

THE RIEVAULX COMMUNITY AFTER THE DISSOLUTION

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IN order to begin to trace the careers of the Cistercian monks of Rievaulx after the dissolution of their monastery on 3rd December 1538,* we need a trustworthy list of the community. There are at least four lists :—

- (i) The report of John Allanbridge, Abbot of Byland to Henry VIII of his questioning of the Rievaulx community individually on their attitude to the deposition of their Abbot, Edward Kirkby alias Cowper, on 15th October, 1533. (Printed in 'Yorkshire Star Chamber Proceedings'. *Yorks Arch: Soc : Record Series, Vol. XLI. No. XXIII—referred to in the list below as 'A'.*)
- (ii) The signatures of the community to the deed of surrender. 3rd December 1538. (Printed in *Deputy Keeper of the Public Records: Stk Report. App. II, 38—referred to as 'B'.*)
- (iii) A list of Rievaulx pensions in 1539. (*Letters and Papers of Henry VIII, 1539, i, 185—'C'.*)
- (iv) Another pension list of 1540. (*L. and P., 1539-40,/? 544—'D'.*)

As a check on these lists we also have the signatures of the six Rievaulx monks who signed a protest to their Founder, the Earl of Rutland, on 16th October 1533 (*L. and P. Addenda, i, 872—'E'*), and finally, the evidence of the ordination lists in the York Archiepiscopal Registers.

i. KIRKBY *alias* Cowper, Edward S.T.B. (Abbot 1531-33)

A sketch of his career will be found in the *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal. Vol. XXI, pp. 44 ff.* The details which follow add to this sketch.

He was ordained subdeacon, as monk of Rievaulx on 21st September 1504.² There seem to be no other records at York of his ordinations. We next meet him at Oxford in 1518. In that year the Provisor of the Cistercian College of St Bernard at Oxford, complained to the General Chapter of the Order at Citeaux 'that brothers William . . . priest, religious of the monastery of Holmes (?) and Edward, priest, religious of... Rievaulx, live dissolutely ... go out frequently, by day and night, without the Provisor's leave—especially William—have broken the doors of the College and the Provisor's chamber, disturb the common

¹ *Letters and Papers of Henry VIII, 1538, ii, 983.*

² Reg. Savage, fol. 125 (*York Archiepisc. Registers*).

peace, are rebels and lead others astray'. Chapter ordered two English abbots to hold an enquiry and punish the offenders 'ad terrorem'.³ Yet Edward supplicated for his B.D. on 5th February 1522-3 and took the degree on 26th June 1525.* There is also a trace of his residence at St Bernard's as 'Mr Ryvers' (the St Bernard's student-monks were called by the name of their monastery) with Thomas Grey, clerk, who, when under arrest in September, 1538, for sedition, deposed—

'The said Thomas Grey says he was born in Charlton Hustwayte, Yorks . . . he was four years at school at Topcliffe at Swale . . . after this he was, for three years, child of the "farmarye" in the abbey of Newburgh [Newburgh Priory]—about the year 1517—and then went to Oxford and was bible clerk and butler at St Bernard's College for four years, being in chamber with Mr Bylond, Mr Ryvers and with one Mr Bu'kfaste . . .⁵

After Kirkby's brief abbacy, his deposition, part in the Pilgrimage of Grace, condemnation to death and reprieve, we next find him as vicar of Newport in Essex, by the gift of the Abbot and convent of Westminster (1539-46).⁶ In 1543 he also acquired the rectory of Kirby Misperton at the gift of the Rutland family.⁷ Though he gave up Newport in 1546, on 13th July, in the same year he became rector of St Nicholas Olave in London.⁸

We get revealing glimpses of this later period of his life, from a will which he made in 1551, some years before his death—

