

Obituary of Hugh Entwisle – Cambrian newspaper January 10th 1868

The Late Hugh Entwisle Esq.

We are grieved to announce the death of that very popular and much loved gentleman, Hugh Entwisle, of Marlborough Grange in the parish of Llanblethian. The deceased was the second son of the late John Entwisle Esq. of Foxholes, Lancashire, and was a Commander in the Royal Navy. With his late brother Robert, Lieutenant Colonel of the Lancashire militia, he came to reside at Drumma near Neath about fifty years ago, bringing a pack of harriers with them from their native country, where the Entwises were so ancient a House that their family motto was 'Pas ??? in Agincourt' (by a sword). At Drumma and the neighbourhood of Neath they became so popular that a bigoted Celt was forced to say that "the brothers Entwisle were the best ex ??? that had ever settled in Wales!". After living many years at Drumma they removed to Llanblethian, in which village and at Crossways, and St Quintins Cottage in the same parish, several near connections of the family of the deceased resided for many years, and from whence a niece of the deceased married the late Rev. George Traherne, Vicar of St. Hilary. Captain Hugh Entwisle purchased some fields formerly belonging to the Bruce family of Llanblethian House, where he built the house on which he died. He was probably the most practically successful farmer in the Vale of Glamorgan; his crops, stock etc. were the admiration of all who saw them. His widow was also from Lancashire, the daughter of James Royds of Falinge, near Rochdale. She will have the unaffected sympathy of all who knew her worth and remember the untiring and affectionate care with which she watched her husband for so many years. The contributor of this imperfect memoir can only think of the deceased as Master of the Cowbridge Harriers, and of his pleasant bearing when he followed them – his hunting horn fastened to the pommel of his saddle – welcomed to their lands by every farmer in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Will of William Royds, proved April 24th 1863.

This is the last will of William Royds of the city of Bath, Captain in Her Majesty's Army. I appoint Charles Brownell of Liverpool...merchant and Lawrence Peel of Liverpool.....

I devise all my real estate with the appurtenances unto and to the use of the said Charles Brownell and Lawrence Peel their heirs.....and dispose of the same estate either together or in parcels....by private treaty or by public auction.... (*instructions to trustees etc.*).....

I bequeath all the furniture plate linen china books prints wines liquors fuel and other household effects of which I shall be possessed unto my wife Georgina Royds absolutely.

I bequeath unto the said Charles Brownell and Lawrence Peel their executors and administrators £4000 to be invested in the names of the trustees....

And now to all my personal estate...I bequeath the same to the said Charles Brownell and Lawrence Peel to sell ...up said residual estate.to all such parts of my said residual personal estate and I declare that the said trustees shall have full discretionary power to permit any part of my same estate....

I declare that the trustees shall pay up my just debts and funeral expenses and the pecuniary legacy hereinbefore bequeathed.....

...the first of settled trust property.....to pay the annual income arriving therefore to my son Frederick Charles Alton Royds during his life.....

PROVED

24/4/1863

This is the last Will and Testament

of me Frederick Charles, Allen Royds of Slaubletchian in the County of Glamorgan Esquire In pursuance of a power contained in the Settlement made on my marriage with my beloved wife Frances Paul Royds dated the fifth day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven I hereby appoint give and bequeath unto my said wife all monies and property which I am entitled to receive of under the said Settlement in case there shall be no children of our marriage To hold the same unto my said wife Frances Paul Royds her or executors administrators and assigns absolutely I also give and bequeath unto my said wife all my household goods furniture plate linen china glass and other articles which may be in and about my dwellinghouse at Slaubletchian aforesaid and also any savings allowed and due and owing to me of which I may be possessed at the time of my decease unto my said wife Frances Paul Royds for her own absolute use and benefit and I appoint my said wife sole executrix of this my will In witness whereof I have hereunto set and subscribed my name this nineteenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and sixty one Frederick Charles, Allen Royds - Signed and declared by the testator Frederick Charles Allen Royds as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who in dispresence at his request and in the presence of each other at the same time have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses - W. Clark Junr - W. J. Rogers; Mr. Vethery.

Proved

at London 24th April 1863 by the oath of Frances Paul Royds Widow the said sole executrix to whom commission was granted.

