Mr Joseph Wall, vicar, about the year 1678, who died 1720, and was succeeded by the Revd Mr David Humphreys, who resigned in 1723, and was succeeded by the Revd Mr George Lewis, who resigned in 1733, and was succeeded by the Revd Mr Charles Jay, who recorded this (*continued in another hand*), and died in 1761, and was succeeded by the Revd Mr Charles Curtoys, curate of Wootton Rivers, who was inducted into this vicarage the 10th of October, in the year 1771, by F. Collins, curate of Pewsey. (*In another hand.*) The Revd Mr Charles Curtoys, vicar, died March 25th, 1775, and was succeeded by the Revd Mr Thomas Royse, who was inducted into this vicarage the 22d of July, in the year 1775, by the Revd Mr Gibbs, rector of Woodborough. (*Another hand.*) The Revd Mr Thos. Royse, vicar, who died in May, 1777, was succeeded by the Revd Mr John Swain, who was inducted into the vicarage by the Revd Mr H. Jenner, curate of Burbage, in the year 1777."

"June 9th, 1800. Died the Revd John Swain, vicar, and was succeeded by the Revd Mr John Brathweight, who died, and was succeeded, in the year 1812, by the Revd Thomas Hinxman Gale."

Mr. Gale resigned the vicarage in the year 1846, and, being the patron, presented his son the Revd. John Henry Gale to the vacant benefice.

The third Register commences A.D. 1739.

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EARLY PEDIGREES OF THE PARR FAMILY.

The history of the PARRS has hitherto engaged but little attention from genealogists and topographers, which is somewhat surprising, considering that the family is one of antiquity, was at one period of historical importance, and still exists in several respectable branches.

Dugdale, in his *Baronage*, has given the descent of the Parrs of Kendal, but he confines himself to the direct line, and does not give all the alliances even of that.

Burke, in his *Extinct Peerage*, has copied from Dugdale.

Burn, in his *History of Westmorland*, gives a few additional particulars, and mentions *one* younger son.

Nichols, in his *History of Leicestershire*, gives the descendants of the said younger son.

Baker, in his *History of Northamptonshire*, attempts some additional particulars, but his account is full of errors and confusion.

But none of the above writers say one word as to the origin of the family, or whence its name is derived.

Baines, when professedly treating of *Lancashire*, could scarcely avoid the subject, and he mentions a few facts previously unnoticed, and which serve as a clue to further researches; but he is very brief in his notice, and does not attempt a pedigree.

Under these circumstances the writer of the following paper was induced, some years since, to commence collecting on the subject,[a] with a view to preparing a genealogical account of the family. Other avocations, however, having prevented him from pursuing his design to maturity, he avails himself of the opportunity of recording in the pages of *the Topographer and Genealogist* a few of the details which he has hitherto been able to attain, both with a view to their preservation, and not without a hope that some Northern gencalogist may be induced to take up the subject, and be enabled, from the hints here given, to prosecute it with greater facility and more success.

ORIGIN OF THE FAMILY.

This subject is involved in some obscurity: the name is unquestionably derived from a manor and township in the parish of Prescot, Lancashire, where the family were seated for several centuries; but when they first settled there, or when the name was first assumed, does not appear. Parr is not noticed in *Domesday*, nor in the *Testa de Nevill*. The first record relating to the place which the writer has met with, is dated 35 Edw. III. (1361), being the *Inq. p. m.* of William de Dacre, by which he was found to have held the manors of Skelmersdale, Whiston, Speke, and Parre, with the advowson of Prescot. From this period to the reign of Henry VIII., no inquisition or other record appears relating to the property. But the surname of PARR is met with at least as early as the reign of Edward II., and the name of "Henry de Parr" occurs as a witness to a deed dated in the twelfth of that monarch's reign (1318); and, after this period, the name is of frequent occurrence in Lancashire records.

We now proceed with pedigrees of the principal branches, so far as they are traceable, to the beginning of the seventeenth century.

[a] It was not until after he had commenced his inquiries that Mr. Burke brought out his *Landed Gentry*, in which, for the first time, a general notice of the family and its origin appeared, communicated by the writer.