'In the name of our lorde Jhs christe Amen . . . i2th August 1551
 ... [in the reign of] Edward VI in earth of the Church of England
 supreme heade. I, Edward Cowper, clerke p'son of Kirkbye Misp'ton
 otherwyse called Kyrkeby Overcarr, and of Saint Nicholas Olaffe in
 London . . . bequethe my soul to almyghty God my savior Jhs christe
 maker and redeemer y^l to be with the joyfull and hevenlie companie of
 our blessed ladie virgine marye the mother Immaculate of Jhs criste
 our lorde and god and all other holie and blessed saintes in heven, and
 my bodye to be buried wthin the quere of my said church of Kirkeby
 misperton or of Saint Nicholas yf I chaunce do dye nowe, or wthin
 either of the said p'ishes or els in some other church where it shal
 please god to call me to his mercye.. . also I bequethe to either
 chauncell of my said churches to the better adornment thereof . . . xx^s
 . . . also I bequethe at the daie of my buriall for solempne messe

³ *Statuta Capitulum Generalium Ord. Cist.* ed. Canivez, VI, 540.

⁴ *Boose: Register of the University*, I, 129.

⁵ *L. and P. Henry VIII*, 1538, ii, 403.

⁶ *Baskerville: English Monks and the Suppression* p. 165 n.

⁷ *York Archiep. Registers*. Kirkby Misperton had had a grange of Rievaulx, which he, as Abbot, had often visited. See *Purvis. Y.A.S. Rec. Series CXIV*, pp. 115-19.

⁸ *Hemessy. Novum Repertorium*, pp. 350-1.

of re^{qu}ieme and dirige *according to the forme and use that is nowe used or as then shalte used*, to y^{*} preist that shall mynister xii^d and to further one as shall *receyve* wth hym vi^d and to everie clerke iii^d and to everie yonge scholar a j^d and also to the poore people y^l dale in almense xx^s and to everie other man or woman that shall be disposed that day to *receyve* the Blessed sacramente wth the preistes ijd and I will and bequethe y' my eighte daie and monethe daie be kept in forme and maner of s'vice and distribucion of moneie as is aforesaid⁶... to everie bellringer ... for their paines iiiij^d ... to some poore men and women that shall bear foure tapers of pounds apece of waxe . . .'
 (His executors are to duplicate all this at Kirby Moorside—his birthplace ?—*'after the manner as nowe is or then shalbe used'*—to pray for himself, his parents, brethren, sisters on the three days, with xx^s amongst those who *'receyve* Communion.)⁹

' . . . I will and bequethe all my purchased landes both chauntrye and lampe landes to my brother John Cowper and my sisters Isabell, Elizabeth and Christabell . . .'

(Here follow most elaborate directions. There is to be a chief executor, who is to be responsible for paying xxvi^s viii^d to each sister 'at everie receipt of the same rentes', and to provide 'on masse of re^{qu}iem and dirige' at a cost of iii^s iiiii^d on the anniversary of the Abbot's funeral. John Cowper is the first head executor: if he dies it descends to Christabell . . .¹⁰ and so on down to John Cowper 'bastarde sone of my brother John' & his heirs male & even beyond them.)

' . . . to my brother John all my instruments of husbandrie, except my great graie horse, to Richard Heardman . . .' (several small legacies, including 'to John Tong... that dwelleth at Newport xx^s... to Mr William Armestede, clarke and Residenciarie at paules [St Paul's Cathedral] vij^u xiii^s iii^d', on condition he helps the executors to get in the Abbot's debts.)

' . . . to my cosinge Sir John Stringer, vicar of Topcliffe a riding hooede of velvet and one . . . coate of velvet ... to the marriage of 10 poore maids in my p'ish of Kirkebie misperton xx^s . . . to the repaying of bridges (named) . . . xx^s . . . to each liveried servant a whole year's wages . . .'¹¹

The will ends with no note of probate. In fact he was still at Kirby Misperton in 1554, when the capital message of Little Habton (=Habton

⁹ The italics are mine. He is writing after the issue of the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549. The passages in italics seem to show him as anxious to accord with the phraseology of that Book at least—or even with its theology of the Communion Service 'commonly called the Mass'.

