



Annesley House

W<sup>r</sup> Marshall

Mr & Mrs Maxwell (Miss Braddon)  
built a very fine house at  
Bank. Mr Maxwell bought up  
all the bits of land he could, and  
also bought Bugden (the grocer's shop)  
and built the post office and  
several shops on that site. He  
built many cottages & small houses.  
He was a Roman Catholic but did  
not go to Church anywhere.

He was a publisher in London and  
used to publish all Miss Braddon's  
books. Mr Maxwell died in

Brockenhurst Old House



Carey's Brockenhurst  
This was a nice comfortable old house, probably 250 years old. Mr Bowden Smith's father came there about 1779.

Jo. Cary Esq in the 11<sup>th</sup> year of Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> reign claimed the office of riding Forester of the New Forest. Says also that he has an ancient messuage and nine acres of land in Brockenhurst, he mentions all his claims, pasture, firewood &c &c. We do not know how long or how many Careys lived there.

The Bowdens are a very ancient Cornish family; and those who are still alive are Roman Catholic priests.

My husband had several brothers one whose name was Henry was in the 37 Regt in India, he was at the siege of Burapore, and afterwards in 1833 died of wounds by a poisoned Bleel arrow which penetrated his head, it penetrated the cranium, a small portion of the bone was found driven in on the brain. See narrative of his death



General Robbins



Sir James Schodde



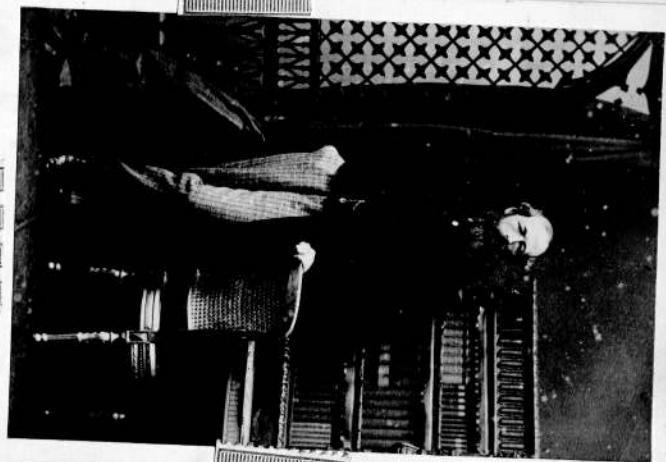
Lady Caroline Morant



Lady Erroll & Emma

another brother was Daniel who went to India in the civil service and was a judge there. He came home and went to Connemara in Ireland where he died in 1849. The elder brother Nathaniel settled at the old house at Brockenhurst married Miss Ripley and had 12 children who all grew up.

I went to visit them on my marriage, and spent many happy days with them all, never having the slightest quarrel or dispute with any of them. On their father's death in 1886 the old house was pulled down to our great regret & Hermann Bowden Smith has built a fine new house. The old house near the road and very quaint, in one of the attics there was a hiding place in the floor large enough to hide a man.



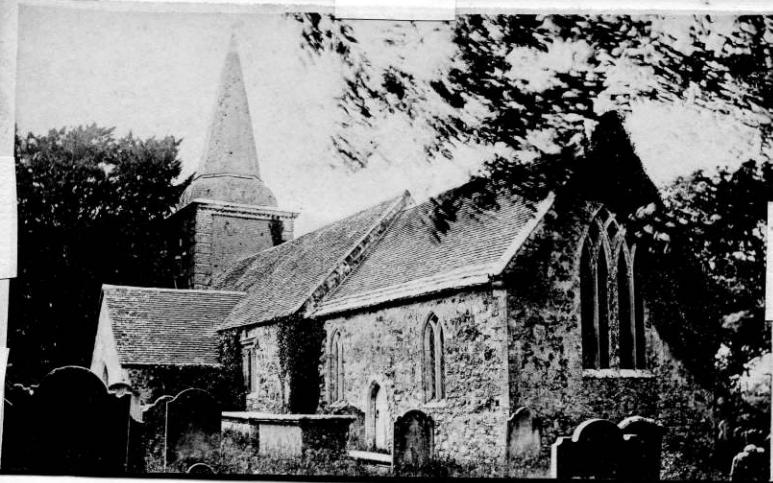
of Mr Nathaniel Bowden Smith,  
children the eldest girl married  
W<sup>r</sup> Cumberbatch and lived at  
Queen's House as he was Deputy Surveyor  
of the Forest. Philip went to Rugby  
and was one of the masters there for  
many years. He married Miss Robertson  
Henry went to Ceylon, and William  
also they bought some land & called  
it the New Forest, but the coffee  
plantations failed. Nathaniel  
went into the Navy when 14 years  
old, and was always employed  
He is now Admiral Sir Nathaniel C.  
Bowden Smith, The youngest is  
Rev<sup>r</sup> Herman Bowden Smith who bought  
the old house, pulled it down &  
built a new one. Mr Ravenhill & his  
Lus and Gen<sup>r</sup> Ravenhill were in India  
many years. Mr & Mrs Potts at Edinburgh  
in Letters College are both dead. Mr & Mrs Bartlett  
the clogman at Chelmsford are alive. Miss  
Caroline & Miss B. Smith at Lymington, I have  
outlived 5 out of the 12 children.

