PEDIGREE OF STATHAM

(LIVERPOOL AND NEW ZEALAND BRANCH) FROM 1716.

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IN January 1927 the Hon. Sir Charles Statham, M.P., Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Zealand, wrote to the Town Clerk of Liverpool in order to secure some definite records of his ancestors in Liverpool. His communication was handed to me, and I prepared for him the following narrative pedigree showing the connection of the Statham family with Liverpool.

In 1925 the Rev. S. P. H. Statham published *The Descent of the Family of Statham*.[1] This book, a genealogy of the Statham family, is not accurate as regards the Liverpool branch. It omits entirely William Statham, the grandfather of Sir Charles Statham, and consequently the whole of the New Zealand branch. The pedigree given below corrects and amplifies pages 80–81 of the Rev. S. P. H. Statham's book.

The persistent adherence of this branch of the Statham family to the legal profession is remarkable. Two of the family, Richard (d. 1820) and William (d. 1832), held the office of Town Clerk of Liverpool in succession. The latter's son William (d. 1875) was Registrar of the Liverpool County Court, while several earlier and later members of the family practised as solicitors in Liverpool. A daughter of William Statham, Town Clerk of Liverpool, married William Shuttleworth, subsequently Town Clerk of Liverpool. Sir Charles Statham himself is a barrister and solicitor in New Zealand. In addition to this, William Statham, solicitor, who died in 1788, married a daughter of Ralph Peters (d. 1742), Town Clerk of Liver-

[1] The Times Book Co., Ltd., London, 8vo., 15 + 131 pages.

pool, whose son, William Peters (d. 1789), and grandson, Richard Peters, were both judges in the United States of America. Another grandson of Ralph Peters, namely Ralph Peters (d. 1807), was Deputy-Recorder of Liverpool, and the latter's son was a barrister at law, who married Frances Blackburne, great-granddaughter of Isaac Green, the well-known Liverpool attorney of the eighteenth century. The Peters family, in their turn, were connected by marriage with John Entwisle (d. 1709), Recorder of Liverpool, whose son, Bertin Entwisle, was also Recorder of Liverpool and Vice-Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.[1]

I. WILLIAM STATHAM, (eldest son, born 1716,[2]) of William Statham of Leek, Co. Staffs. (1688–1740) and Elizabeth (Bateman). (Elizabeth Statham, widow, died on 8 March 1753 in her 63rd year and was buried at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool (tombstone inscription)). Attorney-at-law in Liverpool ; of 16 John Street ; joined by his son Richard about 1774 ; brother of Thomas Statham, postmaster of Liverpool from about 1759, who married Ellen, daughter of Ric. Formby of Formby, Co. Lancs. When, upon the death in 1742 of Ralph Peters, Town Clerk of Liverpool, Francis Gildart was appointed in his place, it was a condition that he should take William Statham as his assistant clerk and pay him 60 guineas a year for three years, Mr. Statham to have liberty to practise as an attorney and solicitor, and, with the consent of the Mayor and Bailiffs, to be sworn as attorney of the Borough Court, with liberty to attend assizes and sessions, but if he did so on the Town Clerk's behalf, he was to be allowed by him all reasonable expenses. Statham was debarred from acting as a notary during the three years. Sworn a Freeman of Liverpool, 23 September 1742 (Corporation Records) ; married Hannah, daughter of

[1] See the notes on the Peters family in *Trans. Hist. Soc. Lancs. & Ches.*, **60.**
[2] According to *The Descent of the Family of Statham.*

Ralph Peters, Town Clerk of Liverpool 1707–1742, and his wife Esther (Preeson).[1] Hannah Peters was born 22 June and baptized 4 July 1715 at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool. She predeceased her husband, dying on 8 November 1769, and was buried at St. Nicholas' Church. She was one of the executors and beneficiaries under her father's will, proved in 1743.

William Statham (who was never Town Clerk of Liverpool as stated in *The Descent of Statham*) died on 31 March 1788 in his 72nd year and was buried at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, 4 April (tombstone inscription). His will was as follows :—

27 *July* 1786. *I, William Statham* of Liverpool gentleman make this my last will.

I give to my only son Richard Statham all my Lawbooks as well printed as manuscript.