¹⁰ Who seems to have been the last prioress of Marrick Priory—see *L. and P.* 1540, p. 547, and the will of Roger Whitby below.

¹¹ *York Archiep. Registers*, 29, fol. 139 ff.

Grange ?) was conveyed to him by Henry, Earl of Westmorland.¹² In the same year 'Edward Cowper clerk & Valentine Fayrwether, citizen and haberdasher of London (who is mentioned in the minor legacies in his will) are granted licence to alienate the site of their manor of Calcote juxta Abingdon, in Berkshire—formally belonging to Abingdon Abbey.¹³

He seems to have vacated the rectory of Kirby Misperton in 1557¹⁴ and of St Nicholas Olave by 2nd October, 1562.¹⁵

2. BLYTON, Rowland (Abbot, 1533-38)

This was the Abbot imposed on the community after the deposition of Kirkby. He had been Abbot of another Cistercian house, Rufford, in Nottinghamshire, where he was blessed as Abbot in 1476.¹⁶ He therefore, as the Duke of Norfolk said at the time (1537), was 'very aged'.¹⁷ He received a pension of 100 marks.

There is a glimpse of him at Rievaulx, from the evidence taken in a tithe case, at Kirkby Moorside church, on 3rd March 1607. George Hutton of Skiplam, aged 82, 'did know one Roland Bliton, last Abbot of Rivalx alias Revis . . . which Abbot . . . did once at least yerelie in sommer time come to Skiplam Hall . . . bringing some six or eight of the convent with him . . . did use to hunt and hawk in the groundes of Skiplam and Welburne.'¹⁸

3. JACKSON *alias* Richmond, Thomas

He was ordained deacon in York on 9th April 1519, and priest on 21st September 1520.¹⁹ It is possible that he was the Thomas Richmond, Cistercian, who supplicated for B.D. at Oxford in 1529.²⁰ The Oxford Register does not record that he was given the degree—and the Rievaulx monk never claimed a degree. If he had been to Oxford, he and Abbot Cowper, and Cowper's predecessor, William Helmsley, were Rievaulx's answer to the strenuous efforts of the Cistercian General Chapter from 1480 to overcome the reluctance of English Cistercians to go to the Universities.²¹ In the 1533 enquiry (list 'A') he appears halfway down the community, and supports the deposition of Kirkby. It is not therefore

¹² *Victoria County History, North Riding*, Vol. II, p. 444.

¹³ *Calendar of Patent Rolls*, 1554, p. 369.

¹⁴ *Baskerville*, op. cit.

¹⁵ *Hemessy*, op. cit.

¹⁶ Dugdale. *Monasticon*, V, 517.

¹⁷ *Yorks Arch. Journal*, XXI, 44.

¹⁸ *Purvis. Select Tithe Causes. Y.A.S. Rec. Series. CXIV*, p. xi.

¹⁹ Reg. Wolsey.

²⁰ *Salter. Early History of St John's, Oxford*, p. 48. ²¹

Statuta Cap. Gen. passim.

surprising to find him as a signatory of the letter, immediately afterwards, of protest to the Earl of Rutland at a suspected conspiracy between Kirkby, the majority of the community and the Abbot of Byland to resist the will of Founder and King (list 'E'). Certainly, the final lists of 1538-40 put his name at the head of the community after the Abbot—presumably as the new Prior. But he received a relatively small pension— £6 13s. 4d.²²

It is clear that he became chantry priest of Pockley, near Helmsley — since the Thomas Jackson who was priest there at its dissolution in 1548 had a pension over and above the receipts of the chantry.²³ Also, we know he was still alive in 1553,²⁴ and that in 1549 he was in the neighbourhood of Helmsley, for his fellow monk, Robert Smith of Helmsley, in his will in that year, while being vague about the existence of all his other 'brethren' ('to everie on of my brother being of lyve xii^d') mentions of them only—

'my broder Sir Thomas Jackson preist for to be my supervisor and see this will fulfilled . . . xiii^s iiij^d'.²⁵

4. STEYNSON (Stenson) *alias* Yevesley (Yearsley ?), William

His name appears second in lists 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D', and heads the letter of protest 'E' (Wyllm Zerslay). He received a pension of £5 6s. 8d., and his name does not appear on the 1553 pension list.

