

Melton be found, this theory might be confirmed or upset. But in spite of a careful search at both principal and diocesan registries, no probate proceedings for any of the four sons have been discovered. Probably Thomas and Ralph Levett died during the confused Commonwealth period, from 1650 to 1660. But John Levett was living in 1665, and Peter Levett, we know, died in 1672.

In the exhaustive search for Levetts in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire I desire to thank my friend Canon C. W. Foster, editor of the Lincoln Record Society. Canon Foster's suggestions have been most helpful, and have resulted in tracing the Melton Levetts into Lincolnshire. With his aid a thorough search has now been made of Lincoln Subsidy Rolls, Wills and Administrations, Institutions and Presentation Deeds, etc.

Among other early Levetts in New England the explorer, Capt. Christopher Levett, whose life has been so ably written by Hon. James Pinney Baxter for the Gorges Society, comes first. He bore the same arms as the Melton Levetts, and the Visitation of Dorset in 1623 gives his pedigree (2 *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, vol. 2, p. 354). There may have been a connection between the families, but Christopher was descended not from the Melton Levetts, but from another line, the Levetts of Bolton Percy.

The pedigree in the Visitation of Dorset began with "——— Levett of Harbord, co. York," who had three sons, Richard, William, and Percival. This undoubtedly means Harewood, in the West Riding of Yorkshire. William Levett of Harewood died in 1569. A Chancery proceeding was begun by his oldest son Matthew in 1570 (*Levett v. Levett*, Series 2, Bundle 116, No. 40). It recites that by his second wife William Levett of Harewood left four sons, Richard, William, Percival, and Charles. These are undoubtedly the sons of "——— Levett of Harbord," and Percival was the godson and cousin of Francis Levet of Bolton Percy, mentioned in his will of 1614/15. William of Harewood was probably* the son William mentioned in the will of his father Richard of Bolton Percy in 1567. This establishes the following pedigree:

1. JOHN LEVETT of Bolton Percy, whose will was proved 1526 (York Wills, vol. 9, fo. 364), married AGNES ——.

Children:

- i. WILLIAM; his will of 1546 mentions sons *Guy, Francis, John*.
 - ii. JOHN, a clerk; under 23 in 1526; admon. in 1575.
 - iii. ROBERT.
2. iv. RICHARD, executor of his father's will.
v. ISABEL, m. —— KENDALL.
vi. ALISON, m. —— PICKERING.

2. RICHARD LEVIT, of Appleton in Bolton Percy, whose will was proved 1567 (York Wills, vol. 17, fo. 759), married first, ELLEN ——; and secondly CONSTANCE ——.

Children by first wife:

- i. HENRY, of Appleton; will proved 1597.
3. ii. WILLIAM.
- iii. KATHERINE.

* There was also a branch of the Levetts at Holme and Lund in the East Riding, in which Matthew and William were family names. It may be that William of Harewood came from this line, but their wills do not indicate this, and the mention of a godson Percival Levet in the will of Francis Levet seems to connect the line of Christopher with the Bolton Percy family.