Unto my daughter Mary Ellen, now the wife of the Reverend Henry Heathcote, Rector of Walton, the picture of my late brother in law Richard Peters [2] and my silver dish Cross. Unto my youngest daughter Betty the harpsichord which I bought for her several years ago, together with all her music books and all her and my books in religion and history and all other books which she or I shall have at the time of my decease (my law books excepted).

Unto my said daughter Betty the beds, bedstocks, bedclothes and also the chairs, looking glasses, furniture &c. in my said daughter's lodging room and £21.

Unto my Brother Thomas Statham my two handle silver cup marked with the letters E.S. which was our late mother's. And I desire my sister in law wife of my said brother Thomas will accept of a ring or some other article of plate And I wish the like compliment to be made my daughter in law M. Statham And as to all the residue of my messuages tenements lands goods &c. real and personal estate I give devise and bequeath the same unto my said son Richard Statham, my son-in-law the said Henry Heathcote and my said brother Thomas Statham, In trust that they my said Trustees shall after my decease sell the same And out of the monies to arise therefrom pay five

[1] *Trans. Hist. Soc. Lancs. & Ches.*, **60**, 35. [2] *Ibid.*

hundred pounds apiece unto my said son and my daughter Betty in order to make their shares of my estate equivalent with my said daughter Heathcote's, having before given her £500 upon her marriage. And the remainder of the monies I give the same equally between my said son and daughters. *Executors*, my said son, son in law and brother.

(sd.) WM. STATHAM. L.S.

Witnesses, JOHN WILSON, THOMAS BANNING, WILL. JONES.

Proved in Consistory Court of Chester 2 May 1788 by the Executors named— Effects above £1,000.

Issue :—1. *Richard Statham* (II).

2. *Mary Ellen Statham*; married 2 September 1773 to the Rev. Henry Heathcote, M.A. Exeter College, Oxford, Rector of Walton-on-the-Hill, near Liverpool, 1768–1803, a younger son of Sir William Heathcote, 1st Bt. of Hursley, Co. Hants, and his wife Elizabeth (daughter of the 1st earl of Macclesfield, Lord High Chancellor). Their daughter married William Statham (III), below. The Rector's will, dated 12 December 1801, was proved at Chester, 26 February 1803, by the Executors the Rev. Geo. Harper, D.D., Rector of Stepney, the Rev. Henry Heathcote, Vicar of Walton and William Statham, Esq., of Liverpool ;

> " to be buried in the vault in the chancel of Walton with my late wives and dead children " ; mentions George earl of Macclesfield and his father, Thos. Lord Parker [afterwards earl of Macclesfield], and Thomas Diggle the trustees of his first wife, Mary Diggle's, marriage settlement ; her son Henry Heathcote vicar of Walton and George Parker of the Middle Temple the trustees of a settlement on a marriage about to take place between the Rev. Geo. Harper, D.D., and testator's daughter Elizabeth ; his daughters, Mary Heathcote, Jennetta, Harriet and Anna Maria ; his sons

(under age) Thos. Henry and Samuel; his late brother Samuel; his nephews Sir Wm. Heathcote of Hawley Lodge and Rev. Thos. Heathcote late of Bedford Row, London; his brother Gilbert (decd.) and sister Jennetta; £700 received from the late Wm. Statham of Liverpool as part of testator's late wife's fortune standing in names of W. Crosbie of Liverpool and Ric. Statham as trustees; Ric. Statham the brother of his late wife Mary Ellen, with whom testator entitled in her right to a moiety of the estates of the late Richard Peters[1] and of his landed property in America not yet got in; books to son Henry except such as the names of Mary Ellen or B. Statham on title page show belonged to his late wife or her sister, to be divided among younger children; to son Henry a silver cup and cover which belonged to his grandfather Diggle and which testator purchased from his (Henry's) uncle; testator sets out a description of the rectory for the patron or future rector. Personal effects sworn above £1000, under £2000.

3. Betty, died unmarried on 24 July 1794 in her 41st year and was buried at St. Nicholas', Liverpool.

II. RICHARD STATHAM, only son of (I); born 27 July 1744, baptized 24 August 1744 at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool; attorney-at-law in Liverpool, in partnership with his father and then with his son William; lived at Everton :—

"(In Everton Road) there formerly existed a handsome mansion with about an acre and a half of pleasure ground. It was erected about the middle of the eighteenth century by a family named Bridge. It was afterwards occupied in succession by Richard and William Statham, who each filled the office of Town Clerk. It was subsequently the residence of the Rev. Jonathan Brooks, rector and archdeacon of Liverpool . . . Mr. Brooks died in

[1] Born 1744, son of Wm. Peters; member of Congress, and District Judge for Pennsylvania (*ibid., Trans.*).

