

## A R E D A L E.

## SKIPTON FEE.

## PARISH OF KIGHLEY.\*

[NOW SPELLED KEIGHLEY AND PRONOUNCED KEITHLEY.]

**K**IHEL, or Kikel, is a Saxon proper name; and Kighley, anciently Kigheley, is the field of Kihel. This parish lies immediately north from that of Bingley, in the course of the Are, with little that can interest the eye, the memory, or the imagination. I may therefore be excused if I betray some anxiety to reach more pleasing scenes; for hard is the fate of a topographer while he respires the smoke of manufactories and is stunned by the din of recent population. [The manufacture of woollen and worsted has been carried on here for some time, and the first cotton mill was erected in 1780.]

At the time of the Domesday Survey this parish was included in the Terra Regis, and, by grant to Robert de Romille, soon after became part of the original Skipton fee. It is there surveyed as follows:—

☞ In Vtelai . Witts . i . car ad gld.

☞ In Chichelai . Vlchel 7 Thole 7 Rauensuar 7 Witts . vi . car ad gld.

☞ In Wilsedene . Gamelbar . iii . car <sup>ca</sup> 7 ad gld.

☞ In Acurde . Gamelbar 7 Witts . i . car ad gld.

☞ In Neuhuse . Witts . i . car ad gld.

☞ In Lacoc . Rauensuard . ii . car ad gld.†

[\* The parish of Kighley, now called Keighley, is situated in the wapontake of Staincliffe, and besides the town contains the hamlets of Ingrow, Eastwood, Oakworth, Newsholme, Laycock, Brathwaite, Fell Lane, Utley, Exleyhead, Thwaites, Bogthorn, Dockroyd, Harehill, Knowle, Slippery Ford, and Sykes. Its area, according to the Ordnance Survey, is 10,132 a. 1 r. 26 p. The population in 1871 was 24,704, living in 5,005 houses.]

[† Manor.—In Utelai (Utley) William had one carucate to be taxed. Two manors.—In Chichelai (Kighley) Vlchel and Thole, and Ravensuar and William, had six carucates to be taxed. Manor.—In Wilsedene (Wilsden) Gamelbar had three carucates to be taxed. Manor.—In Acurde (Oakworth) Gamelbar and William had one carucate to be taxed. Berewick.—In Neuhuse (Newsome) William had one carucate to be taxed. Manor.—In Lacoc (Laycock) Ravensuard had two carucates to be taxed.]

All the manors, however, within this parish, excepting two, are now included in Kighley, the property of Lord George Cavendish—*i.e.*, Oakworth, belonging to the devisee of the late Benjamin Ferrand, Esq.; and Thwaites, not mentioned in Domesday, formerly belonging to the Fairfaxes, and now to Lord George Cavendish. But it may be proper to mention that the Fairfaxes acquired both Thwaites and Denton by the marriage of William Fairfax with Isabella, daughter and heir of John Thwaites, whose inquest *post mortem* bears date 3 Henry VIII. [1511-12].\*

In the 9th of Edward II. [1315-16], Richard de Kighley, John de Thwaytes, Richard de Utlay and John de Vaux were lords of Kighley; † that is, joint lords of those several manors now consolidated. ‡

[In the 33rd Edward I. [1304-5], Henry de Keighley had a charter for a market, fair, and free-warren at Keighley.—Cal. Rot. Chart. 136.]

[An Inclosure Act was passed 20th George III.]

The church of Kighley was given, at a very early period, to the prior and canons of Bolton, by Ralph de Kighley, whose son Richard released all his right in the said church by a charter attested "Rogerio Tempest;" § it was never appropriated, and after the Dissolution of Monasteries the advowson was granted, *inter alia*, to Henry Earl of Cumberland, 33rd of Henry VIII. [1541-2].

