

Geographic Genealogy

This is going to show methods in which **geographic** localities can help in locations of ancestors, as applied to **genealogy**.

Example;

John of Copschaw

John would be and Elwald/Ellot, located at one time a Copschaw.

First of all one should ask what does the name *Copschaw*. *Cop-schaw* is a variation of *cup-schaw*. Where *cup* means an indention, and *schaw* means a wood/woods.

DSL – DOST S(c)haw, *n.*¹ Also: s(c)hawe, s(c)hau, sha; sheau; (saw(e), scawe). Pl. also schais. [ME and e.m.E. *shawe* (a1300), also in earlier use as a place-name element, OE *sc(e)aga*.]

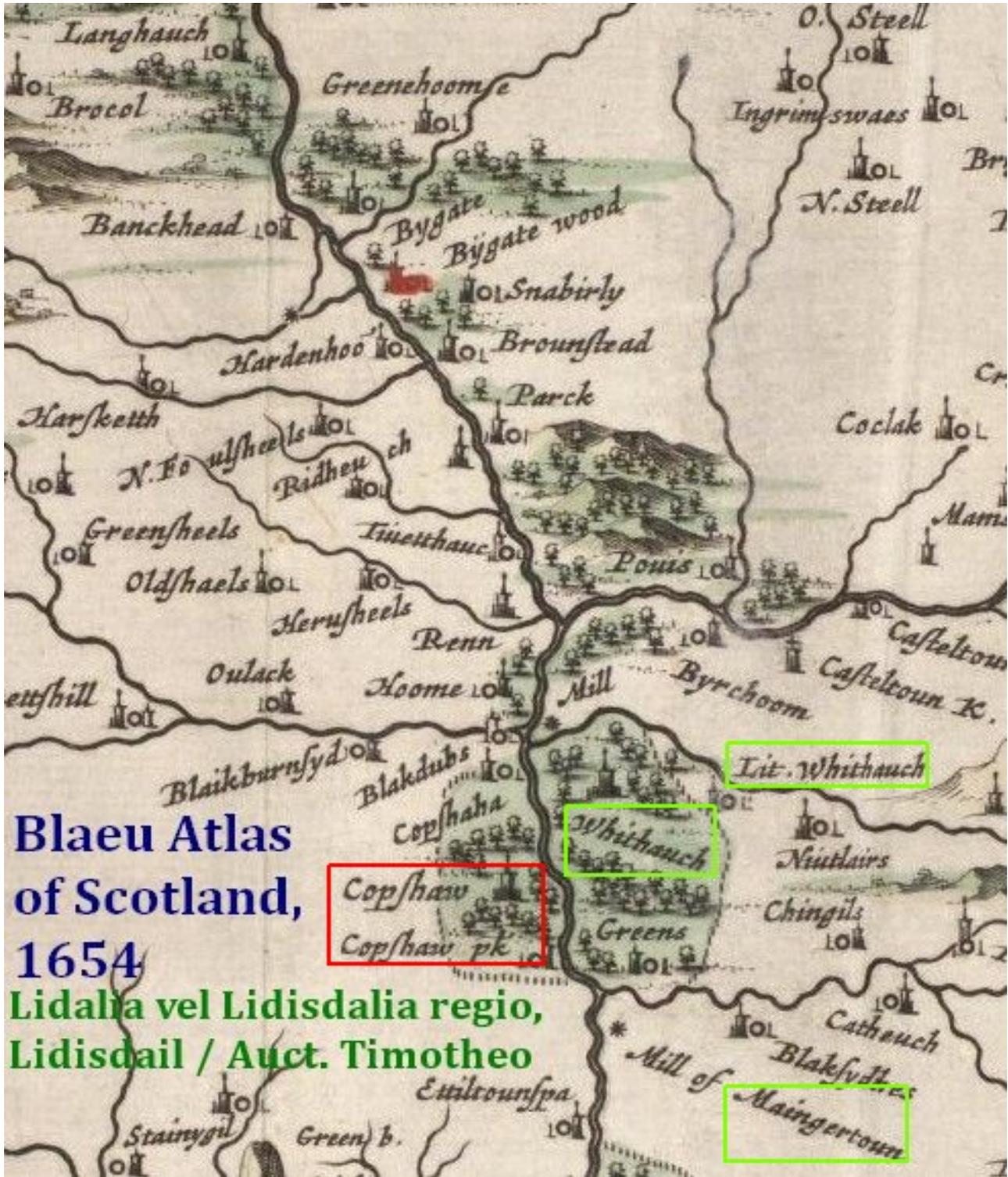
1. A small wood; a copse; a grove (in Doug., usu. one sacred to a deity); a thicket.

In early use as a territorial designation; passing into the surname *Schaw*.