1856 and not very long after the house was dismantled and the land occupied by buildings." [1]

Richard Statham was employed in parliamentary work by the Town Council, of which he was a member, in connection with the Liverpool Street Improvement Act 1786 and was thanked on 7 February 1786 for the great professional services rendered by him as one of the Select Committee appointed to consider the widening of the streets. In 1793 he was one of a joint Committee of the Council and of Liverpool merchants to consider means for restoring public confidence in the then critical state of credit.

Sworn a Freeman of Liverpool 24 May 1770, having petitioned in 1767 as " freeborn, son of William Statham gent." [2] Richard Statham was one of the Bailiffs of Liverpool 1772 and 1788 and deputy Town Clerk in 1804; he was appointed Town Clerk of Liverpool in 1807 in succession to John Colquitt :—

" At a Common Council held in the Council Chamber in Brunswick Street on Wednesday the first day of July One thousand eight hundred and seven, being the first Wednesday in the month according to an ancient custom, present Thomas Molyneux Esquire Mayor etc. Ordered that Richard Statham Gentleman one of the Members of this Council be and he is hereby elected constituted and appointed the Common Clerk, commonly called the Town Clerk, of this Town in the place of John Colquitt Esquire deceased, To hold and enjoy the said Office with all Fees Perquisites and Advantages thereto belonging so long as he shall behave himself well unless for a just cause he shall be removed by the Mayor Bailiffs and Common Council of this Town or the major part of them for the time being in Common Council assembled." [3]

Resigned 6 July 1814 (see below), being succeeded as Town Clerk by his son William (III). Richard Statham

[1] Picton, *Memorials of Liverpool*, ii, 402. There is a picture of this house, from an original drawing made in 1856 in Herdman, *Pictorial Relics of Ancient Liverpool*, 1878, plate xlv (4).

[2] Corporation Records.

[3] Corporation Records.

was a subscriber of £50 to the Liverpool fund of £17,000 collected in 1798 for the assistance of the Government in the war with France ; in 1811 he and his son William subscribed £50 each to a loan raised to enable the Liverpool Dock Trustees to relieve the distress of the poor by giving employment. In Troughton's *History of Liverpool* (1806–7) is an engraving inscribed " To Richard Statham Esq. Town Clerk, This View of Liverpool as it appeared in 1650 [*sic*], from a painting [1] in the possession of Ralph Peters Esq. is humbly inscribed by his obedient servant, T. Troughton." There is a pencil sketch of Ric. Statham by Thos. Hargreaves (1775–1846), miniature painter, of Liverpool, size $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches by $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches, in the collection of local portraits in the Athenæum Library, Liverpool.[2]

Richard Statham married, on 5 October 1773, at St. Thomas' Church, Liverpool, by licence, Margery Crosbie, daughter of Alderman James Crosbie of Liverpool, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Henry Heathcote, Jonathan Blundell and William Statham also signing the Register. She died on 27 May 1810 in her 36th year and was buried at St. Nicholas', Liverpool.

Richard Statham died on 27 March 1820 in his 76th year and was buried at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on 1 April. His will was as follows :—

15 *October* 1818 This is the last will of me *Richard Statham* of Everton near Liverpool gentleman *Whereas* upon the marriage of my daughter Elizabeth with Mr. Fleetwood Williams I gave her £2000 and I have since advanced her other sums of money, Now I give devise and bequeath all my real copyhold and personal estates and effects unto my son William Statham. *Sole Executor*, my said son William.

(sd.) RD. STATHAM. L.S.

Witnesses JOHN TOPHAM, JNO. PENINGTON, BENJN. ELLIS.

Proved in Consistory Court of Chester 15 July 1820 by the Executor. Effects under £1500. The testator died 27 March 1820.

[1] See the account of this picture, *Trans.*, **60**, 35.

[2] Box 3, card 20, No. 71/2.

Issue :—1. *William Statham* (III).

