

XXIII.—WESTMORLAND PLACE, NEWCASTLE.

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At the beginning of the present century two houses of considerable size and importance occupied a prominent position in the lower part of Westgate street, Newcastle. They stood side by side, facing the end of Pudding chare, with garden plots in front and ornamental grounds behind. The grounds in the rear were bounded by the town wall at that point in its course where, after running fairly straight up from the river, it took a wide sheer to the west, protected at the point of departure by Denton or Nevill tower.

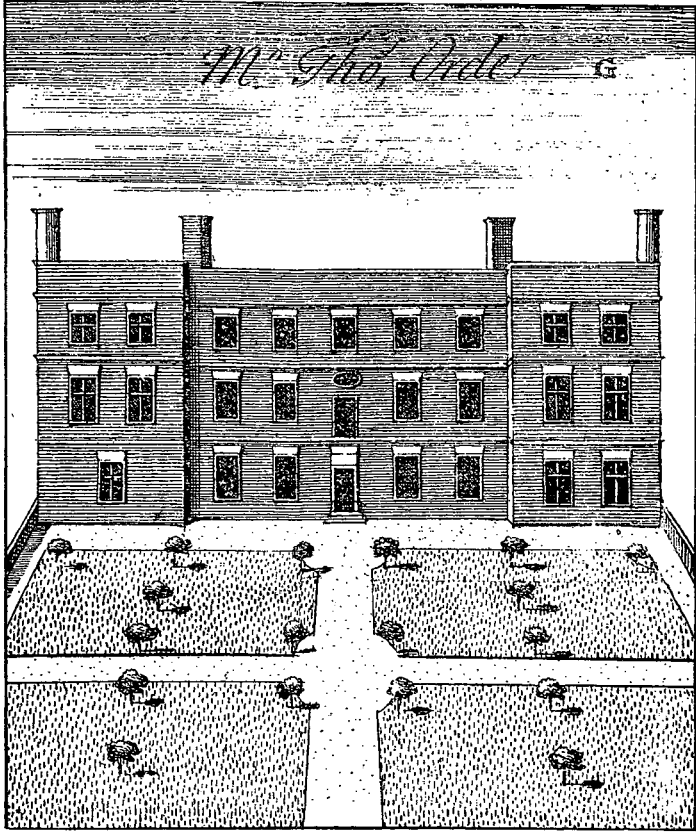
The easternmost of these two houses, that is to say the one nearest the entrance to Denton chare, was removed in 1822 to make way for the library of the Literary and Philosophical Society. The other, which, at its western end, abutted upon the grounds of the hospital of St. Mary the Virgin, survived till 1870, when it gave place to the Mining Institute and Wood Memorial Hall.

For convenience of reference, these respective houses may be designated no. 1 and no. 2—no. 1 being the predecessor of the Literary and Philosophical Society, no. 2 the forerunner of the Mining Institute. Upon the margin of Corbridge's map of Newcastle, published in 1723 or 1724, is a picture of no. 1, with the name of its owner, 'Mr. Thos. Orde.' Among the etchings of T. M. Richardson the elder, re-issued a few years ago, with the title of 'Memorials of Old Newcastle,' is an admirable sketch of no. 2.

The site of one of these houses had undoubtedly belonged to the great and powerful family of Nevill. Local history contains frequent reference to the residences of the old nobility within the strong walls of Newcastle. The earls of Northumberland had a house in the Close; the Nevills, a mansion in the Westgate; the Scropes, a messuage, if not a home, in Pilgrim street. The house of the Nevills was originally

Opened with
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called Bolbec hall, from the barony of Bolbec or Styford, which, with the adjoining barony of Bywell and other fair lands and manors in the northern counties, the family held by customary service of the crown. Later on, when the Nevills obtained the earldom of Westmorland, Bolbec hall became Westmorland place.



HOUSE NO. 1.—SITE OF THE REAL WESTMORLAND PLACE.

(From Corbridge's Map of Newcastle.)

How long the mansion existed after the flight of the sixth earl of Westmorland, attainted for participation in the rebellion of 1569, is unknown. At that date it was held in free soccage from the earl by

James Bartram,¹ of Newcastle, at a yearly rent of 6s. 8d., and we find James Bartram's descendants in possession down to the end of the seventeenth century. It is open to conjecture that the old house of the Nevills, if not demolished, was suffered to decay, and that the building which stood upon the site at the beginning of this century was a replacement, or a reconstruction of the original.

Howsoever that may have been, the name of Westmorland place survived. From the time when Bolbec hall dropped out of local records down to our own day there was always a Westmorland place at the foot of Westgate street. Yet by one of those curious permutations which occasionally happen in topographical nomenclature, the name became detached from its original location, wavered for a time between these two adjoining houses, and finally settled upon the wrong building.

When the patient antiquary desires to fix the site of an ancient edifice of which every vestige has been removed by the effacing fingers of modern improvement, he naturally turns to the re-vivifying pages of the local annalist and historian. But whosoever should attempt to identify the site of Westmorland place by consulting the histories of Newcastle would meet with considerable discouragement.

Our earliest historian, Wm. Gray, merely states the fact that the Nevills had a house in Westgate street. In the middle of the seventeenth century, when he published his *Chorographia*, the question of identity had not, perhaps, arisen. At all events he does not mention it, but limits himself to the following statement :—

