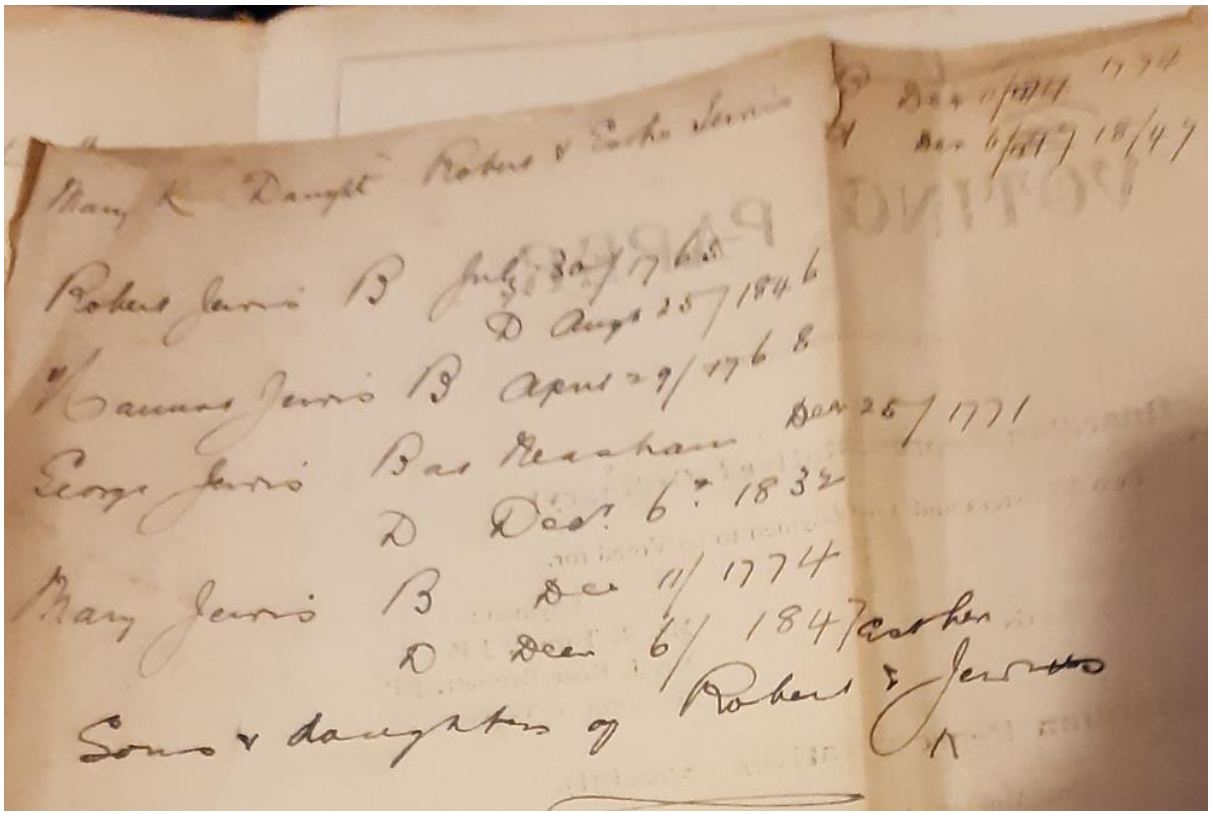
The Jervises of Croft

In 1764, Robert Jervis married Esther Sanderson at Croft on Tees, both being from the parish. A witness was Ralph Jervis. A son Robert was born the following year and a daughter Hannah in 1768.



Note in Kipling family bible

A second son, George, was born at Neasham on Christmas Day 1771, but baptised in Darlington on 3 January 1772.

Baptisms, Darlington District - *Record Number: 699595.0*
Location: Darlington
Church: St. Cuthbert
Denomination: Anglican
3 Jan 1772 George Jervis of Darlington, son of Robert Jervis (labourer)

A second daughter, Mary, was baptised back at Croft 12 February 1775.

