

XIX.—CHRISTOPHER HUNTER'S COPY OF BOURNE'S
HISTORY OF NEWCASTLE.

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THE county of Durham has been most fortunate in the number and character of its historians. Probably no English county has been more favoured. The long catena begins with Bede, who, whatever rival claims may be put forward on behalf of Monkton or any other place to the honour of his birth, was certainly a native of the county of Durham, and spent his whole life within its boundaries. Four hundred years after Bede came Symeon, monk and precentor, who, though probably not born within the county, was associated during the greater part of his life with the church of Durham. Bede lived sufficiently near the time of the planting of Christianity in these northern counties to have reliable information of the events which characterized that great work. Symeon, doubtless helped by materials which we do not possess, bridges over the period from Bede's day to his own. He was succeeded by an unknown continuator, who brings down the history of the church of Durham from the death of William de St. Carileph to the close of the struggle between William de St. Barbara and William Cumin. Contemporary with this latter writer was Reginald, another Durham monk, whose lives of Saints Cuthbert and Godric contain very many allusions to the history of his own time which are of the utmost value. Then come the chroniclers, usually known as the *Scriptores Tres*, Geoffrey de Coldingham, Robert de Graystones, and William de Chambre, whose writings bring down the unbroken thread of Durham's history from the death of William de St. Barbara to the deprivation of Cuthbert Tunstall. But the series of historians does not end here. Another historical work, and a most priceless one, belongs to the sixteenth century. I allude to the well-known *Rites of Durham*, a record such as no other English church possesses, and whereof the author's name, unfortunately, is irrecoverably lost. The writers whom I have enumerated are all in print, and their works are accessible to us. This, however, is not the

case with those whom I must next mention. The reason unquestionably is that the later writers have not been historians in the true sense of the word. They have been antiquaries and collectors of the materials of history. Much of their collections has been utilized by Hutchinson, Surtees, and the Surtees Society's editors, but a far greater mass of material yet remains unwrought.

Christopher Hunter, with whom we are now more immediately concerned, is one of a group of Durham antiquaries who lived in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Chronologically, the first of these was Christopher Mickleton, to whom Davis of Kidwelly dedicated the editio princeps of the *Rites of Durham*. He died in 1693 at the age of 56. Contemporary with Mickleton was John Spearman, Under Sheriff of the county for 25 years, and Registrar of the Court of Chancery for 40 years. It was his son Gilbert who, in 1729, printed the now rare *Enquiry into the Antient and Present state of the County Palatine of Durham*. Spearman died in 1703 at the age of 59. Both Mickleton and Spearman were buried in the Cathedral yard at Durham. Their MSS., numbering about one hundred volumes, remained till the present century in the hands of Spearman's descendants, but were ultimately purchased by bishop Barrington, and deposited by him in bishop Cosin's library.

In 1677, the Rev. Thomas Rud, son of a vicar of Stockton of the same name, came to Durham to occupy the position of Head Master of the Grammar School there. Two years later he accepted the mastership of the Newcastle Grammar School. In 1710 he returned to Durham to his former position in the school, and was also appointed Librarian to the Dean and Chapter. Other promotions followed. In 1711 he was presented to the vicarage of St. Oswald, and in 1725 to that of Northallerton. In 1728 he became a prebendary of Ripon, and in 1729 was collated to the rectory of Washington. Here he died in 1732. Rud was one of the greatest of the Durham antiquaries. He wrote little, but that little is as metal of the most precious quality. In the year of Rud's death Thomas Bedford printed the edition of Symeon's *History of the Church of Durham*, which has ever been, and will long continue to be, the favourite edition of this book amongst Durham antiquaries. It is printed from the one MS. of Symeon which must ever be regarded as containing the most authentic text.

