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AND OTHER
MEMOIRS

Concerning the FAMILY of
L O R A I N E,
OF

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NORTHUMBERLAND;

WITH
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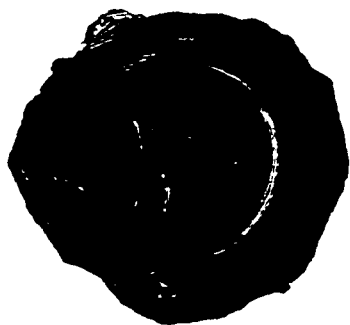
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An Account of the Genea-
logy of the Family
of Lorraine.



TO
WILLIAM LORAINÉ, ESQUIRE,
OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
A LINEAL DESCENDANT OF THE ANTIENÉ AND
HONOURABLE FAMILY OF WHICH THE
PRESENT TRACT GIVES AN OLD GENEALOGICAL ACCOUNT,
IS DEDICATED BY THE EDITOR.



Such account of the ancient and honourable family of Loraine of Kirkharle as Collins gave, was printed, with some alterations, in four pages folio, with this title: "A short account of the genealogy and other memoirs concerning the family of Loraine, sometimes antiently written Lorein, of Kirkharle-tower, in the county of Northumberland, anno Domini, m.d.cccij:" which account was reprinted in the same size, and again in mdcxvi in twenty pages octavo. It is from this latter edition, now grown very scarce, that we have made our present reprint, as it presents a highly curious narrative pedigree of the race, seemingly derived from an inspection of the family muniments, and that probably, by a lawyer whose name, however, we have been unable to discover.

The copy whence our reprint is derived was kindly placed in our hands by Thomas Burnet, esq., but an erasure had been made at the termination of the paragraph relating to the election of Sir William Loraine, as representative in Parliament for the county of Northumberland in mdcx (see p. xviij, line 1). Since printing off our copy, thus imperfect, we have fallen in with another copy of the tract, and are now enabled to give the paragraph entire thus:

"He was chosen a member of the House of Commons for the said county, in the reign of King William, purely by the Vote of his Country, and the favour of the Duke of Somerset."

The Journals of the House of Commons inform us that Bertram Stote, esq. who was a third candidate at that election, complaining,

by a petition to the House, viz January, mdcclij, that many unqualified persons were permitted to poll against him, and that Mr. Loraine, by illegal practices of himself and agents, and also of the high-sheriff, was unduly returned; the petition was referred to the committee of privilege and elections, and Mr. Loraine declared unduly elected.

G. A. R. at Newcastle,
this 7th of July,
mdccclxiiij.



AN
A C C O U N T
OF THE
GENEALOGY, *and other* Memoirs,
CONCERNING

The Family of *LORAINÉ*, of *Kirkharle-Tower*, in the County of *Northumberland* ;
with REMARKS upon some others, (*obiter*)
Anno Dom. 1738.



Robert, the first of this Family in *England*, came an Officer in the Army of *William* the Conqueror, who, for his Service in that Expedition, and after in the sixth Year of the Reign of his Son *William* II. against *Malcolm* King of *Scots*, (a valiant Prince) whom the *English* Rebels in the North join'd in his Excursion into *Northumberland*,

whereby many Estates in that County and *Durham* were forfeited to the Crown, was rewarded with several Hides of Land in *Ufferton, East, Middle and West Harrington*; with free Fishings in *Aqua de Were*, to him and his Heirs for ever, to be holden in Knights Service :

Where he settled himself and Family, and whose Descendants intermarried with some of the ancient and chief Families of the Gentry in that County.

He was (as well as a Soldier) a considerable Scholar for that age; as recorded in *Baker's Chronicle*, amongst the Men of Note in that Reign, for epitomizing the Chronicle of *Marianus Scotus*.