2. *Elizabeth Statham*; married Fleetwood Williams. (According to *The Descent of Statham*, she married, first, Roger Hesketh.)

III. WILLIAM STATHAM, only son of Richard Statham (II); born 2 February 1778;[1] sworn a Freeman of Liverpool 3 October 1799 on petition 1 August as "son of Richard Statham gent. (sworn free 24 May 1770)" and as born 2 February 1778;[2] attorney-at-law in Liverpool; in partnership with his father to 1807; and also practised as Statham and Yates, and Statham and Hughes; resided at 1 Brownlow Hill (1810), Everton and subsequently at Rimrose Cottage Bootle and Walton; assisted in the Town Clerk's office from 1807 and succeeded his father as Town Clerk of Liverpool 6 July 1814 to his death :—

"At a Common Council held in the Council Chamber within the Town Hall in Liverpool on Wednesday the sixth day of July one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, being the first Wednesday in the month according to ancient custom, Present William Nicholson Esquire Mayor etc., Mr. Richard Statham the present Town Clerk having represented to this Council that he had now served the office of Common Council-man for the space of forty three years and upwards, during nineteen [*rectius* seven] of which he had officiated as Town Clerk, and having at this Council tendered his Resignation, Resolved that such resignation by Mr. Statham of the office of Town Clerk be and the same is hereby accepted.

Resolved that the Thanks of this Council are due to Mr. Statham for the faithfull discharge of the duties of his late office and that he be requested to accept the same.

Resolved that Mr. William Statham one of the Members of this Council be and he is hereby elected constituted and appointed the Common Clerk, commonly called the Town Clerk, of this Town in the place of Richard Statham Esquire who has resigned To hold and enjoy the said office with all Fees Perquisites and Advantages thereto belonging as long as he shall behave himself well unless for a just cause he shall be removed by the Mayor

[1] Freemen's Roll and Dr. Park's Register. *Trans. Hist. Soc. Lanc. and Ches.*, **80.** 51. I owe the extracts from this Register to Mr. F. C. Beazley, F.S.A.

[2] Corporation Records.

Bailiffs and Common Council of this Town or the major part of them for the time being in Common Council assembled." [1]

William Statham was one of the original subscribers to the foundation in 1798 of the Athenæum Library and Newsroom. He was also an original subscriber of a share of £105 in the Wellington Club, founded in 1814 for assemblies and dancing which flourished as the society dancing club of Liverpool until a few years ago. A local paper in describing the dresses at the Bachelors' Fancy Dress Ball held at the Wellington Rooms on 13 March 1813, remarked "Mr. Statham wore a coat and wig which he fortunately found among the Corporation archives and which belonged to John Scarisbrick, mayor of Liverpool in 1723." William Statham was one of the founders and original members of the Liverpool Law Society, 25 August 1827.

He married, on 14 June 1803, at Walton on the Hill, his cousin Harriet, daughter of the Rev. Henry Heathcote, Rector of Walton on the Hill and sister of the Rev. Henry Heathcote, B.D., Vicar of Walton 1788–1816 and (apparently) Rector of Bixbrand, Oxon, to 1822. She lived at 4 Netherfield Road, Everton, after the death of William Statham and died at the house of the Rev. Jonathan Brooks (Rector of Liverpool) in Everton on 24 September 1844.[2]

William Statham died at Cheltenham 23 July 1832 aged 54, and was buried at Trinity Church there on 27 July. He had been heavily engaged for twelve

[1] Records of the Corporation of Liverpool. Up to 1817 the remuneration of the Town Clerk was derived from fees and ordinary solicitor's charges. He was also then Clerk to the Magistrates, to the Mayor's (Civil) Court, the Borough Sessions and the Borough Coroners, and legal adviser of the Mayor. In 1817, he was given a salary of £500 a year as Town Clerk and Clerk to the Magistrates, but received fees for all other business. At the Municipal Corporations' Inquiry of 1833, it was stated that William Statham's position had been worth between £4,000 and £5,000 a year. The system was subsequently changed to a salary basis.

[2] Obituary column, *Liverpool Mercury*.

months in the preparation of the Liverpool Corporation's case in connection with the refusal of certain merchants to pay town dues, but was taken ill and the litigation in the locally-historic case of the Corporation *v.* Bolton was placed in the hands of Thos. Foster, his ultimate successor as Town Clerk. The following obituary notice appeared in the *Liverpool Mercury* on 27 July 1832.

