

LOCAL MUNIMENTS.

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THE Society is particularly desirous to record in their *Archæologia* the general effect and curiosities in detail of the evidences preserved in private collections. Exposed to neglect, loss, and destruction, resulting from many causes, these interesting memorials are every day becoming more precious in their scarcity. A hope is therefore expressed that our county families will place the Society in a position to render its publications an interesting reference, not only for such of their widely-spreading descendants as feel an honest pride in tracing their descent and the transmission and former state of their properties, but also for the investigator of the habits and domestic policy of our ancestors.

From the valuable collections of Mr. Thomas Bell, the Society has been obligingly furnished with the loan of the thirty-four documents following.

STAYNCROFTS IN TYNDALE. — 1. 22 Nov. 36 Edw. III. (1362). David de Strabolgy, Earl of Athol, leases to Roger de Wydryngton one third of the lands of Stayncrofts, in the franchise of Tyndale, for 15 years. Seal elegant. Within a quatrefoil of tracery, and hanging from a tree, is a shield charged with three pales. Between the shield and the foliage of the tree is a lion or leopard passant, and a fleur-de-lis and wheatsheaf are introduced on each side of the shield. The coat of arms here given was not personal, but a feudal one attached to the dignity of Athol. In later times for the Stewarts Earls of Athol, it was marshalled paly of six or and sable, instead of or, three pales sable. On the seal of John de Strathbolgi, Earl of Athol in 1292, the lion or leopard passant is introduced both above and below the shield, and on each side is a griffin segreant. This John, after the slaughter of John Comyn and coronation of Brus, fled from his country, and Edward's vengeance, but was driven back from sea by contrary winds, and carried to London. In respect of his descent from royal blood (his maternal grandfather was, it is believed, a base son of King John, *see* Surtees, iv., 61), he was

not drawn, but set on horseback, and hanged up on a gibbet fifty feet high, his head fixed on London Bridge, and his body burnt to ashes, 1306. His son David, on the contrary, was an active English partisan. He married Joane, daughter of the murdered Comyn, and the sister and co-heir of John Comyn, of Badenagh, niece and coheir of Adomare de Valence, Earl of Pembroke. Hence the garbs of Comyn on his grandson's seal. He died in 1327. His son David will occur hereafter; but it may here be mentioned, that he married a Beaumont, the daughter of his guardian, Henry de Beaumont, the brother of Bishop Beaumont of Durham. The Beaumonts were said to be immediate descendants of the royal house of France; their shield was covered with golden fleurs-de-lis on the regal azure, and hence no doubt the fleur-de-lis on the seal of the next David, our lessor. His daughters and coheirs carried the barony of Strabolgi into abeyance amongst Percys. With regard to the lion or leopard passant, the latter animal is probably meant; for in St. Andrew's Church, Newcastle, the feet of the brazen effigy of Sir Aymer de Athol, Lord of Jesmond, who was brother to the Earl who married Beaumont, and who placed a golden lion or leopard passant on his centre pale for difference (*see* the quarterings of Lisle of Felton in Visit. 1615), there is a leopard unmistakably spotted.

CHOPPINGTON.—2. 12 Oct. 1621. Thomas Ogle, Esq., Matthew Ogle and Luke Ogle, Gentlemen, all oftlington, in Northumberland, bind themselves to Gregory Ogle, of Chappington, co. Dunelm, Esq., for the annual payment of 30*l.* by Thomas to Gregory, "in the south church porch of Bothell," until Thomas recovers possession of the "manor house and demeane of Cheappington, Clefwell Hill, a water corne mill, and Slackhouses," by right of tenant-right of Gregory, and by lease from the Bishop of Durham.

BILTON.—3. William, son of Henry de Bilton, grants to Robert de Umfranvill, senior, Knight, the reversion of the manor and vill of Bylton, in Northumberland, which John de Belyngnam holds during the life of Alianor, who was the wife of Richard de Bylton, of the grantor's inheritance, and which, after Alianor's death, will revert. Monday before the Feast of St. John Baptist, 32 Edw. III. (1358). Seal, a talbot dog, s *SISSILIE*.

BYWELL.—4. John, son of Richard de Talyour, of Naustedis, conveys to Hugh, son of Richard de le Syde, of Corbrigs, chaplain, residing in Bywell, all his lands and tenements in the vill and field of Bywell which he had by gift of his father, Richard le Talyour. Sunday, the Feast of St. George, 1340.

