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EXEMPLIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION OF THE BOOTH ARMS AND QUARTERINGS BY ROBERT COOKE, ESQUIRE, CLARENCEUX KING OF ARMS, TO WILLIAM BOOTH, ESQUIRE, OF LONDON, 1st April 1580; 21st Elizabeth.[1]

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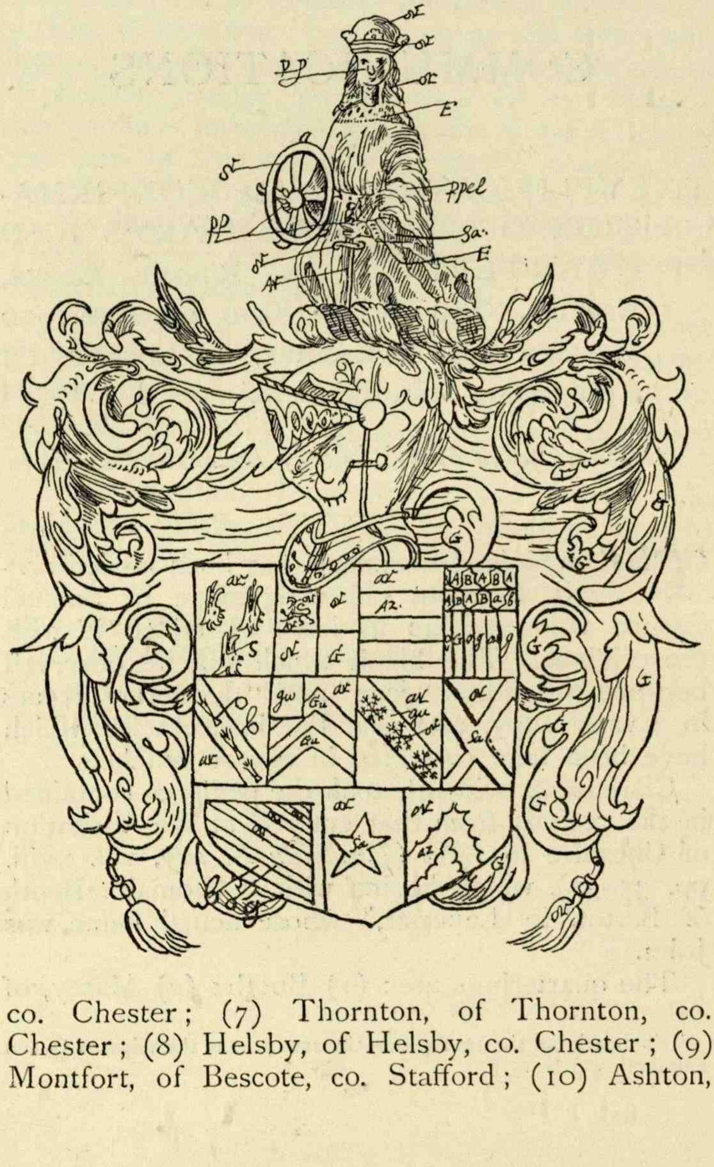
Clarenceux evidently took the pedigree contained in the recitals from that entered at the Visitation of Cheshire in 1580 (*Harleian Society*, vol. xviii. pp. 35–37), which begins with "Thomalin Booth of Barton in Lancastr," whose actual name was John.

The quarterings are: (1) Booth; (2) Mascy, of

[1] So dated, but the 1st April in the 21st year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth was in 1579.

Dunham Mascy, co. Chester; (3) Venables, of Bollin, co. Chester; (4) Whitney; (5) Fitton, of Bollin, co. Chester; (6) Orreby, of Gawsworth,



co. Chester; (7) Thornton, of Thornton, co. Chester; (8) Helsby, of Helsby, co. Chester; (9) Montfort, of Bescote, co. Stafford; (10) Ashton,

of Ashton-under-Lyne, co. Lancaster; and (11) Stayley.

These are marshalled according to the achievement entered in 1580, omitting the so-called Barton coat, two Kingsley coats, and a final quartering which is at present unidentified (*ibid.*, p. 35).

Other particulars of the Booth arms will be found in the Visitation of Lancashire, 1533 (*Chetham Society*), p. 79, and *Local Gleanings Magazine*, 1879–80, pp. 19–27.

