

II.—LOCAL MUNIMENTS (FIFTH SERIES).

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Another instalment of local muniments, of the same character as the last, though of somewhat earlier date, hardly needs an introduction. But it may be desirable to state that the documents herein epitomized have been, as before, chiefly supplied by the learned town clerk of Newcastle, and again relate to the fine old mansions standing on the Quayside, the Sandhill, Pilgrim Street, Pandon, and the Close, where the leading men of Newcastle resided. Some of them are taken from a MS. volume, formerly belonging to the Rev. John Brand, now in the society's possession, while a few come from the extensive collections of Dr. Clark Burman, of Alnwick. They are all distinguished, as on previous occasions, by initials indicating their origin, thus:—

A.M.O.—A. M. Oliver, town clerk.

J.B.—The Rev. John Brand's volume.

C.C.B.—Dr. Clark Burman.

The majority of the persons concerned in the various devolutions of property described in the following pages were members of either the Merchant Adventurers, or the Hostmen's Companies. The dates of their apprenticeship, admission, etc., are given in footnotes on the authority of Dr. Dendy's invaluable records of those two fraternities, which form vols. 93, 101 and 105 of the Surtees Society's publications. In like manner biographical references, down to 1640, are mostly from my three volumes of Newcastle history, while the shrievalty and mayoralty dates are from the town clerk's published list of the mayors and sheriffs of Newcastle from 1399.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE BROAD CHARE. [A.M.O.]

1560-61. January 24.—Deed by which Isabella Fotherbye, of Newcastle, widow of Roland Fotherbye, late mariner, for a certain sum of money conveyed to Robert Ellison,* of same place, merchant and alderman, her tene-

*Robert Ellison, a member of the great Ellison family, merchant and alderman, sheriff 1553-4, mayor 1559-60 and 1570-71. On July 29, 1560, as alderman, he signed a petition to Secretary Cecil, complaining of an infringement of ancient privileges by the men of Hartlepool. In 1571 his brother John died, leaving him executor and all his goods but 15s. In 1575 his name appears among the mayor and aldermen to whom Norroy king of arms, granted the addition of a helmet, crest and supporters to the arms of the town, and again, attached to a new ordinary for the fellowship of cooks in Newcastle. Two years later he signed a correspondence with the privy council respecting a charge against John Hall of Newcastle for 'spoiling some Scotsmen at sea.' Died January 31, 1577-8, and was buried at All Saints, where a stone with a rhyming inscription was erected to his memory. Bourne, in his *History of Newcastle*, makes the date 1677, a hundred years too late, for no person named Robert Ellison was mayor after 1570-71. The epitaph should probably read:—

Here lieth Buried under this Stone
 The Right Worshipful Mr. Robert Ellison, }
 Merchant Adventurer, of this Town }
 Twice Right Worshipful Mayor he was.
 All worldly pomp for ever thus must pass.
 Elisa, his wife, his children, and friends him by
 With all shall rise at the last cry,
 One thousand five hundred seventy and seven,
 The last of January he went to Heaven.

The alderman's will is dated the day of his death. In it he bequeathed to daughter Elizabeth 'an hundred marks, to be paid the day of her wedding, forth of my plate,' and 'one of his gowns to make her a wedding garment'; to daughter Barbary the same on the day of her wedding, out of his lands at Cassop, and another of his gowns for a wedding garment; to his four daughters already married, namely Margaret, Catherine, Agnes and Jane, to each of them a ryall; to wife, Elizabeth, one of his gowns, she to have choice; to his two sons, Robert and William, their heirs, etc., all his burgages, lands, and hereditaments betwixt them, but Robert to have the house wherein he (testator) dwells, and William 'to be the more considered for his portion in his part of the rest.' Appoints his loving friends, Thomas Hopper, Matthew Matfen, Robert Brandling, John Carr, and William Huntley, supervisors. Proved, July 15, 1578.

