



THE CLAYTONS, OF THELWALL AND SHEEPCROFT,
CO. CHESTER; OF ST. DOMINICK'S ABBEY AND
DONERAILE, CO. CORK; AND SUBSEQUENTLY
OF MALLOW, CO. CORK.

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SIR PETER LEYCESTER, in his *Antiquities of Bucklow Hundred*, after noticing the earlier history of Thelwall,* says:—

“This Township of *Thelwall* is of the Fee of the Honor of *Halton*: one third part whereof *William Constable* of *Cheshire* gave to the Abbey of *Salop*, *cum pertinentiis, in bosco, in plano, in aqua. Monasticon, vol. I, pag. 383.*—In the Reign of *Henry* the Third, *Edmund Lacy* Baron of *Halton* and Constable of *Cheshire*, gave *Domino Galfrido de Dutton* (Ancestour to *Warburton* of *Arley*) *totam terram suam de Thelwall cum Wera, & Piscaria, & Stallagiis suis*: and also all the Land which he had of the Abbot and Convent of *Evesham*, in *Thelwall*: *Reddendo inde annuatim unam Par Cheirothecarum Cervi Furratarum† ad Festum Sancti Michaelis pro omni Servitio.*

* Thelwall is a township, in Bucklow Hundred, co. Chester, about four miles south-east of Warrington, and is reached by the low-level line of the L. & N. W. Railway Co., between Liverpool and Stockport, formerly known as the Warrington and Stockport Railway.

† See the Inquisitions post-mortem of Hugh de Clayton, of Thelwall, 1438, and Randle Clayton, 1562.

"*Lib. C. in ipso initio, fol. 1 f.* This could be but two third parts of *Thelwall*. The original of this Deed is now in possession of Mr. *Pickering* of *Thelwall*, 1666. This *Geoffrey Dutton* gave these Lands to *Thomas* his younger son.* "*Ibidem, g.*"

THOMAS the younger son of *Geoffrey de Dutton* had a son and heir HUGH DE DUTTON,† who died in or about the year 1295, possessed of considerable property, including lands in *Thelwall* and a Warp in the water of *Mersey*, his son and heir HUGH DE DUTTON being aged 16 years on the 8th December, 1294.‡

The next possessor of *Thelwall* seems to have been *Randal* or *Ralph*, son of *Adam de Clayton*.§ In all probability he became possessed of the property by his own or his father's marriage with the heiress of one of the two *Hughs de Dutton* named above, but a careful search among the documents in the Record Office in order to decide this point has proved unavailing. The *Duttons* bore for arms *quarterly argent and gules, in the first and fourth quarters a fret or*; and the fact that the son of *Radulf de Clayton* bore the same arms, placing *a mullet in the first and fourth quarters* for difference,|| coupled with the fact that he was named *Hugh* makes the probability of his descent from a *Dutton* heiress almost a certainty.

RADULF, or RALPH, de CLAYTON, son of *Adam de Clayton*,¶ on 20 July 1304 demised his lands in *Thelwall* and *Bollington* to the lord *Peter de Dutton* for seven years, the witnesses to this deed were: The lords *Wm. Trussel*, justice of *Chester*, and *Hamon de Massy*, knights, *Hugh de Dutton*, *Wm. Danyers*, *Gilb. de Lymme*, *Hen. le Norrays*, *Roger de Aston*, *Roger Venator*, and *Robert* his brother.** He was one of the witnesses to a *Thelwall* deed, in January, 1336,†† and he and his wife *ALICE* are mentioned in *Plea Rolls* in 1295 and 1308; in the latter year

* This grant is now among the charters at *Arley Hall*. Mr. *Beamont* assigns the date 1258 (about) to it.

† *Ormerod*.

‡ *Inq. p. m.*

§ *Plea Rolls*, and deeds printed in the *Addenda* to this paper.

|| Seal of *Hugh de Clayton*, appended to a charter dated 1372.

¶ *Adam de Clayton* is said by *Ormerod* to have been one of the *Lancashire Claytons*.

** *Arley Charters*.

†† *Ibid.*

Adam de Clayton and Isabel his wife are also mentioned.* This ALICE was the daughter and heiress of Sir *Geoffrey de Chedle*, and brought a moiety of Bollington to her husband.† By her he had a son Henry, the father of John, whose son Henry, 21 Edw. III, was father of Thomas de Clayton, whose daughter and heir, Ellen, became the wife of Henry de Radcliffe.‡

Radulf de Clayton seems to have had, possibly by BEATRIX, daughter of *Adam de Kinkenhall* [of Kinknall Hall, near Kenyon, co. Lanc. ?] another wife,§ a son named