Will of Frederick Charles Allen Royds

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This is the last Will and Testament of me
Mary Anne Entwistle of Marlborough Grange near Cambridge
in the County of Glamorgan Widow of Hugh Robert Entwistle late of
the same place Esquire I give and bequeath the following pecuniary
legacies. That is to say; To my Nephew Francis Coulman Reynolds
One hundred Pounds; To my Nephew Arthur Reynolds One hundred
Pounds; To my Nephew Charles Trumble Reynolds One hundred Pounds;
To my Nephew Sathaniel Reynolds One hundred Pounds; To my
Nephew Colin Glineaim Campbell One hundred Pounds; To my
Nephew Walter Moncrieff Chripland Campbell One hundred Pounds;
and to my Cousin Charles Smith One hundred Pounds. All
the residue of my personal Estate I give and bequeath to my brother
The Reverend Charles Smith Reynolds, Rector of Haughton in the
County of Stafford, absolutely, if he shall survive me, but in the event
of his decease in my life time, I give and bequeath the same between
such of his children as shall be living at the time of my death in
equal shares. I appoint George Montgomery Traherne of Saint Hilary
near Cambridge aforesaid, Esquire, and Sir Alexander Entwistle
Kawray, Barronet, of Kalmain Executors of this my Will. IN
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this Sixth
day of July one thousand eight hundred and twenty five

Witness my hand and seal this Sixth day of July 1825
Mary Anne Entwistle
Witness my hand and seal this Sixth day of July 1825
George Montgomery Traherne
Witness my hand and seal this Sixth day of July 1825
Alexander Entwistle

Signed by the said Mary Anne Entwistle
the Testatrix as and for her last Will
and Testament in the presence of us
both being present at the same time
and we in her presence at her request
and in the presence of each other
have hereunto subscribed our names
as Witnesses

Mary Anne Entwistle

John Stockwood, Cambridge, Solicitor

Stockwood, Cambridge

Wick to Mr. Stockwood.

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Entwisle memorials in Llanblethian church –

In memory of Robert Entwisle, Lt Col of the 2nd Royal Lancashire Militia. He was the third son of John Entwisle Esq. of Foxholes in the County Palatine of Lancaster and died at Crossways after much suffering, 17th June 1847 aged 59. Sincerely beloved and respected.

Also Hugh Robert, 2nd son of the above John Entwisle, a deputy Lieutenant and a JP for the county of Glamorgan, Commander in the Royal Navy, promoted as Lieutenant and received a medal for his services after the battle of Trafalgar. He died at Marlborough Grange on December 28th 1867 aged 82.

Also Mary Anne, wife of Hugh Robert Entwisle, daughter of James Royds Esq. of Falinge, Rochdale, August 23rd 1878 aged 85.

Also Margaret, youngest daughter of John Entwisle, who died at Llanblethian October 10th 1870 aged 70.

My Grandmother

Plaque in

re Ellen Entwistle

THIS TABLET IS CONSECRATED TO THE MEMORY OF
ELLEN ENTWISLE,
THE ELDEST DAUGHTER OF HUGH LYLE, ESQ. OF COLERAINE, IN THE KINGDOM OF IRELAND,
AND DURING THIRTY-ONE YEARS THE AFFECTIONATE WIFE OF
JOHN ENTWISLE, ESQ. OF FOXHOLES HALL, IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER.
BY HIM, SHE HAD ELEVEN CHILDREN, NINE OF WHOM, WITH THEIR FATHER,
SURVIVE TO CHERISH HER MEMORY, AND MOURN HER LOSS.
HER LIFE WAS MARKED BY STEDFAST OBEDIENCE TO THE PRECEPTS OF RELIGION,
AND BY A CORRECT PERFORMANCE OF EVERY SOCIAL DUTY.
AFTER AN ILLNESS, PAINFUL IN ITS NATURE AND PROTRACTED IN ITS DURATION,
BUT SUPPORTED WITH THAT FIRMNESS
WHICH THE COURAGE OF FAITH AND THE JOYFULNESS OF HOPE CAN ALONE INSPIRE.
SHE DIED AT REMPSTONE LODGE, IN THIS PARISH,
THE 3d OF MAY, 1813, AGED 58 YEARS.

" BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD."

PLAQUE IN REMPSTONE
CHURCH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE



Thomas Boydell of Grocenhill
1764 - 1819



Lt. Robert William Royds, 1st Regiment Foot.
In the uniform of a volunteer
1858-1860
Lt. Robert William Royds

quently from an early hour in the forenoon until late in the evening. In the discharge of these arduous and important duties, Lord Walsingham, during an interval rather exceeding twenty years, acquitted himself with the greatest credit and honour, and in a way to the perfect satisfaction of the various descriptions of individuals and parties concerned. The annual vote of re-appointment was always unanimous, and accompanied, more or less, with laudatory observations on the excellent conduct of the Noble Chairman, by more than one of their Lordships.

