

For nearly three centuries the Raynes family has lived in almost solitary grandeur on the ancestral acres at Brave Boat Harbor, doubtless on the same location where Captain Francis built his first residence. They generally married into the "quality" of Kittery, Portsmouth and Newcastle and maintained a standard of exclusive social dignity typical of the old aristocracy of Colonial days.

A Francis Raynes, living in Barbadoes 1671 (*P. C. C. 124, Duke*) may be the son of our settler, unrecorded, as he had no son of his own name in York as would be expected. It is presumed he married after emigration but the family name of his wife Eleanor is not known. He was living March 8, 1702-3 (*Deeds iv, 158*) and is stated to have died in 1706 at nearly one hundred years of age. His will, dated August 21, 1693, is as follows:

In the Name of God. I doe bequeath my soul to the Lord that gave it, and to Jesus Christ my Redeemer by whom I hope to be saved, As for my Estate, I dispose of as followeth. I give unto my wife my farm I live in, one half so long as she liveth, the other halfe I give unto my son Nathaniel Raynes with her to manage it with her.

I give unto my wife Elinor Raynes all my household goods and leave it to her dispose, Likewise I further give my farm after their death unto Francis Raynes the Son of Nathaniel Raynes, I give unto John Raynes the halfe farm I bought of Mr. Shapleigh paying the annual so long as it is due, further I give unto Nathan Raynes the son of Nathaniel Raynes a Tract of land I bought of Thomas Crockett of thirty Acres lying betwene my Farms, further I give unto Francis Hodsdon the Son of Joseph Hodsdon the plantation which his father lived in at the head of braue boat Harbour, with four acres of meadow and the upland which was laid out to it.

For my Cows I leave with my Executors to pay what I shall give unto my grand Children all my sheep I give unto Francis Raynes. My cows in John Woodmans hands with all the Increase I give unto my daughter Woodmans Children to be divided betwene them. I give unto John Diamonds Children ten shillings apiece I give unto Joseph Hodsdon Children ten shillings apiece, unto Samuel Matthews Children ten shillings apiece; I give unto my daughter Woodman twenty shillings, I give unto Samuel Matthews wife twenty shillings I give unto Elizabeth Hodsdon my grand Child Ten pounds to be paid when she is of age, besides her ten shillings formerly given. I give unto Samuel Matthews Twenty shillings I give unto David Mendum the four pounds John Woodman oweth me for the horse, to be paid him when he is of age. I give unto Elinor Raynes Twenty shillings. I give unto Nathaniel Raynes twenty shillings. What I have here given I desire my Executors to pay out of my Estate. I do hereby ordain Constitute my wife Elinor Raynes, and my son Nathaniel Raynes my Executors Jointly one with the other for to perform this my last will and Testament fully as they will answere it another day.

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I Francis Raynes being in my perfect health and memory do make this my last Will and Testament of the Estate I have in this life, and do give my Executors the full power of it, to perform what is aboue mentioned after my decease.

My own hand
Francis Raynes

Witness/
Nathaniel Raynes
John Woodman
Francis Raynes Junr

Recorded October 15, 1706,
(Probate Office 1, 125)

The family genealogy will appear in Volume III of this work.

WILLIAM HILTON

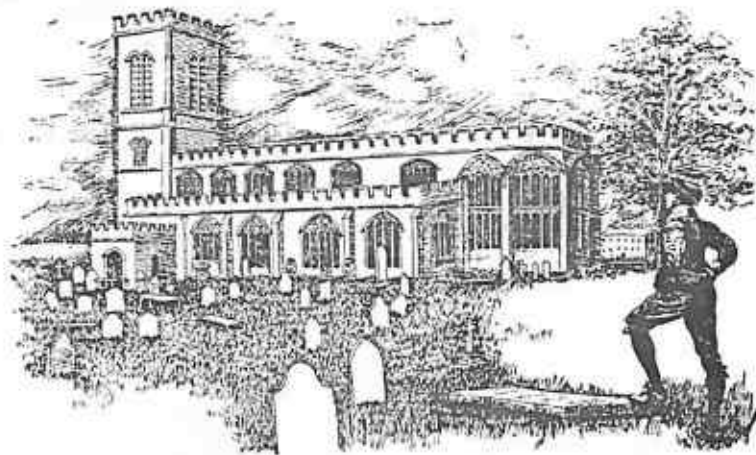
William Hilton

This pioneer of York was one of the earliest settlers in New England as he came to Plymouth in 1621 on the *Fortune* from London, and his letter descriptive of the country, appearing in "New England Trials," 1622, is the first published letter written by a Plymouth Pilgrim describing this part of the country. One phrase in it is striking: "We are all free-holders, the rent day doth not trouble us." His wife and two children followed in the *Anne* and there he lived until some time in 1624 when the inevitable church "row" ensued. William Hilton, like many others at Plymouth, had no connection with the Leyden church organization and when Rev. John Lyford, sent over as minister by the Merchant Adventurers of London, baptized one of Hilton's children, the Leyden faction started a quarrel with Lyford because William Hilton "was not joined to the church (as a member) at Plymouth" (*Hubbard History of New England, ch. xvi*). Lyford was banished in 1624 and doubtless Hilton left about the same time. He is next heard of in Dover with his brother Edward, a freeman of the Fishmongers Company of London, who probably emigrated on the advice of his elder brother.

The family from which they descended probably originated in Lancashire, and about 1550 the representatives of this branch removed to Northwich, township of Witton, County Chester, and engaged in the manufacture of salt, for which industry that place was then noted. It is believed that this branch consisted of at least three

brothers: Charles, who went to London and became a member of the Fishmongers' Company; Anthony, who also went to the same city; and William, who remained in Northwich. This William the first died in 1605 and from his will of that year, dated February 8, which was proved October 28 following, and from other sources, these children are believed to be his issue by wife Ellen who was buried March 27, 1606, as a widow:

- i. Richard, b. (1571); m. Catherine Underwood December 2, 1594. They had a son Richard who came to Dover, N. H., about 1645 but returned to England and died there.
- ii. Amy, b. (1573); m. John Dickson or Jackson.
- iii. (daughter), b. (1575); m. William Robinson, co-executor of will.
- iv. Arthur, b. (1578); m. Jane Royle; co-executor of father's will.
- v. William, b. (1585); the emigrant to New England
- vi. Edward, bapt. June 9, 1596; apprenticed in 1612 to the widow of his uncle Charles, the fishmonger. He was free of the Company in 1621 and emigrated to New England a few years later to join his brother William. Settled Dover, N. H.



CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND LUKE, NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE
Where children of William Hilton were baptized

These are all the children who can be definitely placed as the issue of William and Ellen, but doubtless there were others as his will only mentions "my children" without naming them. The maiden name of his wife is not known but it is believed to be Mainwaring, which was perpetuated in the family of William, Jr., for several generations. The names of Charles and his son Paul were also perpetuated in the descendants of William and Edward.