Minstick Lodge,



## Minstead Lodge.

A nice house standing on a hill just opposite Minstead Manor. Col. Buckley lived there long ago. Mr. Preston married Miss Shute and lived there when we came to Hyndhurst. He was a widower with 2 sons and 1 daughter. By his second wife he had 3 daughters. One son I think died in India. When Mr. Preston died, his eldest son married <sup>Mr. Shutes</sup> ~~his~~ youngest daughter so Mr. Preston the widow had to leave Minstead Lodge as her stepson & <sup>her sister</sup> came into the property. She went to Woodlands to live. Young Mr. & Mrs. Preston had 3 children 2 boys & one girl. The young lady is married to Mr. Alan Grant. The house has been let to many different people, Mr. Matthew Duncan lives there now. Mr. Preston had died very suddenly in 1870.

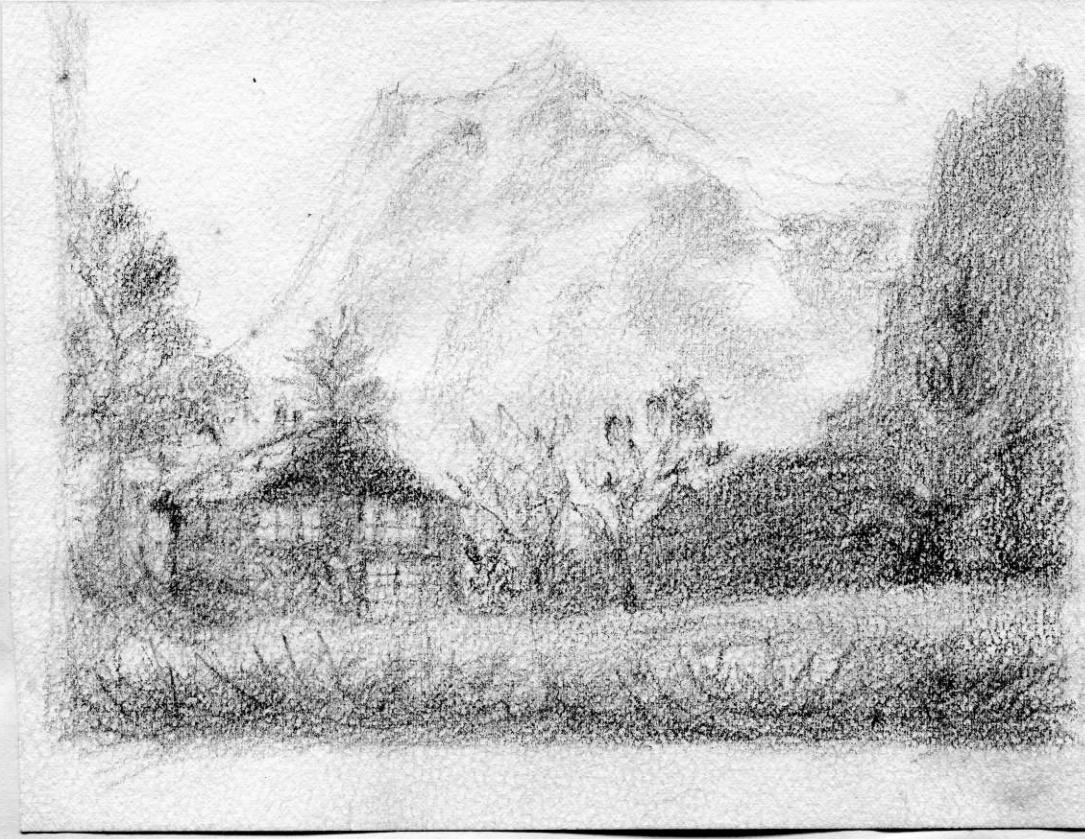


Brockenhurst Church

## Bramshard House

This house belonged to Mr Shute  
an old friend of my father's, they  
were at Oxford together. He had  
a number of sons & daughters.

They had a grand ball there to  
which we went from Presthaw  
about 1847. I do not know when  
they left Bramshard but Mr & Mrs  
Phillipson must have been there  
about 1860, he died in 1881 and his  
son Mr Turner Turner then built Avon  
Castle, Ringwood. Bramshard House was  
let before Mr Phillipson died, and  
Mr & Mrs Sullivan were living there  
when the house fell down. Mr Phillipson  
made a lake in the gardens, and  
by this means a well inside the  
house was drained and the sides fell  
in, and undermined the foundation.  
It was extraordinary to see the front  
of the house fallen down, so that you  
looked up into the rooms, and the bed-



THE WETTENHORN IN THE DIST

and every thing in the bed room  
open to view, & the sitting room  
the same. Fortunately it was on  
a Sunday that it happened and the  
2 ladies & gentleman were at the  
lodge, and the servants were out.  
They had heard strange crackling sounds  
before, and wondered what they were.

Mr Phillipsone married Miss Lettbridge  
