

THREE BLACK BIRDS

The 900 Year History of a Lincolnshire Family

Volume I – Hoggesthorpe and Burgh

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VOLUME I: HOGGESTHORPE & BURGH

RAGEMAR, Lord of Welle, Claxby, Withern, etc. in the County of Lincoln; recorded in the *Doomsday Book* as holding his lands in 1086 by knight service from Gilbert de Gant I, Lord of Folkingham and Bridlington; married and had with other issue,

WALTER FITZ RAGEMAR, Lord of Welle, Claxby, Withern, etc.; living *circa* 1115; married and had issue,

1. William Fitz Walter, Lord of Welle; living *circa* 1166 and after 1184; married Rohese, daughter of Walter de Gant, Lord of Folkingham and Bridlington by his wife, Maud of Brittany, Lady of Swaledale, and sister of Gilbert de Gant II, Earl of Lincoln; *from William and Rohese descend the de Welles family, summoned to Parliament as Barons from 1299, attainted 1474, created Viscount Welles in 1487 and extinct in 1498.*
2. **Humphrey Fitz Walter**, of whom.

HUMPHREY FITZ WALTER, married Alice, daughter of Robert de Lekeburne, “Keeper of the King’s Forests in the County of Leicester” and founder of Lekeburne Priory *circa* 1150, and Matilda, his wife; Alice was left the manor of Saltfleetby by her father and this she held of the King by fee farm rent; Humphrey and Alice had issue along with three daughters,

1. **Walter de Cracroft**, of whom.
2. Richard Fitz Humphrey.
3. Thomas Fitz Humphrey.
4. Harold de Withern, Lord of Withern, living *circa* 1230.

WALTER DE CRACROFT, Lord of the Manor of Cracroft, in the parish of Hoggesthorpe, Lincs.; described in 1202 as being son and heir of Alice “la Connetable” but as having “wasted his inheritance”; in 1248 he is mentioned in a Patent Roll as being an enemy of the King¹; he left issue, an only recorded child,

STEPHEN DE CRACROFT, Lord of the Manor of Cracroft, did homage for 48 acres of land in “Hogestorp” to William, Abbot of Bardney, on 12 November 1256²; married and had issue,

1. **William de Cracroft**, of whom.
2. Robert de Cracroft, married Matilda, and died 1285/86.

WILLIAM DE CRACROFT, Lord of the Manor of Cracroft, mentioned in Close Roll 2 October 1284³; married and had issue,

1. **Robert de Cracroft**, of whom.
2. John de Cracroft, married Agnes, and died 1322/23 without issue.

ROBERT DE CRACROFT, Lord of the Manor of Cracroft, sole heir of his brother 1322/23; married 1316/17, Alice de Gunby, daughter of Robert de Gunby; held 6 acres of land by knight service of the heir of Adam de Welle; in 1345 he obtained a licence to have the Mass celebrated in the oratory “infra mansum suum de Cracroft in parochia de Hogsthorpe”; died 2 August 1351/52 (IPM 2 October 1359⁴) leaving issue, an only recorded child,

JOHN DE CRACROFT, Lord of the Manor of Cracroft, baptised at Hoggesthorpe 13 March 1335/36; aged 24 on 13 March 1359/60 when he proved his age; mentioned in Close Roll 1361/62⁵ and living 1393/94; married Katherine de Westmeades, daughter of Robert de Westmeades, of Skegness, Lincs., and sister and heir of Walter de Westmeades in 1391/92; they had issue,

1. **Robert Cracroft**, of whom.
2. Thomas Cracroft, of Boston, Lincs., appointed a mainpernor by Close Roll in 1381/82, and in 1395/96 he was appointed the King’s Alnager and Collector of the Subsidy on cloths for sale in the Parts of Holland except for the City of Lincoln; married and had issue, an only daughter,
 - 1a. Mary Cracroft, married Thomas Fulnetby, of Fulnetby, Lincs.
3. Olive Cracroft, married John Atlesay, of Stickford, Lincs..
4. Alice Cracroft, married John Jeffry, of Stickford, Lincs..

