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INTRODUCTION.

THIS small work, the publication of which has been limited to one hundred copies, consists of the genealogy of the families named on the title page arranged in biographical form. It is to be regretted that limit of space has compelled the omission of much that might have been of interest, more especially in reference to the numerous country seats and houses in the Counties of Westmorland and Lancashire, with which the families of Carus and Wilson have from time to time been associated.

All particulars have been taken from the best authorities, and every effort has been made to ensure accuracy.

The letters in the appendix have been selected from the large number of documents formerly at Casterton Hall, and now in the possession of the Rev. W. Carus-Wilson, of Preston Vicarage, Faversham, the present representative of the family.

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PART I.

PART I

Carus, of Kendal and
Asthwaite.

The family of Carus, or Cayrus, were landowners in Westmorland at a very early date. Roger de Cayrus made grants of land to the Priory of Conishead at its foundation, which were confirmed by Edward II. in his Charter to the Priory in the twelfth year of his reign. The grants are there recorded as being land in Asthwaite, all his land in Marleriding, and twenty acres in Haverbrack.¹

In the reign of Edward III. the family of the above Roger Cayrus resided at Hawes Hall, in Helsington, and held much property in the parish and neighbourhood of Kendal, being allied to the del Chambres,

¹ Dugdale Monast., Anglican (*vide* appendix)

de Wessingtons, Flemings, Gilpins, and other ancient families in the County of Westmorland. Of this family was

RICHARD CARUS, of Watchfield, Kendal (anciently known as Cayrus House). He obtained the Watchfield property by exchange with John del Chambre in 1363 for his own property in Helsington.¹ He married, in 38 Edw. III., Agnes, daughter of James Pickering, of Killington Hall, who, in 1362 and 1365, was Knight of the Shire for Westmorland. This James Pickering conveyed to Richard Carus, and Agnes, his wife, lands in Kirkby Helsington, and Strickland by way of marriage settlement. Their descendant,

² RICHARD CARUS, of Asthwaite and Kendal, Co. Westmorland, had issue :—

Thomas (of whom presently).

Katherine married Rowland Philipson, of Hollinghall, Co. Westmorland (who *d.* 1516).

² THOMAS CARUS, of Asthwaite, married Margaret, daughter of William Wilson, of Stavely Park, Kendal, and had issue :—

William (of whom presently).

¹ Burn's History of Westmorland.

² Some authorities read William,

Robert, of Tredaugh, Ireland, who had a daughter and heiress :—

Mary *m.* James Janns, Mayor of Dublin, 1593
(who *d.* 1620).¹

CHRISTOPHER of Stavely Hall, Kendal, married Anne, daughter of Christopher Philipson, of Calgarth Hall, and Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Sir Marmaduke Wyvill, and had issue :—

Nicholas Carus of Kendal, who had a daughter and heiress, Katherine, married Rowland Philipson, J.P., of Calgarth.

In the windows of Calgarth Hall, Windermere, were several arms, of which one bore three mullets gules, by name Carus ; and over the chimney-piece in the hall, Carus impaling Wyvill and Philipson single.

The family of Carus, in 1525, were donors to the foundation of the Free School at Kendal, which was built on the north side of the Church in the reign of Elizabeth.²

Thomas Carus was succeeded by his son.

WILLIAM CARUS, of Asthwaite, who married Isabel, daughter of Thomas Laybourne, of Cunswick, Co. Westmorland (Chief Justice of Common Pleas in

¹ Burke General Armory.

² Records of Kendal.

1564), and Margaret, his wife, daughter of Sir John Pennington, of Muncaster. He had issue:—

Sir Thomas (of whom presently).

Adam (Priest), Rector of Windermere.

Robert of Kendal.

Christopher.

Richard of Wennington, Co. Lancs. (*vide* Carus of Melling).

Margaret *m.* Christopher Sandys, of Graithwaite, and brother of Edwin, Lord Archbishop of York.

Anne *m.* Christopher Nicholson, of Crook Hall, Co. Westmorland.

Ellen *m.* Randall Washington of Sapp, Co. Westmorland.

Jane *m.* Henry Sawrey, of Plumpton Hall, Co. Westmorland.

SIR THOMAS CARUS, Knt., was M.P., for Lancaster in 1552, 1553 and 1555. In Lent Term, 1556, he was Reader at the Middle Temple, and was appointed Sergeant-at-Law the 19th April, 1559. He was Vice-Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, in which office he presided over several important

commissions in reference to towns encroached upon by the sea.¹

In 1557 Sir Thomas Carus was granted the Manor of Kirkby Lonsdale, together with lands in Hegholme, Kirthwaite, and the neighbourhood, to hold of the Crown in capite by the service of one-fortieth part of a Knight's fee. This Manor was formerly the property of the Abbey of St. Mary, York, but came into the hands of the Crown at the dissolution of the Monasteries.

Sir Thomas was appointed Judge of the Queen's Bench in 1564 in succession to Mr. Justice Corbet, and continued in that office till his death. In 1569 he, with Sir James Dyer, Chief Justice of Common Pleas, and two other Justices, heard and determined a controversy between the President and Council in Wales and the Chamberlain of Chester as to the jurisdiction of the County Palatine of Chester, being the question arising in Radford's case.²

He married Katherine, sixth daughter of Sir Thomas Preston, Knt., of Preston Patrick and Holker Park, Co. Lancs., and Anne, his wife, daughter of William Thornburgh, of Hampsfield, by Eleanour, his wife,

¹ Duchy of Lancaster Records.

² Foss' Lives of the Judges.

daughter of Sir Richard Musgrave, Knt. At Holker Hall, once one of the seats of the Preston family, over a fireplace in a portion of the mansion destroyed by fire in 1871, were formerly the arms following, parted per pale and rudely sculptured in wood : Carus and Preston, Middleton and Carus, Kighley and Carus, Cavendish and Carus, Laybourne and Preston, Dacre and Laybourne, Monteagle and Laybourne, Arundel and Dacre, Howard and Dacre, Morley and Monteagle.

By his wife Katherine, Sir Thomas had issue :—

THOMAS, of Kirkby Lonsdale and Biggins, married Anne, daughter of Wilfred Preston, of Overbiggins, and had issue :—

Elizabeth, *b.* 1560 (one of the founders of Kirkby Lonsdale Grammar School), married Sir Nicholas Curwen, M.P., of Workington, Cumberland, and *d.* 1611, leaving issue :—

Mary, *m.* Sir Henry Widdrington, Knt.

Anne.

Jane, *m.* Henry Lambton.

On a tablet in the south side of Kirkby Lonsdale Church is the following inscription :—

Foelici memoriae Elizabethae Carus
 Filiae et haeredis Thomae Carus
 Nicholai Curwen Equitis Aurati uxoris
 Matris suae optime meritae maerens

Filia Maria Henco. Widdrington nupta
hoc saxum posuit. Hic requiescit ab anno
Dñi 1611 aetatis suae 51, donec postrema
lux refulgeat.

Christopher (*vide* Carus of Halton).

William, M.A. Merton Coll., Oxford, 1589; Fellow
of Queen's Coll. 1593.

Richard.

Mary, married 1st Edward Middleton, of Middleton
Hall, Co. Lancs.; 2nd, Sir Henry Kighley, of
Kighley, Co. Yorks., and had issue:—

Anne, married 1580 Sir William Cavendish,
of Hardwick; Baron Cavendish 1605; and
Earl of Devonshire 1618, ancestor of the
present Duke of Devonshire, in whose family
still remain the Manor of Inskip and ancient
Kighley inheritance.¹

Grisold. Isabel. Anne.

Etheldred, *d.* 1596; married William, son and
heir of Sir William Thornburgh, of Hamp-
field, Cartmel, and Thomasin, his wife,
daughter of Sir Robert Bellingham of Burn-
side. On a small slab on the wall of
Cartmel Church is the following epitaph:—

1600.

Here before lyeth interred
Etheldred Thornburgh's corps in dust;
In lyfe, in death, still firmly fixed
On God to rest her stedfast trust;

¹ Burke's Peerage.