for his second wife and had one  
daughter who married Mr Lascelles.  
His first wife was the daughter of Turner  
famous for blacking, she ran away with  
Mr Phillipsone so Mr Turner gave his large  
fortune to her son cutting out the husband  
the child to take the name of Turner  
and to have the money if he came  
of age. Mr Turner died, and  
his son made Avon Caw a into an  
Hotel for some years, and now  
in 1900 has sold it.

Bramshaw House was not rebuilt, as  
they could not get a safe foundation.



Walla Brook Bridge. Clegford.

Chapman & Son, Dawlish.



## Woodlands.

This house was called Fletcherwood  
My great uncle Captain Jervis,  
Nephew of Lord St Vincent built  
it. It was a wooden house built  
of oak with a verandah round it.  
There were two nice meadows  
in which he kept racing colts.

In the year 1804 when King George  
the 3<sup>w</sup> came to Lyndhurst Cap Jervis  
bought some horses which the King's  
suite brought down. There was with  
them a pretty French girl called  
Cecilia Vinct, who was given <sup>him</sup> with the  
horses. This girl had two boys.

Then in 1807 Cap Jervis was drowned  
at sea. The girl and the babies were  
taken care of by my grandmother.

Years afterward the eldest was foolish  
enough to claim the title of St Vincent  
He gave a great deal of trouble by his  
folly, a claimant without the slightest  
thing to go upon as my Uncle did not



one of mountains in Tyrol

marry her. The old house was  
empty for a long time till Mr &  
Mrs Mansfield bought and nearly  
rebuilt it. They bought it of  
Mr Timson.

Mr Mansfield came one day  
to ask me if I had ever heard  
that the ghost of Cap. Jervis walked  
about the house; I told her that  
as he was drowned at sea, it was  
not likely his ghost would be on  
shore. She said she did not wish her  
servants to know that people said  
such things, or they would not stay with  
her.

New Park.



## New Park

This belongs to the Crown, and used formerly to be inhabited by the Deputy Surveyor of the Forest.