5. SMITH *alias* Strainthorpe, Robert

He was ordained acolyte on 18th December 1501, subdeacon 24th September 1502, and deacon on 19th December 1502, priest 21st September 1504.²⁶ In 1533 he was senior of those who supported Abbot Kirkby and 'monk of the brewhous', and protested that the deposition was contrary to the rules of his 'religion'. He died in 1549-50 at Helmsley, holding a pension of £5 6s. 8d.

" . . . the fift day of August in the yere of o^r lord God MDXLIX . . .

I, Sir Robert Smyth preist . . . my soul unto the fader almyghty my maker and redemer and to the gloriouse Virgyn his moder o^r ladie sanct marie and to all the holie company of hevyn . . . my body to be buried in Helmsley churchyarde . . . to the churche work of

²² *L. and P.*, 1539, i, 185 and Dugdale.

²³ *Yorkshire Chantry Certificates*, ii, 508. "Thomas Jackson, aged 60, having a yearly pension of £8 of the King over and above the chantry : honest and learned." Whereas list 'C' puts his pension at £6 13s. 4d., two later returns of Pension Commissioners put £8—1552 return: *P.R.O.* E. 101/76/24; and 1553 return, in *Browns Willis*, ii, 282.

²⁴ *Brown WilUs : 'Mitred Abbeyes'*, ii, 282.

²⁵ *York Probate Registry*, 13, 578 v.

²⁶ *Reg. Savage* : ff. 110 v; 113 v; 115 ; 125.

Helmsley xii^d ... to the p'ish church of Straynthrope xii^d ... to the p'ish church of Connslif (?) xii^d ... at the daye of my buriall in brede and ale to the poore who prayed for my soule vi^s viii^d ... to my brother John my fether bed which he hath with hym and all other things that he oweth unto me and xi^s . . . and to his two daughters Agnes and Elizabeth each vi^s viij^d ... to my sister Agnes vi^s viij^d ... and to every household of Rivax ij^d a pece . . . also I geve to one preist to praie for the soules of myself, my fader and moder vi^s viij^d . . . to everie clerke at my buriall j^d . . . to certain old folks iii^s iiiij^d ... to everie one of my brother being of lyve xij^d a pece . . . and to everie preist at my buriall viij^d a pece... and to 4 preistes for brynging of my bodie to the church xij a pece . . . to everie servant within the house where that I dye iiiij^d a pece . . . also to my special friende Richard Bevsy of Rivax for the labours and paines that I have put him to and his household vi^u whom I institute and make my full executor . . . and I make my loving friende Sir Thomas Ward parson of Scaltan and my broder Sir Thomas Jackson preist for to be my supervisors ... xiiij^s iiiij^d a pece ... " (Proved 26th February 1549-50.)²⁷

[6. BURGHT, Stephen

Ordained subdeacon 1501, priest 1504.²⁸ 'Monk of the bakhous' in 1533 (list 'A'), does not appear in the later lists, and so may have died shortly before the dissolution.]

7. WARDALE *alias* Pickering, Robert

Ordained subdeacon 1504.²⁹ Was of the Kirkby party in 1533 and 'sellerer'. He received a pension of £5 6s. 8d., and does not appear before the Pension Commissioners in 1552 or 1553.

8. STORERE, William

Ordained subdeacon 1504.³⁰ Was subprior in 1533 and of the Kirkby party. He did not appear in 1552 or 1553.

9. BLITH *alias* Scarborough, Richard

Possibly he was the Dan William Scarburgh 'beyng bowcer of the house ... of Revale' cited in a petition to Wolsey in the Star Chamber in 1520-I.³¹ Was of Rutland's party, received a pension of £6, and apparently survived in 1553, although his name is not in the 1552 pensions return.

²⁷ *York Probate Registry*, 13, 578 v.

