

VII.—LOCAL MUNIMENTS.

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A second instalment of muniments relating, like the first, to the town of Newcastle and its environs, needs no fresh introduction. The documents which follow are epitomized on the same lines as the previous series, and are characterized by the same fluctuating degrees of utility and importance.

The first of them—a bundle of deeds dealing with property upon Newcastle Quay, including a hostelry known to bibbers by the water-side as the 'Fox and Hounds'—contains names of persons¹ who fill conspicuous places in local history.

THE QUAYSIDE. [F.W.D.]²

The series begins with a deed in which appears Roger Mitforth, or Mitford, sheriff of Newcastle in the municipal year 1530-31, an office-bearer in the Company of Merchant Adventurers, and entered as such in Edward the Sixth's charter, dated September 1, 1547. Then follows his father-in-law, John Blaxton, sheriff in 1504-5, mayor and governor of the same company in 1513-14, mayor again in 1527-28, the first husband of famous Barbara Thomlinson, whose genealogy at one time puzzled local antiquaries, so extensive were the legacies she received in her lifetime and so numerous the bequests which she left at her decease. The other party to the deed is Edward

¹ All that is known about these and other prominent persons whose names appear on subsequent pages may be traced through the indexes of the following local works:—Brand, *History of Newcastle*; Hodgson, *History of Northumberland*; Longstaffe, *Memoirs of the Life of Ambrose Barnes* (50 Surt. Soc. publ.); Dendy, *Merchant Adventurers Books, and Hostmen's Books* (93, 101 and 105 Surt. Soc. pub.); *Proceedings of the Newcastle Society of Antiquaries*; *Archæologia Aeliana*; *Chronological History of Newcastle and Gateshead*, and the elaborate pedigrees of Mr. J. Crawford Hodgson in the new *History of Northumberland*. Some of the persons named herein form the subject of separate biographies in *Men of Mark 'Twist Tyne and Tweed*.

² Initials attached to headlines indicate the sources from which the documents have been obtained. Thus:—[C.E.] Captain Carr-Ellison of Hedgeley; [D.A.H.] D. A. Holdsworth, Eldon Square, Newcastle; [F.W.D.] F. W. Dendy, a vice-president of the society; [G.B.R.] The late George Bouchier Richardson; [R.W.] Documents in my own collection.

Hall, baker, a burgess who, although he never received municipal honours, was sent with sir Robert Brandling to represent the town in the first Parliament of queen Mary in October, 1553.

A subsequent indenture gives us the names of William Jenison, sheriff, twice mayor, and three times M.P. for Newcastle; Mark Shafto, sheriff and mayor; Henry Chapman, sheriff, three times mayor, and once M.P.; and William Riddell, sheriff, and twice mayor, son of Peter Riddell, merchant, and father of sir Peter and sir Thomas Riddell, both of whom also were sheriffs, mayors and parliamentary representatives of Newcastle.

Further down the list come Ralph Jenison (sir Ralph later on), sheriff and mayor; George and Henry Dawson, Puritan mayors, and that 'miracle of his age,' Thomas Bonner, the mayor who entertained Oliver Cromwell. Next appear Humphrey Pibus, father-in-law of the rev. John March, Jacobite vicar of Newcastle; Phineas Allen of the Trinity House, and George Marshall, father of the local poet of that name, followed by the ropemaking Pembroke's, the bookselling Akenheads, and that venerable lady who, as some of us remember, lived to the age of ninety-four in her railway-blocked mansion in Clavering Place—Hannah Pembroke, daughter of David Akenhead, and widow of Sir Robert Shafto Hawks.

1544-5. January 2.—Indenture between Roger Mitforthe of Newcastle, merchant, and Ann, his wife, one of the daughters and heirs of John Blaxton, merchant, and Edward Hall, jun., of Newcastle, baker. Reciting that William Thomlinson of Gateshead, and Barbara, his wife, were possessed during Barbara's life of a tenement on the Key Syde, Newcastle, between the King's Street, S., a tenement of William Gibson, mariner, N., the vennel called Byker Chaier, W., and a tenement of Peter Riddell, merchant, and a house in possession of Thomas Stobbes, slater, E. Also a cellar under the house, in the occupation of said Stobbes, containing in length three virgats and in breadth six virgats, and that after Barbara's death the reversion belonged to said Roger and Ann Mitforthe, and the heirs of the said Ann. It is witnessed that said Roger and Ann granted to said Hall all the premises, to hold of the chief lord of the fee, under yearly rent of £1 6s. 8d. to said Roger and Ann, and 8s. per annum to the king. [Acknowledgment of said Ann, according to the custom of the Court of the town of Newcastle, attached.] Executed by Roger Mitforthe, with mayoralty seal affixed.

1571. August 20.—Indenture of bargain and sale whereby Edward Hall, for £37 10s., conveyed to John Michelson of Newcastle, master and mariner, all the said premises, with appurtenances and implements, 'that ys to saye, one brewe leade and one Tappe stone' on the Keye Syde, then in Hall's occupation.

Signed by Edward Hall, and witnessed by — Bayly, Robert Horsbryge, Bartram Bradfurthe, Peter Stobes, Jacob Householde, Edward Collingwood, and others.

1571. August 24.—Deed Poll of bargain and sale, with livery and seisin indorsed, from Hall to Michelson. Witnesses to indorsement: Robert Lytle, merchant; Thomas ffyssher, baker; Richard Derycke, carpenter; Robert Horsbrige, baker; James Bell, keleman; Robert Hall and Mather Hewes, wrights; Peter Scott, smith; John Bates, jun., mariner; Edward Bell, mariner; Edward Reveley, James Baylye, Robert Marche, Jacob Householde, Peter Stobbes, Bartram Bradfurthe, Edward Collingwood, and many others.

1572. October 16.—Indenture of a fine—John Michelson, plaintiff, Edward Hall and Eleanor, his wife, deforciant, of a messuage and toft with appurtenances on the Key Syde.

1580. September 10.—Indenture of bargain and sale of the premises from Isabell Chamber, late wife of Robert Chamber, late of Gateside, and daughter and heir of Robert Mitford, late of Newcastle, deceased, to John Michelson, at yearly rent of £1 6s. 8d. Signed: Isabel Chamber, X mark. Witnesses: William Pottes, Thomas Hyrtfeld, Robert Thompson, Willm. Chamber, Willm. Watson, Anthony Ellington. [Bond of Isabell Chamber in £200 of same date for performance.] September 13.—Indenture of bargain and sale, Chamber to Michelson, with livery and seisin indorsed, signed and witnessed as on 10th.

1583. August 23.—Award of William Jenison, Mark Shafto, Harie Chapman and Thomas Bates touching a dispute between Oswald Mitforde and John Michelson respecting the title to the said house whereby it was awarded that Mitford should assign all his right, etc., to Michelson for £70, and should grant Michelson the house adjoining, formerly occupied by Thomas Stobbes and now by John Hall, at a yearly rent of 12s. Signed by Jenison, Chapman and Bates, and countersigned by William Riddell. Indenture of bargain and sale (dated September 25, 1583) from Mitford to Michelson as per award.

1584. June 18.—Indenture of bargain and sale by which Richard Saylesberye of Gateshead, cordyner (who had married Isabel Chamber, then dead) set over to Michelson the before-named yearly rent of £1 6s. 8d. Signed: Rychard Saylesberye. Witnesses: William Rychesonne, Willm. Cookson, Willm. Erington, John Jackson, Cristofer Tod, and Martin Turpin, notary public. Same date, bond of Saylesberye in £20 for performance, and deed poll releasing all Saylesberye's right, etc., in the premises; followed, November 16, 1584, by a deed poll from Oswald Mitforde and Elynowre, his wife, to Michelson, with acknowledgment of said Elynowre before Henry Mitford, mayor, with mayoralty seal affixed. Witnesses to signing in Court: William Riddell, Lyonell Maddyson, Henry —, Robert Lamb, Wm. Jacson, and John Jackson.

1593-4. January 1.—Indenture of bargain and sale, with livery and seisin indorsed, whereby John Mychelsone confirmed to William Mychelsone of Newcastle, master and mariner, the burgage, etc., late in possession of said John on the Key-syde, between a tenement late of James Nicholson, master and mariner, W., a tenement late in occupation of Edward Robsone, smith, E., and from the Key-side, S., to tenement of John Readhead, shipwright, N. And all those two burgages on the Key-side, late in occupation of Bertram Hall, cutler, and Anthony Barras, yeoman, lying between Russell's Chaire, E., a tenement

belonging to the heirs of Lowrance Rookeby, merchant, deceased, late in tenure of Clement Anderson, merchant, and a tenement late in the occupation of Margaret Delavell, widow, W. and N. and the Key-side, S. Signed: John Mychelton. Witnesses: Robert Strangwidge, *alias* Openshaw, Richard Lilbornn, Thomas Boone, Thomas Daye, Thomas Mylles, Andree Boone, Leonard Diggles, and Willm. Jackson, notary public.

1609-10. February 21.—General release from John Michelson, mariner, to William Michelson, master and mariner, 'late tutor and guardian during my minority,' of all actions, suits, etc. Executed by said John, and attested by Roberte Chamber, John Holborne, John Colson, and John Turner.

1646. August 14.—Indenture of surrender between Phineas Allen, sen., of Newcastle, master and mariner, and Phineas Allen, jun., his son, of Newcastle, merchant adventurer. Reciting that Phineas, sen., was interested for life as tenant by the courtesie of England of and in all that messuage, etc., in the occupation of John Mallet, master and mariner, on the Key-side, Newcastle, bounded by messuages in the possession of George Durham, barber chyrurgeon, E., Thomas Hollman, W., Roger Dalton, N., and the Key-side, S., the reversion thereof being to said Phineas, jun. Signed: Phineas Allen. Witnesses: Sar: Lueley, William Coulson, and Thomas Milbourne.

1648-9. February 2.—Counterpart of indenture of lease whereby Phineas Allen, jun., for £16 yearly, leased to Robert Richardson, yeoman, for four years, a messuage on the Key-side then in said Richardson's possession. Covenants from Allen to keep premises in repair, except as excepted, and from Richardson to repair glass windows, brew lead, and locks and keys and leave same in good repair at end of term. Signature of Richardson, witnessed by Thomas Trotter, Thomas Aisley, Gilbert ———, and Edw. Holme, scrivener.

1650-1. January 29.—Indenture of bargain and sale whereby Phineas Allen, merchant, son and heir of Phineas Allen, maister and mariner, and Jane, his wife, deceased, daughter and heir of William Michelson, master and mariner, deceased, and Elinor, wife of said Phineas Allen, merchant, conveyed to George Gray of Newcastle, master and mariner, for £250, the premises on the Key-side, occupied by Robert Richardson, yeoman, bounded by messuages of Barbara Durham, widow, E., Thomas Hollman, yeoman, W., and Roger Dalton, baker and bere brewer, N., and the Key-side, S. Signed by Phineas and Elinor Allen, and witnessed by Thomas Clarke, Tho. Wilkinson, Robt. Richardson, and Edw. Holme, scrivener.

1650-1. March 8.—Indenture of assignment between (1) Phineas and Elinor Allen and Ralph Jenison, of Newcastle, merchant, and (2) George Gray. Reciting that said Phineas Allen by indenture dated November 16, 1646, in consideration of a marriage between him and Eleanor Basnett of Newcastle, widow, for the maintenance of said Eleanor if she survived him, demised to said Jenison, the premises occupied by John Mallet, since deceased, for 99 years, and that the true meaning of last indenture (January 29, 1650-1) was that Gray should hold said premises discharged of said term, and that said Eleanor was to have no benefit by said lease. Witnessed, that said Jenison, by consent of said Allen and wife, set over to said George Gray all said premises, right, title, etc. Signed by the Allens and Jenison, and witnessed by Cliburne Kirkbride, Michell Coatesworth, and Edw. Holme, scrivener.

1651. April 21.—Deed Poll of release enrolled in the Town's Court, Newcastle, from Phineas and Eleanor Allen to George Gray. Acknowledgment of said Eleanor, before George Dawson, mayor, and mayoralty seal affixed. Endorsed: 'Taken and acknowledged in open Court ye fflowerteenth day of May in ye year w'thin specified by ye w'thin named Ellinor first sworn and alone examined before: (Signed) George Dawson, maior, Hen. Dawson, Tho. Bonner, Willm. Dawson, John Lodge, vic. [sheriff], Anthony Walker, Will. Warren, Richard Walker, John Waithman, Edw. Holme, William Jackson. Signed, sealed and delivered in ye p'sence of (Signed) Humphry Pibus, Alan Gilpin, Edw. Holme, scrivener. Inrolled in ye Book of Inrolments in ye Guildhall of ye towne of Newcastle upon Tyne, ye xiiij day of May, 1651.' (Signed) Man [town clerk].

1660-1. February 1.—Will of George Gray of Newcastle, master and mariner. To son George, his farmhold at Pensher in the occupation of Christopher Rawson, with remainder to son William. To son William, his messuage in Hornsby Chare with remainder to son George. To son Ralph, his messuage on the Keyside, Newcastle, in occupation of Thomas Thompson, vintner, with successive remainders to George and William. To George, his messuage at foot of Byker Chaire occupied by Ralph Emmerson, fitter, paying to William, on attaining age of 24, the sum of £50. To loving wife Phillis, £10 for a legacy. Residue to George, sole executor, francis Gray, merchant, to have tuition of the children during minority, with £5 for a token. Thomas Clarke and Robert Plumton to be overseers, with £3 apiece for a token. Witnessed by Clarke and Plumton and Thomas Thompson, scrivener. 1661. December 15. Nuncupative will of said George Gray:—'I do give unto my wife all my household stuff and plate, and further I do declare, and will that she shall have her thirds of all my estate. Also I give to my young son Edward my house called Hulman's House.'

1688. May 23 and 24.—Indenture of lease and release by which Ralph Grey of Newcastle, clerk, for £200, released to Edward Grey of same town, hostman, all that messuage on the Keay-Side, formerly occupied by George Pescod, and then by William Brown, cooper, bounding upon messuages in possession of Ann Pembroke, widow, E., said Edward Grey, W., the Key-side, S., and a tenement belonging to John Otway, merchant, behind, N. Signature of Ralph Grey, witnessed by Ra. Brandling, Tho. Matthews, Wm. Whitehead.

1688. May 28.—Indenture of covenants by which Ralph and Edward Grey covenanted with Charles Clarke of Newcastle, gentleman (John Grey and John Otway of Newcastle, merchants, being parties thereto), to levy a fine of last mentioned premises and also of Hulman's House. Fine levied accordingly at Easter term and exemplification of recovery in Trinity term following.

1710. April 18.—Indenture of demise by which Edward Grey, hostman, for £100, demised to Richard Haswell of Newcastle, hostman, all that messuage near Byker Chair End, in the occupation of said Haswell, 'att the signe of the ffox and hounds.' Signed by Grey and Haswell, and witnessed by Robert Humble and Richard Burdus, notary public.

1715. May 2.—Bond from said Edward Grey to Joseph Bonner of Bolam, clerk, in £210 conditioned for payment of £105. Same date, indenture of demise whereby, for securing said bond, Grey demised to Bonner for 99 years at a pepper-

corn rent, the messuage in possession of Richard Haswell, bounded by a messuage occupied formerly by Ann Pembroke, and now by John Pembroke, ropemaker, E., a messuage late in possession of said Edward Grey and now of William Sowerby, hostman, W., the premises formerly Otway's and now in possession of William Fletcher, N., and the Key-side, S. Signature of Edward Grey, witnessed by Cha. Clarke and Robt. Wall.

1720. July 9.—Account stated between Edward Grey and Richard Haswell, with receipt for £95 5s. given by Haswell to Joseph Bonner, to whom he assigned his mortgage of Edward Grey's house, which had been forfeited by non-payment of the £100 named in demise of April 18, 1710, and interest.

1721. June 2.—Will of Joseph Bonner whereby he gave his son Joseph Bonner all claim that he had in the said messuage. Executors: William Aynsley of Gallowhill, esquire, and Robert Bonner of Callerton.

1730. October 28.—Indenture of assignment between Joseph Bonner, late of Newcastle, but then of London, gentleman, one of the sons of Joseph Bonner of Bolam, deceased, and Thomas Hall of Gibside, gentleman. Reciting the indentures of 1710, 1715, and 1720, and the will of Joseph Bonner, and that Joseph Bonner, party thereto, owed said Hall £92 6s. 8d., of which sum £25 6s. 3d. had been paid on Bonner's account to Christopher Spoor of Newcastle, glazier. Witnessed, that in consideration of said sum of £92 6s. 8d. and a further sum of £34 13s. 4d. paid by Hall, he, the said Bonner, assigned to said Hall the messuage on the Key-side, etc. Signature of Bonner witnessed by Jno. Gibson, Edward Man, and Jno. Rainmorter (?).

1745. March 29 and 30.—Indentures of lease and release whereby, for £165, Christopher Grey of Newcastle, gentleman, conveyed to George Marshall of Newcastle, raff merchant, all that messuage on the Keyside, etc.

1745. May 30.—Indenture of assignment between (1) Thomas Hall of Lampton, county Durham, gentleman, and George Hall of Newcastle, gentleman (executors of the will of John Hall, late of Ravensworth Castle, gentleman, their father, deceased, who was executor and devisee of Thomas Hall, late of Gibside, their uncle, deceased); (2) Christopher Grey of Newcastle, gentleman; (3) George Marshall, raff merchant; (4) John Walker of Newcastle, sadler, whereby, for £154 7s. paid to said Thomas and George Hall for the debt of said Christopher Grey, and £10 13s. paid to said Grey by said Marshall (total, £165), and 5s. apiece to the Halls and Grey paid by Walker, said messuage was assigned to Walker in trust for Marshall.

1746. July 22.—Counterpart of indenture of release whereby, for £900 advanced to Marshall by Ralph Harle of Newcastle, gentleman, said Marshall released to Harle all said premises, with proviso for repayment with interest.

