holland, gentilman, Randull Warren, gentilman.

Proved at York, 1548–49.

(*Inq. p. m. Vol. XIII. No. 20, P.R.O.*)

[1571].—Inquisition taken at Manchester 20th January 13 Eliz. [1570] after the death of EDWARD HOLLAND, Esquire. The jurors find that the said Edward was seized of the manors of Denton, Kenyon & Lawton &c., and lands in Bolton in le Moors, Wordeley, Heyton &c. &c., and so being seized by his charter 31st October 4 Eliz., gave and granted to Dame Cecily Langley, widow, late wife of Sir Robert Langley of Agecroft in said County of Lancaster deceased, divers lands and tenements in Heyton upon Faghefeld for term of her life—in consideration of contemplated marriage between the said Edward & Cecily. Said Cecily still living at Manchester. And also by Charter dated 19th August 12 Eliz. he gave to Edward Holland his younger son an annuity of £5 out of lands in Bolton, Wordeley &c., for the life of the said Edward the son now living at Macclesfield¹ in county Chester. Another annuity

¹ This mention of Macclesfield suggested to the writer that as John Holland of Mobberley went to Macclesfield in his old age (see p. 50), it was possible that there might have been some earlier connection with this town, and that the required *nerus* between the Hollands of Mobberley and the Hollands of Denton, might be found there. A careful examination of the Macclesfield Register, however, shows that no such connection existed. There was a Holland family at Macclesfield throughout the seventeenth century, but they are clearly distinct from that of the Hollands of Mobberley, and came originally from Great Budworth parish.

by Charter 19th August 12 Eliz. to John Holland, a younger son, for his life. Said John also living at Macclesfield. By charter of same date he gave an annuity for term of life to William his bastard son. The said William now living in Westmoreland. The aforesaid Edward by his charter dated 17th Aug^t 12 Eliz. enfeoffed certain persons of the manors of Denton, Lawton and Kenyon, and other lands in Denton to the uses specified in certain Indentures. Elizabeth, Ann, Frances, Margaret & Eleanor, daughters of the said Edward Holland. Richard Holland, son and heir apparent of the said Edward. The aforesaid Edward Holland died on the 22nd Aug^t (12 Eliz.) last past. Said Richard the heir was 24 years old and upwards on the day of taking this Inquisition.

(Inq. p. m. Vol. XXII. No. 107, P.R.O.)

[1619].—Inquisition taken at Manchester on Friday 10th September 17th James 1st [1619] after the death of RICHARD HOLLAND of Denton, Esquire. The jurors say that the said Richard was seized in his demesne as of fee of the manors of Denton, Kenyon and Lawton, and lands and tenements there and in Heaton upon Faghefeld, Bolton on the Moors, Harwood, Sharples &c., and of lands in Barton upon Irwell and Manchester and lands in Over Heaton purchased by the said Richard Holland of Oswald Mossley, Esquire, and lands in Droyloden, Worsley, Wordeley & Prestwick, and by Indenture of 5th January 10th James 1st between said Richard Holland of the one part, and Edward Holland, gentleman, brother of the said Richard Holland of the other part, the said Richard enfeoffed the said Edward of all his said Manors and lands to certain uses intents and purposes, viz. among others to the use of said Richard for his life, and afterwards of Margaret Holland, wife of the aforesaid Richard for life in recompense of dower &c., then of the heirs male of the body of said Richard, and in default to the use of Edward Holland and the heirs male of his body, and in default to the right heirs of the said Richard for ever.

That the said Richard afterwards—being so seized as aforesaid, viz. in the demesne as of fee tail to him and the heirs male of his body, remainder to the aforesaid Edward Holland and the heirs male of his body, reversion to the said Richard in fee—died at Heaton on the 2nd of

March last before the taking of the Inquisition without heir male or his body. That Robert Dokenfield, gent., the younger son and heir of Jane Dokenfield, deceased, Maria Eccleston, widow, Frances Preston, wife of John Preston, Esquire, Elizabeth Aldburghe, wife of Arthur Aldburghe, Esquire, and William Brereton, Esquire, son and heir of Margaret Brereton, deceased, were the next heirs of the aforesaid Richard Holland, viz. the said Maria, Frances, and Elizabeth, daughters of the said Richard, and Robert Dokenfield and William Brereton sons respectively of Jane and Margaret, two other daughters of the said Richard. The son, Robert Dokenfield, and daughters all of the age of 21 years and upwards. William Brereton setat 14 years & 7 months. The said Edward Holland entered on all the lands aforesaid by force of the above entail, and was then living at Heaton aforesaid.

(Lord Wilton's MSS.)

Indenture made the 9th March 1621[2]. Between Robert Dokenfeild of Dokenfeild, co. Chester, Esq., William Dokenfeild, gent., brother of the same Robert, and Henry ffayrefaxe, clerk, Rector of the parish church of Asheton-under-Lyne, co. Lanc., (Executors of the last will of Robert Dokenfeild, late of Dokenfeild aforesaid, Esq., deceased) on the one part, and Edward Holland of Denton, co. Lanc., Esq., on the other part. Witnesseth that whereas Richard Holland, late of Denton aforesaid, Esq., deceased, did by his last will desire the said Edward Holland after his decease to pay to such daughters of Jane Dokenfeild (late wife of the said Robert Dokenfeild, deceased) as should then be living and unpreferred in marriage, £100 apiece, to be received and disposed of to their use by the same Robert Dokenfeild, deceased (son in law of the said Richard Holland); and that the said Edward Holland for the assurance thereof would make a good and sufficient estate in the law of a rent charge of £100, to be yearly issuing out of all his lands in Denton aforesaid, within one year next after the decease of the said Richard Holland. The which daughters were and are three in number, viz., Katherine, now wife of John Tempest of Tonge, co. York, Esq., Frances Dokenfeild and Alice Dokenfeild. And whereas, in lieu of the said assurance, the said Edward Holland did seal and deliver to the said Robert Dokenfeild in his lifetime, three several obligations for the pay-

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ment of the sum of £300 to the said Robert Dokenfeild, his executors or assigns, by £100 at a time, in full satisfaction of the said legacy. And whereas the said Edward Holland paid to the said Robert Dokenfeild, deceased, £100 (parcel of the said bequest), and at the sealing & delivery of these presents, paid to the said Robert Dokenfeild, William Dokenfeild and Henry ffayrefaxe one other £100 for the use of the said three daughters, and stands bound for the payment of £100 more (residue of the said £300). Now the said Robert Dokenfeild, William Dokenfeild, & Henry ffayrefaxe covenant and agree to exonerate, defend & keep harmless the said Edward Holland, his heirs and executors concerning the said legacy, & shall procure release or releases to be made by the said John Tempest and Katherine his wife, ffrances Dokenfeild and Alice Dokenfeild.

(Signed) ROBERT DOKENFEILD.
 [Seal gone.]
 WILLIAM DUCKENFEILD.
 [Seal, bearing a bird.]
 HEN: FAIRFAX.
 [Seal, on a shield a lion
 (?) rampant.]

Sealed & delivered the 10 June
 1662, by Robert Duckenfield, in
 the presence of,

(Signed) EDWARDE HOLLANDE. ROGER STAFFORD.

Sealed & delivered by William
 Dokenfeylde in the presence of,

(Signed) THOMAS FFOXE. EDWARD HOLLAND. ROBERT
 WALKEDEN. ROGER STAFFORD. JAMES HULTON. GEORGE
 BRADLEY.

1 April 1662. Sealed & de-
 livered by Henry ffairfax in the
 presence of,

(Signed) EDWARD TACEY. JOHN BRERETON. ROBERT
 WALKEDEN.

(Inq. p.m. Vol. XXVII. No. 42, P.R.O.)

[1635].—Inquisition taken at Boulton in the Moors on Tuesday 19th April 11th Chas. 1st [1635] after the death of EDWARD HOLLAND late of Denton, Esquire. The said Edward Holland was seized in his demesne as of fee of and in the manors of Denton, Kenyon and Lawton and other lands and tenements in Heaton upon Faughfield, Boulton in the Moors, Harwood, Sharples &c. and lands &c. purchased of Oswald Moseley, Esquire, by Richard Holland, Esquire, deceased, late brother of the aforesaid Edward; the said Edward being so seized in contemplation of a marriage between Richard Holland their son and heir apparent of him the said Edward Holland and Katherine his wife, [daughter] of William Ramsden, Esquire, of Longley in County of York, made a settlement of certain of his lands, remainder to the right heirs of Richard Holland, Esquire, deceased, the late brother of the said Edward—mentions Anne, the wife of said Edward. Annuity for life granted on 10th March 1621, 19th James 1st, by said Edward Holland to William Holland, younger son of the said Edward. Afterwards the said Edward died at Heaton upon Faughfield on 5th May 1631, and Richard Holland, Esquire, is son and next heir of the said Edward Holland, deceased, 36 years old and upwards. Anne Holland, widow of the said Edward, still living and William Holland the son was also living at Heaton.

(From the Probate Registry at Chester.)

In the Name of God Amen. Maye the thirde and in the Eleaventh yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lorde James by the Grace of God Kinge of England France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith &c., and of Scotland the syxe and fortieth of His Majestyes Raine in Anno Domini 1613. I, WILLAM HOLLANDE of the Roads in Pilkington in the Countie of Lancaster, Gentleman, beinge sike in bodie but of good and pfecte remembrance praised be God, doe make this my last will and Testament in maner and forme as followeth, videliset. Firste, I give and commite my Soule into the hands of Almighty God, my Creator, hopeinge assuredly by the death and passion of my sweet Savioure Christ Jesus to be of the number of his electe, and my bodie to be buried in Church or Grave Yard of Prestwich at the discretion

of my good and christian friends. Nowe whereas God hath bestowed a small moyetie of goods upon me it is my will and mynde that it be equally divided into three pts, that is one pte I reserve to my selfe and the second pte I give to my wyfe Jane Hollande, and the thirde and last pte I give to my children in manner and forme as followeth. Imprimis I give unto my Sonne in Lawe George Parker 2^s 6^d. Then I give unto my Sonne Edwarde Hollande the some of towre shillings syxe pence, and I give unto my sonne Fardinandoe Hollande the sume of 2^s 6^d in regarde of their whole filliall portions, havinge bestowed more on them then, then I doubt, I have to bestowe on the rest of all my Children and of the Children that I am Grandfather unto. I would have my Wife Jane Holland to bestowe of my pte at her discretion upon them at after my decease as she shall thinke good. Then it is my will and mynd that my wyfe Jane Holland shall have the whole profits of my three houses in Salforde that is Plats, the house that James Plate dwelleth in, and Bybbies house and Reade Wyfe's house all the rents of these houses duringe her lyfe, and after her decease I geve unto my Sonne Bontventuoe Holland Bybbies house with all the appurtenances to the same belonginge duringe the Lease. Item I geve unto my Sonne Raphe Hollande Plats house with all the appurtenances and mynes to the same belonginge. Item I geve unto my Sonne John Hollande the house that Reade Wyfe dwelleth in with appurtenances to the same belonginge, and seeinge I geve these my Sonnes my houses I would have my Daughters to have my goods and the thirde pte afore spoken of for their preferment and bringing up till my Wyfe whyll that she liveth to hand the bulk and government of them and their goods, and I would have my Wyfe Jane Hollande and my Son in Law George Parker to be my true and faithfull Executors of this my last Will as my full hope and especial trust is in them, and for a true testimony that this is my true and faithful Will I have hereunto put my hand and seall the daye and yeare first above written.

In witnessse—

JOSIA RADCLYFFE.

JOSIA DICKSONN.

[Proved in the Consistory Court of Chester on the 23rd of November

1614, by Jane Holland, Widow, the Relict, one of the Executors, power being reserved to George Parker, the other Executor.

Inventory of goods amounts to £338, 14s. od., and mentions *inter alia* goods at "my house in Ardwick."]

