

John Kaye of Woodsome

Introduction

Kaye/Kay families can be difficult to trace because there are so many lines. It seems likely that they all descend from the Woodsome family of seven main siblings which makes it worth presenting some of the sources for this family despite Woodsome being just outside the Holmfirth area.

One of the main group of sources for the early generations of this family are heraldic visitations. These were published in volumes and due to the exuberance¹ in verbage and, sometimes, typography these are inconvenient to cite in a conventional bibliography. One purpose of this article is to gather them up into one place so that they may be cited *en masse*.

Visitations were not contemporary for the earliest generations, however. For those we must turn to records of the C14th when John Kay of Woodsome lived.

C14th records

Subsidy Rolls

The subsidy rolls record taxes paid by all over the age of 16 and not “notorious mendicants”. The subsidy roll for the 2nd year of Richard II, 1379, was published over several volumes of the Journal of the Yorkshire Archaeological and Topographical Society as it then was. It was this poll tax which contributed to the Peasants’ Revolt in 1381.

Clark, Geo. T.² 1881, *Rolls of the Collectors in the West-Riding of the Lay Subsidy (Poll Tax) 2 Richard II., Wapentake of Aggebrig*; The Yorkshire Archaeological and Topographical Journal Vol VI.

Page	Vill	Names	Tax
167	ffarnelay Tyas	Johannes Kay & Margareta vx ejus, ffrankeleyn	xld
168	ffarnelay Tyas	Johannes seruiens Johannis Kaye	iiij d.
168	ffarnelay Tyas	Agnes seruiens Johannis Kaye	iiij d.
290	Batelay	Domina Alicia ffinchedene, Dame de Chiualer	xx s

Deeds

William and Alice Finchenden acquired Woodsome and Farnley Tyas in 46 Edw. III (1372).

Ellis, Alfred S., (1882). *Dodsworth's Yorkshire Notes (Agbrigg)*. Yorks. Arch. & Topographical J. Vol VII.

p 133:

Fines 46 Ed. 3. (1372-3.)

Between William Finchenden K^t & Alice his wife, William de Mirfield K^t, William de Mirfield clerke, Hugh de Wombwell, & Jo. Amyas the younger compl^t & Jo. Bould & oliva his wife defor^t of the maun^r of Wodesom, Farnley Tyas, the right of William Alice.

¹ The images of the title pages are given below in all their bewildering glory.

² The articles listing the rolls are anonymous but Clark has a note analysing them in Vol VII

A footnote initialled G.W.T. (GW Tomlinson, another editor of the notes) adds:

On the 8th October, 1372, John Botilder and Olive his wife make Richard Butler, or Bulter, their attorney to deliver seisin of the manor of Woodsom and all lands in Farnley to Sir William Fynchden and Alice his wife.

Ellis, Alfred S., (1884). *Dodsworth's Yorkshire Notes (Agbrigg)*. Yorks. Arch. & Topographical J. Vol VIII.

In a continuation of the series there is a long footnote on Slaithwaite on pp 27-29. This mostly summarises a series of now lost documents from the chartulary of the Kayes described in MSS of Hunter. Slaithwaite went through many hands in a few years but the de Finchendens seem to have had an extended interest in it. It then ends up in the possession of Robt. de Maunton, Vicar of Eccles and John Cupper, his chaplain who seem to have been feoffees:

in the same year Maunton and Cupper make John Rybenden their attorney to deliver seisin of the above premises to John, son of William Cay, No. 75, according to the tenor of a grant made to him by them in 49 Edw. III., No. 97. The year 1375 is therefore the exact period of the coming of the Kayes into Yorkshire.

It ought to have been mentioned that in that year Maunton and Cupper granted this manor of Slaithwaite to Collan and other chaplains to enfeof in it, John, son of William Cay, for term of life in fee tail or fee simple, remainder to his sons Lawrence, William and Peter in succession remained to any other issue of John, son of William, remainder to John, his bastard son, remainder to the right heirs, No. 84.

