

Sir Hedworth Williamson
Provincial Grand Master of Durham 1841-1845





The Williamsons of Whitburn

SIR H.
WILLIAMSON
BART.
7th BARONET

The long standing and deep interest taken in the fortunes of Palatine Lodge by the Williamsons of Whitburn dates from 1834, when Sir Hedworth Williamson Bart, the Seventh Baronet, joined the Palatine Lodge, of which he was W. M. in 1835, 1836, & 1840.

Subsequent to joining this Lodge on Dec. 18: 1834, Sir Hedworth had held the office of G. W. of England, in 1826, and in 1831 had been elected M. P. for the County of Durham to the Parliament which passed the Reform Bill, and in 1832 to the first Reformed Parliament.

A DUEL

On Sep. 27. 1832, at noon, an hostile meeting took place, at the sign of the Hare & Hounds, on the Sedgfield road, between Sir Hedworth and Mr Braddyll, rival Candidates for the Northern Division of the County. Sir Hedworth was attended by John Fawcett, Esq; and his opponent by N. J. Banks, Esq; M. P.

The parties each fired twice, when Sir Hedworth, with the sanction of his Second, agreed to the following:-

"I am sorry to have used a term which has been offensive to Mr Braddyll's feelings, and which has been received in a sense in which I never intended it."

RESULT
OF
ELECTION

The parties then shook hands and left the field.
The Result of this Election, held on Dec: 18 & 19, 1832,
was as follows:—

* Hedworth Lambton 2588.

* Sir Hedworth Williamson 2182.

E. P. G. Braddayll Esq: 1670.

— Elected.

P. G. M.

In 1840 Sir Hedworth, Trough Sheriff for the County, was
installed P. G. M. of Durham, a position he filled until
1845.

MAYOR

He was Mayor of Sunderland in 1841, 1842, and
again in 1847, but only for a very short time, as he resigned in

M. P.

order to stand for the Borough of Sunderland at the Election in
that year, caused by the resignation of Mr David Darby, at
which he was successful, and Represented the Borough
from 1847 to 1852.

Result of Poll

Sir Hedworth Williamson 705

Arthur Wilkinson Esq: 578

FAMILY

On April 18: 1826, Sir Hedworth married Annie Elizabeth,
third daughter of Lord Ravensworth, and their four sons were

Hedworth, born at Florence, on March 25: 1827.

William Henry, do, October 14: 1829.

Charles, Whitburn, Sep: 1: 1833.

Victor Alexander, Cheltenham, June 28: 1838.

who all became Members of the Palatine
Sledge.