I.—PARR, BARONS OF KENDAL, CO. WESTMERLAND.

Arms:—Arg., two bars azure, a bordure engrailed sa.

Crest:—A female's head, couped below the shoulders, vested azure; on her head an antique crown or. (See Note [a].)

Sir John de Parre, Knt. of Parre, living about 1350. (Note [b].) = Matilda, dau. of Sir Richard de Leyborne.

Sir William de Parre, Knt. of Parre, and of Kendal, jure uxoris, d. Oct. 4, 1405. (Note [c].) = Elizabeth, dau. of John de Ros, and grand-dau. and heir of Sir Thomas de Ros, Baron of Kendal, m. 1383.

John Parre, of Kendal, aged 22, at his father's death; d. 1409. = Agnes, dau. and heir of Sir Thomas Crophull, and relict of Sir Walter Devereux.

Sir Thomas Parre, of Kendal, attainted at Coventry, 38 Hen. VI.; d. 1464. = Alice, dau. of Sir Thomas Tunstall, of Thurland Castle, co. Lancaster. (Note [d].)

- 1. Joan, dau. of .... Trusbet, d. s. p.
- 1. Sir William Parre, of Kendal, K.G. high in favour with Edw. IV. sheriff of Cumberland 1473; M.P. for Westmerland, 6 and 12 Edw. IV. d. before 1512.
- 2. Elizabeth, dau. of Henry, 5th Lord Fitz-Hugh. She remarried Nicholas, Lord Vaux.
- 2. Sir John Parre, made Sheriff of Westmerland for life, 1462. (Note [e].) = ... dau. of Sir John Yonge, Lord Mayor of London.
- 3. Thomas, Parre; slain at Barnet field, 1472; bur. in Greyfriars' Church, London. (*Coll. Top. et Gen. vol. v. p.* 288.)
- 1. Margaret, mar. Sir Thomas Radclyffe, of Derwentwater. 2. Anne, mar. William Harington, of Cartmell.
- 3. Elizabeth, mar. Sir Christopher Moresby of Moresby. 4. Agnes, mar. Sir Thomas Strykland, of Syzergh. (Note [f].)
- 5. Maud, married Humphrey, Lord Dacre, of Guillesland. 6. Eleanor, mar. Sir Henry Agard.

- 1. Sir Thomas Parre, of Kendal, Master of the Wards and Comptroller to Hen. VIII. Sheriff of Northampton 1509, and of Lincoln 1510; d. 1518, bur. in Blackfriars Church, London. (Note [g].) = Maud, dau. and co-heir of Sir Thomas Greene, of Greene's Norton, co. Northampton; d. Sep. 1, 1532, bur. at Blackfriars.
  - Maud, mar. Sir Ralph Lane.
  - Anne, mar. Sir Digby, of Ketilby, co. Lincoln.
  - Elizabeth, mar. Sir John Nicholas Woodhall.
  - Mary, mar. Sir Thomas Tresham, of Rushton.
- 2. Sir William Parr, of Horton, co. Northampton; created Baron Parr, of Horton, Dec. 23, 1543, d. Sept. 10, 1546, bur. at Horton. = Mary, dau. and co-heir of Sir William Salisbury, d. July 10, 1555, bur. at Horton.
- 3. John Parr, Esq. d. s. p. Sept. 8, 1504; bur. at Irthlingborough. = Constance, dau. of Sir Henry Vere, of Addington, mar. Sept. 15, 1499.
- Anne = Sir Thomas Cheney, of Irthlingborough, co. Northampton.

- William Parr, of Kendal, K.G. esq. of the body to Hen. VIII. created Baron Parr of Kendal, Earl of Essex, and Marquess of Northampton; d. s. p. Aug. 1571, b. at the Collegiate Church, Warwick. = 1. Anne, dau. of Henry Bourchier, Earl of Essex; divorced 1551. 2. Elizabeth, dau. of George, Lord Cobham, d. s. p. 3. Helen, dau. of Wolfgangus Snachenburg, d. 1635. (Note [h].)
- 1. Anne, bur. at Saint Paul's, Feb. 28, 1551. = William Herbert, Earl of Pembroke.
- 2. Katharine, d. Sept. 5, 1548, bur. at Sudeley, co. Gloucester. = 1. Edward Borough. 2. John Neville, Lord Latimer. 3. King Henry VIII. 4. Thomas, Lord Seymour of Sudeley.

