

This year seems to have gone very quickly and here we are thinking and planning for Christmas! We have a few things to look forward to this month.

**Festival Christmas Concert by Weighton Waytes
Thursday 1st December 7.30pm. Escrick Church
with wine and festive refreshments**

Weighton Waytes is a popular established, mixed voice, community choir based in Market Weighton.

It will be a wonderful evening of seasonal songs to get us in the Christmas spirit. No need to book, no tickets or set price, please just come along. Donations on the evening very welcome.



**Christmas Tree Festival
1st to 4th December
Escrick Church**

Escrick Church is holding a Christmas Tree Festival which will be open 10am to 4pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 12 Noon to 4pm on Sunday, with festive refreshments served throughout. Live music will be played at various times over the long weekend and Father Christmas will be calling in on Saturday afternoon.

Tickets are on sale for the Grand Raffle, there is a silent auction and stalls - cake, gift and craft. Do pop in to enjoy the wonderful array of Christmas trees. Free entry but donations very welcome.



**Escrick Heritage Group Meeting
Wednesday 7th December
'Christmas Traditions' 7.30pm.**

Come along to hear and share about Christmas Traditions including Christmas Trees, Holly and Ivy, Hand bells and many more. Come and enjoy a glass of wine and festive treats. Members free. **Visitors/Guests £3.** (There will be no Escrick Heritage meeting in January)



Heritage Hub with 'Poetry Time' Monday 12th December 1pm to 4pm.



As usual please feel free to call in for tea, cake and a chat, and this month between 2pm and 4pm we also have something new, '**Poetry time**'.

An opportunity to enjoy, read and talk poetry, led by Marion Horton. Marion says 'Reading and writing poetry helps us reflect on our history and heritage and to put our world into perspective and realise what we think about and value.

EVERYONE WELCOME whether you are a poet or new to poetry. Join us and read a new poem, a famous poem or something you have written yourself or just relax and listen to your friends reading poetry (or prose) about what you think about and feel about this Christmas time.'

If you would like more information please feel free to contact Marion direct on 01904 720235.



Escrick Heritage Group Lunch Fat Abbott. Wed 14th December. 12.30pm.

All very welcome, members or not. **Pre-booking essential.**
To book your place and give your meal choices please
contact Caroline on:

escrickchurch@gmail.com

(A copy of the menu will be attached to the covering email
to the newsletter)



Hoots Café

Tuesday 20th December. 9.30am to 12 noon.

This month we are raising funds for The Children Society.

Absolutely everyone very welcome to come along for tea/coffee and cakes and to enjoy Church decorated for Christmas. Adults £3, children 50p. (Free refills). We look forward to seeing you.



Owners of Escrick Estate. Thank you very much to Henry for sharing with us the next instalment on the next pages of the very interesting history of the Escrick Estate.

*Wishing everyone a very
Happy Christmas and a
Peaceful New Year....*



Here is a snowy scene of Escrick....

1991. Bridge Farm Cow field which is now the village green

The Thompson family of Escrick

(continued from November issue of the newsletter)

William Thompson of Humbleton MP = Elizabeth Jonas
B pre 1574 D 1635

Richard Thompson = Anne Francis John Mary Isabel Elizabeth
of Kilham B 1580 D 1650 D 1653

Sir Henry Thompson = (1) Mary Sir Roger Sir Stephen Edward
B 1625 D 1683 Wine = (2) Jane Newton B 1607 B 1635 Wine merchant Jona
merchant of York. Lord D 1661 D 1715 D 1692 of York B 1639 B 1608
Mayor purchase Escrick = (3) Susannah D 1701 D 1648
from Howard family Lovell D 1701

Henry Thompson of Escrick = (2nd) Mary Beilby Edward =
B 1659 2nd M 1685 D 1700 B 1670 D 1734

Beilby Thompson = Sarah dr of Richard Roundall, widow
B 1686 D 1750 of Sir Dacy Dawes B 1709 D 1773

Beilby Thompson **Jane Thompson** = **Sir Robert Lawley** **Richard**
B 1742 Politician, B 1743 M 1764 5th Baronet **Thompson**
dsp unmarried 1799 D 1816 dsp 1820

It is unlikely that many of the previous owners spent much time at Escrick. After all, most had family homes and land elsewhere. However, after his father purchased the Escrick estate as a family residence, Henry Thompson decided to improve the property by demolishing the old house which must have been a substantial building. When the hearth tax was assessed in 1672, it was assessed as having seventeen hearths.