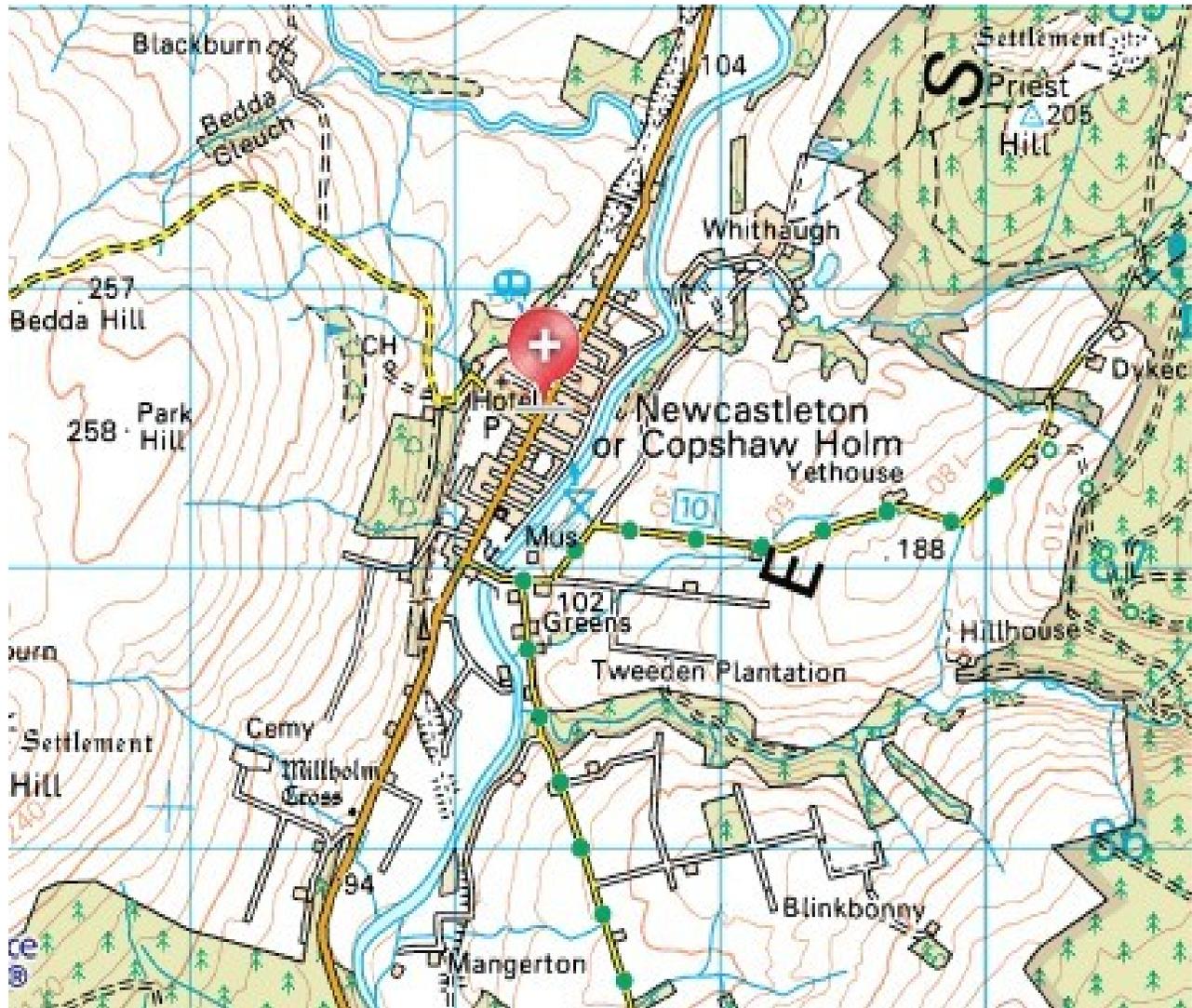
See also *myr tre schaw* MYR TRE and *wode schaw*.

Also *attrib.* with *land* and *wode*. (1) Johanne de Schau; c1284 *Reg. Paisley* 65. Fergus del Schawe; 1296 *Ragman's Roll* Lanarksh. De Hugone del Schawe; 1331 *Exch. R.* I 380. Jacobo de la Schaw; 13.. *Liber Melros* II 454. Jacobo de le Schaw; 1409–10 *Ib.* 534. Ricardo de Schaw; *Liber Plusc.* 278. (2) Thai ... huntyt lang ... And soucht schawys and setis set; BARB. III 479. *Ib.* v 591. Shaw; *Alex.* I 2058. Qwhen he sawe Thai knychtis swa cum in till a schawe [etc.]; WYNT. VIII 5988. Ane lyttill fra this ... vedowis hows Ane thornie schaw thair wes; HENR. *Fab.* 419. Syne throw the schaw my iourney hamewart tike; *Ib.* 1621. Ryne schaw; *Ib.* 547 (see

Schaw; a small wood/woods, or grove.



John of Copshaw/Copschaw, lives around the Armstrong family. This family of Elliot/Elwald are strongly associated to the Armstrong.



The Millholm Cross (sword), where millholm/milnholm, means on stream edge near a mill; likely a gristmill.

One can see that Copshaw Holm.

In Dictionary of Scottish Language;

DSL – DOST **Holm**, *n.* Also: **holmme**, **howme**, **houm**.

[ME. *holm(e)*, ON. *Holm-r*, small island (OE. *holm*, sea, wave, OS. *holm*, hill.) 1. A stretch of low-lying land beside a river; a meadow.

Copshaw Holm, now Newcastleton given the contours, looks like it was in a *cupped treed* region.

Kerhope, Kerhopefoot, and Kerheugh;

Ker; Ker, and Carr. *Hope*;

DSL – DOST *Hope, Hoip, n.²* Also: **hop, howp.** [Northern ME. *hope* (a 1400), *hopp* (1378), OE. *hop*.] A small enclosed upland valley; 'a sloping hollow between two hills' (J).

A small enclosed valley.

Foot; the foot, or lower part of.