Robert later married at Stockton, where he subsequently lived (see later).

Marriages, Stockton District - *Record Number: 356206.1*
Location: Stockton
Church: St. Thomas
Denomination: Anglican
28 May 1786 Robert Jervis of this parish married Frances Knowles of this parish

Mary was witness at a wedding in Darlington in 1794 and Hannah married there in January 1801

Marriages, Darlington District - *Record Number: 486911.1*
Location: Darlington
Church: St. Cuthbert
Denomination: Anglican
30 Nov 1794 Thomas Lodge (weaver) of this parish married Margery Carr (spinster) of this parish, by banns
Witnesses: Mary Jervis, Elizabeth Carr

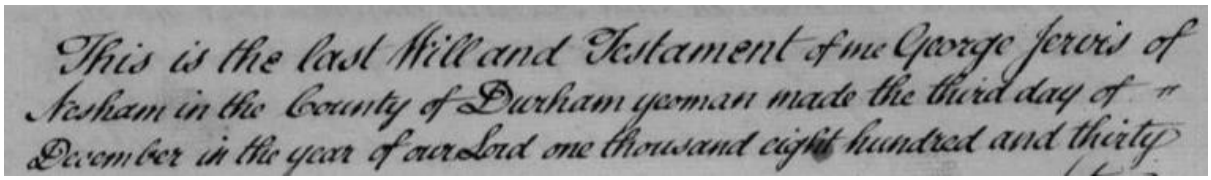
Baptisms, Darlington District - *Record Number: 249246.0*
Location: Darlington
Church: St. Cuthbert
Denomination: Anglican
29 Jan 1801 Henry Sager, born 9-Jan 1801, 2nd son of Robert Sager (sadler, native of Richmond) & Hannah Jervis (native of Croft, Yorkshire)

Mary married James Kipling of Leeds at Croft on 22 April 1801. See 'The Kiplings of Darlington". Francis Kipling was a witness.

In 1805, Esther Jervis died aged 71 and was buried at Croft. Robert married there a year later to Elizabeth Gibson.

Robert died in 1820, aged 81.

