

CHAPTER XX.

THE YORKSHIRE BEAUMONTS - THE LASCELLS HALL AND MIRFIELD FAMILY.

"Our deeds still travel with us from afar,
And what we have been makes us what we are."

George Eliot, MIDDLEMARCH, Ch. LXX.

Lascells Hall is close to Kirkheaton.

GENEALOGICAL CHART, circ. 1400-1668.

Henry Beaumont of Lascells Hall, eldest son of John fourth son
of Henry and Johanna, see p. 267.

John. William. Adam. Robert. Thomas. Lawrence. Margaret.

John

Thomas

William. Henry.

Thomas. Nicholas. Richard. Edward. Henry. Eliza- Isa- Agnes Phil-
beth. bella. lipa.

Richard. Jane. Edward. Isabel. Alice.

Founder
of the
Calton Family.
see p. 322.

William. Thomas. Richard. Margaret. Joan.

Richard. Thomas. Mary. Susannah. Katherine. Grace. Alice.

John. Richard. William. Jane. Elizabeth. Mary.

Major Sir Thomas Rich- George. Rosa- Eliza- Anne. Winifred. Mary.
inherited the ard. mund. beth.
Whitley estates,
see p. 276.

George, cousin to Major Sir Thomas.

Charles. Margaret. Elizabeth. Prudence.

Thomas of Castle Hill Mirfield.

John. Richard. Edward. Anne? Mary?

HENRY BEAUMONT of Lascells Hall, the eldest son of John, who was the fourth son of Henry and Johanna of Whitley Park, see p. 267. His will was proved 16th January 1468/9; he was buried in Kirkheaton Churchyard. He married circ. 1425 Joan, daughter and co-heiress of John Lascells, of Lascells Hall. She was alive in 1448. Issue:

I. John, heir.

II. William, alive 1465.

III. Adam, alive 1465.

IV. Robert, alive in 1468. There was a Robert in Northumberland about this time, Arms AZ. a fesse arg. between three leopards heads Or.

V. Thomas, alive in 1465.

VI. Lawrence, alive in 1468.

VII. Margaret, alive in 1484. She married John Hague of Huddersfield.

JOHAN BEAUMONT. He married 1483 Elizabeth, daughter of - Cooke. Issue:

I. John, heir.

II. Thomas had two sons.

(1) William.

(2) Henry.

JOHAN BEAUMONT, died c. 1542. In his will dated 1537, he "bequeathed his soule to Almighty God, and his blessed mother and Virgin Ladie Sancte Marie, and all the companye of heaven, and his bodie to be buried in the parish Church of Mirfield. To the High Altar IIIIs IVd." He ordered his

goods to be divided into three parts, "one to bring him forth, another to Alice his Wyff and the 3rd to his fower sons." It was proved 1st of January 1542/3. He bought 4th October, 1516, Castell Hall from John Gascoigne. It had previously belonged to the Mirfield and Heaton families.

He married at Mirfield 20th June 1483, Alice, daughter of John Sothill, of Sothill Hall, Yorks. Her dowry was £30, she was alive in 1535. They had issue:

- I. Thomas, heir.
- II. Nicholas, alive 1533.
- III. Richard alive 1533.
- IV. Edward alive 1533.
- V. Henry, alive in 1533.
- VI. Elizabeth alive in 1531.
- VII. Isabella alive in 1537, married - Fletcher.
- VIII. Agnes alive in 1537, married Robert Furness.
- IX. Philippa.

THOMAS BEAUMONT of Lascells Hall and Heaton, buried in Mirfield Church 30th July, 1561. In 1542 he commenced the rebuilding of Castell Hall; it adjoined the west end of the church, where stood a conical mound used in the defence of the Hall. An old MS. gives its history in rhyme.

"In times of yore a Knight did dwell
 At Castell Hall, near Chappel Well;
 And Sir John Heton was his name,
 A worthy baron great in fame;
 Lord of this town, as story tells,
 When Chappel stood at Chappel Walls;
 He got this Church, parochial made,
 And the foundations of it laid.
 In the same place where now it stands
 Upon a portion of his own lands:
 Behind the house a mount appears,
 A lasting monument of years;
 It was created by the Danes,
 And piled up with wondrous pains.
 A Saxon Lord possessed the same
 Before the Norman princes came,

The Normans, next possession took,
As doth appear by Domesday book,
The Beaumonts did the place command
When Henry Tudor ruled the land,
The house rebuilt, which ages stood,
And front adorned with carved wood,
By Thomas B. the owners name
Who lived and died in the same;
Bells to the Church the living call,
And to the grave they summon all,
And when by death, one gets a fall
He's neighbour then to Castell Hall". (1)

(J. W. Whitaker, L. AND E., p. 366.)

He married first, 3rd June 1533 Johanna, daughter and co-heiress of William Turton, of Yorkshire. She was alive in 1537; and secondly he married Agnes daughter of Richard Langley, she was born at Calton, and buried there in 1590.
Issue:

I. Richard, heir.

II. Edward, Founder of the Calton family see p. 322.

III. Jane married Richard Langley of Raysthorpe Hall, Yorks, she had two children; her father's will was proved 1st July, 1539 by his wife Agnes.

IV. Isabel, married circ. 1584 Richard Darley of Buttercramde, Yorks, she had five children.

V. Alice, married September 1560, at Mirfield, Thomas Green, of Barnby on Don.

RICHARD BEAUMONT, of Lascells Hall, Elmley Park and Moor House, Elmley, buried in Mirfield Church 4th April, 1570. He married 3rd of June, 1533, Katherine daughter of John Gascoigne of Lasincroft and Aberford, Yorks, Esquire. Her dowry was ninety marks. She was buried in Mirfield Church 9th, January, 1578. Issue:

I. William, heir.

II. Thomas of Nether Haugh, Yorks, living in London in 1584.

III. Richard, alive in 1569.

(1) A local saying owing to the Hall being so close to the Churchyard.