ROBERT CRACROFT, Lord of the Manor of Cracroft, appointed a mainpernor by Close Roll in 1381/82 and again by Fine Roll in 1389/90; living in 1411/12; married Agnes, and had issue,

1. **John Cracroft**, of whom.
2. William Cracroft, of Hoggesthorpe, Lincs., in 1431/32 he was appointed the Collector of Taxes for the Parts of Lindsey except for the City of Lincoln; married Alice
3. Thomas Cracroft.
4. Stephen Cracroft.
5. Sara Cracroft, married in 1410/11 William Havendike, of Winthorpe, Lincs..

JOHN CRACROFT, Lord of the Manor of Cracroft, married Stickney, daughter and heiress of Stickney, of Stickney, Lincs.; died in 1421 with administration being granted to his brother, William, and was buried leaving issue, an only recorded child,

ROBERT CRACROFT, Lord of the Manor of Cracroft, living 1424/25, 1425/26 and 1433/34; married Alice de Rathby, daughter and heiress of William de Rathby, of Horsington, Lincs.; died leaving issue,

1. **John Cracroft**, of whom.
2. William Cracroft, married Alice
3. Joanne Cracroft, living 1490, married Robert Newcomen.

JOHN CRACROFT, Lord of the Manor of Cracroft; married Margaret Caleflete, sister and heiress of Richard Caleflete, of Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs.; will dated 8 February 1489/90 and proved at Lincoln 9 April 1490; (to be) buried at Hoggesthorpe, Lincs., leaving issue,

1. William Cracroft, Lord of the Manor of Cracroft; married before 1484 Margaret Topcliffe, daughter of William Topcliffe; died on the Wednesday after the Feast of St Hugh, 1509; IPM taken at Alford, Lincs., on 22 April 1510 having had issue,

- 1a. Henry Cracroft, Lord of the Manor of Cracroft, of full age at his father's death; died on 26 July 1517; IPM at Louth, in November 1517, showed him as holding land in Ingoldmells, Winthorpe, Welton, Theddlethorpe, Stickney and Horsington as well as the manor of Cracroft in Hoggesthorpe.
- 2a. Leonard Cracroft, Lord of the Manor of Cracroft, heir of his brother and aged 23 and more at his death; married Grace Bullen, daughter of Thomas Bullen, of Stickford, Lincs.; died on 3 March 1555/56 and buried in Hoggesthorpe, Lincs.; will dated 18 November 1553 and proved PCC on 1 February 1556/57; IPM at Sleaford on 5 October 1556, having had issue,
 - 1b. Richard Cracroft, Lord of the Manor of Cracroft, aged 40 and more at his father's death; also of Boston and Claxby; recorded his pedigree in the Visitation of Lincolnshire 1564; in the same year he was appointed a Commissioner of the Peace and of Sewers for Lincolnshire; married Margaret Bohun, daughter of John Bohun, of North Willingham, Lincs.; died at Boston, Lincs., on 9 July 1567; IPM at Horsington on 29 April 1568, having had issue,
 - 1c. Leonard Cracroft, Lord of the Manor of Cracroft, aged 26 and more at his father's death; a legatee of his nephew Sir John Bolle in 1606; married before 1563 Anne Bolle, daughter of Richard Bolle, of Haugh, Lincs. (buried at Hoggesthorpe, Lincs., on 6 January 1578/79); buried at Louth, Lincs., on 30 September 1615, leaving issue an only child,
 - 1d. Richard Cracroft, Lord of the Manor of Cracroft, baptised at Hoggesthorpe, Lincs., on 15 December 1578; a legatee of his cousin Sir John Bolle in 1606; described as "of Cottenham, co. Camb." in the Visitation of Cambridgeshire 1 October 1618/19 and said to be aged 60 in the Visitation of Lincolnshire 1634; married in Cottenham, Cambs., in 1608, Elizabeth Bendish, daughter of Thomas Bendish, of Bowes Hall, Bumpstead, Essex, and sister of Sir Thomas Bendish, 1st Bart. (and widow of John Pepys, of Cottenham, Cambs.; she was buried there 1642). *The Manor of Cracroft was in the possession of Sir Ralph Maddison, of Fonaby, in 1656, who devised it to his son Humphrey Maddison and*