WALLINGTON.—5. Lucy de Walyngton releases to her daughter Isabella the reversion of three messuages and 30 acres in West Walyngton, which William, the grantor's son, has of her gift for his life. The day of St. John Baptist, 1308. Seal, pointed oval, a crescent surmounted by a star of six points. s' A[LICIE DE?] LONDIN. This seal may lead to the discovery of the lady's maiden name. She and her issue seem to be unknown to genealogists. Some scattered notices of the Wallingtons, one of whom is said to marry Strother, may be seen in Hodgson.

6. Alan de Strothre, of Lyam, conveys to Alan de Strothre the elder, *his brother*, Henry de Strothre, son of the same Alan, Bertram Herre, chaplain, and John de Marley (evidently trustees), all his manors and tenements of Kirkharle, Walyngton, Est Walyngton, West Denum, Great Babington, Swethop, Hawyk, and Croketon. Sunday after Easter, 1376. Seal, a shield bearing an engrailed bend charged with three eagles displayed, and surrounded by tracery of great beauty. SIGILLVM . ALANI . DE . STROTHR. Chaucer, in his *Reve's Tale*, mentions as his contemporaries, at Cambridge, "two clerkes of Soller's-hall," "yonge pore scholleris two," who were

"John hight that one, and Alein hight that other,
Of oo toune were they both, that highte Strother,
Fer in the north, I cannot tellen where.

and who tricked Denyse Simkin, the thievish miller of Trumpington, for cheating them, by getting to bed with his wife and daughter. Mr. Hodgson supposed that Chaucer's hero was Alan Strother, junior, and so he might be; but as it now turns out that Alan Strother, senior, was not Alan the father, but another Alan, the elder brother of Alan, junior, according to a not unusual practice of baptising two brothers by the same name, the identity is rendered doubtful. The fact is, that this deed makes sad havoc with the printed pedigree of Strother, which requires a thorough revisal. Even with evidences hitherto known, a William, living in 1452, is said in it to have been Mayor of Newcastle in 1355, nearly a hundred years before, and Peter Draper is stated to have been M.P. for the same town in 1297, and again in 1348, full fifty years after. This deed is noticed in a conveyance of its trust estate in 1408, Hodgson, i., 241.

7. Thomas del Strother, son and heir of Alan del Strother, conveys to Robert de Clyfford (apparently a trustee) all his right in the vills and territories of Est Walyngton and West Walyngton. This deed is dated at Est Walyngton, 30 April, 18 Ric. II. (1395), and is of great interest on account of its seals. One is a signet seal containing the Strother eagle, or other bird, regardant. The other seal presents a castle

within a crescent, rather roughly executed, and is of a class of seals not usual at the period. It is the sheriff's seal of office, and the sheriff who used it was Hotspur's father, a nobleman for whom we have three or four personal seals before. The deed refers to it thus:—"To this present writing I [Strother] have set to my seal. And for greater security [i. e. on account of the greater notoriety of the seal as genuine] I have procured the seal of office of Henry de Percy, Earl and Sheriff of Northumberland, to be set to."

8. William de Swyneborne, Knt., conveys to Robert de Clifford all his right in the vills and territories of Est and West Walyngton, 30 April, (18 Ric. II., 1395). Seal, a signet, one of the cinquefoils of Swinburne pierced, an elegant device. Sir William was head of the house of Capheaton, and conservator of the truces between England and Scotland in 1386, in which year he was taken prisoner at the capture of Wark Castle, which, in 1374, had been let to him by Sir John Montague, its lord. He had a life annuity of 20*l.* granted to him by John of Gaunt; and in the last years of his life was receiver general for Sir Hen. Percy for Denbigh, steward of the same district, and constable of Beaumaris. His widow, Mary, one of the co-heiresses of the Hetons of Chillingham, remarried John del Strother, who died in 1415, and does not appear in the Strother pedigrees.

9. Robert de Walyngton, son and heir of Walter de Walyngton, conveys to Robert de Clyfford all his right in the vills of Est Walyngton and West Walyngton. 17 May, 18 Ric. II. Seal, the initials *h h* interlaced, probably the seal of

10. Bartholomew Har, chaplain, who conveys all his lands and tenements in the two vills to Richard Clifford, clerk, and Robert Clifford, his brother. 20 Jan. 19 Ric. II., (1395-6).

