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INTRODUCTION.

A NUMBER of old papers connected with the families of Skeet, Somerscales, Widdrington, Wilby, and Murray came into my possession some years ago; much of the information contained in them was scrappy and disjointed, but upon going carefully through them I recognized that with further additions from the College of Arms, Somerset House, and the Public Record Office, complete histories might be written. Having decided to commence the Work, I received the greatest kindness and assistance from members of the different families, and from genealogists, both amateur and professional. I take this opportunity of expressing my deep gratitude to all who have aided me. AMBROSE LEE, Esq., York Herald, designed and prepared the blocks for printing, which sufficiently speak for themselves. My Publishers, by their courteous and ready aid in difficulties, have rendered the completion of my task an easy and pleasant one.

I have as far as possible followed Burke's system in setting out the families, with a key pedigree at the commencement of each. A Roman numeral is placed in front of the head of each generation of each branch of a family. The name of the King or Queen precedes in most cases the Roman numeral to give a rough historical idea of the period. Each branch is in turn worked out to a finish, then a return is made to the parent stock for a fresh one. For example, the descendants of Henry, 4th son of Richard Skete, do not come in until p. 49. Allied families are completed in their proper place, and although their insertion seem to somewhat interfere with the continuity of the original family, it was considered better than leaving them for Appendices.

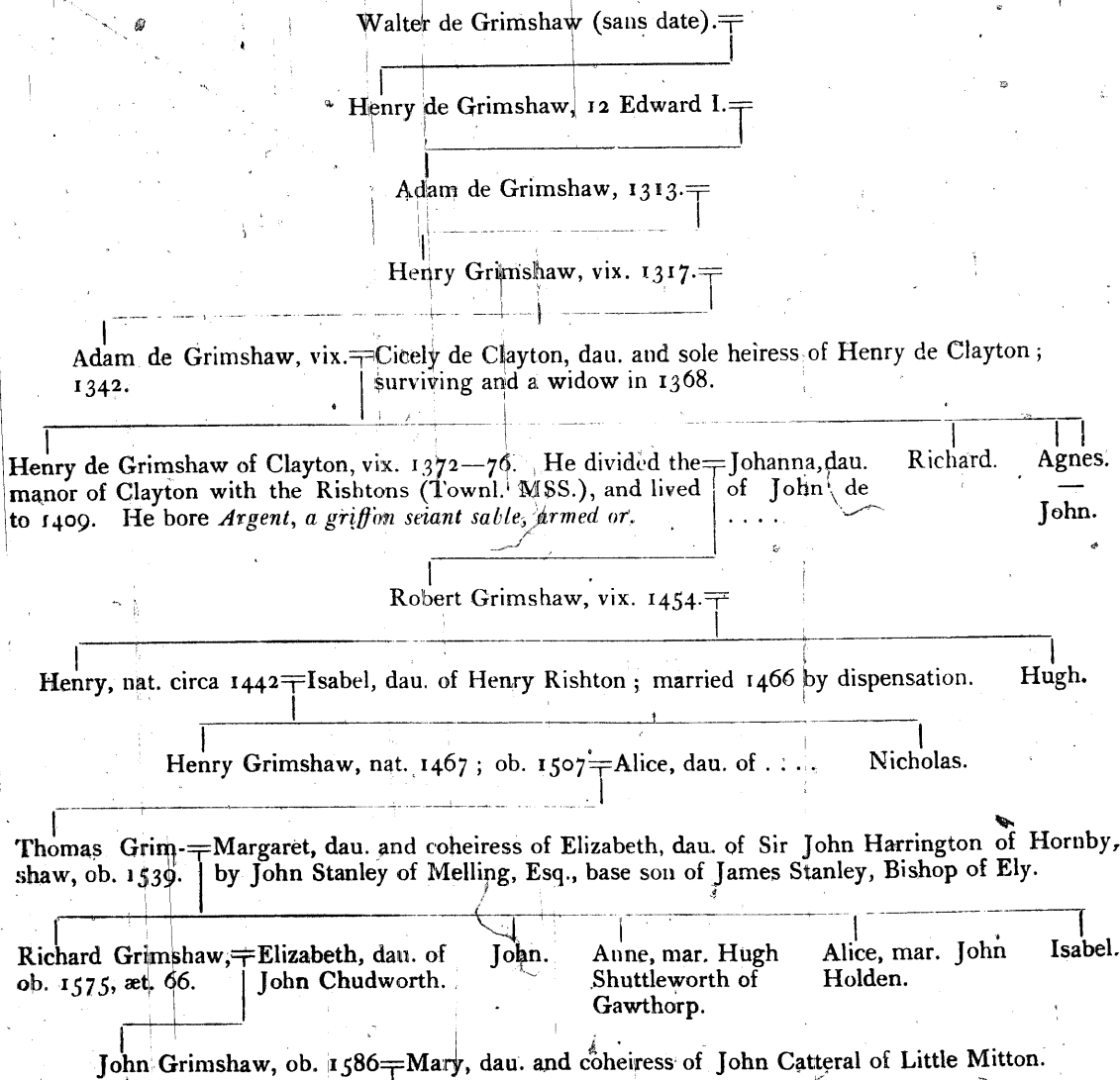
Much can be learnt from Family Histories as to social conditions in different centuries. Most of the old nobility were wiped out by the Wars of the Roses. Under the Tudors a new aristocracy arose, pledged to support their masters in the change of religion and the spoiling of the Religious Institutions. The great Civil War was disastrous to many a gentle house; we shall see how the families of Skeet, Slyfield, Sandes, and Westbrook, from being landed gentry, sunk after the rise of the Commonwealth to the rank of yeomen, a class who were almost exterminated by the heavy taxation of the eighteenth century. The Wilbys are an interesting example of a ruined yeoman family, after a century of industry in London, regaining their place amongst the small landed gentry.

