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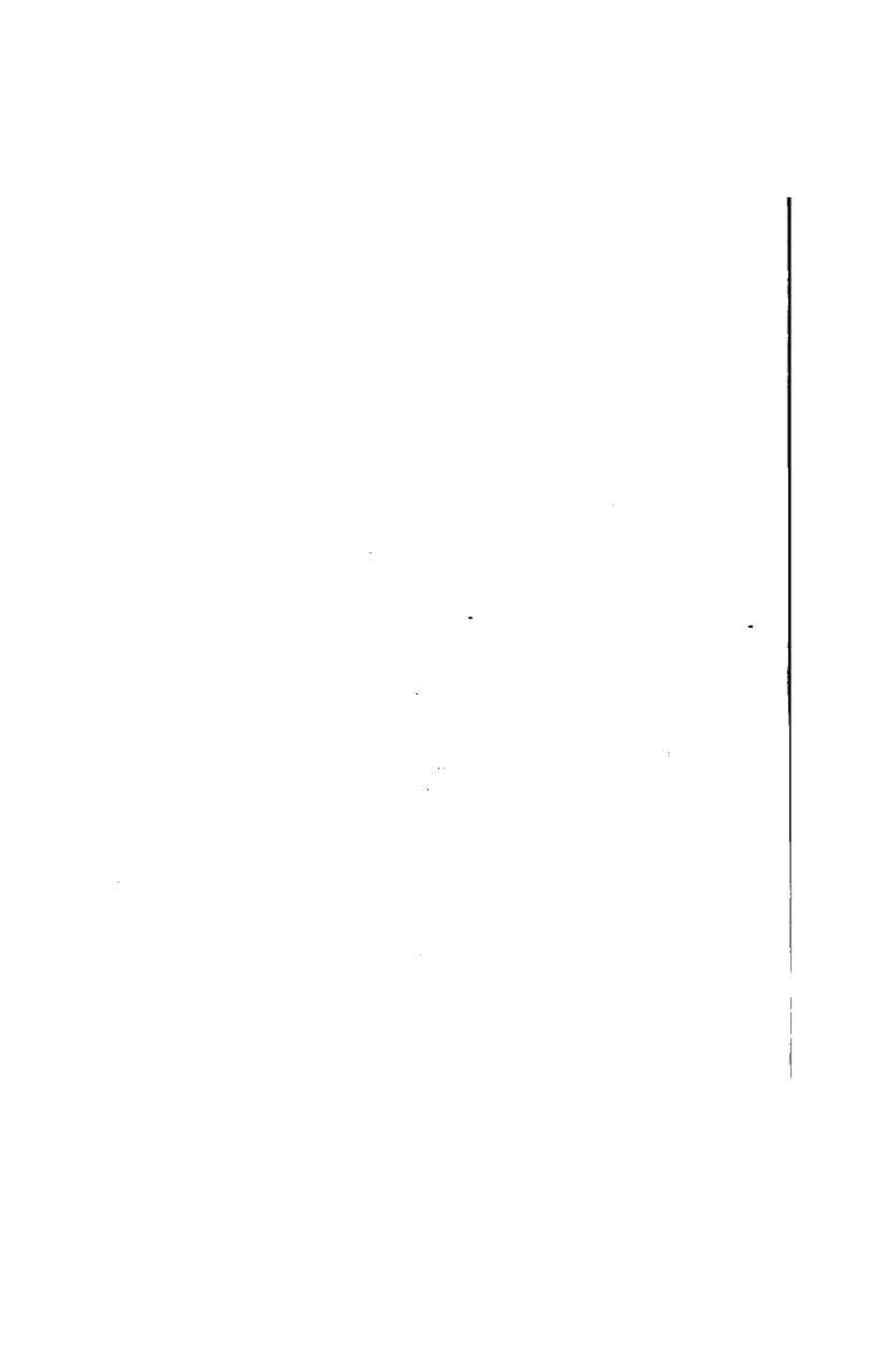




