

our interest centers, entitled "Nidderdale, or the Garden of the Nidd",<sup>1</sup> by Mr. Harry Speight, author of other West Yorkshire local histories. Mr. Speight, from whose history and description of this region I shall now draw largely, thus speaks of Gowthwaite, page 467 :

"We are now in the picturesque district of Stonebeck Down, this township extending from Merryfield Beck on the south to How Stean on the north. The first object of note we meet with on leaving Heathfield, described in the last chapter, is Gowthwaite Hall, an interesting Elizabethan manor-house, built by the family of Yorke, who long resided here before Bewerly became their home. The house stands on or near the site of a still older homestead, occupied in the Norman centuries by a family named Goltwaite or Gowthwaite, who probably derived their patronym from this place."

Again, page 417, speaking of Hayshaw, in the same vicinity, of which more will appear hereafter:—

"The old grange at Hayshaw, belonging to the same Abbey (Fountains), was pulled down long ago. At the suppression it was held in moities by the family of Gill and Goldwathe or Goldthwaite, in the township of Stonebeck Down."

An earlier authority, as now appears, to whom Mr. Speight refers for information on this subject, is Mr. John Richard Walbran, F. S. A., now deceased, who, in his *Memorials of Fountains Abbey* (Vols. 42 and 67, Surtees Soc. Pub.), makes this note (Vol. 42, page 351) on Robert Goldthwaite, who, with William Goldwathe, as mentioned above, held in 1538 one-half of Hayshaw Grange, Walter and John Gill holding the other:—<sup>2</sup>

"His family, no doubt, derived their name from Goltwaite or Gowthwaite, in Hyrefield forest, on the west side of Nidderdale, a place which had been

<sup>1</sup> *Nidderdale and the Garden of the Nidd, A Yorkshire Rhineland, being a complete account, Historical, Scientific, and Descriptive, of the beautiful Valley of the Nidd.* By Harry Speight, Author of "The Craven and Northwest Yorkshire Highlands": "Through Airedale from Goole to Malham," etc. Illustrated. London: Elliot Stock, 62 Paternoster Row, E. C. 1894, pp. 514.

For knowledge of this work as well as for a copy of it, I am indebted to Mr. Oliver C. Goldthwaite of London, who took great interest in the progress of my English investigations. It has been gratifying to find the conclusions here given so entirely corroborating my own of some years before.

<sup>2</sup> The whole Grange contained about 400 acres, besides rights in common pasture on the moors, the yearly rental being £12. The holdings of the two Goldthwaites