## RECTORES DE KIGHLEY.

Temp. Inst.	Reetores.	Patroni.	Vacat.
Non. Jul. 1245.	D's <i>W. le Vavasour</i> , Presb.	Prior et Conv. <i>de Bolton</i> .	
3 Non. Apr. 1295.	Mr. <i>Rob. de Nassington</i> , Subd. D's <i>Rob. de Duffeld</i> .	Iidem.	
4 Maii, 1420.	D's <i>Rob. Browne</i> , Presb.	Iidem.	per mort.
19 Aug. 1446.	D's <i>Joh. Bradford</i> , Capel. ob. 1477. D's <i>Rob. Thompson</i> , alias <i>Darnton</i> .	Iidem.	per mort.
26 Nov. 1503.	D's <i>Rob. Mason</i> , Presb.	Iidem.	per mort.
14 Apr. 1524.	D's <i>X'topher Ashton</i> , Presb.	Assignat. Conv. ejusd.	per mort.
25 Jan. 1555.	D's <i>Joh. Medehope</i> , Cl.	<i>Henr. Comes Cumbriæ</i> .	per mort.
Ult. Dec. 1572.	<i>Antonius Forde</i> , S.T.B.	Collatio Archiep.	per mort.
21 Jan. 1578.	<i>Ric. Patchet</i> , vel <i>Paget</i> , Cl. ob. 1615.	Exec. <i>Hen. Com. Cumbriæ</i> .	per mort.
21 Maii, 1616.	<i>Tho. Browne</i> , Cl. A.M.	<i>Franciscus Com. Cumbriæ</i> .	per mort.
12 Nov. 1636.	Fr. <i>Claver</i> , Cl. S.T.B.	Idem.	per mort.

\* Curren MSS.

[† "Nomina Villarum."]

[‡ KIGHLEY CUM HAMELETTIS LACKAC, UTTELEY, HAKEWIRTH, ET NEUSUM.—In eadem villa cum hamelettis prædictis sunt XI car. terræ; quarum IX sunt de feodo castri de Skipton, et II sunt de feodo de Cantelue ques dominus (Ricardus) de Kighley tenet de Abbatis de Kirkstall et idem Abbas de Milisenta de Cantilupo et eadem Milisenta de rege in capite, et quælibet car. redd. per ann., ad finem prædictum III*d.* ob. q. unde summa est XXXIII*d.* ob. q.—Kirkby's "Inquest," 1284. By the inquisition "de feodis militum," taken in the 31st Edward I., it was found that Henry de Kighley held in Kighley four carucates of land from John de Essheton, who held ten carucates *in capite* from the lord of Skipton Castle. Henry de Kighley also held in Kighley two carucates of land from the heirs of Richard Tempest.

Adam Fitz-Peter gave to the monks of Kirkstall two carucates of land, with a mill, in Kighley, of the fee of John Birkin, lord of Everingham.—Burt. "Mon." 294.]

§ Ric. de Kighley fil. Ranulphi de Kighley pro salute a'ie confirmavit Ecclesie de Bolton totum jus in uno tofto in Schipton et 2 bov. terre in Fernhill et in Advocatione de Kighley.—MSS. in Off. Arm. Clifford's Box.

Temp. Inst.	Rectores.	Patroni.	Vacat.
7 Nov. 1660.	<i>Tho. Danby</i> , Cl.	<i>Ric. Comes Cork.</i>	per mort.
9 Mar. 1675.	<i>Jonathan Dryden</i> , A.M.	Idem.	per resig.
17 Jan. 1679.	<i>Miles Gale</i> , A.M.	Idem.	per mort.
17 Apr. 1720-21.	<i>Tobias Wickham</i> , A.M.	Idem.	per mort.
8 Apr. 1727.	<i>Benjamin Collins</i> , A.B. ob. Ma. 1736.	Idem.	per mort.
15 Oct. 1736.	<i>Rich. Scott</i> , A.M. ob. 1747.	<i>Richard Earl of Burlington.</i>	per mort.
28 Jan. 1747.	<i>John Pidding</i> , ob. 1753.	Idem.	per mort.
7 Apr. 1753.	<i>Charles Knowlton</i> , A.M.	Earl of <i>Cork and Burlington.</i>	per mort.
17 Feb. 1814.	<i>Theodore Dury.</i>	{ <i>William Spencer Duke of Devonshire.</i> }	per resig.
13 July, 1840.	<i>William Busfield.</i>	Duke of <i>Devonshire.</i>	per resig.
30 May, 1871.	<i>William Malam</i> , resigned 1877.		per resig.
1877.	<i>Henry John Longsdon</i> , M.A.		