grandson Ralph Maddison; it was sold out of this family before 1756.

- 2c. Henry Cracroft.
- 2b. William Cracroft, under age at the date of his father's will in which he was given the lease of the parsonage of Hoggesthorpe' married at Hoggesthorpe, Lincs., on 10 November 1577, Isobel Kaye, and had issue,
 - 1c. Edward Cracroft, baptised in Hoggesthorpe, Lincs., on 21 July 1578.
- 3b. Thomas Cracroft.
- 4b. Michael Cracroft, mentioned in his father's will.
- 5b. Anne Cracroft, married William Bleasby, of Bleasby, Lincs..
- 3a. Thomas Cracroft, mentioned in his brother's will; married and had issue
 - 1b. William Cracroft, of Mossgate, Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs.; a legatee of his uncle Leonard 18 November 1553; died and buried in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 16 April 1558; will dated 2 October 1557 and proved at Lincoln⁶, having had issue,
 - 1c. Thomas Cracroft, of Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs.; aged 37 and more at his father's death; buried in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 25 June 1577, leaving issue,
 - 1d. John Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 9 February 1555/56 and buried there on 26 December 1556.
 - 2d. Elizabeth Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 29 August 1559 and buried there on 24 November 1559.
 - 2c. Francis Cracroft.
 - 3c. Mary Cracroft, married Thomas Hansard, of Cuxwold, Lincs..
- 4a. Jane Cracroft, married William Massingberd, of Gunby, Lincs..

2. **Richard Cracroft**, of whom.
3. Margaret Cracroft, living 1490.
4. Agnes Cracroft, living 1490.
5. Lucy Cracroft, living 1490.

RICHARD CRACROFT, of Ingoldmells⁷, Lincs.; had lands in Partney, etc. by his father's will, which he proved 9 April 1490; married before 1494 Elizabeth⁸ (died after 1516); died on 24 September 1516; IPM at New Sleaford in November 1516, having had issue,

1. John Cracroft, of Ingoldmells, Lincs.; aged 16 and more at his father's death; married Jane Claymond, daughter of Adlard Claymond, of Frampton, Lincs. (proved her husband's will; her will was dated 25 January 1557/58 and proved 15 March 1557/58; after her husband's death she married 2ndly Lawrence Palmer, of Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs.); died on 14 May 1537; will dated 10 May 1537 and proved PCC 15 November 1538; IPM taken 13 October 1537; *from John and Jane descend the Cracrofts (later Cracroft-Amcotts) of Hackthorn, the Cracrofts of Leicester, the Cracrofts of Worcester and the Cracroft-Rice's of Boston, and, through the Nelthorpe family, the Dukes of St Alban's, Northumberland and Buccleuch & Queensbury, and many other peerage families - for whom see Volume II.*
2. **William Cracroft**, of whom.

