

THE FINCH FAMILY

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Signed *Herbert Peck.*

FACTS AND NOTES RESPECTING
THE FAMILY OF FINCH.

" 'Tis opportune to look back upon old times, and
contemplate our forefathers."

Sir Thomas Browne in *Urn Burial*.

" God give me, and all uneasy natures, grace to
know when to hold our tongues."

A. C. Benson in *Upton Letters*.

How long shall any name resound
Beyond the grave unless 't be found
In some clerk's book; it is the pen
Gives immortality to men.

Maistre Wace (1110-75).

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INTRODUCTION.

THE FINCH FAMILY OF WIGAN, CO. LANCASTER.

Finch is an ancient name in the south 'of Lancashire. Old-established families are found in Eccleston, Mawdesley, Ormskirk, Standish and elsewhere and have been distinct for many generations. The name appears in the parish register of Eccleston in 1605 and in that of Ormskirk in 1573, while the Mawdesley pedigree begins in 1604. It is found in the Wigan register within a year of its commencement in 1580, when "ffrancis ffinch f. James ffinch de Wigan" was baptised, and occurs in it to the present day.

The name appears in the Wigan register as Finc, Fince, Finch, Finche, Finsh, Fynch, Fynche and Fynshe, being spelled according to the fancy of the clerk who entered it; sometimes it is found with the old capital, resembling two small letters f.

It is derived from the Anglo-Saxon *finc* or *finca*, a finch, according to the Rev. C. W. Bardsley, who hazards the conjecture that the original bearer may have been a votary of song.

There were several persons named Finch living in Wigan at the close of the 16th Century who may have been related—James, Robert, Peter and so forth—but no evidence on the point is available.

John Finch "of Wigan," a Roman Catholic Martyr, now beatified, was a member of the Eccleston family and was in all probability no more than a cousin, if so much, of any Finch of Wigan. The first account of his trial and execution is the *Martyrium Domini Joannis Finchii*, by

Bridgewater, a Jesuit priest, which was published at Treves in 1588, and is in Latin. The following account is taken from *Martyrs to the Catholic Faith, etc.*, by Bishop Challoner, V.A.L.:—"John Finch born in Eccleston parish, in Lancashire, who after he was come to man's estate, and was married and settled in the world, being heartily disgusted with the new religion, upon a long and serious examination of the merits of the cause, was reconciled to the Catholic Church, and was so fervent a convert as not only to neglect no means of sanctifying his own soul, but also to endeavour as much as he could to be instrumental in procuring the conversion and salvation of others, as well by his own words and good examples as by the assistance he gave to the labourers in God's Vineyard, in whose service for many years he was wholly employed, accompanying them, and conducting them to the houses of the faithful, where the duties of their functions called them, and serving them in quality both of a clerk and of a catechist.

At length by the treachery of a false brother, he was apprehended together with Mr. George Ostcliffe, a priest of Douay College, by the Earl of Derby. Mr. Finch being now a prisoner, they spared neither threats nor promises to induce him to go to church, which, when they could not persuade him to, they dragged him thither by downright violence through the streets, his head beating all the way upon the stones and being thereby grievously broken and wounded: then they thrust him into a dark, stinking dungeon, where he had no other bed but the bare wet floor, no other food but oxen's liver, and that very sparingly. There they kept him, sometimes for whole weeks together, sometimes for whole months, not to speak of innumerable other sufferings which he endured for some years whilst he was in the hands of the enemies of his faith. At length he was ordered from Manchester to Lancaster, to be tried for his life at the Lenten Assizes;

where he was indicted for deliberately and maliciously affirming that the Pope hath power or jurisdiction in the Kingdom of England, and that he is the head of the Catholic Church, of which church some part is in this Kingdom. Of this treason he was found guilty by the jury, and thereupon had sentence to die as in cases of high treason; which sentence he received with joy, having long desired to suffer death for the cause.

He was executed the following day, April 20, 1584, with Mr. Bell at Lancaster, and his quarters were disposed of to be set up on poles in four of the chief towns of that county."

Another of the name suffered death in Wigan after the Jacobite rebellion of 1715. This was James Finch, who was not an inhabitant as stated by D. Sinclair in his *History of Wigan*, but a labourer of Walton-in-the-Dale near Preston. He was executed in the market place on February 10th 1715-6, and his brother John at Manchester on the following day. This is clear from the list of the rebel prisoners tried at Liverpool as given in *Lancashire Memorials of the Rebellion, 1715*, by S. H. Ware, M.D., F.R.S.E., etc., published by the Chetham Society.

An outbreak of plague, a more or less general term applied then to other epidemic diseases than that known by it at the present day, occurred in 1649, when all the victims were named Finch:—"James Finch de cabins," Robert his son, Gerard, Jane, wife of James, and Mary, daughter of James, who were buried on April 4th, 19th, 20th, 22nd, and 23rd respectively. The nuncupative will of the widow and an inventory of her possessions exist and show the family to have been of the poorer class.

Camden in 1586, which is about the time as which this record commences, described Wigan as "a neat and plentiful town." The greater part of the inhabitants, who probably numbered between 2000 and 3000, lived in the "market stead," the four "gates," or principal roads,

and "the scoles." The coal industry was undeveloped and the village, although a borough, was much the same as any other English country village of its size. The pleasant rural surroundings in which it was set remained much the same up to the construction of the railways, from which time it has been gradually transformed into the present unattractive manufacturing town, although even now there are beauty spots within easy reach of the market place.

The ancient borough was not without vicissitudes in the course of its transition from a village to a county borough. It had decayed in 1647, in consequence of the internal troubles of the nation, which affected it to a peculiar degree, for the inhabitants were strong partisans and many left to join the army of the party they favoured, some of whom never returned. The passage of the contending armies through the town assisted its declension. The greater part of the inhabitants were in want and it was found necessary to issue briefs to all the churches of the land asking for the assistance of the charitable. Parliament ordered an inquiry into the cause of the distress but appears to have done nothing more.

The population at the close of the 17th century was about 5,000, increased by 1801 to 11,000 and by 1841 to 25,517. The growth would have been more rapid but for the obstructive policy of the inhabitants, who resolutely kept out all would-be settlers, prosecuting them at the Court Leet as "foreigners." Prosperity increased from 1717, when the Douglas was made navigable to the sea, but it was the opening of a railway in 1832 and the passing of the Corporation Reform Act of 1835 that removed the final barriers to its development.

The Corporation was a good example of a "close corporation." It consisted of a mayor and seven aldermen and officers. In 1824-5, the Mayor was Alexander Halliburton, husband of a second cousin of John Finch;

the Aldermen were Thomas Barton, another second cousin; William Eccles, a cousin of his father; Thomas Woodcock, whose son John married Sarah, eldest daughter of James Alexander Hodson, M.P. for the Borough, a second cousin; John Hodson Kearsley, a second cousin; Joseph Bevan, brother-in-law of the last; Henry Bullock, a very distant cousin; Henry Gaskell, apparently the only one unrelated to the Finch family. John Ranson, another second cousin, was one of the two Bailiffs.

It is necessary to say this much of the history of the town to show the environment of many of the persons mentioned hereafter.

PREFATORY.

NOTE.—The degree of relationship to the writer's generation is shown by the difference in the type: a name printed thus,—

A. JOHN FINCH, shows the bearer to have been a direct ancestor.

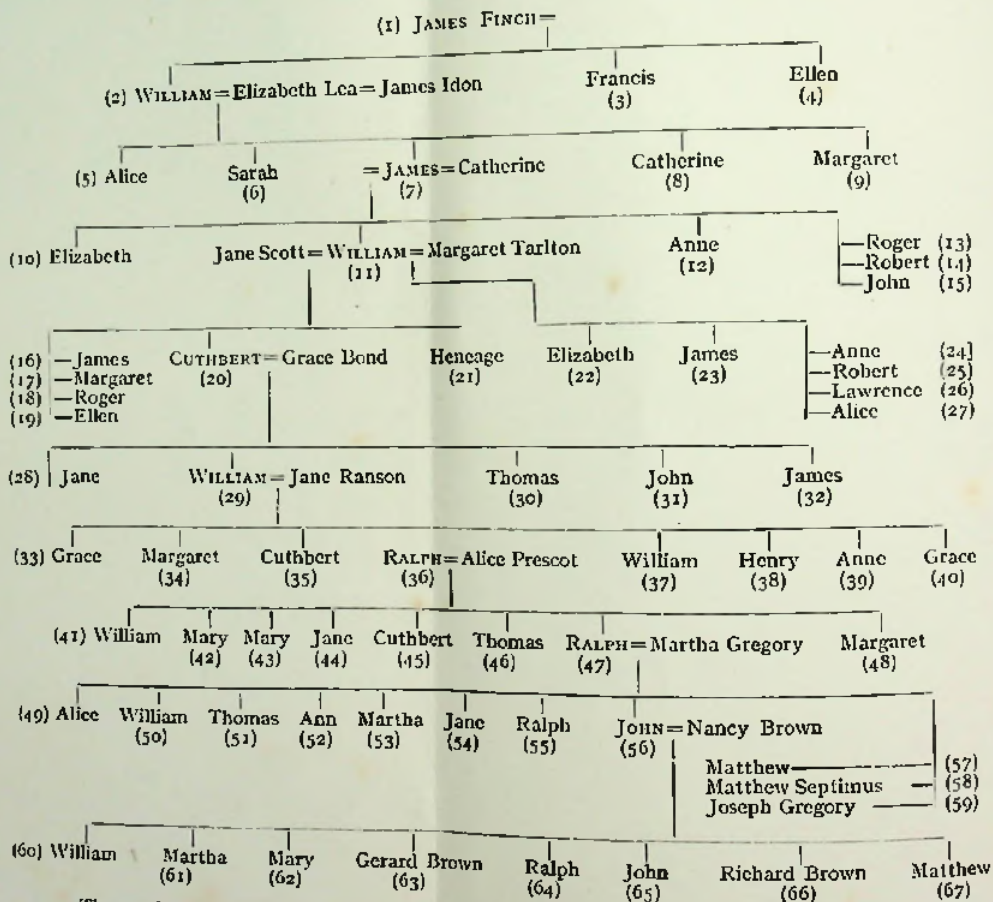
B. MATTHEW FINCH, the child of a direct ancestor.

C. *William Henry Finch*, the grandchild of a direct ancestor.

Others in ordinary type are distinguished by Roman and Arabic numerals as members of a third or fourth in descent from a direct ancestor.

The numbers in brackets refer to the place in the pedigree chart.

PEDIGREE OF FINCH OF WIGAN, Co. LANCASTER.



The numbers refer to direct ancestors and nearest collateral ancestors mentioned in the text.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

- Page 59. James Birch died suddenly of heart failure at Kirkdale railway station, Liverpool, on 2 July, 1928.
- Page 66. Edward Finch Peck married Sylvia, daughter of the Rev. A. le Marchant of Bolton, Lancashire, at Oyen, Alberta, on 2 June, 1928.
- Page 96, 5th line from the bottom. Bridget should be in smaller type.
- Page 115, 5th line from the top. "Catherine Jane" should be "Catherine Sarah."

THE FINCH FAMILY.

“JAMES FINCHE de Ma'kt Stead” (1) buried on 23 December, 1605, was probably the father of (2) WILLIAM FINCH. This is the only uncertain attribution in the pedigree. If it is accepted as correct, William Finch was the elder brother of Francis (3) and Ellen Finch (4), baptised on 20 March, 1580/1, and 9 June, 1586, respectively; Francis was buried four days after baptism but the name of Ellen does not occur again in the Wigan register.

WILLIAM FINCH (2) married ELIZABETH LEA at the Parish Church, Wigan, on 8 June, 1601. The name Lea is an old one in Wigan and is pronounced “Lay.”

Their children were:—

A. ALICE (5) baptised on 21 February, 1601/2. The entry in the register is as follows:—“Alce daught' of William Finsh of Wiga,” and is the earliest baptismal record that certainly belongs to the family.

B. SARAH (6) baptised on 30 December, 1603. Her name does not appear again in the Wigan register but a marriage licence for James Watson and Sarah Finch was issued at Chester on 14 November, 1624.

C. JAMES FINCH (7), the only son, baptised 2 September, 1606, of whom an account is given further on.

D. CATHERINE (8), baptised on 24 July, 1608, and

E. MARGARET (9), baptised on 5 April, 1611, whose names do not appear again in the register. The address of the father of the last is given as Market-sted.

WILLIAM FINCH was buried at Wigan on 23 April, 1615.

MRS. ELIZABETH FINCH took a second husband; she was married to James Idon by licence at the Parish Church on 18 July, 1616. The name is spelled Eaden in the Marriage Licence Books at Chester; its bearer was probably the "James Edann de marketstid" who was buried on 16 January, 1624/5. No baptism of a child of the second marriage is recorded at Wigan. The record of the burial of Mrs. Edann (or Eden) does not appear in the register before 1635 but might be found later.

(7) JAMES FINCH, only son and third child of William and Elizabeth Finch, was baptised on 2 September, 1606. He appears from his will to have been married twice, although no record of his first marriage or of the surname of his first wife has been found.

His children were:—By his first wife, Sarah—

A. ELIZABETH (10), born at Market Street, Wigan, and baptised on 13 July, 1634. She married Gilbert Deane, a butcher, on 11 January, 1655, after proclamation in the Market Place. It is fortunate that the record of one of what were called after the Restoration "adulterous marriages" has been preserved, as few have; they were legalized in 1660. Gilbert Deane was probably the son of Raufe Dean de Millgate who was baptised on 22 June, 1628; Raph Dean was churchwarden in 1653-4.

B. WILLIAM (11), of whom more later.

C. ANNE (12), second daughter and third child, born at Market Street, baptised on 23 December, 1638.

D. ROGER (13), second son and fourth child, baptised on 8 August, 1641. The residence of his father is given as Hallgate in the register but this may have been a mistake of the clerk. He was buried on 1 April, 1642, when his father is described as "de Market Stead."

E. ROBERT (14), third son and fifth child, born at Market Street and baptised on 7 March, 1643. He was alive in 1660.

F. JOHN (15), fourth son and sixth child, was born at

Market Street and baptised on 30 May, 1647. He may have been the John Finch who was parish clerk and was buried on 25 June, 1689. It is probable, judging from their names, that Catherine baptised 21 November, 1680, and James baptised Feb. —, 1681/2, were his children.

One or more of the children may have been by the second wife.

JAMES FINCH was a shoemaker. He voted for Robert Gardner and Orlando Bridgeman, the Royalist candidates, at the General Elections of 1639 and 1640, at both of which were returned Alexander Rigby, Parliamentarian and Orlando Bridgeman, Royalist.

He was buried on February, 1660/1.

The following is an abstract of his will:—

WILL of **JAMES FINCH** of Wigan, co. Lanc., shoemaker, sick. Dated 29 Jan. 12 Car. II, 1660. PRO C. C. Chester, Apr. (?), 1661. (This is the endorsement on the inventory, which is badly damaged. Fiat endorsed on the will is dated 24 April, 1661).

To be buried in my Pish Church, Wigan.

One third of goods to Kathrin my now wife.

One third to my four children equally, viz., Elizabeth now wife of Gilbert Deane, Robert Finch, John Finch and Ann Finch.

One third to myself.

To William Finch my eldest son (to whom I have already assigned my now dwelling house) great standing bed.

To James Finch, sone of the said William, five shillings.

Rest to said wife Kathrin and my two children unpreferred viz., my sone John and my daughter Ann, equally.

SOLE EXECUTRIX:—Wife Kathrin. **OVERSEERS**. Robert Baron,¹ of Wigan, Alderman; Matthew Markland,² of

¹ Mayor of Wigan in 1650, 1658 and 1673.

² Mayor in 1664.

Wigan, gent.; William Cookson of same, whittawer.¹ (*Seal*, perished). WITNESSES. Raphe Browne, Jo. An(?)der-ton.

INVENTORY. 22 April, 1661, £88. 19. 0 (?).

Presers. Robert Penington,² Roger Wo(od?), Edward Barron, Robert Winstandley. Includes 70 lbs. pewter.

(11). WILLIAM FINCH, eldest son and second child of James Finch was born at Market Street, Wigan, and baptised on 25 September, 1636. He married (1) JANE SCOTT (baptised 30 May, 1639) daughter of William Scott, senior, of Standishgate, a member of the notable family of bell-founders, who was Mayor in 1653, at the Parish Church on 12 January, 1658/9.

The six children of the marriage were:—

A. JAMES (16), born at Millgate and baptised at the Parish Church on 14 May, 1660. He is mentioned in the will of his grandfather but not in that of his father. From this and the fact that another son was christened James in 1687, it appears that he died young. The Wigan registers are illegible for several years after 1660 and the bishop's transcripts at Chester are nearly as bad, so that it is impossible to give the date of his death, but it was probably between 1661 and 1665.

B. MARGARET (17), second child and eldest daughter of William and Jane Finch, was born at Hallgate and baptised on 19 February, 1664/5. A Margaret Finch who married on 26 January, 1678/9, is not likely to have been this child, who probably died in her first year.

C. ROGER (18), third child and second son. Was born at Hallgate and baptised on 18 July, 1667. No other entry concerning him is in the register.

D. ELLEN (19), fourth child and second daughter of William and Jane Finch, was born at Hallgate and baptised at the Parish Church on 8 February, 1669/70.

¹ A white leather tanner.

² One of the Town Bailiffs in 1657.

As she is not mentioned in her father's will, she probably pre-deceased him, but is possible she was the Ellen Finch who married Ralph Asley of Ince on 2 February, 1713/14.

E. CUTHBERT (20), fifth child and third son of William and Jane Finch, of whom presently.

F. HENEAGE (21), sixth child and fourth son of William and Jane Finch, was born at Market Street, Wigan, and baptised on 21 March, 1674/5; he was buried on March 4th of the following year.

G. (21A) The baptism of "an infant of William Finch de Market Stead" who was buried on 31 December, 1676, is not recorded.

JANE FINCH having died in 1678, being buried on 18 July of that year, William Finch married (2) MARGARET TARLTON, probably a member of the old Wigan family of that name, at the Parish Church on 22 October, 1684. The children of the marriage, all of whom were born at Market Street, Wigan, were:—

G. ELIZABETH (22), baptised 21 January, 1685/6.

H. JAMES (23), baptised 1 August, 1687.

I. ANNE (24), baptised 20 June, 1689.

J. ROBERT (25), baptised 30 March, 1692.

K. LAWRENCE (26), baptised 19 August, 1695.

L. ALICE (27), whose baptism is not recorded. She is mentioned in her father's will.

WILLIAM FINCH was an innkeeper. He appears to have taken part in public affairs for he was one of the Sergeants-at-Mace who brought an appeal to the Court Leet about 1685 respecting the scavenging of the market place. He is described in the petition as "William finch, gen.," the abbreviated word apparently representing *generosus* or gentleman: (literally, noble). See D. Sinclair's "History of Wigan," Vol. II, p. 150).

His name occurs thrice in the volumes recording pleas tried in the King's Court which are preserved in the Reference Library at Wigan, twice as plaintiff for debts

and once as defendant. The entry of the last, which was in 1693, runs as follows:—

	Isabella L. fford vid. quer vs Willum M. ffinch
Robert	de Wigan Inkeeper de plito trnsge sup casu
Baldwin	ad dampnu xxxxxix ^s petit diem 2' C'—
Pledge	non ps.

The translation being:—Isabella Ford, widow, complains against William Finch of Wigan concerning a plea of trespass upon a case to her damage 59 shillings. Prays for a day at the second Court. Not prosecuted.

The plaintiff appears to have been fond of litigation for she commenced similar actions against others but did not follow up any of them.

He died in the Wallgate and was buried 10 September, 1699. His second wife died in the Millgate and was buried on 4 March 1740/41.

His will dated 21 July, 1699, was proved at Chester on 27 May, 1701. The following is an abstract of it.

WILL of WILLIAM FINCH of Wigan co. Lanc. Inkeeper. To every child which I had by my former wife one shilling apiece and to everyone of my grandchildren one shilling apiece.

All the rest of my personal estate to Margaret my wife. Messuages, burgages, etc. to said Margaret for life and after her decease my messuage in the Milnegate in Wigan now in the tenure of Richard Aspinwall unto James Finch my son paying ten pounds each to Lawrence Finch my son, Elizabeth my daughter, Anne my daughter and Alice my daughter.

Messuage near the Halgate in Wigan called Entwistle house held by lease under Bertie Entwistle, Esq. unto my son Robert Finch his executors and assigns.

Messuage near the Halgate afsd. called the Jewes-hall held by lease under Thomas Mortt, Esq., and Alexander Mortt, gent., to my son Lawrence Finch his exrs., admrs. and assigns.

Whereas I have agreed with Edward Herle, Esq., for the purchase of a close near the Hallgate aforesaid, called Pilkington's croft for £30, conveyance to be in names of Thomas Banks¹ and Raph Deane,² both of Wigan, gents., to settle on Margaret my wife for life, remainder to Robert my son.

EXECUTORS:—Margaret my wife and said Thomas Banks,¹

(Seal.—A bird and in chief an eight pointed estoile—no wreath).

WITNESSES—Tho. Cooper,³ Tho. Tatlocke, Gilb. Culcheth. PROVED by both executors.

Margaret Finch was the defendant in an action in 1710 as appears from an entry in the records of the King's Court: (translation):—"Ralph Deane, gent., plaintiff, against Margaret Finch of Wigan, widow, of a plea of trespass upon a case to the damage of £12." The result is not given. Ralph Deane was probably a nephew of her husband (see Will).

CUTHBERT FINCH (20), fifth child and third son of William and Jane Finch, was born at Market Street, Wigan, and baptised at the Parish Church on 21 July, 1672. He was buried 15 Nov., 1724. He married GRACE BOND at Standish on 26 April, 1697, and had by her four sons and one daughter:—

A. JANE (28), born at Market Street, Wigan, baptised on 27 December, 1697; she died at Market Street and was buried on 8 July, 1699.

B. WILLIAM (29), of whom presently.

C. THOMAS (30) was perhaps born at Market Street; he was baptised on 23 January, 1701/2, and was alive and unmarried in 1739; his funeral is not recorded at Wigan.

D. JOHN (31), was born at Market Street and baptised

¹ Bailiff of Wigan 1681, Mayor 1690, Churchwarden 1709-11.

² Probably a nephew by his sister Elizabeth.

³ Mayor 1691.

on 13 March, 1704. He was alive in 1745, as appears from the will of his brother William which states that £40 due to John under his mother's will had not been paid by the executors, one of whom was the said William.

E. JAMES (32), born at Market Street and baptised on 6 February, 1707/8 died at Market Street and was buried on 5 March 1709/10.

CUTHBERT FINCH was a cordwainer, or bootmaker, of Market Street; he was assessed at 9d. for poor-rate in 1720. He was a gate-waiter for Market Street at one time, and he and his fellow gate-waiter were fined by the Court Leet in 1697 "for a default and neglect of their office in 3s. 4d. apiece." D. Sinclair in his *History of Wigan*, Vol. II, p. 176, says the duty of a gate-waiter was to watch the gates, *i.e.* the main roads or entrances, of the town and to prevent the entrance of any stranger or alien who could not produce a satisfactory certificate from his last place of residence or was likely to become a burden to the borough. His name occurs twice in the records of the King's Court as the plaintiff in two actions for debt.

WILL of CUTHBERT FINCH of Wigan, co. Lanc., Shoemaker, infirm. Dated 21 Oct. 11 Geo., 1724. Pro. C.C. Chester, 19 Jan., 1724/5.

To my eldest son William Finch £30, workloomes, etc.

To Thomas Finch my second son £20.

To John Finch my youngest son £20 at 21 years.

Rest to my wife Grace Finch.

EXECUTORS. Said wife Grace and William Chadwick¹ of Wigan, gent.

SEAL. Indefinite. Ermine a fess, or ermine on a chief . . . ?

WITNESSES. Edward Kenwick,² William Foster.

GRACE FINCH survived her husband for many years and died at Market Street, Wigan, being buried on 30

¹ One of the Bailiffs of 1722.

² Churchwarden 1725 6.

May, 1739. The registers of Wigan and Standish, where she was married, do not record her baptism but she must have been 75 years of age at her death if she was 43 when her son James was born. Her maiden name was Bond. Her will shows her to have had at least one brother and also bears testimony to her benevolent disposition.

WILL of GRACE FINCH of Wigan, co. Lanc., widow.

Dated 3 May, 1739. Pro. C.C. Chester, 7 June, 1739.

To my son William Finch £40.

To my son Thomas Finch interest on £40 yearly (he is unmarried).

To my son John Finch £40.

My grandchildren Cuthbert, Ralph, William, Henry, Margret and Ann Finch, sons and daughters of my said son William (no amount stated).

To my brother Thomas Bond forty shillings.

Legacies to:—

Ann daur. of Edward Barker of Wigan.

Ann daur. of James Hodgson of Wigan.

Poor housekeepers in Wigan.

Rest to said grandson Cuthbert Finch.

EXECUTORS said son William and James Fairclough of Wigan, Mercer.

SEAL, perished.

WITNESSES:—Edward Barker.

Ann Biby.

Nathal. Shrigley.

PROVED by both Executors.

(29) WILLIAM FINCH, eldest son and second child of Cuthbert and Grace Finch, was born at Market Street, Wigan, and baptised at the Parish Church on 9 April, 1700. He followed his father's trade, that of cordwainer, up to about 1726, when he became an innkeeper. He prospered in his second trade. He was held in great respect as appears from the fact that he was churchwarden in two successive years, 1738 to 1740. He married JANE

RANSON at the Parish Church, Wigan, on 29 December, 1724, and had by her four sons and four daughters of whom some particulars are given below. He appears to have died in 1752, for his will was proved at Chester on 23 October of that year, but no entry of his death appears in the Wigan register.

JANE RANSON was the daughter of Ralph Ranson, cordwainer, and his wife Ann, formerly Farclough, who were married at Wigan on 30 June, 1692; he was the son of Thomas Ranson "de Millgate" and was baptised on 16 October, 1664; he lived in the Hallgate; he was buried on 10 June, 1725. Thomas Ranson appears to have been the first of his name in Wigan but by no means the last, for the name frequently occurs afterwards in the church register; John Ranson, apparently a descendant, served as one of the bailiffs in 1824, and Ralph Ranson, apparently another descendant, died in 1831 and was buried in the churchyard.