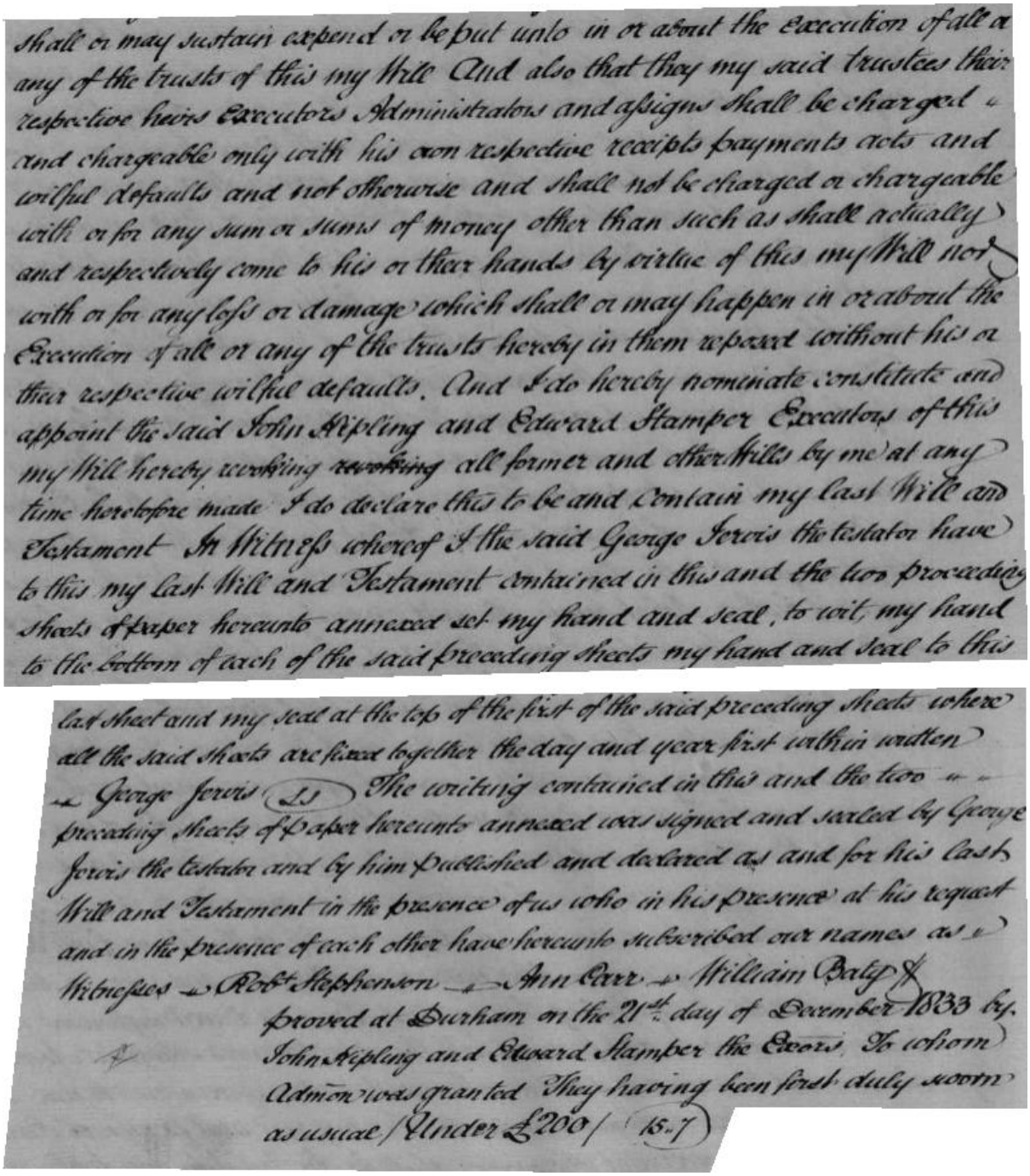
George Jervis died in 1833 at Neasham south of Darlington, leaving a will mentioning only his brother Robert and the Kiplings, suggesting that he and Robert had no family and that Hannah had also died childless.


This is the last Will and Testament of me George Jervis of Neasham in the County of Durham yeoman made the third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty

two in manner following, that is to say, I Give Devise and bequeath unto and to the use of John Kipling of Darlington in the said County of Durham Carpet Manufacturer and Edward Stamper of Half way House near Nesham aforesaid Farmer their heirs Executors and Administrators All those my two freehold Dwelling Houses Garden Hereditaments and premises with the appurtenances situate at Nesham aforesaid now in the several occupations of myself and John Goldsborough And also all my ready money securities for money household Goods and Furniture plate linen and china and all other my real and personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature tenure kind or quality soever Upon the trusts following that is to say, Upon trust that they my said trustees and the survivor of them his executors and administrators do and shall convert as soon after my decease as conveniently may be such part of my personal estate and effects as does not consist of money into money and call in all such sums of money as shall be due and owing to me at the time of my decease and after paying thereout my just Debts funeral and Testamentary expences and the expences of the probate of this my Will. I direct that my

said trustees and the survivor of them his heirs executors and Administrators do and shall stand possessed of and in my said real and the residue of my personal Estate Upon trust to invest the residue of my personal Estate upon Government or real security at interest with power from time to time to call in the money and invest the same upon new or other securities of the like nature and pay unto my brother Robert Jervis of Stockton in the said County of Durham Tailor or his assigns out of the rents interest dividends and proceeds of my said real and personal Estate one annuity or clear yearly sum of five pounds for and during the term of his natural life by two equal half yearly payments on the twenty third day of November and the thirteenth day of May in each and every year the first payment thereof to begin and be made on such of the said days as shall first happen next after my decease and also a proportionable part of the said annuity to the Executors or Administrators of my said brother Robert Jervis from the last preceding day of payment to the day of his decease and from and after the decease of my said brother Robert Jervis the said annuity or yearly sum of five pounds shall sink into the residue of my estate and effects for the benefit of my sister