WILLIAM CRACROFT, of Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs.; married at Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 30 June 1541/42, Elizabeth Howson; buried in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs. on 26 September 1557; will dated 20 September 1557 and proved at Lincoln on 27 April 1558, leaving land in Burgh-le-Marsh, Orby and Hoggesthorpe⁹; and had issue,

1. **Robert Cracroft**, of whom.
2. Leonard Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 13 October 1546; married in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 30 May 1581, Elizabeth Mawson (buried in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 8 August 1591); buried in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 5 September 1582.
3. Elizabeth Cracroft

ROBERT CRACROFT, of Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs.; baptised there on 8 May 1544; married Protasia Quadring (baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 21 November 1575), daughter of Thomas Quadring, of Irby, Lincs., and heiress of her mother Margaret Dymoke, daughter of Thomas Dymoke, of Friskney and North Carlton, Lincs.; buried in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 21 November 1575; will dated 19 November 1575 and proved at Lincoln on 30 November 1575¹⁰; IPM taken in 1575/76, having had issue,

1. Robert Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 9 September 1568.
2. **Thomas Cracroft**, of whom.
3. Robert Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 9 September 1571 and buried there on 28 August 1584.
4. Agnes Cracroft, mentioned in her father's will; married in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 10 November 1584 to John Simpson.
5. Elizabeth Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 12 May 1575 and married there on 25 July 1596 to John Kirkman, of East Keale, Lincs..

THOMAS CRACROFT, of Burgh-le-Marsh, Fulnetby and Friskney, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 23 October 1569; married Anne Johnson, daughter of George Johnson, of Thwaite and Wainfleet, Lincs. (proved her husband's will 13 March 1617); *by her will dated 23 May 1615, Anne Armine (who died without issue 18 August 1616), the first cousin of his mother, being daughter and heiress of William Dymoke of Friskney and widow of both Charles Bolle of Haugh and Bartholomew Armine of Rodby, devised all her estates to Thomas Cracroft*; died on 10 February 1617, will dated on 22 August 1614 and codicil dated on 24 January 1617, proved PCC on 13 March 1617; IPM in 1618, leaving issue,

1. George Cracroft, baptised in Winthorpe, Lincs., on 15 December 1594; died in 1615, buried in St Giles, Cripplegate, Lincoln.
2. Henry Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 2 February 1598; died before the 1634 Lincolnshire Visitation.
3. **George Cracroft**, of whom.
4. William Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 17 October 1602; 2nd son in the 1634 Lincolnshire Visitation; living 1645.

5. Robert Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 8 February 1604; 3rd son in the 1634 Lincolnshire Visitation; living 1645.
6. Thomas Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 25 July 1605; mentioned in his father's will 1614.
7. John Cracroft, of Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., baptised there on 29 October 1606; married Protasia (proved her husband's will on 14 November 1661); will dated 26 November 1656 and proved at Lincoln on 14 November 1661, leaving issue,
 - 1a. William Cracroft, of North Coates, Lincs., baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 18 April 1638; a legatee of his father in 1656; married Priscilla (surviving 1677); will dated 16 May 1677 and proved at Lincoln on 12 October 1677, leaving issue,
 - 1b. Anne Cracroft, baptised in North Coates, Lincs., on 24 March 1659.
 - 2b. John Cracroft, baptised in North Coates, Lincs., on 6 June 1661.
 - 3b. Robert Cracroft, baptised in North Coates, Lincs., on 27 April 1663
 - 4b. Charles Cracroft, baptised in North Coates, Lincs., on 14 January 1668.
 - 5b. William Cracroft, baptised in North Coates, Lincs., on 1 March 1671.
 - 6b. Stephen Cracroft, baptised in North Coates, Lincs., on 14 November 1674.
 - 2a. John Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 2 January 1640; apprenticed in the Fishmongers' Company 7 July 1656.
 - 3a. Thomas Cracroft, mercer, of Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 7 February 1641; married firstly, Margaret (buried in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 5 October 1667), and had issue,
 - 1b. Samuel Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 5 October 1667 and buried there on 20 February 1668.