Kerhope means; *valley of the Kerr.*

Kerhopefoot means; *lower end of the valley of the Kerr.*

Given mapping;

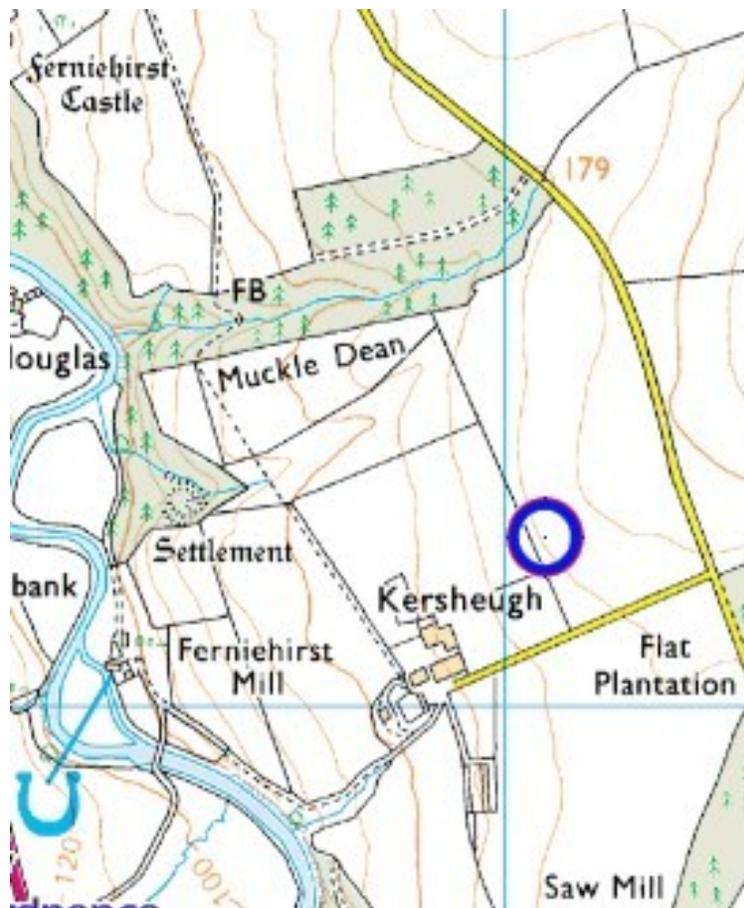


It can be seen using contours that Kershopefoot is a the lower end or

near the mouth of the Kershope Burn, and the Kershope Burn is in a valley.



On the 1576 Saxton, map there is a tower, at Kirhopfoote, in which labeled by me Kerr, because it is felt this is a Kerr Tower, by name.



Above Kerheugh;

DSL – DOST **Heuch, Hewch**, *n.* Also: **huch(e, huych, howche; heuche, heucht, heugh(e; hewche, hewht, hewgh; hewith; hwe, pl. hewis.** [Northern ME. (rare) *hough, hogh* (a 1300), OE. *hóh*, dat. *hó*, chiefly in place-names, appearing later as *hoe*. See also **COLE-HEUCH** *n.*

Frequent as the second element in early place-names from a 1100 onwards in forms varying according to the date, as *hoch, houch, hou, huche, hwch, hewch, heuch*, pl. *howys* (1373).]

1. A precipice, crag or cliff; a steep hill. (a) Kepand his hird

Heuch, or heugh, mean slope. And Kerheugh is one a slope.