Deed West Yorks Archives KC184/1

This deed, held in Kirklees' Archives, Huddersfield and dated 29 June 1396, records the settlement of Slaithwaite and Woodsome by Lady Alice to John Kaye and his heirs. This is taken from the Archive's catalogue record:

- 1 Henry de Trafford, Thomas de Bradeshaghe de Haghe, Henry de Bradeshaghe, Robert de Bradeshaghe, Thaomas de Bradeshaghede Horwyche, John de Oldowine Chaplain de Mottrowme in Cheshire and John de Ryburnden
- 2 John Cay de Wodossom
 - 1) has given to 2) for the term of his life the Manor of Slaghtwayt with all rights, rents and services, which Lady Alice late wife of William de Fyncheden, Knight holds to life as dowry.
 - 1) has also given to 2) for the term of his life reversion of the Manor of Woodossom with rents and services from all tenants within Farnlay Tyas which the aforesaid Alice holds for life.
- After death of 2) the aforesaid manors to pass to his son Lawrence and male heirs of the body of Elizabeth daughter of John Amyas:
 - if that line fails the manors are to pass to Lawrence and his male heirs;
 - if that line fails the manors are to pass to Peter son of 2);
 - if that line fails the manors are to pass to John son of 2);
 - if that line fails the manors are to pass to Richard son of 2);
 - if that line fails the manors are to pass to James son of 2);
 - if that line fails the manors are to pass to William son of 2);

- if that line fails the manors are to pass to John Johnson' Cay son of 2);
- if that line fails the manors are to pass to Isabelle daughter of 2) and her male heirs;
- if that line fails the manors are to pass to Alice daughter of 2) and her male heirs;
- if that line fails the manors are to pass to Marjorie daughter of 2)
- sealing clause Witnesses: Henry Saynel de Thornhyl, adam de Myrfeld, John Amyas, Henry de Bemond, William de Wode and others
- Given at Almanbyry on the feast of the apostles Peter and Paul 20 Richard II [1397]
- Seals missing, 7 tags
- Language: Latin

The visitations

Heraldic visitations were made to the provinces to demand evidence of those who claimed arms. The visitations which record pedigrees of Kayes date from the late C16th and early C17th. The pedigrees from the visitations were in manuscript. Copies were made at various times made their way to various collections. Printed editions only exist from the late C19th and early C20th. These editions were volumes containing many such pedigrees based on these collections.

The visitations are unanimous in giving John Kaye or Woodsome six unnamed daughters and also unanimous in giving him six legitimate sons. They are only unanimous in the names of five of those sons: Laurence, William, John, Richard and Peter. They only give descendants for Laurence, the heir whose descendants continued at Woodsome, and Richard whose line eventually became by marriage lords of Shelley.

Flower 1563-4

William Flower made visitations in 1563 - 4. These have been the subject of two publications. In this visitation the sixth son's name is given as Jenkin. Jenkin is a diminutive of John and the fifth son was also named John. However, it wasn't unknown for a family to have two children of the same name at this early stage as the godparents were often responsible for naming the child and, indeed, a child was often named after the godparent.

Harleian Society/Norcliffe, 1881

Norcliffe, Charles Best,[Ed] 1881. *The Visitation of Yorkshire in the years 1563 and 1564 made by William Flower, Esquire, Norroy King of Arms.* Pubs. Harleian Soc. Vol XVI