NOTES TO PARR OF KENDAL.

[a] The origin of the arms is involved in obscurity. They are not recorded in the visitations. The bordure would seem to denote a younger branch, yet there is no family bearing two bars azure with whom the Parrs appear to have had any affinity. The crest is differently given in various authorities; according to some, the female is vested ermine, and her head encircled with a wreath of roses. In *Collectanea Gen. et Top. vol. iii. p.* 74, among the badges and crests temp. Hen. VIII., occurs—"Parr. A maiden's head full-faced proper, vested gules, crined or. Note.—This, issuant out of a red and white rose, was the badge of Queen Katharine Parr." Among the arms of Knights of the Garter, temp. Elizabeth, given in *Harl. MSS. No.* 332, the crest is depicted as first described, and the supporters are given—dexter, a stag or; sinister, a wyvern vert. Motto—"Amour avecque Loialté."

[b] This is the first of a connected descent the compiler has been able to meet with. Sir John, and his wife's name, are given in *Harl. MSS. No.* 1196, 1187, *and* 2109.

[c] Dugdale, and after him all other genealogists, begin with Sir William. A MS. in the College of Arms, said to be by Sir William Segar, styles him "descended from a race of knights."

[d] This match is given in *Harl. MSS. No.* 1074, *&c.*, as also the issue here detailed.

[e] Sir John is noticed by Burn, *Hist. Westm. vol. i. p.* 43. In Nichols's *Leicestershire* is an elaborate pedigree of his descendants, which embraces two branches—one settled in Derbyshire, and the other in Leicestershire, of whom was the late Rev. Samuel Parr, LL.D. See *Nichols's Leicestershire, vol. iv. p.* 725; *and Burke's Landed Gentry, p.* 779.

[f] Agnes is made by Burke—pedigree of Strickland—dau. of Sir William Parr, next descent, but the compiler adheres to the MS. pedigrees of Parr, which all agree in placing her here.

[g] By Inq. p. m. taken 10 Hen. VIII., Sir Thomas was found to have held messuages, lands, woods, and rents in Parr, Wigan, and Sutton, with the manor of Thurnham. This is the first inquisition the writer has met with relating to Parr, after that of William de Dacre, mentioned at p. 353. (*Ducatus Lanc.*)

[h] None of our genealogists appear to know much about this lady. She is thus noticed by a contemporary, Bishop Parkhurst, in a letter to Bullinger, dated August 10, 1571. "The Marquess of Northampton died about the beginning of August. When I was in London, he married a very beautiful German girl, who remained in the queen's court after the departure of the Margrave of Baden and Cecilia his wife from England." (*Zurich Letters, vol. i. p.* 257. *Parker Society.*) The same fact is confirmed by the statements of her epitaph in Salisbury cathedral; which adds that she became a lady of the bedchamber to Queen Elizabeth, and having married, secondly, Sir Thomas Gorges, of Longford, Wilts, had issue by him four sons and three daughters. She survived Sir Thomas for twenty-five years, and died on the 1st April 1635, aged 86. In Sir R. C. Hoare's South Wiltshire, Hundred of Cawden, are three beautiful folio plates of her monument, which includes whole-length recumbent effigies of the Countess and Sir Thomas Gorges.

II.—PARR OF PARR, CO. LANCASTER.

Henry de Parr, witness to a deed of gift from Robert de Birch to John de Hulton, 1318. (*Harl. MSS. No.* 2112, *p.* 143.)

Robert de Par, as one of the followers of Henry le Tyes, obtains a pardon for all felonies committed in pursuit of the Despensers. 1321. (*Parliamentary Writs, vol. ii. p.* 1259.)

Richard de Parr, was one of the freeholders of the hundred of West Derby, concerned in the assessment of property there, made at Prescot, 1342. (*Nonæ Rolls, quoted in Baines's Hist. Liverpool, p.* 150.)

