

VI.—LOCAL MUNIMENTS.

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Among the most useful, if not the most attractive, of the various contributions to the *Archaeologia Aeliana*, are the papers which appear in our earlier volumes under the denomination of 'Local Muniments.' They were admirably prepared by the expert hand of a past master in documentary investigation—that of our former secretary, the late Mr. Longstaffe.

Local muniments, consisting for the most part of abstracts of leases, conveyances, wills, etc., form a happy hunting ground for either the historian or the biographer. They disclose to him many a hidden link which had eluded research, and solve many a knotty point that had baffled inquiry. By their aid he is able to locate forgotten habitations and to re-edify vanished homesteads; to unravel tangled skeins of family history and to amend faulty or corrupt genealogy. Occasionally through the mist of crumbling parchment and the haze of fading caligraphy he obtains glimpses of obsolete manners and customs, the vicissitudes of mercantile and social life, family prosperity and adversity, individual success and failure.

It seemed desirable that local sources so fruitful in antiquarian knowledge should be further explored. Unfortunately, ancient deeds relating to the devolution of property have not usually been regarded with that respect and veneration which age in other directions is supposed to inspire. Only one adjective could be applied to them. 'Musty' was the word, with 'fusty' as a rhythmical analogue. Their destination was generally ignoble. A bookbinder might have them to stiffen his 'backs'; a tailor might use them—in strips—to encompass the girths of portly citizens; a cook might employ them to protect jams and pickles; in the last resort there was the glue-maker. But as materials for history—Rubbish!

Happily for us, and for those who follow us, a better appreciation of local muniments and a clearer perception of their historical value have set in. Dealers in old books have discovered that there's money in old deeds. 'Rubbish' now spells 'treasure'; 'musty' means 'well preserved'; and 'fusty' is 'fine condition.'

Through the generosity of one of our vice-presidents, Mr. F. W. Dendy, the courtesy of Captain Carr-Ellison, and the kindness of other friends, I have been able to form a considerable collection of such documents, either in the original parchment or in carefully prepared copies. Fortunately, too, I have acquired a most interesting series of abstracts made by the late George Bouchier Richardson. Mr. Richardson was one of the earliest of our members to appreciate these forms of historical record, and to endeavour to preserve them from their accustomed fate. A paper on Westmoreland Place, in our *Archæologia*, volume xix., illustrates his skill in deciphering ancient handwriting and his dexterity in copying seals and signatures.

From Mr. Richardson's abstracts the items which follow have been selected. They comprise most interesting records of the transmission of property in the Close, the Side, Sandgate, Westgate Street, Middle Street, St. Andrew's Churchyard, the High Bridge, and a famous Quayside Chare. They introduce to us mayors, bailiffs, sheriffs, aldermen, merchant adventurers, and many most prominent citizens of Newcastle.¹ Thomas Horsley, founder of the Free Grammar School, about whose life little is known, and the date of whose death is unrecorded, re-appears; the great families of Anderson and Ellison loom out large: while in dimmer outline those of Clavering and Carr, Bowes and Gray, Shafto and Shadforth, are shadowed forth. From one set of documents we learn the curious details of a long family dispute; in others we read of marriages and the dowers of brides, of wills and bequests, of heirlooms and household stuff, of town gardens and meadows, and of 'lads' witnessing acts of livery and seisin, on the same principle, no doubt, that boys went to boundary beatings and were 'bumped' for remembrance.

¹ Most of the persons named in these abstracts may be traced in the indexes to the histories of Brand, Surtees and Hodgson, Dendy's *Merchant Adventurers' Books*, the *Chronological History of Newcastle and Gateshead*, and the publications of the Society.

HOUSE IN THE CLOSE, NEWCASTLE.²

1412. Dec. 12.—Deed Poll Grant from John de Horton, son and heir of John de Horton, formerly burghess of Newcastle, deceased, to John Barkar of Newcastle, merchant, of a messuage in 'le close,' bounded by the mote of the Castle, E., 'le schare' called the Close, S., the foss and gate of the Castle commonly called 'le postern,' [illegible] the tenement in which Andrew de Bulkham resided so long as he lived 'inter hoga. castr.,' N., a tenement [illegible] John Barkar aforesaid formerly feoffed and given by said John de Horton on S. (?) and extending from the stayre to the tenement formerly Gilbert Flemyngs. Witnesses: Thomas de Pruddowe, Robert Turnbull, William Scrivan, John de Poucher (Ponnfret?) and Walter Scales. [Dated at Newcastle.]

1520. June 16.—Indre of grant of houses from John Horsley, chaplain of the chantry and altar of the Blessed Marie the Virgin in the chapel of St. Thomas the Martyr upon the Bridge, Newcastle, to Robert Bartrem of Newcastle, merchant. With consent of Thomas Horsley, maior of Newcastle, John Horsley conveys to Bartrem a house in 'le Closse' between the house of Wm. Carr, W., the common steps leading up to the high castle and the stable and chamber built above it belonging to Thos. Man, chaplain of the chantry and altar of St. Ann in said chapel, E., and extending from the mote of the high castle, N., to the waste land anciently called 'Riddyns Lands,' S., rendering to said chantry 4/- yearly.

1531-2. Feb. 5.—Indre of grant from Christopher Thirkilde, sen., of Estethorpe, county Ebor., armiger (Johanna, his wife, was the daughter and heir of John Carlill, armiger, deceased, and Elianore, his wife, was daughter and heir of Lawrence Actonne), and Christopher Threlkilde, jun., son and heir apparent of said Christopher, sen., to Thomas Horsley of Newcastle, merchant, of a house in 'le Clooce,' between the tenement of Will. Carr, W., and 'le Longe Stare,' E., and extending from the King's way, S., unto a tenement belonging to the chantry of St. Mary in St. Thomas's Chapel, and now in tenure of Elisabeth Bartrame, widow, N. Executed by 'Crsto. Thelkyld, senior, and xporfor Therlkeld.' [Four seals appended (the fourth lost). First, a stag trotting; second, a bull's head; third, a fleur-de-lis.]

1543. May 31.—Indre of grant from Thomas Horseley³ of Newcastle,

² Described by Mr. G. B. Richardson as a house on the west side of the Castle Stairs.

³ The last record in local history of Thomas Horsley, Alderman, Sheriff, and Mayor, and founder of the Royal Free Grammar School of Newcastle, occurs in the Muster Roll of 1539. His tombstone in St. Nicholas's church (if it still exists) contains no readable date of his death, but, as copied in Richardson's *Armorial Bearings*, has the figures 1531 at the top:—

1531.—'Pray for ye soule of horsleyie march. adventurer, sometime maior of this town & his wife'

Presuming that the Thomas Horsley who signed the grant to Henry Anderson was the founder of the Grammar School, it follows that he must have been living in 1543; in that case the date at the top of the tombstone may have been 1551, not 1531.

merchant, to Henry Andreson⁴ of Newcastle, sen., merchant, of waste stone walls lying in the Close between the tenement of Will. Carr, merchant, W., the steps leading to the Castle, 'vocat. vulgariter le Long Stayer,' E., and extending from the King's way, S., to a tenement belonging to the chantry of St. Mary in St. Thomas's chapel, N., which was granted to said Horseley by the Threlkeld family. (Signed) Thomas Horslye. Endorsed: 'A howes yn ye cloese wch befor was a waste.' Probably a ruined house.

1550. August 31.—Deed Poll, etc., from Roger Thornton of Wynton sup. aquam, esq., and Cuthbert Musgrave of Barwick-upon-Tweed, to Henry Anderson of Newcastle, merchant, of all that messuage and piece of land thereto belonging in the Close, Newcastle, between messuage of Will. Carre, merchant, W., the steps to the Castle, E., the King's street, S., and the land of St. Mary's Chantry aforesaid, N. Said Thornton and Musgrave appoint George Davell and Oswald Chapman, merchants, their attorneys.

1571. June 7.—Deed Poll by which for £10, Elizabeth Anderson, widow of Francis Anderson of Newcastle, merchant, releases to Henry Anderson of Newcastle, merchant, natural brother to said Francis, all said Elizabeth's right to the estate and effects of her late husband. (Signed) Elizabeth Anderson, her x mark. Witnesses: Thomas Richardson, frauncys Hall, Robert Farbreke, his x mark.