²⁸ Reg. Savage, f. no v; 125.

²⁹ Reg. Savage, f. 125.

³⁰ Reg. Savage, f. 125.

³¹ *York, Star Ch. Proc.*: ii, 180-1.

10. POULSON *alias* Yarome, Thomas

Of Kirkby's party; pension of £5 6s. 8d.; not in 1552 or 1553.

11. LYNGE *alias* Allerton, Richard

Was ordained deacon on 9th April 1519, priest on 21st September 1520 as 'Richard Allerton, monach' mon' de Ryvall' .³²

By 1533 he was 'femast' (=infirmarer ?) and 'sayth that he wylnot proced to any election, nor may, for because hys fader abbote [Kirkby] is not deposed of right according to statutes and rewlls of religion.' ('A').

He signed the surrender in 1538 'p' me Ricardu Allerton alias Malton p'um.' (List 'B'.) Yet in the two pension lists of 1539 and 1540, he figures as 'Richard Lynge alias Allerton'. (£5 6s. 8d. Lists 'C' and 'D'.)

It seems clear that he returned to his home district and became, until the destruction of the chantries in 1548, 'Richard Lyn, chantry priest of the guild of S. Katherine, Rotherham, aged 56, and hath of the King an annual pension of £5 6s. 8d., over and besides the profits of the said service.'³³ He was alive in 1553. .

12. MALTON, John *alias* Pynder

Was ordained priest as monk of Rievaulx on 20th September 1522.³⁴ He figures next after Allerton and closely linked with this middle section of the community in List 'A', and the ordination records. He signed the protest (List 'E') as 'John Mawton'. The surrender list of signatures (list 'B') omits him, but the writer of list 'C'—the 1539 pension list—put him in his place in the community as 'John Pynder als. Malton', but later struck out his name.

He seems to have become a curate at Thornton-le-Dale—possibly before the dissolution of Rievaulx. His will is dated 2nd January 1538 (Old Style—New Style 1539), endorsed 'Tesbm' Johnis Pynder nup' de Thornton', and was proved on 14th March. The Thornton parish register says 'Syr John Pynder was buryed the thyrde day of Februarye 1538'.³⁵

' . . . I, Sir John Pynder . . . bequethe to Thornton church a whit vestment, a corporax, a frontclothe, tow alter cloth and a messe boke. Item I give to Margaret Johnson, my sister daughter iij covlette

³² Reg. Wolsey.

³³ *Yorkshire Chantry Certs.*, 1546 : (i, 207) and 1548 (ii, 379).

³⁴ Reg. Wolsey.

³⁵ R. W. Jeffery. *Thornton-le-Dale*, p. 167. The rector of Thornton, John Chamber, physician to Henry VIII and a great pluralist, was non-resident and the parish was served by curates. *Y.A.J.*, xxi, p. 247. 1525 Brian Spofford, curate there, paid £4 a year.

Roger Watson, in his will in 1555, complains that he had served as curate to 'Sir William Bradley' at Whenby and was still owed half a year and six weeks' stipend—xvj^s. Bradley's name is in the pension returns of 1552 and 1553.

14. WATSON *alias* Whitby, Roger

Was ordained priest with John Malton on 20th September 1522. He appears in the protest of Rutland's party. His pension was £5 6s. 8d., still due in 1553.

His will runs—

[Oct 8th 1555]!, Roger Watson of fferlington within the p'ishe of Sherifhuton clarke ... give my soule to God almyghty, our ladie and all the saintes . . . my bodie to be buryed in the churchyarde of Sherifhuton nighe the porche doore . . . masse and dirige to be songe for my soule the daye of my buriall . . . sister Anne Jenyson . . . to Christofer Jennison's lawfully begotten childeren . . . to the poore and widowes of ffarlington . . . to my sister Dodsworth's childeren . . . to the moste indigent people in the p'ish of Helmesley xij^s iij^d . . . to everie of my bretheren that was in Ryvalle the day of our suppression and that be on lyve xij^d . . . to everie of the servants in my brother's house at the day of my death iij^d . . . a brasse pott . . . a paire of tonges . . .