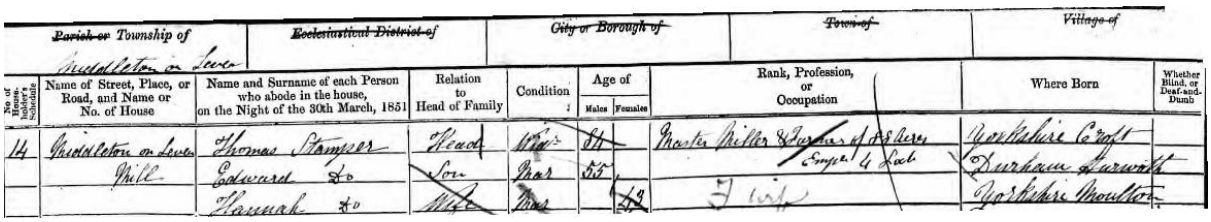
Mary Kipling in case she shall be then living. And upon further trust to pay unto my said sister Mary Kipling the residue of the Interest Dividends and proceeds of the money so directed to be invested upon Government or real security at interest as aforesaid and also the residue of the rents and profits of my said Freehold Hereditaments and premises situate at Oakham aforesaid and also the said annuity or yearly sum of five pounds (from and after the decease of my said brother Robert Jervis in case he shall depart this life in the lifetime of my said sister) for and during the term of her natural life And from and after the decease of my said sister Mary Kipling then my said Freehold Dwellinghouses Garden Hereditaments and premises with the appurtenances situate at Oakham aforesaid and the money so directed to be invested upon Government or real security at interest as aforesaid and all other my real and personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever shall be In Trust for my Nephews and Niece George Kipling, Esther Toulmin, John Kipling and Robert Kipling (the Sons and Daughter of my said sister Mary Kipling) in equal shares and proportions and their respective heirs executors Administrators and assigns as tenants in common and not as joint tenants And in case any of them my said Nephews and niece the said George Kipling Esther Toulmin John Kipling and Robert Kipling shall depart this life under the age of twenty one years and without leaving any issue of his her or their body or bodies the share or respective shares as well accruing as surviving of and in my said real and personal Estates shall go accrue and survive to the other or others of my said Nephews and niece his her or their heirs Executors Administrators and assigns according to the several natures and tenures of the said Estates And I do hereby declare that it shall and may be lawful to and for my said trustees and Executors and their respective heirs Executors and Administrators by and out of all or any of the monies which shall come to their or either of their hands to deduct retain and reimburse themselves respectively all such reasonable costs charges and expences as they respectively



shall or may sustain expend or be put unto in or about the execution of all or any of the trusts of this my Will And also that they my said trustees their respective heirs Executors Administrators and assigns shall be charged and chargeable only with his own respective receipts payments acts and wilful defaults and not otherwise and shall not be charged or chargeable with or for any sum or sums of money other than such as shall actually and respectively come to his or their hands by virtue of this my Will nor with or for any loss or damage which shall or may happen in or about the Execution of all or any of the trusts hereby in them reposed without his or their respective wilful defaults. And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint the said John Kipling and Edward Stamper Executors of this my Will hereby revoking ~~revoking~~ all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made I do declare this to be and contain my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said George Jervis the testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained in this and the two preceding Sheets of paper hereunto annexed set my hand and seal, to wit my hand to the bottom of each of the said preceding sheets my hand and seal to this last sheet and my seal at the top of the first of the said preceding sheets where all the said Sheets are fixed together the day and year first within written — George Jervis (LS) The writing contained in this and the two preceding Sheets of Paper hereunto annexed was signed and sealed by George Jervis the testator and by him published and declared as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses — Robt Stephenson — Ann Carr — William Baty

proved at Durham on the 21st day of December 1833 by John Kipling and Edward Stamper the Exors. To whom Admon was granted They having been first duly sworn as usual / Under £200 / (15.7)

Edward Stamper, the co-executor, appears to have been a farmer and later a miller, whose father was born at Croft around 1767, and who was himself born at Hurworth (in which parish Nesham is situated) around 1796. It seems likely that the Stampers and the Jervises would have been friendly.