The new house, built between 1680 and 1690, was a rectangular box of seven bays wide and three deep with two main storeys topped with a steeply pitched roof containing an attic with dormer windows. Entrance was by a centrally placed door

Like his father, Henry Thompson became Lord Mayor of York, but died a year later. On his death in 1700, Escrick estate passed to his son, Beilby who had been given his mother's maiden name as a Christian name, a practice which became a family tradition.

Beilby married Dame Sarah Dawes of Acaster, and subsequently served as high sheriff of Yorkshire. After his death in 1750, improvements continued to be made to the house by his son and widow. It was enlarged in 1763 when John Carr of York was employed to design a long range on the north front with four bays projecting to either side of the original house. He also built the quadrangular stable block.

After Sarah's death in 1773, her son Beilby continued to improve the property. Even gaining permission in 1781 to move the old church along with numerous houses, to be new sites well away from his house.

The church had existed there for more than 500 years, well before 1291 when it was valued at £30. The new church was built of brick, but in the 1850's the family felt they wanted a grander church, so the brick church was demolished and replaced by the current stone church.

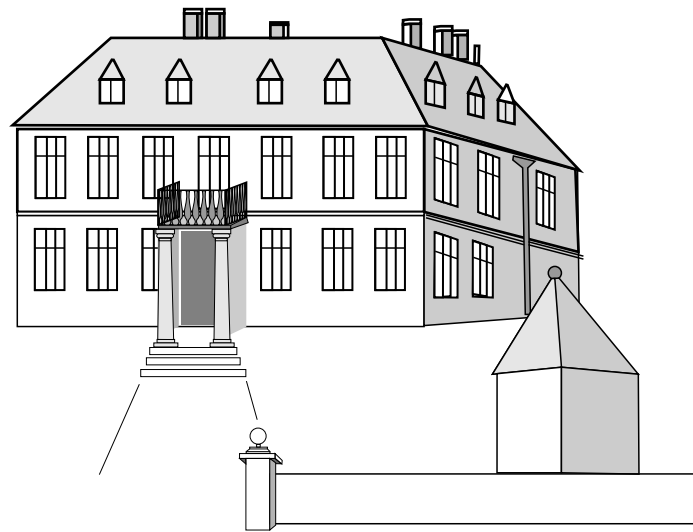
Beilby Thompson died in 1750, and after the death of his son Richard in 1820, Escrick estate passed to the heirs of Jane Thompson, who had married Sir Robert Lawley.



Sir Henry Thompson
artuk.org



Beilby Thompson 1742-99



Impression of Henry Thompson's house at Escrick c.1720
(based on a drawing in the British Museum.)



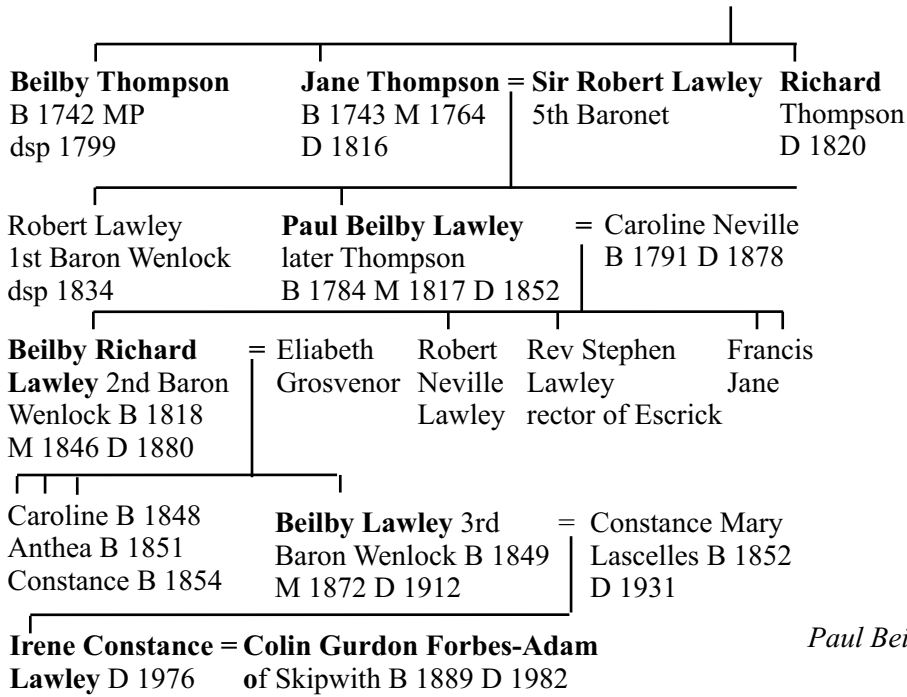
1754 map
showing Escrick
Church in its
original position,
to the left of the
estate house

