

ARCHAEOLOGIA AELIANA.

I.—LOCAL MUNIMENTS (FOURTH SERIES).

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Among recent gifts to the Society's library are a number of deeds and papers from the office of the late Mr. Jasper Gibson, of Hexham, solicitor. Mr. Gibson was at one time a correspondent of the Society, as recorded in our centenary volume, but does not appear to have become a member. He was one of the leading attorneys in his native town, and in 1842 was appointed bailiff of the manorial court there, an office which he retained till his death.

Among these documents are over a hundred deeds relating to the conveyance of freehold and leasehold estate in various parts of the county of Northumberland, but chiefly in the districts of Hexhamshire and Tyneside. To these I have added, from my own and other sources, muniments concerning property in Newcastle and other local places which give additional interest to the series already printed in *Archaeologia Aeliana*.

In the collection thus gathered together are several of more than passing interest. There is, for example, a grant from the crown of the manor of Sturton Grange to Lord Eure; some additional papers relating to the Killingworths of Killingworth, the subject of a genealogical paper by Dr. Dendy in the second volume of the current series of *Archaeologia Aeliana*; a long series of deeds relating to the vicissitudes of the family of Scott of High Stokoe and Stamfordham; two or three conveyances illustrating the open field system of husbandry at Corbridge; together with documents which illustrate the winning and working of collieries,

the mining and smelting of lead ore, the cultivation of land and rotation of crops, several marriage settlements, assignments of tithes, grant of church pew, etc., etc. The Newcastle deeds mostly refer to those stately mansions in the Side and on the Sandhill, in which mayors, sheriffs, aldermen and wealthy merchants of the town lived, and moved, and pursued their various avocations.

Apart from deeds and conveyances, there are, in the Gibson collection, a voluminous series of original copies of court rolls of the manors of Hexham and Anick Grange, extending from 28 Elizabeth to the commencement of the 19th century, wherein are shown the devolution of copyhold property and the customs of the respective manors. These I have not ventured to analyse. The task is too formidable.

There are, also, a number of wills, many of which have been added to this paper; a series of bonds given as security for the performance of covenants, and the payment of money borrowed; several indentures of apprenticeship; receipts of various kinds, and the usual *disjecta membra* of a successful lawyer's office.

Initials attached to head lines indicate the sources from which the documents are derived, thus:—

C.-E.—Captain Carr-Ellison.

T.C.C.—Rev. T. C. Crosby, Alston.

J.C.H.—John Crawford Hodgson.

A.M.O.—A. M. Oliver, town clerk, Newcastle.

W.T.—William Thompson, Alston.

R.W.—Richard Welford.

Those to which no initials are attached are from the Jasper Gibson collection.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

BYKER CHARE. [R.W.]

1642. April 26.—Indenture of bargain and sale with livery of seisin annexed, by which, for 32*l*, Ralph Guy, yeoman, John Guy, draper, Robert Perk, mariner, and Isabella his wife, Edward Easterby and Margaret his wife, and Elizabeth Guy, spinster, all of Newcastle, sold to Roger Dalton of Newcastle, baker and beer brewer, and Emmott his wife, a waste in Byker Chare in the tenure of Ralph Fell. Witnesses: Robert Singleton, Wm. Coulson, Arthur Shaftoe (mark), Anthony Hodshon (mark), Ralph Rees (mark), John Chikken. Witnesses to livery of seisin: The above with Phillis Cook and Isabell Fell.

1664. Michaelmas Term.—Entry of a fine between Roger Dalton and Emmott his wife, plaintiffs, and Margaret and John Guy, deforciant, of 2 messuages, with appurtenances in Newcastle.

1675. November 13.—Will of Emma Dalton of Newcastle, widow. All my houses in Byker Chare, etc., to my four grandchildren, Roger Dalton, Richard, Ruth, and Mary Brunton, equally. To son Joseph 10*l*. and my three stills, with their utensils. My friend Nicholas Crawhall, baker and beer brewer, to receive rents during grandchildren's respective minorities. All goods, chattels and personal estate, after payment of debts and funeral expenses, to said grandchildren equally. Executors: Nicholas Crawhall and daughter-in-law, Jane Dalton. Witnesses: Robert Dunn, Geo. Bell and Robt. Bulman. Proved at Durham, Nov. 14, 1676, by Nicholas Crawhall and Jane Dalton.

THE SANDHILL. [R.W.]

1677. May 15.—Indenture of demise by way of mortgage from Allan Nicholson,* merchant, Newcastle, to Mary Oley, widow, of a moiety of a messuage on the Sandhill, Newcastle, in the occupation of John Philipson,† merchant, and George Whinfield,‡ merchant, for 99 years to secure to her 200*l*. and interest. Bond of same date from Nicholson to Oley for performance of covenants.

* Allan, son of Christopher Nicholson, merchant adventurer, aged 22 years in March, 1673, acquired his freedom by patrimony, and died May 14, 1694. Dendy, 101 Surt. Soc. Publ., p. 300.

† John, son of John Philipson, esq., of Calgarth, Westmorland, apprenticed to Oswald Matfin, merchant, 1658, admitted to hostman's company Feb. 26, 1674. Died Sep. 17, 1696. Dendy, *op. cit.*, p. 283, and 105, p. 271. Philipson's autograph appears on a facsimile deed published in the Society's *Proceedings*, 2 ser. vol. 1, p. 71.

‡ George Whinfield, son of George Whinfield of Bridgend, in Woodland, Lancashire, apprenticed to Henry Bowes, sen., draper, February 3, 1660-61, set over successively to John Scarth, October 17, 1660, John Fell, June 9,

1683. May 3.—Indenture of assignment of said mortgage term from Mary Oley to Robert Fenwick,* merchant, and John Douglas, gent.,† in trust for the use of Margaret, Mary and Elizabeth Oley, her children.

1690-91. March 7.—Similar assignment of said term from John Douglas (who survived Robert Fenwick) to Samuel Allan and Margaret his wife, one of the daughters of Joseph Oley, merchant, Newcastle.

1691. November 11 and 12.—Indentures of lease and release from Allan Nicholson, to Barbara Bewick, spinster, of messuage on the Sandhill, now in occupation of Wm. Johnson.

1691. November 13.—Indenture of defeazance, reciting last quoted indenture, and stating that said premises are redeemable by said Nicholson on payment of 150*l.* and interest to Barbara Bewick.

1716. May 11 and 12.—Indentures of lease and release, the release being quadripartite, between (1) William Carr,‡ esq.; (2) Barbara Ramsay, widow, formerly Barbara Bewick; (3) William Coatsworth, merchant; (4) Ralph Reed§ esq. and alderman. Reciting indentures of Nov. 11 and 12, 1691, and that Barbara Bewick married William Ramsey whose executor is William Coatsworth and that the property was now vested in William Carr. The said Coatsworth, in consideration of 303*l.* paid him by said Ralph Reed, being the proper debt of said Carr, and a competent sum paid by said Reed to said Carr, released to said Reed the said messuages, occupied by John Warriner, vintner, and known as the Queen's Head Tavern.

1716. July 13.—Indenture of assignment made between (1) Catherine, widow and administratrix of Samuel Allan, merchant; (2) William Carr, esq. and alderman; (3) Ralph Reed, esq. and alderman. Reciting previous deed and that said Catherine for 130*l.* paid by Robert Thomlinson, being the money of said Reed, assigned the residue of said term of 99 years to Thomlinson in trust for Reed.

1665, and Lancelot Westgarth January 27, 1669-70. Admitted to hostman's company, December 3, 1700. Dendy, *op. cit.*, vols. 101, p. 286, and 105, p. 274. Sheriff of Newcastle, 1693-4; mayor, 1696-7 and 1709-10. Died during his last mayoralty. Buried at St. Nicholas's, June 30, 1710.

* Probably Robert, son of Oswald Fenwick of Berwick, gent. Apprenticed to Robert Ellison, merchant, 1644, and died Oct. 8, 1689. Dendy, *op. cit.*, vol. 101, p. 261.

† Town Clerk of Newcastle, 1699-1709.

‡ See in *Men of Mark 'twixt Tyne and Tweed*, a memoir of William Carr, M.P. for Newcastle, 1722 and 1728, and mayor in 1724-5 and 1737-8. He died May 16, 1742.

§ Ralph, son of Archibald Reed of Bellingham, apprenticed to Nicholas Ridley, merchant, 1680; admitted to hostman's company October 16, 1713; sheriff of Newcastle, 1710-11; mayor, 1716; buried at St. Nicholas's, April 12, 1720. Dendy, *op. cit.*, vols. 101, p. 310, and 105, p. 275.

1716. July 23.—Indenture of bargain and sale, enrolled in Chancery whereby William Carr, for 82*l.* 10*s.* conveyed to Ralph Reed the Queen's Head Tavern, Sandhill, wherein is a warranty against all persons claiming under Wm. Carr, Jane Carr, deceased, his mother, Christopher or Allan Nicholson, deceased, brothers of said Jane Carr, or Christopher Nicholson, father of said Christopher and Allan.

1721. November 1 and 2.—Indentures of lease and release between (1) Isabel Reed,* widow, executrix of said Relp[h] Reed; (2) Robert Thomlinson, D.D.,† and Thomas Thomlinson of Blencogo, co. Cumberland, clerk, executors of John Thomlinson, late of Rothbury, clerk; (3) William Thomlinson of Blencogo, gent., brother and heir of said John, deceased. Reciting indentures of May 11 and 12, 1716, and that the money therein mentioned belonged to John; rector of Rothbury. Reciting also that Ralph Reed did not pay the rector any part thereof and said John being dead the money became due to his executors. Now in pursuance of said trust and of 200*l.* paid by said William Thomlinson to said Isabel Reed and of 800*l.* by him also paid to said Robert and John Thomlinson of Blencogo executors of John of Rothbury, she, the said Isabel, with Robert and John Thomlinson of Blencogo released to said William the message on the Sandhill, etc.

Undated. Indentures of lease and release whereby the Rev. John Thomlinson of Blencogo for 800*l.* conveyed the property to Messrs. Clarke and Scurfield.

1749. Easter Term.—Entry of fine of said premises from said John Thomlinson and wife to said Clarke and Scurfield.

ADJOINING HOUSE. [R.W.]

1737. April 26.—Indenture of release between Richard Gifford of London, who married Jane Carr deceased, one of the aunts and co-heirs of William Carr, an infant, only son and heir of William Carr of Newcastle, esq. and alderman, deceased, Ann Holme of Westminster, widow, another sister of said William Carr, esq., Alex. Burn of Westminster, esq., and Elizabeth his wife, late Elizabeth Carr, another sister of same, of the one part, and Thomas Wasse‡ of Newcastle, merchant, of the other part. Reciting that upon the

* Mrs. Reed was a daughter of Richard Thomlinson of Blencogo, and sister of Dr. Thomlinson.

† Founder of the Thomlinson library in St. Nicholas's church, now in the Public Library, Newcastle. See a pedigree and many details of the Thomlinson family in the *Diary of John Thomlinson*, 118 Surt. Soc. publ., p. 64; and in a paper by Wm. Shand in *Arch. Ael.*, 2 ser., vol. x, p. 59.

‡ Thomas, son of Leonard Wasse of Yeafford, Yorkshire, apprenticed August 1, 1699, to his relative alderman Thos. Wasse, merchant, mayor of Newcastle, 1692-3 and 1704-5. Admitted to hostman's company, July 13, 1714. Dendy, *op. cit.*, vols. 101, p. 332, and 105, p. 276. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John Hunter of Medomsley, on Dec. 26, 1711, and was buried at St. Nicholas's, June 23, 1745.

death of Wm. Carr, the infant, the premises hereinafter mentioned came to said Jane Ann and Elizabeth, and by indenture dated April 20, 1734, they and their husbands agreed with Capell Billingsley of the Inner Temple, gent., to levy a fine of the premises and of another messuage in the Close, Newcastle, to enure to said Giffords, Burns and Holmes, which was levied accordingly, and now, for 600*l.* paid by Thomas Wasse the said parties release to him all that messuage on the Sandhill, bounding on a messuage in possession of John Thomlinson, clerk, E., a messuage in possession of Thomas Davison, merchant, W., and extending from the Sandhill, S., to the castle moat, N. Witnesses: Tho. Henzell, Rich. Tasker.

THE SIDE. [R.W.]

1654. July 1.—Indenture by which out of natural love and affection towards her son, Robert Hills of Alnwick, cordiner, Grace Hills of Etherston, co. Northumberland, widow, conveyed to Michael Wilson of Newcastle, baker and brewer, and Ralph Coulthart of same town, tailor, a messuage, shop and garden in the Side, Newcastle, in possession of Thomas Todd, merchant, extending from the Side, E., to the wall of the high castle, W., to use of said Grace for life, then to said Robert, his heirs, etc. Covenant by said Grace to levy a fine at next Hilary Term. Witnesses: Peter Wilson, Ra— not. pub.

1678-9. January 20.—Indentures of lease and release (release missing) by which Robert Hills* of Morpeth, cordiner, conveyed to Michael Wilson of Newcastle, baker and brewer, a messuage and two shops beneath the same in the occupations of John Allen,† merchant, and Giles Redmaine, felt maker in the Side. Witnesses: Martin Wilson, Richard Atkinson, Robert Bulman, not. pub.

1698-9. February 14.—Indentures of lease and release (release missing) whereby Michael Thompson of Morpeth, tanner, and Jane his wife, conveyed to Joseph Saint of Morpeth, butcher, a fourth part of a messuage, shops and garden in the Side, Newcastle, occupied by Thomas Emerson,‡ merchant, bounded by house of Thomas Dobson, hatter, N., George Whinfield, merchant, S., and extending from the Side, E., to the wall of the high castle, W. Witnesses: Rowland Archer, William Clark, Edward Cook.

* At a visitation at Morpeth at Michaelmas, 1663, Robert Hills and others were presented for not going to church, and not receiving the sacraments according to the rites of the Church of England. Hodgson, *Hist. Northd.*, pt. II, vol. ii, p. 520.

† John, son of Leonard Allan of Forcett, Yorkshire, yeoman, apprenticed to George Lewen, boothman, July 2, 1647. Dendy, *op. cit.*, vol. 101, p. 266. Buried at St. Nicholas's, June 5, 1679.

‡ Thomas, son of Thomas Emerson of Kilham, Northumberland, gent., apprenticed to Robt. Ellison, merchant, Sept. 1, 1675. Died Dec. 22, 1703. Dendy, *op. cit.*, vol. 101, p. 303.

1687. June 29.—Indenture of lease (release missing) whereby Sir Ralph Jenison* of Elswick, knt., Jane his wife, and Robert Jenison, esq., son and heir apparent, conveyed to George Whinfield of Newcastle, merchant, a messuage with shops, cellars and garden, and a piece of waste ground nigh unto the Kaile Cross, and extending from the Side, E., to the walls of the half moon, or high castle moat, W., bounded by the house of Ellinor Allen, widow, N., and messuages in the occupation of John Sandford, Thomas Matthews,† gent., Timothy Robson, merchant, Allen Nicholson, merchant, Thomas Dent,‡ merchant, and Thomas Bewick,§ merchant, S. Witnesses: Wm. Greene, John Ord, John Sandford, John Whinfield, Chas. Mons[?].

1687. June 30.—Bond in 1,500*l.* from Sir Ralph on behalf of himself, wife and son for faithful performance of covenants, from which we may infer that the purchase money was 750*l.*

1737. October 1.—Indentures of lease and release by which Frances Saint of Morpeth, widow, out of natural love and affection to her son, Ralph Saint, gave him a quarter of a messuage and shops in the Side, Newcastle, occupied by Peter Smith|| and David Revely. Witnesses: Susan Pye, Ed. Ward.

1815. February 9.—Memorandum of agreement between Robert Rowley and David Preston, assignees of Charles Grenville Smart,** late of Newcastle, linen draper, a bankrupt, and Joshua Watson†† of same place, cheesemonger, by which said Watson for 1,785*l.* acquired the messuages, shop, warehouses, etc., in the Side, now in his occupation, bounded by house and shop of Robert Kidd, linen draper, and others, S., the house and shop of Thomas Clayton, brazier, N., the Side, E., and the castle wall, W. Witnesses: Rd. Medcalf, William Kirkley.

* See a biography of the Jenisons in *Men of Mark, op. cit.*, vol. II, p. 624.

† See *Arch. Ael.*, ser. 3, vol. v, p. 84.

‡ Thomas, son of Nicholas Dent of King's Meaburne, Westmorland, gent., apprenticed to Robert Moore, boothman, Mar. 1, 1669. Buried at St. Nicholas's, Oct. 25, 1721. Dendy, *op. cit.*, vol. 101, p. 296.

§ Thomas Bewick of Newcastle and Close House, Northumberland. Baptized at St. Nicholas's, Sept. 28, 1606. High sheriff for Durham 1655. Nominated a knight of the Royal Oak at the Restoration. Died November 7, 1690. Surtees, *Hist. Durham*, vol. II, p. 193.

|| Peter, son of John Smith of Haughton Western Hall, Northumberland, apprenticed to John Reed, jun., boothman and merchant, Sept. 22, 1727. Died circa 1740. Dendy, *op. cit.*, vol. 101, p. 350.

** In the *Newcastle Directory* for 1801, Smart is entered as a linen draper in the Side.

†† Joshua Watson, great-grandfather of Dr. Robert Spence Watson. Born in Allendale, August 16, 1772; came to Newcastle in 1803; died at Bensham May 30, 1855.

THE MAIDEN'S WALK. [R.W.]

1764. June 30.—Memorandum of agreement whereby John Swinburne of Newcastle, esq., conveyed to George Anderson* of Newcastle, a field and little garden adjoining to the Maiden's Walk,† near to the Forth, in Newcastle, being a part of certain ground and premises comprised in a lease from said Swinburne to Mr. William Mills. By this agreement the rent of said field and garden is to be reckoned at 22*l.*, and Mills is authorized to pay that sum to Anderson during the continuance of the lease, and to attorn and become tenant of the said field and garden for so long as the lease to Mills shall subsist.

SILVER STREET. [R.W.]

1618-19. February 12.—Indenture of bargain and sale whereby Richard Moore, gent., and Julius Freake, leather seller, both of London, conveyed to John Chater of Newcastle, gent., a waste in Silver Street, late Edmond Fyfe's, formerly parcel of the possessions of St. Katherine's chantry in All Saints' church which the king in the ninth year of his reign granted to Francis Morice, esq., and Francis Phillips, who sold it to said Moore and Freake, holding the same of the king as of his manor of East Greenwich in free socage and not in capite. Witnesses: F. Annand, Robert Parke.

1647. September 22. Indenture of bargain and sale with livery of seisin annexed by which for 30*l.* Michael Chicken of Newcastle, rope maker, conveyed to Henry Lee of Newcastle, rope maker, and Jane his wife, a messuage now in tenure of Wm. Cooke in Silver Street, *alias* Jewgate, *alias* Temple Gate,‡ upon the N. side of All Hallows' church, bounding upon a messuage of Robt. Wallas, E., a messuage of Mr. Ralph Cock, W., a waste belonging to said Wallas, N., and the street, S. Mentions Ann, Michael's wife. Witnesses: William Porter (mark), David Lethatt, Robert Bulmer. Witnesses to livery of seisin, Franck Robson, Wm. Robson, with Porter, Lethatt and Bulmer.

1697. April 28 and 30.—Indentures of lease and release whereby for 32*l.* Robert Finlay, weaver, and Elizabeth his wife, Henry Nicholson, cordiner, and Hannah his wife, and John Nicholson, weaver, and Ann his wife, all of Newcastle, convey to John Dawson of Newcastle, yeoman, a messuage in Silver Street in the tenure of John Wilson, yeoman, bounded by the

* Father of Major Anderson of Anderson Place: See biography of the Andersons in *Men of Mark, op. cit.*, vol. I, p. 59.

† The Maiden's Walk is described by Mackenzie (*Hist. Newcastle*, p. 196) as a favorite resort of people living in the west parts of the town. At one end it communicated with a footpath leading to the river side and at the other joined a road conducting to the Forth. The north boundary of the Old Infirmary was in a direct line from the gate that led to it and the road that went from the Forth to the Skinner Burn.

‡ See *Arch. Ael.*, ser. 2, vol. xxiv, p. 156.

message of Judith Watson, widow, E., ditto of Wm. Grundy, W., the street, S., and a waste, N. And the said Elizabeth, Hannah and Ann, not any way forced by their husbands, etc., have appeared at Guildhall in open court before Geo. Whinfield, mayor, William Ramsay, sheriff, etc., and have sworn upon the holy evangelists that this their act and deed they will never contradict nor labour to make void, etc. Witnesses:—to the lease—Thos. Anderson, Stephen Jackson, Thos. Ord. To the release—Wm. Ramsay, sheriff, John Gofton, John Byfield. To the lady's recognizances—Geo. Whinfield, mayor, Matthew White, Nat. Hargrave, Thos. Ord, Thos. Wake, with Ramsay, Gofton and Byfield.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

ALNWICK. [J.C.H.]

1531. May 23.—Deed by which Richard Auld, or Aulder, of Hedberlaw, gent., granted to Thomas Browne of Alnwick, tanner, a burgage in Bondgate, bounded by a burgage of the same Richard Aulder, E., the holding of one Richard Taylhor and a burgage of the said Aulder, W., now in the holding of one Symon—(?) paying therefor yearly 6s. 8*d.*, at Whitsuntide and Martinmas, that is to say 3s. 4*d.* at either of the said terms. Witnesses: Richard Taylor, John Paytteson, Robert Greyn, John Atkynson, with others.

1547. July 20.—Will of Bartram Younger of Alnwick. Unto wife Alleson for upbringing the children 6s. 8*d.*, to be yearly received by her of my lands and tenements within the town and fields of North Heelton(?) for 14 years. Afterwards to revert to my eldest son William Younger, to hold during his life, then to oldest of his brothers, etc. To son Henry my seat house after his mother's decease. To son William five yowes. To my two children now in the south country to either of them two sheyep, if they come to fetch them. To son George two yowes. Residue to Alleson, my wife and my children who I make my executors; they to dispose the same to the health of my soul and their profit. Witnesses: Robert Forster, Pasm(?) the priest, Wm. Clennal, John Taylzer, Nicholas Chanler, John Scott, Thomas Ladyman, with others.

Inventory.

Ten sheyrs, xxs.

One cow, xs.

In household stuff, worth 6s. 8*d.*

Debts that I owe.

To Thomas Anderson, 4s.

To John Scott, 2s. 4*d.*

Proved January 1, 1547-8.

1553. December 24.—Indenture by which Thomas Hanne of Robilaw(?) in co. Northumberland with the consent of his mother, Sybilla Hanne, granted to Edward Ladymann of Alnwick, a burgage in North Bondgate, between a burgage now in tenure of Richard Wilkinson, W., a burgage of said Edward, E., and abutting upon the castle moat, N. Witnesses: Jane Tailor, Thomas Crofton, and others.

1555. July 25.—Indenture by which Robert Grene of Alnwick, gent., for 13*l.* conveyed to William Rede* of Newcastle, merchant, a close at Alnwick called the Blacklees, situate near the park of the King and Queen, E., now in tenure of said Grene. He appointed Thos. Watson of Alnwick, merchant, and George Bednell of same place, yeoman, to be his attorneys to give possession. Signed and sealed July 25, in the year of the reign of Philip and Mary the first and third. Witnesses: Thomas Wattson, George Hedllam.

1555. July 27.—Deed by which Grene quit claimed, etc., all right, title, etc., in the close to Wm. Rede as above. Witnesses: the same.

1594. November 20.—Indenture by which Roger Hantricke of Acklington, yeoman, for 25*l.* conveyed to James Grene of Alnwick, tanner, a burgage in Bondgate, between the tenement of Thomas Armorer, deceased, W., and that of Thos. Grene, late George Raysley's, E., and bounded by Castle Close, N., with half the rigg of the said tenement of Thomas Grene, which was granted by Geo Raysley, late deceased, being then in his possession to sell the same to said Roger as by deed appeareth. Witnesses to livery of seisin: George Watson, S. Hurgett(?), John Clay, Thomas Craster, John Raynoldshay, George Archer, Parcival Swan, John Wilkinson, Edward Bellocks, Lyonell Knox, Cuthbert Metcalf, William Grene, Henry Watson, bailiff, Roger Smythe.

ANGERTON MOOR. [J.C.H.]

1718. August 3.—Indenture tripartite between (1) Chas., earl of Carlisle; (2) Lord Crewe, bishop of Durham; (3) the Rev. Layton Eden,† clerk, vicar of Hartburn. Reciting that said earl is lord and owner of the township of High Angerton and of High Angerton Moor, and of the advowson of Hartburn, and said Eden in right of his vicarage claimed to have 52 stints upon said moor for certain glebe lands, and differences had arisen, which were referred to the award of Wm. Aynsley of Gallowhill, gent., and Ralph Wood of Needless Hall, gent. Now said earl and Layton have agreed that at their own expense they will cause a true survey to be made of said moor before May 1 next, and before July 1, said Aynsley and Wood may allot said Eden one full eighth part of the same, the earl and his tenants to have the remainder. Signatures and seals of the earl, the bishop and Eden attached. Witnesses to signature of the earl: Nevile Ridley, and Robert Brooks; to the bishop's, Rich. Grey and Ralph Trotter, to Eden's, Edward Ward, William Lambert, John Orde.

* Wm. Rede, apprenticed to John Orde, merchant, Newcastle, Sep. 21, 1529. Dendy, *op. cit.*, vol. 101, p. 189.

† Rev. Layton Eden, son of John Eden, esq., of St. Helen's Auckland, by Catherine, daughter of Thomas Layton of Layton, co. York, vicar of Whelpington, 1679-85. Preferred to Hartburn in 1685 and died December 11, 1735, aged 90. Hodgson, *Hist. Northd.*, pt. II, vol. i, p. 205.

AYLE. [W.T.]

1619-20. January 1.—Indenture of lease of which for 5*l.* 10*s.* Ralph Whitfield of Randalholme, Alston, gent., granted and to farm let to John Currawe, of Aile, co. Northumberland, yeoman, a farmhold with appurtenances at Aile, now in his occupation, of the yearly rent payable at Michaelmas of 5*s.* 6*d.* for 21 years, with housebote and hainebote. Currawe is to render to Whitfield suit and service accustomed, to give him two boon days in hay harvest and two carriages of corn for the market at said Whitfield's cost and charge. Covenant that said Ralph and Mary his wife, after end of 21 years, shall renew to Currawe said farm by grant of lease after lease, according to the ancient and laudable custom of tenant right, and after each such letting Currawe shall pay such fine and grassome as tenants at Aile of like rent have been accustomed to, or at any time hereafter shall of right do or cause to be done. Further covenant that if Currawe, his executors, or any other person holding said farmhold or any parcel of the same, commit any felony, or be accessory thereto and be lawfully convicted, this lease shall be void. Witnesses: Robert Younge, William Whitfield, Christopher Curraw (mark), Robert Mathew, clerk.

BELLINGHAM, ETC.