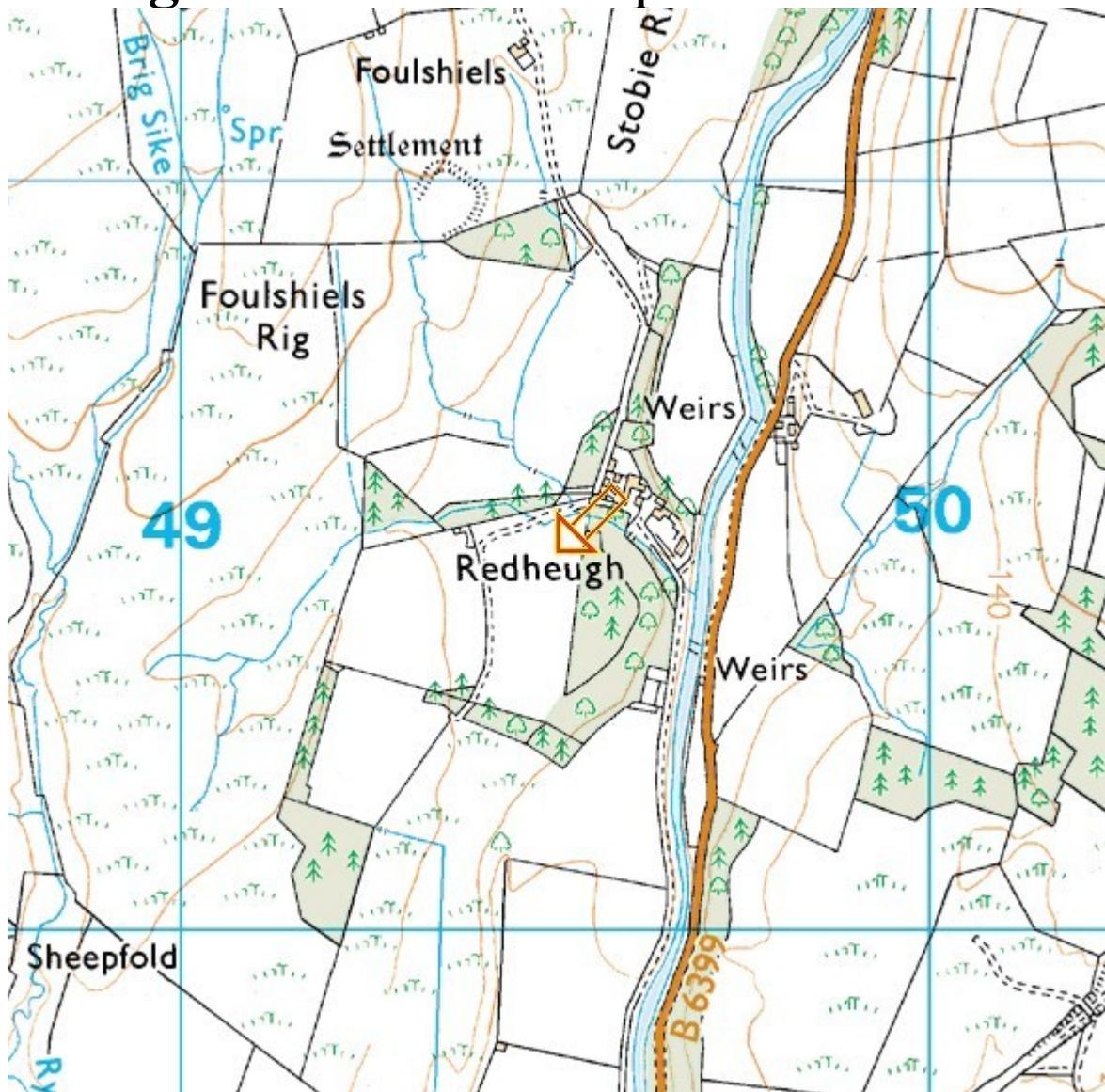


Using Ker Hall>Kerhopefoot>Kerhope>Kerheugh, one can plot a migration map for the Kerr.



Sheep in field above Kersheugh

Redheugh means a red slope.



Contours show a slope.



One looking at a satellite, can see red soil in the region of Redheugh Farm.

Elwaldlaw;

Elwaldside; basically pre 1600, at the Union of the Crown, the Scots and many other nations measured in not standardized unit of measured length/area that of an *el/ell*.

“ They who measure land in Scotland by an **ell** of 37 English inches, make the acre less than the true Scots acre by $593 \frac{4}{17}$ square English feet, or by about $\frac{1}{17}$ of the acre.

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El/Ell though and united of measurement means, ***measured***, in land surveyed.

Wald;

en.wiktionary.org/wiki/wald

Old High German

Etymology

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Noun

wald *m*

1. forest

Old Saxon

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Noun

wald *m*

1. a forest

Descendants

- Middle Low German wolt
- Low German wold

Wald	
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wald	
Family name	
Meaning	forest
Region of origin	Germany, Austria, etc.
Language(s) of origin	German
Related names	Wold , Woldt , Wehde , Forst (Forster, Forstmann); Walder , Waldner , Waldinger , Waldmann , Waldman , Waldmüller , Waldheim ; Woods
Footnotes:	[1]

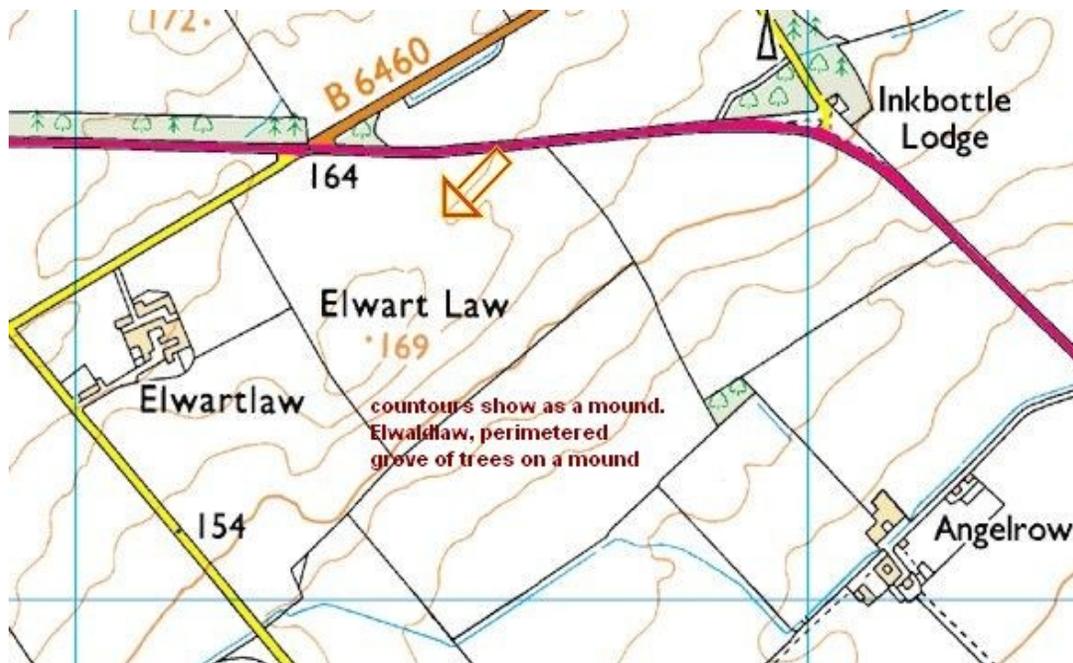
Wald means; *forest*.

Law;

Law means *mound or hill*.