Hir father Justice Carus was,
 Hir mother, Catherine, his wife ;
 Hir husband, William, Thornburgh was,
 Whyle here she led this mortail life
 On third of Martche a yeare of grace,
 One thousand fyve hundred nyntie-six.
 Hir sowle departed this earthly place
 Of age nigh fortie yeares and six,
 To whose sweet sowle heavenly dwelling,
 Our Saviour grant everlastinge rest.

Sir Thomas Carus died the 3rd July, and was buried with some pomp in the Church of St. Dunstons-in-the-West, London, on the 7th July, 1571.¹ The pennon and surcoat carried in the funeral procession bore "azure on a chevron between ten cinquefoils argent three mullets gules." The Manor of Kirkby Lonsdale descended to his son Thomas; his son Christopher settled at Halton, Co. Lancs., from whom derived the family of Carus, of Halton.

ARMS.—Az. on a chevron between ten cinquefoils arg. three mullets gu.

CREST.—A falcon with wings expanded sa. beaked belled and jessed or charged on the breast with a cinquefoil arg.

¹ Parish Registers S. Dunstan-in-the-West.

Carus, of Halton.

SIR CHRISTOPHER CARUS, Knt., son of Sir Thomas Carus, was Lord of the Manor and Patron of the Rectory of Halton, Co. Lancs., which he purchased in 1583 (the conveyance being still extant) from Philip, Earl of Arundel, and Lady Anne, his wife, daughter of Thomas Lord Dacre. This property remained in the Carus family till 1743, the present Halton Hall being built by them on the site of the old manorial residence of the Dacres.

Sir Christopher was a member of Gray's Inn, and held the appointment of Keeper of Quernmore Park and Forest, under the Duchy of Lancaster.¹ He is mentioned in one of the list of Judges attending Lancaster between 1628 and 1636, but more probably he was one of the Commissioners appointed by the Duchy of Lancaster to report on matters relating to their estates in his district.

¹ Duchy Records.

In 1587 he (being next in the entail), with Katherine, his wife, and Nicholas Curwen, and Elizabeth, his wife, conveyed the Manor of Kirkby Lonsdale by fine to William Thornburgh and Thomas Curwen. This manor subsequently became the property of Sir John Lowther of Lowther, Bart., ancestor of the present Earl of Lonsdale.

The family of Carus were always staunch Roman Catholics and supporters of the House of Stuart, and the signature of Sir Christopher Carus appears on the address of Lancashire gentry to James I., declaring allegiance to him on his accession in 1603.

He married Katherine, daughter of Christopher Philipson, of Calgarth, Co. Westmorland, and had issue :—

Thomas (of whom presently).

Christopher, d. s. p.

Katherine *m.* John Leyburn, of Cunswick and Witherslack, Co. Westmorland, and had with other issue :—

John Leyburn, President of Douay Coll.,
Bishop of Adrumetum 1685, and Vicar-
Apostolic in England, *d.* 1703.

Elizabeth *m.* Thomas Danby, of Leek, Co. Yorks.

Sir Christopher Carus died in 1633,¹ and was succeeded by his eldest son.

THOMAS CARUS, Barr.-at-Law, Gray's Inn, where he entered 22nd April, 1594. During the Civil War in the reign of Charles I. the Carus family suffered much for the Royalist cause.

After the final defeat of the King, the Parliamentary Party appointed a Commission to extort sums of money from the Royalist supporters for the maintenance of the Parliamentary forces, the King being powerless to protect his adherents any further.

On the 9th December, 1647, the Halton estate of Thomas Carus was, at the same time with many others in the County of Lancaster, sequestrated by the Commissioners. He was reported as a papist delinquent, and the officers appointed to carry out the sequestration took possession of Halton, where they cut timber and committed damage to the extent of £300. After repeated application to the Commissioners the estate was discharged on the 2nd December 1651, Thomas Carus being ordered to compound for the same for £516 10.²

¹ Inq. post-mortem.

² Proceedings of Commission or Compounded Estates.

He resided at the Manor of Westhall, Whittington, in the reign of James I., which property came to him through his wife, Anne, daughter of Miles Huddleston, who in the reign of Elizabeth was Lord of Westhall Manor and joint patron of the Rectory of Whittington.

By his wife, Anne, he had issue :—

Thomas (of whom presently).

Christopher, d. s. p. 1661.

John.

Bryan.

Wilfrid : Citizen of London.

Frances *m.* Thomas Pickering, of Crosby, Co. Westmorland.

Lucie *d.* 1666, *m.* Richard North (ancestor of the Norths of Newton Hall), of Docker, Whittington.

Margaret.

THOMAS CARUS, *b.* 1612, succeeded his father in 1656 as Lord of the Manors of Halton and Whittington. He was educated at Queen's College, Oxford, where he graduated B.A. in 1632 and M.A. in 1636.

Thomas Carus fought for Charles I. under the famous Sir Thomas Tyldesley, Colonel to the Earl of Derby, and who lost his life in the engagement at

Wigan Lane, the 3rd August, 1650. He was reported as having been seen in the King's quarters and his property confiscated at the same time that of his father.

He was taken prisoner by the Parliamentary forces and detained some time. On his release he appeared personally before the Commission who had sequestered the Halton estate and applied for a discharge, which he succeeded in obtaining on behalf of his father in 1651.

He married 1st in 1635, Mary, daughter of Thomas Middleton, and granddaughter of Sir Thomas Middleton, Knt., of Leighton Hall, Co. Lancs., by whom he had had issue :—

Christopher (of whom presently).

William.

Catherine *m.*, 1655, Richard Butler, of Rawcliffe, Co. Lancs.

He married 2ndly, 1649, Mary, daughter of Thomas Stanley, of Eccleston, Co. Lancs., and had issue :—

George, *b.* 1650, of Sellett Hall, Whittington, married Judith, daughter of Daniel Nicholson, of Hawkshead Hall, co-heiress with her sister of the estates of the Gilpin family, of Kentmere, Co. Westmorland, and had issue *d.* 1727.

Mary, *d.* 1690.

Thomas Carus died at Whittington, and was buried there the 10th September, 1677. His wife, Mary, survived him till 1683.

He was succeeded by his son

CHRISTOPHER CARUS, *b.* 1636, succeeded his father at Halton and Whittington. He presented as Patron of Whittington Rectory in 1681.

He married, in 1660, Mary, daughter of Richard Stanley, of Eccleston, Co. Lancs. (of the family of the Earl of Derby), by whom he had issue:—

Thomas (of whom presently).

George, of Whittington (the “Cosin Carus” of the Tyldesley Diary, *vide* Appendix). He took part in the Stuart rebellion of 1715, and in 1718 the Parliamentary Commission appointed to enquire into the estates of certain “traitors” reported, among many others, those of George Carus, at Halton Skirton, &c. and they were subsequently forfeited.

Mary.

Christopher Carus died in 1696.¹ He bequeathed a large portion of his estates in Halton and Whittington to his younger son, George, but was succeeded at Halton Hall by his elder son.

¹ Will of date,

THOMAS CARUS, *b.* 1661, Lord of Manors of Halton and Whittington. The diary of Thomas Tyldesley, grandson of Sir Thomas Tyldesley, the famous Royalist, contains some information of the life of the Carus family at this period.

In 1715 the Scotch forces entered England to support the cause of the Stuart dynasty, and place the Chevalier St. George on the throne. On November 5th they entered Kendal, and on the following day proceeded to Kirkby Lonsdale, where they were joined by Thomas Carus and his two sons, Thomas and Christopher, who first brought the news that the town of Lancaster had abandoned the idea of making any defence.

On the 7th November the party, led by the Earl of Derwentwater and Lord Kenmure entered Lancaster, where they assembled in the market place and proclaimed James III. with a great shout of "God save the King." They then laid hands on any arms, horses, and money they could find, and before quitting Lancaster they were joined by some of the neighbouring Roman Catholic gentry and their dependents, in number about 100 men.

They left the town on Wednesday morning, the 9th, the horse proceeding to Preston and the foot to

Garstang, the latter, however, joined the horse next day at Preston, where they remained till the 12th to fix carriages to the guns. At Preston they were surrounded by the Royal forces, to whom they surrendered, and about 230 men, guarded by Col. Dormer's Dragoons, were sent to Lancaster Castle.