1585. December 9.—Feoffment with livery and seisin indorsed of premises at Elswick, a close called Little Carling Croft, and premises in the Close, from Henry Anderson, senior, Newcastle, merchant, to Robert Mitforde and George Still of Newcastle, merchants. All that field at Elswick and the tenement now in occupation of John Robson outside the Westgate, lying between a tenement of said Robson, W., a tenement of William Turnbull, E., and extending from the King's highway before, to a close belonging to William Swynborne, gentleman, S. Also the close called Little Carling Croft, in tenure of said Henry Anderson, abutting upon the walls of Newcastle, N. and E., the Greater Carling Croft, S., and the water called Arick bourne, W. Also all that cellar and loftes in the Close, in occupation of Roger Nicholson, merchant, lying between cellar and loftes in occupation of Nicholas Punder, merchant, W., the steps called 'the stayres' leading to the Castle, E., and extending from the Close, S., to the great waste, N. Also that waste or vacant land in occupation of William Spoor, Parcivall Spoor and others, lying between said two cellars and four lofts, S., the castle mote, N., and extending from the steps aforesaid, E., to the house now in occupation of Mally Heron, widow, W. To said Mitford and Still for use of said Henry Anderson during natural life, and after his death to Bartram Anderson, son of Henry, his heirs, etc. (Signed) Harry Anderson ye

⁴ Henry Anderson, founder of the great local family of that name, dying in 1559, during the mayoralty of Oswald Chapman, his son-in-law, bequeathed to two of his sons—Francis and Henry—equal moieties in 'the waste that I had of Cuthbert Musgrave and Nicholas Thornton' (2 Surt. Soc. Publ. p. 165). It is curious that the will and the deed do not agree in the Christian name of Roger Thornton's descendant at Witton-upon-the-Water. The signature to the deed is 'Roger' and the seal is a monogram—'R.T.' Francis Anderson, it is supposed, was the hero of the local version of the 'Fish and Ring' story.

eldere. Witnesses: Thomas Dobson, his x mark, Edmonde Carstile, William Barkas, John Craster, Clement Anderson, Anthony Dobson, Johis Jackson, Martin Turpin, scrivener and notary public.

Livery and seisin granted January 17, 1585-6 in presence of James Claveringe, John Hedworth, Henry Anderson, Gawyn Hyndmers his x mark, John Robson, boocher, Thomas Stoka, skynner, Jeffery Dugles, yeoman, James Fletcher, yeoman, Lawrence Brown, tailor, George Kell and Thomas Grene, 'laddes,' Martin Turpin, scrivener and notary public.

1601. May 30.—Deed Poll from Henry Anderson of Newcastle, esq., to 'my coozin' Bartram Anderson of Newcastle, merchant, releasing to him all said Henry's right, title, etc., to said premises in the Close now in occupation of said Bartram. (Signed) H. Anderson. Witnesses: franc Andersonne, B. Pattisonne, Ro. Batesonne.

1624. April 13.—Indre of bargain and sale whereby Henry Anderson of Newcastle, merchant, granted to Henry Bowes of Newcastle, merchant, the premises in the Close, now in the tenure of Gawyn Adon, merchant, lying between 'the common staiors' leading up to the castle, E., cellars and lofts in possession of Mr. Henry Maddison, now maior, W., The Close, S., and the Castle Mote, N. (Signed) Hen. Anderson. Witnesses: Hen. Bowes, sen., Ralph Graye, Tho. Arrowsmythe, Henry Shadforth, Henry Bowes, son of Rob. Bowes, francis Birckbecke.

'Mem. That Gawin Adon, within named, who is to enjoy the tenements within mentioned by lease from within named Hen. Anderson until the feast of Pur. B. M., 1625, did atturn and consent to the grant by giving him twopence in name of atturnament in presence of Hen. Bowes, sen., Ralph Graye, Thos. Arrowsmyth, Hen. Shadforth.'

Same date.—Deed Poll of feoffment of house in the Close. Same to same. Livery and seisin granted April 19, 1624, in presence of the above and Martyne White, Thomas Dennis, John Lodge, Gawin Adon.

Same date.—Bond in £600 for performance of covenants—Anderson to Bowes.

Same date.—Deed Poll from Anderson to Bowes assigning 'all that little garden, or garden plot, now paled in and being in the possession of Gawyn Adon, merchant, scituate behinde the burgage or tenement in the Close,⁵ now also in the tenure of him the saide Gawyn, and also one scape lead and one brew lead, scituate and being within the burgage.' (Signed) Hen. Anderson.

1627. Hilary Term.—Indres of fine between Henry Bowes, plaintiff, and Henry Anderson, deforciant, of premises in the Close, Newcastle.

1653. September 16.—Indre of feoffment with livery and seisin from Henry Bowes, jun., of Newcastle, merchant adventurer, to Thomas Shadforth of

⁵ Gawin Aydon was a prominent citizen whose name frequently occurs in the annals of his period. Here we find him enjoying a little garden, paled in, behind his house in the Close. Sixty odd years earlier there was a garden in the Broad Chare, extending 'unto a rivulet called Pandon Burn, backward to the east.' A glance at Corbridge's Map of Newcastle shows that even in 1724 nearly one half the town within the walls was open space, broken up by living fences into orchards and gardens, lawns and grass-plots.

Epleton, county Durham, esq., stating that a marriage was about to be had between said Henry, and Mary, daughter of Anthony Shadforth, late of Tunstall, county Durham, gentleman, deceased, and in consideration thereof, and of £500 to be paid by Mary Shadforth, widow, mother of Mary, as a marriage portion, Henry granted to Thomas the messuage in the Close, bounding on the common staires to the Castle, E., certain sellers and lofts in the occupation of Wm. Blackett, merchant, W. [N. and S. as before] for use of Mary during life and after death to said Henry, etc. (Signed) Henry Bowes.

Same date.—Livery and seisin granted by Bowes to Shadforth in presence of Edwd. Lee, Ra. Bowes, George Shadforth, Phineas Allen, John Shadforth, Richard Walker.

Mem. The within written deed I do hereby order and agree shall be cancelled. Witness my hand Mary Bowes. Witnesses: Christ. Dent, Josa Bowes.

1694. October 3 and 4.—Indres of lease and release of premises in the Close (by way of marriage settlement) between John Bowes, of Newcastle, merchant, first part, and Hannah, daughter of Michael Mathew,⁶ of Cleadon, county Durham, gentleman, and Richd. Wake, of Newcastle, gentleman, second part, whereby Bowes covenants to marry Hannah, before 11th November ensuing, in consideration of which he grants to her and Richard all that tenement in the Close, now in occupation of said Bowes (bounded by the Castle stairs on the E., and the rest as before), to use of Bowes until the marriage, and afterwards to Bowes and Hannah, in lieu of dower, and after their death to the heirs, etc. (Signed) John Bowes, Hannah Mathew. Witnesses: Barbara Wake, Mary Taylor. Seal of Bowes, the ordinary arms; crest, a sheaf of arrows.

HOUSE IN THE SIDE, NEWCASTLE.⁷

1666. April 19.—Deed of Conveyance between Robt. Shafto, jun., of Benwell, and Mary, his wife, first part, and James Shafto, of Newcastle, merchant, other part. Whereas Robt. Shafto, sen., of Newcastle, alderman, by deed indented, etc., dated December 13, 1650, made between said Robert, sen., and Jane, his wife, and James Clavering, of Axwell Houses, county Durham, esq., first part, and Christopher Hall, of Newsham, county Durham, esq., Lancelot Fenwick, of Kenton, and Anne, daughter of said Christopher Hall, second part, granted, etc., to said Hall and Fenwick all that messuage in the Side, Newcastle, in which he now dwelleth to use of said Robt. and Jane Shafto for their lives, and after their decease to Robt. Shafto, jun., son and heir of said Robert, the elder. Now said Robert, jun., and Mary for £200, sell unto said James Shafto all their right, title,

⁶ Michael Mathew's altar tomb in Whitburn is described in the *Proceedings* of the Society, vol. iv. p. 171.