"We regret exceedingly that our obituary of this week announces the death of Wm. Statham Esq. our Excellent Town Clerk, whose health has, no doubt, suffered from his zealous devotion to the arduous duties of the office which he filled with an intelligence and ability only equalled by his perseverance and devotion to the great interests of the Town, which he ever deeply appreciated and sought to protect. As a member of the Common Council, his loss will be severely felt. With a mind at once acute, comprehensive, firm, yet conciliating, he commanded the respect and esteem of all who had the means of judging of the manner in which he discharged the multifarious and onerous duties necessarily devolving upon him. As a public man occupying a situation so intimately connected with the welfare of his fellow townsmen, it will be found more easy to estimate his value than adequately to supply his place." [1]

"At a Common Council held in the Council Chamber within the Town Hall on Wednesday the first day of August One thousand eight hundred and thirty two, being the first Wednesday in the month according to ancient custom, Present Samuel Sandbach, Esquire Mayor etc. The Mayor having announced the death of William Statham Esquire the Town Clerk of this Borough, since the last Meeting of the Council, Resolved that the Council is anxious to take this their first opportunity of expressing their deep regret on the occasion of the death of William Statham Esquire the late Town Clerk, and of recording their sense of the loss which the Council and the Public have sustained in so zealous so able and intelligent an officer. Resolved also that the Mayor be requested to communicate the above Resolution to the family of the late Mr. Statham with the assurance of the sincere condolence and sympathy of the Council with them on this melancholy event. Resolved that the Town Clerk shall not hereafter act or be considered as the Clerk to the Magistrates of this Borough in

[1] *Courier*, quoted in *Liverpool Mercury* 27 July 1832, p. 238.

the daily Police business or in the prosecutions at the Quarter Sessions but that his Duties be confined to the General Legal and Parliamentary Business of the Corporation along with the Ancient Offices appertaining to the situation of Town Clerk. Resolved that Thomas Foster Esquire one of the members of this Council be and he is hereby elected constituted and appointed the Common Clerk commonly called the Town Clerk, of this Town in the place of the late William Statham Esquire deceased." [1]

William Statham's will was as follows :—

9 *January* 1830 This is the last Will of me *William Statham* of Liverpool Gentleman.
I give all my law books equally between my sons William and Henry Heathcote and I give to my son Thomas Henry the books purchased by me for him in his intended profession of a Civil Engineer together with my share in the Athenæum News Room.[2] To my wife Harriet such of the household goods plate linen and china etc. and such of my other books prints and pictures as she may think proper to take. To my said son William my share in the Exchange Buildings,[3] in the Botanic Garden,[4] and in the Rotunda.[5] And whereas my late great Uncle Thomas Statham by his will devised a dwellinghouse lately standing on the south side of Lord Street Liverpool to me for life with remainder to my first and other son and sons successively in tail, subject nevertheless to the leasehold estate of Thomas Seel Esquire therein, which leasehold estate I recently purchased, And whereas the said dwellinghouse has been taken down under the Improvement Act and part of the scite thereof added to Lord Street, and upon the remainder of such scite and other adjoining freehold land belonging to me I have erected several shops offices rooms and buildings which with other adjoining buildings are now called "The Clarendon Buildings"; And whereas by indentures of lease and release bearing date 6th and 7th March last, the release being made between myself of the first part my eldest son Richard

[1] Records of the Corporation of Liverpool.

[2] The signature "Wm. Statham" is written in the original Register at the Athenæum. His share No. 304 was transferred 2 December 1834 by T. H. Statham to William Shuttleworth, who held it until 17 February 1862.

[3] Founded by shares for the transaction of business *1801*, opened *1808*, rebuilt 1867.

[4] Opened 1802, used by subscribers and friends as an evening resort, with music, etc.

[5] In Bold Street, Liverpool, originally an exhibition hall, afterwards a billiard room used by a small body of subscribers.