1683. May 19.—Indenture of lease between Robert Allgood of the Inner Temple, London, gent., and Robert Scourfield of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Reciting that Edward Charleton of Reedsmouth, Northumberland, by seven bonds dated 1st February, 1681, stood bound to said Allgood in the sum of 560*l.* for payment of 280*l.* in sums of 20*l.* half yearly from the date thereof till 2nd February, 1688. Reciting also that said Charleton, by indenture of lease bearing even date with the said bonds, demised to said Allgood for 99 years at a pepper corn rent, all those messuages or farmholds called the Bower, Whitcheater, and Dally castle, a water corn mill called Dally Castle mill, and half of a farmhold called the Grimble-lying in the parishes of Symondburne, Bellingham and Chollerton for 99 years, subject to the payment of the several bonds above mentioned. And whereas two of the bonds were paid and five were still in force, this indenture witnesseth that for 200*l.* paid by said Scourfield the said Robt. Allgood hath given, granted, etc., to said Scourfield all the several messuages, with their members and appurtenances, above named. Witnesses: George Allgood, John Douglas, Joshua Walker.

BENWELL.

1734. May 2.—Indenture of bargain and sale by which, for 10*l.*, Stephen Spark of London, mariner, son and heir of Stephen Spark, late of Benwell, blacksmith, deceased, conveyed to Ralph Sopwith of Heaton, Northumberland, carpenter and millwright, his messuage, garden, and one little garth, and one third part of the upper garth adjoining, late in possession of William Miller, but now of Jane Newton, widow, situate in Benwell, aforesaid. Usual covenants. Witnesses: John Widdrington, Henry Byne.

Mem. This 8th day of July, 1738, it is agreed between Ralph Sopwith and Wm. Spark to exchange two parcels of ground as their surrenders mentions the said Ralph Sopwith is to have Wm. Spark's ground which lys and adjoins to the north side of Sam Stodart's house which his surrender mentions. Ralph Sopwith doth give in lieu of that a peice of ground which lys in and on the south end of Wm. Spark's house and which ever dis not stand to this agreement shall pay the other ten pounds upon demand as wittness our hands William Spark, Ralph Sopwith. Test.: Mark Nicholson, Rob. Sopwith.

1739. December 13.—Indenture of enfranchisement between Robert Shafto of Benwell, Northumberland, esq., and Ralph Sopwith of Heaton in said county, carpenter and millwright. Reciting that said Sopwith was possessed of a copyhold messuage and garden, one little garth and one-third part of the upper garth adjoining, to reach no further than the west end of the garden formerly in the possession of William Miller and then or late in the possession of Jane Newton, widow, which said messuage, etc., was purchased of William Sparke by said Sopwith and was held by copy of court roll under said Shafto, lord of the manor of Benwell. Reciting also that the said Shafto hath agreed to enfranchise so much of the said premises as belong to said Sopwith and was in the possession of Mark Nicholson, his tenant. By this indenture said Shafto, for 10s., had remised enfranchised and for ever quit claimed to said Sopwith all said messuage, garths and premises, free of all homage fines, rents, services, etc., formerly due and accustomed. Witnesses: Robt. Sopwith, W. Rutter.

BIRKSID.—ARBITRATION.

1825. August 2.—George Ward of Gingleshaugh, Northumberland, owner of the farm of Birkside in same county, having a dispute with Joseph Brown, the outgoing tenant, respecting the state of cultivation of the farm, and the damages sustained by him and the incoming tenant, agreed to refer the matter to the arbitration of Thomas Burdus, of Collpits, Northumberland, yeoman, and Edward Todd of Rawgreen, Hexham, yeoman, with Edward Lamb of Steel Hall, Northumberland, farmer, as umpire. Burdus and Todd failed to agree, and on the date above mentioned Lamb published his award, to the effect that Brown should not reap and take the crop of barley growing at the south end of the high field, of about 5 acres, but that it should be reaped and taken by Ward, the landlord, for his own use. Ward to pay all costs and charges, amounting to 5*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.*, and Brown to pay Ward 5*l.* towards such costs and charges. Witness: Thomas Leadbitter.

CHEESEBURN GRANGE.

1683. October 12.—Indenture of bargain and sale between Ralph Widdrington of Fenwick Tower, co. Northumberland, esq., and Matthew

Jefferson* of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, esq., Timothy Robson† of same town, esq., and Joseph Atkinson of same town, gent. Reciting that by indentures of assignment of this date said Jefferson, Robson and Atkinson have set over to Thomas Dalston of Askrigg, Cumberland, all that capital messuage of Chesbourne,‡ *alias* Cherye-brough Grainge, with the houses, and lands there, and so much of the lands and tenements of Etchwicke, *alias* Itchwicke, as were heretofore taken from Etchwicke and laid to Chesbourne Grainge, and all those villages or hamlets named Nesbitt and Ouston, *alias* Ulkeston with the lands in Hawkwell formerly Thomas Widdrington's. All which premises are lying in the parish of Stamfordham, *alias* Stannerton and Heddon upon the Wall, or one of them. Reciting, further, that said Jefferson, Robson and Atkinson, at the request of said Widdrington, did bargain and sell unto said Dalston all their right, title, interest, term of years, etc., in said premises. Now this indenture witnesseth accordingly Witnesses: John Douglas, Charles Dalston, Geo. Jefferson, John Hedley.

CORBRIDGE.

1714. July 2 and 3.—Indentures of lease and release by which Thomas Heron of Corbridge, jun., gent., Thomas Heron of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, barber and chirurgion, his son, John Robinson of Great Whittington, gent., and Cuthbert Robinson of Hexham, gent., all in the co. of Northumberland, conveyed to Reginald Gibson of Corbridge, yeoman, for 80*l.* paid to Cuthbert Robinson and 27*l.* paid to Thomas Heron, the father, and Thomas Heron, the son, three riggs of arable land, meadow or pasture in the west fields of Corbridge at or near Sandoe dyke, bounding between the highway, S., and Sandoe dyke, N.; three riggs of same there, called the Langbank, bounding between lands of Philip Usher, W., and lands of Reginald Smith, E.; five butts of same in the north fields of Corbridge, near Willy-dyke way, bounding between lands of the Earl of Darwentwater, E., and lands of said Reginald, W.; three riggs of same in Langbank aforesaid in the north fields of Corbridge, bounding between lands of John Carr, N., and lands of said Thomas Heron, jun., S., the south Willy-dyke way, W., and lands of Ralph Winship, E.; five butts of same in the north fields, in the little field foot,

* Matthew, son of Richard Jefferson of Elton, co. Durham, gent., apprenticed to Richard Thursby, boothman, April 1, 1645; sheriff of Newcastle 1671-2; mayor 1678-9. Buried at St. Nicholas's, March 4, 1687-8. Dendy, *op. cit.*, vol. 101, p. 264.

† Timothy, son of William Robson, Newcastle, cordiner, apprenticed to George Errington, boothman, September 29, 1646, sheriff of Newcastle 1677, mayor 1681-2, 1695-6. Died January 2, 1700-1. Dendy, *op. cit.*, vol. 101, p. 265.

‡ See pedigree of the Widdringtons of Cheeseburn Grange in *Arch. Ael.*, ser. 3, vol. vi, p. 34.

bounding between lands of Philip Usher, E., lands of Richard Carneby, N., and lands of Thomas Gibson, W. and S.; seven butts of same in the north fields, near the Town Head, bounding between lands of John Carr, E., lands of the Earl of Darwentwater, S., and lands of the said Reginald, W. and N.; and four riggs of same near Chester Bushes and two riggs at the end of them, bounding between lands of John Carr, E. and S., lands of the Earl of Darwentwater, W., lands of Paul Hudspeth, N. Usual covenants. Witnesses: Edw. Shaftoe, Joseph Gibson, Fenwick Dowall (?), Jos. Tate, Harry Langlands, Wm. Lax, Philip Usher.

1714. December 3.—Indenture of release by which Nicholas Greenwell of Corbridge, gent., and Whitfield Greenwell of Elrington, son and heir apparent of said Nicholas, conveyed to Thomas Fawsett of Corbridge, yeoman, for 16*l*. and an exchange of lands in Colchester in the west field of Corbridge, all that burgage house, with curtilage on the back side, in Princes St., Corbridge, bounding on the house and lands of William Dodd on the W., on lands of said Dodd and Thos. Gibson, S., the house and lands of William Fawsett, father of said Thomas Fawsett, E., the King's high street, N., to hold of the chief lord of the fee by rent and service accustomed. Witnesses: Mich. Linton, Wm. Fawsett (mark).

1757. March 2.—Indenture of bargain and sale by which William Hudspeth, jun. of Corbridge, yeoman, and James Hudspeth, of the Raw Greene, Hexham, conveyed to Thomas Fawside of Corbridge, blacksmith, a messuage or thatched house, with a barn and garth in the Market place, between lands of John Smith, E., the Market place, W., land late Robert Mynnikin's, S., and High Street, N., also lands within the fields of Corbridge, as follows:—In the north field, 5 butts, lying N. and S. in the Deane-side, between lands of Wm. Hudspeth, W., and lands of John Tate, E.; six riggs lying N. and S. on the top of Castron's-hill, between lands of James Langlands, E., the lord's common, W., and Deane-side, N.; 3 riggs lying N. and S. at Castron's-eastwell, between lands of Alex. Heron, E., lands of Hen. and Wm. Winship, W.; 3 riggs lying N. and S., called D— between lands of Sir Edwd. Radcliffe, E. and W., and lands of Hen. and Wm. Winship, S.; 3 riggs and 2 butts, lying N. and S., in the Chesters, called Loames Close; 2 butts, lying E. and W., bounding in and among John Sanderson's land there; 3 riggs and 2 short butts lying E. and W. at Long-tongue in the West-field, between lands of Sir Edwd. Radcliffe, N., lands of Alex. Heron, E., and the highway, S.; 1 long rigg, lying N. and S. in Long Marth, between lands of Sir Edwd. Radcliffe, W., lands of John Sanderson, E., Sandoe-hedge, N., and the highway S.; 4 riggs, lying E. and W. in Lilly-lawes, with a parcel of meadow at W. end of same, between lands of Sir Edwd. Radcliffe, S., lands of Thomas Fawside, N., and Lilly-lawes Bogg, W.; 2 headlands, lying E. and W. in Upper Lilly-lawes, between lands of Ralph Hindhaugh, N., and lands of Anthony Greenwell, S.; 4 riggs, lying E. and W. above Brigg-potts, between

lands of Geo. Prynne, S., and lands of John Sanderson, N.; 6 butts, lying E. and W. under Brigg-potts, with a parcel of meadow at the E. end of them, between Brigg-potts N. and the lord's land, W. and E.; 3 riggs, lying E. and W. in Deare Street foot, between lands of Sir Edwd. Radcliffe, S., and lands of Hen. and Wm. Winship, N.; 2 butts, lying N. and S. in Colchesters, between the enclosure of the common meadow, S., and the way to the mills, N., lands of John Smith, W., and lands of Geo. Prynne, E.; 2 butts lying E. and W., near the standing wall in Colchesters, between lands of Wm. Hudspeth, sen., N. and E., and lands of Wm. Greenwell, S.; 4 riggs in the East-field, lying N. and S., between Aydon Loaning, N., lands of Geo. Prynne, W., and lands of Jno. Sanderson, E.; six riggs lying N. and S. in the Bromehills, between lands of Alex. Heron, W., lands of Geo. Milburne, E.; 1 rigg, lying E. and W. on the backside of Longtrees, between lands of Alex. Heron, N., and lands of John Sanderson, S.; 3 riggs lying E. and W. on the side of Longtrees, between lands of John Sanderson, N., and lands of Geo. Prynne, S.; 4 headland butts, lying N. and S., in Lintburne, between lands of Alex. Heron, N. and S., and Lintburne-sheath, E.; 1 rigg, lying E. and W. in Hoedeane, between said deane, S, the highway N., and lands of Geo. Prynne, W.; 4 butts under Gallowhill, between lands of Sir Edwd. Radcliffe, W. and N. and lands of Geo. Prynne, S.; 4 butts lying N. and S. in Sandiehaugh, between lands of Geo. Prynne, E., lands of Alex. Heron, Lyonell Smith and others, W., and lands of Geo. Milburn, S.; 3 riggs, lying E. and W., along the Netherhaugh hedge, between the Whynnichough, S., and land of Geo. Milburn, N.; 1 butt lying N. and S. at Emmes Loaninghead, between lands of Sir Edwd. Radcliffe, W. and N.; and lands of Hen. and Wm. Winship, S. All which were sometime in the tenure of John Marshall, late of Corbridge, deceased. To hold of the chief lord of the fee, under rents, services, etc., due and accustomed. Endorsement of livery of seisin signed by Alexander Heron, Tristram Fenwick (mark), Henry Langlands (mark), Christopher Fawcett (mark), Will. Hudspeth; Tho. Gibson.

1762. November 10.—Indenture of lease by which the Rt. Hon. Hugh, Earl of Northumberland, etc., and the Rt. Hon. Elizabeth, Countess of Northumberland, etc., lease to Robert Richley of Corbridge, in same county, the water corn mills and mill house with the appurtenances, then in his occupation, at Corbridge, and known as Corbridge Mills, from the feast of the Virgin last past, for 21 years, paying at the castle of Alnwick an annual rent of 36*l.*, by equal instalments, at the feast of the Virgin aforesaid and at Michaelmas. Covenantants against sub-letting, for peaceable possession, for repairs, for payment of all taxes, mill duties, etc., with bond of 50*l.* for lessee's faithful performance of same. Signed, Northumberland, Elizabeth Northumberland. Seals, Under an earl's coronet a crescent, with motto, 'Honi soit qui mal y pense.' Witnesses: Thos. Butler, Ralph Bell.

1801. Trinity Term.—Indenture of a fine between William Ridley,

plaintiff, and John Bowman, William Bowman and Barbara his wife, deforciant, of 1 messuage, 1 barn, 1 stable, 1 cowhouse, 1 garden, 1 orchard 1 curtilage, 12 acres of land, 12 acres of meadow, 12 acres of pasture and common of pasture in the parish of Corbridge.

FEATHERSTONE. [W.T.]

1662. August 1.—Confirmation of the customs of the manor of Featherstone by the lady of the manor after the death of her husband. At the Court Baron of Peter Dodson, held in the right of Abigail his wife, June 16, 1659, before George Allgood, gent., steward, and a jury of fourteen, to inquire what rents, heriots, fines, duties, services, or other customs are yearly due from the tenants to a new lord, or, at the death of tenant, what profits or advantages accrue to the landlord upon such death or alienation, and set forth the same upon oath. The jury say, as for our rents they are known, and we acknowledge a 20*d.* fine due at the death of the lord, and at the death of the tenant the tenant is to pay two parts of his fine if there be a widow, and the widow is to pay the heriot, she having the third part of the land for life. After her decease, the tenant that is heir is to pay the third part of this fine. But if there be no widow the heir is to pay the whole fine. If the tenant die leaving no goods we acknowledge a fine due but no heriot. And for our other services we find one day mowing, and two days shearing in the year and one catch* in the year within four miles, and two loads of coals to be led in the year by every tenant, to be fetched within four miles, the load to be six pecks of bigg or a bowl of oats or the weight thereof. We find also that Featherstone lordship is to bring water to the mill upon lawful warning, and we are to have lawful mill and miller. Whoso marrieth a woman here is to give the landlord 40*s.* for an income. To prove all this we have two witnesses, besides the knowledge of the jury. We also find that every tenant's eldest son that marrieth into the house of his father, shall pay unto the lord 20*s.* The tenants to have Great Wood, to wit birch and alder for repairs of our tenements, and sufficient bouts, † to wit plough-bout, wain-bout, hedge-bout and hain-bout we paying a greenhue ‡ to the lord for the same.

Signed and sealed by Abigail Dodson, § widow of said Peter, August 1, 1662. (Copy only.)

* Catch—a horse load from the lord's residence.

† Bout or bote—sufficient wood for the maintenance and carrying on of husbandry.

‡ Greenhue—everything that bears a green leaf in a forest. A payment made to the lord for the privilege of cutting wood or underwood on an estate.

§ Abigail Dodson was a daughter of Albany Fetherstonhaugh of Featherstone hall, by Jane, daughter of John Fetherston of Stanhope hall. She

FEATHERSTONE CASTLE.

1764. October 18.—Indenture of lease by which, for 9 years, at a yearly rent of 82*l.*, Sir Matthew Featherstonhaugh of Uppark, co. Sussex, bart., leased to John Armstrong of Featherstone Castle, co. Northumberland, yeoman, the farmhold, with lands, etc., there situated, and then in his occupation, with all things to said farmhold appertaining, but reserving unto Sir Matthew, all timber trees, woods, etc., with liberty to enclose the same, and all mines and quarries with full ingress and regress to Sir Matthew and his men to try for and to fetch, carry and store lead, coal, or any other minerals, to alter premises, to divide, enclose, fence about, etc., without recompense. Also reserved unto said Sir Matthew all royalties of hunting, fishing and fowling, and all the game upon the premises, with full liberty to him and whomsoever he shall appoint to hunt, shoot, set, chase, kill, destroy, take and carry away the same. Many covenants as to cultivation, rotation of crops and general methods of husbandry. Witnesses: Edwd. Pyke, John Lewis, Chr. Shaftoe, Joseph Winter.

HARBOTTLE.

1679. May 28.—Indenture between Alexander Davison* the younger of Ford, co. Northumberland, clerk, and Matthew Jefferson and Timothy Robson of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, merchants. Reciting that by deed of lease, dated April 8 last, for considerations therein expressed, John Sudbury, Dean, and the chapter of Durham demised to said Davison all that their parcel of ground called Browne-rigg in the parish of Harbottle, containing 100 acres for 21 years, paying therefor yearly 20*s.* by even portions at Pentecost and Martinmas. Reciting also that there were five bonds, amounting in all to 375*l.* conditioned upon payment of 187*l.* 10*s.* due from Davison the elder and younger and John Davison of Brownerigg, yeoman, jun. Now to settle all these claims, Alexander Davison, the younger, hath set over to said Jefferson and Robson the 100 acres so demised during the residue of the 21 years. Provided always that if the bonds be paid as they become due this indenture to become void, etc. Witnesses: Richard Armstrong, Peter Potts.

HAYDON BRIDGE.

1798. February 3.—Indenture of feoffment with livery of seisin endorsed, whereby, for 75*l.* 10*s.*, Francis Tweddell† of Threepwood, co. Northumberland, married Peter Dodson of Kirkby Overblow, co. York, son and heir of Miles Dodson. She was the only surviving child of the long list of Featherstons of Featherstone castle. There is a pedigree of them in Hodgson's *Hist. Northd.*, pt. II, vol. III, p. 353.

* Alexander Davison, rector of Ford, 1661-89. Randal's *Churches*, p. 24.

† Father of the famous scholar and traveller, of whom there is a biography in *Men of Mark, op. cit.*, vol. III, p. 546.

esq., conveyed to Michael Walton of Haydon Bridge, cordwainer, a cottage in possession of Joseph Forster, blacksmith, a shop occupied by Robert Hogarth, blacksmith, and the last part of a garden adjoining on the north side of said cottage in the possession of Michael Walton, all which are situate in Haydon Bridge, reserving, however, part of an allotment of common, called Grindon common, to said Tweddell allotted in right of said premises, a pew or pews in Haydon new chapel, also a cottage and shop adjoining the garden at the east end, occupied by John Snowball, and so much ground, belonging to said east end of garden and west of Snowball's shop, as hath lately been held by Mr. Thomas Bell of Haydon Bridge, with rights of entry upon said garden, etc., being altogether about 3 acres. Witnesses: M. Atkinson, Wm. Hubbuck, Chas. Shaftoe.

HEXHAM.

1437. May 4.—Know all men, present and future, that I, John Ridley of Cosley, give and concede, and by this my present charter indented confirm, to Margaret Tailor, daughter of Thomas Tailor of Hexham, a burgage, with appurtenances, lying in Costley lane, in Hexham aforesaid, between the burgage late John Whelpdale's, S., and a burgage [belonging to] the chantry of blessed Mary, N. To have and to hold, to the aforesaid Margaret, her heirs and assigns, freely, quietly and peacefully, of the chief lord of the fee by services due and of right accustomed, paying annually to the said lord, 2¼d., and to the said John, his heirs and assigns, an annual rent of 5s. 6d. at two terms, viz., the feast of Pentecost and St. Martin in the winter, by equal portions. Covenants against arrears, default, etc. Witnesses: Gerard Eryngton, William Lytelskelt, John Jonson, Thomas Tailor, and John Rowel. Given at Hexham the 4th day of the month of May, in the year of King Henry VII, the fifteenth.

1583. July 20.—Indenture of lease whereby John Bell of Hexham, cordiner, let to Richard Hardenge of same place, yeoman, a burgage in Hexham adjoining a garth of Robert Ellison's, E., a garth of Bartholomew Bady's(?), W., the Hall-plyce, N., and the Hall-garth, S., paying therefor 2s. annually, at Pentecost and Martinmas, by equal portions. Witnesses names illegible.

1611. May 6.—Deed of feoffment with livery of seisin endorsed, by which William Teisdaile of Kingston-upon-Hull, sadler, son and heir of Edward Teisdaile, late of Hexham, deceased, for a certain sum of money conveyed to Robert Smith of Hexham, cordiner, a burgage or stone house there with an office, called the shop, to same belonging, now in the tenure of John Gibson, sadler, in a place called the Market Steads, paying to the chief lord of the fee services due and accustomed. Warrant to defend Smith's rights to said property on payment of an annual rent of 12s. to the heirs, etc., of Robert Stevenson, late of Hexham, goldsmith. Witnesses: Barnard Smyth, John Maughan (mark), Robert Smythe, Nor. Foxley. Witnesses to livery of seisin:

William Smyth, John Malliber, Roland Smyth, Thomas Lyddell, Symond Teisdalle, and others.

1617. July 31.—Indenture of lease by which Sir John Fenwick of Wallington, co. Northumberland, bart., let to George Leadbitter of Hexham, tanner, a parcel of ground in Hexham, 16 yards in length and 8 yards in breadth bounding upon the Abbey gate, E., the Abbey stable, S., Gilligate, W., and the King's high street, N., for 21 years, paying therefor 12 pence annually. Witnesses: William Heslopp, — Addeson, — Heslopp.

1665. May 3.—Similar deed by which Sir William Fenwick of Wallington let the same ground, with a house built thereon, to William Leadbitter son of Mary Leadbitter, widow, at same rent of 12 pence. Witnesses: Willa. Pearson, Edward Trooye, Benomie Carr, Edmond Burdas.

1637. March 27.—Indenture of lease by which John Fenwick of Hexham Abbey, esq., assigned to Raynold and Thomas Gibson, glovers, of the same town, one fourth part of the tithes of corn in the town fields of Hexham, and of the tithe barn, for 13 years from August 1 next at a rent of 17*l.* 10*s.* per annum. Witnesses: George Gibson, Willm. Gibson.

1638. May 31.—Deed by which Annas Robinson of Hexham, widow, for a competent sum of money, gave to Michael Robinson and Anthony Robinson, her sons, one acre of land lying in the east fields of Hexham, bounding on lands of George Gibson, E., of William Heslopp, W., of Andrew Todd, S., and the King's high street, N., of the yearly rent of 2*d.* with all woods, fences, etc. To have and hold during the life of said Annas, and after her decease to the only use of said Michael and Anthony, paying to the chief lord of the fee all rents, services, etc., due and accustomed. Endorsement of livery of seisin, signed by John Cragellit(?), Edward Stoker, William Robinson (mark), Tho. Gibson.

1704. May 11.—Indenture of feoffment by which, in consideration of 35*l.* then paid, and a further sum of 1*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* to be paid at his death to defray his funeral expenses, as also in consideration of a lease afterwards to be made by John Liddell to Michael Robinson for 21 years, if the said Michael shall so long live, as also for divers covenants to be contained in said lease to said Michael and Francis Bowron of Hexham, cordwainer, his son-in-law, said Michael conveyed to said John all that close of arable, meadow or pasture in the east field of Hexham called the Far Common Hole, bounding upon lands of Thomas Gibson, E., lands late William Heslop's, deceased, and now in the occupation of Edward Lille, W., lands of said John Liddell, S., and the Queen's high street, N., with hedges, woods, etc. Endorsement of livery of seisin signed by William Johnstone, Richard Coulson and Cuth. Robinson.

1674-5. February 27.—Indenture of feoffment, with livery of seisin endorsed whereby Elizabeth and Anne Johnson of Hexham, spinsters, daughters and co-heirs of Thomas Johnson and Anne his wife, deceased, conveyed to Thomas Ogle of Hexham, a message and garth in Priestpopple, bounding on the

house of John Taylor, turner, S., a house late George Robinson's, walker,* deceased, N., the King's high street, W., and the house of Thomas Sharpe, E., paying to the chief lord the rent and services accustomed. Witnesses: T. Allgood, William Thirlwall, Bart. Allgood, Robert Liddell, Thomas Fenwick (mark).

1635. April 3.—Indenture by which George Rewcastle of Hexham, cordwainer, mortgaged to Matthew Carr of same place, cordwainer, his burgage or chatelet and a close of arable or pasture at Hexham, called The Shields, bounding on Carlisle Lonning, N., and a runner called Quicksand burn, S., giving a bond for 20*l.* to secure the loan of 10*l.* Witnesses: Matthew Robinson, Rich. Ellis.

1674. October 8.—Indenture of feoffment with livery of seisin endorsed whereby, for 12*l.*, Richard Carr of Hexham, shoemaker, conveyed to Thomas Woodman of same town, tanner, half an acre of land in Carlisle Lonning, in the town fields of Hexham, bounding upon said lonning, N., and a runner called Quicksand burn, S. Witnesses to sealing and seisin: W. Gardner, Ben. Carr, John Carr.

1689. August 27.—Indenture of feoffment by which, for 7*l.*, Thomas Woodman of Hexham, shoemaker, conveyed to Gregory Rewcastle of same town, tailor, the above named half acre of land. Witnesses: John Taitt, Joseph Tait, Will. Stokoe, Robert Pearson.

1737. April 18 and 19.—Indentures of lease and release whereby, for 54*l.* George Rewcastle of the Shield, near Hexham, tailor, conveyed to John Johnson the elder of Hexham, his burgage or thatched house, and an adjoining close of arable land, containing half an acre, called The Shield, bounding on Carlisle Lonning, N., Quicksand burn, S. Witnesses: Rich. Ellis, Wm. Kirsopp.

1742. August 14.—Received by me, William Bell, of High Sheell, Hexham, gent., from John Johnson the elder of Hexham, the sum of 170*l.* in full for copyhold lands in the manors of Hexham and Anick Grange, to wit, 1 acre in Hencoats fields, called the Shailes, of the yearly rent of 10*d.*; 2 acres in same fields called The Greens, of the yearly rent of 4*d.* and 1 half acre there called Woodley field, of the yearly rent of 10½*d.* Witnesses: Rich. Ellis, John Kirsopp.

