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2. Burke's "Landed Gentry" 3rd. And 4th. Edits. 1860 & 63.
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5. Fairbairn's "Book of Crests" Vol. 1.
6. Harleian Society MSS. "Spofforth of Spofforth".
7. Canon J. S. Purvis, Archivist of York Minster.
8. The Society of Genealogists, London.
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PREFACE

With all due respect to the authorities quoted on the preceding page, it is obviously unfair to expect the average reader to believe that the Spofforths of today can prove a perfectly legitimate descent, generation by generation, from pre-Conquest days, as is apparently claimed in the Pedigree prepared by that great authority, Sir J. B. Burke.

There is, in reality, no authority for such a claim, which at times borders on the ridiculous; so, therefore, for the period previous to the early XVIth century, when Parish Registers first came into existence, and Wills and Admons, were more extensively used, these statements of relationships must be considered merely conjectural, and with the greatest reserve.

In order, however, to sustain historical interest and preserve tradition, I am reproducing, therefore, a more or less correct copy of Burke's account of the family up to the Reformation, but from then onwards I am insisting upon the quotation of certifiable evidence where possible from Registers, Wills and other records. This has necessitated the reconstruction and study of the various known branches of this ancient family, and future research will then tend naturally to co-ordinate the pieces of this typical jigsaw puzzle into a more coherent whole.

No doubt there may be many omissions and inaccuracies in this attempt of mine to clarify the present unsatisfactory position, for in all probability there are still many old Parish Registers awaiting their time to deliver up to some future student of genealogy further lists of old Spofforth entries, but the compiler is content to have accomplished his share of research, and to leave further investigation to posterity.

There have been many major branches, notably those of York, Terrington, Selby, Howden, Dirkin, Wakefield, Snaith and Carlton, Hull, Doncaster, Southwall, Lichfield and Bristol, but it would appear at the time of writing (1949) that representation today is confined to the York, Terrington, Howden and Wakefield units. The "Spaffords"

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of Nottinghamshire and the “Spaffords” of Bedfordshire were two branches which evidently moved southwards at the end of the XVth. Century. The Spaffords are still a flourishing branch of the family, whose representatives have distinguished themselves especially in the Church, while as far as I am aware, the Spuffords are now extinct, although in Toddington, Bedfordshire, they had a wonderful record of unbroken descent from 1541 to 1850.

The accounts given of the Howden Branch previous to 1727, by Burke in his “Landed Gentry” and in the Harleian MSS. “Spofforth of Eastthorpe Hall”, appear to be both misleading and contradictory, and I have been unable to trace any corroborative evidence whatever bearing out the published genealogy of this branch previous to 1650, although it is possible this evidence may exist. As an example, the first Spofforth entry in the Howden Registers is dated 1726 only, and this family is definitely descended from one Simon Spofford who died at Selby in 1688, but whose birth and parentage I have been unable to trace.

In a similar manner I can vouch for Robert Spofforth, founder of the Wakefield and district branch, who married at Crofton in 1675, and for Richard Spofford who died in 1704 and was the founder of the Terrington and York branch.

I am firmly of the opinion that, as from the Reformation and the Revival of Learning, with the advent of the Parish Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, family pedigrees should be able to be substantiated by appropriate references and should reflect a true statement of the position, otherwise the charm of true genealogy would be lost. At the same time, should further authoritative evidence be produced, I should be only too pleased to make the “amend honourable” and to tender my humbled apologies to the representatives of the branches concerned.

In some cases it has proved most difficult to get information from the Registers of the Parishes concerned. Incumbents have stated

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that in these exceptional times they regretted they had no opportunity of searching the records, others that they could not read medieval English, some stated their registers were undecipherable, a few quoted exorbitant fees, while others refrained from answering any enquiries whatever. Qualified researchers in Yorkshire are evidently non-existent and -- a sad pity -- many registers were quoted as being lost or missing, burnt, stolen or destroyed through various causes.

A few remarks on the family name and its claim to Armorial Bearings may not be out of place here. The name is first mentioned in Domesday Book 1068 as SPOFORD, since that time, owing to various reasons, has been variously spelled Spoford, Spofford, Spafford, Spufford, Spauforth, Spofer, Spaworth, Spofforth, Spoforth, Spoffurth, Spoffort, Spofferd, Spofforths, Spauforth, Spoforth, etc. The origin of the name is obscure, One writer states: "...we deduce 'Spofforth' from 'Spoff' or 'Spot's' worth. (A.S. WOERTH - estate). If this be true, then Spoff or Spot was the O. E. chieftain who displaced the British." "...the nice little story about the ford to the Spa is too modern, too easy and too obvious, and in rejecting that I find I sin in good company. I cannot see any necessity for a ford. The Crimple is only a good-sized beck, and besides, there is no satisfactory place for the ford to lead to and no main road crossing the Crimple".

The Arms, Crest and Motto, according to various books of reference, are as follows:

ARMS — Guiles. Two chevronels within a bordure or.

CREST — A Chess Rook, . Qules.

MOTTO — Tempus meae opes.

The motto of the American branch of the Spofford family is "Rather Deathe than False of Faythe."

Note: "Intelligible Heraldry" p.56 (Lynch-Robinson).

Ref. Crests: "...the Tower is exactly like a chess castle or rook;

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but the chess castle is also used as a charge under the name of a Chess Rook”, (A. S. Roc - fortress).

The origin of the Arms and Crest as claimed cannot be established but it is interesting to note that the Arms of Thomas Spofforth, Bishop of Hereford, 1421-1448, were “Guiles Three Chevronelles Embrased Or”. Those of the Clares of Pontefract (Marr. Richard S 1565) were Or. Three Chevronelles Ou,”, and that the Arms of the Anlabys (Marr. Robert S. 1440) contained the Chess Rook, (A. A. Chevron between three chess rooks. Sa.).

R. H. D’Elboux, Esq., M.A., F.S.A, Secretary of the Harleian Society, writes — “Although not a grant from the College of Arms, the coat may nevertheless be considered the Spofforth Arms simply from generations of use. Some families stubbornly refused to have their Arms, already used by them, “granted” to them later by the College of Arms. It is the Charnell coat. It may also quite well be the Spofforth Coat.

“There are many cases of the same coat being used by several entirely different families in different parts of England. It may be a variant of a cadet branch, and it is also possible that a Spofforth married the heiress and adopted the coat, but to establish this would entail enormous research.”

Note: The Charnells, as a family, are now apparently extinct.

The College of Arms in a letter dated 14th January 1948 states: — “The Achievement of Arms, as depicted in the die impression has not been traced in our Record although, as probably Captain Ralph Spofforth is aware, this coat is noted in various books of reference as borne by the ancient family of his name seated for generations in Yorkshire. The Arms i.e. Shield only, “gules, two chevrons within a bordure or”, was however registered for Charnell during the Visitation of Lincoln in 1562 - 1564, and the same Arms but with different tinctures are recorded for a number of families.

Not one of these families, however, appears to have been entitled

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to a crest "A Chess Rook". No member of the family appears ever to have registered the genealogy or part thereof in our official records. It is apparent that this family has used, without authority, for many generations the Arms and Crest depicted in the die impression, but I have been unable to trace any early mention of such usage in our collection of Armorial information".

The Spofforths are a very ancient Yorkshire family, of Anglo-Saxon descent, who held the rank of Theyns and were the Lords of extensive possessions in and around the Forest of Knaresborough previous to the Conquest. They were plundered of these by the rapacious Norman Duke William but have since then, although they have never attained the dignity of the peerage, maintained the character of a reputable arms bearing county family.

They were originally of Spofforth, one of the great and early Saxon parishes ((13062 ac. Oro, II poles.) near Wetherby and Knaresborough, a village afterwards remarkable for a noble castle, erected temp. Ed.III on the forfeited lands of the “de Spoffords” granted to the Percies, Earls of Northumberland. (Note: The foundations of this are 7th century Anglican, the footings of which are probably in front of the present building, and it was a stronghold of the old kingdom of Northumbria). After their expulsion from Spofforth by William I, the family has been seated at York, Wistowe, Turnhead and Scriven, and in more modern times at Selby, Doncaster, Howden, Bristol, and London.

ORM - The grandfather of Gamelbar de Spofford was a prominent Northumbrian Thane. It is supposed he was born in 956 or thereabouts and he died before the reign of Edward the Confessor. It is evident from the many references in Domesday Book to his son Gamel, and to his grandson Gamelbar, that the Orm of Domesday was the brother and not the father of Gamel. This name shows Danish descent, and Thoresby, speaking of the Danes, says “there was also a person of eminence amongst them called Arm or Orm who gave his name to several places, and this Arm is the same with Orm”, an ancient family both amongst the Danes and northern English, whose Dano-Saxon manuscript is called from him “Ormulum”. (Thoresby’s “History of Leeds”, Vol. 2, p 195).

GAMEL - A Northumbrian nobleman, son of Orm, had large possessions in counties York, Lincoln, Derby, Stafford, Salop and Chester. These were laid waste after his death. He also held the hereditary offices of King’s fowler and Ranger of the Forest of Knaresborough. He was “craftily” slain at York in 1064 for opposing the

tyrannical practices of the Earl. He seems to have been a man of generous feelings shown in his princely gift of his Manor of Neweton to the Church of St. Peter at York. Probably he had estates in the other northern counties to which the Domesday survey did not extend. He did not live to see the downfall of his country and the ruins of his family and of his friends, caused by the Norman invasion, for before that he had been treacherously murdered by Tosti.

From Gamel descended another family, that of the Gambles. There are still members of that branch living, though in "Old Yorkshire" Vol. R, p. 243, it was reported that the last of the local family had just died at Helmsley, a few miles from Kirkdale. There had been Gambles living in the vicinity of Helmsley for over 300 years.

Gamel had issue two sons: -

ORM and GAMELBAR -

ORM, the elder, was Lord of Wellebrune in which berewick was Kirkdale, Thormanby, Scriven and other places. He restored the old Saxon church of Kirkdale, near Helmsley, which is still standing, with an ancient sundial bearing an inscription in Saxon, "Orm, son of Gamel, bought S. Gregory's monastery when it was all broken down and fallen and he caused it to be made anew from the ground, to Christ and S. Gregory, in the days of Edward the King and Tosti the Earl."

And underneath this, "And Haworth made me, and Brand the Priest." He married Ethelbritha, daughter of Ailred, Earl of Northumbria, and had descendants, one branch of whom assumed the name of "De Scriven" whose line ended temp. Ed. III in an heiress Ivana, who married William de Slingsby, to which family she conveyed Scriven with other estates, together with the Rangership of the Forest of Knaresborough. Orm was dispossessed of a considerable portion of his estates by William the Conqueror, who bestowed them on William Malet, Governor of York Castle, at the time of the struggles of the Northumbrians under Gospatrick, for the maintenance of their independence.

GAMELBEORN or GAMELBAR de SPOFORD, son of Gamel, Lord of Spofforth, Plumpton, etc. Soon avenged

his father's death by an attack on Tosti, culminating in a revolt of the Northumbrians in 1066 in which many of his bodyguard were slain. Harold traveled to York to restore tranquillity, and Morcar was made Earl of Northumberland the same year.

In 1066, Tosti induced the King of Norway to join him in an invasion of England. They stormed York and defeated Morcar, but were themselves defeated by Harold at Stamford Bridge on 23rd September 1066, in a battle in which both Tosti and the King of Norway were slain. Ten days after this victory, Harold himself was defeated and slain at Hastings. Thus, the murder of Gamelbar's father, leading up to the battle of Stamford Bridge, thereby preventing Harold from giving his whole energies to guarding against the impending invasion by William the Conqueror, became a potent cause of the downfall of the Anglo-Saxons.

The Manor of Spoford was in the large parish of Spoford, on a branch of the Nidd, a tributary of the Wharfe, convenient to Gamelbar's mansion in the City of York, and to his other estates. It must have had great advantages, for his successor, William de Percy, upon whom the Conqueror had bestowed it, selected it out of all his large estates in that neighbourhood as his home and made it the head of a barony. For several generations Spofforth Castle was the chief seat of the Percy family.

Gamelbar was an active participant to free his country in 1068-69 but was forced to submit to William the Conqueror. All of his estates were confiscated and it is probable that his life paid forfeit for his patriotism. Some of his family became tenants of Perci, while others sought refuge in the cloister.

Sir Henry Ellis, in his "General Introduction to Domesday Book" refers to "lands which were seized from Gamelbar, Merlesuian and other Saxon Thanes of the North, after the suppression of the rising in 1069" (vol. I, pp 7-14), also "of the lands of Giselbertus Tison, consisting of 29 manors forfeited upon the ravaging of Yorkshire, ten belonged to Gamelbar and one to Gamel". Of six which had belonged to Gamelbar

it is said “Has terras habet Giselbertus Tison, sed wastae sunt omnes”, and referring to lands of Berengarius de Toden, “these also 29 manors were forfeited lands, 18 had belonged to Gamel and 5 to Torbrand”. Of 11 of Gamel’s manors it is said “Has terras habuit Gamel, et nunc Berengarius habet, set wastae sunt omnes”. (Vol. 1, p. 493). After the desolation of the Norman Conquest, for such it was, many remnants of the greater families of the Saxon times found no asylum but in the cloister, and some obtained the rule of monasteries.

Briscoe in “Old Notts.” States: — “After the Norman Conquest, Gamelbar, an old Saxon knight, was allowed to retain two carucates of land at Cuckney, a village on the Foulter, near Worksop, for the services of shoeing the King’s palfrey as oft as he should be at his manor of Mansfield; and if he performed the work without injury to the Conqueror’s palfrey he was to receive a palfrey of the value of four marks, but if he lamed it he was required to forfeit one of the same value”.

Gamelbar de Spoford had a son William de Spoford, who held in 1066, according to the Domesday Book (Vo. II, p. 322a) four ploughs and nine villains, and ten borderers, four acres of meadow, a mill ann. value of ten shillings, wood pasture one mile long and one mile broad, the whole sixteen quarterteens long and twelve broad, value in King Edward’s time twenty shillings, in William’s time sixty shillings.

Either Gamelbar or his son William joined with Aldred Archbishop of York in resisting the imposition of the Dane-gelt, and his estates were confiscated in 1086 and bestowed upon the Norman adventurers.

Walter de Spofford, his son, was slain during the invasion of England by Malcolm, King of Scotland, (Vide 38 Dunhelm, p. 200).

John de Spofford, son of above, was living in 1105 and married Juliana, daughter of Nigellus de Pluntona, of Plumpton, in the Parish of Spoford, and had issue a son : —

Henry de Spofford, who was living temp. Stephen. Henry married a daughter of Sir Richard de Stokeld, Kt. Of Stokeld, near Spofforth, and had a son : —

Elerina or Elwine de Spofford (Also described as Robert), living in 1186 temp. Henry II, who had two sons : —

1. Gamel Spofford, who was Marshal to Nigel de Plumpton, Lord of Plumpton. (History of Ilkley, p.90), and

2. John Spofford, who settled in Ireland and in 1195 was elected the First Provost of Limerick. (Ferrar's "History of Limerick", p. 229). Three years afterwards, by virtue of a charter granted by Richard I in 1198, he was elected the first Mayor of the City, from which time downwards to the middle of the 15th century, the names of his descendants frequently occur in connection with the city as Bailiff, Mayor or other official capacity, and on one occasion in 1421 as a rebel with forfeiture of his property.

A John Spofford was Bailiff in 1387, and in 1392 a John Spofford was Lieut. Governor of the Fortress of Limerick. (Lenihan's "History of Limerick", pp. 691-6, and "Rotulorum Patentium et Clensorum Cancellariae Hibernae Calendarium", Vol. I, p 148).

A John Spofford was Mayor also in 1404, 1418-9, 1423, 1432 and 1437.

William Spofford, son of Gamel, attended a Parliament at St. Albans, temp John 1213, and had three sons :-

1. Nicholas de Spauford, of whom presently.

2. Henry de Spofford, mentioned 1286 in a Writ directed to the Sheriff of York and dated at Westminster 6th August 1286. (Yorks. Inquis. 1275-95. Vol. 23 Yorks. Arch. Soc.)

NOTE: Amongst the list of Burials contained in the Records of the Black Friars of York is included the name of Henrie de Spofforde.

3. William de Spofford, mentioned 1293 as one of 24 Jurors carrying out an Inquisition at the Hospital of St. Nicholas, York.

Nicholas de Spauford, the eldest, who was residing near Wetherby in 1265, married Dyonyssia de Plumpton. (Plumpton correspondence. Excerpta e Rotulie Finium in "Turri Londoniensis"). Charles Roberts, 1835, Vol. 2, p. 422, and had a son: —

Roger Blase de Spofford, temp. Edward I and II, 1287, who joined with

the Lords Lancaster, Pembroke, de Warrene, and Warwick, in an insurrection against the King, and assisted in conveying Piers Gaveston, the King's favourite, from Scarborough Castle to Blacklow Hill, near Warwick, where he was beheaded. He obtained pardon for participation in the murder in 1313. (Vide Rct. Par. 7 Edward II, p. 1; also Palgrave's "Abstract of Parliamentary Writs" Vol. 2, Div. 1, p. 107). Roger was also present at the Battle of Boroughbridge, 13th. March 1322, on the Earl of Lancaster's side, and was again pardoned 1325. He had two sons who follow presently.

NOTE: During the 13th, and 14th, centuries the names of many Spofforths occur in various documents but their exact relationship and position in the family pedigree must, for the time being however, remain obscure. The following represent a selection : —

1258. The Prior of Holy Trinity, York, Benedictines, took action in the courts against Robert de Clarevaux, John de Deleby, John, William and Peter (Robert's brothers), Godwin the horse leech (accurit.), Geoffrey de Fangfess, Hugh le Rumanger, William de Cokermue, Simon de Eltoft, William de Tresk, and Hugh de Spofford and Thomas his brother, "for breaking the Prior's house in the suburbs of York and carrying off his doors and windows, and beating and ill-treating his men there". (Curia Regis No. 161, Mich. 43, Hen. 3.).

1260. John Spofforth is mentioned in the Computus, or Household Book, of Bolton Priory A.D. 1260 (now in the possession of the Duke of Devonshire) as having sung, in company with William Myothes and the Baron de Greystock, at the festival of the fiftieth anniversary of William de Malmg, one of the monks.

1320. Robert de Spofford, who had been Cellarer of the Augustinian Priory at Healaugh, was elected Prior 1320 and died 1333. (Vide Drake's "Eboracum").

1320. Adam de Spofford was Rector of St. Edward's in Walmgate, York. (Torres MSS.).

1322. William de Spofford, Rector of Edlington, Yorks., presented by Sir Henry Scrope, 6th. November 1322, resigned for the Church of Casterton Parva. (See Miller's "Deanery of Doncaster").

1337. Walter de Spofford of East Drayton, Notts., who formerly held half a covert of land in E.D., had a son Adam de Spofford who also had land in E.D. And sold it to John de Durham, Notts. Walter de Spofford married Hanysia or Hawisia Joce, daughter of Wm. Daniell. (Vide p. 226, "Castutarius Allathiae S. Germain de Selby, Yorks". And Coucher's "Book of Selby Abbey").

1358. 27th. March, Joh. de Spofford was Cantarist at St. Michael's Spurrier Gate, York. (Torres MSS. 89).

1362. Thomas de Spofford was Vicar of St. Andrew's, Stanford. (Burley by Stanford).

1368. Richard de Spofford and Matilda his wife (Marieta) were defendants in an action by Richard de Allerton of York at Westminster. (Yorks. Arch. Soc. Vol. 52).

1369. "Friar Will. de Spofford, confrater domus sit Roberti de Knaresborough, Vicar of Hampsthwaite, post mort. 9th. October, 1369". (Torres MSS. Archdeaconry of York. p. 195).

1379. Poll Tax. 2 Rich. 2. (Rotuli Collectorum subsidii Rege a Laicie — anno secundo concessi — in Westrythings, in commitatu Ebornei.).

- i. Ricardus de Spofford et uxor ejus. (Wapentake of Clarrowe, Usborn Magna, iiijd.)
- ii. Willelmus de Spofford, vjd, (The Ainsty, Poppleton)
- iii. Robertus de Spofford, vjd. (Ditto. Vol. 6, Parte 23/24)
- iv. Johannes de Spofford, iiijd. (Clarrowe, Wetherby)
- v. Robertus Spofforth (Osgoldcross, villata de Burghwallis).
- vi. Johanna de Spofford (Wetherby, Barkston Ash Wapen.)
- vii. Willelmus de Spofford et Agnes. (Staincross, Villata Denton).

And in the Poll Tax Returns for the East Riding, 4 Rich. 2, 1381, under Fishmarket Gate, Rogerus Spofforth and Cecilia his wife.

Roger Blase de Spofford had two sons :-

1. Robert, of whom presently, and
2. John de Spofford, who was Proctor of the Trinitarian Friars of Knaresborough

1318, and Master of the House in 1343. In February 1318-19, Edward II issued a Writ of protection and safe conduct to Friar John de Spofford, Proctor of the Trinitarian Friars of Knaresborough, “going to divers parts of the country to seek alms for the relief and sustenance of his brethren”.

Robert Spofford, the elder, was living in 1346 and married Agnes, daughter of William Castelay, who was one of the Jurors on the Inquisition post mortem of Roger de Mowbray, and had issue :-

- i Robert, of whom presently.
- ii. Henry, a priest, living in 1338, who held the Manor of Grassington in Craven, as trustee for Sir William de Plumpton, and Christiana his second wife (widow of Richard Ellendon, Mayor of Newcastle, 1338) and their heirs, by a Deed made 18th. May 1338, 12 Ed. 3. (Plumpton correspondence, Cartul No. 182, Bodleian Library, Oxford).

Robert Spofford, the elder, married 1337, Evorta, widow of John Vavasour de Norwode, and had issue :-

- i. Robert of whom presently.
- ii. Roger.

Roger Spofford or Spofforth, the second son, signed as witness to a settlement 1396, and had issue by Cecilia ---, his wife :-

- i. Thomas, who became Bishop of Hereford,
- ii. Agnes,
- iii. Matilda.

The two sisters are described as :- “Sorores Abbatis, Corpus Christi, York Guild, Decimo Anno 1417-9”. (Surtees Soc. Vol. 57, p 19).