Of the early life of William before he emigrated to New England but little is known. He was in London at the date of his father's will and may be identical with a William Hilton, a vintner's assistant in Greenwich in 1613, in view of his engaging in the occupation of taverner in the latter years of his life in Maine and New Hampshire. About 1615 he had returned to Northwich, probably married there (wife's name unknown). Two children were baptized there, the last in 1619; and a further presumption is that he again went to London where in association with his brother Edward, living in the parish of St. Botolph's Billingsgate near London Bridge, he was undoubtedly cognizant of the sailing of the *Mayflower* and familiar with all the tales of adventure in the New World. He decided to cast his lot with the Pilgrims and when the Plymouth Adventurers made up a passenger list for sailing in the *Fortune* in the summer of 1621 he decided to go in that party. After arrival he wrote to an unnamed "loving cousin" in which he asked "your friendly care to send my wife and children to me." Following his removal from Plymouth to Dover, N. H. about 1624, he remained there for about twenty years, during which time he was Deputy to the General Court and a Commissioner. He removed later to Kittery, residing at the Great Cove on Piscataqua River. He was licensed on June 27, 1648, to keep an ordinary there and also to operate a ferry at that point. It is probable that he married a second wife, Frances (surname unknown), and continued to reside there for the next two years preceding his removal to this town in 1650. There is no record of his purchase of land here or a grant to him from the town, but his home was situated on the opposite shore from Stage Neck and in December 1652, he was appointed to keep the ferry at that place, as stated elsewhere. He was Selectman 1652, 1653, 1654 and Grand Juror 1654, and died the following year or the year after. He must have been a man of education and ability as he was a correspondent of Governor Winthrop and is generally called "Mr." in the records. When a member of the General Court of Massachusetts in 1644, as representative from Dover, he was appointed one of a committee to examine the new law book prepared by Bellingham and advise on same before printing.

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He had the following children by first wife:

- i. William, bapt. June 22, 1617 at Northwich; m. (1) Sarah Greenleaf about 1640; (2) Mehitable Nowell about 1661. Had issue ten children by both wives.
- ii. Mary, bapt. May 11, 1619 at Northwich; m. James Wiggins.
- iii. John, b. (1621); living in Dover 1648.
- iv. Magdalen, b. (1624).
- v. Mainwaring, b. (1627); mariner; m. Mary Moulton.
(probably by second wife)
- vi. William, b. (1642); so named during the life of his elder brother William (*Deeds iii, 125*).
- vii. Anne (Agnes), b. (1644); m. Arthur Beal.

His widow, Frances, married (2) Richard White of York (*q. v.*). The genealogy of this family will appear in Volume III.

THOMAS CROCKETT

He is said to have arrived at Piscataqua about 1631 (*B. of T. Mss. i, 7*), but nothing further is known of him until 1641 when he received a grant of one hundred forty-seven acres at Spruce Creek, Kittery, where he lived in that town for the next ten years. He bought and sold several lots in Kittery, and was ferryman at Brave Boat Harbor. In 1652 he signed the Submission as resident of Gorgeana, and in 1653 was granted forty acres "next the sea-side" between the lands of Godfrey and Raynes (*Deeds i, 36*). He was town constable in 1657, but seems to have held no other office in the town. He deposed in 1654 aged forty-three years (*Mass. Arch. xxxviii, 152*), which places his birth about 1611; and this fact, without much doubt, identifies him as from Stoke Gabriel, County Devon, where Thomas Crockett and wife Anne had a son Thomas baptized January 13, 1610-11, the same year as the emigrant's birth. The name Crockett is very rare in England, which adds to this probability. He died about 1679 and his widow Anne administered the estate that year. Her maiden name is unknown, but it is not improbable that she was connected with the Gunnison or Lynn family of Kittery. She married (2) before 1683 Digory Jeffreys and survived as late as 1712, leaving the following issue by her first marriage:

- i. Anne, b. (1642); m. William Roberts of Arundel.
- ii. Ephraim, b. 1644; tailor; m. Anne —.

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- iii. Sarah, b. (1646); m. John Parrott.
- iv. Elihu, b. (1648); m. Mary Winnock.
- v. Joshua, b. (1650); m. Sarah Trickey.
- vi. Joseph, b. 1652; m. Hannah —.
- vii. Hugh, b. (1654); m. Margaret —.
- viii. Mary, b. (1656); m. — Barton or Barter.

JAMES WIGGINS

James Wiggins

This settler lived on the northwest side of Godfrey's Pond, and is first mentioned in 1656; and there is a record of a town grant of ten acres to him "upon the East side of the dwelling house of Mr. Edward Godfrey," and in 1667 of ten additional acres adjoining it. His antecedents are not known, except that he was born about 1636 (*Suff. Ct. Mss. 955*), but as far as known he was not kinsman to any person here. He was Deputy Marshal of the Province in 1659 and Marshal in 1662; signed the petitions to the King in 1679, 1680 and 1683, (*Folsom, 193*); and was living in 1697 (*Deeds vi, 169*). He married Magdalen, daughter of William Hilton (or certainly of his second wife, Mrs. Frances Hilton). There are very few references to him in the records of town or Province, and it is not known that he had more than one child, *viz.*:

- i. James, b. 1658; resided in Kittery where he had a land grant in 1678; removed to Blue Point, Scarborough in 1681; witness there in 1685 (*Deeds v, 110*); he married Sarah — who after his death married James Davis, Jr., of Haverhill, August 16, 1693.

JOHN LAVERS

This settler is found at Dover in 1650 (*N. H. Deeds i, 50, 83*), and probably removed to this town the next year as he was listed as a resident of the west side by the Massachusetts agents when preparing for their Usurpation. He was called in 1652 "Ould Goodman Lavers," and in 1653 was presented for "living from his wife." It is a frequent West Country name and doubtless he came from that part of England. Beyond this there is nothing much to say about him except that he had grants of upland and marsh in 1653 which after his death, with a house thereon, were awarded to John Stover, Sr. He died about January 1677-8, and John Twisden, as Clerk of the Writs, administered on his estate in behalf of the town of York.

Bob Wardie

HYLTON

HYDE HALL

i.e. "CLANBRASSILL of Hyde Hall, co. Hertford," Barony (*Jocelyn*)
cr. 1821. See RODEN, Earldom [I.], cr. 1771, under the 3rd Earl.

HYLTON or HILTON OF HILTON^(a)

BARONY BY WRIT. I. ROBERT DE HILTON,^(b) s. and h. of Alexander DE HILTON, of Helton or Hilton, near Wearmouth,^(c) by Agnes DE VERLY his wife,^(d) sister and coh. of Hugh DE VERLY,^(e) was a minor at his father's death in 1242.^(f) He had lands, held as 2 knights' fees of the barony of Vescy, at Shilbottle, Guyzance and Rennington.^(g) In 1252 he released to Sir John de Vesci all right in certain land which his father Alexander had claimed against John's father, Sir William de Vesci.^(h) He must now

^(a) This article down to 1361 is by J. Brownbill; the genealogical account from then to the end is mainly by Miss Burford Butcher.

^(b) The Hiltons belong to a small group of families holding feudal baronies which for many generations had the designation of Baron. Sir William de Hilton is so called in the Rolls of Parliament in 1399. See *post*, p. 26, note "i." The Barons of Greystoke and of Stafford were so called in the writs summoning them to Parliament; but tenure by barony, in which these designations originated, did not of itself imply any claim to, though it may have involved some difficulty in evading, a writ of summons to the King's Councils and Parliaments. The arms of Hilton were, Argent, two bars of Azure (*Parliamentary Roll*, no. 136: *Charles's Roll*, no. 472: *St. George's Roll*, no. 293). The family had a curious crest: the Head of Moses with the horns of light.

^(c) Alexander went on pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 1241 and never returned (*M. Paris—Rolls Ser.—vol. iv*, p. 89; see charter in Dugdale, *Mon.*, vol. v, p. 494). He was s. and h. of William de Helton (who *d.* before 20 Apr. 1208—*Charter Roll*, 9 Joh., m. 2; *Fine Roll*, m. 2), by Bone, da. of German Tison, of Shilbottle, Northumberland. (*Extract from the Chron. of Alnwick—Harl. MSS.*, no. 692, f. 195 or 205 r).

