

By the inquisition it appears that he died seised of the vill of Mansfield (in extent), and of lands and tenements in Sutton, Carleton, and Lyndesey, in Nottinghamshire.¹ This property he seems to have held only for life;² and his possessions in Buckinghamshire were probably not tenures in capite.

We have not discovered whom he married: queen Philippa presented, in 1349, a cask of Gascon wine to the lady Amy de la Vache.³

Sir Richard de la Vache was succeeded in his estate by his son and heir sir Philip de la Vache, who became also a knight of this most noble Order.⁴

ARMS.

Gules, three lions rampant Argent, ducally crowned Or; in the centre point a bezant.

CREST.

A cow's leg Ermine, bent towards the dexter, the hoof upwards Or.⁵

SIR
RICHARD
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XXXII.

THOMAS LORD UGHTRED.

THE ancestors of this knight had been proprietors, during several generations, of ample domains in Yorkshire, which devolved to him in 1309, on the decease of his father Robert Ughtred, lord of the manor of Scarborough.⁶ We find him first employed, in 1314, in the retinue of William lord Latimer, against the Scots;⁷ and he was, most probably, present in that year at the battle of Bannockburn, which terminated so gloriously for the cause of Robert Bruce. He attended the army which invaded Scotland in 1317;⁸

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¹ Esc. 40 Ed. 3, No. 29, p. 2.

² Thoroton, p. 272.

³ Liber de exp. Phil. regine, 23 Ed. 3, in dom. cap. Westm.

⁴ See No. XCIV.

⁵ Plate, remaining in the fifth stall on the Sovereign's side. On

an escroll, under the escocheon, is this inscription: — "Mouns. S^r Richard levache."

⁶ Esc. 3 Ed. 2, No. 38.

⁷ Rot. Scoc. 8 Ed. 2, dorso. m. 8.

⁸ Ibid. 10 Ed. 2, m. 7.

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and joined at Newcastle the expedition of 1319.¹ In 1321 the custody of Scarborough castle was committed to him.

The contiguity of his estates to the northern border, and his great local experience, occasioned a further requisition of his services in 1333,² when Edward III. repaired to Scotland to receive the homage of Edward Balliol, to whom our knight appears to have rendered himself so acceptable that his attachment was rewarded by a grant of the considerable barony of Bonkyll, which had escheated to the prevailing power by the forfeiture of sir John Stewart.³ In 1334 Ughtred had licence to impark the woods of Kexby, Monkton-on-the-Moor, and Scakelthorpe, in Yorkshire.⁴ In 1335 he was with the king on his expedition into Scotland;⁵ and returned after the peace concluded with David II. in the course of that year. In 1336 he was appointed admiral of the fleet from the mouth of the Thames northwards.⁶ He served in Scotland again in the year following.⁷ With the rank of banneret, and having in his retinue twenty men-at-arms and sixty archers, he was ordered to proceed, together with the lords Wake and Roos, from the county of York towards Newcastle, and to muster there on Sunday in Mid-Lent, 1338.⁸ Soon after his arrival in Scotland, Edward III, doubtful of the fidelity of the persons whom Balliol might entrust with the defence of Perth, required him to confide the custody of that important place to Ughtred, on the 4th of August.⁹ In the following year the Stewart appeared before the town with a powerful army; and sir Thomas Ughtred, after a gallant resistance, found himself compelled to capitulate on the 17th August 1339; when he marched with the troops which had composed his garrison into England.¹⁰ His surrender of the fortress became a subject of inquiry in parliament, and he attended in person to justify his conduct. The result of the investigation redounded so much to his fame and honour, that the

¹ Rot. Scoc. 13 Ed. 2, m. 3.

² Ibid. 7 Ed. 3, m. 1.

³ Ibid. 8 Ed. 3, m. 19.

⁴ Drake's Ebor. p. 393.

⁵ Rot. Scoc. 9 Ed. 3, m. 7.

Ibid. 10 Ed. 3, m. 34.

⁷ Ibid. 11 Ed. 3, m. 11.

⁸ Ibid. 12 Ed. 3, m. 5.