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The
Visitation of Berkshire

IN THE YEARS 1563 AND 1564,

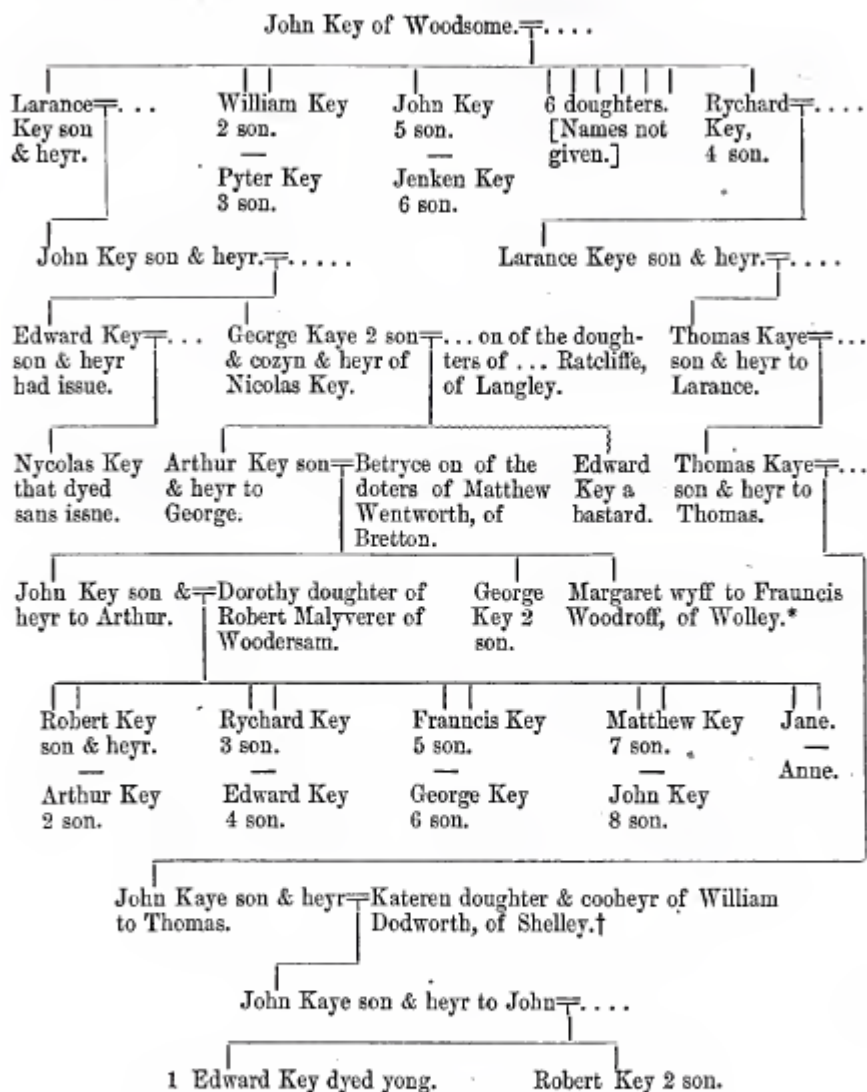
MADE BY
WILLIAM FLOWER, ESQUIRE,
Barrow King of Arms.

"DENIQUE COELESTI SUMUS OMNES SEMINE ORIUNDI;
OMNIBUS ILLE IDEM PATER EST."
Lucretius.

EDITED BY
CHARLES BEST NORCLIFFE, M.A.,
OF LANGTON.

LONDON:
1881.

Keye.



* She also married Peter Frecheville of Staveley. Visit. 1584, pp. 320, 334.

† In the parish of Kirkburton, and Liberty of Wakefield.

Surtees Society/Dendy, 1921

Dendy, Frederick Walter, [Ed], 1921. *Visitations of the North or some early Heraldic Visitations of, and Collection of Pedigrees relating to, The North of England. Part II.*, Pub Surtees Soc. Vol CXXXIII for the year 1920

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VISITATIONS OF THE NORTH.

KAY OF WODSOM.

[*Ashmole MS . 834, part iii ., folio 22b . Heralds' College MS . H . 19 , folio 68 .*]

JOHN KAYE of Wodsom maryed and had yssu LAWRENCE sonne and heir, William second sonne, Peter third sonne , Richard fowrth sonne, John fieth sonne, Jenkinge vjth sonne and yj dowhters .

LAWRENCE, sonne and heire of John, maryed and had VSSU yssu sonne and heire.

JOHN, sonne and heire of Lawrence, maryed and had yssu JOHN sonne and heire .

JOHN, sonne and heire of the second John, maryed and had yssu EDWARD sonne and heire, George second sonne.