The account of the romantic house of Widdrington is that of an ancient Feudal family, ultimately ruined by their devotion to their old faith and dynasty.

It has been my endeavour to insert as far as possible only proven facts, and to let them speak for themselves, with the intention of preserving the histories of the several families.

GRIMSHAW.

THIS is a very ancient family in the County of Lancashire. The following pedigree from Whitaker's "History of Whalley" is inserted here, as I fancy most of the Grimshaws claim descent from it:—



Nicholas Grimshaw.	Hellen, dau. of R. Rishworth of Riddlesden Hall, com. Ebor, Esq.	Andrew = Jane, dau. of Thomas Halsted of High Halsted.	Richard Henry.	Anne, mar. Symon Haydock of Hesandforth.	Margaret, mar. Robert Hes-keth.
Jane Mary.	Anne, mar. W. Key of Ripon, York-shire.	Elizabeth, mar. Richard Tempest of Broughton, Esq.*	Eleanor, mar. J. Townley of Hurstwood.	Katherine, mar. Robert Squire.	Margaret, unmar.
Thomas, accidentally killed by falling upon a knife.	John Grimshaw, ob. 1662, æt. 48.	Anne, dau. and coheirss of Ab. Colthurst of Burnley; mar. 6 Chas. I.	Nicholas, slain at the siege of Drogheda or Tredough in Ireland.	Robert Thomas.	
1. Richard Grimshaw.	Elizabeth, dau. of Stephen Tempest of Broughton, Esq.	2. Nicholas, student at Doway.	3. John, = Jennet, dau. of Robert Cunliff of Sparth. ob. 1663, æt. 48.	John Heywood of Urmston.	1. Mary. 2. Hellen, mar. John Clarkson of Cowhill.
Ralph Shuttleworth, son of Nicholas Shuttleworth of Clitherpe, Esq., son of Richard Shuttleworth of Gawthorp.	= Susanna, born 1658; ob. 1727.		Richard Lomax of Pilsforth.	= Rebecca, living 1759.	