Robert de Par, seisne, aged 47; Robert de Parr, le puisne, aged 39; and Henry de Parr, aged 35; appear among the gentlemen of Lancashire who gave evidence on the Scrope and Grosvenor Controversy, 1386-9. (*Nicolas's Scrope Trial, vol. i. pp.* 293-5.)

Robert Parre, granted the manor and advowson of Halsall to Gilbert de Halsall, temp. Henry IV. (*Duchy feodary, quoted in Baines's Lancashire, iv.* 266.)

Henry Parr, was witness to a deed between Edmund Trafford and Thomas Booth, 1429. (*Harl. MSS. No.* 2112, *p.* 140.)

Parre, of Parre = ...

John Parre, held messuages, lands, and woods, in Parre, by knight-service under Edward Earl of Derby. Inq. p. m. taken 1531. (*Duc. Lanc. and Harl. MSS. No.* 2085.)

Bryan Parre, of Parre, held the manor, with messuages, lands, and woods, in Parre, of Edward Earl of Derby, at the tenth part of a knight's fee, and 7*s.* 3*d.* rent. Inq. p. m. taken 1528. (*Duc. Lanc. and Harl. MSS. No.* 2085, *p.* 429.)

Thomas Parre, of Parre, temp. Hen. VIII. = Ellen, dau. of Thomas Gerard, of Ince. (*Visitation of* 1567, *in Harl. MSS.* 6139.) (Note [a].)

Grace, dau. and heir; aged 3 at her father's death. = Henry Eccleston.

Thomas Parre, of Parre, aged 12 at his father's death, d. seized of the manor of Parre, &c. 1559. (*Duc. Lanc. and Harl. MSS.*) (Note [b].) = 1. Margaret, dau. of Sir William Leyland, of Morley. = 2. John Byrom, of Byrom. (Note [c]).

Anne, living 1559.

Bryan Parre, "the younger," occurs in suits between 1554 and 1581. (*Duc. Lanc.*)

1. William Parr, of Parr, aged 19 at his father's death, succeeded to the manor, &c. = Katherine, dau. of Thomas Eccleston, of Eccleston.

2. Bryan Parr. 3. Henry Parr. 4. Thomas Parr.

1. Margaret. 2. Anne. 3. Jane.

4. Katherine, mar. 1st. Peter Byrom, of Westleigh; 2nd. James Leigh, son of Sir James Leigh; 3rd. James Massey.

5. Grace, mar. George Singleton. 6. Elizabeth.

John Parr, d. before 1600. = Bryan Parr, of Parr. = Alice, dau. of —— Twiss.

Thomas Parr. Henry Parr.

Ellen. = Robert Scott, of Prescot.

Margery. = Peter Byrom, of Parr.

Anne. = Robert Caustnell, of Lancaster.

Thurstan Parr, eldest son, engaged in a suit respecting the messuage and lands called Laghooge, in Parr. 1600. (Note [e].)

Henry Parr, of Parr, living 1621. (Note [d].)

Mary. Katherine. Elizabeth.

NOTES TO PARR OF PARR.

The descent of this branch is attended with much difficulty.* The compiler has in vain attempted to ascend beyond Bryan, temp. Henry VIII. It is not to be found in the Visitations, although allied by marriage to the first families in Lancashire, and possessed of considerable property in the county. No distinct arms are recorded to this branch: it would seem that they must have borne those attributed to Parre of Kendal; and hence the existing families claiming descent from them use the same bearings. (See *Burke's Heraldic Illustrations; Visitation of Seats, &c.*)

[a] This Ellen was dau. of Thomas Gerard, by Maud, dau. of Sir Richard Bold, of Bold; and it is observable, that after the death of Bryan Parre, 1528, Matthew Standyshe, deputy escheator of the county, claimed for the king the wardship of Thomas Parr, and of a messuage called Parr Hall, in opposition to the claims of Sir Richard Bold and Thomas Gerard. The two Thomas's therefore would seem to have been nearly related. A reference to the documents in the Duchy Office might probably clear up the matter. The compiler has only had access to the *Ducatus Lancastriæ*.