The deportment and manners of Lord Walsingham were courteous, gentlemanly, and affable, calculated to conciliate the esteem and good-will of all those with whom he had communication. In consequence of a paralytic affection, with which he was afflicted about two years since, his Lordship resigned his situation as Chairman of the Committees; his health was never afterwards re-established, nor was he able to attend in his place as a Peer; and in consideration of his long, faithful, and important services, their Lordships concurred, almost by acclamation, in a Bill for enabling the Crown to settle a pension of 2000*l* per annum on Lord Walsingham, with a moiety thereof in reversion, we believe, during the lives of his lady and daughters. His Lordship for several years held the office of Comptroller of the First-fruits and Tenths.

Lord Walsingham married, in 1772, the Hon. Augusta Irby, sister of the present Lord Boston, by whom he had George, now Lord Walsingham, born in June, 1776, a Lieut.-General in the army; and the Hon. Rev. Thomas De Grey, a dignitary of the church, and son-in-law of the Lord Bishop of Winchester; and also two daughters.

✱ JOHN ENTWISLE, Esq.

Dec. 16. Died, at Cadoxton-lodge, Glamorganshire, John Entwisle, esq. of Foxholes, in the county of Lancaster. This gentleman was the eldest son of John Markland, esq. of Ardwick (whose death, in 1799, at the venerable age of 83, was recorded in our Obituary Vol. LXIX, page 86), and was born on the 20th August, 1744, O. S. Becoming possessed in 1787 of the patrimonial estate of the Entwistles (which he inherited as the great-grandson of Bertie Entwisle, Esq. Vice-Chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancaster), he assumed the name and arms of that ancient and respectable family, and on fixing his residence at Foxholes near Rochdale, he rebuilt the mansion-house, and by many judicious improvements rendered the seat of his ancestors one of the most desirable in that part of Lancashire. Here, by acts of public utility, by the influence

of good example, the exercise of genuine hospitality, and of well-directed benevolence, he fulfilled the duties, and maintained the respectability of an English country-gentleman. Surrounded by a trading and most populous district, where a spirit of turbulence and insubordination frequently prevails, he laboured assiduously, for more than twenty years, in discharging the heavy and responsible functions of a magistrate for the counties of Lancaster and Chester, and the West Riding of Yorkshire, with a probity, uprightness, and impartiality, most honourable to his principles and character. Mr. E. was also a Deputy-Lieutenant for Lancashire, and served the office of High-Sheriff of that county in the year 1798. As a man he claimed general respect and esteem—he was humane, friendly, and sincere; prompt in the forgiveness of injuries, and, wherever his voice and influence extended, zealous to promote peace and unanimity. Nor were these, occasional qualities only: they were deeply implanted in his breast, and never slumbered, when either public duty or private friendship called for their exertion. Whilst tolerant to the opinions of others, he cherished through life an habitual reverence for, and a firm and conscientious attachment to the civil and ecclesiastical establishments of his country; and viewed with regret those disorganizing attempts of later days, which, under the mask of reform, would wean the publick from their allegiance, and promote confusion, where God has commanded order. Advancing age and declining health prompted Mr. E. a few years ago to seek a milder climate, and, in despite of every tie that bound him to it, to leave a favourite residence, the privacy and retirement of which, various circumstances had recently conspired to lessen. But in that neighbourhood his active services, and the virtues that adorned his life will long be held in veneration; and as no human being can claim exemption from error, let those infirmities that shaded his character be judged with the same indulgence which he was ever prompt to extend to the heavier frailties of others.

BARON THOMSON.

The following character of this distinguished person is extracted from the *Taunton Courier*, April 24, 1817:

The Right Hon. Sir Alexander Thomson, Lord Chief Baron of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer, as a lawyer, a scholar, and a gentleman, had few equals. He possessed the most refined taste, in the purest simplicity. He had a clear, vigorous, and comprehensive understanding, and a mind deeply imbued with elegant and useful knowledge. The urbanity of

Where faint'd Edmond sleeps,
(While o'er his tomb Oblivion creeps),
On the neighbouring martial land *,
See Savile lead th' Eboric band †,
Hark I whence the martial shouts arise,
To Warley's tented field turn thau' thine
aid-nt eyes,

Where the thundering cannons ‡ make
The fiercest oaks of Brentwood shake!
Look down once more—behold again!
On fam'd Wintonia's † chalky plain,
Where yonder royal † ruin lies,
And Gothic towers obscurely rise,
Where plenty smiles 'mid waving corn,
On fruitful meads luxuriant crops are
borne,

And fleecy flocks the neighbouring hills
Behold! conspicuous in the line,
Where Dorset, Rivers, Berkeley, Paget,
shine!

Where squarons move in armour bright;
With mingled beauties please thy sight,
A various prospect, wide and far,
Riches of peace and images of war!

(To be continued.)

SENT, WITH A POCKET GLOBE, TO A
YOUNG GENTLEMAN GOING ON-
BOARD THE AMETHYST MAN-OF-
WAR.