1746. December 9.—Will of Ralph Harle in which, after various legacies, he gave all other his estate to his niece, Ann Harle. Executors: Cuthbert and Joseph Smith. 1746-7. February 25.—The executors having renounced, letters of administration were granted to Ann Atkinson, *alias* Harle, wife of Lancelot Atkinson of Newcastle, merchant.

1749. October 7.—Indenture of release between (1) Lancelot Atkinson, of Newcastle, gentleman, and Ann his wife; (2) George Marshall aforesaid; (3) Nicholas Dodson, of Hawthorn, county Durham, gentleman, and Warren Maude, of Sunnyside, Bishopwearmouth, coalfitter, executors of the will of Robert

Forster, of Hawthorn, deceased. Reciting that Marshall had paid £600 of the £900, leaving due £392 10s. 5d. principal and interest, for which sum, paid by Dodson and Maude to Atkinson and wife, and £409 9s. 7d. paid by them to Marshall, said Atkinson and wife, with consent of Marshall, released to said Dodson and Maude all said premises to secure £800.

1757. September 24.—Will of George Marshall. To eldest son John, two houses on the Keyside, adjoining Byker Chair W., then or late in the occupation of Alexander Sword, and others, as tenants. To grandchildren Jane, John, Thomas, Hannah, and Benjamin Walker, and Philip and Cicely Hodgson, £20 each at 21 or marriage. To Joseph Gamell, Michael Walton, and Hugh Boage, £5 each. Residue to his two sons, John and George Marshall, executors.

1771. May 20 and 21.—Indentures of lease and release—(1) Nicholas Dodson and Warren Maude ; (2) John Marshall, Newcastle, master and mariner, eldest son of George Marshall, deceased ; (3) George Marshall, of Blyth, raff merchant, younger son of said George Marshall ; (4) Barbara Reavely, of Newcastle, widow ; (5) Margaret Younger, of Bishop Auckland, widow, and John Dodson, of same place, gentleman (executors of John Younger, deceased) ; (6) Edward Collingwood, of Chirton, esquire. Reciting that Reavely advanced £400 to enable John Marshall and Margaret Younger, and John Dodson advanced £300 to enable George Marshall, to pay off the mortgage, in consideration of which sums and of £100 paid by George Marshall to Maude, the said parties released to Edward Collingwood all said premises, with others in Pudding Chair and Burn Bank.

[Other deeds relating to mortgages, &c., follow, and in September 1784, for £590, the parties interested released to David Akenhead, of Newcastle, bookseller, the messuage on the Keyside successively occupied by George Pescod, William Brown, Richard Haswell, Alexander Sword and others, and the messuage adjoining it, bordering upon a dwelling house, lately in possession of Captain Matthew Woodhouse, deceased, E., Byker Chair W., the Keyside S., and a house of several tenants on N.]

1784-5. January 2.—Indenture by which, for £75, John Marshall, of Newcastle, master mariner (only son and heir of John Marshall, master mariner, deceased, by Eleanor his wife, one of the daughters and co-heiresses of John Pembroke, of Newcastle, rope maker, who died intestate, letters of administration being granted to Hannah Pembroke, his widow) released to David Akenhead (who married Hannah, daughter of Matthew Woodhouse, master mariner, deceased, by Hannah his wife, deceased, who was the other daughter and co-heiress of said John Pembroke) one half of the messuage on the Quayside in Akenhead's possession, bounding on messuages in possession of Henry Atkinson, fitter, E., Mr. Wood, publican, W., the Quay, S., and warehouses of said John Marshall, N. ; Signed by John Marshall and witnessed by Jas. Stobie and Edwd. Stuart.

1814. February 2.—Indenture between (1) Matthew Akenhead, of Whitby, shipowner ; (2) Hannah Pembroke Hawks, wife of Robert Shafto Hawks, of Gateshead, iron manufacturer ; (3) Armorer Donkin, of Newcastle, gentleman. Reciting that David Akenhead, of Newcastle, bookseller, made his will December 13th, 1808, bequeathing to said Matthew Akenhead the messuage on the Quay (then occupied by Messrs. Scott and Foster and Mr. Blakey) and died in July

1813, and that said Hannah was entitled to several sums of money devised for her separate use by said will, and that said Matthew had agreed to sell her the inheritance in fee simple of the said messuage for £410 and that said Hannah was desirous of having it conveyed to said Armorer Donkin as trustee for her. Conveyance accordingly.

1587. July 1.—Indenture of bargain and sale whereby Robert Small, of Newcastle, master and mariner, and Elizabeth his wife, conveyed to Robert Gibson, of Newcastle, merchant, a tenement on the Keysyde occupied by Isabell Rand, widow, bounded by tenements of John Mychelton, master and mariner, W. and N., a tenement pertaining to William Riddell, merchant and alderman, in the occupation of Barberey Whitefield, wedowe, E., and the Keyside, S. Signed by R. and E. Small and witnessed by John Thornton, John Clibborne, Francis Lighton, and Martin Turpin, notary public.

1587. September 7.—Indenture of bargain and sale from Oswolde Mitford, merchant, to said Robert Gibson of the tenement occupied by Isabell Rand, widow, bounded as above, paying to said Mitford 13s. 4d. per annum. Signed by Mitford, and witnessed by James Carr, Anthonye Eland, Thomas Burfield, Richard Burfield, John Clibbourne, and Martin Turpin, notary public.

1590. October 18. Indenture of bargain and sale in fee from Robert Gibson to Martin Errington, of Newcastle, master and mariner, of the said burgage or tenement, occupied by Hugh ffletcher, bounding as above. Signed by Gibson and witnessed by Xpofer Hele, Anthonye Humble, Henrye Turpin, Francis Lighton, and Martin Turpin, notary public.

1607-8. January 30.—Indenture of bargain and sale in fee of said premises by Martin Errington to George Davison, of Newcastle, blacksmith, and Margery his wife, described as now in occupation of said Davison, bounded as above, but tenement on E. is now occupied by Richard Wilson, smith. Signed by Errington and witnessed by Robert Beckwith, Robart Wilkinson, Oswald Chrysoppe, Henry Andersonn, Robert Booker, and — Cleborne, scrivener.

1617. August 23.—Deed Poll from Lawrence Mitford, of Gray's Inn, esquire, to the said George Davison of a yearly rent of 13s. 4d. issuing out of said premises. Signed by Mitford and witnessed by Hen. Anderson, John Ainsley, and Thos. Watson, notary public.

1619. April 15.—Probate of will of George Davison whereby, among other legacies, he gave to William Green the aforesaid rent of 13s. 4d. Executors: Margery his wife and Ralph Cock.

1621. March 31.—Deed Poll from William Greene, of London, yeoman, to John Stubbes, of Newcastle, merchant, of a rent of 13s. 4d. payable out of a messuage in possession of Margery Davison, widow. Signed, X mark of William Greene. Witnesses: Wm. Smith, Jno. Wheelar.

1623-4. January 7.—Deed of feoffment, in contemplation of marriage between said Margery Davison and Thomas Holbourne, master and mariner, and conveyance of the house on the Keyside to Guy Straingways, of Newcastle, gentleman, and John Stobbes, of Newcastle, merchant, to use of said Margery and Thomas for life, then to use of Barbara and Ann, daughters of said Thomas Holbourne. Signed by Guy Strangwayes and witnessed by Christo. Strangwayes, Henrie Hall, and Tho. Clarke, scrivener.

1637. Easter Term.—Copy of Bill in Chancery.—George Durham and Barbary his wife, formerly Holbourne, against Strangeways and others for discovery of the above settlement. Complainant alleged that Margery and Thomas were dead; that Ann Holbourne and John Stobbes were also dead; that Barbara married George Durham and had issue by him living; and that said Barbara and George ought to be lawfully seised of said premises. But Guy and Christopher Strangeways, Thomas Clarke, and William Coward, all of Newcastle, having by some casual or sinister means gotten possession of said deed of feoffment, not only conceal and suppress it, but pretend that it was never executed. To which Guy Strangeways and Thomas Clarke answer that they remember said Margery Davison, about 14 years since, in her widowhood, being seised in fee simple of and in the said burgage, by her deed dated January 7, 21 James, between herself and defendant Strangeways and one John Stobbes, enfeoffed them with said burgage for uses; that defendant Strangeways made her a counterpart of said deed sealed with his own hand and seal, and said Clarke being a scrivener, prepared and witnessed said deed; that complainants now have the counterpart; and that neither of defendants have the other nor know where it is. [Result not stated.]

1662-3. January 26.—General release from George Durham, barber-chirurgion, son of above George Durham, deceased, to Edward Williamson, of Newcastle, gentleman, and Barbara, his wife, widow of said George Durham, deceased, of all manner of actions, suits, etc. Signed by George Durham and witnessed by Richd. Wilson, scrivener, and Robt. Bulman, notary public.

1668. August 14.—Demise, by way of mortgage for 21 years to secure repayment of £40 from Barbara Williamson, widow, Michael Durham, of Newcastle, stationer, and Thomas Durham, of Newcastle, apothecary, to Thomas Parkin, of Newcastle, joiner, of all those premises, &c., on Keyside, bounded by a burgage belonging to Phillis Cocke, widow, E., and a tenement occupied by Nicholas Browne, W. Signed by the three parties and witnessed by Christopher Greetham, X mark of Sarah Parkin, and Antho. Normann, scrivener.

1670.—Similar demise for same term and sum from Barbara Williamson and Michael Durham to Joseph Gofton, of Newcastle, plumber. Signatures witnessed by Thomas Milburn, William Wouldhave, and Edw. Arrowsmith, scrivener.

1671-2. February 2.—Similar demise for 99 years for securing repayment of sums due upon several bonds therein recited from Barbara Williamson and Thomas and Michael Durham to Henry Kirkhouse, of Newcastle, master and mariner. Signatures witnessed by Antho. Heron, George Pinckney, scrivener, and Robt. Bulman, notary public.

1676-7. January 17.—Assignment of said demised term by Henry Kirkhouse to John Pembroke, of Newcastle, master and mariner. Signature of Kirkhouse witnessed by John Pickells, scrivener, and Robt. Bulman, notary public.

1686. October 19.—Will of Martha Durham, widow. To Deborah, wife of Robert Jackson, master mariner, Newcastle, and Ann Pembrough, Newcastle, widow, executors, all real and personal estate. To William Coward, my brother's son, 20s. if my executors recover money due on bonds from Edward and Gawine Durham. To Barbary, wife of George Johnson, master and mariner, a pair of linn sheets and a pair of pillowbers. Witnessed by Nicholas Dent, Charles Thompson, and Richard Thompson.

1700. September 13.—Assignment of said mortgage term from Ann Pembroke, widow, administratrix of John Pembroke, her late husband, to her son John Pembroke, ropemaker. Signed, X the mark of Ann Pembroke. Witnesses : Hannah Legget and William French, scrivener.

1713. July 13.—Probate of will of Barbara Williamson granted to Anne Pembroke, widow. To grandson Henry Durham, the messuage on the Keyside between a tenement held by John Otway, merchant, E., and a tenement belonging to Mr. Gray, W. (subject to his paying my two daughters Anne Pembroke and Alice Durham, £20 apiece, and my grandson, John Pembroke, at age of 14, £20) and after his death to my loving cosen, John Spearman,³ of Durham, gentleman, for 99 years, and after said term to the heirs of grandson Henry Durham. To daughter Anne, two iron chimneys in said messuage, and residue of household stuff, etc., to daughter Alice. Will made May 26, 1686. Witnesses : Rob. Spearman, Rob. Carr, Robt. Pattison.

1739. November 8.—Release of all said premises from Thomas Durham, of Silver Street, Stepney, Middlesex, son and heir of Henry Durham, late of Newcastle, deceased, eldest son and heir of George Durham, who was eldest brother of said Thomas Durham, of Newcastle, apothecary, to John Pembroke, ropemaker, for £6, of all right, etc., in the messuage formerly Barbara Williamson's and now in possession of said John Pembroke. Signature of Thomas Durham attested by Jos. French and Oswould Atkinson.

1624. December 18.—Indenture of feoffment, with livery and seisin indorsed, from Cuthbert Proctor, of Newcastle, gentleman, and Cuthbert Proctor, his son and heir, to Thomas Colyear, of Newcastle, shipwright, of a little cottage house or tenement in Sandgate, bounding on tenement of Thomas Weare, keelman, N., a tenement of Humfrey James, S., the King's Street, W., and lands of Richard Redhead behind, E. Also one Key, measuring at S. end 10½ yards broad, and at N. end 4 yards broad, and extending from tenement of John Humfrey, N., down to low water mark of the Tyne, S., with a yearly out-rent of 4s. from the house of Humfrey James.

1625. May 21.—General release from same to same.

1626. September 3.—Demise from Peter Harrison, of Newcastle, blacksmith, Catherine his wife, and Elizabeth Harrison, widow, to said Thomas Colyear, of a shop and Key in possession of said Peter, in Sandgate, bounded by tenement of John Mallart, master and mariner, W., a tenement of William Jackson, blacksmith, E., the King Street, N., and low-water mark, S., for 21 years at a peppercorn rent.

1635. June 10.—Deed Poll of bargain and sale with livery and seisin indorsed from Thomas Hayton, Newcastle, baker and brewer, and Katherine, his wife (one of the co-heirs of George, son of Thomas Colyer, deceased), to John Colyer, of all said premises.

1635. September 16.—Indenture of feoffment, with livery and seisin indorsed, from Alice Lambton, widow, one of the daughters of said Thomas Colyer, to John Colyer, son and heir of said Thomas Colyer, of all said premises.

³ Deputy Registrar of Durham Court of Chancery for 42 years ; undersheriff for the county of Durham 29 years ; author of the first part of Spearman's *Enquiry into the Ancient and Present State of the County Palatine, etc., &c.*

1699. May 4. Will of Ann Preston, widow, devising said premises to John, son of John Pembroke, mariner, (chargeable with 20s. per annum to Ann, daughter of Henry Durham) for life.

1725-6. January 8.—Release as well of all title to said premises as of the 20s. per annum charged thereon by Ann Preston's will, from Robert Hills and Ann (formerly Ann Durham) his wife, to said John Pembroke the son.

NORTHUMBERLAND STREET. [D.A.H.]

BRUNSWICK PLACE CHAPEL.

Our second batch of muniments relates to lands and tenements outside Pilgrim Street Gate, including the site of the great Wesleyan Chapel, known for the best part of a century as Brunswick Place. The originals are preserved in the vestry of the chapel.

Very early in the reign of queen Elizabeth, William Lawson, a Newcastle merchant, sold to his fellow townsman, George Simpson, draper, four tenements with gardens and little closes belonging thereto, in the rising thoroughfare which afterwards shaped itself into Northumberland Street.

About George Simpson little will be found in the authorities named in footnote 1. He had married into the wealthy family of Jenison, his wife being Isabel, daughter of alderman William Jenison, whose municipal and parliamentary honours have been already enumerated. His place of business was in the Side—a thoroughfare in which, during his lifetime and for long after, the principal shops of Newcastle were located. For the commercial centre of the town and the seat of municipal government was the Sandhill, and the Side was the main artery of traffic thereto and therefrom. Even in Bourne's time, a century and a half later, this picturesque street had not lost its character. 'It is from the one end to the other,' he wrote, 'fill'd with Shops of Merchants, Goldsmiths, Milliners, Upholsterers, &c.' Here, then, over his shop no doubt, in property belonging to his wife's father, George Simpson lived. In 1587, when alderman Jenison made his will, the first and only bequest that he entered in it was 'to my sonne-in-lawe, George Simpson, draper, and Beile, his wief, all that tenement, etc., lyinge in a streayt called the Syd, in Newcastle, whearin he now dewellyth, duringe thear lyves naturall, and after to go to thear sonne, William Simpson, and his heares, and for defaulte of suche to Barbarae Sympson ther dowghter.' All the

rest, occupying in the recital seven pages of the 38th volume of the Surtees Society's publications, went to his widow Barbara, second daughter of Ralph Carr, merchant.

Why with such connections by marriage as Jenisons and Carrs, Simpson, the draper, went no higher in the scale of municipal dignity than the shrievalty does not appear. He was sheriff in 1569-70, and there his civic promotion seems to have stopped. It is probable that he died soon after his father-in-law, for Isabel, his widow took a second husband in the person of Ninian Girlington, of Girlington, Yorkshire, and by him had further issue.

William Simpson, son of George, was an apprentice with his grandfather Jenison when the latter died, and was set over to his grandmother Barbara, for the rest of his term. In due course he inherited the house in the Side and the lands and tenements outside Pilgrim Street Gate, and possibly when his grandmother died, something more. Howsoever that may have been, he was a citizen of renown, and as such is entered among the hostmen named in the Great Charter of Queen Elizabeth. His position and family-relationships are further indicated by the statement in the deeds which follow that in his will dated February 5, 1632-3, he left the tuition and government of his son Isaac to lady Margaret, widow of Sir George Selby, 'the King's Host,' and that two of his executors were leading merchants in the town—Robert Anderson and Leonard Carr.

Isaac Simpson, grandson of the draper, sold the property outside Pilgrim Street Gate in 1651 to George Moody, a member of the Company of Smiths in Newcastle. George was one of a family of Moodys whose names figure somewhat conspicuously in the Smiths' books during the first half of the seventeenth century. Besides himself there were three of the name—John, Thomas and William, each of them in business and taking apprentices. George was a locksmith and had three sons, two of whom, George and Christopher, followed the paternal calling.⁴ One of his workmen was a Dutchman, and this connection brought him trouble among his brethren of the craft. On May 23, 1657, he was summoned before the court of his company

⁴ Buried—Geo. Moody's [first] wife, June 1649; [second] wife, November 10, 1662; William Moody, Feb. 13, 1666-7; Geo. Moody, June 26th, 1667. *Books of the Smiths' Company.*

'for letting the Dutchman have the half profitt of his shop.' The result is not recorded. Later on in November of the same year, Stephen Ellet came under discipline, 'for seeking and taking worke out of George Moody's hand belonging to Mr. Ralph Storey's new ship,' and was fined 6s. 8d. A similar fate had previously befallen Clement Browne, 'for disgracing the Company and saying that none of them could make any curious worke but George Moodye, Thomas Moodye and himself,' for which tribute to the skill of the Moodys and his own ability he was ordered to contribute 6s. 8d.

