

Chasing my Y-DNA part 33

AGANIS THE THEIVIS OF LIDDISDAILL.

Of Liddisdail the commoun theifis
Sa pertlie¹ steillis now and reiffis²,
That nane may keip
Hors, nolt, nor schein,
Nor yit dar sleip
For thair mischeifis.

Thay plainlie throw the countrie rydis ;
I trow the meikill³ devill thame gydis :
Quhair thay onsett
Ay in thair gait⁴
Thair is na yett⁵
Nor dure thame bydis⁶.

Thay leif richt nocht⁷; quhair ever thay ga
Thair can na-thing be hid thame fra ;
For, gif men wald
Thair housis hald,
Than waxe they bald
To burn and slay.

¹ boldly.

² rob.

³ great.

⁴ path.

⁵ gate.

⁶ abides, with-
stands.

⁷ They leave
quite nothing.

Thieves of Liddesdales burn and slay.

Thay theifis have neirhand herreit haill ¹	¹ almost wholly harried.
Ettrick forest and Lauderdaill ;	
Now ar they gane	
In Lothiane,	
And spairis nane	
That thay will waill ² .	² choose.
Thai landis ar with stouth sa socht ³	³ with theft so wasted.
To extreme povertie ar brocht ;	
Thai wicked schrowis ⁴	⁴ Those wicked villains.
Has laid ⁵ the plowis,	⁵ rendered inactive.
That nane or few is	
That are left ocht ⁶ .	⁶ aught.
Bot commoun taking of blak-maill,*	
Thay that had flesche and breid and aill	
Now ar sa wraikit ⁷ ,	⁷ wrecked.
Maid puir and naikit,	
Fane to be staikit ⁸	⁸ accommodated.
With watter-caill ⁹ .	⁹ broth made without meat.
Thai theifis that steillis and tursis ¹⁰ hame,	¹⁰ carry off.
Ilk ane of thame hes ane to-name---	
Will of the Lawis,	
Hab of the Schawis.	
To mak bair wawis ¹¹	¹¹ walls.
Thay think na schame.	

* Blackmail was the yearly sum paid by farmers on the Highland and English borders to some powerful chieftain like Rob Roy or Johnnie Armstrong, who in return undertook to make good any losses by depredation.

They ride all over the border land.
William of the hill (Lawis), and Robert of Schaw
(meaning wooded town southeast of the Hermitage, in
the Amstrong Chronicles, a location for the Elwald).

¹ despoil.
² stores.

Thay spuilie¹ puir men of thair pakis²;
Thay leif thame nocht, on bed nor bakis;
Bayth hen and cok,
With reill and rok³,
The Landis Jok
All with him takis.

³ reel and distaff.

⁴ Searches chest.

Thay leif not spendill, spoone, nor speit,
Bed, bowster, blanket, sark, nor scheid;
Johne of the Parke
Rypis kist⁴ and ark;
For all sic wark
He is richt meit.

⁵ Too good a
guide.

He is weill kend, Johne of the Syde;
A gretar theif did never ryde:
He nevir tyris
For to brek byris;
Our muir and myris
Our gude ane gyide⁵.

⁶ robs her web.

⁷ rest.

Thair is ane, callit Clements Hob,
Fra ilk puir wyfe reiffis hir wob⁶,
And all the laif⁷,
Quhatever thay haif:
The deuil resave

⁸ stomach.

Thairfoir his gob⁸!

Landis Jok (likely the laird Armstrong of Mangerton tower John Armstrong), John (Elwald) of the Syde. A location near North Newcastle on the Liddesdale the west side of the Liddel. **Clements Hob** (Clement Crosar's Robert Elliot).

To sic grit stouth quha-eir wald trow it
 But gif sum greit man it allowit?
 Rycht sair I rew,
 Thocht it be trew,
 Thair is sa few
 That dar avow it.

Of sum grit men they have sic gait¹;
 That reddy ar thame to debait²,
 And will up weir³
 Thair stolin geir,
 That nane dar steir⁴
 Thame, air nor lait.

¹ such access.² to make contention for.³ herd, protect.⁴ stir.

Quhat causis theifis us our-gang⁵
 Bot want of justice us amang?
 Nane takis cair
 Thocht all forfair⁶:
 Na man will spair
 Now to do wrang.