Escrick in 1773
from Thomas
Jeffery's survey of
Yorkshire



The Lawley family of Esrcrick

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Arms of Paul Beilby Lawley 1784-1852



Paul Beilby Lawley Thompson 1784-1852

In 1820 Paul Beilby Lawley inherited Esrcrick estate from his uncle Richard Thompson. Eight years later he entered Parliament for Wenlock in Shropshire before standing for the East Riding of Yorkshire in 1837. When he was created Baron Wenlock, the title previously held by his elder brother, he was granted a Royal Licence to change his name to Paul Beilby Lawley Thompson, while his heirs were to carry only the Lawley surname.

Beilby Lawley married Caroline Naville, daughter of Lord Braybook, on May 17 1817 in St James's, Westminster. Her memorial is a feature of Esrcrick Church. Beilby died at Esrcrick Park in May 1852 and their son, Beilby Richard Lawley-Thompson, inherited the title and Esrcrick property.

Beilby Richard married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Grosvenor 2nd Marquess of Westminster and Elizabeth Leveson-Gower, daughter of the Duke of Sutherland. Richard Grosvenor was a colonel in the Yorkshire Hussars and later became member of parliament for Pontefract, and Lord Lieutenant of the East Riding.

The 3rd Baron Wenlock, born at Berkeley Square in London, married Constance Mary Lascelles, daughter of the 4th Earl of Harewood, and possibly a descendant of the Lascelles family who were granted land at Esrcrick in the 12th century.

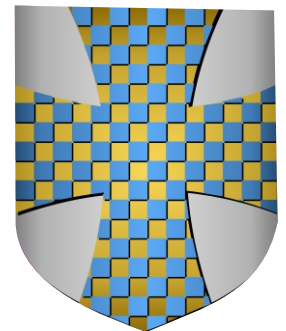
The 3rd Baron had no male heir and on his death in 1912 Esrcrick passed to his daughter, Irene Constance, and through her to her husband, Colin Gurdon Forbes Adams.



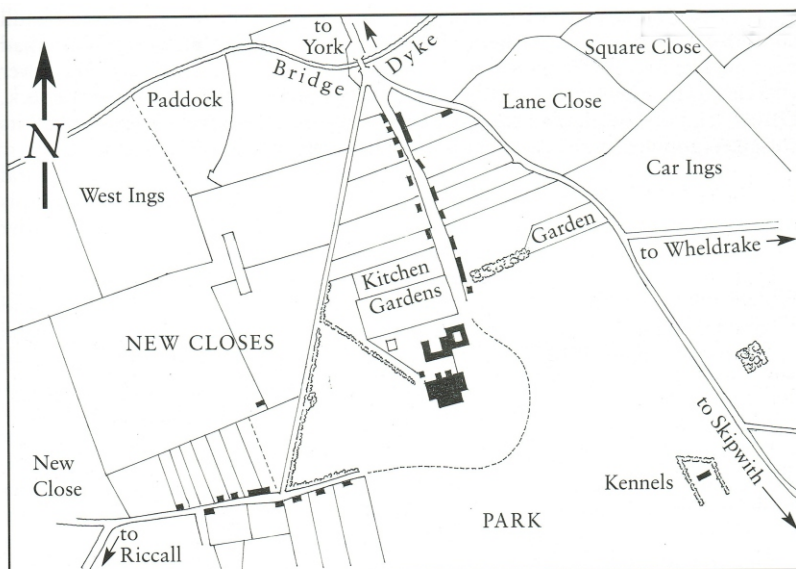
Lady Carolin (1791-1868)