EDWARD, sonne and heire of the third John, .maryed and had yssu Nicholas died without yssu.

GEORGE, ijd sonne and heire unto, the third John, maryed one of the dowgters of Ratelyffe of Longley, and by her had yssu ARTHUR sone and heire.

ARTHUR, sonne. and heire of George, maryed Beatris one of the doubters of Mathew 'Wentworth of Bretton, and by her had yssu JOHN sonne and heire, George second sonne , Margret, maryed unto Fraunces Wodrof of Wolley .

JOHN, sonne, and heire of Arthur, maryed Dorothe, one of the dowgters of Robert Malyverey of Woddersome, an d by her had yssu ROBERTE first sonne, Arthur second sonne, Richard third sonne, Edward fowrth sonne, Fraunces fieth sonne, George vjth sonne, Mathew seventh sonne, Janne and Anne .

FLOWER ' S VISITATION IN 1563-1 . 564 .

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KAY.

[*Ashmole MS . 834, part iii., folio 22b . Heralds' College MS. H. 19, folio 69 .*]

RICHARD KAYE, a fowrth sonne owte of the howse of Wodsome and sonne of the first John, maryed and had yssu LAWRENCE Bonn and heire.

LAWRENCE, sonne and heire of Richard, maryed and had yssu THOMAS sonne and heire.

THOMAS, sonne and heire of Lawrenc, maryed and had yssu THOMAS sonne and heire who purchased Dalton .

THOMAS, sonne and heire of Thomas, maryed and had yssu JOHN sonne and heire .

JOHN, sonne and heire of the second Thomas, maryed Jane, one of the dowgters and co-hires of William Dodworthe of Shelley, and by her hath yssu JOHN sonne and heire.

JOHN, sonne and heire of John, maryed and had yssu Edward died younge, ROBERT second sonne and heire.

The family registered their pedigree again at Dugdale's visitation in 1666, and references to wills, inquisitions and other evidences relating to the entries in the text will be found in Clay, *Dugdale's Visitation of Yorkshire with Additions*, vol. i. p. 74.

For the patent of confirmation of arms and grant of crest by William Flower to Arthur Kay of Woodsome dated 22nd October, 1564 , see Jewers, *Grants of Arms*, Genealogist, vol . 19, p. 295, and Foster, *Visitations of Yorkshire*, p. 481.

Woodsome is in the parish of Almondbury, near Huddersfield .

Flower 1575

Hunter Blair, C. H. [Ed], 1932. *Visitatins of the North Part IV Visitations of Yorkshire and Northumberland in AD 1575 and a Book of Arms from Ashmole MS No 834.* Pub Surtess Soc Vol CXLVI for the year 1932

This differs from the visitation of the previous decade in several respects. John of Woodsome's father is named as William. John has an illegitimate son, John, and the sixth son's name is given as James.

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PART IV

VISITATIONS

OF

YORKSHIRE AND NORTHUMBERLAND

IN

A.D. 1575

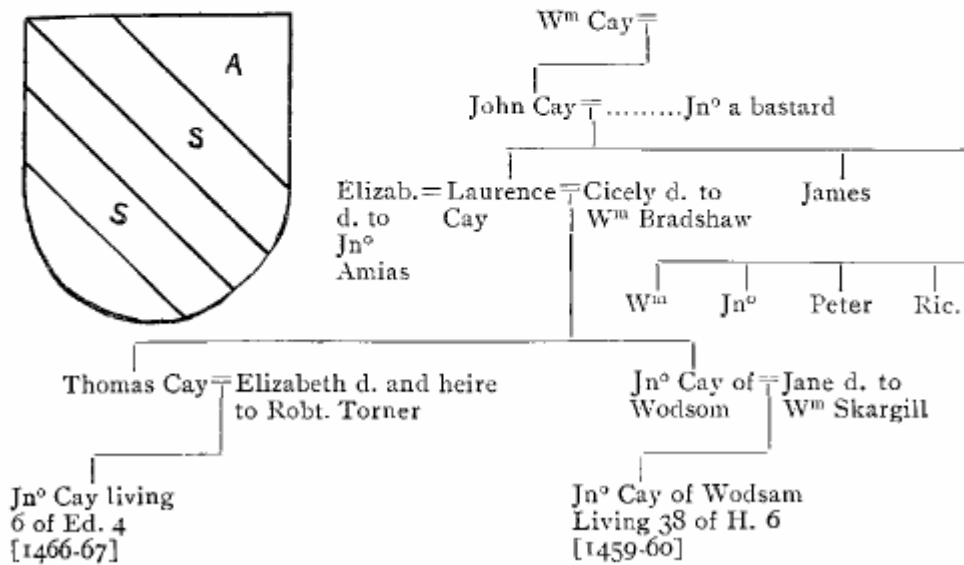
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A BOOK OF ARMS FROM ASHMOLE MS. NO. 834