JANE FINCH survived her husband for many years; she died at Wallgate of palsy, otherwise paralysis, and was buried on 21 April, 1785. Her will has not been found although her husband anticipated her making one. For the sake of convenience, his will is given here before the list of his children.

WILL of WILLIAM FINCH of Wigan, co. Lanc., Innholder. Dated 13 Aug., 1745. Pro. C.C. Chester, 23 Oct., 1752.

Devises the clear annual profit of my stone delph now carried on "in my certain close of land in Wigan" called the Stone Delph Hey lately purchased by me from Robert Rigby of Leverpoole, grocer, since divided into two closes to my wife (*no name*) for life, remainder amongst all my sons and daughters (*no names*) as my wife shall by will direct. To my sons Cuthbert and Ralph, closes of land in Wigan called the Barnheys (about 3½ a.) lately purchased

by me from Master Robert Cotton Pennington, equally, and £27 each at 21 years.

To my son William close of land in Wigan called the Barnacre and £35.

My shop in the Wiend in Wigan, purchased from Master William Marsh, decd., and my two dwelling houses on the Hardybutt in the Scoles within Wigan now in the occupation of Thomas Spawd and ——— and my other small dwelling house in Scoles afsd. leased to Henry Bullock late of Scoles, linnenweaver, decd., to my son Henry and also £87.

Rest to my three daughters Margaret, Anne and Grace equally. None of above bequests to take effect until my sons and daurs. attain 21 years.

Whereas my late Mother bequeathed to my brother John Finch £40, sons and daurs are to pay same.

EXECUTRIX wife Jane and EXECUTOR Kinsman Thomas Barton¹ of Wigan, Chapman.

SEAL: On a wreath, a horse's head, couped.

WITNESSES. Alex Mawdesley, Thos. Edge, Elizabeth (Burdikin?).

PROVED by both Executors.

CHILDREN AND SOME OTHER DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM AND JANE FINCH.

A. GRACE (33), oldest child, was born at Market Street, Wigan, and was baptised at the Parish Church on 13 June, 1725; she died at Market Street and was buried on 28 July, 1736.

B. MARGARET (34), second daughter and child, was born at Market Street, Wigan and baptised on 24 January, 1727, at the Parish Church. She married John Hodson of Wigan at the Parish Church on 5 January, 1751, by whom she had two sons and three daughters.

Her children were:—

¹ Churchwarden 1755-6-7; Bailiff 1761; Mayor 1763.

(a) *Jane Hodson* b. Standishgate, Wigan; bap. 11 January, 1753; marr. Richard Cardwell of Blackburn, at Wigan on 26 Feb., 1777. She probably died at Blackburn. Her husband is described variously as chapman and tradesman in the Blackburn register, and as cotton spinner, also as fustian manufacturer, in that of Wigan. Search in the Blackburn register to the end of 1792 and in that of Wigan to a later date showed no other than the five sons mentioned below. They "lived in a large brick house in King Street, Blackburn, and made a fortune in Blackburn trade." (*Abram's History of Blackburn*).

I. Richard Cardwell, bap. 9 Jan., 1778, at Blackburn; died unmarried in 1839, aged 62. He was vicar of St. Paul's Church, Liverpool, which was demolished many years ago to make room for the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, and afterwards of Ellerbeck.

II. James Cardwell bap. May 26, 1779, at Blackburn. He died unmarried on 31 May, 1855, aged 76, possibly at Ellerbeck in which he took a life interest on the death of his brother Richard under the will of John Hodson.

III. John Cardwell bap. 15 Sept., 1781, at Blackburn. He was a merchant of Liverpool being a partner in the firm John Cardwell and Thomas Hodson and Co., 15 Exchange Street E., and Thomas Hodgson and Co. His private house was 11 Rodney Street. He died in 1831. He married Elizabeth daughter of Richard Birley of Blackburn by Alice, his wife, daughter of Hugh Hornby, Esq.

Their children were:—

(1) Edward Cardwell, statesman, born 24 July, 1813. Educated at Winchester and Balliol College, Oxford; double first class 1835; Hon. D.C.L. 1863; called to the Bar at the Inner Temple 1838; M.P. Clitheroe and City of Oxford; President of the Board of Trade 1854, when he obtained the passing of the Merchant Shipping Act 1854; Secretary of State for Ireland with a seat in the Cabinet,

1859, when he framed a land bill which was not passed; Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster 1861; Secretary of State for the Colonies, 1864; Secretary of State for War, when he carried out the reorganisation of the Army and the abolition of the purchase system. He was raised to the House of Lords in 1874 as Viscount Cardwell of Ellerbeck. He married Annie, youngest daughter of Charles Stuart Parker in 1838 but had no children. He died at Torquay on 15 February, 1886.

"Thoroughly patriotic and public-spirited, utterly free from jobbery of any sort, laborious, discreet, courteous, kind and considerate to subordinates, conciliatory yet tenacious of his opinion when he had satisfied himself that he was right," such he appeared to the partners of his work. See *Dictionary of National Biography*.

(2) Charles Cardwell, M.A. Oxon.

(3) Jane Cardwell, married 1843, Vice-Admiral Edward Gennys Fanshawe, R.N.; two sons and two daughters.

(4) Elizabeth Cardwell married 14 August, 1856, Henry Thring, Barrister-at-Law and Parliamentary Counsel to the Government; one daughter Katherine Annie Thring.

IV. Thomas Hodson Cardwell, born 5 Nov., 1785, and baptised 5 December, 1785, at Wigan; merchant of Liverpool in partnership with his brother John. He died unmarried in 1827.

V. Edward Cardwell born 3 August, 1787 and baptised at Wigan on 19 August of that year. M.A. and D.D. Oxon., he was a distinguished scholar and church historian; Principal of St. Alban's College and Professor of Ancient History. A list of fourteen works published from 1828 to 1854 is given in his memoir in *The Dictionary of National Biography*. He died at the Principal's Lodge, St. Alban's Hall, on 23 May, 1861.

His children were:—

(1) Edward Henry Cardwell, M.A. University College, Oxford; born 1833.

(2) Reginald Cardwell of Lincoln's Inn, M.A. Christ's College, Oxford; b. 1834.

(3) Cecilia Jane Cardwell, married Thomas Ellemes Withington of Culcheth Hall, co. Lancaster. Children:— Thomas Ellemes Withington b. 1858; Edward Withington b. 1860; Arthur Withington b. 1866; Cecilia Withington.

More of the extensive Cardwell pedigree can be seen in *County Families of England*, by Joseph Foster, Vol. 1, *Lancashire*, published by Head, Hole and Co., London, 1873.

After the death of Jane Cardwell, her husband Richard married (2) Isabella, d. of R. Sclater of Bradford, by whom he had one son, Henry Salisbury Cardwell, B.A. of Brasenose, b. 25 Dec., 1802, who died 21 April, 1833; and after the death of his second wife (3) Anne d. of T. Thoresby.

(b) *Ellen Hodson*, second daughter and child of John and Margaret Hodson, born at Market Street, Wigan, was baptised on 19 Sept., 1754, at the Parish Church. She married Joseph Fowden of Liverpool at Wigan on 6 July, 1778. Her husband was afterwards of Schools Hill, Cheshire.

Two of her sons, Reginald Fowden of Arthog, co. Merioneth, and William Fowden, are mentioned in the will of John Hodson. Her daughter Ellen married Alexander Halliburton of Whitley and died at Wigan on 3 March, 1831, aged 47 years. Alexander Halliburton was a coal-master and lived at Douglas Bank before removing to Whitley; he was Bailiff of Wigan in 1804, Mayor in 1810 and 1824 and was placed on the commission of the peace in 1819; he died 17 Oct., 1841, aged 73 years. Their youngest son, the Rev. Walter Halliburton, M.A., Rector of Coreley, co. Salop, died at Whitley on 17 Dec., 1854, aged 35 years, and was buried in the family grave at Wigan.

(c) *Anne* or "Nanny" *Hodson*, bapt. 26 Oct., 1755 at Wigan, married Edward Kearsley of Little Hulton, later of Hindley Hall, at Wigan on 24 Aug., 1780. She died 29 June, 1804, aged 48, and was buried at Dean. Her husband died 20 April, 1816, aged 60 years.

Their children were:—

I. James Kearsley, b. 3 June, 1781; d. 29 Dec., 1834, at New Brook House and was buried at Dean.

II. Josiah Kearsley, b. 8 Aug., 1782; died 8 Aug., 1838.

III. Margaret Kearsley, b. 10 Nov., 1783; d. 16 March, 1849.

IV. John Hodson Kearsley, b. 28 Feb., 1785; d. 2 Oct., 1842.

V. Edward Kearsley, b. 3 April, 1786; d. 7 Jan., 1848.

VI. Thomas Kearsley, b. 19 Dec., 1787; d. 23 Jan., 1871.

VII. Mary Anne Kearsley, b. 11 July, 1790; d. 11 Sept., 1829.

VIII. Samuel Kearsley, b. 23 Nov., 1791; received private baptism on 27 Nov., and died 29 Nov., 1791. Buried at Wigan.

The above were born at Hindley Hall, near Wigan; the following were born at New Brook House, near Wigan.

IX. Jane Kearsley, b. 13 Feb., 1795; d. 14 Feb., 1796. Buried at Dean.

X. Frances Kearsley, b. 15 March, 1796; d. 25 Dec. 1879.

XI. Jane Kearsley (2) b. 30 Nov., 1797; d. 13 July, 1806. Buried at Dean.

NOTES.

I. James Kearsley, cotton merchant of Hutton-in-Dean, died intestate, a widower without children. Estate sworn under £2000. He married Anne, 2nd daughter of John and Jane Taylor of Bradford House, Bolton, at Middleton. She died 3 April, 1829 and was buried at Dean, where he was buried later.

II. Josiah Kearsley, coal-merchant of Liverpool, had his office 33, Old-hall-st. and his residence 42 St. Anne-st. He married Margaret, only daughter of Thomas and Anne Harvey of Liverpool, at St. Anne's Church, Liverpool, on 6 March, 1810. He died 8 Aug., 1838 and was buried in his vault at Trinity Church, Liverpool. His children were:—1. Anne Kearsley, 1811-77, who married William Mather, by whom she had one son, Ellis Mather. 2. Edward Tertius Kearsley, 1812-70, cotton-broker of Liverpool, who married Jessie Knox Wilson and had by her a son Thomas Harvey Kearsley and others. 3. Thomas Harvey Kearsley, 1814-43, a coal agent of Liverpool, who died a bachelor and intestate at Everton. 4. Josiah Kearsley, 1816-54, an engineer of Broad-st., City of London, who married Margaret Marsden of Everton. His children were Margaret Harvey Kearsley, who married Robert Horsfall; Helen Marsden Kearsley who married William Mather; Mary Emily Kearsley, who married Herbert Fry, architect; Annie Jane Kearsley who married J. M. Evans; all had children. 5. Margaret Kearsley, 1817-1832. Her mother (Mrs. Josiah Kearsley) and she were killed in Liverpool on 10 August, 1832, by a cask of sugar falling on them from the door of a warehouse. Buried at Trinity Church, Liverpool.

All the above were baptised at Ardwick.

6. James Kearsley, 1820-48, was baptised at Trinity Church, Liverpool. He married Mary _____, who died 6 Jan., 1909. They had issue, as appears by the wife's will.

IV. John Hodson Kearsley. Described in his marriage settlement of 23 and 24 April, 1881, as of Wigan, cotton manufacturer; later he became a brewer. He married Mary Anne, 2nd daughter of George and Margaret Bevan of Tabley-st., Liverpool, on 25 April, 1811, at St. Thomas' Church, Liverpool, but had no children. He died at Higher Hall near Wigan on 2 Oct., 1842, and was interred

in his vault at Dean near Bolton. His wife died on her birthday, 14th February, in the year 1837, aged 51, at Higher Hall, and was interred in the vault at Dean.

He was Mayor of Wigan in 1813, 1819 and 1825; Member of Parliament for Wigan in 1831, 1832 and from 1835 to 1837; Deputy-Lieutenant for the County Palatine of Lancaster.

Being an uncompromising Tory, his house in Standishgate, Wigan, was burned by a Radical mob on 23 May, 1831, in consequence of his opposition to the passing of the Reform Bill. It was feared the rioters would attack Higher Hall, his other residence, and some preparation for their visit was made by sinking the plate and other valuables in a pond but fortunately the precaution proved to be unnecessary.

A Churchman, he was one of the churchwardens for the three years 1813 to 1816.

Among other bequests, he left annuities of £100 to Alice and Anne Finch and one of £150 to Jane Finch, with Brick House, Hindley Green, and ten acres of land for life; also £500 for the purchase of furniture. He left an annuity of £80 to Ellen Gregory, afterwards Mrs. Irvine, a cousin of the Misses Finch but unrelated to himself.

This benefactor of the family should be gratefully remembered by all members of it for they owe much to the generosity which led him to take up and provide for his second cousins, who had been left in far from affluent circumstances.

V. Edward Kearsley married Catherine Withington Sanderson at Leigh Church on 21 June, 1819. She was the 2nd daughter of Thomas Bromiley William and Catherine Sanderson of Laburnum House (? Leigh), co. Lancaster. He died at Lytham on 7 Jan., 1848; she died 13 Dec., 1831, aged 72. Both buried at Dean. Children: 1. Edward Sanderson Kearsley, 1820-1887, b. at Hindley-cottage, called "Ivy-cottage" after 1827. At one time of

6 Pembroke-villas, Richmond Green, Surrey; afterwards of Manchester, merchant. 2. Catherine Withington Kearsley, 1821-1873, b. at Hindley-cottage, married William Hargreaves of Bolton at St. Heliers, Jersey, 2 May, 1845. Children: William Edward, John Henry, Frederick Kearsley, Francis, Percy, and 3 daughters, who married respectively William Cameron Bathe, Charles Stewart Pickering Robson and — Nash. She died at Farnworth. 3. Thomas Bromiley Sanderson Kearsley, b. at Hindley-cottage, 4 Feb., 1825. Killed by lightning in Africa, 9 March, 1845. Buried near the Bonny river. 4. Anne Hodson Kearsley, 1832-1879, born at Ivy-cottage, of Moss-bank, Halliwell, Bolton. Died a spinster and intestate. 5. Mary Frances Kearsley, b. 28 Feb., 1840, at Ivy cottage. She married Frederick Blakesley Mallett, M.D., by whom she had two sons Frederick Rowland and Francis Kearsley.

VI. Thomas Kearsley married Jane Taylor, d. of John and Jane Taylor of Bradford-house, 23 April, 1817. He was a cotton-spinner. He died at Bankfield, Ainsworth, 23 Jan., 1871; she died 10 June, 1876; both aged 83; both buried at Dean. Children: 1. Jane Kearsley, b. 1818; 2. Thomas Kearsley, b. 1819; 3. James Kearsley, d. 1821 aged 7 weeks; bur. at Dean. 4. Anne Kearsley, d. 1825; bur. at Dean. 5. John Kearsley, 1824-1864, of Ince, married Anne —; one son, John Hodson Kearsley who d. 2 Nov., 1863, aged 5 years; bur. at Dean. 6. James, the youngest, d. 1861, aged 27; bur. at Dean.

VII. Mary Anne Kearsley b. 11 July, 1790, at Hindley hall; married the Rev. Thomas Pigot of St. Helens at Dean, 23 Oct., 1816. She died 11 Sept., 1829, and was buried at Dean. Her husband succeeded the Rev. William Finch as perpetual curate at St. Helens and was rector of Blymhill, Staffs., when he died in 1840 aged 62 years. Children: 1. Thomas Pigot born as were the rest of the family, at the Parsonage, St. Helens, 19 Aug., 1817. Drowned at Greenock, N.B., whilst skating 23 Dec., 1840.

2. Edward Pigot, 1818-1905: curate of Wigan 1847-48. Rector of Whittington, Kirkby Lonsdale. Left children.
 3. Charles Pigot, 1819-1860. Buried in the Part grave at Wigan. Married one of the daughters of John and Alice Taylor Part. He was churchwarden from 1858 until his death.
 4. John Tayleur Pigot, b. 2 Dec. 1819. Curate of Wigan 1844-47. Married Hester Sarah, daughter of Major-General Wemyss, C.B., and had eight children. He was vicar of Fremington, Devon, and Prebendary of Exeter and died 30 June, 1912 (see "Times" of 3 July, 1912).
 5. James Creswell Pigot, 1823-1877; of Liverpool and Southport, cottonbroker; married Elizabeth Greenall (who died 1880) at St. Helens. Left children.
 6. Robert George Pigot, 1824-1883; perpetual curate of Wasdale Head, diocese of Carlisle; married Isabella. One child, Alice Mary, who married the Rev. Charles Wm. Cartwright of Seaton rectory, Uppingham. Both living in 1909.
 7. Henry Septimus Pigot, 1826-1901, vicar of Horwich; married Elizabeth Editha Wiltenhall, who died 1880. No children.
 8. Mary Ann Kearsley Pigot, 1827-1908; never married. Died at 75 Hawkshead-st., Southport.
 9. Octavius Frederick Pigot, 1829-1908; married (1) Miss Frank; (2) Flora Charlotte Helena Lindsay. He was of Kirkdale, Liverpool, and afterwards of the Chaplain's House, Wandsworth; died at Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire. Left four sons and one daughter.

X. Frances Kearsley never married; at one time of The Woodlands, Over Hulton; afterwards of Southport, where she died 25 Dec., 1878.

The writer has an extension of this pedigree.

(d) *John Hodson* born at Standishgate, Wigan, and baptised at the Parish Church on 20 April, 1758. He married Ellen Woodcock but had no children. He died at his residence, Ellerbeck Hall, near Chorley, on 11 March, 1828; she died 24 Oct., 1828; both were buried at Standish. There is a tablet to his memory in the church.

He represented the borough of Wigan in the Tory interest in five Parliaments, 1802 to 1820, when he retired. He served as one of the bailiffs of Wigan in 1785, this being perhaps his first venture in politics.

(e) *James Hodson*, described as of Ince on the tombstone of his son James Alexander Hodson, died 13 Oct., 1824, aged 64 years. His baptism is not recorded in the Wigan register but may have been performed privately or in another parish. He may have been the James Hodson who was Mayor in 1784, 1786 and 1789 but there was another of the name living in the town, a county magistrate, who died in 1791 aged 45. He married Jane, daughter of Jarvis and Elizabeth Johnson, and had by her two sons. There may have been other children who have not been traced.

I. James Alexander Hodson, born at Ince on 1 Sept., 1788, is described in the baptismal register as the first son of his parents and in the will of John Hodson of Ellerbeck as "my nephew."

Succeeding his uncle John, he was elected at the head of the poll at the general election of 1820; he was returned unopposed in 1826; he was elected at the head of the poll in 1830 but took the Stewardship of the Chiltern Hundreds in the following year. His cousin John Hodson Kearsley succeeded him. He died on 24 Nov., 1832, and was buried in the family vault at Wigan where his wife and other members of his family are interred.

James A. Hodson married Sarah, daughter of Colonel and Sarah Hodges of Boulney Court, co. Oxford, and had by her: (1) James Alexander Hodson, b. 27 June, 1809, who died at Twickenham on 9 March, 1810, and was buried there. (2) Sarah Hodson b. 1811, who died 17 May, 1841, aged 30 years. She married John Woodcock of Wigan at Upholland, and had by him two daughters who died young, a son Thomas who was drowned at Windermere on 13 Sept., 1853, aged 19 years, and perhaps



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other children. 3. James Alexander Hodson, b. in or about 1813, who died at Leyland 9 April, 1833, aged 20 years. 4. Elizabeth Margaret Hodson b. 24 July, 1818, who died 19 March, 1819. 5. Octavia Annabella Hodson, b. 26 April, 1821, who died 19 Dec. 1822. 6. A daughter born 30 Dec., 1822, a few days before the death of her mother. It is not certain that this is a full list.

Mrs. J. A. Hodson died on 8 Jan., 1823, aged 34.

The Wigan register gives 18 Jan., 1823 as the date of burial of Mrs. Hodson and her daughter Octavia Annabella.

II. John Johnson Hodson, b. 26 Sept., 1780. He was a Master of Arts and was rector of Yelvertoft, co. Northampton, in 1828.

C. CUTHBERT FINCH (35), eldest son and third child of William and Jane Finch, was born at Market Street, Wigan, and baptised at the parish church on 24 July, 1729. He inherited some property from his father and appears to have been a man of some importance in the town, of which he was one of the Bailiffs in 1763 when only 34 years of age. His portrait in oils is in the possession of Herbert Peck. The last entry in the Wigan registers in which his name appears is that of the death of his daughter Elizabeth in 1778. It is not known when or where he died but it may be that the information might be found in the parish from which his wife came if that could be discovered. It is probable, judging from the fact that his portrait descended to his nephew Ralph Finch that he died without living children or that they did not survive him very long. Search has been made at Chester for his will or letters of administration, but without success.

He married RACHEL. His children were:—

a. Caroline born at Wallgate, as were also her brother and sisters; bapt. 24 Nov., 1765. *b. Mary* bapt. 1766; died at Wallgate; bur. 29 July, 1766; *c. Jane* bapt. 1767; died at Wallgate; bur. 19 Nov., 1767. *d. Elizabeth* bapt. 26 Sept., 1769; died at Standishgate; bur. 25 June, 1778.

e. Grace bapt. 12 Dec., 1773. *f. William* bapt. 16 May, 1776.

(36) D. RALPH FINCH, of whom presently.

E. WILLIAM FINCH (37), third son and fifth child of William and Jane Finch, was born at Market-street, Wigan, and baptised on 24 August, 1732. He married a woman about 26 years older than himself whose Christian name was Jane, but her surname and the place and date of the marriage are not known.

Mrs. Jane Finch predeceased her husband, dying of senile decay, aged 78 years, and was buried on 10 July, 1784.

William Finch was a bookseller. He died intestate and was buried on 8 Jan., 1789. His estate was sworn under £5 and letters of administration were granted to Ralph Finch, pewterer, brother and next of kin. This points to the eldest brother, Cuthbert, being already dead.

F. HENRY FINCH (38), fourth son and sixth child of William and Jane Finch, was born at Market-street, Wigan, and baptised at the parish church on 7 August, 1734. He does not appear to have married. He died at Wallgate and was buried on 29 December, 1774. The burial entry describes him as a lineman.

He appears to have varied his occupation for he was one of the two collectors of window tax and house duty in 1768.

His father left him a shop, three houses and £87 in money but this appears, from the absence of a will or letters of administration, to have been dissipated, perhaps by business losses or expenditure.

Although Henry Finch did not marry, he had an affair of the heart, for he took out a marriage licence. There is a bond and affidavit at Chester dated 15 July, 1765, filed upon the granting of a licence to Henry Finch and Jane Braythwaite, both of Wigan, for a marriage to be solemnised at "the Chapel of Hindley in Wigan parish."

He is described as a " Bachelor of 21 years and upwards " and she as a spinster of similar years; he is stated to be a linen-merchant. The marriage did not take place at Hindley. Jane Braythwaite did not marry at All Saints, Wigan, nor was she buried there within two and a half years of the date of the licence. The name is a Cumberland one and therefore she may have been a stranger who returned home. Henry does not appear to have got over his disappointment, if it was one.

G. ANNE FINCH (39), third daughter and seventh child of William and Jane Finch, was born at Market-street, Wigan, and was baptised on 8 Sept., 1736; she died a spinster and was buried on 18 August, 1767.

H. GRACE FINCH (40), fourth daughter and eighth and youngest child of William and Jane Finch, was born at Market-street, Wigan, and baptised on 15 Nov., 1739. She married George Eccles of Wigan at the parish church on 19 Oct., 1764.

Her children were:—

a. *Richard Eccles*, b. at Wallgate, Wigan, and baptised on 28 Oct., 1765. An attorney of Leigh. He died of a pulmonary complaint and was buried at Wigan on 27 Nov., 1799.

b. *William Eccles*, b. at Wallgate and baptised on 21 April, 1768. He married Betty d. of William and Ann Roper of Wigan at the parish church on 6 Feb., 1798. He died of " decay " at Southport on 10 August, 1836, aged 69, and was buried at Wigan on the 15th. He was a cotton-spinner with a mill in the Scholes; he lived in the Wallgate soon after marriage; later in Queen-street, then a fashionable residential locality, and afterwards in King-street, then a private street with a toll-bar near the middle of it. He was a Bailiff of Wigan in 1792, Mayor in 1807 and 1816 and an Alderman of the reformed Corporation. He was one of the executors of the will of John Hodson.

His family was numerous but none of his four sons who attained to manhood took a wife to himself. One of his daughters married a man named Whittaker (*John Kellett*).

His sons lived in King-street, afterwards at Southport, and then at Walthew-house, Orrell, near Wigan. They lived very well and were corpulent.

I. William Roper Eccles b. 6 Nov., and bap. 12 December, 1798. He was a cotton-spinner. In 1836, he declined to act as one of the trustees of the Wigan charities "in consequence of a recommendation from his late Father not to interfere in public matters" (*Corporation Minute Book*). He voted Tory in 1837; he was a Revising Assessor for the Borough in 1842.

II. Grace Finch Eccles, b. 23 April, 1800.

III. Elizabeth Eccles b. 3 Nov., 1801; d. unmarried 12 Apr., 1849; bur. Upholland.

IV. Anne Eccles, b. 7 Jan., 1805.

V. Richard Eccles, b. 1 Dec., 1806. Voted Tory in 1837. Was made a magistrate in 1842. A cotton-spinner.

VI. Jane Eccles, b. 5 Nov., 1808.

VII. Mary Anne Eccles, b. 23 June, 1810.

VIII. Thomas Hodson Eccles, b. 29 Jan., 1812. A cotton-spinner. Auditor for the Borough in 1846. Elected to the Town Council in 1847.

IX. Frances Eccles, b. 2 Nov., 1813.

X. Anthony Eccles, b. 18 Oct., 1815. A colliery proprietor. Very fond of out-door sports.

XI. Margaret Eccles, b. 14 July, 1817, at Queen-street; d. 21 Feb., 1828; bur. in Roper-Eccles grave.

XII. Eleanor Eccles, b. 8 July, 1819, at Queen-street. She and the last were baptised on 2 August, 1821.

XIII. George Eccles, b. 12 Feb., 1822, at King-street; died 10 Jan., 1823; bur. in Roper-Eccles grave.

c. *John Eccles* born at Wallgate and baptised 14 Dec.,

1773. Died 1 June, 1826. Buried in Roper-Eccles grave. There is no mention on the tombstone of a wife or child.

d. *Thomas Eccles* born at Wallgate; bapt. 26 Oct., 1775.

e. *Jane Eccles* born at Wallgate; bapt. and bur. in August, 1777.