⁵ oppress.⁶ Though all perish.

Of stouth thocht now thay cum gud speid
 That nather of men nor God hes dreid,
 Yit, or I die,
 Sum sall thame sie
 Hing on a trie
 Quhill⁷ thay be deid.

⁷ Till.

Now time to put on a steel helmet, like Coronado, used which protected him from the pots the Zuñi dropped on him in 1540 just south of where I live, some referred it to a steel bonnet, and ride, being a great grand son of

Clementis Hob.

The family of Larriston;

188. Instrument of Sasine, following on a precept (dated at Bolton 16 March 1525–6,) by Patrick Hepburn Earl of Bothwell &c. with consent of Patrick Hepburn, his tutor, in favour of George Lord Home, brother german of Alexander Lord Home, deceased, whose possessions had been forfeited for treason, but were now restored to his brother, for infefting the said George in his late brother's lands of Stowislee and Grundiston and also the lands of Harden in the sheriffdom of Roxburgh, held of the Earl in chief. Sasine given by Gavin Elwald the Earl's bailie, at the capital messuage of the lands of Harden on 31st January 1526–7. Adam Scott of Newhall, Adam Scott, brother german of Symon Scott of Fenwick, and others, witnesses.

189. Letters under the quarter seal by King James the Fifth directed to Patrick Earl of Bothwell, presenting and requiring him to receive George Lord Home as his tenant in his lands of Groundiston and Stowislee in the barony of Chamberlain Newton, and of Harden in the barony of Wilton in the sheriffdom of Roxburgh, also a croft called Ridawayis croft and two husband lands in the town of Benstoun, in the Sheriffdom of Edinburgh and constabulary of Haddington; cancelling former presentations granted in the king's minority &c. Edinburgh 1st April 1538.

The manuscripts of the Duke of Athole, K. T., and of the ..., Volume 12, Part 8

By Great Britain. Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, John James Hugh Henry Stewart-Murray Atholl (7th duke of), Charles Alexander Douglas-Home Home (12th earl of), Sir William Fraser

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Gavin Elwald, is a name of the Earl's bailie (lawyer/legal administrator). Patrick Hepburn earl of Bothwell, acquired the Hermitage from Archibald Douglas fifth earl of Angus 1538.

We find a John Elwald rector of St Andrews University 14.18 and Kirkandrews of Whitethorne Diocese (of St Ninian), 1423.

The sons of Clementis Hobs; Robert Elliot of Armagh was a

cater, and Daniel Elliott of Tullyculter, was a (bookkeeper/accountant).

The first mention of Stobs occurs in the year 1544, when it was in the possession of one Clemyt Crossier.¹ It subsequently passed into the hands of the Glaidstones, one of whom sold it to Gavin Elliot, the first laird of Stobs of that name. That this Gavin was one of the Elliots of Horsliehill has now been conclusively proved by evidence contained in a reported case, to which he was a party, concerning the tutorship to a certain William Elliot, described as "oy" (*i.e.* grandson) and heir to William Elliot of Horsliehill. The claimants to the post were William Elliot of Horsliehill, the pupil's uncle, and Gavin Elliot, who is described as of Stobs, brother of the deceased William Elliot of Horsliehill, and therefore grand-uncle to the pupil. Gavin's contention that William, the father's brother, though more nearly related, was legally incapable of acting, owing to his being under 25 years of age, was sustained by the Court.² Gavin was a son of Robert Elliot of Horsliehill (dead in 1564) and a younger brother of William Elliot of Horsliehill, along with whom he was tried in 1564 for the

¹ Hamilton Papers, ii. 742.

² The case is reported in the Register of Acts and Decrees.

The Annals of a Border Club (the Jedforest): And Biographical Notices of the ... (1899) by George Tancred

A one time it shows that Clement Crosar, own Stobs, then Gladstones then Gavin Elwald/Elot then Gilbert Elliot/Elliott.