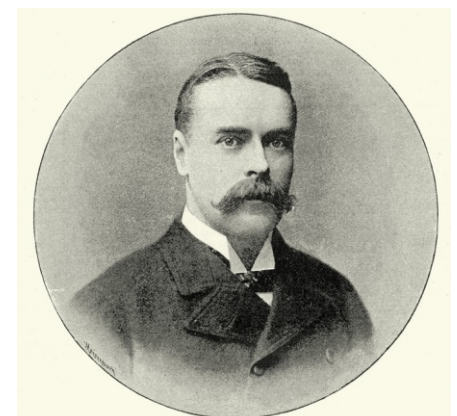
Beilby Richard 2nd Baron Wenlock



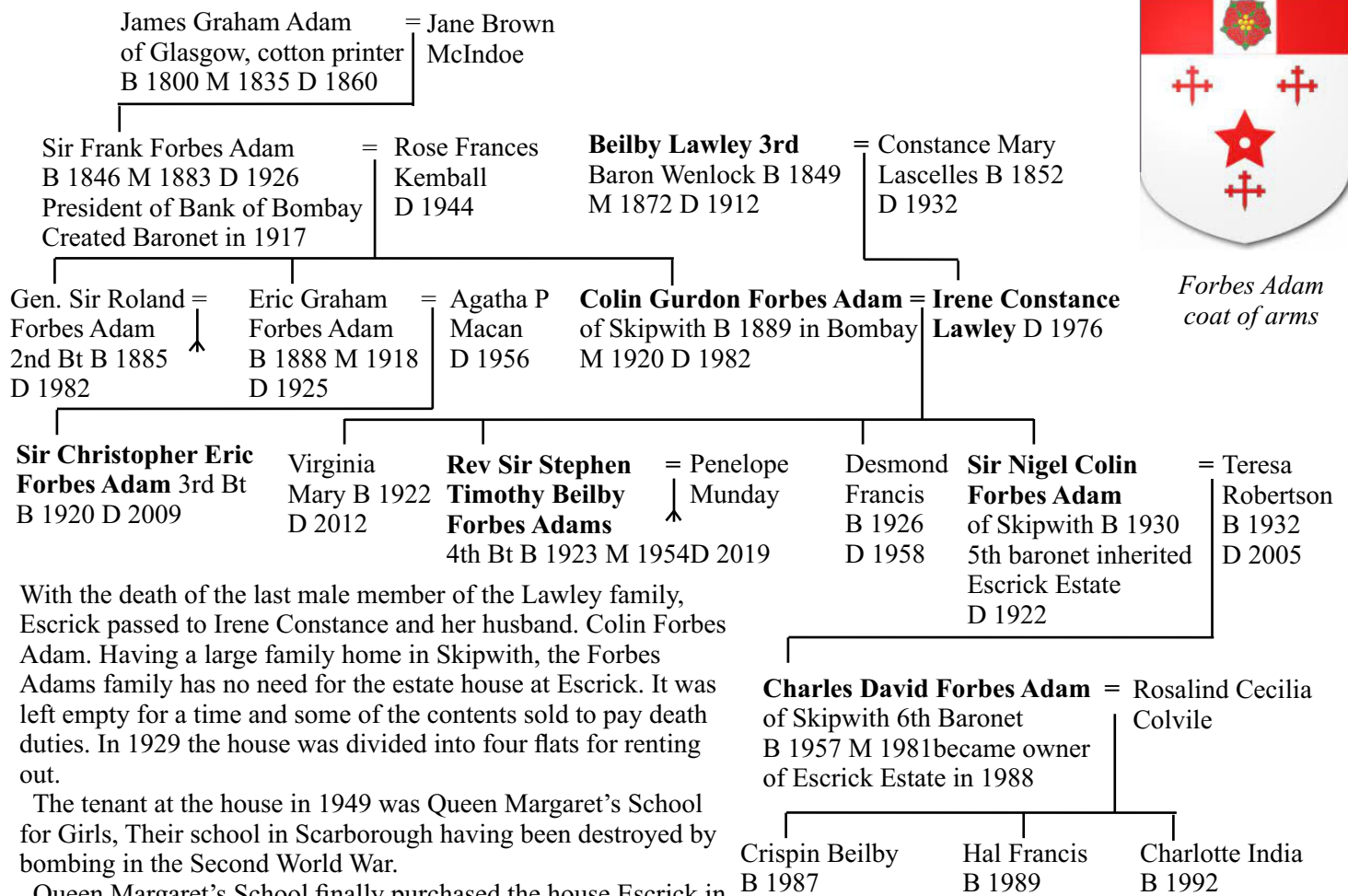
Arms of the Wenlock family



Map of Esrcrick Estate after houses and church had been relocated



Beilby Lawley 3rd Baron Wenlock



With the death of the last male member of the Lawley family, Escrick passed to Irene Constance and her husband, Colin Forbes Adam. Having a large family home in Skipwith, the Forbes Adams family has no need for the estate house at Escrick. It was left empty for a time and some of the contents sold to pay death duties. In 1929 the house was divided into four flats for renting out.

The tenant at the house in 1949 was Queen Margaret's School for Girls, Their school in Scarborough having been destroyed by bombing in the Second World War.

Queen Margaret's School finally purchased the house Escrick in 1972, leaving the estate at Escrick without a family residence.

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The Forbes Adam Family