DESCENT OF SMART OF TREWHITT, CO. NORTHUMBERLAND; FROM HERON, CARR, AND ALDER.

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In an Article by "C," vol. vii., p. 22. (*Old Series*) the accuracy of this descent as set forth in Burke's *Landed Gentry*, 1879, is questioned, and the suggestion that the entry should have been, "by Grace, supposed to be a daughter of Thomas Carr, of Ford Castle, who was killed 1661," will in no wise correct it. Smart's *Descendants of Prichard* (evidently consulted by "C,) quotes at p. 110, Note B, from MS. ped. by Rev. T. W. Carr, "this Thomas Carr (d. 1661,) was married, and had a daughter Grace, who married William Alder." Again Raine, calls Lady Blake and Mrs. Babington, coheirs of their brother; and in Burke, Lady Blake is said to have *inherited* Ford. She was not however the oldest sister, and all these statements are more or less inaccurate. Thomas Carr, of Belford, was the last male heir of the Ford Carrs, but through his compromising his claim to Ford, his nieces, Lady Blake and her sisters, became possessed of one third, each, of the remainder of those estates, after the apportionment of Thomas of Belford's share. Sir Francis Blake eventually purchased the shares of his two sisters-in-law, and so became ultimately lord of the manor of Ford. Many errors in the pedigree of the Carrs of Ford, have now been corrected by research in the Record Office, and the muniment room of Ford Castle (by the kind permission of Louisa, Marchioness of Waterford) as shewn in the following abbreviated prdigree. An incorrect translation in 1868, of "*modo uxor*," in the Durham register, of the Admon. of Thomas Amorer was an additional difficulty. The early part of this pedigree is compiled from documents &c., in the Record Office; Ford Muniment room; Tower of London; Rolls Chapel; Kings Remembrancers; Chapter House, Westminster; Augmentation office; Archiepiscopal Library, Lambeth; First Fruits Office; Registries of York, Durham, &c., &c.

I. WILLIAM HERON, of Hadeston (grandson of Jordan Hairun, 1168,) Governor of Bamburgh; and High Sheriff 1247. By marriage with Mary, daughter of Sir Richard de Forde, and heir of her grandfather Odonel de Forde, he became *jure uxoris* owner of Ford. His son,

II. WILLIAM HERON, of Ford, and the land barony of Bokenfield. married first, Christian, heir of Roger de Notton (d. 21 Ed. I,) and had,

III. SIR ROGER HERON (second surviving son,) of Ford and Crookham, Knt. He married first Elizabeth, third daughter of Adam, Baron Swynburne, and had a son,

IV. SIR WILLIAM HERON, of Ford, and Thornton (by purchase) Knt. He married Isabella. A charter, dated 21 April, 14 Ed. III (1340), grants William Heron "*dilectus vallettus noster*" (in consideration of the "*magnum locum*," he held for us, in Scotland and elsewhere), permission to embattle his mansion house at Ford. His third but second surviving son,

V. John Heron, of Ford Castle, Crookham and Thornton, &c.; married Elizabeth Crookham (*Ing. p. m.*, 1 *April*, 1409) and had,

VI. Sir William Heron, of Ford, Thornton, &c., Knt., who married Isabella Umfraville. He was slain by Sir John Maners, of Etal, 1431. His son,

VII. Sir John Heron, of Ford, Thornton, &c., Knt.; High Sheriff for Northumberland, 19, 21, 30, & 35, Hen. VI., and M.P. 20, 25, 27, Hen. VI. Killed at Towton, 1461; married 1438, by Papal Dispensation, Elizabeth, d. and h. of Sir William Heron, of Simondburn, Cornhill, &c., son of Sir William Heron, and grandson of Sir William Heron, "the Blind" of Simondburn, the second son of Sir Wm. Heron, of Ford, Knt., and elder brother of John (V) Heron. This marriage, as was probably intended, returned Ford to the right line of Herons, it having been usurped by John, over his elder brother William the blind, the second in entail, as appears by a fine levied of the Manor of Ford, 1347. His son,