(*Extracts from the Prestwick Register.*)

[Register begins March 30, 1603].¹

1603. Sepult: Junii 2. Withmus Holland.
1604. Bapt: Junii 17. . . . et Joñes filius Georgii Hollande p'ochie de Manchester.
1607. Sepult: Julii 12. Henricus Holland de Rodes.
 „ Bapt: Augusti 16. Henricus filius Ferdinand Holland.
1608. Bapt: August 28. Maria filia Ferdinand Holland.
1609. Bapt: Novemb^r 5. Richus filius Fardinand Holland.
1611. Elizeus Fogg of Rodes. Sepult.
 „ Nupt: Octob^r 22. Joñes Holland et Alizia Boothe.
1613. Bapt: Januar: 16. Thomas filius Fardinand Holland.
 „ Sepult: Mar: 22. Edwardus Hollande ge'r'.
1614. Sepult: May 8. Withms Holland de Rodes gener'.
 „ Nupt: Octob^r 18. Alexand^r Greenhaugh et Margareta Hollande.
 „ Bapt: Mar. 19. Elizabetha filia Joñis Hollande.
1614. Sepult: Feb. 7. Margeria Greenchaughe.
1616. Bapt: fil: Rob^t: Boothe of Rodes.
 „ Bapt: Sept. 29. Adamus filius Fardinand Holland.
 „ Sepult: Sept. 25. Margarett Holland uxor Richi Holland de Heaton Armiger funera solemnizata Octob: 8.
1618. Baptizat: Decemb^r 6. Alizia filia Joñis Holland.
 „ Sepult: Martii 3. Richardus Holland de Heaton Armiger funera solemnizata Mar. 16.
1619. [Mention of] W^m Ogden of Rodes.
 „ Baptizat: Junii 27. Withmus filius Fardinand Holland.

¹ At Chester there are some earlier years among the Bishop's Transcripts, and in 1599 the following entries occur:—

Anne Holland fil: Guil: Bapt: 6 June.

William Brereton and Margaret Holland [married], 10 June.

Uxor Richi. Holland. Buried 25 Augusti.

1619. Sepult: August 18. Wiffmus filius Fardinand Holland gener'.
 „ Baptizat: Januar. 9. Jana filia Edwardi Holland de Heaton armigeri.
 „ Nupt: Febr: 8. Richus Brooke et Maria Hollande.
1620. [Mention of] Hoolmes of Blackley.
 „ Baptizat: Octobr 8. Edwardus filius Fardinand Holland.
 „ Baptizat: Decembr 28. Edmundus filius Thomae Holland.
 „ Sepult: February 18. Edmundus filius Thomae Holland.
1621. Baptizat: Januar: 20. Joñes filius Joñis Holland de Crawley.
1622. Baptizat: April 28. Joñes filius Thomae Holland.
 1622. Nupt: Feb: 20. Thomas Hollande gener et Elizabetha Heape.
 „ Sepult: Mar: 2. Filius Fardinand Holland non bapt.
1623. Sepult: July 22. Jana Relict Wiffmi Holland de Rodes gener:
 „ Sepult: Januar: 17. Fardinand Holland gener.
1624. Sepult: Junii 30. Henricus fil: Fardinand Holland.
1626. Baptizat: October 8. Joñes filius Thomae Holland de Clifton Ar'.
 1627. Baptizat: October 14. Wiffmus filius Thomae Holland de Oldhall.
 „ Bapt: Mar. 16. Wiffmus filius Joñis Holland gener.
1628. Baptizat: Junii 22. Maria filia Joñis Holland de Crawley.
1629. Baptizat: April 17. Anna filia Georgii Holland nup. nupt' Elizabethae Hulton.
1630. Baptizat: Januar 23. Elizabetha filia Joñis Holland de Rodes gen.
 1631. Sepult: Maii. 5. Edwardus Holland de Heaton Armiger.
 „ Bapt: Dec. 11. Georgius filius Georgii Holland de Newhall.
 „ Sepult: Jan. 3. Mr Joñes Holland de Heaton.
 „ Nupt: Feb. 7. Georgius Holland et Ellin Boulton.
1632. Baptizat: May 13. Thomas filius Thomae Holland.
1633. Baptizat: Junii 2. Adamus filius Joñis Holland de Rodes gen.
1635. Sepult: Decembr 18. Henricus Holland de Heaton gener.
1636. Sepult: Januar. 22. Elizabetha filia Joñis Holland de Rodes.
1638. Baptizat: Maii. 13. Elizabetha filia Joñis Holland de Rodes gener.
1639. Baptizat: Maii 5. Richus filius Richi Holland de Crawley.
 [Mention of] Fox of Rodes.

1640. Baptizat: Sept. 20. Jana filia Johis Holland de Rodes gener.
 „ Sepult: Novembr 9. Mrs Anna Relicta Edwardi Holland Arm'.
 „ Sepult: Dec. 15. Johes Fox of Rodes gener'.
 „ Sepult: Feb. 7. Johes filius Richi Holland de Crawley.
 1641. Baptizat: Julii. 11. Oates filius Thomæ Holland de Clifton fil:
 Oates.
 „ Nupt: Augusti 17. Richus Collier et Alizia Holland.
 „ Baptiz: Sept. 19. Margareta filia Richi Holland de Crawley.
 1642. Baptizat: July 17. Adamus filius Georgii Holland de Crowsall.
 „ Sepult: Nov. 27. Johes Holland de Crawley.
 1643. Baptizat: Sept. 22. Thomas Holland filius Johannis Holland.
 „ Baptizat: Feb. 4. Johes filius Richi Holland.
 1645. Sepult: Apr. 2. Richus fil: Rich Holland.
 1646. Sepult: [?] Sept. 26. Richus fil: Rich Holland.
 1647. Baptizat: Nov. 12. Jacobus fil: Richi Holland.
 „ Sepult: Feb. 10. Jacobus fil: Richi Holland.
 1648. Baptizat: Dec. 3. Alis filia Richi Holland.
 1651. Baptizat: July 27. Maria filia Richi Holland. [Also a death occurs]
 at "Thomas Holland's de Owidhall in Heaton."
 Vol. ends in 1653.

*Extracts from the Parish Register of the Collegiate Church
 of Manchester.¹*

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1573. Dorotheie y^e Doughter of James Holland Sept. 2nd.
 „ George y^e sonne of John Holland Sept. 21st.
 1574. ffrances Doughter to John Holland Aprill 5.
 „ Adame y^e sonne of Adame Holland June 23.
 „ Anne Doughter to George Holland June 25.
 „ Amerie y^e Doughter of Raffe Holland Oct. 9th.
 „ John y^e sonne of Witm Holland Nov. 10th.
 „ Hompherie y^e sonne of George Holland March 9.
 1575. Issabell y^e Doughter of James Holland Aug. 19.
 „ James y^e sonne of Adam Holland Dec. 18.

¹ Extracts made by the late Mr. John Owen.

1576. Cysley Dou. of George Holland Julie 8.
 „ James sonne of Rauffe Holland Aug. 30.
 „ Robert sonne of George Holland Januarie 12.
 „ Garnett sonne of Adam Holland feeb. 2nd.
 1577. Anne Dau. of Adam Holland feeb. 13.
 1578. John sonne of George Holland Maie 8th.
 „ Isabell Dou. of James Holland Sept. 27.
 „ John sonne to Rauffe Holland Januarie 18.
 „ Edward sonne to John Holland feeb. 22nd.
 1579. Marie Dou. to Robert Holland Dec. 6.
 1580. Anne Dou. to Rauffe Holland Oct. 19.
 „ Elline Dau. to James Holland feeb. 24.
 1581. fraunces Dou. of Wiffm Holland Julie 2nd.
 „ Margret Dau. to Adam Holland Sept. 17.
 „ Thomas sonne to John Holland Sept. 24.
 „ Wiffm sonne to Robert Holland Marche 22nd.
 1582. Issabell Dou. to Robert Holland June 2nd.
 „ Thomas sonne to Rauffe Holland Marthe 17.
 1583. Adame sonne to Adame Holland Sept. 29.
 „ Robert sonne to John Holland Marche 13.
 1584. George sonne of George Holland of Newton Sept. 27.
 „ Margrett Dou. of Robert Holland feeb. 21.
 1585. John sonne of Adame Holland of Newton Maie 30.
 „ fardinando sonne of Wiffm Holland Gent. Nov. 17.
 „ Adam sonne of George Hollande Jan^y 9.
 1586. Edm: sonne to Adam Holland Aug 7.
 „ James sonne to John January 1st
 1587. Alice Dau. to George Holland Jan^y 28.
 1588. John sonne to Robert Holland Dec. 22.
 1589. Theophilus sonne to Adame Holland Julie 13.
 „ Oates sonne to John Holland Marche 13.
 1590. James sonne to George Holland Sept. 13.
 1591. Adam sonne to George Holland Dec. 26.
 1592. Issabell Dau to Rauffe Holland Jan^y 14.
 1595. Anne Dou. of George Holland Aprill 6.
 1596. Mary Dau. of Edward Holland Gent. Nov. 6.

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1598. Richard sonne of Edward Holland Gent. Oct. 11.
 „ Mary Dau. of George Holland Jan^y 21st
 1599. Edmund sonne of Edmund Holland Aprill 29.
 „ ffrancis Dau. of Edward Holland Gent. Dec. 8.
 „ Margrett Dau. of William Holland Dec. 10.
 1600. Mary Dau. of Rauffe Holland June 25.
 „ Richard sonn of Richard Holland Sept. 14.
 „ John son of John Holland Oct. 24.
 „ Edward sonn of Edward Holland Gent. Marche 15.
 1601. Martha Dau. of James Holland June 10.
 „ George sonn of Withm Holland Gent. Dec. 15
 „ Richard sonn of James Holland ffeb. 7.
 1602. Mary Dau. of Huon Holland musicione June 19.
 1603. Mary Dau. of Withm Holland Gent. Maie 9.
 „ Jane Dau. of Adame Holland of Crompsill Maie 22.
 „ Homphrey son of Edward Holland ffreemason ffeb 12.
 „ Ann infant Doughter of John Holland ffeb. 22.
 1604. Hughe sonn of Humfrey Holland Junie 13.
 „ Arther sonn of Edmund Holland Jan^y 11.
 „ John son of Richard Holland Jan^y 21.
 1606. Margaret Dau. of Edward Holland of y^e Mynegate July 25.
 „ James sone of George Holland of Crowsall Dec 21.
 1607. Anne Dau. of Raphe Holland of Salford Aprill 7.
 „ Edmund sone of Humfrey Holland January 25.
 1608. Thomas sone of Raphe Holland of Ardwick Maye 1st.
 „ Jane Dau. of Edward Holland June 12.
 „ Isabell Dau. of William Holland of Crosselane June 19.
 „ Mary Dau. of John Holland Sept. 18.
 1609. Jane Dau. of George Holland of Blakeley Oct. 1st.
 „ Katheryn Dau. of Humffrey Holland Nov. 26.
 „ Richard son of William Holland of Crosslane in Salford Dec. 10.
 1610. James son of John Holland of Salford Aprill 22.
 „ William sonn of John Holland Feb. 24.
 1611. John sonn of John Holland of Salford June 23.
 „ ffrancis Dau. of fferdinando Holland of Salford Gent. Julie 21st.
 „ George sonn of Adam Hollande of ffylesworthe Dec. 1st.

