

## LOCAL MUNIMENTS.

THE originals of the following deeds are among the collections of the late J. Brough Taylor, Esq., F.S.A.

THE OLD BOROUGH OF DURHAM.—1. Adam fitz-William de Brunhopp, conveys to Gilbert, son of Ralph de Kemelesworth, a burgage in Milneburngate, in the Old Borough of Durham. It lies between the land formerly Robert the Smith's and the land of Master John of Barnard's Castle. Paying yearly to the light of the chapel of Blessed Margaret, in Durham, before the high cross, 5s. ; and to the light of Blessed Mary, in the said chapel, one pound of wax on the Feast of the Assumption. The keepers of the said light may distrain when necessary. *Witnesses*, Thomas Fitz-William, now Bailiff of the Old Borough of Durham, John de Houeden, Roger de Esche, Richard de Chilton, Symon de Northampton, Richard fitz-David, Roger de Eggesclyve, &c.

Thomas fitz-William-fitz-Hugh de Crosgate was Bailiff of the Old Borough in 1291 and 1293. This Old Borough was that of Framwellgate, which was incorporated with the City by the charters of Bishops Pilkington and Mathew. Richard de Chilton, one of the witnesses, was Lord of Little Chilton in 1271. Roger de Esche, another of them, died before 1313, seised of the manor of Eshe.

2. Nicholas de Granario, for the salvation of his soul, and that of Cecily his wife, and those of the faithful dead, conveys to the light of the church of Blessed Margaret, in Durham, and to the keepers of the same light, a yearly rent of 20*d.* of silver, issuing out of the tenement which Stephen del Croke<sup>1</sup> holds in the street of Framwelgate, in Durham, as it lies on the east part of that street in length, and in breadth from the king's highway even to the water of Were; for the sustenance of the light before the altar of Blessed Thomas the Martyr, in the said church. *Witnesses*, Sir Yido, parish chaplain, Nicholas Albard, Robert Lewyn, Symon de Harlaw, William son of the Apothecary,

<sup>1</sup> No doubt one of the Crook-hall race. See Surtees, IV., ii. 137.

(*filio medici*), Walter Spicer, (*Speccearius*), Thomas Unfrey, Robert the Clerk, &c.

*Seal*, a star of many rays. s' IOHAN. . s LESVRNS. The N of the Surname is doubtful.

3. William Biwell, John Maynsford, and John Freynd, keepers of the light of the chapel of St. Margaret, in Durham, with the consent of the good and lawful men, parishioners of the said chapel, viz. William de Billyngham, John Paynter, John de Newton, John Kunett, and John de Dodyngton, and also with the consent of the whole communalty, parishioners of the said chapel, convey to William Pome, chaplain, keeper of the light of the said chapel, a burgage in South stret, in the Old Borough of Durham, between a burgage of Thomas Wayt on the south and a burgage of John Palman on the north. To hold to Pome for life, he to build and sustain the burgage at his own charges. The Old Borough of Durham, 29 Mar. 1405.

*Seal*, a sleeping lion within two squares interlaced. This is the only seal, and therefore is doubtless that of Pome. The deed was indented into two parts, interchangeably executed.

4. John Halywell demises for the remainder of his term to John Pollard, of Durham, lyttester, a burgage in Crosgate, in the Old Borough of Durham, between a burgage of the Lady of Esch on the east, and a burgage of William Hoton of Herdwyk and Joan his wife on the west, which burgage Halywell has by demise of the said William and Joan, with the confirmation of William, son and heir of John de Hoton of Tuddowe, for 100 years. Rent of 4s. reserved to Halywell. If Pollard has to pay any other rent, he may hold of the chief lords of the fee other two burgages of Halywell in the same Old Borough, between the burgage of the Abbat of Blancheland on the east and a burgage of John Horsle on the west, for the same term. *Witnesses*, William Pome, chaplain, &c. The Old Borough of Durham, Wednesday after the Feast of the Holy Trinity, 1426.

Of the very confused Hotons, a fragmentary account may be derived from Surtees, sub Hoton juxta Holome, and Hardwick, par. Sedgfield. The Lady of Esch was Joan, daughter and heiress of Thomas Esh. *See* Surtees, ii., 336.

5. Memorandum to the following effect :—Tuesday after the Feast of St. Matthew, 1477. Before us, Sir John Manbe, Chancellor and Official of the Lord Prior of the Cathedral Church of Durham, having Archdea-

con's jurisdiction<sup>2</sup> in all the churches and chapels appropriated to the said church, and Master John Pikeryng, LL.B., in the parish church of St. Oswald, sitting, appeared John Stavert, who married Benedicta, daughter and heiress of Thomas Coken, deceased. It is objected by us that Stavert for three years has withholden a yearly rent of 18*d.* issuing out of the tenement in Framwelgate belonging to him in right of his wife, sometime assigned to the Chapel of Blessed Margaret, near Durham, or the fabrick thereof, and which the deceased Thomas Coken held in his lifetime, whereby Stavert has incurred the major excommunication. Stavert is sworn, acknowledges the existence of the rent, and that for these three years he has paid 12*d.* Says nothing why he ought not to pay the residue. Ordered to pay 3*s.* 6*d.* to the present churchwardens (*iconimis*) of the chapel, and he and his wife, their heirs and assigns, to pay the full rent in future. Under the seal of our Archdeacon's Jurisdiction.