⁹ Annals of Scotland, by lord Hailes, p. 203.

¹⁰ Ibid. p. 205.

regent, in the absence of the king, then in Flanders, held him fully excused, and "ordered that his former good name should be restored to him," until the king should think fit to appoint a more exact inquiry.¹ That Edward was satisfied with the justification is evident from his employment of him in an office of trust on the 18th February 1339-40,² and from a grant on the 8th April following.³

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In 1340 Ughtred went into Flanders;⁴ and was summoned to parliament among the barons in 1344. He was in the wars of France in 1345, under Thomas earl of Warwick; and again in the two following years. In 1349 he was retained to serve the king beyond sea with his usual retinue;⁵ and, the French threatening an invasion in 1352, he was appointed a commissioner of array in Yorkshire.⁶ In 1359 he was in the wars of Gascony.⁷

The precise date of his admission into the Order of the Garter has not been discovered; but that honour must have been conferred upon him between the 15th May 1358, when sir Henry Eam, his predecessor in the twelfth stall on the prince's side, was still living, and the date of the warrant for the preparation of robes for our knight against the feast of the Order in 1360.⁸

From that period he seems to have been no longer engaged in military affairs, but to have resided on his estate. He had robes of the Order issued to him against the feast of St. George in 1364;⁹ and he died before the 28th May in the year ensuing.¹⁰ He was buried in his parochial church of Catton, in the county of York, as appears by a recital in the will of his son.¹¹

By Margaret, his wife (whose family name has not been discovered), he had issue sir Thomas Ughtred, his son and

¹ T. Custod. apud Kenyngton, 29 Oct. 1339. Rot. Parl. 13 Ed. 3, p. 2, m. 16, "*teneri volumus excusatum et pristinae restitui famae suae.*"

² Rymer, vol. v. p. 167.

³ Ibid. p. 177.

⁴ Rot. Aleman. 14 Ed. 3, m. 24.

⁵ Pat. 34 Ed. 3, p. 2, m. 29, *per inspeximus.*

⁶ Rot. Franc. 26 Ed. 3, m. 5.

⁷ Rot. Vasc. 33 Ed. 3, p. 1, m. 14.

⁸ Comp. J. Neubury, 34 Ed. 3, m. 7, in off. Rem. Reg.

⁹ Comp. H. Snayth, a 29 Jun. A° 37 usque 29 ej'm. A° 38 Ed. 3.

¹⁰ Rot. Fin. 39 Ed. 3, m. 11.

¹¹ Test. Ebor. (published by the Surtees Society,) part i. p. 241.

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heir, who acquired great distinction as a military commander, as well in Scotland, where he was constable of Lochmaben castle, as in the French wars. He died in November 1401, leaving his grandson, Thomas Ughtred, his heir, viz. the son of William, the son of sir Thomas Ughtred the younger, by Catharine, his first wife, daughter of Peter lord Mauley by Margaret Clifford. Kexby was, in 1551, in the possession of Robert Ughtred, the heir male of the body of Thomas lord Ughtred, of whose descendants no one received summons to parliament in right of that barony.

ARMS.

Gules, a cross moline Or charged with five mullets of the field.

CREST.

A buck's head issuant out of a ducal coronet.

XXXIII.

SIR WALTER MANNY—LORD DE MANNY.

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THE name of sir Walter Manny, associated with all that is bright and pleasing in the knightly character, revives, with talismanic power, the feats of prowess, combats of generosity, and examples of self-devotion and loyalty of heart, exhibited by the "preux chevaliers" of his time, and for which none more than that hero was pre-eminently distinguished.

The features of his character have been drawn so accurately, and with such labour of love, by Froissart, his townsman and contemporary, and this in simple recitals of the principal actions of his busy life, that, in the brief notice to which we are here of necessity restricted, we shall chiefly follow St. Palaye,¹ who has condensed the information derived from the lively chronicler on the subject: to which we propose to add a few gleanings from other, partly inedited, sources.

¹ Memoires sur l'ancienne Chevalerie par De la Curne de St. Palaye, ed. 1781, tom. iii. pp. 21-72.