⁷ Mr. Richardson describes this property as 'a house at the foot of the Side, late in the occupation of Fenwick Hunnam, cheesemonger, and before that of William and John Marley, cheesemongers, who were the predecessors in business and masters of said Fenwick Hunnam.'

etc., in the burgage aforesaid, standing in the Flesher Raw,^s bounded by messuage of Miles Man, merchant, S., messuage of Benj. Ellison, merchant, N., the street, W., and a garden or platt of ground belonging to said Benj. Ellison, E. (Signed) Rob. Shafto, Mary Shafto; witnesses: Tho. Wake, James Holmes. [In the receipt for the money Robt. Shafto calls James Shafto his brother.]

1667. May 20.—Conveyance from James Shafto, of Newcastle, merchant, to Lyonell Blagdon, of Newcastle, merchant, for £334, all that messuage, etc., bounded as above. (Signed) James Shafto. Witnesses: William Hutchinson, Christopher Raine, Benezet Durant, and Anthony Norman, scrivener.

1667. September 11.—Lease and release from James Shafto to L. Blagdon with livery and seisin indorsed, stating that on September 8, 1671, Jane Shafto, widow, tenant for life, 'did attorne tenant to Lyonell Blagdon.' Signed and sealed in presence of Joseph Younge, Christopher Raine, Benezet Durant, and Anthony Norman, scr. Livery etc., in presence of the same and Francis Potts and Ralph florster.

[Bounded as before, but Miles Man's house is in the occupation of Edward Freeman, merchant.]

19 and 20 Chas. II. Hilary Term.—Exemplification of fine; James Holmes, plaintiff, and Robert Shafto and Mary, his wife, deforciant.

1668-9. Jan. 24.—Declaration from James Holmes, of Newcastle, hostman, that the fine of the house granted to him is in trust for James Shafto, his heirs, etc., for ever.

1671. Sep. 18.—'Mrs. Jane Shafto, her deed of saile of heireloomes and household stuffe to Mr. Lyonell Blagdon.' Jane, widow of Robt. Shafto, late of Newcastle, merchant and alderman, for £10 conveys to Blagdon the goods, etc., in the annexed schedule, now in her dwelling house, etc.

In the Hall: 2 long tables, an iron chimney and a chimney backe of iron, 1 cubbord att the chimney end, and a closett with severall shelves adioyneing on the same, 1 closett next the fore doore with a counter table adioyneing to the window and six shelves, 1 wainescott chimney peece and brettish round about the hall, 2 long settles in the same with dowers, lockes, keyes and sneckes, and two courtaine rodds in the window.

In the Kitching: 1 iron chimney, 1 jack, 1 cubbord and crwells (?), 1 table, 1 dresser, 1 racking crooke and an iron rannell balke; severall shelves and window breads.

In the Brewhouse: 1 brewlead, 1 steepe and steepe lead, 1 maskin tubb and cover, 1 stone trough and guyle fatt.

In the Buttery: 3 cubbords, 1 table, 1 chist and certaine shelves, with three little cubbords in the wall going into the buttery with dowers.

In the Celler: 3 paire of gantrees and trellus, with 2 loose wood stepes.

^s The thoroughfare known to us as the Side anciently bore three separate names. From the top to the Sandhill (on the south or right hand in descending) it was the Side only; but the opposite buildings, from the top to what is now Dean Street, formed Cordiner or Cordwainer Raw, and from thence to the Cale Cross, facing the entrance to the Sandhill, the name was Flesher Raw. See Bourne's *History of Newcastle*, p. 122.

- In the Parler : 1 iron chimney, 1 table, 1 cubbord and a closett with shelves, with the room brettished round about.
- In the Pantry : Certaine shelves and tables with cubbords round about.
- In the Chamber above the Parler : 1 press within the brettish, 2 cubbords above the same, 2 closetts with dowers and shelves, 1 old standing bedsteed, 1 iron chimney, brettished round about.
- In the Great Chamber above the Hall : 1 iron chimney, 2 long tables, 2 closetts, and shelves to them, 1 chimney peice and brettish round about.
- In the Old Chamber : 1 table, 2 presses and a closett, 1 old standing bedsteed with a foot pan of oake and a paire of iron barrs.
- In Mr. Bartrams Chamber : 1 iron chimney, 1 presse and two closetts with seu'all shelves.
- In Mr. Markes Chamber : 1 iron chimney, 1 loose presse of wainescott, 2 closetts with shelves and brettish, and a p'tcion of dayles entering into the chamber.
- In Mr. James Chamber : 1 standing bedsteed, 1 closett and a paire of iron barrs.
- In the two Stables : 2 bayes with rackes and mangers and diuisions in them. All doores, lockes, keyes, sneckes and boults to eu'y room belonging.
1671. Sep. 20.—Release to Blagdon of Jane Shafto's dower and widow right in the house in the Syde, boundered by house of Benj. Ellison, merchant, N., and house in occupation of Thomas Powell, S. (Signed) Jane Shafto.
- 28 Chas. II. May 1.—Deed to lead the uses of a fyne of a house in the Syde, Newcastle, from Thomas Mathews of Newcastle, gentleman, to Lyonel Blagdon. (Signed) Thos. Mathews, Lyonell Blagdon.
- [The house is described as in possession of John Pringle and the exemplification of fine is dated Trinity term, 28 Chas. II.]
1678. April 19.—Feoffment, with livery and seisin indorsed from said Lyonell Blagdon to Mary Oley, of Newcastle, widow, of all the aforesaid house now in possession, etc., of John Pringle, gentleman, or his under tenants, boundering upon a messuage now in possession of Issabell Ellison, widow, N. and E., a tenement now in possession of Francis Batty, S. and the Flesher Rawe, W. Livery and seisin in presence of Michael Marshall, Ralph Forster, John Wouldhave, Robert Bower, Thomas Mathews.
- 30 Chas. II., Easter Term.—Indres of fine of a messuage in Newcastle; Mary Oley, plaintiff, Lionell Blagdon and Ann, his wife, deforciant.
1679. October 1.—Feoffment, with livery and seisin from Mary Oley to Joseph Ellison, of a house in the Syde, with a receipt for purchase money and a bond for performance of covenants inclosed, in consideration of £490.
- [Joseph Ellison binds himself to pay to Barbary Nicholls of Newcastle, £400. Seal used by Oley, a fess between three eagles' heads, a mullet for difference. Crest, a lion statant.]
1679. October 5.—Mortgage lease for 99 years of a house in the Syde, from Joseph Ellison, merchant, and Mary Oley, widow, both of Newcastle; house described as in possession of Mary Oley, and boundered by those of Isabell Ellison and Francis Battee. (Signed) Joseph Ellison. Witnesses: Robt. Roddam, Francis Nicholls, La. Allgood, John Douglas.

Same date.—Another part of said mortgage lease for securing certain sums of money, and bond. Witnesses: Sam. Ellison, Henry Swinbourne, Edw. Rymer, La. Allgood.

Same date.—Articles between Joseph Ellison and Mary Oley for payment of several sums of money therein named.

1684. May 5.—Receipt by John Gray of Newcastle, merchant, on account of £200 from Joseph Ellison, upon a bond dated October 5, 1679, wherein said Ellison stood bound and indebted unto Mary Oley, now Mary Gray, wife of John Gray, merchant, above named. (Signed) Jno. Gray. Seal: Arms of the Greys of Howick, with the scaling ladder for a crest. The bordure appears to be or.

1685-6. January 21.—Will of Joseph Ellison. A house and yard in the Close, Newcastle, bordering on a house belonging to Gilbert Dobson, E., and on a house of Mr. Henry Maddison, W., to wife Elizabeth for life, then to heirs male, failing which, to heirs female, and failing such, to right heirs. 'My house at the foot of the Syde, wherein I now dwell,' to wife Elizabeth for life, then to heirs male, failing which, to heirs female, and failing such to heirs of wife. To daughter Barbara, out of real and personal estate, £300, or so much more or less as said wife shall think fit. Wife Elizabeth and Robert Ellison to be executors.