1661. November 26.—Indenture by which, for a competent sum of money, Sir William Fenwick of Wallington, conveyed to William Forster† of Upper

* Walker—a fuller. 'That the walker and the fuller shall truly walke, full, thicke and work every webbe of woollen yarns.' Statute 6 Hen. viii.

† The Forsters of Upper Eshills are the subject of a pedigree in the new *Hist. Northumberland*, vol. iv, p. 63. It does not, however, begin till after the time of this William Forster, who appears on page 62 to have been buried January 9, 1671-2.

Eshills, Northumberland, yeoman, for 21 years, all that fourth part of a tenement with appurtenances in Hexhamshire, being part and parcel of the regality of the manor of Hexham, now in Forster's occupation called Upper Eshills, being of the ancient yearly rent of 2s. 3d., and now commonly called Whitfield and the Carnes. (Except, and always reserved, all great timber trees, woods, mines, quarries, mineral and other royalties). To commence at the expiration of a former lease granted by letters patent from his late Majesty King James of famous memory, for the term of three score years, ending the 30th of August, 1670. Yielding and paying to said Sir William, or his bailiffs or receivers, for the use of the King's Majesty, the ancient rent of 2s. 3d. at Michaelmas and the feast of the Virgin at the receipt of the Exchequer at Westminster by even and equal portions. Witnesses: James Chester (mark), Geo. Allgood, Richard Gibson.

1661. November 26.—Similar deed whereby William Fenwick of Wallington, bart., leased to Alexander Forster of Low Fawtherley, yeoman, for 21 years, all those closes and parcels of ground known as North fields and South fields now in possession of Richard Laverock, and being three parts of a tenement in Hexhamshire called Upper Eshills, with all their appurtenances, reserving timber trees, mines, etc., to commence from the expiration of a former lease granted by King James for three score years, ending August 30, 1670, paying yearly 8s. 3d. All the rest as above. Witnesses: Richard Gibson, Georg Harrison, George Allgood.

1670. August 9.—Indenture by which John Fenwick of Wallington, esq., for a yearly rent of three pepper corns leases to Robert Forster of Hexham, gent., for 999 years, in accordance with an indenture of feoffment from him to said Robert Forster, Richard Gibson and Roger Walker, all of Hexham, bearing even date with these presents, the tenement called Over Essholds, parcel of the regality of Hexham, etc., and for better securing the said tenement to the said Forster, assigning to him all mines and veins of coal in Kirkheaton, Northumberland, of the yearly value of 6s. 8d. per annum, sometime belonging to the late dissolved monastery of Hexham. Witnesses: George Heron, John Gibson, Willm: Robson (mark), Richard Dixon (mark), John Heron, Wm. Ward.

1772. May 13.—Indenture of release between William Forster of Haydon Bridge, Northumberland, gent., eldest son and heir and also devisee under the will of John Forster, late of Upper Eshalls in Hexhamshire, in same county, yeoman, deceased, and George Thompson, late of Langley Castle, but now of Haydon Bridge, husbandman, and Robert Forster, late of Mickley, but now of Corbridge, in same county, blacksmith, trustees and executors named in the will of said John Forster. Reciting that said John Forster by his will, dated the 27th October, 1749, gave to his brother-in-law, George Thompson, and his brother, Robert Forster, all his farmhold of Upper Eshalls, and all other his goods and chattels upon trust to bring up his children till his eldest son, the

said William Forster, should attain the age of 21, and then to raise 300*l.*, to be paid as therein mentioned, and stand possessed of the reversions of his real estate to the use of his said eldest son. Reciting also that all the children of said John had been educated, etc., out of the rents of his real estate, and the said William Forster had attained the age of 21 years, and the said trustees had made up their accounts and executed to him a conveyance of said real estate and delivered to him all deeds, writings, etc. Now this indenture witnesseth that the said William Forster, in consideration of the premises, had remised, released, and for ever quit claimed all actions, sums of money, debts, claims, etc., concerning the management of their executorship, and in consideration of 73*l.* 6*s.* 9*d.* paid by said William, being the balance of account due to them, they had remised, released, etc., to him his patrimonial estate. Witnesses : Jasper Gibson, James Wilson, William Thompson.

1675-6. March 20.—Indenture of feoffment whereby, for 110*l.*, George Wilkinson, of Hexham, cordwainer, conveyed to William Hutchinson of same place, armourer, a messuage and stone house now in Hutchinson's occupation in the Market-stead, Hexham, bounding upon the house of the heirs of Edmond Liddell, E., the house of Joseph Armstrong, W., and the King's highway, N. and S. Endorsement of livery of seisin signed by Robert Hutchinson, John Todd, and Edmond Burdus.

1712-13. February 14.—Indentures of lease and release by which William Hutchinson of Hexham, armourer, out of natural love and affection for Matthew Hutchinson, shoemaker, and towards his maintenance and preferment, conveyed to Matthew Bell of Hexham, shoemaker, his burgage and stone house with its appurtenances in Market Street, Hexham, bounding upon the house of Patrick Davidson, E., the house of John Leadbitter, sadler, W., and the Queen's high street N. and S., to have and hold to the said Matthew Bell, upon special trust, to the use of said William and Jane, his wife, during their lives and longest liver, and after their decease to the use of said Matthew Hutchinson, son of said William Hutchinson. Witnesses : John Bell, Christopher Bell, Jon : Redhead.

1679. May 27.—Indenture of lease for 99 years at a pepper corn rent, by which Edward Smith, of Hexham, for better security of a loan of 20*l.* conveyed to John Heron of Paies, co. Northumberland, an acre of land in the west fields of Hexham, called Broadshaw, bounding upon lands of Richard Gibson, deceased, E., of Mary Stokoe, widow, W., of Joseph Armstrong, N., and the common loaning, S. Provided always that if said Smith pay the 20*l.* at Whitsuntide, 1681, these presents shall be void. Witnesses : Jon. Parr, Ben : Carr, William Hawdon.

1690. July 10.—Indenture of feoffment by which for 40*l.* Joseph Coxon of Hexham, cordwainer, conveyed to John Bell of same place, tanner, an acre of arable land in the west fields of Hexham, called Woodleyfield, bounding on the land of Richard Bell, W., the Common burn S., copyhold land, in

John Bell's possession, E., and Carlisle Loaning, N., to be held of the chief lord of the fee by rent and service accustomed. Witnesses: Thomas Ellwood, William Robson, Jno. Parr.

1690, September 16.—Indenture of feoffment with livery of seisin endorsed, whereby Thomas Ogle of Hexham, gent., for 44*l.* conveyed to Thomas Farbridge of Newcastle-upon-Tyne his messuage or thatched house in Bondgate, Hexham, now in said Ogle's possession. Bounding upon the garth or backside of Thomas Sharp, E., the King and Queen's highway, W., the houses of George Robinson, N., and Thomas Hubbock, S. Witnesses: John Storey, Thomas Farbridge, Edmond Burdus.

1692. November 17.—Indenture of demise for 999 years whereby in consideration of a competent sum of money, Jane Fairlam, of Hexham, widow, granted to Fenwicke Downes, of same place, gent., a burgage or stone house, with a bakehouse adjoining, etc., in the Market place, in her occupation, bounding upon the house of Isabell Allgood, widow, E., and the house of William Hutchinson, W., at a rent of a peppercorn at Pentecost if demanded. Witnesses: Jos. Taitt, Mark Robinson, Isabel White (mark).

1706. July 2.—Articles of agreement between Joseph Salmond of Hexham, tanner, Alice Gill of Acomb, widow, and John Salmond of Hexham, dyer, son of said Joseph. Whereas there is a marriage agreed upon and (by God's grace) intended to be shortly had and solemnized between said John Salmond and Jane Gill of Acombe, spinster, daughter of said Alice Gill, and said Joseph Salmond, out of natural love and affection for said John Salmond, surrendered to him, his heirs, etc., a messuage or stone house, with the appurtenances, in Coastley Row, Hexham, bounding on the late Robt. Corbett's burgage, N., William Leadbitter's, S., the Queen's high street, E., and a plot of ground at Hallywell Dean. One half to be to the use of said John after marriage; the other half to the use of said John after the decease of said Joseph and Elizabeth his wife, and longer liver, paying unto Elizabeth and Catherine, younger daughters of said Joseph, 15*l.* apiece at their marriages. Covenant by which Alice Gill agrees to pay Salmond after marriage 24*l.* and give him, with her daughter Jane, all her goods and chattels, except one bedstead with a feather bed and furniture they to give security that said Alice shall peaceably enjoy her messuage or farmhold during her natural life, they providing her in return with sufficient meat, drink and lodging. Covenant from John Salmond that if at any time said Alice shall be displeased with her maintenance and be desirous to leave him and Jane her daughter, that then she shall receive the rent and profits of the said farmhold for her maintenance during her life without molestation or disturbance. Witnesses: Jon. Carr, William Lee, Thos. Carr, Richd. Ellis.

1710. July 6.—Agreement whereby George Kell of Hexham, glazier, settled a dispute with William Leadbitter of the same town concerning a wall between their respective houses. Reciting that said Kell was seised in

right of his wife of a stone house in Hexham called Coastley-rais and said Leadbitter was seised of a house adjoining upon the north end of Kell's house, and the gavell betwixt the two houses was in dispute as to whom it belonged, and the said Leadbitter had built two chimneys in the said gavell. It was, therefore, covenanted between them, for them and their heirs, that to avoid all controversy for the future, the said gavell should not belong wholly to either of the parties, but to both of them alike. And the said Leadbitter agreed that he would from time to time hereafter, repair and maintain that part of the gavell wherein the chimneys belonging to him were built, so far as they extended and also the one half of the other part where the chimneys were not built. And the said Kell agreed in like manner to repair and maintain the other half part of the gavell wherein the chimneys were not built. Witnesses: John Carr, Rich. Ellis.

1722. April 25.—Memorandum. It is fully agreed between Edmund Leadbitter of Hexham, cordwainer, and John Leadbitter, of same town, cordwainer, eldest son and heir apparent of said Edmund, and William Johnson of same town, tanner, that at next Court Baron for the Manor of Anicke Grainge or out of Court, they will according to custom, before the Bailiff and two copyhold tenants, surrender to said Johnson a parcel of meadow ground called Windmill hill in the town fields of Hexham called Gilligate fields. In consideration whereof said Johnson covenants with said John Leadbitter that after the surrender and conveyance he will pay said Leadbitter 140*l*. Witnesses: Wm. Leadbitter, John Winship, Geo. Green.

1722. September 17.—Indenture of lease for a year whereby John Leadbitter of Wharnley, co. Northumberland, yeoman, and Thomas Carr of Hexham, convey to John Johnson of same place, tanner, for 5*s*., half an acre of land or meadow, with the appurtenances in the town fields of Hexham, known as Pespoole, bounding by Carlisle Loaning, S., and lands late Mathew Leadbitter's, deceased, N. Witnesses: Edward Robson, Rich. Ellis.

1722-3. January 30.—Indenture of lease for a year by which Thomas Hubbock of Hexham, feltmaker, and Elizabeth his wife, one of the daughters of George Taylor of same place, smith, for 5*s*., convey to said George Taylor, George Hubbock, mason, and Robert Bell, skinner, all of Hexham, a messuage or stone house with appurtenances in St. Mary's chare, bounding on a burgage late Cuthbert Craige's, S., a burgage late Mr. Farrar Armstrong's, N., the Abbey orchard wall, W., and the King's high street, E., and now in the occupation of Robert Wichells, Ann Aydon, widow, and John Wheatley. Witnesses: Thomas Broadwood, John Phillipson, Tho. Carr.

1732-3. January 17 and 18.—Indentures of lease and release by which, for 5*s*., William Carr of Healey wood foot, co. Northumberland, conveyed to Henry Carr of Hexham, cordwainer, his second son, out of natural love and affection, a messuage or stone house with garden in Bone St. there, bounding on the house late John Errington's, N., John Heslop's, E., William Carr's,

S., and the King's street, W. Witnesses: Henry Carr, sen., Matthew Carr, Rich. Ellis.

1737-8. January 31.—Indenture of mortgage by which Henry Carr of Hexham, cordwainer, for 30*l.*, conveyed to Ann Johnson of Old Town, co. Northumberland, widow, a messuage or stone house with garden at the backside thereof in Bone St., Hexham, bounding on the late John Errington's house, N., on John Heslop's, E., William Carr's, S., and the King's street, W. Memorandum that upon payment in full of within named mortgage said Ann Johnson assigned said messuage, etc., to said Henry Carr. Witnesses: Geo. Johnson, John Gacell.

1744. July 4 and 5.—Indentures of lease and release whereby, for 60*l.*, Margaret Heron of Hexham, relict of Cuthbert Heron of same place, tanner, and devisee in the will of Richard Heron of the same place, gent., and Robert Heron of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, merchant, one of the sons of said Cuthbert, conveyed to Wilkinson Kirsopp of Hexham, tanner, a messuage or stone house, with appurtenances in the Market Stead, there, bounding on Thomas Dawson's house, E., the house of John Leadbitter, sadler, W., Pudding-row, N., and the Market-place, S., then in their possession. Usual covenants. Witnesses: Rich. Ellis, Wm. Kirsopp.

1753. August 17.—Indenture of settlement between Thomas Forster of Haydon Bridge, Northumberland, shopkeeper, and Mary his wife, formerly wife of Christopher Dodd, late of Hexham, and William Dodd of Hexham, cordwainer, second son and devisee under the will of said Christopher. Reciting that said Christopher was seised of a freehold close at Hexham, called Galligate field, now in said William's occupation, which field, at said Christopher's death, was under mortgage for 90*l.* and interest, and was also in possession of an estate at Barrasford, co. Northumberland, held under lease from the late duke of Somerset, and was also seised of a freehold messuage and garden in Hencotes, Hexham, which many years before his death be released to Christopher Bennett of same town, cordwainer, deceased, and gave him a bond against dower, if his wife outlived him. Reciting also that said Bennett afterwards released said messuage to Thomas Kirkley of Hexham, mason, and gave him the bond against dower. Reciting further that by his will dated April 3, 1749, said Christopher Dodd gave his wife his messuages in Barrasford, his cow and household goods, with bedding, linen and woollen, ale, malt and brewing utensils except one bed, bedstead and furniture which he gave to his son Robert, and except also a parcel of malt lying by itself, which he gave to his son William. To his wife also he bequeathed 50*s.* to be paid immediately after his death and ordered that she should pay all rent and arrears out of his said leasehold tenement and, out of what he had left to her, educate and bring up his young son John and his daughter Mary, and at same time suffer his son Robert to continue in the shop at a yearly rent of 20*s.* To his second son, William Dodd, he gave his

close in Gilligate and the residue of his goods and chattels, after payment of debts, legacies and funeral expenses, and named him sole executor. Reciting also that after said Christopher's death his son William took possession of the close, subject to the mortgage and ought to have enjoyed the estate of his father as by will directed. But said Mary, the widow, not only took her share under the will, but also received arrears of rent due from the leasehold property, all the ready money in the house, with sums of money due to the estate, and now hath in her possession securities and pledges or pawns of goods belonging to several persons for securing payment of various sums due to said Christopher, all which belong to said William as executor of his father's will, whereupon said William hath commenced a suit in the Court of Pleas for the regality of Hexham. Reciting further that said Mary, after the death of Christopher, married Thomas Forster, and said Thomas, after marriage, demanded of said William Dodd the dower or thirds due to his wife out of the close at Hexham, upon which said William agreed with said Thomas Forster, and paid him a third part of the yearly rent and value of said premises to the 10th July last. And whereas said Thomas and Mary claimed dower in and out of the messuage in Hencotes, and for the recovery thereof brought an action in the Court of Common Pleas at Westminster against Thomas Kirkley, to which said Kirkley appeared and notice of trial had been given for next assizes in the castle* of Newcastle. And reciting, lastly, that said William had now agreed with said Thomas and Mary that he would release and acquit said Thomas of all money received by said Mary, and due to him the said William, and of all actions, suits, etc., and of one half of the taxed costs of said Kirkley's appearance in court and said Thomas and Mary agreed to give up their claims, and all actions, debts, etc., which against the said William they may have had from the beginning of the world to the date of these presents. Now this indenture witnesseth accordingly. Witnesses : Rob. Lowes, ffras. Stokoe, Richd. Petch.

1755. August 10.—Appraisalment of the goods† of Cuthbert Thomson of Hexham, deceased, by Robt. Kell, Thoms. Coouk, John Gibson, Tom Harrison.

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A feddar Bedd	01	00	00
A Beddstead and Hanges and a testear	00	07	00
A Twilt	00	05	00
A Bolster Slipe torn and one fule with case	00	01	00
Tow Blankets	00	05	00
A Cubart	00	04	00
A Table and furme	00	05	00

* Meaning in the old moot hall of the castle.

† Illustrating the furniture and household goods of a Hexham tradesman in the middle of the 18th century.

	£	s.	d.
A Littel Cubbert	00	02	00
Six Chares and tow Stouls	00	02	06
Flocke Bedd and Case bolster	00	03	00
A Ruge and tow Blankeats	00	04	00
Tow Sheats and a bolster slipe of line[n]	00	02	00
Three Bolster turne, one line[n] one of haren one wolen	00	02	06
A Case Bedd and two happins	00	06	00
A Bedd Stede and a testear	00	05	00
Fife Chars	00	05	06
Tow tables and fourm	00	05	00
Foure Stouls and arme Chare	00	03	00
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Tow Quarts ones and three gills pots	00	03	06
Foure pints tow gills tow pots and a $\frac{1}{2}$ pots	00	04	06
One gallon pote ten spouns and a musterd pot soser	00	01	06
Copper tankert Brase pann and tin boler and drepen pann	00	04	00
A Friden pan and colrack and tongs and grate frein(?)	00	02	04
Foure Candelsticks and spout and racks and cranks	00	04	00
A Boxiron and tow heaters	00	01	06
Tow pecks	00	03	00
A Pote and Atlein and six Trinshers	00	03	06
A Table in the Sollear	00	02	00
Three Halfe Barls	00	05	00
Eight Firkins and tow Casks	00	08	00
A Browen Coppar	02	02	00
Culear Tube	00	02	06
Fife tubs and a wetter Skeall and long hand dish and sollear	00	07	06
Tow pars of Bares	00	02	00
Nine Boals of malt at 14s. shilling pr Bolle	06	06	00
Twenty Galls. of drinke in three Cas[ks]	00	15	00
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Elizabeth Thompson made oath before me, that Cuthbert Thompson, late of Hexham, her father, deceased, had not at the time of his death any other goods, debts, chattells or personal estate than what are contained in his inventory, and the valuation thereof is true and full.

Tho. Andrews, Surrogate.

1759. December 12.—Indenture of lease for 21 years at a yearly rent of 125*l.*, by which the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital leased to Cuthbert Johnson of Ebchester Hill, gent., a tenement or farmhold, called Rowlands haugh farm, and the mill, now in his possession, consisting of one water corn mill and fields called Dixon's or Clark's close, Johnson's garth, Croft hill, Forstead's garth, Runison's garth, Shilldean high garth, Bridge end garth, Lowhaugh, Newland's park, and East side, containing 296 acres, 2 roods and 8 perches, all which are in the parish of Bywell, Northumberland. Witnesses: R. Hornet, Jno. Everest.

1763. August 22.—Indenture of four parts between (1) Thomas Davison of Hexham, felt maker, and Elizabeth his wife, relict and administratrix of John Tweddell, late of Hexham, felt maker; (2) James Tweddell of Hexham, felt maker, eldest son and heir of said John Tweddell; (3) Thomas Tweddell of Hexham, felt maker, 2nd son of said John; (4) William Robson of Hexham, mercer, and Lancelot Liddell, of same place, glover. Whereas a marriage was lately had between said Elizabeth and Thomas Davison, and it was agreed beforehand that the personal estate of said John and Elizabeth Tweddell should be settled upon trust for several uses hereinafter mentioned, and whereas there are three bonds given to said John Tweddell, one by Abraham Winter, late of Spittle Shield, Northumberland, for 75*l.* to secure 37*l.* 10*s.*, another by John Brown, jun., of Hexham, skinner and glover, and Edward Charlton of Reedsmouth, Northumberland, for 80*l.* to secure 40*l.*, and a third by Joshua Turner of Hexham, innkeeper, for 100*l.* to secure 50*l.*; and whereas said Elizabeth at the death of her first husband agreed with said James Tweddell to carry on the business of felt maker as co-partners, and did so for some time, and there are debts due to and owing by said co-partners. And whereas before her second marriage she agreed with said James touching personal estate and effects, stock-in-trade, utensils, household goods, furniture, etc., and for the maintenance of Thomas, her younger son, a minor. Now this indenture witnesseth that for carrying out the several agreements and making the arrangements above mentioned the whole matter is set over to said Robson and Riddell for the various uses specified. Witnesses: Fra. Armstrong, John Crosier.

1764. November 26.—Indenture tripartite, between (1) Mary Loraine of Hexham, spinster, one of the daughters of Jane Loraine, late of Newbrough, co. Northumberland, deceased; (2) Robert Alder of Woodhall in said county, gent.; and (3) David Thomas Armstrong of Haltwhistle, gent., and Richard Wray of Hexham, gent. Reciting that Frances Errington, late of Berwick St., Westminster, gentlewoman, by will dated May 27, 1741, bequeathed to Mrs. John Howard of Devonshire St., London, and Mrs. Maria, relict of John Errington, late of Beaufront, esq., two of her trustees, 2,000*l.* upon trust that they should place the same in the public funds and, during the life of Mrs. Clare Selby of Berwick St., aforesaid, spinster, pay her the dividends,

and after Mrs. Selby's decease sell the principal and pay the proceeds to the children of her sister, Jane Loraine of Newbrough, in equal portions. Reciting also that Clare Selby was dead, and said Jane Loraine at the time of the death of said Frances Errington, had one son and two daughters (to wit) Robert, Margaret, and said Mary Loraine, whereby said Mary became entitled to one-third part of the 2,000*l.* Reciting further that said Mrs. John Howard and Maria Errington, pursuant to the will of said Frances Errington, invested the 2,000*l.* in New South Sea Stock annuities, and that Henry Wastell of Simonburne, clerk, and John William Bacon of Newton Cap in co. Durham, esq., by bond dated June 10, 1763, became bound in 400*l.* conditioned to pay 200*l.* to Mary Loraine with legal interest. Reciting also that a marriage is intended by Divine permission to be shortly had between said Robert Alder and Mary Loraine and that it had been agreed that Mary Loraine's third part and the bond for 200*l.* should be assigned to said Armstrong and Wray upon trust. Now this indenture witnesseth that in consideration of the marriage and of 10*s.* paid to said Mary Loraine by said Armstrong and Wray, she doth bargain and sell to them her third part of the 2,000*l.* and the 200*l.* bond in trust for said Mary until the marriage, and after the marriage, call in a sum of 50*l.* to be used in such manner as said Mary, notwithstanding her coverture, shall appoint, etc. Many other covenants touching the respective interests of husband and wife. Witnesses: Ann Pantoune, Jno. Bell. [Copy of deed only.]

1792. July 23.—Indenture of release by way of mortgage by which John Cooke of Hexham, merchant, conveyed to Christopher Wardell of Crossgate, Durham city, esq., and Hendry Hopper of the North Bailey in same city, esq., trustees under a deed of settlement made on the marriage of William Augustus Fielding, late of Lombard Street, London, deceased, with Jane Wardell of Durham, spinster, to secure payment of 1,100*l.*, being 700*l.* advanced by said Christopher Wardell and Hendry Hopper, and 400*l.* paid to John Taylor of Swalwell, co. Durham, beer brewer, William Taylor of Darwenthaugh in said county, coal viewer, and Thomas Taylor of Dunston in said county, staithman, executors in trust under the will of John Taylor, their late father, in discharge of their mortgage debt. The said sum of 1,100*l.* is named in an indenture of release of six parts of even date herewith, and made between (1) James Allgood of Nunwick, co. Northumberland, esq.; (2) Lionel Nixon of Ingoe in same county, gent.; (3) the said John Cooke; (4) the said John, William, and Thomas Taylor; (5) the said Chris. Wardell and Hendry Hopper; and (6) Christopher Hopper of Durham city, gent., and the property conveyed as security was an inclosure of land on Hexham Fell, formerly parcel of Hexham East Common, but lately allotted to Ann Tweddell, widow, deceased, in right of a freehold tenement in Hexham, heretofore in the possession of John Dawson, esq., containing 10 acres, 2 roods and 13 perches, and now belonging to said John Cooke, bounding on the Dipton

Road, E., the Peterell-field way, S., lands allotted to Thomas and David Brown, W., and land hereinafter mentioned, N.; also a field containing 5 acres, 3 roods and 31 perches, formerly part of said common, but allotted to said Ann Tweddell in right of a house called Crowtrips House, in St. Mary's Chare, Hexham, and now belonging to said John Cooke, bounding by Dipton Road, E., the land hereinbefore described, S., lands allotted to the said Browns, W., and the Yarridge Road, N., with all right, title, etc. Provided always that if said John Cooke pay the 1,100*l.* with interest at 5% on 23rd January next ensuing, said Wardell and Hopper will re-convey the said premises, etc., and if same or any part thereof be not paid, interest shall accrue after said 23rd January, at the rate of 4% per annum. Witnesses: Thos. Hopper, Jasper Gibson.

Grant of a pew in Hexham Church.

1721. December 14.—To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come: I, Sr William Blackett of Wallington in the county of Northumberland, Bart., Lord of the Regality and Mannor of Hexham and Parson Imparsonee of the parish of Hexham in the s^d county send greeting in our Lord God everlasting. Know ye that I the s^d Sr William Blackett, for diverse good causes and considerations me thereunto moving, have given, granted and confirmed and by these presents doe freely and absolutely give, grant and confirme unto John Coatsworth of Hexham aforesaid, joiner, his heires and assignes All those two Galleries or Seats lately erected and built by the s^d John Coatsworth in the south side of the Quire of Hexham Church, adjoyneing on Galleries lately erected by Cuthbert Heron on the east, a pillar of the s^d Quire on the west, a Gallery erected by John Walton on the north, & the south Isle of the s^d Church on the south; Together with free liberty of ingress egress & regress to and from the same. To have and to hold the s^d Galleries or Seats with the appurtenances to the s^d John Coatsworth his heires & assignes soe long as he & they continue members of the Church of England, att & under the yearly rent of sixpence of lawful money of Great Brittain payable to me my heires or assignes att the feast of St. Michaell the Archangell yearly if demanded. In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the fourteenth day of December in the eighth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord King George over Great Brittain, etc Anno. Dm. 1721.

Endorsed: I Jno Watson of Hexham in the county of Northumberland, Gen. doe hereby acknowledge the right of the within named Jno. Coatsforth of in & to the Pew seat or Gallery within menconed notwithstanding any Decree or Order from the Ecclesiasticall Court of York to me granted to the contrary. As witness my hand this sixteenth day of March, 1735. Joⁿ Watson, Test. Jno. Carr.

JESMOND.