DSL – SNDI **LAW**, *n.*² Also *la*; †*lea(u)w*, †*loaw*. [lɔː, lɑː, ne.Sc. †lʲɑ:(v)] **1.** A rounded hill (Sc. 1808 Jam.; Gall. 1824 MacTaggart *Gallo. Encycl.* 312), gen. of a somewhat conical shape and freq. isolated or conspicuous among others, *e.g.* Dundee Law, Largo Law, Berwick Law, Broad Law. The word is particularly common as a place-name in the em. and s.Sc. areas.

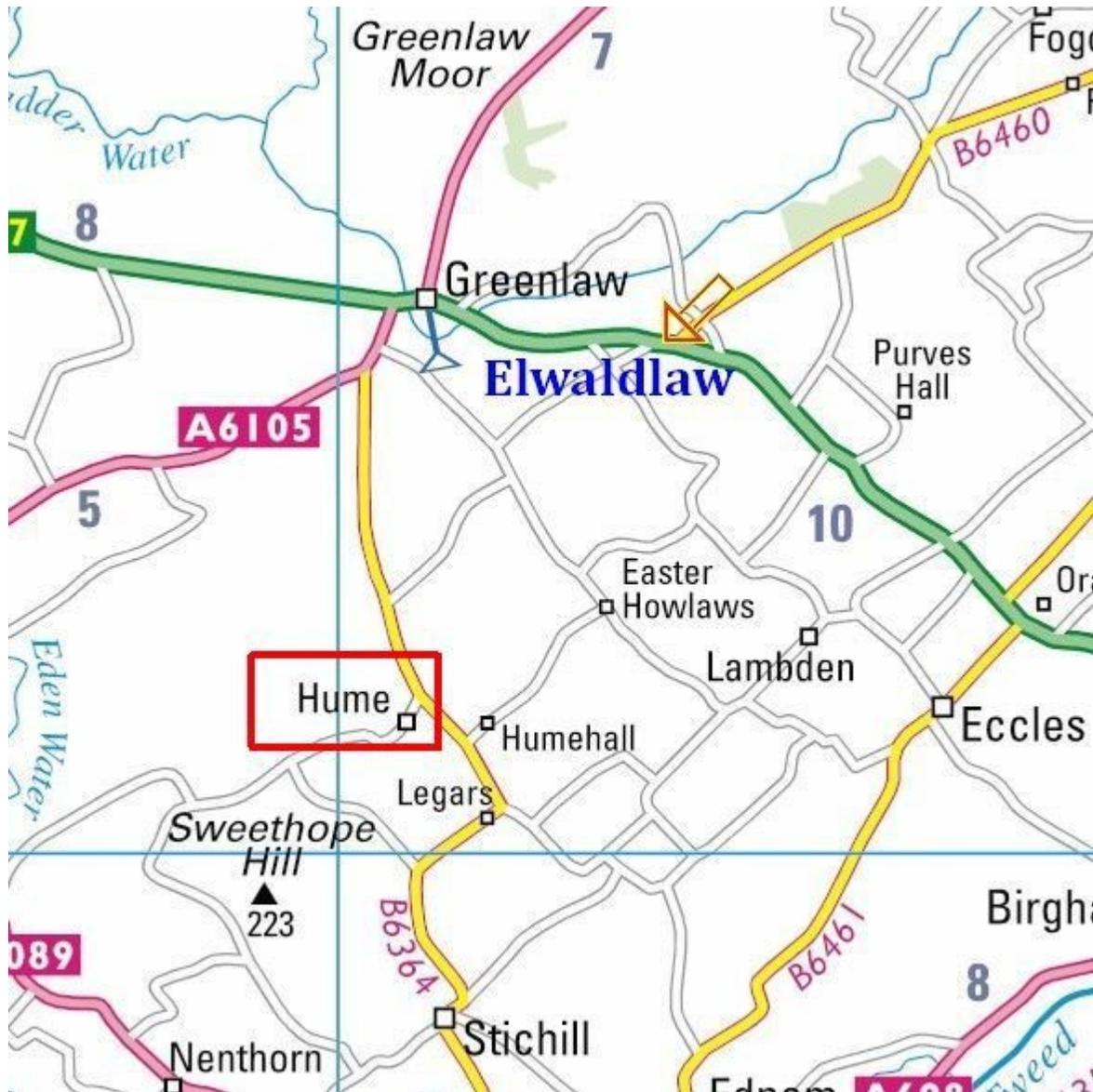
So *Elwaldlaw* means; a delineated grove on a mound or trees on a hill.



ELWARTLAW (Gm):

Elwaldlaw, 1542 RMS. This must be a MSc formation: cf *Johannis Elwald*, 1436 HMC (*Wed*). OE *Alfwald* or *Aldwald* is /125/ the origin of the surname.

<http://www.spns.org.uk/MayWilliamsonComplete.pdf>



Elwartlaw/elwaldlaw; showing in the contour map of Elwartlaw shows Elwartlaw/Elwaldlaw as being on a mound.

It should be noted that names such as; de Douglas, de Graham, de Stuteville, and de Cave, means that the family likely takes a name of an estate in a given geographic location such as Douglas in Cumberland, Graham (Grantam), Estuteville in France, and Cave; North and South in East Riding, Yorkshire.

So the surname can be used to figure out the locality of origin of a person. Cased the genealogy of a Cave back to Cave, and a Scarborough back to Scarborough.

It is felt that geographic name localities can be an important way to find localities for genealogy.