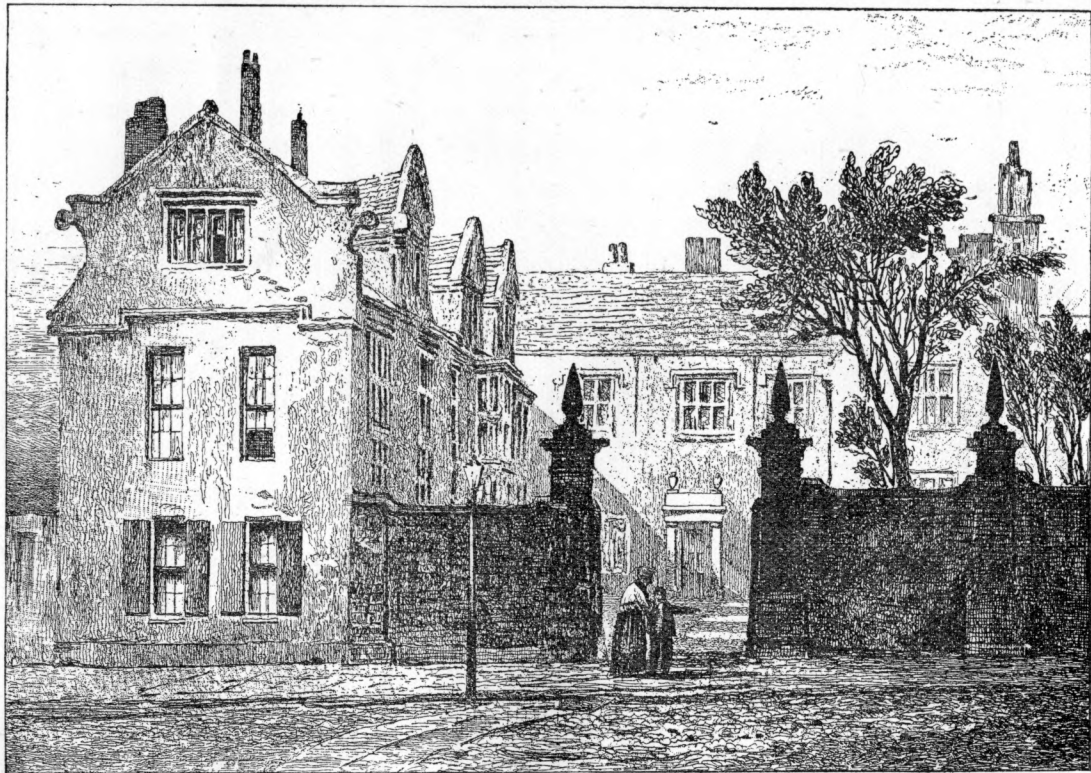
Upon the West of the Town is *Denton Chaire*, which goeth into *West-Gate-Street*, which is a broad street, and private; for men that livè there hath imployment for Town and Country. The Earl of *Westmerland* had his house in this street, and other gentlemen.²

Bourne devotes a whole chapter to 'the Earl of Westmoreland's House,' and labours the point of identity at considerable length, thus³ :—

¹ *Jacobus Bertram tenet unum tenementum in villa Novi Castri in vico vocato West-Gate, quod quidem tenementum dictus Jacobus tenet liberè de Comite Westmoreland in libero socagio. Et reddit inde per annum ad Fest. Pentecostes & Martini in hieme, equal. 3s. 4d.*¹—From a survey of the possessions of Charles, sixth earl of Westmorland, June 10, 1569, quoted by Brand, vol. i. p. 66.

² Gray's *Chorographia* (1649), p. 20.

³ Bourne's *History of Newcastle* (1736), p. 35.



Drawn and Etched by T. M. Richardson, Senr.

HOUSE NO. 2.—THE SO-CALLED WESTMORLAND PLACE.
(From Richardson's *Memorials of Old Newcastle*.)

NEXT to St. *Mary's* [Hospital], on the Same side of this Street [Westgate St.] is a very old Building, which was lately the Dwelling-house of Sir *Robert Shaftoe*, K^t, *Recorder of this Town*, now the Property and Dwelling-house of Mr. *Charles Clark*, Jun^r. It has the Magnificence and Grandure of Antiquity in it's Looks; but what it has been formerly I could never find out. *Grey* tells us, That in this Street the Earl of *Westmoreland* had his House, which indeed is true. It was built by the Baron of *Bywell* and *Bolbeck*, about the 9th of *Edward* the Third. . . . This House in *Westgate* was called *Bolbeck-Hall*; but, afterwards, upon it's Founder's being created *Earl*, which was in the Reign of *Richard* the Second, in the Year 1398, when *Ralph Nevil*, Lord of *Raby*, was created *Earl Marshall*, it got the name of *Westmoreland-Place* in *Westgate*. Some have conjectured that Sir *Robert Shaftoe's* House, above-mentioned, was part of it; and, indeed, it looks much liker a Part of such a Building, than any other Thing remaining thereabouts. I am sure much more so than the House, which is supposed to have been it, which I am told was the House opposite to the West End of *Denton Chair*, which the Rev. Mr. *Cowling* lately lived in, and which belongs to Mr. *Ord*.

HOWEVER, be this as it will, whether it was this House now mentioned, or whether *Westmoreland-Place* reached from this House to Sir *Robert Shaftoe's*, including it, which some have conjectured; yet this is certain, that it must have been hereabouts: For *Nevil Tower* is directly behind this Piece of Ground we are speaking of, which is a sure Token this must be the very Place; because, whoever in the Town built a Tower at their own Expence, it was generally nigh them for their own security. . . . But what I think puts it out of Dispute, that Sir *Robert Shaftoe's* House was no Part of it, is that in the Eleventh of Queen *Elizabeth*, upon the Attainder of *Charles*, Earl of *Westmoreland*, this House, where Mr. *Cowling* lived, was in Charge, which the other never was, before the Auditors; and in the Third of *Charles* the First, was sold to the Citizens of *London*.⁴

It was afterwards in the Tenure of *James Bertram*, and after that in the Tenure of *Robert Bertram*.

Bourne, it will be seen, gives preference to no. 1—the Literary and Philosophical Society site.

Brand, writing fifty-three years later, ignores the arguments of Bourne, and states that Westmorland place 'is now the property of Mr. George Anderson, master builder,' adding that 'a remarkable wall, about 8 feet broad, passes the garden—it has been converted into a terrace—under this there is a vaulted passage made of very old bricks, and leading to *Nevil-Tower*.'⁵

Then comes Mackenzie with a history of Northumberland, in which, after quoting Brand, he states that 'this ancient mansion-

⁴ Of this alleged sale to the 'citizens of London,' no corroboration appears, and Bourne does not give his authority for the statement.

⁵ Brand's *History of Newcastle* (1789), vol. i. p. 66.

house was lately purchased by Mr. Thomas Anderson, master builder, of George Anderson, Esq.⁶

Taken by themselves, these extracts from Brand and Mackenzie do not throw much light upon the question of identity. But, in his *History of Newcastle*, Mackenzie makes it evident that the house to which Brand and he attached the name of Westmorland place was no. 2, for he is describing the building of the Literary and Philosophical Society—the ‘new Library,’ as he calls it—which had then replaced no. 1, and he tells us that—

Adjoining the north side of this commodious structure is *Westmoreland Place*, which was called *Bolbeck Hall* before the founder was created an earl, which took place in 1398. It was built according to Bourne by the Baron of Bywell & Bolbeck about the 9th of Edward III. . . . That this is the scite of Westmoreland Place he thinks is certain from the circumstance of Nevil's Tower being directly behind. . . . It was purchased some years ago, of George Anderson, Esq., by the late Mr. Thomas Anderson, builder.⁷

Here we find Mackenzie quoting Bourne's arguments in favour of no. 1, and transferring them to no. 2. And in order that there may be no mistake about his meaning, he states that the house no. 1, which was purchased for the ‘new Library,’ belonged to Mr. Angus.⁸

Which, then, of these three respectable authorities is correct, and where was the real Westmorland place ?