He lived in the said County of *Durham* till the Reign of Henry V. about which Time there was one *William del-Strother*, presum'd of the Natives and ancient Inhabitants of the County of *Northumberland*, who was a Man of great Power and Possessions, and had his chief Seat and Mansion-house at *Kirkharle-Tower* in the said County, distant fourteen miles from *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*; situate upon the Bank, and over-looking a spacious Lake; surrounded with Timber and Under-wood; interspersed with Apertures, Lawns and Savanas; cloathed with the finest Herbage :

Which *William Del-Strother* died without Issue-male, leaving only three Daughters, viz. *Johanna*,

Alicia, and *Maria*, to whom all his Estate descended; who, out of their Piety and Devotion, at their joint Expence, repair'd the Church of *Kirkharle*, then under a Decay; standing from their Father's House about a Furlong:

Which *Johanna*, eldest Daughtetr and Co-heir of the said *Strother*, *William Loraine*, Heir of this Family, married, having then a considerable Estate in the County of *Durham*: By whom he had Issue Sons and Daughters.

Alicia, the second Daughter and Co-heir, married one *John Nicholson* in the County of *Northumberland*.

John Fenwick, of *Fenwick-Tower* in *Northumberland*, married *Maria*, the third Daughter and Co-heir of the said *Strother*; who with their three Wives, enjoy'd all the said Estate, in common and undivided, till the said *Nicholson*, with his wife and Son, released all their Right and Title to the Father's Estate to *Loraine* and *Fenwick*; in consideration of having for their Share thereof the Manor of *Babington*, alias *Bavington*, *cum membris*; whereof *Thockrington* is specially nam'd.

Note, *It is presum'd, the Shaftoes got the said Manor of Babington by a Match with the Heiress of the Nicholsons; because no mention is made of that Family after.*

Whereupon *Loraine* and *Fenwick* made a Partition

of the rest of the Estate betwixt them, whereby the *Tower* (being the chief Seat of the said *Strother*) the Manor, and Lordship of *Kirkharle*, with the Advowson of the Church, was allotted to *Johanna* (in Preference to the eldest Co-heir) with about nineteen Hundred Acres of arable Land (except about two Hundred thereof rocky, moorish, or marshy) with the Members thereof, *viz.* the said Tower, Township and Village of *Kirkharle*, *Great-law*, &c. all situate on the South-side of the River *Wansbeck*.

And *John Fenwick* had the other half of the Estate for his Part, *cum membris, viz.* the Tower, Manor and Lordship of *Wallington*, *Sweethop*, *Harwick*, *Crookden*, &c. lying mostly on the North-side of the said River.

Note, The Ancestors of the Strothers got the Estate of Wallington with Johanna the sole Heir, and Daughter of Robert de Wallington East, and Wallington West; (as express'd in the ancient Deeds).

After which Marriage, the said *William Loraine* removed out of the County of *Durham*, with his Family, to his Wife's Estate at *Kirkharle* aforesaid; whose Posterity intermarried with several of the reputable and ancient Families of both the said Counties, who, by the prudent Management of their Affairs, acquired other Estates there; some of Lands of In-

heritance, Coal-mines ; others consisting of Chattels, Ecclesiastical Leases, &c. Being in their respective Generations generally Men of Learning, Virtue and Sobriety.

EDWARD succeeded, who married *Elizabeth*, the Daughter of *John Harding* of *Hallinside* in the County of *Durham*, Esq ; By whom he had several Children, and died the End of the Reign of *Richard III*.

ROBERT came in by Descent, and was so zealous a Prosecutor of Robbers, Thieves, and Moss-troopers, (called the *Border-service*) that he kept a certain Number of Horses and Arms always ready, suitable to his Estate : As others of the chiefest Families in the Neighbourhood did ; as *Fenwick* of *Wallington*, *Swinburne* of *Capheaton*, *Middleton* of *Belsay*, *Shaftoe* of *Babington*, &c. to pursue the same, upon all Occasions of theirs and the *Scots* Excursions and Depredations into *Northumberland*.

For which Service to his Country, they conceived such a Malice to him, that a Party of them lay in Ambush, between his House and the Church (where he frequently resorted for his private Devotions) and in his Return home, suddenly surprised and dragg'd him into an adjacent Close, where they barbarously murdered him.

In memory whereof, his Successor set up a great Stone in the Place, which the present Gentleman

finding defac'd, and broken down, erected a new one in its Place, engraven with the same Account.

This unfortunate Gentleman about the fourteenth of *Henry VIII.* married *Margaret* Daughter of *Robert Bowes* of the Bishoprick of *Durham*, Esq; and had Issue Sons and Daughters.