In 1718 the Parliamentary Commission appointed to inquire into the estates of certain "traitors" reported, among many others those of the Carus family. The Halton estate was afterwards sold in 1743.

Thomas Carus *d.* 1717, leaving issue:—

Christopher, *b.* 1688.

Thomas (of whom presently).

George.

Frances, *d.* 1734.

THOMAS CARUS, *b.* 1690, succeeded his father at Halton Manor and Whittington in 1717. The family of Carus were reported by the Commission appointed to inquire into the estates of those who had taken part in 'the rebellion of the North' in 1715. The property of George Carus and Frances Carus were forfeited, and under the above Commission in 1743 the Manor of Halton, including the land, mills, and other appurtenances, was sold for full consideration in money to

William Bradshaw, a descendant of the Bradshaws of Prescal and Scales.¹

Thomas Carus had issue :—

Wilson, *b.* 1720, *d.* 1752.

George, *b.* 1721.

William.

Christopher, *m.* Jane Wilson, of Kirkby Lonsdale.

Grace, *m.* W. Cooper.

Catherine, *m.* G. Moore.

Bridget, *m.* John Wilson, of London.

Thomas Carus, died 4th August, 1763, and was buried at Halton.

The Manor of Halton was devised by Mr. William Bradshaw to William Bradshaw Fletcher, son of his niece, Sarah, wife of the Rev. Robert Fletcher, who assumed the name of Bradshaw. He was succeeded by his son, Robert Fletcher Bradshaw, at the instance of whose Trustee the Manor advowson and estates of Halton were sold in thirty-three lots. Halton Hall became the property of Major Whittle, but has since passed into other hands.¹

¹ Baines' History of Lancashire.

Among the many families in the North of England whose adherence to the House of Stuart brought ruin and forfeiture of estates may be mentioned the ancient and once powerful Roman Catholic family of Leyburn, who were connected with the Carus family by many ties of kinship and religion. This family suffered loss of their estates, and shortly afterwards became extinct ; their ancient mansion, Cunswick Hall, is now used as a farm house.

ARMS.—Same as Carus of Kendal.



Descent

OF SIR CHRISTOPHER CARUS, OF
HALTON, FROM GEOFFREY PLANTAGENET,
COUNT OF ANJOU.¹

Geoffrey Plantagenet, Count of Anjou, *d.* 1150
(who married Matilda, daughter of Henry I., King
of England). His natural son,

Hamelin Plantagenet, Earl of Surrey, *d.* 1202,
married Isabel de Warrenne, Countess of Surrey.
His daughter,

Ulla, married Sir William de Fitzwilliam, of Spots-
burgh, Co. Yorks. His son,

Sir Thomas Fitzwilliam, married Agnes, daughter
of Roger Bertram, of Mitford. His son,

Sir William Fitzwilliam, married Agnes, daughter
of Lord Grey, of Codnor. His son,

Sir William Fitzwilliam, of Spotsburgh, Knt.,
1327, married Maud, daughter of Edward Lord
d'Eyncourt. His daughter,

¹ Burke's Extinct Peerage.
Burke's History of the Commoners.

Elizabeth, married Sir Thomas Musgrave, M.P.,
Co. Yorks, *d.* 1409. His grandson,

Thomas Musgrave, *d.* 1447, married Joan, daughter
of William Lord Dacre. His son,

Sir Richard Musgrave, *Knt.*, *d.* 1464, married
Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Betham, of
Betham, Co. Westmorland. His daughter,

Cleanour, married William Thornburgh, of Hamps-
field, Co., Lancs. His daughter,

Anne, married Sir Thomas Preston, *Knt.*, of Holker,
Co. Lancs., who *d.* 1524. Their daughter.

Katherine, married Sir Thomas Carus, Judge of
King's Bench, of Kirkby Lonsdale, Co. Westmor-
land, *d.* 1571, whose son was

Sir Christopher Carus, *Knt.*, of Halton, Co.
Lancs.

Carus of Melling and Kirkby Lonsdale.

This branch of the family was formerly seated at Wennington, in the parish of Melling, Co. Lancs., where temp. Henry VIII., Richard, son of William Carus of Asthwaite and Kendal, and brother of Sir Thomas Carus (who in 1557 was Lord of the Manor of Kirkby Lonsdale) held an estate. This Richard (*d.* 1561)¹ had by his wife, Gyllian, with other issue:—

JAMES CARUS, of Wennington, Co. Lancs. He *d.* 1586, leaving issue by his wife, Alice:—

Richard (of whom presently).

James.

Jane *d.* 1602.

RICHARD CARUS, *b.* 1559, of Wennington was succeeded by his son,

¹ Will of date

JAMES CARUS, of Wennington. He married in 1611 Ellen, daughter of William Procter, of Cantsfield, in the parish of Tunstall, Co. Lancs., where the family of Procter has resided for many generations. James Carus *d.* 1632, leaving issue :—

James (of whom presently).

Thomas, of Hornby, Co. Lancs. The family of Carus were much connected with Hornby Castle, which was the property of the family of Lord Morley and Monteagle. In 1661 Wilfrid Carus of this family was Co-Steward, with Josias Morley, of Wennington Hall, of the Honour of Hornby and Manor of Tatham.¹ This branch of the family remained at Hornby till 1696.

John *d.* 1674.

JAMES CARUS, of Wennington, *b.* 1612. He married in 1635 Alice, daughter of Thomas Craven, of Wennington (which Alice, after his decease, married into the Harrington family).

James Carus *d.* 1648, leaving issue :—

James (of whom presently).

Thomas, *b.* 1637, *d.* 1678.

Agnes *m.* Samuel Craven.

¹ Archives of Hornby Castle.

JAMES CARUS, of Wennington, *b.* 1636, married, in 1671, Agnes, daughter of William Turner, of Melling and Priest Hutton, Co. Lancs., whose family had for many generations been seated in the neighbourhood of Melling. The Rev. Bryan Turner, D.D., a son of the above-named William Turner, was Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, in 1665, and afterwards Canon of Hereford, of which Diocese he was appointed Archdeacon, but *d.* 1697 before he was installed. James Carus had issue :—

William (of whom presently).

James.

Thomas.

Alice.

He *d.* 1st September, 1687, and was buried in Warton Church.

WILLIAM CARUS, of Melling, Co. Lancs., succeeded his father in 1687. In 1699¹ he was appointed by Mary, Lady Morley and Monteagle, Steward of the Honour of Hornby and Manor of Tatham. He married Mary, daughter of James Turner, of Arkholme, Co. Lancs., by whom he had issue :—

¹ Appointed 1 Nov., 1699.

William Turner (of whom presently).

Mary, *b.* 1716.

William Carus *d.* 25th March, 1726, at Melling, leaving all his lands in Arkholme, Wrayton Melling, etc., to his son

WILLIAM TURNER CARUS, *b.* 1711, of Melling. He married Elizabeth, daughter of William Dickonson, of Arkholme, by whom he had issue :—

William (of whom presently).

Thomas, *b.* 1740, of Gray's Inn, London, and Kirkby Lonsdale ; *m.* 1766 Eleanour, daughter of Hugh Ashton, of Underley Hall, Co. Westmorland, and *d. s. p.* 24 Sept., 1776.

James, *b.* 1743. Robert, *b.* 1745, of London, *d.* 11 November, 1811.

Dickonson, *b.* 1754, of Melling, *m.* 12 August, 1789, Elizabeth, daughter of James Dowker, Deputy-Recorder of Kendal, and *d.s.p.* 1821.

Mary *d.* 1741.

William Turner Carus, *d.* 19 March, 1780, leaving all his lands to his grandson, William Wilson Carus, son of

WILLIAM CARUS, *b.* 1738, of Kirkby Lonsdale (*d.* 1768). He married 3 Jan., 1763, Elizabeth,

daughter of Roger Wilson, J.P., D.L., of Casterton Hall, Co. Westmorland, by whom he had issue :—

WILLIAM WILSON (of whom hereafter).