It appears from the register that eleven persons died here of the plague in October, 1645.

Comparative state of population :—

1600,	Baptisms, 41 ;	Burials, 36.
1700,	„ 51 ;	„ 75.
1800,	„ 145 ;	„ 134.

In the year 1695, upon an exact enumeration, the inhabitants of this parish were found to be 1,704.

At the late census the number of families was 1,162, and of the inhabitants 5,738 ; with which, when the number of burials is compared, it will appear that not one out of forty dies annually.

[In 1851, 18,259 inhabitants ; in 1861, 18,819 inhabitants ; and in 1871, 24,704.]

The living of Kighley, supposed to be dedicated to St. Peter [St. Andrew], is charged in the king's books at 21*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*, and about a century ago was estimated by the incumbent at 100*l.* *per annum.*

In the year 1710 the church was modernised and made uniform ;\* the body of the church by the parish, and the choir by Mr. Gale, the rector, whose epitaph is subjoined out of respect to a name which every antiquary hears with pleasure † :—

H. S. E.  
 (Unà cum pià et devotissimâ  
 matre suâ) corpus Milonis  
 Gale, Trin. Coll. Cantab. A.M.  
 hujus Ecclesiæ Rector'  
 Qui per annos 41  
 innoxie et pacificè vixit,  
 nemini inimicus,  
 concionando frequens :

[\* “ It was regulated by an order of the parishioners in 1702 to change the *stools* (in the church) which were found inconvenient, into double pews, at the charge of the landholders ; in doing which care was taken that none should be displaced, or wronged of their ancient rights, the pews being all figured and registered. The windows of the church were then made uniform. The north aisle belongs to the Paslews, of Riddlesden Hall, who repair it, and the south aisle to one Ramsden, of Braithwait.”—Cox's “Mag. Brit.” 426.]

† The Rector of Kighley was cousin-german of Dr. Thomas Gale, Dean of York, father of the learned Roger Gale of Scruton.

Ecclesiam et pastoris domum  
 in multis ornavit suo  
 sumptu: Natus in Aulâ  
 de Farnley juxta Leeds,  
 Junii 19, 1647.  
 Ob. 3<sup>o</sup> Januarii, 1720,  
 ætatis suæ 74.  
 Conde tibi tumulum, nec crede hæredis amori.

[The church was entirely cleared away and rebuilt in 1847; it was reopened 14th August, 1848.

It now consists of nave, with clerestory, aisles, chancel, south porch, and western tower; it is in the Perpendicular style of Gothic, not a restoration of the old church, and does not contain one single remnant of the original building; even the old font was taken away, and a new one of Caen stone, surmounted by a carved oak canopy substituted for it. There are clumsy galleries on the north, south, and west sides of the church which hide the greater part of the aisle windows, some of which are filled with stained glass.

The only old gravestone remaining is that of John Drake, who founded the Grammar School in 1713. The inscription, or so much of it as is in existence, is—

Here lies the body of John Drake  
 Who never did his friends forsake  
 House and lands he gave to be  
 A free school house \* \*  
 \* \* \*  
 He died in May, 1713 aged 57.

There are tablets to—

The Rev. Theodore Dury, M.A., Rector of Keighley, and afterwards of Westmill, in Hertfordshire. He died 2nd October, 1850.

Ann wife of Mr. John Greenwood, jun., and daughter of Mr. William Blakey, both of Keighley. She died in childbed, 27 June, 1792, in the 18th year of her age.