To her that was prioress of Marwicke and her syster Dame Anne xij^{d41} . . . to Sir Robert Byers xij^d to praie for my soule. I will have one trentall of masses saide for my soule and for there soules for whom to be done as shortly as may be after my deathe [*sic*]. . . to the indigent of Kirkby moorshede to praie for me xij^s iij^d . . . item a high awlter cloth to the chapel of fferlington . . . one clothe to hang before the aultar of our ladye in Kirkby moorshead which are both in the keepyng of Richard Stockherd . . .

. . . To Sir Henry Watson and Thomas my bretheren the debts that Sir William Bradley dothe owe me for my service at Whenby for half a year and six weeks whereof I have received as may appear by my bills thereof xvj^s . . . to Sir Henry Watson my best gowne . . . to my brother Thomas wife iij^s iij^d . . . to dame Barbara Bromleye xij^{s42}.

(Proved 30th October 155[5 ?].)⁴³

⁴¹ *L. and P.*, 1540, p. 547: prioress of Marricke—Christabel Cowper. Anne Ledman, nun.

⁴² *L. and P.*, 1540, p. 551: Basedale Nunnery, Yorks. Barbara Bromley, nun— see Purvis. *Monastic Rentals and Surveys in Y.A.S. Record Series LXXX*, pp. 79—80. B.B., aged 30 (1539-40?) 205.

⁴³ *York Probate Registry*. 14, 179.

15. JENKINSON *alias* Ripon, Richard

Was ordained subdeacon on 20th September 1522, deacon on 24th September 1524, priest on 22nd September 1526.⁴⁴ In 1533 (list 'A') he was vehemently for Abbot Kirkby. He received a pension slightly more than the average—£6 13s. 4d. In 1553, it was reported to the pension commissioners that he 'is dead, how long of goo it is to be enquired, he died in London, ut dicitur,'⁴⁵

[16. MIDDLEHAM, Robert

Was ordained with Jenkinson to the same orders. The name does not occur in any of the lists. He may be Robert Smith or Robert Wardale.]

[17. TOPCLIFFE, David (?]

Was ordained with Jenkinson and Middleham and also is in no list.]

[18. SEMER (Sem'), William

Was ordained as 15-17, save for the priesthood, which he received on loth June 1525. He also is not yet identified.]

19. STAPLETON *alias* Bedale, William

Stands in all the lists, and was for the Rutland party against Abbot Kirkby. He became vicar of Eastrington in the York diocese in 1549, and was deprived for an attempted marriage, in Queen Mary's reign (1554)-⁴⁶

⁴⁴ Reg. Wolsey.

¹⁵ P.R.O. E. 101/76/24.

^w *Yorks Arch. Journal*, X, 95 and *York Archiep. Registry: R. VII A.* 33 and 34.

33. fol. 1yv. 9 April 1554—he appeared before Mag. William Rokeby the first time and received a copy of the charges against him. fol. 34v. 16th April—(he is now put down as 'regularis'—a religious) he confessed to the truth of the charges. Hence a day was assigned for sentence of 'divortium' between him and Johanna Raby 'uxor sua p'tensa'.

34. fol. 6. Sentence of 'divortium' and deprivation of the vicarage of Eastrington was given.

fol. 35v. Rokeby imposes a penance on Stapleton. 'viz., that upon Sunday next cominge he shalbe present in the p'ishe church of Estrington bare hedyd bare leggyd and bare fotyde w' a taper of iiij^a price in his hande, a [. . . ? . . .] surplesse upon his Backe, the preste goynge to the Masse and that he shalle knele before the hyghe Alter all masse tyme and that [at the offertory tyme he shall offer—struck out] masse beyng endyd, he offer upp his tax to the curate."

This was by no means the end of his many appearances before the judge in this case, and we do not yet know what the outcome of it was—whether he was reinstated or not. It seems that he was not. The case was tried April—June 1554* at York.