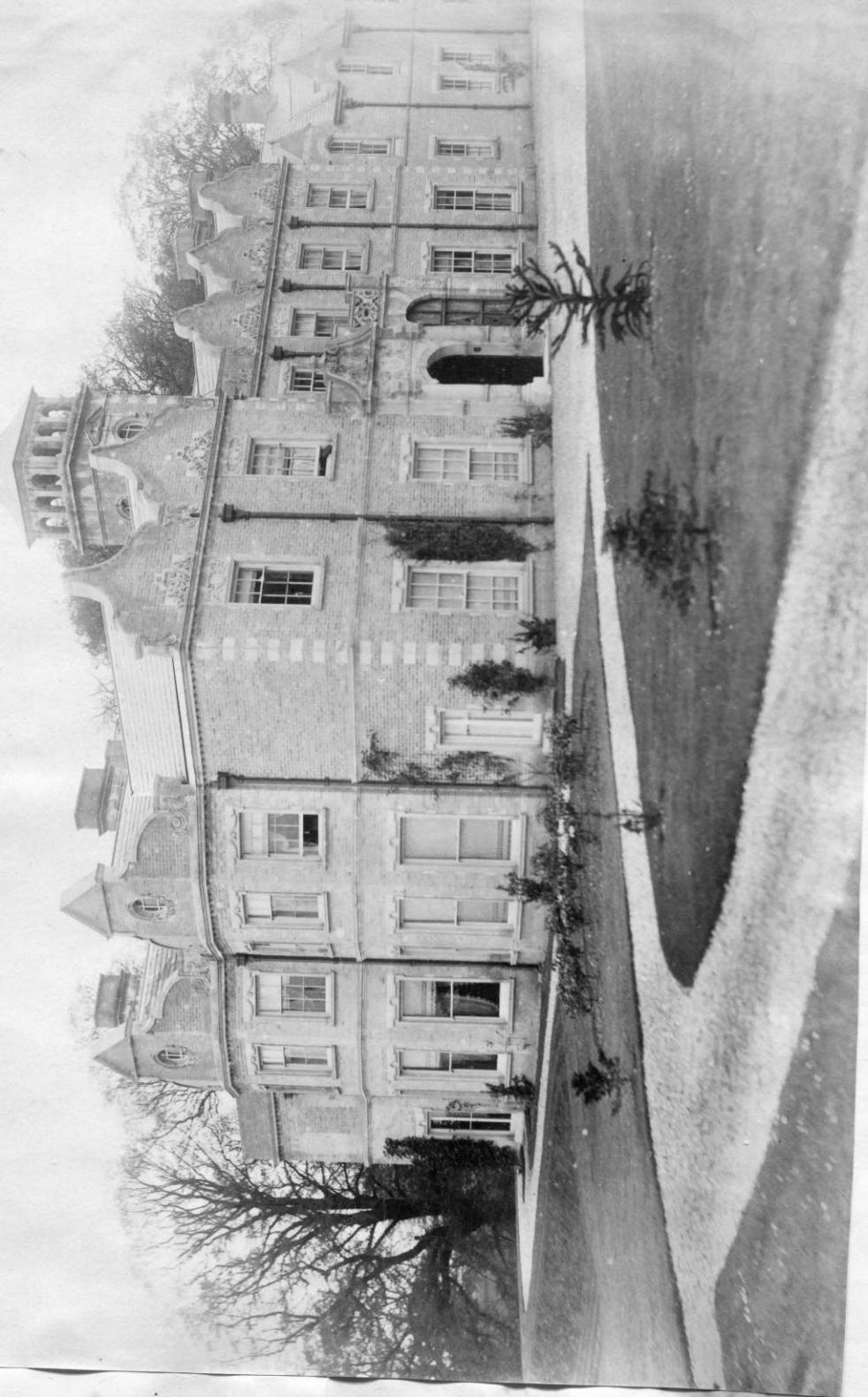
But afterwards was always let on lease. Mr Dickenson took it and farmed the land, he was there some years. Mr W<sup>m</sup> Standish next took it about 1875, he and Mrs Standish both died there.

His son Captain Standish being nephew to Mr Perry Standish of Marwell came into that estate on the death of Mr Perry Standish. Marwell Hall belonged to my father who sold it to Mr Perry Standish in 1868.

New Park is now again empty Mr Forman having recently died there.

Mr & Mrs Webbly live there now  
1901.