This MS. was doubtless transcribed by a Durham monk from Symeon's autograph, immediately after Symeon had completed his work. It contains many erasures, which, there are strong grounds for believing, were made by Symeon himself. This very MS. at one time belonged to the church of Durham, for it is mentioned amongst other books in an inventory of the books in the chancery of the convent of Durham, made in 1421. The book afterwards found its way—though how no one knows—into the hands of bishop Cosin, and is now the great treasure of his library. In 1722 Rud wrote a Latin 'Disquisition concerning the true author of this history of the church of Durham, which by some is attributed to Symeon of Durham, and by others to Turgot.' The original MS. of this dissertation, in Rud's own exquisitely beautiful hand, is prefixed to the Durham MS. of Symeon. Before Bedford's time Symeon had only been printed in a not very accurate text in Twysden's *Decem Scriptores*, and to that edition a dissertation by John Selden was prefixed, contending that not Symeon but Turgot, the prior, was author of the history. Rud's essay is a reply to Selden. A more perfectly conclusive reply was never written. It is a very masterpiece of clear statement and logical reasoning. It is a gem of calm, irresistible argument. Bedford prints it as an introduction to his edition, and describes it as *ornamentum praeicipuum* of his volume. Rud's own copy of Bedford's Symeon, but for the preservation of which we should not have known that he lived to see this worthy edition of a book he loved so well, is, I believe, in the hands of the Rev. James Raine, of York. Besides his criticism of Selden, Rud compiled two catalogues, one of the MSS. in the Cathedral Library of Durham, and one of the MSS. in bishop Cosin's library. The first of these was printed in a sumptuous folio by the Dean and Chapter in 1825. The second is included in the seventh volume of the Surtees Society's publications. Both afford evidence of a kind of antiquarian learning on Rud's part which we should scarcely have expected—I allude to his ability to determine the date of a MS. by the character of its handwriting. To do this at the present time is not difficult; but scholarship of this kind must, in Rud's day, have been excessively rare, and in him is all the more remarkable when we ascertain the invariable accuracy of his decisions.

Christopher Hunter was one of Rud's friends. He was the son

of Thomas Hunter of Medomsley, and was born in 1675. He was educated at the Kepier School, Houghton-le-Spring. In or about 1692 he entered St. John's College, Cambridge. In 1698 he was admitted B.M., and then settled at Stockton as a physician. He had a faculty from Dr. John Brookbank, spiritual chancellor of Durham, to practise physic throughout the whole diocese of Durham. In 1702 he married Elizabeth, one of the daughters and co-heiresses of John Elrington of Aspersields, Northumberland. After a few years he removed to Durham, where, in the interests of antiquity, he greatly neglected his professional practice. He was an assiduous collector, and rendered invaluable assistance to contemporary antiquaries. Horsley and Gordon acknowledge their indebtedness to him. He furnished materials to Wilkins's *Concilia*, and Bourne, the historian of Newcastle, was assisted by him to a very great extent. Into actual authorship he only ventured twice. In 1733 he published *Durham Cathedral, as it was before the Dissolution of the Monastery, containing an account of the Rites, Customs, and Ceremonies used therein, together with the histories painted in the windows, and an appendix of various antiquities, collected from several manuscripts. Durham, printed by J. Ross for Mrs. Waghorn, 1733.* Of this book, the earliest of Durham imprints, a large edition seems to have been struck off, and unsold copies were issued some years afterwards as a second edition, of which, however, only the title page was new. Both editions are not unfrequently met with. In 1736 Hunter published *An Illustration of Mr. Daniel Neal's History of the Puritans, in the article of Peter Smart, A.M., Prebendary of Durham, prosecuted for preaching a Vile Sermon, in the Cathedral there, July 27, 1628. From Original Papers, with Remarks. Durham, Printed by J. Ross, MDCCXXXVI.* This book is excessively rare. In 1743 Hunter issued proposals for the publication of a history of the diocese of Durham. At the present time, when proposals for the publication of such works seem to be in demand, at least in this district, it may be worth while to reproduce Hunter's prospectus:—

Durham: April 15, 1743.

Proposals

For Printing by Subscription

Antiquitates Parochiales Diocesis Dunelmensis.

hucusque ineditæ, quas

Ex Archivis Ecclesiæ Cathedr. Dunelm.