WILLIAM succeeded, and married *Agnes*, a Daughter of Sir *William Waters* of the County of *York*, Knight; who became a Widow, and married *John Lisle* of *Acton* in *Northumberland*, Esq; By which *Agnes*, the said *William* had Issue one Son and two Daughters, *Thomas*, *Ursilla* and *Dorothy*; which *Dorothy* married *Thomas Ogle* of *Kirkley* in *Northumberland*, Esq;.

THOMAS came in by Descent, and married *Thomasin*, eldest Daughter of *Thomas Walter* of *Whitwell* in the County of *Durham*, Gentleman; and died the fifteenth of *Jacobi Regis*, leaving two Sons, *Thomas* and *William*, Infants: Whose Widow married *John Hylton* in the County of *Durham*, Esq;.

THOMAS succeeded, and married *Elizabeth*, Widow and Relict of *Thomas Bewick* of *Close-house* in *Northumberland*, Esq; By whom he had Issue only one Son, called *Thomas*.

The said *Thomas* the Father, out of his Piety, finding the slated Roof of the Quire of *Kirkharle* Church fallen into Decay, took it down, and timber'd it a-new

with *Irish* Oak, and cover'd it with Lead ; all at his own charge : And some Time after prevail'd with the Parishoners to take down the slated Roof of the Church, and timber'd it with Oak, and cover'd the same with Lead also.

He was likewise so great a Lover of Learning (though then the sole male Heir of his Family) that he continued with that learned Gentleman, Mr. *Mede* of *Christs-College, Cambridge*, in Pursuit thereof, that he was reputed as great a Proficient in the *Latin, Greek* and *Hebrew* Tongues, as any Layman in that University.

He was so loyal and serviceable to the King (as his Ancestors had been) that a Party of *Oliver's* Soldiers burnt a small Seat-house of his, and seven or eight more belonging to it, to the Ground in *Ufferton* aforesaid.

His great Learning and Endowments brought him into so great an Esteem and Familiarity with *Cozens*, then Bishop of *Durham*, that he stood God-father to his said Son *Thomas*, to whom he gave a handsome Present of a Silver Censer upon that Occasion.

He was a proper Person, and of a comely Aspect ; a virtuous, sober, honest Man. He lived and died of a Fever in *Newcastle upon Tyne*, in the thirty fifth Year of his Age, to the great Grief and Loss of his Family and Relations, and Regret of his Acquaintance, and

was interred in the South Isle of *St. Nicolas's Church*, next the *Maddison's Monument*, under a large Marble Stone, with a Brass Plate, and his Character engraven upon it (which being torn up and stol'n) the present Gentleman put a new one upon it, engraven with the same Character.

His Wife died some Years after, and was buried next to him in the same Place (who being the last surviving Person of the *Maddison's Family*) the Right of the said Monument and Burying-place devolved upon the *Lorraine's Family*.

THOMAS his Son succeeded, who married *Grace*, (a comely, prudent and careful Woman) the eldest Daughter of Sir *William Fenwick* of *Walmington* in the County of *Northumberland*, Baronet, who was the eldest Son of *Grace Lorraine* of this Family (reputed a Beauty) second Wife of Sir *John* his Father, [for this *vide* the *Fenwick's Pedigree*.] who brought him Issue fourteen Sons and five Daughters.

He was created Baronet the twenty-sixth Year of King *Charles II.* and died *January 1717*, aged near Eighty, and was interr'd in the Chancel of *Kirkharle Church*.

WILLIAM his first born Son, the present Gentleman, succeeded, and was educated to the Law at *Lincoln's-Inn*, where he took his Degree of Barrister, and practised the same for several Years, till the

Affairs of his Family required his Presence at home to attend the same.

He married two Wives; the first *Elizabeth*, one of the Daughters of Sir *John Lawrence*, Knight and Alderman of the City of *London*, (Lord Mayor in the *Sickness Year* call'd) who died in three Years, leaving him no Issue.