11. John del Strother, son of Alan del Strother, and Agnes [Bedford] the wife of the said John, constitute David Fawsehide, Esq., and Nicholas de Wetewang, merchant, to receive seisin of the property in the vills and territories of West and Est Walyngton, which formerly were Robert Clifford's, and which Richard Keelby, merchant, now living, and others his joint feoffees, now deceased, lately had by feoffment of the said John del Strother in order to perform his will according to an indenture. By that indenture the property was in trust for the said John and Agnes, and the heirs of their bodies,—remainder to William del Strother, John's brother, on condition that he paid to the executors of John's testament (for the will of course only affected his real property) 100 marks within a year after the failure of John and his issue, in default, the property to be sold, and the money to be disposed according to John's testament. 2 Feb. 1423[-4]. Seal, the Strother coat,

but the bend is invected and not engrailed; crest, a demi-eagle.
S. Iohannes [De str] other.

WOODHORN AND NEWBIGGIN.—12. This deed recites the following circumstances. David de Strabolgi, Earl of Athol, father of the David in No. 1, granted two parts of Ponteland manor and other lands in Northumberland to John de Denton (an opulent inhabitant of Newcastle), for 5 years, conditioned that if within the term the Earl should pay a certain sum of money to Denton, he should have the property at once. The Earl adhering to the Scottish enemies and rebels of Edward III, his possessions were forfeit, and the King stood in his shoes as to the power to buy out Denton's interest; but John, being a useful man, received a grant from the King of the reversion, on condition that if he the king choose to take the property from him, before doing so, he was to recompence him by a grant of other property of the same value. The Earl returns to Edward's peace, and obtains a re-delivery of his English property. And now Denton must be dealt with. The King, taking into account the good and laudable service which John had often rendered him, as well in the siege of Berwick as in the war of Scotland, and on the marches of the realm, not without costly sacrifices and labours, now by the assent of the Prelates, Earls, Barons, and other magnates of the realm assisting him, grants to Denton the reversion of the manor of Wodehorn, in Northumberland, (excepting the town and port of Neubiggynge) in lieu of the former grant, after the life estate held by Mary Countess of Pembroke by the same King's grant. The charter is dated at Newcastle, 26 Nov. 9 Edw. III. (1335). The King seems to have resided here from 16 Nov., or earlier, to the 31st December. A truce with Scotland was prorogued at Newcastle first for a week, and then for a fortnight.

Of the King's seal little more remains than the King's head on each side. Edward III., as is well known, used seven or eight different great seals. The seal to this deed is Professor Willis's seal B, used from 1326 to 1336, and inaccurately engraved in Gibson's Tynemouth. Casts from more perfect impressions of the seal are preserved in the Society's collections.

13. Mary Countess of Pembroke, royally styling herself "We" attorneys for the manor of Wodehorn to Sir William de Emeldon, clerk, the attorney for that purpose of John de Denton. 26 Feb. 10 Edw. III. (1336). The seal has been very beautiful, composed of arms on roundels, each enclosed in a delicate foiled circle, the foils sprinkled with quarter-foiled ornaments at intervals. One coat remains, chequy a canton ermine, for Brittany and Richmond. She was daughter of Guy de

Chastillon; Earl of St. Paul, by Gray, daughter of John de Dreux, Earl of Brittany and Richmond, by Beatrix, daughter of Henry III. By this descent she was second cousin to the King. At an early period of her life she married Adomar de Valence, Earl of Pembroke and Lord of Mitford, who must have been very much her senior, and who had been married twice before. He was in attendance upon Edward the First's deathbed, and the dying monarch enjoined him and others not to suffer Piers de Gaveston to come into England again. Hence Piers hated him and called him *Joseph the Jew*; in regard he was tall and pale of countenance. He assisted in the siege of Scarborough Castle, in which the favourite was captured, previous to his execution. Being made prisoner in his journey towards Rome by John Moilley, a Burgundian, and sent to the Emperor, he had to give 20,000 pounds of silver for ransom, because, as Moilley said, he himself had never been paid for serving the King of England. He was one of the Lords who condemned Thomas Earl of Lancaster; but this act of infamy was atoned by his own murder two years after, 27 June, 1323, while in attendance upon the she-wolf of France, "by reason he had a hand in the death of the Earl." So say the Peerages, and Leland, but old Fuller has a romantic story which perhaps hardly hints at wilful murder. "Mary de Saint Paul," he says, "daughter to Guido Castillion, Earle of Saint Paul, in France, third wife to Audomare de Valentia, Earle of Pembroke, *maide, wife, and widow*, all in a day (her husband being unhappily slain at a tilting at her nuptials), sequestered herself on that sad accident from all worldly delights, bequeathed her soul to God, and her estate to pious uses, amongst which this a principall, that she founded in Cambridge, the Colledge of Mary de Valentia, commonly called Pembroke Hall. She survived the death of her husband forty-two yeares, and died full of days and good deeds. The aforesaid Mary also founded Denny Abbey, nigh Cambridge, richly endowed, and filled it with nuns, whom she removed from Water-Beach. She enjoyned also her fellows of Pembroke Hall to visit those nuns, and give them ghostly counsel on just occasion; who may be presumed (having not only a fair invitation, but full injunction) that they were not wanting both in their courteous and conscientious addresses unto them. Amongst the ancient plate of this Hall, two peeces are most remarkable, one silver and gilt, of the foundresses, (produced on festivals) who, being of French extraction, was much attached to their tutelar saint, witness this inscription, as I remember it: '*Saint Dionyse is my deer, Wherefore be merry and make good cheere.*'" The *ergo* is not clear.