Et Rotulis Cancellariæ ibidem ut et Consistorio Collegit,

Atq; in Ordinem digessit

Chris: Hunter, M.D.

Additis singulis Ecclesiis Rectorum, Vicariorum, and Capellanorum Nominibus,
 quotquot reperiri potuerunt.

CONDITIONS.

The Work will consist of Two Volumes, in Quarto, printed upon a useful and durable Paper, at One Guinea and an Half, whereof half a Guinea to be paid at Subscribing, another at delivery of the First Volume, and the third at delivery of the Second Volume.

After a competent Number of Subscriptions the Book shall be put to the Press, and the First Volume be finished in four or five months, and the Second in the same space of time.

The time of beginning to print the first volume shall be publickly advertiz'd.

Few more Copies will be Printed than what are Subscrib'd for.

Subscriptions are taken in at London by Mess. Knaptons in Ludgate Street; Mess. Pembertons in Fleet Street; and Mr. Baker in Russell Street, Covent Garden: at Durham by Mr. Richardson and Alderman Aisley; and at Newcastle upon Tyne by Mr. Bryson; any of whose Receipts shall be obligatory.

The 'competent number of Subscriptions' does not appear to have been forthcoming, and the work was not carried forward.

In 1757 Hunter retired from Durham to Unthank in the parish of Shotley. Here he died on 13th July in the same year, at the age of 82. He was buried in Shotley Church. His epitaph described him as 'a learned and judicious antiquary and physician.' An interesting account of him in Nichols's *Literary Anecdotes of the Eighteenth Century* (Vol. VIII., pp. 282-285), concludes with the following paragraphs:—

'Though, by his father's bounty and his wife's fortune, Dr. Hunter was possessed of a sufficiency, his remarkable moderation in respect of fees, and contempt of riches, joined to a want of economy, greatly impaired his fortune. His wife, to whom he had been married fifty-four years, survived him; as did Thomas his eldest son. John, the youngest son, and Ann, the only daughter, died long before him.

'The Doctor was in his person slender and well-made, about the middle size, very temperate in his diet, and drinking only water at his meals, to the use of which he restrained himself after a fall from his horse, in consequence of free drinking while at college, about 1708 or 1709, by which he received so violent a shock as greatly endangered his life, and for a long time affected his intellect. To supply the disuse of fermented liquors he had recourse to coffee, of which he would drink frequently twenty-four common cups in a day. To the immo-

derate use of this liquor were probably owing the short fits, like epileptic ones, to which he was subject, which went off in two or three minutes, and left him as well as ever. Till within a few years of his death, he was able to walk eight or ten miles together.

‘He was well skilled in books and medals; and much the greatest part of his large and valuable library was sold, in 1748, to John Richardson, bookseller, of Durham, for about £350. His medals and MSS., consisting of many volumes and collections for a history of the county, written in a very fair and curious hand, were purchased by the Dean and Chapter for £40, and deposited in their library.’¹

Hunter’s MSS. in the Chapter Library number 142 volumes, amongst which is the MS. (probably the author’s autograph) of Reginald’s *Life of St. Cuthbert*. Only some 14 of these volumes are in Hunter’s handwriting, but many others consist of collections of original letters and papers, of the greatest possible interest, put together and indexed by him.

The interesting and valuable copy of Bourne’s *History of Newcastle*, recently acquired by this Society, was sold by Dr. Hunter long before his death. It is mentioned by Mr. Brand in the preface to his history in the following terms:—‘Dr. Hunter of Durham, often mentioned with respect by the learned Mr. Horsley, in his *Britannia Romana*, transcribed a great number of records relating to Newcastle upon Tyne, from the archives of the church of Durham (as I gather from Randall’s MSS.), and sold a copy of Bourne’s history aforesaid, with these transcripts interleaved, to Mr. Akenhead, bookseller at Newcastle, for five guineas, in 1740. This collection was the groundwork of Mr. Akenhead’s engaging in the design to publish an History of Newcastle, for which he gave out proposals, not long after the above purchase. This intended work was, however, never published, nor could I by any means procure a sight of the interleaved copy of Bourne’s history; but I have every reason to think that I found transcripts of the same records in Randall’s MSS. Mr. Akenhead’s proposals for printing by Subscription a History of Newcastle upon Tyne in two volumes in quarto, were published in the *Newcastle Journal* some time in the year 1750’.