*Castle Malvern,*



## Castle Malwood

Gen'l Robbins lived there till he died. Mrs Robbins continued there and her brother Hyde Parker lived there with her.

The house became the property of her niece Mr Pigott.

It was often let, Col & Mrs Shackerby rented it for some years.

When Mr Pigott sold it to Mr Hill he rebuilt the house & built a Lodge. He died very soon and the house was let to Mr & Mrs Grant who have since bought it.

Gen'l Wynyard lived at Castle Malwood many years ago before the Robbins bought it.



Sunwood Old House



Freshwater House



Longwood Old House

all the curiosities were  
posted there

## Preshaw House

My grandfather John Long of Preshaw was born in 1728. When a young man he wished to marry Ellen Hippisley, but he was rejected by her parents, as his income was but small. He went abroad to make the grand tour as it was called then, when he returned he found his lady love a widow having married Mr Ashford of Cheshunt. He married Mr Ashford by in 1779, but they had no children till 1788 when my father Walter Long was born, his mother died a few days after his birth. My father was put out to nurse, his nurse was the wife of a blacksmith near Longwood. The blacksmith had many sons, but as they were very dark, and my father exceedingly fair there was no danger of his being changed at nurse which in those days was not an uncommon event. My fathers maternal Uncle Mr Hippisley was much at Preshaw, he



Newtolebold January  
Thirty first 1908.

Lady Mary Carnegie  
~~Northesk~~ "Apple."  
Northesk Bath.

was never married. At his death all the property of Abbotts Leigh and Cutleridge became the property of Mrs Long's two sons. Her son Mr Ashfordby took the name of Trenchard, he was nearly 20 years older than my father. Nothing could be done with the estates till my father came of age, and then Abbotts Leigh was sold. My grandfather died in 1797 of quinsy he lived alone at Preshaw, as my father was at school. Mr William Long was my father's guardian, and went to live at Preshaw and improved the house. My father & Mr Trenchard had the large fortune divided between them. My father's share was £86,500. With the money he bought Kilmiston, Moreshead, Holt Guisage & Maxwell Lodge, leaving £16,000 which he spent in building rooms on to Preshaw.

Preshaw & Lomber belonged to Sir Hugh Stukely, and were sold separately in 1707.



Holt House  
Seat of Walter Long



Presham House

My father went to Oriel College Oxford, and took his degree before he was 21. He married my mother at this early age, she was only 20.

He built some good rooms on to the back of Preshaw. He planted a large tract of land with larch and had a gold medal from the Duke of Sussex for doing so, this was in 1821 I believe. There is a very deep well at Preshaw, and I remember a huge wheel turned by two donkeys and a Newfoundland dog to draw the water up in buckets.

About 1840 the wheel was taken down and a steam engine erected to pump the water. In 1830 there was a large ball to bring out my two eldest sisters I remember having to dance a reel with 2 other children to show how well we did it. In the end of the year 1830 the Agricultural Riots began, and one day 300 rioters came to Preshaw, and made a



Corhampton Church



Corhampton Church

great disturbance and a man with  
an axe and a "bomber song" threatened  
the butler that he would chop off his  
head if he did not give him anything  
that was in the cellars. Then others called  
out "Bread or Blood" when bread was given  
them. They threw it to some dogs they  
had with them. They found a small  
hay cutting machine which they broke  
to pieces. My mother was very brave  
she first shut us all up in one of  
the attics, closed the shutters and locked  
the us in. She gave them £6, they said  
it was not enough and they would come  
and burn the house down. My  
father was out at a magistrate meeting  
he asked the Duke of Wellington to let  
us have some soldiers to protect us, but  
he said there were so many gentlemen  
houses to protect that there were not enough  
soldiers. So my father & mother went to London  
and took the grown up of the family,  
and we young ones were sent to school at



Winchester. In 1831 my grandfather, Lord Northesk  
died, and was buried at St Pauls where  
Nelson & Collingwood are buried.