The manors of Woodhorn and Newbigging had belonged to the Baliols, and Agnes de Valence, sister of the above Adomar, and widow of Hugh

de Baliol, had dower in them. Her sister Joane married John Comyn, and was grandmother to the Earl of Athol, the grantee of 1335. In 1296 they were granted to John Dreux, Earl of Brittany and Richmond; in 1326 they were seized from his son, John de Dreux, Earl of Richmond, and now we find them in the hands of the first John's granddaughter. She lived to March, 1377, fifty-four years after her husband's death, Fuller stinting her age; and the manors are included in the Inquisition after her death.

14. Copies of two records. The first, 10 Jan., Edw. III, (1337) memorialises Edward's grant to Denton of the reversion of the vill of Neubigging excepted by the former grant. But he had to pay the extent per annum to be ascertained, that is, a fair rent to the crown. The second record, 6 Mar., 11 Edw. III. (1337), fixes this at 10*l.* 6*s.* The lands had been extended by Thomas de Howestodes, and Thomas de Punchardon.

JESMOND; AND NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—15. John de Trewyck conveys to Nicholas de Carliol (several times Mayor of Newcastle) all suit of his court and of his mill of Gesemuth, and all other services in respect of Carliol's lands in Gesemuth town and field. Wednesday after the feast of the Holy Trinity, 1312. Seal, in white wax, apparently a bird displayed. CAPVT AMICE SVE. Nicholas de Carliol stands at the head of the pedigree of his race in Surtees, i, 196. The name of Carliol is not extinct in Newcastle topography. Leland speaks of "the Gray Freres in Newcastel, of the Cairluelles foundation, originally marchautes of the same towne, and after, men of land. The Thirgilles (Thirkelds) of the Wold of Yorkshir, have now by heyre generalles Cairluell's landes."

16. William Godeman, senior, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, conveys to Robert de Haliwell, a burgess of that town, 22½ acres of land in Gesemue field, with common of pasture from the town of New Castle to the said lands. Sir John de Lilleburne, Sheriff of Northumberland, John de Faudon, lord of the same vill [of Jesmond], and Robert de Milneburne, coroner, are among the witnesses. Wednesday after the Feast of St. George, 1331. Seal, a castle or fortified bridge, perhaps a device for Newcastle. WILM GODMAN.

17. Robert de Tughale conveys to William de Swynhow a tenement in the town of Newcastle, which he had by grant of Thomas de Carliol. 22 Mar., 1360[61]. Seal of arms, ermine, a fess, enclosed in tracery. s' ROBERTI DE TVGHALE.

18. William de Swynhowe conveys to Sir John de Sancta Insula, vicar of Berewick-upon-Twed, John de Hesilrigge, and John de Werk, [trustees], a messuage in Newcastle, in the street called *Merket-gate*, (in

No. 20, called *le Bere merket*) between the tenement which was Thomas de Duxesfeld's, on the E., and the tenement of the Abbot of Newminster, on the W., and two messuages and forty acres in Scrafton, near Nowham. Vigils of All Saints, 1367. Witnesses, John Dunkan, Mayor of Berewic, William del Bocht, bailiff of the same town, &c. From No. 20 we gather that this property was that conveyed in No. 17 by Tughale.

19. Thomas de Benteley, chaplain, Thomas del Strother, Knt., son of Henry del Strother, and Hugh Hawkin, convey to Laurence de Acton, junior, all right in the lands in Newcastle, Jesemuth, Elsewyk, Crame-lyngton, Blakeden, and Haysand, and within the liberty of Redysdale, which belonged to Laurence de Acton, senior. 15 Jan. 10 Ric. II. (1387) The centre seal only remains. In order it should belong to Strother, but it looks like the chaplain's seal. The device is a hare or rabbit, and there is some French motto proceeding from its mouth. The Actons gave name to some waste ground between the castle of Newcastle and the Side, called "Laurence Acton's waste." Their representation, like that of Carliol, fell into Thirkeld.