His second Wife was *Anne*, only Daughter of *Richard Smith* of *Preston* in the County of *Bucks*, Esq; and Sister to *Richard Smith* of *Enderby* in the County of *Leicester*, Esq; who followed King *Charles II.* Beyond Sea all the Time of his Misfortunes and Exile; and returned with him at his Restoration, was made Clerk of the Cheque: In which Place he behaved himself so well, that he was continued therein till his Death.

By whose Daughter, now living, he had Issue five Sons and four Daughters; whereof there are now living two Sons and two Daughters.

His Daughter *Grace* was married to *Forster Charlerton* of *Lee-hall* in the County of *Northumberland*, Gentleman; who died leaving him Issue three Sons and one Daughter.

He married *Charles* his younger Son to Miss *Margaret Lambton*, sister to *Henry Lambton* in the County of *Durham*, Esq;.

He was made Justice of Peace for *Northumberland*

in the Reign of *William* and *Mary*, and hath been continued so, through all the Reigns since, to the present.

He was made a Deputy-Lieutenant there, by *Richard* Earl of *Scarborough*, in the eighth Year of King *William* III. which was renewed by the same Earl the first of Queen *Anne*.

He was chosen a Member of the House of Commons for the said County in the Reign of King *William*, purely by the Love of his Country.

He is competent in Judgment, of Architecture and Physick, exemplary in Planting and Inclosure; having from the Year 1694 to 1738 *inclusive*, planted of Forest-Trees Twenty four thousand, and of Quick-Sets above Four hundred and eighty eight thousand; and being skilful in the Fruit-Garden, planted of Fruit-Trees Five hundred and eighty.

Who by his various Industry besides; as dividing the Grounds, building new Farms upon them, draining Morasses, clearing the Lands of ponderous, massy and hard Stones, to prepare them for Tillage; By which Means (with the Assistance of his Wives Portions) he hath redeemed a good Part of his Estate, adding some others to it of his own Purchase. By struggling with, and the assiduous Application of above fifty Years, he hath reduced his Family to pretty easy Circumstances, from difficult and numerous Troubles and Incumbrances.

He pav'd with Free-Stone all the Quire of *Kirk-harle* Church, (before an Earthen Floor) arch'd the East Window, coop'd and repair'd the Roof, Pillars and Walls thereof; made an Altar-Rail, built a new Pulpit, set upon a hewn Pillar of Stone, a Desk, four new Pews, for himself and Family, and two in the Church: And by his good Example and Persuasion, prevail'd with the Parishoners to pave the Church with Free-stone also, and make decent Pews throughout the same.

He likewise built the West Gable, Porch, and Bell-Cope, (all ruinous) at his own Charge.

He also built a new Mansion-house (of his own Plan and Contrivance) with all the Offices, Out-Houses, Gardens, Fountains, Fish-Ponds, &c, (the first regular ones ever were in that Country) belonging to them.

The Heirs of the Family having the Misfortune, during those dreadful and pernicious Times of Court of Wards and Liveries, of falling three Times successively into Wardship, *viz*, *William* in the Twenty sixth of Queen *Elizabeth*, at eighteen Years old; *Robert* in the Thirty fifth of the said Queen, at two Years old and eight months; *Thomas* in the Reign of King *James*, at two Years old, were defrauded by covetous and perfidious Guardians, and others, from time to time, of several considerable Members of their Estates, in both the said Counties.

And particularly the present Gentleman's Predecessor, by his imprudent Credulity, was circumvented and defrauded of one, to the Amount of the best Part of Twenty thousand Pounds; by a certain Gentleman (whose honourable and laudable Character (*εἰρηνία*) was *Double tongued Jemmy*, in an ancient and worthy Corporation in the North, which he lived near, where *William Rufus* finished a Castle (pardon the *Ænigma*). And this he practised under the greatest Confidence, Trust, and seeming Friendship imaginable, and the Relation of an Uncle.

Note, Naboth's *Vine-yard*; the Estate lying near his own House.