John Crosier of Agerstonesheldes. Martyne Crosyer of Yarsaye.
Clemyt Crossier of Stobbes. Adam Crosyer of Agerstonesheldes.
Patan Crosyer Martyns brother. Jame Crosyer Martyns brother.
Qwinten Crosyer Patte Crossyer sone. Dande Crosyer Martyne
Crosyer sone. Hobe Crossier Martyne son. Edwarde Crossier
Martyne son. Lyell Crosyer James Crosser son. John Crossyer
Thome Crossyer sone. Adde Crossyer Marke Crosser sone. Arche
Crosser Markes sone.

Jake Rawe Martyn Crossers servaunte. Qwinten Crossyer
Jefferay Crossyer sone. Wille Crossyer Jefferays sone. Cleme
Crosyer his brother. Sande Crosyer Edwarde Crosyers son.
Martyne Crossyer Wille Crosyers sone. Rowe Crossyer James
sone. Thomas Crosser Cokis Crosser son. Mathewe Crosser Barte
son. Hewe Crosser his brother. Patte Crosyer Wille Crosyers
son. Hobe Crosyer his brother. Rowe Crosyer his brother.
Wille Yong Clemyt Crossers servaunte. Jake Yong his brother.
John Carborne Clemyt Crossers man. Hobbe Elwode Clemyt
syster sone. John Crosyer Cokis Crosyers sone. Clemyt Crosyer
John Crosyers sone. Lyell Crosyer John Crosyers brother.
Coke Crosyer John Crosyers brother. Jame Crosyer John
Crosyers sone. Martyne Crosyer John sone. Jone Crossyer
John sone. Mathewe Hunter John Crosyer kynsman. Adde

The Hamilton Papers: A.D. 1543-1590

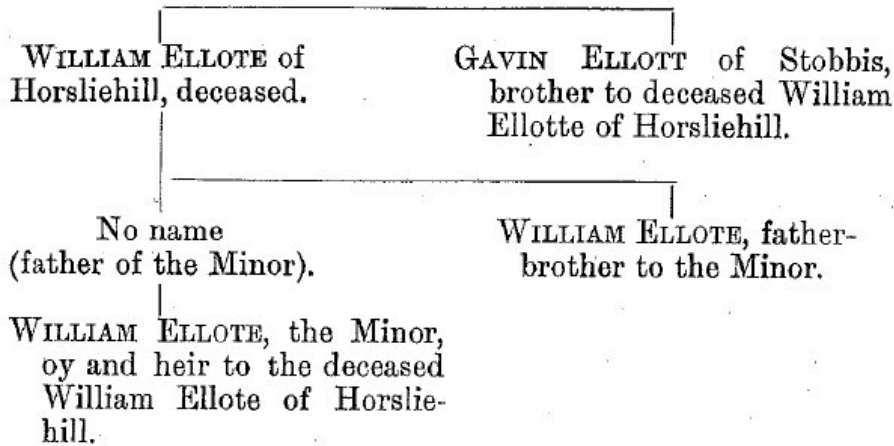
By Great Britain. General Register Office (Scotland)

Appendix pg 742 year 1544

Above shows **Clement Crosar/Crosier of Stobs**, and shows **Hob Elwald/Ellot as the son of Clement's sister**. Because Andrew (Dandie) Elliot, father of Hob Elwald/Ellot killed in the feud with the Scott Clan ca 1564, then Clement Crosar/Crosier adopted Hob Elwald/Ellot, and he became known as Clementis Hob (Clement Crosier's Robert Elliot).

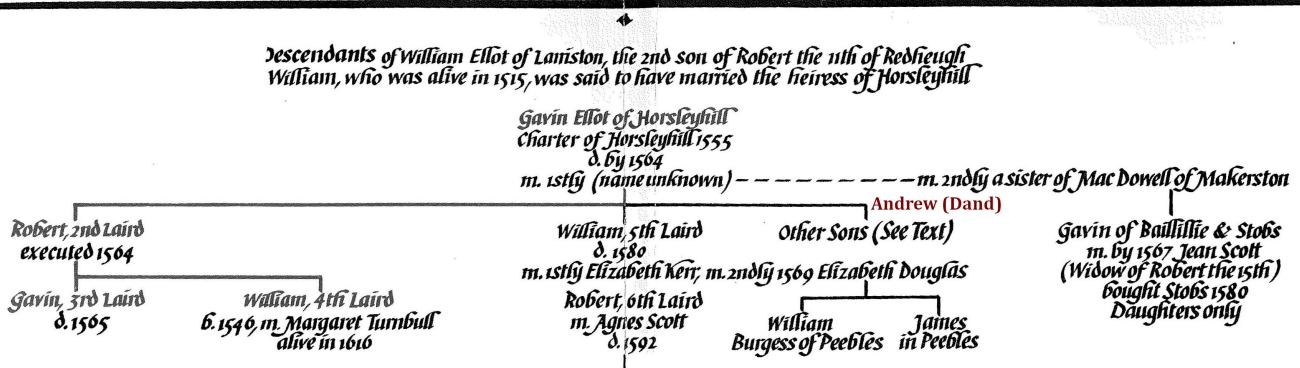
below shows the names and relationship of the persons mentioned in the case :¹—