RALPH FINCH (36), second son and fourth child of William and Jane Finch, was born at Market-street, Wigan, on 2 March, 1730/1, and baptised at the parish church on 11 March, 1730/1. He married ALICE PRESCOT at Standish on 10 August, 1752. He died of "decay" at Wallgate and was buried on 24 Nov., 1812. Although he received a considerable amount of property under the will of his father, he does not appear to have left sufficient property to justify the expense of making a will or the issue of letters of administration. He is described in the entry of his death as a pewterer and in that of his wife as a huckster.

Judging from the Window Tax assessment of 1768, his house in Market-street was not a good one for he was assessed for 7 lights at 2d. each, while his brother William paid on 11 at 1s., his brother Cuthbert on 18 at 1s. 6d., George Eccles on 22 at 1s. 9d. and John Hodson on 21 at 1s. 3d. His mother Mrs. Jane Finch, paid no duty on lights, perhaps because she was a widow, but she paid the house duty of 3s. levied on all houses, great or small.

ALICE PRESCOT born in October, 1728, at One House farm, Shrewsbury (*Mrs. C. J. Gorton*), died of senile decay at Wallgate, Wigan, and was buried on 8 Jan., 1810. Unsuccessful search for the entry of her baptism was made in the registers of St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, and Moreton Corbet. There is a farm called One House at Moreton Corbet but although there are many Prescots, the name Alice Prescott does not occur in the register. Mr. G. W. Sparrow, of Albrighton Hall, Shrewsbury, said

it might perhaps be found at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, where "there are a few Prescots and a great many Finches," but a search from 1727 to 1735 failed to reveal the name.

Children:—

A. WILLIAM FINCH (41), eldest son and child of Ralph and Alice Finch, was born at the Hallgate, Wigan, and baptised on 24 March, 1753. He probably received his education at the Grammar School, of which he became usher. He may have been and probably was the William Finch who was churchwarden from 1774 to 1777. Admitted as deacon at Chester on 8 August, 1779, he was ordained priest at Ashbourne, co. Derby, on 2 Jan., 1780, and licensed on the same day to be Assistant Curate of St. Paul's church, Liverpool, at a stipend of £50 per annum. On 27 Nov., 1786, he was licensed to "the perpetual curacy of Hardshaw within Windle called St. Helens in the county of Lancaster," and as clerk to the Grammar School of St. Helens.

He married (1) Fowler; (2) Hannah Watts, a native of Blyth, but had no children. He adopted Sarah, daughter of his brother Thomas after the death of the last.

He died 4 Sept., 1815 leaving no will but his instructions for one were admitted to probate. (See later).

He was an early advocate of vaccination and some results of his work in this direction are described in a lengthy letter to the *Medical and Physical Journal* of May, 1800. This attracted the attention of the great Edward Jenner, who wrote to him as follows:—

"Sir,

Knowing that you have carried the Vaccine Inoculation to a considerable extent I take the liberty to request the favor of you to give me the result of your practice. As it is probable the subject may shortly undergo public discussion I wish to be prepared with Testimonies of the efficacy of the Cowpox as a pre-

ventive of the Smallpox from the most respectable authorities. I am no stranger to that mass of evidence you were so good as to publish in favor of the new practice in the *Medical and Physical Journal*; but on the present occasion written testimonies will have a greater weight. I by no means wish you to go into detail; it will be sufficient if you will kindly state the numbers you have inoculated and then adduce your proofs that the Vaccine Inoculation protects the Constitution from the contagion of the Smallpox. If you please you may add too your opinion of the utility of the Discovery.

I remain Sir,
with great respect,
Your obed^t humble Serv^t
E. Jenner.

London
Bond Street
136
Feb: 7 1802

P.S. Pray accept my thanks for the obliging manner in which you were good enough to mention my name in the *Med. Journal*."

The letter, which is in the possession of Col. S. Simpson, of Garstang, is addressed to "the Rev. W. Finch, Minister of St. Helens." Its outside bears postmarks showing it to have been sent previously to Portsmouth (on its way to St. Helens, I.O.W.), and to St. Helen's Church, London. One postmaster made a note "Try Lankeshire." There was 11s. 8d. to pay on it.

The mass of evidence alluded to occupies five pages of Vol. III of the *Medical and Physical Journal*. The Rev. Wm. Finch writing under date of 11 March, 1800, said: "On the 17th of November last I inoculated a child of eight months with a lancet, armed the eighth day preceding with vaccine matter, and sent me by the Rev. R. Holt, Rector of Finmere, Oxfordshire."

The identity of the child is shown by the following extract from the St. Helens Parish Church register kindly made by the Rev. Albert Baines, M.A., the vicar:—

“ 1799. Daniel, son of David Scarborough, Clogger, of St. Helens, Born 4th March: Baptised 31 March. This child on the 17th November following was the first in these parts that was inoculated with Vaccine Matter, By me, W. Finch, Minr.”

The article in the journal goes on to describe a fairly normal case of vaccinia. Other children were inoculated from the first child and others from them, and so on, until the number reached 714. Probably many more were operated on later. On February 25th and 26th he inoculated with variolous matter, *i.e.* matter taken from the pocks of smallpox patients, twenty children he had inoculated with vaccine matter in November and the beginning of December. To use his own words, “ The result of the experiments is that they have all entirely resisted the infection.” He then goes on to say: “ Only two produced, each, on the place of insertion, a small Pock, if such it can be denominated, of about a quarter of an inch in diameter.” The paper concludes as follows: “ Such is the nature, process, and effects of inoculation here with vaccine matter; and may serve as an additional evidence to the testimony already given of its efficacious properties, if you think it worthy of a place in your very useful and instructive Journal. Upon contemplating its astonishing powers, I could not help falling into this reflexion, if the observation of the naturalist be true, Wherever a poisonous plant grows, its antidote is found— why may not the same observation hold good in this respect also? If it could be proved, that the human constitution imbibes that virulent malady, the small-pox, from the milk or animal diet, which the lowing herd furnishes, by parity of reason then, in the same quarter its counteracting principle subsists. Nature is uniform in all

her laws. Every thing she generates, has its opposite. There is no evil without its corrective: And here she produces an effectual remedy for that malignancy. It surely cannot be too highly prized. To the discoverer of it every praise, every gratitude is due. The joy and delight it diffuses through every family here is inexpressible. And it may not be unbecoming to subjoin, it gives me the liveliest satisfaction and pleasure to hear the people exclaim—

‘ Blessings on the head of him that first wrought such happiness for us.’ ”

Little of him beyond his letter on vaccination has come down to us. The Rev. A. Baines, Vicar of At. Helens, wrote in 1916:—

“ I think you may be interested to know that during the years Mr. Finch was responsible for the registers they were kept in a most thorough manner, and all entries made with exactitude and in beautiful handwriting. This throws light on the accurate, painstaking and generally able qualities of the Rev. William Finch.”

He was survived by his second wife who was one of the dames at Eton College for many years: “ Dame Finch ” was her name in the family. After her retirement from Eton, she lived for many years at Charlton Kings near Cheltenham and died there on 4 March, 1853, aged 82 years. She was a great admirer of Dean Close and left him a legacy.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE WILL OF WILLIAM FINCH of Sutton Parsonage Saint Hellens within Windle in Coun. Lancaster, Clerk.

Has power of appointment of £717 14. 8. in 5 per cent. Navy (Stock ?) under the settlement after the decease of Mrs. Finch.

To Mrs. Sarah Hoet of Eton widow	} equally.
To Miss Ann Fowler ¹ of Eton spr.	

¹ Probably a relative of the first wife.

Executrix and residuary legatee Hannah Finch (wife).

Dated 28 August, 1815.

Witness Row^d Wimburn.

Admon. granted to Hannah Finch relict and sole executrix, 23 Sept., 1815. Value of estate not given.

WILL OF HANNAH FINCH, WIDOW.

Dated 14th January, 1851. It left money to about a dozen persons. A codicil of 7th Nov., 1851, added legacies to the son of George Weston of Lincoln's Inn and Dean Close. Residuary legatee, niece Sarah Meall, widow of Colonel William Meall. Value of estate not given.

B. MARY FINCH (42), eldest daughter and second child of Ralph and Alice Finch, was born at Wallgate, Wigan, and baptised at the parish church on 14 Oct., 1754; she died at Market-street and was buried on 17 Jan., 1756.

C. MARY FINCH (43), second daughter and third child of Ralph and Alice Finch, was born at Market-street, Wigan and baptised on 27 March, 1756. She made a runaway match with Richard Barton, a wheelwright, and was not recognised by her parents thereafter. The date and place of marriage are not on record but might be revealed by a search. Nine of their twelve children were baptised at Wigan parish church.

1782. March 13; *Ellen* 1st daughter of Peter (*sic*) Barton of Wallgate, Wheelwright, and Mary daughter of Ralph and Alice Finch; born 3 March.

1783. Sept. 28, *Margaret*, 2nd daughter of Richard Barton of Wallgate, and as last; born 2 April.

1788. Oct. 23; *Richard*, 4th son of Richard Barton, as above; born 9 September.

1790. Oct. 6; *William*, 5th son; born 9 September.

1792. May 8; *Mary*, 3rd daughter; born 28 March.

1794. May 30; *Lewis*, 6th son; born 12 May.

1796. April 2; *Alice*, 4th daughter; born 25 February.

1798. April 18; *Jane*, 5th daughter; born 28 March.

1800. Feb. 2; *Grace*, 6th daughter; born 7 January.

MARY BARTON was a very good-looking woman when young but became remarkably corpulent later.

The date of her death was looked for between the years 1800 and 1835 but not found. Richard Barton died at Wallgate, Wigan, on 7 Oct., 1814, of weakness, aged 57.

William Barton of Whitehouse, Ainsdale, and West Leigh Lodge, a grandson, died 7 Aug., 1882, and was buried at Deane. He may have been the 3rd son of William and Sarah Barton, bapt. at Wigan on 22 Sept., 1827; or the 2nd son of Edward and Sarah Barton, Pemberton, bapt. 22 Jan., 1825. Both William and Edward were blacksmiths.

D. JANE FINCH (44), third daughter and fourth child of Ralph and Alice Finch, was born at Wallgate, Wigan, and baptised on 15 April, 1758. She married George Cannister by licence at the parish church, Wigan, on 6 February, 1812, the marriage being a surprise to her friends who heard nothing of it until after her return from church. She died on 24 Nov., 1834, of decay; the entry of her death gives her age as 70 but she was really in her 77th year.

Jane Finch was "an immense woman, a perfect mountain of a woman" (*Mrs. Gorton*). Very good natured, she was much teased on account of her size, of which she made light in a jocular fashion, e.g., arriving late at a family gathering and finding all the seats occupied, there was some bustling to find her a chair, on which she said, "Never mind me—I'll sit on a chip behind the door." There does not seem much in the joke as it is written but the utter absurdity of the idea that one of her presence could so repose carried away the whole company. It is on record, however, that she was annoyed on one occasion when two of her neices and Ellen Gregory (*Mrs. Irvine*) got into her stays at one time.

E. CUTHBERT FINCH (45) second son and fifth child of Ralph and Alice Finch, was born at Market Street, Wigan, and baptised on 17 Nov., 1758. His name is spelled Culbert in the register.

Nothing is known of him but the above. Mrs. Irvine told the writer: "He must have died young for I never heard anything of him." There is no entry of his burial in the Wigan register between the years 1759 and 1836, dates inclusive.

F. THOMAS FINCH (46), third son and sixth child of Ralph and Alice Finch, was born at Market Street, Wigan, and baptised on 12 Sept., 1761. He married Sarah Alcock. Their children were:—

a. *Edward Finch* lost at sea.

b. *Sarah Finch*, who was adopted by the Rev. Wm. Finch and lived with his widow after his death. She married Lt.-Col. William Meall, late H.E.I.C.S., of Cheltenham at Cheltenham, by whom she had two children:—I. Sarah Hannah Meall who married Alfred Harford Hartland of Cheltenham, banker, by whom she had two children: 1. Alfred Hartland b. 1848 or 1849, who was a hop-farmer, and died at Mathon, near Malvern in October, 1884. He married Eleanor Wiltshire in London and had by her two sons, William Harford Hartland and Edward Lewis Hartland; the latter died about 1900. 2. Edith Hartland b. 13 Nov., 1851; d. 21 Jan., 1858; bur. at Charlton Kings. II. Eliza Honora Meall who never married and died about 1906 or 1908 at (?) Bath: (*Mrs. K. E. Webster*).

Col. Meall died on 4 Feb., 1847, aged 65 years, and was buried at Charlton Kings. He was married twice; Mary Meall, a daughter of the first marriage, died at Altrincham, where she lived with Mrs. Irvine and Miss Jane Finch, on 19 Dec., 1877, aged 60; another daughter, Isabella Ann Meall, died 5 April, 1838, in her 16th year and was buried at Charlton Kings.

Thomas Finch probably died in Liverpool.

His widow, Mrs. Sarah Finch, died in 1814 leaving less than £100, personal estate, divided equally between her children; probate was issued 19 May, 1814; executors, brother Samuel Alcock and Thomas Barton of Liverpool, gentleman; another Samuel Alcock, grandson of her late brother John, had a contingent reversion.

G. RALPH FINCH (47) of whom more presently.

H. MARGARET FINCH (48), fourth daughter and seventh and youngest child of Ralph and Alice Finch, was born at Wallgate, Wigan, and baptised at the parish church on 13 Sept., 1770. She married Christopher Irving by licence at the Parish Church, Wigan, on 3 March, 1805, and had by him three sons and one daughter:

- a. *William Irving*; see p. 34.
- b. *Ralph Finch Irving*; see p. 37.
- c. *Robert Irving*; see p. 38.
- d. *Jane Irving*; see p. 39.

Margaret Irving was tall and stout after middle age. It was said of her that "anyone seeing her for the first time would have thought her the biggest woman in the world—*unless he had seen her sister Jane*": (*Mrs. C. J. Gorton, grand-daughter*). This tendency to adiposis appears to have been hereditary and was manifested in her sisters as well as her Eccles cousins and should not be ascribed altogether to self-indulgence. Notwithstanding this affliction, she lived to a good old age, dying on 2 July, 1842, at her daughter's house at Greystoke near Penrith, at which place she was buried.

Christopher Irving was born at Kirkclinton near Carlisle on 21 July, 1757. He was a timber merchant, with a house in Wallgate and business premises in King Street, and is described in *Baines' History, Directory and Gazetteer* of 1825 as being also a retail brewer. He took an interest in local affairs and served as one of the Bailiffs in 1814, a position of honour. He voted Tory at the Parliamentary

elections of 1820 and 1837, and probably at others of which the voting lists have not been preserved. Dying on 9 May, 1838, he was buried at Wigan. His gravestone, now covered, gives his age as 82.

The following notes were supplied by Mrs. Catherine Jane Gorton in 1894.

a. *William Irving*, b. 22 Sept., 1808, married Jane Raw of Leaning House, Watermillock, near Penrith, on 8 Feb., 1832. He qualified in medicine and surgery as Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries in 1830, and obtained the Fellowship of the R.C.S. in 1852. He practised for many years at Crown Square, Penrith. Giving up his profession, he went into business and had much to do with the laying the Atlantic and some Indian telegraph cables. He died suddenly from a heart affection at Barret's Hotel, Cecil Street, London, on 21 May, 1870, after attending a company meeting.

Mrs. Jane Irving, b. 21 Nov., 1808, died on 10 Feb., 1867, and was buried at Watermillock, in whose church is a tablet to the memory of herself and other members of the family.

Their children were:—

I. Jane Irving; b. 17 Nov., 1832; d. 20 Nov., 1832.

II. Margaret Irving; b. 29 Oct., 1833; married Edmund Thornton Henery on 11 Sept., 1861, and went to Berbice, British Guiana, with him. He had a degree in medicine from Cambridge University but forsook his profession for sugar-planting. He was a member of the Court of Policy. He died 6 Aug., 1902, aged 82, at Bath, where he was buried with his wife. Their children were:—
 1. Edmund William Walter Henery, b. 2 Aug., 1862, who died of yellow fever at Providence, Berbice, on 31 Dec., 1883. "A bright lad of great promise."
 2. Lambert Edmund Henery, b. 20 March, 1864.
 3. Rose Ellen

Henery, b. 18 Aug., 1865. 4. Thomas Arthur Edmund Henery, b. 9 Aug., 1868. 5. John Philip Edmund Henery, b. 7 Dec., 1872.

III. Catherine Jane Irving, b. 21 May, 1836; d. Jan., 1903, at 53, Hoghton Street, Southport. She married George Edward Gorton of Bolton, stock and share broker, on 7 Aug., 1862. G. E. Gorton was a member of the Bolton Corporation, an ardent cricketer and sportsman. He kept a kennel of greyhounds and was the nominator of *Brigadier*, who won the Waterloo Cup in 1866. He died in 1870 aged 33. Mrs. Gorton was a pleasant, clever and entertaining lady; an ardent philatelist. Their children were:—

1. Kathleen Marie Gorton, b. 10 May, 1864, who married William Lupton Wolstenholme at the English Church, Rio Janeiro, on 2 June, 1888. She d. at Leominster on 25 March, 1910. She had a daughter, Marjorie Kathleen Wolstenholme, b. at Paignton, Devon, on 28 Nov., 1889, who died at Rio Janeiro on 1 Nov., 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Wolstenholme were in Rio Janeiro during the six months bombardment in the Naval revolt of 1893-4. 2. Jessie Beatrice Gorton, b. 6 Sept., 1865, who married Lionel Worsley Roberts on 23 June, 1897, at S. Paul's church, Covent Garden, London. One son Cedric Curzon Worsley Roberts, b. 29 March, 1901.

IV. Elizabeth ("Libby") Irving, b. 17 Oct., 1838. She married (1) Henry Smith, of Springfield, Liscard, and Poulton-cum-Seacombe manor, Wallasey, formerly lord of the manor, at Penrith on 19 Nov., 1862, by whom she had one daughter Natalie Gordon Smith, who died young. Henry Smith, J.P., Captain, then of Boukton, Ulverston, died 20 May, 1881, aged 50, leaving one son, Henry Gordon Smith: (2) William Ashley Clayton of Birkenhead at Wallasey on 24 Jan, 1883. Mrs. Clayton died 25 Jan., 1890 at Bayswater, London, of cancer (?).

V. William John Irving, b. 12 Jan., 1841, married Elizabeth Bonnell, 7 March, 1871. He was a solicitor and

lived at St. Clair Road, Kensington Park, London. He met his death under tragic circumstances, being drowned with his three children off the coast of Guernsey, on 1 Aug., 1884; the boatmen (Steward), father and son, also perished. The children were Elizabeth Irving, b. 5 Feb., 1872; Charles Irving, b. 5 Oct., 1873; Albert Irving, b. 29 May, 1875.

VI. Natalie Mary Irving, b. 21 April, 1846; mar. James Hesketh of Bolton, cottonspinner, on 29 Sept., 1869. He died at Buckfastleigh, Devon, on 17 Nov., 1876, and was buried at Great Lever. Their children are Thomas Edmund Hesketh, b. 17 April, 1871 (see p. 78); mar. Edith Mary Finch at Southport on 3 April, 1902. Children:—Norah Margaret Hesketh, b. 24 Dec., 1903; m. Cecil Heron Pridham at Chelsea on 25 June, 1927. Doris Mary Hesketh, b. 14 Oct., 1905 at Gibraltar; (see Edith Mary Finch). 2. Nathalie Hesketh, b. 6 Nov., 1873; mar. Stephen Simpson, younger son of Stephen Simpson, J.P., of East Cliff House, Preston, at Christ Church, Southport, on 10 April, 1902. Children:—Stephen Hesketh Simpson, b. 18 Feb., 1903 at St. John's Wood, London; Nathalie Mary Simpson, b. 20 Aug., 1904 at St. John's Wood; Melane Irving Simpson, b. 23 Dec., 1907, at Preston; Christine Valerie Simpson, b. 19 Nov., 1910, at Southport. Mrs. Simpson died 9 August, 1921, of septicaemia and was buried at Garstang. Col. Simpson saw much service in the Boer and Great wars.

VII. Charles Henry Irving, b. 8 April, 1851; married Charlotte Tinker, b. 3 Nov., 1869, at West Derby, Liverpool, on 3 Oct., 1894. Children:—1. Frank William Edmund Irving, b. 29 Dec., 1896; 2. Harold Charles Irving, b. 15 Dec., 1899; 3. Eric Henry Irving, b. 14 Aug., 1901.

VIII. Edith Laura Irving, b. 7 Sept., 1853; married (1) John Richard Walter Pratt, master mariner, of the Clan line, at the District Register Office, Marylebone, London,

on 23 June, 1877, and went to Australia with him. The marriage was dissolved on 19 June, 1883, and on 27 Feb., 1901, she married (2) James Henry Mills of West Derby, departmental clerk at the Register Office, West Derby. She died in 1904. Child:—one son born in March, 1902, when Mrs. Mills was upwards of 48 years of age.

b. *Ralph Finch Irving*, b. 9 Oct., 1813 at Wigan; married Sara Dare at Keswick on 4 May, 1843. He won an anatomy prize at Edinburgh in 1833-34 when under Dr. Knox, the teacher at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh who came into unenviable prominence in connection with the Burke and Hare murders. He graduated as M.D. at St. Andrews in 1836, in which year he was admitted to the Membership of the Royal College of Surgeons of England; he afterwards studied in Paris and was for some years assistant to Sir John Fyfe of Newcastle-on-Tyne. He was a skilful operator and was held in high esteem. He died on 11 Nov., 1856 at Greystoke and was accorded a public funeral and buried at St. John's, Keswick. There is a small tablet to his memory in Crosthwaite Church, Keswick, near the monument to his old friend Robert Southey, the poet. Mrs. Sara Irving died 15 Nov., 1871.

Their children were:—

I. Mary Dare Irving, b. 29 Jan., 1845, at Keswick, who married Gerard Henry Liddell of Newcastle-on-Tyne at Keswick on 7 Aug., 1875; She died on 23 March, 1893, and was buried in Bedford cemetery. Her children were 1. Christopher Liddell, b. 22 Aug., 1878; 2. Hugh Liddell, b. 30 Dec., 1880; 3. John Liddell, b. 4 Aug., 1882; 4. Blanche Liddell, b. 10 April, 1884; 5. Mary Irving Liddell, b. 17 June, 1888.

II. Melene Mæll Irving, b. 13 Feb., 1847, who married William Robson Dickinson of Shotley Bridge, co. Durham, at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, by whom she had children. Mabel Irving Dickinson, b. 2 Jan., 1870; d. 3 Dec., 1900,

at Cannes, France, where she is buried. 2. Melene ("Mella") Dickinson, b. 17 April, 1871; died of consumption in London on 11 Dec., 1893; buried at St. John's, Burnopfield, co. Durham; 3. Constance Jane Dickinson, twin with the last; d. 27 March, 1896; buried at Burnopfield.

III. Christopher Irving, b. at Keswick, 5 March, 1849; married on 27 May, 1890, at Massillon, Ohio, U.S.A., Sarah Ann Lancaster of Keswick. No children (1894).

IV. Margaret Finch Irving, b. at Keswick, 23 Sept., 1851.

V. Catherine Sara Irving, b. at Keswick, 27 Oct., 1853; married James Robinson Wilson of Newcastle-on-Tyne, formerly of The Priory, Whitehaven, at St. James', Burnopfield, on 21 April, 1880. Children:—1. Melene Dare Wilson, b. 2 Feb., 1881; 2. James Dare Wilson, b. 3 June, 1882. 3. Sydney Erskine Dare Wilson, b. 4 Feb., 1884.

c. *Robert Irving* was born at Wigan on 29 Jan., 1812. He married Ellen Mort, a member of an old Wigan family and sister of Dr. Mort of Southport, but she died soon after marriage leaving no issue. He married again on 7 Dec., 1843, at the Parish Church, Wigan, his second wife being Sarah Varley, second daughter of Joseph Varley, Standishgate, Wigan, wine and spirit merchant. He carried on his late father's brewery but he failed to make it pay and came to financial disaster. He took some interest in local matters and was one of the Assessors for the Borough in 1842. He was fond in his old age of talking of the time when he "hunted with Napoleon (III.), Lord Gerard and other notables." He died at 17 Meadow Street, Moss-side, Manchester, on 8 Jan., 1890. Mrs. Sarah Irving d. 2 Jan., 1879, aged 57. years.

Their one child Jane Irving, b. 23 Nov., 1844, married James, second son of Jonathan Waddington of Wigan, at St. John's, Birkenhead, on 10 May, 1865. Children: 1. Henry Waddington, b. 9 Feb., 1866, who married Anne

Graham Douglas of Darwen on 24 Dec., 1887 ; no issue (1894). 2. A son who lived an hour. 3. Thomas Ball Waddington, b. 29 Aug., 1868; d. 30 Nov., 1870; 4. Gertrude Waddington, b. 13 Nov., 1870, d. 2 Dec., 1870; 5. Thomas Waddington, b. 16 June, 1872.

d. *Jane Irving*, only daughter and youngest child of Christopher and Margaret Irving, was born at Wigan. She married (1) William Head Dowson at Wigan on 26 Feb., 1835, by whom she had children:—

I. Thomas Erasmus Head Dowson, b. 6 Oct., 1838; married Sophia Louisa Jacintha Rich, only daughter of Rear-Admiral Edwin L. Rich of Exmouth, at Littlehamcum-Exmouth, on 25 Oct., 1866. Lived at Lattendales, Greystoke, Cumberland. Both now dead. Their children:—

1. Erasmus Charles Head Dowson, b. 9 Aug., 1867. Sold the estate. His address (1922), 45, Alvin avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

2. Evelyn Louisa Head Dowson, b. 27 July, 1870.

3. Maud Agnes Head Dowson, b. 26 Dec., 1872, at Greystoke.

4. Arthur William Head Dowson, twin with the last, died of " fever " at Sedbergh School on 26 Feb., 1890.

5. Violet Mary Head Dowson, b. 18 May, 1874.

II. Jane Anne Dowson, b. 1 March, 1840, married Captain G. J. Tomlin, R.N., Queen's Harbour-Master, Plymouth, at the Parish Church, Bideford, on 10 Sept., 1895. She was one of the witnesses of the Will of Jane Finch.