*Arms:* ... a chev. erm. between 3 saltires ... Crest, a demi lion ramp. or, holding a saltire (*Greenwood*).

Henry, only son of Samuel Blakey Clapham, Esq., of Aireworth, who died 23rd June, 1855, aged 24 years.

John Oldridge, a native of Keighley, who died at sea on his passage from New York, 29th July, 1832.

Hester Oldridge, his daughter, accidentally drowned in the Delaware, 16th August, 1820, aged 24. She was disinterred in 1824, and re-buried in Keighley Churchyard. Also, Cyrus Oldridge, son of John, who died 13th February, 1832, aged 29, and was buried in the vaults of Great Queen Street Chapel, London.

Hannah, wife of William Ellis, of Castlefield. She died at Thorp Arch, 12th May, 1802, aged 21 years.

Lister Ellis, of Keighley, died 10th March, 1780, aged 28 years; and Frances, his wife, she died 13th July, 1804, aged 47 years. Her second husband, Rowland Watson, of Keighley, Gentleman, died 5th Dec. 1806, aged 66 years.

On a lozenge: Azure a fess or between in chief 3 maidens' heads ppr. and in base a leopard's head of the second.

Martha Susanna, eldest daughter of William and Mary Annie Sugden, of Eastwood House, who died 22nd June, 1841, aged 32 years. John, son of William and Mary Annie Sugden, born 4th July, 1807, died, aged 12 days. Also, Mary Annie their daughter, born October 16, 1814, died, aged 6 months and 4 days. Also, Henry, born July 16, 1825, died, aged 24 weeks and 2 days.

William and Mary Annie Sugden, of Eastwood House, near Keighley. She died 25th Sept. 1832, aged 45 years. He died 12th April, 1834, aged 46 years.

In the west window are the following shields, well executed:—

1. The Royal Arms of England, Scotland, and Ireland, within the Garter.
2. Arg. on a saltire gules 2 keys in saltire or on a chief of the second a holy lamb argent. (See of *Ripon*, founded in 1836), impaling quarterly 1st and 4th per fess indented or and azure; 2nd and 3rd arg. on a chev. sable 3 bezants; for Charles Thomas Longley, the first bishop.

3. Sa. a chev. or between 3 fleurs-de-lis arg. (*Busfield*) quartering, gu. a double-headed eagle displayed or on a chief of the second a rose of the first between 2 martlets sa. (*Atkinson*).

4. Sa. 3 bucks' heads caboshed arg. within the Garter (*Cavendish, Duke of Devonshire*).

5. *Cavendish*, quartering per bend embattled arg. and gu. for *Boyle*, and impaling gules on a bend arg. between 6 crosses crosslet fitchy of the second an escutcheon or a demi-lion ramp. gu. pierced through the mouth with an arrow within a double tressure flory counterflory gules (*Howard*). For William Cavendish, 2nd Earl of Burlington and 7th Duke of Devonshire, and Blanche Georgiana Howard, daughter of George, 6th Earl of Carlisle.

6. Per. chev. sa. and arg. a chev. erm. between 3 saltires counterchanged (*Greenwood*) impaling, ermine on a fess wavy gu. 3 lions ramp. arg. (*Stainforth*). For Frederick Greenwood, Esq., of Keighley and Swarcliffe Hall, and Sarah Stainforth, his wife. He died 28 Sept. 1862.]

In the north aisle of this church, belonging to Riddlesden Hall, are two ancient gravestones, each of which has a cross, and one a sword and two shields of arms; the higher nearly effaced; the lower charged with a cross fleury, and circumscribed,

— — — — —  
 Gilbertus Kighley de Atlay et Margaria  
 uxor ej. a'o D'm' 

[These two stones are now (1876), and have been since 1848, placed against the east wall of the churchyard, and are nearly defaced: the date has been read MCCIII., which is much more probable.