I made inquiries at the College of Arms regarding the coat and crest given in 2nd edition of Burke's "Landed Gentry"—"Argent, a griffin seggrant sable, beaked and membered or." Crest: "A demi-griffin sable"—and received the following particulars: The crest of a demi-griffin is not a genuine crest of Grimshaw, there being none to the name resembling it. There is no crest to the family of Grimshaw of co. Lancaster, a long pedigree of which family was recorded at the Heralds' Visitation of the county in 1664, but the arms are a crowned griffin. There are recorded two illegitimate lines, who, of course, have no right to the arms. The arms of Grimshaw in the Pipe Series at Stoneyhurst College quartered by Isabel Ingleby, wife of Richard Shireburn of Stoneyhurst, are: "Argent, a griffin seggrant sable" ("History of Stoneyhurst College," p. 66).

GRIMSHAW OF AUDENSHAW, CO. LANCASTER, NOW OF LUDDINGTON, SURREY.

I. . . . Grimshaw, perhaps descended from Grimshaw of Whalley, bought a house in Edge Lane, Droylsden, four miles east of Manchester; he married a daughter of Daniel Wilde, by whom he had issue:—

1. George, died aged 99.

* See that family, p. 118.

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2. James (of whom later).
3. Joseph.
4. Thomas, who left issue: Thomas, Thomas George, John, and three daughters, one of whom married Hopwood.
1. Mary, born 1672.

II. James Grimshaw of Droylsden, born 1661; died 27 June 1718. Had issue:—

1. James (of whom later).
2. John of Gorton, died s.p.
1. Mary, born 29 June 1696.
2. Elizabeth, born 13 January 1703; died 1723; married Pilkington.
3. Ann, born August 1707; married Knight. She died 3 October 1729.

III. James of Audenshaw, parish of Ashton-under-Lyne, born 16 October 1694; married 1 February 1721 Jane, daughter and heiress of Robert Stanfield of Audenshaw, and with her acquired that estate; died 11 February 1772. He had issue:—

1. James, died s.p.
2. Samuel, died s.p.
3. John (of whom later).
4. George of High Bank, Gorton, who had issue:—
 - (1) John, born 21 November 1776.
 - (2) George, born 1782.
 - (3) James, born 1784.
 - (4) Samuel, born 1785.
 - (1) Betty, born 1779.

They all died without issue, leaving considerable property, which their cousins John, Joseph, and William inherited.

IV. John of Audenshaw, born 1 March 1738; died 12 June 1822; married 28 October 1779 Mary, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Holt of Wilmslow. She was born 5 December 1749; died 6 September 1810. He had issue:—

1. James, died s.p.
2. John (of whom later).
3. Joseph Stanfield, born 28 January 1783; died s.p. 20 January 1869.
4. William, born 8 December 1784; died 1882; married 3 December 1835 Harriet, daughter of Robert Pattinson of Hull, who died 3 December 1890. He had issue:—
 - (1) William, died s.p.
 - (2) Frederick Stanfield, born 5 June 1838; died s.p. 29 August 1867.
 - (1) Helena Caroline, married 10 September 1874 Harrington Arthur Harrop Hulton (see Burke's "Landed Gentry").
 - (2) Harriet, died s.p. 29 March 1857.
 1. Mary, died s.p.

V. John, Esq., of Audenshaw Lodge, born 28 January 1783; died 2 July 1861; married 14 June 1832 at St. Mary's, Manchester, Mary Anne, daughter of Henry Ogden of

Middleton, near Manchester. Mr. Grimshaw was in the Commission of the Peace for the Counties of Lancaster and Chester. He had issue:—

1. John, born 21 April 1833; died s.p. 22 October 1882.
2. Joseph Stanfield, Esq., B.A., of Luddington House, Egham, Surrey, and the Wyndham Club, St. James's Square, London, born 13 January 1836; married 23 September 1885 at St. George's, Hanover Square, Augusta Sophia, widow of Lieut.-Colonel Murray (see that family). Mr. Grimshaw was called to the Bar and is a Barrister of the Middle Temple.
3. George, born 26 January; died 21 January 1898; married Kate, daughter of Withers, by whom he has:—
 1. Henry, born 8 August 1893.
 1. Kathleen, born 12 April 1892.
 2. Gladys, died 22 October 1895.