Later on the property was acquired by Robert Heslopp, barber surgeon, of whom we learn something in Dr. Embleton's excerpts from the Barber-Surgeons' books.⁵ By and by the estate gave rise to litigation, and no fewer than seventeen ejectment actions were raised by various claimants, but the dispute and settlement are clearly explained in the deeds themselves and need no further elucidation.

1568. November 20.—Indenture of bargain and sale by which William Lawson, of Newcastle, merchant, for £26 13s. 4d., conveyed to George Simpson of Newcastle, draper, his four tenements with two gardens and two tofts or little closes to said tenements belonging, lying without the Gate commonly called 'Pylgram Stretè Gate' upon the west side thereof, betwixt a tenement in the tenure and occupation of Jennete Nicolson, widow, S., a tenement in the tenure, etc. of John Chanler, potter, N., and extending from the Queen's Street called Pilgrim Street before on the E. unto a close pertaining to Robert Hallyman now or late in the occupation of John Ellyson, 'cariageman' behind on the W. Signed by me Wyllam Lawson. Witnesses: the mark of X Robert Webster, tailor, the mark of X Nicolai Hedlye, cutler, Orswold ffenwic (?), Henrie Mychelson, Edward Collingwod, Jacobus Middilton, scrivener.

1570. Hilary Term. 12 Elizabeth.—Indenture of a fine—Lawson to Simpson. [This is the document exhibited by Mr. Holdsworth at the meeting of the Society at which this paper was read. A process block of it appears in our *Proceedings*, vol. x., facing p. 156.]

1632-3. February 5.—Copy of the will of William Simpson. 'In the name of God, Amen: I, William Simpson, of the towne and county of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, drap[er], at this tyme sicke in body but of good and p'fect remembrance, prayed be God, doo make and ordaine this my last will and testament in maner and forme following: First I give my soull into the mercifull hands of God, my Maker and Redeemer, and my body to the earth to be buried in St. Nicolas Church, according to the discretion of my frends. And as for my worldly goods I give them to my sonn Isack Simpson, to be employed by his tutors hereafter meuncioned for his mentinence in bringing him up in learning and the fear of God. Item: I give to my said sonn Isaace Simpsonn and to his heirs for ever all my messuages and lands with the appurtenances in Newcastle or other

⁵ *Arch. Ael.* vol. xv. pp. 228, 266, 268.

whear which are nowe in the possession of me or my assignes. And I leave my said child to the teution and government of my Lady Margrett Selby, Mr. Robart Andersonn, and I make them my full and whole executors of this my last will and testament. Signed: William Simpson. Witnesses: Oliver Killingworth, John Strangwayes, John Wright, x his mark, Michell Lawsonn.—A schedill of legacies given by the testator wch he willed to be annexed to his last will and testament. Imprimis to the Lady Margratt Selby, a gold ringe with a blue ston sett in it. Item: to Mr. Robart Anderson, a light xxiiis. pece of gold to make him a ringe. Item: to Mr. Leonard Carr, a xis. pece of gold: to be [buy ?] him a ring. Item: to Mrs. Barberry ffenwick, a gown to wear in the house, maid for his wife in the tyme of her sickness. Item: his sarvant Michell Lawson the apparell wch he weareth at this 'instant and such other of his apparell as executors doth thinke fitt and also his new english bible bound with blue leather and gilded.

1651. November 15.—Indenture of feoffment by which Isaac Simpson, of Cheswick, Northumberland, gentleman, son and heir of the said William Simpson, late of Newcastle, gentleman, conveyed to George Moodie, of Newcastle, smith, all those four waste homesteads and two closes in Pilgrim Street, bounding upon the high street, E., a close belonging to Anthony Norman, scrivener, W., a house and garth belonging to Henry Wace, yeoman, and the King's Dikes, S., and certain ground belonging to Mr. William Dawson, draper and alderman, N., together with three riggs or leases of meadow ground in the tenure of John Strangwaies, merciant, situate within the Castle Leases belonging to the town of Newcastle. Signed: Isaac Simpson. Witnesses: Christopr. Strangwaies, William Gibson, John Hancocke, Anth. Normann, jun., scrivener. Livery and seisin indorsed by these four witnesses and by Richard Flecke, Thomas Moodie and William Ainslay.

1667. June 15.—Will of George Moody, of Newcastle, smith. To be buried in the churchyard of All Saints in Newcastle. To wife, Katherin Moody, during widowhood, the burgage in which he lived and after her intermarriage to son George and his heirs for ever. To said son George the burgage occupied by Alexander Simpson, draper, 'adjoining on my now dwelling house,' the farmhold in Jesmond bought of James Haropp, said George paying yearly to sons Christopher and Nicholas £4 till they attain twenty-one; also the three riggs in the Castle Leazes. To sons Christopher and Nicholas the burgages in the several occupations of William Pescod. Alice Pescod and William Robson, situate without Newgate, to be equally divided betwixt them, and a burgage in the occupation of George Garret and others in Gallagate. To daughters Ann and Mary Moody, the tenement and the garth or close at the back thereof, occupied by Andrew Loaden, William Hutchinson, Henry Mills and others, without Pilgrim Street Gate, and 'all the putor which is locked up in a chist which was theirè mothers.' To Ann 'one cubbard, one standing bedsted and a table'; to Mary 'one press, one beddsteade and a table.' Rest of household stuff to be equally divided amongst wife and children Ann and Mary. Son George executor. Supervisors: Mr. Nicholas Seiward and Mr. Willyam Mason. Witnesses: Mary Seiward, Anthony Norman.

1676. August 7.—Indenture of feoffment by which Edward Stephenson of Newcastle, ropemaker, and Ann his wife, one of the daughters of George

Moody, late of Newcastle, smith, Mary Moody, spinster, another daughter, and George Moody, of Newcastle, latten plate worker, son and heir of said George Moody, deceased, for £101 conveyed to Nicholas Parker, of Newcastle, gentleman, and Margaret, his wife, all those four messuages and two little closes or parcels of ground adjoining, without Pilgrim Street Gate, in the several occupations of James Mowett, Thomas Dunne, Henry Tailor, Thomas Reeveley, Henry Mills, William Bailey, John Robson, Henry Dodshon and Thomas Shelter, bounding upon a tenement and garth late belonging to Henry Wall, deceased, and now in the occupation of Thomas Allison and William Whitehead, and also upon the King's Dykes, S.; a parcel of ground late belonging to William Dawson, draper and alderman, deceased, and now in the possession of Richard flecke, N., and extending from 'the King's Ma'ties Streete leading from Pilgraham Streete Gate' before, E., to a close formerly Anthony Norman's, and now in the occupation of William Knight, W. Signed: Edward Stephenson, Anne, his wife (the mark of), Marie Moody (the mark of), George Moody. Witnesses: Nicholas Seiward, James Younger, James Mout, Robert Bulman, notary public. Livery and seisin indorsed; same witnesses.

1680. April 20.—Indenture of feoffment whereby Nicholas Parker and Margaret, his wife, for £105, conveyed the four messuages and two little closes, to Thomas Pattinson, of Newcastle, gentleman, and Margery, his wife. The occupants are Michael Huntley, Thomas Dunn, slater, Ann Potter, widow, Alice Baley, widow, Thomas Dunn, roper, Edward Sandilands, John Rowson, Elizabeth Arey, widow, John Gibson and Robert Carruthers. Boundaries the same, but Cuthbert Dykes has replaced William Knight in the occupation of the close behind. Signed: Nicholas Parker, Margrat Parker. Witnesses: William Gofton, Gyles Redman, Tho. Mulcaster, William Rutter, Dorcas Rutter. Livery and seisin indorsed. Witnesses: the same. Memorandum dated April 23, 1680, that the above named tenants 'did attorne and become tenants unto the within named Thomas Pattinson and Margery, his wife, of and for the p'misses within specified, and did give and deliver unto the within named Thomas Pattinson the sume of a penny of lawfull money of England in name and token of attornment in the presence of William Gofton, Gyles Redman and William Rutter.'

1687. June 4.—Similar indenture by which, for £73, Thomas Pattinson and Margery his wife conveyed to Robert Heslopp, of Newcastle, barber-chirurgion, all those two messuages with appurtenances, without Pilgrim Street Gate, in the occupation of Michael Huntley, Thomas Dunn, Alice Clark, widow, and Mary Clover, and also one close adjoining, occupied by John Kidney, gardener. Signed: Tho. Pattinson, Margery Pattinson. Witnesses: John Ward, George Bryan, John Kedge. Livery and seisin indorsed; same witnesses. Bond in £100 for performance attached.

1688. September 5.—Indenture (copy only) of covenants of five parts:—(1) Alice Brown, widow, and Elizabeth Johnson, widow, her daughter; (2) Thomas Pattinson and Margery his wife; (3) Lyonell Plagdon, merchant; (4) Charles Dobson, mariner, and Elizabeth, his wife; (5) Robert Heslopp, George Brian, glazier, and William Armorer, cooper (all of Newcastle), by which the parties covenant with Heslop that they will levy fines as follows:

Brown and Johnson of a message in the Painterheugh in their occupation, bounding upon tenements of Mary Andrew, N.E., and widow

Dobson, deceased, S.W., and extending from the street to a yard or entry belonging to said Mary Andrew behind, S.E.

Thomas and Margery Pattinson of the two messuages outside Pilgrim Street Gate, occupied by Michael Huntley, Alice Clerk, widow, and Oliver Clerk, with a garden, close, or parcel of ground adjoining, occupied by John Kidney, gardener, bounded by a tenement of John Reefly, miller, a garth occupied by widow Whitehead and the King's Dikes, S., ground in possession of Richard Fleck, brewer, N., and extending from the street, E., to a close lately occupied by Cuthbert Dikes, deceased, and now in possession of Sir William Blackett, W.

Lyonell Blagdon of a messuage in the Close, in possession of said Robert Heslopp, bounded by a messuage of Sir William Blackett's, E., messuages of widow Jefferson, W., the Tyne, S., and the Close, N.

Charles and Elizabeth Dobson of a messuage in the Side, in the possession of said Robert Heslopp, bounded by a tenement formerly in possession of William Huntley, and now of widow Fletcher, W., a tenement late in possession of Gawin Preston, and now of Samuel Chicken, hostman, E., the Side, S., and a stone wall behind, N.

Signed by all the parties, and attested by John Douglas and Nat. Hargrave.

Memorandum of Robert Heslopp, that the above is a true copy of the original in his possession, and that he has also the indentures of a fine levied in Easter Term, 1 William and Mary, in pursuance thereof, and the exemplification of a common recovery, suffered in Trinity Term, 1 William and Mary, etc., etc.; and in consideration that Isabell Bulman, of Newcastle, widow, had purchased of him the two messuages and garden outside Pilgrim Street Gate, he promised to produce to said Isabella the indentures of fine, etc. Dated May 3, 1714. Signed: Robert Heslopp. Witnesses: Nat. Hargrave, Ral. Salkeld.

1713. October 29 and 30.—Indentures of lease and release, whereby Robert Heslopp and Katharine, his wife, in consideration of £106, released to Isabell Bulman, of Newcastle, widow, the messuages, cottages, or tenements, and stables, with a close or garden beyond Pilgrim Street Gate, now in the occupation of Walter Atkinson, gardener, Phebe Noteman, widow, and Mary Metcalf, widow. Bounded by the messuage formerly John Reafley's, and now in possession of John Wilson, miller, a garth formerly occupied by widow Whitehead, and now in possession of said Isabell Bulman, a garth in possession of William Brunton and also by the Queen's Dikes, S.; a parcel of ground formerly in possession of Richard Fleck, brewer, and now of Isaac Wilson, brewer, and a tenement in possession of Oliver Clark, N., and extending from the street, E., to a close, late belonging to Sir William Blackett, and now in the tenure of John Dawson, W. Signed by Robert and Katherine Heslopp, and seal of the mayoralty attached. Witnesses to the signing of the deed and payment of the purchase money: Nat. Hargrave, Ral. Salkeld. Recognisance of Katherine Heslopp as a married woman taken in the Guildhall, October 30, 1713, in the usual form⁶ and endorsement thereof signed by R. Ridley, mayor, H. Reay and Ra. Reed, aldermen, Nicho. Fenwick, sheriff, Nat. Hargrave, Tho. Ord, James Thompson,

⁶ A copy of the form of recognisance is printed in our *Proceedings*, vol. i., p. 70.

William French, Ral. Salkeld, James Walker, Nich. Errington, and John Harrison. Enrolment at the Guildhall, in Book x., folio 75, signed by Joshua Douglas, town clerk.

1721. April 14 and 15.—Indenture of lease and release by which, for £130, Isabella Bulman released to Thomas Oliver, of Newcastle, house carpenter and millwright, and Margaret, his wife, all those messuages, cottages, stables, close, garden and appurtenances without Pilgrim Street Gate, theretofore in the occupation of Michael Huntley, Alice Clark, widow, Oliver Clark, and John Kidney, gardener, and now of Walter Atkinson, gardener, Thomas Atkinson, butcher, William Fothergill, gardener, Elizabeth Hall, and Mary Hastridge, bounding upon the messuage of John Wilson, miller, a garth formerly in possession of widow Whitehead, and now of the Honourable Frances Rutherford, widow, and a garth in the possession of Elizabeth Brunton and Jane Scott, widows, and also upon the King's Dikes, S., ground formerly in possession of Richard Fleck, and now of Thomas Robinson, barber-surgeon, and a messuage in possession of Oliver Clark, N., and extending from the street, E., to a close belonging formerly to Cuthbert Dikes, deceased, and then to Sir William Blackett, bart., and now occupied by John Dawson, W., with [O glorious art of conveyancing!] 'all and singular houses, edifices, buildings, barns, byres, stables, brewhouses, brewing-leads, brewing-coppers, brewing-vessels, shops, cellars, sollars, vaults, rooms, chambers, lofts, backsides, parcels of ground, trees, bushes, ways, water, yards, garths, gardens, orchards, void grounds, lands, tenements, walls, waters, watercourses, entries, easements, paths, passages, lights, liberties, privileges, profits, commodities, advantages, emoluments, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever.'

1738. May 24.—Will of Thomas Oliver, of Newcastle, tanner (eldest son and heir of above-named Thomas Oliver), devising to Sarah his wife, sole executrix, all his real and personal estate.

1778. October 31.—Will of said Sarah Oliver, bequeathing all her real and personal estate to Thomas Maddison, of Newcastle, bricklayer, and Frances Perrot, of Newcastle, widow, upon trust, to sell all her household goods, wearing apparel and stock-in-trade, and invest the money, and to permit her nephew, Matthew Laidler, of Newcastle, tanner, and Sarah, his wife, to have the rents, etc., of her freeholds in Newcastle, etc., for life, then to their children, and if no issue, then to her relations, Matthew and William Wilson, Matthew Wilson the younger, Robert John, Thomas and Elizabeth Clark in equal shares. To Christian, widow of John Perrott, late of the Castle Garth, shoemaker, £20; to maidservant Elizabeth Rutherford, and to manservant Mark Mordue, 5 guineas each. To executors Thomas Maddison and Frances Perrot, each £5. Signed: Sarah Oliver. Witnesses: John Fenwick, William Oliver, Mary Watson. Proved at Durham, March 3, 1779.

[Sarah Laidler survived her husband, and died in 1808 without issue, when several persons claimed as representatives of devisees in remainder under the will, and after hearing two out of seventeen ejectment actions brought into court, it was ordered that the claims should be referred to the arbitration of Robert Hopper Williamson and James Losh, who decided that the following persons were entitled to one-seventh part each, viz., Matthew Wilson, of Blyth, heir of his father of same name; Thomas Wilson, heir of his father William

Wilson; Robert Clark, heir of his brother Thomas Clark; Joseph Clark, heir of his aunt Elizabeth Clark, otherwise Hudson; and the other three-sevenths were awarded to the said Matthew Wilson, as cousin and heir of said Sarah Oliver. Each of the parties in difference to pay his own costs. Award dated January 21, 1812. Signed: Robert Hopper Williamson, James Losh. Witnesses: Thomas Small, Thomas Forbes.]

1814.—Action brought by the Wilsons and Clarks against Anthony Clapham, of Newcastle, for performance of agreement (dated March 1813) to purchase the premises for £2000 subject to payment at Michaelmas of a fee farm rent of 6s. per annum to the representatives of Edward Noel, esq., deceased.

1816. August 23.—Will of said Joseph Clark, bequeathing all his estate and effects to his wife Hannah Clark, sole executrix. [She afterwards married George Lumsdon, labourer.]