TO England ere you hid alien,
My friend and sailor, gallant Hugh,
Proud to exchange, at Honour's call,
Your cricket for a cannon-ball,
This globe accept—so like, we know,
One whil'd fix thousand years ago,
By Him whose fiat rules the tide,
And bids our fleets in triumph ride!
Who smote the French by valiant Howe,
And crown'd with laurel Duncan's brow,
Bade Jervis Spain's armada foil,
Bade Nelson thunder at the Nile,
Bade England humble Gallec pride,
That scatters blood and ruin wide.

On this small Globe, exulting, see
Great Britain's empire;
Britain, our consequential speck,
Whose sailors keep the world in check;
They, who to shores of Ireland roam,
In either India are at home.
Learn, here, to study daring Drake,
There Raleigh voyaged, here fought
Blake;

* The camp in the neighbourhood of
St. Edmundsbury, in the county of Suffolk.

† The Yorkshire militia, so called from
Eboracum, the Roman name for York.

‡ In allusion to the camp of Warley
common, near Brentwood, in the county
of Essex, remarkable for a fine park of
artillery.

§ The antient name of Winchester.

|| The shell of a palace built by Charles
the Second, on the ruins of an old castle,
once the seat of Saxon kings.

Contemplate Cooke's eventful story,
Or follow Anson's path to glory;
See Rodney, deck'd with flags, advance
From vanquish'd Holland, Spain, and
France!

But vain the task to number o'er
These heroes of the British shore.

And, O my Namesake! whilst you
burn

To fight and triumph in your turn,
Let nicest Honour be your guide,
Your Pole-Star, through the dangerous tide;
Then, when the trumpet of war shall blow,
And George commands to blast the foe,
Like Norman Hugo *, Ridware's lord,
With stern defiance draw your sword;
Like cross-legged Henry †, point your
rage

Where Infidels the battle wage;
Like fam'd Sir Robert ‡, win renown
In cause of Country, King, and Crown;
With brave Sir Berin § bravely vie:
They knew to conquer, or to die!
The battle gain'd—safe, amidst cannons
roar,

In the proud Amethyst approach the
There to receive the meed of valour won,
Whilst parents own, with pride, their
gallant son. H. M. C.

ON THE NATIVE VALE OF THE
AUTHOR.

LOV'D Vale! which first produc'd me
to the light, [stood unscen],
Where Derwent's streams with Cocker's
On thee Life's dawn beheld me fondly
gaze [praise—
When present, absent heard me sing thy
In thee we view, harmoniously combin'd,
Whate'er enraptures, soothes, exalts the
mind; [gay,
O'er meads with Nature's varied paintings
With flocks enrich'd, floods lead their
liv'ry way; [brow
On base high rurs'd, the Castle's || stately
Sorveys with Gothic pride the lands below;
How lively o'er the plain extended wide,

* Hugo Malveyſin, in the reign of
Henry the First, whose armed effigy re-
mains in Ridware church, Staffordshire.

† Sir Henry Malveyſin, in the reign
of Edward the First, whose cross-legged
effigy (showing he was a Crusader) still
remains.

‡ Sir Robert Malveyſin, who slew Sir
William Handſacre, and was slain him-
self, soon afterwards, (ſicut cum rege,) at
the battle of Stretwbury, in 1203.

§ Sir Berin Fitzwyllell, who distin-
guish'd himself in the wars, and was
slain at St. Albans, on the part of King
Henry the Sixth, in 1455. (LXVII. 927.)

|| Cocker-mouth caſtle. The town of
Cocker-mouth is alſo called in the third
line after this.

The

These lines published in the Gentleman and Magazines were written by Charles
 Malveyſin Esq; and published in the name of his son Hugo Malveyſin Esq; Malveyſin
 for Hugh Malveyſin or his surviving wife the Royal Society May 1799

48. In affectionate remembrance of John Gilbert Royds Esq of Malvern Lawn, who died in peace, after a few hours illness at South Molton, Somersetshire; on his return home the 11th of Sept. 1849, aged 65. Deservedly beloved and lamented by his widow and friends. His body rests in hope in the same tomb at Charlton Kings with

those of his parents. Formerly of Greenhill, County of Lancaster. Also in memory of Ellin, his wife, daughter of John Entwisle Esq., Foxholes in the same county, who died at Clifton March 14, 1827, aged 43, and is there interred.

When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in Glory.