1695. October 10.—Agreement between Isabel Ellison and Elizabeth Ellison. Whereas lately 'a difference hapned' between Isabel Ellison of Newcastle, widow, and Elizabeth Ellison of same place, widow, about a certain gutter or watercourse belonging to the house of said Elizabeth, situate in a street called the Cross, Newcastle, and it was mutually agreed between them at their equal cost and charges to make a leaden gutter upon the wall of the house of Elizabeth, and a brick wall, called a mantle wall, in the ground of Isabel to support the garden or ground of Isabel from 'annoying or dampnifying the said gutter,' and the work had been done. Elizabeth to keep the gutter in repair, and Isabel the wall. (Signed) Isabel Ellison. Witnesses: William Williamsons, William Atkinson.

1710. August 15.—Deed by which Mrs. Elizabeth Ellison, widow and executor of Joseph Ellison, late of Newcastle, merchant, deceased, charged his estate in respect of the fortune of Barbara, her daughter, named in the will of said Joseph, deceased. Whereas the personal estate of said Joseph was wholly spent in the discharge of his debts, and otherwise, and whereas said Barbara, now wife of Wolstan Paston, gentleman, 'hath behaved herself dutifully and well, deserving of her father's memory and her mother's benevolence, and has married with her mother's consent,' and she (the mother) being willing to advance her daughter's estate 'according to her merit, as farr as the circumstances of the testator's estate may allow,' orders that the sum to be paid to Barbara be £600, i.e., £300 according to the will, and £300 out of the estate rendered liable to the same levy by said will. (Signed) Elizabeth Ellison.

1712. August 7.—Whereas by Indre dated 5 August, 1712, Margaret Ord hath assigned to me a judgment in the Court of Comon Pleas att Westm' att her suite against George Ogle of Harnham for £60 debt besides costs of suite. I doe hereby declare the same is upon the trusts following, that is to say, for securing the payment of £10 due to me per bond dated 5 August, and for securing the payment of £20 to Parsivall Clenell for which I am bound for said Geo. Ogle

to him by bond bearing date, 9 September, 1713. Witness my hand, W. Paston.'

1716. April 6 and 7.—Indres of lease and release from Francis Ellison of Newcastle, merchant, only son of Joseph Ellison of Newcastle, merchant, deceased. After reciting foregoing matters, and that Francis Ellison's mother received the rents of the house in the Syde for 26 years (let at £41 per annum) and left it so ruinous that he had expended £20 in its repair, and £20 more would be required to be expended before it could be made tenantable, &c., that all deeds were in her hands at her death, etc., releases all that messuage and malting and shoppes, etc., in the Flesher Raw, foot of the Syde, now in possession of John Spense, maltman, John Armstrong, and others, bounding upon a messuage belonging to John Rogers, esq., and others, N. and E., a messuage late belonging to Robert Eden, esq., deceased, S., and Flesher Raw, or Foot of the Syde, W., with all houses, outhouses, and brewing vessels, maltings, malt-lofts, kiln steepes, yards, etc. (Signed) Frans. Ellison. Witnesses: Lancel. Appleby, John Punshon, Geo. Midford.

[A Chancery Decree, pursuant to which the above conveyance was executed, is attached. It is of great length, but the substance is as follows:—

Whereas on or about April 4, 1712, Wolstan Paston, gentleman, and Barbara, his wife, exhibited their bill of complaint against Francis Ellison, defendant, setting forth that Joseph Ellison, being seised in his demesne as of fee of and in several messuages, lands, etc., in Newcastle, on or about January 21, 1685, made his last will, and shortly after died, leaving issue Francis, the defendant, and Barbara, the complainant, and after his death his widow proved the will, the executor refusing to meddle therein; and testator's personal effects proving not sufficient to pay his debts, Barbara's portion, or any part thereof, could not be paid thereout; and that said Barbara, on June 2, 1709, married Wolstan Paston, shortly after which said Elizabeth charged her husband's estate with £600 [see *ante*] and on January 21, 1711, died, whereupon defendant, Francis, as heir at law, entered upon the premises in Newcastle, and refused to pay same.

Defendant, in his answer, said he did not believe his father had power to devise and charge the house, etc., for that in answer to a bill brought in this court by Henry Rawling, plaintiff, against Elizabeth and Barbara and the present defendant, defendants, they said that Robert Ellison,⁹ father of Joseph, being seised in fee simple of a messuage in the Close did in 1672, in consideration of natural love and affection convey the messuage to use of Robert for life, and after death to use of Joseph and his heirs, with remainders to other children of Robert; and that in consideration of £600, Elizabeth's marriage portion, which was really paid, it was agreed by indenture (January 11th, 29 Chas. II.),

⁹ Robert Ellison, representative of Newcastle in the Long Parliament, whose pardon by Charles II. appears at p. 23 of our *Proceedings*, vol. x. Joseph Ellison, who figures so disastrously in these deeds, was one of his sons, and in the Ellison pedigrees is described as ancestor of the Ellisons of Lintz, co. Durham. Surtees enters him as the fourth son, baptized 13 October, 1646. In the *Carr Book* he appears as eleventh child, born 1647, ob. January 21, 1680, buried at St. Nicholas's, Newcastle. Dendy, *Merch. Adv. Books*, shows that he was aged 22 in January, 1669-70, and that he died about 1686, which agrees with his will (above quoted) dated January 21, 1685-6. Elizabeth, his widow, was buried at St. Nicholas's, January 23rd, 1711-12.

between Robert Ellison, the elder, Samuel, Joseph, and Robert jun., John and Nathaniel, five of the sons of Robert sen., of the one part, and Barbara Niccols, mother of said Elizabeth, of the other part, that Robert and his five sons should levy a fine to Barbara (*inter alia*) of the messuage in the Close, to use of Robert, sen., for two years, and afterwards of Joseph and Elizabeth for life and longest liver, in lieu of jointure, and after to the heirs of Joseph and Elizabeth, with remainders over, which fine was levied etc.; and further, that Samuel Cook, uncle of Elizabeth, being seised, etc., of a messuage in Spicer Lane, by will dated November 20, 23 Chas. II., devised same to Elizabeth, her heirs, etc.; and that one Mary Oley, in consideration of £490, conveyed to said Joseph a messuage in Flesher Rawe, to which deed Elizabeth referred, and denied that Joseph was seised in fee of the houses in the will mentioned, or of any other lands than what were therein before mentioned, and confessed that upon her husband's decease she received the rents, &c., worth £97 per annum. Defendant further answered that his mother proved the will and received the rents of the messuage in the Close, being for the most part £60 per annum, till the same became ruinous and would cost £300 to repair; that during her widowhood she neglected him and gave him very ordinary education, and meeting with hardships he served at sea seven years before her death, and had but small allowance from her during such service; that he knew not that his father's personal estate fell short of paying his debts, but if it did was advised said Elizabeth ought to have lessened, and not advanced the £300, etc., etc., she knowing that the house and yard in the Close were settled by the marriage settlement, and his father could not charge same by will, and if his personal estate fell short he could only charge the house at the foot of the Syde, etc., of which house his mother had received the rent for 26 years without accounting to him, and left same so ruinous that it cost £20 and would cost £20 more to repair, etc.; and that his mother, by her will, devised to complainant Barbara the house in Spicer Lane, worth £150, and all her goods and chattels, and that her personal estate was worth £300. If the court judged him chargeable with £300 in respect of house in the Syde, complainants ought first to account for the profits thereof seised by their mother, and that same should be a charge upon the mother's personal estate, and that out of same they ought to satisfy him for waste committed by the mother, etc. And the cause thus standing ripe for hearing, Monday, February 1, 1713, was appointed by the court, upon which day said cause was heard and debated in the presence of counsel learned on both sides, etc.

The Court decided that Joseph having in his will given Elizabeth power to increase or diminish Barbara's portion, and she having doubled it, the £600 ought to stand a charge upon the real and personal estate of said testator, with interest at 5 per cent. from the time of Elizabeth's death, and costs of the suit, and if same were not paid within 12 months the house at the foot of the Side to be sold to the best purchaser. W. Rogers, one of the Masters in Chancery, having certified that the interest from January 21, 1711, the date of said Elizabeth's death, to February 1, 1714, was £90 16s. 5d., and taxed the costs (£110 2s. 1d.) at £65, the Court ordered defendant to pay the plaintiffs the total sum of £755 16s. 5d. Default being made in payment Master Rogers reported, June 1, 1715, that Mr. Wolstan Paston had bidden £400 for said house and no

one else appeared to bid ; whereupon the Court decreed that Paston should retain the £400 as part of the £755 16s. 5d., and conveyance was made, as appears *ante*, April 6 and 7, 1716.]