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1611. Elizabeth Dau. of William Hollande of Crosselane Feb. 16.
 1612. Ellin Dau. of James Hollande of Salford June 21st.
 „ Elizabeth Dau. of fferdinando Holland of Salford Aug. 9.
 „ Anne Dau. of Humfrey Hollande Dec. 13.
 „ James and W^m Twynnes to Thomas Holland Carpenter Dec. 20.
 1613. Adam sonn of John Holland of Salford Sept. 12.
 „ Suzanne Dau. of Theophilus Hollande of Newton Marche 6.
 1614. Anne Dau. of Humfrey Holland Nov. 13.
 „ Roger sonn of Thomas Holland Marche 12.
 1615. Margaret Dau. of John Holland Julie 2nd.
 „ Anne Dau. of Edward Holland of Denton Julie 2nd.
 1616. George sonn of John Holland of Salford Maye 1st.
 „ William sonn of Humphrey Holland Aug. 18.
 „ Martha Dau. of Theophilus Holland of Newton Aug. 18.
 „ John sonn of Thomas Hollande March 9.
 1617. Theophilus sonn of Adam Holland of Newton Feb. 1st.
 1618. Alice Dau. of John Holland of Salford Aprill 12.
 „ James sonn of Adam Holland of Newton Oct. 18.
 1619. Isaacke sonn of George Holland of Blackeley Maie 16.
 „ Alice Dau. of Edward Holland bap. at Denton y^e 10 Sept. 1617.
 „ Isabell Dau. of William Holland of Eccles Maie 18.
 „ Jane Dau. of John Holland of Salford June 13th.
 „ Anne Dau. of Thomas Holland Julie 18.
 „ Marye Dau. of Raphe Holland of Salford Dec. 27.
 1620. Anna Dau. of Adam Holland of Newton Aprill 9.
 „ James sonn of John Holland of Salford June 18.
 „ Abigall Dau. of Theophilus Holland of Newton Aug. 20.
 „ Marye Dau. of Adam Holland y^e younger of Newton March 4.
 1621. John sonn of Adam Holland of Newton y^e younger Aprill 25.
 „ William sone to Bonneventure Holland of Salford Maye 13.
 „ Anne Dau. of Raphe Holland Feb. 10.
 „ Adam sonn of Adam Holland of Newton Feb. 10.
 „ Jane Dau. of John Holland of Salford Feb. 24.
 1622. Marye Dau. of Humfrey Holland of Moston Julie 21st.
 „ Marye Dau. of Adam Holland of Newton Julye 28.
 1623. Alice Dau. of Humfrey Holland Aug. 24.

1623. Thomas sonne of Adam Holland of Newton Aug. 31st.
 1624. Jane Dau. of Humfrey Hollande, Feb. 27.
 1625. George sonn of Adam Holland of Newton Maye 15.
 „ Alice Dau. of Humfrey Holland Marche 12.
 „ Richard sonne of John Hollande of Salford Painter March 13.
 1626. George sonn of Adam Hollande of Newton the elder Aprill 9.
 „ Elizabeth Dau. of Adam Holland of Newton Jan^y 21st.
 1627. Edward sonne & Heire to y^e Right Wor^{ll} Richard Holland of
 Denton Esq. was borne at Denton the sixte day of this month
 feeb. 1627.
 „ John sonne of Adam Holland of Newton March 3.
 1628. George sonne of Isaacke Holland Maye 18.
 „ Jane Dau. of George Holland of Crowsall Jun^e 8.
 „ Anne Dau. of George Holland of Salford June 29.
 „ Jane Dau. of Adam Holland of Newton Aug. 14.
 „ Marye Dau. of James Holland of Manch^r Mercer Sept. 25.
 „ Sara Dau. of Adam Holland of ffayllsworth Nov. 16.
 „ Richard sonne of Humfrey Holland feeb. 1st.
 „ James sonne of Richard Holland feeb. 15.
 1629. Frances Dau. to y^e Right Wor^{ll} Richard Holland of Denton Esq.
 Julie 30th.
 „ *Daniell sonne of William Holland of Chorlton Rowe Gent Aug. 9.*
 „ Sara Dau. of Adam Holland of Newton thelder Aug. 13.
 1630. James sonne of James Holland March 28.
 „ Samuel sonne of Isaacke Holland Aprill 25.
 „ Adam sonne of Adam Holland of Newton May 15.
 „ Grace Dau. of Richard Hollande May 23.
 „ Samuel sonne of Adam Holland of Newton Gent. Sept. 13.
 „ Peeter sonne of Adam Holland of ffailsworth Jan^y 16.
 „ Martha Dau. of Raphe Holland of Broughton feeb. 13.
 1631. Mary Dau. of Raphe Holland of Salford Aprill 17.
 „ Richard sonne of James Holland Nov. 20.
 „ Elizabeth Dau. of Humfrey Holland Jan^y 15.
 „ *John sonne of William Holland of Chorlton Jan^y 22.*
 „ Grace Dau. of Richard Holland feeb. 19.
 1632. Elizabeth Dau. of John Holland April 15.

1632. George sonne of Adam Holland of Blakeley Jan^y 13.
 1633. John son of James Holland de Blakeley May 5.
 „ Isabell Dau. of James Holland of Manchester Mercer Sept. 26.
 „ Richard Sonne of Richard Hollande Nov. 17.
 „ *Sarah Dau. of William Holland of Chorlton Rowe Jan^y 25.*
 „ Sarah Dau. of Isaacke Holland Feb. 6.
 1634. Ogden Sonne of Raphe Holland of Newton Aprill 20.
 „ Raphe Sonne of James Holland of Blakeley Aug. 17.
 „ Adam Son of Adam Holland of Newton Jan^y 6.
 1635. Thomas & Margerie S. & Dau. of James Holland of Manchester
 Mercer, borne bothe at y^e birth March 25.
 „ William sonn of Richard Holland Jan^y 17.
 „ *Anna Dau. of W^m Holland of Chorlton Gen^t March 13.*
 1636. Elizabeth Dau. of James Holland Julie 17.
 „ Anna Dau. of Adam Holland of Moston Dec. 1.
 1637. Robarte sonn of Tho^s Holland of Blakeley Jan^y 15.
 „ Joseph sonn of George Holland of Crowsall ffeb. 2.
 1638. Suzan Dau. of James Holland of Blakeley March 27.
 „ Margret Dau. of Adam Holland of Moston Julie 25.
 „ Alice Dau. of Raphe Holland of Broughton Aug. 5.
 „ *Daniel¹ Sonn of W^m Holland of Chorlton Roe Gen^t. Oct^r 7.*
 „ Margret Dau. of Richard Holland Nov. 18.
 „ Katherine Dau. of Thomas Holland of Ardwicke ffeb. 10.
 „ Suzan Dau. of James Holland of Blakeley ffeb. 23.
 1640. Abraham Sonn of George Holland of Crowsall March 25
 „ Edward Sonn of Richard Holland Nov. 29.
 1641. *W^m Sonn of Mr W^m Holland of Chorlton Roe April 26.*
 „ John Sonn of James Holland of Blakeley Sept. 12.
 1642. Jane Dau. of Adam Holland of Broughton Jan^y 1st.
 „ Thomas son of Richard Holland March 19.
 1643. W^m Son of Raphe Holland of Broughton April 9.
 1644. *Samuel Son of W^m Holland of Chorlton Roe Gen^t June 18.*
 1645. Marie Dau. of Raphe Holland of Broughton March 8.
 1646. *Jonathan Son of W^m Holland of Chorlton Roe Oct. 4.*

¹ In Mr. Owen's transcript this is "Samuel," but a reference to the original shows it to be Daniel.

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1646. Jane Dau. of Richard Holland of Salford ffeb. 20.
 1647. Margret Dau. of John Holland April 4.
 1648. John Sonn of John Holland April 23.
 " Alice Dau. of Mr Thos. Holland Minister Dec. 29.
 " Robert Son of Raphe Holland of Broughton ffeb. 14.
 1649. *Abigaiil Dau. of W^m Holland of Chorlton Rowe Nov. 25.*
 [No Holland between these dates.]
 1659. Samuel son of Mr Samuel Holland July 4.
 " Thomazen Dau. of William Holland Dec. 23.
 1660. Elizabeth Dau. of William Holland of Salford April 3.
 1662. John son of Samuel Holland of Manchester Gent. Dec. 3.
 1664. Suzanna Dau. of Mr Samuel Holland of Manch^r July 13.
 1665. Joseph Son of Samuel Holland of Manch^r Gentleman Sept. 21.
 1666. Sara Dau. of Isaac Holland of Ardwick Jan^y 13.
 1667. Rebecka Dau. of John Holland of Blakeley Oct. 13.
 1669. William Son of Isaac Holland of Manch^r May 23.
 1672. Mary Dau. of Isaac Holland of Manch^r April 7.
 " Robert Son of W^m Holland of Manch^r Jan^y 19.
 1673. Abraham Son of Abraham Holland of Manch^r feb. 24.
 1675. Eliz: Dau. of Abraham Holland of Manch^r Aug. 8.
 " Joseph Son of Isaac Holland of Manch^r Sept. 5.
 1676. Mary Dau. of Abraham Holland of Manch^r March 11.

WEDDINGS.

1573. Wiffm Holland & Anne Massie Dec. 13.
 1576. Anthonie Chambers & Anne Holland Sept. 23.
 1577. Henry Wyrall & Elline Holland ffeb. 2nd.
 1580. Adam Holland & Elizabeth Cartwright Jan^y 29.
 1583. Robert Holland & Elizabeth Shawe Jan^y 19.
 1585. Thomas Hunt & Katherine Holland June 27.
 1588. James Cheetame & Issabel Holland Oct. 29.
 1589. Wiffm Holland & Margret Hollanson Nov. 16.
 1592. Rauffe Holland & Jane Hunt Sept. 24.
 " John Holland de Eccles & Cisley Wroe istius Oct. 15.
 1595. John Ridings istius & Margret Holland de Eccles Aug. 12.
 1596. Richard Herrot & Isabell Holland April 25.

1596. John Duncals & Cyseley Holland, Licence ffeb. 5.
 1597. George Holland & Elizabeth Hulme Jan^y 19.
 1599. James Holland & Alice Pcyvall June 27.
 1600. John Holland & Ellen Reynshall Maie 4.
 „ John Walker & Katherine Holland July 27.
 1601. George Holland & Ciceley Hilton Maie 24.
 „ Witt^m Barlowe & Alice Holland Sept. 1st.
 1602. John Carter & Elizabeth Holland Jan^y 13.
 „ ffraucys Pendleton & Anne Holland ffeb. 16.
 „ Edward Holland & Issabell fforthe ffeb. 27th.
 1603. Humfrey Holland & Elizabeth Morrice Aug. 21st.
 1607. William Holland & Jane Warburton Sept. —
 1608. March 29 Richard Bradshawe & Margret Holland.
 1608. Gyles Holland & Ellyn Hartley Nov. 6.
 „ John Holland & Anne Wood ffeb. 12.
 1610. Witt^m Holland & Alice Brownebilt ffeb. 3.
 1611. Gyles Eckersffielde & Alice Holland Nov. 30.
 1612. John Long & Ellin Holland Dec. 8.
 1616. Edward Coe [Wroe ?] & Marie Holland, Licence Nov. 26.
 1617. John Slater & Mary Holland, Licence June 9.
 „ John Holland & Margaret Birche July 1st.
 1618. Bonaventure Holland & Katherine Smethurste Jan^y 12.
 1619. Robarte Leighe & Elizabeth Holland ffeb. 7.
 1620. James Parker & Joane Holland.
 „ Peter Holland & Alice Nov. 11.
 „ Raphe Holland & Deborah Greaves both of Rochdale Jan. 14.
 „ Richard Cryer & Allice Holland ffeb. 3.
 1621. Raphe Holland & Margret Brombill, Licence April 4.
 1622. William Valentyne & Joan Holland Jan. 19.
 1623. *Robert Birche & Ellen Holland, Licence Nov. 15.*
 1624. Adam Holland Parish of Ashton Under Lyne & Elizabeth Hartley
 Licence Aug. 14.
 „ W^m Holland, Hujus & Anne Greenehalge boathe of the Parish
 of Berrie Sept. 14.
 1625. John Holland & Anne Benham Aug. 27.
 1626. Adam Holland & Elizabeth Sotherne Jan^y 23.