In the *Journal of the British Archaeological Institute*, vol. vi. p. 78, is a notice by Mr. J. A. Busfield, of Bradford, describing four ancient slabs in Keighley, and there are woodcuts of them, including those above-mentioned. The sword on the slab of Gilbert Kighley is not the ordinarily shown straight sword, but a falchion.]

When Dodsworth visited this church, in 1621, there appears to have been no painted glass, but a single shield, in this choir: Quarterly, arg. a fess between three mullets, pierced, sable (Paslew). 2. Arg. a lion rampant, gules, debruised with two bars, sable [? Mahan or Maude]. 3. Arg. a chevron between three cross-crosslets, fitchée, sable [? Davenport or Layton]. 4. As the first.

Of the ancient family of this name and place, whose last heiress, interred under a splendid monument at Haut Hucknall, near Hardwick, in Derbyshire, transferred the manor and estate to the House of Cavendish, I have met with the following memorials during "the Age of Chivalry:"—

In the 6th Henry VI. [1427-8], Sir John de Kighley, Knt., accompanied Humphrey Duke of Gloucester to recover the town and castle of Crotoy, in France, with thirty men-at-arms, of which himself and one other were knights, the rest esquires, and ninety archers.\*

In the 8th of the same reign [1429-30], he was once more retained to serve beyond sea with twenty-nine men-at-arms besides himself.†

Lastly, Sir Henry Kighley attended Robert Lord Willoughby de Broke with 380 soldiers, to Bretagne, 4th Henry VII. [1488-9].‡

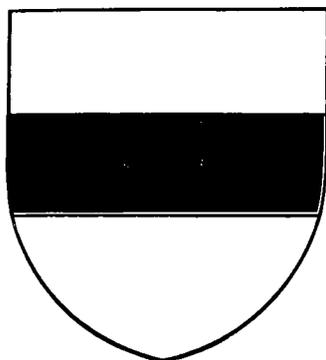
[The following imperfect pedigree, taken from Harleian MS. 4,630, &c., is all I can find respecting this family:—

\* *Exitus pellis*, v. 29, 83.

† *Ibid.*

‡ *Ibid.* v. 29, 133. Ex MSS. J. C. Brooke, in *Off. Arm.*

[KIGHLEY OF KIGHLEY IN THE WAPONTAKE OF STAINCLIFFE.



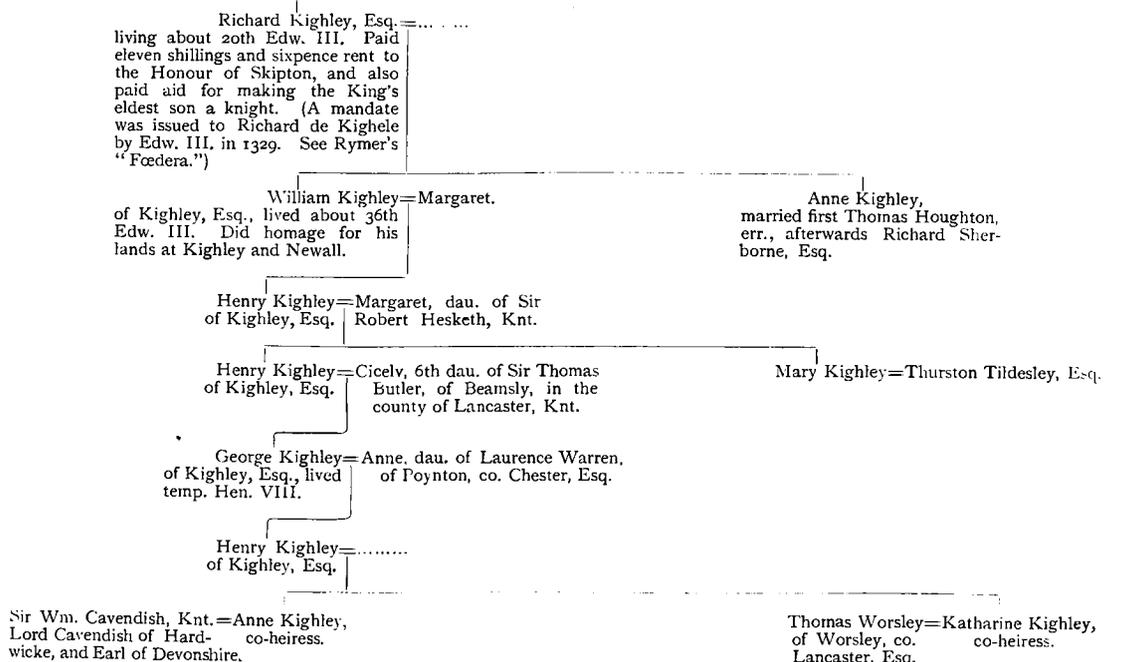
Arms: Arg. a fess sa.