Thomas Spofford was born 1370, assumed the monastic life, and on 10th. June 1405 was elected Abbot of St. Mary’s, York, which being a Mitred Abbey, gave him, by virtue of his office, a seat in the great

councils of the nation. He was a man of great learning and ability, and as such was nominated by Henry V to attend the Council of Constance 1414 -18, and was elected one of its four presidents. The Council, following that of Pisa 1414, was called to consult on the pretensions of the three rival popes - John, Benedict, and Gregory - when all three were removed and Martin V was elected in their stead.

At the same time he had a voice in the condemnation of John Huss, and Frome of Prague to the stake. Soon after his return in 1422 [?] he was elected Bishop of Rochester, but was transferred the same year, before consecration, by Papal Bull dated 17th. November 1421, to the more important See of Hereford, which he held until 1448 when he resigned the office, and was allowed £100 per year out of the revenues by his successor, which sum he expended on buildings and ornamental works connected with the cathedral, one of his architectural works being the erection of the Bishop's Palace, a later Bull stating that Bishop Spofforth had expended on buildings at the Cathedral upwards of 2800 marks. (Burton's Cath. Arch. Of England, Vol.3. p. 23). He retired to his early home, the Abbey of St. Mary's, York, where he died 1456.

In Catterick Church, Yorks., of which he was a rector, there is in the east window a figure of S. Anne, and the following inscription:- "Eternum mana mihi Spofford impetret Anna". "Orate pro anima D'ni Thomas Spofford, Abbatis Monasterii Beatae Maree Eborum istius Ecclesiae Rectoris", and on the woodwork in the church are emblazoned the Abbot's Arms, viz. "Ou. Three chevronelles embrased. Or." (Whitaker's "Richmondshire").

Reference to the preceding paragraph, the Compiler wrote to the Rev. R. F. Bradley, Vicar of Catterick, for confirmation of this statement. He in turn handed the query to the Rev. Wm. Oliver, Rector of Rokeby, Barnard Castle, who is an expert in such matters, and the following is his reply :-

"Dr. Whitaker in his "History of Richmondshire" in giving an account of the ancient glass in Catterick Church, together with the monuments and woodwork was quoting from a 17th. century Visitation. There are

several accounts of the ancient treasures in Catterick Church written in the 17th. Century, of which Dodsworth's is perhaps the best known. Since the time they were written much has disappeared, and no trace of them can be found, nor even the date when such objects vanished. I could write you a very lengthy list of monuments, glass, and even documents and plate, that have been lost in Richmondshire, and nothing is known of their fate".

And in Ludlow Church, Salop, a kneeling figure of the Bishop is represented in stained glass in the act of adoration of St. Anne, with a mutilated inscription:- "Media precors Anna", and before him a table inscribed :- "Thomas Spofford, Dei Gratia, Hereford Ep'us".

The following is extracted from "Herefordshire" (Arthur Moe's "King's England Series"). Speaking of Ross Church on the Wye, the writer says :- "But it is to the east window that we are drawn. This is filled with glass 500 years old, shining in red, blue, silver and gold. Originally given by Bishop Spofford to Stretton Sugwas, the glass was brought here when the Bishop's chapel there was pulled down.

For more than a hundred years it filled the window just as it was unpacked - a jumble of fragments, but last century it was reset and the canopied figures of four saints appeared above a host of angels. Here is Ethelbert with a model church; Bishop Thomas of Hereford with his crozier; and Bishop Spofford himself kneels before them holding out his heart to the Madonna."

The Will of John Carre of York, dated 1487, states inter alia :- "Also I bewit to the Abbat of Seint Marie Abbay a payre of Spectales of sylver and gylted, and a bonet that was sumtyme the Bisshoppis of Hertforth". (Surtees Soc. "Testaments Eboracensia" Vol. 4). There exists a tradition that he was the Bishop who was waylaid in Barnsdale Forest by Robin Hood, who made him "dance in his boots", entertained him to a repast of the King's venison, and took from him £300 in payment for his supper. Bishop Spofford, being a Yorkshireman, would doubtless

occasionally visit his native home and friends in the Forest of Knaresborough and would probably pass through Barnsdale, where he may have encountered a band of out-laws who treated him as described in the ballad.

In 1449 he presented the Corpus Christi Guild of York with a “Splendid and costly shryne to contain the sacred elements”. The shryne is all gylte havng six ymages gylded, with an ymage of the byrthe of our Lord, of mother of perle, sylver and gylt, and thirty three ymages enamyled standing about the same, and tablett of golde; two golde ryngs, one with a safure and the other with a perle, and eight other ymages, and a grete tablett of golde, havng in yt the ymage of Oure Ladye, of mother of perle, which shryne conteyneth in lengthe three quarters of a yerde and a nayle, and in brede a quarter and a halfe and more, and in heichte half a yerde and over, besides the steple stonding upon the same, the said steple having a wether cokke there upon all gylte and a ryalle of golde, four olde nobles and two gylted greets, hangyng upon the said steple, and also beyng within the said steple, a berall, wheryn the sacrament is borne, havng in the said berall two ymages of angells of sylver and gylte, beryng up the said sacrament the foote and conveyng of whyche said berall is sylver and gylte”.

The last time it was carried in procession through the streets of York was in the first year of the reign of Edward VI, immediately after which it fell a prey to the rapacity of the so called reformers of religion.

Robert Spofforth, the elder son, was living in 1360, and married Mary, daughter of and co-heiress with, Thomas de Malebis, KT., her sister Elizabeth marrying Adam Beckwith de Clint, 1364. He had issue :-

i. Thomas, Vicar of Bredon, Co. Leicesters. 1377-81.

(Nicholl’s “Leicestershire” Vol. 3, p. 669).

ii. John.

John spofford, the second son, was of Newsam, near Spofforth, and is mentioned in the Pipe Roll 15 Rich. 2. 1396. He married first Mary or

Maria Meynell of London, and second Joan, daughter of Robt. Warde of Lowthorpe. He had issue by his first wife :-

Robert Spofforth, of York and Menthorpe near Selby, was living in 1415 and was a member of the corpus Christie Guild of York, 1431, his name appearing as “Dom. Rob. Spoforth Monarchus”.

Several members of the Spofforth family appear to have been brethren and sisters of the Guild, which was dedicated “to the praise and honour of the most sacred body of our Lord”. And many of them were benefactors. He married Ann, daughter of William Anlaby of Elveley and Etton, by Alice, daughter and heir of Peter Ughtred of Etton, and his wife Alice Ravesson, and had issue :-

i. Roger de Spofford, a chaplain, who in October 1406 signed as witness at Everwyk to the settlement of the Plumpton estates, between Dame Alice de Plumpton and Robert de Plumpton. (Plumpton correspondence. Cartel No. 325).

ii. Robert, of whom presently.

iii. Richard, Incumbent of Dalton in Furness, 1376, who died 1450. Amongst the ancient charters of the Duchy of Lancaster, now in the P.R.O., Box A. No. 400 is a confirmation dated 6th. October 1432, with seal attached, by John Kemp, Archbishop of York, of the composition made between the Abbot of the Convent of Furness, as parson or rector of the church of Dalton, and Richard Spofforth, perpetual vicar of the same church, upon the right of taking tithes within the parish of Dalton. From this Richard Spofforth descended Richard Spofforth who married Magdalen Gilmin of York, 1st. August 1615, one of the family from whom descended the mother of Alexander Pope the poet. (See Marshall’s “Genealogies”, Brit. Mus.).

Robert Spofforth, the second son, of Wistow Manor, who was living in 1480, married Ellen, daughter of Sir Brian Roucliffe, of Cowthorpe, near Spofforth, who was third Baron of the Exchequer and the builder of Cowthorpe Church. Sir Brian married a daughter of Richard Hammerton of Craven and died 1483. Robert had issue two sons :-

- i. Bryan, of whom presently.
- ii. Thomas, who was chaplain of Asselbie par. of Howden in 1526.

During this period the following other members of the family, whose exact relationship is obscure, are mentioned in records:

1425. Peter Spofford of York, skynner, died. His wife was one Margaret. (For Abs. of his Will, see appendix).

1437-8. John Spofforth and Cecilia his wife, evidently citizens of Hull, made a gift of iiijd. to Hedon Church.

1456-64. Robert Spofforth, or Spofford, a Ship Master, was member of the Guild of the Holy Trinity, Hull, and an Aberman, who signed an Ordinance. (Tickell's "History of Hull", pp 701 and 731). Note also "The Ship of Robert Spofford, called the "Maeiflower of Hull"". (Proc. of Yorks. Arch. Soc. Vol. LXIV, p 31).

1481. Roger de Spofford, who "had leave from the Prior of North Ferriby, near Hull, to absent himself".

1482. John Spofforth, of Withanthilsay (West Haddlesey) witnessed a Yorkshire Deed, 5th. June 1482 (22 Ed. 4) between Agnes Fethistayne of Saxelby, Co. Lincoln, and Richard Burdux of Burton by Gateford.

1489. Robert Spoford, of York, Baxter, died. His wife was named Elizabeth. (For. Abs. of his will see Appendix).

Bryan Spofforth, born circa 1500, was Rector of Barton le Street in Ryedale, from 1536 to 1554. A list of Clergy in Yorkshire who were taxed in 1526 contains the name of Brianus Spofforth, cap. paroch, de Thornton. ([Fallow Papers]). He was deprived temp. Mary, for the crime of marrying, about 1530, a nun, one Agnes Aslaby, possibly of the neighbouring family of Aslaby of Whitwell or Welbourne. He was summoned before the Courts in York and condemned to do penance in the following terms: "That upon the Sunday next cominge, he shal be present in this Cathedral Churche in his cloke bare heyd bare leggyd with his shewes upon his fete and that he shall procede in procession before the Crosse the same day with a taper in his hands of half a pounce and that he shall knele before ye altar all Masse tyme havynge a surplusse upon hyme without sleeves, and that he shall do lyke penance at Barton where he was

parson". He was deprived and evicted from his church 1554 and died 1555, having issue a son Richard.

In the Yorks. Arch. Society's Record Series. Vol 51, appears the following:-

"Sir Brian Spofforth, parson of Barton, was appointed supervisor of the Will of Rauff Graye, of Barton, in Rydall, 10th March 1551-52", and in Vol.45 No.12 we read "...And so yt is gracious soueraigne lorde, that one Brian Spowforth, clerke... and divers others riottous and evill dysposed persons to the number of twentye persons, to your said subjecte unknowne, the xiiijth day of January in the syxt yere of your maiesties reigne by the unlawfull commandement and procurement of one Margaret Graye, widow, did most ryottously agaynst your maiesties peace in verrye warrelyke manner with divers unlawfull wepons assemble themselves together at Coneysthorppe aforesaid and then and there with graete force did cutte down take and carye away twentye loodes of wodd and undrewodd, then beinge and standinge in and upon the said wodd called Bankeheade, and the same converted to th'use of the said Margaret Graye, to the grete losse, damage, and hynderence of your said subjecte and to the evill example of all other your maiesties subjectes dwellinge thereabouts. In consideration whereof may it please your grace to grant unto the said Bryan Spowforth and others aforesaid, cammanding them by vertue thereof personally to appare before youre maiesties most honourable Counsell in the Sterred Chambre at West' there to make answers to all the premyses, etc.

(Sgd.) Gerard."

An Abstract of the Will of Brian Spofforth, which was proved 1556, will be found in the Appendix.

Extracts from the records of the York Diocesan Registry.

Made by the Rev. Canon Purvis, The Archivist, in 1947.

1. "The Rev. Brian Spofforth. Consistory Court. Cause paper R.VII g.1109. A.D.1563. Tho. Gray contra Agnes Aslaby, widow of Brian Spofforth, for a bequest of a goblet and also ... of £100. File for defence only preserved. Attestations: Chris. Paule of Naffertone, yeoman, said that Brian's Will was proved in the Exchequer at York: he

himself was present when the Inventory was exhibited there by Mr. Francis Aslaby and Agnes Aslaby; the value of the Inventory amounted to £467. 12. 10d. (Multiply by 35 to get modern values).

He was present when Brian Spofforth, lying sore sick, made the bequest of the goblet which was not worth £8, for he twenty sundry times hath drunken of it, and has lodged in Brian's house. Peter Dunkin of Heslerton said that Brian treated Agnes Aslaby as his lawful wife and Richard Spofforth as his son."

Rafe Thompson of Barton le Street said that Brian took Agnes for his lawful wife "unto the tyme he was devorcyd frome her", and Richard to be his son "untill the day of his deathe, and loved him tenderly."

2. In the Victoria "History of Yorks", appears the following :- "6 Ed. VI. Agnes Aslaby, a nun was granted a pension of 34s. 4d. at York 1554."

3. The Rev. Richard Spofforth, Instiution Book 19th. July 1613. Ric. Spofforth to the rectory of Barton le Street. 14th. March 1620-1. Chris. Emerson M.A. to the Rectory of Barton le Street by the death of Ric. Spofforth.

4. The Rev. John Spofford. 16th. March 1616-17. Joh. Spofford, to Deacon. 31st. December 1617. Joh. Spofford to Priest. (No note that he was ever instituted to any benefice. Probably Silkstone).

5. Will of Ric. Spofforth, Rector of Barton in the Streete, 3rd. February 1621, proved 19th. April 1621. Two children, names not given. Wife one Magdalen. Will witnessed by his brother John Spofford, probably the priest.

The names of other Spofforths of this period which have been found in various records are as follows :-

1553. "Spaford" entries begin, Collingham P.R. Notts.

1541. "Spufford" entries begin, Toddington P.R. Beds.

1542. From old Selby rent Books, 5th. August 33 Hen. viij.

John Spofforde paid 4d. rent

Isabel Spofforde paid 4d. rent.

Robert Spofforde paid 4d. rent.

1544. "Spoffurth" entries begin, Snaith P.R.
1557. John Spofurth is mentioned in the Will of Robert Turpin of Monk Fryston as owing vs. for a quarter of oytes.
1558. George Spoffurthe of Haddlesey, whose Will was proved 1558, was a witness also the the Will of John Robinson of Pontefract, 1557.
1560. Lincolnshire and Chesterfield P.R. entries begin. 16th. June, Richard Spawforthe and Margaret Wagstaffe were married at Chesterfield.
1572. Richard Spofforth was the Plaintiff in an action against Wm. Beverly, Esq., ref. land at North Grymstone.
1583. John spofford and Margaret his wife were defendants in an action by Wm. Newbye ref. land at Bourne and Selby.
1584. Thomas Spofforth was a plaintiff against Wm. Harebred ref. land and cottages at Stadlethorpe, Gowthorpe, and Blacktoft.
1592. Richard Spaforth, gent. and Ann his wife were defendants in an action by Wm. Beverly, gent. ref. property at North Grymstone and Fridaythorpe. (Yorks. Arch. Soc. Vol. 2).
1617. William Spofforth and Dorothy his wife were defendants in an action taken by Wm. Waldby, gent. ref. land in Blacktoft and Staddlethorpe. (Yorks. Arch. Soc. Vol 58).
1628. Richard Spofforth of Scalbie, par. of Blacktoft, died. Probate granted to Thomas Spofforth, his brother. (Howden Act Book). No will now in existence.

Richard Spofforth, son of Bryan, was born about 1540, married Agnes Clare, daughter of Gilbert Clare, Esq, of Pontefract, 1565, and is mentioned in the family pedigree as being the first Protestant in the family. He had issue two sons :-

- i. Richard, of whom presently.
- ii. John, living circa 1598, who married one Margaret ... of Selby.

Richard Spofforth, gent. of Crambe, born circa 1565, was an Esquire to Sir Wm. Bambrough, Kt. He died in 1611, leaving a widow Anne, who died 1623 and the following children. (For Will, see Appendix).

1. Christofer, born circa 1587, who left two sons.
2. John, probably the Rev. John of Silkstone, borne circa 1588, who married Ellen..... was ordained Deacon in 1616, and Priest in 1617, but whose exact benefice is obscure. He witnessed his brother Richard's Will in 1621. This John Spofford was the Puritan Vicar of Silkstone, appointed by Act of Parliament 24th December 1642, who was ejected from his living as a Nonconformist in 1662, temp. Charles II. He spent the remainder of his life with a Mr. Cotton, a gentleman who favoured the views of the Puritans, and died 1668, aged 80, being buried in Silkstone churchyard. (See Journal of the House of Lords for December 1642). His widow died April 1679, at the House of John Holme, her son-in-law.

He left a son John, born 1612, died 1678, one of the Pilgrim Fathers who fled to America to avoid persecution, sailing in the "John of London" from Hull with a party of Yorkshire Puritans under the Rev. John¹ Rogers in the summer of 1638, and settling in what is now called Rowley, Massachusetts, named after Rowley, near Market Weighton, became the ancestor of the numerous and distinguished family of Spofford, several of whom have been representatives in the State Senate. The "Spofford Genealogical Record" by Jeremiah Spofford, 1888, published by Goodspeed's Bookshop Inc., Beacon Street, Boston, U.S.A., runs into 502 pages. John married Elizabeth Scott, daughter of Thomas Scott of Ipswich, U.S.A., and had issue :-

- i. John Spofford, born 24th October 1648, married Sarah Wheeler, of Rowley, Mass, 9th March 1675, and died 22nd April 1697.
- ii. Thomas Spofford, born 4th November 1650, who married Abigail Haggett, 22nd September 1675.
- iii. Samuel Spofford, born 1st January 1652, died 1743.

3. Richard Spofforth, born circa 1590, who was inducted as Rector of Barton le

¹ Compiler's Error – Should be: Ezekiel Rogers.

Street in 1613. He married one Magdalen Gilmin, of York, about 1611, and dying 1620-1 was buried in the chancel of the church. He left two children, Richard born about 1612, and Elizabeth.

4. Rebecca Spofforth, born circa 1591, who married Roger Rome, and had issue.
5. Katherine Spofforth, born circa 1595, who married Thomas, son of Sir Wm. Bambrough, Kt., and had issue two daughters.
6. George Spofforth, born circa 1589.
7. Barbara Spofforth, born circa 1597.
8. Thomas Spofforth, born circa 1595, who married Margaret..... and issue John born circa 1620, and/or Thomas.

It is necessary at this stage to call a halt in the claims of the Howden branch of the family to a more or less direct descent from the Norman Conquest. In 1949 an intensive investigation and examination of the early Spofforth Wills was made by the Compiler, which showed that the accounts given by Burke and the Harleian MSS. of the family between 1550 and 1675 were mainly conjectural, and contained many grave inaccuracies. These may be noticed by a careful examination of the wills and Pedigrees based on such, to be found in the Appendix.

I have therefore decided that the best method of carrying on from this period will be to give the known pedigrees of the various branches as they have been established at the time of writing, from Parish Registers and other sources, and to leave further alterations, omissions, and amplifications to posterity. During this period :-

Jane Spawforth was married 23rd. June 1619 at St. Martin's, Coney St., York, to John Smith, Esq. of Thorpe Hall, par of Selby.

The Rev. Joshua Spofford was Prebendary of Dunnington in York Cathedral from 22nd. October 1660, and Vicar of St. Martin's, Coney St., York, in 1666. He resided for some time at Howsham, a part of Scrayingham, and had a daughter Mary, who married 13th. September 1665, Francis Horsley, of Full Sutton, Yorks. (Dugdales's "Visitation of York"), and also note a

John Spofforth who was Executor to Francis Doalty, of Fulsutton, P.C.C./500/Ruthen/1657.

THE HOWDEN BRANCH.

A possible Thomas Spofforth, living in the Selby district circa 1640, may have been the father of :-

- i. Simon, of Selby, born circa 1640, of whom presently.
- ii. William, of Carlton, near Snaith, born circa 1643, died 1665, who married Anne Binsley, of Drax at Carlton in 1665, but who d.s.p. (For Will, see Appendix).
- iii. A daughter, who married one Launsdale and had issue a daughter, Anne.
- iv. A daughter, who married one Edward Atkinson.

Simon Spoford, or Spofforth was born circa 1640, at probably Wistow or near Selby. He was Steward to Richard Walmsley, Esq., who was a Catholic and Lord of the Manor of Selby, and married about 1665 Mary, daughter of William Palmer, Esq., who died 14th. February 1679. Simon died 7th. December 1688 and was buried alongside his wife in Selby Abbey. They had issue :-

- i. Samuel, born circa 1668, married Mary ..., and had two sons – Samuel born circa 1690, and John of Lund, N. Yorks. The former emigrated to Bermuda, and dying 1729, left two sons – Nathaniel and Samuel. Nathaniel's daughter Rebecca married John Essen, whose daughter Mary married the Chief Justice of Bermuda 1764. John Spofforth of Lund, who died 1761, was buried at Hemingborough, and left a son William or John, who married 29th. November 1774, Elizabeth Eure, and had issue three children – William born 1775, Robert born 1782, and Mary born 1785.
- ii. Robert, of whom presently.
- iii. Margaret, born circa 1666, who married Elijah Haigh at Selby, 1688. She is mentioned in the Will of Robert Wood of Lund 20th. February 1684, and in the Will of Wm. Miller of Selby 1680, who left Simon and father and each of his children a pair of gloves.
- iv. Frances, who married Robert Johnson, a linen draper of London in 1701, and who died 22nd. February 1702.

of Howden, but d.s.p. 1816.

Robert Spofforth, of Howden, the second son, Lord of the Manor of Howden, Clerk to Bishop Darrington of Durham, was born 1740, and in 1757 was apprenticed to Wm. Dunn of Howden, attorney for £30 premium. He married in 1768, Hannah, only daughter of Thomas Markham, of Howden Manor. His wife died 29th December 1816, and he in 1827, leaving issue :-

- i. Robert, of whom presently.
- ii. Ralph, born 5th. January 1771. The Rev. Ralph Spofforth, M.A. (Oxon), Vicar of Howden, Wressle, 1798 – 1824, and Eastington, Lecturer of Barnby on the Marsh, and Rector of Cowthorpe, near Spofforth. Married first Elizabeth, Daughter of Elencowe Dunn, Esq. of Howden and Keadby Manor, Co. Lincs., and second Sarah, Widow of Wm. Clarke of Knedlington. He died 10th. June 1824. By his first wife, Elizabeth Dunn, he had issue :- Samuel (?), Hannah, Mary, Robert d. unm., Ralph d. unm., Edward born 1810 of whom presently, Elizabeth, Helen, and two infants Robert Horatio and Joshua Dunn born on the day of the Battle of Trafalgar who evidently died in infancy.
- iii. Hannah, born 1772, died unm.
- iv. Ann, born 1773, married Robt. Scholfield, Esq. of Sand Hall, Howden, Yorks. and died 1854. Issue :- Scholfields.
- v. Mary, born 1775, married Wm. Haworth of Hull.
- vi. Elizabeth, born 1777, married John Dixon, banker, of Chancery Lane, London, and died 1851.
- vii. Edward, born 1779, who d.s.p.
- viii. Jonathan, born 1782, also d.s.p.
- ix. Samuel, born 1784, of whom presently.
- x. Alice, born 1781, married 1800 James Stevin Lister, of Ousefleet Grange, Yorks. and Hirst Priory, Lincs., and died 1851, leaving issue – (See Burke's "Landed Centry")

(Lister of Finningley Park and Empson of Ousefleet Hall).