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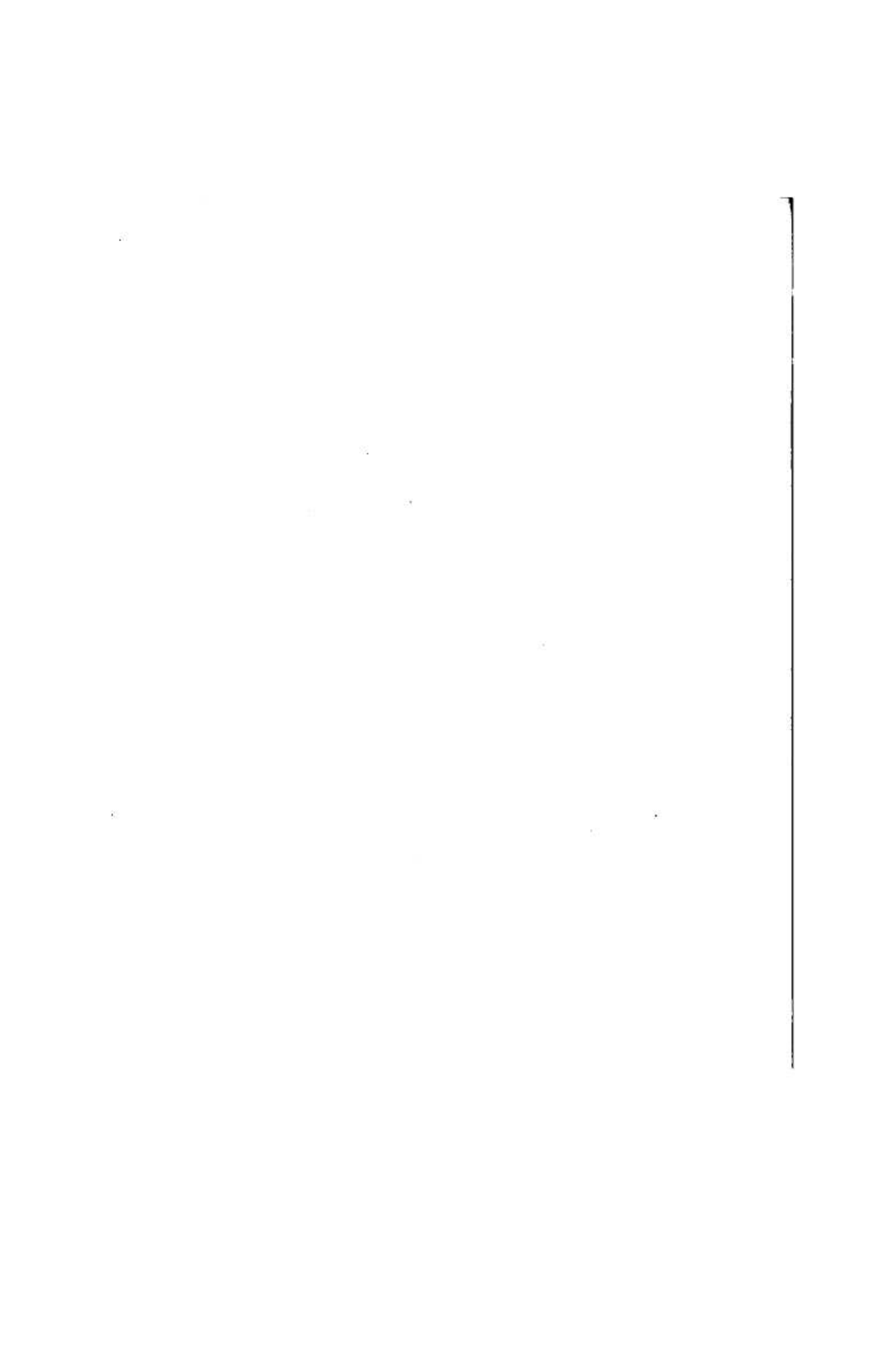
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## West Derby Hundred.

THIS hundred, coextensive with the old Deanery of Warrington, was next in importance to Salford hundred. It comprised twenty parishes.

The Inquisition was in charge of Edward, third Earl of Derby; Sir Thomas Gerard, Knt.; Thomas Boteler, Esq. The indentures are uniformly dated Tuesday, 4 October 1552. The form of them differs from those of the former hundred; one result of which is that the names of the incumbents do not appear. The reference to the membranes is 3/49.

*Edward, third Earl of Derby*, was born in 1510. He succeeded his father in 1521, and died in 1574. In his youth he had been placed under the charge of Cardinal Wolsey, in whose household he may have acquired a love of pageantry and hospitality. The Cardinal was one of the supervisors of his father's will. In 1532 he was present with the king on the Field of the Cloth of Gold. He became a Knight of the Bath in the following year. In 1536 he was engaged with the Lancashire and Cheshire forces in suppressing the rebellion known as the Pilgrimage of Grace. Six years later he raised forces for the army which invaded Scotland under the Duke of Norfolk. In 1544 he entered into the royal designs on the Monasteries, on the dissolution of which he acquired great possessions. At the accession of Edward VI. he was made a Knight of the Garter. His worldly prudence was such, that Queen Mary made him, in 1553, Lord High Steward; and Queen Elizabeth, in 1558, created him a Privy Councillor, and added his name to many of the ecclesiastical commissions of the reign. His life and character have been amply set forth in Canon Raines's *Stanley Papers*. Cf. Collins's *Peerage*, edition Brydges, vol. iii, pp. 69 seq.; *Lanc. Visit.*, 1533, p. 6; *15th Report Dep. Keeper*, appendix, p. 200; Hollinworth *MS.*, sub an. 1 Edward VI.

*Sir Thomas Gerard* of Bryn, near Ashton-in-Makerfield, co. Lanc., appears to have been High Sheriff of the county in 1548, being then "miles." In a list, 1549, he appears as knt. He married Jane, daughter of Peter Leigh of Lyme and Haydock, Esq., another daughter of whom, Cecilia, married that Sir Thomas Butler who died in 1550. About 1542 Dns John Ashcroft appeared at a visitation, being a stipendiary at Winwick, paid by Thomas Gerrard, Esq.; but he is marked as suspended. At the same time Hugo Cokson was a chantry priest at Wigan, on Gerard's stipend, having paid his first-fruits 36 Henry VIII. Sir Thomas is not to be confounded with