~~Parish or~~ Township of Middleton on Leven | ~~Ecclesiastical District of~~ | ~~City or Borough of~~ | ~~Town of~~ | Village of

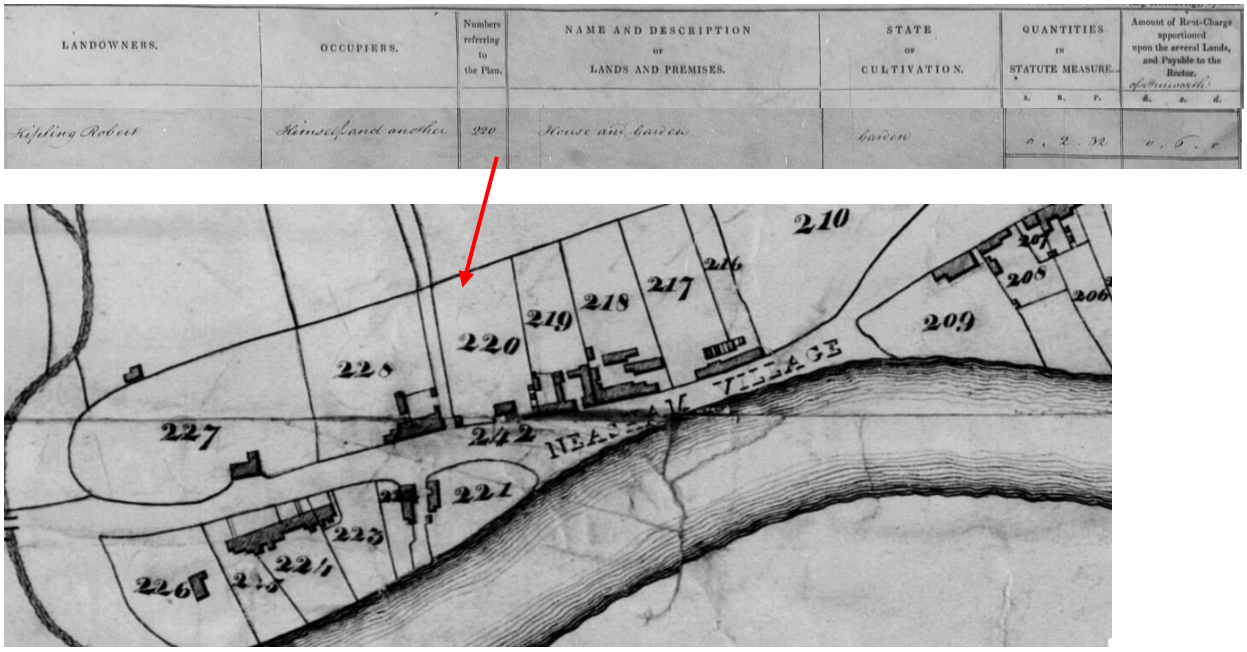
No. of Houses Inhabited	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of Males	Age of Females	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf-and-Dumb
14	Middleton on Leven Mill	Thomas Stamper	Head	Widr	84		Master Miller & Farmer of 83 Acres Empl 4 Lab	Yorkshire Croft	
		Edward Do	Son	Unmar	55			Durham Hurworth	
		Hannah Do	Wife	Mar		49	Wife	Yorkshire Moulton	

1851

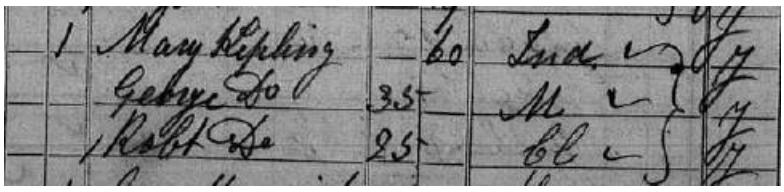
Brother Robert died in 1846, the recorded age agreeing with his baptismal record.