1819. May 17.—The Master of the Rolls ordered specific performance of the agreement by Anthony Clapham.

1821. February 12 and 13.—Lease and release of ten parts:—(1) Thomas Wilson, of South Shields; (2) Thomas Wilson of Sandgate, Newcastle; (3) Robert Clark, of Gateshead; (4) Robert Clark, of Newcastle, stable-keeper, son and heir of Joseph Clark, deceased; (5) George Lumsdon, of Newcastle, labourer, and Hannah, his wife, widow of said Joseph Clark; (6) Matthew Wilson; (7) Nathaniel Clayton and John Walker, junior; (8) Anthony Clapham; (9) Philip Nairn, junior, Newcastle, merchant; (10) Thomas Featherstone, of Newcastle, grocer. Reciting the award, and that the premises named therein are all those messuages, bakehouse and shop with appurtenances in Northumberland Street, in the occupation of William Potter, surgeon, and a tanyard and buildings in the occupation of John Bell & Co. . . . and reciting that said Anthony Clapham became purchaser for said Philip Nairn and was desirous of having the premises conveyed to him, and that since the award several of the buildings had been pulled down and the premises now consisted of the messuage occupied by the said Potter, an open piece of ground with a large building lately erected thereon which was intended to be used as a Methodist Meeting House,⁸ and several new dwelling-houses, and reciting that there was due and owing from said Philip Nairn £2397 9s. 2d. It was witnessed that in consideration of £2397 9s. 2d. paid by said Nairn, and 5s. paid by said Featherstone, each of said Wilsons, Clarks, and Lumsdon, and 10s. paid by said Nairn and Featherstone to each of the said Clayton and Walker and the Wilsons, Clarks and Lumsdon, the premises, with the meeting house and all other buildings were conveyed to said Nairn and Featherstone, in trust for said Nairn, bounding by Northumberland Street, E.; by gardens and premises held by lease from the representatives of John Erasmus Blackett, esq., and Shafto John Hedley, esq., under the mayor and burgesses of Newcastle, W.; by a garden heretofore belonging to Alexander Adams, esq., N., and by messuages belonging to Ralph Duxfield and the representatives of the late Joseph Bulmer, builder, S., subject to a fee farm rent of 6s. per annum due to the representatives of said Edward Noel.

⁷ Died July 19, 1821, William Anthony Potter, surgeon, Northumberland Street, many years agent to Messrs. Schweppe & Co., greatly respected. *Newcastle Courant*, July 21, 1821.

⁸ The foundation stone of the chapel was laid on May 5, 1820, and on February 23, 1821, it was opened, with sittings for 1389 persons, at a cost of £6726.

COAL STAITH AND GLASSHOUSES IN THE CLOSE. [R.W.]

The abstracts which follow show, first, a devolution of property in the Close neighbourhood, from the Dents of Byker, with their famous, 'Hole' in the river, through Andersons and Jenisons to the enterprising family of Dagnia, and secondly, the acquisition by the same family of a garden without the Close Gate from William Hutchinson, the friend of Ambrose Barnes. Excellent papers on William Hutchinson and the Dagnias have already appeared in our publications, the first of them, entitled 'William Hutchinson, Merchant Adventurer,' by the late James Clephan, in *Archaeologia Aethiana*, vol. ix. page 8, and the second, headed 'John Dagnia of South Shields, glassmaker,' by the rev. C. E. Adamson, in our *Proceedings*, vol. vi. page 163.

William Hutchinson's transactions, as disclosed by the abstracts which bear his name, elucidate and confirm an interesting point in local history upon which Mr. Clephan dilates in the paper above named; for after Mr. Longstaffe had completed that great local treasure house of puritan lore, the 'Memoirs of the Life of Ambrose Barnes,' it was discovered that the Close Gate Meeting House, the first place of public worship specially erected by and for Nonconformists, had been built upon land given or leased to his co-religionists by this same William Hutchinson. And here in these papers we learn how and from whom Mr. Hutchinson acquired lands at the Close Gate, the mercantile and manufacturing uses to which he devoted them, and to whom and in what manner, after his death in March, 1689-90, the property was transferred.

The abstracts contain names, additional to the above, representative of leading families in Newcastle and the neighbourhood—Clavering, Shadforth, Marley, Bowes, Jenison, Tempest, Bewicke, Ord, Swinburne, Mitford, and Carr.

1593-4. January 28.—Feoffment with livery and seisin indorsed from George Dent and Robert Dent, his son and heir apparent, to Francis Anderson and Bertram Anderson, the elder, of a coalstaith without the Close Gate, Newcastle, abutting upon a coalstaith in possession of Thomas Liddle, merchant, E.; upon waste ground belonging to the town of Newcastle, W., and extending from the highway leading to the Forth, N. to low water mark of the Tyne, S. by the right metes and bounds.

1620. May 16.—Feoffment, with livery and seisin, from Henry Shadforth to William Shadforth and George Marley, of a messuage, burgage, and garden, with their appurtenances in the Close, Newcastle, in the several occupations of Mr. James Clavering, alderman, George Thompson, and Elizabeth Anderson, respectively; bounding upon a burgage of Robert Mores, N., a burgage and garth of Robert Cook and Richard Swan, E., a burgage of Matthew Dodds, W., and the Close, S. To hold, etc., as to one moiety to use of said Henry Shadforth his heirs and assigns for ever, and the other moiety to use of William Marley of Newcastle, merchant, his heirs, etc., as tenants in common of the chief lord or lords.

Same date.—Deed to sever a joint tenancy between William Marley and Henry Shadforth of a house in the Close, betwixt a tenement of Henry Bowes, E., 'ye stairs which ascend to ye High Castle,' W., the east mote, N., and the King's high street, S.

1625. October 3.—Bargain and sale of a coalstaith without the Close Gate from Edmund Anderson, son of Francis Anderson, to Robert Anderson.

1666-7. January 19.—Feoffment from Henry Anderson, son and heir of Bartram Anderson, to Ralph Jenison, esq., of a coalstaith at Close Gate among other lands.

1667. June 3.—Feoffment with livery and seisin from Ralph Jenison, esq., and Jane, his wife, to Robert Chickell and Mary Green of said coalstaith at Close Gate.

1684. November 1.—Assignment of a term of 999 years from Nehemiah Blagdon to Richard Wall, Benezar Durant, John Dagnia, and Onesiphorus Dagnia, of all those messuages, burgages, etc., near the Close Gate.

1691. October 13.—Assignment from John Dagnia and Onesiphorus Dagnia to Edmund Nelson, gentleman, reciting last mentioned deed and stating that Wall and Benezar Durant being since dead, said John and Onesiphorus Dagnia had become entitled to the said premises by right of survivorship. (Declaration of trust from Nelson to the Dagnias dated next day.)

1691. October 14 and 15.—Lease and release from Lyonel Blagdon to Dorcas Wall and John and Onesiphorus Dagnia of a messuage, etc., part of which was then used as a glasshouse, near the Close Gate.

1691.—Indenture of co-partnership between John and Onesiphorus Dagnia.

1692. February 2.—Agreement between John and Onesiphorus Dagnia and Dorcas Wall for carrying on the glasshouse for three years.

1695. September 2.—Feoffment from Edmund Harrison and Mary, his wife, and John Chickell, eldest son of said Mary, by Robert Chickell, her former husband, to John and Onesiphorus Dagnia, of a dyehouse and two rooms, a fire tenter house, a shear room, and a stable, lately erected upon a parcel of ground called a coalstaith, without the Close Gate, and all that said staith or parcel of waste ground with the appurtenances.

1695. September 10.—Deed to prevent survivorship between John and Onesiphorus Dagnia in said property.

1701. September 8.—Similar deed relating to the premises bought of Blagdon.

1702. October 25.—Deed to sever joint tenancy between said parties of the glasshouse and other premises purchased of Coultherd and wife.

1703. April 30 and May 1.—Lease and release from sir James Clavering of

Axwell, James Clavering of Greencroft and John Clavering of Newcastle, executors of the will of sir James Clavering, late of Axwell, to Onesiphorus Dagnia, of all that messuage, etc., and garden, and the coachhouse, etc., on the north side of the Close Gate, late in the occupation of Matthew Dawson, cordwainer, bounding upon a new messuage, etc., then in possession of said Onesiphorus and John Dagnia, their tenants or assigns, W.; a stable or cowhouse and piece of waste ground in possession of Jonathan Hutchinson, esquire, his tenants or assigns, E.; and extending from the Queen's street before, S., to a great meadow close in possession of Thomas Wasse, esquire, N.

1712. June 18.—Will of Onesiphorus Dagnia, whereby he bequeathed to his son, John Dagnia, his heirs, etc., two full third parts of his messuages, houses, glasshouses, etc., money, glass bottles, glass goods, chattels, wares, etc., and to his son, James Dagnia, his heirs, etc., the other third part thereof.

1717. April 14.—Probate of will of James Dagnia, bequeathing to his brother John all his real and personal estate, share of glasshouses, materials, etc., subject to payment of £500 to his son Onesiphorus Dagnia, and £25 a year to his wife, Ann Dagnia, for her life.

1607-8. January 1.—Feoffment from Robert Gibson to sir Nicholas Tempest, of a garden without the Close Gate.

1655. May 21.—Feoffment with livery indorsed from sir Richard Tempest to John Watson, of ground, formerly a garden, without the Close Gate.

1675-6. January 19.—Feoffment with livery indorsed, from John Watson to William Hutchinson, of waste ground, formerly a garden, as above.

1689-90. January 10.—Will of William Hutchinson whereby he gave to use of his son, Benjamin Hutchinson, his heirs, etc., all that his messuage, sugar-house, distilling house, and buildings, lately by him built upon a parcel of ground purchased of John Watson without the Close Gate.

1693. September 16.—Deed to lead the uses of a fine of the premises devised to Benjamin Hutchinson by his father's will from Benjamin Hutchinson to Thomas Mulcaster.

1694. Michaelmas term.—5 William and Mary. Indenture of fine as above.

1694. December 6 and 7.—Lease and release from Benjamin Hutchinson to Robert Bewicke, esquire, in trust for John Ord of all said premises. (Receipt of Benjamin Hutchinson for £600 purchase money.)

1696-7. February 1.—Lease from Robert Bewicke to Mrs. Abigail Carr, of said premises for seven years.

1704-5. February 1.—Lease from John Ord to Mrs. Carr and others, of said premises for four years.

1705. April 23 and 24.—Lease and release from Elizabeth Dawson to Thomas Mulcaster, of one moiety of the garth or parcel of ground and stable without the Close Gate.

1633. September 30.—George Swinburn's marriage settlement—a tenement at Close Gate.

1703. November 11.—Lease from Samuel Swinburn to John and Onesiphorus Dagnia for twelve years, of some parcels of waste ground and a dunghill near Close Gate.

1703. November 20.—Probate of Samuel Swinburn's will whereby he devised said premises to his wife for life and after her decease to his son.

1710. June 2 and 3.—Lease and release from Dorothy Swinburn and John Swainson and wife to John Dagnia, of the said premises.

1710. August 5.—Assignment from Edward Dagnia to John Dagnia, of 'ye White Glasshouse.'

1701. May 21.—Lease and release from William Johnson to Richard Carr, of one full sixth part of all those messuages, etc., distillery, house, and yard or ground thereto belonging, now in said William Johnson's possession, situate at the Close Gate on the S. side of the street there.

1705-6. March 1.—Mortgage from Richard Carr to Mrs. Catherine Dockwray, of said premises 'now the pott house' for the payment of £60 and interest.

1709. March 30.—Assignment of mortgage from Mrs. Dockwray and Richard Carr to Mr. Robert Mitford, of said premises for payment of £72 and interest.

1710. April 17 and 18.—Lease and release from Richard Carr and wife to John Dagnia, of said premises at the Close Gate.

1689-90.—Further extract from will of William Hutchinson, whereby he bequeathed to his son Jonathan Hutchinson all his messuages and buildings lately by him erected upon a parcel of ground called the Ship Garth, without the Close Gate, charged with payment of £20 a year to his daughter for life.

1708. August 20 and 21.—Lease and release from Robert Bewicke, John Ord, Abigail Carr, and Richard Carr, to John Dagnia, of the distilling house and sugarhouse.

1713. April 1 and 2.—Lease and release from Mary, relict of Jonathan Hutchinson, to John and Onesiphorus Dagnia, of the sugarhouse, distilling house, and the key or wharf, and parcel of ground adjoining said house, which, or some part thereof, was called the Ship Garth.

1713. April 3.—Bond from John Dagnia, junior, Onesiphorus and John Dagnia, to Mrs. Hutchinson, for payment of £200 after death of Margaret Hanwell, sister of Jonathan Hutchinson. (Same date, mortgage of said premises from the Dagnias to Mrs. Hutchinson for securing said £200.)

1722. November 30.—Assignment from Mrs. Hutchinson and Onesiphorus Dagnia to John Dagnia, of the said mortgage, followed (December 27 and 28) by lease and release from Onesiphorus Dagnia to John Dagnia, of all the premises formerly used as a sugarhouse, redeemable upon payment of £401 6s. and interest.

1723. October 15 and 16.—Deed to lead the uses of a recovery of one moiety of all those messuages, burgages, glass houses, key or wharf, etc., at Close Gate, late in possession of John Dagnia, senior, father of Onesiphorus Dagnia, to use of said Onesiphorus Dagnia, etc., followed by exemplification of the recovery (Michaelmas Term, 10 George I.) wherein John Brown was demandant, Charles Clarke tenant, and Onesiphorus Dagnia vouchee.

1744. June 22 and 23.—Lease and release from James, eldest son of John Dagnia, to Thomas Hall, of all said premises, formerly used as a sugarhouse, etc., to hold upon trusts therein mentioned.

1749-50. January 9 and 10.—Lease and release from James, Edward, John, and Onesiphorus, four of the sons of John Dagnia, deceased, to Mr. James Williams, of a messuage and a key in Sandgate, and a messuage, etc., and White Glasshouse, and also a moiety of several other messuages, etc., with appurtenances in Close Gate, with covenant to levy a fine, followed (same date) by bond from Williams to the Dagnias for £100 till certain claims made by Wall and Pearson to some part of last mentioned premises be settled.

GLASSHOUSE IN THE CLOSE. [F.W.D.]

Another glasshouse in the same locality as the last is the subject of the next bundle. Through the hands of Marleys, Peareths and their relatives the Sorsbies, the property passed down to Anthony Easterby and George Doubleday, the latter being the father of Thomas Doubleday, well-known to most of us as poet, playwright and political economist. Pedigrees of the Peareths, who figure very conspicuously in these MSS., are to be found in Surtees's *History of Durham*, vol. ii. page 45, and in the new *History of Northumberland*, vol. ii. page 409. Joseph Bainbridge, solicitor, who held the property in 1821-3, was the owner of Wellington Place, Pilgrim Street, which he built for his own residence, and was father of the first wife of John, afterwards sir John, Fife.

One of the messuages comprised in the recitals of the opening indenture was situated in 'a lane or chaire called Ratten Rawe.' Now Ratten Rawe, or Rotten Row, a name found in various parts of the kingdom, is a very puzzling designation. The rev. John Hodgson pointed out that, even in his time, there had been 'a good deal of ink and oil expended over it as solvents.' He derived it from a German word, 'rotten'—the same as 'rout' in English and French—viz., the scene of a riot. Dr. Brewer refers it to the Norman 'Ratten Row,' or roundabout way, being the way corpses were carried to avoid the public streets. During the last half century, the question has been discussed over and over again in *Notes and Queries*, but no etymology has been found which fits all the localities in which the name occurs. Among numerous suggestions the following are the most interesting:—(1) From 'rotteran'—to muster; (2) 'Routine Row,' from church processions passing along; (3) the Latin word, 'rota'; (4) woollen stuff called 'rateen'; (5) 'rotten,' or decayed houses; (6) a road in which the gravel was kept 'rotten,'

or loose for horsemanship ; (7) 'Route du Roi'—reserved for riders ; (8) 'Rat Row'—street of rats ; (9) 'Rother Row'—oxgate, or cow-gate ; (10) Anglo-Saxon, 'rot'—splendid or cheerful, *i.e.*, the fine or grand street ; (11) 'Rattin Raw'—houses built of rattin or undressed timber ; (12) 'Rathad'n Righ,' Celtic—a good or made row, not a track ; (13) 'rath,' or vallum encircling homesteads and protecting them from attack ; (14) 'Red Row'—houses built with red bricks.

None of the above etymologies seem adapted to the Newcastle 'Rotten Row,' which, according to Bourne, was a little street running from the West Gate eastward, 'at the end of which is a narrow passage, turning up to the North, which leads to the monastery of the Black Friars.' In its present form, Rotten Row is called Cross Street. *Cf.* Corbridge's Map of Newcastle.

1700. July 2.—Indenture by which Henry Marlay, of Newcastle, merchant, conveyed to John Sandford, of Newcastle, gentleman, and Robert Mitford, of Morpeth, fuller and dyer, his messuages (1) at the Kale Cross ; (2) in St. Nicholas's Churchyard ; (3) in a lane or chaire called Ratten Rawe ; (4) at or near the Keyaside ; and (5) his great messuage in the Close, to use of himself for life, with remainder to Frances his wife and his heirs in tail. Remainders as to St. Nicholas's Churchyard and the Kale Cross properties to Henry Peireth, of Newcastle, merchant ; those in Ratten Row and the Close, to use of John Peireth, clerk, with ultimate remainder of last-named properties to use of John Jeffreyson, son of Matthew Jeffreyson, of Newcastle, merchant and alderman. Seal bears a chevron between three martlets and a label of three points.

1734-5. February 13 and 14.—Indenture of lease and release whereby John Peareth, of Oxford, gentleman, released to William Peareth, of Newcastle, merchant, the messuage in the Close.

1741-2. January 5 and 6.—Similar deed by which William Peareth reconveyed the house to John Peareth.

[Barbara Peareth, sister of John Peareth, married Jonathan Sorsbie, and died in the lifetime of her brother, John Peareth, of the Inner Temple, esq., leaving an only son named Jonathan, who, upon the death of John Peareth, unmarried and intestate, became the heir at law.]

1816. November 9.—Jonathan Sorsbie (son of the late Jonathan Sorsbie and Barbara his wife) by his will of this date bequeathed to his trustees, William Clarke, of Hampstead, wine merchant, Robert Makepeace, of Serle Street, London, goldsmith, and William Makepeace, of same place, gentleman, his glasshouse in Newcastle, occupied by the Northumberland Glass Company, upon trust for his son, Jonathan James Sorsbie.