HUGH DE CLAYTON, of Thelwall, of whom we have but little information, though his armorial seal, a cast of which was given to the Warrington Museum by Mr. Beamont, and is still preserved there, distinctly shows the armorial bearings referred to above. The seal is appended to a charter dated 46 Edw. III. [1372.] In 1360 as “Hugh Clayton de Thelewall” he is one of the witnesses to a deed of William de Thelwall, the original of which is in the possession of Mr. R. H. Wood, F.S.A.|| In 1362 he is a witness to a deed of John de Appleton (Arley Charters). In 1382 he is a party to a settlement of the Culcheth family.¶ He was dead in 1385-6 when, by a Plea Roll, it appears that ELLEN late wife of Hugh de Clayton is at variance with John son of Hugh de Clayton in reference to her dower of 30 messuages, 1 mill, 80 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 40 acres of wood, 10 acres of turbary, and 300 acres of pasture in Hatton near Appleton, Thelwall, Over Walton, Hull and Grappenhall.**



Seal of Hugh de Clayton.

* Ormerod, New Edit. In the present paper it is not intended to follow the history of this branch of the Claytons.

† *Ibid.* ; *Ibid.*

§ In 2 Edw. II [1308-9], Radulf son of Adam de Clayton obtained against Adam de Clayton and Isabella his wife 17 messuages, 6 bovates, 24 acres of land, 10 acres of moor and the sixth part of a watermill in Thelwall; to have to him and his heirs by Beatrix, daughter of John de Kinkenhall, paying to Adam and Isabella 20 marks yearly. [MS. notes from Chester Records. P.K.O. Round room, Q. shelf 7.]

|| Ormerod, New Edition.

¶ *Leigh Chronicle*, Hist. and Gen. Notes, I, 73.

** Ormerod, New Edition.

JOHN DE CLAYTON, of Thelwall, son of Hugh, was born in the year 1354. (Proof of Age of Alice wife of Edmund de Trafford, 1414.) In 1397-8 he was outlawed for felony, but in 1402 he was one of the collectors of a subsidy in Bucklow Hundred.* The annexed woodcut of his seal, used in the year 1372, is from a cast in the Warrington Museum. As "John de Clayton" he witnesses a deed of Adam del Shagh, at Grappenhall, in 1402, and he was living in 1414.†



Seal of
John de Clayton.

HUGH DE CLAYTON, esquire, so styled as one of the witnesses to a deed of settlement of the Middlehurst family, dated at Latchford, 12 January, 16 Hen. VI [1437-8], the original of which is in the possession of Mr. Beamont; "Radulf de Clayton" is also a witness to the same deed. Hugh died on Sunday, the feast of the apostles Peter and Paul, [29 June], 1438, and by his inquisition post mortem it was found that John de Clayton his son and heir was one year old on the 2nd February, 1437-8. About this time (1 Hen. IV, 1400), *William Clayton* of Thelwall appears among the Cheshire men excepted in the general act of pardon by Henry the Fourth, on account of their adherence to Richard the Second.‡

JOHN CLAYTON, of Thelwall, son of Hugh de Clayton, was born 2 February, 1436-7. His name is the first in the recorded pedigree,§ and it is there stated that he married a natural daughter of *Sir Geoffrey Warburton*, of Arley, knt., by whom he had two children :—

Thomas Clayton (described below.)

Katherine, married to *William Allen*, of Brindley Hall, co. Chester.||

THOMAS CLAYTON, of Thelwall, who in 1522-3 had a lawsuit with Richard Thomasson, bailiff to the Abbot of Shrewsbury, with reference to certain fisheries in the river Mersey,¶ married

* Ormerod, New Edition. † *Ibid.*
‡ *Chronicles of Thelwall*, by Mr. James Nicholson, F.S.A., 1843.
§ Massie MS. and Visit. of Cheshire, 1566.
|| Chron. of Thelwall. ¶ Duchy Pleadings.

ELIZABETH, MAUDE, or MARGARET, the natural daughter of *George Savage*, priest of Davenham, who was a natural son of Sir John Savage, K.G.* Mrs. Clayton's mother was the "daughter "of one Dyes of Barrow in Cheshire," and was half-sister to Edmund Bonner, Bishop of London,† another of the seven natural children of George Savage, who in one pedigree is called "of Bradley," and in another (1566) "younger brother of Sir "John Savage of Bradley." By his wife Thomas Clayton had issue :—

Randal Clayton (described below.)