¹ On the wall of the ruined church of Shotley there is a mural tablet to the memory of Dr. Hunter, but singular to say there is no record of his burial in the Registers.

The advertisement referred to by Brand occurs in the *Newcastle Journal* of February 17, 1750, and is repeated in several subsequent issues. It is of sufficient interest to be reproduced here:—

This Day is Published,

PROPOSALS, for Printing by SUBSCRIPTION,

T H E

H I S T O R Y

O F

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

Compiled from EARLY and AUTHENTICK RECORDS, and
illustrated with *Notes and Observations.*

D E S I G N.

- I. AN impartial Account of the first Inhabitants of the Country surrounding the Place now called NEWCASTLE, their Customs, Manners, Way of fighting, their Religion, Government, &c. to the first Invasion by the *Romans* under *Julus Cæsar*.
- II. PARTICULARS of the Invasion, and of the Settlement of the *Romans*; wherein the Situation and original Name belonging to their Fortification in this Town is discovered; with the various Progress of the *Romans*, to the Recovery of this Country by the *Britons*, previous to the *Saxon* Invasion.
- III. AFFAIRS of the *Saxons*.
- IV. ORIGIN of the *Scots*, with the Particulars of their Settlement among us.
- V. *Northumbrians* embrace Christianity.—The first Bishop consecrated.—Churches built.—State of Religion.
- VI. CONTINUATION of the History, from Monkish Historians and ancient Manuscripts, to the Conquest.
- VII. PARTICULAR History of NEWCASTLE, including its different Government from Time to Time.—Enlargement of its Boundaries, Churches, Hospitals, and other noted Buildings.—Grants and Charters from the Crown.—Particulars of the River.—First Coals wrought, and to whom belonging; Duties thereon.—Remarkable Importations and Exportations. With such other Particulars as belong to History, faithfully recorded in their Time and Place, and continued to the present.

C O N D I T I O N S.

- I. THIS Work will be contained in two Volumes in *Quarto*, and printed on a fine Paper, and fair Letter.
 - II. THE Price to Subscribers is One Guinea; Half a Guinea to be paid at the Time of subscribing, and the Remainder on the Delivery of the two Volumes, neatly bound.
 - III. THE first Volume is designed to be delivered in *December* next, with the List of Subscribers prefixed.
 - IV. SUBSCRIPTIONS are taken in by R. AKENHEAD, jun. at the *Globe*, at the Bridge-end.
- ☞ GENTLEMEN who chuse to have this WORK in SHEETS, may be supplied at Sixteen Shillings.

It is a curious thing that so important a MS. should disappear entirely for a hundred years. After Brand's mention of the book, I have failed to discover a single reference to it. The way in which it has now come to light is somewhat mysterious. It is brought to a firm of second-hand booksellers and offered to them for five shillings less than the sum for which Hunter sold it to Akenhead a hundred and fifty years ago. They declined to effect a purchase, and it was only because of an incidental reference to this circumstance that I induced them to reopen the negotiations, with the result that it was offered to and purchased by this Society.