^(d) She is mentioned with her husband in the *Durham Liber Vitæ* (Surtees Soc.), f. 66.

^(e) *Bracton's Note Book*, no. 782. Hugh was dead in 1227. On 9 Aug. 1227 the Sheriff of York was ordered to take over all the goods of Hugh de Verly into the King's hand and to restore them to the executors with reservation for the debt Hugh owed to the King. (*Excerpt. e Rot. Fin.*, vol. i, p. 160). Agnes's sister and coh. was Amabel, wife of Nicholas de Piselegh in 1233, at which time Agnes seems to have been dead. The possession of his wife's inheritance explains why Alexander de Hilton was called upon to pay off a Crown debt due by Hugh de Verly. This was accomplished by 1244. (*Northumberland Pipe Roll*, p. 179 *sqq.*).

^(f) *Abp. Gray's Register* (Surtees Soc.), p. 253.

^(g) *Book of Fees*, vol. ii, p. 1118.

^(h) *Percy Cartulary* (Surtees Soc.), p. 261. A document in this Cartulary (p. 457), written in 1297 or later, gives the pedigree thus: Richard (should be William) Tyson had a son German Tyson, who had dame Bone, who had Alexander de Hilton, who had Robert de Hilton who now is.

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have been of age. As Robert de Helton, son of Alexander, he gave land in the Bailey at Durham to the monks of Durham.^(a) On 2 Dec. 1256 he obtained a charter of free warren in his demesne lands in Shilbottle, Rennington, Hilton, Swine and Winestead.^(b) In the civil war of 1264 he, with his feudal lord, John de Vesci, took the Barons' side.^(c) He fought at Lewes, and when Vesci regained his castle of Alnwick by force in 1266 Hilton was with him.^(d) Hence his lands were taken into the King's hand, and in 1267 an extent of those in Northumberland was made, and has been preserved.^(e) The King gave them to Robert de Brus the younger, who in Sep. 1268 released them to Robert de Hilton for 1,000 marks.^(f) On 25 Mar. 1271 he was finally pardoned and admitted to the King's peace, under the award of Kenilworth.^(g) In Jan. 1267/8, at the Archbishop's Visitation of Swine in Holderness, it was found that Sir Robert's household was injurious to the due observance of the rule by the nuns, and so was Sir Robert himself.^(h) From 1278 to 1309 he is frequently found attesting local charters.⁽ⁱ⁾ In 1280 and 1281 he and Joan his wife appear as holding land in Lawford, Essex.^(j) In 1282 he was sum. for military service against the Welsh.^(k) In 1286 he had a pardon,^(l) and from 1288 was a Commissioner in various cases.^(m) In 1288 he gave permission to the monks of Brinkburne to take wood in Hazon.⁽ⁿ⁾ He

^(a) *Feodarium Prior. Dunelm.* (Surtees Soc.), p. 197. John de Vesci was a witness.

^(b) *Cal. Charter Rolls*, vol. i, p. 454.

^(c) Longstaffe in *Arch. Æliana*, N.S., vol. iii, p. 140.

^(d) His land at Waldringfield in Suffolk, which appears to have been overlooked, was reported to the Judges in 1270, because "Robert de Hilton was in the castle of Alnwick against the King" (*Assize Roll* 821, m. 5).

^(e) *Cal. Inq. p. m.*, vol. i, no. 663. The inclusion of this extent among the inquisitions *post mortem* has caused many to believe that Robert had died. This was not the case, for in 1293 he produced in support of his claim for free warren the charter granted by Henry III in 1256 *eidem Roberto*. (*Plac. de quo Warranto*, p. 598).

^(f) *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1266-72, p. 292.

^(g) *Idem*, p. 596.

^(h) *Giffard's Reg.* (Surtees Soc.), p. 148. It was reported that two windows and the church door were insufficiently guarded, so that the canons had easy access to the nuns, as also the household of Sir Robert de Hilton, the members of which wandered freely through cloister and parlour and conversed suspiciously with the nuns. Sir Robert himself was very troublesome, and for fear of his oppression the canons (without consent of the convent) gave him a barn full of corn intended for the nuns, who do not get enough food, though the canons themselves are well cared for.

⁽ⁱ⁾ See *Percy Cartul.*; *Cal. Charter Rolls*, vol. ii, p. 430; *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1307-13, pp. 304, 436; *Newminster Cartul.* (Surtees Soc.), p. 290.

^(j) *Abbrev. Placit.*, pp. 199, 200.

^(k) *Parl. Writs*.

^(l) *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1281-92, p. 222.

^(m) *Idem*, p. 329; 1301-07, p. 193; *Parl. Writs* (1300).

⁽ⁿ⁾ *Brinkburne Cartul.* (Surtees Soc.), p. 32.

held Shilbottle in 1289.^(a) He was sum. to Parl. from 24 June (1295) 23 Edw. I to 26 Aug. (1296) 24 Edw. I, by writs directed *Roberto de Hilton*, whereby he is held to have become LORD HILTON. He was sum. to attend the King at Salisbury 26 Jan. (1296/7) 25 Edw. I, and was sum. for military service against the Scots from 1296 to 1303.^(b) In 1296 he was the chief holder in Shilbottle and Guyzance,^(c) and in that year was one of the "barons" who witnessed three Scottish bishops take the oath of fealty to King Edward.^(d) In 1297 he presented to Hilton chapel.^(e) In 1300 he acted with the Sheriff of Northumberland in arrays.^(f) Land was held of him in Essex and Suffolk in 1303.^(g) In 1307 the "custodes" of Northumberland and Tyndale were ordered to take oath before Robert de Hilton.^(h) In 1309, as Robert de Hilton the elder, he was party in a suit concerning lands in Guyzance.⁽ⁱ⁾ He *m.*, probably shortly before 1 Dec. 1255, Joan, da. and coh. of William LE (OR DE) BRETON, a tenant in chief in Essex.^(j) The date of his death is unknown, but he probably died between 1309 and 1311.^(k)

[ALEXANDER DE HILTON, 1st s. and h. ap.^(l)] His father gave him Rennington, and in Jan. 1289/90 he, as lord of Rennington, gave a piece of land to Alnwick Abbey by a charter to which his father was a witness.^(m) As Sir Alexander de Hilton, Knt., he acknowledged a debt in Dec. 1292.⁽ⁿ⁾

^(a) *Cal. Inq. p. m.*, vol. ii, p. 447.

^(b) In 1299 his name occurs among the "barons" so summoned (*Parl. Writs*).

^(c) Subsidy (158/1) printed in *Hist. of Northumberland* (Committee), vol. v, pp. 419, 481.

^(d) Stevenson, *Docs. of Scotland* (Rolls Ser.), vol. ii, p. 65.

^(e) Surtees, vol. ii, p. 30.

^(f) *Cal. Close Rolls, 1296-1302*, pp. 381, 389, 396.

^(g) *Cal. Inq. p. m.*, vol. iv, no. 120.

^(h) *Parl. Writs*.

⁽ⁱ⁾ *Assize Roll 660* (2 Edw. II), m. 1.