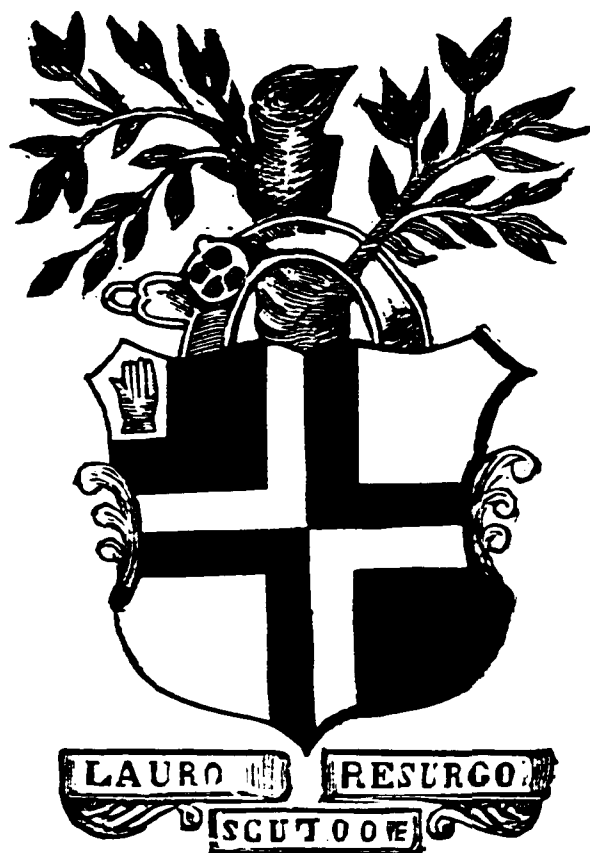
The truth is, he was a Man of good Parts, which he studiously employ'd to accomplish his worldly Interest, *quoquomodo* an Allegator of Mens Estates, as experienced by those who had the Misfortune to deal with him *de terris & tenementis*.

The Author of this Collection, upon Perusal of many ancient Deeds in the Possession of the Family, finds it Owners of Estates and Effects, now, and in former Generations, *viz.* in the county of *Durham*, their original Estates in *England*; as *Ufferton*, *South-Field*, *East*, *Middle* and *West Harrington*, with free Fishings in *Aqua de Were*, *Wode-Hall*, Lands and Houses in *Chester le Street*, *Whitwell*, *Pancher*, *Byer moor* and *Collery*, and another at *Ryton*,

And within the Verge and Boundery of *Northumberland*, Lands and Houses in *Cramlington*, *Slate-Houses*, *Chapington*, *Hunt-Law*, a third part of *Frewick*, *Low-Hall*, with the half of the Village of *Great-Bavington*, and the Lands and Tenements thereunto belonging; The said Manor and Lordship of *Kirkharle* with all the Lands and Tenements thereunto belonging (which is holden of the Crown, as a Member of the Barony of *Bolbeck*, by a Yearly Rent of four Shillings and eight Pence) and the Rectory of *Kirkharle* Church, with the perpetual Advowson thereof (which is also holden of the Crown in free Socage of the Manor of *East-Greenwich*, *per* annual Rent of three Pounds three Shillings and four Pence.

Which, by reason, of the many Alienations, Frauds, Lapse of Time for the Recovery of them, Loss of Evidences in the Times of the national Troubles and Disturbances, with some bad Conduct in the last Generation, several considerable Branches of the Estate were lopp'd off, to the great Diminution of the Funds and Effects of the Family.

There have been two considerable military Men of the Family buried in the Chancel of the said Church, which appears by two long Stones lying there; one engraven, with a large long Sword on the Sinister, and a Staff, and plain Escutcheon fix'd to it, in the Middle; and on the other, a Staff, with a large long



IT beareth Quarterly Sable, and Argent, a Plain Cross Counterquarter'd on the Field, borne up by a Laurel-tree Coop'd; Two Branches sprouting out proper, and fix'd to the Lower thereof, with a Belt Gules, Edg'd and Buckl'd, Or.

Sword also, on the Sinister, engraven, with handsome Flourishes on the Top of each Staff: Which Dr. *Hunter, Herald at Arms*, supposes to have been Knights-Templars of *the Order of St. John of Jerusalem*. Given under his Hand.

I have subjoin'd the Coat of Arms of the Family, with the Crest and Motto blazon'd ; by which it appears to have been obtained by some Action in the Field of Battle, for which there is the Authority of Tradition in the Family, and what is implied in the Crest and Motto themselves.