6. George Lumley, Knight, Lord of Lomley, quitclaims to William Raket, of Durham, his right to all the burgages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, and services, which he lately had by feoffment of the said William in the Barony of Elvett, Crossgate, and Framwelgate, in Durham. 4 May, 2 Ric. III. [1485.]

*Seal*, a popinjay.

The style and date of this charter are observable. Sir Thomas Lumley, Lord George's father, is said by Edmondson to have died in 1485. Sir Harris Nicolas, in his Synopsis of the Peerage, considers this date to be erroneous, as the summons to Parliament continues in the name of Thomas to 1497. Collins, on the other hand, finds George called Lord Lumley as a commander of forces at Berwick, as early as 1480-1, being made a knight banneret for his services the same year, and quotes as authority "Nom. Milit. MS. sub manu Tho. Jekyl, armig." If 1497 really was the date of Thomas' death, George would not be summoned at all, but there are other instances of a name remaining unaltered in the scribe's list long after the death of its possessor.

George Lumley married the daughter and heiress of Roger Thornton, jun., and slew Giles Thornton in the ditch of Windsor Castle. In 1506 he entailed all his possessions, and died in 1508, being succeeded by his grandson Richard.

<sup>2</sup> "Et super ecclesias et clericos ecclesiis deservientes, quas in episcopatu Dunelmensi, cujuscunque largicione canonice adipisci valebit, Archidiaconatus officium ejus discretioni delegamus." *Bulla Papa*, 1083. And see King William's charter of the same period.

NORTON.—7. Thomas de Tange appoints John Rand, clerk, to give seisin to Thomas Holden, Esq., of two messuages and 63 acres of land in Norton and Stokton, pursuant to a charter. Durham, Monday before the Feast of St. Mark, 1426, 4 Hen. VI.

*Seal*, a quatrefoil of four knob-like leaves within tracery.

AUCKLAND.—8. Eleanor Cressyngham, in her widowhood, appoints Thomas Spence to give seisin to Joan Androwson, her daughter, of a burgage and an acre of land in the town and territory of North Auckland, pursuant to a charter. Durham, 20 Dec., 3 Edw. IV.

OVINGTON.—9. William fitz-Jurdan conveys to Roger Cook, parson of Ovingeham, 1a. 1r. of land in the field of Ovintun, viz.,  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. near Luciswrede;  $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. between the land of Sir John de Baylol and the land of Sir Simon, chaplain of Ovingeham, on the south part of Fulbrig;  $1\frac{1}{2}$ r. near the land of the parson of Ovingeham, in a place called Hardebayn. Paying yearly a pair of white gloves to the grantor and his heirs on Easter Day, in lieu of all other services. *Witnesses*, Adam de Mykeley, Richard de Ruchester, Walter de Bromley, Philip de Chilt', Adam de Heldringeham, Elyas de Bywel, &c.

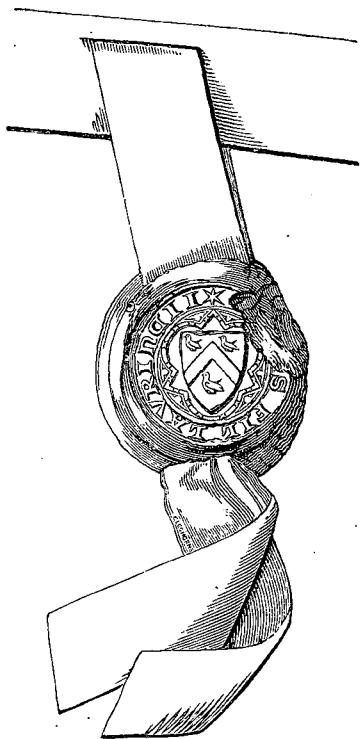
*Seal*, pointed oval. A crescent surmounted by a star. s. WI. . . . DANI.

The handwriting of this charter may be assigned to about the end of the twelfth century, or commencement of the thirteenth.

CORBRIDGE.—10. Margaret, daughter and coheirress of Robert de Redeware, in her maidenhood and lawful power, conveys to Laurence de Duresme, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, a moiety of a tenement in the town of Corbridge, *in vico Sanctæ Mariæ* [the charter is endorsed "Our Lady gat"], which in breadth lies between the land of Robert de Merington on the west, and the highway which leads to Tyne Bridge on the east; and in length from the said *vicus Sanctæ Mariæ* unto the Tyne, viz. that moiety which lies nearest the sun (*propinquius soli*). *Witnesses*, John de Fennewyk, now Sheriff of Northumberland, William de Tyndale, Lord of Develeston, John de Hoga, &c. Corbridge, 13 Jan. 16 Edw. II.