^(j) *Excerpt. e Rot. Fin.*, vol. ii, p. 216. On 1 Dec. 1255 the King took the homage of Robert de Hilton, who had married Joan, daughter and one of the heirs of William Briton, who had held lands in chief in Essex (*Close Roll 73*, 42 Hen. III, m. 14). In 1277 the heirs of William de Breton were the wives of Robert de Hilton, Walter de Anaver, and William de Huntingfield (*Parl. Writs*, vol. i, p. 200). In Suffolk in 1286 it was found that Roger de Huntingfield and Nichole his wife, John de Goldingham, and Robert de Hilton and Joan his wife shared the inheritance of William de Breton (or Brecon) (*Plac. de quo Warranto*, p. 730).

^(k) It is presumably to him that the following undated entry in *Monumenta Franciscana* (Rolls Ser.), vol. i, p. 541, relates: "Frater Robertus Hylton, baro de Hylton, indutus erat in conventu de Brygenorth in custodia Wigorniae et sepultus est coram altare Virginis ex parte australi ecclesiae."

^(l) His father gave Swine and Winestead in Holderness to his brother William (see the coheirs of Roger, LORD LASCELLES). There was another brother named German, a charter for whom is given in Hodgson, *Northumb.*, pt. ii, vol. ii, p. 347.

^(m) Lansdowne MS. 326, f. 66.

⁽ⁿ⁾ *Cal. Close Rolls, 1288-96*, p. 308.

In Apr. 1294 he granted the manor of Lawford, Essex, to Benedict de Cokefeud.^(a) He headed the Subsidy Roll in Rennington in 1296.^(b) He *m.* Elizabeth.^(c) He *d. v.p.*, probably *circa* 1303, when dower was assigned to his widow.^(d)

II. 1310? 2. ROBERT (DE HILTON), LORD HILTON, grandson and h., being s. and h. of Sir Alexander DE HILTON, by Elizabeth his wife, both abovementioned.^(e) From 1309 to 1315 he attested various Durham charters,^(f) and in 1312 was placed on the commission of the peace in Durham.^(g) In 1313 he obtained licence that the lords of Hilton, their wives and children might be buried in the graveyard attached to the chapel of Hilton. Mortuaries, &c., were to be paid to the church of Wearmouth.^(h) On 11 Dec. 1313 Bishop Kellaw allowed him two cygnets from the fishponds at Middleham.⁽ⁱ⁾ From 1314-17 he was one of several claimants to the estates of William de Vesci the elder, but the decision was in favour of Gilbert de Aton.^(j) In 1315 his absence from Parl., to which it was said he had been sum., was excused as he was stationed in the Marches of Scotland.^(k) On 6 June 1319 he was taken prisoner by the Scots at Berwick, when Douglas defeated Sir Ralph Neville.^(l) He presented Thomas de Hilton to the chapel at Hilton 9 Dec. 1321,^(m) and in Jan. 1321/2 granted his chaplain, William de Hilton, tithes of the passage of Bovisferry, at Hilton, over the Wear, in exchange for rents.⁽ⁿ⁾ He *m.*, 1stly, Joan.^(o) He *m.*, 2ndly, before 13 Feb. 1314/5, Ellen, widow of Walter (DE HUNTERCOMBE), LORD HUNTERCOMBE, who *d.* in 1313. With her he had Wrestlingworth, Beds, for life. She was

^(a) *Cal. Close Rolls*, 1288-96, p. 395.

^(b) *Hist. of Northumb.*, vol. ii, p. 152.

^(c) As widow of Alexander de Hilton she was a plaintiff in 1304 and 1308 (*De Banco Roll*, Trin. 32 Edw. I, m. 194, and Trin. 1 Edw. II, m. 241 d—Plantagenet Harrison).

^(d) *Surtees*, vol. ii, p. 30, quoting pedigree by J. C. Brooke, Somerset.

^(e) As Robert son of Sir Alexander de Hilton he granted land in Blagden to John de Duddon (*Hodgson, Northumb.*, pt. ii, vol. ii, p. 318).

^(f) *Kellaw's Register* (Rolls Ser.); *Fædera*, vol. ii, p. 99.

^(g) *Kellaw's Register*, vol. i, p. 180.

^(h) *Idem*, vol. ii, p. 1229; *Surtees*, vol. ii, p. 380.

⁽ⁱ⁾ *Kellaw's Register*, vol. i, p. 480.

^(j) *Percy Cartul.*, p. 222; *Cal. Inq. p. m.*, vol. v, nos. 309, 311; *Cal. Close Rolls*, 1313-18, p. 461; *Cal. Fine Rolls*, vol. ii, p. 265. The descent alleged by Hilton does not seem to be recorded.

^(k) *Parl. Writs*. A note states that no such summons is recorded.

^(l) *Barbour, The Bruce*, bk. xv, line 503; *Bridlington* (in Rolls Ser.), p. 56 (for the date).

^(m) *Surtees*, vol. ii, p. 30.

⁽ⁿ⁾ *Idem*, p. 380. He was to provide a proper boat for the ferry.

^(o) She is mentioned as formerly his wife in *Account Rolls of Jarrow and Wearmouth* (*Surtees Soc.*), p. 239.

living in 1331, but *d.* before 12 Apr. 1339.^(a) He *d.* between Jan. 1321/2 and Jan. 1322/3,^(b) and was *bur.* in Hilton Chapel.^(c)

III. 1322. 3. ALEXANDER (DE HILTON), LORD HILTON, of Hilton, co. Durham, Shilbottle, Hazon, Guyzance, Rennington, and Newton-on-the-Moor, Northumberland,^(d) *s.* and *h.* In Apr. 1332, being then a knight, he was about to go beyond seas in the retinue of William la Zouche de Mortemer, in attendance on Eleanor, daughter of Edward II, who was about to marry Renaud, Count of Gueldres.^(e) He was sum. for Military Service, 27 Mar. (1335) 9 Edw. III, to attend the King at Newcastle by Trinity Sunday;^(f) and was sum. to Parl. from 27 Jan. (1331/2) 6 Edw. III to 22 Jan. (1335/6) 9 Edw. III, by writs directed *Alexandro de Hilton*. In 1334 he had licence to alienate land to the Abbot of Alnwick.^(g) On 15 Nov. 1335 he obtained confirmation of the charter of free warren granted to his great-grandfather Robert in 1256.^(h) In 1336 he claimed land in Lawford, Essex, as heir of Robert de Hilton and Joan his wife.⁽ⁱ⁾ He presented to Hilton Chapel in 1338;^(j) was a justice in Durham in 1344;^(k) and a commissioner of oyer and terminer, *Ec.*, 1344, 1345.^(l) He had pardon for his part in the death

^(a) See HUNTERCOMBE; *V.C.H. Beds*, vol. ii, p. 255; *Kellaw's Register*, vol. ii, p. 1068; *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1313-17, p. 124; 1317-21, p. 465; *Placita de quo Warr.*, p. 52. For her dower from her former husband see *Cal. Close Rolls*, 1313-18, pp. 8, 15, 58, 66.

^(b) At the end of the *Status* of Wearmouth, dated 11 May 1321 (*sic*), the receipt of the mortuary of Sir Robert de Hilton, Knt.—*viz.*, a horse with armour—is acknowledged (*Account Rolls of Jarroo and Wearmouth*, p. 141). This is one of a series of memoranda which appear to have been added later.

^(c) The payment of the mortuary shows that he was *bur.* there.

^(d) See note "g" below.

^(e) Letters of protection, for that purpose, for Alexander de Hilton kt., 26 Apr. 1332 till the Feast of St. Peter *ad vincula* following (*Patent Roll*, 6 Edw. III, p. 1, m. 4).