20. William de Swynhowe conveys to William de Duram, son of William de Duram le Draper, the tenement in Newcastle in which Robert de Togale formerly lived, in the street called *le Beremarket*, as it lies in width between the tenement of the Abbot of Newminster on the N. and the tenement of the same Abbot which formerly was Thomas de Musgrave's, on the S., and in length from the king's highway to the garden of the Vicar of Newcastle. A yearly rent of 5 marks during the first six years, and of 4 marks afterwards, is reserved. Thursday after the Translation of St. Thomas the Archbishop, 1388. Both parties sealed. Swynhowe, because his seal is not generally known, has procured the seal of the office of mayor to be affixed. Only the first seal remains, but it is the arms used by the Durhams (who were powerful merchants here), a fess between two crescents in chief, and a mullet of five points and pierced in base. This coat is a variation from that of the Scotch Durhams, who place their crescents and mullets in more complicated fashion, and is evidently more ancient. The witnesses are John (*not* Adam, as the accepted lists have it) Bulhame, Mayor, and Laurence de Acton, Thomas de Herington (*not* Robert de Raynton), Sampson Hardyng, and John de Horton, Bailiffs of Newcastle.

21. William de Swynhowe, son of William de Swynhowe, constitutes William Hesilrig and John his son attorneys to deliver seisin of all Swynhowe's possessions in Newcastle to Gerard Heron, Knt. 3 Jan. 12 Ric. II. [1388-9]. Seal, the device of a hunting horn between a crescent and a star.

22. William de Duresme, son of William de Duresme, draper, of Newcastle, conveys to William de Meryngton, chaplain, and John de Hesilrygs, all the lands and tenements in Newcastle which were William de Swynhowe's. 16 Jan. 12 Ric. II. (1388-9). Seal same as No. 20. Witnesses, Robert de Raynton, Mayor of Newcastle, Laurence de Acton, John de Horton, John de Aukland, and Thomas de Gryndon, Bailiffs of that town. These names again differ seriously from the received lists, and a few years afterwards Brand notices another discrepancy or two. In all these instances, the variation happens where the lists repeat the officers of a preceding year, stating that they continued in office. From which I infer that these repetitions are to be taken *cum grano salis*, that the recorder made up his list from existing documents as best he could, and filled up the blanks with dittos.

23. Inquisition taken at Newcastle "in Guyhalda ejusdemvillæ" 29 Nov., 7 Hen. VI. (1428), before Laurence de Acton (*not* John Rhodes), Mayor of Newcastle, and escheator of the King there. Here is another variation in the list of mayors.

The jurors find that Alianor, who was the wife of Conan Ask, held in her demesne as of fee, the half of a third part of the waste messuage called *Emilden Place*, in the suburbs of Newcastle, near the Hospital of Blessed Mary Magdalene, without the Newe Yhate. Which half, with the other half of the said third part, is held of the King in free burgage as parcel of the said town. Rendering yearly to the Master of Tyne Bridge, towards the repair thereof, *2d.* The clear yearly value of the property is nothing, because it is totally wasted. The said Eleanor died 5 Oct. last past. Roger de Ask is her son and next heir, and is aged 37 and upwards.

The lady here mentioned was the daughter of Roger Middleham. Her husband, Conan Aske, of Aske, in Richmondshire, Esq., was a witness for Lord Scrope in the Scrope and Grosvenor controversy, and served in the wars of France, Spain, and Scotland. The son Roger survived his mother 11 years, and his son Conan had the grant of a private oratory in his manor of Aske.

24. William Camby, of Newcastle, merchant, conveys to Christopher Thrylkeld, and Joan his wife, daughter and heir apparent of Lady Eleanor Percy, late wife of Ralph Percy, Knt., deceased, in their possession already being, all right in a waste place upon which a burgage was lately built, as it lies in the street called Sidgate, with the New Gate of the town of Newcastle; and in 12 selions [ridges] of land as they separately lie without the walls of the town in the Castle-feld [Leazes], and in 24 selions without the said town in the Welflatte, in Elstwyk field; and in all the lands, &c., in Jesmound field, in the county of Northum-

berland, lately in the tenure of John Yestr'; and in a waste place upon which a burgage was lately built, in Newcastle, in the street called the Cloth Merkett. 26 June, 6 Hen. VII. Seal, a hedgehog. The Castle Leazes; it may be observed, were, at this period, private property, having been granted to those burgesses who suffered by the making of the Castle mote.