Burials, Stockton District - *Record Number: 721907.2*
Location: Stockton
Church: Holy Trinity
Denomination: Anglican
28 Aug 1846 Robert Jervis, of Stockton, age: 81

In 1838 tithe records and the 1841 census, Mary Kipling and her son Robert are shown as living in the cottage at Neasham bequeathed by George.



In 1841 she had sons George and Robert with her, in George's case just visiting.



1841 Neasham

Mary died in 1847.

Burials, Darlington District - *Record Number: 1213848.2*
Location: Hurworth
Church: All Saints
Denomination: Anglican
9 Dec 1847 Mary Kipling, of Neasham, age: 75

Appendix- Where did the Jervises come from?

There are no earlier Jervis records at Croft. So where did the family come from?

A Robert and John Jervis (Gervis) were living in Aldbrough in the parish of Stanwick St John in the 1730s and both married there.

Stanwick St John 1732

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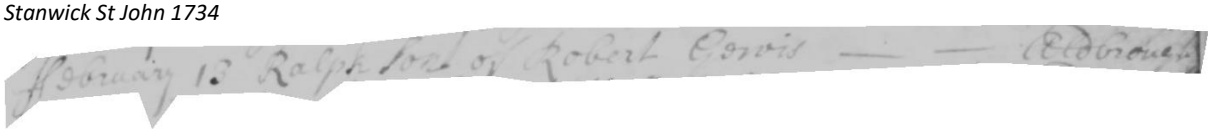
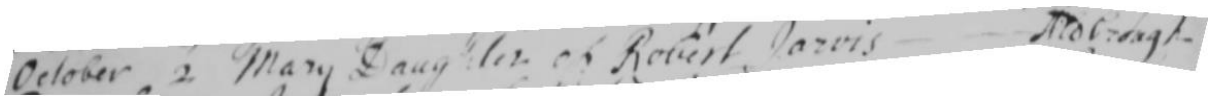


Stanwick St John 1734/5

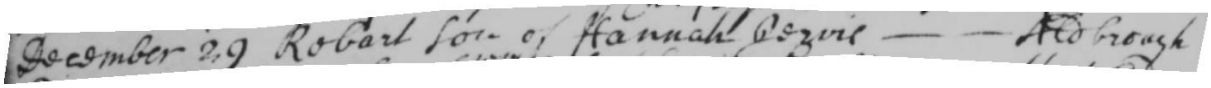
As can be seen, Robert's wife Hannah had a daughter Dorothy shortly after the marriage and John's wife Margaret a son Ralph likewise. Robert and Hannah had a further daughter in 1737.



Stanwick St John 1737

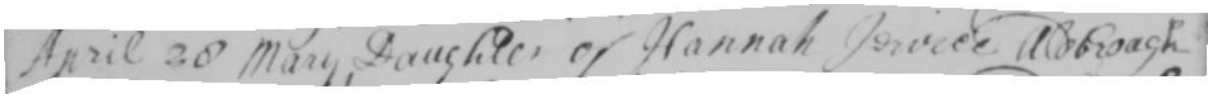
Robert died in 1739 and a posthumous son, also Robert, was born five months later.

Stanwick St John 1739



Stanwick St John 1739

Hannah and Robert's daughter Mary in 1743 and Hannah herself died later the same year, leaving Robert an orphan. This Robert's year of birth agrees with Robert of Croft's age at death. Also, if John and Robert senior were brothers, Ralph Jervis could have been the witness at Robert of Croft's wedding (being his cousin).