^(f) *Rot. Scotiae*, vol. i, p. 332.

^(g) Writ 15 May 8 Edw. III, *Inq. a. g. d.* Monday before the Nativity of St. John the Baptist [20 June] 1334 (file 227, no. 4). Alexander de Hilton to grant a messuage and lands in Broxfield, Northumberland, to the Abbot and Convent of Alnwick, retaining the vills of Shilbottle, Hazon, Guyzance, Rennington, and Newton-on-the-Moor, which he holds of Sir Henry de Percy, by the service of two knights' fees. Licence for the said alienation in mortmain, 2 Dec. 1334. (*Patent Roll*, 8 Edw. III, p. 2, m. 10).

^(h) *Cal. Charter Rolls*, vol. iv, p. 350.

⁽ⁱ⁾ *De Banco Roll* 308, Mich. 10 Edw. III, m. 332. In the plea he showed his descent: Alexander son of Robert son of Alexander son of Robert and Joan.

^(j) *Surtees*, vol. ii, p. 39.

^(k) *Report*, D.K. Pub. Rec., no. xxxi, p. 61.

^(l) *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1343-45, pp. 412, 496. He occurs in recognizances in 1346/7. (*Report*, D.K. Pub. Rec., no. xxxi, p. 168).

of John de Farnakers Feb. 1348/9.^(a) In 1351 he and his (2nd) wife Maud presented to the chapel of Jesmond in right of Maud.^(b) He *m.*, 1stly, Alice.^(c) He *m.*, 2ndly, Maud, widow of Richard DE ACTON, of Whittington, Northumberland (who *d.* before 17 May 1342), and 2nd da. and coh. of Richard DE EMELDON (*d.* 1333), of Embleton, co. Durham, and Jesmond, Northumberland, by his 1st wife, whose name is unknown.^(d) He *d.* about Apr. 1361,^(e) and was *bur.* in Hilton Chapel at Wearmouth.^(f) His widow, who was aged 23 in 1333,^(g) *d.* 8 Sep. 1369.^(h)

IV. 1361. 4. ROBERT (DE HILTON), LORD HILTON, s. and h. by 1st wife, was of full age at his father's death.⁽ⁱ⁾ On 10 Jan. 1356/7 he had licence from Henry de Percy, as Robert de Hilton, eldest son of Alexander de Hilton, to make a millpond.^(j) As Robert de Hilton, Knight, he was a feoffee in 1364/5.^(k) He *m.* Alianore, elder sister and, in her issue, coh. of Sir William DE FELTON, of Edlingham, Northumberland

^(a) *Idem*, p. 138.

^(b) Surtees, vol. ii, p. 30.

^(c) By his charter, dated at Alnwick, 7 Mar. 1332 [1332/3], Alexander de Hilton gave, "pro salute anime mee et Alicie uxoris mee," land in the hamlet of Broxfield, Northumberland, to the Abbot and Convent of Alnwick. (Lansdowne MSS., no. 326, ff. 59 r and v).

^(d) *Percy Cartul.* (Surtees Soc.), p. 336 n.; *Cal. Close Rolls*, 1360-64, p. 62; 1364-68, pp. 234, 332.

^(e) "Alexander de Hilton' chivaler." Inq., bishopric of Durham, Monday before St. Mark 16 Hatfield [19 Apr. 1361]. "Et Robertus de Hilton' chivaler filius Alexandri predicti est heres ejus propinquior et etatis viginti et unius annorum." (*Durham Inq. p. m.*, vol. 2, f. 65 or 67, v).

^(f) *Account Rolls of Jarrow and Wearmouth* (Surtees Soc.), p. 154. His mortuary (horses, &c.) was accounted for circa May 1361.

^(g) *Inq. p. m.* on Richard de Emeldon (*Cal. Inq. p. m.*, vol. vii, no. 536).

^(h) "Matill' que fuit uxor Alexandri de Hilton' chivaler." Writs of *diem cl. ext.* 4 Oct. 43 and 30 Edw. III and 16 May 44 and 31 Edw. III. Inq., Northumberland, Wednesday before SS. Simon and Jude [24 Oct.] 1369. "Et dicunt quod prefata Matill' obiit octavo die Septembris anno xliij^o Et dicunt quod Johannes de Woderyngton' chivaler filius et heres Elezabethe filie et heredis predictae Matill' defuncte est heres ejusdem Matill' propinquior et est etatis viginti duorum annorum et amplius." Inq., same co., 20 Jan. 1369/70. Date of death as before. "Et dicunt quod Cristiana uxor Bertrami de Mountburghcher' militis et Alianora uxor Roberti de Umframvill' militis filie Elezabethe filie et heredis predictae Matill' defuncte sunt propinquiores heredes predictae Matill' Et dic' q'd predicta Cristiana est etatis viginti et octo annorum et amplius Et prefata Alianora est etatis viginti et duorum annorum et amplius." Inq., Newcastle-on-Tyne, 30 May 1370. "Dicunt . . . quod eadem Matill' obiit die Jovis proximo post festum Assumpcionis beate Marie Virginis anno . . . quadragesimo tercio." Heirs, as next above, aged 29 and 23, and more. (*Ch. Inq. p. m.*, Edw. III, file 215, no. 2).

⁽ⁱ⁾ See *Inq. p. m.* on his father.

^(j) *Percy Cartul.* (Surtees Soc.), p. 346.

^(k) *Report*, D.K. Pub. Rec., no. xxxii, p. 281.

(who was slain at Vitoria in Biscaya, 20 Mar. 1366/7),^(a) and da. of Sir William DE FELTON, of the same, by his 1st wife, whose name is unknown. He *d.* shortly before 27 May 1370, and was *bur.* in Hilton Chapel.^(b)

5. SIR WILLIAM (DE HILTON),^(c) LORD HILTON, s. and h., *b.* at Alnwick Castle, Northumberland, and *hap.* in the church there, 7 Nov. 1355.^(d) In 1378 his purparty of his mother's inheritance was released

(^a) "Willelmus de Felton, chivaler." Writs of *diem clausit extremum* dated 12 July 41 Edw. III. Inq. for Northumberland, taken on Friday after the Decollation of St. John the Baptist [31 Aug.] 1367. "Item dicunt quod predictus Willelmus obiit die lune in quarta septimana quadragesime [The Northants inq.—16 Sep.—says: in partibus transmarinis in Ispannia vicesimo die Marci] ultimo preterito sine herede de corpore suo legitime procreato, propter quod Johannes de Felton miles frater predicti Willelmi de Felton jam defuncti et filius predicti Willelmi de Felton patris de corpore suo legitime procreatus est heres propinquior de maneriis terris et tenementis supra in talliis predictis nominatis, qui quidem Johannes est etatis xxvj annorum et amplius." In the return of the heirs to the unentailed property there are clerical errors (rare in records of this class) which suppose in the pedigree of each such heir a generation more than can be proved actually to exist. The statement as to these heirs should read: William, son of Robert de Hilton by Eleanor de Felton, sister of the aforesaid William de Felton now deceased, and Thomas, son of Robert de Swynburne by Agnes de Felton, sister of the aforesaid Eleanor, are next heirs of the aforesaid William de Felton of the lands and tenements which he held in fee simple; and the said William de Hilton is aged eleven years and the said Thomas, son of Robert de Swynburne is aged ten years. (Ch. Inq. p. m., Edw. III, file 198, no. 13). Inquisitions in the palatinate of Durham show that William de Felton held of the Bishop the manors of Medomsley and Hamsterley. Of these inquisitions only brief notes are extant in a paper entry-book kept of such notes (*Durham Cursitors' Records*, vol. ii, ff. 78, 79). In 1369 the Bishop of Durham granted to Robert de Hilton the custody of all the lands in Medomsley and Hamsterley of which William de Felton died seised, to hold till the coming of age of William de Hilton and Thomas de Swynburne, kinsmen and heirs of the said William de Felton. Grant dated at Durham, 24 Apr. 24 Bp. Hatfield (*Durham Chancery Roll*, no. 31, m. 2).

