

loving friend and servt. Sackville Tufton, From my Lodging at Mrs. Singleton's 2 Doors from the blue post in ye Haymarket near Charing Cross, 21st October 1680."

Lancelot's wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Sleddall of Penrith, and she was executrix of her husband's will, proved in the year 1686.\* Respectable families often have ghostly legends, and her name has been associated (erroneously as Canon Machell writes to me) with a vague tradition about one Peg Snedde, who is said to haunt Crackenthorpe hall, and to appear to the unfortunate heads of the family before their respective deaths. The country folk say she is laid under that big stone called Peg's stone in the river Eden just below Crackenthorpe hall, for 999 years, a stone which I understand from our President Canon Simpson has disappeared, albeit a stone there still is of large size which was pointed out to me as Peg's, just off the right bank below the hall. "The country folk say that she has been seen driving along the Appleby road at a great pace with 'amber leets' in the carriage, and disappears suddenly in Machell wood near the spot marked in the ordnance survey Peg Snedde's trough. When storms come from the Fell, Peg is said to be angry, and *vice versa* in fine weather, and much more rubbish, a medley of local stories, attaches to her name. Can the rumble of wheels said to be heard on the Appleby road be explained by slight shocks of earthquake? . . . I took down a long account of Peg" continues the Canon, "from Mr. Hill more than 30 years ago, but it was merely an extension of the stories of her being seen or her carriage heard on the Appleby road." An old tree is also associated with Mrs. Machell's name, Sleddal's Oak in the neighbourhood of Crackenthorpe, "where a female figure is seen to sit and weep when any misfortune is about to befall any

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\* See Appendix for his will.