VIII. Sir Roger Heron, of Ford, Thornton, Crookham, &c., Knt., escheator of Norhamshire, was the father of John Heron, a bastard, who slew Sir Robert Kerr, a favourite of James V. of Scotland. The refusal of Henry VIII to give him up to the vengeance of the Scotch King, was one of the causes of the invasion of England, which led to the disaster of Flodden Field, where Heron with his band of outlaws, rallied the broken English and turned the tide to victory. Sir Roger married Joanna——(who died a widow 1509-10,) and left,

IX. Sir William Heron (second son) of Ford, Crookham, Thornton, Twisell, &c., J.P., Norhamshire, 1523, High Sheriff, 17 Hen. VIII., was a prisoner in Scotland, when King James besieged and took Ford Castle. He died 1535, and left by his first wife, Elizabeth——, the "Ladye of Ford," an only son,

X. William Heron, of Ford, ob. v. p., having married Margaret daughter of Sir Thomas Forster, of Edderston, Knt., Marshal of Berwick, by Dorothy dau. of Robert, fifth Lord Ogle and Dorothy, dau. of Sir Henry Widdrington. Margaret married as third husband, Sir George Heron, of Chipchase Castle; she held for life the estates of Eshot and Cornhill. By William Heron, she had an only daughter,

XI. Elizabeth Heron, heiress of her grandfather; inherited Ford, Crookham, Cornhill, &c.; married Thomas Carr (living 1520-1557,) *jure uxoris*, owner of Ford, &c., Captain of Wark, second son of John Carr, of Hetton, Captain of Wark (by first wife, Margaret, daughter of Robert Collingwood, of Eslington,) son of John Carr, of Hetton (by Janet, daughter of Robert Clavering, of Callaly,) son of John Carr, of Hetton, whose ancestry is purely conjectural. They had issue:—

1. William Carr (XII).
2. Ralph Carr, of Howburne, J.P.; married Jane Ogle, and dying 1615, left issue, Ralph, Lancelot, and Jane, whose issue has not been traced.
3. Agnes.
4. Elizabeth.

XII. William Carr of Ford Castle, Crookham, Marden, Cornhill, Sunnylaws and Eshot, 1551-1588; married Ursula, daughter of Henry Brandling, by Ursula, daughter of William Buckton, of Buckton, great grandson of Sir Piers Buckton, of Buckton (visit North[d] 1615,) and left issue:

Thomas (XIII), William (2), Henry (3), and 5 daughters (p. 90).

XIII. Thomas Carr, of Ford, Marden, Crookham, &c.; 1577-1641; High Sheriff, 1629; married first, Isabella, daughter of Sir John Selby, of Twisell, Knt., and had issue:—

(1.) Peregrine Carr, died æt. one year.

(2.) William Carr, of Ford, Crookham, Marden, &c., J.P.; died 1644; married Susan, daughter of Thomas Hodgson, of Hebburne, by a daughter of Sir William Bowyer, and left issue:

1. Thomas Carr, of Ford, Crookham, Marden, &c.; born 1634; slain (unmarried), at Alnwick, by his stepfather, John Radcliffe, 1660 or 1661.
2. Margaret; owned third of Ford, Crookham, &c.; married Arthur Babington, of Bourden, and left female issue.
3. Elizabeth; owned third of Ford, Crookham, &c.; married Sir Francis Blake, ancestor of Delaval, Mexboro, Monson, Warwick, Hastings, Audley, Waterford, Shrewsbury, Lothian, Londonderry, Melbourne, Baxenvale, &c.; became by purchase owner of her Sisters' shares in Ford, Crookham, &c.
4. Susanna; owner of third of Ford, Crookham, &c.; married first, Thomas Winckles, of Harnham, and had issue; married secondly, John Carr.

After the death of William Carr, his widow, Susan, married John Radcliffe of Dilston, and had further issue, and after the execution of Radcliffe for the murder of his stepson, she married thirdly, Ralph Salkeld (of Berwick?)