[b] The will of Thomas Parr is given in *Harl. MSS. No.* 2067, *p.* 163. The original is still at Chester in good preservation, but the seal is gone. In it the testator names his sister Anne, and all his children as here given, as well as "Bryan Parre, the younger," who then held lands of him.

[c] Through this alliance, the manor appears to have passed to the Byroms, for in 12 James I. Henry Byrom, son of this John, died seized of the manors of Parr and Byrom. From the Byroms it passed to the Orrells, who still hold it.

[d] Henry Parr is stated, in a MS. in the Coll. Arm. to be 20 years old in 1621; but this statement is probably incorrect: it is probable that the baptism of Henry Parr in 1595, given on next page, refers to him. The pedigree referred to is among Segar's collections, and gives the descent from Thomas Parr to Henry inclusive; but it does not name all Thomas Parr's children as here given from his will.

[e] This estate of Laghooge, now called Leafog, in Parr, was the subject of litigation in 1592, when Thomas Norris claimed it, in right of John Dudley, by virtue of a

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* Randle Holme, in his Lancashire Pedigrees (*Harl. MSS. No.* 1925, *p.* 94), gives the following pedigree of

PARRE OF PARRE.

Elizabetha, filia Ran. Parre, nup. de Parre, in com. Lanc[r]. 22 H. 7. — Parre, de Parre, in com. Lanc[r]. = ... — Radulphus Parre. = ... de Parre, 36 H. 6.

Johannes Parre, fil's et hæres. = Anna, filia Rogeri Stokes de Wev'ham. — Elizabetha, filia 2[da]. — Alicia Sutton, filia prima.

Rogerus Parre, fil. et hæres. — ux. ejus, manet apud Talbot in Nova Castra. — Johanna, nupta Ric. Grimes, de Wevèrham. = Ric'dus Milner, secundus maritus. — Alicia, nupta Piers Wilbraham.

It is impossible, without further lights, to connect this descent with the one above given; and it is remarkable how studiously our old genealogists avoid dates. The writer cannot understand the two here given: do they refer to the parties' births, deaths, or marriages?

grant from the crown. The claim was resisted by Roger Wood, William Parre, and John Gerard, in right of William Marquess of Northampton.

The parties to the suit of 1600 were Thurstan Parr, eldest son of John Parr, deceased, plaintiff; and Thomas Foxe, John Standyche, and Thomas Parr, defendants. (*Ducatus Lancastriæ.*)

A reference to the original pleadings might throw light on these collaterals.

Extracts from the Parish Registers of Prescot.

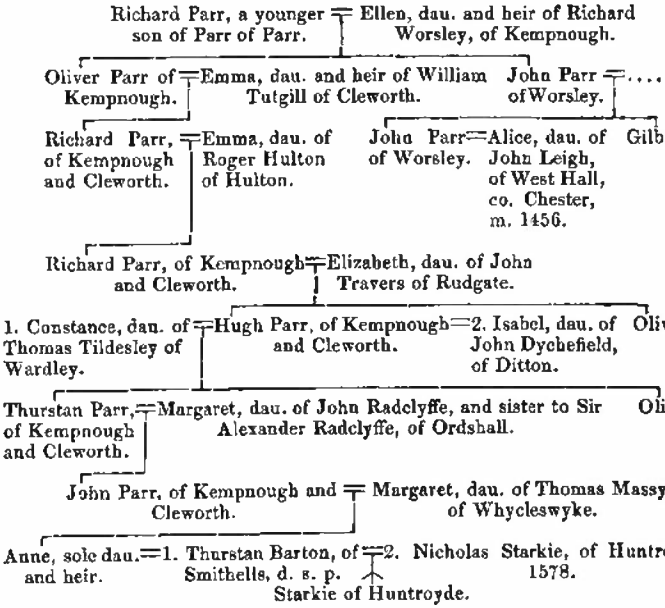
The Registers of Prescot contain many entries relative to this family. The following is the result of a comparison of the Originals with the Transcripts preserved at Chester. Both Registers and Transcripts are in a bad state, and each contain entries not legible in the other.