- xi. Helen, of Fulford, York, born 1788, died unm. 1879.

Edward Spofforth, son of Ralph, born 7th. December 1810 and who died 21st. August 1861, married Frances Kendall (nee Hobson) widow of the Rev. Fredk. Kendall, and had issue :-

- i. Richard, born 1838, died 1885.
- ii. Ralph, born and died 1840.
- iii. Fanny Elisabeth, born 1841, died 1923.
- iv. Edward, born 1849, who follows.
- v. Helen Kendall, born 1842, died 1912.

Edward Spofforth, born 18th. March 1849 and who died 30th. November 1891, married Mary Darley Fligg in 1886, and had issue :-

- i. Edward Reginald, born 15th. June 1891. He was a lieutenant in the 5th. Yorks. Regt. And was killed in action near Ypres 2nd. March 1916. and was unmarried.
- ii. A daughter – stillborn 1888.
- iii. Frances Mary, born 1st. September 1889, unm. Of 15 Avenue Victoria, Scarborough, who kindly supplied these particulars.

Robert Spofforth, the eldest son, of Howden, born 1768, marr. 1795, Anna, daughter of Thomas Turnell, Esq. of Tickhill, Yorks. at St. Martins, Coney St., York, and died 1830, leaving issue :-

- i. Robert, of whom presently.
- ii. Edward, born 1805, who emigrated to Australia, married 1847 Anna, daughter of Capt. Thoms McDonnell of New Zealand, and died in Sydney, N.S.W., leaving a son Frederick Robert, born 1853 died 1926, the famous Australian cricketer known as the "Demon Bowler".
- iii. Anne, died unm. Buried at Howden.
- iv. Elisabeth, married Wm. Dinsley Esq., of Howden, died 1830.

Robert Spofforth, of Howden, Scarborough and East-thorpe Hall born 1804, married 1828, Sarah Ann, daughter of Capt. Robert Jefferson of

the Royal Horse Guards, of Howden, and had issue :-

- i. Robert Turnell, born June, died September 1829.
- ii. Robert Jefferson, born 1831, Major late 59th. Regt., formerly Staff Officer of Pensioners, served in the Chinese Wars, was present at the taking of Canton, and served in the White Cloud Expedition 1850, married 1862 Harriete Ann, daughter of John Edwards Brooke, Esq., of Hildenby, Yorks.
- iii. Edward Nixon, born 1833, d.s.p. Malta 1885.
- iv. Philip, born 1834, died at Scarborough 1837.
- v. Anne, born 1830.
- vi. Elizabeth, born 1835, married 1855 the Rev. H. Piggot-James, Chaplain to the East India Company and died in India 1879.
- vii. Frances, born 1837, married 1865 the Rev. Charles James Fuller, Vicar of Ovingham, Co. Northumberland.
- viii. Sarah Emily, born 1840, married the Rev. Thomas Henry Stokes, M.A., Head Master of King's College, London, and of Reading School.
- ix. Helen Turnell, born 1841, married 1869 Edward Athawes, of Barton, Bucks., Barrister-at-Law, and Stipendary Magistrate at Chatham.
- x. Adelaide Mary, born 1843, died 1851, buried at Amotherby.

Samuel Spofforth, the youngest son, of Newfields near Howden, was born 1784, and married 1823 Ann, daughter of Thomas Richardson, of Enthorpe House, Fangfoss Grange, and the Lodge, Pocklington, and died 1869, leaving issue :-

- i. Samuel, born 1824, married 1872 Mary Helena de Jersey, second daughter and co-heiress of the late Angus Turner, J.P., of Glentyre and Kippen House, Perthshire, and widow of Capt. Luke O'Conner, 83rd. Regt.
- ii. Markham, of whom presently.
- iii. Edwin, born 1826, d.s.p. 1842.
- iv. Henry, born 1829, d.s.p. 1841.
- v. Thomas, born 1831, died 1860 in the Red Sea on his way home.

from Ceylon.

- vi. Arthur, born 1836. Second Officer of the "Great Eastern", on her maiden voyage, was Staff Officer of H.M. Transports at Balaclava, and was present at several attacks by the Naval Brigade at Sebastopol, and d.s.p. 1863 at Callao, South America.
- vii. Amelia, born 1828, married 1879 William Edward Woodall of Mostyn Mere House, Scarborough.
- viii. Maria, born 1834, died unm. 1878.

Markham Spofforth, the second son, born 1825, was a great friend of Disraeli, being fully in sympathy with Disraeli's resolve to democratise and popularise Conservatism. He was the principal founder of the Junior Carlton Club and an active promoter of the policy which culminated in the establishment of Household Suffrage.

In 1877 he was appointed by Cairns, Lord Chancellor in Beaconsfield's Government of 1874-1880 to be Taxing Master in Chancery, which post he held until his death in 1907. He married in 1858 Agnes, only daughter of John Claudius Loudon, F.L.S., and by her, who died 1863, Aged 26, had issue :-

- i. Walter Loudon, of whom presently.
- ii. Beatrix Loudon, born 1860, died 1861, buried in Howden Church.
- iii. Agnes Loudon, born 1863 in London.

Walter Loudon Spofforth, born 1861, educated at Winchester, married 1886 Eva Janetta, daughter of Major Fredk. M. Woodall, late Staff Paymaster in Egypt, and died 1914, leaving issue :-

- i. Hugh Robert Markham, of whom presently.
- ii. Valetta, born 1887, who married Richard Warren Powell.
- iii. Yvonne, born 1889, who married 1920 Reginald Markham Spofforth, elder son of Fredk. Robt. Spofforth, the "Demon Bowler", and
Had issue :-
 - (a) Derek Robert Spofforth, born 1922, who married Samina McKay, and had issue Patricia June, born 1945, and Peter Allen Markham born 1947.

(b) Betty Rowena, born 1920.

Hugh Robert Markham Spofforth, born 1894, of "Howden", St. Michaels, Tenterden, Kent, married Doreen Clare Cottril, and had issue :-

- i. Ian Loudon, of whom presently.
- ii. Brian Cowan, born 1926.

Ian Loudon Spofforth, born 1923, married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Ernest Shepperson, Bart., of Upward House, Hintingdon, and had issue a son :-

Timothy Markham Spofforth, born 1947.

THE AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

Edward Spofforth, son of Robert Spofforth, of Howden, born 1805, emigrated to Australia, married 1847 Anna, daughter of Capt. Thomas McDonnell, of New Zealand, and died in Sydney, N.S.W., having issue :-

- i. Frederick Robert, of whom presently.
- ii. Anne Elizabeth, born 1854, married Chas. F. Clive at Sydney, 1874.

Fredk. Robert Spofforth, born 1853 at Sydney, N.S.W., was a famous Australian cricketer and died in London 1926. He was known the world over as the "Demon Bowler". John Masefield, the poet, in a letter says "F.R.S. was a man with great control of his finger muscles and could throw an egg seventy yards in such a way that it could reach the ground without breaking. No one here could play his bowling in his great years with any confidence. In 1882 he was responsible for England's defeat at the Oval." In later life he was connected with a very successful tea business in London. He left issue :-

- i. Reginald Markham Spofforth, who married Yvonne, daughter of Walter L. Spofforth, in 1920, and had issue Derek Robert and Betty Rowena. (See p. above).
- ii. Ralph.
- iii. Vera, who married E. Youll, Esq.

The DONCASTER (Yorks.), SOUTHWELL (Notts.),
LICHFIELD (Staffs.), and BRISTOL (Glos.),
BRANCHES.

Reginald Spofforth, described as “of Doncaster” was buried at Birkin, near Selby in York. 4th. August 1670, and had a son:-

Reginald Spofforth, also of Doncaster, an Alekeeper, born circa 1640, who married 14th. July 1661 Mary Trickett, by whom he had two children – Mary, born 21st. September 1662, and Thomas, born 8th. May 1663. On her death Reginald, who is described as an “Inholder”, married 22nd. May 1663 Elizabeth Aberegany, who died 20th. February 1701. He was buried in December Old Church 30th. January 1701, having issue by his second wife :-

- i. Elizabeth, bapt. 10th. January 1665.
- ii. Sara, bapt. circa 1666, who married 31st. July 1687 Joseph Ludlam, and on his death Richard Hall on 19th June 1726.
- iii. Reginald, born 1670, of whom presently.
- iv. John and Hanna, bapt. 23rd. September 1672. Hanna Spoforth married Henry Aughton at Doncaster 4th. April 1695.
- v. William, bapt. 17th. May 1673.
- vi. Samuel, bapt. 24th. April 1680, who in later life became an attorney and had two children: (a) Richard, Bapt. 27th. October 1707 who married Hanna Curtice of Doncaster 28th. October 1731, by whom he had a son Richard, bapt. 12th. January 1734, and (b) Ann, bapt. 31st. August 1711.

Reginald Spofforth, the eldest son, pewterer, and later Alebrewer of Doncaster, was baptised 12th. June 1670 and married 6th. November 1693, Anne Baxter at and of East Retford, Notts. (See Notts. Marr. Lics.). He was buried in Doncaster Old Church 4th. April 1716, and left issue:-

- i. Elizabeth, born 14th. October 1694, who married at Doncaster John Bayley of Epworth 25th. May 1719.
- ii. Sara, born 26th. May 1695, who married Edward Carter by Licence at Doncaster, 19th. June 1726.
- iii. Reginald, bapt. 7th. February 1697, who may be “the sailor

of Gainsborough, Lincs". who married 29th. May 1729 one Elizabeth Swith of Rampton. (See Southwell Minster Marr. Bonds). He was buried at Southwell, 20th. August 1765.

- iv. Ann, bapt. 4th. November 1699, who married first John Morris 17th. December 1717, and second Henry Staldes of Kirkby in 1720, both of Doncaster.
- v. Mary, bapt. 7th. December 1702.
- vi. Matthew, born circa 1704, "son of Anne of Doncaster" apprenticed 1716 to Thomas France of Doncaster, butcher, for a premium of £7. Matthew married first Elizabeth ... par. of Thorne, 17th. September 1727, and second Elizabeth Nailor of Donce 27th. September 1741.
- vii Ruth, bapt. 26th. December 1706.
- vii. John, bapt. 1712, who follows.

John Spofforth, or Spawforth, "Sonne of Reginald Spofforth, Ale-brewer Of Doncaster" was baptised 4th. August 1712. He married 26th. July 1737 one Elizabeth Clarke of Blidworth, Notts., Southwell Minster Marr. Bonds stating "26th. July 1757, John Spoforth of Southwell, and John Ash of Mansfield for £200 for the marriage of the said John Spoforth and Elizabeth Clarke of Blidworth". (Note: There are no entries in the Blidworth Parish Registers from 1723 – 1739).

Elizabeth Spofforth, his wife, was buried 19th. December 1781, and John Spofforth the husband 7th. February 1786, both at Southwell. (Also note the four different spellings of the same word). They left issue :-

- i. Thomas, born 1742, of whom presently.
- ii. William, born 1746, of whom presently.
- iii. Jenny, born and died 1749.

Thomas Spofforth or Spawforth, the eldest, baptised 12th. May 1742, at Southwell, was apprenticed 1756 to Edm. Ayrton, organist of Southwell, for £11 premium. He was appointed organist of Southwell Minster, Notts. in 1764, a post which he held for 60 years.

He composed several anthems and hymn tunes, one of the latter, "Southwell", put to the hymn "Jerusalem, my happy home" is still played on the Minster chimes. He never married and on his death in June 1826 he bequeathed the sum of £650 towards clothing and educating the poor children of Southwell, and other charities known to-day as Spofforth's Charities". (For copy of his Will see Appendix).

William Spofforth, the younger son, baptised 19th. May 1746, who died 1796, was a currier, and by his wife Elizabeth, who was born 1743 and died 1823, left issue:-

- i. Reginald, born 1769, of whom presently.
- ii. Sarah, born 1771, who married Alexis Charnley and had issue: Thomas Reginald Charnley.
- iii. Ann, born 1773, died 1798.
- iv. Elizabeth, born 1775.
- v. Mary, born 1777, died 9th. March 1839. (For Will see Appendix).
- vi. Samuel, born 1781, of whom presently.

Reginald Spofforth, the eldest son, the best writer of glees perhaps, that England has ever produced, was baptised at Southwell, Notts. 12th. September 1769. His uncle Thomas, from whom he afterwards inherited a large estate, educated him and he was admitted a chorister at the Minster 1779. It was at Southwell that he composed his first glee "Lightly o'er the Village Green" but his name, however, was established with "Hail Smiling Horn" published in 1799, and he continued his success with many other popular songs, glees and madrigals as well as several fine hymn tunes. After being organist at Catterick Church and Lincoln Cathedral 1788, he removed to London where he held a position for some time as pianist in the Covent Garden Orchestra, eventually becoming deputy organist under Dr. Benjamin Cooke, of Westminster Abbey, 1790, and the music master of the famous Duchess of Devonshire.

He died a bachelor in London at the residence of his brother-in-law, Alexis Charnley, in 1827, and was buried in the centre aisle of

St. Mary Abbott's Church in Kensington. There is a tablet to his Memory in the south porch of the church, and another near the bell tower in Brompton Cemetery. A sketch of his life, edited by his nephew Thomas Reginald Charnley, was printed for private circulation in London 1880 by M. G. Shield, printer, of 30, Sloane Square, Chelsea. A note states that the biography was written many years ago by his Friend John Bayley of Tooting, probably a relation of the John Bayley of Epworth who married Elizabeth Spofforth of Doncaster in 1719. (For Will see Appendix).

Samuel Spofforth, his brother, born 4th. March 1781, married Dorothy, Daughter of the Rev. Fairfax Norcliffe, Vicar of Ashbourne, Derbyshire, and was admitted as a chorister at the Minster 1793. (This Dorothy Norcliffe, who was born 1788 and died 1854, was direct relation, --- see Norcliffe Pedigree --- of Sir Thomas Norcliffe Kt., and Catherine, daughter of Sir Wm. Bambrough, Bart., of Howsham, circa 1600. One of Sir William's sons, Thomas Bambrough, married Katherine Spofforth, daughter of Richard Spofforth, Gent., of Crambe, circa 1615).

Samual Spofforth was for seven years organist of Peterborough Cathedral, 1798 – 1805, and in 1807 he was offered appointments as organist at both Oxford and Worcester Cathedrals, but accepted the position at Lichfield, a post which he held until his death in 1864. when he was interred in the family vault at the East End of the Cathedral Close by the Lady Chapel. He left a son :-

William Fairfax Spofforth, baptised at Lichfield September 1829 and who died 1868, was a skilled surgeon, and married Anne Vale, born 1830, a daughter of the Sheriff of Lichfield. She died 1900 and was buried in the family vault at Lichfield. He left issue :-

- i. William, born 1848, who possibly lived afterwards in Liverpool.
- ii. Samuel George Norcliffe, born 1853, afterwards a solicitor of Worcester, who married and had a daughter.
- iii. John, born 1855, a doctor, of Ascot and later of Cricklewood,

- London, N.W., who married --- Elliott, and had issue: Glayds, Dorothy and Reginald, the last-named having no issue.
- iii. Fairfax, born 1857, of whom presently.
 - iv. Anne, born 1850, who married the Rev. J.L.N. Kane, Vicar of Ardsley.
 - v. Dora Georgiana, born 1852, who married the Rev. de Cobain, Vicar of Swinefleet.
 - vi. Frances Mary, born 1862, who married the Rev. J.B. Hazard, Vicar of Coles Heath, Eccleshall.

All the above were born at Lichfield in the house in Bird St. where Dr Johnson was born, and baptised at St. Mary's Church.

Fairfax Spofforth, born 1837, Alderson and City Councillor of Bristol, was a solicitor by profession and one of the ablest and most popular Practitioners in the City. He took the Incorp. Law Society's prize at an early date and received the Birmingham Gold Medal for Law, the first time such had been awarded for 30 years. He was a staunch supporter of the Church of England, a keen Freemason, a Conservative in politics, a member of the Bristol and Glcs. Archae. Soc., and an earnest student of Mediaeval History.

He married in 1883, Esther Dickinson, Daughter of George Dickinson, Esq., C.E., of Paradise House, Blackwell, near Darlington, Co Durham, and died 1920, leaving issue :-

- i. Nora Winifred, born 1884.
- ii. Ethel, born 1886.
- iii. D.M. Spofforth, born 1889, died 1930.

The TERRINGTON and GANTHORPE
BRANCHES

From the Terrington, Co. York Parish Registers.

Richard Spofford, born circa 1683, married Elizabeth ... , and had issues :-

- i. John, born 1704.

- ii. Elizabeth, born 1706.
- iii. Hannah, born 1710.
- iv. William, born 1717.

John Spofford, or Spofforth, the eldest, born 1704, had issue:-

- i. John, born 1737.
- ii. William, born 1740.
- iii. Thomas, born and died 1742.

(Note: There is then a gap in the Registers for 50 years).

Thomas Spofforth, born 1771, married 1st. Sarah ... , who died 1812, then second Ann Holiday who died 1839. Thomas died 1856, leaving Issue:-

- i. John, born 1792.
- ii. Thomas, born 1796.
- iii. Mary, born 1803.
- iv. James, born 1807.
- v. Sarah, born 1812.

John Spofforth, the eldest son, born 1792, married 1816 Sarah Bennett, and dying in 1863, left issue :-

- i. Thoms, born 1817. (Castle Howard).
- ii. Joseph, of Huddersfield, born 1822, died 1891.
- iii. John, born 1826, died 1902.
- iv. George, born 1828, of Canthorpe, of whom presently.
- v. William, of Liverpool,? Born 1833.
- vi. Four daughters.

Thomas Spofforth, the eldest of Castle Howard, born 1817, married 1845 Ann Robinson, and had issue:-

- i. William, who had a son John.
- ii. John, born circa 1857.
- iii. Thomas Albinus, born 1859, died 1898.
- iv. Four daughters.

Thomas Albinus Spofforth, the third son, had issue :-

- i. Thomas Percy, who had a son Kenneth.
- ii. Stanley Albinus, of whom presently.
- iii. Two daughters.

Stanley Albinus Spofforth, of 138, Heens Road, Worthing Sussex, and Senior partner of Spofforth and Prince, Chartered Accountants of Clifford's Inn, Fleet Street, London is a Fellow of the following Societies:- The Institute of Chartered Accountants, the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors, the Royal Economic Society, the Royal Statistical Society, and the Institute of Taxation, as well as an Associate and Member of many other learned societies. A Freeman of the City of London, he is also a member of the Worshipful Company of Horners, and Chairman of the Council of the Society of Yorkshiremen in London. He is also a member of the Junior Carlton Club, and a prominent Freemason. He has three sons :-

- i. Michael Gordon, born 1928.
- ii. Jeremy David,
- iii. Ian James Richard.

George Spofforth, of Ganthorpe, born 1828, died 1881, had issue :-

- i. William, of whom presently.
- ii. John, of Leeds, born 1865, died 1931, who had three daughters.
- iii. George, born 1869, died 1899, who had a son Arthur, born 1893, and two daughters.

William Spofforth, of York, the eldest, born 1863, died 1915, had issue:-

- i. William, born 1895; no issue.
- ii. Leonard, of whom presently.
- iii. Sidney, born 1902, died 1946, who had a son Peter born 1941.
- iv. Lawrence, born 1904, who had two daughters.
- v. Two daughters.

Leonard Spofforth, the second son, of "The Bungalow", Belle Vue Terr., Heslington Road, York, born 1899, has issue :-

- i. Clarence, born 1927
 - ii. Alec Jeffrey, born 1929.
 - iii. Mavis, born 1932.
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The WAKEFIELD and DISTRICT
BRANCH

Robert Spoforth, born circa 1654, was married to Mary Bedford, daughter of Robert Bedford, of Midelstowne, at Crofton (S. E. Wakefield), Parish Church, 6th. April 1675. His wife baptised at Thornhill, 4th May 1656, died 1st, September 1711, and he 22nd. September 1711, both being buried at Crofton. He left issue:-

- i. William, born 9th. January 1676, baptised 23rd. Jan.
- ii. Elizabeth, born 20th. March 1678, baptised 1st. April.
- iii. Grace, baptised 9th. October 1681.
- iv. Robert, baptised 27th. April 1684, of whom presently.
- v. Beatris, died 1692.
- vi. Joseph and Benjamin, baptised 26th. November 1693 – Benjamin, “a servant”, dying Thornhill 1718.
- vii. John, born circa 1695, who had a son Joseph, baptised 1722, Thornhill.

Robert Spoforth, the fourth child, was baptised 27th. April 1684, at Crofton, and evidently moved later in life to Nether-ton, par. of Thornhill, near Dewsbury. The Thornhill Spofforths were probably hand-loom weavers who manufactured woollen cloth at Thornhill Edge before the Industrial Revolution. He was married to one Hannah ..., who was buried at Thornhill 16th. November 1734. He left issue :-

- i. Joseph, born 9th. July 1708, at Crofton, died 1716.
- ii. John, born 1710 at Thornhill, near Nether-ton.
- iii. Benjamin, born 1713, who married Beatrice Bretner in 1734, and from whom descended the Horbury Branch.
(See separate Pedigree).
- iv. William, born 1715, who married Hannah Cleg at Wakefield 1740, and had a daughter Sarah who died 1773.
- v. Robert, born 1720, of whom presently.
- vi. Mary, born 1724.

Robert Spawforth, of Heckmondwike, later described as of Gomersal and Stubley, the youngest son, baptised 6th. November 1720, at Thornhill, near Dewsbury, married Susanna Horner 13th. January 1741

at Birstall Parish Church, about 3 miles from Nethererton, and was buried at Birstall 12th. September 1777, his wife Susanna having died 1771, leaving issue :-

- i. James, born 1741, of whom presently.
- ii. Hannah, born 1744, died 1746.
- iii. Susanna, born 21st. December 1746.
- iv. Dorothy, born September, 1749.
- v. Anna, born January 1752.
- vi. Charles, born and died 1755.

