

Rylands, of the Rylands
within West-Houghton,
Co. Lancaster

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RYLANDS, OF THE RYLANDS, WITHIN WEST- HOUGHTON, CO. LANCASTER.

The place from which this family took its name is situated in the township of Westhoughton and parish of Deane, in the hundred of Salford, and county palatine of Lancaster. One very large field and several other smaller plots of ground in the neighbourhood retain the name, and are still called "the Ryelands;" possibly these scattered fields all once formed parts of the original estate, though the greater part of the land¹ has changed its name. This name *Ryelands* is derived from the Anglo Saxon *Rye* or *Rhee*, a water-course or stream, and *Lands*, the lands adjoining or above the stream. The stream is now called Cunningham Brook, and runs through a steep and deep miniature *Dene* or ravine, forming, at one of its bends, a natural protection to the presumed site of the residence of the ancient possessors of the soil, now occupied by an old farm house, near to "Dobb Brow," and called "Rigby's o'th Yate." The name, as a surname, has been much varied in its spelling and has been further corrupted by the local pronunciation into Rylance, Roylance, &c.²

I. The first member of the family whose name has come down to us is *Robert de Rilandes*, who was living in the reign of King Henry III. [1216-1272.] His son

II. *John son of Robert of Rilandes* (also called *John del Rylondes*⁴) gave to the Abbot and Convent of Cokersand part of his lands within the town of [West] Haghton, that is to say all the land which he had upon Balleslee which Adam Bunbrede held of him, &c. [Deed s.d. quoted in a suit respecting property in Westhoughton, Duchy Pleadings, Edw. VI, vol. iii, B. 2.] It is probably the same *John de Rilandes* who with Henry de Trafford, David de Hulton, Alexander de Pilkington, Richard de Radcliffe, Ellis de Levre, Richard son of David, Richard son of John, Richard de Workedele, Thomas de Aston, Robert de Shoresworde and Robert Untoune were appointed a jury to enquire into the true value of the knights' fees and the advowsons of churches which were held of Robert Grelle in the manor of Mamcestre, 13th September, 1282. [Chetham Soc., liii, p. 168.]

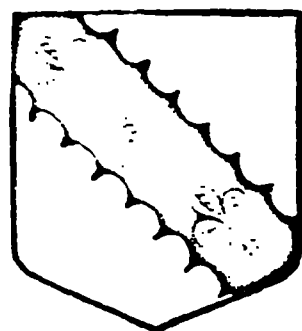
¹ The present owner of the property is Mr. George Caldwell, of The Grove, who inherited it from his father, the late Mr. John Caldwell.

² Although these have been supposed to be entirely separate names there is abundant evidence to show that this is not the case.

³ The Roman numerals are intended to indicate approximately the various generations in the absence of an unbroken descent.

⁴ Fine Roll 10th Edw. I, memb. 10 (No. 80, P.R.O.).

III. The son of John seems to have been *John de Riland*, or *Rilandes*, whose wife *Cecilia* was most probably the daughter of William de Sale,¹ by his wife Cecilia de Holinworth. These persons are referred to in the following deeds extracted by the late Canon Raines, F.S.A., from his Lancashire MSS., xxv, p. 26.



SALE ARMS.

1. Know all men &c that I John son of John de Riland and Cecilia my wife have given &c to John de Byron and Joan his wife all our lands &c in Holinworth [in the township of Butterworth and parish of Rochdale] that is to say the lands which we had of the gift of William de Sale and Cecilia his wife, rendering one peppercorn at the feast of St. Martin in Winter, and for this he has given me eight marks. Witness: the lord Geoffrey de Bracebridge, Roger de Middleton, Geoffrey de Chaderton, Alexander de Pilkington, Adam de Prestwich and others. [Undated.]

2. A grant of land in Holinworth from William de Sale and Cecilia his wife to the lord John de Burun and Joanna his wife, rendering a rose at the feast of St. John the Baptist, purchase paid 14 marks. Witnesses: The lord Geoffrey de Bracebridge, Roger de Middleton, Richard de Chaderton, Alexander de Pilkington, Adam de Prestwich, William de Hopwood, W. de Sherwend the clerk and others. [Undated.]

3. Cecilia de Holinworth, widow [who appears to have resumed her maiden name] released to Sir John Byron two bovates of land in Holinworth, in Butterworth, which William de Sale her late husband had formerly sold to him. Dated 26th Ed. I. [A.D. 1297-8].

