Anderton, William, of Euxton Hall, in the parish of Leyland, against whose name Lord Burghley has placed a +, was a younger son of Hugh Anderton, of Euxton, by his 2nd wife, Alice, d. of Alex. Standish, of Standish Hall. This Hugh's grandfather and namesake was the third son of Oliver de Anderton, of Anderton, by Ellen, d. and coh. of Makyn Kenyon. Wm. Anderton married Isabel, d. of Wm. Hancock, of Pendle Hall, who was still paying her fines for recusancy in 1635. Dr Kuerden says that he was a justice of the peace under James I, but on account of his recusancy was imprisoned at Manchester with other Lancashire gentlemen. He died in 1618. The family have always adhered to the faith, and many of them have devoted their lives to the Church. They still reside at Euxton Hall.

Anderton, James, of Clayton Hall, in Clayton-le-Woods, parish of Leyland, was the eld. son of Hugh Anderton, of Clayton, by his first wife, Grace, d. and coh. of John Butler, of Rawcliffe Hall. He was born in or about 1542. Presumably he is the James Anderton who mar. Eliz., d. and h. of Richard Elston, of Elston Hall, by Ellen, d. of John Morley. His widow mar. 2ndly Ralph Holden of Holden, and 3rdly Ric. Banastre, of Altham, and died in Dec., 1611. He was a lawyer, having entered Gray's Inn in 1562, and conjointly with his cousin, James Anderton, of Lostock Hall, was farmer to her majesty of the goods of outlaws, and receiver of the duchy for sundry ports in 1590, when he was reported "to be backwarde in religion." He is named in the entail of Lostock in 1592. His eldest son and namesake entered Gray's Inn, May 14, 1593, and is said to have died in 1614. His third son, Hugh, died a student in orders at the English College at Rome in 1603. One of his daughters, Doro., mar. Thos. Woodcock, of Leyland, and was mother of the martyr, Fr. John Woodcock alias ffarington, O.S.F. The family were always staunch Catholics, and several of them entered the Church. They sold Clayton to Caryll, Viscount Molyneux of Maryborough, towards the close of the 17th century, and retired to Bardsea Hall, which they had inherited through the marriage of James Anderton with the d. and h. of Nic. Bardsea Bardsea was also sold to the Molyneux family about 1726. The Andertons of Clayton were greatly impoverished through their recusancy and loyalty to the Stuarts.