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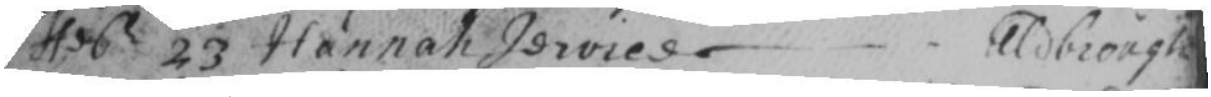
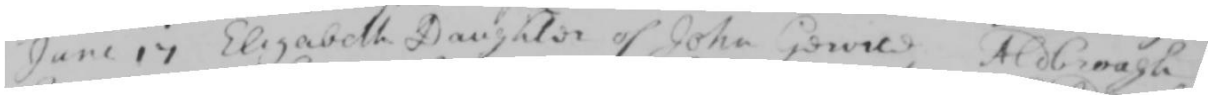


Stanwick St John 1743/4

Meanwhile, John and Margaret had further children Elizabeth, William and Thomas.



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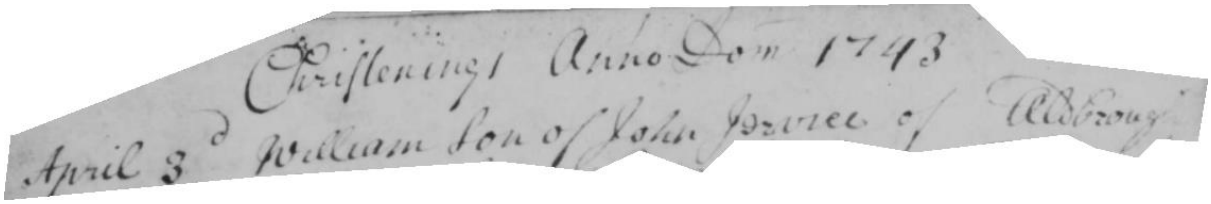

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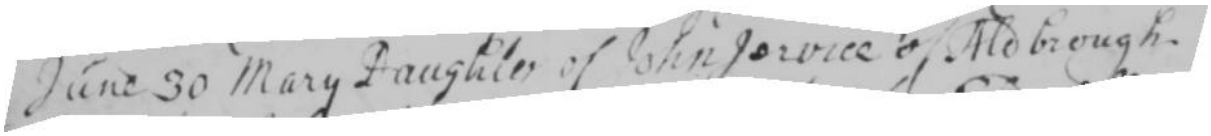
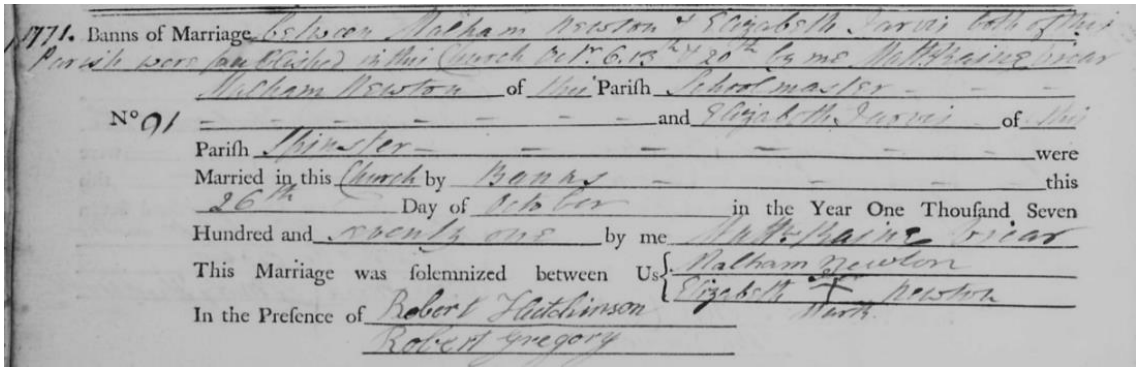


Stanwick 1749

The only further reference to the family at Stanwick was in 1771 when Elizabeth Jarvis was married