Elizabeth, *m.* 1 Sept., 1792, Edward Hasell, of Dalemain, Co. Cumberland, and had issue :—

Edward Williams Hasell, *b.* 1795, of Dalemain, High Sheriff Co. Cumberland, 1830, *m.* Dorothea, daughter of Edward King, of Hungerhill, Co. Yorks, Vice-Chancellor of Duchy of Lancaster.

Roger *b.* 23 Jan., 1766, of Lunefield, Kirkby Lonsdale. He *d.* 11 Feb., 1826, leaving issue by his wife, Elizabeth (*d.* 1855), daughter of William Terry, of Liverpool :—

REV. WILLIAM CARUS, M.A., *b.* 1804, was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated with highest honours in Classics and Mathematics in 1827. He was Senior Fellow and Dean of Trinity College, Incumbent of Great St. Mary's, and Select University Preacher in 1854, 1859, and 1866. He was appointed Canon Residentiary of Winchester, Vicar of Romsey, and Rural Dean in 1851, and was Proctor in Convocation.

Canon Carus was the author of "Memoirs of Rev. Charles Simeon" and "Life of Bishop McIlvaine." The Carus Greek Testament Prize at Cambridge was founded in memory

of his name. He married, in 1851, Maria Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the Rev. Edward Selwyn, Rector of Hemingford Abbots, Co. Huntingdon, and died at Bournemouth 27th August, 1891, leaving no issue.

Elizabeth, *d.* 1855.

Sarah, *b.* 1805, *d.* 1891.

ARMS.—Az. on a chevron engrailed or betw. nine quatrefo arg. three mullets gu.

CREST.—A hawk rising sa. beaked belled and collared, or from the collar an escutcheon pendant arg. charged with a wolf head couped sa. vulned proper.



PART II.

PART II.

Family of Wilson.

The family of Wilson is descended from the WILSONS of Staveley Hall, Kendal (*vide* p. 4).

A collateral branch of this family resided at Underley Hall, Co. Westmorland, till 1730, when the property was sold by Thomas Wilson to Hugh Ashton. Kirkby Lonsdale Grammar School was re-built in 1628 by Henry Wilson,² of Underley, who founded Exhibitions from there, and also from Kendal School to Queen's College, Oxford.

EDWARD WILSON,¹ *b.* circ. 1530, of Nether Levens Hall Heversham, Co. Westmorland, had issue:—

EDWARD WILSON, *b.* 1557, of Nether Levens Hall; Lord of the Manors of Beetham, Haverbrack, etc., founded and endowed Heversham Grammar

¹ Marriage settlement of Edward Wilson and Dorothy Kirkby, 1658.

² According to Parson and White's History of Westmorland, this Henry was brother of Thomas Wilson, of Heversham Hall (*vide* p. 30).

School in 1613, together with Exhibitions from the School to Queen's College, Oxford, and Trinity College, Cambridge. He *d.* 1654, and was buried in Heversham Church.

By his will dated the 19th November, 1652, he devised all his estates to his nephew, Thomas Wilson, of Heversham Hall.

THOMAS WILSON, of Staveley Hall, Kendal, *d.* 1624, leaving with other issue:—

THOMAS WILSON, *b.* 1592, of Heversham Hall, succeeded in 1654 to the estates of his uncle, Edward Wilson, of Nether Levens Hall.

He married Dorothy, daughter of Henry Fisher, of Bradleyfield, Co. Westmorland, by whom he had issue:—

Edward (of whom presently).

Henry.

Thomas.

George.

Jane *b.* 1620, *m.* 23 December, 1639, Robert Rawlinson, J.P., of Carke Hall, Cartmel, Vice-Chamberlain of the City and County of Chester to the Earl of Derby,¹ and *d.* 1686.

Thomas Wilson *d.* 1656, and was buried in Heversham Church.

¹ Monument in Cartmel Church.

EDWARD WILSON, *b.* 1618; J.P., Member of Gray's Inn, 1640; of Dallam Tower, Co. Westmorland (which formerly was the property of the Thornburgh family), and also of Casterton Hall, in the same County, which estate was granted to him by Queen Catherine in 1668 out of her dower lands. He generally resided at Park House, Tunstall.

He married 1st, 1646, Jane, daughter of Gawen Braithwaite, of Ambleside (she *d.* 1656), and had issue :—

EDWARD, *b.* 1652, Queen's Coll., Oxford, 1669; Member of Gray's Inn, 1671; (ancestor of the WILSONS of Dallam Tower), married Catherine, daughter of Sir Daniel Fleming, Knt., M.P., of Rydal Hall, Co. Westmorland, and *d.* 1719, leaving issue :—

DANIEL WILSON, *b.* 1679, M.P. Co. Westmorland 1708-47, *d.* 1757.

Elizabeth, *m.* Philip Swetenham, of Somerford Booths Hall, Co. Chester, and *d.* 1681.

He married 2nd, 1658, Dorothy, daughter of Roger Kirkby,¹ M.P., of Kirkby Hall, Furness, Co. Lancs., and Agnes, his wife, daughter of Sir John Lowther, M.P., of Lowther, by whom at his death, 2nd July, 1707,² he left issue :—

¹ *Vide* Appendix.

² Monument in Beetham Church,

ROGER WILSON, *b.* 29th January, 1662, of Casterton Hall, married, 1685, Jane, daughter of John Foxcroft, of Holme House, Co. Lancs., and *d.* 21 February, 1689, leaving issue :—

Edward, *b.* 1687, *m.* 1st 1716, Mary, widow of Anthony Bouch, of Ingleton, Co. Yorks., and daughter of Fletcher Fleming, of Rydal (she *d.* 1720); 2nd, 1721, Mrs. Barbary Wilson, of Underley. He *d.* 1726, leaving no issue surviving.

Roger (of whom presently).

Jane, *b.* 1688, *m.* Oliver Marton, D.L., of Capernway Hall, Recorder of Lancaster and Steward of Lonsdale, and had with other issue :—

Edward Marton, M.P. Lancaster; Steward of Lonsdale.

ROGER WILSON, *b.* 24th June, 1690,¹ of Casterton Hall, J.P., D.L., Co. Westmorland, married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Anderson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and *d.* 1755, leaving issue :—

Roger, *b.* 1727, D.L. Co. Westmorland, Barr.-at-Law and Bencher of Gray's Inn; Recorder of Kendal 1757-66; *d.* unm. at Gray's Inn 1769.

Anne, *m.* 1771 Rev. Marwood Place, B.D., Vicar of Kirkby Lonsdale, and *d.* 18 May, 1790.

¹ By the old style the year commenced on the 25th March.

Dorothy, *d.* 1731.

Jane, *d.* 1768.

ELIZABETH, *b.* 1728; *m.* 1763 William Carus, of
Kirkby Lonsdale (*vide* Carus-Wilson of Casterton).

ARMS.—Arg. three wolves' heads coupéd sa. vulned in the neck proper.

CREST.—A crescent or issuing flames of fire proper. [Grant dated 1586].





Carus - Wilson of Casterton.

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WILLIAM WILSON CARUS-WILSON, of Casterton, Co. Westmorland, *b.* 24th July, 1764, was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated B.A. with high Mathematical honours in 1786 and M.A. some years later. On leaving Cambridge he succeeded to his estates, and in accordance with the will of his aunt Anne, wife of the Rev. Marwood Place, Vicar of Kirkby Lonsdale and sister and co-heir of Roger Wilson, of Casterton Hall, he assumed the additional surname and arms of Wilson by Royal Licence of George III., dated 1st March, 1793.

He was a Justice of the Peace, first for the County of Westmorland and subsequently for Lancashire and the West Riding of Yorkshire, being 50 years Magistrate for the three Counties.

He was M.P. for Cockermouth for some years, but resigned in 1826. In 1831 he was one of the Conservative candidates for the County of Westmorland, but was withdrawn by his party, owing to a compromise, whereby one seat was allotted to each party.

He was a Deputy-Lieutenant for the County of Westmorland, and for a short time fulfilled the duties of Vice-Lieutenant during the absence of the Earl of Lonsdale.

He was at all times a strong supporter of the Protestant party in the Church. One of his last public acts was presiding at a County meeting held at Kendal to petition Parliament in reference to opposing the establishment of a Roman Catholic Hierarchy in England.