20. HALL *alias* Gilling, Richard

Was of the Kirkby party. There is a will of a 'Richard Hall, clerk' of Lathom, in 1565, which seems to be the monk, since he mentions people of Rivall'. But he does not mention any of his monastic brethren.⁴⁷

21. CAWTON *alias* Thirsk, Henry

Appears in all the lists, was for Abbot Kirkby, and received a pension of £6. He seems to have been curate of Hovingham in 1545,⁴⁸ and was one of the still surprisingly numerous band of pensioned religious in Yorkshire who were assessed for subsidies in 1573.⁴⁹

There is a reminiscence of him, in a British Museum MS— 'Two men came riding over Hackney way, The one of a blacke horse the other on a gray; The one unto the other did say, Loo yonder stood Reves that faire abbay.'

'Henry Cawton, a monke, som time of Reves abbey . . . affirmed that he had often read this in a MS belonging to that abbey, containing many prophesies, and was extant there before the Dissolution. But when he, or any other of his fellowes redd it, they used to throwe the book away in anger, as thinking it impossible ever to come to passe.'⁵⁰

22. WORDALE, William

From his place in lists 'B', 'C' and 'D', we may most likely identify him with the 'William Tanfield'³ who comes in the same place in list 'A' (which has no Wordale). 'William Tanfeld' was ordained priest on the last day of February, 1533-⁵¹ William Tanfeld's opinion about the deposition of Abbot Kirkby, a few monks after his ordination, stick forcefully through even the stereotyped formulas of 'Brian Leuty, notary' in List 'A'—[he] 'sayth that he woll not precede to any new election for his fader abbot is wrongfully done unto and against the rewles of your religion, and he knowith many a man as he sayth'. He may be the William Wardell, vicar of Hunsingore from 1546 to his death in 1554-⁵² He appeared before the pension commission in 1552 and 1553.

23. FAIRWEATHER *alias* Guisburgh, James. "24.

SYMONDSON *alias* Helmsley, Christopher.

⁴⁷ *York Probate Registry*, 17, 538. He appeared before the pension commissioners in 1552 and 1553.

⁴⁸ *Surtees Society*, 106, p. 234.

⁴⁹ *Yorks. Arch. Journal*, XIX, 100.

⁵⁰ *Dugdale Monasticon* (1849) v. 280.

⁵¹ *Reg. Lee*.

⁵² *Yorks. Arch. Journal*, XIV, 417.

25. WATSON *alias* Broughton, Oliver /

These three were exact contemporaries—ordained acolyte, 25th March 1531, subdeacon 8th April the same year, deacon 21st December 1532, priest 28th February 1533-⁵³ All were for Abbot Kirkby.

[26. LYN, John, appears in 'A' and 'E' and is not yet identified.]

27. TORT *alias* AMPLEFORTH, Matthew

Of all the community, this monk's career stands out most clearly in the records. He was a contemporary of Nos. 23—25 in ordination, save for the priesthood, which he received a year later, on 13th March 1534. (New style—1535). Thus he and his three fellows were deacons at the time of the Kirkby deposition. Tort answered then 'Dan Mathew Ampleforth sayth that he thynkes the abbot was not lawfully deposed according to there religion, but he sayth he woll conferme hym to the Kynges pleasor and the founder.' At the dissolution, his pension was £5. It seems likely that he became a chantry priest at Southwell in Nottinghamshire (York diocese) and later a prebendary there. He later had chantry property in Southwell and was living there in 1557-⁵⁴

Queen Elizabeth presented him to the rectory of Kettlethorpe, in the Lincoln diocese—some ten miles from Southwell—in 1559; and in 1561 he was presented by the Crown to the rectory of Hockerton, also near Southwell, but in York diocese. In 1567, at a visitation of the York diocese, he was found to be living at Kettlethorpe and neglecting Hockerton and was called to account.⁵⁵ He did in fact go to Hockerton, and died there in 1576.

