

my, witness in Aberdeen, 1567 (*Aboyne*, p. 107), James Crommy or Crommie, witness in Spynie, 1560-71-84 (*REM.*, p. 409, 410, 422), and Thomas Cromby was writer in Edinburgh, 1618 (*SCM.*, iv, p. 258). Crombye 1566, Cromey 1580, Cromme 1523, Crommie 1536, Crumbee and Crumbie 1688, Crummy 1558.

CROMDALE. From the district, now parish of the name in Moray. John de Croindale (a miscopying of Cromdale), kinsman of the king of Scotland, was granted the church of Torrech (Turriff) in the diocese of Aberdeen in 1345 (*Pap. Pet.*, i, p. 104), and appears again in 1365 as Johannes de Cromdole, doctor of decrees and canon of Ross (*RMS.*, i, 191).

CRON. From Ir. *crón*, saffron, yellow-colored. The name occurs in ogham on a stone found at Brough on Drummin, near Poltalloch, in 1931, a relic doubtless of the Dalriadic settlers in Argyll (*PSAS.*, LXVI, p. 450). A diminutive of the name is *CRÓNÁN*, thirty saints of this name being in record.

CRONROTHERYK. Gilbert fiz Gregoire de Cronrotheryk and Gotherik fiz Matheu de Cronrotheryk of Lanarkshire rendered homage, 1296 (*Bain*, ii, p. 213).

CROOK. From *CROC*, q.v. Malcolm Crok rendered homage in 1296 (*Bain*, ii, p. 169). Robert Cruk of Fingaldestone, Lanarkshire, also rendered homage (*ibid.*, p. 212). A benefice was reserved to Adam Croke of the diocese of St. Andrew, 1329 (*Pap. Lett.*, ii, p. 314). John Cruke was a tenant in Garvalde under the Douglas, 1376 (*RHM.*, i, p. lvii). Galfrid Crok held land in the burgh of Crale in 1421 (*RAA.*, ii, 56), John Cruik was admitted burgess of Aberdeen, 1503 (*NSCM.*, i, p. 41), payment was made to a 'menstrale' named John Cruke in 1529 (*ALHT.*, v, p. 373), and Peter Croche was witness in Glasgow, 1559 (*HP.*, ii, p. 203). Cruak 1636.

CROOKS. John Cruikis, merchant and burgess of Irving, 1635 (*Inquis.*, 2180). John Cruix or Cruiks in Galashiels is in record in 1643 and 1662 (*RRM.*, i, p. 104; ii, p. 6), and William Cruikis in Polwart, 1665 (*Lauder*). Alexander Cruicks was retoured heir in lands in the barony of Mounkland, 1692, and James Crukis of Garturk was retoured heir of Alexander Craiks of Garturk, 1698 (*Retours, Lanark*, 405, 440). Ramsey Crooks (1786-1859), fur-trader, described by Black Hawk the Indian chief as "the best pale-face friend the red man ever had," was born in Greenock.

CROOKSHANKS. See under *CRUICKSHANKS*.

CROOKSTON. A very rare surname if still extant. Local, from Crookston in Renfrewshire. See under *CROC*.

CROPHILL. William de Crophill rendered homage at Perth, 1291 (*RR.*).

CRORIE. Perhaps shortened from Ir. *Mac-Ruaidhri*, son of Ruaidhri (from ON. *Hrothrekr*). There is, however, a Crurie in Dumfries Retours (212) from which the name may have come.

CROSAR, CROSLER. Persons of this name were early settlers in Liddesdale, and c. 1376 we find "locus Croyser" in the rent-roll of the lordship (Armstrong, *Liddesdale*, p. 181, and App., p. iii). William Crosier, professor of philosophy in the newly founded University of St. Andrews, 1410 (Tytler, *Hist. of Scot.*, 4 v. ed., ii, p. 42). William Croyser, a Scotsman at present in Bruges, in Flanders, to have a safe conduct in England in 1429 (*Bain*, iv, 1027), is perhaps Master William Croyser, archdeacon of Teviotdale, who had a safe conduct to travel in England in 1433 (*ibid.*, 1062). James Crosare witnessed a declaration dated 1436 (*Home*, p. 20), and John Crosar witnessed an instrument of sasine of lands and castle of Temptalloune in 1475 (*Douglas*, iii, 106). William Croyser held the parish church of Kyrthgunen (Kirkgunzeon) in 1418, and in 1424 he appears as canon of Dunkeld (*Pap. Lett.*, vii, p. 67, 344). In 1526 the duke of Richmond complained of the doings of the Crosaris and others (*ALHT.*, v, p. 318), and a band against Crosars on the Border is recorded in 1569 (*RPC.*, i, p. 652). William Crosar was witness in 1537 (*Johnsoun*), and John and Thome Crosare were entered before the warden, 1564 (*RPC.*, i, p. 259). The Crosaris are included in the "Roll of the clannis that hes capitanes cheiffis and chiftanes quhome on thai depend oftymes aganis the willis of thair landislordis," 1587. Armstrong (*Liddesdale*, p. 181) gives the following old spellings of this surname: *Singular:* Crosair, Crosar, Crosare, Croser, Crosir, Crosore, Crossar, Croser, Crossr, Croysar, Croyser, Croyset. *Plural:* Cossyers, Crosares, Crosaris, Croseers, Crosers, Croseys, Crosiers, Crosrs, Croscopyers, Crosseres, Croysaris, Croysiers, Croysyers, Croziars, Cwsers, Grosars, Grossars.

CROSBIE. A surname common in Wigtownshire and Dumfriesshire, and of local or territorial origin from one or other of the places named Crosbie or Corsbie in the shires of Ayr, Kirkcudbright, and Berwick. Iuone de