1754. October 26.—Will of William Paston, of Morpeth, gentleman. To brother-in-law, Robert Lisle, second son of John Lisle, of Morpeth, esq., and to sister-in-law, Mary Lisle, daughter of said John Lisle, all messuages, etc., and all goods, chattels, rights, credits, and personal estate, etc., share and share alike. In case Robert die before age of 21, or his elder brother, John, die without issue so that he becomes entitled to his father's estate, Mary to have said real and personal estate at age of 21 or marriage. In case Mary die before 21 or marriage, said Robert, his heirs, etc., to have the estate, chargeable with £100, bequeathed to my loving friend, Ralph Morison, of New Broad Street Buildings, London, esq. In case both Robert and Mary die before 21, or before Mary marry, said estate to loving cousins, Mary, Albert, and to Elizabeth, Ann, Jane, and Alice Lake, daughters of uncle and aunt Lake, Newcastle, share and share alike. Rents and profits to be laid out in the education of said Robert and Mary Lisle ; loving mother Margaret Lisle to be executrix, and enjoy the rents and profits during her life. (Signed) William Paston. Witnesses: William Bates, Ra. Lisle, Ro. Lisle. Administration granted in the Prerogative Court, Canterbury, to Margaret Lisle, the mother.

1785. Dec. 16.—Indre of covenants between William Coulson, of Newcastle, merchant, and Mary, his wife (said Mary being one of the devisees named in the will of William Paston, only son and heir of Wolstan Paston), of the one part, and Robt. Lisle, of Newcastle, esq., of the other part.

1786. January 31.—Indre of release of four parts : (1) said Robert Lisle, (2) said William Coulson, (3) John Roberts, of Newcastle, gentleman, and Jane, his wife, (4) Jasper Harrison, of Newcastle, gentleman, being a mortgage from William Coulson to John and Jane Roberts, for securing £1,000 and interest.

1789. January 9.—Will (proved at York) of William Coulson, of Newcastle, merchant. Debts, funeral expenses, etc., to be paid out of personal estate. To brother-in-law, Robert Lisle, of Newcastle, esq., all messuages, etc., goods, chattels, mortgages, bonds, debts, ship, stock-in-trade, etc., except otherwise bequeathed, upon trust to sell such part, or carry on such part of trade and shipping as he shall think proper. Confirms marriage settlement of £200 a year upon Mary, his loving wife, for life, and if said settlement prove defective, to charge same upon personal estate ; said £200 and legacies to be in bar of dower, thirds, etc. To said wife £100 and all her clothes, jewels, etc.; and all wine and liquors, household goods, etc., in the house during widowhood, and if she marry said last-mentioned goods to vest in the trustee. To eldest son, John Blenkinsopp, £100 only, ' my late brother, John Blenkinsopp Coulson, of Jesmond, esq., having sufficiently provided for him,' also all money owing by said brother, except sums due under settlement of late father and mother, or payable out of their estate, etc., and such sums as appear due from said brother ' in my large leger, kept for my said trades and dealings ;' said trustee to invest proceeds in some public bank, fund, stock, or government security, or purchase land, etc.; dividends, rents, &c., to be applied to maintenance and education of daughters, Jane and Margaret, sons, Robert Lisle and William, and such other children as

may be born hereafter, share and share alike. [Various provisions for minorities, death, and marriage follow.] Said trustee to be guardian of the eldest son, and said wife and trustee guardians of the other children during minority; trustee to be paid all expenses, etc.; special bequest to him of £100. (Signed) William Coulson. Witnesses: John Anderson, servant to Mr. Coulson, William Wright, apprentice to Mr. Coulson.

By a codicil dated April 14, 1789, testator appointed two other trustees, George Lake, of Long Benton, esq., and George Burdon, of Newcastle, esq., who, with said Robert Lisle and his wife, were to be guardians of the younger children. In case the lands and tenements in Northumberland and elsewhere, left by late brother, John B. Coulson, to eldest son, descend to son Robert Lisle, or son William, as next heir-at-law, the provision made for such son in the will to be divided among the younger children. Confirmed the legacy of £100 to brother-in-law as trustee, and bequeathed £100 each to Lake and Burdon.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCHYARD, NEWCASTLE.¹⁰

1613. October 30.—Indre between John Richardson of Durham, esq., and Xpofer Skepper of same place, gentleman, first part, and Thomas Lawson of Newcastle, yeoman, and James Chayter of same town, yeoman, second part, whereby Richardson and Skepper granted to Lawson and Chayter a tenement in Darwen Crook, Newcastle, in tenure of John Sadler, of the yearly value of 6s. 8d., parcel of the lands, etc., of the late chantry of the Blessed Mary, founded in the church of St. Andrew, etc., in as ample a manner as Francis Morrice, esq., and Francis Phelps, gentleman, by their indres of bargain and sale dated November 28, 1612, conveyed same to Richardson and Skepper, which said premises the king by letters patent, dated May 19, 1610, to said Morrice and Phelps in fee farm did give and grant, etc., to use of said Lawson and Chayter in fee farm for ever, to be holden of the king, etc., as of his manor of East Greenwich by fealty only in free and common socage, and not by capite or by knights service, paying to the king, etc., 6s. 8d. a year. Executed by Richardson and Skepper, etc.

1613. October 31.—Grant by deed poll from Richardson and Skepper to Lawson and Chayter, to hold to them and their assigns for ever.

1613. November 21.—Deed of covenant indented between Lawson and Chayter by which Lawson is to hold the moiety or halfendeale of said tenement to his own proper use, i.e., the hall-house, with all other the several rooms thereunto belonging on the north side of the common entry of same tenement, and bounding on the churchyard of St. Andrew, and the halfendeale of one little yard, as it is likewise divided between said hall-house and the town wall and bounding upon said churchyard, and one little chamber or upperloft lying over the stairs next without the entry door, at the south side thereof, and one other little corner within the entry, behind the back door as already parted. Chayter to hold the remainder, and the rent of 6s. 8d. to be paid in equal shares. Executed by Lawson and attested.¹

¹⁰ Described as 'Deeds relating to a piece of ground purchased of Samuel Edwards by the churchwardens of St. Andrew's as an addition to the churchyard.'

¹¹ A very curious deed of partition by which one family takes half the house and yard, including a loft over the stairs, and a 'little corner, within the entry, behind the back door,' and the other family takes the remainder.

1654-5. January 1.—Will of William Lasson of Newcastle, smith, whereby he gave to his wife Jane, the house he dwelt in.

1666. March 26.—Indre, with livery and seisin indorsed, whereby Jane Lawson, widow, conveys to James Chater of Newcastle, weaver, her share of the house.

1710. December 7.—Indres of lease and release whereby James Chayter of Newcastle, weaver, Isabella, his wife, and William, his son, of Gowden's Hole, Northumberland, weaver, convey to Thomas Edwards of Newcastle, weaver, and Mary, his wife, the house in Darwen Crook, paying 6s. 8d. to the Queen, etc.

1721. July 21 and 22.— Indres of lease and release by which Thomas Edwards of Newcastle, weaver, and Mary, his wife, convey the house to George Rotherforth of Gateshead, gentleman. Declaration that Mary had come into Guildhall of Newcastle, upon oath, etc., to bar dower, etc.

[The deed does not appear to have been enrolled, nor is the mayoral seal attached.]

1721. July 25.—Indre of defeazance between George Rotherforth, first part, Thos. Edwards and Mary his wife, second part, and Wm. Robson of Newcastle, weaver, and Samuel Lyons of Newcastle, weaver, third part, Reciting deed of July 21 and 22, and witnessing that if Thos. and Mary Edwards paid Rotherforth 42s., by 6s. yearly for seven years, Rotherforth should convey to Robson and Lyons the premises before named to use of Thos. and Mary for life, and longer liver of them, with remainder to Samuel Edwards, son of Thos. and Mary. Executed by Rotherforth, Thos. Edwards and wife, and attested.