1627. Isaac Holland & Jane Poynter ffeb. 9.
 „ Richard Hollande & Ellen Telior ffeb. 13.
 1628. John Lees, Parish de Prestwich & Jane Holland, hujus July 26.
 1629. Richard Holland, Parish of Eccles & Elizabeth Ogden, hujus
 Julie 21.
 „ Adam Kirshawe & Margret Holland Nov. 13.
 „ John Cloughe & Anne Holland ffeb. 2nd.
 1630. John Ashton Parish of Ouldham & Margret Holland June 10.
 1632. George Man & Margret Holland Sept. 10.
 1633. Robarte Worrall & Elizabeth Holland Oct. 26.
 „ James Holland & Anne Dawson ffeb. 18.
 1634. John Boardman & Elline Holland April 27.
 „ Joseph Holland, Hujus, & Alice Bradshaw Par: of Eccles Jan 26.
 1635. John Holland Hujus & Katherine Thorniley of y^e Par. of Stock-
 port Licence April 25.
 „ Richard Pendleton Hujus & Joane Holland Par. of Prestburie
 Aug. 9.
 1636. Richard Bardesley Parish of Ouldham & Jane Holland Hujus
 Oct. 29.
 „ Richard Holland & Anne Wallworke Nov. 26.
 1638. W^m Higginbotham & Alice Holland June 30.
 „ Raphe Shallcrosse & Ellin Holland Licence Julie 2nd.
 1641. Thomas Hollande & Cislie Traves June 29.
 „ John Walmesley Par. of Middleton & Elizabeth Holland Parish of
 Prestwich Aug. 14.
 1642. Abraham Taylor & Elizabeth Holland Maye 7.
 1644. George Holland & Alice Holland Jan 1st.
 1645. Edward Cowper & Marie Holland Nov. 17.
 1646. James Moorton & Isabell Holland Nov. 27.
 „ Thomas Holland & Ann Jenkinson ffeb. 17.
 1651. James Holland & Mary Gorton April 3.
 „ John Doodson & Jane Holland Aug. 18.
 „ George Worthington & Ann Holland Dec. 11.
 1654. These are to Certify that Raphe Holland of Chorlton Hall, Hus-
 bandman Sone of Peter Holland of Clifton Yeoman & Kather-
 ine Ouldham of Salford Dau. of Edmund Ouldham of the

- same were married Witness Peter Holland, Edmund Ouldham July 3.
1654. Thomas Bowen of Manchester Chapman Sonn of Jeremy Bowen of y^e same Chapman & Elizabeth Holland of Manchester Dau. of James Holland late of Pendleton in y^e Parish of Eccles deceased. Witness Jeremy Bowen, Joseph Barraclough, Humphrey Bradshawe Aug. 22.
1656. Thomas Holland of y^e Parish of Eccles Husbandman son of Thomas Holland deceased, & Mary Snape of Hulme Dau. of Robert Snape late of y^e same deceased Witness Thomas Lees, Mark Nield Aug. 30.
1656. William Holland of Salford, Webster, Sonn of Thomas Holland late of Prestwich deceased and Elizabeth Newton of y^e Parish of Middleton Dau. of Robert Newton late of y^e same deceased Witness Ellis Pollett John Abbott Ap. 5.
1656. William Holland of Manchester Husbandman son of Hugh Holland late of y^e same decefs^d & Margret Haworth of Manchester Dau. of James Haworth late of y^e same deceased Witness John Booth, Robert Worthington Jan^y 5.
1656. Thos. Wilcockson of Gorton Chapman Son of John Wilcockson of y^e same Chapman & Sarah Holland of ffailsworth Dau. of Adam Holland late of y^e same decefs^d. Witness John Wilcockson, John Whittle & James Holland ffeb. 7.
1665. Edward Worrall & Martha Holland Oct. 30.
- „ Samuel Nash of Manch^r Widower & Margret Holland of Broughton Dec. 31st.
- „ John Barlowe of Eccles & Susan Holland of Blakeley Jan^y 23.
- „ Lawrence Valentine of Broughton & Elizabeth Holland of Kirsal ffeb. 19.
1663. Lawrence Holland & Sarah Andrewe Aug. 9.
- „ Thomas Holland Parish of Eccles & Ellen Ashton Hujus by Certificate Jan^y 25.
1664. Robert Hilton & Jane Holland Parish of Prestwich Licence May 19.
- „ Peter Holland Hujus & Ellen Gee Parish of Eccles, b. Oct. 18.
- „ Robert Bentham & Jane Holland Dec. 26.
1665. William Holland & Martha Smith Nov. 9.

1666. John Holland & Isabell Locke May 10.
 „ Peter Walkden & Ann Holland Julie 31st.
 1667. Joseph Holland & Alice Travis Oct. 31st.
 1668. John Holland, Hujus & Mary Bardsley of Ashton U.L. Dec. 17.
 „ John Acton & Elizabeth Holland Jan^y 7.
 1671. William Holland & Frances Musgreave Nov. 26.
 1673. John Holland & Elizabeth Smethurst April 1st.
 „ Abraham Holland & Mary Antrobus April 22.
 1676. William Wagstaffe of Glossop, Clerke & Hannah Holland, Hujus
 married at Newton Chapple April 13.
 1677. Michael Bowker & Frances Holland April 23.
 1680. Samuel Leech & Mary Holland feeb. 14. Licence.
 1681. John Holland & Cisley Ingham Dec. 29.
 „ James Holland & Margaret Shepherd feeb. 18.
 „ John Travis & Mary Holland Sept. 13.
 1686. Thomas Williamson & Martha Holland Nov. 2.
 1687. Richard Percivall & Margaret Holland 1687.
 1688. Thomas Holland & Mary Collier Nov. 4.
 1691. Benjamin Holland & Esher Syddall July 19.
 „ Robert Holland Hujus & Lydia Wood Par. of Ashton Sept. 15.
 1693. John Fitton & Mary Holland Dec. 28.
 1695. Joseph Holland & Jane Hobson March 26.
 „ James Holland Par. of Eccles & Elizabeth Seddon Hujus Oct. 2.

BURIALS.

1574. Adam Sonne of Adam Holland June 19.
 „ Dorothie Dou. of George Hollande Dec. 24.
 1575. Issabell Dou. of James Holland Nov. 24.
 1576. Adam Holland, Housholder Oct. 5.
 1578. sonne of Adam of Newton Jan^y 27.
 „ Jane wife of Adam Holland feeb. 19.
 1580. Elline Dou. of Adame Holland Aug. 3.
 1581. Ellyze sonn of John Holland June 17.
 1583. Elizabeth wyffe of Robert Holland Oct. 26.
 „ Anne Dou. of Robert Holland March 8.

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1584. George Sonne of George Holland Dec. 21st.
 1585. Lawrence sonne of Lawrence Holland July 9.
 „ George Holland of Ouldfeildlane Sept. 2.
 „ Thomas Sonne of Rauffe Holland Dec. 6.
 1587. Anne Widowe of George Holland Sept. 23.
 1588. Anne Wief of Wittm Holland June 9.
 „ Elizabeth Wief of George Holland July 23.
 1589. George Holland of Sallford July 6.
 1590. James Son of George Holland of Newton Nov. 8.
 1591. Isabell Widowe of Othes Holland ffeb. 5.
 1592. An infante Dau. of Lawrence Holland Julie.
 „ Anne Dau. of John Holland Julie 2.
 „ John Holland of Denton, Householder Julie 22.
 „ Margret Widowe of Lawrence Holland Aug. 22.
 „ John Holland of Crowsall Householder Sept. 23.
 1593. Robert Sonne of John Holland Sept. 10.
 1594. Jane Dau. of Gregory Holland Julie 15.
 1595. James Holland of Salford Householder March 14.
 1597. Rauffe Holland of Salford Householder March 8.
 1598. Robert Sonne of Robert Holland Sept. 18.
 1599. George Sonne of Rauffe Holland Aprill 25.
 „ Katherine Dou. of George Holland Maye 4.
 „ Cicely Wyddowe of James Holland June 3.
 1600. James Sonne of Robert Holland June 14.
 „ ffrances Dou. of Edward Holland Gent. Jan^y 13.
 1601. Issabell Wief of Edward Holland, Mason March 18.
 „ George Sonne of George Holland March 24.
 1602. Wief of John Holland of Crowsall Aug. 14.
 „ Issabell Wief of Edward Holland, Mason Jan^y 19.
 1603. Katherine Dau. of Edward Holland ffeb. 25.
 1604. Humphrey Sonne of Raphe Holland Aug. 26.
 „ Jane Dau. of John Holland April 4.
 „ Wittm Holland Householder Dec. 21st.
 1605. John Holland, Carrier Aprill 19.
 „ Margery Holland Julye 16.
 „ James Sonne of Adam Holland March 1st.

1607. Anne Wyddowe of Rauff Holland of Salford April 12.
 „ a child of Raphe Holland of Salford Aprill 26.
 „ James Sonn of Thos. Holland Par. de Eccles Aug. 10.
 1608. Dou. of William Holland of Crosfe Lane Jan^y 7.
 „ Edward Sonn of Humffrey Holland of Manch^r Jan^y 11.
 1609. Thomas Holland of Ordsall, Drowned Julie 18.
 „ Elizabeth Dau. of W^m Holland of Manch^r Nov. 7.
 „ Katherine y^e Wyddow of John Holland of Denton Dec. 21.
 1610. Edmund Holland of Manch^r ffreemason Sept. 29.
 1611. John Sonn of John Holland of Salford June 7.
 „ an infant of W^m Holland of Manch^r Baker feb. 23.
 1612. ffrances Dou. of fferdinando Holland of Salford Gent. Ap. 12.
 „ Alice Dau. of Adam Holland of Crowsall May 8.
 „ Priscilla wyffe of Ad^m Holland of ffailsworth March 2.
 „ Elizabeth Dou. of fferdinando Holland of Salford Gent. March 8.
 1613. an infant Sonn of William Holland of Manch^r June 18.
 „ Katherine Dou. of Humphrey Holland of Manch^r Aug. 17.
 „ Jane Dou. of Edward Holland, Mason Sept. 9.
 „ Anne Dou. of Humphry Holland of Manch^r Dec. 21.
 „ William Holland of Crosfe Lane March 12.
 „ Jone y^e widdowe of Robte Holland of Crosfe lane March 20.
 „ Robte Holland of Manch^r Shereman March 23.
 1614. John Sonne of William Holland of Bowlton Aug. 2nd.
 „ George Holland of Newton feb. 23.
 1615. John Holland of Salford Whitetawer May 12.
 „ Isabell y^e wiffe of James Holland P: of Eccles Aug. 10.
 1617. Margaret Dau. of John Holland of Salford July 12.
 1619. William Holland of Manch^r Baker Julie 17.
 „ Thomas Holland of Manch^r Jan^y 1st
 „ Oats Holland of y^e Newhall Gent. Jan^y 26.
 1620. Anne wiffe of John Holland of Salford feb. 16.
 „ Mary wiffe of Adam Holland of Newton March 3.
 1621. John Son of Adam Holland y^e younger of Newton Oct. 1st.
 „ Margaret widdowe of W^m Holland of Crofslane Nov. 27.
 1622. James Holland of Salford, Myllner Maye 1st.
 „ Isabell wiffe of Adam Holland Julye 23.

1622. Mary Dau. of Humfrey Holland of Moston Aug. 7.
 „ Adam son of Adam y^e younger of Newton (Holland) Aug. 20.
 „ Marye Dau. of Adam Holland of Newton y^e younger Aug. 30.
 „ Theophilus Holland of Newton Oct. 25.
 „ Katherin Widdowe of Oats Holland of y^e Newhall Jan^y 27.
 „ Grace wiffe of Robart of Moston ffeb. 1st.
1623. John Son of Thos. Holland of Manch^r Carpenter deceased April 5.
 „ Thomas Son of Humfrey Holland of Blakeley June 17.
 „ Abegall Dau. of Theophilus Holland of Newton Julie 12.
 „ George Holland of Blakeley Aug. 25.
 „ Isabell Wiffe of Adam of Crowsall Sept. 30.
 „ Anne Holland of Moston, spinster Oct. 4.
 „ Adam Son of Adam Holland of Crowsall Oct. 9.
 „ Alice widdowe of James Holland of Salford Oct. 16.
 „ Adam Holland Oct. 30.
1624. John son of Adam Holland of Crowsall April 26.
 „ Isabell wife of John Holland Julie 28.
 „ Adam Holland of Newton, Yeoman, Househoulder Dec. 4.
 „ Ellin Holland of Salford spinster Dec. 21st.
 „ John Holland, Servante to M^r Rowland Mosley ffeb. 1st.
1625. Ellin Dau. of Humfrey Holland April 4.
 „ Alice Dau. of Katherin Holland April 29.
1626. George Son of Adam Holland of Newton Jan^y 5.
1627. Thomas Holland of Stretfford June 15.
 „ Richard son of John of Salford Julie 28.
1628. Josephe Son of George Holland of Blakeley July 8.
 „ Edmund Holland of y^e Crofselane Yeoman July 10.
 „ George Son of Isaacke Holland Oct. 24.
1629. Anne y^e widowe of George Holland of Newton May 18.
 „ James Son of Richard Holland Maye 30.
 „ *Samuel Son of W^m Holland of Chorlton Rowe Nov. 4.*
 „ Sara Dau. of Adam Holland of Newton Dec. 18.
 „ Elizabeth widowe of Adam Holland thelder of Newton Jan^y 26.
1630. Elizabeth wife of Adam Holland y^e yonger of Newton Maye 18.
 „ Adam Son of Adam Holland y^e younger of Newton Julie 27.
1631. Grace Dau. of Richard Holland Sept. 25.