1685. August 7.—Indenture by which Sir Henry Brabant* of Newcastle, knt., demised to Matthew Jeffryson and Timothy Robson, of the same town, aldermen, to whom he stood indebted in the sum of 460*l.*, all his collieries in the fields of Jesmond, with the coals already wrought and all the appurtenances to the said collieries belonging. Usual covenants as to winning and working, making drifts, water courses and trenches for the conveyance and avoiding of water and styth, to build 'hovells and lodges' for workmen and horses, with sufficient ground room and heap room for coals, and for stone, sand, gravel, and other rubbish, together with wayleave, passage, staitroom, etc. To hold from 1st of August past for nine years, paying therefor yearly unto the said Sir Henry Brabant, one pepper corn, if demanded. Provided that if said Sir Henry Brabant pay said Jeffryson and Robson, before the 14th September, 20*l.*; 14th October, 20*l.*; 14th November, 20*l.*; and so successively, monthly, until the said sum of 460*l.*; with legal interest be paid, then this indenture shall be void. Provision for acceleration and default of payment, etc. Witnesses: Samuel Doughty, John Ord.

KILLINGWORTH. [C-E.]

1674-5. March 11.—Indenture of release by which, for 2,800*l.*, Oliver Killingworth, esq., † of Killingworth, in the co. of Northumberland, conveyed to William Killingworth of the Middle Temple, London, esq., the manor of Killingworth in the parish of Long Benton, with all and singular messuages, lands, tenements, etc., to said manor belonging and now in his possession by virtue of a deed of bargain and sale, bearing date the day before the date of these presents. The estate contains by estimation 600 acres of land, with various messuages and tenements, now or late in the several occupations of the said Oliver Killingworth, George Tulip, Roger Winshepp, William Markland, Robert Martin, Robert Lang, John Lang, sen., John Lang, jun. William Warters, Jane Warters, widow, George Lawes, Joseph Redhead, and John Winshepp. Witnesses: Jo. Childs, Edward Hobart, John Tanner.

1685. October 23.—Indenture of assignment between Sir Thomas Foot of West Clandon, co. Surrey, knight and baronet, and William Barrett citizen and merchant tailor of London. Reciting that William Killingworth of the Middle Temple, London, esq., and Oliver Killingworth of Long Benton, co. Northumberland, gent., by indenture dated the 20th May, 1678, for the consideration of 900*l.* paid to said William, did bargain and sell to said Foot all that manor, etc., of Killingworth with its rights, members, and appurtenances, from the date of said indenture until the end of a term of 10,000

* Biography of Sir Henry Brabant in *Men of Mark, op. cit.*, vol. i, p. 357.

† See paper on the Killingworths of Killingworth and their family connexions by Dr. Dendy, *Arch. Ael.*, ser. 3, vol. II, p. 10.

years under the yearly rent of one pepper corn, with a proviso for voiding said indenture upon payment of said 900*l.* with interest, on certain days therein mentioned. Reciting also that the 900*l.* was not paid, but the interest had been properly discharged, by reason whereof said Foot became "vested and interested of the said manor," etc., during the residue of the 10,000 years. Now, for 900*l.* paid by said William Barrett, the said Sir Thomas Foot hath bargained and sold to him the manor, etc., and also the indenture before mentioned during all the residue of 10,000 years, etc., etc. Witnesses: Jo. Childs, Arthur Onslow.

1702-3. March 18.—Similar indenture by which Sir Robert Shaftoe* of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, knight and serjeant-at-law, and Mark Shaftoe, esq., of Warkworth, co. Northumberland, assigns the manor, etc., of Killingworth to John Hodshon† of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, merchant. Reciting deeds of May 20, 1678, and October 23, 1685, and stating that the 900*l.* paid in the last named deed, by William Barrett, was the money of Thomas Partis, late of Newcastle, hostman. Reciting also that Thomas Partis was dead, leaving his wife, Mehitabel Partis, executrix of his will, and that William Barrett was likewise dead, and administration of his goods and chattels was granted to said Mehitabel. Reciting further that said Mehitabel, by indenture of assignment, dated April 15, 1701, set over to said Mark Shaftoe all her estate, right, title, etc., in the above named premises, together with the several recited indentures, in trust for said Sir Robert Shaftoe during the remainder of the term of 10,000 years. Now this present indenture witnesseth that the said Mark Shaftoe, for 1,000*l.*, hath set over to said John Hodshon all his interest in said premises and remainder of term of years, etc. Witnesses: Jonathan Waistell, R. Wilson, Henry Winship, Hastings Oworm, Rich. Heslopp.

1703. April 21.—Indentures of lease and release (release missing) by which Sir Robert Shaftoe, of Whitworth, co. Durham, conveyed to John Hodshon of Newcastle, merchant, the manor, etc., of Killingworth, etc., for one year, that by virtue of the statute for transferring uses into possession, the said

* Sir Robert Shaftoe, whose memory is perpetuated by a monument in St. Nicholas's, Newcastle, was a son of Mark Shaftoe of Whitworth, and succeeded his father as recorder of Newcastle at the Restoration in 1660. Ten years afterwards he was knighted by Charles II, and in 1674 became serjeant-at-law. At the accession of James II, Sir Robert resigned the recordership, was reappointed at the Revolution of 1688-9, and died May 21, 1705, aged 72. *Monuments and Tombstones of St. Nicholas's church*, p. 33.

† John, son of Luke Hodgson of Gateshead, a connexion of the Killingworth family, was apprenticed to James Hargrave, sen., merchant, Feb. 4, 1691, and was set over to James Hargrave, jun., May 12, 1698. Dendy, *op. cit.* vol. 101, p. 322.

Hodshon may be in actual possession of all the premises, and be thereby enabled to take a release thereof to him and his heirs for ever. Witnesses: R. Wilson, Jonathan Waistell, Henry Winship.

1705. April 2.—Indenture between Obadiah Burnett of London, merchant, and Blandina, his wife, Matthias Partis of Tallentire, co. Cumberland, merchant, and Ann his wife, Mehitabel Partis of Newcastle, widow and executrix of Thomas Partis, Deborah Potts of Killingworth, widow, and Bathsheba Dale of Newcastle, widow, of the one part, and Samuel Hodgson* of Newcastle, merchant, of the other part. Whereas in pursuance of certain covenants contained in certain indentures quadripartite dated November 18 last, made between (1) said Mehitabel, (2) Obadiah and Blandina, (3) Deborah, (4) Bathsheba, the said Obadiah and Blandina, Matthias and Ann, Mehitabel, Deborah and Bathsheba, the said Matthias having or claiming to have some interest in the hereditaments hereinafter mentioned, in trust for said Mehitabel, did, in Hilary term last, in due form of law, in the Court of Common Pleas, levy one fine, *sur cognizance de droit*, etc., unto said Samuel Hodgson and his heirs, of all that capital messuage at Killingworth and of four several farmholds with their lands and appurtenances, called the West-house, Sedgedale, Longpasture, and Demysdale, being 5 messuages, 5 cottages, 3 gardens, 2 orchards, 250 acres of land, 350 acres of meadow, 350 acres of pasture, 400 acres of moor, common of pasture for all beasts, common of turbary, coalmines and quarries, with the appurtenances in Killingworth, in the parish of Long Benton, *alias* Mickle Benton, co. Northumberland. Now the said parties to these presents and every of them, do declare and agree, that the said fine, so levied, shall be and enure to the use of the said Samuel Hodgson and his heirs, upon trust, that the said Hodgson will execute several conveyances unto said Obadiah and Blandina, and Blandina's heirs, Mehitabel Partis, Deborah Potts, and Bathsheba Dale and their heirs, of their respective shares of the premises (except as by the said indenture quadripartite excepted) according to the covenants in said indenture contained. And the said Mehitabel agrees that she will at all times keep harmless and indemnify Matthias Partis and his heirs from all manner of actions, etc., which may arise by reason of executing the said fine and these presents. Witnesses: William Watson, Thos. Watson, Thos. Marley, Luke Hodgson, John Ogle, Margt. Powell.

1737. August 22.—Indentures of lease and release (the release missing) whereby John Williams of Newcastle, gent., conveyed to Barbara Holbrooke of same place, widow, for one year, all his undivided third part of a parcel of

* Samuel Hodgson, another son of Dr. Luke Hodgson of Gateshead, apprenticed to Roger Wilson, merchant, April 1, 1697; set over to Mrs. Dorothy Whitfield, widow of Wm. Whitfield, March 14, 1705. Dendy, *op. cit.*, vol. 101, p. 330.

waste ground in the township of Killingworth, known as the Stackgarth adjoining to the west wall of the garden belonging to the capital mansion house in Killingworth, reserving a sufficient cartway between the north orchard wall and a wall to be built about said waste ground, together with the stone quarry under the same and free liberty for said Barbara to dig stones in any of the waste ground belonging to said capital mansion house for building a house or any other building on the said hereby released premises, paying for the same a peppercorn rent at Pentecost. This deed is to enable said John Williams, by virtue of the statute for transferring uses into possession, to convey the reversion and inheritance of said ground to the said Barbara. Witnesses: John Widdrington, Jno. Isaacson, jun.

THREE KILLINGWORTH WILLS. [R.W.]

LUKE KILLINGWORTH.

1684. July 28.—Will of Luke Killingworth of Killingworth, co. Northumberland. I give my estate (after my debts and legacies are paid) unto my desiring them to allow yearly for life unto Thomas Redhead of Killingworth, Deborah Potts, and Bathsheba Killingworth, their heirs and assigns, equally, desiring them to allow yearly for life unto Thomas Redhead of Killingworth, such sum as they think fit for his maintenance; to my uncle and And. Moore, each, a mourning ring; to uncle Cutter, a mourning ring; to cousin Luke Hodgson, Dr. in phisic, one black beaver and to him and his wife and my cousin Ralph Wawe and his wife, each a mourning ring; to cousin Robert Blunt 40*l.* and my white beaver, and all other wearing apparel and all my law books. Executors my sisters, above named. Witnesses: George Hitchcock, Moses Hicks, Elizabeth Hitchcock, Robert Peirson, Ro. Blunt. [Copy only.]

THOMAS PARTIS.

1688-9. January 4.—Will of Thomas Partis of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, hostman. My debts and funeral expenses being first discharged, I give to my daughters, Eleanor, Anne, Mehitabel, Barbara, Jane, Deborah, and Susanna 400*l.* apiece when they come to the age of 21 years or be married, and whereas there is some probability that my dear wife is now conceived with child, and if so, and the child prove to be a boy, he shall enjoy my messuage that I now live in, and the house wherein Robt. Claxton is now tenant, in a street called Narrowgate at Alnwick and the sum of 400*l.* when he comes of age or be married. And if said child be a daughter, she shall have 400*l.* when of age or married, and the two houses before mentioned to be sold and the proceeds divided among my seven daughters, and the daughter my wife may bring forth, in equal portions. Wife, Mehitabel, sole executrix, to whom I give all other parts of my estate whether real or personal. If any of the children die before coming of age or marriage the survivors to inherit. Witnesses: Anna Killingworth, Blandina Killingworth, Isabel Marley. [Copy only.]

BARBARA HOLBROOK.

1745. July 8.—To nephew, George Wilson 1*l.*; to brother-in-law, James Shaler, 1*l.* and his daughter Jane 1*l.*; to brother-in-law, James Searle, 1*l.*; his daughter, Mehitabel, 5*l.*; his son, James, and daughter, Sarah, 1*l.* each; on said James Searle executing a release to my trustees of all claims that he may pretend to the piece of ground in Killingworth, released or conveyed to me by my aunt Potts and others, but if he refuses to sign that release, then no money shall be paid to that family; to niece Lucy Blake's daughter, 5*l.*; to sister Thomasin Richardson's daughter, Mehitabel, 5*l.*, and her daughter Sarah 2*l.*; to niece Mehitabel Gasquoin 4*l.* yearly for life, and after her decease 20*l.* among her children; to Rev. Mr. Rogerson of Newcastle* and John Widdrington 10*l.*; to cousin Jane Isaacson, relict of John Isaacson, esq., half a guinea, and to her son, John Isaacson, and daughter, Jane Isaacson, 1*l.* each; to said Mr. Rogerson and his heirs male the ground at Killingworth conveyed to me by Mr. Williams and released by my aunt Potts, and on failure of issue to said John Widdrington. I will that all things I name in a paper put up with my will be performed by my trustees and allowed by my executors. I give 20*l.* to my trustees to help to build a house upon the ground devised to said Mr. Rogerson, and desire a sermon may be preached four times a year by the said Mr. Rogerson, or who he or the said Mr. Widdrington, appoints at such times and seasons as they shall think most proper, but in case a house shall not be built according to my will, within the space of two or three years next after my decease, then I bequeath the said 20*l.* to my nephews, Luke and Thomas Hodgson. Residue to said Luke and Thomas Hodgson. I appoint Mr. Rogerson and Mr. Widdrington trustees, and Luke and Thomas Hodgson executors. Witnesses: Aaron Akenside, Thomas Hardy, Peter Williamson.

The will, with two codicils, was proved at Durham by Luke Hodgson, physician, April 8, 1749. The 'paper put up with my will,' contained the following instructions:—I appoint Mr. Rogerson to peruse my books and distribute such as he sees fit amongst my relations at London, and my friends here and servants, and take the best only, such as are about physick and

* Minister of the Unitarian church in Hanover Square, Newcastle. He entered upon his ministry there in 1733, married, in 1737, Margaret Halliday, niece of Ralph Carr, merchant and banker of Dunston Hill, who was one of the trustees of the church, died September 6, 1760, aged 57, and was buried at St. John's, Newcastle. Mrs. Holbrook, née Partis, widow of John Holbrook, surgeon, whom she married as his second wife, was a member of Mr. Rogerson's congregation. Her mother, Mehitabel, wife of Thomas Partis, was a daughter of Luke Killingworth of Killingworth, J.P., an active politician on the puritan side during the civil war. See the wills of Luke Killingworth and Thomas Partis above mentioned.

surgery. My executors to take them to London, and all papers relating thereto and to give them as I order in a letter to them. 'Mr. Birkett's Annotations upon the New Testament' and my watch I order to be given to Mr. John Holbrook, my husband's grandson, and I order my husband's picture to be sent to Mr. Edward Holbrook, my husband's son, and failing him to his nephew the said John Holbrook, and I give to said John, my husband's grandson, 5*l.*, also half a guinea, and 10*s.* more to the Charity School and 10*s.* to be distributed among the poor as Mr. Rogerson thinks fit. If my nephews have a desire to read 'Poole's Annotations' when they come down, or their sister, or other books, Mr. Rogerson may let them have the reading of them. I give to Mr. Rogerson 'Goodwin upon the Revelations,' which I lent to Mr. Arthur, the minister, several years since, but did not give it. I appoint Ann Hardy, widow, Eleanor Ogelbey, Sarah Langton, and Hannah Aynsley to lock up my papers and everything that I have and deliver the keys to my executors, till my nephews come down, and I give each 1*l.* My linen and wearing apparel to be distributed amongst my relations at London, my friends here and servants as my executors think proper, but especially to my niece Gasquoin and Barbara Holbrook. If a house be built upon that piece of ground named in my will, my executors to have a privilege in a part of it to come to when they come down to the north. And over and above what is in my will given to Mehitabel Gasquoin I give her 10*l.*, also 10*l.* to Thomas, son of my nephew Thomas Hodgson.

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Newcastle, Feby. 3, 1748-9. Bot. of Thos. Gibson.	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Feb. 3.—5 yds. Silesia at 18 <i>d.</i>	0	7	6
4 yds. bla. ribbon at 6 <i>d.</i>	0	2	0
Feb. 11.—1 dos. bla. 12 <i>d.</i> pady ditto	0	7	0
1 pa. 16 inch Crape	1	10	0
1 dos. bla. 12 <i>d.</i> pady Ribbon	0	7	0
20 yds. Crape at 12 <i>d.</i>	1	0	0
15 yds. Broad do. at 14 <i>d.</i>	0	17	6
	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>

Fees due to St. John's Church for the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Holdbrook buried in the Church, Feb. 12th, 1748-9.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
To Mr. Vicar	1	0	The Church Wardens	3	4
For a Mortuary	10	0	The Beadles and Great Bell	4	6
For the Curate	1	4	The Grave	2	0
To the Clerke	2	0	Ye Grave Maker... ..	1	0
Total, 1 <i>l.</i> 5 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i> Rec ^d the contence of this Note by me Henry Cockburn.					

Feb. the 13, 1748-9. To Rasing and Laying the Grave Stone on Mrs. Houlbrouf. Done by Jno. Rutledge, Mason, 6s. 8*d*.

Rec^d the Contents of this Note pr me, Jno. Rutledge.

Mrs. Barbara Holbrook's Executors to Robert Jopling, Joiner, February 14, 1748-9.		<i>l. s. d.</i>
To a Wainscot Coffin		1 11 6
To Locks and Handles for Ditto		0 7 6
To Ornaments to Ditto		0 7 6
To under Bearers & ale for them		0 6 6
Paid for the Burial & the Burial Place		0 5 0
In all		<u>2 18 0</u>

February the 14th Received of the Executors by the hand of Mr. John Widdrington the contents of this Note by me Robt. Jopling.

February the 15 day, 1748-9.		<i>s. d.</i>
For a Pall		6 0
For 16 Cloaks [cloaks]		<u>5 4</u>
From your frand, George Scotland. In all		<u>11 4</u>
[Paid] John Keedy.		

Feby. 27th, 1748[9].

Mr. John Widderington, Bougt of Ann Anderson.		<i>l. s. d.</i>
18 Yards of Black Padudsoy at 7 <i>s.</i> pr y ^d		6 6 0
6 Yards Ditto at 6 <i>s.</i> pr y ^d		1 16 0
3 $\frac{3}{4}$ Yards of Ribbon at 6 <i>d.</i>		0 1 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
		<u>8 3 10$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Then rec^d of the Execus^s 2nd August, 1749[50] of Mrs. Holbrook by the hands of John Widdrington, the contents of this Note by me, Ann Anderson.

KIRKHAUGH. [T.C.C.]

1454. July 19.—Deed poll by which William Henryson of Lynteleye [near Kirkhaugh] confirmed to Alexander Belfeld a tenement, called Lynteleye, within the lordship of Kirkhaugh, with its appurtenances, etc., paying to the chief lord of the fee service due and accustomed. Witnesses: Raulande Thirlwall, Robert Wake and William Vipond, esqrs., Hugh de Shele, Thomas Williamston and others.

KIRKHAUGH AND WHITLAW. [W.T.]

1680. April 4.—Deed by which William Richardson of Randalholme, Alston, for natural love and affection to his sons Hugh of Garrigill, yeoman,

and William of Mohope in Allendale, yeoman, granted to them the free rents to be paid for ever by those whose names are underwritten, their heirs, etc., for their respective messuages in the manor and lordship of Kirkhaugh and Whitlaw, as by their several indentures dated Nov. 8, 19 Chas. II (A.D. 1667) more fully appeareth, viz., Anthony Teasdall, 8s. 10*d.*; Thomas Walton, Geo. Wallasse, Thos. Archer, George Wallasse, and Henry Teasdall, 7s. 2*d.* each; Thomas Bell, John Robson, and Alexander Wallasse, 8s. each; Robert Baxter, 6s. 2*d.*; Henry Eales, 6s.; Thomas Wallasse and Richard Teasdall, 3s. 7*d.* each; Nicholas Cheeseborough, 3s. 2*d.*; John Jackson, 2s. 4*d.*; John Teasdall, 1*d.* Witnesses: John Richardson, Thos. Richardson, Christo. Richardson, Henry Wallasse.

LONGHORSLEY. [J.C.H.]

1709. April 1.—Lease for 21 years from Chas., earl of Carlisle, to John Bilton, yeoman, of all that part share, etc., of a farmhold called Field Head in the parish of Longhorsley, now in said Bilton's tenure, exempting always the mines, quarries, woods, etc., with ingress, egress, etc., at a yearly rent of 8*l.* 11s. 8*d.* The earl to pay all taxes, etc. Bilton to cut wood for repairs, but not to plough or break up, during the last seven years of the lease, any meadow or pasture land, except such as was before in tillage. Lessee may reap the away going crop of corn, set it up in the stack garth, and thrash it in the barn, leaving the straw for the next tenant. Witnesses: Ed. Ward, Ford Gray.

LOW BUSTON. [J.C.H.]

1601. April 18.—By indenture of lease dated June 16, 1599, Luke Beadnell of Alnwick, gent., and Maria his wife, granted to Henry Johnson a farmhold, land, etc., in Nether Buston, Warkworth parish, for 31 years, at a yearly rent of 20s. 1*d.* By deed poll of present date they sold the same to Johnson and the property is conveyed accordingly. Witnesses: Thomas Carr, Henry Anthony, not pub., Henry Anthony, jun., and Fa. Ward, servant to said notary.

1614. July 7.—Indenture by which Marie Beadnell of Alnwick, widow of Luke Beadnell, and Wm. Beadnell of Alnwick, gent., son and heir of said Luke, convey to Henry Johnson, jun., of Morwick, yeoman, two farmholds occupied by Henry Johnson, sen., in Nether Buston. Witnesses: Thomas Lewen, Robert Clarke and Thomas Yensen or Gensen.

1614. August 7.—Similar indenture by which the parties convey to said Henry Johnson, jun., one farmhold in Nether Buston in the occupation of Henry Johnson, sen. Witnesses: Robert, Thomas and Henry Lewen, and Richd. Ridley.

MELKRIDGE.

1776. April 30.—Indenture of release between (1) Thomas and Robert Pigg of Haining Head, Whitfield, Northumberland, husbandman; (2) John

Short of Melkridge in same county, yeoman; (3) Thomas Patterson of Shankhead in same county, husbandman, whereby to pay off a mortgage loan of 100*l.* upon a messuage, etc., at Melkridge of the ancient yearly rent of 4*s.* 2*d.* Patterson agrees to advance the said Short 180*l.* on security of said premises. Witnesses : Chas. Shaftoe, Lancelot Liddell, jun.

MORPETH. [J.C.H.]

1572-3. February 10.—Indenture by which John Snawdon* of Morpeth, smith, with the consent of Elizabeth his wife, leased for 21 years to Christopher Stoddart of same place, tanner, for 6*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* a moiety of one close called Nether Farnelaw, lying between the waters of Wansbeck, E., and the W. part of Morpeth, W., and now in said Christopher's occupation, in as ample a manner as Peter Ridley occupies the other moiety. Said Christopher to pay to the chief lord of the fee all rents and farms due, viz., 13*s.* 6*d.* yearly at Martinmas and Whitsuntide by equal portions as is accustomed. Bond of Snawdon in 12*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* attached. Witnesses: Robert Turner, bailiff of Morpeth, Richd. Fawcus, George Langkestere, John Walkere, Andrew Davye, Edmund Walkere, aldermen, Gawin, p'sone [the parson of Morpeth], John Hull and Philip Grene.

1572-3. March 2.—John Snawdon, smith, with consent of Elizabeth his wife, leased for ten years to Christopher Milborne, tanner, a parcel of ground called the Foxholes in the W. part of Morpeth, betwixt the Queen's ground W. and the Nether Fairnylawes, E., said Milborne paying a peppercorn at Martinmas and Whitsuntide and all rents, etc., to the chief lord of the fee. Before the ensembling of these presents he had paid to Snawdon a sum of 3*l.*, and covenants to pay other 20*s.* at Easter next. Witnesses: Richd. Pye, Gawyne Robinson, and Philip Grene 'in the mansion house of said Pye.'

1575-6. February 1.—John Snawdon, smith, with his wife's consent leased for 21 years to Richard Pye,† tanner, for 12*l.* the close and piece of ground called Farnielaw, hedged and enclosed about; between land of Thomas, late lord Dacre called the Foxholes, her Majesty's ground called Foggerston Close, W., and the water of Wansbeck, E.,—a moiety of said ground, etc., in the tenure of Chris. Stoddart, under lease, only excepted. Rent two peppercorns, if demanded, and all rents to the chief lord, etc. Witnesses: Philip Grene, Gawen Robinson, John Nicholson, Roger Sailyer, Robt. Turner and Gawyn, p'son of Morpeth 'in the mansion house of Richd. Pye, the 8th of April, 1576.'

* John Snawdon was serjeant-at-mace in 1562 and Christopher Milburne one of the bailiffs of Morpeth, in 1556, 1567 and 1575. Hodgson, *Hist. Northd.*, p. II, vol. II, pp. 512, 513.

† The Pyes resided at Morpeth for many generations. Much may be read about them in Hodgson, *Hist. Northd.*, part II, vol. II, pp. 450-530.

1575-6. February 27.—John Snawdon, as before, conveyed to Richard Pye, tanner, the close called Nether Farnilawe, bounded as before, discharged of all encumbrance except rents, etc., due from time to time to the chief lord and a lease to Chris. Stoddart of a moiety of said close for certain years to come. Said Pye hath paid Snawdon and wife 12*l.* and will further pay them 'there ffoure' (?) pounds before the last day of August next. Witnesses : Grene, Robinson, Nicholson, Sailyer as above, and James Person and Robt. Swan, 'at the mansion house of Richd. Pye in Morpeth, April 8, 1576.'

1584. October 14.—Indenture by which for 5*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* paid by Richard Pye, tanner, Cuthbert Pye of Abbey Mills, yeoman, and Gawyn Robinson, tanner, to Christopher Stoddart, said Christopher released to them all right in the years yet to come of a lease dated Feby. 5, 1572-3. Witnesses: John Walker, Cuthbert Rowchester, Cuthbert Snythe, Amoris Oxley.*

1675. May 31.—Bond of Leonard Shafto of Newcastle,† clerk, in 60*l.* to Esther Pye of Morpeth, widow, conditioned that said Leonard and Jane, his mother, shall obey the award of John Lawson of Cramlington, Charles Newton of Caldcoats, John Ogle of Cartermoor, and Robert Lawson of Ulgham, concerning actions, demands, etc., depending between the Shaftoes and Esther Pye and John Pye, her son. Witnesses: Mich. Cotesworth, Jo. Pye, Wm. Ward.

1675. August 8.—Deed by which Leonard Shafto quit-claimed unto Esther Pye of Morpeth, widow, and Thomas Pye of London, linendraper, all manner of actions, etc., which against the said Pyes he ever had from the beginning of the world till the date of these presents. Witnesses: Wm. Urwin, Robt. Lawson, Will. Pye, Wm. Ward.

1675. August 9.—Indenture of release whereby Jane Shafto, widow, and Leonard Shafto, clerk, both of Newcastle, for 15*l.*, conveyed to Esther Pye of Morpeth and Thomas Pye of London, the close formerly known as the Nether Farm close and now called The Haugh, free from all demands, etc., of said Jane and Leonard, or of Leonard Carr, late of Newcastle, alderman, deceased, father to said Jane, and grandfather to said Leonard. Witnesses: John Pye, John Park, Wm. Urwin, Robt. Lawson, Willm. Pye, Wm. Wood.—Same date bond of Jane and Leonard to Esther and Thomas in 30*l.* for performance of covenants.

PLENMELEE.