Jervis Statham of the second part, John Forrest gentleman of the third part and John Topham gentleman of the fourth part and of a common recovery suffered in pursuance thereof the said shops offices &c. now stand limited to the use of myself for life with power for me by my will to charge the same as hereinafter mentioned, and after my decease, (subject to such charge if made) To the use of my said son, Richard Jervis, Now I devise all the said leasehold estate and also those two small pieces of land freehold of inheritance adjoining the said premises devised by my said uncle's will to the westward thereof and in the improved line of Marshall Street, now called South John Street, (which said pieces of land were purchased by me from the Corporation of Liverpool and were formerly part of the property belonging to Mr. Heathcote and Mrs. Gregson who sold the same to the Corporation for the purpose of widening the said street), together with the parts of shops, offices &c. on the same two pieces of land erected And also all that part of the land and buildings formerly part of "Statham's Buildings", which I purchased from the Corporation and upon which are at present buildings formerly occupied as offices by Mr. Leather and Mr. Peacock and also an office now occupied by Mr. Finlow, and together also with the right of passage from the said land through my other property fronting Cable Street, Unto the use of my said son Richard Jervis Statham charged as hereinafter mentioned And I give to my said son Richard Jervis Statham the two policies of assurance for £2000 each by me effected on his life in the London Union Life Office And in consideration of the expense which I have incurred in the purchase of the said leasehold estate devised by my said uncle's will and in erecting the shops offices &c. and also in consideration of the provision made for my said son Richard Jervis Statham by my recent purchase and presentation to him of the Rectory of Tarporley and of such other provision as is made for him by this my will, I charge as well the shops offices &c. comprised in the said indentures and recovery as also all the lands and premises hereinbefore devised to my said son Richard Jervis, with the payment of two annuities and the principal sum of money (that is to say), with the yearly sum of £250 to my said wife during her life And the yearly sum of £50 to my sister in law Mary Heathcote during her life And also with the principal sum of £3000 for my daughters. And I direct the sum of £3000 which on my decease will become payable to my executors by the British Commercial Assurance office on a

policy held by the said Mary Heathcote, to be invested and the dividends to be paid to her and after her decease, the said £3000 shall be added to the residue of my personal estate And whereas I lately purchased from Mr. Hugh Bullen and John Clarke Esquire certain land and buildings (freehold of inheritance) situate on the east side of Marshall Street and north side of Castle Street which buildings have since been taken down for the purposes of the improvements and other shops &c. erected on the said land fronting to Marshall Street now called South John Street and to Castle Street. Now I devise the said lands shops &c. and also the shop offices &c. in Lord Street held by me under lease from the Corporation of Liverpool for a term of 75 years, And also all my goods money and securities payable to my executors after my decease and all the residue of my personal estate not hereinbefore disposed of Unto my friend The Reverend Jonathan Brooks and my said son Richard Jervis Statham, Upon trust that they shall convert into money my personal estate and with the monies and out of the rents &c. of the last mentioned shops offices &c. pay my debts &c. and shall invest the residue of the monies. And upon further trust that they shall out of the rents and annual produce of the funds and securities make up to the said Mary Heathcote the annuity of £300 I am liable to pay during her life And subject thereto shall pay the whole rents and produce to my said wife during her life for the maintenance of herself and my children except my son Richard Jervis And after the death of my wife I give devise and bequeath my said shops offices &c. on the east side of South John Street and north side of Cable Street and my said leasehold shop offices &c. on the south side of Lord Street Unto my said son Richard Jervis Statham Subject to the payment of the two annual sums of £160 and £160 to each of my sons William and Thomas Henry and with £160 to my son Henry Heathcote And as to the trust monies and the residue of my personal estate I direct that the same shall after the decease of my wife remain In trust for such of my six daughters Mary Ellen, Harriet, Amabel, Elizabeth, Charlotte Elizabeth and Georgiana Ann as have attained 21 or married, in equal shares. But I declare that the said Jonathan Brooks and Richard Jervis Statham shall stand possessed of the share of each of my said daughters Upon trust during the life of each daughter to pay the annual produce of her respective share into her own hands And after the decease of each of my said daughters In trust for the issue of such daughter.

Executors the said Jonathan Brooks and my said son Richard Jervis Statham. (sd.) WM. STATHAM. L.S.

Witnesses, BENJM. ELLIS, THO. TYSON, clerks to Wm. Statham, JA. ABBOT, Law-stationer Liverpool.

Proved at Chester 15 October 1832 by the Rev. Jonathan Brooks, Rector of Liverpool and the Rev. Richard Jervis Statham, Rector of Tarporley, the Executors. Under £12,000; Testator died 23 July 1832.