(^b) Accounts from the feast of St. Lawrence [10 Aug.] 1369 to Monday after the Ascension [27 May] 1370. "Et de xliij s. iiij d. r. de executoribus domini Roberti de Hilton." (*Account Rolls of Jarrow and Wearmouth*, p. 162). "Robertus de Hilton chivaler." Inq., bishopric of Durham, Saturday before St. Matthew 32 Hatfield [20 Sep. 1376]. "Et [dicunt quod] Willelmus filius predicti Roberti propinquior heres ejus est et etatis viginti et unius annorum." (*Durham Cursitors' Records*, vol. 2, f. 96 or 98).

(^c) On his seal, a ship with one mast, the sail charged with two bars, *Hilton*: legend, "+ Willm · hilton · milis · admiralis · pro · loco · hubre · usq3 · ad · scocia." (Brit. Mus., Doubleday casts, G, no. 268).

(^d) Writ *de etate probanda* 20 Mar. 1 Ric. II. Inq., Newcastle-on-Tyne, Thursday the Feast of St. John *ante portam latinam* [6 May] 1378. "Willelmus filius Roberti de Hilton consanguineus et unus heredum Willelmi de Felton defuncti est plene etatis et fuit natus in castro de Alnewyk in comitatu Northumbr die Sabati

to him.^(a) He was a knight by 1380.^(b) He is frequently styled "the Baron of Hilton" 1380-1401, and in 1391 is called banneret.^(c) In 1381 an enquiry was ordered as to two ships bound for Scotland which had been seized by him and others and the goods taken, in consequence of which the Scots were making reprisals.^(d) He accompanied the Bishop of Norwich in his "Crusade" to Flanders in May 1383, and afterwards had a dispute with the said Bishop in the Court of Chivalry about his service in that expedition.^(e) On 16 Apr. 1386 he was granted 50 marks a year, having agreed to remain with the King for life, and to serve him in peace and war with 20 men-at-arms and 20 archers.^(f) In Apr. 1386, and also in 1408 and 1415, he was a Commissioner in Chester Ward, Durham.^(g) In 1388 he was about to go to sea with Richard, Earl of Arundel, Admiral of England. In June 1404 he was about to go to sea on the King's service.^(h) He was one of the Lords temporal who gave their assent, in Parl., 23 Oct. 1399, to the secret imprisonment of Richard II.⁽ⁱ⁾ In 1411 he was bound over to keep the peace.^(j) He *m.* Denise, da. of Sir Robert DE HILTON, of Swine in Holderness, by Margaret, 1st da. and coh. of Sir Thomas DE SURTON, of Braunsholm Castle and Sutton, also in Holderness. He *d.* 25 May 1435,^(k) aged 79. His widow,

proximo post festum sancti Leonardi anno regni Regis Edwardi tercii . . . vicesimo nono et fuit baptizatus in ecclesia parochiali de Alnewyk' die Sabati predicto." (Exch. Inq. p. m., I, file 43, no. 10).

^(a) In 1378 the escheator was ordered to release the lands late of William de Felton to the heirs of his brother John de Felton (heir in fee tail) and William son of Robert de Hilton by Alianore his wife and Thomas son of Robert de Swynborne by Agnes his wife (*Cal. Close Rolls*, 1377-86, p. 178).

^(b) *Cal. Close Rolls*, 1381-85, p. 137.

^(c) *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1388-92, p. 513.

^(d) *Idem*, 1381-85, p. 84.

^(e) *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1391-96, pp. 17, 306, 390.

^(f) *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1381-85: *Inspeximus* and confirmation, 17 Nov. 1399 (*Idem*, 1399-1401).

^(g) *Report*, D.K. Pub. Rec., no. xxxii, p. 316, no. xxxiii, pp. 94, 95.

^(h) Letters of protection for William, lord of Hilton, who *in obsequium R. in comitiva dilecti et fidelis R. Thome domini de Berkeley Admiralli R. versus partes occidentales et australes* is about to set out on the sea, to remain there for the safe keeping thereof, 6 June 1404, for a quarter of a year. (*Patent Roll*, 5 Hen. IV, p. 2, m. 18).

⁽ⁱ⁾ *Parl. Rolls*, vol. iii, pp. 426-7, where he is styled *Le Baron de Hilton*. His name does not appear in the list of those summoned to this Parliament, but on the analogy of the Hastings [1290] case, he must be presumed to have received a writ. Further, in conformity with the resolution in the Cobham case (see App. H, vol. iv), his sitting in Parliament would be referred back to the first writ and his barony dated 1295.

^(j) *Report*, D.K. Pub. Rec., no. xxxiii, p. 94.

^(k) "Willelmus Hilton' chivaler." Writ of *amotus* 12 Feb. 14 Hen. VI. Inq., co. York, 26 Oct. 1436. He held the manor of Warram Percy, $\frac{1}{10}$ fee, of the King in chief. "Et [dicunt] quod obiit vicesimo octavo die Julii [*sic, in error*] anno regni

whose dower was ordered to be assigned 13 Sep. 1435,^(a) *d.* 31 July 1436.^(b)

6. SIR ROBERT HILTON, of Hilton, *de jure*, according to modern doctrine, LORD HILTON,^(c) *s.* and *h.*, aged 50 and more at his father's death. In 1412 he, who was then a knight, and his brother Thomas received a pardon for inciting to the murder of John Duckett at Sunderland.^(d) From 1429/30 to 1437 he was a commissioner of array,^(e) and a surveyor of the streams, seeing to the observance of an Act for the removal of kiddles, weirs and other obstructions to navigation.^(f) On 9 Sep. 1435 the Bishop of Durham took his homage and fealty, and he had livery of his father's lands three days later.^(g) On 2 Dec. 1443 he received a pardon.^(h) He *m.*, 1stly, shortly before 13 Apr. 1398, Maud, da. of Roger (DE CLIFFORD), LORD OF WESTMORLAND [LORD CLIFFORD], by Maud, 1st da. of Thomas (DE BEAUCHAMP), EARL OF WARWICK. She *d.* before 16 May 1442.⁽ⁱ⁾ He *m.*, 2ndly, shortly before

domini Regis nunc tercio decimo Et quod Willelmus [*sic, in error*] Hilton' est filius et heres ejus propinquior et est etatis quinquaginta annorum et amplius." (Ch. Inq. *p. m.*, Hen. VI, file 80, no. 22). "Willelmus Hilton' miles." Writ of *diem cl. ext.* 17 June 29 Langley (*Durham Chancery Roll*, no. 37, *m.* 13 d). Inq., bishopric of Durham, Monday 25 July 29 Langley [1435]. William de Hilton kt., lord of Hilton, by charter, dated 13 Apr. 21 Ric. II, granted certain lands to Robert Hilton, his son, and Maud, da. of Maud, Lady of Clyfford, and the heirs male of their bodies. "Et [dicunt] quod dictus Willelmus obiit die Mercurii xxv^o die Maii ultimo preterito et quod Robertus Hilton' miles est filius et heres ejus propinquior et est etatis quinquaginta annorum et amplius." (*Durham Cursitors' Records*, vol. 2, f. 274 or 278, v).