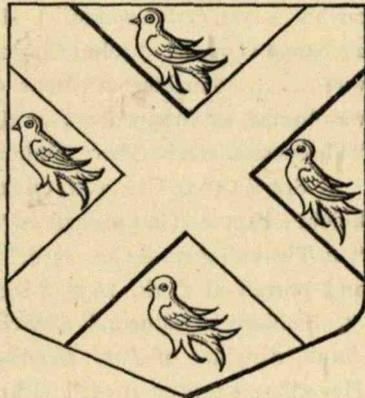
Margaret, married to *Thomas Venables* of Antrobus, and had issue Peter Venables son and heir, Robert, Emma, and Margaret, all apparently living in 1566.‡

RANDAL CLAYTON, of Thelwall, gent., died 24 March, 2 Eliz. [1559-60.] In 31 Hen. VIII, [1539-40] he and John Clayton, gent., were jurors on the inq. p. m. of Edward Acton of Alderley. In 36 Hen. VIII [1544-5] he, ELLEN his wife, John his son and heir apparent, and John Crosley, clerk, suffered a fine of messuages, &c. in Statham and Thelwall. He married ELLEN, daughter and co-heiress of *Nicholas Page* of Statham, co. Chester, by whom he had issue :—

JOHN CLAYTON, of Thelwall, gent., aged 50 years in 1562, living in 1566, married MAUDE, daughter and co-heiress of *Piers Grimsditch*, of Grappenhall and Sheepcroft, co. Chester. She was buried at Grappenhall, 28 January, 1589-90, having had issue :—

1. *John Clayton*, (described below.)

2. *Thomas*, buried at Grappenhall as "Thomas son of John Clayton gent." 21 April, 1596.



Arms of Clayton, 1566.

* Massie MS.

† *Ibid.*

‡ Visitation.

3. *William Clayton*, buried at Grappenhall as "William Clayton "of Thelwall householder," 30 Oct., 1633, having had issue:—
 1. William, bapt. at Grappenhall, 20 July, 1606, bur. there 8 April, 1608. 2. Thomas, bapt. at Grappenhall, 22 Jany., 1608-9, and a daughter Ellen, bapt. at Grappenhall, 21 Jany., 1603.

4. *Peter Clayton*, of Thelwall, gent., buried at Grappenhall 11 July, 1613, married Elizabeth, buried at Grappenhall as "Elizabeth Cleaton de Thelwale *vid.* late wief of Peter Cleaton "gent." 11 Feb., 1622-3. They had: 1. John, bapt. at Grappenhall, 2 May, 1577, bur. there 4 Nov., 1596. 2. William, bur. there 12 Sept., 1596.

1. *Juliana*, married to *John Warburton*, of Broomfield in Appleton, co. Chester, gent. He was buried at Grappenhall, 9 July, 1625.

2. *Elizabeth*.

3. *Ellen*.

JOHN CLAYTON, of Thelwall and Sheepcroft, gent. On 14 February, 33 Henry VIII. [1542-3,] he had a grant from the king of lands in Thelwall, formerly belonging to the dissolved monastery of St. Peter and St. Paul, Salop. He sold his estates in Thelwall to Richard Brooke, of Norton, and afterwards resided on his estate at Sheepcroft. He was buried at Grappenhall, 21 Nov., 1597, as "John Clayton of Sheepcroft, gent." His wife daughter of *James Clive*, of Huxley, co. Chester, was buried at Grappenhall, 4 May, 1632, as "Mrs Cleaton of "Sheepcroft, *vid.*" Their children were:—

1. SIR RANDAL CLAYTON, of St. Dominick's Abbey, co. Cork, knight; bapt. at Grappenhall as "Randall son of John Clayton "of Thelwall gent. 8 Oct. 1577." Will dated 11 March, 1637, and proved at Cork, 1638. Died 13 March, 1637. Buried at St. Finbarry's Cathedral Church, near Cork.* He married ANNE, daughter of *Paul Herring*, of the city of Exeter, gent. Her will was proved 1638.† The following is from the Chapter

* Funeral Certificate.

† In her will she mentions her brothers Henry and Michael Herring, and her nephews and nieces Randal, John, Elizabeth, and Alice Clayton.

Book of the Cathedral of St. Fin Barrey, Cork, Vol. 1, 1638 :—
“The Dean and Chapter announces that Sir Randolph Clayton,
“knt., by his last will bequeathed to the Dean, &c., the expenses
“necessary for adorning the Altar or table of the Holy Supper,
“with certain ornaments which were wanting, and to execute
“other necessary matters.” (Dr. Caulfield’s letter, 14 Feb., 1876.)
Sir Randal left no surviving issue.*

2. *Lawrence Clayton* (described below.)

3. *John Clayton*, of Doneraile, co. Cork, gent., died 1 July, 1637, and was buried at the parish church of Doneraile†; married ELIZABETH, daughter of *William Salter*, of London, gent., by whom he had issue :—1. Randal, 2. William, 3. John, 4. Lawrence; 1. Anne, 2. Elizabeth, 3. Katherine, (all died young and unmarried,) 4. Elizabeth, 5. Mary, (both living 1637,) 6. Dorothy, (died young and unmarried,) 7. Jane, 8. Alice, 9. Anne, (living in 1637.)