1768. December 14.—Indenture of lease by which William Shaftoe of Carry Coats, co. Northumberland, gent., leased to Thomas Hutchinson of

* See a biography of Amor Oxley, father and son, in *Men of Mark, op. cit.*, vol. III, p. 246.

† Rev. Leonard Shafto, A.M., appointed morning lecturer at All Saints, Newcastle, May 8, 1671; promoted rector of Gateshead, 1705; died August 27, 1731. Mackenzie, *Hist. Newcastle*, pp. 317, 752.

Plenmellor, in same county, husbandman, a farmhold with lands and grounds thereonto belonging situate in the parish of Warden, known as Haydon farm, now in possession of said William Shaftoe, his tenants, etc., from May 12 next, for seven years, paying therefor yearly 42*l.*, clear of all taxes and all other deductions whatsoever. Covenants as to cultivation, manuring, rotation of crops, etc., the landlord stipulating to have all the apples and one half of the plums that grow in the orchard during term. [Stamped copy, on paper only.]

RIDSDALE. [R. W.]

1640. June 23.—Indenture of bargain and sale enrolled by which James, earl of Suffolk, Sir Edmund Sawyer and Marmaduke Moor, conveyed to Robt. Napper, James Whitehead, John Rolleston and Christopher Crow, gents., and their heirs the manor of Ridsdale and other lands in Northumberland.

1657. July 3.—Deed of feoffment tripartite between (1) the Earl of Suffolk, William Lord Widdrington, Edmund Sawyer, Robert Napper, James Whitehead or Whitfield, John Rolleston and Christopher Crow; (2) the Hon. Charles Howard, Richard Newman and Thomas Lee; (3) John Sanderson and Edward Fenwick by which the same premises were conveyed to Howard, Newman and Lee.

1667. May 29.—Indenture of release of the same premises from Chas. Howard, Earl of Carlisle, to Richard Newman and Thomas Lee, upon such trusts as the said Earl of Carlisle is, or ought to stand, seised of the same.

1667. June 3 and 4.—Indentures of lease and release of the manor of Ridsdale, etc., from James Earl of Suffolk with Newman and Lee, Henry Howard and John Jaffes, for the use of William Charleton in trust for Sir Chas. Howard and his lady for their lives and after their decease to the use of James Howard their son, and his issue; in default to all other sons of said Charles successively in tail male, with remainder in fee to females in tail, with the reversion in fee to James Earl of Suffolk.

1667. June 5 and 6.—Indenture of lease and release of the manor, etc., from William Charleton, Sir Chas. Howard and Dame Elizabeth his wife, and James Howard to Thomas Errington for levying a fine and recovery hereupon.—Minutes of fines and recoveries accordingly.

1670-71. January 1.—Settlement upon marriage between Thomas Errington and his wife 1st part, James Howard and wife 2nd part, Lord Carlisle and others 3rd part, of the manor, etc., and a fine in pursuance thereof.

1670-71. January 3.—Indenture of demise from James Howard to Thomas Errington of Earlside, Black, Blackhope, Blakengs, Burnhaughs and Deadwood for 999 years, for securing payment of 1,300*l.*

1686. July 5 and 6.—Indentures of lease and release from James Howard and his wife, and Chas. Howard and his wife, to John Pye of Black, Blakehope, Foul Shiels, and seven farms in Monkridge, Saughenside and Sevensykes.

1686. July 16.—Indentures of bargain and sale from James Howard to

John Pye of the last-named premises, and of demise from James Howard and wife to said Pye of the manor of Ridsdale to secure the above-named premises to Pye.

1687-88. March 15.—Deed of mortgage of said premises from John Pye to James Ruffyne.

1690. June 18 and 19.—Indentures of lease and release of the manor of Ridsdale from James Howard and Charles his son to James Whitehall to lead to the uses of a recovery for the benefit of Charles and his heirs.

1690. August 3 and 4.—Indentures of lease and release from Charles Howard to James Whitehall of land and houses in Horsley for securing payment of 150*l.* and interest.

1690. August 15 and 16.—Indentures of lease and release of Black, Blakehope, Foul Shiels and the seven farms from John Pye and James Ruffyne to Charles Howard and his heirs.

1690. August 18 and 19.—Indentures of lease and release of the manor from Charles Howard to James Ruffyne with a proviso to be void on payment of 1,700*l.* and interest, with copy of a bond.

1690. August 25 and 26.—Indentures of lease and release from John Pye to George Hadley and John Forbes of Black, and the other places above named, to be void on payment of 507*l.* 10*s.* and interest.

1691. July 22 and 23.—Indentures of lease and release, the release made between James Whitehall 1st part; James and Charles Howard 2nd part; and Samuel Blackerley and Francis Marth, executors of Edward Fisher 3rd part; of lands in Horsley to use of Blackerley and Marth for 1,000 years, and after that to Charles Howard and his heirs.—Same date (23rd) indenture of assignment from Ruffyne and Pye to Blackerley and Marth of a term of 500 years, and another assignment for 99 years Pye and others to same, with an attested copy of Blackerley and others defeazance.

1692. October 11.—Assignment from Charles Howard and others to Francis Ratcliffe of several terms granted of the manor of Ridsdale, etc.

1705-6. February 6.—Assignment of several terms in Byrness and other lands in Ridsdale from Charles Howard to Radclyffe and others.

1705-6. February 7.—Assignment from Charles Howard and others to John Douglas and Charles Wait of the manor of Ridsdale—Same date indenture of defeazance from Wait and Douglas to Charles Howard of Byrness and other lands in Ridsdale.

1718. June 8.—Mortgage of the manor of Ridsdale to Joshua Douglas for 7,000*l.*

1719. October 15.—Articles between Charles Francis Howard, esq., and William Lord Cranstoun for the purchase of Byrness and other lands.

1729. July 19.—Indenture quinquartite between (1) Joshua Douglas; (2) Charles Francis Howard; (3) William Potter, John Reed, Henry Ogle and James Scott. jun.; (4) Lord Cranstoun; and (5) John Wait, being assignments

of certain terms formerly granted out of the manor of Ridsdale for indemnifying the lands purchased by Lord Cranstoun from Charles Francis Howard against incumbrances and other uses.

1736. May 1.—I do acknowledge that I have in my custody all the above mentioned deeds and writings, which belong to the Right Honourable James, Lord Cranstoun, which I promise to deliver him upon the payment of 2,000*l.* which his lordship owes me: as witness my hand. (Signature torn away.)
Witnesses: Robt. Cheston, James Scott.

ST. JOHN LEE.

1800. October 10.—Indenture of lease by which Henry Errington of Redrice, Hants., esq., demised to Thomas Hume of Anick, Northumberland, collier, and John Wood of Hexham, gentleman, all those collieries and seams of coal in the parish of St. John Lee, Northumberland, called Oakwood Farm. Usual covenants as to winning and working, heaproom, waterways, wayleaves, etc. Lessees to recompense the tenants for disturbance. To have and hold from September 29 last past, for fifteen years, paying therefor yearly, a rent of 40*l.* by equal instalments on March 29 and September 29, and also paying all manner of taxes and assessments. Provision for inspection and for filling up pits after ceasing to work them, etc. Lessees may break the lease at the end of the ninth or twelfth years by giving a twelvemonth's notice. Witnesses: Thos Donkin, Catharine Donkin.

SIMONBURN.

1684. June 7 and 8.—Indentures of lease and release between Isabell Robson of Stokoe, William Robson her son and heir, and William Dodd of Donkleywood with Symond Dodds of Stokoe, all in the parish of Simonburn, Northumberland, by which said Isabel conveyed to said William and Symond Dodd, her messuage or farmhold at Stokoe now in their possession, to the intent that they shall be seised of the same to the use of said Isabel during her life and after her death to the use of William Robson her son (a minor) and upon condition that said William, at his first entry therein after his mother's death, shall pay to her daughters Mabel, Jane and Isabell, their several portions of 7*l.* apiece. Covenants regarding marriage, survivorship, etc. Witnesses: John Dodd, Patrick Ramsay, Jo: Greenwell.

1684. June 11.—Indenture between (1) John Yarrow of Yarrowheughhead, Northumberland, yeoman; (2) Isabel Robson of Stokoe, relict of John Robson of Shilburnhaugh, in same county, yeoman, deceased; (3) William Charleton of The Hill, gent., William Dodd of Donkleywood, and Symond Dodd of Stokoe. Witnesseth: That the said John Yarrow will, at or before the first of August next, marry said Isabel Robson, in consideration of which marriage by God's blessing so to be had and solemnized, be the said Yarrow doth by these presents covenant with said Charleton and the two Dodds that he will not claim any right, title, etc., to that messuage or farmhold called Charleton,

late the inheritance of the said John Robson, deceased, to the intent that Charleton and the two Dodds shall stand seised of same to the use of said William Robson, heir in deed of said John and Isabel during his minority. It is agreed that said Yarrow shall have whatsoever land said Isabel is now possessed of in Shilburnhope and receive the rents, etc., till said William Robson attain the age of 21, paying all debts due by said John, deceased, for five years and a half. If said Isabell die before said Yarrow, he shall have the goods, chattels, etc., which were her own before marriage, and, during jointure, what dower shall fall due to her out of Shilburnhaugh. On the death of Edward Robson of Shilburnhaugh one half of his lands, etc., shall come into possession of William the heir, together with the other half, now in said Isabell's possession, which was purchased of said Edward by said John Robson, deceased, etc., etc. Witnesses : Mark Greenwell, John Anderson (mark), Jo : Greenwell.

1732. September 29.—Deed poll by which William Veatch the younger, late of Stanwix, Cumberland, and now of Smalesmouth, Northumberland, yeoman, and Elizabeth his wife, remised and for ever quit claimed, unto Jane Robson of Stokoe, spinster, executrix of the will of William Robson of Stokoe aforesaid, yeoman, deceased, all manner of actions, suits, bills, bonds, sums of money, etc., which against said Jane they may have had, either as executrix of said William Robson, her late father, or otherwise, or by reason of anything whatsoever from the beginning of the world to the date of these presents. Witnesses : Richard Williamson (mark), Tho : Mayer.

1736. May 4 and 5.—Indentures of lease and release by which, for 1,200l., Walter Scott of High Stokoe,* in the parish of Symondburn, co. Northumberland, gent., and Jane his wife, who was the only daughter and heir of William Robson, late of same place, gent., deceased, conveyed to Henry Elliott of Harwood, Roxburghshire, gent., a messuage and lands called Stokoe, now in Scott's possession; a messuage or farmhold called Bullcraig, in the occupation of Thomas Oliver; a messuage and water corn mill with lands, etc., called the farm and mill of Shillburnhaugh, now in the several occupations of John Wright, Robert Robson, and Margaret Noble; messuages or farmholds called Charlton Town-head, in the occupation of John Elliot, and all other lands, tenements, etc., of said Walter and Jane in said parish of Symondburn. Witnesses : J. Thomson, J. Jeane.

* See a rare tract of 48 pages, published in 1852, entitled 'The Pedigree of the Family of Scott of Stokoe. Reprinted from the original edition 1783, by John Gray Bell, London.' It is dedicated to Sir Charles George Young, Garter King of Arms, and is described as a reprint of one of the rarest genealogical tracts connected with the North of England. See also a memoir of William and Walter Scott of this family in *Men of Mark, op. cit.*, vol. III p. 370.

1737. Michaelmas Term.—Indenture of a fine between Henry Elliott, gent., plaintiff, and Walter and Jane Scott, deforciant, of 4 messuages, 4 cottages, 1 water corn mill, 300 acres of land, 200 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 500 acres of moor and common of pasture for all cattle, with the appurtenances in Shilburnhaugh, Bullcraig, High Stokoe, and Charlton Town-head in the parish of Symondburn.

1738. May 3 and 4.—Indentures of lease and release by way of mortgage, whereby, for 200*l.*, Henry Elliot of Harwood, in the parish of Hobkirk, Roxburghshire, gent., and Walter Scott, gent., and Jane his wife, conveyed to William Charlton, of Reedsmouth, Northumberland, esq., a messuage or farmhold, with lands, etc., in the parish of Symondburn, known as High Stokoe; also, those other messuages or farmholds called Charlton Townhead in said parish. Provided that if said Elliott and the Scotts pay 200*l.* and interest on May 4, 1739, these presents shall cease. Witnesses: Rich: Ellis, Wm. Kirsopp, John Heron.

1741. July 21.—Know all men by these presents that I, William Heron of Humshaugh in the county of Northumberland, gent., only surviving son of William Heron, late of Smalesmouth, in the same county, gent., and younger brother and representative of John Heron, an infant, deceased, have remised and for ever quit claimed unto Walter Scott of High Stokoe and Jane his wife, only child of William Robson, late of High Stokoe aforesaid, gent., deceased, all and all manner of actions, suits, bills, bonds, sums of money, etc., which in my own right as heir-at-law, or as heir, etc., of my late brother, I have, or may have or claim against said Walter Scott and Jane his wife, either on their own account or as representatives of said William Robson, Jane's father, deceased, or otherwise howsoever, from the beginning of the world unto the day of the date hereof. Signed, Will: Heron. Witnesses: Thos: Dixon, Rob: Lowes.

1741. August 28.—Indenture of lease for a year, by which, for 5*s.*, William Charlton of Reedsmouth, Northumberland, esq., and Henry Elliott of Harwood, Roxburghshire, gent., re-convey to Walter Scott, of High Stokoe, gent., the premises called High Stokoe and Charlton Town-head. Witnesses: Rich: Ellis, Geo. Worsley Hyde.

1741. Sept. 1 and 2.—Indentures of lease and release by way of mortgage for 300*l.* by which Walter Scott of High Stokoe, gent., conveyed to Margaret Swinburn of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, widow, the estates of High Stokoe, Bullcraig, Shilburnhaugh, and Charlton Town-head, formerly the estate of William Robson, deceased, which descended and came to Jane, wife of said Scott, who was the only daughter and heiress of said William Robson. Bond of Walter Scott in 600*l.* for faithful performance. Witnesses: Henry Elliott, Geo. Worsley Hyde.

1741. December 5.—Indentures of lease and release by which, for 300*l.*, Henry Elliot of Harwood in the parish of Hobkirk, Roxburghshire, gent., conveyed same to Walter Scott, of High Stokoe, gent., and Margaret Swinburn

of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, widow. Reciting that by indenture dated September 1 and 2 last, said Scott conveyed to said Swinburne his messuages, lands, etc., called High Stokoe and Charlton Town-head, subject to a proviso for redemption of said premises by said Scott on payment of 300*l.* at a day and time therein mentioned. Reciting also that said Elliott is seised of the fee and inheritance of certain other lands, etc., belonging to said Scott called Bull Craig and Shilburnhaugh. Now this indenture witnesseth that for 300*l.* paid by said Margaret Swinburn and in consideration of 5*s.* paid to said Elliott and Scott they have released to Margaret Swinburne all those two messuages, etc., called Bullcraig and Shilburnhaugh, formerly the estate of William Robson, late of High Stokoe, of the yearly rent or value of 40*l.*, and all other the lands of the said Scott, formerly Wm. Robson's and which descended to his daughter Jane, Scott's wife, and now legally vested in the said Elliott and Scott. Witnesses: Thos. Dixon, Geo. Worsley Hyde.

1745. June 14 and 15.—Indentures of lease and release, by way of mortgage, between: (1) Margaret Swinburn of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, widow; (2) Walter Scott of High Stokoe, gent.; (3) Henry Atkinson,* of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, merchant. Reciting that certain properties were heretofore mortgaged by said Scott to said Swinburn for 300*l.* and interest, and that there is now due 334*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*, and that said Henry Atkinson, at the request of said Scott, agreed to pay the said sum of 334*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*, and lend him the further sum of 65*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.*, making together 400*l.* This indenture witnesseth that for those sums so paid by said Atkinson, said Margaret Swinburn and Walter Scott have released to him the messuages, farmholds, etc., of High Stokoe, Bullcraig, Shilburnhaugh and Charlton Town-head, etc., etc. Witnesses: Jno: Richardson, Wm. Aynsley, Robt. Swinburn, Sanderson Ilderton.

1745. August 12.—Indenture to declare the uses of a fine levied in Michaelmas Term 11 Geo. 11, between Walter Scott of High Stokoe, Northumberland, gent., and Jane his wife, plaintiffs, and Henry Elliott of Harwood in same county, gent., deforciant of 4 messuages, 4 cottages, 1 water corn mill, 300 acres of land, 200 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 500 acres of moor and common of pasture, with their appurtenances in Shilburnhaugh, Bullcraig, High Stokoe and Charlton Town-head in the parish of Simonburn. The uses had not been declared and this deed provided that the fine should enure to the only proper use of said Walter and Jane. Witnesses: Jno. Reed, Wm. Aynsley.

1745. Michaelmas Term.—Indenture of a fine between Henry Atkinson, plaintiff, and Walter Scott, and Jane his wife, deforciant, of 4 messuages,

* Son of a leading hostman of the same name. Apprenticed to Ralph Hall as a cloth merchant, September 12, 1729. Set over to Thomas Cook, Sept. 6, 1732; admitted hostman, Oct. 20, 1740. Died in 1793. Dendy, *op. cit.*, vol. 101, p. 351 and vol. 105, p. 278.

4 cottages, 1 water corn mill, 300 acres of land, 200 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 500 acres of moor and common of pasture for all cattle with the appurtenances in Shilburnhaugh, Bullcraig, High Stokoe, and Charlton Town-head, in the parish of Symondburn.

1747. December 14 and 15.—Indentures of lease and release, between (1) Henry Atkinson of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, merchant; (2) Walter Scott of High Stokoe, gent.; (3) John Reed* of Chipchase, esq.; (4) Michael Dodd of White Boutland in the chapelry of Birtley, Northumberland, yeoman, and Elizabeth Elliot of Low Newton, in the chapelry of Bellingham, widow. Reciting that certain premises were heretofore mortgaged by said Scott and others, to said Henry Atkinson for 400*l.* and interest, and there is now owing 440*l.*, and reciting that said Michael Dodd had agreed for the absolute purchase of the farmhold called Charlton Town-head for 145*l.*, and said Elizabeth Elliott had agreed to buy Bullcraig for 105*l.*, both which properties are part and parcel of the mortgaged premises. This indenture witnesseth that for 340*l.* paid to said Atkinson by said Dodd, 5*l.* paid to said Scott, and 100*l.* paid to said Atkinson by Elizabeth Elliott, and 5*s.* apiece paid to said Atkinson and Scott by John Reed, said Atkinson hath released and confirmed to said John Reed, to the sole use of said Michael Dodd, all that tenement, etc., called Charlton Town-head, to the use of Elizabeth Elliott, the farmhold called Bullcraig, and to the use of said Walter Scott, High Stokoe, Shilburnhaugh, and the rest and residue of the premises. Witnesses: Jno. Richardson, Wm. Aynsley.

1748. April 1.—Indenture of release of four parts between (1) Walter Scott of High Stokoe and Jane his wife; (2) Thomas Scott of Todrigg in Scotland, father of said Walter; (3) John Reed of Chipchase, esq.; (4) Joshua Douglas [town clerk] of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Reciting that a suit in equity is now depending between said Thomas Scott, as complainant, against said Walter Scott, as defendant, and said Thomas hath agreed to accept 40*l.* in full of all claims, and said Walter and Jane have agreed to subject their messuages, lands, etc., being the estate and inheritance of said Jane, to said payment, and also to the payment of 70*l.* to be raised for discharging sundry debts of said Walter. Wherefore, for 70*l.* paid to said Walter at the request of said Jane, by said John Reed, said Walter and Jane agree to levy a fine within six months of Shilburnhaugh, the Mill and High Stokoe, and all other their lands, etc., in the parish of Symondburn, to the use and behoof of said John Reed for 500 years. Witnesses: Fra: Mascal, Wm. Aynsley.

1748. Easter Term.—Entry of a fine between John Reed, plaintiff, and Walter Scott, and Jane his wife, deforciant, of 2 messuages, 4 cottages, 1 water corn mill, 50 acres land, 50 acres of meadow, 80 acres of pasture,

* There is a pedigree of the Soulsbys and Reeds in the new *Hist. Northd.*, vol. iv, p. 347.

300 acres of moor and common of pasture for all manner of cattle, with the appurtenances in the parish of Symondburn.

1748. April 23.—Indenture of assignment whereby Thomas Scott of Todrig for 36*l.* assigns to John Airey of Newcastle-upon-Tyne the debt of 40*l.*, secured by the indenture of four parts dated April 1, and constituted him his lawful attorney to recover the same from John Reed or Walter and Jane Scott. Witnesses : Ed : Stuart, Jno. Smith.

1748. March 31.—Deed poll by which Thomas Scott of Todrig in Teviotdale, remised and quit claimed, to Walter Scott, of High Stokoe, all actions, suits, etc., had or which he may have against said Walter Scott. Witnesses : Joshua Douglas, George Lirey.

‘ Douglas, Isle of Mann, May 5th, 1796.—These are to certifie, that I have now recd. from my brother, Dr. William Scott of Stamfordham, in the County of Northumberland, the sum of Fifty pounds British money, and for which said sum, I am to decount to him, when we settle our pecuniary affairs; as this Fifty pounds British, together with another sum of Fifty pounds British, which I also have lately received from my said Brother, and for which he has a Receipt, makes together One hundred pounds British; and which said sum of One hundred pounds British, is now paid me part of the sum of Two hundred and forty pounds British, which my said Brother, Dr. William Scott, of Stamfordham in Northumberland, was due me, and for which I have his, and his sons’ bonds—so that the sum due from my said brother to me, now is, One hundred and forty pounds British. As witness by hand, Patrick Scott. Witnesses : Walter Scott, John Gelling.’

1800. May 19.—Indenture of settlement between (1) Thomas Clennell of Harbottle Castle, Northumberland, appointed by the will of Percival Clennell, of same place, which said Thomas was lately called Thomas Fenwick, the younger, and took the name of Clennell by royal licence in compliance with said will, which said Percival was surviving executor of the will of Christopher Reed, late of Chipchase in same county, which said Christopher was residuary legatee named in the will of John Reed of Chipchase and was formerly called Christopher Soulsby and took the name of Reed in pursuance of the will of said John Reed; (2) John Reed of Chipchase, esq., eldest son and heir of Christopher Reed; (3) William Scott of Stamfordham, esq., Doctor of Physic, son of Walter Scott, of High Stokoe, gent., and Jane his wife. Reciting the indenture of April 1, 1748, by which said Walter and Jane covenanted to levy a fine to said John Reed, deceased, of the hereditaments, etc., therein named, to enure to the use of said John Reed, his executors, etc., for 500 years, subject to payment of two sums of 70*l.* and 40*l.*, which fine was levied accordingly. Reciting also that the 40*l.* had been paid, but the 70*l.* was still due. Reciting further that by deed poll dated November 4, 1771, said Walter and Jane directed all their hereditaments, etc., to be assigned after their decease to the use of said William Scott, their eldest son, subject nevertheless

to the payment of 70*l.* and chargeable with payments to their younger children, namely, to Patrick Scott, 240*l.*; Jane Scott, 100*l.*; and to Mary, wife of John Best, 100*l.* Reciting, lastly, that said Walter and Jane died some time ago, and said William Scott had paid off the 70*l.* and interest to said John Reed, and had requested said Thomas Clennell to assign and surrender the hereditaments, etc., to him, and said Thomas Clennell had agreed thereto. Wherefore by this present indenture, said Clennell, for 70*l.* and all interest thereon and for a sum of 10*s.*, surrendered to said William Scott all those messuages and farmholds called Shilburnhaugh, Shilburnhaugh Mill and High Stokoe, etc. Witnesses: Tho: Davidson, Thomas Embleton.

SLALEY.

1611. October 8.—Indenture whereby John Eldred and William Whitmore, of London, for a competent sum of money, conveyed to Thomas Teasdale, the elder, of Slaley, Northumberland, yeoman, all their right, title, etc., to a tenement, with lands, etc., in Teasdale's occupation, which they held by letters patent from King James I, dated August 31, 'in the eighth year of his Majesty's most happy reign,' for a term of three-score years from the term following the date thereof. Teasdale to pay a rent to the King of 10*s.* 9*d.* by two equal portions at the Annunciation and Michaelmas. Witnesses: Benett Eldred, Geo. Swarde, jun., Edm. Sawyer, Richard Teasdale, (mark) John Mottershed.

1613. May 20.—Deed poll by which Phillip Thirlwall of Hexham, for a competent sum of money conveys to William Carr of the same place, yeoman, certain land in Hexham fields. Reciting that our sovereign lord the King that now is by his highness's letters patent under the great seal of England, dated at Westminster, February 7, in the 4th year of his reign, at the humble petition of Thomas Merry, esq., chief clerk of his Majesty's privy kitchen, demised to said Merry (amongst other things) one intack or inclosure of arable land in Slaley, co. Northumberland, containing by estimation 12 acres, then in the tenure of George Teasedall* and parcel of his Majesty's barony of Bulbeck, part of the lands and possessions of the late earl of Westmorland, of high treason attainted (except as in said letters patent excepted), for a term of 40 years from Michaelmas next ensuing, at a yearly rent of 5*s.* Reciting also that said Thomas Merry by his deed poll dated October 8 in the eighth year of his Majesty's reign granted the same to Justinian Povey and George Warde. Reciting also that the said Povey and Warde had set over the same to said Phillip Thirlwall. Wherefore by this present deed poll, said Thirlwall conveyed the said intack to said William Carr, as above mentioned, on same terms and conditions as he held the same. Witnesses: John Smith, John Forster (mark), with others.

* There are several pedigrees of Teasdale in the new *Hist. Northd.*, vol. VI.

1633. April 27.—Indenture between (1) George Baker of Newcastle, esq., and John Heath of Gray's Inn, London; (2) Robert Farbecke of Slaley, co. Northumberland, yeoman, and Robert Teasdale of Colepitts, in said county, yeoman. Reciting that Edward Ditchfield, John Highlord, Humphrey Clarke and Francis Wake, by direction of commissioners appointed by the Common Council of London, under various Acts of said Council, had granted, by indenture of bargain and sale, dated February 19, 1630, to John Heath and one Roger Fenwick of Shortflatt, Northumberland, esq., amongst other things, all the barony of Bolbeck, in said county, with its rights, members and appurtenances; all that free rent of one penny yearly issuing out of certain lands and tenements in Slaley; all their lands, tenements, etc., there, in the tenure of several persons of the annual rent or value of 10*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*; all that intack or inclosure of arable land containing 12 acres in the tenure of Thomas Teasdale of the annual rent of 5*s.*; all those eight riggs of arable land containing 2 acres in the tenure of Matthew Carr, and all those reserved rents upon several demises of lands and tenements for and towards the provision of his Majesty's household, amounting in all to 34*l.* 0*s.* 1*d.*, to be held of our sovereign lord the King for his manor of East Greenwich by fealty only, in free and common socage and not in capite, nor by knight service, with other reservations and exceptions therein contained. Reciting also that said Roger Fenwick by indenture dated January 9, 1631, for considerations therein mentioned, demised and for ever quit-claimed to said John Heath the barony of Bolbeck aforesaid, with all messuages, lands, rights, titles, etc. Reciting also that said George Baker and John Heath, or one of them, are now seised in their demesne as of fee of and in the said barony, and all and singular other the premises. Now this indenture witnesseth that the said George Baker and John Heath for 24*l.* paid hath sold, etc., to said Farbeck and Teasdale, a certain messuage, etc., in Slaley, of the annual value of 10*s.* 9*d.*, the intack of arable land containing 12 acres, called the North West close, of the ancient yearly value of 5*s.*, and 8 riggs of arable land called the South West close, containing 2 acres, of the ancient value of 12 pence, all in the occupation of said Thomas Teasdale, to be holden of the King (as above) for ever. Signed by John Baker in the presence of Anthony Allins, Geo: Chambers, and Robert Otway; by John Heath in the presence of Henry Smyth, Charles Heath, and Robert Humbell.