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(HARLEIAN MS. 1171, fol. 6.)

KAY OR CAY OF WODSAM AND DALTON IN COM. EBOR.

Entred.

1 FVY,³ pp. 320 and 323. The crest *on a torse silver and sable a goldfinch proper* was granted to Arthur Kay of Woodsome, great-grandson of John Kay (1459/60), by Flower 22 October 1564. (H LXVI, 142.) That of Kay of Dalton (see FVY 323) was granted by Flower at Wakefield 7 October 1564. (H LXVI, 142.) Woodsome, and Dalton are both in the West Riding, the former in the liberty of Pontefract the latter in that of Wakefield. The above pedigree is probably not a visitation one but one compiled from deeds. See also YRS⁴ XXXIV, pp. 92/93.

3 FVY is the Foster volume below.

4 YRS is the Yorks Arch Soc Record Series. No 34 is Yorkshire church notes, 1619-1631, by Roger Dodsworth Ed Clay.

Glover, 1584-5 and St George, 1612

Foster, Joseph, [Ed], 1875. *The Visitation of Yorkshire made in the Years 1584/5, by Robert Glover, Somerset Herald; to which is added the subsequent Visitation made in 1612, by Richard St George, Norroy King of Arms, etc.* London

The printed pedigree incorporates St George's additions, going up to 1612. It agrees with Flower 1575 in giving James as the sixth son of John of Woodsome.

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INCLUDING

LABOOKS

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KAY, OF WOODSOME.

ARMS:—Argent 2 bendlets sable.

CREST:—On a torse, argent and sable, a "goldfinch proper."

William Kay. =

John Kay. =

Elizabeth, dau. to Thos.¹ Amyas. = Laurence² Kay. = Cicely, dau. to William Bradshawe. Peter. Richard. James. William. John.

Thomas Kay. = Elizabeth, daughter and heir to Robert Turner. John Kay, of Woodsome. = Jane, dau. of Peter³ Skargill.

John Kay, living 6 Ed. IV. John Kay, of Woodsome, living, 38 Hen. 6. = dau. of Lacy, of Cromwelbotham, co. York.

William Kay, of Woodsome. =

George Kay, of Woodsome, living = dau. and heir of Radcliffe, of Langley, co. Lane.

Arthur Kay, of Woodsome, Esq. = Beatrix, dau. to Matthew Wentworth, of Bretton,

John Kaye, of Woodsome, Esq., now living, a^o 1585. = Dorothy, dau. to Robert Maleverer, of Woder-some. 2. George. Margaret, wife of Francis Wood-rove, of Woolley, after to Peter Frechvile, of Staveley, co. Derby. Ann, wife of William Alde-burgh, son of Richard Aldeburgh, of Aldeburgh.

Robert Kaye, son and heir of John, living 1612. = Ann, dau. to John Arthur. Flower, of Whit-well, co. Rutland. Richard. Edward.⁴ Francis. George. John. Thomas. Jane, wife to Anne, wife of Dorothy, wife of Thomas Blythe, cousin and heir to John Blyth, of Quernby. Bryan Thorn-hill, of Fixby. Richard Markes, of Beverley.