(3.) John Carr; *d. s. p. circa*, 1636.

(4.) Elizabeth.[1]

(5.) Susanna.[1]

Deeds in the Record Office connected with the suit in Chancery of "Carr *v.* Bradford, 25 Oct. 1656," mention by name the three sons; and the "several daughters" of Thomas Carr, by Isabel Selby, his first wife. The same deeds recite the deed of entail that Thomas Carr executed in 1606, whereby he settled his estates on his son William and his heirs; with remainder to other sons and their heirs; with rem. to his brother William, of Eshot, and his heirs; with rem. to others of his name and kindred. These documents also mention, among other relations of Sir John Selby, Dame Margaret Selby his relict; Sir John Selby his son; and Isabel his daughter; whose marriage settlements with Thomas Carr are quoted; and who is mentioned in her Father's Will, 1595 (Durham.) "I pray my son to be good to my dau. Isabel; as my trust is in him."

[1] If Sir Robert Kerr, of Etal, was son-in-law of Thomas, Laird of Ford; one of these daughters should be his wife. If he, being son of Sir William Kerr, or Carr, of Scotland (Greenhead), was a stepson of Thomas, viz., a son of Jane his 2[d] wife, the widow of William Carr, of Scotland, Raine's statement is comprehensible; "Margaret dau. of the Laird of fford, and sister to Sir Robert Carr." He is ancestor of Errol, Gainsboro', Wolverton, Abingdon, Fife, &c.

2. William Carr (2nd son of William XII.), of Cornhill, Sunnylaws, Tweedmouth, and Eshot; styled in an indenture, at Ford, 10 August, 1603, "Gentleman of the Chamber to his Majestie;" inherited Cornhill under his father's will (*inq, p.m.*, 1588-9) in reversion, on death of Dame Margaret Heron; married Elizabeth (Orde?) and had issue:—

William Carr, of Sunnylaws, and Heatherslaw; married Elizabeth . . . . . and had issue, Thomas Carr, of Heatherslaw and Sunnylaws, who married Isabella (believed to be a daughter and coheir of George Carr, of Ford Hill), but from them no issue is traceable.

3. Henry Carr; inherited Eshot, in reversion, on death of his great grandmother, Dame Margaret Heron, under his father's will. One of his sons, Robert, was of Eshot, 7 Sep., 1630, and the supposed father of William, of Eshot, 1668.
4. Dorothy
5. Margaret; married John Craster, of Craster (ancestor of Askew of Pallins Burn Park.)
6. Elizabeth; married William Carr, of Woodhall.
7. Jane; married Thomas Forster, of Brunton.
8. Elinor.

Thomas Carr (XIII) mar. 2d Jane, wid. of William Carr, or Kerr, of Scotland. In the Chancery Proceedings (Record Office) he appears to have taken part with his second wife, on behalf of their children, against those of the family of his first wife who seem to have considered that Isabel's portion of £1,000 gave her issue male sole claim to Ford—his son William brought an action against him: for it appears that after that he "cancelled" the male entail of 1606, he probably executed a second will, or other deeds, in favour of his chiidren by Jane. By her he left issue.—1. Thomas (XIV); 2. James; 3. George; 4. Margaret, who married, 1653, Henry Collingwood; a defendant in "Carr *v.* Bradford, 29 Jan., 1656," who claims the £500, which her father left her in his last will, "or some other deed," retained by the plaintiffs; and 5. Jane. Some provision for his first four children is traceable.

XIV. Thomas Carr, of Belford, Crookham, Marden, &c. The last heir male of the Herons, and Carrs, of Ford Castle; is called "of Hetherslaw" in a suit in which he and James, &c., are defendants with their mother Jane. On the day his half brother William went forth to the funeral of their Father (1641) he was for a time excluded from the castle. If, as it is stated, his nephew's death took place 18 Aug. 1660; and on 14 Nov. 1661 the petition of Sir Robert, Carr consequent thereto was referred to by the Attorney General; then he appears in a bond 3 Aug. 1661 as "Thomas Carr de le fforde Castle Arm," thus there is reason to believe he at one time actually had possession of his inheritance; in 1663, he quitted his claim rather than incur great liability in defending it against wealthy opponents.