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1631. Elizabeth Dau. of Humfrey Holland of y^e Sudehill Jan^y 29.
 1632. Sisley Widowe of George Holland of Blakeley June 3.
 „ Ann Wife of Adam Holland of ffailsworth June 18.
 „ Adam Son of George Holland of Crowsall feb. 25.
 1633. John Son of James Holland of Blakeley Maye 23.
 „ Adam Holland of Newton, Yeoman Maye 28.
 „ Richard Son of James Holland of Manch^r Mercer June 30.
 „ Marie Wife of James Holland of Manch^r Mercer Nov. 13.
 1634. Raphe Son of James Holland of Blakeley Nov. 30.
 1635. Margerie Dau. of James Holland of Blakeley March 29.
 „ Thomas Son of James Holland of Manch^r Mercer April 5.
 „ twoe infants of James Holland of Blakeley Oct. 24.
 „ Adam Son of Adam Holland of Moston feb. 20.
 1636. Richard Son of Richard Holland of Moston March 25.
 „ an inf^t of James Holland of Blakeley Aug. 9.
 „ Sarah Dau. of Isaacke Holland March 23.
 1637. Anne Dau. of Humfrey Holland of y^e Sudehill Dec. 18.
 1638. Jane Wife of Adam Holland of Moston Aug. 2nd.
 „ Elizabeth Wife of Adam Holland of Salford Sept. 27.
 „ Jane Holland of Blakeley Nov. 15.
 1639. Raphe Holland Marche 30th.
 „ Margret Widowe of Raphe Holland Marche 8.
 1642. James Son of Richard Holland of Croselane Aug. 7.
 1643. Humfrey Holland of Manch^r Laborer June 6.
 „ Roger Holland Servant to Alex^r Greene Vyntner Jan^y 1st.
 1644. William Son of James Holland of Salford April 27.
 „ Adam Holland of Salford Nov. 24.
 1645. Ann Dau. of John Holland of Salford June 1st.
 „ Jane Wife of Isaac Holland June 10.
 „ A child of Margaret Holland of Salford June 14.
 „ Ales Holland Aug. 18.
 „ Ellen Wife of Richard Holland Aug. 25.
 „ Richard Holland Aug. 25.
 „ Samuel Son of Isaac Holland Aug. 28.
 „ George Holland Aug. 29.
 „ A child of Richard Holland Aug. 31st.

1645. Widdowe Holland Sept. 1st.
 „ A child of Richard Holland Sept. 2nd.
 „ Isaac Holland Sept. 4.
 „ Richard Son of Richard Holland Sept. 4.
 „ William Son of Humfrey Holland Sept. 7.
 „ Richard Son of Richard Holland Sept. 8.
 „ Ales Wife of George Holland Sept. 12.
 „ John Son of John Holland Feb. 5.
 1646. Isabell Wife of Edward Holland of Salford Feb. 18.
 1647. Margaret Dau. of John Holland of Blakeley Maie 6.
 1649. Joseph Son of Adam Holland of Newton June 6.
 1650. Raphe Holland of Broughton Dec. 23.
 „ John Son of John Holland Dec. 27.
 1653. Thomas Holland Aprill 24.
 „ Elizabeth Dau. of Raphe of Ardwicke Jan^y 16.
 1654. *Raphe Holland of Chorlton Roe April 15.*
 „ John Son of Adam Holland of ffailsworth Yeoman Sept. 29.
 1655. George Holland of Newton Yeoman July 20.
 „ Adam Holland of ffailsworth Yeoman Nov. 21st.
 1658. Katherin Wife of George Holland of Newton Yeoman May 22.
 „ Jane Dau. of John Holland of Salford Dec. 3.
 „ Ogden Holland of Broughton Jan. 24.
 1659. Samuel Son of M^r Samuel Holland Aug. 20.
 „ Elizabeth Dau. of Richard Holland of Crofslane Oct. 18.
 „ Isabell Holland of Broughton Oct. 30.
 „ Margaret Wife & Thomazen Dau. of William Holland Dec. 13.
 „ James Holland of ffailsworth Yeoman Jan^y 20.
 1660. John Son of William Holland June 18.
 1661. John Son of M^r Samuel Holland of Manch^r Gent. Sept. 2.
 „ Elizabeth Dau. of James Holland of Hulme Hall Gent. Dec. 10.
 „ John Son of Samuel Holland of Manch^r Gent. Dec. 13.
 1662. James Holland March 19.
 1663. Ann Wife of John Holland of Salford March 6.
 1664. Susanna Dau. of M^r Samuel Holland Aug. 25.
 1666. John Holland of Salford Oct. 17.
 1667. James Holland of Newhall Par. of Eccles Gent. May 24.

1668. Robert Son of Richard Holland of Crofselane April 4.
 1671. Mary Holland of Ardwick, Spincer March 25.
 „ Margret Wife of Mr Samuel Holland April 28.
 „ William Holland March 1st.
 1672. James Holland of Newton Gentleman Nov. 11.
 1674. Thomas Holland late of Newton deceased in Ouldham Pth Dec. 28.
 „ Hannah Wife of Thomas Holland late of Newton “Chi.” deceased
 at Ouldham ffeb. 10.
 1676. - A female of William Hollands April 20.
 „ William Holland Nov. 9.
 1677. Anne Dau. of Abraham Holland April 26.
 1680. Elizabeth Dau. of Mr William Holland of Kersall Oct. 29.
 „ Benjamin Son of Abraham Holland of Manch^r Bookseller ffeb. 18.
 1681. Mary Wife of Abraham Holland Oct. 7.
 „ Benjamin Son of Abraham Holland Oct. 14.

(From the Chester Probate Registry.)

In the name of God Amen. 13 January 1603[-4] I NICHOLAS
 HULME of Heaton-Norris husbandman etc.

Body to be buried at “Chapell of Diddisburie.”

Mentions “sonnes George Hulme & Edward Hulme” & “daughter
 Jane Sodge [?] & Margaret Worthe.”

Daughter Ellen Hulme residuary legatee.

Exors. sons George & Edward.

Witnesses, Hen : Partington.

Thomas Hulme of the Shawe.

Thōs Blomeley.

Inventory valued by Geo. Chorlton, yeoman, Thomas Hulme, John
 Johnson & Robert Streete, 9th Dec. 3rd Jan^y [1605].

Proved 13 Feb. 1605[-6] by Edward Holland husband of Ellen
 daughter of deceased.

*[Inclosed in original bundle are the following autograph letters
 on a single sheet.]*

Syr : Albeit it bee needles that I should mouve you for the probatyon
 of the will of a neighbour of myne of the wch: this bearer ys an executor
 yet at hys desyre I am bould to praye you to friend [?] & further thys

bearer in that matter in such sorte as you maye. The —[?] ys an honest man and a gentleman and one of good credytt & therefore you may the better respecte him. I shall accompt myself beehouldinge to you for your kyndnesse done to hym. Thus with my right heartye commendacōns I leave you to God's gracious goodness. Stockport this xjth of Februarye 1605[-6].

Your assured loveinge
friend Ric: Gerard.

Syr there hath beene with mee this morninge George Hulme one of the executors of Nicholas Hulme his father who desyred me to sygnifie unto the Court that for some causes he would not take the execution of hys sayd fathers will but did determine absolutelye to refuse the same for ever. The wch: as I thought good to signyfie unto you —[?] soe I have caused hym to thys note for your better assurance to subscribe his name. this xjth of Februarye 1605[-6].

Ric: Gerard [sgd].
George Hulme [sgd].

To my assured good friend, Mr John Morgell at hys house in Chester to be d'd.

(From the Marriage Licence Books at Chester.)

8 September 1624.

To Mr Jackson, Clerk, Curate of Ashton under Lyne, to marry William Holland & Anna Bold of s^d Parish Spinster.

Robert Birch, Bondsman.

19 May 1631.

To the Curates of Ashton under Lyne and Manchester to marry Roger Moore & Jane Bold of the parish of Ashton under Lyne spinster.

Bondsman, Roger himself.

(Extracts from the Parish Register of Ashton under Lyne.)

1600. *Ralphe Bold & Jane Howley. Married 10 June.*
1605. William Bould & Isabell Shepleye. 26 August.
1605-6. James Holland & Ellyn Asheton. 19 Jan.
1608. Myles Bould & Margaret Williamson. 2 Nov.
1613. Robert Bould & Alice Andrew. 7 Dec.

[Marriages begin 1594. Gaps from March 1622 to 1632, and from April 1638 to 1653. Examined marriages to 1660.]

(From the Bishop's Transcripts of Ashton under Lyne.)

1604. John son of Robert Boulde christened. 23 Sept.
 „ Anna daughter to Raphe Boulde christened. 7 Oct.

(Extracts from Warrington Parish Register.)

- 1601 [2]. Roger son to Edward Moore [of Sankey] bapt. March 17.
 1602 [3]. Elizabeth daughter to Edward Hollande Esquire. 8 Feb. Bpt.
 1654. Samuel sonne to William Holland buried. 20 July.
 1656. John Holland, minister & Esther Barnes married. 14 Aug.
 1657. Jane wife to Rodger Moors of Litill Sankey. 10 Nov.
 1657 [8]. Rodger Moores & Ellen Marsh married. 4 Feb.
 1660. Abigail daughter of W^m Holland buried. 2 Aug.
 1661. Rodger Moores of Little Sankey buried. 25 Ap.
 1677. Roger Gaskell of Great Sankie buried. 26 June.

(Extracts from the Parish Register of Winwick.)

1604. John son of M^r Edward Holland bapt. June 2.
 1605 [?] Thomas son of M^r Edward Holland bapt. Sept. 27.
 1607. A child of M^r Edward Holland buried. June 13.
 1608. Ane daughter of Edward Holland bapt. Nov. 20.
 1610. William son of M^r Edward Holland gent. bapt. July 15.
 1611. Francis daughter of M^r Edward Holland bapt. Nov. 5.

(Extracts from the Registers of Over Alderley, 1629-1700.)

1631. July —. Edward fil. Thõe Holland et uxor' ejus baptizat.
 1631. July 12. Edward fil. Thõe Holland et uxor' ejus sepult.
 1636. Nov. 29. Margeria Holland sepult.
 1636. Dec. 11. Hanna filia Thõe. Norbury & Eleanora ux' ejus baptizat.
 1640[-1]. Mar. 30. Ellen Holland sepult.
 1649. June 4. Alicia Holland sepult.
 1655. The intention of mariage betwixt John Holland son of Widow Holland of the Parish of Mobberley & Hanna Norburie daughter of Thomas Norburie of Oŭ Alderley & of the

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Parish of Alderley having been published three seſſial Lordes Dayes in the Parish Church of Alderley at the cloſe of the mornings exercyſe that is to ſay, the ffifteenth the Twoo & twenteeth & the nine & Twenteeth, dayes of July 1655 and noe exception Aledged to the Contrarye the weare married the ffirſt day of Auguſt 1655 before the Right Worſhipfull Thomas Breareton of Ashley Eſq^r Juſtice of the Peace & quorū according to an Act of Parliament bearing date the 29th of Auguſt 1653 Intituled an Acte for mariages etc.

