in 1771. For her descendants, see Tomkinson and Tollemache in Burke's Landed Gentry.

Children of (108) Abraham and Sarah (Hulse) Darlington, of Aston.

113. MARY, bap. 1748 (Acton).

114. RICHARD, bap. 1751 (Acton), of Brindley Old Hall, married Phœbe Darlington, of Burland. We are unable to give the date of marriage, but a contemporary document, referring to this girl, 1770, says that Phœbe Darlington "was at that time on the point of marriage with one Richard Darlington, a distant relative, who is a reputable farmer in the neighborhood. Her intended husband was then a minor." Richard Darlington succeeded to the bulk of his father's property and purchased Brindley Old Hall in or shortly after the year 1788, from the Halford family.

115. JOHN, bap. 1753 (Acton).

116. ABRAHAM, bap. 1755 (Acton).

117. ELIZABETH, bap. 1758 (Acton).

118. BENJAMIN, bap. 1762 (Acton).

119. BETTY, bap. 1764 (Acton).

Children of (115) John Darlington.

120. ABRAHAM, of Poole Hall.

121. RICHARD, unmarried, was living in 1896.

122. JOHN, unmarried, dead.

123. ELIZABETH, married Williamson, of Wallstone, Chorley, Nantwich, Cheshire.

124-125-126. Three other daughters.

Children of (129) Abraham Darlington, of Poole Hall.

127. ABRAHAM, of Braynes Hall, Aston.

128. JOHN.

129-138. Ten brothers and sisters, some of whose descendants are now living in Manchester.*

THE WILKESLEY BRANCH.

A branch of the family, which there is some reason to believe

*An earlier settlement of Darlingtons can be traced at Openshaw, near Manchester, near the end of the seventeenth century.

was closely connected with the Aston branch, was settled at Wilkesley, in the parish of Audlem, during a portion of last century, and seems to have enjoyed a position of some wealth and influence.

139. Abraham Darlington, of Dodcott, cum Wilkesley, is named in the will of Richard Darlington, of Aston, proven in 1736. This Abraham died twenty years later, leaving property to his son, Abraham, and to the children of his late son, John.

140. Abraham Darlington (the second), of Dodcott, cum Wilkesley, died in 1782, leaving an only son, John, who is described as of Copthall Buildings, in the parish of St. Stephen, London, E. C.

THE BURLAND BRANCH.'

This branch has been settled, and has owned property, at Burland and Brindley, in the parish of Acton, since the early part of the eighteenth century. The Burland property is now in the hands of Mrs. Elizabeth Darlington, aunt of Mr. Thomas Darlington, our visitor of 1894. The Brindley property passed out of the name nearly a hundred years ago.

141. John Darlington (see 80), of Brindley, settled at Brindley, in the parish of Acton, about the year 1700. He had by his wife, Elizabeth, two children, (142) Abraham (afterwards of Burland), baptized November 22, 1704, and (142½) Thomas (afterwards of Brindley), bap. April 5, 1715; and, it is thought, another son, John, born about 1707, whose baptismal register has not been found. Elizabeth, the mother of these children, died in 1728, and her husband some five years later.

142, Abraham Darlington (of Brindley, afterwards of Burland), married in 1739 Phœbe Pulford, of the parish of Malpas, and had:

143. John, bap. 1741, died unmarried.

144. Phoebe, bap. 1743, married (114), Richard Darlington, of Brindley Old Hall. See Aston branch.

145. Abraham, bap. 1746.

142½. Thomas Darlington, of Brindley, married in 1746

Anne Pulford, and had issue, Abraham, bap. 1751, and Joseph, bap. 1752.

145. Abraham Darlington, married Catherine Rowe at Bunbury in 1766, and died in 1805, leaving issue:

146. John, born August 5, 1767, who married Mary Burrows, and died in 1829, leaving six children.

147. Phoebe, married Rider.

148. Catherine, born 1801, married Boffey.

149. Elizabeth, married Lewis.

150. Richard.

151. Abraham, born 1808.

152. Mary Anne, born 1811.

The descendants of Richard and Abraham, who settled respectively at Burland and Burwardsley, are noted below.