^(a) *Durham Chancery Roll*, no. 37, *m.* 13.

^(b) "Dionisia que fuit uxor Willelmi de Hilton' militis." Writ of *diem cl. ext.* 21 Aug. 31 Langley (*Durham Chancery Roll*, no. 37, *m.* 14 d). Inq., bishopric of Durham, Thursday the vigil of St. Matthew 31 Langley [20 Sep. 1436]. She had held, in dower, the third part of the manors of Hilton and Forth, but on Monday after All Saints last past, at Hilton, she surrendered the premises to Robert Hilton chr., *s.* and *h.* of the said William Hilton kt. "Et [dicunt] quod obiit ultimo die Julii ultimo preterito Et quod Robertus Hilton' miles est filius et heres predictae Dionisie propinquior et est etatis quinquaginta annorum et amplius." (*Durham Cursitors' Records*, vol. 2, f. 280 or 284).

^(c) Neither he nor any of his successors claimed to be, or were recognised as, Peers of Parliament.

^(d) *Report*, D.K. Pub. Rec., no. xxxiii, p. 93. They had previously been bound over to keep the peace (*Idem*, p. 165).

^(e) *Idem*, p. 138.

^(f) *Idem*, p. 182.

^(g) *Durham Chancery Roll*, no. 37, *m.* 13.

^(h) Pardon to Robert de Hilton of co. Durham kt. for all trespasses, offences intrusions, and entries without licence, into his inheritance. (*Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1441-46).

⁽ⁱ⁾ Pardon to Robert Hilton kt., son of William de Hilton kt., in that he and Maud, late his wife, da. of Maud, Lady of Clifford, had acquired, without licence

22 Apr. 1445, Elizabeth.^(a) She had *m.*, 1stly, Sir Bertram MONBOCHER, of Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, Horton, Northumberland, &c., who *d.* in Sep. or Oct. 1399;^(b) 2ndly (pardon for marrying without royal licence, 16 Nov. 1401),^(c) Sir William WHITCHESTER, of Benwell and Seaton Delaval, Northumberland, who *d.* 12 Feb. 1407/8; 3rdly, in or before 1409, Roger DE FULTHORP;^(d) and, 4thly, shortly before 4 Oct. 1423, Thomas HOLDEN, sometime Steward of the Bishopric of Durham, who was living 2 May 1440.^(e) In 1446 Sir Robert Hilton and Elizabeth his wife held one-third of the manor of Seaton Delaval for the life of Elizabeth.^(f) Robert *d.* 11 Aug. 1448.^(g) His widow *d.* 16 Aug. 1450.^(h)

to them and their heirs male, two parts of the manor of Great Usworth and the manor of Bedick [by the enfeoffment of 13 Apr. 21 Ric. II]: and licence for him to hold the premises, in fee. (*Durham Chancery Roll*, no. 42, m. 17).

^(a) Surtees, vol. ii, p. 26.

^(b) He *d.* Thursday before St. Michael [25 Sep.] (co. York), Friday after St. Michael [3 Oct.] (Sussex), 5 Oct. (Notts), or Monday after St. Michael [6 Oct.] (Northumberland). (*Ch. Inq. p. m.*, Hen. IV, file 5, no. 30: *Exch. Inq. p. m.*, I, file 101, no. 8: *Durham Cursitors' Records*, vol. 2, f. 131 or 133).

^(c) *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1401-05.

^(d) *Early Chanc. Proc.*, bdle. 3, no. 145. See also *Hist. of Northumb.* (Committee), vol. ix, p. 145.

^(e) *Patent Roll*, 18 Hen. VI, p. 2, m. 7.

^(f) John Burcester and Elizabeth his wife deforciant of the manor of Seaton Delaval: they have two-thirds and Sir Robert Hilton and Elizabeth his wife hold one-third for the life of Elizabeth (Northumb. Feet of Fines, 181/15, Easter 1446). Thomas Holden and Elizabeth his wife had held this third in 1428 (*Feudal Aids*, vol. iv, p. 82).

^(g) "Robertus Hilton' miles." Writs of *diem cl. ext.* 17 Sep. and 4 Nov. 27 Hen. VI. Inq., Essex, Friday after All Saints [8 Nov.] 1448. "Et [dicunt] quod obiit undecimo die mensis Augusti ultimo preterito Et quod Willelmus Hilton' est ejus filius et heres propinquior et est etatis triginta annorum et amplius." Inq., co. York, the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.] 1449. By charter, dated at Carnaby, 22 Apr. 23 Hen. VI, Edmund, Marquis Dorset, now Duke of Somerset, demised the manor of Carnaby to the said Robert, by the name of Robert Hilton kt., Baron of Hilton, and Elizabeth, late the wife of Thomas Holden esq., to hold to them and the heirs of Robert. Elizabeth survives. "... obiit in festo Purificationis beate Marie virginis" [*sic, in error*]. Heir, as before. (*Ch. Inq. p. m.*, Hen. VI, file 133, no. 9: *Exch. Inq. p. m.*, I, file 187, no. 6). "Robertus Hilton' miles." Writ of *diem cl. ext.* 27 Aug. 11 Nevill. (*Durham Chancery Roll*, no. 47, m. 12). Inq., bishopric of Durham, Monday 9 Sep. 11 Nevill [1448]. "Et [dicunt] quod idem Robertus obiit undecimo die Augusti ultimo preterito et quod Willelmus Hilton' armiger est filius et heres ejus propinquior et etatis quadraginta annorum et amplius." (*Durham Cursitors' Records*, portf. 164, nos. 82, 90).

^(h) "Elizabetha que fuit uxor Willelmi Witchestre armigeri defuncti." Writ of *diem cl. ext.* 10 Sep. 29 Hen. VI. Inq., Northumberland, 24 Oct. 1450. "Et dicunt quod eadem Elizabetha [que fuit uxor Willelmi Witchestre armigeri defuncti] . . . et nuper uxor Roberti Hylton' militis] obiit sexto decimo die Augusti ultimo preterito Et quod predicta Elizabetha uxor . . . Johannis Burcestre filia ejusdem Elizabethæ que fuit uxor predicti Willelmi Witchestre est heres propinquior ejusdem Elizabethæ

7. WILLIAM HILTON, of Hilton, *de jure*, according to modern doctrine, LORD HILTON, s. and h., by 1st wife, aged 30 and more, or 40 and more, at his father's death. On 14 Oct. 1448 the Bishop of Durham took his homage and fealty, at Durham Castle, and he had livery of his father's lands 31 Oct. following.^(a) He *m.*, shortly before 20 Jan. 1438/9, Mary or Mariot, elder da. and coh. of William STAPILTON, of Edenhall, Cumberland, by Margaret, da. and h. of Nicholas VEPOUNT, of Alston, in that county.^(b) She was aged 30 and more in 1457.^(c) He *d.* 13 Oct. 1457, and was *bur.* in Hilton Chapel.^(d) His widow's dower was ordered to be assigned 13 Dec. 1472.^(e) She *m.*, 2ndly (pardon for marrying without licence, 5 Feb. 1471/2),^(e) Richard MUSGRAVE.