Addition which can not be forgotten;

Wolfhopelee;

COYOTE CANYON CHAPTER

"Home of Chief Manuelito"



Coyote Canyon Chapter

Upon returning from the "Long Walk" 1868, or the Navajo imprisonment in Fort Sumner, New Mexico, Chief Manuelito took residence in the northeastern part of the Chapter area and lived there the rest of his life. The place is named after him as a reminder of the Great Chief. Chief Manuelito is buried within his homestead.

The English culture seems to like to resettle individuals. The above are individuals who were resettled but returned, and live in the region I now live. My county is made up of about two thirds of their ancestry.

Been told that Coyote Canyon is; *where a coyote got stuck in a canyon.*

So the name Wolfhopelee seems to be my favorite for translation, and holds importance in land transfer.

Wolf;



hope; valley

lee;

DSL – DOST Le, Lee, Lie, a.

[North. ME. /e (c 1400), f. the noun.] Sheltered; sheltered from the wind. Also **LEE SIDE** *n.* —

The land lowne was and le [*B. lie*] with lyking and luf; *Howlat* 18.

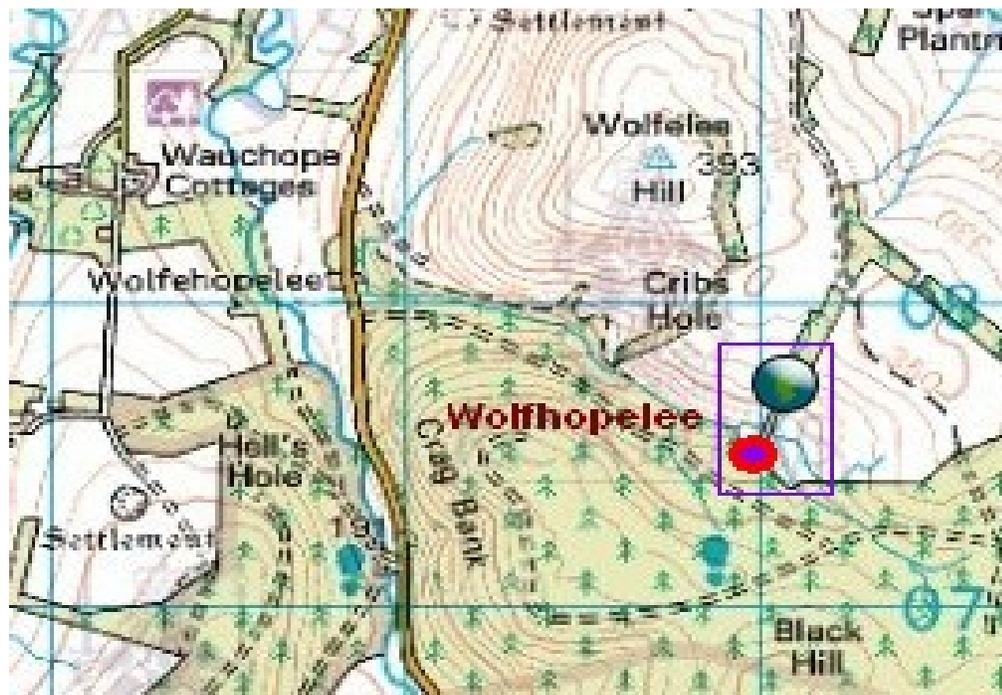
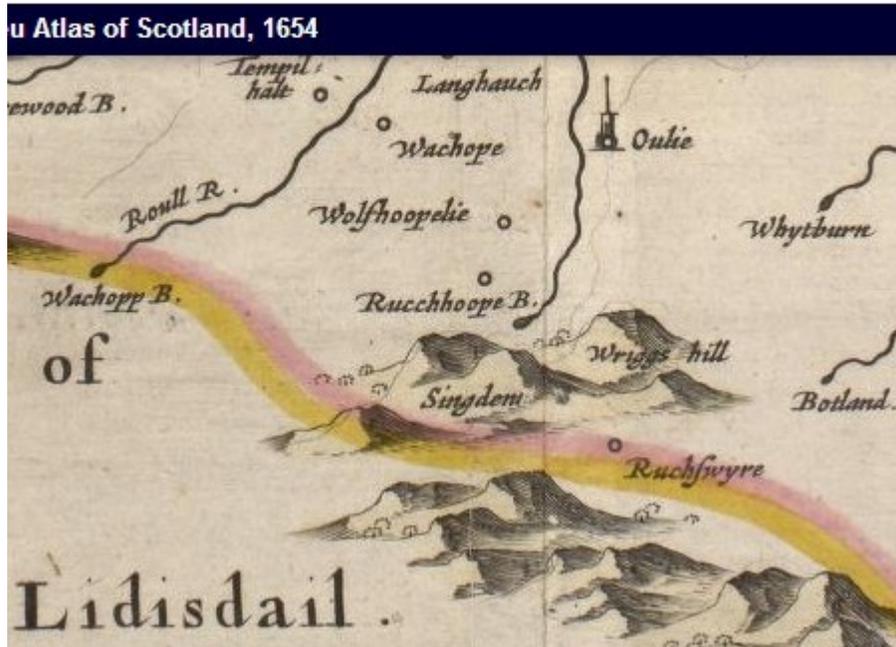
The fair forest with levis lowne and le [*H. lie*]; *Henr. Fab.* 1580.

Quhil that the famy stowr of stremys le [*R. lee*] Vp weltis from the braid palmys of tre; *Doug.* x. iv. 120.