150. Richard Darlington, of Burland, married Anne Tomlinson and had issue: (153) John; (154) Mary; (155) Richard, 1833; (156) Anne; (157) Elizabeth; (158) Sarah; (159) Phœbe. Of these (155) Richard Darlington, married in 1859 Anne Phillips, and had seven children: (160) William, deceased; (161) Thomas (our visitor), born 1864; (162) Lois; (163) Joseph, 1869; (164) Kate, deceased; (165) Benjamin, deceased; (166) Leonard, 1875. Thomas Darlington (161) married in 1888 Annie Edith Bainbridge. His children are as follows: (167) William Aubrey Cecil, 1890; (167) Edith Rosalind, 1893; (169) Ethel Irene, 1896; (170) Dorothy Gwenllian, 1899. Lois (162) married Thomas Hockenhull and has one son (171) Thomas Darlington Hockenhull. Joseph (163) married Eva Parker and has one daughter (172) Marian, and one son (173) Richard. Leonard (166) is unmarried and resides at Grahamstown, South Africa.

We may add here a few biographical particulars with regard to Mr. Thomas Darlington (161), which will be of interest, especially to those who attended the bi-centennial gathering in 1894. Mr. Darlington was born at Burland on February 22, 1864, and received his early education at Acton Grammar School and Whitechurch Grammar School; he afterwards pro-

ceeded to The Leys, a well known public school at Cambridge, whence he entered St. John's College, Cambridge. He passed through his University course with distinction, becoming first Scholar and then Fellow of St. John's College. He was also Classical University Scholar of the University of London, and qualified for the Gold Medal in Classics at the examination for the degree of M. A. He is thus a Master of Arts, both of the Cambridge and London Universities. He has held several important educational appointments, including a mastership at Rugby (perhaps the most famous of English schools), the principalship of Queen's College, Taunton, and the secretaryship of the University of Wales, and he is now Her Majesty's inspector of schools for Mid-Wales. He has published several books, including a work on "The Folkspeech of South Cheshire"; and he has contributed articles in Welsh and English on historical, literary and other subjects, to some of the leading magazines of England and Wales. He has recently been entrusted by the British Government with the duty of visting Russia and reporting upon the Russian educational system.

Abraham Darlington (151), of Burwardsley, born at Burland in 1808, married Mary Jackson in 1837, and had issue:

174. JOHN, born 1837, now living at Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada, has a family, number not ascertained.

175. RICHARD, emigrated to Australia, and is now dead, leaving three daughters, all married.

176. PHOEBE, born 1840, married Robert Kinsey, and has two daughters living.

177. JOB, born 1842, married Miss Millard, of Donoughmore, County Cork, Ireland; lives at Donoughmore, and has issue, Job (now living at Burland), and other sons and daughters.

178. BENJAMIN, born 1845, married Jane Brereton, of Harthill, lives at Barrow, near Chester, and has two sons and two daughters.

179. ABRAHAM, born 1847, married Phœbe Darlington, of Burland, in 1873, also lives at Barrow, and has issue: Abraham (1874); Daniel Herbert (1877); Mabel (1879); Lois (1882); Phœbe (1887).

180. Solomon, born 1849, married Elizabeth Darlington, of Burland, and died without issue.

Another family, closely associated with the Burland branch, lived during last century at Brindley Hall, also in the parish of Acton, but not to be confused with Brindley Old Hall, which was owned at the same period by one of the Aston Darlingtons. John Darlington, of Brindley Hall, was born in 1707 and died in 1778. He left an only daughter, Elizabeth, who married another John Darlington, born in 1740, died at Brindley Hall in 1802. How the two John Darlingtons were connected together (otherwise than by marriage), is not quite clear.

THE WYBUNBURY BRANCH.

The history of this branch during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries was investigated primarily with the view of ascertaining whether Robert Darlington, of Hatherton (see below), could be proved to be identical with (3), Robert Darlington, of the Darnhall and Whitegate line. It was soon found that the two Roberts were different, and that any connection between the Wybunbury and Whitegate families must be sought for in an earlier generation, possibly in the one immediately preceding that of the two Roberts. As the later history of the Wybunbury line appeared to throw no light upon the history of the Darnhall family, it was not deemed necessary to pursue the investigation into the eighteenth century. But it is thought worth while to record the results of the investigation here, so that they may form a point of departure for further research, if such should be undertaken.

The history of the Wybunbury family, so far as it has yet been investigated, begins with a dispute about a will. The depositions in the case are preserved at the Chester Diocesan Registry, and though they are clearly only a fragment, they are still sufficient not only to enable us to determine the relationship of the principal persons concerned, but also to give us an interesting glimpse of the life of our forefathers in a quiet Cheshire parish in the days of good Queen Bess.

The story is briefly as follows: (182), Edmund Darlington,