On 1st September, 1664, a common recovery was agreed upon, and by indenture of that date (in Ford archives) Thomas Carr, of Belford, and Grace, his wife, accepted a moiety of Marden demesne for their lives, and the reversion of the other moiety on the death of Mrs. Salkeld, widow of William Carr (d. 1644.) The whole of Marden and the lands in Crookham then to descend in tail to the heirs of Thomas

Carr, of Belford, and the remainder of the Ford estates were to be divided between the three sisters of the late Thomas Carr, of Ford.

In a list of interrogatories to be administered to witnesses in the case of Davison *v.* Blake, dated 14th Oct. 1679, and preserved in proceedings of Court of Chancery, the following question occurs:—"Also doe you know y^t^ ye right and title of ye s^d^. Manor of Foord and ye appurtenances and ye right of presentation to ye s^d^, church upon ye death of ye s^d^. Thomas Carr ye grandson were in controversy between ye sisters of ye s^d^. Thomas Carr and one Thomas Carr uncle of ye said Thomas Carr ye grandson" &c. &c.

Thomas Carr, of Belford, was buried at Belford, 10 April, 1702; his wife Grace, (widow of Tho^s^ Armorer), survived him and died 1710. Her will, dated 9 March, 1710, was proved at Durham. In it she mentions her grand children the Alders, and her great grandson William Smart (XVII).

XV. Grace Carr (d. and h.) of Belford West Hall, Crookham, Marden, &c., married at Bambrough, 14 Sep., 1685, William Alder, of Kirknewton, Chamberlain of Almnurick in 1614. (Tate's Alnwick) second son of Robert Alder, of Alnham, second son of George Alder, of Prendwick, second son of Francis Alder, of Hobberlaw ("a pele of considerable strength" in possession of the Alders for nearly three centuries from 1456.) The Alder pedigree in the Heralds College, shews marriages with Fenwick of Stanton, Heron of Bokenfield, Lisle of Felton Forster, of Newham, &c., &c. George Alder, of Nunriding, elder brother of Robert, married (contract dated 13 Oct., 1683) Frances d. of George Reveley, an ancestor of the Dukes of Northumberland (Raine's *N. Durham.*)—Issue:—

1. Eleanor Alder (XVI.)
2. Thomas Alder, of Belford West Hall, Crookham, and Marden, in 1711, ancestor of Thorp, Balfour, Charlton, Dickson, &c., married first, Margaret Forster, of Warnford, and secondly, Sarah, daughter of .. Burn (of Broomrigg?), and had issue:—

1. Ralph *nil. ob. s.p.*, 1758.
2. William Alder, of Horncliffe Hall, Crookham, Marden, &c., 1734-1800, married Eleanor Graham, of Glororum. Sold Marden October, 1767, to Dr. Adam Askew, of Pallinsburn. He left issue.

William Alder, married Mary Anne Hanson, Countess of Portsmouth.

3. Thomas Alder, of Morris Hall, baptized 1744, married Mary Grey, of Shoston, and left issue.

XVI. Eleanor Alder (eldest child) married 6 February, 1704-5, at Belford, John Smart, descended from the Rev. Peter Smart, elected from Westminster to Ch. Ch., Oxon, as student, 1588, Rector of Bowden, High Commissioner for the province of York, who died Senior Preb. of Durham, *circa* 1652. Their son

XVII. William Smart, of Belford, Netherton, and the Manor of Upper Trewhitt, *als.* Trowhitt, baptized at Belford, 10 December, 1705, is mentioned in the will of his great grandmother Grace Carr. The burial-place of this family from 1685-1784 was at the entrance to the chancel in Belford Church.