III. William Scott Dowson, b. 14 June, 1841, at Greystoke, married Ann Elizabeth Marshall at Bedlington, Northumberland, on 24 April, 1872. Lives (1894) at Foxley Henning.

Children:—1. Mary Marshall Dowson, b. 10 Feb., 1874; 2. William Head Dowson, b. 13 Nov., 1875.

William Head Dowson died on 21 Dec., 1842, and his widow married (2) the Rev. John Scott Mulcaster, Vicar of Greystoke, at Greystoke on 15 Oct., 1850, by whom she

had one son, IV. John Scott Mulcaster, b. 11 Nov., 1851, who died in April, 1853, his death being ascribed to his having eaten a piece of cork.

Aunt Mulcaster, as she was called in the family, was a pleasant woman with very dignified manners and of somewhat imposing appearance. She was one of the godmothers of Martha Finch, afterwards Peck. She died at Great Salkeld Rectory on 25 Jan., 1871.

The Rev. J. S. Mulcaster died on 7 April, 1879.

47. RALPH FINCH, fourth son and seventh child of Ralph and Alice Finch, was born on or about 10 July, 1763, at Market Street, Wigan; he died at Eyam, Derbyshire, on 16 Feb., 1829 of cerebral apoplexy and was buried at Great Longstone. He married MARTHA, daughter of William Gregory of Great Longstone, copyholder and farmer, at Bakewell in 1788. She died 10 March, 1842, at West Leigh of decay; buried at Wigan. Her pedigree may be found in the Appendix.

Ralph Finch was a cotton-spinner in Wigan and Pendleton, Manchester, before he went to Eyam. "He sustained serious losses in the latter town consequent on the invention of new machinery, and removed to Eyam about 1786 for water power." (This is the account given by Mrs. Irvine and Mrs. Martha Peck, but the writer cannot understand where he obtained sufficient money at such an early age to put him in a position to incur serious losses). He built a mill, probably a small one, which was called Finch's mill, but may not have been altogether his own; he probably was only the manager; he also travelled round the adjacent country buying yarn from the farm-houses, where much was spun at that time. The mill was burned down about 1820, precise date uncertain. A man named Francis Unwin, who lived at a house almost directly opposite that of Ralph Finch and attained a great age, told the writer that "Finch was a stouthearted man; he never pined over his loss, but started to weave

by hand in a shed at the back of his house; his sons helped him and his wife and daughters started a grocer's shop." He said families named Drabble, Hadfield and Heathcote, who had been brought from Great Longstone to weave, returned there after the fire.

After the death of Ralph Finch, the wife and daughters went to Wigan, where William and John had already gone and entered the employment of the brothers Eccles, their second cousins; two of the boys, the girls, and their orphan cousin Ellen Gregory were looked after by John Hodson Kearsley, a wealthy brewer of Wigan, (of whom a short account has been given), another second cousin. Mr. Kearsley's Wigan house and some of his warehouses, in one of which the Finch belongings were stored, were burned down in the Reform riots of 1831, "when any family papers Ralph Finch may have possessed were irretrievably lost." (This statement must be accepted with reserve, for at least the family Bible and the portrait of Cuthbert Finch were not destroyed).

Ralph Finch was stated by Mrs. Irvine to have been a middle-sized man, inclined to stoutness. He was fond, especially after his mill was burned, of standing leaning against the window sill of his house, talking to passers-by. The house, until recently the "Town End" Inn, was the last in the village, and stands opposite the beginning of the moor road to Great Longstone.

The following story of Mrs. Irvine, may be of interest to some. "Ralph took a good deal of interest in a young miner who lived in Eyam. He was a very early riser, and one morning when standing in front of his house, about five o'clock, he saw the young miner standing close to him upon a small eminence. Ralph called to the young man, and to his surprise, the man merely looked at him in a strange way and disappeared. Later in the day Ralph heard that the man had been killed that morning about the hour when he saw him in front of his house."

A list of accidents in the neighbourhood compiled by the late Seth Evans says " 1795, January 19th, Robert Unwin, Eyam, killed in Haycliff Mine."

Described as a grocer and druggist in Glover's *Directory for Derbyshire for 1829*, his name is wrongly given as William.

Search was made at Chester and Lichfield, but no will or grant of administration was found, from which it may be concluded that he was in poor circumstances at the time of his death.

Children:—

A. ALICE FINCH (49), eldest daughter and child of Ralph and Martha Finch, was born on 8 Feb., 1788, and was baptised at Great Longstone on 9 March, 1788. She never married. Her death occurred on 8 Jan., 1857, at Brick House, West Leigh, co. Lancaster, and was ascribed to " palpitation of the heart and dropsy." She and her sisters Anne and Jane are buried in the same grave in St. Paul's churchyard, West Leigh. Her estate, sworn under £800, was left to her sisters Jane and Ann in common.

B. WILLIAM FINCH (5), eldest son and second child of Ralph and Martha Finch, was born 8 Dec., 1790, and baptised at Great Longstone on the 11 January following. He never married. He left Eyam for Wigan and returned from the latter place to die at Great Longstone on 20 June, 1824. He was probably a weaver like his father and brothers.

C. THOMAS FINCH (51), second son and third child of Ralph and Martha Finch, was born 17 Feb., 1793, and baptised at Great Longstone on 3 March following, on which day he died. He was buried at Great Longstone.

D. ANNE FINCH (52), second daughter and fourth child of Ralph and Martha Finch, was born on 24 Feb., 1794, and baptised at Great Longstone on 30 March following. She never married. She died at Brick House,



ALICE FINCH, 1788-1857.

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ANN FINCH, 1704-1863.

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JANE FINCH, 1798-1878.

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West Leigh, of softening of the brain on 15 Oct., 1863, and was buried at St. Paul's, West Leigh.

Estate sworn under £1500: her sister Jane the sole beneficiary.

E. MARTHA FINCH (53), third daughter and fifth child of Ralph and Martha Finch, was born on 19 July, 1796, and baptised on 18 Sept., following, at Great Longstone. Mrs. Irvine said she died young and was buried at St. Thomas' Church, Pendleton, in the same grave as her uncle Matthew Gregory (father of Mrs. Irvine). The Rev. H. L. Fosbrook, Vicar of Pendleton, made a search in the register for the entry of her funeral, but found none in the years 1796 to 1806.

F. JANE FINCH (54), fourth daughter and sixth child of Ralph and Martha Finch, was born on 13 Dec., 1798, and baptised at Great Longstone on the 5 February following. She was stolen when a small child whilst staying at Pendleton but was recovered after several hours by the nurse, Nancy Holland. She was clever, handsome and of dignified manner and appearance; she received several offers of marriage but preferred a single life.

When the family removed to Wigan after the death of her father, she and her sisters Alice and Anne kept house for her father's second cousin, John Hodson Kearsley, who provided for them at his death as mentioned under the notice of him. She lived at Brick House, West Leigh, for many years. The closing years of her life were spent at Altrincham, co. Chester, where she died at Lime-grove, on 16 October, 1878, of cerebral apoplexy and paralysis.

Estate sworn under £10,000: annuities of £20 to Mrs. E. Irvine and £10 to Catherine Ellen Irvine (afterwards Mrs. Webster) and a legacy of £19 19s. 6d. to Mary Ann Yates, a servant; residue to nephews and nieces.

G. RALPH FINCH (55), third son and seventh child of Ralph and Martha Finch, was born 15 May, 1800, and

baptised on 3 Aug., following at Great Longstone. He was killed in his father's mill at Eyam on 16 March, 1816, being caught by and drawn into the machinery. His brother John, was in the mill at the time but did not know how to stop the machinery. Ralph was a bright lad of great promise.

H. JOHN FINCH (56), fourth son and eighth child, of whom more presently.

I. MATTHEW FINCH (57), fifth son and ninth child of Ralph and Martha Finch, was born at Eyam, or Great Longstone, on 10 June, 1804, and died on the 4 July following. He was buried at Great Longstone.

J. MATTHEW SEPTIMUS FINCH (58), sixth son and tenth child of Ralph and Martha Finch, was born 3 January, 1806, and baptised at Great Longstone on 16 September following; the seventh son if a still-born son is included. He married Anne Heaton of Wigan at St. Paul's Church, Liverpool, on 18 Dec., 1842. He died at Pagefield House, Wigan, on 9 Dec., 1862, from cancer of the stomach and was buried in the Wigan Cemetery.

His only child was *William Henry Finch*, born 1844, who died of inflammation of the lungs on 11 Jan., 1850, aged five years and three months, at Brick House, Westleigh, and was buried in the New Burial Ground of All Saints, Wigan.

His widow, known in the family as "Aunt Matthew," lived in Aughton-road, Southport, for many years before her death on 4 Feb., 1882, aged 76 years. She was buried in the Wigan Cemetery.

Matthew Septimus Finch was taught the weaving trade by his father but left Eyam in 1826 to take up a post in Robinson's Brewery, Wigan, in which his kinsman, John H. Kearsley, had the chief interest. He ultimately became manager of it. "He was a good natured man of simple habits; neither learned nor brilliant, he was a sound man of business; after the death of my father



MATTHEW S. FINCH, 1806-1862.

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(John Finch), he was consulted on important matters by every member of the family." (*Mrs. Martha Peck*). John Kellett, whilst agreeing with the description added, "he was a good servant, and always to be depended on, and as punctual as a clock."

He was short and stout in build, affording in this respect a contrast to his brother John. He was a Churchman and a Tory. Elected to the Town Council in 1846, he was placed on the Watch Committee, but, having neither time nor inclination for public work, he did not remain long in these positions, in both of which he is shown by the minutes of meetings to have been a silent member.

He left estate of nearly £10,000, personalty sworn under £5,000, to his wife for her life or widowhood, and to his nephews and nieces afterwards.

K. JOSEPH GREGORY FINCH (59), seventh son and eleventh child of Ralph and Martha Finch, was born 22 March, 1808 and baptised on 1 May, following, at Great Longstone. He died at Wallgate, Wigan, on 21 Nov., 1842, of "fever on the brain." He married Alice Haselden of Wigan at the Parish Church, Wigan, by licence, on 7 January, 1836. Mrs. Alice Finch, b. 12 Oct., 1812, died 6 May, 1894, at Fazakerley, near Liverpool, and was buried in Walton Cemetery.

Joseph Gregory Finch received his education at Eyam and was taught the art of weaving by his father. He followed his brothers John and Matthew Septimus to Wigan and probably took service for a time in a mill belonging to his Eccles relatives but left to enter the employment of Robinson's Brewery Co. He travelled for the firm in the vicinity of Wigan and was of temperate habits, notwithstanding his trade and its temptations.

He was tall and ungainly in person, "never seeming to fill his clothes like his brother John." (*J. Kellett*).

Their children were:—

a. *Joseph Gregory Finch*, b. 8 Oct., 1836, at Millgate, Wigan, he married Joanna ; he lived at

Bootle, Liverpool, at one time and died 10 April, 1878, at Walton, Liverpool, leaving no issue. He left nothing in possession at his death and his will was not proved until 31 Jan., 1883, when his interest under the will of his uncle Matthew Septimus Finch had fallen in. This was valued at £2,912 13s. od., in 1901. His will gave his widow 8s. per week "so long as she remains chaste and unmarried" and the estate after her death to his sister Jane Birchall for life without power of anticipation, and to her children afterwards.

b. *Ralph Finch* who died 15 Sept., 1839, aged 5 months.

c. *Jane Finch*, b. 12 Oct., 1840, at Millgate, Wigan, married Thomas Birchall of Fazakerley, near Liverpool, at St. Clement's, Liverpool. Her husband died intestate at Fazakerley on 9 Aug., 1892, and she died at West Kirby, co. Chester, on 30 Nov., 1900. Her children are:—
I. Frederick Birchall b. 19 July, 1860, at 33 Charles St., Wigan, who was living at "Parkhurst," the Old Village, West Kirby, in 1906: II. Alice Jane Birchall, b. 12 Oct., 1868, at 77, Derby Road, Bootle, who was living at the same address as her brother in 1906.

JOHN FINCH (56), fourth son and eighth child of Ralph and Martha Finch, was born on 20 Aug., 1802, and baptised at Great Longstone on the 12 Sept. following. He married Nancy, daughter of Michael and Mary Brown at Billinge near Wigan, on 16 Nov., 1829. He died 6 June, 1855, at the "Swan" Inn, Wallgate, Wigan, of cerebral hemorrhage and was buried in the New Burial Ground at the Parish Church.

NANCY FINCH, fourth daughter and sixth child of Michael and Mary Brown, formerly Hilton, was born at the "Swan" Inn, Wallgate, Wigan, on 27 Aug., 1806. She married John Finch as stated above, and bore him eight children in less than twelve years. She died on the 16 August, 1843, at the "Swan" Inn of gastritis and was buried on the east side of the Parish Church in one of three

Finch graves not covered at the conversion of the churchyard in 1906. Her daughter Martha Peck said, "I have been told she died of inflammation, but inflammation of what I cannot say. I do not know what the doctor said she died of but I know what it really was. It was hard work; she was simply worked to death."

Some particulars of the Hilton and Brown families are given in the appendix.

John Finch was brought up as a weaver in his father's mill at Eyam but went to Wigan to take a place in the mill of William Eccles, a cousin of his father. This was probably about 1820, and after the destruction of his father's mill. He rose to the position of overlooker but after a disagreement with his employer, took the "Cross Keys" Inn in the Market Place. Baines' *Lancashire Directory* for 1825 gives Caleb Hilton as the tenant of this house but Whitehouse's manuscript *History of Wigan* in the Wigan Reference Library contains a list of the "Hotels, Inns and Taverns in Wigan in 1825" in which John Finch's name appears as the landlord. This list, however, appears from internal evidence to have been brought up to date some years after it was compiled and cannot be absolutely relied upon. Mrs. Irvine said he went there after his marriage: this is probably correct, for the places and dates of birth of his children indicate that he went there in 1832 or 1833. His relatives in the town, many of whom occupied good positions, were strongly opposed to his entering the trade, but the prospect of large profits, upon which his wife who knew them by experience, laid stress, and probably the pleasure of exchanging a subordinate position for one of independence, made him refuse to reconsider his decision, although frequently asked to do so by his sisters and Eccles cousins. He removed about 1842 to the "Swan" Inn in the Wallgate, the previous tenant of which had been Mrs. Mary Hodson, his wife's mother, a widow for the second time

since the previous year. Mrs. Hodson lived with the family until her death in 1850.

"The Swan" was not a common public house but a licensed house of the first class,—well found and well kept. Everything in and about the house was clean, tidy and in its place. The inn itself was the informal meeting place of the municipal rulers of the borough and its landlord a person of importance. He himself was an Assessor for the Borough in 1842. He served as Councillor on the Corporation from November 1843, until his death, representing All Saints Ward first and later the Queen Street Ward. The records of the Council and the newspaper reports of its meetings show him to have been a silent member and not a very regular attendant. He was placed on the Watch Committee in 1846 and the two following years but declined further service on it from conscientious motives, having come to the conclusion that no one in the licensed trade should have a seat thereon.

He was a member of the Church of England and a Tory. When Wigan Parish Church was restored and its galleries removed in 1846 and following years, he gave £100 towards the cost, and was not pleased when he was given at the distribution of seats afterwards a small pew in the north aisle instead of that in the gallery which was considered the best in the Church. The excuse of the Rector was that the pew was one of the Brown pews and only came to him through his wife: he had however paid for it, buying out the representatives of Michael Brown other than his wife Nancy.

John Finch was a man of strong will to which all his dependants had to bow; he worked hard himself and made all near him do the same; he was respected by all, and by himself; his daughter Martha said he was "the proudest man in Wigan," meaning that his self respect made him too proud to do anything mean or wrong. His pride in his children was great but he did not show it by

endearment or sympathy; his very pride made him intolerant of their faults.

He was tall and handsome in person, strong and "filled his clothes well but was not corpulent." One of his hats still in existence is of size $7\frac{3}{8}$ which shows him to have had an unusually large head even after allowance has been made for the manner in which hats were worn in "the fifties." His hair was bright brown in colour.

Never a studious man, perhaps from want of time, he was fond of reading; he loved a good book in a good binding; his favourite authors were Fielding, Smollett and their contemporaries; his books, well-bound for the most part, sold by auction after his death for next to nothing.

He left estate of about £7,500 in value.

CHILDREN OF JOHN FINCH AND HIS WIFE NANCY,
FORMERLY BROWN.

A. William; B. Martha; C. Mary; D. Gerard Brown; E. Ralph; F. John; G. Richard Brown; H. Matthew.

Some information respecting them is given below.

A. WILLIAM FINCH (60), was born on 4 Sept., 1830, at Brook House, Warrington Lane, Wigan, and was the first child of John and Nancy Finch. He was educated at the Wigan Grammar School and afterwards apprenticed to a chemist and druggist named Henry Wells. He went to Jewsbury and Brown, Manchester, when he had served his time, and afterwards returned to Wigan. Consequent on his having made up a prescription incorrectly and so caused the death of a patient, he had a fit from which he never completely recovered. He was admitted to the Royal Crichton Institution, then a private asylum belonging to Dr. Gilchrist, in November, 1858, and remained there until his death on 18 February, 1909. The cause of death was arterio-sclerosis of the heart. He never married.

The writer had a long conversation with him in 1889.

He was courteous and polite and quite at his ease, with a simplicity I attributed to his long period of seclusion; he asked after various members of the family and was surprised at my mother having a son as old as myself and more so at the size of her family, but his only remark was "Little Martha." He was allowed to go about freely and accompanied me for a short distance on my return journey from the Institution to Dumfries.

John Kellett told F. R. Finch—"Your Uncle William went to the Grammar School. He was a very clever lad—the best boy in the school at work and at games. His lessons were no trouble to him, and he was a good natured boy who would help you out with a sum or anything else. He was very good at football. He could take a jump or a run a race, and at stand-jumping there was no one who could touch him; he was such a good jumper because his legs were long although he was not very tall. In his day he was quite the cock of the walk. If there was anything to be done, Will Finch could do it."

Dr. C. C. Easterbrook, Physician to the Royal Crichton Institution wrote to the writer as follows.—"We have no portrait of the late Mr. William Finch, in group or otherwise.

He was admitted to the Institution as a certified patient on the 24th of November, 1858, being described as a bachelor of 28 years of age, and a chemist and druggist by profession, and a member of the Church of England. His mental illness was stated to have come on about the age of 24, and to have been brought on by the suicide of an individual who had been supplied by him with poison. At the sight of the body of the victim, he was said to have been seized with an "epileptiform fit," and he was said to have taken two or three similar fits afterwards. He gradually became depressed in spirits, asocial and the victim of various doubts, fears and suspicions. He thought that he had injured everybody that came in

contact with him, that everyone pointed the finger of scorn at him, that a detective was constantly dogging his footsteps, and remained outside his bedroom window every night with pistols to shoot him, and he became subject to hallucinations of hearing, with irritability, restlessness etc. After these symptoms had continued more or less for four years, he was admitted to the Institution, his mental condition being at the time much as already described. He was rather small, thin and ill-nourished, with sallow complexion and narrow chest, but the heart, lungs and other organs were stated to be normal. Apart from the melancholia and morbid fancies of depressed type, his memory was clear, but a certain amount of enfeeblement of mind was already present. During Mr. Finch's long residence at the Institution, the symptoms of melancholia became gradually diminished, but those of mental weakness became gradually increased. But for many years he was able to enjoy parole, and to take walks by himself in the grounds and the countryside around and he seemed to be wonderfully happy and contented with the life here, and to make many friends in the Institution. He was very careful of his parole, and very methodical and punctual in his habits, always coming in promptly at mealtimes, etc. He was fond of whist, and took a considerable amount of pleasure in the various amusements and recreations of the place, including the winter entertainments. At times he was irritable, when the imaginary voices troubled him, and occasionally he would swear at them rather lustily. On several occasions he went for a change to one of our country houses. He had a lot of information on all sorts of unlikely subjects, but his information gradually became unreliable, owing to the eventual failure of his memory for details. He was very fond of relating anecdotes, especially about great men, Napoleon being his favourite topic. But he would frequently come out with these

stories at table,—without anybody specially leading up to the subject,—and like a schoolboy reciting his lessons. He gradually became stouter and stronger physically, and developed a very vigorous appetite. During the nineties, he became the subject of a left inguinal hernia, which became gradually larger as time went on, but it did not trouble him unduly. From 1900 onwards, he became much more enfeebled in mind, and also failed physically, showing well-marked symptoms of arteriosclerosis and sclerosis of the valves of the heart, and he finally died of the latter on the 18th of February, 1909, at the age of 78 years. During the greater part of his illness, he was a man of mild disposition and good-natured, and this was said to have been his natural temperament before his illness came on."

His estate was sworn at £5710 and was divided between his brothers Gerard Brown Finch and Richard Brown Finch, and the representatives of the late Mrs. Martha Peck.

B. MARTHA FINCH (61), elder daughter and second child of John and Nancy Finch, was born at Brook House, Warrington-lane, Wigan, on 11 March, 1832. She received her education at home and later at private schools kept by Miss Greenough and Mrs. Potter. That she was intelligent in childhood beyond her years, and also unduly forced, is shown by the fact that there was a gathering of her aunts on her third birthday to hear her read and to inspect a sampler worked by her; she appears to have been overworked all her life. Most of her time between her schooldays and her marriage was spent with her paternal aunts at West Leigh, and to a less extent, her maternal aunts at Burscough. She married at All Saints, Wigan, on 7 October, 1852, John Henry Peck, of Wallgate, Wigan, tarpaulin, etc., manufacturer, eldest child of George Peck formerly Alderman of Wigan, and had by him eight sons and seven daughters, of whom some particulars are given below.

She died at 15 Albert Road, Birkdale, Southport, on 13 April, 1902, of arterio-sclerosis and thrombosis of the right middle cerebral artery.

It is unnecessary to say that she had more to do than should ever fall to the lot of one woman but she accepted good with pleasure and trouble with cheerful resignation, being supported throughout her life by a sincere and unquestioning faith. All who knew the manner in which she performed her multifarious duties were surprised that she found time for literary work but the explanation is in the fact that most of her poetry was composed whilst nursing her children or engaged in household work. Her poems, collected and printed by her son Alfred, for family circulation, appeared for the most part in local newspapers. An accomplished housekeeper, she made the most of her means and kept her accounts with scrupulous exactitude.

It is impossible to give by words an adequate impression of her many virtues to those who did not know her, and unnecessary to attempt it in the case of others. A contemplation of her life invariably recalls to the writer the qualities of the virtuous woman described in chapter xxxi of *The Proverbs of Solomon*, which have been summarised thus:—"Chaste and dutiful to her husband; diligent and active in her place and station; a prudent manager, making everything turn out to the best advantage; a careful director of her family; charitable to the poor; discreet in her discourse; and one who eminently fears God; that so she may be an honour and comfort to herself and a blessing to her relations."

Her brother, Gerard Brown Finch, in a letter to the writer on the subject of pedigrees dated of 28 March, 1912, said,—“My feeling about such matters is that the ancestors are summed up in the descendants; and I say to myself that the qualities, good or bad, in myself are my ‘family tree.’ And what better tree would you desire than was portrayed in your Mother. But I daresay all

this is ignorance and heresy with the earnest genealogist, and therefore I shall say no more."

John Henry Peck, then in the commission of the peace for Wigan, died at 52, Hoghton Street, Southport, on 27 February, 1888. He served on the Town Council at one time, but retired.

The children of John Henry and Martha Peck:—

a. *John Henry Peck*, b. at Wallgate, Wigan on 9 November, 1853; married Martha Shackelton Wilson, 2nd daughter and 4th child of Joseph Wilson, of Wigan and and his wife *née* Isabella Winnard, at Hope Chapel, Wigan, on 8th February, 1881.

Educated at the Rev. W. Cornwell's preparatory school at Crossens, near Southport, King William's College, I.O.M., and Liverpool College. Articled to the firm of Messrs. Mayhew, Wigan, he was admitted Solicitor in the Easter term, 1875. He practised independently in Wigan and Southport for some years, and then joined the Messrs. Mayhew, in what thus became the firm of Mayhew, Son and Peck; the Mayhews left the firm, which was carried on under the old name until 1914, when John Henry Peck retired, and the business was divided, Geoffrey Peck taking the Wigan and Kenneth the Southport branch.

Children.

I. Geoffrey Musgrave Alfred Peck, b. 4 Dec., 1881, at 39 Hoghton Street, Southport; married Margaret Tuson Hindle, 26 August, 1909, at All Saints, Southport. Educated at a private school in Southport, and at Shrewsbury. Solicitor, admitted June, 1903.

Children. 1. John Musgrave Peck, b. 21 Sept., 1910, at Wigan; 2. Anthony Musgrave Peck, b. 30 May, 1916, at Wigan.

II. Florence Martha Peck (usually called "Flossie"), b. 29 July, 1883, at Southport, married Harry Watson, formerly of Burnley, a Canadian by adoption, at St.

James Church, Wetherby, Yorkshire, on 20 March, 1918. Her husband was a sergeant in King Edward's Horse, and was killed in action at Fosse on 9 April, 1918, with many of his comrades, who were defending an indefensible post to protect the retreat of other regiments. The total casualties in this action were over 60 per cent. of all ranks.

Flossie died on 25 July, 1921, at Southport, of colitis.

III. Kenneth Peck, b. 30 December, 1885, at Southport; married Norah Wilkinson, daughter of Benjamin Wilkinson of Oswaldtwistle and Southport, sometime mayor of Southport, 16 August, 1913, at All Saints, Southport. Educated at a private school in Southport, and at Shrewsbury. Solicitor, admitted in August, 1911, but qualified some years previously. Joined Inns of Court O.T.C. in July 1917: gazetted 2nd Lieut., King's Liverpool Regiment, May 1918; served in France.

Child. Hilary Rachel Elizabeth Wilkinson Peck, b. 24 Dec., 1916, at Southport.

IV. Isabel Peck, b. 7 Dec., 1889, at Southport: married Charles Edward Wilkinson of Millarville, Alberta, 16 Feb., 1914, at All Saints, Southport: he is the brother of her brother Kenneth's wife: a rancher.