Some years before his departure from Newcastle in 1854, the late Mr. George Bouchier Richardson had had access to the deeds of the house no. 2. He made careful abstracts of them, and was able to show, without the shadow of a doubt, that Bourne was right in his conjecture. The deeds go back to 1370, and they prove that the property to which they relate had not from that date been in the possession of the Nevills, but of the family of Tailbois and others. Further, the boundary clauses in these documents show that the adjoining property, no. 1, did belong to the Nevills, and therefore, by clear inference, was the true site of Bolbec hall and Westmorland place. In a paper which he read to this society in 1852⁹ Mr. Richardson stated this fact ; it was repeated in the ‘Memoirs of the Life of Mr. Ambrose Barnes,’ edited for the Surtees Society by Mr. W. H. D.

⁶ Mackenzie's *History of Northumberland* (1811), 8vo. vol. ii. p. 646.

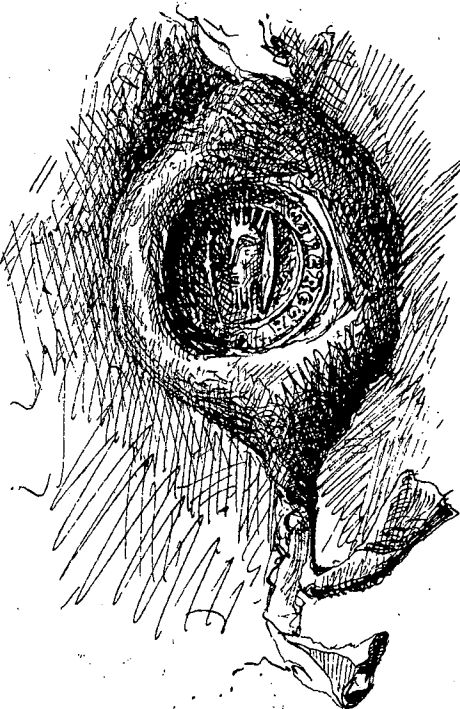
⁷ Mackenzie's *History of Newcastle* (1827), p. 170.

⁸ *Ibid.* p. 476.

⁹ *Arch. Ael.* old series, vol. iv. p. 138.

Longstaffe,¹⁰ and in Dr. Bruce's *Handbook to Newcastle*.¹¹ Yet the name Westmorland, sometimes prefixed to 'house' and sometimes to 'place,' adhered to the property no. 2. until its removal.

Mr. Bouchier Richardson's abstracts, with their careful tracings of signatures and drawings of seals, are interesting apart altogether from their value in determining the site of the Newcastle home of the Nevills. For they show the transmission and descent of a fine old mansion from the latter part of the fourteenth century, and contain the names of persons who figure more or less in local history during the succeeding two hundred years. It seemed desirable that these abstracts, which are now in my possession, should be epitomised, and that a summary of their contents should be added to the valuable collection of local muniments which appear in early volumes of our *Archaeologia*. Reduced to simple statements of fact, they read as follows :—



SEAL I.

1370, June 28.—Grant from Margaret, widow of John de Emeldon¹² of Newcastle, to Roger de Woderyngton, Wm. de Hesilrigg, and Hugh de Brandon, of all that messuage, etc., situate in Newcastle, in the Westgate, 'in which he, the said John, and I lived together,' situate between the mansion of the Hospital of Blessed Mary in the Westgate on the one part, and the great mansion of Lord John de Nevill on the other. Seal of Margareta de [? Denton] (seal I). Witnesses: Robert de Angerton, now mayor, Dns. Robert de Mordon, M^r of the Hospittal of

¹⁰ Surtees Society's Publications, vol. 50, p. 98.

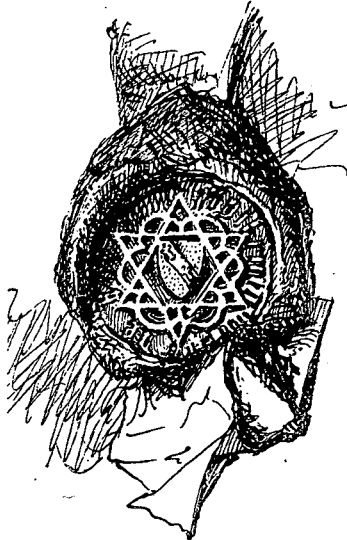
¹¹ *Handbook to Newcastle* (1864), p. 96.

¹² One of the bailiffs of Newcastle, 1346-67.

St. Marie in the Westgate,¹³ John de Bulkham,¹⁴ John Blacklambe, Adame de Bulkham,¹⁵ John de Neubiggyng,¹⁶ John de Norton, and others.

1370, July.—Release from Roger de Woderyngton, and Hugo de Brandon to Wm. de Hesilrigg and his heirs of all their right and claim to the said messuage.

Witnesses as before, and dated Newcastle, Monday next after the feast of SS. Peter and Paul, 1370. Seal of 'Hugonis de Brandone' (seal 2). Woderyngton's seal defaced.



SEAL 2.

1538, June 3.—Feoffment from William Carr, in consideration of £20, to Matthew Baxter,¹⁹ of all that tenement (as before). June 4.—Release from Carr to Baxter of all right, &c. June 5.—Deed of defeasance from Carr to Baxter for reconveyance on repayment of £20, &c.

1559, June 11.—Lease for thirty years, at 20s. a year, from John Baxter, esq. son of Matthew Baxter of Newcastle, merchant, deceased, to Thomas Chaytor of Newcastle, weaver, of all that his house, etc. 'with a garden and an orchearde with the best pere tree in the said orchearde [near?] to ye heye roade' in the Westgate, between a tenement now or late in the tenure of Margaret Bartram, widow, on the south,²⁰ unto the West Spyttell north, the king's streat east, and

¹³ Appointed prior of the hospital by bishop Hatfield, August 13th, 1369.

¹⁴ One of the bailiffs of Newcastle, 1369-74; mayor, 1376-78.

¹⁵ Mayor of Newcastle, 1386-88.

¹⁶ One of the bailiffs of Newcastle, 1395-97.

¹⁷ Ralph, second earl of Westmorland, died in 1484; Ralph, third earl, in 1523.