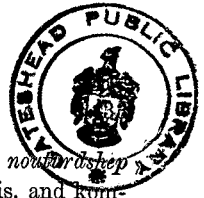
25. John Kyllingworth, of Kyllynworth, Gent., for 26s. 8d. conveys, by demise in perpetuity, to John Hayton, of Newcastle, maryner, *two selions* called *Two Leases*, in Gesmonde field, between the land of William Carr, of Newcastle, gentleman, on the north, and Sandeford Deane, on the south, the lands of the Hospital of Blessed Mary Magdalene, on the east, and the King's highway leading to Gesmonde town, on the west. 3 Feb., 2 and 3 Phil. & Mar. (1556). The Seal is much earlier in date, and contains the coat [argent], two bars [sable], in chief three cinquefoils [of the last] pierced [or], hanging from foliage.

This coat is mentioned in Harl. MS., 1448, 40, as on the Seal of William Killingworth, of Killingworth, Esq., 3 Edw. IV. It also occurs in Long Benton church, upon the gravestone of Mr. John Killingworth, who died 20 Dec., 1587. The later visitation coat of the family gives the pierced cinquefoils only, two and one, without the bars.

26. George Dent, of Newcastle, merchant, Robert Dente, his son and heir, and George Barker, of Newcastle, *allutor*, are bound to pay to Richard Johnson, of the same town, tanner, ten pounds before 4 Aug. next, at the now dwelling-house of George Cock, cordiner, in a streete in Newcastle called the *Iron Merkett*, 18 Jan., 1587. George Dent seals with a crest, a griffin's head. The visitation crest is a griffin's head ermine, vomiting fire. Robert Dent seals with a cock, probably the seal of John Cocks, a witness, or the above George Cock. George Barker seals with some spiny flower, perhaps a thistle.

27. Marmaduke Thirkild, of Estropp, co. Ebor., Esq., [representative of Carlol] for the advancement of his natural daughter Dorothy [she married Wilfrid Grimston, of Holderness], gives to William Hilton, Kt., Michael Constable and Ralph Hilton, Esquires [his brothers-in-law, he having married Elizabeth, sister of the two Hiltons], his office of keepers of beasts [*belluarum custodencium*], called the *Nowtershipp* of the town of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, with all commodities, profits, &c., thereto belonging. And all his lands, &c., in the fields and territories of the town of Jesmond, with his coal pits [*fovis carbonarum*]. To the use of himself for life—rem. to Dorothy and her issue, 6 Feb., 1595. Seal of arms, a fess between three griffins' (?) heads erased, on the fess a crescent, a coat which belongs neither to Thirkeld nor the witnesses to the deed. Endorsed is this note:—"Resaved the vj. of Aprele, the yeare within

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written, of Mr. Atchenson, of Newcastle, a naturnam'te for the *now for uskep* of Nuecastel, iiii*d.* in the nam of the mare, aldermen, burgesis, and kommons of the same, to the use of the within named Marmaduck Thirkeld, and Dorithe Thirkeld."

28. Robert Lewen, of Newcastle, gentleman, conveys to Anthony Felton of the same place, gentleman, a tenement in Newcastle, in a street called Overden Brigg, abutting between a tenement in the tenure of George Richardson, on the east, and a tenement in the tenure of George Baker, of Newcastle, cordiner, on the west, and the said King's highway, called Overden-brigg, on the south, to the wall of the orchard of Anthony Felton, on the north. 9 Mar., 34 Eliz. (1591-2). Seal, a talbot dog. Among the witnesses to the seisin are Gareth Woodrington, who can only sign a rude W, and John Morray, minister of the parish of St. John. The wills of Robert Lewin, of Newcastle, Esq., 1563, and his widow Jeanne, 1569, have been printed by the Surtees Society. They had a son Robert, who received "on standinge cupe of sylver with a cover gylt." A ring with the former testator's seal of arms, and a dozen silver spoons, with his arms upon them, went to other sons. The widow leaves the house in which she dwelt in, of old tyme called *Yorkes Place*, to her son Christofor, remainder to her son Edward, remainder to her son Robert.