1. *Katherine*, married to *Thomas Daunt*, of Owlepen, co. Gloucester, and Gortgrenane, co. Cork. He died† 1670, leaving a daughter Katherine Daunt, married to Sir Peter Courthorpe, M.P.

LAWRENCE CLAYTON, of Moyallow [Mallow], co. Cork, esquire, Clerk of the council of the province of Munster. Will dated 15 July, 1635, proved 1635. Buried at Moyallow. Married ALICE, daughter of *Luke Brady*, of Tomgreny, co. Clare, esquire, who survived him, and by whom he had issue :—

1. *Randal Clayton* (described below.)

2. *John Clayton* [?married Elizabeth, and is mentioned with her in his brother Randal’s will.]

1. *Elizabeth*.

2. *Alice*, married about 1653 to Sir *St. John Brodrick*, of Midleton, co. Cork, knt. He was born 3 Dec., 1627, and was buried at Wandsworth, co. Surrey, 23 January, 1711. She was buried there 21 April, 1696.

3. *Katherine*.

RANDAL CLAYTON, of Moyallow, co. Cork, esq., a colonel in

* See Appendix, page 46.

† Funeral Certificate.

‡ Registered Pedigrees, Ulster’s Office, Vol. VII, p. 33.

the army, who for his services had a grant of lands in co. Cork. Died 1684. Will dated 4 June, 1674, proved 1689.* Married firstly, February, 1653, JUDITH, daughter of Sir *Philip Perceval*, knt., and sister of Sir John Perceval, bart., ancestor of the earls of Egmont. Anderson's *House of Yvery*, vol. 2, page 327, says:—"This young lady, having refused many matches of great dignity and advantage, passionately engaged her affections upon Colonel Randolph Clayton of Mallow, a gentleman of great merit, but a fortune not thought suitable to her, and was married to him, against the inclination of her friends and relations, in Feb., 1653."

Colonel Clayton married, secondly, DOROTHY, widow of *Robert Gooker*, esq., by whom she had had three children:—
1. Robert Gooker, 2. Anne, 3. Mary; she does not appear to have had issue by her second husband.

By his first wife, Colonel Clayton had:—

1. *Lawrence Clayton* (described below.)

1. *Judith*.

2. *Margaret*, will dated 13 May, 1689, proved 10 Dec., 1696.†

3. *Mary*, married to *Adam Purdon*, third son of Sir Nicholas Purdon, M.P.

4. *Dorothy*, married to *James Waller*, esq., M.P., Lieutenant-Governor of Kinsale, son of Sir Hardress Waller, and brother of Elizabeth, Baroness Shelbourne.

5. *Martha*.

LAURENCE CLAYTON, of Moyallow, co. Cork, esq., a major in the army. Will dated 31 May, 1704, proved 2 February, 1712-13.‡ Married firstly, KATHERINE, fifth daughter of Sir *Henry Tynte*, of Ballycrenane, co. Cork, knt.,§ by Mabella, his wife, daughter of Sir Piercy Smith, of Ballynetra, co. Waterford, knt. Major Clayton had by his first wife one son, who died in infancy. He married secondly, ANNE, fourth daughter and co-

* Mentions his brother Peter Bottesworth, Esq.

† Mentions her uncle Peter Bottesworth, her brother Lawrence, and her sisters Mary, Dorothy, and Martha.

‡ In his will he speaks of his brothers Augustin Goskin, Esq., and Alan Brodrick, Esq., and of his nephew Henry Purdon.

§ Arms of Tynte:—Gules, a lion couchant guardant, between 6 cross crozlets, 3 in chief and 3 in base Argent. (Funeral Entries.)

heiress of Sir *Peter Courthorpe*, of Little Island, co. Cork, and sister to the Viscountess Midleton. By his second wife, Major Clayton had issue :—

1. *Randal Clayton*, who died without issue in 1729.
2. *Courthorpe Clayton*, described below.
3. *John Clayton*, career unknown.

COURTHORPE CLAYTON, of Moyallow, esquire, M.P. for Moyallow and also for Eye, co. Suffolk. First equerry and clerk marshall to George II, and a colonel in the Grenadier Guards. Describing himself of St. Mary le Bow, co. Middlesex, made his will 9 Feb., 1762 : proved 6 August, 1762. Died 22 March, 1762. By his wife THEODOSIA he had a daughter and sole heiress :—

ANNE CLAYTON, married to ARTHUR GETHIN, eldest son of Randolph Gethin, (son of Sir Richard Gethin, bart., by Mary, daughter of Colonel John St. Leger), and Mary his wife, only daughter of Arthur Chichester, first Earl of Donegal. They had issue :—

RICHARD GETHIN, a captain in the army, killed in America in 1759, and MARY GETHIN, sister and heiress, married to MICHAEL CREAGH, esq., of Laurentinum, co. Cork ;—for an account of whose family and descendants see Burke's *Landed Gentry*.