Contemporary with John de Rilandes we find, in the great De Lacy Inquisition, 16th February, 1311, *Thomas de Ryelands*, a free tenant in Burnley, where he then held twenty acres of land for which he paid four shillings per annum. In Whitaker's "History of Whalley," it is stated that the name of Royle was originally Ryelands, but it seems much more probable that Thomas was a member of the Westhoughton family and went to live at Burnley.

IV. The next generation is represented by several persons whose parentage is not yet ascertained. Of these the first two appear in Subsidy Rolls of 1st Edward III [1327] and 6th Edward III [1332]:—

1. Roll of Richard de Hoghton and others collectors of a twentieth granted to the King by the laity, 1 Ed. III, Lanc. West Halghton. *Robert del Rygloules*, assessed at 14 pence.
William del Rygloules, assessed at 12 pence.

¹ The arms attributed to the Sale family are *Argent on a bend engrailed Sable three fleurs-de-lys of the field*.

2. Roll of all persons taxed to the fifteenth and tenth,
6 Ed. III, Lanc.

[West] Halghton. *William de Rylandes*, assessed at 3 shillings.
Robert de Rylandes, assessed at 18½ pence.

In 1333 *John de Rylands*, with Adam de Radcliffe, John de Heton, Adam de Lever, Roger de Bolton, Richard de Wicheness and John de Bedford, witnesses a grant of land in Rumworth by David de Hulton to John son of Henry de Hulton [Harl. MS., 2112].

V. *William [de] Rylands*, with *Thurston* and *Thomas* his sons had a lease of lands in Westhoughton from the Abbot of Cokersand in 1395-6, and in the following year the same abbot leased lands to *Thomas*, *Lawrence*, and *John Rylands*. In 1425-6 the land is said to have been "late in the tenure of *Lawrence Rylands*." [Miscellaneous Rolls, Duchy of Lanc., P.R.O. Division 25, Bundle Z, No. 11.]¹

VI. *Robert del Rylandes*, held lands in Pemberton, co. Lanc., as well as in Westhoughton. The following deeds relating to *Agnes*, wife of Robert, and to their son were extracted by the late Canon Raines from his Lancashire MSS., xxv, 270:—



Seal of Agnes
de Rylands.¹

1. Sciant &c Agnes que fuit uxor Rob'ti del Rylandes dedi &c. Will'o fil: Rog'i de Assheton et Rob'to Olyver capell'o omnia terr' et tenem' mea q' Thurston de Pemberton tenet de me in villa de Pemberton. H'end &c. Hijs testibz Joh'e Gerard del Bryn. Joh'e Gerard de Ince. Jacobo de Wynstanley. Henr' de Pemberton. Rog'o Molyneux, et alijs. Dat' ap'd Pemberton sexto die Maij Ao. r. r. Henri' sexti post conq. Angl octavo. A.D. 1430.

2. Sciant &c. nos Will: fil: Rog'i de Assheton et Rob: Olyver capell: dedim' Agneti que fuit uxor Rob'ti del Rylandes omne' terr' et tenem' que nuper h'uimus ex dono et feoffm. p'det. Agnet. in vill de Pemberton. H'end. &c ad term: vita sua de cap: dom: feodi p' servic'. Et post decessu p'det' Agnet' volum's et concedim's q'd o'ia p'det' terr' &c remaneant Nich'o del Rylandes et Marg'ie filie Thome Gerard Milit' et h'edibz de corp'e ip'ius Nichol: de p'fato Marger' legitim p'creat'. H'end' &c. Rem' rectis h'edibz Nichol' imp'pm. Hijs testibz Joh'e Gerard del Bryne. Jo'he Gerard de Ince. Jacobo de Wynstanley. Henr' de Pemberton. R'go Molyneux et alijs. Dat' ap'd Pemberton vicesimo die Maij Ao. r. r. Henrici sexti post conq: Ang: octavo. 1430.

¹ The document here referred to is printed in full in 'Local Gleunings of Lancashire and Cheshire,' quarto series vol. ii, p. 225.

² Casts of the seals of Agnes and Nicholas de Rylands were given to me, with many others, by Mr. Langton, of Ingatestone.

VII. *Nicholas del Rylandes*, the son of Robert and Agnes, married in 1430 Margery, the daughter of Sir Thomas Gerard, Knight.¹ He was living in 1474 and was then seventy-eight years of age. The following deeds all relate to him. Numbers 1, 2 and 3, are from the same volume as the last, and Number 4 is from the Shakerley² deeds:—

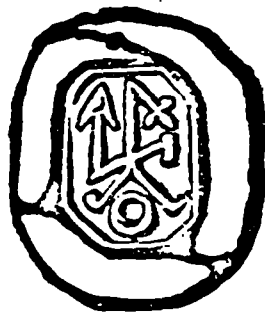


GERARD ARMS.