Thomas married 2ndly in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 1 January 1668, Margaret Anton (buried in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 24 December 1675), and had further issue,

- 2b. Anne Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 18 November 1668 and buried there on 26 December 1668.
- 4a. George Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 12 November 1646 and buried there on 16 March 1647.
- 5a. Bridget Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 29 May 1636 and buried in Croft, Lincs., on 26 August 1636.
- 6a. Protasia Cracroft, buried in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 9 September 1640.
- 7a. Anne Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 11 May 1642.
- 8a. Protasia Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 9 May 1643.
- 9a. Mary Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 18 October 1644 and buried there on 5 February 1653.
- 10a. Catherine Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 26 November 1656.
- 11a. Elizabeth Cracroft, twin with Catherine.
- 8. Leonard Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 8 June 1608 and buried there on 8 November 1614.
- 9. Christopher Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 14 April 1611 and buried there on 11 June 1611.
- 10. Anne Cracroft, baptised in Winthorpe, Lincs., on 30 July 1593, 1st daughter in 1634 Lincolnshire Visitation; married in St Margaret-in-the-Close, Lincoln, on 18 August 1614, to Anthony Palmer, of Winthorpe, Lincs.
- 11. Elizabeth Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 24 October 1596 and buried there on 1 February 1597.
- 12. Margaret Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 24 February 1600 and married there on 1 May 1624, Christopher Pearson.

13. Protasia Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 3 October 1609, 2nd daughter in 1634 Lincolnshire Visitation; married in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 2 October 1628, Richard Elsam; living 1645.
14. Bridget Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 27 March 1614, 3rd daughter in 1634 Lincolnshire Visitation; married in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 7 May 1633, John North; living 1645.
15. Jane Cracroft, 4th daughter in 1634 Lincolnshire Visitation; married Robert Stone, of Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs.,.

GEORGE CRACROFT, of Burgh-le-Marsh and Fulletby, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on, 2 February 1597, son and heir in 1634 Lincolnshire Visitation; admitted as pensioner at Sidney College, Cambridge, on 24 September 1616 and matriculated in same year; married Elizabeth Bolle, daughter of Sir John Bolle, of Haugh, Lincs. (sole legatee of her husband's will; buried at Louth, Lincs., on 9 April 1669); died on 14 October 1637 and buried in Alford the same day; nuncupative will made on 1 October 1637 and proved PCC on 28 November 1637; IPM in 1639 showed him as possessing at the time of his death the manor of Friskney, 146 acres of land in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., 200 acres of land in Bratoft and Gunby and 140 acres of land in Leake; he left issue,

1. **Charles Cracroft**, of whom.
2. Henry Cracroft, baptised in Fulletby on 12 February 1625; living 11 November 1680 when he was said to have a son living in India and two daughters.
3. Thomas Cracroft, baptised in Fulletby on 22 March 1626; admitted pensioner at St Catherine's College, Cambridge, Easter 1644, BA 1648, DD 1678; Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, MA 1648, BD 1660, Proctor of Magdalen 1684; married Dorothy Roper, daughter of John Roper, son and heir of Lancelot Roper, Alderman of Hull, Yorks., (widow of John Ellerker, of Risby, Yorks.; she died on 3 February 1704 and was buried in Risby); will dated on 10 March 1698, then of York and without issue, and was proved at York on 5 August 1704.
4. Edward Cracroft, of Louth, Lincs., baptised in Alford on 6 September 1632; married Elizabeth (living 1686) and was buried in Louth on 30 April 1674, leaving issue,
 - 1a. Charles Cracroft, baptised in Louth, Lincs., on 25 November 1666 and buried there on 5 October 1669.
 - 2a. Martha Cracroft, buried in Louth, Lincs., on 26 July 1668.