Memorand: That the 14th day of October, in the ninth year of our now sovereign lord King Charles (1633) Thomas Teasdale of Slaley, the elder, being the present tenant, farmer, and occupier of the within mentioned messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments, did assent and attorn to the grant to him mentioned, and became tenant unto the within-named Robert Farbeck and Robert Teasdale by the voluntary payment of sixpence of lawful English money according to the form and effect of the deed within written, in the presence of H. Widdrington, Leonard Ffarbeck of Slaley (mark), John

Winhop (mark) of the Hirst, George Raymes (mark), Cuthbert Forster (mark).

1686. December 24 and 25.—Indentures of lease and release by which George Baker of Crooke, co. Durham, esq., for 700*l.*, conveyed to Thomas Teasdaile, of Steelehall, co. Northumberland, gent., the messuage called Steelehall then in his occupation, another messuage called Palme-Strother, Northumberland, in the occupation of James Gyles, under-tenant, or farmer thereof, and also those dales of meadow ground called the Strother Dales, lying in the south fields of Slaley, Northumberland, then in Teasdaile's occupation; also the closes, parcels of arable, meadow and pasture grounds called Westfield, Meadow Spott, Killcroft, Killburne, Lowhaugh, the Oakes, Riggistones Closes, the West Pasture, and East Pasture, and all the Moore Heathy or Fell grounds thereunto belonging; also the Lead Mill called the Reed Lead Mill within the grounds of Steelehall, nigh a certain river called Devill's Water, in the occupation of one Mrs. Margaret Gray of Newcastle, widow, or her assigns with all their appurtenances, etc., to the only proper use of said Teasdaile, his heirs and assigns for ever. To be holden of the chief lord or lords of the fee, yielding to the King all rents, duties and services accustomed, and performing suit and service to the Court Leet and Court Baron held within the barony of Bolebec. Usual covenants. Witnesses: Fra: Baker, Joseph Teasdale, Claudii F. Forster, John H. Hasty, Thos. Teasdaile. (Copy only.)

Mem. Banister Bayles* of Newcastle, surgeon and apothecary, acknowledges that he holds the original deeds, and undertakes at the request and charge of Robert Salmon and John Salmon of Hexham, gents., to produce them in defence of the respective titles of the two Salmones to one undivided 12th share of the hereditaments therein conveyed to Thomas Teasdaile.

1693-4. March 2.—Indenture of lease for a year by which, for 5*s.*, John Sanderson,† of Heley, co. Northumberland, gent., George Mowbray of Allenheds in same county, gent., and John Carr of Slaley, yeoman, convey to George Greene of Wharnley, yeoman, 37 riggs of land here and there dispersed and intermixed with other men's lands within the town fields of Slaley within the parish of Bywell St. Andrews in county aforesaid, containing about 12 acres in the West-close, now in possession of said Sanderson, Mowbray and Carr. Witnesses: Thomas Errington, Wm. Selby, Will: Stokoe, William Carr.

1694. April 10.—Indenture of mortgage by which George Green of Wharnley in co. Northumberland, yeoman, leased for 99 years to John Heron

* Dr. Bayles was a friend of Thomas Bewick, and is mentioned in Bewick's *Memoir*, chap v.

† Most of the persons named in these Slaley deeds will be found in the new *Hist. Northd.*, vol. vi, under the headings Slaley, Healey, Broomley, etc.

of Oardley, in same county, yeoman, his messuage, with appurtenances in Slaley of the ancient yearly rent of 10s. 9d., a close of arable land, or meadow in Slaley north field containing 13 acres, and another close of arable there, known as Stone close. Yielding and paying yearly one peppercorn at Pentecost, if demanded, and eighty pounds at any time after six months notice with 4l. 16s. interest per annum. Witnesses: Ben: Carr, Mary Car, Rich: Heron. Bond attached from Green to Heron for 160l. to secure 80l.

1695. July 11.—Indentures of lease and release by which for 270l. Joseph Teasdale of Broomley, co. Northumberland, yeoman, son and heir of Thomas Teasdale, late of Slaley, yeoman, deceased, conveyed to George Green of Wharnley, co. Northumberland, yeoman, all that messuage with appurtenances in Slaley of the ancient yearly rent of 10s. 9d.; the intack of arable containing 12 acres, called the North West close, of the ancient rent of 5s., the 8 riggs of arable called South West close, containing 2 acres, belonging to the barony of Bolbeck, of the ancient rent of 12 pence, and also other 8 riggs, containing 2 acres, being parcel of a tenement of land lying in the South close heretofore in the possession of Matthew Carr. Witnesses: Edward Browell, Thomas Newton, Anne Armstrong, Farr: Armstrong.

1698-9. January 6.—Indenture of lease whereby George Green of Wharnley in the chapelry of Newbrough, co. Northumberland, yeoman, leased for three years and so successively from 3 years to 3 till 21 years have passed, to Richard Glover of Slaley a part of his freehold estate, viz., a messuage in Slaley North-field called Stony Close containing betwixt 10 or 12 acres of arable, and another close opposite to the west end of Slaley town, called Broomy Pasture, both of these being known and distinguished as belonging to the farm of Slaley town-head, and now in the occupation of Thomas Harle. Provided always that if said George Green shall have occasion to come and live upon the said half farm himself it may be lawful for him to enter upon said premises, giving said Glover half a year's notice, but shall not dispose of it to any other person during the aforesaid years. Glover to pay Green 8l. 15s. a year rent, in two equal portions at Martinmas and Pentecost; Green to pay all taxes, save only church cess, country cess, and window cess, which Glover is to pay in accordance with the custom of the country; hedges belonging to said half farm to be put in sufficient repair at the cost of Green before May 1 next, and to be left in like repair at Glover's dimission; Green every year during the lease to pay for ten or twelve fother of limestone at the quarry, if Glover think fit to fetch so many, and burn and bestow them upon said half farm, otherwise he shall not be obliged to pay for any; all the housing belonging to said half farm till the expiration of the lease, to be kept in tenantable repair with thatch and clay, the tenant always pulling the hadder* of his own free will without allowance, and the landlord

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fetching and bestowing it for his use, or allowing reasonable wages for such work; Glover on removal to have his waygoing crop, according to the custom of the country. And whereas there is one bakehouse, and one springing well arising out of the other half farm, in the tenure of John Newton, said Green shall warrant said Glover and his family to have free use of the bakehouse and free egress and regress to the well without molestation of Newton or any other person; and whereas there is one common barn, a partition shall be made in the middle, to divide it; and said Glover shall claim the bakehouse as his right at all other times but when Ann Newton needeth for baking of her own household bread. Witnesses: Will: Coulson, Richard Carr, Jos. Tallentire.

1700. April 28.—Indenture of lease for a year, whereby, for 5s., Richard Teasdale of Slaley, yeoman, conveyed to George Green of Wharnley, co. Northumberland, 12 riggs of land in the town fields of Slaley, called West close. Bond in 20*l.* for faithful performance of covenants. Witnesses: James Elliot (mark), Richard Carr, Will: Stokoe.

1706. January 6 and 7.—Indentures of lease and release, by which for 40*l.* George Green of Whitfield, co. Northumberland, yeoman, released to Thomas Teasdale of Steelehall in said county, gent., a messuage with appurtenances in Slaley of the ancient yearly rent of 10s. 9*d.*, and an intack of arable land there, containing 12 acres, called the West close. Witnesses: Jo: Aynsley, Ra: Wilson, Aynsley Donkine.

1708-9. January 4.—Indentures of release between Richard Heron of High street, co. Northumberland, yeoman, and George Green of Whitfield Hall, formerly of Wharnley in same county. Reciting an indenture dated April 10, 1694, by which a messuage in Slaley of a yearly rent of 10s. 9*d.*, with two closes, were demised by Geo. Green to John Heron, late of Oardley, yeoman. Reciting also that since the sealing of said indenture several suits and variances have arisen between the parties, for the ending whereof they entered into bonds to abide by the award of the honourable Thomas Radcliffe and John Errington, esq., who, under their hands and seals on September 2, 1703, amongst other things, ordered that said Richard Heron should receive all sums of money due and payable to said John Heron by virtue of said recited indenture. Now this present indenture witnesseth that said Richard Heron for ever releases and quit claims to said George Green all right, title, etc., to the said messuage, lands, etc., and all the residue of the term of years. Witnesses: Jo: Aynsley, Ra: Wilson, Aynsley Donkine.

1708. November 16 and 17.—Indentures of lease and release whereby, for 100*l.*, George Green of Shortmoore, co. Northumberland, conveyed to Thomas Teasdale of Steelhall, in same county, a messuage or farmhold, with a garth and other appurtenances in Slaley, with one close adjoining, called Kill close, now in possession of Joseph Carr of Slaley aforesaid, together with another messuage or farmhold there, and two other closes in the townfields of Slaley,

called the Broome close and North close now in possession of Richard Glover, all which said premises are of the ancient yearly rent of 15s. 9d., payable to Mr. Baker. Witnesses : Jo : Aynsley, Aynsley Donkine.

1717. December 16 and 17.—Indentures of lease and release whereby Thomas Teasdale of Steel-hall in co. Northumberland, gent., conveyed to George Green of Shortmoore in same county, yeoman, John Green, eldest son and heir of said George, and Ralph Wallace of Knaresdale Hall, esq., for 100*l.* paid by said Wallace to said Thomas Teasdale for the proper debt of said George Green, and also for 50*l.* paid by said Wallace to said George Green, all that messuage or farmhold with a garth, etc., a close of land called Kill-close, another messuage or farmhold and two other closes called the Broome close and North close. Provided that if said George Green, his heirs, etc., pay said Wallace 3*l.* 15s. on or before June 17 next, and the further sum of 153*l.* 15s. on or before December 17, 1718, these presents shall be void and of none effect. Witnesses : Jo : Aynsley, John Atkinson, Nich : Locke, James Raine.

1721. April 22.—Indentures of lease and release by which Ralph Wallace of Knaresdale Hall, esq., for 150*l.* conveyed to John Aynsley of Hexham, gent., the two farmholds and three closes mentioned in the indenture of December, 1717. Witnesses : Nich : Locke, James Raine.

STURTON GRANGE.

GRANT FROM KING HENRY VIII.

[A.D. 1534-5.] The King to all to whom, etc. Greeting. Whereas Henry viij., by Letters Patent dated 26 January, 26 Henry viij., granted to William Eure, knight, lord Eure, the lordship of Stritton otherwise called Stritton Grange in the county of Northumberland, formerly belonging to the late monastery of Newmynster; the lordship of Rotheley by Riddesdale in the said county, formerly belonging to the said monastery, and the tower in Rotherley by Reddesdale aforesaid, then leased with the same lordship to George Fenwick; and also the manor, prebend and rectory of Salton in the county of York, formerly belonging to the late monastery of Hexham in the county of Northumberland, and the advowson and right of patronage of the vicarage of the church of Salton formerly belonging to the said monastery; the site and precinct of the late house or cell of Jarowe otherwise Yarrowe in the county of Durham, and a tenement in the vill of Shelles, a tenement in the vill of Monketon in the said county and two saltpans in the fields and demesne lands of Jarowe, on the north of the site of the said late cell, formerly belonging to the late monastery of Durham, and all other possessions of the said late cell and monastery; (reserving to the Crown the saltpans by the Southfield, which the master of the said cell lately had by permission of the late prior of Durham, the tithes of grain of the townships of Weltlowe, Herton, Willington, Wallesend, Monketon, Overhelwarth,

Netherhelwarth, Felling le Withouse, Folansby, Hebbarne, Synoodside and Shellehenghe, in the county of Durham, parcel of the possessions of the said monastery and cell, and all bells, lead, iron, metal, glass and stones, in or upon the said late cell or in or upon buildings farmed by the same); and also the manor of Salby in the county of York, formerly belonging to the late monastery of the Blessed Mary by the walls of the city of York; the wood called Abbots Wood, containing by estimation seven acres, in the parish of Stritton aforesaid and formerly belonging to the said monastery of Newminster; and all other possessions of the said monastery of Newminster, in Stritton and Rocheley by Riddesdale; and of the said monastery of Hexham, in Salton Eldston otherwise Edston and Brawby otherwise Bradby in the county of York; and of the said monastery of Durham, in Jarowe, Shelles and Monketon; and of the said monastery of the Blessed Mary by the walls of York, in Salby. To hold to the said lord Eure in tail male, of the Crown in chief, by service of the tenth part of a knight's fee, and paying yearly to the Court of Augmentations of the Revenues of the Crown, for the lordship of Stritton 32s., for the lordship of Rocheley by Riddesdale, 16s. 8d., for the manor, prebend and rectory of Salton, 3l. 14s. 10d., for the site of the cell of Jarowe 3l. 13s. 2½d., and for the manor of Salby 17s.

The King now, in consideration of 600l., assigned by warrant under the Great Seal, to William Heydon, esquire, grants to William now lord Eure, his heirs and assigns, the reversion of all the premises granted by Henry viij. as aforesaid, in tail male. To hold of the Crown as abovesaid by the same rents.

5 July, 15 James I, A.D. 1618. [Abstract of Copy.]

SCHEDULE OF WRITINGS.—STURTON GRANGE.

1. 24 March, 10 Jacobi [1632-3]. The Lord Eure,* by feoffment executed with livery, grants the same to George Reaveley of Ancroft.
2. 22 Hen. 8. Copy of an act of the King's Bailiff concerning Stritton.
3. 20 May, 10 Jacobi. The Lord Eure, by another deed, grants the same to George Reaveley.
4. 27 Aug. 15 Jacobi. Geo. Reaveley grants same to Wm. Ord,† of Prudhoe Castle.
5. 27 Aug. 15 Jacobi. Geo Reaveley and Stephen Jackson, by feoffment executed with livery, grants same to Wm. Ord.
6. 5 September, 15 Jacobi. The Lord Eure, by feoffment executed with livery of seisin, by the direction of Geo. Reaveley, grants the same to said Wm. Ord, by deed executed with livery.
7. 1 September, 15 Jacobi. The Lord Eure, by direction of George Reaveley, by another deed, grants the same to the said Wm. Ord.

* For pedigree of Eure, see new *Hist. Northd.*, vol. v, p. 243.

† For pedigree of Ord, *Ibid.*, p. 247.

8. Copy of the Lord Eure's Recognisance to Geo. Reveley to purchase the reversion from the Crown.

9. Hillary Term (illegible), Jacobi. Exemplification of a fine from the Lord Eure and Geo. Reveley and his wife to said Wm. Ord.

10. (Illegible.) Exemplification of a Recovery from Lord Eure to Wm. Ord.

11. (Illegible.) Copy of the grant of the reversion in Crown to William, lord Eure, with recitals in it of the first grant to the Lord Eure's ancestor.

12. (Illegible.) Feofment(?) from Ellinor and Wm. Ord to Edwd. Widdrington and others to several uses.

13. (Illegible.) Indres of lease and release from Elizabeth and Wm.(?) Ord to Ralph Widdrington and George Ord, with covenant to suffer a common Recovery.

14. Pat(?) 35, Caroli 2. Exemplification of the recovery.

15. Aug. 18, 1615. Statute merchant from Geo. Reveley to Stephen Jackson.

16. Aug. 18, 1615. A defeazance or Indre between the said parties concerning the same statute.

*15. 3 and 4 June, 1 Caroli 2^d. Lease and release from William Ord, Elizth, George and Francis Ord, to Abigail Carr, widow.

16. 9 June, 1 Caroli. Mr. Wm. Ord's affidavit that the premises are free of incumbrances.

17. 23(?) December, 2 Willm and Mary. Counter part of a defeazance.

18. From Abigail Carr to Mr. Wm. Ord; cancelled lease and release from Wm. Ord and Abigail Carr to John Kelly,† and receipt for the money, dated 22 and 23 October, 2^d William and Mary.

19. Another acquittance from Mrs. Abigail Carr to John Kelly for the consideration money mentioned in the Release.

20. 20 October, 4 Willm and Mary. Defeazance from John Kelley to Mr. Wm. Ord dated the 20th of October, 1692.

21. A cancelled bond from Mr. Wm. Ord to John Kelley in 1,400^l. penalty of the same date with the defeazance, conditioned for the performance of the covenants in the said defeazance and last mentioned ind^{re} of release.

22. 3(?) March and 1st August, 1699. Lease and release from Robert Gibson, Joseph Nixon, and Thomas Denham, administrators of John Kelley to Mr. Thomas Davidson.

23. Pat (Illegible), Wm. 3^d. Copy of John Kelly's will.

24. Indenture of a fine from Wm. Ord and Katherine his wife, of a mill and lands in Sturton Grange.

* The enumeration goes back to 15.

† For pedigree of Kelly see *New Hist. Northd.*, vol. v, p. 396.

1702: August 3.—Indentures, tripartite, of lease and release, between Thomas Davison of Newcastle, merchant, and William Kelley of Whorleton Moor, son and heir of John Kelley, gent., deceased, 1st part; William Ord of Sturton Grange, gent., 2nd part, and John Cooke* of Togston, gent. (all in the co. of Northumberland), for the sum of 1,521*l.* 10*s.* conveyed to said John Cooke, Sturton Grange, Eastfield houses with all the lands and grounds, rights, titles, etc. The property is described as containing the East-field pasture, the Oxen-lairs, the Knoe-banks, the Gooseling-lane, the Mill-riggs, *alias* Mill-hill, the West-white, and the East-white adarts, Hownden-close, the Tofts, the Burn-banks, the Gaw-butts, the North awarts, the Green-knoe-meadow, the Rodside meadow, all which are in the occupation of Edward Garrett and William Shepherd. Also all that parcel of ground called the Well Springs, or Winde Milne Flatt, now in the occupation of said Ord, and also the meadow ground in the occupation of Ralph Mow, and the executors of George Tate with the close called the Mill-meadow, in the occupation of Robert Hunter, a water corn mill in Nether Buston known as Buston or Grange Mill, and a messuage usually enjoyed with said mill. Among the somewhat voluminous clauses in this deed is one binding William Ord and his heirs to grind all the corn and grain used in his house and by families in his manor of Sturton Grange, or at such new mill as he may hereafter build, taking only the sixteenth part of such corn or grain for toll or multure. Witnesses: J. Colvill, Thos. Cook, Ralph Fetherstonhalgh.

1715. June 9.—Indentures of lease and release between (1) William Ord of Sturton Grange, co. of Northumberland, son and heir of William Ord, late of same place, gent., deceased, and Catherine Ord, widow and relict of said William the elder, and (2) Thomas Ord† of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, gent. Reciting an indenture of bargain and sale and release dated the 26th and 27th of July, 1710, by which John Ord of Newcastle, gent., William Ord of Sturton Grange, deceased, and Thomas Ord party hereto, conveyed to said Thomas Ord, the manor called Sturton Grange, then in possession of said John and Wm. Ord, in which conveyance was a proviso that if said Wm. Ord, his heirs, etc., should pay to said Thomas Ord at his dwelling house in Westgate, Newcastle, the sum of 1,200*l.* with interest at 6%, the said manor should be reassured unto the said William. Reciting also an indenture of bargain and sale and release dated the 25th and 26th June, 1714, between (1) William Ord, the son, and Catherine Ord, widow; (2) Samuel Leaman of Newcastle, gent. (being a trustee for said Thomas Ord), and (3) said Thomas, the said William and Catherine released to said Samuel (in trust for Thomas).

* For pedigree of Cook see *New Hist. Northd.*, vol. v, p. 249.

† Thomas Ord of Newcastle, attorney, founder of the families of Ord and Blackett-Ord of Whitfield.

the said manor, etc. Reciting further that by indenture of even date the said manor was made defeazible upon payment of 1,420*l.* with interest at 6% upon 26th June next ensuing. Finally as the money had not been paid, and 80*l.* was due for interest, the said William and Catherine, by this present indenture, released to said Thomas the said manor as security for payment of 1,500*l.* with interest at 5%. Witnesses: Richd. Ord, Reay Sabourn. (Copy only.)

1729. November 26.—Indentures of lease and release quadrupartite, between (1) Richard Ord of Sturton Grange, gent.; (2) John Maire of Hartbushes, co. Durham, gent., and William Coulter of Lesbury, gent.; (3) Thomas Witham of the city of Durham, gent.; and (4) Elizabeth Witham, daughter of said Thomas Witham. Whereas a marriage is agreed, by God's permission shortly to be solemnized between the said Richard Ord and Elizabeth Witham, this indenture witnesseth that in consideration of said marriage and of 1,000*l.* paid, or secured to be paid, by said Thomas Witham as the marriage portion of the said Elizabeth, and in consideration of 5*s.* paid by John and William Coulter and also for other good reasons, said Richard Ord released, etc., unto Maire and Coulter, all that the manor, etc., of Sturton Grange in the parish of Warkworth, Northumberland, and all the messuages, lands, farm holds, etc., called the Grange, Southfield houses, Cross-hill, Hanging-bank, Light-oaks, Barn-riggs, Black-deans, the Croft, Copt-hill, Colt-forth, Cassey-flat, Bought-riggs, Ferney-hill, Duckett-close, Grainge-green, Thrisley-riggs, Bean-hill, Adarts, Broomy-hill, Hairy-thornes, Back-marshes, Calf-close, etc., to the use of said Richard Ord until marriage, and afterwards to the use of said Richard during his life, with provision for his wife and their issue if she and they survived him, etc., etc. Witnesses: Richd. Hindman, Edward Debord.

1733. July 26.—Will of Richard Ord of Sturton Grange. To wife, Elizabeth Ord, sole executrix, all household goods and plate and two horses, which she please to choose, also all the remainder of my personal estate in trust for payment of personal debts, the overplus of which to my younger children. Witnesses: Luke Whitson Ile, William Storey. Proved at Durham, April 4, 1734.

1734. April 6.—Elizabeth Ord, *née* Witham, in making her will recites a deed of November 26, 1729, containing her marriage settlement, in which power was given her in case of widowhood and surviving issue by her husband, Richard Ord (and no special deed in aid signed by him) to mortgage their estate of Sturton Grange for not exceeding 1,500*l.* She states also that her husband had died, leaving two children named William and Elizabeth. Therefore, in accordance with her marriage settlement, she directed her trustees, John Maire of Hartbushes, co. Durham, and William Coulter of Lesbury, Northumberland, to raise by way of mortgage 1,500*l.* for the sole use of her daughter to be charged upon the premises named in the indenture

of Nov. 26, 1729. Residue to her father, Thomas Witham of New Elvet, Durham, and William Coulter of Lesbury to pay all expenses and the surplus to her son William. Executors and testamentary guardians of her son and daughter till they come of age, the same. Witnesses: Henry Hoppet, Jno. Lambé, John Reed.

1737. November 1.—Indenture of lease whereby Elizabeth Ord of Durham, relict and executrix of Richard Ord, late of Sturton Grange, deceased, John Maire of Hartbushes, co. Durham, and William Coulter of Lesbury, trustees of the will of said Richard, leased to William Tate, yeoman, the messuages on the south side of Sturton Grange, with the lands thereunto belonging, now in his occupation, from Pentecost next for eight years. Lessee to pay yearly 140*l.* to said Elizabeth Ord at two terms—Candlemas and Lammas. Covenants as to cultivation, etc. Witnesses: Thomas Witham, John Reavely.

1750. February 2.—Warrant of Attorney. To Mr. Thomas Henzell and Mr. William Hewatson, Attornies of His Majesty's Court of Common Pleas at Westminster, and others.

Whereas Thomas Ord, gentleman, did heretofore (to wit), on or about Michaelmas term in the 9th Geo. i. obtain one judgment in his Majesty's said court against William Ord, late of Sturton Grange, Northumberland, gentleman, and Catherine Ord, late of the same place, widow, both since deceased, for 5,000*l.* debt, besides costs of suit. And whereas in or about the said Michaelmas term the first judgment in ejectment was obtained by Robert Whaley against the said William Ord and Catherine Ord in the said court on the demise of the said Thomas Ord for 4 messuages, 6 cottages, 400 acres of land, 400 acres of meadow and 400 acres of pasture with the appurtenances, in Sturton Grange aforesaid. And whereas I, William Ord of Fenham, esq., brother and heir, and also devisee and executor of John Ord, late of the same place, esq., deceased (who was eldest son and heir, devisee and executor of the said Thomas Ord, late father of the said John Ord and of me the said Willm. Ord) have received satisfaction for the said several judgments. These are therefore to desire and authorize you or either of you the attorneys above named or other the attorneys aforesaid at any time hereafter to acknowledge satisfaction upon the records of the said judgment. And for your so doing this shall your sufficient warrant and discharge in that behalf. Dated, February 2, 1750. Wm. Gibson, Jno. Smith.

1761. Trinity Term.—Exemplification of a fine between John Bedford, esq., plaintiff, and William Ord, gent., deforciant, of the manor of Sturton Grange, with the appurtenances, viz.: four messuages, six cottages, four tofts, four barns, four stables, one dovehouse, three gardens, three orchards, 600 acres of land, 300 acres of meadow, and 600 acres of pasture in Sturton Grange and the Grange Southfield houses, in the parish of Warkworth.

1764. September 7.—Indentures of lease and release (release missing) by which William Ord of Howcroft, Northumberland, gent., only son and heir of Richard Ord, late of Sturton Grange, gent., deceased, conveyed to Thomas Gibson of Stonecroft, in same county, gent., and John Gibson of Great Whittington, gent., the manor or lordship called Sturton Grange, parish of Warkworth, and all the messuages, lands, etc., called the Grange Southfield houses, etc., containing by estimation 1,000 acres.