Let me die the death of the Righteous, and let my last end be like His.

n.48. J.G.Royds (1784-1849) was the eldest of 9 children of Thomas (1764-1819) and Elizabeth Royds (1764-1822) of Greenhill, Rochdale. The Royds family was prominent in the commercial and civic life of Rochdale, a Lancashire cotton town, for several generations. Branches of the family then spread into Cheltenham, Cheshire, Essex, Staffordshire and other parts of Lancashire, as well as N.Zealand, while retaining links with Greenhill, Brownhill and Falinge (Rochdale) for many years. Many of them were Anglican clergy in the 19C. *The Pedigree of the Family of Royds* by Sir Clement Molyneux Royds begins with John del Rode (d. 1334) of Soyland & Sowerby, parish of Halifax; the family moved to Rochdale in the 17C. Thomas came to Cheltenham c.1804 but maintained links with Rochdale. Another member of the Royds family (Clement) founded one of the stock banks of Rochdale and the bank notes appeared under his signature.

The marriage of John Gilbert to Ellen Entwisle in 1804 brought together two of the leading families of Rochdale; the Entwisles were landowners and mill owners there. Ellen's father was High Sheriff of Lancashire in 1798 and one of her brothers was MP for Rochdale (cf. H. Fishwick, *The History of the Parish of Rochdale*, 1889). The trustees of the National School in Red Cross St, Rochdale included both the Entwisles and Royds. We do not know why Thomas Royds moved to Cheltenham, but since he came in the early days of Cheltenham's expansion it may have been the attraction of

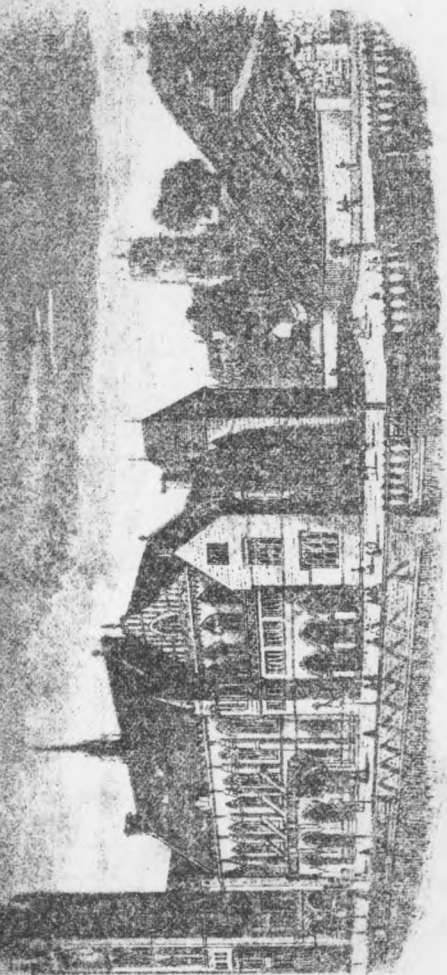
being involved in the development of a new spa town and mixing with the gentry who visited Cheltenham for the summer season. They were not to be disappointed. John Gilbert's sister, Elizabeth (1792-1864), married William Ingledeu, who had recently come to Cheltenham from service with the HEIC as a doctor and built for himself a large house, 5 Suffolk Lawn (the E side of today's Lypiatt Rd). He served as a town commissioner for Cheltenham for many years along with Robert Sherwood, another retired HEIC doctor (cf.n.57) John Gilbert Royds had two daughters, Ellen (1805-79) [m.Revd. G Traherne, 1824], and Elizabeth Margaret (1813-75), who married Major Frederick Parry in 1835. In 1841 the young Parry family, with 2 children and 4 servants, were living at Malvern Lawn (today called Drake House). The Royds, we assume, were now attending Christ Church. After Ellen's death (1827) John Gilbert married Frances Royds, his cousin, in 1843 and they moved to 2, Lansdown Cres. By 1845 John Gilbert Royds and Frances are the owners and occupants of Malvern Lawn. John Gilbert and his brother-in-law, William Ingledeu (memorial in St James), died in 1849. After John Gilbert's death Frances (1795-1880) moved to 16, Royal Pde.; she is buried at C.Kings with John Gilbert and his parents. Col. Young purchased Malvern Lawn in 1861 and lived there until his death in 1882.

Meanwhile other members of the Royds family were cementing relationships with other well-to-do families. Harriet Royds of Mount Falinge Rochdale had married Colin Campbell (later Admiral) of Ardpatrik, 16 June 1827 at St Mary's, Cheltenham. On Dec 20 1859 the Revd. Charles Royds Rector of Haughton Staffs married Michael Hughes of Sherdley Hall, Lancs to Ellinor Mary, only daughter of the late Vice Admiral Campbell of Ardpatrik, Argyll.

John Gilbert's brother, Lt Col. William Royds (b 1789), who lived at 4, St Margaret's Tce in 1840, at Prestbury in 1841, and 32 Montpellier Villas in 1843, died in 1858, the year before his daughter Adelaide Georgianna (b 1831, Frankfurt)

married James Oldham at the recently built St Luke's, Cheltenham. His memorial is in St Philip & St James.