1729-30. March 5 and 6.—Indre of lease and release, the release being quadripartite—George Rotherforth, first part; Mary Edwards, widow, second part; Wm. Robson and Samuel Lyons, third part, and Samuel Edwards of Newcastle, weaver, fourth part. Reciting (1) deeds dated July, 1721, (2) that the money had been duly paid, and (3) that Thos. Edwards was dead, and witnessing that for considerations therein named said Rotherforth, by direction of said Mary Edwards, conveyed to said Robson and Lyons the messuage, etc., to use of Mary Edwards for life, and after her death to use of Samuel Edwards, her son. Executed by Geo. Rotherforth and Mary Edwards, and attested.

1752. May 18.—Will of Samuel Edwards of Newcastle, weaver, whereby the messuage in Darwen Crook, Newcastle, is bequeathed to Samuel Edwards, his son, (baptized March 25, 1749) the rent, etc., to be received by Ann Edwards, his wife, mother of Samuel, towards Samuel's upbringing, and if he died before age of 21, and had no lawful issue, the property to descend to said Ann and her right heirs.

1783. September 16.—(Opinion of Christopher Fawcett, esq.) Part of the premises having been purchased for the enlargement of St. Andrew's churchyard, Mr. Fawcett was consulted as to whom the conveyance should be made, and whether the ground, having belonged to a chantry, should be consecrated. [The premises were purchased free from the payment of the 6s. 8d., which was charged upon the remaining part of the property, occupied by Samuel Edwards.] Mr. Fawcett advised (1) that Mr. Edwards could make a good title, (2) that as the premises to be conveyed were small, it was hardly worth while to be at the expense of a deed of bargain and sale enrolled in the Town's Court, (3) that as

the Mayor and Burgesses had license from the Crown to purchase to a certain extent, and had not, as he believed, purchased to that extent, the conveyance had best be made to them, and (4) that it would be necessary to have the ground consecrated.

PREMISES IN MIDDLE STREET AND HIGH BRIDGE, NEWCASTLE.

1674. November 11.—Will of William Ellinor, of Newcastle, sadler. To be buried at St. Nicholas; to son, John Ellinor, all those two low rooms, one chamber, and one garret loft, in occupation of William Robson, yeoman, being part of messuage on south side of Middle Street, John to pay to second son, Edward, £16 within three years; to son William and daughter Margery Ellinor, in equal division, all that low room and shop and those two chambers and two-garret lofts, in possession of said William, being part and parcel of said messuage. Residue to John and William (executors), and Margery in equal shares.

[John and William died without issue; Edward died and left issue a son named John, who claimed as heir-at-law to his uncle William. Margery married Edward Robson, and they enjoyed William's share till both died, leaving issue two sons. 'Lawyer Barnes' was consulted and advised that William and Margery were tenants in common, and not joint tenants, and that there could not be any benefit by survivorship, wherefore 'John, the son of Edward, is heir-at-law to William, and ought to enjoy his part of the same premises in case William died seized thereof in fee.']

1675. April 3.—Indre of demise (cancelled) from John Ellinor, of Newcastle, sadler, to Zachary Tyzack, of Howden Pans, broad glass maker, of the house in Middle Street, in the occupation of William Robson, to secure £20 and interest. (Signed) John Ellinor. Witnesses: Jno. Tizacke, Thomas Parkin, Peter Wilson, notary public.

1709-10. February 8.—Indre of demise by which Isabel Ellinor, of Newcastle, widow (George Stephenson, of Newcastle, yeoman, being bound with her) mortgages the house in Middle Street, in her own occupation, to William Hunter, of Newcastle, ropemaker, to secure £33 and interest. Signed by Wm. French, scrivener.

1711. April 2.—Indre of lease and release by which, for £46, Isabel, relict and administratrix of John Ellinor, deceased, releases to William Hunter and Margaret, his wife, the house, late John Ellinor's, and now in her own possession, in Middle Street. Witnesses: George Stephenson, Thomas Browne, John Hedley.

1777. November 1.—Indre of covenants between Anthony Barkas, Newcastle, butcher, and Margaret, his wife (granddaughter and heir-at-law of William Hunter, ropemaker, and Margaret, his wife), and Thomas Davidson, of Newcastle, esq., for levying a fine of premises in Middle Street and the south side of High Bridge, Newcastle, to enure to use of said Barkas for ever, and as to premises on the north side of High Bridge, in trust for said Barkas in fee. The house in Middle Street is described as in the successive occupations of John and Isabel Ellinor, William and Margaret Hunter, and now of William Leishman, sadler, bounding upon what was formerly a passage leading towards

Pudding Chare, 'and now is laid open to and is part and parcel of the king's majesty's high street,' N.W.; a messuage formerly in possession of William Tulip, ropemaker, 'and now belonging to, and in the occupation of, Luke Long¹² surgeon,' S.E.; Middle Street, N.E.; and the Meal Market, S.W.; also the messuage, with garth, back side, etc., and coach house and loft adjoining, in a place formerly called Upper Dean Bridge, otherwise Over Dean Bridge, and now High Bridge, on south side thereof, formerly in possession of (1) Katherine Trumble, widow, (2) William Hunter, and (3) Margaret, his wife, and now (4) of Richard Lambert, surgeon, John Paterson, blacksmith, Mark Charlton, and James Swan, heretofore enjoyed with another messuage in the easternmost part of the same in the possession of William Robson, his tenants or assigns, but conveyed, as the westernmost of the two, to Thomas Trumble, otherwise Turnbull, yeoman, deceased, to be held in severalty, etc. (Signed) Anthony Barkas, Margaret Barkas. Witnesses: Thomas Davidson, junr., G. Pickering.¹³

Mich. Term. 18. Geo. III.—Indre, parts of fine; Thos. Davidson, plaintiff, A. Barkas and wife, deforciant.

¹² Luke Long will not be found in the books named in footnote No. 1, but in the *Monthly Chronicle* for 1890, p. 275, under the title of 'Luke Long, Quack Doctor,' his curious history may be read. One of his advertisements in the *Newcastle Courant*, March 24, 1770, shows that very little change has taken place in the style of such productions. He announces, *inter alia*:

'A SPECIFIC for the Cure of the RHEUMATISM, SCIATICA, or GOUT, which never fails in giving relief. . . . It operates by perspiration (*sic*) and restores a regular circulation through the minutest canals. Sometimes three or four doses make a cure.

'Mr. Long was a student in Edinburgh, and a pupil in London; and has been in great part of Europe, Africa and America.

'I, William Purvis, at the King's Head in the Groat Market, Newcastle, was so violently afflicted with the Rheumatism or Sciatica, that I was rendered incapable to walk or stand; but by applying to Dr. Long, and taking his medicines I am free from pain.—As witness my hand, Wm. Purvis."

'N.B.—Mr. Long has an effectual cure for the SCURVY or LEPROSY, if the body is all over with Scurf, by an easy gentle operation . . . and insensible perspiration, requiring no confinement, but alteration in diet. . . .

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'UNIVERSAL FAMILY PILLS: Their properties are to remove many distempers that the human body is subject to, and may be used with good success in diseases of the head, pains in the stomach, and greatly relieve palpitations of the heart, hysteric, or hypochondriacal vapours and fainting in woman. . . . Price 1s. a Box.

'TINCTURE FOR CLEANSING THE TEETH: which makes the Teeth beautiful and white, restores new gums when eaten away with the scurvy, fastens the teeth, and gives immediate ease in the most violent pains in the Tooth-ach. Price 1s. the bottle.'

¹³ Geo. Pickering and Thos. Bedingfield, the local poets, being clerks in Mr. Davidson's office, witness respectively the deed of November, 1777, and the will of October 24, 1782; while James Ellis, who published their poetry, wrote some of his own, and corresponded with Sir Walter Scott, witnesses the deed of August, 1805. See *Men of Mark*, under the respective names.

1777. December 1.—Demise between Anthony Barkas and Esther Rutherford of Newcastle, spinster, of a message in Middle Street for 1,000 years by way of mortgage for securing £80 and interest.

1782. October 24.—Will of Anthony Barkas. To wife, Margaret, household goods, chattels and personal estate; also all messuages, etc., for life, and after her death the premises on north and south sides of High Bridge and in Middle Street and Groat Market to go to son George, and if he die without issue, the north side property in High Bridge to go to son Robert, and all the rest to son William. Also to son William, after death of widow, the house in his (William's) occupation at the head of Pudding Chair; and to son Robert the house in his (Robert's) occupation at the head of Middle Street. Residue to wife, sole executrix. Witnesses: Jno. Davidson, Thos. Bedingfeld,¹³ Matt. Liddell.