He died at Casterton Hall, 11th February, 1851, and was buried at Kirkby Lonsdale.

He married the 10th September, 1787, Margaret, daughter and heiress of Benjamin Shippard, of Natland, Co. Westmorland (she *d.* 1832), and Agnes, his wife, daughter of John Chamney, of Colton, Co. Yorks, and had issue :—

William (of whom presently).

Roger, *b.* 1792, M.A. Trinity College, Cambridge, 1818; Vicar of Preston, Co. Lancs., 1817-39; *m.* 1824, Frances, daughter of Maior Parr, and *d.* 1839.

Edward, *b.* 1795, M.A. Queen's College, Cambridge, 1821; Vicar of Crosby Ravensworth, Co. Westmorland, 1836; *m.* 1824, Jane, daughter of Thomas Maude, of the Woodlands, Harrogate, Co. Yorks, and *d.* 1860.

Charles, *b.* 1796, was a lawyer, who was remarkable for his great stature, being no less than 6ft. 10in. in height. In 1844 he was committed to prison by the Royal Court of Jersey for contempt of Court by his manner of addressing the Bench. Application was made to the Queen's Bench Court for a Writ of Habeas Corpus, and after some delay it was decided in the famous "Carus-Wilson's case" (7 Q.B. 1015) that a Writ of Habeas Corpus extended to the Channel Islands. The departure of "the giant" from Guernsey on his release was witnessed by no fewer than 5,000 persons, who cheered him and wished him success in his cause.¹ He *d.* 1854.

Margaret, *m.* 1823 William Batty, of Kirkby Lonsdale, and *d.* 1834.

Elizabeth, *d. unm.* 1830.

Agnes, *d.* 1810.

¹ *Illustrated London News*, 22 Feb., 1845.

Anne, *m.* 1832, Thomas Frewen, M.P. of Brick-wall House, Sussex, and Cold Overton Hall, Co. Leicester, and *w.* 1844.

REV. WILLIAM CARUS-WILSON, M.A., of Casterton, *b.* 7th July, 1791, succeeded his father in 1851. Educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, he came early under the influence of the Rev. Charles Simeon. On leaving Cambridge he was ordained by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and became Vicar of Tunstall in 1816, and some years later Rector of Whittington.

Among his early friends at Casterton had been Lord Macaulay, the sons of Wilberforce, and many others whose names speak of distinction. It was William Wilberforce who wrote to his son Samuel, afterwards Bishop of Winchester: "I asked Mr. Carus-Wilson, of Casterton, an excellent man, to meet the Archbishop of Dublin, wishing to carry out a principle I hold to be of great importance, that is the bringing together men who are like-minded and who may some day combine and concert together for the public good."¹

In 1820 Mr. Carus-Wilson founded at Casterton the school for servants and teachers, and three years later this was followed by the establishment at Cowan

¹ Life of Wilberforce.

Bridge of the Clergy Daughters' School, where the daughters of the poorer Clergy were educated at a very low cost. This school was afterwards removed to Casterton. The well-known authoress, Charlotte Brontë, who was a pupil at the Clergy Daughters' School, in her work "Jane Eyre," wrote with some disparagement of the Institution and its founder, Mr. Carus-Wilson figuring in the book under the thin disguise of "Mr. Brocklehurst."

A yet more severe criticism of the school and its founder appeared in Mrs. Gaskell's "Life of Charlotte Brontë," which was, however, suppressed in a later edition of the work. The matter was the subject of much controversy at the time; long letters appeared in *The Times* and other papers in defence, and the public saw the injustice of the attack. The then Bishop of London, in going over the school shortly after Charlotte Brontë had left there, remarked that he could wish no better home for his own daughters.

In "Thornycroft Hall" the authoress, Miss Emma Jane Worboise, has written in high praise of the school, where she was a pupil for five years.

The example given at Casterton was followed by the establishment of similar institutions at Brighton,

Clifton, Warrington and Dublin. Queen Adelaide was a warm supporter of the school after her visit to Casterton,¹ and frequently consulted Mr. Carus-Wilson as to the disposal of her charities.

Mr. Carus-Wilson was editor of the *Friendly Visitor* and *Children's Friend*, the first penny periodicals that ever appeared in England of the kind. He was one of the Simeon Trustees, and was instrumental in building a large number of churches.

In later years ill-health compelled him to live much abroad, and the interest he was induced to take in the Sardinian Army while in Italy was transferred to the British Army, when he returned to England and resided in the Isle of Wight.

During the Crimean War many thousand copies of the Bible were placed by him in the knapsacks of the French soldiers, and were received by French officers of every rank. This work was carried on at Paris, Lyons, Marseilles and Toulon, and several other places.

At the time of the Indian Mutiny he collected and provided for many of the families of the soldiers at Portsmouth, where he established the first Soldier's Institute, from which others have taken their origin.

¹ *Vide* Appendix.

To the end he relaxed none of his energy for his work ; shortly before his death the late Lord Shaftesbury wrote to him, "Your activity may be less than it was, but it is still greater than that of most people."

Dr. Thorold, the late Bishop of Winchester, his friend and colleague from youth, has written of him :—
 "In public life he was a pioneer. His character was remarkable for energy and a moral courage that was sometimes sublime, a most singular forgetfulness of self."

When asking the blessing of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who visited him on his death-bed, the Archbishop replied : "I assure you, my dear friend, I feel it is the greater asking a blessing of the lesser." He died in London 30th December, 1859, and was buried in the family vault at Casterton.

A white marble monument, sculptured by Westmacott, was raised to his memory, in St. John's Church, Newport, Isle of Wight, bearing the inscription :
 "Erected by the Non-commissioned Officers and Privates of the British Army in token of their love and gratitude."

Mr. Carus-Wilson, who was Chaplain to H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, married 31st January, 1815, Anne,

daughter of Major-General Charles Neville,¹ R.A. (she *d.* 15th November, 1859), and Anne Colden, his wife, daughter of Lieut.-General Williamson,² and had issue :—

William Wilson (of whom presently).

Charles, *b.* 1825, M.A. Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, 1851; Vicar of Eastry, Co. Kent, 1855; Vicar of Ramsgate, 1867; Vicar of St. Mark's, Leamington, 1875; *m.* 1852, Mary Jervis, daughter of Rev. H. Maud, of Bath, and *d.* 1877, leaving issue :—

Henry, *b.* 1853.

Frederick Neville, *b.* 1855, M.A. Trinity College, Cambridge; Vicar of St. Mark's, Leamington, 1889-98; Rector of Sundridge, Kent, 1898; *m.* 1884, Frances, daughter of Edward Denny, of Chiddingstone, Kent.

Ernest Jocelyn, *b.* 1860, C.M.S., *m.* 1899, Katherine Mary, daughter of C. E. Chapman, Bengal C.S.

Ashley Charles, *b.* 1863, M.A. Camb. 1891; *m.* 1893, Mary, daughter of Col. Martin Petrie, of the Royal Staff College.

Ethel Maud Frances *m.* Charles A. Flint, of Canterbury.

EDWARD SHIPPHARD (*vide* Carus-Wilson of Penmount).

¹ Ancestor of the family of Neville-Rolfe, of Heacham Hall, Norfolk.

² Lieut.-Gen. Williamson served with distinction under General Wolfe during the war in Canada 1759.

Margaret, *m.* 1843, Rev. H. Shepherd, M.A., Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford; Incumbent of Casterton, and *d.* 1873.

Frances, *m.* 1st, Rev. Jocelyn Willey, of Camblesforth Hall, Co. Yorks.; 2nd, 1865, Sir Trevor Wheler, Bart., and *d.* 1872.

Agnes, *m.* 1837, Rev. D. Barclay Bevan, M.A., Rector of Brede, Co. Sussex; and *d.* 1855.

Elizabeth *m.* Rev. R. C. Black, M.A., Rector of St. Mary, Huntingdon; and *d.* 1853.

Anne, *m.* 1843, Rev. E. A. Litton, M.A., Fellow and Dean of Oriel College, Oxford; Rector of Naunton, Gloucestershire.

