

# The Ancient Palatine Lodge No 97


Bro Sir Hedworth Williamson

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Sir Hedworth, 7<sup>th</sup> Baronet

 **The Williamsons**  
of  
**Whitburn**

**SIR H**  
**WILLIAMSON**  
**BART.**  
**7<sup>th</sup> 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 Sedgelyield road, between Sir Hedworth and W. Braddell, rival Candidates for the Northern Division of the County. Sir Hedworth was attended by John Sawcett, Esq; and his opponent by W. 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 W. Braddell's feelings, and which has been received in a sense in which I never intended it."

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RESULT OF ELECTION	<p>The parties then shook hands and left the field.          The Result of this Election, held on Dec: 1831, 1832,          was as follows:—</p> <p>* Hedworth Lambton 2588.          * Sir Hedworth Williamson 2182.          E. P. G. Braddayll Esq: 1670.          — Elected.</p>
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 order to stand for the Borough of Sunderland at the Election in that year, caused by the resignation of Mr David Barclay, at which he was successful, and represented the Borough from 1847 to 1852.
M. P.	
FAMILY	<p>Result of Poll</p> <p>Sir Hedworth Williamson 705          Arthur Wilkinson Esq: 578</p> <p>On April 15: 1826, Sir Hedworth married Annie Elizabeth, third daughter of Lord Ravensworth, and their four sons were</p> <p>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's Lodge.</p>

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