Brand expresses the conviction that he had found transcripts of the records contained in Hunter's Bourne in Randall's MSS., and consoles himself with this conviction for having failed to acquire a sight of the Hunter volume. It was a fallacious conviction. Randall was Hunter's contemporary and friend. They made very similar collections. They were equally industrious, and, I feel bound to say, equally and most wonderfully accurate in making transcripts. Both had the same object in view—the publication of a history of the diocese of Durham. Both failed to carry out this project. Randall's MSS. (fourteen volumes in number), together with those of his friend George Allan (eighteen in number), were sold by the younger George Allan to the Dean and Chapter of Durham for £120, and now securely repose on the same shelves with those of Dr. Hunter. When the Chapter made this purchase they were under the impression that they were acquiring the whole of Randall's MSS., and there can be no question that the whole of them were, or ought to have been, in Allan's possession, and included in the purchase, for they had been bequeathed to his father by Randall himself. But after the death of Sir Cuthbert Sharpe his MSS. also were offered to the Dean and Chapter, and were purchased by them. Amongst them were no fewer than eleven volumes of Randall MSS. How they ever came into Sharpe's hands will, perhaps, always remain a mystery, but many items in his collections must have been acquired mysteriously.

But it was a mistake on Brand's part to imagine that he found in Randall all he might have found in Hunter. Comparatively few of the documents in the interleaved Bourne are to be found anywhere in Randall. Indeed as we turn over Hunter's pages, making the most

cursory inspection, we see how much not only Brand, but all later Newcastle antiquaries, might have learned from them. They contain transcripts of over 250 documents, very few indeed of which have ever been printed in any form. There is evidence that one document has been removed from the volume, and is lost. The commencement of another is wanting, but as it is the transcript of a will, the enrolment of which still exists at Durham, this *lacuna* can be filled up.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS IN MANUSCRIPT IN THE HUNTER VOLUME.

- 1.—Writ of Bishop Skirlaw to his justices to hold inquisition concerning the loss of a ship belonging to Newcastle at Seaton and Hartlepool. The ship had been robbed of goods to the value of £1,000. 9th Oct., 1395. vi × vii.
- 2.—Writ of the same justices to the sheriff of Sadberg to summon 24 jurors of Hartlepool to inquisition to be held Thursday before the feast of St. Martin (11th Nov.) at Hartlepool. vi × vii.
- 3.—Similar writ to summon 24 jurors of the county of Sadberg and 18 of the town of Hartlepool to inquisition to be held at Seaton, Wednesday after the feast of All Saints (1st Nov.). vi × vii.
- 4.—Writ of the same justices to sheriff of Sadberg to bring certain persons, therein named, before them in custody at the inquisition to be held at Hartlepool. vi × vii.
- 5.—Return of inquisition held at Hartlepool, Thursday before the feast of St. Martin, 1395. The nature of the goods and merchandise which had been stolen is specified. vi × vii.
- 6.—Similar return of inquisition held at Seaton Carewe, Wednesday after feast of All Saints, 1395. vi × vii.
- 6½.—Writ of *scire facias* in the same matter, issued by the bishop, 10th Dec., 1395. vi × vii.
- 7.—Letter from Henry Bourne to Christopher Hunter, 22nd Dec., 1731. vi × vii.
- 8.—Writ addressed by Richard II. to Bishop Skirlaw, to distrain the lands in the county of Durham of Robert Oliver of Newcastle, who had died indebted to William de Elmeden and others, as executors of the will of Elmeden's father, in the sum of £20, 8th Nov., 1393. viii × ix.
- 9.—The Bishop's writ to the sheriff of Durham to the same effect, 26th May, 1394. viii × ix.
- 10.—Return of inquisition held at Durham in consequence of the two preceding writs, 13th June, 1394. viii × ix.
- 11.—Indulgence of 40 days granted by Bishop Langley to persons contributing to the redemption of Simon Chaudy of Newcastle, who had been taken captive by the French, 8th March, 1410. E Registro Langley. xii × 1.