William Parr	buried	Jan.	28,	1575
Elizabeth dau. of Edward Parr of Windle	bapt.	April		1586
Brian son of Brian Parr of Parr	buried	July	3,	1586
Isabel dau. of Thomas Parr of Parr	bur.	Dec.	14,	1586
Thomas son of Brian Parr of Parr	bapt.	Feb.		1590
Richard son of Thomas Parr of Windle	bapt.	March	31,	1595
Henry son of Brian Parr	bapt.	Oct.	2,	1595
Hugh son of Thomas Parr of Windle	bapt.	Feb.	6,	1598
Thomas son of Thomas Parr of Windle	bapt.	Feb.	17,	1618
Alexander Parr of Sutton	bur.	May	12,	1618
William son of Richard Parr of Windle	bapt.	Sept.	29,	1619
Henry son of Edward Parr of Rainford	bapt.	March	29,	1620
Thomas son of Richard Parr of Windle	bapt.	April	14,	1622
John son of Roger Parr of Parr	bapt.	March	26,	1622
Peter son of Richard Parr of Windle	bapt.	Feb.	10,	1623
Edward son of Richard Parr of Windle	bur.			1624
Henry son of Henry Parr of Parr	bapt.	March	28,	1625
Brian Parr of Parr	bur.	April	17,	1626
Hugh son of William Parr of Rainhill	bapt.	Feb.	11,	1627
Elizabeth dau. of Henry Parr of Parr	bapt.	Oct.	7,	1627
Hugh son of Brian Parr of Parr	bapt.	Jan.	7,	1628
George Wainwright and Jane Parr	married	Oct.	12,	1628
Dorothie dau. of John Parr of Parr	bapt.	Dec.	22,	1628
John Ward and Ann Parr	married	Jan.	29,	1629
John son of Thomas Parr of Prescot	bapt.	Feb.	13,	1629
John son of Richard Parr of Windle	bapt.	March		1629
Thomas son of Henry Parr of Parr	bapt.	April	25,	1630
John son of William Parr of Cronton	bapt.	May	7,	1630
Katherine dau. of Henry Parr of Parr	bapt.	May	27,	1630
Radulphus Parr and Elizabeth Richardson	married	Aug.	16,	1631
John son of Radulphus Parr of Prescot	bapt.	March	27,	1632
John Gaskell and Catherine Parr	married	May	31,	1632
Alice Parr of Parr spinster	bur.	June	19,	1632
Henry Parr and Margaret Knowles	married	Nov.	10,	1638
John son of John Parr	bapt.	April	21,	1640
William son of Henry Parr of Rainhill	bapt.	Oct.	24,	1641

Hugh son of Alexander Parr of Knowsley	bapt.	Nov.	28, 1641
John son of Henry Parr of Parr	bur.	Sept.	18, 1642
Catherine Parr of Parr	bur.	Jan.	24, 1644
Thomas son of Henry Parr of Parr	bapt.	May	1644
Alice Parr of Parr	bur.	May	30, 1647

III. PARR OF KEMPNALL, CO. LANCASTER.

Arms: Arg. two bars az. in chief three torteaux, all within a bordure engrailed sa.
Crest: A horse's head gu., maned or.



This branch is recorded in the Visitation of 1567 (*Harl. MSS., No.* 6159), and the arms given as above.

The above descent is chiefly from a ped. by Randle Holme, in *Harl. MSS., No.* 1987, *p.* 50, but there is a marvellous lack of dates: the only two here given are from Burke's pedigrees of Leigh and Starkie (*Landed Gentry*), which are corroborated by other authorities *penes* the writer.

The estates of Kempnall, formerly Kempnough, and Cleworth vest in the Starkies of Huntroyde. Some singular circumstances consequent on the marriage of Nicholas Starkie with the heiress of Parr, are recorded in Burke's very interesting work, *Visitation of Seats, second series*, p. 198.

Administration to the effects of Oliver Parr of Worsley was granted at Chester in 1618.

IV.—PARR OF BACKFORD, CO. CHESTER.

Arms: Arg. two bars az. a bordure engrailed sa. bezantée.
Crest: A demi-boar rampant az. bristled or, charged with a bend gu. thereon three lozenges or.