1. Omnibus X'pi fidelibz &c Nich'us del Rilondes et Marg'ia ux: mea sal't'm in d'no. Nover' nos remisisse &c Thurstano de Pemb'ton her' et ass' totū. jus n'ram et clam' que h'uimus in o'ibz illis mess' t'ras et ten' q. p'det' Thurstanus h'et ex dono et feoffo n'ro in vill de Pemberton p' qual' carta n'rā eid' Thurst' et h'edibz inde confecta. Hijs test'. Jacobo de Wynstanley. Hugone de Pemberton. Henrico de Pemberton, et alijs. Dat' ap'd Pemberton duodecimo die Marcij Ao. r. r. Henr' sexti post conq: Ang: quarto decimo. 1436.

2. A bond in twenty pounds of silver from the same Nicholas and Margery his wife to the same Thurstan dated 14 March 1436, by which they are bound to make to the said Thurstan a surrender of all the lands which the said Thurstan had of their gift and feoffment at the cost of the said Thurstan.

3. Sciant &c nos Nich'us del Rilondes et Margeria ux' mea dedim's &c Thurstano de Pemberton hered' et ass' suis o'ia mess'. terr' et tenem' n'ra que h'uim's ex dono et feoff: Willielmi fil. Rog'i de Assheton et Rob: Olyver capell' infra vill' de Pemb'ton. H'end et Tenend' &c imp'pm: p'viso semper q'd quodocunq: Nich: et Marg: et hered' solvant p'fato Thurstano viginta libras q'd tunc liceat nobis Nich: et Marg: et h'edibz n'ris in o'ia p'de'a mess &c intrare et in pristine statu n'ro pacifice possidere. Hijs testibz Jacobo do Wynstanley. Hugone de Pemberton. Henrico de Pemb'ton et alijs. Dat' ap'd Pemberton octavo die marcij Ao. r. r. Henrici sexti post. conq. Ang. quarto decimo. 1436.

Seal of Nicholas
del Rylands.

4. ffor as mych as hit is meretor and nedfull for eu'y cristen-mon to bere record and witnes in truth. Querfor we Sr Thurstan Perssval Vicar of the Kyrke of Leght, Sr James Culcheth p'st. Rog' Hulton of Hulton p'ke the elder Esq^r. Rauf Bostoke Esq^r. Gilbt. Vrmeston Esquire. James Carr gen. Edmund Wynstonley of Wynstonley gen. Laurens of Hulme of Maghell gen. Robt. Hynley of Aspull the elder gen. Bartilmew of Holcroft gen. John

¹ Margery was most probably one of the Gerards of the Bryn, but as all the printed pedigrees of that family are very meagre and uncertain at this period, and as there were several persons named Sir Thomas Gerard living about the same time, it is not possible to state definitely who she was. Arms: *Azure a lion rampant Ermine crowned Or.*

² A MS. volume of abstracts of Lancashire and Cheshire deeds written about 1650, now in the possession of Mr. J. P. Farwaker, M.A., F.S.A. Many of the deeds have been printed in the *Leigh Chronicle*, Hist. & Gen. Notes.