RALPH BOWER,

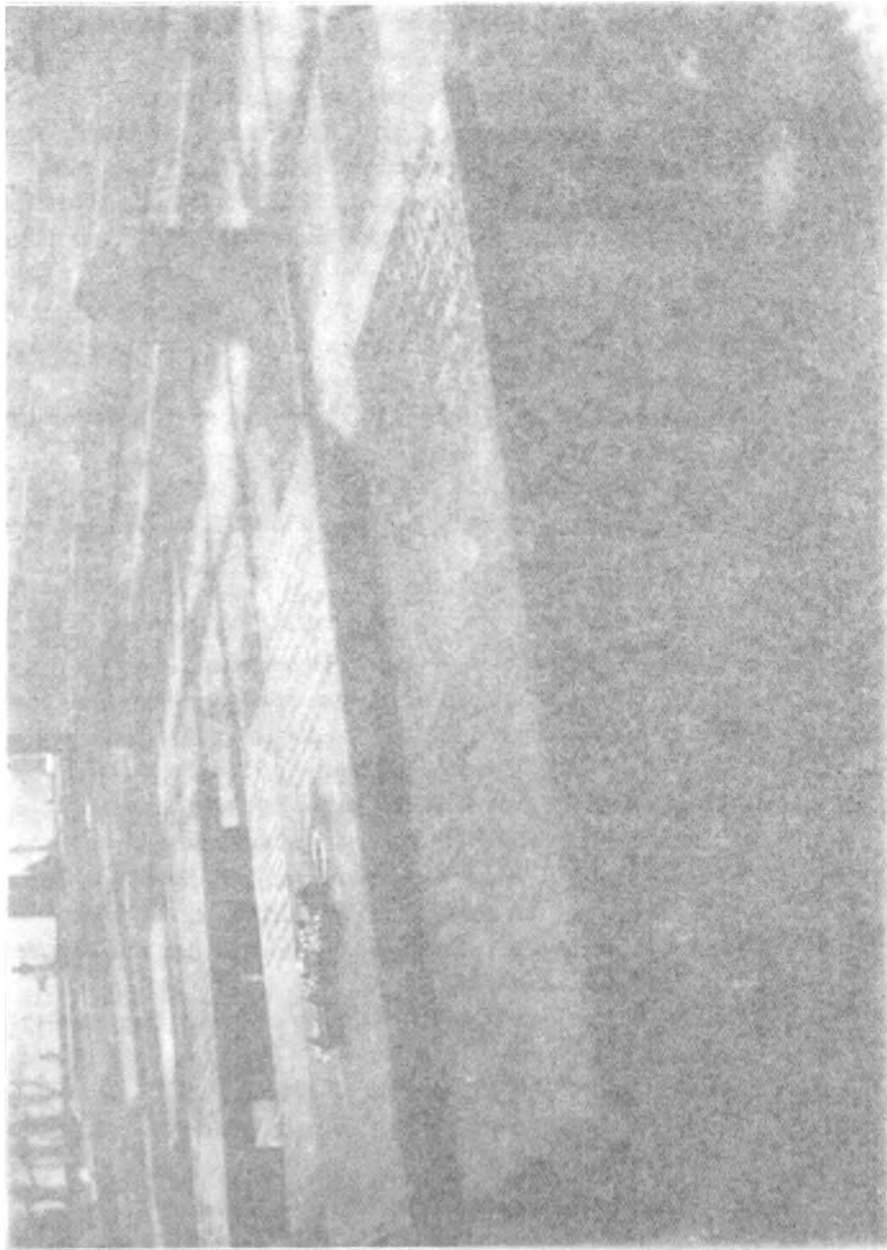
Parish Register.

1656. John ſon of John Holland & Hanna his wife born 25 May and baptized 1^{ſt} June 1656.
1684. Johannes Holland de Moberley & Maria Deane de Alderley [by Licence]. 23 Feb. 1684.
- 168-[?]. Oct. 14. Joſias Holland & Elizabeth Wyet married.
1691. July 22. Hanna daughter of Joſias Holland & Eliz his wife baptized.

(Extracts from the Parish Register of Mobberley.¹)

1654. William Holland buried 6th day of December.
1655. John Holland and Hannah Norbury married the 1^{ſt} day of Auguſt.
- 1658[-9]. Widow Holland buried the 18th January.
1659. Thomas ſonne of John Holland born April 8th.
- ” Thomas ſonne of John Holland buried 7th November.
1660. Thomas ſonne of John Holland borne 6th Auguſt.
1662. William ſonne of John Holland baptized 29th April.
1664. Peter ſonne of John and Hannah Holland baptized July 2nd.
- 1666 [7]. Daniel ſonne of John and Hannah Holland, hee was baptized the 30th day of January.
- 1668 [9]. Samuel ſon to John Holland de Mobberley gentⁿ baptyzed 17th January.
1669. Samuel ſon to John Holland buried May 17th.
1670. Elizabeth daughter of John Holland gentleman (baptized) Oct. 11th.

¹ Made by the late Mr. Robert Holland of Mobberley.





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1675. Elizabeth Holland daughter of Mr John Holland buried the 25th day of November.
- „ John Holland baptized 26 Novr.
1684. John Holland of the Parish of Mobberley and Mary Deaine of the Parish of Alderley were married the 25th day of February 1684 by licence dated the 24th day.
1685. Hannah the daughter of John Holland Junr baptized the 21st day of December.
1687. John son of John Holland buried—
- 1687[-8]. Abigail the daughter of John Holland Junr baptized the 21st day of January.
- 1687[-8]. James son to John Holland buried 12 January.
1690. John and Thomas sons of John Holland and Mary Holland born the 7th day of Decr and baptized the 11th day of Decr.
- 1692 [3]. Katharine the daughter of John and Mary Holland born March the 12th 1692 and baptized Mar. 28th 1693.
- 1694 [5]. Two infant children of John Holland buried 14th January.
1696. Mary the daughter of John Holland and Mary his wife borne May 18th & baptized June 13th.
1698. Peter the son of John Holland the younger and Mary his wife borne 28th day of November and baptized the 13th day of December.
1700. Mary wife of John Holland buried 23 December.
1705. John Holland of Mobberley in the County of Chester Yeoman and Mary Hopton of Nether Knutsford Widow were married in the Parish Church of St. Michael in Chester on the 14th day of Aprill 1705 by a licence of the 13th of the same instant.
- 1712 [3]. John Holland of Mobberley gentleman, buried 22 January.
- 1714 [5]. Richard Amery in the Parish of great Budworth and Abigail Holland of this Parish married Feb. 21st 1714 at Mobberley. Licence.
1717. John Coppock of the Parish of Bowdon and Catherine Holland of Mobberley married in the Parish Church of Mobberley the 26th day of Xber 1717 by licence.
1720. Thomas Gerrard of Warrington Grocer and Mary Holland of

- the Parish of Mobberley married by licence at Mobberley Church. T. Worsley Sur^r Dec^r 1st 1720.
1720. John Son of John Holland born Nov^r 3rd baptized 24th.
1722. Peter, Son of John Holland Gentⁿ and Mary his wife of Mobberley (born) 14th Dec^r 1722.
1724. Mary Daughter of John Holland Gentleman and Mary his wife born January 12th 1724.

(Extracts from the Parish Register of Macclesfield.)

1615. John Deane of the Parish of Alderley and Petronilla Grange of the Parish of Wilmslow married 27 March.
1626. Edward Deane and Margaret Fallowes of the Parish of Alderley married Aug. 28.
1637. John Deane & Sarah Norbury of the Parish of Alderley married Oct. 16.

(Extracted from the Original in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 188 Pell.)

12 January 1658.

I ANNE HOLLAND of Maberley in co. Chester, widow, relict of William Holland, gent, deceased.

Immediately after my funeral expenses have been discharged I will that my son-in-law Henry Strongitharme of Goosetrye in co. Chester, yeoman (one of my executors) shall receive £20 out of my goods which I promised to pay him last Christmas in part payment of the portion he was to have with Sarah my daughter his wife.

I give to him also my brinded heifer and goods to the amount of £10, which with the £20 before mentioned and £20 which he has already received make up my said daughter's full portion.

Whereas my brother Roger Moores of Bewsey in co. Lanc., yeoman, has in his hands £20 which he received from my son John Holland for my children's use, and is to receive £30 more from my said son by bond about 12 months after my death: I hereby give to my daughter Hannah Holland £25, in full satisfaction of the like sum secured by my said late husband by some act or deed which the said Hannah has released to the said Roger Moores.

I give to my son John Holland 2s. 6d. in full satisfaction of his child's part.

I give to my daughter Mary Cooper 2s. 6d. in full satisfaction of her child's part.

To my son Danniell Holland 2s. 6d. in like manner.

After my death I will that my executors sell all my goods and give out of the money thereby raised £25 to my son Jonathan and £25 to my daughter Abigail.

The residue of the said money to be divided amongst my said sons William and Jonathan and my daughters Hannah and Abigail Holland.

I make my said brother Roger Moores, my said son-in-law Henry Strongitharme and William Loundes of Marthall in co. Chester, yeoman, my executors.

The mark of Anne Holland.

Witnesses: Randle Gimcocke, Thomas Strettle, Ralphe Loundes.

Proved at London before the Judges 26 March, 1659, by the said Henry Strongitharme.

(From the Originals at the Probate Registry, Chester.)

In the Name of God Amen. 13 January 1694 [5] I THOMAS DEANE of the Parke in Nether Alderley, Gentleman, sick etc.

To "cozen William Stanley of Astle in Chelford" the house and lands called "The Bricke [? Parke] House in Nether Alderley." Mentions "Margaret Hatton my sister," "Elizabeth Deane spinster daughter of my uncle Thomas Deane & to Samuel Deane of Widford."—"Godson Thomas Stanley sonne & heir apparent of the aforesaid William Stanley."

To "my godson Thomas Stanley aforesaid, John Holland Junior of Mobberley & Thomas Woods of Marthall all my books except my bible, equally to be divided amongst them."

To "godson Thomas Stanley and my niece Mary Holland my silver spoones."

To "said John Holland and Mary his wife my niece & their sons & daughters £150 & to the said John Holland my silver seale, my little silver breast buttons & to Mary his wife my pocquet watch with the studied case."

"Item. I give to my godson Thomas Stanley and my niece Mary Holland equally betwixt them what stockes of bees I have att John Smiths in Over Alderley att Isaac Peerses in Nether Alderley & att James Bibbies in Chorley."

Residue of personalty equally among John Holland, William Stanley, George Lowe, & Thomas Woods.

Exors: Geo: Lowe of Chelford & Thos. Woods of Marthall. Overseer Cozen William Stanley of Astle, & John Holland of Mobberley.

Wit: W ^m Stanley.	(sgd.)	
Richard Wych.	(sgd.)	
Joseph Jackson.	(sgd.)	Proved 21 June 1695.
Randle Lowton.	(sgd.)	
Sara Cleaton.	(sgd.)	

Inventory valued 17 June 1690 by William Stanley of the Parke in Nether Alderley, & John Holland of Mobberley.

W ^m Stanley.	[sgd.]	
Jo ⁿ Holland, Jun ^r .	[sgd.]	Value over £2000.

Administration granted [22 January 1704-5] of goods of JOHN HOLLAND late of Macclesfield Yeoman deceased to William Holland of Macclesfield Chapman, one of the sons of deceased.

22 January 1704.

John Prescott.	[sgd.]	WILL: HOLLAND.	[sgd.]
Edw: Roberts.	[sgd.]	JO ⁿ . HOLLAND.	[sgd.]

[Included is following document.]

"To all Christian people" etc. "John Holland, Thomas Holland, Peter Holland & Daniel Holland, sonnes of John Holland late of Macclesfield in the County of Chester yeoman deceased send greeting. Whereas the said John Holland the father departed this life on or about the 17th January inst., not having made any will or testament" etc. & "leaving five sonnes (& no daughter or son-in-law) att the time of his death, to witt, William Holland and the aforesaid, John, Thomas, Peter &

Daniel." The said four renounce their right to administer their father's goods in favour of "their brother William Holland of Macclesfield Chapman."

22 Jan: 1704.

Witnesses.

Hannah Holland. [sgd.]	JON. HOLLAND. [sgd.]
	THOMAS HOLLAND. [sgd.]
Alice Forneffl. [sgd.]	PETER HOLLAND. [sgd.]
	DANIEL HOLLAND. [sgd.]

(Infra 40 li.)

20 April 1712. JOHN HOLLAND of Mobberley in Co. Chester Yeoman, under many infirmities but of sound and disposing memory—Last Will & Testament etc.