Before closing this paper, I wish to acknowledge the kind assistance of Sir Bernard Burke, Ulster King of Arms, and to express my indebtedness to him for the unreserved manner in which he allowed me to examine the records preserved in the Record Tower, Dublin Castle, and to make extracts from them. I have also to acknowledge the assistance of Mr. James Nicholson, F.S.A., Mr. Beamont, Dr. Caulfield, F.S.A., Mr. C. T. Gatty, F.S.A., Mr. J. P. Earwaker, M.A., F.S.A., and Mr. George Vere Benson, of Dublin.

Much interesting information relating to Thelwall, not to be found elsewhere, is contained in Mr. Nicholson's "Chronicles of "Thelwall," printed in the first volume of the *Topographer and Genealogist*, edited by the late Mr. John Gough Nichols, F.S.A.



Appendix.

NOTES IN ILLUSTRATION OF THE CLAYTON PEDIGREE.

Cheshire Inquisitions.

(16 Henry VI, No. 15.)

HUGH DE CLAYTON.

Inquisition taken at Crowton, near Weverham, co. Chester, before John de Legh, del Rigge, Escheator, on Monday the Eve of the App. Simon and Jude, 17 Hen. 6 [27 Oct. 1438].

Hugh de Clayton died seized in his demesne as of fee of 7 messuages, 200 acres of land, and 8 acres of meadow with the appurtenances in Thelwall, which are held of the King, as of his lordship of Halton in socage and by rent of a pair of gloves of furred buckskin* yearly at Michaelmas, as appears by a charter shown to the Jurors in evidence.

He died on Sunday the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul last [29 June 1438]; and *John de Clayton*, his son and next heir, was aged one year on the Feast of Purif. B. V. M. last [2 Feb. 1437-8].

Writ dated at Chester 12 Aug. 16 Hen. 6.

(4 Elizabeth No. 1.)

RANDLE CLAYTON, ESQUIRE.

Inquisition taken 5 June 4 Eliz. [1562] at Northwich, co. Chester, before John Cotton Esq., Escheator after the death of *Randle (Ranulphi) Clayton, Esq.*, by the oath of certain jurors who say that *Randle Clayton* died seized in his demesne as of fee of 7 messuages, 200 acres of land, 8 acres of meadow, 10 acres of moor, and a fishery in Thelwall, which are held of the Queen, as of her Manor of Halton, in socage, viz. by fealty and a pair of gloves of

* Cervi furratarum.

furred buckskin* yearly at Michaelmas ; and they are worth per annum (clear) £10. He was also seised in fee of 7 messuages and 100 acres of land in Overwalton, held of John Daniell of Deresbury, Esq. (under age and the King's ward) by knight's service, viz. by [blank] part of a knight's fee ; and they are worth per annum (clear) £5. He was also seised in fee of :—a messuage, 40 acres of land, 2 acres of moss called Hurst in Apleton (held of John Werberton knt. in socage and worth per annum (clear) 20s.) ; a messuage, 26 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, 4 acres of moor, 2 acres of moss in Hatton (held of John Werberton, knt. by the 5th part of a 10th part of a knight's fee and worth per annum (clear) 40s.) ; a close, containing 6 acres of pasture in Acton (held of the Queen as Countess of Chester by knight's service, part of fee not known, and worth per annum (clear) 4s.)

Randle Clayton died 24 March, 2 Eliz. [1559-60] ; and *John Clayton*, his son and heir, is 50 years old and more.

Extracts from the Records in the Office of Ulster King of Arms.

FUNERAL ENTRIES, VOL. VI. PAGE 274.

Lawrenc Clayton of Myalloe in the County of Corke Esquire and Clarke of the Councell of the Province of Mounster. Hee was the second sonne of John Clayton of Shepcrott and second brother of Sr Randall Clayton Knight. Hee the said Laurence departed this mortall life at Myallow aforesaid the of and was interred in the said Towne of Myallow. He tooke to wife Alce daughter of Luke Brady of Tomgreny in the County of Clare, Esqr by whome hee had issue two sonnes and three daughters vidz Randoll, John, Elizabeth, Alce, and Katherin. The trueth of the premisses by the subscription of the said Alce the Relict of the said Laurence whoe hath returned this Certificat to be recorded in the Office of Vluester King of Armes. Taken this Last of Aprill 1636.

FUNERAL ENTRIES, VOL. VII, PAGE 211.

An escocheon per pale, the sinister side blank, the dexter Argent a saltire between four martlets Gules.