1821. November 12.—By a codicil Jonathan Sorsbie recited that he had disposed of the glasshouse to Joseph Bainbridge.

1823. May 31 and April 1.—The trustees of Jonathan Sorsbie's will conveyed to George Doubleday and Anthony Easterby, by direction of Joseph

Bainbridge, the messuage in the Close, formerly Henry Marlay's, and afterwards in occupation of Thomas Brandling, merchant, Peter Russell, merchant, and John Bell, gentleman, as tenants of John Peareth, deceased, and then of the Northumberland Glass Company.

Attached to this deed are the following entries relating to the Peareths :—

- 1705. August 30.—Certificate of baptism of Barbara, daughter of John and Lettice Peareth, from Aldworth Registers.
- 1706. October 11.—Certificate of baptism of Elizabeth, daughter of John and Lettice Peareth, from Aldworth Registers.
- 1712. May 6.—Certificate of baptism of John, son of John and Lettice Peareth (born April 9), from Aldworth Registers.
- 1714. April 22.—Certificate of baptism of Mary, daughter of John and Lettice Peareth (born March 27), from Aldworth Registers.
- 1732. July 8.—Certificate of burial of Mrs. Elizabeth, daughter of John and Lettice Peareth, from Aldworth Registers.
- 1734. May 5.—Certificate of burial of rev. John Peareth, late vicar, from Aldworth Registers.
- 1744. December 31.—Certificate of burial of Barbara, wife of Mr. Jonathan Sorsbie, from Registers of St. Nicholas's, Newcastle.
- 1778. December 12.—Certificate of baptism of John Peareth, of the Inner Temple, from Registers of Ickenham, Middlesex.

WESTGATE STREET AND DENTON CHARE. [F.W.D. AND R.W.]

Near the corner of Westgate Street and Denton Chare, in the middle of the sixteenth century, stood an ancient pant (depicted in Corbridge's Map of Newcastle), and opposite to it was a tenement belonging to the Maison Dieu or hospital of St. Katherine, founded by the munificent Roger Thornton, and retained by his family for several generations after his decease. In the chare itself was a plot of waste ground, and these two properties—the house and the plot—form the subject of the deeds abstracted below. The adjoining hospital of St. Mary the Virgin seems to have been interested in one or both of them, for Robert Colson, or Colston, spurrier, the vendee, covenanted to pay 16s. a year rent-charge to Thornton's hospital, and 5s. a year to that of the Virgin.

Behind both properties ran what is here called the common gutter. Now it is probable that this common gutter was the sewer which, in a deed dated 1611, transcribed in our *Proceedings*⁹ is named the Esley burn. That there was a runner of water in that locality is

⁹ *Proceedings* of the Society, vol. vii. page 4.

evident, not only from the deed of 1611, but from an ancient document quoted by Brand¹⁰ describing the military wardship of the town :—

Denton Tower . . . shall have to ward all the Haire-Hugh behinde the White-Freers, with all the howses standing there upon the Burn-Banck, betwixt the Freer-Kirk and a Burne, unto a stone brigge in Baly-Gate, with all Baly-Gate upwarde that same rawe unto Denton Chare.

The Esley burn is now, therefore, pretty well defined. Where-soever it may have started, it ran down behind the east side of lower Westgate Street, was crossed by a stone bridge in Baileygate, and thence found its way down to the Tyne, possibly at or near the Javel Groop.

From the next deed in the series, we learn whereabouts in the town lived a somewhat notable man—Oswald Chaitor, or Chaytor, lincnweaver, parish clerk of St. John's. References to this important functionary abound in the ecclesiastical history of the period. Appointed on the 10th November, 1582, 'to read, sing, respond, and assist in the Divine Office in the chapel of St. John, in the town of Newcastle,' he occupied the post for thirty-eight years, and dying on the 21st July, 1623, aged sixty-eight, was buried under the shadow of the sacred edifice in which he had so long and so often repeated his 'Amens.'

Passing through the hands of Charles Matfen, merchant and hostman, who was closely allied by marriage to the Andersons of Bradley, the property came to four ladies of that ilk. One of them named Jane married John Simpson of Newcastle, and thus founded the family of Simpson of Bradley, while another took for her second husband one of the enterprising Dagnias. In 1713, alderman John Simpson, buying the shares of his mother's sisters, became possessed of the whole, which he sold in 1757 to the great builder, George Anderson, father of the still more celebrated Major Anderson, of Anderson Place. Later on, Charles Hutton, the famous mathematician, acquired the premises for a school, and he, receiving the appointment of Professor of Mathematics in the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich, disposed of them to John Fenwick, and with that conveyance the abstracts end.

¹⁰ Brand, *History of Newcastle*, vol. i. page 8n.

1566. May 4.—Deed of feoffment with livery and seisin indorsed from Thomas Halyman, clerk, master of the hospital of St. Katherine the Virgin, called Thorneton's Hospital, and the brethren and sisters of the same, with the consent of John Lumlaye, knight, lord of Lumlaye, the patron, to Robert Colston, spurrier, of one tenement with appurtenances in Westgate, above the corner and opposite the Pant, between a tenement occupied by Elizabeth Havelock, widow, S., a tenement occupied by Cuthbert Murray, and the vennel called Denton Chare, N., and in length from Westgate, W., to the common gutter, E. Also a parcel of waste ground in Denton Chare between two tenements belonging to the aforesaid master, etc., in the separate tenures of said Cuthbert Murray and Isabel Heworth, W., a tenement held by Ralph Wightman, and the common gutter, E., and extending from Denton Chare, N., to a tenement occupied by Arthur Horseley, S., to hold to use of said Colston of the chief lord of the fee by services due and of right accustomed, rendering yearly to said master, etc. 16s., and to John Raynes, master or keeper of the hospital of blessed Mary the Virgin, called the West Spittell, and the brethren and sisters of the same, 5s., at Martinmas and Pentecost. Signed and sealed by Lumley and Halyman.

1607. November 30.—By deed of this date Elienor Manwell, widow of Thomas Manwell, late of Newcastle, shipwright, deceased, and daughter and heir of Robert Colson, spurrier, deceased, conveyed to George Watson and Thomas Wales of Newcastle, shipwrights, her two tenements standing together in Denton Chare, occupied by Thomas Shevill, skinner and glover, and George Maxfield, mason, abutting upon the Chare, N., upon the house of Anthony Dortrey, currier, S., upon the house of Oswald Chaitor, W., and upon the house of widow Wilde, E., to use of said Elienor for life, and afterwards to use of Thomas Lawson of Whittonstall, yeoman, his heirs, etc. She appointed her beloved in Christ, Thomas Henryson and Thomas Urwen of Newcastle, to be her lawful scriveners and attorneys to give possession, etc.

1704. May 19 and 20.—Indenture of lease and release, from George Gatis, Newcastle, skinner and glover, to Charles Matfen of same place, gentleman, of all that messuage, etc., on the N. side of Westgate Street, in the occupation of George Thompson, chapman, in consideration of £31 1s. 6d., etc.

1704. September 21.—Will of this date of Charles Matfen of Newcastle, merchant. To sister Jane Matfen for life all my great messuage in Westgate, now in possession of Mr. Midford and others, and after her death to nephew Francis Anderson,¹¹ with remainders to nieces Jane Anderson, Ann, wife of Ralph Anderson, Dorcas Anderson, and Mary Anderson, daughters of my late sister, Dorcas Anderson, share and share alike, subject to payment of £6 annually to niece Jane Fell. To said sister Jane Matfen all other my freehold houses in Newcastle, and my closes called the Whinny Closes, near the Castle Leazes, and after her death to Francis Anderson, with remainders to the four nieces as above. To said four nieces, £50 each. To Mrs. Margaret Sanderson, £100, my pictures, 'silver sarvar' and my cabinet. To Mr. Charles Sanderson of Newcastle, gentleman, £20, and to his wife, Mary, £5. To Mrs. Jane,

¹¹ Francis Anderson died without issue and unmarried, and the property came to the four nieces. Jane married John Simpson, father of alderman Simpson; Ann married, as second husband, James Dagnia; Mary married Edward Forster; Dorcas married Alexander Grimaldi.

widow of Mr. Gerrard Stokeld, £35. To Margaret, wife of Henry Ord, my landlady, £5. To Henry Shafto, esq., counsellor at law, and Mr. William Rutter, each £4. To Mr. Robert Jenison, £3. To the poor of St. John's chapelry, £3. To nephew Francis Anderson, for mourning, £6. To above Charles Sanderson all my bottles of wine and sack. Residue to sister Jane, sole executrix.

1711. December 1.—In consideration of £100, Alexander Grimaldi and Dorcas, his wife, released to Onesiphorus Dagnia of Newcastle, glassmaker, one-fourth part of a messuage formerly in the tenure of John Phillipson, gentleman, and then of the widow of Francis Johnson, merchant, situate in Westgate, adjoining Denton Chare; also a fourth part of another messuage in Westgate, late in the tenure of Richard Vaux, and then of John Jervis and others adjoining a messuage in the occupation of John Ornesby, glazier, and of all other messuages, etc., which said Grimaldi and wife may have under Charles Matfen's will.

1711-12. January 29 and 30.—Similar release from James Dagnia and Ann his wife, niece of Charles Matfen, to Onesiphorus Dagnia, of another fourth part, for same sum. On same date, and for same sum Edward Forster, shipwright, and Mary his wife release to Onesiphorus Dagnia another fourth share in the property.

1712. Hilary Term.—Fine levied between Onesiphorus Dagnia, plaintiff, and James Dagnia, Edward Forster and Alexander Grimaldi, and their respective wives, deforciantes.

1713. April 1 and 2.—Lease and release from Dagnia to John Simpson, of Newcastle, hostman, in consideration of £300, of all those three-fourths of (1) the messuage, etc., formerly held by John Phillipson and then by Edward Cook, esq.; (2) the messuage adjoining in Westgate, formerly in possession of Thomas Pearson; (3) the other messuage lately held by Richard Vaux and then by Mrs. Jane Hedworth.

1757. May 2 and 3.—Lease and release from John Simpson, of Newcastle, esquire and alderman, to George Anderson, of same place, in consideration of £500, of all those messuages in Westgate and Denton Chare theretofore in possession of John Phillipson, Charles Matfen and George Gatis, or some of their tenants.

1769. May 1 and 2.—Indenture of four parts—(1) George Anderson; (2) John Simpson; (3) Charles Hutton, gentleman; and (4) Margaret Richardson, by which George Anderson released to Charles Hutton those three messuages in Westgate and Denton Chare, formerly in occupation of Phillipson, Matfen and Gatis, and now of Charles Hutton, Nicholas Walton, gentleman, and Tulip McClellan, glazier, as tenants under said George Anderson, bounding S. or S.W. by Westgate Street, N. or N.W. by Denton Chare, and messuages in the occupation of Richard Fletcher, bricklayer, Henry Woodroff, barber, and Elizabeth Pattison, widow, and E. or N.E. by a messuage of Ralph Cook, brewer, and S. or S.E. by the messuage formerly of said Gatis, and now of his daughter Ann Gatis, spinster, to hold under said Charles Hutton to use of said Margaret Richardson for 1,000 years, subject to redemption on payment by Hutton of £600 and interest.

Trinity Term, 9 George III. Fine levied (Charles Hutton, plaintiff, George Anderson and Mary, his wife, deforciantes); of three messuages in the parish of St. Nicholas.

1775. May 1 and 2:—Indenture of four parts—(1) Margaret Hall, spinster, executrix of Margaret Richardson, deceased; (2) George Fenwick, gentleman; (3) Charles Hutton; (4) John Fenwick, gentleman, reciting that £300 of the £600 advanced belonged to George Fenwick, and that John Fenwick had agreed with Hutton to buy the premises for £900, paying £300 due to Margaret Hall, and leaving George Fenwick's £300 on security of premises. Lease and release accordingly. Same date (May 2) deed of bargain and sale enrolled in the town's court—Charles Hutton and Isabel his wife to John Fenwick. In 1780 all the money was paid and the premises conveyed to John Fenwick.

THE DOG BANK. [C.-E.]

A bundle of deeds relating to property adjoining the churchyard of All Saints illustrates the changing nomenclature of the district.

Akenside Hill, which leads up to the church from the Sandhill and the Side, was, even in our time, known as Butcher Bank; while our great-great-grandfathers knew it only as All Hallows Bank. The thoroughfare which skirts the northern boundary of the Church, and by us denominated Silver Street, has borne the names of All Hallow Gate, Temple Gate, and Jew Gate. And now, in these deeds, the Dog Bank, which runs along the south side of the enclosure, is named All Hallow Bank, All Hallows Street, Silver Street, and South Silver Street. Thus we see that Akenside Hill has had three, Silver Street, four, and the Dog Bank, five names! Amidst so much innovation, even the church itself has been unable to maintain, in this matter of nomenclature, 'the grace of continuance.' From stately All Hallows it has dropped to plain and common-place All Saints.

Bourne, who was curate of All Hallows, and knew the locality well, noted these changes of street names in his history, as follows:—

On the East of this [Pilgrim] Street, is *Silver-street*, close to the North-side of *All-hallows Church-yard*; it leads into *Pandon*. . . . It was anciently called *All-Hallowgate*. . . . it was also called *Temple-gate*. Mr. *Nicholas Lamb*, whose House is in this Street, finds it called *Jewgate*, in his Writings; but when, or for what Reason it bore that Name, I know not.

On the *South-side* of this Church are two Pair of Stairs; those opposite to the *Quire-Door* lead into a narrow Street called the *Dog-bank*; but formerly, as appears by some ancient Writings, *Silver Street*. The other Pair lead into the *Butcher-Bank*, which is a narrow Street and a great Descent. . . . This leads into the Street called the *Side*, and into the *Sand-hill*. It was called formerly *All-Hallows-Bank*.¹²

¹² Bourne, *History of Newcastle*, pages 88, 108.

Then comes Brand, half-a-century later, and he gives us a pleasant glimpse of the obvious by remarking that Templegate originated 'from the circumstance of its communicating with All Saints' Church.' Confirming Bourne, he quotes a release, dated October 7, 1700, of two messuages in a street 'called Silver Street, *alias* Jew-Gate.' Under the head of Dog Bank, he remarks that 'Jews who dealt in silver wares have probably lived here formerly, for this also is called Silver Street in some ancient writings.'¹³

Apart from the names of the streets the topography of the property is somewhat puzzling. In the first deed, the house is described as in All Hallows Bank, abutting on the church to the north with All Hallows Street to the south. The succeeding document also places it with its face to the street. But, subsequently, another house is introduced on the south side, and the premises no longer look out upon the thoroughfare. So the position remains until, in the last of the batch, the street becomes once more the southern boundary, as if nothing otherwise had ever happened.

Apart from these topographical gymnastics the deeds are of little interest.

1610. August 16.—Indenture of bargain and sale whereby William Baytes of East Greenwich, Kent, mariner, conveyed to Henry Cook of Gateshead, and Christian his wife, the capital messuage, etc., in All Hallows Bank, abutting on All Hallows Church, N., All Hallows Street, S., land of George Adkinson, W., and lands of said William Baytes, E. (Same date, deed of feoffment—Baytes to Cook and wife.)

1627. August 9.—Deed of feoffment by which William Snowball of Wells, Norfolk, mariner, conveyed to James Heworth, of Newcastle, and Christabell, his wife, all that burgage in Silver Street, bounding on burgage in tenure of Robert Hoope, W.; ground occupied by Ralph Fewler and Margaret Baits, E.; Silver Street, S.; the wall of the churchyard, N.

1653. December 15.—Date of will of Christabell Heworth, devising to her eldest daughter Catherine, wife of Matthew Pettigrew, the house in All Hallows Bank, bounding on Hope's house, W., etc., with a moiety of another house there in possession of Rowland Syms, with remainder to her second daughter, Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Allen. To said second daughter, all that messuage wherein she then dwelt in All Hallow Bank and the other moiety of house held by Syms, with remainder to Catherine Pettigrew.

1669-70. January 27.—Indenture of feoffment by which Catherine Pettigrew, widow, conveyed to Robert Bulman, the messuage bounding on the house lately occupied by Robert Hope, deceased, W., a tenement in possession

¹³ Brand, *History of Newcastle*, vol. i. pages 359, 396.

of Richard Smith and Elizabeth his wife, E., a tenement occupied by Thomas Smith, S., and the churchyard, N.; also a moiety of messuage adjoining said messuage, S., to use of said Catherine for life, and after to use of her daughter, Isabel Watson and her heirs.

1682. May 9 and 10.—Indenture of lease and release by which Mark Pettigrew conveyed to Lancelot Atkinson, all that messuage on the north side of All Hallow Bank, and a moiety of a messuage adjoining, formerly belonging to Christabell Heworth.

1706. April 16.—By will of this date, Lancelot Atkinson devised his messuage in South Silver Street, *alias* the Dogg Bank, to his wife, Jane, for life, and afterwards to his son, Samuel Atkinson, and his daughters, Christobel, wife of David Steel, Ann, wife of Christopher Henderson, and Catherine, wife of Benjamin Copeman.

1723. September 14.—Samuel Atkinson, bricklayer, by will of this date, gave his house in the Dog Bank to Elizabeth his wife, sole executor.

1729. July 8 and 9. Lease and release from Lancelot Atkinson and others to Michael Batty, of the premises conveyed by William Snowball to James and Christabell Heworth (August 9th, 1627), and now lying waste.

1729-30. March 24.—Mortgage to secure £100 lent by Peter Forster, of Gateshead, boat builder, to Michael Batty, of Newcastle, chapman, upon two new messuages built upon waste ground, purchased by Batty from Lancelot Atkinson and others in Alhallow Bank, *alias* Silver Street, *alias* Dogg Bank, bounding by messuage of George Hutchinson, weaver, W., by a tenement, formerly waste ground, belonging to Elizabeth Cockburn and others, E., by Alhallow Bank, S., and by the churchyard, N.

1730-31. February 11 and 12.—Lease and release of the two messuages from Michael Batty to William Smith, Newcastle, linen draper, for £100.