of Asheton of Banforlong gen. George of Eccleston of Eccleston gen. Willm. Myllington of Apulton gen. Rauf of Wynstonley sometyne of Wynstonley gen. and John of Myllington of Apulton gen. beres witness: That Nicholas of the Ryland being of the age of 78 the sondey next after the feast of St. Andrew the apostell [November 30] in the yere of our Lord Jesu Christ 1474, in the p'ishe kirke of Leght before seid there the seid Nicholas in p'nce of many worthy gentilmen and all the p'ishe of the sayd Church being there p'sent Swere upon a boke that he neu' made state ne feffem^t to Thomas Stanley Peris of Legh ne to Rog' Hulton of Hulton parke the elder Esquiers of all his londes ten'ts rents and services wth the appurtennc's wthin the towne of Westhaughton ne neu' to hom' sealed deide ne feffem^t ne to hom' deliu'et possession ne no mon ne p'son be the assent knoledge ne will of the seid Nicholas. Also the seid Nicholas swere opun the bokke that he neu' made state ne feffem^t to Willm: of Ryland his sonne of all the lands & ten'ts rents and service wth there appurtennces the w^{ch} some tyme weren Robert of Ryland father the sayd Nicholas ne of no p'ceil of hom' in the townes of Westhaughton, Lawton¹ & Pemb'ton ne neu' to him selled such deide ne feffem^t ne neu' to him levert seison ne possession ne no mon be the will of the seid Nicholas in his name ne neu' to him made releish ne non sealet. And also the seid Nicholas swore vpon the boke that he was neu' of assent reide ne consell that Willm: Gernet, Sr Henry Geune (?) p'st, Robt. Gernet, Willm: Hardwar and the sayd Willm: Rylands that the should make a deide of certen terme of yeres to Roger Legh and to Jankyn Penhulburue ne neu' to hom' gaue such power as in a certen deide to the seid Rog' Legh and Jankyn Penhulbur' is contenet. And these othes so made and done in the forme seid and then the sayd Nicholas kneiled downe vnder the hand of the seid Viker and there the seid Viker by the virtue of a Deynes letter to him direcket for to resauie a purgacon of the seid Nicholas of all these p'ountts (?) before reherset and of all other p'ovntts that he should say be mouth, there the seid Viker cursed the seid Nicholas if eu' he was gilte in the p'ovntts before reherset wth bokke bell and Candle and there opun the Candel done out. And then the seid Viker p'novnset as acurset all those and ichon' be them selfe that were of assent reid and consell wth the said Willm: Rylands of forging and making the seid forgett deide before reherset. And to this p'sent writing we the seid Thurstan. Sr James. Rog'r. Rauf. Gilb't. James. Edmund. Laurens. Robert. Bartilmew. John. George. Willm. Rauf. and John for the more record and witnes haue set our scales the day and yeare aboue said.

The same Nicholas also appears on the Chester Recognizance Rolls [Welsh Records, P.R.O., A.D. 1441 to 1443].

VIII. *William of the Ryland*, who seems to have alienated his patrimony was possibly the same person as William Ryland named in the list of Kent Gentry, temp. Henry VII, printed by Mr. James Greenstreet, from the original in the Brit. Mus.

¹ Lowton, in Winwick Parish, and Pemberton, in Wigan Parish.

Cottonian MSS., Faustina E ii. (see Transactions of the Kent Arch. Soc., *Archæologia Cantiana*, vol. xi), and in the following deed from the Shakerley MS.:

Sciunt &c q'd ego Galfr' Shakerley de p'ochia de Leght in com' Lancast' armig' dedi concessi &c Will'o Ryland de Maidston in com' Kancie gen' o'ia illa t'ras et ten'ta mea in p'ochia de Dytton in p'dco com' Kanc' vocat' Drakys al's dict' Sheplond &c. Test' Edro: Culpepir gen' Alexandro Davy. Jacobo Asheton. Nich'o Bradshawe et alijs. dat' apud Dytton p'dca, 22 E. 4. [1482-3.]

In the sixth year of his reign, King Edward IV, of his "especial grace and consideration of the good and gratuitous services rendered to him by his true liegeman *William Rylandes*," granted to him certain property in the town of Tamworth, and the same "*William Ryland*, otherwise *William Rilandes*," had also a grant from the king of Rose Hall, in the parish of Water-fulforth, co. York, both being referred to in a saving clause in an Act of Parliament of 7th and 8th Edward IV, and the first named property occurring in a saving clause in an Act of 13th Edward IV, where the land, &c., is said to have been granted to *Nicholas Rylandes*. In the Close Roll of 6th Edward IV, it is recorded that *William Ryland*, of London, gentleman, acknowledges his indebtedness in £100 to Richard Cosyngton, of Aylesford, co. Kent, gentleman.

IX. *Ralph Rylands*, of Westhoughton (?), in all probability a grandson of Nicholas, in 1503-4 makes the following deed, also taken from the Shakerley MS.

Pateat Uniu'sis p' p'ntes me Rad'm Rylands al's Ryland remississe d'ne Anne Shakerley Vidue et nup' ux'i Galfr'i Shakerley et Petro Shakerley filio et h'edi p'dc'i Galfridi et h'edibz et assign' suis tot' jus &c q. h'eo in o'ibz t'ris &c in p'ochijs de Winwicke, Leght & Dene seu alibi in com' Lancast' que quidē. t'rē &c p'fata Anna nup' h'uit in p'ptita sua c'm (?) alijs t'ris no'i'e dotis seu junctur' p' termino vite sue &c. Test' magistro Jacobo Stanley archdiacono Richmund. Jacobo Hulme. Rad'o Hulme. Rob'to Chetham. Ed'o Berdisley et alijs. 19 Hen VII. [1503-4.]