Issue [1] of William and Harriet Statham :—

1. *Richard Jervis Statham*, eldest son, born 8 September,[2] baptized 11 September 1805 at St. George's Church, Liverpool; sworn a Freeman of Liverpool 8 November on petition as "son of William Statham gent (sworn free 30 Oct. 1799)"; [3] M.A. Corpus Christi Coll. Oxford; presented in 1830, by purchase of his father, to the rectory of Tarporley, Co. Chester, which he held to his death. A tablet in Tarporley church :—"In memory of Richard Jervis Statham, Rector of Tarporley for 35 years. Born 8th September 1805, Died 27th June 1865." For his marriage and issue, see *The Descent of Statham*, p. 81. The will of the Rector of Tarporley was dated 18 August 1862; mentions his wife Mary Hannah, his six sisters, his son Richard, his sons and daughters, the silver teapot and coffee pot, cream cover and two sugar basins, silver ink stand, butter-cooler and knife, forming part of the plate presented to him by the inhabitants of Tarporley in 1852; executors, wife, Job Harrison of Chester, surgeon, Francis Horner of Liverpool, solicitor,

[1] All are described in the baptismal registers of St. George's Church, Liverpool, as children of William and Harriet Statham. Mr. Henry Peet, M.A., F.S.A., kindly supplied many of these baptismal entries.

[2] Dr. Park's Register.

[3] Corporation Records.

and son Richard. Proved at Chester 27 July 1865 by the Executors except son Richard, who died in India in lifetime of testator. Testator died 27 June 1865. Sworn under £5,000.

2. *William Statham* (IV) (omitted in error in *The Descent of Statham*).
3. *Henry Statham*; born 24 July 1809,[1] baptized 15 August at St. George's Church Liverpool; died an infant on 29 January 1810 and was buried at St. Nicholas', Liverpool.
4. *Thomas Henry Statham*; born 9 November,[2] baptized 18 November 1810 at St. George's, Liverpool; Civil engineer and surveyor; sometime practised at Clarendon Rooms, Liverpool.
5. *Henry Heathcote Statham*; born 7 February, baptized 9 April 1813 at St. George's, Liverpool; attorney and solicitor in Liverpool, apprenticed 30 January 1829 to father, William Statham, for seven years, articles assigned 21 September 1832 to Thomas Foster (after his father's death) [3] President of the Liverpool Law Society 1845–6; lived at Queen Terrace, Tranmere.[4]
6. *Mary Ellen*; born 12 March, baptized 29 May 1804 at St. George's, Liverpool.
7. *Harriet*; born 23 November 1811,[5] baptized 25 February 1813 at St. George's, Liverpool; married William Shuttleworth, of Prince's Park, who was Town Clerk of Liverpool from 9 November 1844 to 27 February 1866 (resigned), President of the Liverpool Law Society 1864–5. He died on 3 July 1866 and

[1] Dr. Park's Register. [2] *Ibid.*
[3] Liverpool Corporation Apprentice Register.
[4] For his marriage and issue, see *The Descent of Statham*, p. 81.
[5] Dr. Park's Register.

was buried at Walton on the Hill. They had issue.

8. *Amabel*; born 7 July,[1] baptized 26 August 1814 at St. George's, Liverpool.
9. *Elizabeth*; born 15 September,[2] baptized 31 October 1816 at St. George's, Liverpool.
10. *Charlotte Elizabeth*; born 18 November 1818,[3] baptized 7 July 1819 at St. George's, Liverpool.
11. *Georgiana Anne*; born 1 November 1820,[4] baptized 2 March 1821 at St. George's, Liverpool.

IV. WILLIAM STATHAM. This (the second) son of William Statham (III) and Harriet (Heathcote) is omitted from *The Descent of Statham.* He was born 21 March 1808 at Vernon's Hall [5] and baptized by Rev. Jonathan Brooks 28 March 1808 at St. George's, Liverpool, as "son of William Statham, attorney at law and Harriet (Heathcote) his wife"; apprenticed for seven years by articles 15 November 1823 to William Statham (sworn free 3 October 1799) (his father) and Thomas Foster (articles assigned 21 January 1829 to John Topham); he was sworn a Freeman of Liverpool 18 November 1830 as "William Statham junior, gent." [6]; solicitor in Liverpool (admitted 1831); assisted his father the Town Clerk at the Town Hall; sometime practised with Edward Cotton as Statham & Cotton at 48 Castle Street; Clerk to the Court of Requests 1831–1849; Registrar and Clerk of the Liverpool District County Court and Clerk to the Deputy-Lieutenants of the Kirkdale Division of the County of Lancaster; member of Liverpool Law Society 6 June 1832 to February 1846; resided at Brunswick Terrace, Kirkdale, and in 1860 at "The Willows," Bootle; had ceased to practise by 1861 [7] and appears