*Seal*, pointed oval. A star of eight points. s' MARGARETI REDWAR.

11. John Lawson and John de Tyrwhyth, of Corbrigg, convey to Sir Peter Blonk and Sir Adam de Corbrigg, chaplains, a burgage in Corbrigg, *in vico Sanctæ Mariæ*, between a burgage of John Fayt on the east and a burgage of John de Merington on the west. Corbrigg, 20 Jan. 1371.



The Seal of John Lawson, 1871.



*Seals.* 1. Oval. Tabernacle work. Under the Virgin and Child a standing figure, probably John the Baptist. On the dexter side, St. Catherine with her wheel; on the sinister St. Margaret? 2. Circular. Within tracery a shield of arms, a chevron between three martlets. . . . . FIL' LAVRINCII. The arms are still worn by the Lawsons of Brough Hall, near Catterick, and the seal (of which Sir William Lawson, Bart, has kindly presented the accompanying engraving) is interesting for its demonstration of the origin of the name. The conflicting Visitation pedigrees of the family do not reach to the date of the charter. John Lawson, coroner, no doubt the same person, witnesses a Whitton-stall charter, in company with John de Corbrigg, son of the Forester of Corbridge, in 1366. (*Surtees' Durham*, i. 30.)

12. John Fayt conveys to John de Penereth, a tenement in Corbryg, at the head of the new street, between a tenement of Penereth on the east and a tenement of Fayt on the west, and containing in length 4 perches 5 ells, and in breadth 3 perches; in exchange. For which Penereth conveys a tenement there lying between tenements of Fayt, and of the same dimensions as the tenement conveyed by Eayt. *Witnesses*, William Hog,<sup>3</sup> John Calvehyde, &c. Corbryg, Sunday before the Feast of St. Cuthbert, in March, 1375.

*Seal of arms*, in chief a cross crosslet between two mascles, in base three saltires, 2 and 1. s' AWELVN: DE: . . . . OP.

13. Thomas Squire (*Armiger*), of Corbrige, and Emma his wife, convey to Richard Reynauld, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, clerk, a message in Corbrige, in the Market-place, lying in breadth between the message of Hugh fitz-Simon and a message formerly of Hugh fitz-Astelm, and in length from the highway unto a stone wall formerly the said Hugh fitz-Astelm's. Corbridge, Monday in Easter week, 1316, 9 Edw. II.

*Seals.* 1. Circular. A crescent surmounted by a star. . . . E. ARMI. . . .  
2. Pointed oval. A star of six points. s' EME. ARMIG.

14. William de Herle quitclaims to John-fitz-John de Corbrigge all his right in a message in Corbrigge, in the street of the Fishers' Market, which the same John had by feoffment of Agnes, formerly wife of Hugh-fitz-Asselm de Corbrigge. Blanchland Abbey, Wednesday after the Feast of the Holy Trinity, 8 Edw. III.

*Seal of arms*, a fess inter three martlets. Above the shield a crescent; at each of its sides a star of six points. SIGILLVM: WILLELMI: HERLE.

<sup>3</sup> The name *De Hoga* in the deed of 16 Edw. II. seems to be *Hog* in this.

The tracery of the seal (of which some notion may be formed from fig. 34 of Surtees' Plate II. of Seals) is studded with quatrefoils.

15. John le Glover, of Carlisle, and Angnes his wife, convey by indenture to Angnes Ferchane, of Corbrige, a tenement in *le Marketgate*, in Corbrige, as it lies between the place of the Hospital of *Stanistan* and a tenement of the said Angnes Ferchane, one head abutting on the king's highway, and the other head upon the cemetery of St. Andrew's.<sup>4</sup> To hold of the chief lord of the fee. Rent of 3s. reserved. *Witnesses*, Adam fitz-Alan, now steward of Sir Henry de Perci, John de Tirwyte, &c.

*Seal* (only one, and therefore probably Agnes Ferchane's,) circular. A lion rampant. SVM LEO FORTIS. A similar seal has been attributed to the lion-bearing house of Mowbray.

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16. 20 Nov. 1591. Michaell Dood and Issable Dood, of Slealie, in Bywell Lordship, and within the countie of Northumberland, yeoman, convey to George Hurde, of Corbridge, yeoman, all their estate in one burgage in Corbridge, and in a street there called Preinstreet, between a burgage of Cuthbert Baxter's on the south, and a common water gait called the Gormire on the north: with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land within the fields and territories of Corbridge, whereof one acre lieth in the east feald of Corbridge, on the east side [of] the Common, between the land of Thomas Elrington on the east, and the said common on the west; one other acre in the Loweryding between the Lord's demaine on the east; and one acre and a half on a place in the said fealds called the Laymes beyond the Barne. To be holden according to custom of the manor and fee.<sup>5</sup>

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*Gateshead.*

<sup>4</sup> The Parish Church.

<sup>5</sup> This deed was found blowing about the streets of Corbridge in 1856.