- 3a. Elizabeth Cracroft, married in Louth, Lincs., on 28 April 1691, John Worsley.
- 4a. Bridget Cracroft, baptised in Louth, Lincs., on 30 January 1673 and was buried there on 19 December 1694.
- 5. Richard Cracroft, baptised in Alford, Lincs., on 25 September 1634 and buried there on 13 May 1642.
- 6. Elizabeth Cracroft, aged 15 in the 1634 Lincolnshire Visitation; married in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 14 January 1641, Rev. Robert Morton, Rector of Withern, Lincs.; living 1653.
- 7. Hannah Cracroft, married 1stly, Latimer Crosse, Steward of the lands of Magdalen College, Oxford; and 2ndly, Samuel Nichols MA, Fellow of Magdalen; living 1653.
- 8. Catherine Cracroft, baptised in Fulletby, Lincs., on 2 January 1628; married on 3 January 1654, William Fitzwilliam of Withern; will dated 24 July 1686, then of Louth, Lincs., widow.
- 9. Martha Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 27 September 1624; married about 1653 Charles Saunderson; will dated 31 January 1703 and proved 9 May 1704.
- 10. Bridget Cracroft, married at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Middlesex, 13 February 1672 Charles Radley, Gentleman Usher to King James II; died 20 November 1679 and buried in Westminster Abbey.

CHARLES CRACROFT, of Louth, baptised at Fulletby, Lincs., on 26 January 1620, aged "12 or 13" in the 1634 Lincolnshire Visitation, aged 17 years, 8 months and 4 days at his father's death; Warden of Louth 1675 and 1684; a legatee of his brother Thomas; married 1stly at Alford, Lincs., on 11 December 1645, Jane Skegness, daughter of Christopher Skegness, of Alford, Lincs. (baptised there on 11 December 1626; buried in Louth, Lincs., on 17 March 1660), and had issue,

- 1. Elizabeth Cracroft, baptised in Alford, Lincs., on 24 September 1646; married 1stly on 22 January 1672, John Ellerker, of Risby, Yorks.; 2ndly (marriage settlement dated on 8 October 1685) William Gee, of Bishop Burton, Yorks.; buried there on 1 December 1726.
- 2. Anne Cracroft, baptised in Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., on 17 September 1647 and buried in Louth, Lincs., on 23 February 1683.

3. **Charles Cracroft**, for whom see Volume IV.
4. John Cracroft, of Louth; entered at Alford School 1 September 1662; died unmarried and letters of administration granted to his father 21 July 1680.

He married 2ndly Margaret Barker, daughter of Dr Hugh Barker, of Newbury, Berks. and Great Horbling, Bucks. and widow of Rev Francis Castillion, Vicar of Louth (she died in Louth, aged 75, on 26 March 1712 and was buried there on 29 March 1712); he was buried in Louth on 21 September 1701, leaving further issue,

5. Thomas Cracroft, born about 1681, "of Winchester College" in 1694; described as being "son and heir apparant" in his uncle's 1698 will; Scholar of New College Oxford 1701, BA 1713, resigned his Fellowship 1715.
6. John Cracroft, baptised in Louth, Lincs., on 19 May 1682.
7. Margaret Cracroft, baptised in Louth, Lincs., on 10 May 1672 and buried there on 16 April 1681.
8. Martha Cracroft, baptised in Louth, Lincs., on 24 September 1684; married in St Martin's-in-the-Fields, Middlesex, on 3 April 1701, John Gerard of London, merchant; buried in Christ Church, London, on 8 October 1742.
9. "A child", buried in Louth, Lincs., on 9 November 1677.

¹ Calendar of Patent Rolls - 32 Henry III (1248)

June 22 - Clarendon

Remission to Alice late the wife of Richard de Langwath, who was hanged of the king's suit for receiving Walter de Cracroft and his fellows, whereof she was found guilty by verdict of the country ("*patrie*") , on account of which judgement of hanging was given against her, and the hanging was deferred because she was pregnant; and grant that she may dwell safely in his lands

² Final Concords (Lincoln Record Society Vol 17)

No 20. At Lincoln on the morrow of St Martin, 41 Henry III (12 November 1256)

Between William abbot of Bardeney, plaintiff, and Stephen de Cracroft, tenant, of 48 acres of land in Hogestorp.