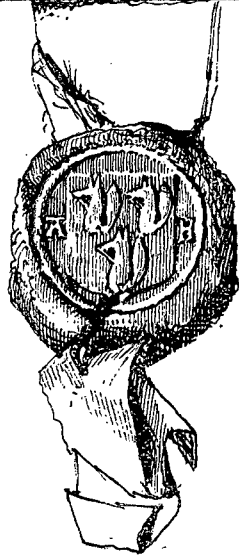
¹⁸ In the Muster Rolls of 1539, three persons of this name were able to provide arms for the defence of Newcastle.

¹⁹ Son of Edward Baxter, lord of Hebburn, and four times mayor of Newcastle.

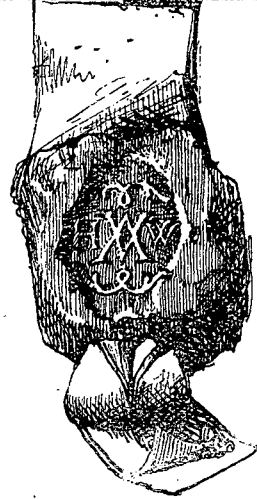
²⁰ Here, and in some of the deeds which follow, south is substituted for east, north for west, and so on. The frontage of both houses was slightly east of north.

John Bayston

Henry Wicliffe



SEAL 3.



SEAL 4.

the town wall west. Signed: John Baxter. Witnesses: Laurence . . . and John Huchynson,²¹ clerk.

1577, April 23.—Feoffment, with livery and seisin indorsed, from John Baxter of Newcastle, gentleman, and Henry Wicliffe of Vfferton in co. Dur. gentleman, to Ralph Tailbois, of Thornton, co. Dur. esquire,²² and Jane his wife, of all that burgage, etc. with a parcel of waste garden and one orchard in the Westgate, Newcastle, between a tenement then or lately in the tenure of James Bartram²³ on the south, the West Spittle on the north, and extending from the king's street called Westgate on the east to the Walls of Newcastle on the west. Signed John Baxster (seal 3), Henry Wicliffe (seal 4). Witnesses: W^m. Pretie (scr.), Robert Lewen,²⁴ Henrye Tailor, Hen. Selbey, and Will^m. Watson, with Francys Witherington. Indorsement witnessed by Thomas Warne (or Warne), Xpofor Waldhame, Humfrie Tayllor, and the witnesses above named, except Lewen.

Michaelmas Term, 26 and 27 Elizth. Exemplification of a fine between Ralph Tailbois and Jane his wife plaintiffs, and Jno. Baxter and Jno. Wickliff deforceants, of 3 messuages, 2 cottages, 2 tofts, 2 gardens, and 2 orchards, in the Westgate, Newcastle.

1586, July 27.—Indre between Rauff Tailboys of Thornton (seal 8) and Jane his wife (seal 6), 1st part; Edward Lewen, gent.²⁵ (seal 5) and Francis Gyrlington (seal 9), gent. of Newcastle, 2nd part; John Baxter of Newcastle (seal 7), 3rd part; whereby it was agreed to suffer a common recovery of the lands, etc., in the Westgate before named (Lewen and Gyrlington demandants, Tailboys and wife tenants, and Baxter vouchee), to enure to use of Tailboys and wife forever. Severally sealed and delivered in the presence of Christopher Wiseman, William Tailboys, and W^m. Hall.

1591-2, January 20.—Conveyance from Robert Tailboys of Thornton, esq., to Tobie Mathewe, Dean of Durham, of all that capital messuage, with garden or orchard and other ground thereunto adjoining in Westgate, Newcastle, 'as they be now inclosed with a stone wall,' betwixt the hospital called the West Spittle on the west, a messuage belonging to said hospital and now in the tenure of James Bartram on the east, the common street of Westgate on the

²¹ A prominent Gateshead cleric.—See *Chronological Hist. Newcastle and Gateshead*, vol. ii. pp. 206, 215, 237, 257.

²² Ralph, son of Robt. Tailbois of Thornton, married, 1st, Eleanor, dau. of Henry Killinghall of Middleton St. George; 2nd, Jane, dau. of . . . Bartram. Buried at Coniscliffe, March 31, 1591. His eldest son, Robert, died a prisoner in Durham gaol, circa 1606, leaving a widow—Elizabeth, dau. of bishop Barnes—but no surviving issue.—Surtees, *Hist. Durham*, vol. iii. p. 382.

²³ Member of a well-known family of merchant adventurers, hostmen, master mariners, etc., in Newcastle. Jane, second wife of Ralph Tailbois, the subject of the preceding note, may have been one of them—daughter or sister of this James Bartram who owned the house adjoining, and was buried at St. John's, April 16, 1599.

²⁴ Sheriff of Newcastle in 1541-42; mayor, 1544-45 and 1552-53; M.P. for the town from 1558 to 1563. Interesting wills of him and his second wife are in *Durham Wills and Inventories*, pt. i. pp. 210 and 305.

²⁵ Son of Robert Lewen, mayor of Newcastle, 1587-88; M.P., 1586-88. For his character, with that of his brother Christopher, described by the friendly hand of Henry Sanderson, queen's customer in Newcastle, 1597, see *Chronol. Hist. of Newcastle and Gateshead*, vol. iii. p. 113.

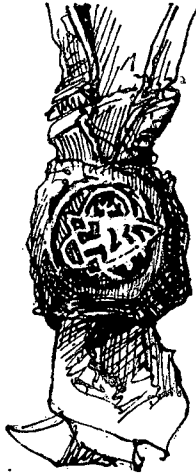
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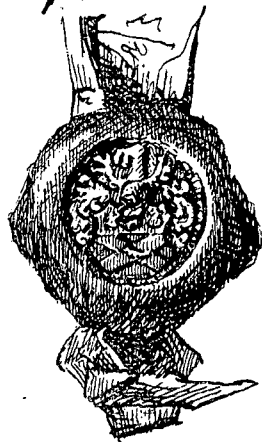


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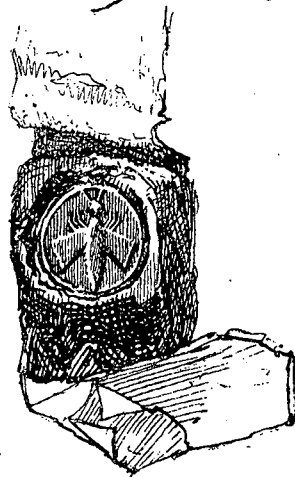


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SEAL 8.



SEAL 9.

north, and the great wall of Newcastle on the south. Covenant that grantor and W^m. Tailbois of West Auckland will enter into recognisance in 700 marks conditioned for faithful performance. Signed; Robert Tailboys. Witnesses: H. Ewbancke,²⁶ Geo. Lightfoot, Tho. Radcliff, Oswald Baiker,²⁷ Jo. Barnes, Willm. Tailboys, John Hedworthe.—Same date, a bond in 700 marks as above, signed and sealed by Robt. and Wm. Tailbois.