GATESHEAD.—29. Edward Edle (Hedle *cancelled*) conveys to John Allenson of Gatesheued a tenement in that town, between the tenement of Robert Tomson on the north, and that of Katherine Walker on the south, and extending from the king's highway [High Street], on the east, to the common highway which leads to Durham [West Street], on the west. Rendering yearly to the vendor 5*s.* 4*d.*, and to the chantry of Blessed Mary of Gateshead 12*s.* of silver. Witnesses, Master Thomas Nebest, chaplain, John Qwitt, Robert Barton, William Brome, &c., Feast of the Invention of Holy Cross (May 3), 4 Hen. VII. (1489). Seal, a fox sitting on its hind legs *t n*, probably the seal of the chaplain, Thomas Nebest. The Hedleys were coheirs of the old Redheughs, and in the Durham Book of Rates, temp. Eliz., Hedley's Lands are mentioned under Gateshead. They lived at Lyntz, near Tanfield.

30. William Tempest, of Haddon, co. Oxon., gentleman; reciting that Richard Hodshone, of Newcastle, Esq., was his tenant at will of a cottage and divers lands in Gatesyde parish, called Field Howses, in the county of the Bishoprick of Durham, latē parcel of the lands of Robert Tempest, lately of high treason attainted; now for a sum of money conveys to Robert Hodshone, the tenant's son and heir, the cottage or tenement called Feldehouses, and adjacent lands, as fully as he himself had them.

from John Mershe and Wm. Mershe (evidently the crown grantees) by indenture, 3 Feb., 18 Eliz. Seal, the initials M T, probably that of his mother, Margaret, daughter of Tho. Lenthall, of Lachford, co. Oxon., Esq. Robert Tempest, of Holmside, the rebel here mentioned, was father of the vendor William. The father, and his eldest son Michael, were both ruined in the Rising of the North, and died in exile. William had made a fortunate match with an Oxfordshire heiress, and, in spite of the decay of his house, founded the gentlemanly line of Tempest of Whaddon. Michael's descendants are unknown. If still existing, they are the heads of Tempest.

With regard to Hodshone, Jane, daughter and heiress of Thomas Hodshone, of Brancepeth, married John Wilson, the private secretary to the last unfortunate Neville; and their son, Ralph Wilson, was of Field House in 1639. He also held Joppes-riding, and Cramer-dykes, near it. These it seems were acquired from the Hodgsons in 1567, by settlement of Richard Hodgson on himself for life, remainder to Ralph Wilson and his heirs male. The Wilsons, though the Nevilles had sunk below the horizon, were still to be connected with aristocracy. They became stewards for the Lumleys, and suffered severely for the crown and their patrons' cause. The Hodgsons were a Catholic family at Hebborne and Lanchester.

PENCHER AND JESMOND.—31. Elizabeth, widow of William Lumley, Knt. [of Ravenshelme], lately wife of John Carlell, Knt., grants to her son, John Carlell, a messuage which William Halywell holds in the town of Penchare, with a toft and croft adjacent, and 48 acres of arable and 3 of meadow land there, which she holds as her dower of the inheritance of her said son: and also 40 acres in Jesmond field, which she holds for her life of the same inheritance. 7 Dec., 12 Edw. IV. (1472). The lady died in 1483; her maiden name is unknown. Her seal is simple and elegant, a lion's head in full front.

STANEHOP.—32. Admittance at the Halmot Court of the King, held at Wolsingham, of Isabella, widow of Richard Hogeson, to *a whole tenura, viz., 2 acres of land* in the Westfeild, and a parcel of land called Snayp-gayst, which were her husband's, to hold to her by widow's right according to custom.

COLYERLY AND FROSTERLEY.—33. Robert Tempest, of Gretham [the rebel of 1569], Esq., settles his hereditaments in Cloyerly and Frosterley to the use of his wife Margaret for life—remainder to Robert his son for life—remainder to himself and heirs male—rem. to Thomas

Tempest, of Lanchestre, gent. [the founder of the Tempests of Stella and Old Durham]. 29 Mar., 5 Eliz. (1562-3). Seal, a martlet standing upon a cinquefoil, a most interesting device. "*The martlet and the cinqfoyle notes the Tempest's and Umfrevill's coates.*" In 1540, when he joined his uncle, Sir Thomas Tempest, in founding a chantry for the souls of the Umfrevilles and Tempests at Holmside, he sealed with the cinquefoil only.

MEDOMSLEY?—34. General release from Robert Smyth, of Benfelde-syde, co. Dur., yeoman, and Annes his wife, late wife and administratrix of Thomas Hopper, of Edesbrydge, co. Northd., yoman, to Richard Hodshon, of Newcastle, merchant. 3 Aug., 21 Eliz. (1579). A most lively account of this Thomas Hopper's distracted death and dubious will is in the Ecclesiastical Proceedings, published by the Surtees Society. The release probably refers to a conveyance from Hodshon to Hopper in 1571.