the 3 Admirals at the Battle of Trafalgar

My father inherited Muchelney estate  
on the death of his Uncle William Long.  
Muchelney Abbey is of great antiquity  
of the ancient Abbey scarce a 4th part  
remains. As usual in old buildings,  
the Abbey boasts of a haunted chamber.  
Some time before the dissolution of  
monasteries, <sup>by Henry 8<sup>th</sup> Edmund de Langhere was  
Abbot of Muchelney. He was considered  
a most vicious man, though some  
thought that under this exterior of  
sanctity the Abbot concealed a soul haughty  
as those of his Norman ancestors.</sup>

In his youth he had loved & been beloved  
by the daughter of a neighbouring baron,  
who objected to their marriage, & shut  
Matilda up within the walls of a convent.  
Edward became one of the brothers in the  
Monastery of Muchelney, and by his talents



Wickham Church  
Hants.

became the Abbot. One evening in  
the month of May he had to attend  
his duties at the Confessional of a  
nunney near the Abbey, and a Nun  
came to him to confess. On the first  
sound of her voice, the Abbot started  
for it was that of his former love.  
forgetting every thing but his love,  
he begged her to elope with him to a  
foreign country. But she would not;  
however he managed to move her to his  
own rooms in the Abbey, and though  
her father sent soldiers to try and discover  
where she was, he left the Abbey without  
finding her. When they were gone the Abbot  
flew to a small closet closed by a spring  
and was horrified to find her dead;  
she died of suffocation. He became  
a maniac, & soon died. The closet &  
chamber are still standing, and it is  
said that the spirit of Matilda appears  
every night at 12 o'clock between the  
room and the closet walking from the one  
to the other.



Muchelney Abbey. Somersetshire

Muchelney Abbey. Somersetshire

The remains of the Abbey are used as a farm house.

In the adjoining orchard the foundations of the ancient structure are easily traced. I used to go <sup>there</sup> every year with my parents, and my brothers delighted in digging to find the foundations of the cloisters. Michelney is in a dairy country, many farms where they make Cheddar Cheeses. It is about 4 miles from Langport in Somersetshire,

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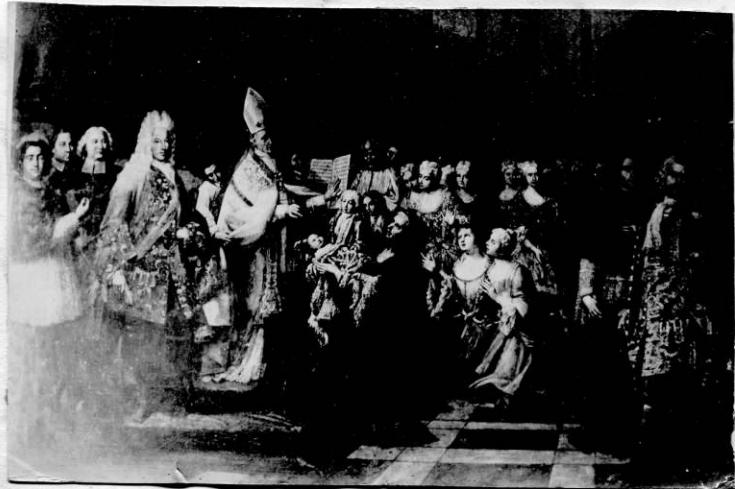
1901



Seat of Earl Northesk

Ettrick House  
E.H. Mitchell.

Christening  
of  
James Francis  
Edward, son  
of James 2<sup>nd</sup>  
commonly called  
the Pretender  
1688



From a  
picture  
at Ettrick

Marriage of  
the Pretender  
1719



From a  
picture  
at Ettrick

Percy

1916

1918

My great grandfather George, Earl of Northesk was born in 1716. He went into the Navy, and while Lieutenant in his Majesty's ship Windsor in the Mediterranean he was seized with a severe illness which was supposed to have ended fatally. His ship was at the Island of Madeira, and he was taken to the house of Sir John St Clair. His attendants soon pronounced him dead. He was placed in a coffin, & every preparation made for his burial with military honours. While his friend Sir Robert Boyd was looking on what he supposed was the corpse of his young companion, he chanced to put a glass to Carnegie's mouth, & discovered that he still breathed. Lieutenant Carnegie rapidly recovered and 3 years afterwards succeeded to the title & Estates of Northesk.

Eric House, near Arbroath is the Scottish Seat of the Northesk's, in Forfarshire.