1787. November 16 and 17.—Indres of lease and release between Anthony Barkas, first part, Bridgett Featherstonhaugh of Newcastle, spinster, second part; Esther Rutherford of Long Benton, spinster, third part; Thos. Davidson, gentleman, fourth part, being release of premises in Middle Street, occupied by Robt. Barkas, cordwainer, and Thos. Smoult, watchmaker, for securing £200 and interest. (Signed) Bridgett Featherstonhaugh.

1787. December 26.—Indre of bargain and sale enrolled in the Town Court before William Cramlington, mayor, John E. Blackett, Hugh Hornby, Joseph Forster, sheriff, and others, between Anthony Barkas and Margaret, his wife, first part; Bridget Featherstonhaugh, second part; John Davidson, esq., third part.

1791. March 29 and 30.—Indre of lease and release, the latter of 4 parts: (1) Bridget Featherstonhaugh; (2) Margaret, relict and devisee for life of Anthony Barkas, deceased, and William Barkas, hairdresser, eldest son of Anthony; (3) Robt. Rumney of Warden, gentleman; (4) Thos. Davidson. Premises in Middle Street, occupied by Thos. Smoult and Rob. Atkinson.

1805. August 30 and 31.—Similar deed. (1) Robt. Rumney; (2) Wm. Barkas; (3) William Kirkley, of Newcastle, gentleman, and Thos. Armstrong of Newcastle, innkeeper, executors of Wm. Wilkinson of Newcastle, smith and farrier, deceased; (4) Thos. Davidson. Transfer of mortgage for securing £200 and interest upon freehold premises at the head of Middle Street. (Signed) Robert Rumney, Wm. Barkas, Thos. Davidson. Witnesses: Jas. Ellis,¹³ Richard Rogerson, jun.

1812. December 1 and 2.—Similar deed. (1) Wm. Kirkley and Thos. Armstrong; (2) Wm. Barkas and John Wawn of Byker Buildings, gentlemen; (3) John Potts of Shilbottle, gentleman. Transfer of mortgage of £200. Premises in Middle Street, formerly occupied by Thos. Smoult and Robt. Atkinson, and now tenanted by Wm. Barkas, Thos. Liddell and Matthew Oliver, hairdresser. [The adjoining house, late Luke Long's, and afterwards occupied by James Hewitt, is described as in the occupation of John Todd, hairdresser.]

1822. February 14.—Deed acknowledging payment of the £200 by Anthony Barkas, tailor, only son and heir of Wm. Barkas who died intestate. House described as in the occupation of Anthony Barkas, Matt. Oliver and Thomas

Humble, basket maker.¹⁴ Signed, John Wawn, John Potts. Witnesses : William Kirkley, Hugh Shield, clerk to Wm. Kirkley, solicitor, and George Tate.

PROPERTY IN GRINDON CHARE, NEWCASTLE.¹⁵

1679-80. February 28.—Indre of release by which Dorothy Braithwaite of Newcastle, spinster, releases to Sir Richard Stote of Jesmond, knight and serjeant at law, all that messuage, sellar, lofts, etc., in Grindon Chare in the occupation of Nicholas Fenwicke, merchant. (Signed) Dorothy Braithwaite. Witnesses : Mark Errington, Cuth. Mitford, Tho. Archbald.

1694. September 27 and 28.—Indres of lease and release by which, in consideration of £50 10s. 0d., Henry Holmes of Lincoln's Inn, London, releases to Matthew White of Newcastle, merchant adventurer and alderman, the above-named premises then or lately in the possession of Nicholas Fenwick and the said White. (Signed) Hen. Holmes. Witnesses : La. Allgood, Dan, Collingwood.

1750-51. January 14 and 15.—Indres of lease and release, whereby for £70 Matthew White of Blagdon, esq., releases to Thomas Hall of Newcastle, tallow chandler, the same messuage formerly in the occupation of Nicholas Fenwick, afterwards of George Harrison, merchant, and then or late in possession of said White, his under tenants, etc. (Signed) Matthew White. Witnesses : John Richardson, W. Graham, Thos. Watson.

1755. August 27.—Will of Thos. Hall of Newcastle, tallow chandler. To wife, Mary Hall, for life or widowhood, all freehold lands, tenements, etc., and all that late new built messuage, sellars, etc., in Grindon Chare, leased for 21 years from the earl of Scarbrough, and all that messuage, etc., used as a workhouse in the Dean, near the Painterheugh, leased for 21 years from the mayor and burgesses of Newcastle (with provisions for renewals). After death or marriage of wife, the messuages, etc., on the Sandhill (late the estate of Geo. Pickering, deceased), purchased of Anthony Stevenson and wife, in the tenure of John Watt and Will. Varney, to eldest son Ralph Hall ; ditto in Grindon Chare (except that which was purchased of Matthew White), and the leasehold messuage there (which is to go with the freehold so far as can be done), to son John Hall ; the freehold at the corner of the Sandhill, the lower part of which was then enjoyed by testator, and the upper part occupied by Wm. Varney, also the freehold in Grindon Chare in the tenure of Wm. Rowell, merchant, lately purchased of Matthew White, esq., together with the leasehold near the Painterheugh, to son Willoughby Hall. To son Ralph £500, which with the

¹⁴ There is an excellent view of Humble's shop in Bruce's *Handbook to Newcastle*, 1863, p. 56, showing also the adjoining house in which John Cunningham the poet died. In a contribution to the *Newcastle Chronicle*, dated March 26, 1888, the late Alderman T. P. Barkas refers to it as follows:— 'The upper right hand shop was occupied by Tommy Humble as a basket maker. . . . He did not, however, live in the house above the shop ; that was occupied by an old tailor rejoicing in the cognomen of Anty Barkas. He was a relation of mine.' Many of us remember passing this shop with its baskets hanging outside, when crossing from High Bridge to Pudding Chare. It was the last to be pulled down for the northern extension of the town hall buildings.

¹⁵ Described as an old warehouse in Grindon Chare, near the Butcher Bank end thereof, on the east side, belonging (in 1848) to Mr. Francis Sanderson, iron merchant.

messuages above devised, and copyhold lands and tenements at Bowdon, county Durham, which descend to him after his mother's death, 'I doubt not but that he will gratefully accept as the portion of my eldest son;' to son John £300; to son Willoughby, £400; to daughter Elizabeth Pemberton, £300. Residue to wife, who, with brother-in-law, Thos. Hornsby of Durham, and friends, James Brack of Washington, county Durham, gentleman, and John Richardson of Newcastle, gentleman, are executors. Attested by W. Rowell, Jos. Lee and Rt. Walker.

1759. May 15 and 16.—Indres of lease and release between Mary and Willoughby Hall, first part, Ralph Hall, of Newcastle, merchant, second part, and William Leaton, of Gibside, gentleman, third part, whereby Mary and Willoughby, for £600, and Ralph, for 5s., mortgaged to Leaton the premises before mentioned.

1763. July 15.—Will of Willoughby Hall. To mother, Mary Hall, for life, all his messuages, etc., in Newcastle, and after her decease to brother, doctor John Hall,¹⁶ and sister, Elizabeth Pemberton, widow, charged, after death of John, with £5 to brother Ralph, and 20 guineas to Mr. William Nesbit, of Newcastle.

1773. December 10 and 11.—Indres of lease and release by which Elizabeth Pemberton, for £100, released to Thomas Gowland, of Jewry Street, London, one full moiety of the messuages, etc., lately belonging to Willoughby Hall, deceased subject to proviso for payment of said £100 with interest.

1774. February 10 and 11.—Indres of lease and release by which Elizabeth Pemberton, for £40, conveyed to John Letteny, of Grays Inn, gentleman, the premises above named on trust to sell same, paying Leaton one moiety of £600, Gowland £100, himself £40, and the surplus to Pemberton.