John Clayton of Doneraile in the County of Cork gent. third sonne of John Clayton of Thelwall in the County of Cheshire in the Kingdome of England gent. The said first mentioned John Clayton tooke to wife Elizabeth daughter of William Salter of London gent. by whom hee had issue 4 sonnes and 9 daughters vizt Randall eldest sonne William 2d sonne John third sonne and

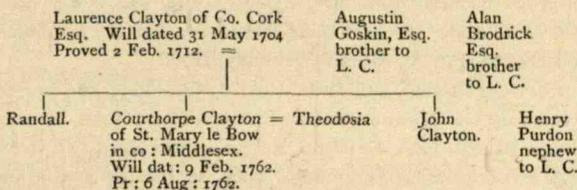
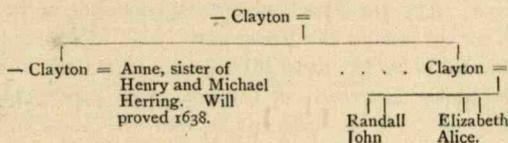
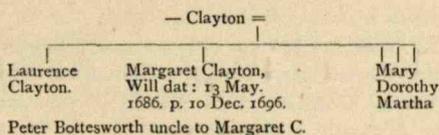
* Unam pariam cirotecarum de pelle cervi furratarum.

SIR WILLIAM BETHAM'S MSS.

Randall Clayton = Dorothy = Robert
of Myalloe in co: 2 wife Gooker
Cork, Esq. Will dat: to R.C. Esq.
4 June 1674. p. 1689. 1 wife. | 1 husbd.

Laurence Clayton = Anne, d & coh: Robert Anne &
Esq. only son of Sir Peter Gooker Dorothy
Courthorpe, Kt. Mary.

Peter Bottesworth brother to R. Clayton.
John Clayton = Elizabeth.



Was Alice (wife of Sir St. John Brodrick) the daughter of Sir Randal Clayton or of his brother Laurence Clayton?

In the Brodrick pedigree printed in Dr. Jackson Howard's *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, quarterly series, Vol. I. page 364, it is stated that :—

Sir St. John Brodrick of Middleton, = Alice, daughter of Randall Clayton,
co: Cork, Knt. (4th son of Sir Tho: B. of Thelwall, co: Chester. Buried 21
of Wandsworth, co. Surrey, Knt.) April. 1696. at Wandsworth. (Her
Born 3 Dec: 1627. Buried 23 Jany: eldest son born 4 August. 1654.)
1711, at Wandsworth.

and this statement agrees, not only with Lodge's and other peerages, but also

with "a pedigree entered in the Heralds' College, shortly before 1680, apparently by Sir Alan Brodrick, elder brother of Sir St. John Brodrick." (The Hon. W. St. John Brodrick, in a letter to Mr. C. T. Gatty, dated 21 Jan., 1880.)

This is certainly incorrect in some of its details, for John Clayton, father of Sir Randal, had sold Thelwall (retaining his Sheepcroft estate) before his death, which took place in Nov. 1597 (when Randal was 20 years of age) and therefore Sir Randal was never "of Thelwall." John Clayton's widow survived until 1632, and was buried at Grappenhall as "Mrs Cleaton of Sheepcroft vid."

There are the following additional reasons for supposing Alice, Lady Brodrick, to have been the daughter of Lawrence Clayton, and not of Sir Randal:—

I. In the Funeral Certificate of Sir Randal Clayton, taken by Thomas Preston, *Ulster*, in 1638, it is distinctly stated that he "tooke to wife Anne daughter of Paul Herring of the City of Excester &c. gent. by whome he had no issue." The same Anne testifies to the correctness of the certificate, and there is not any mention of a former wife.

II. Sir Randal, in his will, dated 1637, and proved at Cork in 1638, names his deceased brother Lawrence, and Lawrence's sons Randal and John and daughter Elizabeth. He also mentions his own wife Anne, *his niece Alice Clayton*, his sister Daunt, his [wife's?] sister Astronica Bennett, and his brother-in-law Thomas Daunt, of Gortgrenane, Esq., *but he does not mention any child of his own.* (Richard Caulfield, LL.D., F.S.A., in a letter to Mr. James Nicholson, F.S.A., dated 14 February, 1876.)

III. Lawrence Clayton, in his will, dated 15 July, 1635, and proved in the same year, mentions his two brothers Sir Randal and John, his wife Alice, his children Randal, John, Elizabeth, Katherine, and *Alice*. Of her he says, "I leave *my daughter Alice* to wayte upon her mother who I know will provide for her the best she can, and I give the residue of the moneys due to me on the Lord Roche his deeds upon.....unto my daughter Alice."

