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Plate 18. STONE PLAQUE DEPICTING THE ARMS OF WILLIAM CLAYTON, MERCHANT, MAYOR, AND MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR LIVERPOOL IN THE REIGNS OF WILLIAM AND MARY, AND ANNE

This plaque was originally built into the wall of Clayton's house on the corner of Water Street and Fenwick Street. When the house was pulled down about 1832 for road widening, the plaque was taken to Aigburth, probably by the family of Thomas Tarleton, a great-grandson of Clayton. Eventually, it was used to decorate Otterspool Farm. In November 1960, just before the Farm was demolished, the Honorary Secretary, with the willing help of the Curator of the Museum, arranged for the plaque to be photographed and placed in Liverpool Museum.

The arms are Clayton (*argent, a cross engrailed sable between four torteaux*) impaling Leigh of Oughtrington (*or, a lion rampant gules, quartered with argent 5 lozenges in bend sable*). The crest is the Leigh crest. Clayton married Elizabeth, daughter of George Leigh of Oughtrington, Cheshire, in 1690.