que fuit uxor predicti Willelmi Witchestre et etatis viginti sex annorum et amplius." (Ch. *Inq. p. m.*, Hen. VI, file 143, no. 26). "Elizabetha Baronissa de Hilton' que quasdam terras et quedam tenementa . . . tenuit ad terminum vite sue de hereditate Bartrami Moweboucher' quondam viri sui." Writ of *diem cl. ext.* 28 Aug. 13 Nevill. *Inq.*, bishopric of Durham, Tuesday 29 Sep. 13 Nevill [1450]. She had held her lands jointly with Thomas Holden, formerly her husband, by a fine, levied Tuesday after St. Lucy 22 Langley, with reversion to Robert Herbotill and his heirs. "Et . . . dicunt quod predicta Elizabetha obiit sexto decimo die Augusti ultimo preterito et quod predictus Thomas Holden' diu ante dictum xvj diem obiit Et quod Johanna nunc uxor Willelmi Burcestr' militis est filia et heres ejusdem Elizabethhe propinquior et etatis xl annorum et amplius Et . . . dicunt quod Bartramus Herbotill' armiger est . . . consanguineus et heres predicti Bartrami Mouboucher quondam viri prefate Elizabethhe videlicet filius predicti Roberti filii Isabelle sororis predicti Bartrami quondam viri predictae Elizabethhe et est etatis xxiiij [annorum] et amplius." (*Durham Cursitors' Records*, portf. 164, no. 100).

^(a) *Durham Chancery Roll*, no. 47, m. 13.

^(b) "Hic iacet Willms Stapilton armig quōdam dñs de Edenhall' qui obiit xxvi die Augusti A° dñi Mcccc°lviii Et Margareta uxor ejus que erat filia et heres quōdam Nicholai de Veteripont et dña de Aldeston." (M.I. at Edenhall—Jefferson, *Cumberland*, vol. i, p. 398).

^(c) Ch. *Inq. p. m.* (on William Stapilton esq.), Hen. VI, file 170, no. 48.

^(d) "Willelmus Hilton' armiger." Writ of *amotus* 19 Feb. 36 Hen. VI. *Inq.*, co. York, 29 Mar. 1458. He held, jointly with Mary his wife surviving, the manor of Warram Percy, by the enfeoffment of Robert Hilton kt., to them and the heirs of the body of William, by charter dated 20 Jan. 17 Hen. VI. "Et dicunt quod predictus Willelmus Hilton' obiit xiiij die Octobris ultimo preterito Et quod Willelmus Hilton' est filius et heres ejus de corpore suo procreatus propinquior et etatis sex annorum et amplius." (Ch. *Inq. p. m.*, Hen. VI, file 168, no. 26). "Willelmus Hilton' de Hilton' armiger." *Inq.*, bishopric of Durham, 18 Dec. 1 Bothe [1457]. "Et dicunt ulterius quod predictus Willelmus Hilton' obiit xiiij die Octobris ultimo preterito et quod Willelmus Hilton' est filius et heres ejus propinquior et etatis sex annorum et amplius." (*Durham Cursitors' Records*, vol. 4, f. 2 or 1 v). Accounts from the Ascension [26 May] 1457 to the Ascension [11 May] 1458. "Et de xiiij s. iiij d. r. de executoribus Willelmi Hilton' Baronis pro decimis oblitis una cum vj s. viij d. r. pro cera ardente circa funus ejusdem Baronis infra capellam de Hilton' in die obitus sui sic pro tunc pro compositione dimissa." (*Account Rolls of Jarrow and Wearmouth*, p. 209).

^(e) *Durham Chancery Roll*, no. 50, m. 14. Agreement, made at Houghton, 11 Feb. 15 Booth, between William, Baron of Hilton, and Richard Musgrave the

8. SIR WILLIAM HILTON, of Hilton, *de jure*, according to modern doctrine, LORD HILTON, s. and h., aged 6 and more at his father's death. He *m.* Margery, da. of Sir William BOWES, of Streatlam, co. Durham, by Maud, da. of William (FITZHUGH), LORD FITZHUGH.^(a) She *d.* before 4 June 1503. He *d.* before 31 May 1506. Both were *bur.* in Hilton Chapel.^(b)

9. SIR WILLIAM HILTON, of Hilton, *de jure*, according to modern doctrine, LORD HILTON, s. and h. On 4 Aug. 1506 he had special livery, without proof of age, of his father's lands in the bishopric of Durham, saving to the King homage and fealty,^(c) and, on 8 June 1507, special livery, without proof of age, of the manor of Alston, Cumberland, and lands in Kirkhaugh, Northumberland, and Carnaby, co. York, late of his said father, William Hilton kt.^(d) On 2 June 1509 he had a general pardon, being then an esquire.^(e) He was at the battle of Flodden, 9 Sep. 1513. He was living 2 Dec. 1526.^(f) He *m.* Sibyl,^(g) 2nd da. of Sir Thomas LUMLEY (s. and h. ap. of George, LORD LUMLEY), by Elizabeth, illegitimate da. of KING EDWARD IV.^(h)

10. SIR THOMAS HILTON, of Hilton, *de jure*, according to modern doctrine, LORD HILTON, s. and h. He was appointed Sheriff of Durham

elder and Mary his wife, mother of the said baron: William to pay her, as dower, £23 6s. 8d. a year, for life. (*Idem*, m. 14 d).

^(a) *Harvey's Visitation* in 1552, edit. Dendy, p. 82.

^(b) Accounts from Whitsunday [15 May] 1502 to Whitsunday [4 June] 1503. "Et de xl s. r. pro mortuario vivo et non vivo domine Marjorie de Hilton' cum vj s. viij d. pro cera die obitus sui." Accounts from Whitsunday [11 May] 1505 to Whitsunday [31 May] 1506. "Et de xl[s.] r. de mortuario vivo et non vivo domini Willelmi Hilton' militis cum xij s. iij d. solutis pro cera die obitus sui." (*Account Rolls of Jarrow and Wearmouth*, pp. 224, 226).

^(c) Special livery for "Willelmo Hylton' armigero filio et heredi Willelmi Hylton' militis defuncti . . . absque probacione etatis sue": 4 Aug. (*Durham Chancery Roll*, no. 67, m. 4). The see was then vacant.

^(d) *Patent Roll*, 22 Hen. VII, p. 3, m. 10 or 17.

^(e) General pardon, 2 June 1509, to William Hilton or Helton of Hilton, Ford, Durham, and Lodbury, Northumberland, esquire, eldest son and heir of William Hilton, knight, baron of Hilton (*Pardon Rolls, Letters and Papers, Henry VIII*, vol. i, pt. 1, no. 438, (2) m. 17).

^(f) Grant to feoffees, by William Hilton, of Hilton kt., of his manors of Hilton, Biddick, &c., co. Durham, Carnaby and Warram Percy, co. York, Alston, Cumberland, Kirkhaugh, Elrington, and Woodhall, Northumberland, to his own use for life: rem. to the use of Thomas Hilton kt., s. and h. of the grantor, in tail male: rem. to the use of William Hilton esq., son of the grantor, in tail male: with further remainders over: 2 Dec. 18 Hen. VIII. (*Durham Chancery Roll*, no. 79, m. 6).

^(g) 25 May 1512. Letters of Fraternity granted by the Prior and Convent of Durham to Mr. William Hilton esquire and Sibyl his wife. (*Surtees Soc.*, vol. xxxi, p. 117).

^(h) *Tonge's Visitation* in 1530, edit. by Longstaffe, p. 27.