ment, with appurtenances in the Broad Chare between the tenement late in the tenure of Wm. Talor, mariner, and now of Wm. Crake, mariner, S., a waste, N., and extending to the king's highway in front, W., and to Burn Bank, behind E., paying to the chief lord of the fee as of right accustomed. Appoints Humphry Taylor and Thomas Kirsop of Newcastle, yeomen, lawful attorneys to give possession. Witnesses: Anthony Hodson,* clerk, Benedict Chertsey,† gent., Anthony Lighton, weaver, Richard Boyes, and Thomas

* Anthony, or Sir Anthony, Hodgson, clerk, was incumbent of the chantry of St. John Evangelist in All Saints' church. At the valuation in 1548 he is stated to be 54 years of age, having a pension from the king of 100s. yearly, but no other living.

† Benedict Chertsey, clerk of the town court, Newcastle, spells his Christian name in this document, first in full, 'Benedict,' and then in the common way—Bennet. But this is nothing compared to the manner in which his surname appears in Newcastle history. For he is Charssse, Chetsye, Chersye, Chertsye, Chertsie, Chessey, Chesse and finally was buried at St. Nicholas's church, October 23, 1587, as Bennet Chessye. In the will of John Blaxton, merchant, of Newcastle, dated September 18, 1539, testator bequeaths to 'my brother Willyam Chartseye and my sister, his wiff, ij Angell nobles; also that Mary Chertseye at the discrescyon of my wyff have xxl.' From which it would appear that William Chertsye married into a branch of the ancient and wide spreading family of Blaxton, or Blakiston, and Bennet or Benedict, may have been his son. Whosoever he was and whencesoever he came, all we know about him is that he married into a local family, filled an important office, and received various bequests from local people. In the will of John Lynne (1551), who married a daughter of Roger Mitford, he is called 'my brother,' and obtains a bequest of 'my black gown faced with bovgē' (Bovge=budge, lamb's fur). Two years' later the Merchants Company paid him for 'writings sent beyond sea and to London,' 4s. 8d., and again in 1554, for 'two writings sent to London,' 2s. In the municipal accounts for 1562 he appears as supplying the corporation with 'a rymbe' of paper, and the following year an entry appears for 30s., 'his quarteriche at Candlemys.' Then in 1568, he is mixed up in the inquiry respecting Sir Robert Brandling's will, and next year appears in the will of George Heley as legatee of an old angel, while 10s. each is left to 'each of his daughters.' He is a witness to the will of Bertram Anderson (1570-71). John Franklin, of Cocken (1572), calls him his 'living cousin,' and leaves him, like Geo. Heley, an old angel, Simon Anderson (1577) bequeaths him an old ryall. Barbara Thomlinson (1578), a legatee herself in numerous wills, leaves him a gilded silver pot, having A. and A.B. on the cover, and to his daughter Anne, 40s., while Alexander Lawson (1580) bestows upon him 6s.

Gray, in the *Chorographia*, describing Westgate St., states that 'in the

Tristram. Witnesses to livery of seisin: Sr Anthony Hodson, Bennet Chertsey, Anthony Lighton, Richard Boyes, with Cristofer Wilson, Arthur Horseley, Christopher Carlell, Nicholas Addames, yeomen, and Thomas Tristram, 'writer hereof.'

1578. November 26.—Deed by which, for 40*l.*, Martin Trotter of Newcastle, armourer, and Agnes his wife, daughter and sole heir of James Cockerell, mariner, deceased, conveyed to Anthony Wilkinson; of same town, shipwright, and Alicia his wife, a burgage in the Broad Chare, lying between the tenements of Robt. Ellison, merchant and alderman, deceased, N., Henry Brandling,* merchant and alderman, deceased, and now in the tenure of Ursula Brandling, his widow, S., and extending to the king's highway in front W. to a rivulet called the Milne Borne behind, N. [?E.] with appurten-