Children. 1. Mary Isabel Wilkinson, b. 25 Jan., 1915, at Calgary, Alberta; 2. Joan Martha Wilkinson, b. 4 Jan., 1917, at Okotok, Alberta; 3. John Benjamin Stanley Wilkinson, b. 4 June, 1923 at Okotok.

b. *Alice Peck*, b. 16 March, 1855, at 78, Wallgate, Wigan. Educated at private schools in Wigan and Southport, she spent a year, 1878-79, at schools in Pyrmont and Erfurt, Germany, where she acquired the language. Choosing the nursing profession for her career, she commenced at the Nightingale Training School at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, but was compelled for reasons of health to complete her education at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. She was matron of several hospitals,—Sherborne, Bootle and Longton.

While in Lancashire she lectured on nursing under the auspices of the County Council and the Lancashire and Cheshire Institute for three years. Becoming crippled by rheumatoid arthritis, she was compelled to retire into private life.

c. *Alfred Peck*, b. 7 March, 1856, at 78 Wallgate, Wigan; he married Hannah ("Annie") daughter of John Bradbury, J.P., of Haughton and Southport, on 3 March, 1886, at Holy Trinity Church, Southport.

Educated at the Rev. W. Cornwell's School, Crossens, and the Wigan Grammar School. He entered his father's business and served in all grades of it; he became manager, —managing director after the conversion of the firm to a limited liability company—and conducted the business with great success for many years.

He was tireless in the Wigan recruiting and War Bonds campaigns and was the principal supporter of every local fund for War charities and one of the prime movers in the erection of the town war memorial.

Children. John Norman Peck, b. 5 Feb., 1887, at Southport. Educated at Southport, Sedbergh and Cambridge University; took B.A., in Engineering with honours; assistant engineer on the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Co.

Entering as a private in the King's Liverpool Regiment at the beginning of the War, he attained the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, gaining the Military Cross on the way up. He was wounded in the chest, thigh and forearm, and taken prisoner, when in command of his Battalion at Roupuy on the Ham—St. Quentin road on 22 March, 1918.

He married Dorothea Margaret, d. of the late Alfred Dixon of Blundellsands, on 30 March, 1916, at St. George's, Hanover Square, London. *Children.*—1. Honor Margaret Peck, b. 6 Jan., 1917, at the Downs, Blundellsands. 2. Rosemary Jean Peck, b. 5 June, 1927, at Sale, Cheshire.

II. Alan Bradbury Peck, b. 17 Nov., 1888, at South-

port. Educated Southport and Sedbergh. Managing director in his grandfather's (Peck) business. Rejected at three recruiting stations at the beginning of the Great War, he took an active part in raising and recruiting and was gazetted Captain in the 3rd Battalion King's Liverpool Regiment.

III. Eric Finch Peck, b. 8 June, 1891, at Southport. Educated at Southport, Liverpool University and St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London. Joined R.A.M.C. first week of war; sent back to complete medical curriculum; joined County Palatine F.A. in March, 1915, and served two years in France. Came home under orders to resume studies. Qualified M.R.C.S. England, and L.R.C.P. London, in 1921.

Married Marie Hilda, only child of Alfred Herbert Tubby, C.B., C.M.G., M.S. London, F.R.C.S. England etc., consulting surgeon at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on 2 August, 1922.

d. *Gerard Finch Peck*, born 5 April, 1857, at 78, Wallgate, Wigan, died at the same address on 27 July, of the same year of acute diarrhoea.

e. *Walter Peck*, b. 22 June, 1858, at 78, Wallgate, Wigan; marr. 22 Dec., 1889, at Gisborne, Turanga, N.Z., Theresa Mabel, dau. of Mathew Hay; he was an auctioneer, mayor of Lawrence, N.Z., for several years, and a Member of the House of Representatives, N.Z.

Educated at the private schools of Rev. W. Cornwell, Crossens, and Mr. Seward, Wigan, and at Wigan Grammar School. Received free articles at Haigh Foundry, Wigan, on account of ability. Took a Queen's prize in 1875; went to New Zealand in 1879 where he followed several trades including marine engineering: returned to England in 1886 and passed as chief and extra-chief marine-engineer at Newcastle, after which he went back to New Zealand and farmed at Taranaki. He came to England in connection with a patent for the preservation of meat

during transportation to find he had been anticipated; returning to New Zealand in 1897, he went to Sydney, N.S.W. where he lectured at the University for a short time, but resigned and founded the College of Marine Engineering. He practised as a consulting engineer and was secretary of the Sydney branch of the Australian Institute of Marine Engineers from 1904 until his death.

He died of enteric fever at Sydney on 22 March, 1915, and was buried at Waverley.

Children. I. Walter Reginald Peck, b. 1 Dec., 1890, at Auckland, N.Z., went to Australia with his parents. After visiting many parts of that continent, he qualified as a pharmaceutical chemist. He served in the Australian Army Medical Corps throughout the war and attained the rank of Staff-Sergeant-Major: he paid several visits to England in the course of his duty and saw active service in Egypt.

Married Beryl Fitzgerald, only daughter of W. E. Smith of Mosman, Sydney, N.S.W., at Mosman, on 13 March, 1920.

Child. 1. Joan Naomi Peck, b. 26 April, 1922; 2. Gweneth, b. 28th July, 1925.

II. Sidney Peck, b. 27 Sept., 1892 at Rochester, Kent, died suddenly on 11 Dec., of the same year; verdict of jury—natural causes or accidental suffocation from over-laying: buried in his grandfather's grave at Wigan.

III. Dorothy Mabel Peck, b. 31 March, 1894, at Wellington, N.Z. Qualified as a pharmaceutical chemist in 1913. Now (1928) a missionary at Peshawur, India.

e. *Edith Peck*, b. 31 Dec., 1859, at 78, Wallgate, Wigan: marr. James Birch, of Edge-farm, Sefton, farmer and miller, on 16 June, 1886, at Holy Trinity Church, Southport; died at Sefton of cancer on 21 Oct., 1903. Educated at private schools in Wigan and Southport, Germany and the London Academy of Music: purposed being a public singer but changed her mind and married.

James Birch is a member of a family which is traditionally said to have been tenants of Edge-farm from the time of Charles II. He was born there on 5 July, 1852. He has been known for many years as an up-to-date farmer working on the intensive system, and has held many public offices, and also that of Secretary of the Royal Lancashire Agricultural Society. He married Eliza Hall, his second wife, at Northampton on 30 April, 1919. He gave up the farm in 1922.

Children. I. Elsie Birch, b. 18 April, 1887, at Sefton; md. on 17 Feb., 1917, at Sefton, David Mackinlay Yellowless of Broomagebank, Larbert, Stirlingshire, Captain in 7th Batt. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; bank manager. Children: 1. Jean Yellowlees, b. 11 Jan. 1918, at Norwich; 2. Marjorie Murray Yellowlees, b. 2 March, 1919, at Edinburgh; 3. John Mackinlay Yellowlees, b. 5 Oct., 1921, at Larbert.

Capt. Yellowlees was wounded at Ypres on 28 May, 1915.

II. James Alfred Birch, b. 8 Nov., 1888, at Edge-farm, Sefton. Educated at Waterloo High School, Blundellsands, and Sedbergh. A well-known agriculturist and breeder and judge of live stock. His expert knowledge was used during the Great War by the Government, who would not permit him to join the Army, as he wished to do. County Councillor for Lancashire, Guardian of the Poor in the West Derby Union, Member of the Sefton Rural District Council. He married Marjory Peckett, daughter of J. Mason Guttridge, of Blundellsands, at Sefton Church on 14 April, 1925.

III. Walter Edward Birch, b. 3 February, 1890, at Sefton. He married Evaline, daughter of the late Edmund C. Stretch of Ormskirk, at Ormskirk, on 23 August, 1916.

Educated at Waterloo High School, Blundellsands, and Sedbergh. Commenced flying in 1910; qualified R.A.C., October, 1912. Served throughout the War, August 1914 to June 1919; Captain 4th South Lancashire Regt.;

Capt. and Flight Commander, R.A.F. Served in Belgium and France. Wounded (1) in April, 1916 on the Ypres—La Basse line in an aeroplane fight, after destroying three German planes; (2) in January, 1917, at Catterick when a pupil lost his reason and caused the loss of the plane: nearly all the bones of his limbs were broken on this occasion. He has flown 42 types of aeroplanes.

Is a corn-miller and has invented a valuable machine for his business.

Children. (1). Joan Evaline Birch, b. 20 June, 1920, at Great Crosby; (2) James Edmund Birch, b. 24 August, 1922, at Great Crosby.

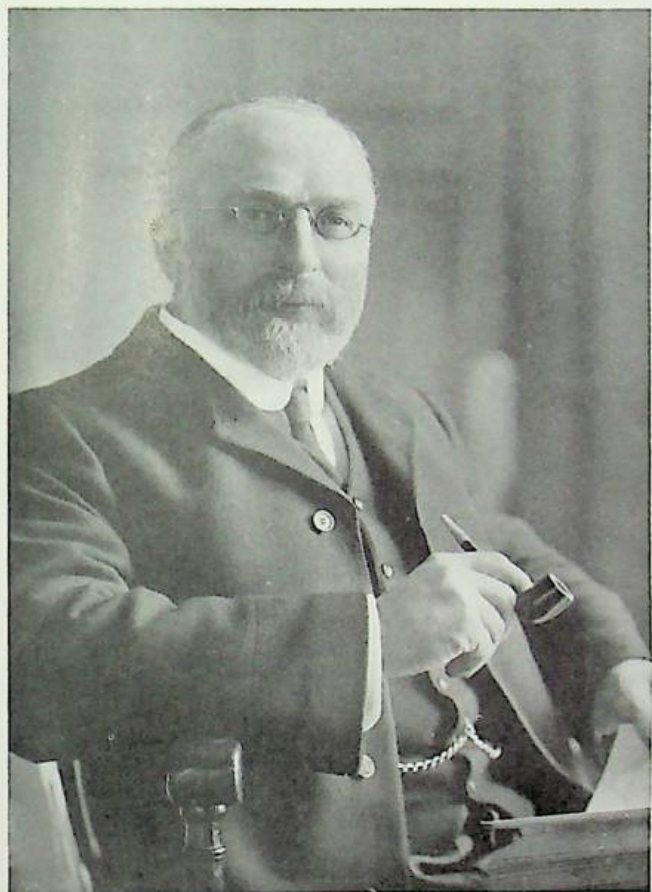
IV. Edith Mary Birch, b. 18 July, 1891, at Sefton.

V. Marjorie Birch, b. 12 October, 1899, at Sefton.

g. *Herbert Peck*, b. 29 June, 1861, at 78, Wallgate, Wigan. Married Hannah, only surviving child of Simeon and Elizabeth Taylor, of Haughton, near Manchester, on 11 April, 1894, at St. Mary's, Haughton. Hannah Taylor was born on 1 December, 1869, at Sunny Bank, Haughton: her two elder brothers died in infancy. Her father was a cotton-spinner, whose ancestors were among the first to use steam power in the trade.

Educated at Wigan Grammar School, Hutton Hall, Dumfries, Edinburgh University and Medical School, and Liverpool University. Is M.D., C.M., Edinburgh, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Edinburgh, D.P.H. Cambridge; of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law.

Assistant Surgeon, G.W.R. works, Swindon, 1886-88; House Surgeon, Walton Workhouse, Liverpool, 1888-92; M.O.H. West Lancashire R.D.C., 1892-98; M.O.H. Chesterfield R.D.C. 1898 to present time; M.O.H. Borough of Chesterfield, 1900-11; Medical Adviser to North Derbyshire Hospital Committee, 1900 to present time; Medical Adviser to Chesterfield Joint Hospital Committee 1900-11. President North Western Branch of Society of Medical Officers of Health, 1909-10; President of



HERBERT PECK, M.D., 1861 to —

Midland Branch, and Chairman of Chesterfield Division of the British Medical Association, 1922-23; Member of Public Health Committee, 1923-24; Corresponding Member of British Numismatic Society, 1903, to present time. Has written many papers on medical and archæological subjects.

Captain in R.A.M.C., T., Sanitary Corps, from 1910 to present time. Refused for active service on account of age: attended troops; did recruiting work and took the public health work of another Medical Officer of Health, who was thus released for active service.

Children. I. Alice Lilian Peck, b. 12 Feb., 1895, at Ormskirk. Educated at Chesterfield, Formby and Cheltenham Ladies College; is B.A. London 1916. Was Head Woman Clerk in the Office of the Surveyor of Taxes, Chesterfield, 1917-18, and afterwards worked in the Intelligence Department of the War Office: is retained on the Reserve Staff. Married Lieutenant Gilbert McKee, R.N.R., of Wallasey, at Hasland on 17 May, 1927.

II. Marian Fielding Peck, b. 25 May, 1897, at Aughton, near Ormskirk. Educated at Chesterfield High School for Girls, Formby and Cheltenham Ladies College. Was Group Leader for North Derbyshire in the Women's Land Army during the War.

III. Eleanor Sara Peck, b. 13 March, 1900, at Chesterfield. Educated at Chesterfield High School for Girls and Cheltenham Ladies' College.

IV. Cuthbert Fielding Peck, b. 16 August, 1904, at Chesterfield. Educated at Edgbaston Preparatory School, Cheltenham College and Sheffield University,—Faculty of Engineering.

h. *Clara Peck*, born 15 October, 1862, at Brooklands, Lord Street, Southport, was educated at private Schools in Wigan and Southport, and at Pymont and Erfurt, Germany. Became L.R.A.M. in Jan., 1884, obtaining honours in the senior division. Married the Rev. Wm.

Arthur Wickham, vicar of St. Andrew's, Wigan, at St. Andrew's Church on 21 June, 1892. Died at Ampton Rectory on 21 November, 1926, of syncope following pneumonia.

William Arthur Wickham, oldest child of William Wickham and his wife, formerly Emma Sophia Ruming, was born on 3 February, 1849. Lichfield College, 1873; deacon, 1874; priest, 1875; curate of Talke, Staffordshire, 1874 to 1878; vicar of St. Andrew's, Wigan, 1878 to 1916; rector of Ampton, near Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, 1916. Author of many treatises on archæological subjects.

Children:—

I. Myrtle Dorothy Wickham, b. 13 May, 1893, at Springfield-drive, Wigan. Educated at St. Elphin's College, Derbyshire.

II. Bernard William Theodore Wickham, b. 23 October, 1894, at Springfield-drive, Wigan. Educated at Millmead, Shrewsbury, and Christ's Hospital, which he entered by competition, taking first place on the list; here he became a Grecian and later an Exhibitioner of the school, and of St. John's College, Cambridge, where he had completed his first year when the Great War broke out. He also held an Exhibition from the Grocers' Company. He was a member of the University O.T.C. and obtained his commission in September, 1914. He was wounded on 28 July, 1916, near Pozières when he won the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry in holding an important position against great odds. Promoted to be Lieutenant in January, 1917, he returned to France but was soon obliged by illness to go to hospital for five weeks; returning to duty, he was killed in action near Ypres on 14 April, 1917. Buried near Railway Dug-outs, Transport Farm, not very far from the Lille gate.

III. Cicely Theodora Wickham, born 3 February, 1896, at Springfield-drive, Wigan. Educated at St. Elphin's, Derbyshire.

IV. Mary Monica Wickham, born 14 June, 1898, at St. Andrew's Vicarage, Wigan. Educated at St. Elphin's, Derbyshire, and London School of Medicine for Women. M.B., B.S. London, 1925.

V. Violet Caroline Wickham, born 15 December, 1899, at St. Andrew's Vicarage, Wigan. Educated at St. Elphin's and, in nursing, at St. Thomas's Hospital, London.

i. *Oswald Peck*, born 5 July, 1864, at Denmark Villa, Hawkshead Street, Southport. He married Mary Evelyn, third daughter and fourth child of William Richard Bryham, and his wife Mary, nee Hardy, born 10 July, 1870, at Hawthorn Cottage, Wigan. He died at Sicklefield, Wigan-lane, Wigan, on 30 June, 1902, and was buried at Standish. Cause of death, tuberculosis and toxæmia.

Educated at Wigan Grammar School and Hutton Hall, Dumfries. Entered his father's business, of which he was managing director when he died. A good business man and a good fellow.

Children:—

I. Elfrida Mary Peck, b. 4 March, 1893, at 19 Park View, Wigan; married William Benjamin Stimson, M.C., B.A., Cambridge, third son of Charles Stimson, Solicitor and Town Clerk of Bedford: enlisted as a private at the beginning of the War and rose to rank of lieutenant. Inspector of Schools in Nigeria.

Educated at Bedford High School, as were her sisters; she was awarded the M.B.E., following her services as Assistant Food Controller in Bedford and other places during the War.

i. Margaret Elisabeth Stimson, b. 22 Feb., 1924, at 34 Bushmead Avenue, Bedford.

II. Margaret Evelyn Peck, b. 18 January, 1895, at Park View, Wigan. Married John Murdoch, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., Edin., Capt. R.A.M.C., of Tallapark, Kinross, at Bedford, on 21 Nov., 1917.

Children:—

(1) John McKay Murdoch, b. 9 Oct., 1918, at Parkstone, Dorset;

(2) James William Murdoch, b. 12 Oct., 1921, at West Hyde, Rickmansworth.

III. Beatrice Finch Peck, b. 10 June, 1896, at Park View, Wigan; married Lieut. Alan G. Grierson, R.N., at Bedford on 15 Aug., 1918.

Children:—

Richard Bryham Grierson, b. 24 May, 1919, at Bedford:

Beatrice Pauline Grierson, b. 4 August, 1924, at Havant.

IV. Kathleen Bryham Peck, b. 15 June, 1898, at Sicklefield, Wigan: married Robert Victor Proudlock, Captain in the Indian Army, son of Robert L. Proudlock of Bedford, at Bedford, on 22 July, 1920.

Children:—

Kathleen Mary Helen Proudlock, b. 3 Sept., 1922, at Bedford;

Robert Donald Proudlock, b. 16 Dec., 1924, at Bedford;

V. Edith Bryham Peck, b. 30 June, 1900, at Sicklefield, Wigan.

VI. Barbara Bryham Peck, b. 11 Nov., 1901, at Sicklefield, Wigan: married Robert Kennedy Emerson, elder son of L. R. Emerson, Irrigation Department, Ceylon, at St. Paul's, Bedford, on 16 July, 1924.

Child. Joan Bryham Emerson, b. 19 May, 1925, at Cairo.

J. *Mary Peck*, born on 4 Nov., 1865, at Hawkshead St., Southport; married Thomas Ball, farmer, then of Acton-Grange, Warrington, at the Parish Church, Wigan, on 19 Sept., 1894; died of cancer at Hinderton Hall farm, Neston, Cheshire, on 16 August, 1914; buried at Sefton, near Liverpool.

Educated at private schools in Wigan and Southport, and the School of Art, Liverpool.

Thomas Ball, second son and third child of Thomas

Ball, and his wife Margaret Blackburn, was born 22 September, 1855, at Woodend Farm, Maghull.

Children:—

I. Margaret Gertrude Ball, b. 31 July, 1895, at Acton-grange, near Warrington; B.A. London 1926.

II. Thomas Leslie Ball, b. 7 April, 1897, at Acton-grange. Resident in South Africa.

III. Mary Kellett Ball, b. 19 Feb., 1900, at Acton-grange.

K. *Jane Finch Peck*, b. 25 January, 1867, at Wallgate, Wigan, married Sydney Harry Appleby Stephenson at the Parish Church, Wigan, on 31 July, 1895.

Educated at private schools in Southport and Germany; took the Licence of the Royal College of Preceptors. Author of the official *Guide to Ghent*, etc.

Sydney Stephenson, as he was usually known, was born on 8th May, 1862, at Nottingham, and was the son of Appleby Stephenson, M.D., and his wife Annie Manlove. He was educated privately; at Nottingham High School, Epsom College, and Edinburgh University; also at the London, Middlesex and St. Mary's Hospitals, London. He was M.B., C.M., Edinburgh, F.R.C.S., Edinburgh, and L.S.A.; the first Diplomate in Ophthalmology of Oxford, Middlemore Prizeman in 1907, and Master until his death of the Oxford Ophthalmological Congress. He was a leading ophthalmic surgeon, and held many public appointments; he was editor of *The Ophthalmoscope* and the author of many books and papers on professional subjects. He was well known in his student days as a Rugby football player and boxer. He died at 33, Welbeck Street, London, on 15th December, 1923, after a long and painful illness during which he carried on his work. He is buried at St. Marylebone Cemetery, Finchley.

Children:—

I. Hilda Stephenson, b. 8 May, 1896, at 33, Welbeck St., Cavendish Square, London, W.

II. Sylvia Stephenson, b. 18 Jan., 1898, at 33, Welbeck

St., London; died 21 August, 1898, at Bristol, after an operation for intussusception of intestine.

III. Stephen Stephenson, b. 11 June, 1907, at 33, Welbeck St., London; married Edith Mary Kyte, daughter of James Kyte, deceased, at the Register House, Barton-upon-Irwell, on 25 June, 1925.

Child. Joan Yvonne Stephenson, born, March 1926, at Manchester.

L. *Gerard Septimus Peck*, born on 21 January, 1868, at 78, Wallgate, Wigan; married Annie Holden Ackroyd, daughter of the late Edward Ackroyd of Bolton, and his wife Ellen, formerly Holden, at St. Luke's Church, Southport, on 2 November, 1898.

Educated at private schools in Wigan and Southport, at Wigan Grammar School, and Allesley Park College, Coventry. Served apprenticeship as mechanical engineer at the Pagefield Ironworks, Wigan, 1884-8; afterwards he was with the Callender Cable and Construction Co., Erith, 2 years; Kruger and Co., Rangoon, 1 year; Parsons' (turbine development) Co., Newcastle, 1 year; Scarborough Electrical Supply Co., as engineer, 6 years; Callender Cable Co., as engineering manager, 3 years; managing director, William Ryder and Co., Bolton, 15 years; Chairman of J. Howorth and Co., Moses Gate, ventilating, etc., engineers, 7 years. Served as Vice-Chairman on Erith School Board; on Commission of Peace, Bolton, from 1913; on many public bodies and charitable institutions in Bolton, until his departure, with his family to Oyen, Alberta, to a farm which he had owned for many years, in the spring of 1921.

Children:—

I. Hubert Gerard Peck, b. 9 March, 1900, at Belvedere, Kent. Educated, as were his brothers also, at a private school in Bolton, and at Sedbergh.

II. Edward Finch Peck, b. 20 June, 1901, at Belvedere.

III. Oswald Peck, b. 27 April, 1903, at Westfield, Bolton.

IV. David Ackroyd Peck, b. 1 Oct., 1904, at Westfield, Bolton.

M. *Winifred Peck*, born on 20 May, 1869, at 78, Wallgate, Wigan; married Adolph Campbell Meyer, at All Saints, Wigan, on 11 September, 1895.

Educated at private schools in Southport and the School of Art, Liverpool, where she specialized in etching and mezzotint work.

Adolph Campbell Meyer, b. 15 May, 1866, at Wavertree Lodge, near Liverpool, was the son of Frederick Adolph Meyer, of Liverpool, merchant, son of Augustus Ferdinand Meyer, who married Bertha Mary Gilchrist Teale of Broughton, daughter of Joseph Teale, at St. John's Broughton, on 9 Sept., 1863. He died at Arvonfa, Conway, on 17 July, 1919.

A well known artist; a violoncello player of exceptional ability, and a prominent Freemason.

Child. Winifred Helen Meyer, b. 11 December, 1896, at Arvonfa, Conway; married Charles Lewis Bancroft, of Tanganyika Territory at Tanga, East Africa, on 23 September, 1926. Child: Joy Bancroft, b. 27 October, 1927, at Lushato.

N. *Arthur Peck*, born 26 October, 1872, at 78, Wallgate, Wigan; married Jessie Margaret Ardron, daughter of John Ardron, C.B., C.O. Dannebrog, and his wife Emma Annette, formerly Ridge, at St. John's, Stanmore, on 24 Jan., 1920.

Educated at a private school in Southport, and King William's College, I.O.M.; entered his father's business in 1888 but left it in 1897; joined the Klondyke gold rush in February, 1898, and returned late in the following year; joined the British South African Police in 1906, and left it in 1911 for farming and storekeeping at Makouries, South Rhodesia in partnership with Mr. Moody, whom he subsequently bought out.

Children:—

I. Jean Peck, b. 27 Jan., 1921, at Fort Victoria, S. Rhodesia.

II. Anthony John Peck, b. 9 April, 1922, at Fort Victoria.

O. *Gertrude Peck*, born on 29 August, 1874, at 18, Belmont Street, Southport; married Rowland Manlove Bourne, at St. James', Birkdale, Southport, on 2 June, 1897.

Educated at private schools in Southport.

Rowland Manlove Bourne, oldest child and only son of Rowland Bourne of Birmingham, and his wife Emma, formerly Manlove, was born on 6 Jan., 1864. Is J.P. for Middlesex.

Children:—

I. Rowland Hurst Bourne, b. 6 April, 1899, at 3, Priory-gardens, Bedford Park, London. Educated at St. Paul's and Sandhurst. Killed in action at Nivelles, near St. Amand, France, on 24 October, 1918, whilst serving as Second-Lieutenant with the 3rd Batt. Royal Sussex Regiment.

II. Arthur Brittan Bourne, b. 5 March, 1902, at Bedford Park. Educated at St. Paul's and London University.

III. Nancy Bourne, b. 13 July, 1908, at Bedford Park.

C. MARY FINCH (62), second daughter and third child of John and Nancy Finch, was born at the "Cross Keys" Inn, Market Place, Wigan, on 24 December, 1833; she married John Kellett of Wigan, at St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey near Altrincham on 23 June, 1873; she died at Huntscliffe, Parbold, near Wigan, on 7 December, 1899, of uterine fibroids and cancer, and was buried at Leyland. She had no child.

Educated at home and at private schools in Wigan kept by Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Greenough. Most of her life to the time of her marriage was spent with her paternal aunts at West Leigh; the first few years of her married life were spent at Pagefield House, Wigan, and the remainder at Parbold.



MARY KELLETT, née FINCH, 1833-1899.

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GERARD B. FINCH, 1835 to 1913.

John Kellett, second son and third child of Robert Kellett of Wigan, and his wife Catherine, formerly Bainbridge, was born on 3 June, 1835. He was educated as a mining engineer, but left the profession for the iron trade. He married a second time on 3 February, 1902, his second wife being Miss Annie E. Stone, a friend of his first wife. He died on 21 May, 1919, at 70, Promenade, Southport, and was buried at Leyland.

