



# A Piece of the Pilkington Puzzle, the Asshawe (Shaw) family of Lancashire, England.



Illustrated to the left of this family tree are the arms of Roger Asshawe of Hill, Lancashire and to the right are the arms of the family of Pilkington, Lancashire. The arms for Richard Pilkington depict a crescent to denote he was a second son. Katherine Asshawe was sister to Roger Asshawe and later husband to Richard Pilkington of Rivington Manor. Richard and Katherine were the parents of James Pilkington, first protestant Bishop of Durham. Historically the name Alice Asshawe has always been associated as the wife of Richard Pilkington, however this came about from information within the Pilkington Painting. The original had darkened with age prior to the fire almost destroying it in 1834.

The Shaws, rather than the spelling as Asshawe are named in 1309 as free holders at Rivington. Henry Asshawe was defendant against the suits of Maud Gogard, relic of Ralph Gogard in 1277 in association with Hugh Gogard the Lord of the Manor of Heath Charnock in this period. Henry Asshawe had a son named as William son of Henry de Eschagh in the pipe rolls of 1259 /60. The miritar chief rent in 1349 and a charter of 1344 named Roger Shaw and Roger Asshawe, both are the same person. Thomas de Coppull made a grant of land to Adam Asshawe of land in Rivington. The same Adam is then named as witness in grant from the Rivingtons heiresses to Alexander de Pilkington, Lord of Pilkington. The Pilkington and Asshawe / Shaw families had intermarried many times over many generations.

**John De Asshawe** (Eschouse) C 1190  
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**Robert De Asshawe** of Rivington and Heath Charnock c. 1240  
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**Henry De Asshawe** (Eschouse) c.1280  
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**Adam De Asshawe** (Eschouse) c.1290

The junior line of the Asshawe (Shaw) family became resident at High Bullough and Stones House, Anglezarke. The junior line through the marriage of John Shaw to Elizabeth Willoughby also became related to Lord Willoughby of Parham in Suffolk and Horwich. There is a memorial at Rivington Unitarian Chapel to Lord Willoughby. The Baron Thomas Willoughby of Parham was a staunch puritan. His wife was Eleanor, daughter of Hugh Whittle of Old Lords, Horwich, Lancs. He died Feb 29th 1692. The right to this title passed to Helena Roscoe and Elizabeth Shaw and their title in heirs. The lineage can be traced to King Edward I. The Rivington Unitarian Pilkingtons are likely related to this line. The title and dignity of Lord Willoughby of Parham is inheritable via the creation of the new barony in 1685. Should this line fail the title by point of law the right and dignity could pass to a related branch in the future. Ancestral records are therefore essential to be kept for each line. The title also comes with the right to a seat and vote by hereditary right within the House of Lords.

**Adam De Asshawe** (Eschouse) c.1330 married Cicely **Gogard** heiress to her Grandfather Hugh Gogard, great great granddaughter to Randolph Gogard c.1190, Lord of Heath Charnock

**Hugh De Asshawe** m. Margary of Chorley 1298

**William Eschagh** 1259

**Henry de Asshawe** of Hall O'th Hill, Heath Charnock, c1330

**Hugh de Asshawe** of Hall O'th Hill, Heath Charnock, c1338

**Adam de Asshawe** of Hall O'th Hill, Heath Charnock, c1338

**William de Asshawe** of Hall Oth Hill, Heath Charnock, c1316 & 1334

The Gogard name appears in earliest records before 1190 and is found with in a grant of land to the then newly formed Abbey of Cockersand of land from Fulford to Rascahahay Brook. In 1246 the Gogards were holding land of William de Ferrers then Earl of Derby.

**Richard de Asshawe** of Rivington and Heath Charnock 1303

**Robert de Asshawe** clerk of the Holy Order of Frisby, Co. Lincoln grantee of Land in Rivington in 1344 to his cousin William Asshawe

**John de Asshawe** of Hall O'th Hill, Heath Charnock, c1370

In Heath Charnock there is a moated site, this is believed to have been the original location of the ancient Manor. Hall Oth Hill as it is known today is a structure that was moved from one part of this land to its present location.