James Spawforth, the eldest, was baptised at Birstall 25th. October 1741, and married 4th. April 1768, Ann, daughter of James Tetley. Maltster, of Batley. In the "Records of the Parish of Batley" by Michael Sheard, it is stated: "A Parish Meeting in connection with the Church was held at the house of James Spawforth, the "Fleece Inn", on the second of June 1803". He died 1st. June 1804 and was buried at Batley, leaving issue :-

- i. Robert, born 18th. April 1769, who married Elizabeth Hepworth, at Batley, 7th. August 1791, and had a daughter Sarah born 1792.
- ii. James, born 25th. April 1772.
- iii. Sarah, born 1st. March 1773, who married 18th. April 1793 John Birthby, a farmer, who died 1802, leaving three daughters, Martha, Hannah and Susanna.
- iv. William, born 3rd. March 1776.
- v. John, born 14th. August 1778, who follows.

John Spawforth, the youngest child, was born at Batley, 14th. August 1778. He is described as a clothier, and married Hannah, daughter of Samuel Husgrave, at St. John's, Wakefield, 3rd. January 1805, and died 17th. September 1809, leaving issue a daughter Ann, born 17th. November 1808, and a son :

James Tetley Spawforth, who afterwards reverted to the name of Spofforth, born at Batley 5th. February 1806. Owing to the early death of his father, James Tetley was brought up by his uncle Robert, who signed his apprenticeship indentures. Later in life he removed to

Knottingley, near Pontefract, where he carried on a successful lime-burning business, residing at Morley House, which was specially built for him.

He married first ... Sefton, by whom he had two daughters, and second, Ann Firth, daughter of Richard Firth, of Thorne, Yorks., a shipwright, being married at Thorne Parish Church 5th. February, 1846 by the Vicar, the Rev. Eric Rudd. (John Firth farmed the Thorne Hall Farm when Squire Ellison was in residence at Thorne Hall, and his son Richard Firth was a very capable shipwright who was responsible for the launching of a ship at Thorne Shipyard in 1801, and for the launching at Paull, near Hull, of a sloop, and a 74-gun frigate named "Anson". The owners of the yard were so satisfied with his work that they presented him with £100. and his wife with a silk dress).

James Tetley Spofforth died 6th. November 1885, and his wife Ann 20th. September 1884. Both were buried in the Wesleyan Cemetery at Knottingley, Yorks. and they left issues :-

- i. John Richard, born 1846, married Anne Hudson, and d.s.p. 1926, being buried at Thorne, Yorks.
- ii. James Wade, of whom presently.
- iii. Frederick, born 1849, married Bamaria Wetherell, and died 1920, leaving issue :- Thomas James Tetley, John Richard, Francis Page who was killed in World War II, Ann, Damaris and Emily. John Richard, who married twice, had a family, now living (1949), in Leeds and district.
- iv. Maria, born 1850, d.s.p. 1930, married Senior Steele, of Knottingley, and is buried at Thorne.

James Wade Spofforth, the second son, born 10th. November 1848, married Fanny, daughter of John Mitchell, of Womersley, Yorks., 20th. July 1870, at the Wealeyan Church, Knottingley, Yorks., and died 4th. April 1932, his widow on 20th. March 1934, both being interred at Thorne Cemetery, Yorks. (John Mitchell's father, who was also a John Mitchell – farmer and keeper of Campsall, Yorks., - came from the Lowlands of Scotland and was educated there, but his birthplace

and ancestry have not been traced). For many years James carried on a business at Thorne and was an enthusiastic member of the Wesleyan community there, having occupied at various times every post in the Church to which a layman was entitled. Somewhat of an antiquarian, he was a contributor and a subscriber to Wm. Smith's "Old Yorkshire".

He left issue :-

- i. Ada, born 5th. April 1871 unm.
- ii. Ernest, died in infancy.
- iii. James Archibald Hope, born 1874, married Caroline, daughter of Michael McDonnell of Kinedale, Co. Cork, Ireland, and died 1944 leaving a daughter Barbara who married Douglas Hill of Walton-on-the-Thames, by whom there was issue. James Archibald was a graduate of the Royal University of Ireland, and a Licentiate of the Royal College of Preceptors, being a master at the Whitgift School, Croydon, and the Battersea Polytechnic for many years. He was a great sportsman, being famous for his cricketing, swimming and fishing activities. He was also an active and keen Freemason. He was buried at Sturminster, Newton, in Dorset.
- iv. Maria, born 20th. January 1879 married first Charles Flack Constable, M.A., Head Master of Thorne Grammar School, Doncaster, by whom she had one son Geoffrey Charles, and second Nathaniel Robertson, of Buckie, Scotland. By her son Geoffrey Charles, who married later, there was issue the Constables of Bridlington, Yorks.
- v. Ralph, of whom presently.
- vi. John, born 18th. October 1885, of the National Provincial Bank of London, who is unmarried.

Ralph Spofforth, born 15th. March 1881, at Knottingley, Yorks., married Lilian Margaret, daughter of William Fitchett Esq., of Namahacha, Portuguese, East Africa, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Johannesburg, South Africa, in December 1920. He was educated at the Thorne Grammar School, Doncaster, and St. Mark's College, London, S.W.,

became a schoolmaster, and was Principal successively of the St. George's Government School, Cleveland, Johannesburg, the Melsetter Public School, S. Rhodesia, and the Government Indian School, Pretoria. He served many years in the Auxiliary Forces from 1900, and in World War I, and was invalided out of the London Regt in 1917 with the honorary rank of Captain. He was a prominent Freemason, a keen fisherman, an antiquarian, and a member of the Society of Genealogists. He now resides in Cape Town, South Africa, and has one son, James Reginald Spofforth, who follows.

(Note: Ralph Spofforth, the compiler of this History, died at Cape Town on 1st. September 1950).

James Reginald Spofforth, born 22nd. September 1921 in Johannesburg, educated at the Christian Brothers College at Bokeburg, Traneveal. He joined the Imperial Light Horse at the outbreak of World War II but was transferred to the South African Air Force. He received a commission, qualified as a pilot and instructor, served on various fronts, and on the return of peace, became a student of the Medical School, University of the Witwatersrund, Johannesburg.

PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES
CROFTON (S. E. Wakefield).

- 1675. Marr. 6th. April, Robert Spoforth and Mary Bedford.
- 1676. Bapt. 9th. January, William, son of Robert Spoforth.
- 1678. Bapt. 1st. April, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Spoforth.
- 1681. Bapt. 9th. October, Grace, daughter of Robert Spoforth.
- 1684. Bapt. 27th. April, Robert, son of Robert Spoforth.
- 1692. Burial, 12th. May, Betris, daughter of Robert Spawforth.
- 1693. Bapt. 26th. November, Joseph and Benjamin, sons of Robert Spawforth.
- 1704. Bapt. 7th. October, Mary and Ann, daughters of Grace Spawforth, supposed father Mr. John Ireland.
- 1708. Bapt. 9th. July, Joseph, son of Robert Spawforth of Nether-ton.
- 1711. Burial, 1st. September, Mary, wife of Robert Spawforth

1711. Burial, 22nd. September, Robert Spawforth.
 1715. Bapt. 7th. December, William, son of Grace Spawforth, single-
 woman, reputed father, Ralph Ireland, Esq.,
 1717. Burial, 1st. July, William, son of Grace Spawforth.

THORNHILL, near Wakefield.

1656. Bapt. 4th. May, Mary, daughter of Robert Bedford of
 Midelstowne.
 1710. Bapt. 17th. December, John, son of Robert Spawforth, of
 Netherton.
 1713. Bapt. 6th. September, Benjamin, son of Robert Spawforth.
 1715. Bapt. 22nd. October, William, son of Robert Spawford.
 1716. Burial, 22nd. July, Joseph, son of Robert Spawford.
 1718. Burial, 29th. July, Benjamin Spawford, a servant.
 1720. Bapt. 6th. November, Robert, son of Robert Spawford.
 1722. Bapt. 12th. August, Joseph, son of John Spawford of Netherton.
 1724. Bapt. 14th. March, Mary, daughter of Robert Spawford.
 1734. Marr. 12th. December, Benjamin Spawford and Beatrice Bretner.
 1735. Bapt. 9th. November, Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin Spawford
 of Netherton.
 1760. Marr. 20th. July, John Newton and Sarah Spawforth.
 1762. Burial, Benjamin Spawford of "The Lane".
 1763. Bapt. 12th. June, Beatrice, daughter of Benjamin Spawford of
 "Lane".
 1766. Witness to a Marriage, Thomas Spawforth.
 1771. Marr. 14th. January, William Spawford and Mary Scholfield.
 1772. Bapt. 20th. July, Sarah, daughter of William Spawford.
 1773. Burial, 27th. August, Elizabeth Spawford of "The Lane".
 1773. Burial, 30th. October, Sarah, Daughter of William Spawford.
 1781. Burial, 2nd. March, Sarah, daughter of William Spawford, weaver,
 of Thornhill Edge.
 1783. Bapt. and Burial 27th. July, John, son of William Spofford
 of The Edge, Worsted Weaver.
 1785. Bapt. 17th. April, Charles, son of William Spofford of
 The Edge.
 1787. Marr. 25th. June, Thomas Spawforth of Sandle, and Hanna Beaumont.
 1790. Burial, 29th. October, Mary, wife of William Spawford, of
 The Edge.

THORNHILL, (Near Wakefield) contd.

1792. Marr. 20th. August, William Spawford and Elizabeth Hampshire.
1797. Bapt. 23rd. October, Mary, daughter of William Spawford of
The Edge.
1800. Bapt. 9th. May, Marianne, daughter of Edward and Honora Spawford.
1811. Bapt. 22nd. July, Thomas, son of Charles and Grace Spawford,
of The Outwood.
1812. Burial, 12th. August, Thomas, son of Charles and Grace Spawford,
of Thornes, aged 15 months, buried at St. John's Wakefield.

WAKEFIELD PAR. REGS. All Saints and St. Johns.

1734. Marr. Benjamin Spawford, of Thornhill and Beatrice Britner.
1740. William Spawford married Hannah Cleg.
1762. Benjamin Spawford married Rose Rayner.
1794. John Spofforth married Priscilla Mous at All Saints.
1805. Marr. 3rd. January, John Spawford married Hannah Musgrave.
St. Johns.
1808. ---, Spofforth, Martha, daughter of Benjamin and Rose.
1811. Charles Spawford married Grace Driver.
1812. Burial, 12th. August, Thomas Spawford, son of Charles and
Grace, of Thornes, aged 15 months.

BIRSTALL. PAR. REG.

1741. Marr. 13th. January, Robert Spawford of Heckmondwike, and
Susanna Horner.
1741. Bapt. 25th. October, James, son of Robert Spawford.
1744. Bapt. 22nd. April, Hannah, daughter of Robert Spawford.
1746. Bapt. 21st. December, Susanna, daughter of Robert Spawford.
1746. Burial, 25th. December, Hannah Spawford.
1749. Bapt. 24th. September, Dorothy, daughter of Robert Spawford.
1752. Bapt. 29th. January, Anna, daughter of Robert Spawford.
1755. Bapt. 16th. December, Charles, son of Robert Spawford.
1755. Burial, 18th. December, Charles, son of Robert Spawford.
1771. Burial, 30th. August, Susanna, wife of Robert Spawford.
1773. Burial, 28th. February, James, son of James Spawford, Brownhill.
1777. Burial, 12th. September, Robert Spawford of Stubby.

B I R S T A L L, P A R. R E G. (C o n t d.)

1783. Burial, 9th. August, William Spawdorth of Drighlington, Weaver, aged 22 years.
1794. Burial, 29th, September, Nancy, daughter of Charles Spawforth, Birstall.
1806. Baptism, 16th. April, William, son of George and Hannah Spawforth.
1807. Bapt. 25th December, Sarah Kirkman, daughter of George and Hanna Spawforth.
1812. Marr. 13th. October, Joshua Gledhill of Birstall and Sarah Spawforth.

B A T L E Y. P A R. R E G.

1768. Marr. 4th. April, James Spawforth and Ann Tetley.
1769. Bapt. 15th. May, Robert, son of James Spawforth, born 18th. April.
1772. Bapt. 1st. April, James, son of James Spawforth, born 25th February.
1773. Bapt. 28th. March, Sarah, daughter of James Spawforth, born 1st March.
1776. Bapt. 7th. April, William, son of James Spawforth, born 3rd. March.
1778. Bapt. 13th. September, John, son of James Spawforth, born 14th. August.
1791. Marr. 7th. August, Robert Spawforth and Elizabeth Hepworth.
1792. Bapt. 5th. February, Sarah, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Spawforth.
1793. Marr. 18th. April, John Birthby, farmer, and Sarah Spawforth.
1802. Burial, 4th. July, John Birthby, buried at Batley.
1804. Burial, 1st. June, James Spawforth, buried at Batley.
1806. Bapt. 9th. March, James Tetley, son of John Spawforth, clothier, son of James, born 5th. February.
1808. Bapt. 3rd. January, Ann, daughter of John Spawforth, clothier, son of James, by Hannah, his wife, daughter of Samuel Husgrave, born 17th. November.
1809. Burial, 17th. September, John Spawforth, clothier, buried at Batley.

SELBY ABBEY RECORDS.containing all Spofforth entries from 1620 – 1735.

1644. 23rd. October. Burial, Henrie Spofforth.
1679. 13th. February. Burial, Marey or Mary, wife of Simone Spoford.
1688. 31st. May. Marr. Elijah Haigh and Margrett Spoffourth.
1688. 7th. December. Burial, Simon Spoffurth.
1697. 7th. December. Marr. Mr. Thomas Bywater and Elizabeth Spoffurth.
1699. 4th. January. Bapt. James, son of Robert Spofforth, mercer.
1700. 20th. February. Bpt. Mary, daughter of Robert Spofforth, mercer.
1700. 23rd May. Burial, James, son of Robert Spofforth, mercer.
1701. 12th. May. Burial, Mary, daughter of Robert Spofforth, mercer.
1701. 22nd. June. Death. Mrs. Mary, wife of Mr. Spauforth of Selby, dy'd at Aldr. Prestons (Leeds P.G. Reg.)
1701. 31st. December. Marr. Mr. Jonson and Frances Spoffurth.
1702. 22nd. February. Burial. Frances, daughter of Simon Spofforth.
1702. 8th. September. Marr. At Barlby, Eleanor Lodge (bapt. Selby 1670) to Robert Spofforth of Selby.
1703. 1st. June. Bapt. Gorges (?), son of Robert Spofforth.
1703. 6th. June. Burial. Gorges, son of Robert Spoffurth.
1704. 2nd. June. Bapt. William, son of Robert Spoffurth.
1705. 11th. May. Burial. Ralph, son of Robert Spoffurth.
1705. 10th. October. Bapt. Robert, son of Robert Spoffurth.
1706. 8th. February. Burial, Robert Spoffurth, of Selby. Mercer.
1706. 15th. October. Bapt. Mary, daughter of Robert Spoffurth.
1709. 23rd. January. Burial, Eleanor, wife of Robert Spofforth, mercer.

No other Spofforth entries whatever
Up to 1735.

HOWDEN PAR. REG.

1580. Burial, 12th. September, Elizabeth Spofforth, of Asselbie.
1726. Marr, 14th. February, Robert Spoford and Mary (Anne) Haslen.
1727. Bapt, 22nd. April, Ann, daughter of Mr. Robert Spofforth.
1728. Burial, 14th. March. Mrs. Anne Spoffort, of Howden.
1729. Burial, 25th. March, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Spofforth.
1729. Burial, 27th. May. Anne, daughter of Mr. Robert Spofforth.
1734. Bapt. 27th, August, Ralph, son of Mr Robert Spofforth.
1736. Burial, 29th, April, Ralph, son of Mr. Robert Spofforth.
1738. Bapt. 25th. April, Anne, daughter of Mr. Robert Spofforth.
1740. Bapt. 29th. July, Robert, son of Mr. Robert Spofforth.
1744. Bapt. 5th. June, Ralph, son of Mr. Robert Spofforth.
1747. Burial, 31st. March. Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Robert Spofforth.
1748. Bapt. 11th. October, Edward, son of Mr. Robert Spofforth.
1749. Burial, 16th. March. Ralph, son of Mr. Robert Spofford.
1752. Burial, 20th. June. Ann, wife of Mr. Robert Spofforth.
1756. Marr. 17th March. Underwood and Kellington. Witness R. Spofforth.
1757. Marr. 18th. October. Ann Spofforth. Witnesses, Nicholson and Markham.
1760. Marr. 14th. May. Rowntree and Hudson. Anne Spofforth, witness.
1763. Marr. 4th. January, John Bell to Ann Spofforth, both of Howden. Witness, Robert Spofforth.
1768. Marr. 5th. September, Robert Spofforth, Jnr. And Hannah Markham, both of Howden, by Licence.
1769. Bapt. 10th. June. Robert, son of Mr. Robert Spofforth Jnr.
1771. Bapt. 5th. January. Ralph, son of Mr. Robert Spofforth, Jnr.
1772. Bapt. 15th. June. Hannah, daughter of Mr. Robert Spofforth, Jnr.
1773. Bapt. 27th. June, Ann, daughter of Mr. Robert Spofforth, Jnr.
1817. Burial, 29th. December, at Howden, of Mrs. Spofforth, in her 72nd. year. (Gent's Magazine 1817. Vol. 1. p.89).

THORNE PAR. REG.

1780. Marr. 28th. November. William Spofforth, Millwright of Thorne, to Sarah Potter, spinster, of Thorne.
1817. Marr. 27th. July. Thomas Spofforth, bachelor, of Thorne to Jane Nicholson. (Note Terrington, 1796).

TERRINGTON PAR. REG.

1704. Bapt. 23rd. July, John, son of Richard Spofford.
1706. Bapt. 2nd. March, Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Spofford.
1710. Bapt. 25th. February, Hannah, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Spofford.
1717. Bapt. 31st. March, William, son of Richard and Elizabeth Spofford.
1725. Marr. 10th. October. Richard Spofforth and Hannah Hudson, both of Sorayingham.
1727. Burial, December, William, son of Richard Spofforth, "Feasoris".
1737. Bapt. 17th. April, John, son of John Spofforth.
1740. Bapt. 13th. April, William, son of John Spofforth.
1742. Bapt. 2nd. January. Thomas, son of John Spofforth.
1742. Burial, 19th. October. Thomas, son of John Spofforth.
- A gap of nearly 50 years then occurs).
1792. Bapt. 8th. May. John, son of Thomas Spofforth.
1796. Bapt. 26th. February. Thomas, son of Thomas Spofforth.
1803. Bapt. 31st. October. Mary, daughter of Thomas Spofforth.
1807. Bapt. 19th. April. James, son of Thomas Spofforth.
1812. Bapt. 4th January. Sarah, daughter of Thomas Spofforth.
1812. Marr. 20th. October. Thomas Spofforth and Ann Holiday, both of Terrington parish, after banns.
1816. Marr. 1st. September. John Spofforth and Sarah Bennett.
1819. Bapt. 11th. September. Sarah, daughter of John and Sarah Spofforth, of Canthorpe.
1822. Bapt. 9th. August. Joseph, son of John and Sarah Spofforth.
1823. Burial, 10th. February. Sarah Spofforth, aged 3 years.
1824. Bapt. 4th. February. Elizabeth, daughter of John and Sarah Spofforth.
1824. Burial, 3rd. October. Elizabeth, daughter of John and Sarah Spofforth, aged 9 months.
1826. Bapt. 2nd. January. John and Mary, children of John and Sarah Spofforth.
1828. Bapt. 28th. September. George, son of John and Sarah Spofforth.
1833. Bapt. 12th. September. William, son of John and Sarah Spofforth.
1836. Bapt. 16th. August. Rosey Eleanor, daughter of John and Sarah Spofforth.
1839. Burial, 22nd. June. Ann Spofforth, aged 60 years.

TERRINGTON PAR. REG. (Contd.)

1845. Marr. 21st. October. Thomas Spofforth, son of John Spofforth of Ganthorpe, and Ann Robinson.
1846. Burial, 12th. March, Mary Spofforth, aged 20 years.
1856. Burial, 19th. August. Thomas Spofforth, born 1771. Aged 85.
1858. Burial, 10th. November. Thomas Spofforth, 9 weeks, of Welburn Moor Houses.
1862. Burial, 29th. August, Rose Ellen Spofforth, 5 years, of Welburn Moor Houses.
1863. Burial, 26th. July. John Spofforth, aged 17, of Welburn Moor Houses.
1863. Burial, 13th. November. John Spofforth, aged 72, born 1791/2.
1877. Marr. 1st. September. Francis Oldfield to Annie Spofforth, daughter of Thomas Spofforth of Hendershelf.

HORBURY. near Wakefield. PAR. REG.

1765. Bapt. December. James, son of Benjamin Spawfirth.
1767. Bapt. April. Sally, daughter of Benjamin Spawfirth.
1771. Bapt. June. Benjamin, son of Benjamin Spawfirth.
1773. Bapt. December. John, son of Benjamin Spawfirth.
1774. Bapt. September. Charles, son of William Spawforth.
1800. Marr. 2nd. October. John Spawforth and Sarah Barraclough, by special licence.
1803. Bapt. August. Ellen, daughter of Edward Spawforth.
1805. Bapt. September. Thomas, son of John Spawforth.
1807. Bapt. May. John, son of Edward Spawforth.
1810. Bapt. December. Charlotte, daughter of Edward Spawforth.

MONK FRYSTON PAR. REG.

(1538-1679 examined).

1566. Marr. 17th. November. Ann Spofforth and Peter Kirkby.
1578. Marr. 20th. April, Agnes Spofforth and Thomas Loveday.
1602. Burial, 26th. May. Richard Spofforth.
1639. Marr. 7th. August. Alice Spofforth and John Lumby.
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H O L M E -on- S P A L D I N G M O O R P A R. R E G.

(Note: Several pages are missing).