D. GERARD BROWN FINCH (63) second son and fourth child of John and Nancy Finch, was born at the "Cross Keys" Inn, Market Place, Wigan, on 4 June, 1835. He married (1) Margaret Elizabeth King, daughter of Joshua King, LL.D., President of Queen's College, and Lucasian Professor of Mathematics, Cambridge, at St. Mary's-the-Less, Cambridge, on 27 August, 1868. She bore him four sons and two daughters, of whom more presently; and died 10 February, 1897. On November, 1898, he married (2) Amelia Janet Kelly of Castle Dawson, Ireland, at Sheringham. He died on 24 March, 1913, at Howes Close, Cambridge, of valvular heart disease of old standing, enlarged liver, and *bacillus coli* cystitis and was buried at Girton.

The following appreciation was written by his son Alfred:—

"My father was a trifle below the middle height, but well proportioned. He had a penetrating look and though he could smile very graciously, the usual cast of his features was austere and often stern. In congenial company he could talk with rare charm and the ease which came from knowledge of his subjects, and habit of accurate thought. Though his mind was extremely versatile, he never dabbled in any subject, and always had clear ideas which he could express logically. He had an astonishing knowledge of wine, and the taste of a connoisseur. Though naturally of a quick temper, he had it under strong

control and in the whole course of his life was never heard to use even hasty language."

He received his early education at Wigan and Upholland Grammar Schools, and showed such talent and capacity for knowledge, that one of the Eccles brothers, his father's kinsmen and sometime employers, offered to bear the expense of an university education for him. This arrangement did not commend itself to the independent spirit of his father, who declined to assent to it but sent the youth to Cambridge at his own expense. It is a matter for regret that he did not live to know the result of his wise expenditure and to hear the bells of the parish church ringing out a welcome to his son when he returned to Wigan as the Senior Wrangler of 1857.

Entered at Queen's College, he graduated B.A., being Senior Wrangler and second Smith's Prizeman, and was elected a fellow of his college soon afterward. He was ill when he competed for the Smith's Prize and retired. Upon leaving Cambridge, he travelled in North and South America, Egypt and Italy, and on his return took up the study of the law. He was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1864, and practised for more than twenty years, but retired in 1885. He published during this period a selection of cases on the Law of Contract which went into a second edition in 1896, and a third edited by Professor Kenny, in 1922. Returning to Cambridge in 1885, he took an active part in the affairs of the University as a Fellow, of the County as a County Councillor, and of the Borough of Cambridge as a Councillor; he became Alderman and Vice-Chairman of the County Council and was offered, but declined the Chairmanship; he was also an Alderman of the Borough.

He was in holy orders for some years, but renounced them in 1903 on account of advancing years.

The following is extracted from Crockford's "Clerical Directory" of 1903:—FINCH, Gerard Brown, 1, St.

Peter's, Terrace, Cambridge, late Scho. of Qu. Coll. Cam., B.A., (Sen. Wrang. and Smith's Pri.), 1857, M.A., 1860, *d(eacon)* 1888 Cant; Hon. Fell. of Qu. Coll. Cam., 1886, formerly Fell. of Qu. Coll., 1857-70.

He found time for yachting and was Commodore of the Cambridge University Sailing Club for some years. The village hall of Girton was built at his expense. It must be remembered among his many beneficent works that under the terms of the will of the late Dr. Winnard, he chose the books for the Wigan Reference Library and that he added £1,000 which he obtained by private subscription to the £12,000 left for the purpose.

Children:—

a. *Ernest Gerard Finch* was born on 23 June, 1869, at Hampstead. He married Bessie Hamilton Adair, daughter of the late Major Wallace Adair of the 5th Northumberland Fusiliers and his wife Bessie, neé Hamilton, at Bathford church near Bath on 8 August, 1894.

Educated at Marlborough; afterwards in Germany; later at Queen's College, Cambridge, but he did not take a degree from there. Having passed the examination with honours, he was admitted solicitor in 1893. Assistant Solicitor to the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, after being managing clerk to Hill, Dickinson and Co., of Liverpool, Solicitors. Is now Solicitor. Was Lieutenant in the 4th Batt. Cheshire Regiment of Militia for three years; joined 6th V.B. King's Liverpool Regiment, subsequently the 9th Batt. King's Liverpool Regiment, in 1900. Whilst a Lieutenant he passed all the examinations for promotion to the rank of Captain in the Regular Army. He held the rank of Captain before the outbreak of the Great War. He served in Egypt with the 1/8 Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers, having been promoted to the rank of Major, but was incapacitated by an accident at the time of the action on the Canal; afterwards he served as second in command of a training battalion and was

Commandant of a prisoners-of-war camp. He was awarded the Territorial Decoration.

He holds a Board of Trade certificate as yacht-master, and has passed the theory examination of the Horological Institute.

Mrs. Bessie Hamilton Finch did not long survive the loss of her two gallant sons, of whom some particulars are given below, but died on 22 May, 1919, at Birkenhead.

He married (2) Elsie Woodall, daughter of the late Alfred Woodall of Liverpool, fruit-broker, at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on 20 July, 1920.

Children:—

I. Philip Gerard Finch b. 8 January, 1898, at Birkenhead. Educated, Birkenhead, Shrewsbury and Sandhurst. He served with the Northumberland Fusiliers in the War and received the Military Cross for his distinguished conduct in the desperate struggle at Bullecourt in November, 1917; he was killed in action at Henin-sur-Cojeul on 28 March, 1918.

II. Hugh Adair Finch, b. 6 April, 1899, at Birkenhead. Educated at Birkenhead and Repton. He served with the 2nd Battalion of the Grenadier Guards in the War and was killed in action near Mory Abbey on 6 August, 1918.

Fuller memoirs and portraits of these brave boys may be found in the first volume of *Liverpool's Scroll of Fame* (Liverpool: Quills Ltd., 1920).

III. Richard King Finch, b. 5 Jan., 1924, at Mill Hill, Oxton, Cheshire.

IV. Lucy Finch, b. 10 May, 1926, at Mill Hill, Oxton.

b. *Herbert King Finch* was born on 22 July, 1870, at Hampstead; he married (1) Sarah Alice White at Waterford, on 2 August, 1898; she died on 25 January, 1908, at Ringwood, Hampshire, leaving three sons, of whom more presently; (2) Rose de Guerville, a widow with one daughter, Violet, on 9 September, 1914, at St. Mark's, North Audley St., London, by whom he has one son.

Educated at Marlborough and Trinity College, Cambridge; trained as engineer with Hawthorn and Leslie, Newcastle-on-Tyne; general manager, Blaincough Colliery Co., Lancashire, 1894 to 1899; became director of Reavell and Co., Ltd., of Ipswich, engineers, in 1899 and remains one; lived in Ipswich from 1899 to 1904, when he moved to Bressingham and took up farming; retired from farming in 1922 and sold the Bressingham property; bought Brundall House, near Norwich.

Provided a motor ambulance and served with the French Army during the War in a Section Sanitaire on the Verdun and other sectors of the French front.

Children:—

I. Harold Finch, b. 27 June, 1899, at Preston.

Educated at Marlborough; played in School XV; passed from Cadet Corps to Military School, Oxford; gazetted to the Rifle Brigade, with which he served during the War; served afterwards with the Army of Occupation; passed afterwards through Sandhurst and received commission in 11th Hussars with which he served in Egypt and India; attaining the rank of Captain in the regiment, he died at Aldershot on 22 October, 1927.

II. Robert Finch, b. 4 Oct., 1900, at Ipswich.

Educated at Eastbourne College and Queen's College Cambridge; took agricultural degree and went to the Transvaal to farm.

III. Ralph Herbert Finch, b. 24 Sept., 1901, at Ipswich.

Educated Rugby; played in the School XV; was Captain of the Shooting VIII; went to Caius College, Cambridge, where he was awarded a scholarship, took first in Law Tripos and was awarded the John Long Prize.

IV. Gerard King Finch, b. March, 1916, at Bressingham.

c. *Alice Mary Finch*, b. 8 Nov., 1872, at Hampstead; married William Bate Hardy at St. Mary's-the-Less, Cambridge, on 5 July, 1898.

Children:—

I. John King Hardy, b. 3 May, 1899, at Cambridge. Served during the War. Engineer.

II. Margaret Elizabeth Bate Hardy, b. 11 May, 1902, at Cambridge.

III. Eleanor Mary Hardy, b. 6 Sept., 1911, at Cambridge.

William Bate Hardy, b. 6 April, 1864, at Erdington; son of William Hardy and his wife Sarah Bate; his grandfather John Hardy fought in the Guards at Waterloo; his mother traditionally said to be descended from John Bate who came south with General Monk.

Educated at Framlingham College; Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, 1884; Scholar, 1885; M.A., 1887; elected Fellow in 1894 for original research in biological science; Tutor of Gonville and Caius College, 1900-18. Elected Fellow of the Royal Society, 1902; Croonian Lecturer, 1905; Vice-President, 1914; Biological Secretary from 1915. Director of Food Investigation, 1918; member of the Scientific Advisory Council, 1918; Chairman of Advisory Council on Fisheries, 1919; Trustee of the National Portrait Gallery, 1922. Has published many valuable works based on original research. Knighted in January, 1925.

d. *Alfred Heneage Finch*, born 3 December, 1874; married Hilda Morley Fletcher, youngest daughter of A. E. Fletcher, at St. Marylebone Church, London, on 15 Jan., 1903.

Educated at preparatory school, Folkestone, 1885-89; Eton 1889-93; Trinity College, Cambridge, 1893-96; graduated B.A., in Mathematics and took M.A., degree in 1899. Rowed in the Cambridge boat in the inter-University boat-race of 1894.

Is a consulting engineer of Newcastle-on-Tyne. Is an Associate Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers.

e. *Isabel Margaret Finch*, b. 8 Jan., 1877, at 10,

Lyndhurst Rd., Hampstead; married George Beigh Richardson, at St. Andrew's, Girton, on 16 April, 1904.

Children:—

I. Michael Finch Wigham Richardson, b. 2 July, 1905, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, as were also the next four; married Margaret Ailsa, dau. of T. Lodge of Paris at the Embassy Chapel, Paris, on 28th Dec., 1927.

II. Nancy Finch Richardson, b. 6 March, 1907.

III. Celia Finch Richardson, b. 6 August, 1909.

IV. Ursula Finch Richardson, b. 20 February, 1911.

V. John Wigham Finch Richardson, b. 10 February, 1916.

George Beigh Richardson, fourth son of John Wigham Richardson, J.P., formerly of Wingrove House, Newcastle-on-Tyne, born 1872.

Educated at private school, Alnmouth, 1882-6; Rugby 1886-90 (winner of Spencer Cup, public schools Shooting championship at Wimbledon, 1889 and Bisley, 1890); Worcester College, Oxford, 1893-6; B.A., 1896; M.A., 1900; called to Bar at Inner Temple, 1901. A director of Wigham Richardson and Co., 1899, and since 1903, of Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Ltd., Wallsend-on-Tyne, shipbuilders and engineers; chairman Blaydon Manure and Alkali Co., since 1908; director of other companies; chairman of the executive council of the Foremen's Mutual Benefit Society since 1919.

f. *Arthur Joshua King Finch*, born 23 July, 1878, at Hampstead; married Hilda Mary Gaze of Frenzi Hall, Diss.

Educated at Haileybury. Farmer of Witton Old Hall, North Walsham. Joined up in the War in May, 1915, as a private in the Mechanical Transport in the Army Service Corps; became Second-Lieutenant in September, 1915, but was compelled by ill-health to resign in the November following.

E. RALPH FINCH (64) was born on 19 November, 1836, at the Market Place, Wigan; he married Isabella, daughter of William Burbidge of Liverpool, licensed victualler, at St. Simon's Church, Liverpool, on 3 August, 1861; he died on 5 January, 1871, at 78, Rose-place, Liverpool; the cause of death as given in his death certificate was *Dysentery; chronic purpura haemorrhagica, 6 months; fibrinous clot in heart, 4 months; embolism; pneumonia, 7 days.*

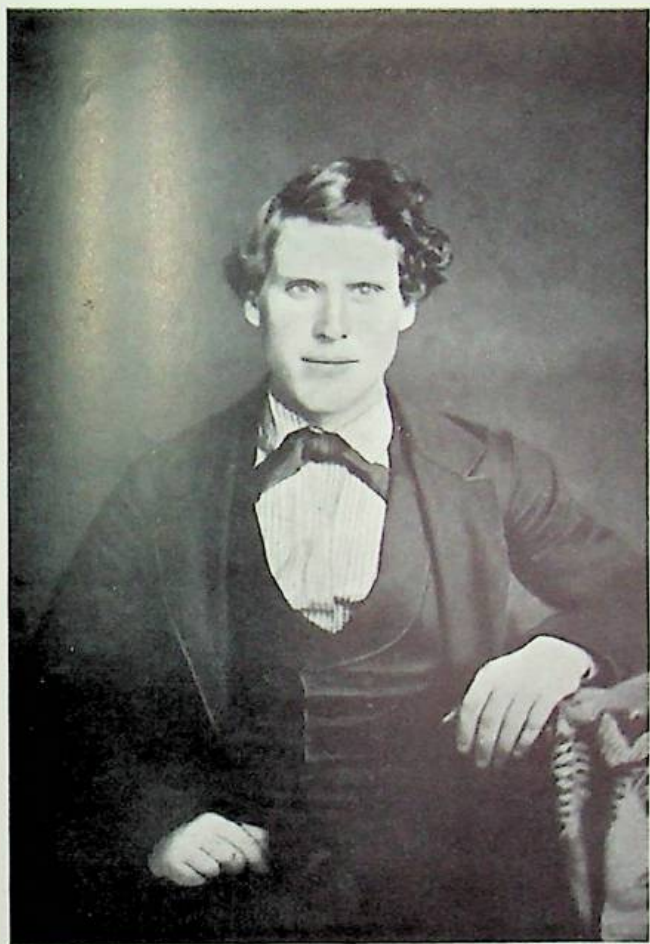
Educated at Wigan and Upholland Grammar Schools; apprenticed to John Law Hunter, borough surveyor of Wigan. He is mentioned in the *Liverpool Directory* of 1862, as a partner in Ludlow and Finch, carrying on business as jewellers and silversmiths at 34, Bassett-Street, and as a working jeweller living at 35, Bridport Street, the address given for both his wife and self in their marriage licence; in the directory of 1864, he is described as a tobacconist of 17, Bath Street. He and his wife lived apart for some years before his death. There are no births of children of the marriage recorded in the Liverpool registers.

He died in poor circumstances but his last days were made as comfortable as possible by his brother-in-law, John Henry Peck.

Much has been said about his wildness, but his boyish freaks and pranks seem to have been the result of a whimsical nature and high spirits, and nothing beyond; there appears to have been no malice in his disposition. Whatever his faults, he was not lacking in good qualities sufficient to endear his memory to his sisters, who regarded him as not having had a fair chance: they could scarcely speak of him without tears.

F. JOHN FINCH (65), was born on 16 May, 1838, at the Market Place, Wigan, and died there on 11 November, 1843, of scarlet fever, contracted from his sister Mary.

G. RICHARD BROWN FINCH (66), usually known as



RALPH FINCH, 1836-1871.

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RICHARD B. FINCH.

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Richard Finch, was born at the Market Place, Wigan, on 1 October, 1839. He married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Wylie of Liverpool, at Llanwrst, on 5 September, 1868, by whom he had three sons and three daughters. His wife predeceased him on 19 May, 1912, at Southport, in her 71st year. He died on 16 September, 1915, at Southport of cerebral haemorrhage consequent on arteriosclerosis.

Educated at Wigan Grammar School and King William's College, I.O.M., he was articled in 1855 to Mr. John Mayhew of Wigan, solicitor, and later to Messrs. Sharpe, Jackson and Parker, of London. He passed his final examination at Michaelmas, 1860, when only 21 years of age; he was second in the honours list and was a prizeman of the Incorporated Law Society; thereupon he was admitted a solicitor. After spending a short time with a legal firm in Newcastle-on-Tyne and practising for a brief period in Wigan, he joined in 1864 the firm of Charnley and Son, Preston, which became later Finch, Johnson and Co. He was senior partner in the latter until he left it after a serious illness in 1909.

He was universally respected for his legal knowledge, shrewdness and integrity; once when a considerable fortune was left to him by a client who had quarrelled with his only child, he renounced the bequest in favour of the natural heir; he took none but a professional part in public affairs. He was homekeeping and had few hobbies, although he enjoyed a game of cards and was fond of fishing.

Five feet eight and a half inches in height, his frame was strong and well proportioned; his head was unusually large; his hair curly and brown in colour until greyed by age. He was a good runner and jumper in his youth.

CHILDREN:—

a. *Arthur John Finch*, born 15 May, 1870, at Southport, who died there on 17 December of the same year.

b. *Frederick Richard Finch*, born 1 October, 1871, at Hawkshead Street, Southport; married Kathleen, daughter of Captain H. A. Street, R.N., at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on 21 December, 1905.

Educated at Rugby School and Balliol College, Oxford. Called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in January, 1898. A practising barrister with chambers in Lincoln's Inn.

Served as a voluntary unpaid worker during the Great War, first in a recruiting station and then in the Home Office.

Child. Richard Henry Carew Finch, b. 29 April, 1908.

c. *Constance Margaret Finch*, twin with the next, born 8 February, 1873, at Hawkshead Street, Southport.

Educated at private schools in Southport and at Dresden, Saxony.

d. *Edith Mary Finch*, born 8 February, 1873, at Hawkshead Street, Southport, married Thomas Edmund Hesketh at All Saints, Southport, on 3 April, 1902. (See descendants of Margaret Finch).

Educated at private schools in Southport and at Dresden.

Captain Hesketh, a lieutenant at the time of his marriage, was gazetted to the 2nd Dragoon Guards during the South African War, having volunteered and served during that campaign with the Imperial Yeomanry. On the outbreak of the Great war, he was posted to the headquarters of the East Anglian, afterwards the 54th Division, as D.A.D.O.S., and sailed in April, 1915, for the Dardanelles. He was present during the early operations and proceeded thence to Egypt, where he was engaged upon administration work with the ordnance department. Returning to England at the end of 1915, he was posted to the headquarters staff of the Western Command at Salisbury, taking service later on as a recruiting officer in the North of England and elsewhere.

Children:—

I. Norah Margaret Hesketh, b. 24 Dec., 1903, at Southport; married Cecil Heron Pridham on 25 June, 1927, at Chelsea.

II. Doris Mary Hesketh, b. 15 Oct., 1905, at Gibraltar.

e. *William Gerard Finch*, born 4 January, 1877, at Hawkshead Street, Southport; married Gladys Guinevere, daughter of J. Overend Evans of Manchester and Southport, barrister-at-law, at All Saints, Southport, on 1 September, 1903.

Educated at private schools in Southport, and at Rugby, 1891-94. Articled to Messrs. Hill, Dickinson and Co., Liverpool, solicitors, 1894; to Messrs. Finch and Johnson, 1898; passed his final examination with honours, winning the Atkinson gold medal: admitted solicitor in 1900: became partner in Finch, Johnson and Co., in 1901. Is Clerk to the Commissioners of Taxes for Preston and Amounderness; Clerk to Leyland U.D.C.

Served throughout the Great War as Major 9th Battalion of the King's Liverpool Regiment, T.F.R.

Children: all but the eldest born at Southport.

I. Margaret Emmeline Finch, b. 16 July, 1904, at Ashton on Ribble;

II. Beatrice Elaine Finch, b. 5 June, 1907.

III. John Richard Gerard Finch, b. 26 Feb., 1911;

IV. Nancy Finch, b. 27 March, 1922.

f. *Gertrude Elizabeth Finch*, born 1 June, 1880, at 34 Queen's Road, Southport; married John Harold Coney, son of John Coney of Liverpool and Birkdale, at All Saints, Southport, on 6 Sept., 1906.

Educated at a private school in Southport and at Brondesbury, London.

Children:—

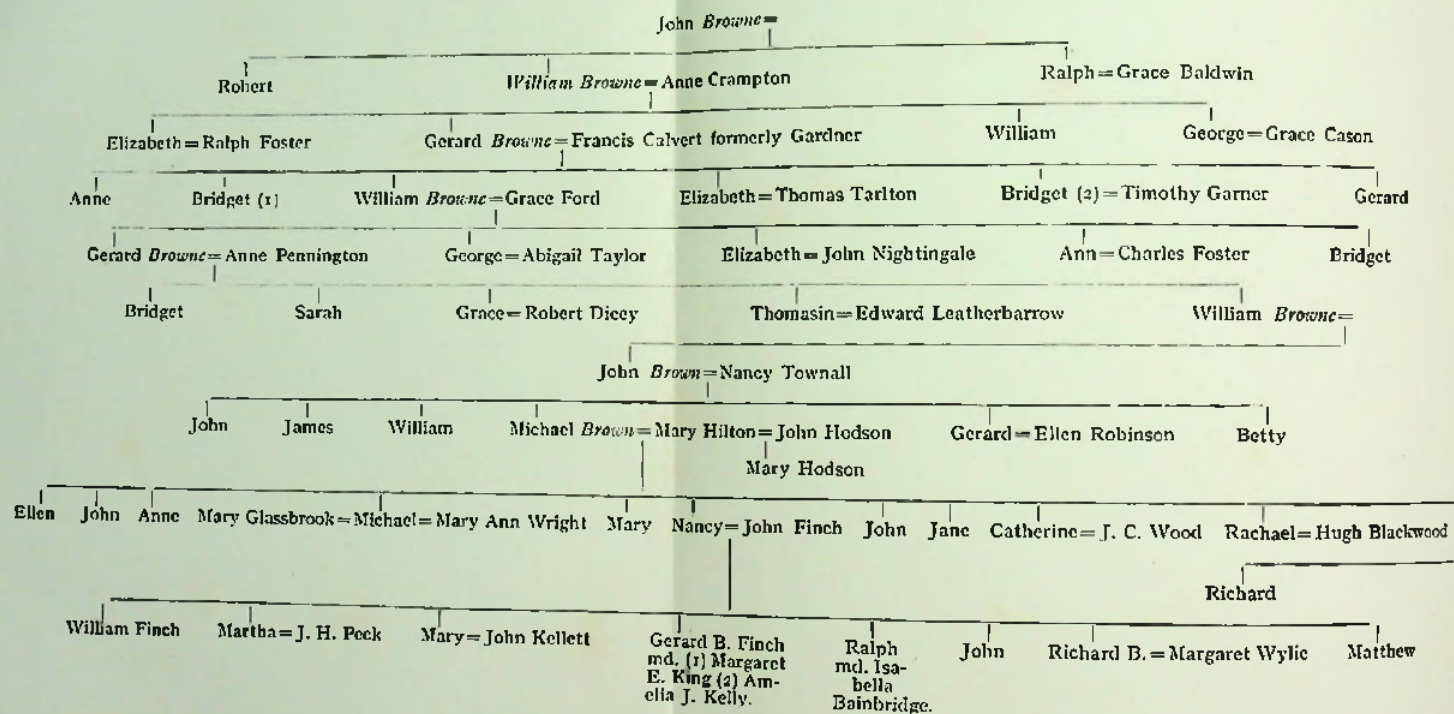
I. John Coney, b. 20 Sept., 1916.

II. Elizabeth Joyce Coney, b. 22 July, 1918; died 28 November, 1918.

III. Anne Margaret Coney, b. 1 Jan., 1920.

John Harold Coney, head of Smith, Coney and Barrett of Liverpool, cotton-brokers; a director of the Liverpool Cotton Association. Educated at Marlborough, where he was captain of the Rugby football and hockey teams. Is president of the Lancashire Lawn-Tennis Association and on the council of the Formby Golf Club. Has played tennis and hockey for Lancashire. Saw eighteen months service in France during the great War in the 12th Battn. King's Liverpool Regiment, and belonged afterwards to the Dock Battn. of the same regiment.

67. MATTHEW FINCH, b. 2 July, 1841, at the "Cross Keys" Inn, Market Place, Wigan, died there on 2 April, 1842, of "fits," and was buried in Wigan churchyard.



THE FAMILY OF BROWNE OR BROWN,
SOMETIME OF WIGAN.

The name is supposed to have arisen from the complexion of the first bearer of it. It is the sixth most common name in England and the third most common in Scotland.

There were several contemporaneous families in Wigan bearing it, which might have been confused but for the Wills left by many of them.

Two baptised in 1584 were named William and were the sons of John and James Browne respectively but the family names indicate JOHN BROWNE as the earliest ancestor who can be ascertained from Wigan records. He died in 1623.

WILLIAM BROWNE was baptised on 25 June, 1584. He married ANNE CRAMPTON at the Parish Church on 27 November, 1609. He was buried on 16 December, 1640. A member of the Corporation, he was one of the Bailiffs in the year of his death.

His will, proved at Chester on 4 December, 1623, runs as follows:—I Willim Browne of Walgate, yeaman, in Wigan make this my laste will to bee bewrued in my pische church of Wigan.

as for suche wordly (*sic*) goodes as god of his goodnes haith bestowed upon mee I give after my debtes beeing discharged I devyde my goodes into three ptes and the first pte I reserve to my selfe the second I give

to Anne my nowe wiffe and the third alaste pte I give to George Browne my sonne And for my owne pte after my funerall expences taken out I give the Rest to Anne my wiffe and George my sonne.

Executors. GERARD BROWNE preacher of godes woorde att Mottrome my sonne and Raffe Foster of Wigan my Sonne in Law.

The will is signed with a mark, but it does not necessarily follow that he could not write, for he was very ill at the time it was made, as is shown by the dates.

The inventory attached to the will gives £41 11s. 11d., and £19 10s. 0d. in debts due to the deceased, as the value of his estate.

Children.

A. ELIZABETH, baptised 24 March, 1609-10, who married Ralph Foster.

B. GERARD, of whom more presently.

C. WILLIAM, baptised, 23 July, 1620, and buried on 17 September, 1621.

D. GEORGE, baptised 25 December, 1623, who married Grace Cason, perhaps at Preston, but had no children. He was buried on 2 March, 170½.

George Browne was a brazier by trade. He took an active part in local politics and was a member of the Corporation and Bailiff in 1674. He was a churchwarden in 1672-3. His will is long and to the following effect.