THE BIGG MARKET.

Three abstracts, relating to houses in the Bigg Market, afford only slight material for local history.

House No. 1 appears to have adjoined the property which formed the north-west, or right hand, corner of the Bigg Market entrance to St. John's Lane. This lane, as many of us remember, ran down to St. John's church and is now covered by the east side of West Grainger Street. The property is described in the MSS. of Mr. G. Bouchier Richardson as 'Michael Robinson's house.' If it were so named when he copied the abstracts, *circa* 1846, it is probable that the site numbered 58 in Oliver's Map of 1830, and therein assigned to Michael Maddison, shows the house in question. It certainly abutted upon property at the head of St. John's Lane, and 'Maddison' may be a misprint for 'Robinson.'

The position of house No. 2 admits of no doubt, for it is definitely described as 'The Fighting Cocks Inn.' With it is associated the 'Unicorn.' The Bigg Market, like the lower end of Pilgrim Street, was well served with inns, and amongst them the 'Fighting Cocks,' the 'Unicorn,' and the 'Golden Lion' were not the least important. An etching of 'Fighting Cocks' Yard' appears in T. M. Richardson's 'Memorials of Old Newcastle,' and in the *Monthly Chronicle* for 1888 all three of the above named hostelries are depicted, the two latter standing side by side.

The situation of house No. 1 is indifferently described as in the Bigg Market and Nolt Market. In some other document the same locality is designated the Horse Market. The fact is that this thoroughfare, from St. Nicholas's church to the White Cross, near the entrance to Low Friar Street, was full of markets. On the east side, from the church to the High Bridge, were the Flesh, Fish, and Cloth Markets. On the west side, beginning at the church tower, came markets respectively named Iron, Wool, Pullen, Meal or Groat, Bigg or Oat, Nolt or Nowt, and Horse, ending with a Milk Market at the Cross.

The fragment of MS. which represents house No. 3 contains the great name of Ambrose Barnes, and includes a property in the Broad Garth, Quayside, noticeable for its confirmation of the statement on page 156 *ante*, that the Dog Bank bore the name of Silver Street.

FIRST HOUSE. [G.B.R.]

1621. September 3.—Deed of feoffment, with livery and seisin indorsed, by which William Wrey and Elizabeth his wife and John Nicholson, shipwright, son and heir apparent of John Nicholson, blacksmith, conveyed a burgage in the Bigg Market to use of John Mould and Ann his wife, their heirs, etc.

1662. December 7.—Will of Ralph Mould, whereby he gave his two messuages in the Nolt Market to his wife for life, then to his son, John Mould, the latter to pay his sisters, Ann and Margery Mould, £20 apiece at 21 or marriage.

1705. May 17 and 18.—Lease and release from Ann, widow of Joseph Potts (one of the daughters of Ralph Mould, son and heir of John Mould, tailor), and William Potts and Sarah his wife (said William being son and heir apparent of said Ann Potts) of a message in the Nolt Market, *alias* the Bigg Market, to use of Michael Thinn, his heirs, etc.

1745-6. February 24.—Feoffment, with livery and seisin indorsed, by which Michael Robinson, gentleman, son and heir of William Robinson, late of West

Brandon, county Durham, yeoman, and Margaret his wife, both deceased (said Margaret being only child and heir of Michael Thinn) conveyed said premises to Shaftoe Vaughan, esquire.

1748. October 28 and 29.—Lease and release whereby Robert Vaughan (brother, heir and devisee of Shaftoe Vaughan, deceased) and Sarah Ogle released the premises to Henry Cowell. October 31.—Bargain and sale enrolled in the town's court of Newcastle from said Robert Vaughan and Mary his wife unto said Henry Cowell to bar said Mary of her thirds in said premises.

SECOND HOUSE. [F.W.D.]

1766. August 13.—Will of John Hare, of Newcastle, gentleman. To wife, Margaret, for life, the house 'wherein I now dwell' and all that public house, the Unicorn, in the Nolt Market, held by Edward Cowling, victualler (upon condition that she uphold the messuage, garden, etc., settled upon her by him before marriage, and hold his heirs harmless against his covenant in said settlement) charged with £50 to Ralph Shotton, son of wife's sister, and £50 to Hannah Henzell, daughter of wife's eldest brother. After wife's death, the two messuages (house and Unicorn) and the messuage settled at marriage (subject to payment of £50 each to Thomas Henzell and Joseph Henzell, wife's brothers, and £100 to Richard, son of William Peareth, esquire and alderman) to wife's brother, Master James Henzell, with remainder to Jane his wife, and after death of both, the marriage house to John Hare Henzell, son of said James, the residence and the Unicorn to Ralph, another son of James, both taking the name of Hare Henzell. To said James Henzell, Richard Chambers, tanner, Roger Hall, clothier, and Robert Rich, coachmaker, all his share in the glass-houses, held of the Corporation, upon trust to pay profits to wife for life and after her death to Thomas Henzell of the glasshouses aforesaid. To said trustees, a house in Westgate Street in the occupation of Thomas Nicholson, victualler, paying profits to said Richard Chambers for life, and then to — Chambers, his eldest son. To Eleanor, wife of said Roger Hall, the house in Back Row in their occupation. To Cuthbert Waters, fisherman, £20 per annum, and to William Manners, pitman, and Eleanor his wife, £7 per annum, issuing out of messuages at the head of the Side. To Jane, widow of Robert Bell, labourer, the room in which she dwells for life and £2 12s. per annum out of the Head of the Side property. To Abraham Irwin, cartman, and James Finn, a poor blind man, each £2 12s. annuity out of same property. To Elianor, Elizabeth, Ann, Isable, and Mary, daughters of late wife's late brother, Richard Chambers, £50 each. To Robert, son of said Richard, deceased, £100. To Lucy, wife of Master William Smith, of Newcastle, surgeon, for separate use, £150. Head of the Side property, charged as above, all real estate undemised, and residue of personalty to Elianor and Margaret Wetherell, daughters of late sister-in-law, Judith, late wife of Richard Wetherell, of Durham city, gentleman, in equal shares. Executors: Elianor and Margaret Wetherell. Signed, John Hare. Witnesses: Thomas Davidson, John Armstrong, John Isaacson. Codicil directing that devise to wife is conditioned upon her permitting Robert Rich to have for life a moiety, next St. John's churchyard, of the garden behind the marriage house, with liberty of passage, etc. Also to said Rich £20 for his trouble as trustee.

1795. October 20.—Will of John Hare Henzell, of Ballast Hills, mariner, in which (after reciting his title to various messuages, stables, garden, etc., in the Nolt Market, Newcastle, formerly the estate of John Hare, gentleman, deceased) he bequeaths to his daughter, Jane Body Hare Henzell, all that messuage and stabling occupied by Thomas Robson as a public house by the sign of the Fighting Cocks. Proved at Durham July 7, 1796, by his widow, Jane Henzell, sole executrix and guardian of his daughter.

1814. April 7 and 8.—Lease and release by which Jane Body Hare Henzell of Morpeth, spinster, in contemplation of marriage with Edward Challoner of Morpeth, master mariner, conveys to John Challoner of said town, and Edward Stamp, junior, of Alnwick, in trust, the Fighting Cocks, in the occupation of Mary Wheatman, on W. side of the Bigg Market, with houses and shops lately erected behind same, occupied by William Pearson, George Amery, William Turnbull, John Spencer, Richard Atkinson, John Robertson, and Thomas Watson, subject to the life estate of Jane Lester, mother of said J. B. H. Henzell, of and in premises called the Unicorn Inn, for the natural life of said J. B. H. Henzell, with survivorship, etc.

1821. February 17.—Will of Jane Body Henzell Challoner, wife of Edward Challoner of North Shields, master mariner, confirming settlement of April, 1814, and giving all other real estate from death of survivor of self and husband in trust to Robert Maving and George Body, for all her children, in equal shares if more than one. Letters with will annexed granted at Durham to Edward Challoner, April 4, 1821.

1836. December 22. Indenture of five parts. (1) John Challoner, late of Morpeth, and then of Newcastle, and Edward Stamp; (2) Jacob Dawson of Newcastle, and Margaret his wife, one of two daughters (co-heiresses) of Robert Maving, deceased, and John Bywell Mason of Newcastle, gentleman, and Elizabeth, his wife, the other daughter of Robert Maving; (3) Anna Hare Challoner, Newcastle, spinster, only child of Edward Challoner and Jane Body Hare Henzell, his wife, both deceased; (4) John Macrobin of Aberdeen, esq., Dr. and Professor of Medicine; (5) Christopher Dighton of Northallerton, surgeon, and William Skinner of Aberdeen, advocate, reciting (1) contemplated marriage between Anna Hare Challoner and John Macrobin; (2) the indenture of April 1814; (3) the will of J. B. H. Challoner; (4) that J. B. H. Challoner died in February, 1821, leaving the said Anna, her only surviving child, and that said Edward Challoner had also died; (5) that said George Body died in 1822, leaving said Robert Maving him surviving; (6) that said Robert Maving died in May, 1834, without devising his trust estates, leaving said Margaret Dawson and Elizabeth Mason his co-heiresses. For nominal consideration paid by said Dighton and Skinner to parties 1, 2, and 3, to destroy all estates tail of said Anna in the property and limit the inheritance in fee simple, the said parties released, and said Anna, with consent of said John Macrobin, granted to said Dighton and Skinner, the Fighting Cocks, occupied by Philip Eggleston, and the shops, etc., behind, in trust for said Anna till marriage, and after marriage in terms of a settlement of same date.

1866. December 1.—Indenture by which, through deaths of William Skinner,

November 19, 1861, and C. Dighton, November 2, 1863, John Macrobin appointed George Alexander Simpson and Samuel Anderson, both of Aberdeen, trustees. (Anna Hare Macrobin died April 1, 1858.)

1867. June 6.—Sale to the Corporation of Newcastle of the Fighting Cocks Inn, held successively by Thomas Robson, Mary Wheatman, Philip Eggleston, Roger Heron, and now by Lawrence Stephenson, with the buildings behind occupied, now or late, by Francis Johnson, Chas. Deas, John Johnson, Chris. Liddell, Thomas Sharper, E. G. Fitzakerly, Joseph Bainbridge, Mark Vint, R. Brough, Thomas Potts, and Richard Bell.

THIRD HOUSE. [R.W.]

1674.—Indenture between Margaret, widow of William Pace, late of Newcastle, skinner and glover, deceased, Richard Robinson, butcher, and Judith his wife, William Hunter, shipwright, and Grace his wife (Judith and Grace being daughters of William and Margaret Pace), 1st part, and Ambrose Barnes of Newcastle, merchant, and Matthew Soulsby of Newcastle, ropemaker. Witnessing that for the natural love and affection which said persons of the first part bear to each other it is agreed that they shall, before Michaelmas, by fine, etc., convey to said Ambrose and Matthew, a messuage on W. side of Bigg Market, bounded by tenement of John Cockburne, N., a tenement and garden lately occupied by Bertram Orde, deceased, and belonging to Sir Francis Bowes, S. and W., and on the Bigg Market, E.; also a messuage in the Broad Garth, occupied by said William Hunter (and seven others), bounded by land of Nicholas Fenwick, merchant, W., Trinity House, E., and extending from head of said Garth towards the S. to Silver Street, N., both properties to use of said Margaret for life, and then one moiety of each to Richard and Judith, for life and heirs, and in default to William and Grace for life and heirs, the other moiety to William and Grace for life and heirs, and in default to Richard and Judith and heirs. Signed: Ambrose Barnes, Matthew Soulsby. Witnesses: John Grayson, Thomas Parkin, Peter Wilson, notary public.

LOW FRIAR STREET. [F.W.D.]

Much more interest attaches to the next series of documents. They begin with two houses in Shod Friar Chare (now Low Friar Street), which were bounded on the south, that is behind—although in one deed the quarter is named east—by a piece of land described, first as a close in the occupation of a gardener, then as a garden, next as a garden belonging to the house of Joseph Carr, esq., and afterwards as owned by the Carrs of Cocken.

There can be little doubt that this was the garden of a mansion at the top of Newgate Street, facing the White Cross, and separated from Low Friar Street corner by the house known to us as the Three Tuns Inn. One of the deeds, dated 1782, names the house and

garden as belonging to Ralph Carr, esq., of Cocken, formerly 'occupied by Langdale Sunderland, esq., late collector of the customs, Newcastle, and now by Aubone Surtees, esq.'

Local annals relate that a few years after the elopement of his daughter with John Scott, afterwards lord Eldon, Aubone Surtees left his house on the Sandhill, the scene of the flight, and took up his residence 'near the White Cross,' whence he removed to Benwell, and there died in September 1800. Hutton's Map of Newcastle, dated 1770, shows a house at the spot above indicated, standing back from Newgate Street in its own grounds, with garden behind extending half the length of Low Friar Street. The identification, therefore, seems fairly complete.

In 1723, the two houses named in the deeds were purchased by a well-to-do Newcastle joiner named Edward Bland. It may be noted, in passing, that a witness to the second release executed in Bland's favour was Edward Chicken, schoolmaster, tax collector, clerk to the Weaver's Company, parish clerk of St. John's, and local poet. Four years before he put his hand to the release he had published his masterpiece, the 'Collier's Wedding.' He kept his school at the corner house (the Three Tuns Inn), and being often resorted to for advice and assistance, became known far and wide as 'Mayor of the White Cross.' To him, therefore, when this release was completed, Francis Armorer, attorney-at-law, resorted both for witnessing signatures to the deed and enrolment in the Town's Court.

Edward Bland, making his will in 1736, left real estate of considerable value to his widow and children. For, besides these two messuages in Shod Friar Chare, he had a mansion in Pilgrim Street (formerly the residence of Thomas Bigge and Edward Collingwood), which he had himself occupied till his death, and which, after his decease, had been converted into an inn; a house on the north side of the Nether Dean Bridge,¹⁴ near its junction with Pilgrim Street, and a house and ground on the south side of Hillgate, Gateshead. Through the death of the elder children, it may be presumed, all this

¹⁴ It is not possible to identify the 'great messuage on the west side of Pilgrim Street,' but the house on the north side of Nether Dean Bridge is pretty clearly indicated in the plan attached to a paper by Mr. W. H. Knowles, F.S.A. —*Arch. Ael.*, vol. xvi. page 373.

property, subject to the life interest of her mother, came to the youngest daughter Ann, and formed her marriage portion, as appears in the deed of settlement dated March, 1764.

1623. September 1.—Indenture of bargain and sale by which Edward Bearop, of Newcastle, skinner and glover, and Suzannah his wife, for £7 10s., conveyed to Thomas Morrow, of Newcastle, yeoman, two tenements in Shodfriar Chare, occupied by John Clegg, labourer, and Cuthbert Robinson, yeoman, bounded by a house of Arthur Mirriman, skinner and glover, W., a tenement occupied by Robert Robson, skinner and glover, E., Shodfriar Chare, N., and a close of John Desborough, gardener, S. Signed by the Bearops, and attested by John Tompson, Mychell Dobson, Robt. Robson, and Chris. Stobbs, scrivener.

1655. October 22.—Indenture of feoffment, with livery and seisin indorsed, by which Thomas, son and heir of said Thomas Morrow, deceased, for £26, conveyed the two burgages to Barnard Walker, of Newcastle, waterman. Described as including a garth behind, as now enclosed, on the south side of a street called the High Friar Chare, bounded by tenement of Elizabeth Blackburn, widow, W., tenement of Robert Forster, yeoman, E., and a back garth belonging to said tenement in possession of Matthew Bell, gardener, S. Signed: Thomas Morrow. Witnesses: William Skelton, Richard Walker (his mark), Nicholas Harding (his mark), and Richard Jackson, scrivener.

1658. June 28.—Indenture of feoffment, with livery and seisin indorsed, whereby for £16 10s., said Barnard Walker conveyed the property to Robert Atkinson, of Newcastle, and Blanche, his wife. Signed: Barnard Walker (his mark). Witnesses: John Huntley (his mark), Matthew Hall, house carpenter (his mark), Edward Blakey, smith, and Thos. Thompson, scrivener.

1698. August 23 and 24.—Indenture of lease and release by which Blanche Atkinson, widow, and Matthew Atkinson, mariner, son and heir of Robert Atkinson, deceased, conveyed the two houses to John Kell, of Newcastle, smith, and Barbara Gee, of same town, widow. The adjoining owners and occupiers are Mary Hoyle, widow, in lieu of Elizabeth Blackburn, W., and Lionel Blagdon, merchant, instead of Robert Forster, E., while the garden is occupied by Mr. Joseph Carr. Signed by the Atkinsons, and attested by James Gillies, Thomas Pattison, and John Byfeild, scrivener. Bond for performance of covenants. Indenture of bargain and sale from Matthew Atkinson, and Margaret his wife, to Barbara Gee, enrolled in the town's court and seal of corporation affixed, August 25, the recognizances of Margaret Atkinson, as a married woman, being taken before Nicholas Fenwick, mayor, Tim. Robson, Wm. Aubone, Thos. Wasse, Geo. Cuthbertson, sheriff, John Douglas, William Gofton, Thos. Ord, John Byfeild, Ralph Featherstonehaugh, and Lionel Moor.

1702. September 7 and 8.—Indentures of lease and release by which said John Kell, for £22 10s., released to Joseph Kell, of the Meadow Heads, Northumberland, yeoman, one full moiety of the two messuages and garth in High Friar Chare. Witnessed by Mary Waugh and John Byfeild.

1703. April 23 and 24. Similar indentures whereby said Joseph Kell and Alice his wife, for £20, released their interest in the half part of two messuages on the south side of Shodfriar Lane, to Barbara Gee, with bond for performance. Witnesses: Joshua Matland, Nathaniel Matland, and I hos. Gofton.