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THE TOWN HALL, ROCHDALE

ROCHDALE PAST AND PRESENT

A
HISTORY AND GUIDE

BY
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REPORTER.

(Former Rochdale Correspondent.)

“Go, little book, from this my solitude!
I cast thee on the waters—go thy ways!
And if, as I believe, thy vein be good,
The world will find thee after many days.”

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THE ENTWISLE FAMILY,

OF FOXHOLES.

The Entwises, of Foxholes, appear to have been originally seated at Entwisle Hall, in the parish of Bolton. They are, undoubtedly, a very ancient and honourable family; and they have always been held in the highest esteem, both in the parish of Rochdale and in other parts of Lancashire. In the Parish Church of St. Chad's we find, in the chancel, a marble monument, erected in 1807, by John Entwisle, Esq., inscribed as follows:—
“To perpetuate a memorial erected in the church of St. Peter, at St. Albans (perished by time) this marble is here placed to the memory of a gallant and loyal man, Sir Bertine Entwisle, Knight, Viscount and Baron of Brybeke, in Normandy, and sometime Bailiffe of Constantine, in which office he succeeded his father-in-law, Sir John Ashton, whose daughter first married Sir Richard le Byron, an ancestor of the Lord Byrons, Barons of Rochdale; and, secondly, Sir Bertine Entwisle, who, after repeated acts of valour in the service of his sovereigns, Henry the 5th and 6th, more particularly at Agincourt, was killed in the first battle at St. Albans, and on his tombstone was recorded, in

brass, the following inscription:—“Here lyeth Sir Bertin Entwisle, knight, who was born in Lancastershyre, and was Viscount and Baron of Brybeke, in Normandy, and Bailiffe of Constantine, who died fighting on King Henry the Sixth party, the 27th May, 1455. On whose sowl Jesus have mercy.”

Of the above-named Sir Bertine Entwisle, we find in Roby's “Traditions of Lancashire,” a ballad relating to him, wherein he is described as having gone forth to “fight for England's weal,” and mentions “his might at Agincourt.” He may not disregard the summons of his king, who is in jeopardy, although his lady and his daughter, in tears, endeavour to dissuade him from going to the battle-field. Evil omens are observed after the departure of Sir Bertine, which seem to show that some calamity has happened to the right, trusty, and valereus knight; when at length

“An armed footstep on the stair
Clanked heavily and slow.”

The “evil messenger” enters, and is told to show his biddings to the dame and her daughter; but the “aged man” vouchsafed neither look nor word. He is asked by the lady and charged “by the rood” to say what he brings, when

“He drew a signet from his hand,
’Twas speckled o'er with blood;
Thy husband's grave is deep and wide:
In St. Alban's priory his body lies;
But on his soul Christ Jesu have mercy.”

The ancient mansion of the Entwisles, at Foxholes, has been held by the family for several centuries past;

and the present propriator of the estates is the youthful son of the late owner, John Smith Entwisle, Esq., who died, after a short illness, a few years ago. The property of the Entwisles is situate in the township of Hundersfield, in this parish, and is very extensive and valuable. The late owner was a gentleman of a kind and genial disposition, fond of field sports, and was active and lively in his habits. He was, like many of his predecessors, a staunch and consistent Conservative. In late years he took an active part in politics; and at the time of his death he was the head of the Tory party in the borough. His father, the late John Entwisle, was member for the borough from 1835 to 1837; and his brother-in-law, Sir Alexander Ramsay, Baronet, has also represented the borough in Parliament; but Mr. John Smith Entwisle never sought to win the good graces of the electors on his own behalf. His father was High-Sheriff of Lancashire in 1824, and his departure to meet the judges at Lancaster, in discharge of his duties, was the occasion of a very imposing and effective public display. The death of the late Mr. Entwisle was quite unexpected at the time of its occurrence, and occasioned very great regret on the part of both Conservatives and Liberals. As the representative of an ancient family he was generally much respected, and his death rudely tore asunder the kindly relations which always existed between himself and the inhabitants of Rochdale. His name stands in honourable connection with the New Church at Hamer for which he generously gave the site, as well as contributing largely to the building fund.

Mr. John Entwisle, the father of the latter-named

gentleman, contested the Borough of Rochdale on the passing of the Reform Act in 1832. He was opposed on that occasion by Mr. John Fenton and by Mr. James Taylor, the election resulting in the return of Mr. Fenton. The numbers were:—Fenton, 277; Entwisle, 246; Taylor, 109. Nothing daunted by his defeat, Mr. Entwisle was again in the field as a candidate for Parliamentary honours, and on the 6th June, 1835, he was returned by a majority of 43 votes over his previously successful opponent, the numbers being:—Entwisle, 369, and Fenton, 326. Mr. Entwisle occupied his high position as member for Rochdale until his death, in April, 1837, when Mr. John Fenton was again elected, Mr. Clement Royds being the unsuccessful candidate.

