

An intermarriage of Goldthwaites with the Dernbrooks, a family long established at Bewerley¹ (the present residence of the Yorke family, on the Nidd, opposite Pateley Bridge), appears in the will, given by Mr. Walbran, of Christopher Dernbroke of Ripon, "Wakeman" or Chief Magistrate of that Borough in 1542. It is dated Aug. 28, 1547, and proved May 6, 1548. In it he desires to be buried in the "collegiate church of Sancte Peter and Sancte Wilfride of Rypon, neyghe where Margarett my firste wif lieth," and bequeaths the following legacies:

"To the mending of the Northebrige iij s. iiij d. To Sir Thomas Pratte my curate xij d. To aither Masindue vj d. to praie for my soule. To my olde maistrice, nowe Maistrice Traver, my best chafinge-dish. To my suster *Gowithewait* my wyfe weddinge hat. I will that Anne Dernebroke my daughter shall have the coffer withe beades and all other things therein, which coffer is in the custodie of John Battie. suster-in-lawe, to th' use of the saide Anne. To William and Richarde Dernebroke, my brothers aither of them vj s. viij d. To Ann Scailles my suster xx s. To my suster Launde, a pair of silver crookes. To Thomas Dernebroke, my brother, v s. John my son and Anne my daughter. To John Dernebroke my father my white furrid gowne. Christopher Strickland superviseure."

Little is known of the history of Nidderdale in very early times. Here, as elsewhere in Britain, once lived that warlike Celtic race, allied to the Gauls of the neighboring continent, whom we call the Ancient Britons, and they found, no doubt, in this mountainous and forest-covered region one of their congenial homes. Remoteness of situation did not prevent the conquest of this people by the Romans not many years after their invasion of the island (55 B.C.) as is shown by various remains of their civilization here found, such as Roman coins of early date and pigs of lead, proved by their lettering to have been smelted A.D. 87, doubtless from the lead mines on Greenhow Hill; one of these is now in the British Museum. Evidence found along the whole line seems to prove that a Roman thoroughfare, running from west to east through this

¹ Thomas Dernbrook and Thomas Hardcastle were keeping the Abbot of Fountain's stock at Bewerley, 1481-1486.