And whereas by a Deed Tripartite made about 13 March 1681 between John Holland of Mobberley gentlemⁿ & Hannah his wife [my ffather & Mother] since both deceased & me the said John Holland [then the younger] of the first parte, And John Barker of Litle leigh in the Co. of Chester gentl. with severall others of the second & thirde parte. There was a power reserved unto me the sd Joⁿ Holland by my last Will signed wth my owne hand &c. &c. to charge the moytey or full halfe parte of all & singular that messuage and Tenement with appurt^s lying & being in Mobberley aforesaid, Then in possⁿ of John Holland my ffather [since deceased] & now in the actuall possession of me the said Joⁿ Holland &c. with the paym^t of any suffe or suffes of money as to me sho'd seem expedient & fitting to & for the use of my younger daughters &c. or sons &c. &c. Now I the said John Holland appoint &c. said Moytey or one full half of sd &c. with appurt^s late "in possession of my ffather as his " part or one halfe of the whole.—That is to say the Midle-roome " called the Hall or house and other rooms thewayrewth lyeth through " the said Hall or House—the New-barne—the nearer-side of the stable, " the Lower shippon, the forther-bing and Garner, One moytey of the " Garden & Orchard wth the Straite. The Higher-hay-ffeilds—The " Lower-hay-ffeilds and Bobberhills adjoyneing unto them, the great " Bonke. The Crabtree lands—the Old Intack—the two New cloases—

“ the Broomefeild, the Hempyard & the nearer Sawer-butts wth their
 “ and every of their appurtes with all usuall wayes waters & advan-
 “ tages whatsoever for the occupation thereof—All w^{ch} I doe hereby
 “ charge wth the full sume of ffour-Hundred & Thirty Poundes of Law-
 “ full Brittish money to be paid by my sonn John to my Executors herein
 “ after named to & for the use of my younger sonns and daughters.
 “ And if by reason of his death my sonn Thomas sho'd become Heyre
 “ my will & mind is that he pay the sume of five hundred and Thirty
 “ powndes of like money” &c. &c. “ And for the raising the sd sumes
 “ in the space of six monthes after my decease & next ensuing I do
 “ hereby give” &c. &c. “all powers to me reserved in the before in
 “ part recited Indenture Triptite.

“ I give unto John Holland my heire apparent my pocquett watch,
 “ Brass clock, all the ceilling that my ffather left in the house when
 “ he removed to Macklesfeild, my Black-horse called Buck & also one
 “ ffether bed & ffether boulster, Two Pillows, Two Pillow Beares,
 “ One Rugg, One payre of Sheets, Two Blanketts, Two Towells, Two
 “ Napkins to be chosen by my Ex^{rs}, And also my ffouleing Gunn.

“ To Thomas my second sonn £100 [Haveing layd out considerable
 “ in his education] my pendulum watch Burkitt upon the New Testament,
 “ Bible in ffolio, And a desk covered wth Red leather & the Gold-ring he
 “ commonly weareth.

“ Itm. I do give unto Peter my Third sonn to receive when he is
 “ 21 æt. the sume of £140, my large Red silk quilt, Chest that was att
 “ Knotsford and such goods of mine as shall be there at the time of my
 “ decease—all of them, a Gold ring, Bible wth silver clasps.

“ Itm. I do give to my son-in-law Benedict Brooke ffive shillings having
 “ already payd him £200[as a portion]wthmy daughter Hannah his late wife.

“ To my daughter Abigall £200 And the great chest with paunelled
 “ lid, & a little wood Cabinet with sev^{le} draw^{rs} in it—a Gold chain, a
 “ Patchwork-squob Cushion, a Gold-ring she hath in her owne keeping,
 “ my Trunck, & a Cow att her owne choyce.

“ Unto Katharine my now seconde daughter £200 at æt. 21 and a
 large ‘ black Chest.’ Blood stone necklace and an Handcerchef box.

“ Unto Mary my youngest dau. the sume of £200 when æt. 21 & my
 “ chest of drawers and the Smalest ring.

“Unto Edward Barbor sonn to Edward Barbor of flashbrooke Esq.
 “ [if he be liveinge &c.] one cellar of Bottles, One Queensticht pin Cushion
 “ & one close Baskett—otherwise these to my daughters Abigall Katharine
 “ & Mary.

“To my daughter Abigall the Bible that comonly useth to be att
 “ Knotsforde—And as for 3 Rings yet undisposed of if I do not dispose
 “ of same in my life time—my sonn John shall have his choyce & my
 “ daughter Abigall the second giving her sister Mary that she used to
 “ wear & Katharine to have the third.

“To the poore stock of Mobberley £2.

“To the poore Stock of Nether Knutsford £1 instead of a dole—To
 “ such servants as I shall have at my decease $\frac{2}{6}$ ^d each—Residue to be
 “ devided among my ffive younger children viz^t Thomas, Peter, Abigall,
 “ Katharine & Mary.

“Only my apparrell wth Buttens to be devided amogst my 3 sonns
 “ and all womens and childrens apparrell & boys amogst my 3 daughters &
 “ if upon decease of John, Thomas shall come to be my heyre in such case
 “ £50 of the £100 before given him shall be given to his brother Peter
 “ and the other £50 with the s^d Thomas's part in the remainder shall be
 “ equally devided among all my then younger children.”

Portions of any that may die before 21 to be equally devided among
 all my children then living.

Appoint William Stanley of the Parke in Neth^r Alderley and Peter
 Colthurst of Sandle-bridge in Little-Warford both in County of Chester
 Gentlemen to be my executors, also to be guardians unto all my children
 untill they severally attain 21 æt. which they have promised to perform
 —their Expenses charged on my personall estate And that they nor
 either of them shall be accountable for any losses that shall be susteined
 by the managem^t of the same &c.

JOⁿ HOLLAND.

Witnesses—

Edward Coppocke.

Joⁿ Lattimer.

Jonathan Ridge, jun^r.

[Seal, a lion rampant guardant,
 in the paw a fleur-de-lis.
 See page 54 .]

Ex^{rs} Sworn 30 April 1713.

Coram Tho: Wainwright.

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INVENTORY of JOHN HOLLAND of Mobberley in Co. Chester Gent^l
lately deceased appraised by Francis Newton & Edward Coppock
both of Mobberley Yeomen.

24 January 1712.

Cattle &c. &c.

In the stable &c. &c.

goods in the Parlor.

8 ledder chaires & one elbow chaire	£01 . 00 . 00
1 long screen	00 . 06 . 10
2 wooden chaires	00 . 03 . 00
1 ovell Table	00 . 10 . 00
2 Looking Glasses	00 . 03 . 00
Window Curtaines & vallens	00 . 01 . 06
1 grate, 1 paire of Tongs 1 ffire shovell	00 . 05 . 00
Glasses upon the chimney peice with some other odd things in the Clossett adioyning to ye Parlor	00 . 03 . 00

Goods in the Hall—goods in the Parlor chamber—goods in Mr Jonⁿ
Hollands chamb^r—goods in Mr Tho. Hollands room—goods in the best
chamber—goods in the chees-chamber [ffeder Bed &c. &c. one paire
Bedstocks and hangings, one Ring of Bells, a little pair of bed-
stocks one chef Bed &c. &c. 14 hundred of cheese 14 slipings
of Yarn] Goods in M^{rs} Abigalls chamber.

The Dec'ds Purse.	31 . 12 . 06
4 peices of old Gold and one Gold Bodkin	04 . 10 . 00
one silver Salver	02 . 00 . 00
9 Silver spoons & 3 Tea Spoons	03 . 04 . 06
Debts opon speciality	806 . 07 . 00
Total Inventory	£1048 . 16 . 9

Ex^d 30 April 1713.

In the Name of God Amen [1 February 1769.] I JOHN HOLLAND
of Mobberley in the County of Chester Gentleman do make & ordain
my last will & Testament in manner & form following. "Whereas by

Articles of Agreement bearing date 3 February 1717[8] made between us the said John Holland on the one part, Peter Colthurst late of Little Warford in the said County Gentleman, since deceased, of the second part, previous to & in consideration of a marriage to be had with Mary my late wife daughter of the said Peter Colthurst" etc. and "Whereas by one deed of Indenture Tripartite made on or about 31st July 1761 between the said John Holland of the one part Geo: Lowe of the City of Chester Gentleman of the second part, & John Colthurst of Little Warford Gentleman & Peter Colthurst of Over Knutsford Doctor in Physick of the third part"—a settlement was made in pursuance of the afores^d Articles of Agreement etc.

"And whereas I have now six younger children now living by Mary my late wife."

"Samuel my younger son and five daughters," viz.

"Elizabeth the wife of John Norbury of Great Warford, Gentleman, Mary the wife of William Turner of Wakefield C^o York, Clerk, Ann the wife of Thomas Holland of Manchester chapman, Catherine the wife of Philip Holland of Bolton le-Moors C^o Lancaster, Clerk, and Abigail the wife of William Coppock of Stockport mercer." He accordingly charges "my capital messuage" etc. at Mobberley & "also the messuage mentioned in the Articles of Agreement" with the sum of £1000, to be divided equally among his six children.

Legacies.

"To the poor stock of Mobberley, 40/."

"To the Rev. Robert Lord of Nether Knutsford clerk, £5."

"To the Trustees of the Protestant Dissenters Chapel or Meeting House in Nether Knutsford, £5, the interest on the sum to be applied yearly to the use of the Minister."

"To my sister Mary Gerrard, widow £6 a year."

"To my sister Catherine Coppock widow, £1 a year."

"To Ellen and Sarah Amery children of my late nephew John Amery deceased, £1, 1 each."

"To my grandson John Holland eldest son of my late son Peter Holland, a dresser with twelve drawers and the pewter shelves above the same now at Mobberley" etc.

Rest of property equally among six children.

Exors. Son Samuel Holland & Peter Colthurst Doctor of Phisick.

1 Feb. 1769.

Witnesses—

Nath ^l Morrey.	[sgd.]	JOHN HOLLAND.	[sgd.]
Thomas Jackson.	[sgd.]	[Seal as on page 54 .]	
Sam ^l Worthington.	[sgd.]		

Proved 3 Sept. 1770 by Samuel Holland, Peter Colthurst Doctor in Phisick being dead.

Administration granted [13 June 1761] of goods of PETER HOLLAND late of Nether Knutsford, Gentleman, deceased granted to Margaret Holland his widow and relict.

Bondsmen, Samuel Holland of Mobberley Gent. & Samuel Worthington of Mobberley, Husbandman.

13 June 1761.

John Antrobus.	[sgd.]	M. HOLLAND.	[sgd.]
Sam ^l Sanders.	[sgd.]	SAM ^L HOLLAND.	[sgd.]
		SAM ^L WORTHINGTON.	[sgd.]

(Monumental Inscriptions from the Old Chapel at Knutsford.¹)

Thomas / son of John & Mary Holland / of Mobberley / Born Oct. 15th 1730; / Died Dec. 6th 1751. / Also of Ann, wife of Samuel / Holland of Sandle Bridge / Who died the 1st July 1814 Aged 74. / Also the remains of / M^r Samuel Holland of Sandle / Bridge who died May the 26th / 1816 Aged 82. / Hannah relict of Samuel / Lumb of Wakefield and / Daughter of Samuel & Anne / Holland, died May 1st 1837. / Aged 69.

Here lieth / Mary / Wife of John Holland / of Mobberley / Daughter of / Peter & Eliz : Colthurst / of Sandle Bridge. / Died August 5th 1757. / Aged 65. / Here also lieth John / Holland of Mobberley / Who died June 24, 1770. / Also Abigail Holland, died July. 20. 1848. Aged 75. /

¹ Copied by the late E. S. Holland. Only the bare genealogical facts are printed. Several of the inscriptions include dissertations on the virtue of the deceased.

Underneath / rest the remains of / Peter / son of / John and Mary Holland of Mobberley. / Who was born 14th of October. 1722. / and died 26th March. 1761. / Aged 38. / And of / Margaret / daughter of / William and Margaret Bostock / of Nether Knutsford / and wife of Peter Holland / Who was born 15th November 1725 / and died. 11th April. 1809 / Aged 83. / And also near this place of / William / son of / Peter & Margaret Holland / who was born 19th March. 1761 / and died 8th April 1802. / Aged 41. /

John Holland / Minister of the Gospel / son of John & Mary Holland / of Mobberley. / Born November 3rd 1720. / Died December 28th 1751. / John Holland / of Mobberley / Died March 2nd A.D. 1835. / Aged 83 years. / Susannah Holland / wife of John Holland / of Mobberley / Died December 6th 1836. / Aged 78 years.