[1] Dr. Park's Register. [2] *Ibid.* [3] *Ibid.* [4] *Ibid.* [5] *Ibid.*
[6] Corporation Records.
[7] Records of Law Society, London.

to have left Liverpool about that date. A subscriber to Baines' *History of Liverpool*, 1852.

He married, at Walton on the Hill, on 3 August 1837, by licence, Ellen, daughter (a minor) of Charles Garside Hadfield (deceased) of Kirkdale near Liverpool, merchant ; the witnesses being Betsey Hadfield, Eliza Statham, H. H. Statham, Charles G. Hadfield and Amabel Statham ; his father, " William Statham, solicitor," being mentioned in the marriage register as dead.

William Statham settled with his family in Dunedin,[1] New Zealand, and died there on 7 January 1875, in his 67th year. His widow died there on 22 December 1894.

Issue :—1. *William Statham*, born in or near Liverpool 1839, died at Dunedin 26 September 1903; He married Kate Downing and had issue one son and one daughter. His widow and children went to Australia.

2. *Charles Hadfield Statham* (V).
3. *Edith Mary Statham*, born in or near Liverpool 13 April 1853 ; of Auckland, N.Z., 1927.
4. *George Lowe Statham*, born in or near Liverpool, died at Sydney, N.S.W., in 1886 aged about 29 ; unmarried.

V. CHARLES HADFIELD STATHAM (the Reverend) ; second son of William Statham (IV) ; born 28 March 1845 at 16 Brunswick Terrace, Kirkdale, near Liverpool (his father's address) ; of " Heathcote," Dunedin, N.Z. 1927 ; took Holy Orders and was ordained Deacon (Church of England) 1916, Priest 1917 ; married Ann Sutton, daughter of James Hemsley of Brighton, England and afterwards of Dunedin.

Issue :—1. *Charles Ernest Statham* (VI).

2. *Frank Hadfield Statham* ; mining engineer ; born 31 December 1879 ; married May Pier-

[1] This and the following facts are stated by his grandson Sir Charles Statham, M.P. (see VI below), and from the recollection of the latter's father and other members of the family.

point, daughter of Edmund Robinson Smith. They had issue, a son, William Bowler Hadfield, born 12 April 1911, and a daughter, Mary Olive Hadfield, born 22 June 1908. Mr. F. H. Statham joined the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces in the Great War, attained the rank of Major, mentioned in despatches, and was killed in action at Gallipoli, 9 August 1915.

3. *Clive Heathcote Falk Statham*; Law student; born 23 September 1892; joined the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces as a private, promoted Corporal and was to have received his commission but was, with his brother, killed in action at Gallipoli, 9 August 1915.
4. *Annie Ellen Statham*; born at Dunedin; married Thos. Hobson, of Levin, N.Z., and has issue, Clive Thomas, June Hadfield and Ruth Lilias; J.P. Dominion of N.Z.
5. *Amy Violet Statham*; born at Dunedin 11 November 1873, died 24 November 1874.
6. *Ethel Hadfield Statham*; born at Dunedin; married Arthur Hobson and had issue, Statham Beale (born 2 December 1907, died 28 June 1917), Nancey Gladys Hadfield, Frank Heathcote Beale.
7. *Gladys Mary Ceres Statham.*

VI. (Sir) Charles Ernest Statham; born at Dunedin 10 May 1875; barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand; a member of the firm of Statham, Brent & Anderson, of Dunedin; M.P. for Dunedin Central 1911 to date; elected Speaker of the House of Representatives 1923, re-elected 1926; knighted 3 July 1926; married Lilias Harata Hine te Aho, daughter of William Burnett, J.P., Dunedin; and has issue a daughter, Marjorie Heathcote Mahinerangi.