Consistory Court of Chester. 4th July, 1701. I George Browne of Wigan, co. Lancaster, Brazier, make this my last will,

to be buried at my Parishe Church of Wigan

I give

Unto Grace Browne my wife £100 and the close called the Clay acre lying wthin Wigan duringe her liefe if the lease thereof soe long continue and after her decease to William Browne my nephew And I give unto Grace Browne my said wife all my Goods in the house except one bed and one chest I give

Gerard Browne my nephew £60 and one bed and one cheste

unto Grace Browne wife of William Browne aforesaid £5
 unto Francis Browne eldest daughter of William Browne aforesaid £20 unto Elizabeth Browne her sister £5 unto Anne Browne one other younger sister £5.

unto Gerard Browne eldest son of William Browne aforesaid £10 unto George Browne his younger brother £20.

unto Elizabeth Tarlton £5 and unto Raphe Tarlton her eldest son £5 unto Gerard Tarlton his brother £5 unto George Tarlton another younger brother £5.

unto Timothy Garner £5 unto three of his children he had by my neece his first wife Bridget £5 apeece.

unto Anne Browne my neece £10.

unto Elizabeth Laithwait wife of Henry Laithwait £10.

unto Katherine Banks widow £10 and to her three children £5 apeece.

unto Elizabeth aforesaid her three children 50/- a peece now wife of Henry Laithwait

unto Elizabeth Pennington £10 and to her two children 50/- a peece.

unto James Leyland wife £3.

unto three children of Robert Foster 20/- a peece

unto Robert Cason £3, unto William Cason 10/-, Anne Fairclough 10/-

unto William Browne aforesaid my nephew one Silver Tankard after my wifes decease to be kept as an heire loome.

I give £10 to be put forth at interest by my Executors and the interest to buy Twenty fouer Sixpenny Loafes to be set upon the poores Table in the Church upon everie Christmas day for ever and their (*sic*) to be given by my Executors unto Twenty fouer of the ouldest poore people, beinge noe Common Beggars wthin the Towne of Wigan And for want of my Executors then my will is that then the present Churchwardens will see the same performed as aforesaid.

All the residue of my said personal estate I leave unto my Executors discretion to be disposed of amongst my Friends.

Executors Grace my wife William Browne my Nephew and Raphe Culcheth my friend.

Signed with a cross and sealed.

Witnesses Raphe Sale, Richard Ranson, Geff Culcheth.

Proved, 15 May, 1702.

Inventory 12 March, 1701 by us Gerard Browne and Raphe Sale

Bonds and Bills	£531	18	0
Bonds etc., desperate	112	3	4
Book debts desperate	43	6	11

total	£723	1	9
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The real total is £687 8s. 3d., so that some other property is included in the above total.

His wife Mrs. Grace Browne died at Ince and was buried at Wigan on 18 March, 1705-6. By her will she left 'To Robert Cason my brother £10, James Cason his son £5, Richard Cason of Preston £5 and his sister Nancie 50/-, Thomas Cason 50/-, Richard Leatherbarrow's children equally 50/-, Elizabeth Pennington widow 20/-, James Fairbrother's children equally 50/-, Katherine Bankes widow 20/-, Robert Foster butcher 20/-, Elizabeth daughter of James Leyland 10/-, William Cason 10/-, Anne Bowen £5, Elizabeth Ashurst £5, Thomas Tarlton's children equally £3, Gerard Browne the elder £5, William Browne and his wife Grace £5, William Browne's children £5, Raphe Culcheth 5/-.' Rest and remainder of estate to William Browne.

Executors—William Brown and Raphe Culcheth.

Witnesses—Robert Pennington, Raph Barton, Jane Pennington.

Will dated 28 March, 1705, and proved 25 April, 1706.

B. GERARD BROWNE, son of William and Anne Browne, was baptised at Wigan Parish on 9 June, 1612, and probably received his early education at the Grammar School, where he had opportunities of meeting John Bridgeman, Bishop of Chester, who was Rector of Wigan

from 1616 to 1643. He matriculated at Oxford from Brasenose College on 5 February, 1632-3. He was inducted Vicar of Mottram co. Chester on 3 September 1637, but was ejected in 1643-4 on account of Royalist sympathies after much strife. Extracts given in J. P. Earwaker's *East Cheshire*, vol. II, regarding the trial of John Bretland of Thorncliffe mention him in several places; in one interrogatory as "legally admitted and peaceably entered, and was one of a very peaceable conversation and a hater of divisions?" Another runs "Did the cause of the before-named parties" (Robert Worthington, late of Mottram, clerk, now deceased, and William Broadbent, minister of Saddleworth, co. York) "rancour and rage against the said Mr. Browne principally arise because the said Mr. Browne was instituted and inducted by the then Bishop of Chester, and was the said Mr. Browne generally well-esteemed among the Parishioners for his constant and peaceable deportment, unless it were by the before-named parties then enveighing against Episcopall Government"? On the other hand, he was described by Presbyterian witnesses as "a scandalous Minister," otherwise a clergyman of Royalist sympathies.

He conformed to the Presbyterian discipline and was Minister at Blackrod co. Lancaster from 1646 to 1650, where he was "a painfull, godly and orthodox Minister and a man of pious life and conversation" according to the testimony of a Presbyterian witness in 1650.

He moved to Cockerham in 1650 and married FRANCIS (*sic*) CALVERT, widow, on 18 February, 1651-2. She was the daughter of WILLIAM GARDNER of Crookey and married John, son of Michael Calvert of Norbreck, a member of a good family, at Cockerham on 2 November, 1645, and had by him daughters Maria and Bridget. John Calvert and his daughters died of plague and were buried together on 20 August, 1650. Three of the children

of Gerard and Francis Browne, whose names are given below, were born at Cockerham.

Leaving Cockerham for Burton-in-Kendal, he had three more children born to him but lost his wife, who was buried on 27 September, 1662. Entries in the Burton registers describe him at first as "Minister of Burton" and in 1662 as "Vicar of Burton."

After the death of his wife, he returned to the neighbourhood of Wigan and was licensed for the Province of York on 22 October, 1662, and the curacy of Upholland on 30 December of the same year. He was curate of Upholland until at least 1675, and died at Wallgate, Wigan, being buried on 26 December, 1679. He probably died at the house of his brother George, for he appears to have been in poor circumstances and left no will.

In 1665 while in Upholland he made a collection for victims of the plague in London, as the churchwardens record in the parish register,— "2 August, 1665. Collected at the Chapell in Upholland in Lancashire the some of 27 shillings and 5d. for the pore infected peopill in Londone Master Browne the minnister did collectted it himselve from set to set."

Children.

Three born at Cockerham were:—

- A. ANNA, born 16 January, 1652;
- B. BRIDGET, born 25 March, 1654, who died young;
- C. WILLIAM, of whom more presently.

Those born at Burton-in-Kendal were:—

D. ELIZABETH, born 6 December, 1657, who married — Tarlton; and had children Ralph, Gerard and George: (see will of George Browne proved 4 July, 1701).

E. BRIDGET (2) born 24 April, 1660, who married Timothy Garner and had three children: (see will of George Browne).

F. GERARD, born 1 November, 1661, was a brazier. He may have married but his wife predeceased him if he

did; he left no children. By his will, made in 1725 and proved in 1726 he left his property to his Tarlton relatives.

WILLIAM BROWNE baptised 26 December, 1655 at Cockerham; he married GRACE FORD; he was buried on 20 October, 1724. He had five children. He was a member of the Corporation and Bailiff in 1698, and churchwarden in 1696-7.

His will dated 12 October, 1724, was proved on the 23rd of that month by his executors Grace Browne his wife and George Browne his nephew. Letters of administration were granted to his grand-daughter Grace Dicey, formerly Browne, in 1747 for the goods left unadministered by them. The following is an abstract of it:—

“ Debts funeral expenses to be discharged.

After debts etc., are discharged, I give unto Grace, my wife £300 together with all my books and the lesser silver tankard etc.

To Grace, my wife the house wherein I now dwell . . . and all my houses lands etc., at Poolstock during her life.

Unto my daughter Elizabeth now wife of John Nightingale of Wigan brazier £100 (over and above the £100 I gave her as marriage portion) to be paid unto her or in case of her death to her children within 3 months after the death of my wife.

Unto my other daughter Ann now wife of Charles Foster of Wigan butcher the like sum of £100 or in case of her death to her children within 3 months after my wife's death (over and above the £100 which I gave her in part of her marriage portion).

I give and devise my houses lands etc., at Poolstock after the death of my wife unto my son George Browne and the heirs of his body, charged as hereinafter mentioned, and for default of issue then after the death of my son George I give the said property unto my sons-in-law John Nightingale and Charles Foster and their heirs upon trust

to sell the same and distribute among my grandchildren equally.

I give all my messuage and tenement in Wigan called called Smoults House and the close or parcel of land called Gallgate Croft in Wigan unto my son George and his heirs for ever.

I give my messuage in Wigan wherein I dwell and all other my lands in Wigan which were the estate and inheritance of my ancestors unto my granddaughter Grace Browne daughter of my son Gerard Browne deceased and unto the issue of her body and for want of issue to my granddaughter Thomasin her younger sister and daughter of the said Gerard Browne and to the issue of her body and for want of issue to my own right heirs for ever.

Unto my said granddaughter Thomasine Browne £100 when she is 21 or marries and if she happen to die before 21 or marriage I give the same unto and equally amongst the rest of my grandchildren.

Unto my brother Gerard Browne £5 and a watch which were my father Browne's.

Whereas my uncle George Browne by his will gave £10 and ordered the yearly interest thereof to be laid out in Wheat Bread unto the Poor of Wigan upon Christmas Day in the Parish Church of Wigan for ever, and I minding of his good inclinations do give the sum of £30 the yearly interest thereof (to be added to the interest of the afore-said £10) and to laid out in six penny Wheaten loaves of bread to be distributed by my son George, his heirs etc., the one half of them every Christmas Day and the other half on Easter Monday for ever. And I do charge the said messuages at Poolstock with the sum of £10.

Concerning my two seats in the South Gallery in Wigan Church and the two front seats in the North Gallery of the said Church which I lately erected at my own cost and I give the same unto my Sons and Daughters and their issue etc., and the rest of the seats in the said North

Gallery erected also at my own charge that they shall be free for strangers."

GRACE BROWNE presented the silver dish now in the Parish Church which bears the inscription "The gift of Grace Browne relict of Wm. Browne, Brazier, to the Parish Church of Wigan for the use of the Communion Service, 1724."

She was buried on 4 September, 1728, at Wallgate. By her Will she left "Unto my daughter Ann Foster all my china ware, etc., to be by her given to the use of my grand-daughter Frances Nightingale.

Unto the children of my daughter Elizabeth Nightingale deceased £80.

Unto my daughter Ann Foster two silver tankards and two gold rings together with the yearly interest of £100 during her widowhood. Upon her marriage or death £100 unto her children equally.

Unto my son George Browne £80 and all books which his father my late husband left to me.

Unto my grand-daughter Thomasin Browne daughter of my son Gerard Browne deceased one fee farm rent or annual rent charge of 20/- (which is issuing out of some of the lands of my said son Gerard and which I lately purchased from Alderman James Ford) until she shall attain 21 or be married. After her attainment of that age or marriage I give the fee farm rent etc., unto her the said Thomasin and her sister Grace and their heirs.

Unto my two daughters in law Ann Browne and Abigail Browne each £5.

All my wearing apparel I give unto my daughter Ann Foster and all my linen to be equally divided between her and my said daughter Elizabeth Nightingale's children.

Residue of Goods etc., $\frac{1}{2}$ to son George, $\frac{1}{2}$ to the children of my son Gerard, $\frac{1}{4}$ to the children of my daughter Elizabeth Nightingale and $\frac{1}{4}$ to the children of my daughter Ann Foster.

Appoint my son George Browne sole Executor.

Witnesses Alex. Leigh: Nathan^l Shrigley."

The children of William and Grace Browne were:--

A. GERARD of whom more presently.

B. GEORGE, baptised on 5 March, 1686-7, who married Abigail Taylor at Bumbury (? Bunbury, co. Chester) on 15 September, 1715. He was buried on 19 September, 1741. He died childless and intestate. Letters of administration were granted to his widow on 8 January, 1741-2, when one of the sureties was WILLIAM FINCH, innkeeper.

He was interested in local affairs and was Mayor of Wigan in 1731 and 1738, and an Alderman when he died.

Abigail Browne was buried on 28 April, 1744. Her will runs as follows:—

"To be buried in the funeral place of my dear late husband George Browne deceased in Wigan Church Yard.

Messuages etc., in Aspul called Mowpen in possession of John Glazebrook to executors upon trust to be sold and the money arising by sale shall be accounted as part of my personal estate.

Give and bequeath messuages etc., called Molyneux House and Croft in Scholes in Wigan unto Margaret wife of Nicholas Latham of Wigan, Mercer and Linendraper, for life . . . after her death . . . unto Elizabeth daughter of the said Nicholas Latham and Margaret his wife.

Give all that croft at the bottom of Wallgate in Wigan, commonly called Galgate Croft unto Robert Foster mariner brother of the said Margaret Latham.

Give message etc., where I now live together with messuages etc., now in possession of Richard Finch, Thomas Culcheth, Elizabeth Hayes and Thomas Moss all of Wigan and the close called Tollys Meadow in Wigan and the croft at the back of Marsden House in possession of the said Robert (? Richard) Finch unto my Brother

Zachary Taylor of Saint James Street, London, gentleman, subject to a charge on an annuity of £5 which I give unto my sister Elizabeth Clownham of Salisbury, Spinster for life.

To my sister Mary Birchall widow £20: sister in law Ann wife of Edward Taylor, clerk, £10: niece Mary Smith spinster £10: for the use of Barbara wife of Henry Hollinshead £10: unto Mary Burghall of Wigan spinster £10: unto Abigail daughter of John Bromley of Wigan gentleman £10: unto Susan daughter of John Longton of Kirkham, Mercer, £5: unto William son of Cuthbert Bradkirk of Kirkham gentleman £5: unto the said John Bromley and Abigail his wife £10. The poor householders of Wigan £20. Unto Thomas Moss, Peter Prescott, John Orrell and Thomas Molyneux of Wigan the several sums they severally owe me.

Residue of personal estate to Zachary Taylor, brother, and William Simon Warren of Upholland, Clerk, whom I appoint Executors.

Witnesses, Gerd. Tarlton, Richard Finch, Thomas Culcheth."

C. ELIZABETH, baptised 20 February, 1688-9 married John Nightingale, a brazier. She had children George, William and Frances all of whom died young and without issue.

D. ANN, baptised 2 April, 1691, married Charles Foster, a butcher, and had by him children Grace, Robert and Margaret. The last married Nicholas Latham of Wigan, mercer and linendraper, who was a churchwarden from 1761 to 1765, and had by him children Robert, Charles, who died a minor, and Elizabeth who died unmarried and intestate.

Robert is described in the deed of sale of one of the family pews to Michael Brown in 1818 as the last seised of it.

E. BRIDGET, baptised in 1693, was buried in 1699.

A. GERARD BROWNE baptised in July, 1685. He married ANN PENNINGTON at Wigan, on 9th April, 1708; he predeceased his father and was buried on 28 March, 1722. He was a brazier and was churchwarden in 1715-16.

His children were:—

- a. BRIDGET, baptised in 1709, who died in 1712-13.
- b. SARAH, baptised in 1713-4, who died in 1722-3.
- c. GRACE, baptised 1 March, 1715-16 who married Robert Dicey, a lieutenant, at Lancaster Parish Church on 4 May, 1746. He was a printer of Northampton in civil life. The family is still represented in that town, and some of it are printers, but it has not been ascertained whether it comes through Robert and Grace Dicey or not.
- d. THOMASIN, baptised on 12 July, 1718, married Edward Leatherbarrow, grocer, at Wigan on 28 October, 1740.
- e. WILLIAM BROWNE, baptised on 6 September, 1720, of whom presently.

The following is an abstract of the will of Gerard Browne:—

“Unto my daughter Sarah £100: to my daughter Grace £100: to my daughter Thomasin £100, to be paid to each of them as they attain 21 or be married And in the meantime the interest thereof to be applied towards the maintenance etc., of my son William and the said Sarah, Grace and Thomasin my daughters.

All the residue of my personal estate I give unto my daughters save only my wife Ann Browne shall have the interest of the said personall for her life.

I devise those two closes of ground called the nearer field and lower field to the said Ann my wife during her life and at her decease to my said son William charged with £150 to my said three daughters Sarah, Grace and Thomasin, viz., £50 a piece.”

Executors Anne Browne and my brother George Browne.

Proved 6 April, 1722.

Stock of Trade with Book Debts £300: total £336 5s. 2d.

His wife Mrs. Anne Browne was buried on 11 May, 1744. She lived in the Wallgate, like her husband and his ancestors. Her will dated 30 April, 1744, and proved at Chester by Grace Dicey (wife of Robert Dicey), formerly Browne, sole Executrix contained the following:—

“Whereas I have heretofore paid and laid down considerable sums of money yearly for the maintenance, etc., of my late daughter Thomasin late wife of Edward Leatherbarrow of Wigan, grocer, from the time of the death of my late husband Gerard Browne deceased (and father of the said Thomasin) till the time of the marriage of the said Thomasin, the interest of my said daughters fortune not being sufficient for her maintenance, etc., and there is now due to me on the amount before mentioned a considerable sum of money And whereas I have now Twenty pounds out at interest (which is included in a mortgage for a greater sum from Mr. Gregory late of Blackrod d^d to me alone or to me jointly with George Brown late of Wigan Founder d^d) and have also paid to the said Edward Leatherbarrow in my said daughter's lifetime £20 for and in part of the fortune he was entitled unto with his said late wife and which was in the hands of Mr. Gregory and am also entitled and possessed of several household and other goods, . . . Now it is my will and mind and I do give unto my daughters Grace Brown, her heirs, etc., sums of money before mentioned and due to me as aforesaid with all my other personal estate and my messuage lands within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and nominate and appoint my said daughter Grace Brown sole executrix.

Witnesses, Abigail Browne, Rich. Finch, Jon. Bromley.

WILLIAM BROWNE was baptised at Wigan Parish Church on 6 September, 1722, and this is practically all known about him at present. He must have left Wigan. Search for his marriage was made at Blackrod, Bolton,

Northampton (All Saints) and Wigan without success. A named William Brown and Elizabeth Jolley, both of Aspull, were married at Wigan in 1739, but appear to have belonged to another family.

JOHN BROWN appears from the will of his son Michael and the names of his children to have been the son of William but the date and place of his birth have not yet been ascertained. He married ANN, generally known as Nancy, TOWNALL at the Parish Church, Bolton, on 3 September, 1761. He was buried at Blackrod on 12 April, 1783, and she on 22 March, 1787.

Their children were:—

- A. JOHN, baptised at Blackrod on 4 July, 1762.
- B. JAMES, baptised 6 January, 1765.
- C. WILLIAM, baptised on 24 May, 1767, and buried on 5 November, 1770.

D. MICHAEL, of whom more presently.

E. GERARD, was baptised on 27 April, 1777. He was a miller of Culcheth. He died on 16 November, 1833. He left a reversion after the death of his wife to his grand-nephew William Finch. Mrs. Gerard Brown, whose maiden name was Ellen Robinson, died on 9 January, 1850: she left some silver, etc., to Nancy Finch, formerly Nancy Brown, her niece by marriage.

F. BETTY, baptised 25 February, 1781.

MICHAEL BROWN baptised at Blackrod on 29 September, 1773, was employed at the *Minorca* Inn, Wigan, at the time of his marriage, either as a brewer (Mrs. Baldwin) ostler (Mrs. M. Peck) or factotum, probably the last. He married MARY HILTON at the Parish Church on 8 August, 1797, and using some of her dowry, which consisted of £100 and some silver left to her by an aunt, took the *Swan* Inn in the Wallgate in the following year, not the existing public-house of the name, but one that stood at the commencement of the road made to the London and North-Western Railway station. The

house was a good one and he prospered, as may be gathered from the fact that he was able to buy one of the Brown family pews at the price of £125. This was in the gallery and considered the best in the church. It was sold by public auction at the *Eagle and Child* Inn, now the *Royal Hotel*.

He died from "weakness," aged 45 years, and was buried on 18 July, 1818.

Will of Michael Brown of Wigan, Victualler, dated 8 June, 1818, proved at Chester by Mary Brown and John Atherton, executors, on 29 December, 1818. After arranging for the payment of debts, funeral expenses and three legacies of £100 left by the late Thomas Bains charged on premises in Queen Street, Wigan, lately purchased by M. Brown, he left,—To my wife the whole stock of ale and spirituous liquors etc., and household goods etc., and all interest in the house wherein I now live. To my said wife so long as she shall remain my widow my house in Wallgate Street, Wigan, in the occupation of Widow Duckworth as tenant and also the pump in the yard: after her death or remarriage to my children then living. On the pew in the Strangers' Gallery and the rest and residue of my real estate, I charge the payment to my wife yearly for her life or so long as she remains my widow, of one clear annuity or rent charge of £60. Residue and remainder of real and personal estate unto my Executors in trust for my children and their heirs. If my wife shall marry again, my son Michael Brown to be an executor in her stead. Effects under £600.

Children:—

A. ELLEN, born 15 February, 1798, who died of smallpox in November of the same year.

B. JOHN (1), born 27 August, 1799, who died of fever and was buried on 20 May, 1802.

C. ANN, born 30 June, 1801, who died of fever and was buried on 17 May, 1802, three days before John.

D. MICHAEL, born 13 April, 1803, at the *Swan Inn*, Wallgate, was the landlord of the *Dog and Partridge Inn*, in the Wallgate, Wigan, next to the south gate of the parish churchyard. T. Whitehouse's manuscript *History of Wigan*, preserved in the Wigan Reference Library, gives the name of the landlord in 1825 as ——— Brown, but probably this is a mistake; (Whitehouse was the landlord of the *Eagle and Child Inn* and appears to have brought his list of licensed houses and their tenants up to date from time to time without respect to the date of his book).

Michael Brown was an extreme Radical in politics; he voted at the parliamentary election of 1830 for Potter and Hardcastle, the Radical candidates, who obtained 3 and 7 votes respectively; (another of the three was George Peck, grandfather of the writer); he showed himself by this to have considerable moral courage, for those were the days of open voting when supporters of an unpopular cause frequently met with ill treatment at the hands of the rabble: he supported Radical and Liberal candidates at other elections.

On May 7th, 1836, he took the oath of allegiance to the King, as is recorded in one of the Corporation oath-books. He was elected in 1838 one of the highway surveyors, an honorary post, which appears to have been the only public office he ever held; he attended the meeting of the authority with great regularity but was not re-elected at the expiration of his term of office. His religious views were advanced and he would nowadays be termed an agnostic, but he changed them after the death of his first wife and became a Roman Catholic, as she had been, and brought up his children in that faith.

He was a shrewd, clever man, but whimsical; he worked hard and was careful in money matters, but was never averse to spending money on the education of his children. He acquired a competence and retired to live at Moss End, Aughton, Ormskirk, near to the home of his sisters. He



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died on 23 February, 1873, of cerebral haemorrhage, which came in a public street of Ormskirk.

He married (1) Mary Glassbrook, sister of Father Glassbrook, at St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Wigan, on 12 November, 1826, and had by her five sons of whom some particulars are given below. His wife dying on 23 February, 1835, he married (2) Mary Anne Wright on 16 November, 1841, who had no child and survived him.

His estate was sworn under £7,000.

a. *Gerard Brown*, was born 23 August, 1827. He was intended for the medical profession but failed to qualify, and became an assistant teacher in a school at Knaresborough where he remained for many years; he was never able to pay his way by his own exertions and the financial assistance he received from his father was continued under the terms of the will of the latter by the trustees, his younger brothers Michael and John. He had no serious occupation for many years before his death and spent a large part of his time in fishing; his brothers paid for his fishing licence, for he could never be trusted with money, which always "burned a hole in his pocket." He preserved dignity of manner and appearance until the end, which came from senile decay on 2 March, 1910.

He married Jane, daughter of Christopher Joplin, a woman of lower station than his own, at St. Mary's Church, Knaresborough, on 10 November, 1857, and had by her two daughters—(1) Mary, born 18 November, 1858, who married Alfred Scott of Dewsbury at St. Mary's Church, Knaresborough, on 14 November, 1907; and (2) Ann, born 19 April, 1860, who married Thomas Hibbert of Knaresborough at the above-mentioned church on 5 December, 1892. Neither daughter has issue.

b. *Edward*, second son, was born on 1 December, 1828. Entering the medical profession, he took the M.D. St. Andrews, and the Licence of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 1855. He was surgeon to

the Town's Hospital, Glasgow, at one time and later an Assistant Surgeon to the Liverpool Dispensary. Afterwards he practised at Gatacre, near Liverpool, where he died on 17 January, 1874, of pneumonia and dropsy. He married Anne Murray Taylor at Liverpool and had one son by her: she died on 22 November, 1915.

1. Michael Brown, son of the last, was born at Liverpool on 28 December, 1868. Educated at Ampleforth College, Yorkshire, he became manager of the Liverpool branch of the Gresham Life Assurance Co., and in 1918 of the Scottish and Alliance Insurance Co. He married Mabel Craze at Huyton, near Liverpool, on 15 June, 1914, and has (1918) one son Michael Edward Brown, born 22 September, 1916.

c. *William Brown* was born at the *Dog and Partridge Inn*, on 31 March, 1830, and died in early boyhood.

d. *Michael Brown*, fourth son of Michael Brown by his first wife, was born at the *Dog and Partridge Inn*, Wigan, on 4 July, 1832. The following are extracts from a memoir by the Rev. John Placid Whittle, O.S.B., of St. Alban's Priory, Warrington:—"At the age of 12 he was sent with his younger brother to Ampleforth College. He went through his collegiate course much like other boys. Until his health broke down at the age of eighteen, he was strong and muscular: a formidable foe in the football field, as in after life he was a formidable foe in the field of argument. In the study-hall, few if any of his classmates surpassed him in his quick and retentive memory, his clear intellectual acumen, his masterly marshalling of historical facts and his keen appreciation of the humourous and the serious side(s) of life. The characteristics of the boy showed themselves in the man and the Priest. . . . In the autumn of 1851 he was clothed with the Benedictine habit and took in Religion the name of Wilfred. In 1858 he became Prefect of Discipline, which office he held with conspicuous



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success until 1866 when he became Sub-Prior under Prior Priest. This office he held for some years, until his health broke down. After a year's rest (*this would be when he travelled round the world*) he was sent on the Apostolic Mission. He served at Seel Street, Liverpool; Easingwold; Birtly; in 1880 at Liverpool; and from January 5, 1884, at Brindle. And let me remark that Father Wilfred Brown has been a frail and delicate man for fifty-four years! During the whole of that time, a stranger seeing him for the first time would say he could not live a year. He had the same thin, spare, white and delicate look at eighteen as he had at seventy. Yet, owing chiefly perhaps to his most regular and methodical life, he has lived and worked incessantly and to the very end for fifty-four years. . . . Father Wilfred had no aim, no ambition, during his whole life, but his holy calling as a Priest. The regular and daily morning and afternoon walk, in all weathers, was never taken for the pleasure of it. He took his regular holiday, it is true, but not for the sake of the pleasure it gave him. He took it as a duty, convinced that regular exercise and innocent recreation would fit him for prolonged and hard work. . . .