1776. September 12 and 13.—Gowland and Letteny convey the premises to John Hall, M.D.

1793. February 8.—John Hall, M.D., and his eldest son, Walter Hall, after reciting that said John and Walter had borrowed of Messrs. Ralph John Lambton, Robert Hopper Williamson, and Richard Chambers £3,220, mortgage to them the house in Grindon Chare, known by the name of the Sun, tenanted by Thomas Burdon and Robert Raine, with warehouses adjoining to the S., also the surplus of houses mortgaged to the executors of William Leaton, deceased, at south-east corner of Sandhill, and the cellars and warehouses in Grindon Chare known as White's Lofts, etc.

1791. February 14.—Will of John Hall, by which he gave to Martha, his wife, all his effects whatsoever, and made her executrix.

1795. April 24 and 25.—Indres by which, in consideration of £150 paid by Stephen Atkinson, of Newcastle, broker, said Lambton, Williamson, and Chambers and Martha Hall convey to Atkinson the house in Grindon Chare, bounding on premises of William Burnop, N., and representatives of John Cook, S.

1803. October 27.—Bond from S. Atkinson to Anna and Elizabeth Atkinson.

1809. March 21.—Indre of bargain and sale by which James Losh, esq., an Joseph Willis and Walter Heron, of Newcastle, gentlemen, convey the property

¹⁶ Dr. John Hall, an eminent physician in Newcastle at the close of the eighteenth century; founder of the Dispensary, Bellegrave House Asylum, and the baths in Bath Lane. See Dr. Embleton's *Newcastle Medical Society One Hundred Years Ago, passim*.

in Grindon Chare, in trust to Thomas Sanderson, of Newcastle, merchant, and Jonathan Hilton, of Newcastle, grocer.

1810. June 21 and 22.—Stephen Atkinson, of Windmill Hills, county Durham, insurance broker (mentioned as S.A. bankrupt) and Sarah, his wife, convey to Anna and Elizabeth Atkinson, of Pandon Bank, Newcastle, spinsters, and Jonathan Scott, of Newcastle, gentleman, the house in Grindon Chare, bounding upon premises formerly William Burnup's, and now belonging to Anthony Dunn, butcher, N., and upon premises formerly Jno. Cook's, then Charles Charlton's and now John Hopper's, S.

1810. July 28.—Will of Anna Atkinson, spinster. Mentions plate left by her father's will, stock in the five per cents., £1402 10s. 6d., one half of which belongs to her sister Elizabeth; names also three nieces: Margaret, Elizabeth, and Anna, daughters of Stephen Atkinson by his first wife, Margaret Hymers. If her brother, Ralph Harle Atkinson, by being put on the superannuation list or any other cause, should be reduced to an income of £50 per annum, he is to receive dividends on £200 of above-named stock. To beloved friend, Mrs. Clark (wife of Edmond Clark, of Newcastle, gentleman), a ring of £3 value. Mentions sister Leaviss and Mrs. Matthew Atkinson, late Dorothy Liddel. Executors: James Potts, Byker, and Mr. George Clementson, Shieldfield, with £10 each for their trouble. Witnesses: Dorothy Atkinson, Mary Potts, and Margaret Henderson.

1822. November 13.—Will of Elizabeth Atkinson (died in 1833) of East King Street, Westo, county Durham, spinster. To Elizabeth, niece, £200 and gold watch. [Elizabeth died, married, but without issue, before testatrix.] Mentions Margaret Reay, and Anna Atkinson, daughters of brother Stephen by Margaret Hymers. Executors: James Potts, Pandon House, and George Clementson, Shieldfield. Witnesses: Eleanor Thompson, John Thompson, and Ch. Bainbridge, South Shields.

1834. November 3 and 4.—Indres of lease and release by which Anna Atkinson, Newcastle, spinster, conveys the property in Grindon Chare to John Reay, of South Shields, raff merchant, and Margaret, his wife.

PREMISES IN WESTGATE STREET AND SANDGATE, NEWCASTLE.

1709. April 29.—Indre of lease and release by which Jno. Bourne of Newcastle, cordwainer, in consideration of £100, conveys to Anne Davison of Newcastle, widow, all those messuages (formerly a parcel of waste ground) in the Westgate, near the end of the Pudding Chare bounding upon Westgate, S., Pudding Chare, E., the messuage formerly of Wm. Chater, weaver, and late of Isabel Johnson, widow, W., and the messuage of John Byfeild, gentleman, N. Also a messuage in Pearson's Chare, north side of Sandgate, bounded by tenements of Robert Richardson, S., Ralph Farmer, N., Robert Anderson, baker and brewer, W., and Anne Stockden, widow, E. Also two messuages in Maughan's Chare, leading from Sandgate to the Tyne, bounded by lands formerly of John Morton, master and mariner, and now of John Harrison, mason, N., a tenement of Thos. S. Heath, Gofton's Chare E., and Maughan's Chare W. Proviso for redemption on payment of £100 and interest on 25 October following. (Signed) John Bourne. Witnesses: Wm. Carnaby, Ralph ffetherstonhalgh, Robert Burrell.

1711. April 30.—Indre of assignment between Robt. Crow of Newcastle, merchant, first part, and Anne Davison and Robt. Thomlinson of Newcastle, clerk, second part. Reciting that Jno. Bourne (as above) and Richard Woodruffe of Newcastle, tobacconist, on June 14, 1706, became bound to Crow in penal sum of £80 for payment of £40 with interest, that Crow obtained judgment in Queen's Bench for said debt of £80 and 63s. damages, and that Henry Dalston, sheriff, sitting in the Guildhall, April 18, 9 Anne, found that Bourne was seised in his demesne as of fee of one messuage in the Nolt Market, Newcastle, occupied by Will. Henderson, of the clear yearly value of £7, and of another in Pudding Chare, occupied by Margaret Watson and said Bourne, of same value, and that this last named property was a true and equal moiety of all Bourne's lands and tenements in the county of the said Sheriff, which said moiety the Sheriff did deliver to Robt. Crow, to hold until such debt, etc., should be fully levied. And in Easter Term, 9 Anne, an action of ejectment was brought for the moiety so delivered, by Alex. Spight, plaintiff, against Cuth. Barker, defendant, wherein plaintiff declared that on May 2, 9 Anne, Crow demised to him one messuage in Newcastle for seven years, which messuage he held till defendant ejected him, in which action of ejectment plaintiff recovered the said term then to come of and in the messuages, etc. Reciting also that there was then due to Crow, £64 11s., in consideration of which sum, paid to him by Anne Davison, said Crow set over the property to said Thomlinson, he being a person named in trust for said Anne Davison. (Signed) Robt. Crowe. Witness: Chr. Midford.

1745. March 19 and 20.—Indre of lease and release by which Robt. Thomlinson, D.D., rector of Wickham, George Grey of Newcastle, esq., and Wm. Ellison of Newcastle, alderman, executors of Anne Davison (John Ord, another executor, being dead) released the said mortgaged property in Pudding Chare to Richd. Clutterbuck¹⁷ of Warkworth, gentleman, son and heir of Jno. Clutterbuck, late of Newcastle, gentleman, deceased.

1745. March 20.—Indre of assignment, quadripartite, Robt. Thomlinson, first part; Geo. Grey and Will. Ellison, second part; John Simpson of Newcastle, alderman, third part; Richard Clutterbuck, fourth part, by which the houses in Pudding Chare are assigned to Simpson.

1774. December 19.—Copy of will of Richard Clutterbuck, of Warkworth, by which he devised to his son John all his real and personal estate, and made him executor. To brother-in-law, John Simpson, £10 for a mourning ring; to daughters Margaret and Mary, £1,000 each at 21; his wife to be their guardian. Mentions daughter married to Rev. Thos. Bates, rector of Whalton, and his late mother, Elizabeth.

1815. August 18.—John Clutterbuck, esq., of Warkworth, son and heir of Richard Clutterbuck, deceased, conveys the houses in Westgate Street and Pudding Chare to Wm. Burnett of Newcastle, gentleman.

An account of heir-looms in the house in the Pudding Chare in possession of Ann Green, widow:—In the kitchen—a dresser table and shelves, a kitchen grate, a firm seat, a dog wheel. Fore dore—A spring lock and two keys. Two Garretts—two iron grates. On closet—lock and key.

¹⁷ See pedigree of the Clutterbucks, by Mr. J. Crawford Hodgson, in the new *History of Northumberland*, vol. v. p. 459.