- 12.—Dispensation granted by Bishop Langley to Thomas Hibburn, son of Robert Hibburn of Newcastle, merchant, and Isabella Strothir, widow of William Strothir, to marry, 1417. E Registro Langley, p. 95. xii × 1.
- 13.—Sentence issued by Bishop Langley against certain thieves who had robbed the house of Richard Clytherow of Newcastle of certain goods, which are enumerated, 7th April, 1425. E Registro Langley. xii × 1.
- 14.—Extract from will of Oswald Frier, of Newcastle, Tailor, 2nd July, 1591. xii × 1.
- 15.—Indenture between Robert Davell, archdeacon of Northumberland, and Roland Hardyng, prior of the Black Friars of Newcastle, for the performance of certain services in the church of the Black Friars, 9th Oct., 1537. Ex Originali. 20 × 21.
- 16.—Approbation by the Consistory Court of Durham of Oswald Chaitor as chaplain of the chapel of St. John, Newcastle, 10th Nov., 1582. From Act Book of the Consistory, No. 6. 24 × 25.
- 17.—Mandate to the official and sequestrator of the Bishop in Northumberland to receive the purgation of William Medcalfe of Morpeth, who is imprisoned on a charge of theft, and to hear; in the chapel of St. John of Newcastle, the evidence of such as object to such purgation, 19th March, 1419. E Registro Langley, p. 269. 24 × 25.
- 18.—The will of George Gray, curate of St. John's, Newcastle, 4th Feb., 1579. 26 × 27.
- 19.—Letters testimonial that Robert Ogle and Margaret Melner of Newcastle, who had been guilty of incontinence, had confessed their crime, and submitted to correction, 14th Feb., 1565. 26 × 27.
- 20.—Citation to attend a visitation of the Hospital of the Westspital, Newcastle, to be held in the church of the said Hospital, 16th February, 1416, 2nd Feb., 1416. E Registro Langley, p. 91. 30 × 31.
- 21.—Commission to the rectors of Ryton and Whickham and others to have custody of goods and writings of said Hospital, pending the said visitation, 2nd Feb., 1416. 30 × 31.
- 22.—Commission to John Hovingham and others to hold the said visitation, 12th Feb., 1416. 30 × 31.
- 23.—Submission of the brethren of the Hospital of the B. Mary and St. John the Evangelist, of Newcastle, to the Bishop of Durham, 26th Oct., 1412. E Registro Langley, p. 92. 30 × 31.
- 24.—Sentence of excommunication against certain unknown persons who had stolen goods from the Hospital of Westspital of Newcastle, and had cut down trees belonging to the said Hospital, at St. Mary Sheles and Chesterholm, 5th Jan., 1428. E. Registro Langley. 30 × 31.
- 25.—Collation of William Karlell to mastership of the Hospital of Westspital Newcastle, 1st Oct., 1413. 30 × 31.
- 26.—Resignation of said mastership, by the said William Karlell. 30 × 31.

- 27.—Reception of the said resignation by the Bishop of Durham, 20th Feb., 1416. 30 × 31.
- 28.—Collation of John Fitzhenry to mastership of the said Hospital, 28th Oct., 1417. E Registro Langley, p. 97. 30 × 31.
- 29.—Grant by Milo de Quicunstal [Whittonstall] to the Hospital of St. Mary of Westgate in Newcastle, lands, etc., in Whittonstall, Langelandes, Holmedwes, Standandestan, Ebbescestre, Spinam, Lundere, Flat, Crukes, Westriding, Uluhom, West Tebrakes, Hevedland in Lann Riding, and Ladde Walle. Ex archiv. Ecc. Cath. Dunelm. 30 × 31.
- 30.—Milo de Quicunstall grants to Guy, son of Lord Bernard de Areynes all his land in Whittonstall, with the service of Thomas son of Arkill de Neuton, except the lands which he had given to the Hospital of St. Mary of Newcastle. *Ibid.* 30 × 31.
- 31.—William de Norton and the brethren of the West Hospital of Newcastle grant to William de Menevil all their lands in Whittonstall, dated Sunday before the feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr (7th July), 1368. 'And because our seal is unknown to many persons, we have procured the common seal of the town of Newcastle aforesaid to be affixed to these presents, in faith and testimony of the premises.' Ex archiv. *ibid.* 30 × 31.
- 32.—The same master and brethren quit-claim their right in the said lands to the said William Menevill. Same date. Ex archiv. *ibid.* 30 × 31.
- 33.—Hugh de Bailliol grants to B. de Areines lands in Whittonstall. Ex archiv. *ibid.* 30 × 31.
- 34.—Commission of Richard II. to Roger de Fulthorp and others to hold inquisition as to the complaint of Thomas Menneville, who declares that John Vaus and many other persons had entered his premises at Whittonstall and Fayrhile and carried off horses and cattle to the value of £200, had insulted, struck and wounded his servants, etc., 10th Dec., 1384. Ex archiv. *ibid.* 30 × 31.
- 35.—Writ of the same King adding three other persons to the same commission, 21st August, 1385. Ex archiv. *ibid.* 30 × 31.
- 36.—Confirmation by Bishop Hatfield of the election of Robert de Morton as prior of the hospital of St. Mary in Westgate, Newcastle, 13th August, 1369. E Reg. Hatfield, p. 66. 32 × 33.
- 37.—Instrument authorizing the induction of Roland Swinborne to the incumbency of the Hospital of the B. Mary of West Spittill, Newcastle, 29th Nov., 1528. 32 × 33.
- 38.—Presentation of Robert Davell to the same incumbency, 29th August, 1531. E Reg. Tunstall, p. 6. 32 × 33.
- 39.—Institution of John Raymes to the mastership of the said Hospital, 25th April, 1558. E Reg. Tunstall, p. 50. 32 × 33.
- 40.—Institution of Richard Master to the mastership of the said Hospital, 19th January, 1564. E Reg. Pilkington, p. 5. 32 × 33.