1710. December 15 and 16.—Similar indentures by which Benjamin Blagdon, of London, haberdasher, son of said Lionel Blagdon, merchant, deceased, conveyed to John Mann, of Newcastle, yeoman, all that piece of waste ground in Shodfriar Chare, or Low Friar Street, containing by estimation in length from E. to W., 23 yards, and from N. to S., 18 yards, bounded by garden wall of the house of Joseph Carr, esquire, E., the Chare, W., the wall belonging to the house of Alexander Neilson, N., and the tenement in the occupation of Barbara Gee, S. Attested by George Allgood, Elizabeth Allgood, and William Wilks.

1723-4. January 22 and 23.—Similar indentures whereby Barbara Gee and Joseph and Alice Kell, for £59, released to Edward Bland, of Newcastle, joiner, the two messuages in Shodfriar Chare, late in possession of Kell and Gee, or the latter's tenant, William Marshall, meal maker. Deed of bargain and sale enrolled in the Town's Court on the 23rd. Witnesses: Francis Armorer, junior, William Huntley, and John Widdrington. Alice Kell's recognisance taken before Matthew Featherstonehaugh, mayor; Jo. Reay and Nicholas Fenwick, aldermen; Richd. Swinburne, sheriff; Josh. Douglas, town clerk; Nat. Hargrave, Thos. Gofton, Lionel Moor, John Steel, and Matthew Dawson.

1724. August 26 and 27.—Similar indentures between John Mann and Helena, his wife, and said Edward Bland. Witnessed by Francis Armorer, Edward Chicken and William Huntley. Deed of bargain and sale enrolled in the Town's Court, witnessed by Francis Armorer and Edward Chicken. Recognisances of Helena Mann taken before same mayor and sheriff; Nicholas Ridley and Francis Johnson, aldermen; and the above-named Hargrave, Gofton, Steel, and Dawson, with W. Paston, and Archd. Kennedy.

1736. November 21.—Will of Edward Bland. To wife, Mary, the messuage in which he dwells, with cellars, stables, lofts, &c., with remainder to son, Christopher Bland, and his daughters, Ann. Bland and Alice Storey. To Christopher, his messuage, with stable and premises at the Netherdene Bridge, occupied by Reynold Hollinsworth, Easter Ffrench, Margaret Lawson, and George Simpson, also his two messuages in Low Friar Chare, *alias* Shodfriar Chare, occupied by Joseph Hall, Jane Todd, Francis Davison, Elizabeth Marshall, widow and others; also his messuage in Hillgate, Gateshead, occupied by Mary Dowry, and all his land and tenements not otherwise bequeathed. If Christopher die before his majority, or without a will, the four last-named messuages to come to daughter Ann. Wife to have rents and profits of same till Christopher attain the age of ten, and after that, his cousin, Michael Bland, merchant, and friend Hauxley Surtees to put them out at interest in such manner as friend Henry Ward shall advise, for use of said son till he be 21. Gives wife household goods, stock, drink, malt, and all other personal estate, after paying his debts, and sums left by the will of his mother, funeral expenses, maintenance and education of said son till he go apprentice or attain 21, and of daughter Ann till she be 21, with a legacy of £200 to said Ann at 21, and if she die before that age to pass to Christopher at 21. Wife sole executrix. Witnessed by Henry Ward, Robert Wilson, and Benjamin Heslop.

1764. March 9 and 10.—Indenture of lease and release by way of settlement on the intended marriage of said Ann Bland and William Smith, late of York city, surgeon, but now of London, livery lacemaker:—Whereas a marriage is agreed upon, by permission of God, to be solemnized between said William Smith and

Ann Bland, and whereas said Ann is seised (subject to life estate of Mary Pendleton, of Newcastle, widow, mother of said Ann), of all that great messuage, etc., on the west side of Pilgrim St, and of other messuages hereinafter described, and in consideration of said intended marriage, it is agreed that said messuages shall be conveyed to Thomas Davidson, of Newcastle, attorney, upon trust (for uses herein specified) this indenture witnesseth that said Ann Bland, with consent of said William Smith, releases to said Davidson the following properties : (1) The messuage in Pilgrim Street, heretofore in the occupation of Thomas Bigge, Edward Collingwood, and Edward Ward, afterwards of Edward Bland, father of said Ann, and now of John Wind, inn-keeper, as tenant, bounding upon messuages of Thomas Gillman, inn-keeper, N., and William Mole, inn-keeper (tenant of Thomas Jopling, gentleman), S., and extending from Pilgrim Street, E., to the common sewer called Lort Burn, W. ; (2) The messuage on the north side of Netherdean Bridge, heretofore belonging to Ambrose Henzell, broad glassmaker, deceased, afterwards to Jacob Henzell his son, and since to Christopher Bland, grandfather, and then to Edward Bland, father of said Ann, heretofore in the occupation of Robert Snowdon, mariner, Gawen Twizell, barber-surgeon, George Halliday, yeoman and others, and now of John Coulson, Catherine Steward, George Hallowell, John Hays, Elizabeth Lupton, widow, and another as tenants ; bounded upon a messuage formerly belonging to Francis Brown, ropemaker, deceased, and now to William Lowes, esquire, and occupied by Miss Lawson, milliner, and Walter Hodges, yeoman, as tenants, E., a messuage formerly belonging to Samuel Twizell, master mariner, and now to John Huntley, upholsterer, and in his occupation, with others his tenants, W., a yard belonging to John Donkin, occupied by Richard Jopling, inn-keeper, behind, N., and said Bridge, S. ; (3) Two messuages and garth in Shod Friar Chare, bounded [as before] ; (4) A messuage and ground on S. side of Hillgate, Gateshead, occupied by Clement Smith, tailor, and others, bounded by messuage of Elizabeth Baron, widow, E., messuage of Stephen Hunter, joiner, and a flight of stairs to St. Mary's churchyard, W., and extending from Hillgate, N., to said churchyard, S. Signed by the parties and attested by W. Keenleyside, Thos. Plummer, Cuth. T. Brough, and Chas. Potts.

1769.—Indentures of lease and release whereby for £190 William Smith released the two messuages in Shod Friar Chare to George Lowes of Newcastle, joiner and cabinetmaker. Witnesses : Ralph Lodge and Joseph Watkin.

1782. December 30 and 31.—Similar indentures by which John Maughan of Whinnitly, Northumberland, gentleman, and John Carrick of Carvoran, in same county, gentleman, executors of the will of George Lowes (who died October 13, 1781), released to Susannah Lowes of the Know or Grandway Know, widow of said George Lowes, the said two messuages and garth purchased at public sale for £240. (Occupiers—Matthew Shepherd, William Preston, James Robinson, David Griffin, John Burlinson and David Annan). Bounded by messuages belonging to William Yelder, tanner, W., William Hales, coachman, E., the Chare, N., and a garden of Ralph Carr of Cocken, lately occupied by Langdale Sunderland, esquire, late collector of the customs, Newcastle, and now by Aubone Surtees, esquire, S. Signed by the parties and witnessed by John Bell and Michael Porch.

1786. May 11 and 12.—Similar indentures whereby Susanna Lowes, now of Hexham, for £240, conveyed the property in Lower Friar Chare to Martin Taylor. Boundaries the same, but the garden [and presumably the house] is in occupation of Christopher Blackett and John Reed. Witness: Thomas Davidson.

1786. November 10.—Indenture of demise from said Martin Taylor to John Snow of Gateshead for 1000 years, with proviso for redemption on payment of £150 and interest. Bond for £300 attached. All those messuages in Lower Friar Chare in the occupation of said Martin Taylor, Matthew Shepherd, James Robinson, James Searchbille, Dr. Rotheram and others, and also all those new erections and buildings lately built on the garth thereof.

NOTE ON BARBARA GEE.

Barbara Gee, named in the foregoing documents, is a person of importance from the fact that her will confirms an endowment to the meeting house at the Close Gate (see page 146). The endowment is still paid by the Society of Friends (whose place of worship is erected upon part of the demised property) to the Church of the Divine Unity in Newcastle. Barbara's will begins as follows:—

'In the Name of God, Amen. I, Barbara Gee of the town and county of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, widow, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, do make, publish, and declare this to be my last will. And first, I give and devise unto George Grey of the town and county of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, esquire, Benjamin Bennet of the said town, clerk, Joseph Airey of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, aforesaid, gentleman, and Matthew Twisell of Eachwick in the county of Northumberland, gentleman, their heirs and assigns, all my messuages or tenements, and houses, entrys or passages whatsoever in Pilgrim Street, in Newcastle aforesaid, with their rights, members and appurtenances to and for the several uses and trusts, and subject to the proviso hereinafter mentioned. Whereas, my son John Gee, late of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, aforesaid, gentleman, deceased, did by his last will and testament in writing, duly executed [dated 1717], charge all the said messuages or tenements, houses, entrys or passages after my death, with the yearly payment of the sum of six pounds for ever to such person or persons as should at the time of my death be minister or ministers of and for the Protestant Dissenters' meeting house for religious worship, situate without the Close Gate, without the walls but within the libertys of the said town of Newcastle, and to the successor or successors of such ministers for ever, I do hereby ratify and confirm the said devise of six pounds per annum for ever, and do hereby order and appoint that the said sum be paid by four equal quarterly payments yearly and every year to the hands of the said minister and his successors for ever. And I hereby make all the said premises liable to the payment of the said six pounds per annum for ever, to be paid as aforesaid to the said minister and his successors, whether the said meeting house be at the Close Gate or elsewhere.' Remainder to Airey in trust for the children of her daughter Addison. Lands and tenements at High Callerton

to Grey, Bennet, Airey and Twisell upon similar trusts. To Benjamin Bennet, two guineas for a legacy, and a like sum to Mr. Wroe; to Nathaniel Matland of Shields, 30s.; to Sarah Warwick, 20s.; to child of daughter Addison first attaining 21 years, my silver tankard, two silver cups, one small silver spoon, one silver watch chain and seal which did belong to my said son John, and three gold rings. Executed March 19, 1724-5, and attested by Bartho. Kent; Charles Turner and Jonathan Barnes.

THE POSTERN [C.-E.]

A schedule of deeds by which property in the Postern was conveyed affords a passing glance of an extinct industry—that of the horse-mill. The premises comprised, in 1629, a house and horse-mill which stood at the south east corner of the Postern, looking partly up Westgate Street, to the north, and partly along Back Row to the east, and extended westward along the whole south side of the Postern to the town wall near the Postern Gate. Horse-mills were not uncommon in Newcastle in the early days of its history, when freedom of milling was a highly prized privilege. The customs and regulations of the town, sent by the mayor and burgesses of Newcastle to the mayor and burgesses of Stockton in 1343, provided that ‘every burgesse may have a mill of his own, upon his own land—horse-mill, water-mill, wind-mill, or hand-mill,’ and that ‘every burgesse may send his corn to be ground to whatever mill he will.’ And so, where neither wind nor water was available, the more homely but less capricious horse-mill went its weary round. In 1474 the Meal Market of Newcastle, as was natural, had its horse-mill, and a hundred years later the Brandlings owned one in the Broad Chare, on the Quay, which, in 1578, Henry, brother of sir Robert Brandling, bequeathed to his son William. The mill in the Postern with the house and garth attached to it is clearly shown upon Hutton’s map, dated 1770, and appears to have covered a considerable piece of ground.

Further interest in this schedule accrues from its disclosure of two noteworthy names—those of Anthony Wheatley and John Stephenson.

Anthony Wheatley, who appears as executor of the will of John Spoor, was the cordwainer of Back Row—uncle, foster-father and apprentice master of John Brand the historian. Testator, it is to be noted, was a cordwainer also, and when he was making his will in

1755 who could be better fitted for the upbringing of his children than his friend, neighbour, and fellow-craftsman, Mr. Wheatley, already engaged, as he was, in the benevolent enterprise of educating and training his own nephew, young Brand?

It has been customary to associate Anthony Wheatley with the management of a small business in a poor locality, among squalid surroundings. But it may be doubted whether this estimate of his position is quite correct. The locality was poor and mean without doubt. Back Row was a narrow thoroughfare leading from King Street, in front of the Black Gate, to Westgate Street, where it faced the Postern. Yet it contained, on the south side, several good, substantial houses, and in one of them Anthony Wheatley lived. Besides, he was not only a member of his company—the Cordwainers—(admitted to his freedom in 1749), but for several years one of the wardens of that influential fraternity. A tablet in the ancient hall of the company still preserves the memory of his wardenship.

John Stephenson, the house carpenter in this schedule, made himself a name in connection with the restoration of Tyne Bridge. When that massive viaduct was broken down by the great flood of November 17, 1771, he entered into an agreement 'to finish a temporary bridge in four months, to be reckoned from June 18, 1772, under a large penalty.' On the 27th October following he completed his contract, and the bridge was opened for traffic. David Stephenson, architect of All Saints' Church, and of the 'new theatre,' the designer of Dean Street and Mosley Street, and the undertaker of many other works of utility and improvement in Newcastle and Gateshead (not to mention the New Quay at North Shields and the tenantry column at Alnwick), was a son of John, the house carpenter.

1629. October 23.—Indenture of bargain and sale whereby, for £20, John Reefley of Newcastle, miller, conveyed to Charles Mitford of Newcastle, merchant, all those two tenements, or horse-mill, in the Postern, bounded by the town wall, W., a tenement belonging to Richard Kirkhouse, tanner, S., and the King's high street, N. and E., subject to redemption on payment of £20 and interest.

1641-2. January 13.—Release by deed poll of said premises from William Reefley of Newcastle, blacksmith, to Alexander Forster, of Ellington, gentleman.

1641-2. January 14.—Indenture of feoffment with livery and seisin indorsed whereby said Reefley conveyed the premises to said Forster. Bond for performance attached.

1669. August 17.—Indenture of feoffment, with livery and seisin indorsed, by which Alexander Forster of Alnwick, gentleman, son and heir of Alexander Forster, late of Ellington, deceased, for £55 conveyed the premises to John Harrison of Newcastle, wine porter.

1678. May 17.—Similar deed whereby John Harrison of Newcastle, free porter, in consideration of marriage with Katherine Taylor of Newcastle spinster, conveyed to Henry Shaw, barber-chirurgion, and John Baker, smith in trust for said Harrison during life, and afterwards to said Taylor, his intended wife, their heirs, etc., a messuage in Westgate street, near unto the Postern, occupied by John Allan, Margaret Aynsley, and others.

1685. September 25.—Similar deed, by which, for £20, John Gunthorpe of Alnwick, gentleman, and Tabitha, his wife, relict of Alexander Forster, conveyed the premises to John Harrison of Newcastle, yeoman.

1708. July 30 and 31.—Indenture of lease and release whereby Robert Harrison of Newcastle, mason, released to Samuel Spoor of Newcastle, yeoman, all that messuage in 'Westgate street or the Postern,' then in the several tenures and occupations of Edward Blacklock, James Allan, and others, as tenants.

1717. November 21 and 22.—Indentures of lease and release, the release tripartite :—(1) Robert Harrison of Newcastle, mason, and Thomasin, his wife ; (2) Jonathan Spoor of said town, smith ; (3) John Spoor of same town, yeoman, and Isabel Spoor of same town, spinster (said John and Isabel being children of Samuel Spoor, before-named, and Jonathan, a trustee for John and Isabel). For £35 said Harrison conveyed to said Jonathan Spoor all that messuage, etc., and all that backside, etc., used as a byre or cowhouse, in the Postern, and now in the occupation of Thomas White and others as tenants ; bounding upon a messuage occupied by Elizabeth Blacklock and others as tenants, E., a messuage in possession of James Foggin, W., the Postern, N., and a messuage belonging to William Thornton, and occupied by Nicholas Emmerson and others, S.; and also all that other messuage, etc., in Westgate street, now in possession of Elizabeth Blacklock and others, bounding upon Westgate street, E., the messuage occupied by White and others, W., the Postern, N., and Thornton's messuage, S. Bond for performance of covenants from Harrison to Jonathan Spoor.

1720. Michaelmas term, 1 George IV.—Indenture of part of a fine, Jonathan Spoor, plaintiff ; Robert Harrison and Thomasin, his wife, deforciant.

1755. June 6.—Will of John, son of Samuel Spoor, whereby, *inter alia*, he devised to Anthony Wheatley all his messuages, with stables, etc., at the foot of Westgate street, and all other real estate, in trust for bringing up his son Samuel, and his daughters, Isabel and Margaret, and on Samuel attaining legal age, to the use of him and his heirs, etc., charged with £20 to be paid in equal shares to the two daughters on their attaining the age of twenty-one. Residue to Margaret, his wife. Executor : Anthony Wheatley.

1757. February 1 and 2.—Indentures of lease and release between Isabel Stephenson of Newcastle, widow [daughter of Samuel Spoor], and her son, John Stephenson, house carpenter, and Ann, his wife. In consideration of natural love and affection, and for his better advancement and preferment, as also in consideration of £25 paid to her by him, the said Isabel released to him all that messuage, etc., with byer or cowhouse, to hold to use of said Isabel during life, and afterwards to use of said John and Ann, his wife.

1766. December 4 and 5.—Indentures of lease and release by which Samuel Spoor of Newcastle, cordwainer, only son and heir of John Spoor, cordwainer, deceased, and Margaret, relict of said John Spoor, released to John Stephenson, of Newcastle, house carpenter, a messuage standing in 'Westgate street or the Postern,' now in the occupation of Samuel Spoor, Margaret Spoor, Mary Elliott, and others as tenants thereof.

1767. October 2.—John Stephenson of Newcastle, carpenter, and Ann, his wife, to secure a loan of £300, mortgaged to Charles Atkinson, of Newcastle, merchant, two houses newly erected by said Stephenson, upon the site of the messuage in the Postern, formerly occupied by Thomas White and others. The adjoining property in Westgate street, formerly in occupation of Elizabeth Blacklock, is described as late in the occupation of Margaret Spoor, widow, John Hall, cordwainer, and Mary Atkinson, widow, and now 'rebuilt by said John Stephenson.'¹⁵

SIDGATE, FRIAR CHARE, AND CASTLE GARTH [R.W.]