John Parre, d. before 1477. = Ellen, dau. and coheir of Richard Radcliffe of Timperley, d. seised of the manor of Backford, according to Inq. taken 17 Edw. IV.

- John Parre, of Backford, sold lands in Timperley to Sir William Booth, of Dunham, 1462, (*Leycester's Ant.*) d.s.p. 1495. = Alice, dau. of ..
- Thomas Parre, s. his brother; d. April 20, 1503. = ... dau. of Hamon de Arderne, of Timperley.
- Richard Parre.
- William Parre, of Backford, aged 16 at his father's inquisition, d. Oct. 2, 1548. = Elizabeth, dau. and heir of Thomas Barrow, of Chester.
- Randolph Parre.
- Robert Parre, of Backford, sold the est. to Thomas Aldersey, d.s.p. before 1582. = Eleanor, dau. of Robert Langton, of the Lowe, co. Lancaster.
- Thomas Parre.
- John Parre.
- Thomas Parre.

The above pedigree has been printed already in Burke's *Patrician, vol. iii. p.* 593. It is chiefly compiled from a pedigree by Randle Holme (*Harl. MSS. No.* 1925, *p.* 132). Ormerod, in his *Cheshire*, gives a very defective account of the family, as he not only omits all notice of the collateral descents from Richard, but states the principal line utterly at variance with the Inquisitions quoted by himself.

V.—OTHER COLLATERAL BRANCHES.

A branch of the family was seated at Rainford, in the parish of Prescot, at least so early as the reign of Henry VIII. The descent is given in Burke's *Landed Gentry*, down to the present time, and need not be here repeated.

There was also a branch settled at Eccleston, of which the compiler has obtained but few and disjointed particulars.

The most notable member of the family was Richard Parr, Rector of Eccleston in 1628, and subsequently Bishop of Sodor and Man, who d. 1643. The compiler has not been able to find his will, either at Chester or York.

Branches appear to have existed, for at least two centuries past, in Devonshire, Berkshire, Norfolk, and other counties; but the present writer has not been able to pursue them with success. He will conclude this article with the stem of one of the name perhaps more celebrated than all who have heretofore been treated of:—

VI.—PEDIGREE OF "OLD PARR."

John Parr, of Winnington, parish of Alberbury, co. Salop, husbandman, temp. Hen. VII. = ...

- Thomas Parr, "the olde, olde, very olde man," b. at Winnington, m. 1st. at 80 years of age; 2nd. at the age of 120; d. Nov. 15, 1635, aged 152, bur. in Westminster Abbey. = Katherine Milton, 2nd wife.
- ..... Parr, called "Young Parr," lived to the age of 113. = ...
- ..... Parr, lived to the age of 109. = ...

Robert Parr, b. at Kinver, near Bridgenorth, d. in 1757, aged 124.

The cottage in which Thomas Parr is said to have lived still exists at a place called "The Glyn," in the parish of Alberbury; and there are several families of the labouring class bearing the name resident in the neighbourhood.

Taunton, May 29, 1854. H. P.

Additions and Corrections to the Early Pedigrees of the Parr Family.

Page 353. The following early notices of the *place* occur prior to those already quoted.

Sir Roger Gernet held Parr, with other manors, from William Earl Ferrers, 36 Hen. III. (1251). (Inq. p. m. quoted in Transactions of Lanc. Hist. Soc. ii. 152.)

The Dacres succeeded as heirs to Gernet.

By a *quo warranto* about 5 Edw. I. (1277), it appeared that the Prior of St. John of Jerusalem exercised certain privileges within the township of Par. (Placita de quo Warranto, p. 375.)

Parr of Kendal.

P. 355, last line, *for* "Countess," *read* "Marchioness."

Parr of Parr.

P. 356. Henry de Par was witness to a deed of gift from Alan de Norrais, without date, but apparently temp. Hen. III. (see vol. ii. p. 378.)

Richard de Par was witness to a deed of William, son of Henry de Athurton, 12 Edw. III. (1338). (Harl. MSS. No. 2112.)

P. 357, note [b]. Thomas Parr's Will, with annotations, will be given in the forthcoming volume of the Chetham Society's Publications, edited by the Rev. G. J. Piccope.