The Entwisle family has had the honour of filling the great office of High Sheriff of the County of Lancaster on three separate occasions, namely, in 1798 (John Entwisle, Esq.); 1824, as before-mentioned; and, lastly, in 1849, when Mr. John Smith Entwisle was chosen by the Crown to discharge the functions of that much-coveted and honourable post.

THE ROYDS FAMILY.

“SEMPER PARATUS.”

Brown Hill, an ancient pile of buildings, is situated in the hamlet of Falinge, in Spotland, and was formerly the residence of Albert Hudson Royds, Esq., J.P., D.L.; afterwards, of H. H. Fishwick, Esq.; and it is now occupied by Edmund Albert Nuttall Royds, Esq., the second son of Albert Hudson Royds, Esq. Brown Hill is pleasantly situated, and commands a fine view of some parts of the adjoining country. It lies rather low

down, and thus does not appear so much to advantage as does the not-distant mansion of Mount Falinge. The latter place was built by the late James Royds, Esq., D.L., and is now occupied by John Robinson, Esq., J.P.; it has been the residence, successively, of James Royds, Esq.; Clement Royds, Esq., J.P., D.L.; and Albert Hudson Royds, Esq. The mansion of Falinge is very pleasantly situated on high, cultivated land, surrounded by stately trees, and has a handsome appearance. Green Hill is nearly opposite to Mount Falinge, and is of more ancient date than Brown Hill. It was formerly the residence of Clement Royds, Esq., subsequently of his third son, William Edward Royds, Esq.; and now of Clement M. Royds, Esq. (the eldest son of the latter), who is a banker, and a county and borough magistrate. Green Hill is a fine brick edifice, and is agreeably situated on flat meadow land. It is on a field in front of the hall, by the kind permission of Mr. C. M. Royds, that the Rochdale Agricultural Society holds its annual exhibition, and the readiness with which this gentleman thus places his grounds at the disposal of the committee for this purpose is a sufficient proof of the great interest which he takes in this important yearly show, and of his desire that the public should be well accommodated. It appears that the family of the Royds' originally came from Yorkshire, and settled at Marled Earth, near Wardlefold, in the year 1600. In the will of John Royds, of Marled Earth (born 1678), he is described as a cloth maker. From that time to the year 1827 the family appears to have been intimately connected with the woollen trade, and carried on an extensive business. In

the year 1827 Clement Royds, Esq., bought the present banking business of "Clement Royds and Company" from Messrs. Rawson, who had previously carried on business in Rochdale. For generations many members of the family have been magistrates, and several of them deputy-lieutenants. A district and a village in Yorkshire are named after the Royds'. The present head of the family is Mr. A. H. Royds, formerly of Mount Falinge. He is a J.P. and Deputy-Lieutenant for Worcestershire, and has filled the dignified office of High Sheriff of that County.

Mr. Clement Royds, the father of the last-named gentleman, was the son of James Royds, Esq., and from the year 1830 up to the time of his death, in 1854, he was an active, able, and energetic county magistrate. He was most regular and attentive to his magisterial duties, and his presence on the bench was always looked upon with satisfaction, as his great experience enabled him to discharge his official duties with efficiency and complete impartiality. He was a strong ally of the Conservative cause in the borough, and even presented himself as a candidate for the representation, but was unsuccessful. In 1850 he was appointed High Sheriff of Lancashire; and the 21st of March, in that year, was an eventful day in Rochdale, on the occasion of the High Sheriff's departure to meet the judges at Lancaster. A very imposing and attractive procession was formed, consisting of the public authorities, and of many friendly and other societies, together with a large number of the gentry and inhabitants of the town. There was a grand display of fireworks on the New Wall and in the Butts in the evening, a balloon was

sent up, and the day was set apart as a general holiday, so as to afford all classes an opportunity of doing honour to the occasion, and as a mark of respect to the worthy High Sheriff. An ox was roasted whole and distributed, and unrestrained rejoicing was the order of the day. "Sheriff-street," in Spotland-road, takes its name from the fact that in the year mentioned, Mr. Clement Royds was Sheriff of the County.

Mr. Clement Molyneux Royds was appointed a County Magistrate in September, 1866; and he was placed on the Borough List of Magistrates immediately on the Borough Bench being formed. The family of the Royds' are much and deservedly respected; and the munificence and liberality of Mr. A. H. Royds have been recently conspicuously displayed in the erection, at his own cost, of the Church of St. Edmund's, in Spotland-road, which is particularly noticed in the preceding pages.