1562. Burial, 21st. December. Ellen Spofford.
 1563. Burial, 9th. December. Janet Spofforde.
 1569. Burial, --- Christopher Spofforth.
 1573. Bapt. 16th. August. Xopher Spofforde.
 1574. Burial. 29th. July. Agnes Spofford.
 1575. Burial, 27th. December. Expofer Spofford.
 1576. Marr. 8th. February. Thomas Spofforde and Phillis Johnson.
 1576. Burial, 18th. March. William Spofford.
 1577. Burial, 26th. April. Ellen Spofforde.
 1578. Bapt. 23rd. February. Robert Spofforde.
 1578. Marr. 30th. April. John Spofford and Agnes Sparrow.
 1579. Bapt. 6th. December. Isabell Spofforde, daughter of John.
 1579. Burial, 10th. December. The same Isabell.
 1581. Bapt. 13th. February. Isabell Spofforde.
 1584. Burial, 24th. April. Thomas Spofforth, Laborer.
 1591. Marr. 12th. October. John Spofford and Jane Watson.
 1592. Burial. 17th. July. Robert Spofford.

(1650 – 55, no entries)

H U L L (Trinity) P A R. R E G.

1591. Burial, 27th. March. Cuthbert Spofforth, "bushman".
 1594. Burial, 14th. October. John Spawforth, Yeoman, "of ye Armitage".
 1601. Burial, 19th. February. Lowrance Spoforthe, Hull Trinity.
 1670. Marr. 27th. July. Robert Spalforth and Jane Bell.
 1739. Marr. 24th. June. Reginal Sportsworth (?) and Mary Bateman.
 1742. Death and Will dated 27th. November, of Reginald Spofforth.

H U L L (St Mary's) P A R. R E G.

1686. Marr. October. William Spofford and Hepzibah Kiching.

S N A I T H a n d C A R L T O N j u x t a S N A I T H
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1544. Burial, 28th. February. Jo. Spoffurth, son of Thom. of Snathe.
1568. Bapt. 9th. April. Joney Spofforth, daughter of John of Hensall.
1570. Bapt. 21st. May. Alis Spofford, daughter of Ralph.
1571. Bapt, 28th. January. Elisabeth Spofforthe, base begotten daughter of Bettress.
1571. Bapt. 18th. March. Will'm Spoffurthe, son of William.
1571. Burial, 6th. July. Elsbath Spoffurth of Heck.
1571. Burial, 29th. August. John Spoffurth of Gowdall.
1574. Bapt. 22nd. March. John Spoffurth, son of Wm. Spoffurth of Gowdall.
1578. Bapt. 24th. June. Eamet Spoforth, daughter of William Spoforth.
1581. Marr. 20th. January. Christopher Hogg and Elisabeth Spoffurth of Carleton.
1590. Bapt. 16th. August. Marie Spoffurthe, base begotten of Jane Spoffurth and Peter Awmen.
1590. Burial, 28th. August. Mary Spofforth, daughter of Jane.
1593. Marr. 27th. November. Raphe Brear and Jayne Spoffurth of Snathe.
1594. Burial, 25th. April. William Spoforth of Gowdall.
1603. Marr. 2nd. February. William Spofforth of Heck and Frances Thruston.
1604. Bapt. 14th. October. Wm. Spofford, sonne of William of Gowdall.
1606. Burial, 23rd. June. William Spofer of Gowdall.
1608. Burial, 25th. September. Jennit Spofer of Gowdall.
1636. Marr. 30th. July. Frances Spofforth and Edward Ramsey.
1654. Marr. 26th. June. George Wait of Cowicke and Margaret Spoworth of Carleton.
1665. Marr. 27th. April. William Spoforth and Anne Hinsley, of Drax.
1665. Burial, 20th, April. Issabell Spoforth of Camelsforth.
1665. Burial, 13th. October. William Spoforth of Carlton.
1671. Burial, 12th. June. Mary Spoforth at Carleton.
1676. Marr. 8th. June. William Spoferad and Dorathy Aucock.

D O N C A S T E R P A R . R E G .

1661. Marr. 14th. July. Regnold Spofforth and Mary Trickett.

DONCASTER PAR. REG. (Contd.)

1662. Bapt. 21st. September. Mary, daughter of Reginald Spofforth, Inhoulder.
1663. Bapt. 8th. May. Thomas, son of Reginald Spofforth, Inhoulder.
1663. Marr. 22nd. May. Regnold Spofforth and Elizabeth Aberegany.
1665. Bapt. 10th. January. Elizabeth, daughter of Reginald Spofforth, In'der.
1670. Bapt. 12th. June. Reginald, son of Reginald Spofforth, In'der.
1672. Bapt. 23rd. September. John and Hanna, children of Reg. Spofforth.
1673. Bapt. 17th. May. William, son of Reginald Spofforth.
1680. Bapt. 24th. April. Samuell, son of Reginald Spofforth.
1687. Marr. 31st. July. Joseph Ludlam and Sara Spauford.
1693. Marr. 6th. November. Reginald Spofforth, of Doncaster, Yorks. pewterer, to Anne Baxter, at East Retford, Notts.
1694. Bapt. 14th. October. Elizabeth, daughter of Reginald Spofforth, Pewterer.
1695. Marr. 4th. April. Henry Aughton and Hanna Spoforth.
1695. Bapt. 26th. May. Sara, daughter of Reginald Spofforth, pewterer.
1697. Bapt. 7th. February. Reginald, son of Reginald Spofforth, pewterer.
1699. Bapt. 4th. November. Ann, daughter of Reginald Spofforth, Jnr., pewterer.
1701. Burial, 30th. January. Reginald Spofforth, Yeoman, Alekpr.
1701. Burial, 20th. February. Elizabeth, wife of Reginald Spofforth, late inhoulder. (Last word very indistinct).
1702. Bapt. 7th. December, Mary, daughter of Reginald Spofforth, Jnr., pewterer.
1706. Bapt. 26th. December. Ruth, daughter of Reginald Spofforth, Jnr., pewterer.
1707. Bapt. 27th, October. Richard, the sonne of Samuel Spofforth, attorney.
1712. Bapt. 4th. August. John, sonne of Reginald Spofforth, Alebrewer.
1716. Burial, 4th. April. Reginald Spofforth, Inhoulder.
1717. Marr. 17th. December. John Morris and Ann Spoforth.
1719. Marr. 25th. May. John Bayley of Epworth and Elizabeth Spofforth of Doncaster.
1720. Marr. 26--- Henry Staldes of Kirkby, and Ann Spofforth.
1726. Marr. 19th. June. Richard Hall and Sarah Ludlam. (See 1687).
1726. Marr. 19th. June. Edward Carter and Sara Spawforth. By Licence.
1727. Marr. 17th. September. Mathew Spawforth, son of Anne Spofforth, de Donar. and Elizabeth ---, Par. of Thorne

DONCASTER PAR. REG. (Contd.)

1731. Marr. 28th. October. Rickd. Spawforth and Hanna Curtice, both of Ys. parish.
1734. Bapt. 12th January. Richard, son of Richard Spofforth.
1741. Marr. 27th. September. Matthew Spawforth and Eliz. Nailer of Ys Par.

SOUTHWELL (Notts.) PAR. REG.

1729. Marr. 29th. May. Reginald Spofforth of Gainsborouogh, Lincs. sailor, to Elizabeth Smith, by Licence. (See Southwell Minster Marr. Bonds).
1737. Marr. 26th. July. John Spoforth of Southwell to Elizabeth Clark, at Blidworth. (see Southwell Minster Marr. Bonds.).
1742. Bapt. 12th. May. Thomas, son of John and Elizabeth Spawforth.
1744. Bapt. 29th. July, William, son of John and Elizabeth Spawforth.
1745. Burial, 29th. October. William, son of John and Elizabeth Spawforth.
1746. Bapt. 19th. May. William, son of John and Elizabeth Spawforth.
1749. Bapt. 23rd. October. Jenny, daughter of John and Elizabeth Spawforth.
1749. Burial, 26th. October. Jenny, daughter of John and Elizabeth Spawforth.
1765. Burial, 20th. August. Riginald Spofforth.
1769. Bapt. 12th. September. Regnald, son of William and Elizabeth Spofforth.
1771. `Bapt. 28th. April. Sarah, daughter of William and Elizabeth Spawford.
1773. Bapt. 29th. April, Ann, daughter of William and Elizabeth Spawforth.
1775. Bapt. 26th. July. Elizabeth, daughter of William and Elizabeth Spofforth.
1777. Bapt. 9th. September. Mary, daughter of William and Elizabeth Spofforth.
1781. Bapt. 14th. March. Samuel, son of William and Elizabeth Spofforth.
1781. Burial, 19th. December. Elizabeth Spofforth.
1786. Burial, 7th. February. John Spofforth.
1797. Burial, 1st. January. William Spofforth.
1798. Burial, Ann. daughter of William and Elizabeth Spofforth.
1823. Burial, 24th. May. Elizabeth Spofforth, aged 80 years.
1826. Burial, 21st. May. Thomas Spofforth, organist, aged 84 years.
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L I C H F I E L D (Staffs.) P A R. R E G.

1829. Bapt. 22nd. William Fairfax, son of Samuel Spofforth.
1848. Bapt. 14th. June. William, son of William Fairfax and Ann Spofforth.
1849. Bapt., 10th. October. Samuel, son of William Fairfax Spofforth, and Ann his wife.
1850. Bapt., 19th. November. Anne, daughter of Wm. Fairfax Spofforth, and Ann his wife.
1852. Bapt., 6th. January. Dora Georgiana, daughter of Wm. Fairfax Spofforth, and Ann his wife.
1853. Bapt., 23rd. October. Samuel George Morecliffe, son of Wm. Fairfax and Ann Spofforth.
1854. Burial, 6th. May. Dorothy Spofforth, of Beacon St., Lichfield, aged 66 years.
1855. Baptism, 1st. April, John, son of Wm, Fairfax Spofforth and Ann.
1857. Bapt. 28th. January. Fairfax, son of Wm. Fairfax and Ann Spofforth.
1862. Bapt., 19th. October. Frances Mary, daughter of Wm. Fairfax and Ann Spofforth.
1864. Burial, 13th. June. Samuel Spofforth, organist, who died in London, aged 84 years.
1868. Burial, 20th. April. William Fairfax Spofforth, of Bird Street, aged 38 years.
1900. Burial, 24th. August. Ann Spofforth, aged 70 years.

L O N D O N R E C O R D S.

1647. 8th. February. Spuffard, John, Collection. Deeds. Inner Temple. M.1. – 19.
1654. Burial, 28th. April. Spayford, Wm., buried at Rotherhithe.
1654. Burial, 11th. December, at Rotherhithe, Abraham Spayford, a bastard child of Wm. Spayford, of the body of Alice Smith, wife of David Smith.
1744. Marr. 31st. January. Spurford, Elis., of St. Bunston's, Stepney, Mr., spin. 20, by consent of E. Elis, Spurford, wid. to Benjamin Kenton, bach. of St. Botolph's, Aldgate, London, at St. Anne's Aldersgate, by Lic. Bish. of London's Reg.
1749. Burial, 6th. April. Spossord (Sio.) Abigail, at St. Luke's, Old St., London.
1797. --- Spufford, Thos. Mortlake, Surrey. Servant, P.C.C. M.97. Exeter.

SEAKER PAR. REG

1763. Marr. 21st. February. Peter Spofforth, of Sealby, marr. Eleanor Walton.
1763. Bapt. 28th. December. Jane, daughter of Peter Spofforth.
1765. Bapt. 6th. June. Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Spofforth.
1768. Bapt., 1st. May. Peter Spafford, son of Peter, bapt. Seamer.
1770. Bapt., 21st. March. Elinnor, daughter of Peter Spafford.
1773. Bapt. 30th. May. Spafford, Peter, son of Peter, bapt. Seamer.
1775. Bapt., 22nd. December, William, son of Peter Spofforth, born Seamer.
1778. Burial, 23rd. October. Eleanor Spawford, wife of Peter of Ayton.
1779. Burial, 6th. January. Eliz., daughter of Peter of Ayton, buried Seamer.
1781. Marr., 15th. January. Peter Spurford, marr. Jane Mason, both of Seamer.
1781. Bapt., 24th. November. Mason Spoforth, son of Peter and Jane, born Seamer.
1784. Bapt., 20th. December. James, son of Peter and Jane Spoforth.
1785. Burial. 13th. March. John Spoffurth, son of Peter, buried Seamer.

HALSHAM PAR. REG. (near Hull).

1778. Marr. Thomas Spofforth and Jane Right, at Hoos.
1791. Marr., 26t November. Thomas Spafford and Hannah Flintoft of Halsham.
1820. Burial, 26th. July. Meroy Spofforth, aged 14 years.
1826. Burial, 25th. August. Hannah Spofford, born 1770, aged 55.
1826. Marr., 13th. November. Thomas Spofforth, widower, and Grace Newson, widow of Halsham.
1827. Burial, 7th. September. Thomas Spofforth of Marton, aged 23 years.
1835. Bapt., 23rd. June. Hyana, daughter of John and Mary Spofforth.
1836. Bapt., 1st. November. Betsey, daughter of John and Mary Spofforth.
1837. Burial, 18th. July. William Spofforth, of Boos, aged 29.
1840. Bapt., 3rd. February. Mary Jane, daughter of John and Mary Spofforth.
1842. Bapt., 25th. March. Hannah, daughter of John and Mary Spofforth.

H A L S H A M P A R. R E G. (Near HULL) (Contd.)

1842. Burial, 20th. August. Thomas Spofforth, of Roos, aged 85.
 1857. Burial, 2nd. April, Maria Spofforth, of Patrington Union,
 aged 71 years.

Y O R K P A R. R E G.HOLY TRINITY, Micklegate.

1760. Bap., 13th. February. William, son of Joseph Spowforth.
 1763. Bap., 16th. April, Mary, daughter of Joseph Spowforth.

ST. MARTIN'S LE BELFREY.

1771. 13th. May. Marr. Barnby and Lund. Witness, Ann Spawforth.

ST. MARY'S Bishophill.

1765. Bap., 30th. June. Sarah, daughter of Joseph Spofforth.
 1768. Bap., 26th. March. Edward, son of Joseph Spofforth.
 1768. Burial. Sarah, daughter of Joseph Spofforth.
 1771. Bap., 9th February. Robert, son of Joseph Spofforth.

ST. MARTIN'S. Coney St.

1619. Marr., 22nd. June. Jane Spawforth to John Smith, by Lic.
 1795. Marr., 11th May. Robert Spofforth, of Howden, to Ann Turnell.

C H I L D W A L L. L a n c s. P A R. R E G.

1812. Burial, 15th October. Richard Spufford, aged 83. (See
 Toddington, 1729).
 1816. Burial, 11th. August. Sarah Spufford, daughter of Richard
 and Mary.
 1837. Burial, 2nd. April. My. Spufford, wife of Richard, aged
 93 years.
 1841. Burial, 23rd October. Ellen Spufford, aged 70 years.

S C R A Y I N G H A M P A R. R E G.

- 1656 --- Ellen Spofforth died.
 1725. Marr., Richard Spofforth and Hannah Hudson. Issue a son,
 William, who died 1727.
 1805. --- John Spofforth married.

BIRKIN PAR. REG.

(No old Records exist: old Registers apparently lost).

1632. Marr. By Lic. William Spofforth and Elizabeth Morrit.

1670. Burial, 2nd. August. Reginald Spofforth, of Doncaster.

1691. Marr. 14th. July. Thomas Spofforth to Ann Smith, of West Haddlesay.

HUNTINGTON. near York. PAR. REG.

1763. Marr., 8th. November, William Spofforth to Mary Todd.

FEATHERSTONE PAR. REG.

1778. Marr., 22nd. November. Robert Spawforth, of the par. of Normanton, to Mary Hodgson.

WRAGBY PAR. REG.

1678. John. the son of William Spawforth, was born April 29th., and died 19th May.

BRADFELD PAR. REG.

1720. Marr., 19th. May. William Spawforth of ye pish. of Royston, and Ann Eaton of this Chap. married.

CHERRY BURTON. near Beverley
PAR. REG.

1683 and 1684. May 2nd. and November 3rd. Elizabeth Spophart (and Spoffort) signed as Witness.

ROTHWELL PAR. REG.

1800. Bapt., 5th January. John, son of Charles and Ann Spofford.

1808. Burial, 25th. March. John, son of Charles Spofforth, of Woodlesford.

ROYSTON PAR. REG.

(Years 1556 – 1800 examined with the exception of the years 1635 – 50).

1724. Bapt., 12th. March. William, son of William Spawforth, farmer, of Carleton.
1724. Burial, 15th. March. The above.
1727. Bapt., 15th. March. Rebekah, daughter of William Spawforth, farmer of Carleton.
1743. Burial, 30th. January. The above.
1749. Burial, 19th. March. Anne. Wife of Wm. Spawforth, farmer, of Carleton. (Presumably Anne Eaton of Bradfield).
1755. Burial, 14th. April, William Spawforth.

WARMFIELD - CUM - HEATH PAR. REG.

1698. Burial, 6th. May. Thomas Spofirth of Warmfield.
1706. Marr. 22nd. September. William Spawforth and Dorothy Pennington, both of this Parish.
1707. Bapt., 11th. May. Hoaymand, daughter of Wm. Spawforth, of Charlston.
1709. Bapt. 4th. September. Ann, daughter of Wm. Spawforth, of Charlston.
1711. Burial, 18th. August. Ann, daughter of Wm. Spawforth, of Charlston.
1720. Burial, 14th. March. Dorothy, the wife of Wm. Spawforth, of Charlston.
1721. Bapt., 19th. November. Eliza, daughter of Wm. Spawford, of Charlston.
1721. Burial, 22nd. November. The above.
1722. Bapt., 9th. December. Anne, daughter of Wm. Spawford, of Charlston.
1745. Burial, 4th. March. Martha, wife of Wm. Spawford, of Charlston.
1747. Burial, 30th. May. Wm. Spawforth, Husbandman, of Charlston.

MISCELLANEOUS.

From the York Registrar's Office, we learn that James Spofforth, a Fellmonger of Walmgate, York, born circa 1790, had issue:-

- i. James Melrose, born 1810.
- ii. Henry, a cabinet maker, of Lowther St., York, born 1882², died 1897.

² This date does not make sense – probably either an error in recording or in typing original.

Henry Spofforth, the second son, married 1851, his wife Catherine, died 1909, and he had issue a son Charles, born 1862, died 1920, who apparently had also married a Catherine. Charles and his wife lived for some time at Wakefield.

A James Spawforth and a Thomas Spawforth were in business as Wool Staplers in Cheapside, Bradford, circa 1848.

A Rev. James Spawforth was the Vicar of a parish in Grimsby, who was born circa 1833, and who died 1890. He left issue two sons :-

- i. James, who died at Hull, circa 1942, leaving a daughter.
- ii. Charles Edward, who was born at Swaffam, Norfolk, in 1869, and died 1933, leaving a daughter Mrs. Grundy of Grimsby.

ROBERT SPOFFORTH, the Engraver. "An English engraver and print seller, who flourished circa 1707. From his style Strutt thinks he was a pupil of S. Gribelin. He made portraits of Queen Anne, George I., George Prince of Denmark, and John Cole, M.D." ... (Bryan's Dictionary of Painters and Engravers, Geo. Bell & Co.).

The British Museum possesses one engraving by him, the Title page to Well's Geography, 1726. The Victoria and Albert Museum, Dept., of Engraving, South Kensington, London, has one engraving also, George Prince of Denmark,, inscribed "Engraved by Rt. Spofforth, near ye broad place, Black Friars, 1707."

LINCOLNSHIRE MENTIONS

(per Lincoln County Library)

1576. Richard Spawforth, Lea. Will.

1587. Isabel Spawforth, Stow. Will.

1601. Bapt. Gainsboro., Margaret, daughter of Thomas Spawforth.

LINCOLNSHIRE MENTIONS (Contd.)

1601. Burial, Gainsboro', Margaret, daughter of Richard Spawdforth.
1603. Bapt., Gainsborough, Thomas, son of Thomas Spawfforth.
1605. Bapt. Gainsboro', Anthony, son of Thomas Spadford.
1606. Bapt., Lea P.R., Mary Spowdfforthe, daughter of John Spowdfforthe.
1606. Bapt., Lea P.R., Mary Rosse, daughter of George Spowdfforthe.
1608. Bapt., Lea P.R., Annis Spowdforth, daughter of George Spowdfforth, Yeamon.
1611. Bapt., Lea P.R., Sisly Spawdforth, daughter of George Spawdforth, Yeamon.
1613. Bapt., Lea P.R., Hellin Spawdforth, daughter of George Spawdforth.
1613. Burial, Lea P.R., Elizabeth Spawdforth, wife of John Spawdforth.
1614. Burial, Lea P.R., Thomas Spawdforth, husbandman.
1613. Richard Spufford, Wooton, Lincoln Cons. Court, Admon.
1614. Thomas Spaldforth, Lea, Lincoln Cons. Court, Will.
1617. Marr., Gainsboro' P.R., Georg Spawdforth and Katheren Dawson.
1623. Will, Ellinor Spawdforth, Lea, Archd. Court of Stow.
1624. Will, Henry Spawdforth, Lea, Archd. Court of Stow.
1626. Will, Anne Spawdforth, wid. Les, Archd. Court of Stow.
1626. Marr. Richard Spawdforth and Margaret Hilton, wdw. Skellingthorpe P.R.
- 1630-1. Will, John Spawdforth, snr. Lea, husb-man. Arch. Court, Stow.
- 1634-5. Will, John Spawdforth, lab. Knaith, Arch. Court of Stow.
1635. Marr. Gainsboro' P.R., Will'm Hood and Anne Spawdforthe.
1641. Marr. Cainsboro' P.R. Anthony Spawdforthe and Anne Parke.
1640. Will, John Spawdforth, Lea., Yeoman, Stow Arch. Court.
- 1645-6. Will, John Spafer, Holbeach, Lincs, Cons. Court Wills.
1657. Marr. Ambrose Boxton, cordwainer, and Ann Spowforth, widow of Winthorpe.
1672. Will, John Spawdforth, joiner, Gainsboro. Stow. Admons.
1676. Will, John Spawford, Gainsborough, Stow Admons.
1712. Marr. Moulton, Joseph Ullitt and Mary Spawfoot.
1713. Marr. Doddington Pigot, Mordecai Cobbin of Thorp and Mary Spafford.
1730. Will, John Spawford, lab. of Screddington, Lincs. Wills and Admons.

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1799. Marr. Hedgebrook, George Barnes and Bedday Spafford.

1809. Marr. Stapleford, Thomas Troop and Elizabeth Spafford.

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from the TINLEY Collection, Society of Geneal. with Additions.