[The writer had hoped to have obtained further information on this part of the Pedigree from the Duchy Records. He was prevented employing a private agent from the fact that the Secretary of the Genealogical Society promised to have the necessary searches made: but, after waiting two years, nothing has been done, and there now remains no time for the purpose before publication of these Addenda.]

P. 358. "Parish Registers of Prescot." A personal inspection of the Original Registers, made in the Spring of 1857, has been the means of recovering many entries relating to the family reported as illegible by the parish clerk. The early books are much decayed, and the entries in question will shortly vanish away. The writer, therefore, gladly embraces the opportunity of perpetuating them here.

Elizabeth Parr, bur. Nov. 22, 1573.

Hugh Parr, bur. May 24, 1576.

Brian Parr, bur. Sept. 20, 1576.

John Parr, bur. Sept. 20, 1576.

William, son of Robert Parr, bur. April 4, 1578.

Isabel Parr, widow, bur. Oct. 24, 1578.

Katherine Parr, bur. Sept. 29, 1579.

John, son of William Parr, of Rainford, bapt. March 14, 1581.
John, son of Thomas Parr, of Eccleston, bapt. Feb. 11, 1581.
William, son of Hugh Parr, bapt. Nov. 8, 1582.
Elizabeth, dau. of Peter Parr, bapt. Aug. 1583.
Jane, dau. of William Parr, of Rainford, bapt. Jan. 10, 1585.
William, son of Thomas Parr, of Windle, bapt. Nov. 1585.
Elizabeth, dau. of Edward Parr, of Windle, bapt. April, 1586.
Thurstan, son of Alexander Parr, of Knowsley, bapt. Jan. 1588.
Thomas Parr, of Parr, bur. Dec. 20, 1590.
Roger Parr, of Parr, bur. May 21, 1591.
Jane, dau. of Hugh Parr, of Windle, bapt. Sept. 2, 1591.
Edward Parr, of Parr, bur. Dec. 29, 1591.
Henry, son of Thomas Parr, of Windle, bapt. Feb. 14, 1594.
Hugh, son of Alexander Parr, of Sutton, bapt. March 25, 1595.
Brian Parr, of Parr, bur. Nov. 22, 1595.
John, son of Rafe Parr, of Rainhill, bapt. March 9, 1605.
William, son of John Parr, of Eccleston, bapt. Oct. 11, 1608.
Henry Parr, of Rainford, bur. Feb. 19, 1609.
Thomas Parr, of Rainford, bur. Oct. 28, 1611.
Elizabeth Parr, widow, of Parr, bur. Nov. 6, 1611.
Hugh Parr, of Windle, bur. Sept. 14, 1612.
Thomas, son of William Parr, of Windle, bur. June 15, 1614.
Edward, son of ——— Parr, bapt. March 20, 1624.
Radulph, son of Richard Parr, of Windle, bapt. April 14, 1625.
Thomas, son of Thomas Parr, of Prescot, bapt. April 24, 1625.
Dorothy, dau. of Randolph Parr, of Parr, bapt. Dec. 9, 1628.
Thomas Lyon and Elizabeth Parr married Jan. 16, 1629.
William Parr and Elizabeth ——— married Feb. 3, 1629.
Hugh Parr and Mary Barnes, both of this parish, married Aug. 29, 1639.
Ellen, wife of Thomas Parr, of Prescot, bur. Nov. 30, 1645: "Mulier plena bonis operibus."
Thomas Parr, of Prescot, bur. Dec. 12, 1645.
Henry, son of Alexander Parr, of Knowsley, bapt. Sept. 8, 1650.

The Episcopal Registry at Chester

contains seventy-five Wills and Administrations of the name of PARR between the years 1558 and 1700. Of these, thirty-seven have been examined and abstracted by the writer, who hopes to give some of the results of his researches in a future volume of THE TOPOGRAPHER. Meanwhile he gladly bears testimony to the courtesy, liberality, and intelligence of the officials in that important registry, whose behaviour may give a model for those who fill similar situations.

Taunton Vicarage, June 12, 1857. H. P.