WILLIAM WILSON CARUS - WILSON, of Casterton, and Hayne House, Co. Devon, *b.* 1st September, 1822, succeeded his father in 1859. He married 10th April, 1843, Mary Letablère, daughter of the Right Hon. Edward Litton, Q.C., M.P., Master in Chancery in Ireland, of Altmore, Co. Tyrone, and Sophia, his wife, daughter of the Rev. Henry Stewart, D.D., Rector of Loughilly, Co. Armagh, and brother of the Right Hon. Sir John Stewart, Bart., M.P., Attorney-General for Ireland. He died at Hayne House 11th June, 1883, leaving issue:—

William (of whom presently).

Clifford *b.* 1855.

Herbert, *b.* 1856.

Cecil, *b.* 1857, *m.* 1885, Barbara, daughter of Rev. R. G. Chalk, J.P., Rector of Wilden, Co. Bedford.

Emily Anne, *m.* 1st, Rev. J. W. Talboys, B.A., S.C.L., of Hampstead; 2nd, 1885, Capt. W. Morse, of the War Office, London.

Kathleen, *m.* Rev. R. Kyle, J.P., of Laurel Hill, Co. Derry, and *d.* 1892.

Ada, *m.* 1883, J. H. Crampton, of Aughrim, Co. Galway.

Sophia, *d.* 1893.

Mary Constance *m.* 1883, W. H. Hooper, of Teddington, Middlesex.

REV. WILLIAM CARUS - WILSON, *b.* 16th January, 1845, succeeded his father in 1883. He was educated at Wadham College, Oxford (B.A. 1867), and was Vicar of Mayland, Essex, from 1874 to 1886, when he was appointed Rector of Lyndon, Rutland. In 1894 he was collated by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Vicarage of Preston-next-Faversham, Kent. He married 1st, 30th September, 1869, Euphemia Barré Georgina, daughter of Arthur Kennedy Forbes, of Newstone, Co. Meath (she *d.* 1894), and has issue:—

Arthur Cecil Henry, *b.* 10th March, 1872, B.A. Oxon., 1894; Curate of Ulceby, Co. Lincs., 1897.

Percy, *b.* 16th October, 1874.

He married 2nd, 23rd April, 1895, Ada Bolt, youngest daughter of Thomas Coggin, of Folkestone, Co. Kent

ARMS.—Quarterly 1st and 4th arg. three wolves' heads coupéd sa. each vulned in the neck proper a crescent for difference (Wilson); 2nd, az. on a chevron engrailed or between nine quatrefoils arg. three mullets gu. (Carus); 3rd, party per pale or and vert on a chevron between three fleur-de-lys as many cross-crosslets all counter-changed (Shipphard).

CRESTS.—1. A crescent or therefrom flames issuant proper (Wilson); 2. A hawk rising sa. beaked belled and collared or, from the collar an escutcheon pendant arg charged with a wolf's head as in the arms (Carus).

MOTTO.—Non nobis solum.



Carus - Wilson of Penmount.

EDWARD SHIPPHARD CARUS - WILSON of Penmount ; J.P. Co. Cornwall, *b.* 15th July, 1830, is the third son of the late Rev. W. Carus-Wilson of Casterton. He was educated at Rugby and Christ's College, Cambridge, where he graduated B.A. in 1854, and M.A. 1857. He married 25th October, 1854, Ellen Anne, daughter of Humphrey Willyams, D.L., M.P. of Carnanton, Co. Cornwall, and has issue :—

Edward Willyams, *b.* 1856.

Trevor, *b.* 1869.

Agnes Ellen, *m.* 1880, Rev. John Buller Kitson, M.A., Rector of Lanreath, Cornwall.

Dorothea Mary, *m.* 1881, Michael Williams, J.P., D.L. of Gnaton Hall, Devon.

Frances Jane, *m.* 1893, Thomas Bedford Bolitho, M.P. of Trewidden, Cornwall, and Greenway House, Devon.

Margaret Louisa, *m.* 1899, Capt. James S. Henderson, West India Regmt.

ARMS.—(Same as Carus-Wilson of Casterton).

Descent

OF

WILLIAM WILSON CARUS-WILSON,
OF CASTERTON, FROM THE HOUSE OF
PLANTAGENET.¹

Edward III., *b.* 1312, King of England 1327,
married, 1329, Philippa, daughter of William,
Count of Hainault, and *d.* 1377. His son,

Lionel, Duke of Clarence, K.G., *b.* 1338,
married, 1352, Lady Elizabeth de Burgh, daughter
of William, Earl of Ulster. His daughter,

Lady Philippa Plantagenet, *b.* 1355, married
Edmund Mortimer, Earl of March (*d.* 1381). Their
daughter,

Elizabeth, married Sir Henry Percy, "Hotspur," who
fell at Shrewsbury 1403. Their daughter,

Elizabeth, married John, Lord Clifford, K.G., who
d. 1423, leaving issue,

¹ Collins' Peerage.

West's Antiquities of Furness.

Thomas, Lord Clifford, *b.* 1415, married Joan, daughter of Thomas, Lord Dacre, and fell at St Albans 1455. His son,

John, Lord Clifford, *b.* 1435, married Margaret, daughter of Henry Bromflete, Baron de Vesci. His son,

Henry, Lord Clifford, *b.* 1454, married, 2nd, Florence, daughter of Henry Pudsey, Lord of Bolton, Co. Yorks, widow of Sir Thomas Talbot, of Bashall-in-Craven, Knt., and *d.* 1523, leaving with other issue,

Dorothy, married Sir Hugh Lowther, of Lowther, Co. Westmorland. Their son,

Sir Richard Lowther, *b.* 1530, married Frances, daughter of John Middleton, of Middleton Hall, Co. Westmorland, and *d.* 1607. His second son,

Sir Christopher Lowther, *b.* 1577, married Eleanour, daughter of Sir William Musgrave, of Hayton Castle, Co. Cumberland. His son and heir,

Sir John Lowther, M.P., Co. Westmorland, *d.* 1637, married Eleanour, daughter of William Fleming of Rydal, Co. Westmorland. His daughter,

Agnes, married Roger Kirkby, M.P., of Kirkby Hall, Co. Lancs., (who *d.* 1643). Their daughter,

Dorothy, married, 1658, Edward Wilson, of Dallam Tower, Co. Westmorland (who *d.* 1707). Their son,

Roger Wilson, *b.* 1662, married, 1685, Jane, daughter of John Foxcroft, of Holme House, Co. Lancs. His son,

Roger Wilson, *b.* 1690, married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Anderson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, *d.* 1755. Their daughter,

Elizabeth, *b.* 1728, married, 1763, William Carus, of Kirkby Lonsdale, and had with other issue,

William Wilson Carus-Wilson, M.P., *b.* 1764, of Casterton (ancestor of the family of CARUS-WILSON).





APPENDIX.



Extract

FROM THE

Charter to Priory of Conishead

(12 *Edw. II.*)

I.

Rex omnibus ad quos, &c., salutem Concessionem, &c., quas Rogerus de Cayrus fecit canonicis eiusdem loci de duabus acris et tribus rodīs terrae et triginta fallis cum pertinentiis in Laxwhait et tota terra quam idem Rogerus habuit et quae sibi potuerit accidere in Marleriding et tofto et messuagio quae Gerbot aliquando tenuit in Haverbrac. Et concessionem, &c., quas idem Rogerus fecit canonicis eiusdem loci de viginti acris terrae cum pertinentiis in Haverbrac quas habent de dono Willielmi filii Willielmi de Bentham. In cuius, &c.—T. rege apud Eboracum XXVII. die Sept. [Dugdale Monasticon Anglicanum].

II.

FAMILY OF KIRKBY (*vide* p. 31).

[*From West's Antiquities of Furness.*]

This was one of the ancient knightly families who were originally of Furness, and derived their name from their Manor of Kirkby, of which it is probable they were Lords at the Norman conquest.

Roger Kirkby of Kirkby, father of Dorothy, wife of Edward Wilson, of Dallam Tower, espousing the royal cause in the civil wars temp. Charles I. was obliged to fly into Ireland, where he died in the year 1643.

Richard Kirkby, his son and heir, suffered much by his loyalty to Charles I., in whose army he was a Colonel, by which so incumbered his estate that none of his successors were able to recover it.