- 41.—Resignation by Roland Swynborn, master of the Hospital of the B. Mary the Virgin, of the said mastership, exhibited before William Blythman, public notary, in his house within the parish of St. Nicholas, Newcastle, in a street called the Cloce, 29th August, 1531. E Reg. Tunstall, p. 6. 32 × 33.
- 42.—Deprivation by the Consistory Court of Durham of John Raymes of the mastership of the said Hospital, 29th May, 1579. Lib. Actor. Consist. Dunelm., No. 6. 32 × 33.
- 43.—Institution of Anthony Garforth to the said mastership, 9th October, 1579. 32 × 33.
- 44.—Mandate issued to the vicar of St. Nicholas to cite the Mayor and four aldermen of Newcastle to appear before the Bishop at Auckland 27th August, 1562 [in an enquiry respecting the Hospital of St. Mary the Virgin, Newcastle], 15th August, 1562. 32 × 33.
- 45.—Mandate addressed to all rectors, vicars, etc., to cite John Raymes, master of the said Hospital, to appear before the Bishop at Auckland 17th Sept., 1562, 15th August, 1562. 32 × 33.
- 46.—The said John Raymes makes John Fayrley and three others his proctors, 10th October, 1562. 32 × 33.
- 47.—Allegations exhibited by Thomas Knighton, one of Raymes's proctors, on his behalf. 32 × 33.
- 48.—Commission addressed to Robert Swift to examine witnesses and other evidences in the same cause, Oct., 1567. 32 × 33.
- 49.—The charges against Raymes. 32 × 33.
- 50.—The finding of the Commissioners in this cause, 24th Nov., 1567. 32 × 33.
- 51.—Note as to parentage and family of Amor Oxley. 34 × 35.
- 52.—Indenture by which Alan de Fergham, son of William de Fergham, demises to Elizabeth, widow of John de Lamlee of Newcastle a messuage in Baillyegate between the land of John de Stanhopp on the west and that of Lawrence de Acton on the east, and extending from the Via Regia before to the land which William de Deseburgh holds behind. Tuesday before the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (24th June), 1373. 36 × 37.
- 53.—Licence granted by Bishop Hatfield to the prior and convent of the Blackfriars in Newcastle to celebrate masses, etc., in the church of St. Nicholas and its dependent chapels, 27th March, 1380. E Reg. Hatfield, p. 172. 38 × 39.
- 54.—Licence granted by Bishop Hatfield to the parishioners of the chapel of St. Andrew, Newcastle, to build in the cemetery of their church, 12th Jan., 1376. E Reg. Hatfield, p. 119. 40 × 41.
- 55.—Commission issued by Bishop Hatfield to restore John Careaway, parishioner of St. Andrew's, Newcastle, to his parochial privileges, 16th April, 1378. E Reg. Hatfield, p. 135. 40 × 41.
- 56.—Will of Peter Dalton of Newcastle, 28th Nov., 1466. 44 × 45.