This is probably the last document bearing evidence of the absolute alienation of the original property, and there is consequently much difficulty in tracing the family history during the next hundred years. The appearance of the christian names of Geoffrey and Peter shortly after this time point to the possibility that the wife of Ralph was a Shakerley. A probable son of Ralph was

X. *Geoffrey Rylands*, of Snydale in Westhoughton, who died in or about the year 1508, having had, besides "younger children" by his wife,— daughter of Roger Pendlebury, of Westhoughton, Gent., a son and heir

XI. *Roger Rylands*, of Westhoughton, who was living in 1513 and 1558 [Duchy Pleadings], and was possibly the brother of

Omfridus or *Humfrey Rylands*, a tenant of Cokersand Abbey in 1501 [Chetham Society, lvii.]

XII. About this time *Randal Rylands* was defendant in an action respecting land in Wigan; and *Nicholas Rylands* and others were defendants in a suit relating to tenant-right of lands in Westhoughton, formerly held under Cokersand Abbey [Duchy Pleadings, Philip and Mary]. In 1600 *Richard Rylands* was plaintiff in a suit relating to crops growing in Hindley [Duchy Pl., 42 Eliz., cliv., R. 6]. *Humfrey Rylands*, of the city of London, was guardian to the children of John Culcheth, of Abram, co. Lancaster, Gent., by Margaret his wife, daughter of — Ryland, of Westleigh, in 1598 [Act Book, Chester, and Visit. Lanc., 1664]; this Humphrey was apparently a member of the Fishmongers' Company. In 1603 *William Ryland*, who describes himself as "one of the yeomen waighters of the Kinges Ma'ties Tower of London," made his will; he mentions his brother, *Ellis Ryland*, of Holdenby [afterwards of Duston], co. Northampton [who died in November, 1619], and his "cozen" [nephew?] *Humfrey Rylands*, of Westhoughton. *Cicelie Rylands*, sister (?) of William and Ellis, was married at Leigh, in 1560, to Thomas Yates. *Ottiwell* and *Humfrey Rylands*, both of Winstanley, near Wigan, died in the year 1603, and there are many entries relating to their family in the Wigan parish registers. *Humfrey Rylands*, of Westhoughton, married, in 1596, Elizabeth Greene, and died about 1618, having had a number of children.¹ *Thomas Rylands*, of Westhoughton, tanner, died unmarried in March 1617, leaving his property to his brother *Henry Rylands* [Churchwarden of Deane, in 1615]; among the schedule of debts owing to him the name of *Peter Rylands* [Churchwarden of Deane 1626] occurs. In 1617 *Richard Rylands*, of Sutton in Prescott parish, co. Lanc., died leaving issue by his wife Elizabeth; and in 1619 the will of *Humfrey Rylands*, of Cuerdley, in Prescott parish, tanner, was proved at Chester. In 1615 *Ralph Rylands*, of Kirkby, in the parish of Walton, co. Lanc., died leaving a widow and ten children, all named in his will.

XIII. In the next generation we have—

1. *Ralph Rylands*, of Pemberton, Gent., who died 8th November, 1630, leaving a son and heir, Richard [Inq. P.M.]

2. *Ralph Rylands*, sometime of Westhoughton, afterwards of Culcheth, in the parish of Winwick, co. Lanc., was apparently the only person of his surname who paid subsidies in Lancashire, temp. James I. and Charles I. He died in 1633, having married,

¹ The children of this Humfrey (?) baptised at Leigh Church, are :—Ellen 1597, Robert 1598, Nicholas 1600, Humfrey 1601, Alice 1603, Anne 1605, Elizabeth 1607, and Peter 1610. (See the 'Leigh Parish Registers,' now in course of publication by the Rev. J. H. Stanning, Vicar of Leigh.)

at Deane Church, 25th May 1613 [transcripts at Chester], Mary Mather,¹ presumably a member of the same family as the Rev. Richard Mather, of Lowton, in Winwick parish, one of the "Pilgrim Fathers," who emigrated to New England in 1635. Their eldest son, *Peter Rylands*, of Culcheth, Gent., apparently died unmarried, but the descendants of their second son *John Rylands*, of Bedford, in Leigh parish, who married Jane, only child of George and Joan Spakeman, of Bedford, are now living at Thelwall, co. Chester. The other issue of Ralph and Mary were Ralph, William, Roger, Anne, Elizabeth, Ellen and Alice.