1533. William Spaford, Collyingham, Notts. Will in York Pro. Off.

1538. Richard Spaforde, husbandman, Collingham. Will in York Pro. Off.

1546. John Spaforthe, husbandman, Collyingham, Notts. Will in York Pro. Off.

1560. Marr. 16th. June. Richard Spawforth to Margaret Wagstaffe, of and at Chesterfield.

1581. Burial, 14th. June, William Spafforth, husbandman, N.Collingham, Notts. Will proved 14th. October in York P.O.

1584. Marr. 19th. July, Robert Spafford to Jhone ... , N. Collingham

1585. Marr. 31st. January. Roger Spafford to Eliz. Denyson, N. Collingham.

1587. Marr. 28th. October. Christopher Spafford and Alice Nellson, North Collingham, Notts.

1591. Burial, 13th. June. Robert Spoffurthe, of Dalderton, Notts., husbandman. Will proved 11th. July in York Probate Office.

1592. Marr. 23rd. November. Ann Spafforth and Peter Scoterne, N. Collingham.

1599. Burial, 15th July. Edward Spafford, Winthorpe. Will proved 28th. June 1600. York Pro. Off.

1602. Marr. 2nd. December. Alice Spafford and Richard Nawer. N. Collingham.

1603. Marr. 3rd. November. Eliz. Spafforth and Thomas Roger, N. Collingham.

1608. Marr. 24th. May, Robert Spafforthe, and Eliz. Morton, N. Coll.

1608. Marr. 7th. June, Wm. Spafforthe and Eliz. Trollope, N. Coll.

1613. Burial, 13th. April, Henrie Spafford, singleman, N. Coll. Will proved 23rd. September.

1615. Burial, 11th. July. Christopher Spafford, husbandman, N. Coll. Will proved 6th. March 1616.

1617. 3rd. February. Eliz. Spaforde, "my sister", Will of Thomas Trawloofe, N. Collingham.

1618. Marr. 19th. May, Thomas Spafford and Margaret Walker, N. Coll.

1619. Marr. 7th. October, Alice Spafforde and William Stevenson, N. Coll.

1621. Marr. 30th. April, Eliz. Spafford and Nathaniel Biliat, N. Coll.

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1627. Marr. 30th. November. Eliz. Spaweford and Richard Godsaffe, N. Coll.
1628. Marr. 13th. November. Eliz. Spafforth and James Hartley, N. Collingham.
1636. Marr. 28th. April, Thomas Spafford and Mary Johnson, S. Muskham.
1654. Marr. 3rd. August. Jane Spafforde and Thomas Cabbitas, N. Clifton.
1656. Marr. 6th. June, Thos. Spafford marr. --- (no name), S. Musk.
1682. Marr. 10th. May, John Spaford of Winthorpe to Eliz. Allen.
1713. Marr. Doddington Pigot, Mordecai Cobbin of Thorpe and Mary Spafford.
1716. Marr. 15th. November. Wm. Spafforth of Little Carlton to Elizabeth Dawson of S. Muskham.
1747. Marr. 1st. February. Wm. Spavage of Morton and Mary Platt of Bolleston-cum-Fiskerton, Notts.
1749. Marr. 26th. February. Wm. Spafford and Jane Hagues of S. Musk.
1754. Marr. 26th. September. Wm. Spafford, Par. of S. Coll., and Hannah Coope.
1757. Marr. 28th. April. Wm. Spafford of S. Muskham, and Elizabeth Beckett, at Southwell, Notts.
1759. Marr. 20th. January. John Robinson, 25, bach., druggist, and Ann Spofforth, 22, spr., both of Par. of and at St. Mary's Nottingham.
1776. Marr. 9th. April, Hannah Spalford, Par. of S. Collingham, widow, to Thomas Taylor, widower, N. Collingham, Notts.
1784. Marr. 27th. December. Sarah Spafford to Thomas Peet, Par. of Mansfield, at Conalston, Notts.
1797. Marr. 10th. January. Robert Spaffard, 23, a serving man of Collingham, to Sarah Hutchinson, 21, of Caunton, at Calverton, Notts., per Licence.
1798. Marr. 15th. October. Eliz. Spafford to Thomas Bettesworth, Jr. at Chalfont Street. Peter, Mx.
1799. Marr. at Sedgebrook, George Barnes and Boddey Spafford.
1805. Marr. 26th. November. Jes. Spafford to Hannah Bottomley, N. Collingham.
1809. Marr. Stapleford, Thomas Troop and Elizabeth Spafford.
1814. Marr. 24th. November. Robt. Spafford to Mary Marriot, S. Coll.
1818. Marr. 10th. May, Ann Spafford to Wm. Blundell, of Hoveringham, by Licence at Newark, Notts.
1818. Marr. 15th. December. Ann Spafford to Thomas Rowbottom, of Elston, Newark.
1821. Bapt. 26th. January. Ann Wicham, daughter of James Spafford, miller, and Mary. At Newark.

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1822. Bapt. 2nd. March. Amy, daughter of Jane Spafford and Thomas Cobb, Newark.
1823. Bapt. 16th. March, William, son of James Spafford, miller, and Mary. At Newark.
1823. Marr. 9th. April, William Spafford and Mary Dykes of Fenton, Lincs. at Newark.
1824. Bapt. 1st. January. Mary Ella, daughter of William Spafford, postboy, and Mary, at Newark.
1825. Bapt. 25th. February. John Dykes, son of William Spafford, postboy, and Mary, at Newark.
1826. Marr. 24th. January. My. Spafford, to Jos. Cropper, by Lic. Newark.
1828. Marr. 29th. December. Hannah Spafford to Jos. Chambers, widower, Par. of Melbourne, N. Collingham, Notts.
1830. Marr. At Eagle, Wm. Bell of Thorney, Notts., and Sarah Spafford.
1830. Marr. 31st. May. Jos. Spafford to Jane Marriott, S. Coll.
1831. Mentioned, Sam Spafford, Esq., of Salford, Lancs.
1831. Marr. Thorpe on the Hill. Thomas Spafford and Anne Taylor.
1833. Marr. 29th. January. Elizabeth Spafford to Thomas Brockelby, N. Collingham.
1834. Marr. 4th. December. My. Spafford to William Rose, at N. Coll.
1873. Burial, 20th. June. Tho. Spafford of Bassingham, aged 76 yrs. Thorpe on the Hill, Lincs.
1914. Marr. 5th. December. Arthur Langworthy Spafford of Chapel on le Frith, to Marjorie Heap, of Rochdale.
He was killed in action in August 1915.

The following was contributed by A. Owen Spafford. Esq., of 36, Stokewood Road, Winton, Bournemouth, in November 1947:-

Two branches of the family :-

- A. My own family, of which – as far as I know – there are only two male representatives living – myself at Bournemouth and my son at Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia.
- B. A family with representatives living at Manchester in 1897, with whom my father had some correspondence in 1897, with a view to tracing a connection.
- A. --- Spafford, had two sons :-
- i. Thomas, of Swine, S. Yorks., who had three sons - Edward, George and Thomas, of 65, Denton Rd., Manchester.

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- ii. William, born 1783 or 1784, died 1856, of Burstwick, near Hull, Yorks. William married Mary Kemp and had two sons – Wildred, of Burstwick and John.

John Spafford, the second son, born 1821, at Coniston, near Hull, married M. Dobson and died at Hull, leaving issue :-

- i. William Alfred, of whom presently.
- ii. Charles, of Hull, deceased.
- iii. Fred, of Hull, deceased.
- iv. Wilfred, of Ealing, deceased.
- v. Harold, of Hull, dec., who had a daughter Joan, who married one Wearmy, of Pinner, Mx.
- vi. John, who died at Johannesburg before 1900.
- vii. A. Ewart, who died at Earl's Colne, Essex, about 1945.
- viii. Annie, deceased.
- ix. Aidee, of Hull, deceased.

William Alfred Spafford, born 1848, at Hull, died 1911, was Principal of Darlington Training College. He married F. Smallbones, and had issue :-

- i. Arthus Owen Spafford, of whom presently.
- ii. Hilda Mary, born 1884, of Sutton Abinger, Surrey, who married Gilbert Campion.
- iii. A. Douglas D. Spafford, born 1885, killed in action in France, 1916.

Arthur Owen Spafford, born 1882, at Darlington, now of 36, Stokewood Road, Bournemouth, married Winifred Kerby, and had issue :-

- i. Rachel, born 1917, married --- Mills.
- ii. Elizabeth, born 1919, married --- Chester.
- iii. Margaret, born 1924.
- iv. Douglas H. Spafford, born 1922, of Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia, Legal Department, S.E. Civil Service, P.O. Box 579, Bulawayo.

B. Thomas Spafford, of South Muskham, died 1636, Married Mary Johnson

and had issue a son :-

William of South Muskham, died 1663. He married Martha --- and

had issue a son :-

William of S. Muskham, died 1759. He married Eliza.

Dawson and had issue a son :-

William, born 1729. Died at East Stoke 1787. Married Elizabeth

Beckett and had issue a son :-

William, born 1759, died 1824. He married Dorothy Long and had issue :-

- i. James, born 1788, died 1824.
- ii. William, born 1790, died 1845.
- iii. Samuel, of whom presently.
- iv. Abraham, of Sheffield.
- v. Thomas.
- vi. John.
- vii. Dorothy.

Samuel Spafford, born 1792, died 1846, married Bessie Howsin and had issue :-

- i. George, of whom presently.
- ii. Edward.
- iii. Howsin.
- iv. Fred.
- v. Mary.

etc.

George Spafford, born 1819, died 1893, married Caroline Frost and had issue :-

- i. George.
- ii. Edward.
- iii. Howsin.
- iv. Fred.
- v. Charles
- vi. Arthur.
- vii. Alfred.
- viii. Caroline.

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- ix. Bessie
- x. Louisa.

George and Edward form the firm of G. Spafford & Co., of Manchester. Howsin, at 15, Mount St., Manchester, in 1896, were a firm of solicitors At 7, St. James' Square, Manchester, in 1897.

As the Tinley Collection apparently contains Narrs. only the Parish Registers of North and South Collingham, South Muskham, etc. should provide a high source of information re Baptisms, Burials. etc.

THE SPUFFORDS of TODDINGTON. Beds.

- 1541. Bapt. 10th. December. Thos, son of Jn. Spufford.
- 1546. Bapt. 10th. April, William Spufford.
- 1548. Bapt. 20th. May, Robert Spufford.
- 1550. Bapt. 4th May. John, son of John Spufford.
- 1552. Bapt. 7th. August, Richard, son of John Spufford.
- 1561. Marr. 23rd. November. Thomas Spufford to Agnes Fuller.
- 1562. Marr. 22nd. November. Mark Etheridge to Ann Spufford.
- 1565. Bapt. 13th. August. Thomas, son of Thomas Spufford.
- 1566. Bapt. 17th. February. John, son of Thomas Spufford.
- 1569. Bapt. 26th. October. Joan, daughter of Thomas Spufford.
- 1573. Bapt. 7th. March. Robert, son of Thomas Spufford.
- 1578. Bapt. 27th. May. William, son of Thomas Spufford.
- 1581. Bapt. 1st. November. Agnes, daughter of Thomas Spufford.
- 1587. Burial, 12th. July. Agnes, wife of Thomas Spufford.
- 1591. Marr. 31st. October. Thos. Spufford to Ann Wainwright.
- 1595. Bapt. 6th. January. Ann, daughter of Thomas Spufford, Jnr.
- 1598. Marr. June. John Spufford to Elizabeth D---
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- 1598. Bapt. 10th. March. John, son of John Spufford.
- 1601. Bapt. 5th. July. Sarah, daughter of Thomas Spufford, Jnr.
- 1601. Bapt. 17th. November. Thomas, son of John Spufford.
- 1604. Bapt. 19th. August, Richard, son of John Spufford.
- 1605. Burial, 19th. October. Ann, wife of Thos. Spufford, Jnr.

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(Contd.)

1606. Bapt. 15th. February. Elizabeth, daughter of John Spufford.
1606. Burial, 3rd. March. Elizabeth, daughter of John Spufford.
1606. Burial, 27th. June. Agnes, daughter of Thos. Spufford, Jnr.
1608. Bapt. 1st. May. Ann, daughter of John Spufford.
1608. Bapt. 16th. October. Thomas, son of Thomas Spufford, Jnr.
1610. Bapt. 16th. December. George, son of John Spufford.
1611. Bapt. 21st. April. John, son of Thomas Spufford.
1611. Marr. 30th. June. Nicholas Spufford to Ellen Wrighte.
1612. Bapt. 7th. February. Nicholas, son of Nicholas Spufford.
1612. Burial, 12th. April. Thomas Spufford, Senior.
1613. Richard Spufford., Wooton, Lincoln. Cons. Court Admon.
1614. Bapt. 17th. July. Robert, son of John Spufford.
1615. Bapt. 7th. May. Matthew, daughter of Nicholas Spufford.
1617. Bapt. 18th. May. Francis, son of Thomas Spufford.
1617. Bapt. 18th. May. Francis, son of John Spufford.
1617. Burial, 29th. July. Ann Spufford, widow.
1619. Bapt. 23rd. January. Henry, son of John Spufford.
1621. Marr. 24th. February. Thomas Spufford to Elizabeth Peiroe.
1622. Bapt. 31st. March. Elizabeth, daughter of John Spufford.
1622. Burial, 16th. August. Elizabeth, daughter of John Spufford.
1623. Bapt. 25th. July. Thomas, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Spufford.
1623. Bapt. 21st. October. Jane, daughter of John and Elizabeth Spufford.
1627. Marr. 5th. April, John Spufford to Elizabeth Isabel England.
1627. Bapt. 19th. August. William, son of Thomas Spufford.
1628. Bapt. 7th. December. Ann, daughter of Thomas Spufford.
1629. Marr. 8th. February. Thomas Gernne (Gurney) to Ann Spufford.
1630. Marr. 8th. July, John Dary to Elizabeth Spufford.
1630. Bapt. 5th. December. Isabel, daughter of John Spufford.
1632. Bapt. 1st. March. Robert, son of Thomas Spufford.
1633. Bapt. 19th. January. Ann, daughter of John Spowford, Jnr.
1634. Bapt. 22nd. February. Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Spowford.
1635. Burial, 5th. June. John Spouford.

1637. Marr. 2nd, November. Nicholas Spufford to Rebecca Kuman.
1638. Bapt. 9th. March. John, son of Thomas Spufford.
1639. Bapt. 16th. April, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Spufford.
1641. Bapt. 26th. April. Sarah, daughter of Thomas Spufford.
1641. Bapt. 24th. June. Henry, son of Nicholas Spufford.
1641. Bapt. 17th. October. Francis, son of Robert Spufford.
1653. Bapt. 18th. January. Ann, daughter of Thomas Spufford.
1655. Bapt. 8th. October. Richard, son of Robert Spufford.
1656. Marr. 20th. November. Richard Hall to Ann Spufford.
1661. Bapt. 10th. March. Susan, daughter of Thomas Spufford.
1666. Bapt. 16th. February. Mary, daughter of Francis and Mary Spufford.
1666. Marr. 3rd. May. Francis Spufford to Mary Godfree.
1669. Bapt. 2nd. October. Elizabeth, daughter of Francis Spufford.
1673. Marr. 25th. September. John Spufford to Mary Haukins.
1673. Burial, 28th. October. John Spuford.
1673. Bapt. 20th. December. Robert. Son of Francis Spufford.
1674. Marr. 18th. October. George Spufford to Ellen Cooks.
1676. Bapt. 16th. May. Ellen, daughter of George Spufford.
1676. Bapt. 20th. August. Dorothy, daughter of Francis Spufford.
1677. Bapt. 16th. February. Sarah, daughter of George Spufford.
1677. Burial, 13th. June. Robert Spufford.
1678. Burial, 7th. March. Thomas Spufford.
1678. Bapt. 8th. February. Ann, daughter of George Spoford.
1680. Bapt. 24th. April. Ann, daughter of Francis Spofford.
1680. Burial, 12th. December. The widdo Darey, Elizabeth. (See 1630).
1681. Bapt. 6th. January. Sarah, daughter of Francis Spofford.
1681. Burial, 29th. October. Widow Spofford.
1682. Bapt. 24th. December. Eliza., daughter of George Spofford.
1684. Bapt. 6th. January. Richard, son of Francis Spofford.
1684. Burial, 15th. January. Richard, son of Francis Spofford.
1685. Bapt. 6th. January. Richard, son of Richard Spofford.
1686. Burial, 29th. October. The wife of Nich. Spofford.
1687. Bapt. 22nd. January. Jane, daughter of Richard Spofford.

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1688. Burial, 4th. January. Mary, daughter of George Spofford
(See 1712).
1688. Bapt. 17th. March. Lydia, daughter of Francis Spofford.
1688. Bapt. 21st. October. Mary, daughter of George Spofford
See 1712).
1689. Marr. 15th. April, William Meles to Mary Spofford.
1689. Bapt. 19th. September. George, son of Richard Spofford.
1691. Bapt. 16th. August. Ann, daughter of Richard Spofford.
1693. Bapt. 26th. November. Francis, son of Richard Spofford.
1695. Bapt. 16th. February. John, son of Richard Spofford.
1697. Burial, 9th. September. Mich. Spofford.
1697. Bapt. 12th. December. Francis, son of Robert Spofford.
1698. Bapt. 24th. April, Eliza., daughter of Richard Spofford.
1699. Burial, 30th. September. Mary, wife of Francis Spufford.
1699. Bapt. 22nd October. Eliza, Daughter of Robert Spufford.
1699. Burial, 18th. November. Eliza. daughter of Richard Spufford.
1700. Bapt. 23rd. June, Eliza., daughter of Richard Spufford.
1701. Bapt. 17th. September. John, son of Robert Spufford.
1702. Bapt. 22nd. October. Robert, son of Richard Spufford.
1703. Bapt. 4th. December. Mary, daughter of Robert Spoford.
1705. Bapt. 23rd. January. Thomas, son of Richard Spofard.
1706. Burial, 18th. March. Mary Spofard, widow.
1706. Burial, 27th. April. John Spofard.
1707. Bapt. 29th. June. Sarah, daughter of Robert Spofard.
1709. Burial, 17th. January. Mary Spofard, widow.
1709. Bapt. 15th. May. Thomas, son of Robert Spoffard.
Burial, 24th. May, Thomas Spoffard.
Marr. 28th. December. John Crouch of Barton to Ann Spofford.
1710. Bapt. 23rd. April, John, son of Richard Spoffard.
Bapt. 23rd. July. George, son of Robert Spoffard.
Marr. 30th. May. Francis Spofford to Eliza Hobkins.
1711. Marr. 4th. October. John Bailey to Sarah Spufford.
1712. Bapt. 18th. January. Ann, daughter of Robert Spofford.

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- Bapt. 25th. March, Mary, daughter of Richard and Mary Spofford.
1713. Bapt. 4th. October. Jane, daughter of Richard Spoffard.
1714. Burial, 18th. March. Francis, son of Robert Spufford.
Burial, 19th. October. John, son of Robert Spufford.
1715. Burial, 27th. March, Eliza., wife of Robert Spufford.
Bapt. 29th. May. Lydia, daughter of Richard and Mary Spufford.
Burial, 15th. July. Francis spufford, Son.
1716. Burial, 10th. August. George Spufford, carpenter.
Bapt. 19th. September. Green, son of Richard and Mary Spufford.
1717. Burial, 17th. July. George, son of Robert Spufford.
1718. Bapt. 1st. April. Johanna, daughter of Richard and Mary Spufford.
Marriage, 16th. December. George Spufford to Anneretta Hopkins.
1719. Bapt. 2nd. June. Johanna, daughter of Richard and Mary Spufford.
Bapt. 11th. July. Ann, daughter of George and Annaretta Spufford.
1720. Bapt. 3rd. March. George, son of George and Annaretta.
1721. Burial, 30th. June. Richard Spufford, carpenter.
1722. Marr. 25th. February. John Spufford to Sarah Harris.
1723. Bapt. 26th. April. Eliza., daughter of George and Annaretta.
Marr. 16th. July. William Puratt to Ann Spufford.
1725. Bapt. 15th. September. Jane, Daughter of George and Annaretta.
Burial, 20th. September. Jane, daughter of George and Annaretta.
1726. Bapt. 6th. September. John, son of George and Annaretta.
1727. Burial, 30th. January. Annaretta, wife of George Spufford.
Burial, 11th. April. John, son of George and Annaretta.
Marr. 27th. May. Thomas Spufford to Mary Spufford.
Bapt. 4th. December. Francis, son of Thomas and Mary Spufford.
1729. Marr. 26th. February. George Spufford to Esther Porter.
1729. Burial, 2nd. September. Mary, wife of Thomas Spufford, carpenter.
Bapt. 4th. October. Richard, son of Francis and Eliza Spufford.
1730. Burial, 19th. December. Elizabeth, widow of the late Francis Spufford, carpenter.
1731. Bapt. 13th. November. Eliza. daughter of Francis and Eliza. Spufford.

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- Bapt. 26th. February. Sarah, daughter of Thomas and Eliza. Spufford.
1733. Bapt. 20th. November. Francis, son of Francis and Eliza. Spufford.
- Bapt. 14th. December. Thomas, son of Thomas and Elizabeth.
1734. Burial, 19th. December. Thomas, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Spufford, carpenter.
1735. Bapt. 6th. February. Sarah, daughter of Francis and Eliza. Spufford.
- Bapt. 26th. July. Mary, daughter of Thomas and Eliza. Spufford.
- Marr. 5th. September. John Bunter, shoemaker, to Jane (spr.) Spufford.
1737. Bapt. 13th. February. Thomas, son of Thomas and Elizabeth.
- Bapt. 30th. September. Robert, son of Francis and Eliza. Spufford.
1739. Bapt. 8th. January. John, son of Francis and Elizabeth.
1740. Burial, 1st. June. Richard Spufford, carpenter.
- Burial, 6th. June. Francis Spufford, carpenter.
- Bapt. 15th. November. Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth.
1741. Bapt. 26th. February. Richard, son of Thomas and Eliza, Spufford.
- Burial, 5th. June. Robert Spufford, carpenter.
- Marr. 2nd. November. George Nash, of Milton Brian, weaver to Ann Spufford.
1742. Burial, 4th. May. Jane Spufford, widow.
1743. Burial, 19th. May. Sarah, widow of John Spufford, carptr.
1744. Bapt. 8th. December. Robert, son of Robert and Eliza,. Spufford.
1745. Bapt. 17th. October. Elizabeth, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth.
1745. Burial, 21st. October. Elizabeth, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth.
1746. Bapt. 31st. August. Francis, son of Robert and Elizabeth.
1746. Marr. 12th. November. John Spufford and Mary Faldo.
- Burial, 15th. November. Richard Spufford, an infant.
- Burial, 17th. December, Robert Spufford, a child.
1747. Bapt. 23rd. February. Elizabeth, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth.
- Bapt. 23rd. November. Lydia, daughter of John and Mary Spufford.
1748. Bapt. 14th. October. Richard, son of John and Mary Spufford.

