Noble - Musgrove Family history

Noble Name Meaning (Ancestry.com)

English, Scottish, and Irish (of Norman origin); also French: nickname from Middle English, Old French noble 'high-born', 'distinguished', 'illustrious' (Latin nobilis), denoting someone of lofty birth or character, or perhaps also ironically someone of low station.

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Edmund H. Noble (1490 - 1528)

| Halbert "Hobbie" Noble (Chief of Noble Clan) 12th G-Grandfather
Born in 1520 the child of Edmund Halbert. He died in 1583 in Carlisle, Cumberland, at the age of 63

The Nobles are from an area in the extreme north of Cumberland just south of the Border. NOTE: If you go to www.multimap.com First locate Bewcastle and then in on the region to the left (west). There you will find the hamlet of Nobletown. Nearby are Scottown and Nixontown.

This was wild country, and still is. Being on one of the principal Reiver routes to and from Scotland, its inhabitants were inevitably caught up in Reiver activities. [Border reivers were raiders along the Anglo-Scottish border from the late 13th century to the beginning of the 17th century. Their ranks consisted of both Scottish and English families, and they raided the entire Border country without regard to their victims' nationality.]

They were not a numerous family and, when Reiver activity was brought to an end when Scotland and England joined, the Nobles and many others, no longer having any means to support their families, made their way south, along the Reiver routes into the valley of the River Tyne. Some moved west, and on eventually to America, others went east down river, to where Newcastle is now.

Little is known of the Nobles except for one character Halbert Noble, known as Hobbie Noble. Hobbie was friendly with the Armstrong Clan, probably the principal reiving family who lived in Liddesdale, just north the Border in Scotland. He played a leading role in freeing an Armstrong from Newcastle jail. This act and other misdemeanors alienated him from the authorities in England where he became a wanted man. He was, however, treacherously lured back into England where he was captured and executed in Carlisle.

Halbert, or Hobbie Noble, appears to have been one of those numerous English outlaws, who, being forced to flee their own country, had established themselves on the Scottish borders. As Hobbie continued his depredations upon the English, they bribed some of his hosts, the Armstrongs, to decoy him into England, under pretence of a predatory expedition. He was there delivered, by his
treacherous companions, into the hands of the officers of justice, by whom he was conducted to Carlisle, and executed next morning. The laird of Mangerton, with whom Hobbie was in high favour, is said to have taken a severe revenge upon the traitors who betrayed him. The principal contriver of the scheme, called here Sim o' the Maynes, fled into England from the resentment of his chief; but experienced there the common fate of a traitor, being himself executed at Carlisle, about two months after Hobbie's death. Such is, at least, the tradition of Liddesdale. Sim o' the Maynes appears among the Armstrongs of Whitauch, in Liddesdale, in the list of clans so often alluded to.

Kershope-burn, where Hobbie met his treacherous companions, falls into the Liddel, from the English side, at a place called Turnersholm, where, according to tradition, turneys and games of chivalry were often solemnized. The Mains was anciently a border-keep, near Castletown, on the north side of the Liddel, but is now totally demolished.

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**Hewe Noble** (1545 - 1625)
Bewcastle, Cumbria, England

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**Gawen Noble** (? - 1694)
Whitby, England

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**Gawen Noble** (1618 - 1693)
Married Ann Musgrave (See Musgrave/Musgrove Family History below)
Penrith, Cumberland, England

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**Gawen Noble, Rev** (1648 - 1693)
Cockermouth and Great Orton, Cumberland, England

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**George Noble** (1685 - 1735)
Cockermouth, Cumberland, England - Prince George’s, Maryland

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**George Noble** (1730 - 1800)
Saint Johns Parish, Prince Georges, Maryland and Fredrick, Clarke, Virginia, USA

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**George Thomas (Buckeye) Noble** (1751 - 1840)
Musgrove Family History

There have been four baronetcies created for persons with the surname Musgrave, one in the Baronetage of England, one in the Baronetage of Nova Scotia, one in the Baronetage of Ireland and one in the Baronetage of the United Kingdom. As of 2014 two of the creations are extant.

The Musgrave Baronetcy, of Hartley Castle in the County of Westmorland, ([Where our Noble Family branch connects](#)) was created in the Baronetage of England on 29 June 1611 for Richard Musgrave, Member of Parliament for Westmorland.[1] He was the member of a family that had been settled at Musgrave in Westmorland for many centuries and of which an earlier member, Thomas Musgrave, was summoned to the House of Lords as Baron Musgrave in 1350 (see this title for more information). The second Baronet represented Westmorland in the House of Commons and served with distinction as a Royalist in the Civil War. He was offered a peerage as Baron Musgrave, of Hartley Castle in the County of Westmorland, but did not take up the patent. The fourth Baronet sat
as Member of Parliament for Carlisle, Westmorland, Appleby, Oxford University and Totnes. The fifth Baronet represented Carlisle and Cumberland in Parliament while the sixth Baronet represented Westmorland. The eighth Baronet sat as Member of Parliament for Petersfield and Carlisle and the eleventh Baronet sat for Cumberland East and served as Lord-Lieutenant of Westmorland.

The family seat was Hartley Castle, near Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria.

Eventually the ruins and stone from Hartley Castle were reused to build a modern home, barn and farm as seen here in 2015 (photo: by Tom Burklow)
**Sir Richard Musgrave** (1360 - ?)
Musgrave, Yorkshire, England

**Sir Thomas Musgrave** (1378 - 1447)
Hartly Castle, Kirkby Stephen, Westmoreland, England (Listed in Wikipedia)

**Sir Richard Musgrave** (1398 - 1464)
Cumbria, England

**Thomas Musgrave** (1417 - 1457)
Hartly Castle, Kirkby Stephen, Westmoreland, England

**John Musgrave** (1432 - 1515)
Hartly Castle, Kirkby Stephen, Westmoreland, England
Fairbanks, Penrith, Cumberland, England

**John Musgrave** (Mossegrave) (1490 - 1545)
Taunton, Somersetshire, England

**John “The Elder” Musgrave** (1520 - 1576)
Taunton, Somersetshire, England

**Robert Musgrave** (1560 - 1621)
Taunton, Somersetshire, England

**Thomas Musgrave** (1601 - 1627)
(Father of Ann, wife of Gawen Noble)
West Monkton, Somerset, England