Oakenrod Hall is an ancient edifice, and was formerly the residence of the Gartside, of Gartside. More recently it was the abode of two maiden ladies of the ancient family of the Butterworths, of Butterworth. In 1828 it had passed into the hands of the late James Royds, Esq. The ancient grandeur of the place has departed; and, like many other old mansions in various parts of the parish, it is, at present, occupied as cottage dwellings. The hall, farm, and other contiguous property, and much of the land in the immediate neighbourhood, form part of the possessions of Mr. A. H. Royds, the son and heir of Mr. Clement Royds, by whom they were inherited from his father, James Royds, Esq.

It will be seen on reference to our notice of St. Clement's Church, Spotland, that the land for that sacred edifice was the gift of Mr. Clement Royds; another proof, if such were wanting, of the spirit of liberality which characterises the family.

It is a singular circumstance, and worthy of record here, that for two successive years, viz., 1849 and 1850, the High Sheriff of Lancashire should have been chosen from the town of Rochdale; the late Mr. John Smith Entwisle, of Foxholes, in 1849; and Mr. Clement Royds, of Mount Falinge, in 1850.

Llanblethian, Saturday evening

My dearest Jane,

I am truly thankful to hear that you are so completely recovered from your late severe indisposition and that my dear Clement is also pretty well restored to health indeed I fear you have both been very poorly, but I hope you may now enjoy the new year and

it will please God to continue many happy returns to you for all our sakes for we can ill afford to spare either of you the love we are daily making progress and years pass rapidly on You shall have my best wishes on the

Give my best love to all your (babys) and you, who I hope are quite well in every quarter and

For I cannot write at present, that I hear nothing more of the Brighton plan but have not forgotten they are to come this way though I am I would rather see them in finer weather for the country is such a complete swamp and everything is so foggy and disagreeable that they would find little pleasure in being here, however we shall be glad to see them when they fix to move.

I think I hope she is growing strong and taking great care of herself. I have taken the opportunity of sending 3 notes by Mr Harding who himself called and offered to be useful/ my one to Janey is urging him to go at once

To Mrs Clement Royds from presumably one of the family in Llanblethian, possibly Mary Entwistle (nee Royds), wife of Hugh Entwistle, Marlborough Grange.

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*Reverend and Worshipful Benjamin Hall Clerk Doctor in Divinity,
Vicar General and Official principal of the Right Reverend Father in God
Herbert by divine permission Lord Bishop of Landaff*
TO the ~~Doctor of Laws, Master Keeper, or, Commissary of the Prerogative Court of~~
~~Canterbury,~~ his Surrogate, or other Competent Judge, I *James Archer*

lawful Surrogate of the Reverend & Worshipful Thomas Parkinson, Doctor in Divinity,
Vicar General and Official Principal of the Right Reverend Father in God, *George Henry*
- - - by Divine Permission Lord Bishop of CHESTER, send Greeting, with all due
Respect. I hereby certify and make known unto you that upon *Monday* the
month Day of *February* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and *eighteen* - appeared personally *John Entwisle the younger one*
of the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of John
Entwisle late of Foxholes in the Parish of Rochdale in the County
of Lancaster and of Cadostone near Neath in the County of Glamorgan Esquire

deceased, and presented unto me the Requisition annexed, and prayed that in aid of the
Law I would take upon me the Execution thereof, at whose Petition having first viewed
the said Requisition I decreed the same to be executed, and did then immediately adminis-
ter unto the said *John Entwisle the younger* - - - " - - - "

laying *his* - Right Hand on the Holy Gospels, the very Oath at the foot of the
said Requisition *and also to the truth of a certain Affidavit thereto* -
annexed - - - " - - - " - - - " - - - " - - - "

which being done I decreed your said Letters of Request to be transmitted unto you; and
in greater Testimony of the Premises have caused the Seal of the Office of the Vicar Gene-
ral aforesaid to be put to these Presents, & have subscribed my Name thereto.

W. Ward Depy

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Will of Jn
Markland
Entwistle
1818



In the Name of God Amen
I John Entwistle the elder of Foxholes in
the Parish of Rochdale in the County of Lancaster
and occasionally resident at Totteridge in the
County of Hertford Esquire Do make sign and
publish this my last Will and Testament in
manner following (that is to say) First I direct
that my earthly remains be laid in the Grave
with those of my dear deceased wife in the
Parish Church of Rempstone in the County
of Nottingham and that my Funeral be
conducted with all practicable privacy and
economy and I desire that the same may take
place as early in the morning as the season of
the year will admit And I do hereby direct
that my Executors hereinafter named shall have