Typus Vĕrus insigniorum Guiliĕlmi Booth Armigĕri Et [Vt] patĕt ꝑ Litĕras || testimonialĕs ſub Sigillo Roberti Cookĕ Armigeri Regis Armorum datas || anno ĕt mĕnſĕ subscript. ||

Omnibvs et ſingulis tam Nobilibus et Generoſis quàm alijs || quibuſcunque Chriſti fidelibus ad quos Vel quorum cognitionem preſentes || literæ testimoniales preuenerint, Robertus Cooke armiger, aliàs dictus Clarencieulx, Sum̄us || Heraldus et Rex armorum Australis orientalis et occidentalis istius Regni Angliæ partium, || a Trenta fluuio austrum, Verſus, Sălutem in Domino sempiternam. vt iuxta antiquitatis || ab initio conſuetudinem animoſa et illustrium Virorum fortia facta, Varijs monumentis || insignitis ac perpetua posteritatis memoria, Merito et iure gentium in hunc Vſq; diem Vniuerso || orbi omnibusq; terræ incolis et grata et accepta fuere, ℮ quibus itaq; inprimis Vel hoc ab || antiguirati [antiquitati] Vſu primum et Videntius semper fuit quorundam nempe insignium in Clipeis || Scutiſ[q]ue tan̄q Virtutis ſuæ infallibile testimonium lucida Com̄onſtratio hæ bellice || Virtutes et Armorum insignia animoſe Virtutis amatoribus eiuſq; poſteritati premiorum et || honoris vice ab Imperatoribus terræq; principibus quantum quisq; demerebatur preposita || sunt, qvæ quidem regia conſuetudo ab initio constituta animos . . . Nobilitatis calcar et || stimulum ad bellicam Virtutem imitandam hominibus ardenter præbuit ea enimvero in || omni Republica Virtute et Ciuilitate munita retenta est et inuiolata omnibus, vt qui || digna laude facinora vel in patriam Vel principes animose se geſserunt, condignam || facto Gloriam Viui accipiant, sepulti Vero, suæ posteritati tanquam hereditaria || Virtus et gestorum com̄emoratio sempiterno iure || deriuetur.

hinc est quod Guilielmus Booth de London Armiger, natu scilicet filius || Johannis Booth, qui quidem Joh̄es Booth fuit filius domini Guilielmi Booth militis, qui || quidem Guilielmus Booth fuit filius Georgij Booth filij et heredis Domini Guilielmi

Booth || militis, filij et heredis Domini Roberti Booth militis, qui quidem Dominus Robertus Booth || fuit filius Thomelini [Johannis] Booth de Barton in Comitatu Cestriæ [Lancastriæ] Armigeri, me ante dies tum̃ Clarencieulx || Regem armorum— rogatum habuit, prout æquum est Veritatis testimonium præbere, Vt in eius || gratiam ex Analibus nostri officij maiorum suorum insignia qualiacunq; ipsi tulerunt ei sic || carem [coram?] publice luciděq; adscriberem, EGO quidem claro gratificari cupiens, antiquam Eas || patriæ familiam inueni, quamobrem ne temporis inturia [iniuria] seu alia queuis occasio noue || inquisitionis denuo prebeatur, Clipei sui insignia in hunce modum Vt hic in margine depingitur || explanaui, A maioribus suis deriuata, ex authoritate meã meo officio prę [per] Literis regijs || annexa atq; concefsa fub figillo Vt loquũtur magno Angliæ—publice et ornata || remitto, rata etiam facio, et confirmata eidem Guilielmo Booth armigero eiufq; pofteritati || Vtenda, gerenda et in Clipeis Scutif[q]ue aut quouis militari ornamento corporifq; || tegumento prout Libitum fuerit, abfq; omni omnium—impedimento et quæftione in contrarium || IN cuius rei testimonium has literas fieri feci—patentes, quibus sigillum officij nostri affigi || feci, Datas primo die Aprilis A° Dõi milefsimo quingentefsimo octogefsimo et anno regni || Domine nostre Elizabethe dei gratiâ Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ— Reginæ, fidei || defenforis, &c. Viceflimo primo.

ROB. COOKE *alias* CLARĚNCIĚULX,
ROY DARMĚS.

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