Richard Kighley of Kighley, seised of lands there, as appears by Kirkby's "Inquest," and other ancient records.

Sir Henry Kighley=Ellen, dau. of Sir Hugh Venables, Knt. of Kighley, Knt. He also held lands in Utley, 21 Edw. I. He also held lands in Skipton, Apple-trewick, and Otterburn.

Henry Kighley=.....dau. of..... of Kighley, Esq., summoned to do homage for his lands to the Lord of the Honour of Skipton, 4th Edw. II.

Sir Gilbert Kighley=Margery, dau. of.....Hornby, widow of Sir Robert Urswicke, Knt. She afterwards married Alexander Leedes, Esq. in Scarthingwell, Saxton, and Woodhouse. "He is buried in north quire of Kighley Church under a stone inscribed 'Gilbertus Kighley de Utley, Miles, facet hic tumulatus,' &c., and upon the stone upon an escutcheon a cross moline, which I see in June, 1664. I then enquired for the Mannor House of Kighley, belonging to this family, and was shewed a poor cottage where a simple schoolmaster lived, where they informed me stood formerly the hall and great large buildings, but now converted into meadows, orchards, and gardens."



[Harl. MSS 4,630, p. 337.]

[The registers commence in 1562.]

[There are three new churches in Keighley, in the new parishes of—

Ingrow-cum-Hainworth: St. John, built in 1842, consecrated 14th March, 1843, constituted an ecclesiastical parish in 1870, Bishop of Ripon patron, value 300*l.* Incumbents have been—

*Philip Egglestone.*

14 Nov. 1846. *Wm. Gibbons Mayne.*

12 March, 1875. *H. Weldy Marychurch.*

Oakworth: district assigned by Order of Council, dated 23rd May, 1844. Church called Christchurch, consecrated 28th November, 1846. Patrons, the Crown and the bishop alternately, value 150*l.* Incumbents have been—

9 Oct. 1844. *James Chesterton Bradley, B.A.*

26 Jan. 1847. *George Alexander Hamilton, M.A.*

3 May, 1851. *John Smith.*

5 Feb. 1875. *William Henry Brigg, the first vicar.*

Eastwood: an ecclesiastical parish, formed in 1844, the church, dedicated to St. Mary, was built in 1854, and consecrated in May, 1855. The living is a vicarage. Patrons, the Crown and the bishop alternately, value 150*l.* Vicar, the Rev. John Room, instituted 1853.]

[John Drake, a native of Keighley, by will dated 17th March, 1713, gave all his lands and buildings in Keighley towards the maintenance of a school for instructing the children of the town and parish of Keighley in the English, Latin, and Greek tongues, without any other reward. Jonas Tonson left further endowment in 1716. The school was rebuilt on a new site in 1860. The Endowed Schools Commissioners in February, 1871, approved a new scheme, and the yearly income is now about 330*l.*]

[Harehill Free School was founded by Sarah Heaton, by will dated 27th June, 1738. The trustees to be chosen by the freeholders within the manor of Oakworth. The income arises from the rent of thirty-three acres of land.]