IV. The Hon. Mr. Brodrick says:—"There are three letters in the Brodrick MSS. purporting to be written by Lawrence Clayton (signed L. C.) between 1679 and 1683. One of these is addressed to Alan Brodrick [Alice, Lady Brodrick's son] afterwards first Viscount Midleton, the two others to his younger brother St. John Brodrick, afterwards Serjeant at Law. They are dated from Cork, and one refers to 'my uncle Brodrick,' from the context then resident at Wandsworth. This can only refer to Sir St. John Brodrick, who would seem to have married the *aunt* of the Lawrence Clayton who corresponds with his sons. If Lawrence Clayton, the presumed father of Alice, Lady Brodrick, had a *grandson* Lawrence Clayton, the facts would all agree." These letters were evidently written by Lawrence's *grandson* and Alice's *nephew*, Major Lawrence Clayton of Moyallow,

whose will, dated 1704, was proved in 1712. Had Alice, Lady Brodrick, been the daughter of Sir Randal, she would have been, not aunt to Major Clayton the writer of these letters, but first cousin once removed.

Mr. Clayton's Deeds.

Although the whole of the following deeds do not relate to the Clayton pedigree, I have thought them worth including here, as most of them have not before been printed.

HARLEIAN MS. 139, FO. 58.

[*Bostoke's collections.*]

These copies followinge I had of Mr. John Clayton of Thelwall, owt of his evidences, the 12 of January, Ao. 1592, written in the house of Mr. William Marbury of Marbury.

[*Translations by Mr. Beamont.*]

I. To all &c *Robert de Thelwell le Venour* sends greeting in the Lord. Know ye that I have granted and quitclaimed to the lord *Geoffrey de Dutton* his heirs and assigns to have and make all manner of advantage of all the waste in Thelwell as well in the lands cleared as in those fresh or un-cleared &c. These being witnesses: The lord *Henry de Turebuk* then seneschal of *Edmund de Lasey*, the lord *Thomas de Dutton*, *Roger de Tofte*, *Hugh de Lymme*, *Thomas* his brother, *Matthew de Derisburi*, *Aytrop de Mulneton*, *Richard de Hermitage*, clerk, *Roger* then clerk and others.

A great seale hanging at the same of pasl[e] the print of a falkon in the same siegant and a writing about the same weche I cannot discernue.

II. To all the faithful in Christ &c *Edmund de Lasey* sends greeting in the Lord. Know ye that I have given and granted &c to the lord *Geoffrey de Dutton* his heirs and assigns all my land of Thelewall with the weir the fisheries and their stallage and I have given to the same *Geoffrey* his heirs and assigns all the land which I had of the *Abbot and Convent of Evesham* in the same town of Thelwall with all their appurtenances. To have and to hold to himself, his heirs and assigns by homage and service of me and my heirs freely entirely well and in peace, in ways in paths in woods in plains, in waters, in marshes, in mills pools assarts and pastures and in all other advantages to the aforesaid land belonging for ever. Rendering thence yearly to me and my heirs one pair of buckskin gloves at the feast of St. Michael for all secular service and exactions. Clause of warranty. Saving to me and my heirs the same rights of buying fish at the said fishery as I and my ancestors have had. Sealed &c these being witnesses: The lords *Robert de Orveny*,

Walter de Londham(?) Osbert parson of Silkston, *Henry de Torboc*, *William de Rya*, *John de Hoderode*, *Thomas de Dutton*, *Hugh de Limme*, *Richard de Aston*, *William de Waleton*, *Robert de Hoel*, clerk, and others.

Sealed w^t a great broad seale in grene wax appendant, the print thereof (because the uppermost is fallen off) I cannot discern but on the backside is p^{nted} tharmes of the Earle of Chester w^t a writing about the same.

III. Know all men &c that I *Peter de Dutton*, knight, have given &c to *Simon del Hurst* one place of land lying "in the moore of Schepiscroft" as it is marked out between the land of *William de Denthalic** in the vill of Hull on the one part and the land of the said *Simon* on the other part in the territory of Hull. These being witnesses: *Roger de Leycester*, *John de Merbury*, *John de Ringstede*, *Randle de Merbury*, *William de Hatton* and others.

Sealed w^t a Sarasins head in grene wax w^t this writing SIGILLU' GALFRID' DE DUTTON.

IV. Know all men present and to come that I *William de Hatton* have given and granted and by this my present charter have confirmed to *Simon de Hurst* and his heirs one acre and a half of land and one selion and a half in the town of Hatton namely one acre lying in "middil blacsti" and half an acre lying next "fouriland" and one selion which *Agnes* daughter of *Robert* formerly held and half a selion which *Adam* son of *Gene* formerly held. To have and to hold to the said *Simon* and his heirs of the chief lord of that fee by the service thence due and accustomed freely quietly well and in peace with all commons liberties and easements in the aforesaid town of Hatton thereto belonging. And I the said *William de Hatton* and my heirs all the aforesaid land with its appurtenances as aforesaid to the said *Simon* and his heirs against all persons will warrant and for ever acquit and defend. In witness whereof to this present writing I have affixed my seal. These being witnesses: *Henry le Norreys*, *Richard de Aston*, *William de Merthayt*, *William de Hull*, *Hugh de Norcote* and many others.