1591-2, January 21.—Feoffment, with livery and seisin, from Robt. Tailboys to Tobie Mathew. Executed by feoffee. Same date, letter of attorney from Dr. Mathew, empowering certain persons therein named to receive livery. etc. Livery and seisin indorsed thereon. At Michaelmas Term, 1592, exemption of a fine, etc.

1594, April 5.—Feoffment, with livery and seisin, indorsed from Tobie Matthew to John Lisley of the city of Durham, gent., of all that capital messuage (as before), to use of said Tobie and Frances his wife, for the jointure of the said Frances. Signed, Tobie Matthew (seal 10). Indorsement witnessed by Antho: Morpeth,²⁸ Roland Tempest,²⁹ John Rand,³⁰ Andrew Daveson, Edward Waistell, Henry Newtonn, George Nichollsonne,³¹ Oswald Chaiitor,³² Wm. Sotheron (his mark), Thomas Appilby (his mark) with others.

1595, August 7.—Release from Margt., widow of John Baxter, gent., deceased, and Cuthbert Proctor,³³

²⁶ Another of the masters of the Virgin Mary hospital, appointed 1585, and confirmed in office by letters patent, refounding the hospital, in 1611; resigned 1615; rector of Washington, 1583, of Winston 1588, of Whickham 1620. Prebendary of Lichfield. Died in 1628.

²⁷ Oswald Baker of the city of Durham, father of sir George Baker, who was recorder, and one of the defenders of Newcastle during the Civil War.

²⁸ One of the hostmen named in queen Elizabeth's charter, 1600, and one of the burgesses cited to answer a complaint of the attorney general in 1620 respecting the condition of the castle of Newcastle. At the inquisition following he is named as having a small garden in the castle precincts.

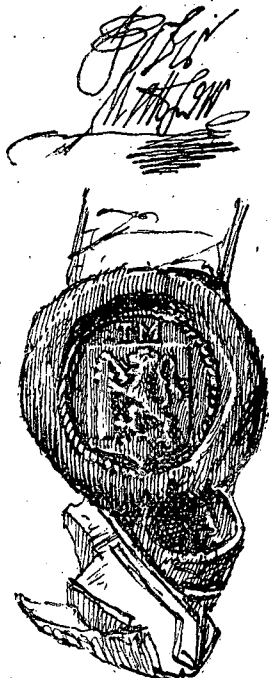
²⁹ Another Newcastle hostman, named in Elizabeth's charter; a warden of the Merchant's company, etc. F. W. Dendy's *Merchant Adventurers*, vol. i. pp. 105, 107, 110, 112.

³⁰ Another hostman and one of the common council named in Elizabeth's charter; for some time deputy customer of Newcastle. Residing in Gateshead he was ordered by the hostmen's company (July 8, 1600) to live in Newcastle or forfeit £10, 'which order,' according to the hostmen's books, 'he hath broken.'

³¹ Notary public and deputy town clerk of Newcastle. Died February 16, 1625. M.I. St. John's. See Brand, vol. i. p. 115.

³² Weaver and for 38 years parish clerk of St. John's. (See *Chron. Hist. Newcastle and Gateshead*, vol. iii. index.) Buried at St. John's, July 21, 1623, 'Oswald Chater, clerk of this church and weaver.'

³³ See a curious petition against Cuthbert Proctor, *Ibid.* vol. iii. p. 288.



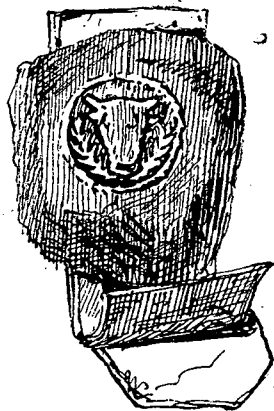
SEAL 10.

of Newcastle, gent., to Tobias, bishop of Durham, and Robt. Tailbois, of all claims, dower, etc., in said capital message. Signed (the mark of) Mrgret Baxter, Cuth. Proctor. Witnesses: Will^m Tailbois, Thomas Arrowsmithe,³⁴ Thomas Sparke, and Hen. Anthony, not. pub.

1608-9, January 2.—Feoffment, with livery and seisin indorsed, from Tobias Matthew, Archbishop of York, and Frances, now his wife, to Timothie Draper,³⁵ of Newcastle, gent., and Frances, his wife, whereby, in consideration of £230, all that message, etc., is conveyed to Draper. Feoffors give power of attorney to 'their well beloved in Christ, Henry Maddison,³⁶ and Frauncis Belgrave'; feoffees give same power to William Bonner³⁷ and Michael Milburne,³⁸ of Newcastle, merchants. Signed, Tobias Eboracen. (with seal of the archbishopric), Fran. Matthew (with seal, a demi lion guardant, collared, and holding in the forepaw a cross crosslet), T. Drap^r, frân: Draper. Witnesses to the various attestations: Will^m Turnbull, Benjamin Belgrave (his mark), Will^m Blakeston,

Tho: Dakett, Anthony Proctor, Thomas Pattison, John Jackson,³⁹ Christopher Consett, Robt. Haryson, Tho: Rogers, Henrye Maddison.

George Bartram.



SEAL II.

1610, September 8.—Feoffment with livery and seisin indorsed from George, son and heir of James Bartram, merchant, deceased, to Timothy Draper, esq., for £20, of all that parcel of ground 14 yds. in length and 5 yards and 2 inches in breadth, being part of certain waste ground belonging to the mansion or dwelling house of said George Bartram, and Elizth Bartram, widow, his mother, bounded by Westgate St. on the north, by 'a gavell end of an old decayed house theare behind' on the south, 'upon the courting belonging to that greate message or tent^e nowe the inheritaunce of the said Timothy Draper,' on the west, and upon a waste there, belonging to said Geo. Bartram, on the

³⁴ Probably Thomas Arrowsmith of Gateshead, whose rhyming epitaph in Gateshead church amused Surtees (*Hist. Durham*, vol. ii. p. 121), though he misread the date of Arrowsmith's death, which occurred in September, 1632, and not in 1637.

³⁵ Queen's customer in Newcastle; a conservator of the Tyne; one of the hostmen named in queen Elizabeth's charter; brother-in-law of John Speed, the chronologer. See the pedigree of him and his three wives, one of them a Liddell of Ravensworth, in Surtees' *Hist. Durham*, vol. iv. p. 31.