1771. Banns of Marriage between Welham Newton & Elizabeth Jarvis both of this Parish were published in this Church the 6th 13th & 20th days of Matthias Friar Curate

No 91 Welham Newton of this Parish Schoolmaster and Elizabeth Jarvis of this Parish Thirsk were Married in this Church by Banns this 26th Day of October in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and seventy one by me Matthias Friar

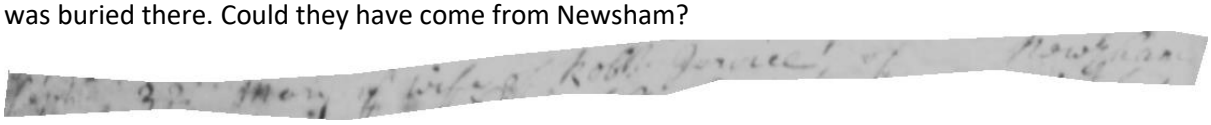
This Marriage was solemnized between Us Welham Newton Elizabeth Jarvis

In the Presence of Robert Hutchinson Robert Gregory

Stanwick St John 1771

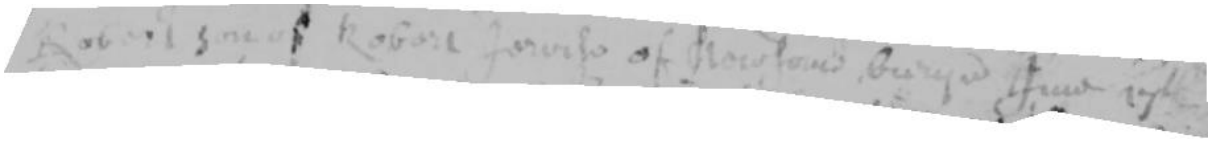
Where did the Jervises of Stanwick come from? As yet there are only clues and no solid evidence.

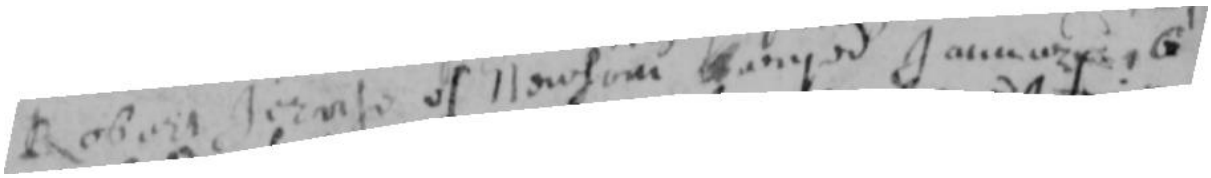
There is a 1737 register entry at Stanwick showing that Mary, wife of Robert Jervice of Newsham was buried there. Could they have come from Newsham?



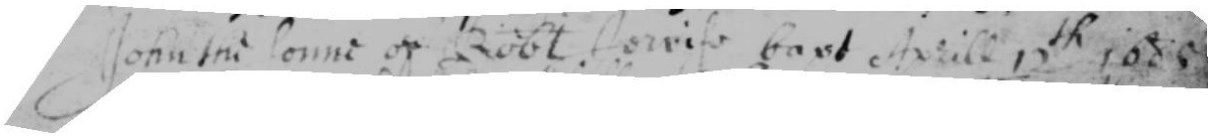
Stanwick St John 1737 (Sept 22).

Now a Robert and Mary Jarvis of Newsham had sons Ralph and Robert and daughter Margaret baptised at Barninhgam in 1703, 1705 and 1707 respectively. Robert Jervis of Newsham and his son Robert were then buried at Kirkby Ravensworth in 1713 and 1711 respectively, meaning that it could not be son Robert who married at Stanwick 1732.





A John son of Robert Jervise was baptised at Kirkby Ravensworth in 1685 (as were daughters Ann and Jane in 1677 and 1680)



Other Jervis families were present in Winston, Gainford, Staindrop and Barnard Castle around this time.