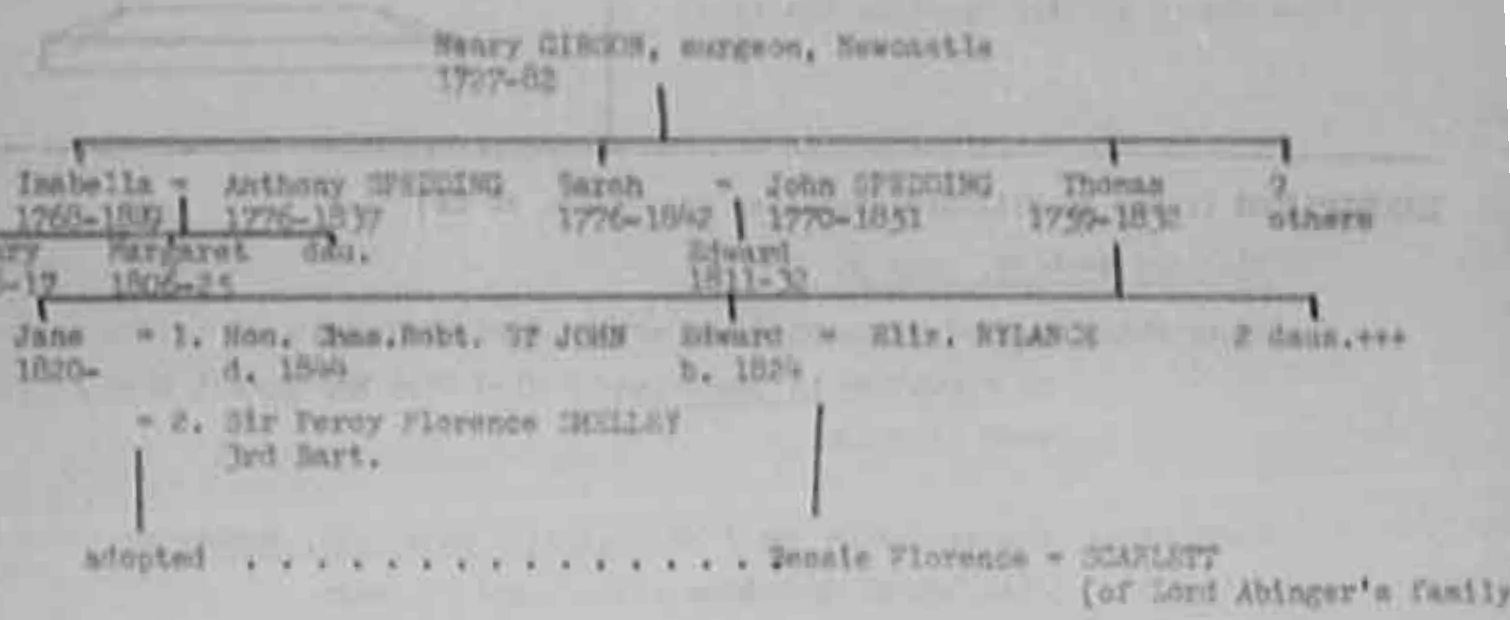


Thomas GIBSON, Partner in "The Old Bank", Newcastle, left a handsome sum of money to each of his children on his death. His eldest daughter, Jane, married first the Hon. Charles St John (1841), then Sir Percy Florence SHELLEY (1848), son of Percy Bysshe and Mary Godwin; he was 3rd Bart.

Jane, friend of eminent literary Victorians e.g. Allingham, was author of "The Shelley Memorials" (Shelley papers edited). +

John SPEDDING, who married Thomas Gibson's sister, Sarah, was guardian to his niece, Jane Gibson, later Lady Shelley. He was BA Oxon., Captain in 2nd Reg. Irish Brigade, and lived at Armathwaite Hall, Kirkehouse, Keewick. His brother Anthony lived at The Old Court House, Rospetsend, see J 102.

(Information given to Vales by V. Jacob, Oct. 1965)



+ "Shelley Memorials: From Authentic Sources" edited by Lady Shelley, 1859

++ Will of Thomas Gibson:  
'I hereby nominate and appoint my said brothers in law the said John Spedding and Anthony Spedding (buried in J 102) and my friend the said Peregrine George Ellison EXECUTORS of this my last will and testament and guardians of all the said children.'  
Lady Shelley was 12 when her father died.

++ One of these was said to be "late of Rospetsend" in a press notice of her marriage.