January 1592-3.



Gavin Elliot of Stobs died in 1606 or 1607.² He married Jean Scott, who survived him, and by her left three daughters his co-

The Elliots of Horsleyhill



Above shows Gavin of Stobs being half brother to a Gavin.

Want to show that Gilbert Elliot is the stepson of Gavin Elliot of Stobs;

GILBERT ELLOT OF STOBS

Gilbert Ellet of Stobs was the 3rd son of Robert the 15th of Redheugh and his wife Jean Scott (of Buccleuch).

In many ways Gibbie's own career, and even his nickname, typified the revolutionary changes which took place in the Borders at the turn of the 17th century. The line of Stobs which Gibbie founded in Teviotdale was eventually to succeed the line of Redheugh as Chief of the Clan. But even in Gibbie's own lifetime the Clan lands in Teviotdale became of increasing importance as border raiding was suppressed and the Ellots turned their attention to the development of their own sheep flocks. Gibbie himself took an active part in raiding until the Union of the Crowns, being described as one on whom his brother, Robert of Redheugh, could rely.¹ But, after the succession of James VI to the English throne, he settled down to peaceful farming and later became one of the most prosperous of all the Teviotdale lairds.

An important factor in Gibbie's success must have been his kinship with his neighbours, the Scotts. His mother was a sister of Buccleuch and, early in his life, Gibbie allied himself more closely with this powerful House by his marriage to Margaret,* a daughter of Wat Scott of Harden† and a cousin of Buccleuch. He supported the Chief of the Scotts at the rescue of Kinmount Willie Armstrong from Carlisle Castle and was also mentioned in 1597 as taking the place of one of the Scotts (John Scott) as a hostage to Lord Scrope, the English Warden, after a raid on Gilsland. This connection with the Buccleuch must have stood Gibbie in good stead during the Pacification of the Borders, when his kinsfolk in Liddesdale were being harried by the King's Lieutenants and many of them executed and dispossessed of their lands.

Gibbie's stepfather, Gavin Ellet of Baillillie, and his mother, Jean Scott, owned extensive lands in Teviotdale and, as a young man, Gibbie lived at Stobs and helped his stepfather with the management of these properties. At their death he was left as trustee of all their estates. In 1608 Gibbie bought Stobs from his three half-sisters Esther, Dorothy and Jean. Although it took him seven years to pay his half-sisters the full purchase price on the lands, Gibbie possessed many other properties and, after buying Stobs, became a substantial land-owner and farmer; the 'gowden gartins' which he wore and by which he was so well known may have been the badge of this prosperity.

* Nicknamed 'Maggie Fendy' for her cleverness and efficiency.

† Wat Scott of Harden was a noted raider of the English and Margaret's dowry from her father was said to have been the product of one Harvest moon, and thus in keeping with the Harden motto — 'Reparabit cornua Phoebe' which might be translated as "The new moon will replenish the larder".

Clement Crosar, was of Stobs previous to Gavin, and he had a sister who's son was a Hob Elwald.

It is felt Andrew Elwald, was married to Clement's sister, died in the feud with the Scott ca 1564, and left a son Hob (Robert) Elwald, Clement's nephew. That is why Clement adopted him, and it is he Hob Elwald, the son of Andrew, adopted by Andrew's brother-in-law Clement Crosar/Crosier which became Clementis Hob (Clement Corsar, adopted nephew Hob (Robert) Elwald; which became Elliot).

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