Sealed with grene waxe appendent w^t the print of a holy lambe printed in the same w^t this writing ECCE AGNUS DEI.

V. Know all men present and to come that I *Adam* son of *William de Hatton* have given and granted and by this my present charter have confirmed to *Simon* son of *William de Hurst* three places of land in the territory of Hatton with their appurtenances, that is to say, one place lying in Radeshawe moor and upon the heath between the land of *Adam* son of *Adam de Newton* and the land of *Hugh de Grimisdiche* on the one part and the land of *Richard* son of *Richard de Hallum*. A second place lying between the land of *Simon de Hurst* and the way which leads near *Derisberi* &c. A third place lying in "troncsalyngished" between the land of *Simon de Hurst* and the land of

* Dennow is a well-known place in Hull, now in Appleton.

Gilbert de Twis. To have and to hold all these three places of land with their appurtenances to the said *Simon* his heirs and assigns of the chief lords of that fee by the services thence due and customary freely well quietly and peacefully for ever with haybote and marl and clay and free ingress and regress and all liberties commons and easements in the aforesaid town of Hatton thereto belonging &c. Clause of warranty &c. And that this my grant may remain firm &c I have to this present writing affixed my seal, these being witnesses: *Richard Starky* of Stretton, *Ranulph* his brother, *Richard de Haston*, *Alan le Norrays*, *John de Hallum*, *Richard le Harper* and others.

Sealed in grene wax appendent withe a Sarazin's head printed in the same withe this writing about yt SIGILLU' ADA DE HATTON.

VI. To all the faithful in Christ to whom this present writing shall come *Geoffrey de Dutton* sends greeting in the Lord. Know all of you that I have given and granted and by this my present charter have confirmed to *Thomas* my son and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten all my lands of Thelwalle with the weir, fisheries, and stallage with the water mill and with all their appurtenances. To have and to hold to him and to his heirs lawfully begotten from the heirs of the lord *Edmund de Lasci* as freely, peacefully, entirely and fully with all liberties, easements and advantages as I held them from my lord the said *Edmund de Lasci*. According to all that is contained in his charter thereof to me made doing the services which are due from me to the heirs of the said lord *Edmund de Lasci* and which are in the same charter contained. But if such heirs of the said *Thomas* shall fail then the said land shall revert to my own lawful heirs without contradiction or claim. But I have given it to the said *Thomas* upon this condition that he shall not have power to sell dispose of or in any way alienate that land in my life time except after his death to his heirs lawfully begotten. And in order that this sale and confirmation may remain firm and established for ever I have attached my seal to this present writing. These being witnesses:—Lord *Roger Montalt*, then Justice of Chester,* Lord *Fulke de Orreby*, Lord *Thomas de Dutton*, Lord *Henry de Thorboc*, Lord *Walter de Vernon*, then Bailiff of Halton,† Lord *William le Boidell*, *Richard of the Hermitage*, *Roger de Toft*, *Richard de Starki*, *Adam de Hatton*, and many others.

[This deed is] circa Ao. Dni. 1273, and in the first year of Ed. I.

A ffaire seale of grene wax hanginge at the same wherein is printed a shild of armes whiche is an arme armed with a sward or dagger in the same with the point downward with this writing about the same, SIGILLU' GALFR' DE DUTTON.

VII. This written chyrograph witnesses that *Phenianus de Derwalshawe* (sic) hath given and granted &c to *Ralph*, son of *Adam de Clayton* one selion of

* Roger de Montalt was Justice in 1259. (Ormerod's *Parentalia*, &c.)

† He was still Bailiff of Halton in 1300. (Beaumont's *Halton*, p. 33.)

land &c in the town of Thelwelle above "le forlonge" and lying beside the prior's ditch, namely in exchange for one selion lying in two places below the land of the said *Pheniam*. To have and to hold to the said *Ralph* and his heirs and assigns of the chief lords of the fee &c. by the services &c. Clause of warranty. In witness whereof to this present writing indented remaining with the said *Ralph* the seal of the said *Pheniam* is appended, these being witnesses: *Gilbert de Lymme*, *Robert le Huntte*, *Gilbert del Twys*, *Simon del Hurst*, *William* the clerk and others.

Dated at Thelwall the Monday next after the feast of St. Nicholas* the confessor Anno domini 1312, and in the 12th Ed. II.

Wythe a ffair seale appendent in grene wax wherein is printed a stagges face betwene the hornes a crosse patant [pattée] fitché wthe a writinge about the same to wit TIMETE DEUM.

* As St. Nicholas' day in 1312 was on a Wednesday, this deed was dated 11th Dec., 1312.