**Richard de Asshawe** or Del Del Schagh of Rivington & Heath Charnock, 1381

**Robert de Asshawe** or Del Schagh of Saddleworth 1379 merchant.

The earliest mention of the name Shaw appears as Ashagh in a charter dated 1190 - 1200 regarding land. The first distinct reference then appears at Rivington alongside those of the Pilkingtons in the year 1240 of principle freeholders being: Alexandre de Pilkington, William de Rivington, Richard de Gamelslegh, William de Knoll, John de Broadhurst, Robert de Assawe

**John de Asshawe** of Hall O'th Hill, Heath Charnock, c1400

The Hall Oth Hill and the large Manor of Heath Charnock (*Earlier Charnock Gogard*) were recognised as a separate manor in the fifteenth century. The Manor was acquired by the Asshawe family through a grant of land in 1340 by Ralph Gogard, son of William to Henry de Asshawe. The senior line of the family were resident at Hall oth Hill from 1340 and afterward throughout this family chart.

**William I de Asshawe** of Rivington & Heath Charnock, 1434, Merchant

**John de Asshawe** 1444, Merchant

The details added here are from the authors notes of 'A History of a Lancashire Family' Author died before completing the revised work.

**Hugh de Asshawe** mentioned in plea roll c.1441

**Roger de Asshawe** mentioned in plea roll 1441

**William II de Asshawe** of Rivington & Heath Charnock, 1434, Merchant

**William Asshawe** or Shaw of Shaw Place & Rivington 1434, 1474 Surgeon. m. Constance Gerard

**Allan Asshawe** or De Shaw

**Roger de Asshawe** of Hall O'th Hill, Heath Charnock, c1441 ob 1446

**Thomas Asshawe** of Hill Heath Charnock

**Ann Asshawe** or De Shaw of Shaw Place, Heath Charnock.

Hall Oth Hill, Heath Charnock, Lancashire is said to be haunted by a daughter of the Pilkington family.

**John Asshawe** or Shaw of Shaw Place & Great House Rivington b. c. 1441/5 M. 1460 liv 1507. m Elizabeth **Haydock** 8 May 1525 heiress of High Bullough & lands in Rivington & Heath Charnock

**Katherine Asshawe** m.1468 **Richard Chisnall** of Chisnall Esq.

**Roger Asshawe** liv. 1492

**Roland Asshawe** liv. 1492

**Lawrence Asshawe** of Hall O'th Hill, Heath Charnock, ob. ante 1512 married Joan daughter of Henry **Sale** of Bedford.

**Joan**, married 1462 **William Blundell**. Esq. of Crosby

**James Asshawe** of Shaw place, Heath Charnock b.c 1462 liv. 1538 m. Elizabeth Gerard dau. of William Gerrad of Ince Esq.

**Richard Asshawe** or Shaw of High Bullough granted land in Heath Charnock in 1501 liv. 1519 M. Elizabeth grand daughter of Sir John Whalley

**Roger Asshawe** of Hall O'th Hill, Heath Charnock, ob. 1540. Named in deed of 1528.

**Lawrence Asshawe** of Hall O'th Hill, Heath Charnock, married Joan daughter of John **Valentine** of Shaw Hall, Flixton.

**Alice** who married **Richard Pilkington** of Rivington, their son James was the first protestant Bishop of Durham and founder of Rivington Grammar School. The sons and daughters are shown in the Pilkington Painting Reproduction 1834.

**John Shaw** of Shaw Place, Heath Charnock b circa 1462 liv. 1538. ob. 1597. m. Katherine Pilkington dau of Richard Pilkington & Alice Asshawe 1519 at Bury Rectory .

**Thomas Shaw**

**Rev. Richard Shaw** of Blackrod liv. 1568

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