Mary / the wife of Peter Holland / Surgeon died October 3rd / 1803 aged 37. / Also / Peter Holland of Knutsford / Surgeon born 3rd June / 1766. died 19th January 1855. / Also Mary Holland the daughter / of the above Peter & Mary / Holland born Oct^r 16th 1792 / died June 11th 1877 / Also / Lucy Holland the daughter / of the above Peter & Mary / Holland born. September 17th 1800 / died August 24th 1883.

Catherine / Willets widow of the / Rev^d William Willets / of Newcastle died / August the 25th 1804 / Aged 78 years. / Here also are interred the remains of Anne / Holland the eldest daug / hter of Samuel and Anne Holland of Sandle / Bridge who departed this / life on the 24th of January / 1809 at the age of 43. / Likewise the remains of Mary / Holland third daughter / of Samuel & Anne Holland of / Sandle Bridge who departed / this life November the 10th 1812. / Aged 42. / Also their sister Catharine Holland / who was born August 25th 1772 and / who died July 26th 1822. Aged 50 years.

Hannah / wife of Peter Swinton / of Cross Town dyed. July 5th 1771 / in the 63rd year of her age. / Peter Swinton died on / the 6th of Dec : 1788. Aged 74.

Elizabeth / wife of John Swinton / died June 30th 1773. / aged 29 years. / Also the body of John Swinton son / of Peter Swinton who departed this / life the 12th day of March 1777 / in the 36th year of his age.

Here / lie the remains of / Elizabeth / wife of Peter Swinton / of Nether Knutsford / daughter of / John & Mary Holland / late of Mobberley / who died December 12th 1782. / Aged 64.

This stone covers the remains / of Peter Colthurst of Sandle Bridge / who died June 16th M.DCCXLI. / Aged 72. / And Elizabeth his wife / who died June 15 M.DCCXL. / Aged 71.

Thomas Colthurst / ecclesiae apud Albomonasterienses / Deinde apud Knottesfordienses / Pastor. / . . . Obiit VI. Cal. Feb. M.DCCXXXVIII. / Ætatis sue XLIII. Mary Colthurst wife of the Rev: Thos. Colthurst died Feb. 7th 1765. aged 51.

John Colthurst / of Sandle Bridge Gent. / son of Peter & Elizabeth / died Oct. 31st 1774. in the 77th year of his age. / Caroline daughter of Swinton Colthurst Holland / died October 9th 1833. aged 26.

Samuel Colthurst / of Nether Knutsford. Gent. / son of Peter and Elizabeth / of Sandle Bridge / Died March 13th 1750 in the 45th year of his age.

Doctor / Peter Colthurst of Nether Knutsford son of Peter & Elizabeth / of Sandle Bridge / Died. 27th August. 1769 aged. 60.

Ann / wife of Doctor Peter Colthurst / daughter of the late Rev^d / John Platts of Cossall / Nottinghamshire / died July 9th 1763 aged 40.

(The following Notes are from the MSS. of the late E. S. Holland.)

From papers in possession of Miss Fanny Holland, 1870.

John Menzies [b. 1769, son of John Menzies of Rodney Street] married Mary Anne Gardiner in January 1800—issue Anne Menzies married to W^m Jones, Insurance broker, Liverpool.—their children are Louisa—William—Mary Caroline—Edward Stuart—Alfred.

Henry Menzies married to Caroline Mawe formerly of Doncaster—their children are Mary Anne & John.

John Menzies B.D. Rector of Wyke Regis & Weymouth, married to Caroline Lang daughter of the late Chas. Lang of Portland Place & Moor Park near Farnham.—no children.

Caroline Menzies—married to Rev^d W^m Hurdis Lushington M.A. (son of the R^t Hon^{ble} S. R. Lushington) Rector of Eastling near Faversham Kent, no children.

William Menzies, M.A. Bachelor—Curate of Thursley near Godalming, Surrey.

Alfred Menzies A.M. Fellow of Trinity College Oxford and Curate of Godalming at the time of his decease.

Lucy Menzies—Spinster—Frederick Menzies A.M. Fellow of Brazen 'ose College Oxford & Curate of Hambledon—Bucks—(M^{rs} Holland was sister of above John—E.S.H.)

SHUGBOROUGH, *Sept.* 7-1811.

SIR,—I trust you will forgive the liberty of my once more troubling you with Mr Stanford's visit, I could not resist the opportunity of making enquiry after your health through him, and of giving you an account of the information I have lately received through my son of his father's family which he has gained since the death of our old friend Mr John Menzies, who lived 30 years in Lord Monson's family, House Steward. His property was small, left in legacies to his relations in Scotland, my son his Executor.—The account from an old gentleman Mr Robert Menzies to my son was as follows.—“Your Great Grandfather was a respectable man of this country who married the Laird of Donnimachary's Daughter—their children were three sons, Robert, John and Alexander—Robert (your Grandfather) married Stewart the Laird of Gaerth's daughter—his children were John, Archibald, (who both died abroad having no issue) Robert (your father) and Alexander who died young.—Your Grand uncle John lived in this country was married and had issue—William who lived at Edinburgh and was Solicitor of Customs in Scotland—William died and has left two sons John & William—John succeeded his father and is Solicitor at present.—William is also at Edinburgh after returning from the East Indies with money.—Your Grand uncle Alexander was a resident

in Edinburgh and left but one son John, who many years ago went up to England married there, and if alive is a respectable merchant in Liverpool—he had two sons John now in London and Henry Wright Menzies in the army.—so far on your fathers side.—Stewart Laird of Gaerth has several sons and three daughters, his grandson is at present in possession of that property and has a family.—My father married the eldest, myself and two sisters are the issue—your Grandfather married the second and had the four sons mentioned—a gentleman of the name of Stewart married the third and had issue one son who was Surgeon in the army went to India made money and at present lives in London, his address is Doct^r Alexander Stewart late of the 42^d Reg^t—The present Laird of Gaerth, D^r Stewart your father & myself, are what is called in Scotland—cousin german.”—(Signed) MARIA MENZIES—(to M^r Menzies.)

SHUGBOROUGH, 7th Nov^r 1811.

DEAR SIR,—I am extremely sorry it was not in my power to answer your very kind & satisfactory Letter of 20th Sept^r, at that time agreeable to my own inclination—on looking over my Son’s letter—I found I had not the address of the M^r Robert Menzies from whom he gained this information—I wrote to him for it, and have now the pleasure of giving you a short account as I received it—M^r Rob^t Menzies, Farkyer, near Aberfieldire—He is Factor to Sir John Menzies and others—Has seven sons all doing well—and from his Letters is a sensible man—M^r Robert Menzies’s father and my husband’s father appear to have married two sisters, by the family statement I sent you—who were daughters of Stewart Laird of Gaerth—I have for many years past wished to know if any of my husband’s family were living—My son is principle agent to Lord Harewood at Harewood in Yorkshire—He engaged in it this summer, and what renders it very pleasant—it was unsolicited by my Son—Lord Harewood was desirous to have him undertake the management of his large Estates—and relinquish all other business in that way—consequently it fixes him in an Establishment—and he is very anxious for me to retire from my (humble compared with his) station, and take up my abode under his protection in comfort for the remainder of my days, which I

am about to do in 3 or 4 months as it may suit the convenience of Lord & Lady Anson who are good & worthy people and to whom I feel attached.

—(Signed) MARIA MENZIES.

Another letter dated Harewood, Wetherby, Yorkshire, 20th March 1817, from Maria Menzies to Mrs. Holland.

PLAS PENRHYN, 28 *October* 1840—W.M.—Major Archibald Menzies Late of the 42^d Highlanders one of the seven sons of Robert Menzies late of Farley-gair close by Castle Menzies and Steward or Factor to the late Sir Robert Menzies and also intimate friend of Sir Robert. Robert Menzies also married a Menzies.

Genealogy of William Menzies.—The Grandfather on his father's side was William Menzies Solicitor of Customs at Edinburgh and cousin to John Menzies late of Rodney Street Liverpool and father of Mr^s Samuel Holland. His father is Captain William Menzies H.E.I. Coy service presently residing in 114 George Street Edinburgh who is the youngest and now only surviving son of the said late W. Menzies Solicitor of His Majesty's Customs in Scotland, who was one of the Bolfrax Family in the Highlands now Extinct, owing to the property being sold for the benefit of Bolfrax's three daughters who are now all dead—His (W. Menzies') grandmother on the father's side was Miss Elizabeth Midcalf daughter of Dr Midcalf London, she was born in London.—All now left of the old stock of the Menzies family in Scotland is Miss Janet Menzies —Captain William Menzies and his Cousin the honourable Mr Justice Menzies Cape of Good Hope who is married to Admiral Christian's daughter—Judge Menzies was the only son of the late John Menzies Eldest Brother of the present Capt. W. Menzies. Capt. W^m Menzies H.E.I.S. has one dtr. & three sons—Emily Menzies, William Menzies, Kenneth Menzies & John Edward Menzies.—W^m Menzies' mother was a Miss Harriet Callender eldest dtr. of Kenneth Callender surgeon, youngest son of Callender of Craigforth, & she was sister to Lady Hardinge wife of Sir Chas. Hardinge.

LIVERPOOL *Aug.* 23^d 1814.—Sir, having first learnt thro' a friend that an Enquiry has recently been made by you about my father the late

Jⁿ Menzies I trust you will pardon the liberty his daughter is taking in addressing these few lines to you being anxious to know why the enquiry after my Respected Parent was made & desirous of giving any further information concerning him to the friends of his Aunt the late Barbara Stuart that may be wished being well assured that any enquiry respecting my honored father who has now been dead about twelve months can be satisfactorily answered—a few lines addressed to M^{rs} Holland—M^r Samuel Holland Liverpool will very much oblige.—Sir, yours very respectfully.—CATHERINE HOLLAND.

LEITH, 8th Sept. 1814.—Madam—I was favoured with your very polite letter of the 26th ult^o and in reply I beg to acquaint you that the enquiry lately made by me respecting a person of the name of John Menzies nephew to Barbara Stewart the deceased Spouse of James Warrock late Merchant Tayler in Edinburgh was in consequence of the late M^r James Warroch, Prestonpans, my Uncle, who died on the 27th January last having by his settlement left to him five hundred Merks Scotch, which is equal to Twenty seven pounds fifteen shillings and sevenpence sterling. The following is a copy of that part of the Settlement which respects M^r Menzies: “And in regard that James Warroch designing himself Merchant, Tayler in Edinburgh who was my uncle; did by a deed dated the day of September Seventeen hundred and sixty seven years, dispose and convey to me all heritable and movable property burthened with payment of certain annuities, together with Five hundred Merks Scotch Money to John Menzies, nephew to Barbara Stewart his deceased spouse, but the Heir at Law having brought the validity of the Deed in question by a process of Reduction before the Lords of Council and Sessions, it was by them set aside upon the footing of Death Bed and the haill funds were thereby evicted from me by the heirs. Notwithstanding whereof in respect to my said Uncle I continued to pay the Annuitants during their respective lives from my own private funds, and being still disposed to fulfill his wishes or intentions so far as I think reasonable, I do hereby order and direct my said Trustee (viz. D^r John Warroch Pursell) to pay to the said John Menzies, now or lately residing in Liverpool, or his heirs Five hundred Merks Scotch being equal

to Twenty seven pounds fifteen shillings and sevenpence sterling in full at the distance of six Months after my decease"—Having deferred remitting the money untill payment of the duty to Government, and learning that your brother Mr John Menzies and yourself are the only children in life of the said John Menzies referred to in my uncle's Settlement and the only persons entitled to receive the money it is my intention to remit it soon deducting the charges to which it is liable, and shall probably send a form of discharge to be signed. Please acquaint your Brother with the Contents of this letter. Address for me Dr Pursell, Prestonpans, near Edinburgh.—I remain Madam your very obedient servant JOHN WARROCH PURSELL.—Mrs Holland Liverpool.

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¹ That is, Edward Holland, Esq., M.P., of Dumbleton.

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