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- Burial, 4th. November. Heather Spufford, nee Porter (See 1729).
1749. Burial, 7th. April. Richard Spufford, a child.
 Bapt. 7th. December. Richard, son of John and Mary.
 Burial, 17th. December. Richard Spufford, an infant.
1751. Bapt. 5th. January. Richard, son of John and Mary.
 Burial, 4th. April, Elizabeth Spufford, a child.
1752. Bapt. 24th. February. Thomas, son of Robert and Eliza. Spufford.
1754. Bapt. 23rd. May. Susan, daughter of John and Mary Spufford.
 Marr. 7th. October. Francis Spufford and Elizabeth Harrison.
 Bapt. 8th. June, Richard, son of Robert and Elizabeth.
1755. Bapt. 27th. July. Francis, son of Francis and Elizabeth.
1756. Burial, 20th. July. Francis Spufford, an infant.
1757. Burial, 8th. May. John Spufford.
 Burial, 18th. June. Susan Spufford, a child.
 Burial, 13th September. Green Spufford.
 Bapt. 7th. December. Elizabeth, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth.
1759. Bapt. 27th. May. Sarah, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth.
1761. Burial, 6th. March. Robert Spufford, poor.
 Bapt. 3rd June. Mary, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth.
1762. Burial, 14th. November. Elizabeth Spufford, widow.
 Marr. 24th. December. Thomas Spufford and Mary Porter.
1763. Bapt. 23rd. September. Francis, son of Francis and Elizabeth.
1763. Bapt. 23rd. November. Mary, daughter of Thomas and Mary Spufford.
1764. Burial, 24th. March. Mary Spufford, an infant.
1765. Bapt. 28th. December. Ann, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth.
1766. Bapt. 4th. April. James, son of Thomas and Mary.
 Burial, 10th. April. Elizabeth Spufford, poor.
 Burial, 25th. June. James Spufford, infant.
 Burial, 5th. September. Elizabeth Spufford.
1768. Bapt. 8th. May. Sarah, daughter of John and Susan Spufford.
 Burial, 10th. August. John Spufford, poor.
 Bapt. 23rd. October. George, son of Thomas and Mary Spufford.
1769. Burial, 7th. June. Sarah Spufford, a child.

THE SPUFFORDS of TODDINGTON. Beds (Contd.)

- Burial, 22nd. October. George Spufford, a child.
1770. Bapt. 6th. May. Elizabeth, daughter of John and Sarah Spufford.
Burial, 1st. July. Elizabeth Spufford, a child.
1771. Bapt. 2nd. June. Thomas, son of John and Susan.
Burial, 24th. July, Elizabeth Spufford.
1772. Bapt. 23rd. September. George Butt, illeg. son of Ann Spufford.
Bapt. 16th. October. Thomas, son of Thomas and Mary Spufford.
1773. Bapt. 14th. April, Mary, illeg. daughter of Frances Spufford.
Burial, 17th. July. Mary Spufford, widow.
1774. Bapt. 23rd. May. George aged 6, and Martha aged 4, son and daughter of Francis and Elizabeth Spufford.
Marr. 29th. May. Harry Priestly and Frances Spufford.
1775. Burial, 19th. September. Thomas Spufford, poor.
1776. Bapt. 19th. January. Fanny, daughter of John and Susan Spufford.
Burial, 29th. April, Fanny Spufford, a child.
1779. Burial, 30th. September. Thomas Spufford, a boy.
Bapt. 10th. October. Mary, daughter of John and Susan Spufford.
1780. Marr. 4th. December. Richard Spufford and Elizabeth Dudley.
1782. Burial, 30th. January. Susan Spufford.
1784. Burial, 17th. March. Mary Spufford.
1786. Marr. 7th. August. Francis Spufford and Eliza. Read.
1787. Bapt, 8th. April. Sarah, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth.
Burial, 18th. October. Robert Spufford, carpenter.
- 1778, Burial, 2nd. January. Thomas Spufford.
1790. Bapt. 21st. March. Martha, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth.
1793. Bapt. 8th. January. Ann, daughter of Francis and Eliza. Spufford.
Burial, 8th. June. Richard Spufford, glazier.
Burial, 21st. December. Martha Spufford.
1794. Marr. 4th. February. George Spufford and Mary Drinkwater, with consent of guardians.
1795. Bapt. 3rd. June. George, son of George and Mary Spufford.
Burial, 19th. December. Richard Spufford, carpenter.
1796. Bapt. 18th. May. George, son of Francis and Eliza. Spufford.

THE SPUFFORDS of TODDINGTON. Beds. (Contd.)

1798. Bapt. 10th. September. Thomas, son of George and Mary Spufford.
Burial, 24th. September. Thomas Spufford, an infant.
1799. Bapt. 25th. July. Eliza, daughter of Francis and Eliza.
Spufford.
Burial, 28th. July. Eliza., daughter of Francis and Eliza.
1798. Marr. 13th. March. Thomas Osborn and Eliza. Spufford, widow.
1800. Burial, 10th. August. Thomas Spufford, carpenter.
Bapt. 11th. October. Martha, daughter of Francis and Eliza.
Bapt. 6th. November. Mary, daughter of George and Mary Spufford.
1801. Burial, 2nd. July. Elizabeth Spufford.
1802. Burial, 15th. May. Elizabeth Spufford.
Bapt. 9th. October. Thomas, son of George and Mary Spufford.
Marr. 22nd. October. Francis Spufford and Sarah Teedon.
1803. Burial, 17th. April. Francis Spufford, poor.
1806. Bapt. 1st. January. Ann, daughter of George and Mary Spufford.
Burial, 5th. January. Ann, daughter of George and Mary.
1807. Bapt. 7th. June. Elizabeth, daughter of George and Mary.
1812. Bapt. 24th. March. Richard, son of George and Mary Spufford.
Burial, 15th. October. Richard Spufford, aged 83 years.
Childwall.
1816. Burial, 11th. August. Sarah Spufford, daughter of Richard and
Mary, aged 42 years, at Childwall, Lancs. P.R.
1837. Burial, 2nd. April. Mary Spufford, wife of Richard, aged 93
years, at Childwall, Lancs. P.R.
1841. Burial, 23rd. October ,Ellen Spufford, aged 70 years, at
Childwall, Lancs. (See P.R.).
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ARMORIAL BEARINGS.associated with the SPOFFORTHS, by marriage.

<u>ANLABY</u>	Ar. a chevron between three chess rooks. Sa.
<u>CASTELAY</u>	A castle with the letter V issuing out of the castle tower.
<u>CHARNELLS</u>	Gules. Two chevrons within a bordure or. (Coll. of Arms. Ref. Vis. of Linc. 1562/4).
<u>CLARE</u> (of Pontefract)	Orr. Three chevrinelles gu.
<u>FAWKES</u> (of Leeds)	Er. A marcle sa.
<u>FIRTH</u>	? Two battle-axes ?
<u>HENLEY</u>	Azure. A lion rampant argent, crowned or, with a bordure of the second, charged with eight torteaux.
<u>MALEBIS</u>	Az. Between a chevron engrailed, three fawns' heads embrased. Or.
<u>MEYNELL</u>	Az. Three bars gomels and a chief. Ar.
<u>MITCHELL</u> (of Scotland)	Sa. A Fess between three mascles. Or.
<u>MUSGRAVE</u>	Azure. On a fesse between three annulets or, two annulets of the field, all within a bordure ermine. Mantling, Asure and or.
<u>PLUMPTON</u>	Az. Five fusils in fess or. Each charged with an escallop gu.
<u>ROUCLIFFE</u>	Ar. A chevron between three leopards' heads. Sa.
<u>SIMEON</u>	Or. Three dolphins sa.
<u>SPOFFORTH</u>	(Thomas, Bisop of Hereford). Gules. Three chevronelles embrased or.
<u>TETLEY</u>	Asure. On a fess invected or, in chief, an escallop between two cross crosslets, fitchee, and the like in base of the last, a cross crosslet fitchee of the first between two escallops gu.
<u>WADE</u>	Asure, On a saltire argent, between four escallops, or, a dragon's head embrased gules, gorged with a bar gemel argent.

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ARMS: Asure, on a chief or, a demi-lion rampant issuing gules.

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Geneal. Abstract of WILLS. York Pro. Office.

Vol. 2. Folio 544. Peter Spofford. 1425.

Abs. of the Will of Peter Spofford of the City of York, Skynner, 12th July, 1425.

"To be buried in the Church of St. Denis in the said City. I give for my mortuary my best gown.

I desire 6 lb of Wax to be burnt about my body, on the day of my burial.

To the Chaplains of the Church, vi d.

To the Parish Clerk iiij d. To the sub - Parish Clerk ij d.

To the Fabric of the Church iij s. iiij d.

To the Fabric of the Church of St. Peter iij s. iij d.

To John Walbourne of Holtby, a gown.

To the Friars of St. Christopher in York, iij s. iiij. d.

The residue of my goods to Margaret my wife.

I appoint Margaret my wife and John Walbarne Executors.

No Witnesses. Proved 14th March 1425 by the Executors."

Vol 5. Folio 355. Robert Spoford of York, Baxter.

5th April 1489. In Latin.

To be buried in the Church of St. Margaret's, Walmgate in
York.

I give for my mortuary one of my best goods.

To the Church for my burial iij s. iiij d.

WILLS in YORK PROBATE OFFICE (Contd.)

Vol.11. Folio 92, 8th. December 1535.

William Spaford, of Collingham, in the County of Nottingham,
Husbandman.

To be buried in the Churchyard of North Collingham.

To the High Altar, vi d.

For half a trental of Messe to be said by my gostlie
father, v s.

To the Belles, iiij s.

Towards the Gildying of St., James' Image, xij d.

To the Fleyt Bryge, iiij d.

To Margot my daughter iii beyste and yowe lamb.

The residue of my goods I give to Alice my wife and Richard my
sone, whom I make Executors.

Witnesses:- Thomas Roger, John Spaford, the elder, of Collingham.

Proved 14th. February 1533, by the Executors.

Vol.11. Folio 351.

Richard Spaforde of North Collingham, in the County of Nottingham.

Husbandman. 17th. December 1538.

To be buried in the Church of Collingham.

To the Belles, iiij d.

To the Brigge, iiij d.

Towards the making of a pulpit, iiij d.

To Thomas Spaford, xvj d.

To Robert Spaford, my brother John's sone, v s.

To Andrew's wife a calfe.

To Dall Spaford a calfe.

To Margaret my sister a cowe.

To William Spaford 2 bullocks.

For a Trental for my soul, x s. To Emmet Spaford, iiij d.

To Thomas Creswell, vj d. To every godchild, iiij d.

The rest of my goods to Alice Spaford, my mother, and John
Spaford, my brother, whom I make Executors.

Witnesses:- John Stokes, clerke. Tos. Brandisbe,

John Spaford. John Creswell.

Proved 1st. May 1539 by the Executors.

WILLS in YORK PROBATE OFFICE (Contd.)Vol.11. Folio 561. Richard Spofforthe. of Birkin.

3rd. September 1541. 32 Hen. Viiij.

To be buried in the Church of Birkin.

To the High Altar for obligations forgotten, iij d.

To Thomas Spofforthe my sone one couple of Stottes and his
child's part of my goods.

To Anne Spofforthe a graye stirke.

To Henrie Spofforthe my sonne ij oxen besides his child's part.

To Alison my wife 2 oxen and a mare and her Third of my goods.

To Elizabeth Leaper a wyndle of rie.

The residue of my goods to Elizabeth Leaper and Henrie my
sonne whom I make Executors.

Witnesses:- Sir John Richardson. William Oxton.

Proved 23rd. July 1541 by the Executors.

Vol. 11. Folio 612.

"Written at West Haddlesey, the 6th. day of June 1542".William Spofforth, of the same town, husbandman.

To be buried in the Churchyard of Our Ladye in Byrkyne.

To the High Altar for Tythes forgotten, viij d.

To John Servante the Parish Clerk, iiij d.

To my daughter Agnes, a blacke guy calfe.

To my daughter Elizabeth, one oxe stirke.

To John Spofforth the younger, my brother, and to William
my sonne, my ploughe and waynes and all things belonging.To William my sonne, my jacket, bowe and sword, and all
other harness.

To Margaret, my daughter, my colte foale.

The residue of my goods to Margaret my wife, and William my
sonne, whom I make Executors.Witnesses:- Sir John Sibeon, John Servante, Thomas Mayson
and John Spofforth the elder.

Proved 1st. August 1542, by Margaret the relict.

WILLS in YORK PROBATE OFFICE (Contd.)

Vol. 11. Folio 724.

“Written at Esthaddlesey, within the parish of Birkyne, the
15th. day of September 1543.”

Abs of the will of Henrie Spofforth, of the same town, husbandman.

To be buried in the Churchyard of Our Ladie in Birkyne.

To the High Altar of the Church for Tythes forgotten, iiij d.

The residue of my goods I give to Agnes my wife and Henrie
my sonne, whom I make Executors.

Witnesses:- Sir Benedict Medley, priest.

William Oxton.

Robert Cowper.

William Gibson, curate.

Proved, 5ht February 1543, by Agnes the relict.

Vol, 13. Folio 222

Abs. of the Will of John Spaforthe of North Collingham, in the
County of Nottingham, husbandman. 15th. September 1546.

To be buried in the Churchyard of All Hallowes.

To the repair of the Belles, viij d.

To the repair of the Flet brige, iiij d.

To Robert Talier, William Lewyn and Willm. Trollope, my
godsonnes, a strike off Barlie a piece.

To Margaret and Agnes Boswell, a lamb.

To Emmot my wife, my house and lands for life.

To Sir Thomas viij d.

The residue of my goods I give to Emmot my wife whom I make
my Executrix. Supervisor Thomas my sonne.

Witnesses:- Sir John Penyngton, Vicar of Collingham.

Thomas Bransbie.

Richard Goodione,

Thomas Mills.

Proved, 7th. October 1546, by the Executrix.

Vol 15 part I. Folio 171

.Abs. of the Will of Brian Spofforthe, clerke of Kyrbye,

1554.

To the poore man's box at Barton, xl s.

To Agnes Anderson my cozen, xl s.

The residue of my goods and leases I give to Rychard

Spofforthe my sonne whom I make Executor.

I will that Agnes Aslaby, his mother, have the order of him
and his porcon.

Witnesses:- Henry Morwyn, clerk,

Xpofer Postill.

Sir Roland Godson, Parson, of Barton.

Proved, 3rd January 1556.

Vol. 15. Part I. Folio 6.

Abs of the Will of Elizabeth Spofforth. of Hamylton, Widow.

14th. May 1555.

To be buried in the Parish Churchyard of Breyton.

To the Blessed Sacrament my best Keerchef.

To John Spofforth my sone a cowe.

To ij of my daughters Margaret and Jennet all my rayment.

The residue of my goods I give to William Dawson
my sone in lawe and Elizabeth his wife, whom I
make Executors.

Witnesses:- Sir Anthony Swynbanke, my gostlie fader.

Robert Richardson.

Thomas Medilton.

Proved, 6th February 1555, by Will'm Dawson.

Vol. 15. Part 3. Folio 171.

Abs. of the Will of George Spofforth, of Haddlesey.

6th. July 1558.

To be buried in the Churchyard of Byrkin.

To the Blessed Sacrament of the Church, 1j s.

To Elizabeth, by brother's daughter, in recompence of certain
goods that I had of hers, a grue stirke.

The residue of my goods I give to Agnes, my wife and to
Benedict, Thomas and Anne, my children, whom I
make Executors.

Witnesses:- Sir William Gibson. Richard Louthorpe.

Proved, 11th. January 1558, by Agnes the relict.

Abs. of WILLS in YORK PROBATE OFFICE (Contd.)

Vol. 15. Part 3. Folio 232

Thomas Spofforth of Cawoode. 17th. March 1557.

To be buried in the Church of Cawoode.

To Agnes my wife one house and Carth and all my lands
 within the town of Hamelton for life, she to pay to
 my three children three years rent of my House and
 lands, and on her decease to my son John Spofforth.

To John Spofforth, my brother, a bushel of Wheate.

To Margaret, my sister, two pecks of Weate.

To Janet, my sister, two pecks of wheat and two pecks of rye.

To Anne Spofforth, a gray jacket.

To Sir Richard North, curate, xij d.

To Richard Burton a phyre of Hose.

To Elizabeth my servant, a gymer lambe.

To Thomas Pearson ditton.

To Agnes, my sister, one ewe and a lambe.

To Margaret, my sister, an olde gray jacket.

To Agnes Pearson a lambe.

To John Spofforth, my brother, one stone of Woll.

To Elizabeth Dawson, my sister, one years rent of my land
 at Hambleton.

The residue of my goods to Agnes my wife and three children,
 John, Janet and Elizabeth, whom I make executors.

Witnesses:- Richard North, Curate.

Richard Burton.

Thomas Pearson.

Proved, 29th. October 1558, by Agnes the relict.

SOUTH CAVE PECULIAR. Original will in York Probate Office.

Abs. of the Will of Wyllm. Spoford of South Cave in the County of York, yeoman, 6th. January 1559.

To be buried in the Church of South Cave.

To Thomas Spencer, labour xij s.

To Janet Spoford my sister xij s.

The residue of my goods I give to Janet Spoford my wife
and John and Harrye Spoford my sonnes, whom I make
Executors.

Witnesses:- Sir Lambard Snell, my curate.

Robert Spoford.

No date of proof.

York Probate Office. Vol. 16 Folio 70.

Abs. of the Will of Robert Spofforthe, of Haddlesey.

28th. October 1559.

To be buried in the chuchyard of Byrkyne.

To John my sonne a ploughe yorokes teemes harrowes all
the wayne geare and a gray fillye.

To Jennet and Margaret my daughter, when they come of age,
to either of them xl s. to be paid them by John Spofforthe,
my son.

The residue of my goods to Jenet my wife and Jennet and
Margaret my daughters, whom I make Executors.

Witnesses:- Wyll'm Paget.

John Richardson.

Robert Watson.

Proved, 30th. May 1560, by Joan the relict.

(Note: Joan and Jenet are the same).

York Pro. Off. Vol. 17. Folio 204.

Abs of the Will of John Spofforthe of Hamelton, yeoman.

31st. May 1565.

To be buried in the Churchyard of Brayton.

To Thomas Willson one payre of hose and a blake coat.

To Richard Bradshawe my best coat.

To Thomas Robert one white fustyne dublet.

To Bryan Webster ij s. vj d.

To Edward my youngest sone a cowe and three shillings everie
year until he come to lawful age.

The residue of my goods to Margaret my wife whom I make
Executor.

Witnesses:- Thomas Lounde.
Wyll'm Wavers.
George Bently.
John Stors.

Proved, 11th. September 1565, by Margaret the relict.

York Prob. Office. Vol. 19. Folio 89.

Abs. of the will of Christofer Spofforth. 2nd. April 1569.

To be buried in the Churchyard of Holm on Spalding Moor.

To the Church works of repair of the Belles iij s. iij d.

To the poore man's box viij d.

To Thomas Spofforth my son xx yewes and xx lambs.

To William Nicholson, Katherine Nicholson, Elline Nicholson,
Elline Godshaw and Elizabeth King one yewe and a lamb a
piece.

To John Spofforth my sonne the lease of my farmhold.

To Anne Madson one sheepe hogg.

To Elizabeth and Robert Godshawe and Alison and Anne Jacson,
each of them one lamb.

To Thomas Spofforth one yewe and a lamb.

The residue of my goods to John and Thomas my sonnes whom I
make Executors.

Witnesses:- Thomas Sharrowe, clerk.
Anthonye Watson.
Tomas Atkinson.

Proved, 13th. December 1570, by the Executors.

SOUTH CAVE PECULIAR. Original Will.

Abs. of the Will of Robert Spofforth of South Cave.

31st October 1570.

To be buried in the Churchyard of South Cave.

To Jenet my wife two quarters of Barlie and 6 sh. in money.

To Lambard Spofforth my sonne half of my apparel, on ewe,
and a lambe, and 6 shillings in money.

To Robert Badde one cowe and a lamb.

To Jane Spofforth my daughter one yewe and a lamb.

To Isabel Badde the same.

To Robert Sherwode, John Thomlinson and Thomas Wetherell,
each xij d.

The residue of my goods I give to Janet my wife, Lambard
Spofforth and Jane Spofforth my children, whom I make
Executors.

Witnesses:- Robte. Sherwode, John Thomlinson and Thomas Wetherell.

Proved, 1st December 1570, by the Executors.

SOUTH CAVE PECULIAR.

Abs. of the Will of John Spofforth of South Cave, in the County of
York. Gresmann. 5th. March 1582.

To be buried in the Churchyard of South Cave.

To John Spofforth my brother every yeare for five years
one stone of femble towe.

To my son Richard Spofforth one stone of femble towe.

The residue of my goods I give to Alison my wife whom I
make Executrix.

Witnesses:- Stephen Mounder, Hugh Todd and Thomas Marshall.

Proved, 30th. March 1584, by the Executrix.

SOUTH CAVE PECULIAR.

On the --- day of --- 1588, Administration of the goods of
Alison Spofforth, late of South Cave, deceased, intestate, was
granted to John and Richard Spofforth, her sons.

YORK PROB. OFF. Vol. 22. Folio 65.

Abs of the Will of William Spafforthe of North Collingham, in the County of Nottingham, husbandman. 14th. June 1581.

To the repair of the Belles and Fletbrig xij d. a piece.

To Will'm Spafforthe my sone a great boorde with 2 tressells,
my yron bounde wayne and ploughs.

To Agnes Spafforthe my daughter a brass buillien pott and
feather bed.

To Edward Spafforthe my sonne one yoke of stores.

To Henry Spafforthe my sonne one great pann.

To Robert Spafforthe my sonne a brass pott.

To John Spafforthe my sonne a second brass pott.

To Xpofer Spafforthe my sonne xl s. to be paid by my sonne
William out of my lands.

To Edward my sonn liij s. viij d. that Richard Stone oweth,
and all my lands in Wynthorpe during the minority of
Thomas Spaford my youngest sonne.

To Robert Spafforthe my brother one ewe and one lamb.