At the Restoration, as a reward for his services, he was made Receiver of the Royal aid for Lancashire, and Governor of Chester Castle; and was one of the gentlemen of Lancashire whom Charles II. intended honouring with the Order of the Royal Oak had it been instituted. He died at the end of the reign of Charles II.

The Manor of Kirkby descended with such incumbrances, it could never be cleared, and towards the end of the 18th century it was mortgaged to a banker in London, which banker was agent to Catherine, Duchess of Buckingham, and being insolvent, this Manor came to that lady in part payment; she left it to Lord Mulgrave, from whom it was purchased in 1771 by the Right Hon. Lord John Cavendish, from whom it passed to his kinsman, William, Duke of Devonshire.

III.

LETTER from SIR JOHN OTWAY, K.C. (afterwards Vice-Chancellor of Duchy of Lancaster, and Chancellor of County Palatine of Durham) to EDWARD WILSON, of Dallam Tower, in reference to his application for a lease of Casterton.

HONOURED UNCLE,¹

I managed yre. business wth. all the skill, interest and art I had with the Qu. Council after yre. plic. came upp (wh. gave them much satisfaction), and I prevailed with the Chancellor of the Duchy to be there who was throughly informed of yre. case, but the result was of all after a debate of sevrall hours

¹ Sir John Otway *m.* and, Elizabeth dau. of John Braithwaite,

that they are resolved to make a lease to you and to no man else, but for the 50^{lib.} ffine it must be paid againe (for they have used no man tho' in the like case) otherwise.

I told them this was very severe that you should suffer either by the distraction of the times or by the neglect of yre. sollicitor, or by the calamity of the late dreadfull fyre,¹ but nothing would alter them, and thereupon I took time to discourse to you about these matters wh. was granted, I am

Yre. faithfully devoted Servt.,

JO. OTWAY.

St. Stephen, 1668.

IV.

LETTER from HENRY WILSON to EDWARD WILSON of Dallam Tower in reference to a pew in Kirkby Lonsdale Church.

UNDERLEY HALL,

March 11th, 1668.

COSIN,

My salutes and wifes to you and your wife, and we thank her for her artichoake slippis. As for the pew, if my cousin Otway when we place the case to him cannot agree us then he will advise us to have a friendly triall; I assure you I ever shall be willing to do as I would be done by, and if I understood it was really yours I should not stand upon it.

I am summoned as a witsesse for Yorke Assizes, so that if I can conveniently I shall make a discourse with him, and I think the best were for you and me to waite on him at Engmire, and both in writing state the case. I am confident he will much satisfie us, I am

Your loving Cosin,

HEN. WILSON.

¹ The great Fire of London, 1666.

LETTERS from SIR JOHN LOWTHER, Bart., M.P.,¹ to
EDWARD WILSON, of Dallam Tower, and Casterton.

COUSIN WILSON,

I sometime agoe received yr. letter upon the account o. the land I sold you at Casterton, and upon which account I sent you a message. You are pleased in that letter to say that ffriendships may alter, and that like Pharoah's lean kine the lesser may swallow up the greater. That ffriendships may alter you have given me but too sad an experience, ffor tho' mine to you was so great that I was not only readie to serv you, but any thing that belonged you, as I did give some small testimonies, yett without ground or provocation as if you and I had been enemies you joyned on a suddain in all the things that looked sharp and unkind towards me, ffor to speak plain English, when my cousin Sandford, my cousin Dalston and I att Kendall acquainted Sr. Christopher Phillipson and you of our desire to joyn with the Justices in the Baronie in an address, and that the Grand Jury att Appleby was adjourned for that purpose, you promised yr. concurrence and to acquaint the Justices. But when the matter was thus in your hands, you did not only not endeavour to prevent the misunderstanding that rose upon that occasion, but joyned in all the acts that would increas it, and to this day never made one step towards removing it. Whether this corresponded with the kindness I had showed you yr. self may be judge. But to avoid all contests, and since I cannot be sure of yr. ffriendship att least to be ffree from trouble, I will make you a proposal that if you pleas I will exchange with you my lands at Casterton ffor yrs. at Sweet holm, and will give you so much to boot as the thing deserves. If this may be accepted it may perhapps be as advantageous to you as me, if not, the

¹ Sir John Lowther, 2nd Bart., was a member in all those Parliaments which deposed James II. On the accession of William III. he was appointed Vice-Chamberlain of the Royal Household and a Privy Councillor. He was Lieutenant of the County of Westmorland in 1689, and in the following year appointed First Lord of the Treasury. In 1696 he was created Viscount Lonsdale, and Baron Lowther, of Lowther. He was Lord Privy Seal in 1699, and *d.* 1700.

matter is but where it was, and I hope you will either let me have my land again or make me reparation ffor trespassing so often upon my ffishing, which is but reasonable to expect.

Yr. answer will be acceptable to

Yr. affectionate Kinsman and servant,

JOHN LOWTHER.

Sept. 20, 1686.

Ffor EDWARD WILSON, Esqre.,
att Dallam-tower,
near Kendall, Westmerland.

VI.

DEAR COUSIN,

I was extream glad to see my cousin here ffor whom I have ever had a most perticular respect, insomuch that there is nothing she can ask of me that I would not grant, and since she and you are pleased to tell me so, I am willing to beleiv that twas no unkind intention made you doe those things wch. were reallie so to me, and some of which I suppose my cousin by this time ffinds to be have been injurious even yr. self you havinge lost an opportunity of purchasing the lands you hold of the Crown ffree, wch. is never to be retrieveed, and I hope I have in some measure justified myself to her that I have neither been so rash nor so unreasonable in the accidents which have happened upon these publick occasions as some would have represented me, but setting all that aside as to what doth relate to yr. self the land I sold you att Casterton. I hope you think the title good, the only ffault is that 'tis too good there needing not a generall warranty out or my whole estate ffor less than two acres of ground, but, however, I am so desirous to oblige my cousin whose concern I perceiv it is that I will not only fforbear all sort of trouble, but will doe any other reasonable thing to give her and you satisfaction in that matter, and I am resolved hereafter I will with all

industry avoid any occasion whereby you may be the least tempted to doe any act of unkindness to

Yr. affectionate Kinsman and humble servant,
JOHN LOWTHER.

Sept. 30th, 1686.

Ffor EDWARD WILSON, Esqre.
att Dallam-tower.

VII.

LETTER from JOHN LOWTHER to EDWARD WILSON.
PENRITH,

June 2nd, 1691.

DEAR UNCLE AND AUNT,

The opportunity of this bearer occasions me now to give you the trouble of this, and in the first place (after my duty to you both) I must most heartily thank you for your extraordinary welcome and entertainment you were pleased to afford me at Dallam Tower, and then I humbly beg you will please to allow me to subscribe myself what really I am,

Yr. most obliged Kinsman and humble Servant,
JOHN LOWTHER.

Pray give the best of my respects to cousin Jane. I am heartily glad to hear of her good recovery. I desire a line from her how she is, and how her cherryes shall be ordered and sent.

EDWARD WILSON, Esquire,
att Dallam Tower.

Extracts

FROM THE PERSONAL RECORDS OF

Thomas Tyldesley

(Grandson of Sir Thomas Tyldesley the Royalist ¹), during the
years 1712-1714.

[From the Tyldesley Diary.]

VIII.

1712. April 3 : Younge Cos. Carus, his wife, 2 Cos. Stanleys and
sistr. dined with me.

May 22 : Al day in town with Bror. Pennington—went to
Kirkby Launsdale where Bror. Pen-on treated George
Carus, ye. uncle and mee.

Oct. 13 : Al morning in the house, after dinr. went with
Mrs. to ye shoppes and Cosin Carus—Cos. Westby here.

Novr. 28 : Very ffull of paine in my left hand, applyed
cabage leaves warme to it, was obliged thoh. in paine to
write a longe lettr. to London, and Cos. George Carus
helped mee to ffix Holcroft perticullr with dito lettr.

Decr. 10 : Went to Thurnham to poor W. Houghton
ffunerall where most of the neighbrg. gentlemen was,
wee carried him to the Abbey, and returning home
incrissed my paine by could. I lent Cosin George Carus
a horse to the buriall.

