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1882



JAMES RADCLIFFE, EARL OF DERWENTWATER,

Eldest son of the Second Earl and his wife Lady Mary Tudor, was born 28th June, 1689, and succeeded to the Earldom on the death of his father in 1705; he was one of the first to join in 1715, the standard of the Prince, son of the exiled King James the Second, commonly known as the Chevalier St. George, with whom he had been educated at St. Germain; and after the defeat of the Jacobite army at Preston, November, 1715, he was brought a prisoner to London, and committed to the Tower. On the 9th of February 1715-16, Lord Derwentwater was tried by the House of Peers, found guilty of High Treason, and condemned to death; on the 24th of the same month he was beheaded on Tower Hill. The body having been embalmed by the surgeon, Roger Metcalf, at his house in Brownlow Street, was carried down to Dilston Hall in Northumberland, and deposited in the vault of the Chapel there, whence it was removed to Thorndon Hall, Essex, October, 1874. The heart was at first sent to Pontoise to the care of the English Nuns there, and soon afterwards removed to the Convent of the English Augustinians in Paris, where it was destroyed by the Communists, 1871. Some interesting particulars



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regarding the heart of the martyred Earl will be found in the letters from Roger Metcalf, Henry Rodbourne, Anne Tyl; Joseph Vane, E. Davies and Eliza Shaftoe, and also in one of George Pippard's letters written from Angiers.

The Earl of Derwentwater married, June, 1712, Anna Maria, eldest daughter of Sir John Webb of Hatherop and Great Canford, by his wife Barbara Bellasyse, daughter of John, Lord Worlaby, by whom he left two children—John, who died under age in 1731, and Anne Maria who married, in 1732, Robert James, Eighth Lord Petre. (See the Certificate of Anne, Lady Petre, page 60.)

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