1765. January 25.—Indenture tripartite made between (1) William Ord of Stonecroft, Northumberland, gent., only son and heir of Richard Ord, late of Sturton Grange, deceased, by Elizabeth his wife, also deceased, formerly Witham, and administrator of the goods and chattels of Elizabeth Ord, spinster, his late sister, deceased, who was the only daughter and youngest child of said Richard and Elizabeth; (2) John Bedford, late of Little St. Mary's, in the city of Durham, and now of Aldernage in same county, esq., practitioner in physic; and (3) Simon Mewburn of Acomb, Northumberland, gent. Reciting indentures of lease and release made the 14th and 15th November, 1760, between (1) Wm. Ord aforesaid; (2) James Shuttleworth, esq.; (3) William Constable, esq.; and (4) said John Bedford, the manor, etc., of Sturton Grange, was limited to the use of said John Bedford, redeemable by said William Ord on payment of 3,000*l.* with interest to said Bedford, on November 15 last past, which was not paid. Reciting also that all interest for the 3,000*l.* was now paid, but the principal sum was still due, and that said Mewburn had agreed to advance the same upon the security of one moiety of the said mortgaged premises. Now in consideration of 1,500*l.* by said Mewburn paid to said Bedford, and of 1,500*l.* resting due on said mortgage, and for securing the payment of both, with interest, the said William Ord and John Bedford hath released to said Mewburn all that manor, etc., of Sturton Grange, and all those messuages called the Grange Southfield houses, with the lands, etc., containing about 1,000 acres. Reconveyance on payment of the two moieties on the 25th July next with interest at 4½ per cent. Witnesses: Jno. Bell, Jasper Gibson, William Gray.

1768. July 23.—Indentures of lease and release by which William Ord of Stonecroft, only son and heir of Richard Ord, late of Sturton Grange, released to William Pringle of Ewart, Northumberland, gent., for 1,500*l.*, one moiety of the manor, etc., of Sturton Grange and of the Grange Southfield houses, as before. Reconveyance on payment of 1,500*l.*, with interest at 4½% on 23rd January next. Witnesses: Jasper Gibson, John Brown. (Copy only.)

Endorsed at Quarter Sessions, thus:—

'The within Deed or Indenture, having the impression of a five shilling stamp thereon was produced and inrolled in open court pursuant to the statute before us:—G. Aynsley, G. Selby; Collingwood Forster, Clerk of the Peace, by John French deputy.'

1792. Oct. 4.—Valuation of a farm called Sturton Grange and part of a farm called Southside in the parish of Warkworth and co. of Northumberland, belonging to William Ord, esq., of Stonecroft, near Hexham:	l. s. d.
Sturton Grange contains 413a. 0r. 31p. is valued per ann. at	386 0 0
Part of Southside is estimated to contain 17a., valued per ann. at	14 0 0
	400 0 0
Total value per ann.	400 0 0
These grounds are freehold, are exempt from the tithe of corn and hay, but pay other tithes in kind to the vicar of Warkworth, at 27 years' purchase	l. s. d.
Deduct for the want of a dwelling house	10,800 0 0
	300 0 0
	10,500 0 0

Sherburn, 4 October, 1792.

ARTHUR MOWBRAY.

1773. October 6.—Indenture between (1) Mary Maire, of Headlam, co. Durham, relict and devisee of John Maire, late of Lartington, co. York, esq., deceased; (2) Matthew Gibson of Hexham, gent.; (3) John Silvertopp of Benwell, co. Northumberland, esq., and Jasper Gibson of Hexham, gent. Reciting that by indenture of lease dated 20th July, 1768, the Dean and Chapter of Durham demised to said John Maire all their tithe of corn and grain in the Townships of Bolsdon, Barmoor, and Gatherick, Northumberland, from 4th September, 1767 for 21 years at the ancient rent of 9*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*, and that by another assignment, dated 11th May, 1771, between William Ord and said John Maire, it was stated that the name of John Maire was inserted as mortgagee only, and for insuring to him a principal sum of 600*l.* with interest, the said Wm. Ord being entitled to the equity of redemption. Also that said John Maire had treated with said Wm. Ord for all his estate, right, title, etc., therein for 3,500*l.*, and that the 600*l.* with 200*l.* more, due from said Wm. Ord on his bond, making 800*l.*, should be deducted in manner therein mentioned. Now this indenture witnesseth that in consideration of the many repeated and signal services rendered to said Mary Maire, by said Matthew Gibson, and to make provision for him in case he should survive said Mary, she, for 10*s.* paid to her by said John Silvertopp and Jasper Gibson, assigned to them all those tithes of corn and grain above mentioned upon trust that they should renew the lease as often as is usual, and out of the profits pay all fines, fees, etc., and from the residue, pay to said Matthew Gibson 40*l.* per year, beginning three months after her decease. Witnesses: Jasper Gibson, John Worthy, servant with Geo. Silvertopp, esq. Enrolled at Northumberland quarter sessions, held 12th January, 1774, and signed by C. Aynsley and J. Tweddell, magistrates, and Coll. Forster, clerk of the peace.

1810. March 16.—Indenture of release between (1) Ralph Riddell of Felton Park, Northumberland; (2) Jasper Gibson of Newbrough Lodge, in same

county, esq., devisee named in the will of William Ord, late of same place, esq.; and (3) William Mitcalfe of Dockwray Square, Tynemouth. Whereas by indentures dated 4th and 5th May, 1800, between William Ord of Stonecroft, gent., and Robert Jordeson, gent., the former released to the latter the manor of Sturton Grange, etc., and whereas the said Ord is dead and by his will left his estate to Jasper Gibson, etc., and whereas by similar indentures dated 12th and 13th of May, 1803, between Robert Jordison 1st, Jasper Gibson 2nd and Ralph Riddell of Felton Park 3rd, in consideration of 2,000*l.* to said Jordeson paid by said Riddell and 2,000*l.* paid to Jasper Gibson by said Riddell, said Jordeson and Gibson released to said Riddell the manor, etc., to hold the same to the use of said Riddell, redeemable on payment of 4,000*l.* and interest at a day therein mentioned and long since past. And whereas the principal sum of 4,000*l.* is still owing, interest having being paid, and said Gibson being desirous of paying it off, and having occasion for a further sum of 6,000*l.* said Mitcalfe has agreed to lend him the sum of 10,000*l.* upon security of the manor, etc. Now this indenture witnesseth that for 4,000*l.* by said Mitcalfe to said Riddell, and for a further sum of 6,000*l.* paid by said Mitcalfe to said Jasper Gibson, said Riddell and said Gibson have released unto said Mitcalfe all that manor, etc., of Sturton Grange with lands thereto belonging, viz.: Cross-hills, Bought-riggs, Hanging-bank, Eight-oakes, Black-deans, Thistley-riggs, North-copthill, South-copthill, Milden-far-yoke, Middle-yoke, Near-yoke, Fore-bank, Fearney-field, Night-close, Duckett-close, Causey-flat, Horse-close, Colt-forth, Barn-riggs, East-garden-close, West-garden-close, Burn-bank, Sand and Grange-green, containing by estimation 413a. 31p., bounding on lands belonging to the Duke of Northumberland, N., to William Bacon, esq., W., to Wm. Cooke, E., and lands late Wm. Ord's and now Thomas Dodd's, S. Reconveyance to said Gibson on payment of 250*l.* half a-year's interest at 5 per cent. on the 16th September next ensuing, and the principal sum of 10,000*l.* with another half year's interest of 250*l.* on the 16th March next. Witnesses: John Matthews, Jasper Gibson.*

WEETWOOD.

1685-6. February 1. Indenture tripartite (1) Lancelot Ord, the elder of Weetwood, co. Northumberland, gent., and Margaret his wife; (2) Lancelot Ord the younger of Weetwood, son and heir apparent of said Lancelot the elder, (3) William Strother of Fowberry in county aforesaid, esq., William Ord of Beal in co. palatine of Durham, esq. In consideration of natural love and affection which said Lancelot the elder, beareth to Margaret his wife, and for providing her with a convenient jointure in case she should survive him, also competent portions for all daughters and annuities for his younger sons, and upon the consideration that said Lancelot the younger hath undertaken

*Probably a son of Jasper, the devisee.

to pay all such portions to his said daughters as are hereafter mentioned, and to keep harmless said Lancelot the elder from so much of his debts as will amount to 1,200*l.*, and for settling all his lands and tenements. It is by these presents agreed between said parties that said Lancelot shall, before the end of Trinity term next, convey unto said Strother and William Ord or their heirs, all that manor or lordship of Weetwood, lying on the north and south side of the river Till, in the parish of Chatton, co. Northumberland, and all his tithes of lambs wool, hay, and all other his petty tithes, with all his lands, tithes, tenements, fairs and hereditaments whatsoever in the parish of Ancroft, etc. [A long partition deed follows of no special interest.] Witnesses: Charles Geer, groom, William Grey, Robert Eccles, clerks.

(NOTES BY J. C. HODGSON, F.S.A.).

In 1649 John Orde of Weetwood compounded for delinquency. Welford's *Royalist Compositions*, 111. Surt. Soc. publ., p. 304.

1680. August 27.—Bond of marriage—Lancelot Ord of Newcastle, gent., and Margaret Eden, widow. Edward Clavering of Rock, bondsman. Married at Long Benton, 7 Sept., 1680.

'Captain Lancelot Ord was taken prisoner in the late rebellion at Preston, made his escape from prison, fled beyond the seas and there continues. The titles of Ancroft and Tweedmouth belonged to his three younger brethren, viz.: John Ord, who was executed in the rebellion, Mungo Ord, who died in the same rebellion, and Francis Ord, who was kept in prison until set free by the Act of Indemnity; these titles being held by lease under the Dean and Chapter of Durham at a very small rent. Miss Elizabeth Ord, sister of the above rebels, renewed the lease three years since.' Payne, *Records of English Catholics in 1715*, p. 94.

Elizabeth Ord, late of Weetwood but then of Gateshead, spinster, June 4, 1723, registered, as a Roman Catholic, certain tithes held by a lease from the Dean and Chapter of Durham dated Jan. 18, 1716, at the yearly rent of 9*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, for the term of 21 years to Richard Simpson, and yearly arising out of Bolsdon, Barmoor, and Gatherick. *Roman Catholic Registers* with Clerk of the Peace, Moot hall, Newcastle.

31 Sept., 1732.—Will of Elizabeth Ord of the parish of St. Oswald's, Durham. I give to my brother Lancelot £30 per annum until he shall receive his late estate of Weetwood, or some part thereof, to the value of 350*l.* To my niece Mary Routledge 5*l.* per annum. Residue to my niece May Butler, she executrix.

Mrs. Mary Butler (who was also connected with the Ords of Sturton Grange) died 2 March, 1752, giving certain tithes (apparently those above mentioned) to the Provincial of the Society of Jesus for the endowment of a mission at, or near, Sturton Grange. A mass was to be said every month for the soul of Lancelot Ord, esq., and Margaret his wife, for the donor and

Mrs. Elizabeth Ord, and for her own soul. *Records of English Province S.J.*, ser. xii, p. 643., see also new *Hist. Northd.*, vol. v, pp. 244-246 for further details.

TODBURN. [J.C.H.]

1672. December 15 and 16.—Indentures of lease and release by which John Thornton* of Netherwitton, co. Northumberland, esq., for 191*l.* conveyed to Chas. Earl of Carlisle, his messuage, etc., in Todburn in said county, with one close on the N. side of Todburn, called the Burnhead, with all lands, etc., of said Thornton in Todburn, to be holden of the chief lord of the fee with rents, services, etc., due and accustomed. Witnesses: Humfr. Mitford, R. Fenwick, Rich. Ellison, Wm. Carnaby.

1673. August 18.—By deed of this date Henry Thornton of Witton Sheeles, gent, Wm. Thornton of Netherwitton, youngest son of Sir Nicholas Thornton, deceased, Mary Thornton of Widdrington, spinster, Allen Swinburne of Nafferton, gent., and Frances his wife, Elinor Thornton of Netherwitton, spinster, Capt. Edwd. Sackville of Berwick, and Ann his wife, demised and quit-claimed to Chas., Earl of Carlisle, the messuage, lands and tenements, etc., in Todburn, lately sold by John Thornton, deceased, to the said earl. Eight seals attached. Six of them signed by Henry, William and Mary Thornton, Allen Swinburn, Hellen Thornton and Ann Sackville; the other two unsigned. Witnesses: Rich. Wilson, George Collingwood, Wm. Carnaby.

WARK, NORTH TYNE.

1727. May 6 and 7.—Indentures of lease and release by which for the sum of 50*l.* with interest secured by bond of 100*l.*, John Charlton of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, freeporter, conveyed to George Pickering of the same place, innkeeper, a messuage or farmhold of the ancient yearly rent of 6*s. 8d.*, at Wark, co. Northumberland. Witnesses: Mary Spence, Wm. Butler.

1764. December 4.—Declaration of trust indented, between Christopher Reed of Chipchase, Northumberland, esq., and Alan Hodshon^d of Tone, in same county, gent. Reciting that by indenture of release, bearing date December 1, 1764, between William Charlton of Errington, Northumberland, husbandman, and the said Christopher Reed, the said Charlton, in consideration of 100*l.*, conveyed to said Reed, a messuage or farmhold at Wark, Northumberland, called the Noble farm, formerly in possession of John Charlton, and then of said William Charlton, with all its appurtenances, etc., subject to a proviso for redemption. It is hereby declared that the 100*l.* was not the moneys of said Reed but of said Alan Hodgson. Witness: Chas. Shaftoe.

* Pedigree of the Thorntons, descendants of Roger Thornton, the opulent merchant of Newcastle, in Hodgson's *Hist. North.*, pt. II, vol. i, p. 316.

1771. November 15 and 16.—Lease and release tripartite between (1) the Rev. Sloughter Clarke* of Hexham, clerk, and Honour his wife, only surviving daughter of the late Ann Andrews, widow, of same place: (2) William Hunter of same town, gent.; (3) Aubone Surtees and Rowland Burdon, both of Newcastle, gents. Reciting that by indentures dated January 7th and 8th, 1767, between (1) Bacon William Wastell of the Spittle, near Hexham, esq.; (2) William Hunter; and (3) Ann Andrews, said Wastell, by appointment of Hunter, released to Andrews a messuage called Woodley Sheal in the manor of Wark, subject to redemption by Hunter for 400*l.* and interest. Reciting also that Ann Andrews is since dead, and her will, dated April 7, 1767, was duly proved by Honour Sloughter Clarke, that the 400*l.* is still due but the interest has been paid, and that said Surtees and Burdon have agreed to advance Hunter 1,000*l.* to pay off the 400*l.* and supply 600*l.* for his other occasions. This indenture witnesseth that, for 1,000*l.*, said Sloughter Clarke and Honour his wife, at request of Hunter, have bargained and sold to said Surtees and Burdon all that farmhold, etc., called Woodley Sheal, in Wark, and all lands thereto belonging, also all lands, tenements, etc., in the parish of Simonburn, bought by Hunter from John Kirsopp, gent., which were conveyed to said Ann Andrews. Covenants to levy a fine for redemption, default, etc. Witnesses: Wm. Cuthbert, Jno. Barber.

WARK-ON-TWEED.

1762. June 12.—Indenture between Charles, Earl of Tankerville, and Sibilla Coucher of Park St., London. Reciting an indenture of bargain and sale quadripartite, enrolled in the King's Bench, dated April 25, 1754, between (1) the Earl of Tankerville, and Alicia, countess of ditto; (2) Christopher Denton of Gray's Inn, London, gent.; (3) Robert Fenwick of Newcastle-upon-Tyne; (4) Charles, lord viscount Fane, and John Craster of Craster, Northumberland, esq.; and also a common recovery suffered in pursuance

*The Rev. Sloughter Clarke was lecturer at Hexham church from 1766 to 1801 when he resigned his preferment. He married Honor, daughter of Robert Andrewes, esq., by Ann, daughter of Sir Thomas Rawlinson, kn., alderman of London. Mrs. Andrewes had three daughters, Ann, Hannah and Honor. After making her will in April, 1767, she added this curious codicil—'Whereas my daughter Anne eloped from my house into Scotland with Thomas Newton, and was there married without my consent and never returned to my house again, nor did I ever see her afterwards, and died soon after her marriage without leaving any issue, I give the 1,000*l.* (as left to my disposal by her father) to my most affectionate and dutifull daughter Honor Andrewes.' Testatrix died July 31, 1769, aged 75, her daughter Honor Clarke departed March 9, 1805, aged 72, and the Rev. Sloughter Clarke, her husband, passed away April 22, 1820, aged 79. *Vide new Hist. North.*, vol. III, pp. 172, 175, 197.

thereof, etc. Now this indenture witnesseth that in consideration of 400*l.* paid to the earl by said Sibilla he doth grant to her one annuity of 40*l.* to be received and taken out of all that township messuages, farmholds, etc., commonly called Wark, the ferry boat and ferry rights across the Tweed and the fishery in the Tweed at Wark, the same as they are now enjoyed by John Gregson, by lease to him granted November 7, 1750, for 21 years at the yearly rent of 570*l.* and for better securing said annuity said earl hath demised unto said Sibilla all those lands, tenements, etc., above named, out of which the annuity is to issue for a term of 99 years. Witnesses: J. Langhorne, William Rowell.

1762. June 12.—Know all men by these presents, that I, the Right Honourable Charles, Earl of Tankerville, am held and firmly bound to Sibilla Coucher, now of Park St. in the parish of Saint George, Hanover Square, in the county of Middlesex, widow, in the penal sum of 800*l.*, to be paid to the said Sibilla, or her certain attorney, executors, administrators or assigns, for which payment to be well and truly made I bind myself, my heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents. Sealed with my seal and dated the twelfth day of June, in the second year of the reign of our sovereign lord George the Third, etc.

Whereas the Earl of Tankerville, in consideration of 400*l.* paid by Sibilla Coucher, hath agreed to pay and secure to be paid unto the said Sibilla one annuity or yearly sum of 40*l.*, half yearly, from the 24th of this instant June, clear of all taxes and deductions, for and during the natural life of said Sibilla out of certain hereditaments situate in the county of Northumberland, mentioned in an indenture bearing even date with the above written obligation. Now the condition of the above written obligation is such that if the above bound earl, during the life of said Sibilla pay the said annuity of 40*l.*, namely, 20*l.* on the 25th December, and 20*l.* on the 24th June in each year, in the common dining hall of Lincoln's Inn, etc., then the above written obligation to be void and of none effect, but if default shall be made in payment of said annuity then it shall be and remain in full force and virtue. Signed Taakerville. Witnesses: William Cotton, John Marshall.

WYLAM.

1788. March 5.—Indentures of lease and release in three parts: (1) Paul Vaillant of Hexham, esq., (2) John Robson of Barrasford, Northumberland, husbandman (eldest son and heir of William Robson, formerly of Mount-heelley, Northumberland, husbandman, nephew, and devisee named in the will of Thomas French, formerly of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, deceased); (3) John Blackett of Wylam, Northumberland, esq. Whereas said Thomas French by his will, dated November 19, 1724, devised two fields at Wylam to his nephews William Robson and William Brown, in equal shares, and whereas by agreement, dated January 15, 1727, said Robson and Brown divided said lands;

and whereas by indenture of lease and release dated November 20 and 21, 1786, two fields at Wylam were mortgaged to said Paul Vaillant for 600*l.* and that sum is still owing; and whereas said Blackett hath agreed with said John Robson for the absolute purchase of the fields at Wylam for 511*l.* 11*s.*, in part payment of said Vaillant's mortgage. Now this indenture witnesseth that for said sum paid to Vaillant by Blackett, and 10*s.* paid to said John Robson, said Robson and Vaillant hath conveyed to said Blackett, all those parcels of ground in the town fields of Wylam called the Fore Bank and the Haughs now in possession of Henderson Price as tenant thereof, together with the woods, mines, minerals and quarries (except mines of coal) thereto belonging. And whereas said John Blackett hath a wayleave across the said fields, it is agreed that this shall continue on payment of the agreed rent of 34*l.* Witnesses: Jasper Gibson, James Johnson.

DURHAM.

GATESHEAD. [R.W.]

1718.—Indenture of bargain and sale whereby for 20*l.* William Wilkinson, pipe maker, Gateshead, and Eleanor his wife, and John Wilkinson, their eldest son, conveyed to William Sanders of Middle St., Newcastle, smith, a messuage and garth, or backside, on the west side of Bottle Bank, bounded by the messuage late of George Coward, S., the messuage late of Peter Trumble, N., the Bottle Bank, E., and a messuage and lands late Trumble's, W. Witnesses: R. Cuthbert, Robert Dance.

1766. August 13.—Indenture of assignment from George Rose of Gateshead, gent., in contemplation of his marriage with Mary Wilson, to John Huntley and Robert Wilson of same place. He gives them, in trust, his moiety of the farm of Field House and his share of property partly at Hedley in Hampshire and partly at Trensham in Surrey, under the will of George Holme, D.D. [This deed has been partly destroyed, but the names of the witnesses remain, and they are the Rev. Wm. Lambe, rector of Gateshead, and George Stephenson of Newcastle, master and mariner.]

KYO, BILLINGSIDE, AND PETH.

Copy of Halmote Court Roll.—Be it remembered that the 27th April, 1775, came Dame Ann Widdrington of Stanhope St., Westminster, relict of the Hon. Henry Francis Widdrington, esq., commonly called Lord Widdrington, deceased, out of court at the city of Durham, before Henry Wilkinson, esq., steward, and took of the lord one parcel of land containing by estimation 8 acres, lying upon the lord's waste, abutting upon Stanley on the Hill, on the S. and E., and upon the king's street, called Newcastle Street, on the N., and the waste of the lord on the W., and also another piece of land containing by estimation 12 acres lying upon the waste of the lord between Stanley Park on the S., a close called Stanley-field on the W., and upon the waste

of the lord from Stanley-field unto Acton-gate on the E. and N., which he the said Henry Francis her late husband had in right while he lived. To have to the said Dame Ann Widdrington in her widow right, according to the custom of the court, rendering therefor by the year at the usual terms as before was wont to be rendered, and doing to the lord and the neighbours the duties and services accustomed by pledges, and so forth. And thereupon she is thereof admitted. Demise 6s. 8d.

Examined by me, Thos. Hugall, Depy. Clerk of the Halmot Cot.

CUMBERLAND.

ALSTON.

1480. June 29.—Deed poll by which William Vipont* confirmed to Thomas Vipont, his son a tenement in Alston called Housis, two tenements in Barocke that Adam Cheeseburg holds and Stephen Richardson occupies, and a tenement called Blakelawe that Edward Cheeseburgh holds, with lands, etc., thereto belonging. Witnesses: Richard Musgrove, John Lee, George Walton, Robert Walton, Matthew Jacson and many others.

1754. June 3.—Indenture of lease (release missing) whereby William Hewatson of Alston Bridge, Cumberland, gent., son and heir of Joseph Hewatson, deceased, conveyed to Dorothy Reed of Hexham, spinster, for 5s. a messuage or farmhold called Bridge End in Alston, with its appurtenances paying a peppercorn rent at Michaelmas if demanded. Witnesses: Francis Stokoe, Richd. Petch, jun.

1788. June 15.—Indenture of assignment between John Cooke of Hexham, merchant, and John Hall* of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Doctor of Physic. Reciting three several indenture of lease dated (1) April 26, 1769, (2 and 3) January 13, 1770, by which certain lead mines in the manor of Alston, called Broomsberry cross vein, Gill Syke head cross vein, and Broomsberry east cross vein were by the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital duly demised to Joseph Batey of Alston, innkeeper, and Jacob Teasdale of Alston, miner, for 21 years at certain rents therein mentioned. Reciting also an indenture of co-partnership dated March 25, 1773, between Matthew Carr of Ryhope, esq., Robert Allgood of Hexham, gent., the said John Cooke, William Nesbitt of Newcastle, gent., William Cowing of Walwick, farmer, Joseph Reay of Alston, cornfactor, William Ridley, late of Hexham and then of London, flaxdresser, Robert Deans of Hexham, merchant, and the said John Hall. Reciting also that the said three leases had been assigned and set over to

*In the 14th century the Viponts or Veteripontes were lords of the manor of Alston and were widely spread over the North of England. There is a pedigree of them in Hodgson's *Hist. North.*, pt. II, vol. iii, p. 27. Descendants of this ancient family are still resident in Alston and the neighbourhood.

* See *Arch. Ael.*, ser. 2, vol. xxiii, p. 265.

said Robert Allgood to hold during the remaining years of the term, subject to the rents, covenants, etc., therein mentioned and the said nine persons had ever since acted as co-partners. Reciting further that said Robert Allgood had assigned to James Allgood, John Tweddell, Mary Loraine, since deceased, and Jasper Gibson all those $\frac{2}{16}$ shares in the said lead mines of him the said Robert Allgood for the remainder of the said term. Reciting also that since the making of the co-partnership deed several of the partners were dead and others of them had sold their shares, whereby the shares were now held as follows:—John Carr $\frac{3}{16}$ ^{ths}, James Allgood, John Tweddell and Jasper Gibson $\frac{2}{16}$ ^{ths}, John Cooke $\frac{2}{16}$ ^{ths}, Tippin Brown of Sunderland $\frac{1}{16}$ th, Richard Toppin of Hexham, hardwareman, $\frac{1}{16}$ th, Richard Toppin $\frac{1}{8}$ th (in trust to the care of said William Ridley), John Fairlamb of Hexham, woollen draper, $\frac{1}{16}$ th, said Robert Deans $\frac{1}{16}$ th, the said John Hall $\frac{3}{16}$ ^{ths}, and said Carr, Allgood, Tweddell, Gibson, Cooke, Brown, Toppin, Deans and Hall, according to their different shares, $\frac{1}{16}$ th, and these parties had agreed to continue the co-partnership. Reciting further that said John Hall had agreed with said Cooke for the purchase of his $\frac{2}{16}$ ^{ths}, and a proportional part of another $\frac{1}{16}$ th along with said Carr's (and the rest) and of the gear, utensils and a smelt mill called Black Hall Mill. Now this indenture witnesseth that for 200*l.* to be paid, 100*l.* in hand and 100*l.* when the mine shall clear 1,000*l.*, the property is assigned as recited. Witnesses: Walter Hall, Matthew Fairless, James Johnson.

1787. February 12.—Deed of lease and co-partnership indented whereby the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital leased to James Scott, merchant; Thomas Glendinning, clogger; William Glendinning, shoemaker; and John Gray, cartwright; all of Hexham; John Glendinning of Wooler, Northumberland, miner; William Scott of Renwick Mill, Cumberland, miller; John Walton of The Nest, Alston, miner; John Milburn of Alston, miner; Anthony Thwaites, sen., of Alston, miner; Anthony Thwaites, jun., of Alston, miner; Thos. Scott of Skelgill, Alston, miner; George Errington of Alston, miner; John Errington of Plaintrees, Northumberland, pitman; and Joseph Davison of Low Houses, Garrigill, Cumberland, miner, a lead mine situate near Blagill Burn, Alston. The deed recites that by indentures of lease and release the commissioners leased on the 23rd March, 1782, to Joseph Pearson and Anthony Thwaites the younger, both of Alston, miners, the east and west lead mines, under the manor of Alston called Thorngill East End and Thorngill East End Sun Vein, and by similar lease on the 27th March, 1783, another vein called Thorngill Slit, for 21 years paying therefor one full fifth part of the produce free of all taxes, dues, etc., the same to be washed and dressed after the best manner, fit for smelting. Reciting also that since the granting of these leases the said lessees had set over all their rights in them to several persons who have become co-partners in the said mines in the following proportions:—James Scott $\frac{1}{3}$, Thomas Glendinning $\frac{1}{16}$, William Glendinning

$\frac{1}{8}$, John Glendinning $\frac{1}{16}$, John Gray $\frac{1}{32}$, William Scott $\frac{1}{8}$, John Walton $\frac{1}{16}$, John Milburn $\frac{1}{16}$, Anthony Thwaites, sen., $\frac{1}{8}$, Anthony Thwaites, jun., $\frac{1}{8}$, Thomas Scott, $\frac{1}{16}$, George Errington, $\frac{1}{24}$, John Errington, $\frac{1}{24}$, and Joseph Davison, $\frac{1}{24}$. By this indenture the commissioners sanction the transfer, with money covenants as to the co-partnership in keeping accounts, declaring dividends, making default in payment, acquiring other veins, etc. Signed and sealed by eleven of the partners, but not by Thomas Scott, John Errington and Joseph Davison. Four of the signatures are witnessed by John Scott and William Armstrong; two of them by Robert Johnson and William Scott; the remainder are not witnessed.