Recognition of the grand assize. Stephen has acknowledged the land to be the right of the abbot and his church. And for this the abbot has granted the land to Stephen: to hold to him and his heirs of the abbot and his successors and his church for ever; rendering therefore yearly 4/- for all service. (Warranty) And, moreover, Stephen has given to the abbot 4 marks of silver. And be it known that Stephen has done homage to the abbot in the same court for the tenement.

³ Calendar of Close Rolls - 12 Edward I (1284)

Ovtober 2 - Overton

William de Cracroft acknowledges that he owes to Henry de Blontesden, chaplain, £8 17s 4d; to be levied, in default of payment, of his lands and chattels in co. Lincoln.
The said William acknowledges that he owes to Adam de Clare, clerk, 40s; to be levied, in default of payment, of his lands and chattels in co. Lincoln.

4 Calendar of Inquisitiones Post Mortem -32 Edward III

No 479. Robert de Cracroft

Writ to the escheator in co. Lincoln to enquire as to the land and heir of Robert de Cracroft, who held of the heir of Adam de Welle, a minor in the king's wardship. (Dated) 2 October 32 Edward III (1359).

LINCOLN. Inq. taken at Lincoln on Friday in Easter Week 32 Edward III.

Hoggesthorp. 6a. pasture held of the heir of Adam de Welle by knight's service, who held of the fee of Gilbert de Gaunt by knight's service, and the heirs of Gilbert held of the king in chief by knight's service. Since the death of the said Robert the king has been in possession of the premises and the issues have been received by the escheator from year to year, who let the premises to the best advantage.

He died on 2 August 24 Edward III. John, his son, aged 24 years and more, is his heir.

Peter de Beseby, aged 48 years and more, says that the said John was 24 years old on 13 March Edward III, for he was born in Hoggesthorp and baptized in the church there on 13 March 9 Edward III; and this he knows because John de Beseby, his father, was godfather and caused this to be written in the missal of the church of Hoggesthorp.

Robert de Alford, aged 33 years and more, agrees and says that on Maundy Thursday (*in cena Domini*) after the birth of the said John, John de Alford, chaplain, Robert's brother, celebrated his first mass at Alford, as it is written (*inbreviatur*) in a book (*portiforio*) bequeathed to him by the said John.

Philip de Thoresthorp, aged 46 years and more, and Richard de Billesby, aged 36 years and more, agree and say that at Ascensontide (*ad festum Ascensionis*) after the birth of the said John the said Philip and Eudo de Billesby, father of the said Richard, went on Pilgrimage to Canterbury in the company of Robert de Cracroft, father of the aforesaid John, to St Thomas, in fulfillment of a vow on account of danger in coming from assizes at Lincoln in thunder and lightning, from which they were in fear of death.

William Ward of Thurlby, aged 58 years and more, agrees and says that his son William was born at Thurlby and baptized in the church there at the feast of Sts Philip and James next after the birth of the said John.

Thomas de Tharlesthorp, aged 37 years and more, and Robert Alisonson of Trusthorp, aged 52 years and more, agree and say that at the feast of St Hilary before the birth of the said John the belfry of Hotoft fell.

Thomas Sarjant of Alford, aged 34 years and more, agrees and says that on Wednesday after the Invention of the Holy Cross following the birth of the said John died Alice, mother of the said Thomas, whose death is written in the Kalendar of the Black Antiphoner there.

Philip Clerc of Hoggesthorp, aged 60 years and more, John son of William of the same, aged 42 years and more, and John Serjant of Malteby, aged 40 years and more, agree and say that about the feast of St Peter-in-Chains after the birth of the said John there was a great inundation of sea-water, which burst out and broke the sea-walls (*fossata maritima*) at Malberthorp and along the coast near and drowned the crops and sheep of divers men of the country round and lasted for two days and more.

Richard de Dalby, aged 31 years and more, agrees and says that Cecily his sister was professed a nun at Greenfield (Priory) on the Sunday after St John-at-the-Latin-Gate after the birth of the said John.