With the single exception of Easingwold, all the Missions he has served have been places of unceasing labour.

. . . . He was one who spoke very plainly and never disguised the truth. He never flinched whatever it cost him, when, as he thought duty compelled him to speak out, either to his Brethren or his people. . . .

. . . When the end came somewhat suddenly, it found him fully prepared and working to the end. The sermon he was to have preached on Sunday was written and ready for delivery."

He attended the confessional on Saturday and expected to say the first mass on Sunday, but was too ill to do so. "He was simply worn out and could not permanently rally." He gradually sank and died on the morning of

Tuesday, 2 May, 1905. The cause of death was certified as gastric catarrh and heart failure.

He was Prior and Abbot-Elect of Chester at the time of his death.

e. *John Brown* was born at the *Dog and Partridge Inn*, Wigan, on 10 July, 1835. He was educated at Ampleforth College and was ordained in 1862, when he took the religious name of Ildephonsus. He served on mission work at Hindley, Liverpool (St. Paul's), Brindle and Grassendale; he became Priest of Parbold in 1892 and remained there until his death on 10 February, 1917. He was Prior of Downside, Somersetshire, from 1868 to 1870. He was elected Prior of Ampleforth in 1883, but he refused the nomination.

Father John was a man of fine presence who could not pass unnoticed in any company; it has been said by many who knew the brothers that if a man had possessed the personal appearance of John and the mental ability of Michael, he could hardly have failed to attain high rank in the Roman Church.

Father John was generous almost to a fault. His brother Michael never failed in that respect but used more discretion and was careful to see that his gifts were well bestowed. He was excellent company and enjoyed a joke as well as anyone, priest or layman.

There was a great congregation at his funeral in which other sects were well represented, testifying to the universal respect in which he was held.

E. NANCY BROWN was born at the *Swan Inn*, Wallgate, Wigan, on 27 August, 1806. She did not actually elope with John Finch, whom she married at Billinge on 16 November, 1829, but did so against the wish of her mother. She died of gastritis at the *Swan Inn* on 16 August, 1843.

Some particulars of her children, of whom she had eight in less than twelve years, are given in the preceding pages



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under John Finch, (No. 56 in the chart); they were William, Martha, Mary, Gerard Brown, Ralph, John, Richard Brown and Matthew.

F. JOHN BROWN was born at the *Swan* Inn, Wigan, on 3 October, 1808. He was the second of the name. He died unmarried, of "weakness" and was buried at Wigan on 13 October, 1832. The Burial Grounds book gives the incorrect date, 10 October.

G. JANE BROWN was born at the *Swan* Inn, Wigan, on 11 September, 1811. She lived for some years at Burscough and afterwards at Moss View, Ormskirk, where she died of cerebral haemorrhage on 16 November, 1884. "She was a dear kind-hearted woman who influenced for good all who had to do with her." (Mrs. Martha Peck).

Her personal estate was sworn at £2,043 gross and £1,965 net, and was left to her sisters Catherine Wood and Rachael Blackwood for life and afterwards to her nephews and nieces.

H. CATHERINE BROWN was born at the *Swan* Inn on 12 June, 1813. She married John Coates Wood of Kendal, medical practitioner. She lived after the death of her husband with her sister Jane and died at their house, Moss View, of cerebral haemorrhage, which came on in the street as in the case of her brother Michael, on 9 October, 1882.

So far as the writer remembers, the remark made as to the character of her sister Jane would apply equally well to her.

Her personal estate was of the value of £306 and was left to her son.

Her children were a daughter who died aged about 3 years, and *John Coates Wood* born at Kendal on 17 August, 1844, who married Margaret, daughter of John Owen of Ormskirk at Ormskirk on 25 September, 1867. Mrs. Margaret Wood died at Ormskirk on 9 February, 1879. He was engaged in business in Wigan with J. H. Peck

for a short time and afterwards in Liverpool. Appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the county of Lancaster in 1866, he became Chairman of the Ormskirk Bench in 1889, but ill health compelled him to resign the position in 1907. He died of diabetes on 21 June, 1908, at "Beaconsfield," Ormskirk, his residence. He was a strong Conservative.

His daughter Helen ("Ella") born 12 August, 1868, married against her father's wish, Algernon John Pilkington of Oxton at Scarborough on 27 April, 1891. Her children are (1) Ronald John Pilkington born at Liverpool on 22 May, 1892; (2) Helen Maud Pilkington born at Liverpool on 23 November, 1894; (3) Elizabeth Lettice Pilkington born at Gatacre on 12 August, 1901; (4) Katharine Sylvia Pilkington born at West Kirby on 7 August, 1905.

I. RACHAEL BROWN was born at the *Swan Inn*, Wallgate, Wigan, on 14 February, 1815; she married Hugh Blackwood of Edinburgh, surveyor; she died on 26 December, 1886.

Her husband died of diabetes on 12 October, 1842, aged 35 years, leaving her with four children under five years, one of whom was only four months old. She had very small means but being a woman of great courage and determination, she kept a confectioner's shop and was thus enabled to rear her children in a respectable manner, although the struggle was hard at times.

Children:—

a. *John McConnell Blackwood* born 29 December, 1837, who married Marion Watson. He lived at Waterloo, near Liverpool. He died on 4 September, 1898, at Llanfairfechan of cerebral haemorrhage and was buried at Sefton. His children are (1) Marion Blackwood who married John Rankin, M.B., C.M. Glasgow, F.R.C.S.I., of Southport; John Kenneth Blackwood, solicitor, who married Evelyn, fourth daughter of F. C. Hill of Ormskirk

and Lathom, solicitor, at Burscough Bridge on 20 January, 1913.

Mrs. Marion Blackwood died on 25 May, 1909, and was buried with her husband.

b. *James Blackwood* who married Harriet Dashwood Balmain Turnour.

c. *Hugh Blackwood*.

d. *Rachael Blackwood*, born 17 August, 1842, married Astrup Cariss, an accountant who had an office in Castle Street, Liverpool, at Bidston on 31 October, 1861. Her children were:—

i. James Astrup Cariss born 22 January, 1863, at Whitefield Road, Liverpool, who never married. After the collapse of his father's business, he went to India and died of fever on board ship between Calcutta and Bombay on his homeward voyage in February, 1890. He was a good son to his mother and a good fellow himself.

ii. Thomas Hugh Cariss, born 8 December, 1865, at Hope Place, Liverpool. He spent a good many years in the Straits Settlements, came back to England for a year or two about 1892, married and went abroad.

iii. Rachael Caroline Cariss ("Nina") born 18 February, 1869, at Hope Place, Liverpool.

iv. Amy May Nanita Cariss ("May") born 28 May, 1872, at Tuebrook, Liverpool.

v. Frank Blackwood Cariss, born 4 April, 1878, at Hope Street, Liverpool; died 10 July, 1878, at Pwllheli, North Wales.

vi. Carrington Carysford Cariss, born June, 1880, at Hope Street, Liverpool.

J. RICHARD BROWN, fourth and youngest son of Michael and Mary Brown, was born at the *Swan* Inn, Wigan, on 22 November, 1816. He was apprenticed to Mr. John Windsor, a well-known and capable medical practitioner of Manchester. He showed great ability and diligence and won two medals at the Manchester Royal

School of Medicine in the subjects Practice of Physic and Materia Medica, which are in the possession of his great-nephew William Gerard Finch. He obtained the diploma of the Society of Apothecaries on 4 October, 1838. There was no licence at that time. This was excellent, for a recognised qualification was not regarded in those days as necessary for a medical practitioner and many eminent members of the profession possessed none, *e.g.*, Sir Richard Croft, Baronet, one of the physicians who attended Princess Charlotte in 1817.

He died on 16 March, 1839, of rheumatic fever and was buried in Wigan churchyard. His kind heart, pleasant manners and professional skill had endeared him to all who knew him, and his early death was widely lamented.

MARY HILTON, wife of Michael Brown, was baptised at the parish church, Blackburn, on 10 May, 1778. This, her first marriage, was at the parish church, Wigan, on 8 August, 1797, when she made her mark instead of signing her name; she did the same when signing a conveyance in 1818 showing thereby that her early education had been neglected. The nine children of the marriage have been mentioned in the immediately preceding pages.

She took as her second husband John Hodson, to whom she was married on 13 June, 1820, at St. John's Church, Manchester. The marriage was resented by most of the family who thought themselves already sufficiently numerous. The offspring of it was MARY HODSON, born at the *Swan* Inn, Wigan, on 17 February, 1821, who married William Baldwin, son of a well known innkeeper and town councillor at the parish church Wigan, in 1845. William Baldwin died at the *Swan* Inn, Wallgate, on 15 August, 1869,—not the inn of that name kept by Michael Brown. John Hodson and others, for that had been demolished to make room for the road to the London and North-Western railway station, but another lower down and on

the opposite side of the street. Mrs. Baldwin died on 11 January, 1908, at *Beacon View*, Appley Bridge, near Wigan, then the residence of her daughter.

The children of William and Mary Baldwin were

a. *Catherine Jane*, born 24 May, 1850, who married John Hodgkinson of Wigan, at the parish church on 7 April, 1875, but had no child. John Hodgkinson, born 28 February, 1849, died on the 13 October, 1913.

b. *William Leighton Baldwin*, born 21 October, 1855, who married Matilda Parkerson of Wigan at St. Catherine's Church, Wigan, on the 1 October, 1877. He died of cancer at Barry Island, Glamorganshire, on 29 August, 1926. He had two sons,—1. Charles Baldwin, born 4 April, 1891, at Standishgate, Wigan: he is (1914) an engineer in the Royal Navy; Percy Baldwin, born 20 June, 1893, at Birmingham; is (1914) an under-steward in the Navy.

There is some obscurity as to her ancestry. The following accounts of it are based on her own statements. Mrs. Martha Peck's version, written by herself, runs as follows:—"My maternal grandmother's name before marriage was Mary Hilton; her grandfather, also named Hilton, was wealthy and owned extensive estates near Preston and also a village in Cheshire; was squire of the place; joined the rebellion and lost his estates which were confiscated. His son married a Protestant and had a family of one son, who enlisted and went to India and three daughters, my grandmother being one. All brought up as Protestants. She came to Wigan and lived with and assisted an Aunt who kept the *Dog and Partridge* Inn and at her death left her £100 and some silver."

The above was read to Mrs. Mary Baldwin by Gerard S. Peck on 10 February, 1892, when she said,—“Great great-grandfather Hilton owned Mellor village near Preston: was Roman Catholic: he joined the 1745 rebellion and had his estates confiscated. A son married

a Protestant with an agreement that sons were to be brought up Roman Catholic and the daughters Protestant. A son of the last enlisted for India and was no more heard of. One of the daughters in humble circumstances married Michael Brown, brewer, and took a public-house."

The confusion as to the village arose from there being a Mellor in Cheshire, where, however, the name Hilton is unknown.

The baptismal entries of her children in the Wigan register give the names of her parents as Richard and Mary Hilton. In the parish register of Blackburn, in which the entries for Mellor are recorded, is one of the marriage of Richard Hilton of Blackburn, bricksetter, to Mary Walmesley, of Blackburn, on 2 July, 1772. Their children were James, baptised in 1773, Richard baptised in 1775, Mary baptised in 1778 and perhaps others. The entry of Mary's baptism nearly agrees with her supposed age at death. Only one Richard Hilton was baptised between 1743 and 1760, viz:—Richard, son of Jonathan and Grace Hilton, the eldest of a numerous family.

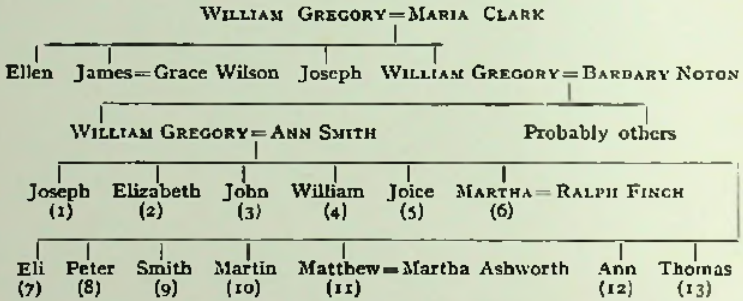
Mary Walmesley was the daughter of Robert and Magdalen Walmesley and had brothers and sisters named John, James, Ellen, Robert and Betty.

Mrs. Peck said that the Hilton who lost his estates as a sequel to the rebellion married his housekeeper and that the couple drove from the church after their wedding in his carriage and four. It thus appears that he was a man of standing. According to Peter Clarke whose journal of the rebellion in 1715 was reprinted in Dr. Ware's *Lancashire Memorials of the Rebellion of 1715*, a gentleman named Hilton who lived near Cartmel joined the rebels, but Dr. Ware said—"I cannot help suspecting some mistake and that by this name, Walton was meant." No evidence of participation of a Hilton in the rebellion of 1745 has been found, nor any will substantiating the stories given above.

Cosin's *List of Catholics and Non-jurors in 1715*, reprinted in 1745, gives under *Lancashire* the names of Robert Hilton of Cuerden (in the parish of Leyland) but not the value of his estate; Hugh Walmesley of Samlesbury (in the parish of Blackburn and close to Mellor) but not the value of his estate; William Walmesley who had an estate at Allerton of the annual value of £35; Mary Walmesley of Quermore (Quernmore in the parish of Lancaster) who had an estate of the annual value of £5; Mary Walmsley perhaps the same person who had an annuity of £5 secured in Urton; and William Walmsley of Alston (in the parish of Ribchester) whose estate is not given.

In the list of rebel prisoners tried at Liverpool in January and February, 1715-6 appear the names of Henry Walmsley of Preston, gentleman, acquitted, and Thomas Walmsley of Billsborough, innholder, acquitted; one of these might have been the Jacobite ancestor, but Mrs. Mary Brown appears to have been sure that the name was Hilton.

GREGORY APPENDIX.

A GREGORY FAMILY OF GREAT LONGSTONE
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Co. DERBY.

This pedigree is extended in the text.

Great Longstone situate about 3 miles from Bakewell, lying under Longstone Edge, the rocky ridge from which it takes its name, is a pleasant little village of one street with an ancient church and an old manor house. Agriculture and quarrying are its staple industries.

The name Gregory does not make its appearance in Longstone annals until the last quarter of the 17th century, but there were Gregorys in the neighbouring parish of Eyam in the reign of Richard II, of which this family may be a branch. Many families of the name lived in Longstone in the 18th century. There were then Thomas and Martin of Great Longstone, Martin of Little Longstone, James of Edgestonehead, James of Rowland, William of Wardlow, William of Sterndale, William of Wheeldon and others, but the name is now nearly if not quite extinct in

the parish. It is frequently met with in neighbouring parishes and occurs on many gravestones in the churchyard.

The church registers date from 1637 but are wanting from 1738 to 1765 with the exception of a few leaves, upon one of which by a happy chance the Gregory-Smith marriage mentioned below is recorded. Owing to the defects, this pedigree is not a full one but it might be improved in this respect by resort to the bishop's transcripts at Lichfield.

WILLIAM GREGORY, the earliest ancestor in the parish who can be found, who married MARIA CLARK at the parish church on 11 June, 1688, was probably a copyholder like his grandson William is known to have been. He was buried on 23 April, 1724. Maria Clark was probably the daughter of William Clark who married Anne Brassington of Little Longstone on 21 November, 1663; they had a daughter Maria baptised in 1665 who died in 1667, so she may have been the second of the name.

William and Maria Gregory had the four children mentioned below and perhaps others.

A. ELLEN, baptised 20 September, 1691; buried 8 May, 1692.

B. JAMES, baptised 26 April, 1693, married Grace Wilson of Hassop on 31 January, 1720. They had children—(a) Thomas (1721-95) who married Hannah, by whom he had a numerous family, one of whom Hannah, married Francis Orr of Litton whose descendants still live in Longstone.

Other children of James and Grace Gregory were, Maria, James, William, Grace and John.

James Gregory was churchwarden in 1733-4-5 and Overseer of the Poor in 1740, 1753 and 1761.

C. JOSEPH, baptised 25 May, 1697.

D. WILLIAM GREGORY, baptised 1 October, 1700, married Barbary Noton on 5 May, 1737; he died on 26

March, 1791; she died on 19 May, 1771, aged 65 years. Their gravestone and grave were restored in 1894 at the expense of their descendant, Mrs. Martha Peck; also the Finch grave and stone.

William Gregory was a farmer, probably of a copyhold, and not of a freehold as has been stated. He was Overseer of the Poor in 1742, 1757 and 1768.

Barbary was the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Noton, being one of a numerous family. She was baptised in 1706. Her father was a man of importance in the parish and was Overseer for several years.

William and Barbary had one son, William, and perhaps others.

WILLIAM GREGORY, son of the two last mentioned was baptised on 4 July, 1738. He married Mrs. Ann Smith at Great Longstone on 17 October, 1762. The prefix Mistress was probably a tribute to her social standing and not to her having been married before. There was an old Smith family in Longstone to which she probably belonged but her baptism is not recorded owing to the defects in the register. She died on 30 September, 1803, aged 63 years. He died on 10 March, 1808.

William Gregory was a farmer and butcher and rented lands in addition to his copyhold estate. It is as well to say for the benefit of any reader who may not know that a copyholder is one who holds his land under the lord of the manor subject to the rendering of a service or payment of a fine when the tenancy is changed by death or otherwise, whose title is the record in the roll of the manor. The estate is a degree below that of freeholder.

He was churchwarden in 1779-80-81 and Overseer of the Poor in 1782 and 1790.

The following is an abstract of his WILL:—

1808. WILLIAM GREGORY of Great Longstone, April 22. Bakewell, co. Derby, Butcher.

Will dated 19 June, 1801.

No place of burial named.

To my wife Ann and her assigns my freehold and copyhold estates within the manor of Ashford or elsewhere in the County of Derby and my household furniture and other personal estate for life and after her decease then to my eldest son Joseph the dwelling house in the possession of Edward Woodhouse with garden etc., in Great Longstone with one sitting Longstone church in my seat near the Font on the North side of the Aisle.

To my son William two dwellinghouses in Great Longstone in his possession and that of Robert Holme with two sittings in the said church.

To my son Joseph one close of land in Great Longstone named the lower part of Stanley.

To my son Matthew the dwellinghouse wherein I now live he paying within 12 months of my wife's death £30 to my daughter Joice, my said daughter Joice to have also the dwellinghouse at Great Longstone wherein she now lives together with one sitting in the said church.

The residue of my Real Estates to my sons William and Matthew they to pay within twelve months of my wife's death £100 to my daughter Elizabeth £40 to my daughter Joice £50 to my daughter Martha Finch.

Residue of my Personal Estate to my son Matthew, he paying to his sisters Elizabeth, Joice and Martha and brothers Joseph and William £5 each.

Executors said sons William and Matthew.

Witnesses, Irisa Newton, W^m Greaves: Is^e Newton.

Proved by Matthew Gregory one of the Executors, power reserved for William Gregory the other Executor.

Personal Estate under the value of £100.

Testator died 10 March, 1808.

The children of William and Ann Gregory were:—

A. JOSEPH, born during the period for which the registers are defective. He went to London to enter into business.

B. ELIZABETH, baptised 1765; died 1829, unmarried.

C. JOHN, baptised in 1766, who died the following year.

D. WILLIAM, baptised 13 September, 1767. He married Mary Marsden of Great Longstone on 26 May, 1795. She died on 30 May, 1811, aged 38 years; he died on 28 July, 1834.

He is described as a farmer and copyholder in Stephen Glover's *Derbyshire Directory for 1829*. He was churchwarden in 1819-20-21 and Overseer of the Poor in 1809, 1810, 1826 and 1827. He is mentioned in J. B. Firth's *Highways and Byeways in Derbyshire* in connection with the epidemic of typhus fever in the village in 1820 when he brewed every day to supply the wort prescribed by Dr. Buxton, a retired doctor who took charge of the patients.

The children of William and Mary Gregory were:—

(a) *Joseph*, baptised 1798, who died on 28 October, 1878. He was headborough or parish constable. He married Dorothy who died in 1882 aged 85 years. Their two children, Mary and Ann, both married men named Wilson, and lived in Ashford. (b) *Kezia*, baptised 1802, who married Joseph Hyde of Taddington by whom she had several children. (c) *Ann*, who married her cousin Richard Gregory and went to live at Buxton, where she is buried. No children. (d) Barbary who died in infancy and was buried in 1805.

E. JOICE, baptised, 1768, married Matthew HILL of Great Longstone. He was a schoolmaster (*Mrs. E. Irvine*). He died in 1844 aged 77, and she in the following year.

Matthew Hill was a collector of old papers relating to the family and local matters and accumulated a large number which were burned as rubbish after his wife's death. The writer was told by the perpetrator of this crime, who did not appear ashamed of herself, that "they nearly filled a room."

The children of Matthew and Joice Hill were:—(a)

Reuben, baptised and buried in 1797; (b) *William*, baptised 1799, went to Liverpool where he lived and died. He married (1) *Ellen* and (2) *Barbara*. He had a daughter *Barbara* by the second who married. (c) *Matthew*, baptised 1802, who married and had two children, *Matthew* and *Ellen* who died of consumption when about twenty years old. (d) *John*, baptised 1804, was schoolmaster of Great Longstone from 1822 to 1828. Lived afterwards in Liverpool where he died. His children were:—i. *George*; ii. and iii., *William* and *Rowland*, who emigrated to South Africa; iv. *Matthew* who went to Leeds; v. *John* who went to Little Heaton; vi. *Joice* who married *William Watson* and went to Edinburgh; vii. *Barbara* who married but is now (1894) a widow.

(e) *Barbara Ann* baptised 1805, married *Thomas* (?) *Redfern* of Bury and had one son, *Thomas*. (f) *Thomas* baptised 1807, married *Ann Hancock*. She died 3 January, 1879, aged 73 years; he died on 14 February, 1887. Their children were i. *Seth*, born 1829; died 1877 at Birkenhead. He married *Anne Froggat* at Liverpool and their children were *John* and *Ann*; ii. *Abel* born 1833: married *Louisa Bartlett* in London: no children. Master of Pirbright School, Guildford; iii. *Joyce*, 1835-50: never married; iv. *William*, born 1838, married *Jane Billington* at Birkenhead in 1869: children, 4 sons and 7 daughters. A shipping agent; v. *Mary Ellen*, born 1842, married *George Hope* of Warslow near Ashbourne; vi. *Matthew*, born 1844, married *Mary Beestall* at Codnor Park: 3 daughters. He kept the *Greyhound Hotel*, Cromford; vii. *Elizabeth*, born 1846: did not marry: lives with next; viii. *Martha Ann*, b. 1853, married *Charles Carson* of Great Longstone: children, 3 sons and one daughter. (g) *Joseph Hill* baptised 1809. (h) *Richard*, 1811-32.

F. MARTHA GREGORY, born 1869, married, RALPH FINCH of Wigan at Bakewell in 1788: she died

at West Leigh, near Wigan in 1842 and was buried in Wigan; he died at Eyam in 1829, and was buried at Great Longstone. Children,—(a) Alice, (b) William, (c) Thomas, (d) Ann, (e) Martha, (f) Jane, (g) Ralph, (h) John, (i) Matthew, (j) Matthew Septimus, (k) Joseph Gregory; also one stillborn son.

Further particulars are given in the Finch notes.

G. ELI, baptised and buried in 1770.

H. PETER, baptised and buried in 1772.

I. SMITH, baptised 1778, died, 1837. Married Fanny who died 1836. Child, *Thomas*, 1822-28.

J. MARTIN, baptised, 1780.

K. ANN, twin with the next, was baptised 12 January, 1782; she was buried 25 March, 1791.

L. MATTHEW, married Martha Ashworth at Shaw near Oldham in 1807. He left Longstone for Lancashire, where he engaged in the cotton trade. He died at Pendleton in August, 1826. Children,—(a) *Ann*, born 7 July, 1808, who died young; (b) *Elizabeth*, born 14 February, 1811, married Francis Leonard at Glasgow in 1838; she died on 6 March, 1882, at Rochdale; he died at Murrayfield, Edinburgh, on 8 October, 1860, aged 51 years. Their children were:—i. Frank Leonard born 1839; dead in 1914; married twice; left one daughter—*Eliza*. ii. John Leonard born April 1843, died February, 1896. Married, but had no child. iii. Hannah, born 11 August, 1845, married Arthur Glegg of Edinburgh. Children,—(1) *Ellen* who married Thomas Howling; (2) *Hannah*; (3) *James*; (4) *William Edwin* who married *Florence Stewart* (a widow), née *Wyatt*; (5) *Arthur* who married ——— *Porter*; (6) *Francis*; (7) *Frederick*; (8) *George Gardner*. iv. *Frederick Leonard* born 1848: married: no children. v. *Ellen* born 30 March, 1851, married *William Johnstone* in 1896; died at Tooting on 1 March, 1907. vi. *Elizabeth*, born October 1853, died young. (c) *William Gregory* married but had no children. (d)

Ellen Gregory, was born on 17 January, 1817, at Newton Heath near Manchester; she married the Rev. James Irvine at St. Mary's, Lichfield, on 15 July, 1856; she died at Tooting on 25 October, 1908. Children,—
i. Mary Jane Irvine, born 21 May, 1859, who died on 21 June, 1862, at Leigh. ii. Catherine Ellen Irvine, born 16 May, 1862, at Leigh, married Charles Brown Webster of Southport at Southport on 26 September, 1869.

The Rev. James Irvine was vicar of Leigh, Lancashire. He was present at the battle of Waterloo for which he held the medal. He died on 5 October, 1874, aged 83.

(e) James Ashworth Gregory, enlisted and disappeared. (*Mrs. Irvine*).

(f) Richard Thomas Gregory enlisted and disappeared. (*Mrs. Irvine*).

M. THOMAS GREGORY, baptised in 1784, died in infancy.

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