LOCAL WILLS.

THOMAS BELL OF BRAMPTON, INNKEEPER.

1826. September 6.—All my freehold messuages, lands, etc., in Nether Denton, Cumberland, and all other lands and hereditaments, also all my personal estate unto my two sons-in-law, Nicholas George Burnett of Black Hedley, Northumberland, gent., and Donaldson Bell of Hexham, draper, upon trust to sell and convey all my real estate and such parts of my personal estate as shall not consist of money, and hold the proceeds thereof upon trust to pay my debts, and funeral expenses, and invest 400*l.* upon mortgage and pay the interest of same to my wife, Mary Bell, for life. All the residue of my estate to my children, John, Thomas, Margaret, wife of said Donaldson Bell, Mary, wife of John Turner Thompson, Isabella, wife of said Nicholas George Burnett, and Maria, wife of James Thompson, share and share alike. After death of wife the 400*l.* to be distributed as above among my children. Executors, wife, and said Burnett and Bell. Witnesses: James Boustead, George Graham, Rd. Law. Proved at Carlisle, June 16, 1827. Under 800*l.*

HENRY CARR OF HEXHAM, CORDWAINER.

1774. March 4.—To wife, Elizabeth Carr, my messuage or stone house, with garden behind in the Skinner's Burn, Hexham, and after her death to son John, believed to be in the East Indies, but if he is dead, or die after arrival in England, then to nephew, Samuel Carr, he paying to niece, Elizabeth Carr, his sister, 20*l.* within 3 calendar months after taking possession. If John should return and enter into possession he to pay Samuel and Elizabeth 10*l.* apiece. Residue to wife, sole executrix. Witnesses: John Craig, Anthony Baxter, J. Green. Proved at York, May 18th, 1775.

SAMUEL CARR OF LONDON.

1786. October 26.—Samuel Carr of Gravel Lane, London. To father-in-law, George Scott of Hexham, the freehold messuage in Hexham bequeathed to me by my late uncle, Henry Carr of Hexham, subject to the life of my aunt, Elizabeth Carr, and to the payment of 30*l.* to my sister, wife of Cuthbert

Crozier of Hexham, which sum I have already advanced to him. All other real estate in trust to be applied to the maintenance and education of my son, George Carr, now about 8 years old, and after attaining his majority, to him and his heirs for ever. To him also all my personal estate, he to be sole executor. Witnesses: Rob. Crouch, Bull Head Court, Newgate St., Stephen Bradley, Gravel Lane, Foster Angus, Gravel Lane.

JANE CAWARD OF HEXHAM.

1728. December 7.—Will of Jane Caward, daughter of Samuel Teasdale,* late of Steel hall, gent., deceased. All lands, tenements, etc., in Steel hall, Riding, the Lee, Slaley, Palmstrother, Baron house or elsewhere in the co. Northumberland, to my three daughters, Margaret, Jane and Ann as tenants in common and their heirs, and failing them to my well beloved nieces, Margaret and Elizabeth White, daughters of my brother-in-law, George White, and to nieces, Margaret and Jane Shackleton, daughters of my brother-in-law, John Shackleton, and to the eldest and second daughters of my unmarried sister, Mary Teasdale, in case she should marry and have issue, as tenants in common. As to my personal estate I give the same to my three daughters. To John Shackleton, the Rev. Mr. William Rotherham of Haydon Bridge, clerk, and to Wm. Armstrong of Hexham, merchant, I give power to cut down and dispose of all timber, trees, etc., growing upon any of my lands, and after paying my debts, etc., the money to be put out at interest for the benefit of my children and be paid to them at the age of 21. To my friend William Armstrong 50*l.* To my daughter-in-law, Mary Caward, 20*l.*, of which 10*l.* to be paid within a month of my decease, towards her education, and 10*l.* on her marriage, to buy furniture for a room. To the poor of Hexham, 40*l.*, poor of Slaley, 10*l.* within six months of the death of Mrs. Esther Teasdale, widow of my late brother, Thomas Teasdale. Shackleton, Rotherham and Armstrong to be executors and guardians to my three daughters. Witnesses: Timothy Johnson, John Thompson, Samuel Carter. Proved at York, November 11, 1729.

NUNCUPATIVE WILL OF THOMAS CHARLETON OF STOKOE.

Memorandum that on or about the 4th day of July in this present year, 1662, Thomas Charleton of Stokoe, in the chapelry of Bellingham and co. Northumberland, being then sick in body but of good and perfect memory, and being asked by George Milburne, who was then present, how he would dispose of his estate betwixt his wife and his child, unto which he answered that he would and did give unto his wife all his moveable goods and said he would leave his lands unto his said wife and his daughter for ten years, and

*The Teasdales of Slaley and Steel Hall are enumerated in pedigrees published in the new *Hist. North.*, vol. vi, pp. 360 and 374.

during that time his mind was his daughter should be brought up thereupon. All which the said Thomas Charleton spoke in the presence and hearing not only of the said George Milburne, but also in the presence and hearing of Robt. Robson, who both conceived that the said Thomas Charleton uttered and declared himself as aforesaid with a purpose that the same should stand for his last will and testament. Witnesses thereof, George Millburne, Robt. Robson. Proved at Durham, July 15, 1662.

WILLIAM CUMMINS OF BYWELL ST. PETER, FARMER.

1827. March 20.—To my servant Ann Fairbarn, 20*l.* and the bed and bedding where she sleeps, and a dresser or cupboard in the parlour. To son William Angus two beds, one in the parlour and the other in the kitchen. Residue after paying debts, etc., unto Wm. Angus and Joseph Smith who I make joint executors to manage my farm during the remainder of the lease and be paid all expenses. Witnesses: John Hornsby, Richard Mews. Proved at Durham, June 23, 1828. Under 450*l.*

JOHN DAGG OF KIELDER CASTLE, GAMEKEEPER.

1824. No date.—To wife, Mary Dagg, household furniture, beds, linen, etc. Remainder to be equally divided among my wife and six children. Executors: Mr. Percy Hedley of Hawkhope and William Dagg, shepherd of Catcleugh, who at their option may decide not to sell the property by public sale till May Day, or until May Day, 1825, or may take the Catcleugh farm again for the benefit of wife and children. Witnesses:—Peter Wilson, John Beattie. Proved at Durham, May 15, 1824.

GABRIEL FORSTER, SEN., OF BROOMHILL.

1756. April 23.—To wife 6*l.* yearly, and to son Thomas Forster during her natural life, but not so long as they live together, with all my household furniture, but if she marry only 5*l.* yearly and that she shall take care to provide for Isabel and Mabel Forster. Son Thomas, sole executor, all my lands and tenements, stock, implements of husbandry, he paying funeral expenses, and to my children, till they are capable of providing for themselves as follows:—Ellen, Gabriel, William, Ralph, Isabel, Mabel and John 20*l.* each when 21 years old. If wife be with child, 20*l.* when it comes to 20 years. Trustees: William Forster and Thomas Hymers, jun. Witnesses: Richard Barnick, George Wann, John Reed. Proved at Durham June 7, 1756.

REV. MATTISON HARRISON, VICAR OF CORSENSIDE.

1826. September 27.—To my housekeeper, Jane Ridley, 10*l.* half yearly for life. All the remainder of my property to my nephew William Smith, sole executor. Mattison Harrison his mark. Witnesses: Wm. Richardson, James Charlton, John Davies. Proved at York, July 20, 1827. Under 200*l.*

FRANCIS HEATH OF NEWCASTLE, RUFF MERCHANT.

1759. March 27.—To eldest son, William Heath, my messuages, lands, etc., at Hawkwell, Lough house, Gilchester, the Heugh West Matfin, and Dalton, co. Northumberland, except money due to me upon a mortgage of Lough house and Gilchester to hold during the life of his grandfather, Wm. Potter, esq. To wife, Elizabeth, 500*l.* from personal estate, and 30*l.* a year out of real estate, with use of plate, linen, furniture, etc., and after her decease to my three children, William, Thomas and Susannah, share and share alike. To said daughter 1,000*l.* at 21 or marriage. All other estate, money, etc., to Wm. Lowes of Newcastle, esq., and Wm. Cuthbert, jun., of same place, gent., in trust to receive rents, etc., for maintenance, education and putting to business, my son Thomas Heath, and after his majority to his use for life, and after the determination of that estate to the use of Wm. Milbourn, plumber, and Geo. Forester, gent., to support the contingent remainders, etc., but nevertheless to permit son Thomas to receive the rents thereof during his life, and then to come to his heirs, etc., with numerous remainders over. Finally in default of issue to pay 100*l.* to John, son of Wm. Lowes of Newcastle, 100*l.* each to godsons, George and Story Cant; 100*l.* to George Weddell of Newcastle, barber; 100*l.* to George Forester; 100*l.* to five poor widows in each of the four Newcastle parishes; 100*l.* to the Newcastle Infirmary; 100*l.* to the charitable work of said Infirmary. Residue to be divided into three parts, one to wife and two parts to the trustees. Witnesses: Geo. Stephenson, Thomas Robertson, Thos. Fryer. (Copy only, certified by Ralph Trotter, Registrar of the Consistory Court of Durham, Feb. 10, 1763.)

THOMAS LAMBTON OF ELLINGHAM.

1774. January 14.—All my freehold and leasehold messuages, lands, etc., at Brandon and Bawton, parish of Brancepeth and elsewhere, to Edward Haggerstone of Ellingham, esq., and John Cay of Charlton Hall, Northumberland, esq., in trust to dispose of same and place the proceeds at interest, paying the interest to my wife, Mary Lambton, during her life, and after her death to pay brother John Lambton 10*l.*; sister Mary Brown 20*l.*; nephew John Brown of Stonechester, yeoman, 100*l.*; niece Frances Brown 30*l.*; sister Mary of Sunderland 40*l.*; nephew Wm. Brown of Durham, merchant, 20*l.*; John, eldest son of Mary, 10*l.*; children of Elizabeth, wife of Geo. Taylor, of East Brandon, carpenter, 20*l.* in equal shares; Dorothy, wife of David Palmer of Coundon, yeoman, 20*l.*, or among her children if she be dead; to Jane and Richard White of Marske 10*l.*, and others, amongst them being Mr. Warrilow (Catholic priest), Newcastle 5*l.* Witnesses: James Youens, Jos. Clark, Archbald Fairbairn. Proved at Durham, May 17, 1774.

ARNOLD LEADBITTER, HEXHAM, GENT.

1811. March 6.—James Kirsopp of Hexham Spital, sole executor. To him, in trust, my freehold close in the West fields of Hexham, called Reins (Thomas Graham tenant), also my other close in same fields called Broading (Wm. Porteous, farmer, tenant), to sell same and place the money out at interest, paying to wife Margaret annually 8*l.* clear of all taxes, the remainder and the 8*l.* after wife's death, to go to my daughters, Ann, wife of Wm. Potts of Hexham, glover, and Margaret, wife of John Carr of Hexham, weaver. To wife all goods, household furniture, plate, linen, etc., and at her death to the two daughters. Residue to daughters. Witnesses: Thos. Leadbitter, Wm. Bell, Thos. Leadbitter, jun. By codicil appointed Thos. Leadbitter co-trustee, March 23, 1811. Witnesses: Wm. Bell, Wm. Lowes, Thos. Graham. Proved at York, March 31, 1813.

JOHN LIDDELL OF HEXHAM, JOINER.

1739. March 17.—To son Joshua Liddell, the burgage or stone house in Hencotes, Hexham, conditioned upon his releasing to my heirs, etc., a debt of 40*l.* due upon bonds from me, and pay also a further sum of 40*l.* to discharge my debts and funeral expenses, and if there is an overplus it shall be paid to daughter Jane Jacques for her sole use. Two closes, of 3 acres, called Hencotes fields and the Langlands, to my wife Mary Liddell and after her death to son John of London, cordwainer, and after his death to my 3 grandsons, Joshua, John and Caleb Liddell, sons of said John, share and share alike, they paying my granddaughter Jane, daughter of John 20*l.* To wife 3 roods of ground in Hencotes fields called the Gaprig, or Hayning Croft, and after her death to son Joshua. To said wife also a stack of hay and all household furniture, the latter after her death to go to my granddaughter, Jane Jacques. Residue to son Joshua, sole executor. Witnesses: Shafto Downes, Hugh Ridley (mark), Isabel Jackson. Proved at York, September 28, 1739.

LANCELOT LIDDELL OF HEXHAM, JOINER.

1690. June 17.—To wife, Jane Liddell, the mortgage of a house in Priestpopple, with the benefits, profits, etc., thereunto belonging, and if the mortgage be redeemed before her death she to have the use of the money paid in redemption thereof for life, and after her death 10*l.* of it to my son Thomas; 10*l.* to the use of Robert Stokoe, and 10*l.* to my daughter Jane, relict of Stephen Hubbock. All the rest of my goods, moveable and unmoveable, debts, legacies and funeral expenses being paid, to wife, sole executrix. I make my two trusty friends, John Coulson and Nicholas Walker, supervisors. Witnesses; John Coulson, Nicholas Walker, Edmond Burdus. Proved at York, October 4, 1690.

JOHN MASON, SEN., OF HEXHAM, WEAVER.

1746-47 February 26.—The day before making his will testator surrendered to the lord of the manor of Hexham his burgage or stone house and 2 acres of ground in Gilligate fields of the yearly rent of 10*d.* to the use of his eldest son Thomas Mason to whom he devises the same, chargeable with 50*l.* and interest due upon a bond from said son and himself to John English of Hexham, currier. To son John, 20*l.* out of the copyhold estate, to be paid by Thomas on February 2, 1756; to son Joseph 20*l.* payable by Thomas same day in 1750 and also the money due from Joseph on a bond to pay testator 7*l.* 10*s.* a year for life, together with 5*l.* owing for a cow and a quie. To grandson John, son of John Bell of Hexham, smith, 10*l.* on attaining 23 years; to granddaughter Mary Bell 10*l.* at 21, both payable by Thomas as before. To wife, Mary Mason, all household goods, furniture, implements of husbandry, etc. Residue to Thomas, sole executor. Witnesses: Rich. Ellis, Thos. Jefferson, Wm. Kirsopp. (Copy only.)

WILLIAM MASON OF FENWICK, STAMFORDHAM, YEOMAN.

1750. August 6.—Executors, my sons, Thomas, Michael and William Mason. To eldest son, Thomas 300*l.* over and above all other sums given him in my life time; to second son Michael 300*l.* and third son William 300*l.* over and above 200*l.* due from them upon a joint promissory note and 100*l.* due from each of them by separate promissory notes, said notes to be cancelled, and over and above all other sums of money, goods, etc., already bestowed upon them. To my eldest daughter, Ann, wife of Thomas Rowell, second daughter, Jane, wife of Cuthbert Taylor, and third daughter, Mary, wife of Joseph Nicholson, 100*l.* apiece, over and above all money, goods and effects already given them. To my loving wife, Catherine,* the sum of 1*l.*, which, with 30*l.* by me paid to Cuthbert Yelder, now or late of High Balk, near Great Whittington, co. Northumberland, yeoman, her friend, and Michael Robson of Bingfield in said county, yeoman, her son, by her consent, for her use, I do hereby declare and direct to be in full satisfaction and recompense of and for all her right, title, interest, claim or demand of, in or to all or any part of my real or personal estate whatsoever, either as my widow or otherwise. To my sons aforesaid all my messuages, lands, etc., and all the rest of my money, stock, crops, household goods, plate, linen, etc., subject to payment of all my debts, funeral expenses, legacies, etc. Witnesses: Robt. Lowes, Fras. Stokoe, Joseph Lee. Proved at York, April 17, 1754.

CUTHBERT NICHOLSON OF BARRASFORD, ESQ.

1814. March 21.—To brother, William Nicholson of Bickerton parish of Rothbury, yeoman, 600*l.* upon trust to put the same out at interest and pay

* Note the provision made in this will for testator's 'loving wife.'

the interest of 400*l.* to wife Elizabeth Nicholson, and the interest on the remaining 200*l.* to mother, Elizabeth Nicholson, and after death of either or both the surplus to sink into the residue. To mother 100*l.*; nephew Jonathan Harle, now living with me at Barrasford, 500*l.*; to sister Ann Wilkinson of Grottington, Northumberland, widow, her sons Thomas, Joseph and George and her daughter Mary 100*l.* apiece. To sister Eleanor, wife of Robert Stephenson of Standing Stone, Stamfordham, husbandman, 500*l.* To nieces, Mary, Elizabeth, Ann, Hannah and Eleanor Wardell and nephew, Thomas Wardell, children of sister Elizabeth, wife of John Wardell of Cramlington, 500*l.* equally among them. All other messuages, farmholds, lands, held by virtue of any demise, lease, etc., all my farming stock, goods, chattels, personal estate, etc., to brother William, sole executor. Witnesses: Oswald Head, Henry Hutchinson. Proved at York. Under 5,000*l.*

MARY ROBINSON OF HEXHAM, WIDOW.

1753. May 24.—To cousin John Baites of Wylam, 40*s.*; cousin Isabel, wife of Wm. Tate of Newcastle, 20*s.*; John Loraine of Hexham, barber, 40*s.*; cousin Isabel, wife of John Green, of Crawcrook, 20*s.*; John Carr of Hexham, tanner, 20*s.*; Ann Carr his daughter 20*s.*; cousin Dorothy, wife of Christopher Bell of Hexham, my best gold ring; cousin Deborah Baites of Wylam, widow, my bedstead, feather bed, bedding, etc., whereon I now lye; wearing apparel to said Deborah, Isabell Tate, Margaret Hodge, Isabell Green and wife of said John Baites. Residue to said Christopher Bell, sole executor. Witnesses: Joseph Sturhelm, Rich. Ellis. Proved at Durham, October 22, 1754.

WILLIAM ROBSON OF CHARLTON, NEAR BELLINGHAM.

1824. August 15.—To son, Jasper Robson, my farms at Charlton and Charlton Gate and all live stock, crops of corn, hay, etc., and money in hand or expectancy. After paying debts and expenses my trustees to put the residue at interest, for the maintenance of wife, excepting so much of it as is required to bind my youngest son, Thomas, apprentice to some trade of his choice. To wife the use of all furniture for life or so long as she remains a widow and at her death or marriage the principal to be divided amongst my six children, William, John, Jasper, Thomas, Nelly and Ann, in equal portions. Executors and trustees: Mr. Wm. Ridley of Stokoe, Mr. Edwd. Riddle of Bleaklaw, farmer. Witnesses: John Dixon, William Robson. Proved at York, April 9, 1825.

JOHN SALMON OF HEXHAM.

1729. September 20.—To my eldest son Robert, all my royal [real?] estate and 50*l.*; to son John, 300*l.*; to eldest daughter Alice, 150*l.*; to daughter Elizabeth, 150*l.*; to daughter Jane, 150*l.*; all household goods amongst my daughters; the clock, dresser, shelves and a bedstead to my son

Robert. I desire that my wife will fine my son Robert in that parcel of ground in Acomb which came by her. Executors: Wife and Alice, the eldest daughter. Witnesses: Abraham Bunting, Richard Gibson. Proved at York, September 22, 1733, by Alice Salmon, daughter of the testator, the widow having renounced probate.

WM. SHEEL OF LEE MOOR, HEXHAM.

1828. December 2.—To Joseph Forster of Sandoe, yeoman, all my real estate in Hexham, called Lee Moor House, with the appurtenances, under following conditions:—The East and West cottages to my nephew, William Sheel of Slaley, joiner, subject to a yearly rent of 3*l.* to my housekeeper, Mary Howdon; to said Mary Howdon the Middle cottage, which I now live in, and also the household furniture, plate, linen, etc., the back garden and gardening tools; after her death the Middle house and back garden to nephew, Johnston Sheel of Slaley, joiner, and the furniture, plate, etc., amongst the daughters of my brother John Sheel, and sister Mary Sheel. To said sister Mary, 90*l.*; nephew William, 100*l.*; nephew Johnston, 30*l.*; and to the two latter all my books, wearing apparel and tools. Sole trustee and executor: Joseph Forster. Witnesses: John Forster, Thos. Dickinson, Geo. Belt. Proved at York, Jany. 20, 1829.

CUTHBERT TEASDALE, NEWCASTLE, GENT.

1818. October 20.—To be interred in the most private and frugal manner that decency will permit in Hexham church. George Nicholson of West Weetwood, Northumberland, gent., John Kirsopp, the elder, of Hexham, gent., and John Bell of Hexham, gent., to be executors. To them, in trust, my copyhold messuage at Indley, parish of Hexham, with lands, etc., of the annual rent of 6*s.* 8*d.*, to the use of son, Daniel Teasdale, and after his death to the use of grandson, Cuthbert Teasdale, son of said Daniel. My freehold estate at Slaley, bought of Charles Bayles, chargeable with 1,200*l.* remaining due upon mortgage with interest, to the executors of late John Donnison, gent., and all the residue of my estate and effects to executors upon trust to dispose of same and pay the principal and interest of the mortgage, all my just debts and expenses, and the balance, if any, to son Daniel. Witnesses: Wm. Kirkley, John Fenwick, James Armstrong.

HENRY WASTELL.—LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

1778. December 5.—Letters of Administration granted by the Court at Durham to Ralph Heron of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, gent., on the death intestate of the Rev. Henry Wastell* of Simonburn, co. Northumberland, clerk, in whom divers mesne assignments and conveyances for the residue of three

* Rector of Simonburn, Northumberland, 1723-71. Pedigree of the family in the new *Hist. North.*, vol. III, p. 312.

several terms of 99 years, 500 years and 199 years, became duly vested in trust for John Errington, late of Walwick Grange, but now of Chesters in said county, esq., and cannot now be assigned over but by a legal representative of said deceased. Therefore the Court appoints Ralph Heron to administer the estate, but limited to the right title, etc., of the deceased in an indenture of demise for 99 years, dated July 25th, 1699, between Nicholas Greenwell, sometime of Corbridge, and Matthew Leadbitter of Wharnley of a 9 acre field called West close; also in an indenture of lease and assignment for 500 years made November 10th, 1711, between said N. Greenwell, Wm. Harbottle of Anick Grange, gent., Ralph Readhead of Corbridge, gent., and Michael Linton of Corbridge, gent., of lands, messuages, etc., in same village or elsewhere, and also in an indenture of release quadrupartite for 199 years, dated February 2, 1714 between (1) Whitfield Greenwell of Elrington, son and heir of Nicholas Greenwell; (2) Charles Sanderson and Edward Heslop Cotesworth of the Inner Temple; (3) Gawen Aynsley of Little Harle and William Aynsley of Gallowhill; (4) William of Highlaws and John Aynsley of Hexham, all in co. Northumberland, of lands, messuages, etc., called Herm's hill, the Eales Cross, Croft closes, and Mars close; and also the beast gates or stints on the moors and pasture grounds of Corbridge. By decree of Court, N. Maxwell, deputy registrar.

JOHN WILKINSON OF HORSLEY, TEACHER.

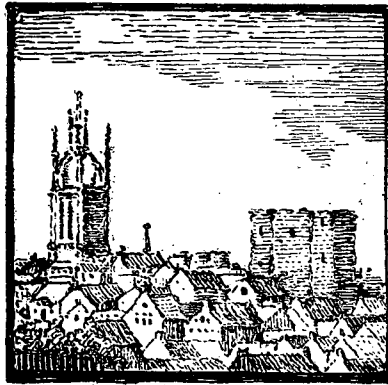
1844. August 13.—To my housekeeper, Hannah Maughan, all household furniture, plate, linen, etc., and the interest of all other my effects whatsoever; and after her decease to my cousin, John Crozier, gardener, of Cresswell, and Thomas Marshall of Hallington Mill. Executors: John and Thomas Marshall of Hallington Mill. Witnesses: John Brown, William Archbald. Proved at York, November 27, 1844, by John Marshall, one of the executors. Proved again at Durham, July 31, 1861, by Thomas Marshall the other executor. Under 600*l*.

GEORGE WILSON OF HEXHAM, INNKEEPER.

1826. October 1.—To my wife Esther Wilson, for life, all my real estate but if she marry, and at her death I give my freehold property in Gilligate, Hexham, formerly Christopher Bell's deceased, to my daughter Mary Wilson. The residue of my real estate I give to my son George Wilson. My personal estate and effects to John Harbottle of Anick Grange, gent., and James Burnett of Ovington, brewer, and appoint them executors to pay all debts and expenses and suffer my wife to enjoy the interest and profits and after her death or marriage upon trust to pay 500*l*. to daughter Mary. Wife may carry on the business of the inn on giving security to the trustees, etc. Witnesses: Matt. Lee, Rob. Rowell, Jno. Bell. Proved at York, September 28, 1827. Under 2,000*l*.

MARGARET, WIFE OF ROBERT YOUNG, FORMERLY OF HEXHAM.

1774. February 11.—Whereas by Indenture bearing date April 18, 1749, between (1) myself, by my then name of Margaret Loraine, (2) Mary Lorraine, (3) Robert Young, (4) George Marshall and Isaac Hunter, made previous to my marriage with said Robert Young, several bonds and securities and a share of 2,000*l.*, were given me with full power notwithstanding my coverture to dispose thereof, and whereas I have since sold my part share of said sum of 2,000*l.* and placed it in other securities, now I, by his my last will, order that my executrix shall pay all my just debts and funeral expenses and then the following legacies: Brother-in-law, Mr. Robert Alder, 50*l.*; nephew George Loraine, nieces Jane, Frances, Margaret, Mary, Ann and Elizabeth Loraine, children of late brother Robert Loraine, 10*l.* each; Isabella Loraine of High Shields, widow of my nephew, Edward Loraine, deceased, and her daughter Jane, 10*l.* each; Mr. Geo. Gibson of Cockshaw, Hexham, and Mr. Farlam of same place, 5*l.*; Margaret, wife of — Coulson, near Byar's Hall, 5*l.*; and 2*l.* 2*s.* to be distributed among the poor. Residue to my sister, Mary Alder, free from marital control. Sole executrix: Mary Alder. Witnesses: Jane Charlton, Jasper Gibson. (Copy only.)



NEWCASTLE, 1794.