³⁶ Father of sir Lionel Maddison. Biography in *Men of Mark*, vol. iii. p. 124.

³⁷ Founder of the local family of that name. *Ibid.* vol. i. p. 348.

³⁸ Merchant. See Dendy's *Merchant Adventurers*, vol. i. pp. 135, 146, 178, 184.

³⁹ Father of Wm. Jackson, town clerk of Newcastle, and-grandfather of sir John Jackson, treasurer of the Inner Temple and recorder of Newcastle.

east, at yearly rent of a peppercorn. Covenants that if feoffee desires to build upon said piece of ground he may place his timber ends in said wall, or said gavel end of old decayed house, and if feoffor desires to alter the gate, or old door, 'that he now hath neare to the said parcel of ground,' to the fore street, he may break such part of the wall as shall be needful for laying 'the chokes or lyntells' of the said gate or door. Signed, George Bartrame (seal 11). Witnesses: Francis Belgrave, Robert Lawson, Robert Haryson, Edward Bartram, Anthony Normann, Francis Leighton, scr. (and others).

1612, September 26.—Feoffment with livery and seisin indorsed from Elizabeth Bartram, of Newcastle, widow, and Robert Bartram, of same town, merchant, to Timothy Draper, esquire, in consideration of £16, all that piece of ground 14 yds. long and 3 yds. wide, part of waste ground belonging to the house of the said Elizabeth, bounding between Westgate St. on the north, and a gavel end of an old decayed house on the south, upon another piece of ground lately purchased by Draper, of George Bartram, merch^t, dec^d,⁴⁰ son of the said Elizth, and elder brother to said Robert, toward the west, and upon a waste belonging to said Elizth and Rob^t on the east. Signed, Elizth Bartram (her mark); Rob^t Bartram. Witnesses: Peter Riddell,⁴¹ Oswald Chaytor, Henry Wouldhave,⁴² Nicholas Errington, Rob^t Haryson, and Francis Leighton, scr. Indorsement witnessed by Oswald Chaytor, Thomas Craggs,⁴³ Andrew Ainsley, and Frances Leighton, scr.

1613, October 13.—Release from Robert Bartram of Newcastle, merchant, to Timothy Draper and his heirs of all right in the said two pieces of ground. Signed, Robt. Bartram. Witnesses: Christofer Mitford,⁴⁴ Oswald Chaytor, Henry Wouldhave, Thomas Dackett, and Francis Leighton, scr. Taken and acknowledged in open court before Hen. Anderson,⁴⁵ maior; Lyonell Maddison,⁴⁶ Thomas Lyddell,⁴⁷ Hen. Chapman,⁴⁸ vic. 'Inrolled in the Book of Inroll^{ts} rem^s in Guildhall by Willm. Jackson, clr. pacis ibm ac com'ne clr.'

1642, April 15.—Indre between Henry Draper and Timothy Draper, his brother, of Headlam, co. Dur. gent. and Mark Shafto⁴⁹ of Newcastle, esquire, whereby for £600 said Drapers convey to said Shafto all that burgage in Westgate, and a stable, with hayloft over it, situate right over against the said burgage and then in possession of said Shafto. Signed, Hen. Draper, Mark Shafto. Witnesses: G. Vane,⁵⁰ John Mitchell, and Francis Walker, scr.

⁴⁰ Buried at St. John's, Newcastle, September 1, 1612.

⁴¹ Afterwards sir Peter Riddell, knight; several times mayor and M.P. for Newcastle.

⁴² See a curious suit against Oswald Chaytor and Henry Wouldhave in the Consistory Court of Durham. *Chron. Hist. Newcastle and Gateshead*, vol. iii. p. 228.

⁴³ At a visitation in St. Nicholas', Newcastle, February 4, 1608, Chris. Paxton and Thomas Craggs, of the parish of All Saints, were presented 'for casting coals on the Sabbath day,' and ordered to pay 12s. fine to the poor box.

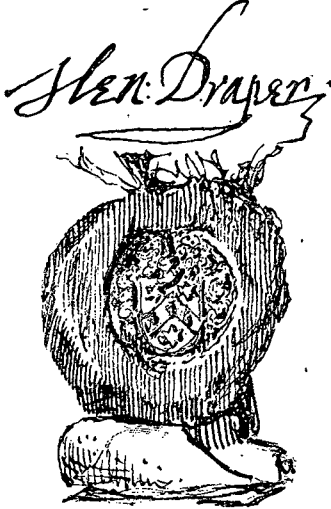
⁴⁴ Grandson of alderman Christopher Mitford, who was sheriff of Newcastle in 1551-52, and mayor 1556-57 and 1569-70.

⁴⁵ See *Men of Mark*, i. 74. ⁴⁶ *Ibid.* iii. 124. ⁴⁷ *Ibid.* iii. 37. ⁴⁸ *Ibid.* i. 516.

⁴⁹ Recorder of Newcastle, 1648-59, father of sir Robt. Shafto, recorder of Newcastle, 1660-85 and 1688-1705. Pedigree in Surtees' *Durham*, iii. 294.

⁵⁰ Of Long Newton, knighted 1640; married Elizth dau. of Sir Lionel Maddison.

1642, April 23.—Feoffment, with livery and seisin indorsed, of the said bur-
gage, from Henry Draper to Mark Shafto. Signed, Hen. Draper (seal 12).
Witnesses : Raphe Clauering, Aaron Abdale, Nicholas ffenwicke, Thomas Colepitts
(his mark). Indorsement witnessed by the same persons.



SEAL 12.

1642, April 23.—Indre tripartite between
Henry Draper of Headlam, co. Dur. and Ellinor,
his wife, 1st part ; Mark Shafto of Grayes Inn,
co. Midd^x esq^r. and Robert Shafto, son and heir
apparent of the said Mark, 2nd part ; Robt.
Shafto of Newcastle, gent. and James Clavering
of Axwell Houses, co. Dur. 3rd part, whereby
Draper and wife convey to Mark and Robert
Shafto all that capital messuage (as before).
Signed, Henry Draper. Same witnesses as in
last document.