The residue of my goods to Will'm, Xpofer, Agnes, Henry, Robert
John and Thomas Spaford, my children, whom I make Executors.

Proved, 12th. October 1581, by William the son.

YORK PRO. OFF. Vol. 24. Folio 619.

Abs. of the Will of Robte. Spoffurthe of Balderton, in the County of Nottingham. Husbandman. 13th. June 1591.

To be buried in the Church of Balderton.

To Elizabeth Spoffurth my daughter, the House wherein
I dwell and an oxgange of land.

To Agnes Spoffurth my wife, Elizabeth and Margaret
Spoffurth my daughters, all my goods.

To the poore of Balderton iij s. iij d.

To each godchild iij s. iij d.

To my sister's children at Collingham v s.

Executor: Agnes my wife and Guardian of my children.

Withesses: John Neepe the elder, husbandman, Richard Thornton,
laborer.

Supervisors: Daniell Holland, Gent.; Hugh Kerchever, yeoman.

Proved, 11th. July 1591, by the Executor.

YORK PRO. OFF. Vol. 23. Folio 742.

Abs. of the Will of Robert Spofurthe of Weldrake, near York.

13th . February 1587.

To be buried in the Churchyard of Wheldrake.

To Jennet Knowles my daughter, my dwelling house in Wheldrake for life, and then to Mary Knowles her dau.

To Jennet Butler vj li. but if she should die then to Jennet my daughter and Mary Knowles her daughter.

To will'm Walker my best blewe jacket.

To Will'm Penrose viij d.

To Richard Gyll, clerke, xij d.

To Robert Brunton one bushel of barlie and peas.

The residue of my goods to Jannet Knowles my daughter, and Mary Knowles her daughter, whom I make Executors.

Witnesses:- William Walker, Will'm Penrose, Rycharde Gyll, clerke.

Proved, 24th. May 1588. By Janet Knowles.

YORK PRO. OFF. Vol. 26. Folio 32.

Abs. of the Will of John Spoofourth, The Armitage, in the County of Kingston upon Hull. Yeoman. 4th October 1594.

To be buried in the Church of St. Trinity, Kingston-upon-Hull.

To Mary Soulsby 5 markes to remain in the hands of my sonne Lawrence during her minority, and if she should die under age then to Anne Jackson.

To Robert Jackson my sonne in lawe one cowe.

To Will'm Toppin my sonne in lawe one cowe.

To Anne Toppin one cowe.

To John Soulsby one lambe.

To Margaret Spooforth my wife one silver spoone.

To Lawrence Spooforth my sonne all my leases and goods, whom I make Executor.

Witnesses:- Thomas Myghill, Tomas Grayne, John Dowghty, William Gleadininge.

Prooved, 14th. November 1594, by the Executor.

YORK PRO. OFF. Vol. 23. Folio 715.

Abs. of the Will of John Spoford of West Haddlesey, in the Parish
Birkin in the County of York. Husbandman.
27th. July. 1587.

To be buried in the Churchyard of Birkin.

To Henrye, Janet and William Spoford my children, all my land
that I bought of John Saynter.

To Margaret my wife, my free land during widowhood, and my two
little closes next the Forth for life.

To Rowland my son one dunde oxe stott and a yoke of oxen.

To Henrye my sonne one black oxe stott.

To Janet my daughter one gruje oxe.

To Margaret my wife on hawked which. (?)

To my brother Abraham a mett of wheat.

To John Myles a strike of wheat.

The rest of my goods I give to Margaret my wife and William
and Henry my children, whom I make Executors.

Supervisors:- Robert Brabiner. Hugh Emley.

Witnesses: Hugh Tillotson. Thomas Merrit.

Proved, 6th. April 1588, by Margaret the relict.

HARTHILL ACT BOOK. Margaret Spofferds of Hull. 1607.

On the 10th. day of November 1607, administration of the goods of
Margaret Spofferds, late of Kingston upon Hull, in the Diocese of York,
deceased intestate, was granted to Thomas Arnold the son of the deceased.

AINSTEY ACT BOOK. John Spofforth of Cawood. 1603

On the 1st. day of December 1603, administration of the goods and
credits of John Spofforth, late of Cawood in the Diocese of York,
deceased intestate, was granted to Thomas Spofforth his son.

York Probate Office. Vol. 32. Folio 23.

Abs. of the Will of Richard Spofforth of Crambe, in the County of York. Gent, 24th February 1611:

To Anne my wife a third part of all my goods and chattels.

To Christofer Spofforth the elder and George, Richard and Thomas Spofforth my younger sonnes and Katherine Bambrough and Barbara Spofforth my daughters another part thereof.

And out of the last part I give:-

To John Spofforth my sonne £20.

To Thomas Spofforth the elder £10.³

To Rebecca Rome my daughter £10.

To Barbara Spofforth my daughter £10.

To Mr. Thomas Bambrough one Elizabeth xx s. piece of golde.

To Mistress Marie, Katherine, Annye, Elizabeth and Susanne Bambrough to everye of them an angel of golde.

To the poore of Crambe £3.

To Anne my wife a bay mare.

To Thomas Bambrough and Roger Rome's children xx s.

To George my sonne the Ellin Close with the years and interest yet to come.

The rest of my goods not bequeathed I give to Richard and Thomas, whom I make Executors.

To Thomas my youngest sonne my farms at Crambe, Anne my wife having the use thereof during widowhood for seven years.

I appoint my good master, Sir William Bambrough, Kt., Guardian of Thomas my youngest sonne.

No witnesses.

Proved 30th April 1612, by the Executors.

³ Note: this is a mystery at the moment, Thomas seemed to be the youngest son, so who was Thomas the elder?

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Abs of the Will of Anne Spofforth of Crambe, in the County of York. widow. 14th may 1623.

To be buried in the Chancel Doorstead in Crambe Church.

To my sonne Thomas Spofforth one oxe and four sheepe, one ewe and two piggs, two yokes and shackles.

To Margaret Spofforth his wife a brewing kettle.

To Julian Rome, wife of William Hallidaye, xxij s. iiij d. and to the rest of Roger Rome's children ij li. vi s. viij d. equally amongst them.

To Rebecca Rome a basin and a ewer.

To my sonne George Spofforth xl s.

To Richard Spofforth my grandchild xl s.

To Elizabeth Spofforth my grandchild xx s.

To Thomas Bambrough's two daughters xl s.

To John Spofforth my sonne Ellin Spofforth his wife an blacke cowe.

To my daughter Katherine Bamb. a blacke cowe.

To Rebecca Rome and Ellin Spofforth a black kirtle.

To Rebecca Rome a trunck and a payre of linen sheets.

To my two daughters Rebecca Rome and Katherine Bambrough all my working day apparel.

To Ellin Spofforth a fether bed.

To Isabel Foster so much stuffe and lace which is in my chiste as will make her a stomacher.

To Mrs. Harrison likewise of the same stuffe.

The residue of my goods I give to John Spofforth my sonne whom I make Executor.

Witnesses:- Thomas Harrison, Thomas Huggett, William Carver.

Proved:- 1st August 1623, by the Executor.

HOWDEN ACT BOOK. Richard Spofforth. 1628.

On the 17th. day of April 1628. Probate of the Will of Richard Spofforth, late of Scalbie in the Parish of Blacktoft, in the County of York, deceased, was granted to Thomas Spofforth, his brother and sole Executor. There is no Will now in existence.

ARCHBISHOP'S REGISTER. Vol. 31. Folio 211.

Abs. of the Will of Richard Spofforth, Parson. Of the Parish of Barton in the Streete, in the County of York.

3rd. February 1620.

To be buried in the Chancel of the Church of Barton.

After the payment of my debts, my goods to be divided between my wife and two children, (Note: Names not given), but if my children should die, then to my brother John Spofforth.

To the poor of Barton 10 shillings.

Executrix:- Magdalen Spofforth, my wife.

Witnesses:- William Mitford, Clerke. John Spofforth.

Proved, 19th. April 1620, by the Executrix.

YORK PRO. OFF. Vol. 41. Folio 585.

Abs. of the Will of Reinold Spoffurth of West Hadlesey in the County of York. 16th. June 1630.

To be buried in the Churchyard of Birkin.

To William Spoffurth my eldest sonne one bay mare, one black colt and one musket, with all the furniture belonging, one plough, one wayne, two harrowes with yokes, horsegear and husbandry geare, and the third part of Edward Wood's farm which I have taken for seven years.

To John Spoffurth my second sone, 10 sh.

To Ann Spoffurth, daughter of the said John Spoffurth,

iiij s. iiij d.

To my brother Henry Spoffurth, all my best apparel.

To Arthur Hill the younger and An Hill his sister xi j d.

To every one of the children of Thomas Loblay, my brother in Law, xij d.

The residue of my goods I give to Anne my wife, and William Spoffurth my sonne, for the use and benefit of my four youngest children, Anne, Katherine, Sara and Arthur.

Executers:- Anne my wife and William my sonne.

Witnesses:- Arthur Hill, Snr. Arthur Hill, Jnr.

Proved, 15th. January 1630, by William the son.

Copy of Original Will. Abs. of the Will of John Spofferd of Anlaybie, within the Diocese of York. Wheelwrighte
4th. November 1636. 14 Chas. I.

To the Poore people of Anlabie, 3s. 4d.

To Jane Spofferd my daughter, £7.

To Elizabeth Spofferd my daughter, 10s.

To Jane and Elizabeth my daughters either of them to have a
Bedroom in the little house that Alice Burton now dwelleth
In, so long as they keep unmarried.

To Ann Raspin my daughter, 5s.

To Jeremye, son of William Raspin, 10s.

To Samuel, son of William Raspin, 10s.

To Rebeckah, Mary, Ann and Ruthe Raspin, daughters of the said
William Raspin, to everye of them, 2s. 6d.

To John Spofferd my brother, my coats, dublet and breeches
that I now weare.

The residue of my goods I give to William Spofferd my son whom
I make Executor.

Witnesses:- Margaret Bell, Jane Spofferd, and William Raspin.

Proved, 13th. May 1637, by the Executors.

HARTHILL ACT BOOK. Philip Spofford of Everingham. 1636.

On the 29th. Day of June 1636, administration of the goods of
Phillippi Spofford, late of Everingham, in the Diocese of York,
Deceased intestate, was granted to Marie Spofford his lawful widow
And relict.

AINSTEY ACT BOOK. Ann Spofforth of West Haddlesey. 1638.

On the 4th. December 1638, administration of the goods of Ann
Spofforth, widow, late of West Haddlesey in the Diocese of York,
deceased intestate, was granted to Thos. Bell of Cateforth, in the
Parish of Braiton, blacksmith, for the use and benefit of Ann Bell
his wife, and Arthur, Susanna and Thomas Bell his children.

AINSTEY ACT BOOK. John Spofforth of West Haddlesey. 1639.

On the 4th. Day of October 1639, administration of the goods and Credits of John Spofforth, late of West Haddlesey in the Parish of Birkin in the Diocese of York, deceased intestate, was granted to Elizabeth Spoffurth his widow and relict.

YORK PRO. OFF. Vol. 44. Folio 277.

Abs. of the Will of Elizabeth Spofforth of West Haddlesey, in the County of York, Widow. 10th. September, 1660.

To William Spofforth my son the bed on which I lye with all the bedding and the rainge in the house.

To my two daughters two cubbords, an olde table, a forme and a buffet.

The residue of my goods I give to John Scoley and John Roodes, my sonnes in law, whom I make executors.

To my sonne William the greate chist in the Parlour.

The Bull or 40 shillings is in John Scoley's hands.

There is 20 shillings and seven groates in Langbotham's hands.

Witnesses:- William Constable, Reginald Bromley, Jo Hollings.

Proved, 11th, October 1662, by both the Executors.

SELBY PECULIAR RECORDS. Abs. of the Will of

Willyam Spoford of Carlton. 9th October 1665.

To be buried in the Churchyard of Carlton.

To Edward Atkinson my brother in law my cloake.

To Samuell Spoford my brother Simon Spoford sonne of Selby, 20 s.

To Anne Launsdale my sister's daughter, 20 sh.

The rest of my goods to Anne Spoford my wife, whom I make Executrix.

Witnesses:- Thomas Aucock, Thomas Pickard.

No date of Proof.

YORK PRO. OFFICE. Vol. 52 Folio 392.

Abs. of the Will of William Spofforth of Anlabie in the
County of Hull. Yeoman. 18th. June 1670.

To William Spofforth my younger sonne, £10.

To Jane Spofforth my daughter, £15.

The rest of my goods after the payment of my debts, etc.

I give to John Spofforth my sonne whom I make Executor.

Witnesses:- John Wood. Joseph Fowler.

Proved, 20th. September, 1671, by the Executor.

AINSTEY ACT BOOK. William Spofforth 1683.

On the 27th. Day of April 1683, administration of the goods of
William Spofforth, late of Heddleacy in the Diocese of York, deceased
intestate, was granted to Dorothy, wife of Brian Tate, his late
lawful relict.

YORK PRO. OFF. Vol. 28. Folio 165.

Abs. of the Will of Edward Spafford of Winthorpe,. In the County of
Nottingham. 15th. July 1599.

To be buried in the Church of Winthorpe.

To every of my children xx s. a piece (no names given).

The residue of my goods I give to Alice my wife, whom I make
Executrix.

Witnesses:- Roger Bacon.

Christopher Spafford.

William Spafford.

Henrye Cooke.

Reginald Blonke.

Proved, 26th June 1600, by the Executrix.

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Abs. of the Will of Simon Spofforth of Selby, in the County of
York. Gent. 7th. December 1688.

To Samuell Spofforth, my eldest sonn, my measuage and
land in the Line Croft in Couthrop, he paying to my daughter
Elizabeth 20 sh. And if my sonn Samuell die without issue,
then to Robert my sonn chargeable as aforesaid.

To my sonn Robert Spofforth my leases holden of the Lord of
the Manor of Selby, of Tomson House and Town End Closes.

To my daughters Frances and Elisabeth Spofforth, the leases
of the Chambers and Shops late Websters, and Carlton Lane
Close.

To my daughter Margaret, wife of Elijah Haigh, £50.

To my sonn Samuell, a ginny.

To the poor of Selby, £3. 6sh. 8d.

The rest of my goods to my children, Robert, Frances and
Elizabeth Spofforth, whom I make Executors, provided that if,
after the payment of my debts and legacies the surplus shall
amount to over £210, then the surplusage shall be divided
amongst my children, Margaret Haigh, Robert, Frances and
Elizabeth Spofforth.

Supervisors:- Edward Atkinson (Simon's brother in law).

John Crosse.

William Mauleverer.

Witnesses:- Jno. Firth.

Tho. Rogers.

Will. Mauleverer.

Rob. Sugden.

Proved, 20th. August 1689, by the Executors.

A true and perfect INVENTORY of all the goods, cattells
and chattels of Ellenor Spofforth, late of Selby, in the County of
York, deceased, Widow and Relict of Robert Spofforth, late of the
same, deed., valued and appraised by us whose names are hereunto
set. this 31st. day of January 1709.

	£.	s.	d.
Inprimis ---- Her purse and apparel.	1.	0.	0.
<u>In the Best Chamber.</u>			
Item -- One bed with bedding thereon, on chest of drawers, six chairs and two stands	5.	0.	0.
“ One armed chair, a little table, a looking glass and a screen.	1.	15.	0.
“ One hanging shelf with potts & glasses.	2.	0.	
“ One raing, fire shovell, long set, fender.	15.	0.	
“ Window curtains and curtain rodds one doz, and six deal boxes.		7.	0.
“ Two boxes with ferreting and buttons therein	1.	1.	6.
“ One box with some gloves in it.		13.	4.
“ One silver mugg and 9 silver spoons	4.	0.	0.
<u>In the Best Garratt.</u>			
Item -- One bedd and bedding, a chest of drawers and six chairs.	3.	0.	0.
“ Table linen, bedd linen, 3 old chests, a box and a male trunk.	2.	10.	0.
<u>In the Garret over the Best Chamber.</u>			
Item -- One bed and bedding, a box with some silk and buttons in it, a cradle and a close stoole.	1.	10.	0.
“ One box with some remnants of Serge and other Stuff and 2 hatts in it.	5.	0.	0.
“ A pillion seat, an olde side saddle, two spininge wheeles and a box with some leather in it.	1.	0.	0.
<u>In the Kitchen.</u>			
Item -- A large settle, a jack with an yron weight, one rainge, a fire shovel, tongs, a reckon, a fender, some spitts and other yron things.	2.	10.	0.
Item -- A brass chaving dish, seaven brass candle sticks, one brass mortar, 3 tables, 7 chairs, a napkin, a press and a winter hedge.	2.	0.	0.
Item -- Some pewter and other odd things.	2.	0.	0.
	<u>£34.</u>	<u>3.</u>	<u>10.</u>

Inventory of Effects of Ellenor Spofforth of Selby (Contd.)

Appraised by us :- Geo. Pickering.
 Elijah Haigh.
 Robert Bustard.
 Hen. Taylor.

On the 7th. day of April 1710. administration of the goods of Ellen Spofforth, widow, of Selby, was granted to Edmund Abbott and Edward Lacy for the use and benefit of Robert and Elizabeth Spofforth, children, during their minority.

YORK PRO. OFF. Vol. 70 Folio 304.

Abs. of the Will of John Spaford of Winthorpe in the County of Nottingham. 6th August 1719.

To my grandson John Marrat, £15.

To my grand-daughter Elizabeth Marrat, £15.

To my grandson John Spaford, £5.

To my grand-daughter Jane Spaford, £5.

To my grand-daughter Eliza. Marrat 1 sh.

To my grandson James Marret, one shilling.

The residue of my goods I give to my son William Spaford, whom I make Executor and Trustee of my grandchildren John and Eliza. Marrat.

Witnesses:- John Spaford, Thos . Horner, Robert Hoole, John Skelton.

Proved, 2nd January 1719, by the Executor.

HOLDERNESS ACT BOOK. Reginald Spofforth of Hull, 1742.

On the 27th. November 1742, administration of the goods of Reginald Spofforth, late of Kingston upon Hull, deceased intestate, was granted to Mary Spofforth his widow and relict.

Copy of the Will of Thomas Spofforth of Southwell, Notts.

Signed 19th. September 1823. Proved 7th June 1826.

1. His dwelling house on Burgage Hill, Southwell, to his niece Mary Spofforth, after her death to his nephew Reginald Spofforth of London, his heirs and assigns.
2. £525.9.6. in Government Stock 37 Consols, Bank Annuities to his trustees, nephew Reginald Spofforth, nephew Samuel Spofforth and Benjamin Hutchinson, of Southwell, surgeon, dividends, etc. in half yearly installments to his niece Mary Birkitt, wife of John Birkitt of Westhorpe, on her decease to all her children.
3. £502.7.1. in Consols to his trustees, as above, and dividends, etc. to his great niece Sarah Birkitt, after her decease to children of said Mary Birkitt.
4. £1373 in 3% Consols to trustees, as above, and dividends to niece Elizabeth Spofforth, on her decease to Reginald Spofforth, Samuel Spofforth and niece Mary Spofforth in equal proportions.
5. £3563.10.0 in 4% Bank Annuities to his trustees, as above, dividends to niece Mary Spofforth, on her decease to Reginald Spofforth and Samuel Spofforth in equal proportions.
6. £1345.7.0 in 3% Consols, to his trustees as above, and dividends to niece Sarah Charnley now resident in London, on her decease to her son Thos. Reg. Charnley, when he is 21, on his decease to Reginald Spofforth.
7. To his nieces Elizabeth Heed of Nottingham and Sarah Stevenson of Derby, £50 each and to his nephews Nathaniel Heed of "Woodlands", Uttoxeter, and George Need mercer of Nottingham, £50 each.
8. To his said nephew Reginald Spofforth £1586.8.6 in 3% Consols.
9. To John Birkitt, husband of his said niece, £10.
10. To his said nephew Samuel Spofforth £2088.14.3 in 3% Consols.
11. To the Parish Vicar of Southwell, £400 in trust twice yearly for education and clothing of as many poor children of Southwell as it will extend to. Any one named Spofforth or near relations to

Copy Will of Thomas Spofforth of Southwell, Notts. (Contd.)

have preference if they apply.

12. To the Parish Vicar and Churchwardens £200 in trust, interest to Bread at Christmas and Easter each year or the poor of Southwell.
13. £50 in trust, interest for coals for poor of Southwell at Christmas.
14. £200 to the Treasurer of the Nottingham County Hospital for such hospital as the Governors direct.
15. £200 for use on behalf of the General Lunatic Asylum near Nottingham.
16. £10.10.0 to the Chapter of the Collegiate Church of Southwell for the purchase of the best services and anthems for the use of the Church.
17. £50 to his said niece Mary Spofforth to be paid within three months of his decease.
18. To his niece Mary Spofforth all his household goods and furniture.
19. To his said nephew Reginald Spofforth all the rest of his possessions.

Administration de bonis non 17th. November 1830.

All things unadministered owing to the death of the Executor Reginald Spofforth, to Sarah Charnley, wife of Alexis Charnley of London.

Will of Reginald Spofforth of Southwell.

2nd. September 1827. Proved, 17th. March 1830.

1. £1000 to his sister Mary.
2. £1000 to his sister Elizabeth.
3. £1000 to his brother in law Alexis Charnley.
4. £200 to his friend James Morrah.
5. £200 to his friend and Executor, Benjamin Hutchinson, surgeon, of Southwell.
6. All the rest of his personal estate and effects to his sister

Will of Reginald Spofforth, Southwell. (Contd.)

Sarah Charnley, wife of the said Alexis Charnley, absolutely without any control by her husband, and can be disposed of as she thinks fit.

Will of Mary Spofforth, spinster, of Southwell.

1. To William Wylde and Robert Thomas Forster, £1000 on trust, the interest to her dear sister Elizabeth Spofforth, now residing with her, and her friend Ann Walker (or Walter) also residing with her, in equal shares.
On the decease of either of them, the survivor will have half, and Half will go to Wm. Wylde and R. T. Forster in equal shares. When the other dies, William Wylde and R. T, Forster get the whole sum.
2. To Miss Catherine Wylde, daughter of the said Wm. Wylde, my best looking glass and any wearing apparel and ornaments she shall choose.
3. All the rest of my wearing apparel to Ann Walter.
4. All the rest of her possessions to her sister Elizabeth Spofforth.

Will dated 8th. March 1839.

Mary died 9th. March 1839.

Probate granted to Dr. Forster 21st. June 1839.

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