Sheltered from wind, as on the *leeward* side.

So **Wolfhopelee** is where; *the wolf went into the valley to be sheltered from the wind.*

Teviotia, Vulgo, Tivedail / auct. Tim. Pont, Io. Blaeu excudit.
[\[more info\]](#)



It can be seen by the contours that there is a valley with pretty steep banks, in which a wolf could stay out of the wind.

Importance;

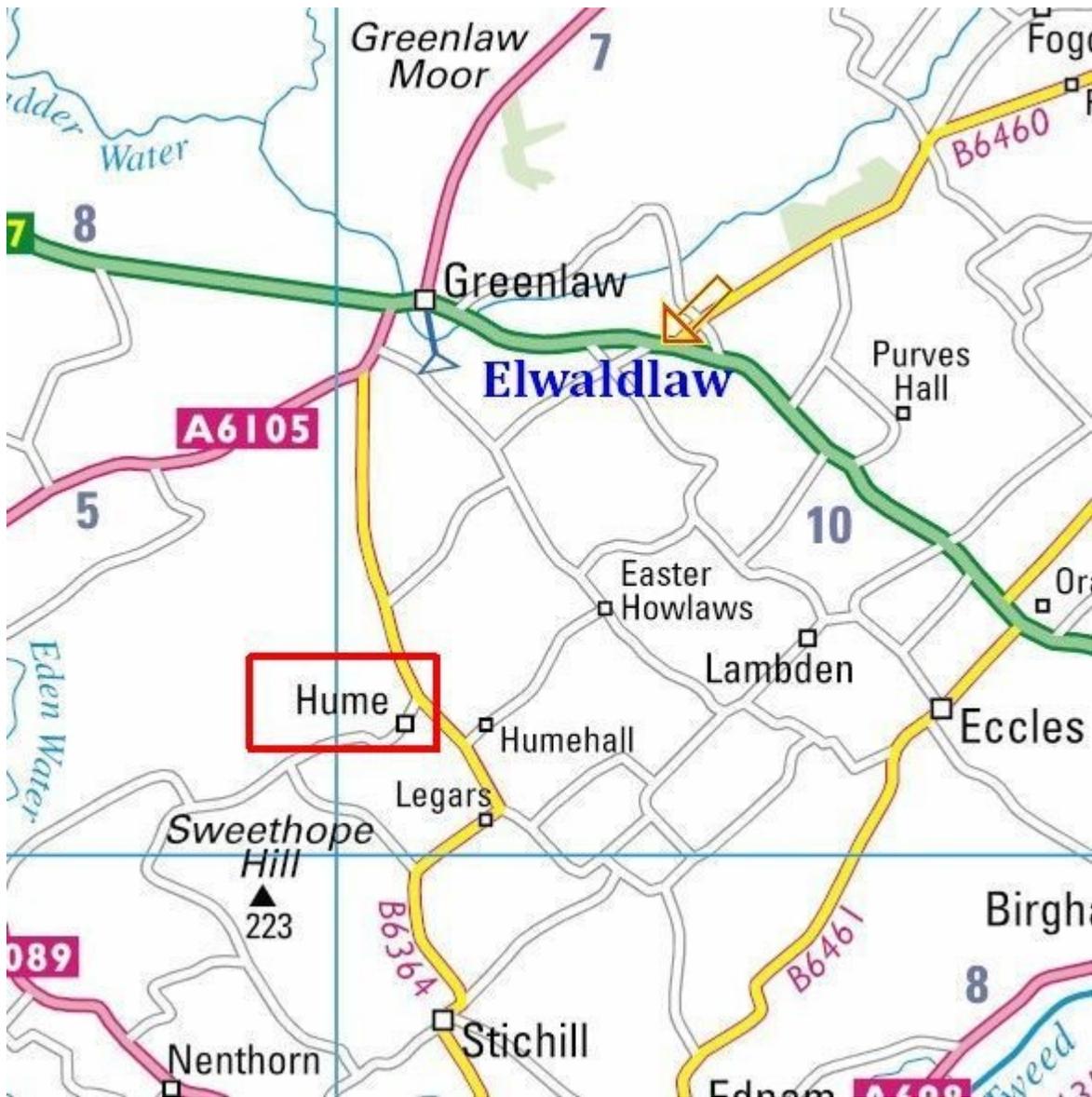
In March 1415, Archibald, fourth earl of Douglas, rewarded his beloved squire, David Hume, with the lands of Bayherdlands, for services rendered and to be rendered.⁶⁸ After the earl of Douglas's death in 1424, Hume appears to have sought out the lordship of William Douglas, earl of Angus, and in July 1436 Angus gave Hume, styled 'his beloved squire', the lands of Lee, Wollee and Wolhoplee and their pertinents for his services done and to be done.⁶⁹ This was clearly a relationship based on knightly ties and presumably Hume would have wished to be knighted by the earl of Angus. In January 1439, Sir Thomas Erskine promised on oath to his cousin and his squire, Patrick Galbraith, that he would be a good and faithful lord and master to him during his life and defend him against all persons in his righteous causes in return for

Chivalry And Knighthood in Scotland 1424-1513 By Katie Stevenson Crosier, and a John Elwald witness deed

Report on the
manuscripts of
Colonel David
Milne Home of
Wedderburn ...
Issue 2
By Great
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Commission on
Historical
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David Milne
Home