IV. Margaret had two husbands the second being John Armytage of Kirklees and Kerresforth Hall. He was grandson of Catherine daughter of Henry Beaumont of Crosslands see p. 299. Issue three sons and one daughter.

V. Joan, was buried at Darton, her will was proved 23rd February, 1615/16. She married firstly in 1569 Robert Holmes, of Barnby on Don, and secondly Cordel Saville, of the same place.

WILLIAM BEAUMONT, of Lascells Hall, Castell Hall and Thornes in Lepton, born 3rd December, 1546, died before 9th April, 1621. He married 30th July, 1567, Rosamund daughter of Richard Beaumont of Whitley, see p. 273. She was alive in 1574. Issue:

I. Richard, heir.

II. Thomas, of Colne Bridge and Tibnether, near Kirkheaton, died before 9th December 1646. In 1604 he was an officer in the Dutch service. He married Jennett daughter of Thomas Stafford, of Kirkheaton, she died 1641. Issue:

(1) John, heir, alive in 1668.

(2) Richard, died before 9th December, 1646. A Richard Sykes Beaumont died at Kirkheaton 22nd August, 1637.

(3) William, alive in 1668.

(4) Jane, married Edward Hanson, of Nether Woodhouse, Yorks, he was born in 1621. She was buried at Elland 28th March 1669.

(5) Elizabeth married 9th December 1646 (Roger?) Swallow.

(6) Mary married 9th December, 1646 Francis Elland of Leeds. She was alive in 1668.

III. Mary, married 16th February, 1601/2, at Mirfield, John Burton.

IV. Susannah, married 5th January, 1601/2, at Mirfield, Gabriel Hemsworth, of Garforth. She was alive in 1612. Her son Gabriel was one of the Commissioners appointed by Major Thomas Beaumont to treat for the surrender of Sheffield, see p. 280.

V. Katherine, died circ. 15th February 1632/3, her will was proved the following 5th July. She married - Holt.

VI. Grace, married firstly Francis Saville and secondly

Ralph Carr of Hague Hall, Yorks.

VI. Alice, married Robert Gargrave.

RICHARD BEAUMONT, of Rextbrough Hall and Castell Hall, born 15th January 1570/1, buried at Kirkheaton 14th May 1656. He married firstly at Mirfield, 1st February, 1602, Anne daughter of Robert Kaye of Wakefield. She was buried at Mirfield 23rd of May, 1616. He married secondly Elizabeth, daughter of Michael Wentworth, of Woolley and widow of Thomas Oldfield of Wadlands. She was born circ. 1600 and was alive in 1657. Her father died in 1641. Richard had issue by his first wife only:

I. Thomas, heir, he inherited the Whitley estates.

II. Richard, baptised at Mirfield 10th February, 1606, alive in 1632.

III. George, baptized 19th March, 1611, buried at Mirfield 14th October 1614.

IV. Rosamund, baptized 22nd August, 1603, buried at Mirfield 3rd December, 1617.

V. Elizabeth, baptised at Mirfield 31st August, 1607, married there 18th June, 1637 to John son of Vincent Beverley of Great Smeaton, Yorks, d.s.p.

VI. Anne, was alive in 1654. She married firstly Joseph Binns of Binns, secondly she married at Horbury 10th of December 1643 Anthony Loraine of Horbury, thirdly married - Wetherell of Wakefield. She had issue by her first husband only.

VII. Winifred, alive in 1668, married 9th January 1628 at Darton, William Ashton, of Stanton, Notts.

VIII. Mary, baptised at Mirfield 15th February, 1615 and buried there 23rd of May, 1616.

MAJOR SIR THOMAS BEAUMONT, born 1605, died 1668. Inherited the Whitley estates see p. 276 for the remainder of the history of the family.

GEORGE BEAUMONT, M.A., cousin of the above, probably son of Richard, see p. 320. (A George matriculated at Magdalene College, Cambridge 1623, B.A. 1626/7, M.A. 1630). He was Rector of South Kirby near Pontefract, having been presented to the living by John Armytage. In February 1648/9

during the siege of Pontefract by the Puritans, he kept up a correspondence with the Royalist garrison, under Major Morris by means of letter in cypher. He was detected by the Roundheads, imprisoned and loaded with irons and eventually hanged before the walls of the Castle, one of his relatives being forced to assist at his execution. Major-General Lambert was in command of the Puritans at the time. The notice of the interment in the parish register reads: "1648 February 18, Mr. Beaumont, Vicar of South Kirby." William Winstanley in his "Loyall Martyrology" 1665 p. 27, says "Master Beaumont a Reverend Divine belong to the Garrison of Pomfract, who for his Loyall Endeavours towards the Restoration of his Majesty in holding Correspondency in Cypher with some Active Royalists, was by those Murdering Miscreants, who spared none, either for their Age or Function, most barbourously murdered Feb. 15. 1648." An engraving is shewn in the frontispiece of the book. He married Isabel - who was buried 21st November, 1657. Issue:

- (1) Margaret, baptised 9th September, 1640.
- (2) Elizabeth, baptised 19th February 1642/3.
- (3) Prudence, baptised 22nd April, 1645.
- (4) Charles, baptised 28th January 1647/8. (Joseph Hunter's SOUTH YORKSHIRE, II. 449).

THOMAS BEAUMONT of Castle Hill, Mirfield, had issue:

- (1) John.
- (2) Richard.
- (3) Edward.
- (4) Anne, baptised at Mirfield 25th February, 1609, married there 9th November, 1630 to William Cates, of Woodside, Yorks. She died 1663.