1731, November 4 and 5.—Indres of lease
and release from John Shafto, of Whitworth,
co. Dur. esquire, to Charles Clarke, jr., of New-
castle, gent.⁵¹ (for £550), of all that mansion
house, with garden or orchard and certain
other grounds adjoining, now in the tenure
of the said Clarke and late in possesⁿ of Thomas
Clennell, esquire, and Mrs. Sarah Barnes,⁵²
widow, and sometime heretofore in the tenure
of Mark Shafto, esquire, and Robert Shafto,

esquire, afterwards Sir Robert Shafto, knight, serjeant at law, grandfather of the
said John Shafto, situate in the Westgate, inclosed, as formerly, by a stone wall,
bounding betwixt the hospital called the West Spittle on the west, a messuage
heretofore belonging to George Bartram and now belonging to Mr. Thomas
Ord on the east, Westgate Street on the north, and the great wall of the town
on the south. And also a stable with a hayloft above, in the occupation of the
said Charles Clarke, and late in the occupation of W^m Cooper, doctor of
physic,⁵³ and heretofore in the occupation of the said Sir Robt. Shafto, situate
on the east side of Pudding Chair, near unto the said street called Westgate.
And also all that coach house, hayloft, and stable now in the occupation of said
Chas. Clarke, formerly in the occupation of the said Sir Robt. Shafto, on the
west side of Pudding Chair. Signed, John Shafto: Witnesses : Tho. Hind-
marsh, John Wills.

1731, December 20.—Charles Clarke, by his will of this date, devised all the
said premises to his wife, Jane Clarke,⁵⁴ and her heirs in fee simple.

⁵¹ Son of Charles Clarke of Newcastle, attorney, who purchased the glebe
lands and tithes of Ovingham from the Addison family.—Hodgson's *Northd.*
pt. ii. vol. 2, p. 98.

⁵² Widow of Joseph Barnes, recorder of Newcastle and Berwick, eldest son of
Ambrose Barnes. ⁵³ Father of sir Grey Cooper. *Men of Mark*, vol. i. p. 623.

⁵⁴ One of the daughters of Edward Colville of the White house, Gateshead,
and sister of Camilla Colville, who married, under romantic circumstances,
lord Ossulston, afterwards second earl of Tankerville. See the whole story in
Longstaffe's *Hist. of Darlington*, p. iv. See also present volume, *ante*, p. 115.

1739, June 14 and 15.—Indres of lease and release, between Jane, widow of Charles Clarke, jr. 1st part; Robert Fenwick of Newcastle, merchant, 2nd part; Thos. Allan,⁵⁵ of Allan's Flats, co. Dur. and W^m. Fenwick of Newcastle, merchant, 3rd part. Reciting that a Chancery suit had been commenced by W^m. Bigge,⁵⁶ gent. and Mary his wife, dau. and one of the two coheirs of Chas. Clarke, sen. of Newcastle, deceased, and only surviving sister of Chas. Clarke, jr. under pretence that the premises were purchased with the moneys of Chas. Clarke, sen.; also, that a marriage was intended between said Robert Fenwick and Jane Clarke; she therefore, the said Jane, in consideration of said marriage, conveyed to Allan and W^m. Fenwick all that great house, etc. bounding on the tenement of John Ord, esquire, on the east [and the rest as before], upon trust, to the uses therein specified; but if Mr. Bigge's suit should prevail, then these presents to be void. Executed by the said parties. Witnesses: John Airey, Robert Jackson, W^m. Cuthbert, Mary Pearson, and John Spoor.

1739, November 27.—Indre tripartite between William Bigge of Lincoln's Inn and Mary his wife, one of the coheirs and residuary legatees of Chas. Clarke, sen. 1st part; Margaret Fenwick of Newcastle, spinster, granddaughter, and one of the residuary legatees of said Chas. Clarke, sen. 2nd part; Robert Fenwick of Newcastle, merchant, and Jane his wife, widow of Chas. Clarke, jr. 3rd part; reciting the Chancery suit, etc. and that to put an end to the same the said Bigge and wife and Margaret Fenwick, in consideration of £50 apiece, released to said Robert and Jane all right, title, and claim to said house and premises. Executed by the said parties. Witnesses: Chris: Denton, Gray's Inn; Peter Consett, jr. of Stockton-on-Tees; Nicho: Fenwick, Saml. Gurlenent.

1746, March 26.—Will of Jane, wife of Robert Fenwick of Newcastle, merchant, whereby, after reciting the marriage settlement, she directed the trustees of same, should she die without surviving issue, to invest £1,500 out of her estate at 4 per cent., and pay the interest—£60 a year—'unto my sister the right honourable the Countess of Tankerville' for life, free from the control of her husband the earl, and upon the death of the Countess, £1,000 out of the £1,500 to be paid 'to my nephew the honble. Geo. Bennett,' and the remaining £500 'to Lady Camilla Bennett, my niece.' To sister Susanna, wife of Lyonel Allan⁵⁷ of Rotterdam, merchant, the same yearly sum for life, and on her death the principal, £1,500, to be divided between her children, share and share alike. To husband [R. Fenwick] the messuage in Westgate St., 'wherein we now live,' with the stables, etc., in Pudding Chare, for life; after his death, sister Rosamond, wife of Roger Pearson, of Titlington, esq., to have the rents, etc., of said premises for life; the premises themselves and the pew in St. John's Church, held with the same, to go to her nieces, Rosamond, Jane, and

⁵⁵ One of the principal coalowners on the Wear; introduced waggon or tram ways into the coaltrade of that river. Father of Lionel Allan of Rotterdam, named in note 57, below.

⁵⁶ Of Benton. High sheriff of Northumberland, 1750.—Pedigree in Hodgson's *Hist. of Northumberland*, pt. ii. vol. 2, p. 98.

⁵⁷ Son of Thomas Allan, coalowner, of Allan's Flatts, near Chester-le-Street. Married another sister of Camilla Colville. To his house in Rotterdam Camilla was sent in the hope that her absence would cure her lover's passion, and thither lord Ossulston followed her.—Longstaffe's *Darlington*, p. v.

Susannah Pearson, three of the daughters of Roger and Rosamond Pearson. To said sister Rosamond Pearson £24 a year for life, and after her death the principal—£600—to Sarah Pearson, another daughter of same. [Various other directions follow.] Executors: Michael Pearson and John Stephenson, both of Newcastle, esqrs. Signed, Jane Fenwick. Witnesses: Christopher Denton, Gray's Inn, and Henry Burdon and Robert Wilson of Stockton, his clerks. Testatrix died October 6, 1749, her husband died February 14, 1759. Administration, with will annexed, granted to Rosamond, wife of Roger Pearson, the executors having refused to act.