3. *Elisabeth Rylands*, sister of Ralph Rylands, of Culcheth, was the wife of George Starkie, of Pennington.²

4. *Nicholas Rylands*, of Shevington, in the parish of Standish, co. Lancaster, died about 1660; by his wife Frances he had two daughters, Elizabeth married to — Blackburne, and Margaret married to Ralph Prescott, of Longryding. (See "Local Gleanings, Lancashire and Cheshire," quarto series, vol. ii, pp. 141, 145).

5. *Nicholas Rylands*, of Kirkby [son of Ralph Rylands, of Kirkby], yeoman, died in 1660, and administration of his effects was granted to Alice, his widow.

In this generation other persons are recorded as living in South Lancashire, but they are too numerous to be noticed here.

XIV. *Peter Rylands*, of Daisy Hillock, in Westhoughton, Gent., agent for Sequestrations under the Parliament, died in 1663, leaving a son and heir, named below, besides several daughters.

Mr. Rylands married Sarah Feilden, widow, and he mentions his step-son Robert Feilden in his will. His daughters were: 1, Ellen, married 1st January, 1660-1, to John Rigby, of Atherton, in Leigh Parish; 2, Elizabeth, born 1647, married to — Hope,



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¹ In her will dated at Culcheth 24th Sept. 1642, and proved at York 20th Nov. 1645, she says:—"I desire to bee buried at my p'ishe Church of Winwicke in my ancestors buriall, & neare unto Raphe Rylandes my late husband." An examination of most of the early Mather wills shows that only the Lowton Mathers were buried at Winwick.

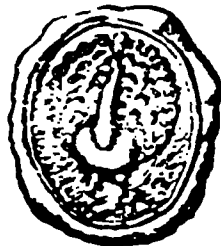
² According to the Rev. Samuel Mather, son of the Rev. Cotton Mather, grandson of the Rev. Increase Mather, and great-grandson of the Rev. Richard Mather above referred to, the armorial bearings of the Lowton Mathers were: ARMS.—*Ermine on a fesse wavy Azure three lions rampant Or.* CREST.—*On a wreath, a lion sejant Or on the trunk of a tree [raguled] Vert.* (See the 'American Heraldic Journal,' 1865, vol. i, pag. 21.)

³ An account of the Starkies of Pennington will be found in the "*Leigh Chronicle, Hist. and Gen. Notes*," vol. ii.

and was living 1695; 3, Sarah, and 4, Margaret. Their brother mentions only one of his relatives in his will, his sister Elizabeth Hope.

XV. The Rev. *Peter Rylands*, or *Rilands*, of the city of Limerick, M.A., of Trin. Coll., Dublin, Treasurer and Vicar Choral of the Cathedral of Limerick, son of Peter Rylands, of Westhoughton, Gent. (born 1651, died without issue 1695), married Diana, daughter of Sir Drury Wray,¹ Bart., who remarried to the Rev. William Twigge, Archdeacon of Limerick.

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Archdeacon Twigg had, by his wife Diana, two daughters and coheiresses (both mentioned in their mother's will with their husbands in 1729); the younger, Anne Twigge, was married to Thomas Maunsell, Esq. [M.P. for the city of Limerick?] and the elder Jane Twigge, by her husband the Rev. Stacpole Pery, M.A., was mother of Edmond Sexton Pery, Viscount Pery; and of William Pery, Bishop of Limerick, created Baron Glentworth, who was the father of the first Earl of Limerick.

Various families of the name of Rylands are to be found both in England and America, of these, some, there can be little doubt, are descended from the Westhoughton family, whilst others probably descend from Adam de Rylandes, of Rylandes or Rylondis, in Wilmslow parish, co. Chester, living in the thirteenth century and the presumed ancestor of the yeoman family of Rylands of Morley. [Earwaker's *East Cheshire*, i, 142, &c.] There is also a hamlet or township in Lincolnshire called Ryland, and it would be interesting to know whether it gave name to a local family and also whether the family of Ryland or Riland, of Gloucestershire, descends from a person who assumed his name from property in that county. A place called "The Rylands" in the parish of Randwick, co. Gloucester, is mentioned in "The Genealogist," vol. iii, p. 327.

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¹ The interesting history of the Wrays of Glentworth is now being published in a very readable form by Mr. C. Dalton. The founder of the family was Sir Christopher Wray, Lord Chief Justice of England in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