John Kaye, æt. 7, anno 1585, living 1612. = Ann, dau. of Sir John Ferne, knt., one of the counsell⁵ of Yorke. Grace, wife of Richard Salt-onstall, of Huntwick, co. York. Dorothy, wife of John Carvill, of Nun Monckton, Esq. (of the Middle Temple, coun-sellor⁶).

Elizabeth, 3 years old, 1612.

18,011, fo. 189. 1487, fo. 111. 1171, fo. 6. 1394, pp. 234, 235. 1415, fo. 28. 1420, fo. 168b. 4630, pp. 333-335. 1571, ff. 150. 6070, ff. 50b. See Dugdale's Visitation, p. 171, and the Pedigree at large in my Yorkshire Collection.

¹ John, MS. 18,011. ² MS. 18,011 gives the early Pedigree thus:—Laurence fil. Thomas Kay, a bastard fil. John fil. William. ³ William, MS. 18,011.

⁴ A quo Kay, of Glatton, co. Hunts, Harl. MS. 1075, fo. 14b. ⁵ MS. 1571.

320 VISITATION OF YORKSHIRE IN 1584/5 AND 1612.

at Aldeburgh 1592

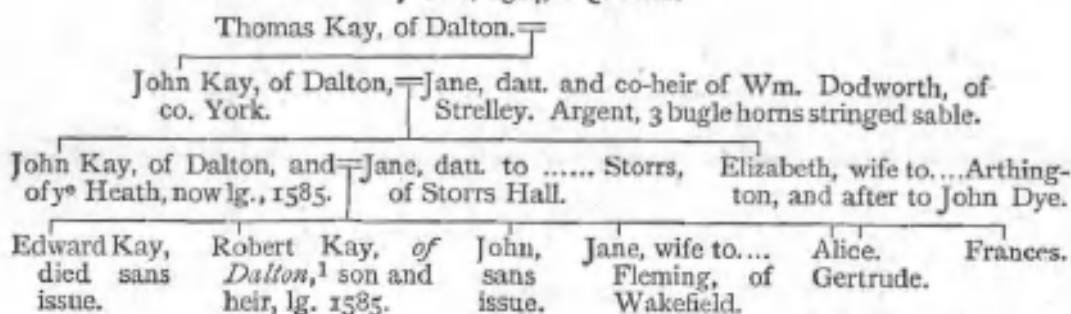
ROBERT KAY.

KAY, OF DALTON.

ARMS:—Argent, 2 bendlets sable, a martlet for difference of the last.

CREST:—On a torce, argent and sable, a griffin's head erased argent, beaked gules, holding a key or, a martlet for difference sable.

The crest given to John Kaye, of Dalton, co. York, per Wm. Flower, Norroy, 7 Oct., 1564, 6 Q. Eliz.



ROBERT KAYE.

18,011, fo. 191. 1487, fo. 112. 1394, p. 238. 1415, fo. 28. 1420, fo. 171.
4630, p. 339. 1571, fo. 151^b. 6070, fo. 25.
1 MSS. 6070, 1571.

Notes

The contention in Ellis, 1884, that "1375 is therefore the exact period of the coming of the Kayes into Yorkshire", needs to be treated cautiously given that frequent mentions in the Wakefield Court Rolls extend this date back about a century and there are about 15 other Kay, Kaye or Cays in the 1379 West Riding Subsurey Rolls.

The mention of Lawrence, William, Peter and John, the bastard son show that these were already born before 1375. This and the Flower 1575 visitation also suggest that the "Jenkin" of the earlier Flower visitation was the illegitimate son John and that James had been omitted. "John Johnson' Cay" of the KC184 is presumably also the illegitimate son.

KC184 gives a remainder, in the first place, to Lawrence and the heirs of his marriage to Elizabeth Amyas. The visitations show that there were no such heirs. The deed must, therefore, predate the death of Elizabeth and Lawrence's second marriage.

Although the visitations all list six unnamed daughters KC184 names three in the remainder.