1760, January 11 and 12.—Indre of lease and release between Thomas Fenwick of Earsdon, esq., only son and heir of Wm. Fenwick, dec^d, who was brother and heir of Wm. Fenwick, of Newcastle, mercht., 1st part; Roger Pearson, of Titlington, esq., and Rosamond, his wife, 2nd part; George Dick of Mid Calder, North Britain, gent., and Rosamond, his wife, George Potts, of Whitehouse, Alnwick, gent., and Jane, his wife, and John Sample, of Rockmoorhouse, Northumberland, and Susannah, his wife (which said Rosamond Dick, Jane Potts, and Susannah Sample, were three of the daughters of Roger and Rosamond Pearson), 3rd part; the hon. George Bennett, one of the sons of the rt. hon. Chas. Earl of Tankerville, dec^d, 4th part; and William Gibson⁵⁸ of Newcastle, esq., 5th part, whereby, for £1,000, said parties convey to said Wm. Gibson, the mansion house, etc., in the Westgate, and the stable, etc., in Pudding Chare; the Westgate mansion being bounded on the east by a messuage formerly belonging to George Bartram, then to Thomas Ord, and now to John Stephenson,⁵⁹ esq. Executed by all the parties. Witnesses: Hannah Fenwick, Jacob Lambert, Coll: Forster, Wm. Moey Darwin, Gray's Inn, and Jos. Porter.

1760, Sept. 26 and 27.—Indres of lease and release between W^m Gibson and Matthew Stephenson,⁶⁰ esq., of Newcastle, reciting the previous conveyance, and that Gibson's name was only used in trust for Stephenson.⁶¹ Trust declared, and premises conveyed to Stephenson. Signed, W^m Gibson. Witnesses: John Rotheram and Jacob Lambert.

1768, April 29 and 30.—Indres of lease and release between Matthew Stephenson of Walworth, co. Dur., esq., and George Anderson⁶² of Newcastle, whereby for £900 Stephenson conveys to Anderson all the premises (as before) subject to a lease to John Rotheram⁶³ for eleven years from Sep. 29,

⁵⁸ Town clerk of Newcastle, 1756-85.

⁵⁹ John Stephenson, alderman of Newcastle; sheriff, 1728-29; grandfather of Bessy Surtees, afterwards lady Eldon. Biography in *Men of Mark*, vol. iii. p. 445.

⁶⁰ Second son of alderman John Stephenson; sheriff of Newcastle, 1759-60; purchased the estate of Walworth from the Jenison family. *Ibid.* p. 447.

⁶¹ By this and the preceding deed it would appear that alderman John Stephenson acquired from Thomas Ord house No. 1, and his son, Matthew, purchased from the Fenwicks house No. 2. After the alderman's death in April, 1761, No. 1 appears to have been bought by William Gibson, who, in the purchase of No. 2, had acted as trustee for Matthew, the son.

⁶² Ancestor of the Andersons, of Little Harle tower. Biography in *Men of Mark*, vol. i. p. 59.

⁶³ Dr. John Rotheram, an eminent physician and natural philosopher. Died 'at his house in Westgate St.,' March 18, 1787. Biography in *Men of Mark*, vol. iii. p. 328.

1760, with power of renewal for other five years. Signed, Matthew Stephenson. Witnesses: Philip Gibson, Jas. Murray.

1796, February 23.—Will of George Anderson of Newcastle, architect whereby he gave his son, George Anderson, all his real and personal estate, subject to a life annuity to his wife of 300 gs. in bar of dower, to whom also he gave a life interest in the house in Westgate St., 'now in the occupation of Mr. Fearon,' half of the pew in St. John's Church, the stable in Pudding Chare, 'now in the occupation of M^{rs} Jane Coulter,' and as much plate, linen, and furniture from the house in Pilgrim St., 'in which I now live,' as she shall choose, for furnishing the said house in Westgate St. 'To the five children of his son in law, Dr. Pemberton, £100 apiece, and to his daughter, their mother, after the death of his wife, a clear annuity of £100 to her own use. Signed, George Anderson. Witnesses: Chr. Robson, James Henderson, John Robson.

1805, April 10 and 11.—Indres of lease and release whereby, for £1,300, George Anderson of Colney House, co. Hertford, esq^r, only son and heir of George Anderson, late of Newcastle, deceased, gent. conveys to Thomas Anderson of Newcastle, builder, all that messuage, etc. in Westgate St. bounding on hereditaments late belonging to W^m. Gibson 'and now to Caleb Angas'⁶⁴ on the south, the town walls on the west, Westgate St. on the east, and the Spittle orchard, etc. of St. Mary's Hospital on the north, 'now occupied by Jonathan Sorsbie, merchant, and Edward Humble, as tenants,' also the site of a stable on the east side of Pudding Chare, and a stable on the west side of that chare, heretofore described as a coachhouse, etc. Signed, George Anderson. Witness: Jno. Brumell, attorney.

1832, February 2.—Indre between Thomas Anderson of Newcastle, esq^r, a bachelor,⁶⁵ eldest son and heir of Thos. Anderson, late of Newcastle, who died intestate, Sep. 9, 1821, and of whose goods, etc. letters of administration were granted to Ann Anderson, his widow, 1st part; Robert Leadbitter of Newcastle, gent. 2nd part; and James Kirsop of the Spital, Hexham, 3rd part; whereby Anderson, for £3,500, sells to Leadbitter all that capital messuage in Westgate St. bounded on the south by hereditaments formerly belonging to W^m. Gibson, and late to Caleb Angas, and now to the members of the Literary and Philosophical Society, etc. etc. Also a coachhouse and stable on the west side of Pudding Chare, now in the tenancy of John Shield, and another stable recently erected by Thos. Anderson on part of the garden ground of the house of said Thomas, with a yard to said stable adjoining; also a pew in St. John's Church. Signed, Thomas Anderson. Witness: Peregrine George Ellison.

Here, then, we have a clear and unimpeachable record of the two properties. The sham Westmorland place is seen in process of transmission from the widow of John de Emeldon in 1370, through Hesilrigg; Carr, Baxter, Tailbois, Tobias Matthey, Draper, Shafto,

⁶⁴ Coachbuilder; father of George Fife Angas, the 'merchant prince,' who founded the colony of South Australia.

⁶⁵ Purchased Kirkharle and Little Harle in 1833; married in April, 1841, Emily, dau. of rev. John Fisher; father of the present George Anderson, esq., of Little Harle tower.

Clarke, Fenwick, Stephenson, and Anderson to Leadbitter, who, as most of us know, owned and occupied the property before its appropriation to the use of the coal trade. In like manner the real Westmorland place is traceable from its ownership by lord John de Nevill of Raby, in 1370, and a hundred years later by Ralph, third earl of Westmorland, through members of the families of Bartram, Ord, Stephenson, Gibson, and Angas to the trustees of the Literary and Philosophical Society.

[NOTE.—All the illustrations to this paper are from drawings by G. B. Richardson in the possession of Mr. Welford, who has been at the cost of the blocks.—ED.]