Decr. 16 : In great paine after dinr.—Bror. Dalton, Robt.
Strickland and George Carus came and satt with me 2
howers.

¹ Sir Thomas Tyldesley was son of Thomas Tyldesley of Morley, and Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Christopher Preston of Holker.

1713. March 15: Doctr. Harden here and dined with us as did Cos. Carus off Halton, 3 daugrs. I walked down to ye stables with helpe—Cos. Tom Carus and his lady supd. with us on whilkes in the shell.

Aug. 2: Went to Aldcliffe about 5—went with Mrs. 4 daugrs. Fanny, Betty, Aggy and Winny to Hen. Westby's—went to Mr. Beardsworth's to meet Mr. Bordley, who willingly offerd. to goe to Mrs. Wilson or Casterton aboutt monys; spent on him and Mr. B—worth 2s. 6d. in white wine, soe home.

Novr. 26: Met Bror. Dalton and Cos. Hornhill at Aldcliffe, killed one hare, and thence to ye King's Armes, Lancr.—spent with Bror. Dalton, kind soule, George Carus, Jo. Yeats, Ralph Ffarbrother, and others 1s. 6d., soe home.

Novr. 28: Al day a hunting in Booke with Cos. Geo. Carus and Jo. Yeats, we killed two hares, soe home.

1714. Feb. 14: In the evening we had an account that younge Tom Carus went to Church, both ffor and afternoon, and sate in Cos. Cole's pew. [The family of Carus of Halton were Roman Catholics, and this Thomas was the only member who seceded at that time.]

Feb. 24: Received an account ye old Mrs. Carus was dead. [Mrs. Carus was Mary, relict of Christopher Carus of Halton.]

April 24: Went in the morning to Scale Hall with old Mr. Hornby to looke att his new stable. After dinner Dick Kellett came and went home agane, but Dick Gomall and his wife stayd. all night. In the evening Dick and I went to Margtt. ffells meet George Carus. I pd. 5d. pro one quartt they dranke, and 7d. pro a botle and ye sidr. ; soe to beed.

IX.

LETTER from MRS. MARTON to her mother MRS. WILSON,
of Casterton Hall.

DEAR MOTHR.

I had yours by Mr. Bordrigg with a ginie inclosed in it. I have also bought the necloths, but there is noe such thing as necloths at 3s. 6d. a peece, soe I have bought 3 turnovers and 3 necloths, which is very much wore. I will send you some fir seed as you desire. I shall send them by Sarah Battersby, who I think comes out of London next Friday by Batman. She is very ill, and soe short breath'd that sometimes Peggy says one would scarce think she could live an houer, and generall taken with those fitts after her first sleep in the night. I think I am pretty well fitted with maids. I have Sarah still, and I think I have one that is carefull of Oly. Grace lyes with him, he growes a fine lusty boy. Jeney is a very lusty child, she has got a tooth and another a cotting. Cosin Fliming was (I here) coming over from Dunkirk for her little boy, and in a storm was drive upon the rockes of Siliva, where (Sr. Cloudsley Shovell was castaway), and none of them expected their lives. Mrs. Benson heard the ship was castaway, and soe did the Major, but it pleas'd God a faire wind carry'd them back to Dunkirke, soe they have sent for the child and he is gone. Pray let us here if you here of any ofers for Whittington Hall, the orders are not yet com'd out for the last years lottery, the classes for this year is now a drawing. Mr. Marton has £300 in it, he is not now com'd home, and doth not know of my writing, soe I dont know what he hath to say, soe with my duty and servis to Brother, I shall conclude

Yor. most Dutyfull Daughter,

JANE MARTON.

11th Oct., 1712.

Mrs. JANE WILSON,
at Casterton Hall,
near Kirkby-Lonsdale in Westmoreland.
By Bradforth Bagg.

Visit

OF

H. M. Queen Adelaide

TO CASTERTON 24TH JULY, 1840.

[From a contemporary account.]

X.

Her Majesty Queen Adelaide arrived at Kirkby Lonsdale on Thursday, July 23rd, and communicated through Lord Howe to Mr. Carus-Wilson her pleasure to visit Casterton on the next day. Punctually at the appointed hour the Royal carriages were driven to Casterton Hall, the day by a happy coincidence being the 76th birthday of the head of the family, Mr. W. W. Carus-Wilson.

The Rev. W. Carus-Wilson then proceeded to conduct the Royal party to the Clergy Daughters' School, the Queen being accompanied by her sister, the Duchess of Saxe-Weimar, Earl Howe, the Earl and Countess of Sheffield, the Earl of Denbigh, Lady Georgina Curzon, Lady Mary Fielding and Mrs. Lister Parker.

As the Queen entered the Schools, bouquets were presented to her Majesty and the Duchess of Saxe-Weimar by two of the pupils. The party were then conducted through the School by Mr. Carus-Wilson, and evinced the greatest interest in the work and management of the Institution.

Her Majesty then proceeded to the Chapel,¹ and thence was driven to the Servants' School; during the journey a trace having broken, the villagers took the horses from the carriage and dragged it to the School.

¹ Casterton Chapel was erected by Mr. W. W. Carus-Wilson in 1838.

After the Royal party had finished their inspection of this Institution, Mrs. Carus-Wilson and her family were presented to Her Majesty by Lord Howe, as also were the magistrates who were present.

It was intended that the Royal party should walk back to Casterton Hall through the woods, but the heavy rain prevented, and they decided to return to Kirkby Lonsdale through the village.

After her visit to Casterton, Her Majesty continued to take great interest in the Clergy Daughters' School, and supported several pupils there at her own expense.

XI.

LETTER from ARCHBISHOP SUMNER to the Rev. W.
CARUS-WILSON, of Casterton Hall.

LAMBETH,

Feb. 7th, 1849.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

A letter from Casterton is always valuable—perhaps the more so as it must be instead of visits. I rejoice to hear of your prosperity, and am happy to share with my brother Archbishop in the patronage. The Bishop, I hope, will not hesitate to be President.

It is also good news to hear of your own improved health, and as Bath has proved in your case that its ancient fame is not without cause, I hope that in the more favourable season you will repeat the dose and give the waters an additional trial.

I had recently from Cannes a most gratifying report of Mr. Wilson's health and strength—renewed like the eagle's. May it be long continued! Few persons are permitted to look back upon such a career of usefulness.

My very kind regards to Mrs. W— and your father.
Believe me

Always faithfully and affectionately yours,

J. B. CANTUAR.

P.S.—Remember that we always have plenty of room at
Lambeth.

Errata et Addenda.

Page. Line.

- 1 7 Asthwaite, in the Township of Whinfell, in the Parish
of Kendal.
- 1 7 For "twenty acres" read "a toft and message."
- 2 14 Richard Carus (*b. circ.* 1390), father of this Richard
Carus, held divers lands in Asthwaite and other
places temp. Hen. V. (Inq. post mortem Sir John
Hothome, 1415).
- 2 20 *et seq.* For "Stavely" read "Staveley."
- 3 22 ,, Read Laybourne or Leyburn.
- 4 4 Adam Carus *d.* 1585-86.
- 4 14 For "Sapp" read "Shap."
- 4 16 For "Henry" read "John."
- 4 18 Sir Thomas Carus, probably M.P. for Wigan, 1547.
- 6 17 After "leaving issue" add "Sir Henry Curwen, M.P.,
of Workington."
- 6 20 For "Henry Lambton" read "Sir William Lambton,
Knt. (ancestor of the Earl of Durham), who fell at
Marston Moor, 1644."
- 7 10 For "Co. Lanes." read "Co. Westmorland."
- 11 3 For "Barr.-at-Law" read "Member of."
- 13 1 NOTE :—Thomas Carus, present at the sack of Lan-
caster in 1645.
- 26 9 For "quatrefo" read "quatrefoils."
- 26 12 For "wolf" read "wolfs."
- 48 15 NOTE :—Frances, daughter of John Middleton and his
wife Anne Tunstal, of Thurland Castle, Co. Lanes.,
was sister of Edward Middleton, who married Mary,
daughter of Sir Thomas Carus.

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