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5 Calendar of Close Rolls - 34 Edward III (1361/2)

March 17 - Westminster

To Walter de Kelby, escheator in Lincolnshire. Order not to intermeddle further with 6 acres of pasture in Hoggesthorp, taken into the king's hands by reason of the death of Robert de Cracroft,

and of the nonage of the heir of Adam de Welle, tenant in chief; as it was found by the inquisition taken by the escheator, that Robert at his death held that pasture as his demesne as of fee of the said heir by knight service, that he died on 2 August in the 24th year of the reign, that answer has been made for the issues thereof by the escheator for the time being, and that John son of Robert is the next heir and of full age; and on 27 August in the 29th year of the reign John son and heir of Adam proved his age, and the king respited his homage for the lands which his father held in chief, and ordered livery to be given to him.

6 Lincolnshire Wills, 1500-1600 (Rev A R Maddison)

No 210 - William Cracroft, of Burgh.

The Will of William Cracroft, of Burgh-in-the-Marsh, 2 Octr.1557. To be buried in the churchyard of St Peter's. "I wyll that there be payde to the minster a certayne whyte rent called mynster fee which is a penny by yere and hath been unpayde thies 30 yeres". To the repair of the church bells 10s. "I wyll that Pollen house be let for the space of 20 years and owte of the same I wyll there be taken yerely during the foresaide yeres 13s 4d, which I wyll be distributed among the poore". To my son John Cartar's children 40s apiece. My house on Mosegate. "I wyll that Thomas Cracroft my sonne gyve house roome in the house which I dwell in, that ys to say in the kytchin, to some poore woman to praye for my soul and all my frendes' soules". I make my son Thomas, exr. To Frances Cracroft my son's daughter 40s. To Agnes Cracroft my wife's best gowne.

7 By Charter dated 20 May Henry VIII *anno* 1508 at Burton House - lands in Burgh held of the Crown as of the Manor of Ingoldmells were settled on Richard Cracroft and his heirs and also 12 acres of pasture in Burgh-le-Marsh held of the College of St Mary Magdalene at Oxford as of the Manor of Candlesby.

8 Elizabeth married Richard before 1 September 10 Henry VIII *anno* 1494 when a messuage and 12 acres of land in Burgh-le-Marsh were settled on herself and her husband by charter of that date; she survived her husband

9 Lincolnshire Wills, 1500-1600 (Rev A R Maddison)

No 209 - William Cracroft, of Burgh.

The Will of William Cracroft, of Burgh-in-the-Marsh. 20 Sept.1557. To be buried in the churchyard. Bequests to the poor of Burgh, Orby, Bratoft and Gunby. To my eldest son Robert Cracroft my swan-mark and swans, one silver-salt with a cover. To my son Leonard Cracroft £80. To my daughter Elizabeth Cracroft £100. To my son Leonard Cracroft 15 acres of pasture in Orby, purchased off Anthony Gunby, Gent. My land in Hogsthorpe. To my son Robert Cracroft £20. To the three children of my brother John Cracroft 20 marks. My sons to have their money when 22. My daughter Elizabeth when 15. My capital messuage in Burgh. "The common called Scaleflete". I make my wife Elizabeth executrix, and she is to "finde my sonnes at scoole honestlie". Syman Fobbe to be her "ayder".

Prob. 27 April 1558

10 Lincolnshire Wills, 1500-1600 (Rev A R Maddison)

No 188 - Robert Cracroft, of Burgh.

The Will of Robert Cracroft, of Burgh, Gent. 19 Novr. 18th Elizabeth. To be buried in the Church. To my daughters Agnes and Elizabeth Cracroft, 40 marks apiece when 20 years old. To my son Robert Cracroft 40 marks when 21. George Quadring oweth me £6 16s 8d. I make my wife Prothesey ex'x., and my cousin, Mr Robert Dymoke, of Lincoln, supervisor. Witnesses, Leonard Cracroft, William Quadring, and others.

Prob. 30 Novr. 1575