- 57.—Subscription of John Weld on being admitted to the curacy of St. Andrew's, Newcastle, 20th Sept., 1669. 46 × 47.
- 58.—Peter, son of Hawysia de Pert, Matilda, and Wincey, sisters of the same Hawysia, quit claim to the nuns of St. Bartholomew of Newcastle a messuage in Newcastle which they had recovered from John the Miller, and Emma his wife. Executed in the court of Newcastle on the feast of St. Michael, 1233. 48 × 49.
- 59.—Letter to Bishop Langley from the nuns of Neceham, informing him that they have elected Margaret de Danby, nun of the house or priory of the nuns of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to be their prioress, 29th Nov., 1428. E Reg. Langley, p. 147. 48 × 49.
- 60.—Letter from Bishop Langley to the nuns of St. Bartholomew of Newcastle in reference to the above appointment. Auckland, 2nd Dec., 1428. 48 × 49.
- 61.—Letter in English from Dionysia Aslakby, prioress of the nuns of Newcastle, to the Bishop of Durham, announcing the consent of her chapter to the above appointment. Newcastle, 4th Dec., 1428. 48 × 49.
- 62.—Memorandum that on the 15th day of December, 1428, in a certain chamber within the house of the Austin Friars of Newcastle, the said Dionysia Aslakby appeared before the Bishop of Durham and confirmed the foregoing appointment. 48 × 49.
- 63.—Commission from Bishop Hatfield to Alan de Shutlyng, vicar general, and William de Farnham, his official, to visit the house of nuns of St. Bartholomew of Newcastle. Auckland, 3rd Jan., 1365. E Reg. Hatfield, p. 46. 48 × 49.
- 64.—Bishop Hatfield commits the custody of the house and nuns of St. Bartholomew of Newcastle, on account of their miserable state, to Hugh de Arnecliff, chaplain in the church of the blessed Nicholas of Newcastle. Auckland, 18th April, 1366. *Ibid.* p. 47. 48 × 49.
- 65.—A commission addressed by Bishop Hatfield to Hugh de Arnecliff against Amiscia de Belford, the intruded prioress of the nuns of St. Bartholomew of Newcastle, for intrusion, dilapidation, incontinence, etc. Auckland, 10th June, 1367. 48 × 49.
- 66.—Memorandum, that Thomas Stubbs was instructed to receive the oath of the said Hugh in this matter. And further memorandum that the said Hugh was instructed to admonish the said Amiscia to permit Emma del Hill and Joan de Farnelye nuns of the said house to return to their house. 48 × 49.
- 67.—Bishop Langley directs the prioress and nuns of St. Bartholomew of Newcastle to receive Idonia de Staunford as a sister. London, 4th November, 1377. E Reg. Hatfield, p. 127. 50 × 51.
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- 246.—Elizabeth Baxter, widow of Robert Baxter, quit claims to Thomas Baxter and John Green, executors of the will of the said Robert, all actions, real and personal suits, etc., etc. At end.
- 247.—Elizabeth Ambrose, within the full court of the town of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, within the four benches, appears the 10th day of April, 1524, and declares that whatever shall occur hereafter relative to John Ambrose, her husband, she will not attempt to revoke or contradict her present act. At end.
- 248.—John Blaiston and George Davell, merchants, of Newcastle, make Roger Dychamunte (sic) their proctor. At end.
- 249.—Ralph Booth, of Newcastle, merchant, enfeoffes John Trollope, of Thorneley, and others, of all messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services, and other hereditaments in Ufferton and Myckley, in trust for himself and Dorothy Blaikiston, and the longer lived of the two. At end.