As the recitals of this conveyance are interesting, the following abridgement in the words of the original is appended:—

Indenture made 4 Aug., 13 Eliz. Betwixt Rychard Hodshon of the towne of Newcastle upon Tyne, marchaunte and alderman, and Thomas Hopper, of Eides brigge, in the countie of Northumberland, yeoman. WITNESSETH that WHERE Kinge Edward the Syxte by his letteres patent, xxv Marche, in the seaventhe yeare of his reigne, dyde give unto Symon Welburye, of Castle Eden, yeoman, and Christofer Morlande, of Pyttington, yeoman, emongeste otheres, his messuage and howse of the late College or Deanrie of Langchester, and all houses, landes, glebe landes, and other his hereditamentes, in Langchester, Meddomesleye, Eshe, Grenecrofte, Usshaw, and Cornesey, in the parishinge of Langchester, nowe or late in the tenur of Thomas Jarrard, Esquier, or his assignes, and to the late college aforseide latelye belonginge; and his two messuages and tenementes, and all other landes, nowe or late in the severall tenures of John Smerthe, other wyse callede Snethe, and George Smerthe, other wyse Snethe, in Langchester, and to the late dyssolvede monestarye of Hexham somtyme belonginge; and his yearlye rente of foure shillinges penny halfpenny, and the service to our saide late Sovereigne Lord belonginge, in Stanleye, in the countie of Durham, somtyme parcell of the late possessions of the late commandrye of the Mounte of Saincte John, in the countye of Yorke,² and to the late pryorie or hospitall of Saincte John in Jerusalem, in England, late belonginge; and also all other landes and his hereditamentes whatsoever in Stanley aforseide, somtyme of the saide late Commandrye. The possessions of the saide late College or Deanrie of Langchester to be holden of our saide late Sovereigne Lord his heires and successors as of his manor of Easte Grenewych in cheffe by the service of the fortie parte of one knightes fee; and the possessions of the monasterie of Hexam, or of the Commandrye of the Mounte

² Mount Saint John, near Thirsk.

of Saincte John, to be holden of our late Sovereigne, as of his manor of Easte Grenewyche, by fealtye onely, in fee socage, and not in cheffe. AND WHERE the said Symon Welburye and Christofer Morlande, 20 July, 1 Marye, for 152*l.* 13*s.* 1½*d.* haithe gevyn to Hodgshon the saide messuages, landes, and other there hereditamentes, in Langchester, Meddomesleye, Eshe, Grencrofte, Usshaw, Cornesay, and Stanlaye. NOWE Hodshon, for 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, HAITHE gevyne unto the said Thomas Hopper his messuage or tenement in Meddomesley, late in the tenur of James Hunter, of Meddomesley, husbandman, deceased, and also all landes, glebe landes, and other his hereditaments in Meddomesley. 1571.

RYCHERD HODSHON. (Seal a tradesman's mark and R. H.)

LOCAL MUNIMENTS.

LENT BY ROBERT RICHARDSON DEES, ESQ.

These deeds relate exclusively to the eastern part of Newcastle; and, as it will be observed, are of considerable interest in many respects.

30 Nov., 38 Hen VI. (1451). Ralph Gray, Knt.,¹ demises in perpetuity at 6*s.* 8*d.* rent, to William Jeynakres, a tenement in le Bradchare, in the town of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, which John Glanton lately held to himself, his heirs and assigns, of Gray and his heirs, and inhabited while he lived. To hold to Jeynakres in fee.

4 April, 11 Hen. VIII. (1520). John Snow,² of Newcastle, merchant, grants to John Doxforth, George Houghall, John Tode, and Robert Wilkynson, a house or stable near a messuage in le Brodecheare now in the tenure of Snow, and late of John Coke, of the same town, merchant, deceased; within these bounds, viz., between the said messuage on the west as far as the rivulet running under the said messuage on the east, and from the great messuage of the Lord of Lumley on the north as far as the said tenement late of John Coke on the south. Which house or stable Snow lately had by demise in perpetuity of Conand Barton.³ To hold to Doxforth, &c. To the use specified on the

¹ Of Warke, Heton, and Chillingham. Beheaded at Doncaster 4 Edw. IV.

² A person of that name was mayor in 1503.

³ Representative of the Dolphanbys of Gateshead.