Attached to half-a-dozen abstracts concerning a house in Sidgate are odds and ends of manuscripts relating to other property in the same ownership, and to customs and impositions that have become obsolete.

Two of the documents are doctors' bills, in which we see the general practitioner of the middle of the eighteenth century—surgeon apothecary, as he was called—compounding his own medicines, and, while charging for drugs and pills, adding nothing for attendance and skill.

Another paper exhibits the rent collector in his most peremptory mood, demanding, in his Majesty's name, under threat of sending a messenger to levy the same, payment of a fee farm rent, due to a grantee from the crown.

Two others refer to that worst of all impositions, the window-tax. Instituted, in 1695, to defray the cost of recoinage silver, this tax continued, with various fluctuations of amount and incidence, down to 1851, when the revenue derived from it was nearly two millions. Among its many victims in Newcastle was Mrs. Ann Hedley, widow of George Hedley, tanner, and heir-at-law of Dorothy, widow of Gilbert Smith, chapman. Mrs. Hedley inherited a house in Sidgate, and a house and shop in the Castle Garth, from her aunt, Katherine Longmoor, and two messuages in Black Friar Chare, and two tenements

¹⁵ In Oliver's *Plan of Newcastle* (1831) the house in the Postern, west of the corner site, is entered as being, at that date, the property of Margaret Stephenson.

in Plummer Chare on the Quay, from Dorothy Smith. She appears to have escaped the tax upon her Quayside and up-town property, but down here under the shadow of the Castle Keep, more light and ventilation were needed, and these sanitary privileges had to be paid for.¹⁶ Whether she lived in the window-taxed house, which contained 'four rooms, two garrets, and a shop, also a coal-hole adjoining the Castle,' or in the more leafy environments of Sidgate and Black Friar Chare, does not appear. But, in the autumn of 1747, she obtained a new tenant for her house in the Garth, and that date synchronises with, or at any rate follows shortly, the last entry in her doctor's bill. For it will be observed that she was taking hysteric pills and juleps, stomach draughts and drops, from December, 1746, to July, 1747, that on the 28th of the latter month, applying an epispaetic, she recovered, and that, on the 14th October following, she sublet her house for ten years. There may be no connecting link in this sequence of events, but history is sometimes made of very slender materials.

1682. June 29. Indenture of feoffment, with livery and seisin indorsed, from Margery Pile, of Newcastle, widow, daughter and heir of Thomas Thompson, of Newcastle, deceased, tailor, Godfrey, George, and James Pile, sons, and Eleanor, daughter of said Margery, to George Hankin, of Newcastle, ropemaker, of all that burgage now ruinous, formerly belonging to said Thomas Thompson, fronting Sidgate, Newcastle, 109 yards 6 inches long, and 6 yards broad, near the New Gate, bounded by the house of William Pescod, N.W., by a piece of waste land belonging to Mrs. Mary Midford, S.E., Sidgate, S.W., and a waste belonging to Bartram Anderson behind, N.E., subject to an annual rent of 2s. 6d. to Mary Midford, of Ouseburn, widow. Bond for performance attached.

1682. August 14.—Indenture of feoffment, with livery and seisin indorsed, whereby William Pescod granted to George Hankin a parcel of ground adjoining above premises.

1684. August 23.—Feoffment, with livery and seisin indorsed, from George Hankin and Jane, his wife, to Thomas Watson, of Newcastle, master and mariner, of a messuage in Sidgate, occupied by William Morris, John Young and others, formerly a waste, ruinous, and lately bought of Margery Pile, for £80 with a fine levied in the Town Court of Newcastle.

1696. June 27.—Will of Thomas Watson, whereby, *inter alia*, he gave the messuage near Newgate, betwixt Gallowgate, W., and the street, N., to his wife, Hannah, for life, then to Richard, son of George Johnson, of Newcastle, master and mariner.

¹⁶ A hundred years after Mrs. Hedley had paid her last tax, a Newcastle Sunday School teacher was urging upon his class the duty of forgiving those who trespass against us, and even those who add insult to injury. 'Do you know what I mean by adding insult to injury?' he asked. 'Yes, sir,' replied an up-to-date scholar, 'it's making a blind man pay window cess.'

1704-5. February 17.—Feoffment of said premises, after death of Hannah Watson, from Richard Johnson, of Cornhill, Northumberland, gentleman, to Katherine Longmoor, of Newcastle, widow, for £19 7s., with bond for performance and note attached that Hannah Watson died in September 1747, when Mrs. Longmoor came into possession.

1748-9. March 13. Administration, with will of Katherine Longmoor annexed, granted to Ann Hedley, Newcastle, widow, niece and next of kin of said Katherine, whereby the house in Sidgate was given to George Grey and John Widdrington upon trust to pay Mary, wife of Henry Elliot, for life, £40 a year. Residue to Ann, wife of George Hedley, and after her death the house to be sold and the proceeds divided among her children.

Documents relating to persons named in the foregoing deeds :—

(a.) 1691. May 11. Indenture between Charles, Earl of Macclesfield, and Jane Johnson, of Castle Garth, Northumberland, widow, demising to said Jane all that tenement late in possession of William Johnson, consisting of one high room, one garret, the little stable and usual privilege in the open place in the Castle Garth, for 21 years from 2nd February last, paying therefor yearly £5 at quarter days free from all taxes. Signed—MACCLESFIELD. Seal—An elephant.

(b.) London, November 4, 1727. Mrs. Longmore. I Received your Bill of Ten pound and paid It way to a Nother person, and yesterday I had an account that It is paide, which was ye Reason I did not Wright to you Before, My Wife gives her service to you and your Neise, I rest your frind JOHN GOLDHAM.

I have got your dish, But I think It is not proper to sent It A Lone, Because of the Charge It will put you to.

(c.) Recd. February 22nd, 1738-9, of Mrs. Kath. Longmore Ten pound Ten shillings for One year's Rent of Houses in ye Castlegarth, due from her to George Liddell, esqr., Christmas last, or 1738. Recd. as above for ye said Geo. Liddell esqr., p. HUGH BOAG.

(d.) Recd. Sep. 13th, 1746, of Mrs Ann Hedley Seven pound Seventeen shillings and Six pence for ½rs Rent of Housing in the Castlegarth due at Lammas last. Recd. as above for Geo. Liddell esqr's execrs., £7 17s. 6d., By HUGH BOAG.

(e.) Mrs. Cath. Longmoor. Dr. to B. Heslopp.
for Self.

1743.									
April 2,	To an Emulsion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	s. d.
10,	To a Mixture	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 0
									1 6
									2 6
1742.									
February 2,	To 5 Boluses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 3
15,	To 5 Boluses	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 3
1743.									
April 10,	To a Julep for Mrs. Hedley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 4
									6 4
7ber 3,	To an Oyntment for Son	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0 4
									6 8

Recd. ye Contents of this Note for ye Use of Mr. Benjn.

Heslopp p. me WILLIAM WILKINSON.

LOCAL MUNIMENTS :

		s. d.	
(f.) Mrs. Hedley to William Bacon, Dr.			
1746.			
Decemb ^r . 11,	To Pectoral Electuary	2	8
	To Pectoral Decoction	2	4
23,	To a Box of Hysteric Pills	3	4
	To a Hysteric Julep	1	6
Jan. 2,	To a Bottle Drops	0	6
	To a Hysteric Julep Repeated	1	6
21,	To a Bottle Drops Repeated	0	6
	The Hysteric Julep as before	1	6
Feb. 5,	To a Box of Pills	3	4
	To a Hysteric Julep	1	6
14,	To a Purging Tincture	1	0
16,	The Electuary Repeated	2	8
	The Decoction as before	2	4
March 31,	To three Stomach Draughts	2	3
April 1,	To three Stomach Draughts as before	2	3
	(Four similar items of three draughts each follow.) ...	9	0
15,	To a bottle Drops	0	6
	To a Box of Ointment	0	3
	To three Stomach Draughts as before	2	3
22,	To three Draughts Repeated	2	3
24,	To three Draughts as before	2	3
May 5,	To three Draughts as before	2	3
July 28,	To a bottle Drops	0	6
	To 2oz. of Manna... ..	1	4
	An Epispastic, etc.	1	0
		£2 10 9	

Recd. Augt. 17th, 1747, the full Contents, WILLIAM BACON.

(g.) Receiv'd the 20th of April, 1747, of Mrs. Ann Hedley, the sum of Three Shillings & seven pence $\frac{3}{4}$, being a Cess laid on the Lands in the Parish of St. Nicholas for the necessary Repairs of the Church.

£0 3s. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

WILLIAM WATSON, }
LANCELOT STOUT, } Churchwardens.

(h.) Newcastle, May the 6, 1747.

Received of Mrs. Hedley the sum of three shillings & seven pence for a Year's Land-tax of her House in Key Side due last lady day.

Window cess _____ per me, THOS. AUBONE.

(i.) Newcastle, May the 6, 1749.

Received of Mrs. Hedley the sum of five shillings & eight pence for a Year's Land-tax of her House in Sidgate, due last lady day.

Window cess _____ per me, THOS. AUBONE.

(j.) The Third Day of October, 1747.

In Newcastle- upon-Tyne.	} Received of Widow Hedley the sum of Three Shillings for One Year's Fee-Farm Rent (by Grant from the Crown) due unto Edward Noell esqr's Heirs at Michaelmas last, for a Messuage in Black Fryar Chair.	} £ s. d. 0 3 0
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I say received,

Acquitt. 4^{ae}

per

ROBT. DOUGLAS, Recr.

You are hereby required, in his Majesty's NAME, and without further Notice, to pay this Rent, due at Michaelmas next, at my House in Westgate on the first Day of October, 1748, in the Morning, and bring with you this Acquittance, otherwise a Messenger will be sent forthwith to levy the same.

(k.) 1747. October 14.—Lease for 10 years from Ann Hedley, of Newcastle, widow, to Mary Dykes, of Newcastle, widow, at £13 10s. per annum, of a house in the Castle Garth, containing four rooms, two garrets, and a shop, also a coal hole adjoining the Castle. Lessee to pay poor's rate and window cess and keep the glass of the windows repaired; lessor to pay all other taxes and execute all other repairs. Witnesses: Mary Whitehead, Charles Handasyde.

ROSEMARY LANE. [C.-E.]

Leases of church property form the subject of our last sheaf of muniments. The street in which the property was situated is described as Rosemary Lane, or St. Mary Lane, or St. John's Chare.

Bourne, writing about Pudding Chare, tells us that 'The Lane called *Rosemary-lane*, which turns upon the Right Hand as you go down this Chare [from the Bigg Market] into *Westgate*, was formerly called *St. John's Chare* because it led from the *Pudding-chare* to *St. John's Church*.' Brand states that Pudding Chare 'communicates with *St. John's Churchyard*, or rather with a new footway railed off at the end of it called "Grave's End Walk" by another little street called anciently *St. John's Chare*, at present *Rosemary Lane*, in which is the lying-in hospital,' etc.

At the date of the first deed in the following series (1673) the property—a bit of waste land, one-hundred-and-twenty square yards in area—was leased to Anthony Green, house-carpenter, by the churchwardens of *St. John's*, and by them alone. In later documents the vicars of Newcastle are made parties to the leases.

One of the churchwardens, it may be noted, is described as 'Thomas Fletcher, the-second of the name,' cordwainer. This some-

what unusual designation¹⁷ suggested the existence of two contemporary Thomas Fletchers, not necessarily related to each other, or at any rate not being father and son. Extracts from the books of the Cordwainer's Company showed that there were not merely two but four of them. One Thomas Fletcher was a steward of the Company in 1645, and again in 1660; another Thomas Fletcher (probably the churchwarden) was admitted to his freedom on the 23rd February, 1651-2; a third, with the affix 'jun.', was admitted on the 29th December, 1657, while a fourth Thomas Fletcher took up his freedom in January 1663-4. With four Richmonds in the field at one time, some method of fixing identity became necessary, and thus the churchwarden of St. John's was labelled, like pope or monarch, Thomas Fletcher the Second.

1673. November 5.—Lease for forty-one years from Robert Crow, merchant, Christopher Cocke, miller, Thomas Fletcher, 'the second of the name,' cordwainer, and William Pattison, of Benwell,¹⁸ yeoman, churchwardens of St. John's, Newcastle, to Anthony Green, house-carpenter, Newcastle, of all that piece or parcel of waste ground, containing by estimation, 15 yards in length and 8 yards in breadth, being part of lands belonging to St. John's chapelry, and then in the occupation of Jane Coats, widow, bounding E. upon a messuage belonging to the said Jane Coats, S. upon a messuage belonging to the chapelry, and extending itself towards a lane called St. Mary Lane, *alias* Rosemary Lane, N. and W., yielding to the said churchwardens an annual rent of 7s.

1696. November 19.—Indenture of assignment by which John Green, perrywigg maker, son and administrator of Anthony Green, set over to Charles Fairbridge, joiner, all of Newcastle, for the residue of the term, the lease of 'all

¹⁷ 'Thomas Fletcher the Second' appears as such several times in the Cordwainers' Books. Thus, in 1665-6 the stewards are William Smith, James Bell, John Andrew, and 'Thomas Fletcher the Second.' In a list of 'searches made to discover the journeymen working with their respective masters,' dated July 22, 1672, 'Thomas Fletcher the Second' is reported as employing three men—John Fletcher, Lawrence Nesbit, and Robert Trotter; while another of the four, designated 'Thomas Fletcher the eldest,' has but one—John Moryson. Another list, enumerating 'Free Cordwainers living in May, 1674, arranged in the order of their admission to freedom,' contains three of the Thomas Fletchers, of which 'Thomas Fletcher, senior' is twelfth, 'Thomas Fletcher the second,' thirty-third, and 'Thomas Fletcher, junior,' thirty-seventh in the rotation. Twenty-one years later the name of Fletcher is still prominent in the Company's records:—'May 27, 1695. Let to Thomas Fletcher, the low room of the Correction House in the Flesh Market [*cf.* Brand, *Hist. Newcastle*, vol. i. p. 327] to enter May 1, 1696—rent 30s. per annum; to Richard Fletcher, senior, the hall, a closett with a garret, 55s.'

¹⁸ Benwell, being then in the parish of St. John's, had its churchwarden at the period covered by these deeds, and for long after. See Brand, *Hist. Newcastle*, vol. i. p. 111.

that parcel of waste ground, with the house and other buildings thereon standing,' in consideration of a payment of £7 2s. Witnessed by Thomas Davison (his mark) and Thomas Richardson, scrivener.

1701. April 17.—Lease for 21 years from the Rev. Nathaniel Ellison, M.A., and vicar of Newcastle, and the churchwardens of St. John's (Christopher Richelly, yeoman, Ralph Cook, yeoman, John Jackson, sadler, and Thomas Gill, of Benwell, smith), to Charles Farbridge, paying 7s. yearly, of all that messuage lately erected by the said Charles Farbridge, and now in the tenure of Alexander Ripping, bounding E. on the messuage of Richard Coates, shipwright; S., upon a messuage belonging to the chapelry occupied by George Carr, clerk, and extending itself towards St. Mary Lane, *alias* St. John's Chare.

1707. October 20.—Charles Farbridge set over the lease to Emanuel Walker, of Newcastle, gentleman.

1716. December 17.—Emanuel Walker, of Westminster, gentleman, for £80 paid him by Thomas Holme, of Newcastle, gentleman, set over the lease. The house was then occupied by Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, widow, and Samuel Mowbray, schoolmaster. Witnessed by Nich. Ryall, John Low and Christopher Iles.

1719. September 23.—Lease between Dr. Ellison, vicar of Newcastle, and the churchwardens of St. John's (John Harrison, barber-surgeon, Lancelot Stout, butcher, Tristram Wilkinson, tanner, John Wake, Benwell, yeoman), and Thomas Holme, of Newcastle, gentleman, of all that messuage built by Charles Farbridge, in St. Mary Lane, *alias* Rosemary Lane, *alias* St. John's Chare. Term 21 years; rent 14s. per annum. Witnesses: Robt. Liddell, John Holme, Thomas Gell, and Edwd. Reay.

1734. April 16.—Renewal of the lease to Thomas Holme, by the Rev. Thomas Turnor, vicar of Newcastle, and the churchwardens of St. John's (William Rowel, tallow chandler, Robert Yelder, tanner, Thomas Young, bricklayer, and Jeremiah Baynes, Elswick, gentleman), for 21 years, paying 14s. yearly. Witnesses: Thomas Baker and Ed. Clarke.

1734. May 13.—Assignment of the lease by Thomas Holme of High Heworth, son and heir of Thomas Holme, of Newcastle, to John Wilkinson, of Newcastle, gentleman, to secure payment of £50 lent on mortgage.

1736. December 29.—Indenture by which John Wilkinson and Thomas Holme of High Heworth, assigned to James Clarke, of Newcastle, merchant, the lease aforesaid as security for a loan of £50, said Thomas Holme having omitted to pay the loan made by Wilkinson.

1748-9. February 17.—Renewal of the lease to Thomas Holme, of High Heworth, by Thomas Turnor, vicar of Newcastle, and the churchwardens of St. John's (John Manuel, cheesemonger, James Bradley, farrier, Thomas Jackson, shoemaker, John Usher, of Benwell, yeoman). Term 21 years. Rent 14s. a year. February 21.—Assignment of the lease from Holme to James Clarke to secure the aforesaid loan of £50. Witnesses: Thomas Dixon and Samuel Mowbray.

1762. September 10.—Assignment of the lease to Braems Wheler, of Durham, gentleman, acting executor of the will of Margaret Beaver, of Newcastle, widow, deceased, who was executrix of the will of Thomas Holme, of High Heworth, deceased, upon payment of the £50 due to James Clarke. Witnesses: Thomas Dixon and John Fenwick.