6. Declaration as to the giving of Sasine to David of Home in the lands of Wolle and Wolhoplee, 1436 :—

Universis ad quorum notitias presentes litere pervenerint, Nicolaus de Rutherford de Zhetam, ballivus, et Henricus Willelmi, serjandus magnifici et potentis domini, Domini Willelmi de Dowglas, militis, Comitis de Anguse, specialiter in hac parte deputati, salutem in Domino: Cum pium sit et meritorium omnique rationi consonam testimonium perhibere veritati, hinc est quod universitati vestre tenore presencium veraciter notificamus et testimonialiter declaramus quod ultimo die mensis Julij anno Domini M^o cccc^o xxxvj^o de mandato dicti domini Comitis domini nostri nobis per literam suam ballivatus directam, tradidimus sasinam hereditariam nobili viro, David de Howme de omnibus terris cum pertinenciis de Wolle et de Wolhoplee, jacentibus infra regalitatem nostram de Jedwood Forest infra vicecomitatum de Roxburgh, super fundo dictarum terrarum per terre et lapidis tradicionem, ut est moris, secundum formam et tenorem carte dicti domini nostri Comitis quam idem David de Home habet inde confectam, juris solempnitate in hujusmodi fieri consueta mediante, in presenciam testium subscriptorum, viz.—Thome de Cranstoun de Denum, Johannis de Rutherford, filii et heredis dicti Nicolai de Rutherford, Jacobi de Rutherford, Johannis de Rutherford de Hundwelle, Georgei de Cranstoun, Jacobi de Cranstoun, Patricii Robson, Johannis de Hall, Willelmi de Lee, Roberti de Lee, Thome Olyver de Swyne, Thome de Hall, Willelmi Johannis, Johannis Elwald, Jacobi Crosare et Patricii Bylhope et aliorum quam plurimorum ibidem existencium; et hoc omnibus quorum interest vel interesse poterit notum facimus presencium per tenorem veritati testimonium in hac parte perhibendo. In quorum fidem et testimonium sigillum predicti Nicolai presentibus est appensum anno, die, mense et loco prenotatis.



It should be noted the closeness of **Elwaldlaw** to **Hume**.

In above 1436, William Douglas Earl of Angus gives his beloved family squire David Hume, land which includes Wolfhopelee, just north of Liddesdale.

THE EARLIEST EXTANT WRIT IN FAVOUR OF THE FIRST ELLIOT OF REDHEUGH AND LARRISTON.

THE following charter, as well as being the earliest known extant deed in favour of a Scottish Border Elliot, or Elwald, is of some interest itself as an early specimen of a writ in the Scots vernacular. **Robert Elwald**, in whose favour the deed is granted, is considered to have been the founder of the family in Liddisdale, the first proprietor of the lands of Redheugh and Larriston, and the common ancestor of the various branches of the Border Elliot clan.

'The Lentole,' now spelt Lintalee, at which Archibald Bell the Cat grants the charter, was an early possession of the house of Douglas, situated by the banks of the Jed. The seal is wanting. A. O. C.

CHARTER BY ARCHIBALD, EARL OF ANGUS, IN FAVOUR OF **ROBERT ELWALD** OF THE REDHEUCH, OF CERTAIN LANDS IN LIDDISDALE, DATED JUNE 25, 1476.

Be it kend to all men Be thir present letteres us Archibald Erill of Anguss Lord douglas and of the lordschep of ye regalite of ledalisdall ffor till haf gyfing grantit and assignit and be yis our letteres gyffs grantts and assignis onto our **velbelufyt fameliar squiar** **Robert elwald** of ye Redheuch for his gud and faithfull servis to us don and for to be don all and haille ye lands of dalman bluntwod and ye crouke lyand with-

In 1476, Archibald, Earl of Angus, gives his beloved family squire Robert Elwald, land which included Redheugh.

BARONY DE MAGHERBOY.

Sir John Hume, Knight, undertaker of 3,500 acres, the names of his men and armes as followeth—

1	Thomas Cranston	...	Sword and pike
2	John Lemingston	...	Sword and snaphance,
3	Thomas Pott	...	" "
4	George Galder	...	Pike onely.
5	William Cranston	...	Sword and pike
6	Thomas Smyth, elder	...	Pike onely.
7	John Thompson	...	Sword onely.
8	Alexander Carr	...	Sword and snaphance.
9	James Skrese	...	Sword and pike.
10	John Miller	...	Sword onely.
11	William Chirsies	...	" "
12	James Dundas	...	" "
13	John Allen	...	Sword and pike.
14	William Savage	...	" "
15	George Graham	...	" "
16	George Rankin	...	" "
17	George Atkinson	...	" "
18	John ffayre	...	" "
19	John Portish	...	" "
20	John Neall	...	" "
21	James Graham	...	" "
22	William Wilkin	...	" "
23	Thomas Spence	...	" "
24	Alexander Atkinson	...	Sword onely.
25	Mortin Elliot	...	" "
26	Alexander Morison	...	Sword and pike.
27	William Roberts	...	Sword and snaphance.
28	James Hermiston	...	Sword and pike.
29	John Greere, younger	...	Sword onely.
30	George McMillane	...	" "
31	William ffayre	...	Sword and pike.
32	William Ayre	...	" "
33	John Spence	...	" "
34	John Waterson	...	Sword and snaphance
35	David Browne	...	Sword and pike.

In the Ulster Barony of Magheboy, untaker John Hume, as a lessee listed in the ca1630 muster there is a Martin Elliot.

The Hume family played an important factor in Elwald/Ellot lives.