- '[June 6th 18 Elizabeth] I, matthew torte, parson of Hockerton, sick in body . . . offer and bequeath my soule to almyghty god and to all the holy company of heaven . . . my body to be buried in the p'ish church of St Nicholas at Hockerton, below my stole (stall?) in the charrell upon the font syde . . . to the church xiiij^s iiij^d . . . for. one sermon makinge at the daye of my buryall x^f viij^x . . . at the thirde daye of my buriall there be an honeste and good dinner made for my ffrends at the discrecion of my executors . . .

. . . to everie poore neighbour within this towne of Hockerton a loafe of breade delte in the churche . . . xx^s to the poore of Ketylthorpe . . . to the poore of Sowthwell in breade xiiij^s iiij^d. . . to Mr Louthe archdeacon one pleane potte double gylte with a cover . . . to my patron Sir William Meringe my . . . stone potte garnished

⁵³ Regs. Sede Vacante and Lee.

⁵⁴ *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1555, p. 166-7: ¹ease by the Crown of certain lands, late of the collegiate church of Southwell, including tithes partly in the tenure of Matthew Tott [*sic*].

Cal. Pat. Rolls., 15 57-8, p. 280 : Matthew Torte, clerk, holding a ruined messuage and chantry house in Southwell—see also his will.

⁵⁵ *Purvis. Tudor Parish Documents*, p. 20.

and double gilt with a cover ... to my lady his wyffe 2 gould ringes. . .
. also I geve to my neve Richard Merren my best salte double gilt and
a dozen of my best sylver spoones... a sylver pott with a cover. ... to
matthew torte which is nowe wth me xx^h to the maintenance of his
learninge to be putt to some good use, if he dye under age, x^l to hys
brother nicholas tort and Elizabeth tort hys sister and other x^u to the
children of my cossen Richard Morren . . . my blacke cuppe gilt top and
bottom ... a dozen of my worste sylver spoones to the children at
Normanton . . . to my nephew James tort my howse in the Burrage (?)
with all appurtenances ... my post bedde at Sowthwell even as it
standeth.

... to my nephew william torte vj^u... to my curate Sir Ralf Garlick xxs
... to my maide . . . my man Nicholas . . . to my cossen William Leake
of Normanton and Richard Marrer, my executors viⁿ xiiij⁸ iiiij^d a pece.
(he then disposes of the residue . . . 'xviiij^u in golde and xls in money
lefte in the howse ... a sylver cuppe double gilt . . . one sylver salte . .
. xiiij sylver spoones . . . two sylver bowles . . .') *Codicil: June jt/i, 1576.*

'Sir Ralphe [Garlick—his curate ?] whereas ther was a certane
bargaine betwixt my cosyne Richard Merrew and me as concernynge
this p'sonage of Hockerton and now gods providence wh^{ch} seems that
I beinge one of an other worlde not able to parforme the same
bargaine yet now it is my will that my saide cosin . . . shal have my
chewe (?) lande and the croppe w^{ch} is my owne for this yeare and I
freely give it him to hys own use if it please god to call me to his
mercye.

[Proved, 8th July 1576.]⁵⁶

28. ALTAM, John / ,.

Is a priest at the surrender : and therefore may be the 'John Preston'
ordained subdeacon on 25th March 1531. He appeared before the com-
missioners in 1552 and 1553. He was still alive at the time of the Subsidy in
1573.

29. CAPRONE *alias* Skegby, Thomas

Seems to have been a novice, at the surrender: for he receives 'a
pension of £4: and signs as 'subdeacon'. List 'D' distinguishes him
from the 'monks', as one 'who was also there'. In 1552 he 'apperd not'
before the pension commissioners : but in 1553 his name was still on
their lists.

DOM HUGH AVELING.

⁵⁶ *York Archiep. Registers*, 31, fol. 10.

Cf. *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1555[^]7—8 Aug. 1555 grant of a 21 year lease of land of a
prebend in South-well to Christopher Torte: (pp. 47-8) and (p. 264), 20 Feb. 1557, it is
granted to the Archbishop of York.