north side of the street, towards West-Gate, is an ancient building, called now [1649] Bennet Chessie Fryers, where now the nine Crafts of this town have their meeting houses. It was called in old time the Gray-Fryers.' Brand, *Hist. Newcastle*, i, p. 123, points out Gray's mistake, for the place he indicates was certainly the Black Friars monastery, and adds that Bennet Chessie Friars is supposed by some to have been a corruption of 'Benoists Chausès,' i.e., Shod Bennets, from their having adopted, in a certain measure, the rule of St. Bennet, or Benedict. The only real evidence for this supposed title, he adds, for he does not think they were ever called so, occurs in the Common Council books of Newcastle, June 1st, 1649, in the account of a parcel of ground called Benny Chesses' Close in Fenkle St., which was doubtless part of the possessions of this monastery, but, in his opinion, so called from the name of the lessee after the dissolution.

* Henry Brandling (son of John Brandling by Anne, daughter of George Helye, and brother of Sir Robert Brandling), merchant and alderman, admitted to the Merchants Company 1530-31, married 1st, Margaret, daughter of Christopher Mitford, merchant and alderman, 2nd, Ursula, daughter and heir of Wm. Buckton, of Buckton, co. York, widow of George Collingwood of Eslington. He was elected sheriff in 1566-7, and mayor in 1568-9, and 1576-7. Was mixed up in the controversy about Sir Robert's will in 1568, and sued his nephew, Wm. Brandling, at York for part of the family estate. Surtees, *Hist. Durham*, vol. II, pp. 92, 93. Dendy, *Merchants Books*, vol. II, has entries under date 1560, 'owing to Henry Brandling, for keeping in 3 horses at hard meat from Passion week till Whitsunday, at the commandment of Mr. Governor, and the assistance to have ridden to London granted to him for the sum of 40*s.*,' and under date 1567: 'Paid to Mr. Henry Brandling for keeping in his horses when process was served upon him for the weigh house, 40*s.*' Also 'paid to Henry Brandling for his fee in keeping the weigh house from strangers this year, 40*s.*' He was buried at St. Nicholas's, May 20, 1578. Will proved, January 19, 1578-9.

ances and implements, '*videlicet* a brewe leade and a tapston,' paying to the chief lord, etc. Attorneys to give possession : Ralph Wilkinson and Robt. Hunter, merchants. Enrolled in the town's court, Agnes Trotter taking the usual oaths as a married woman, before the mayor [Mark Shafto], Henry Tennant, sheriff, Robt. Barker, ex-mayor, Christopher Mitford, John Watson, Henry Taylor, 'writer hereof,' and others. Witnesses to livery of seisin : Thomas Potts, Henry Lambe, Edward Clarke, William Byddyck, Thomas Swanne, Robert Gaylike, William Jackson, Cuthbert Kyrsope, John Crome, and many others.* Seal of Robert Barker, a merchant's mark with R.B.

1593. October 5.—Indenture of feoffment whereby Robert Ellison, merchant, Newcastle, conveyed to William Smyth and Leonard Diggles, yeomen, of same town, a tenement in the Broad Chare, now in the occupation of Thomas Colson, scissorman [tailor], and Margaret, his wife, to hold the same to the use of said Thomas and Margaret, and the longest liver of them.—Same date, bond is 20*l.* from Colson to Ellison for performance of covenants, that said Thomas and Margaret, or their assigns if they should die, should within three years next ensuing the date hereof expend on needful repairs 6*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*, and deliver a true account thereof. Witnesses : James Hare, Robert Wilkinson, Robert Richardson, and Henry Anthony, not. pub.

BLYTH'S NOOK, PANDON. [C.C.B.]

1659. September 6.—Indenture of agreement between (1) William Gibson of Newcastle, merchant,† (2) Robert Carr of London, citizen and merchant tailor, and (3) Richard Walker‡ of Newcastle, gent., and Elizabeth, his wife. Reciting that said Richard and Elizabeth Walker, Thomas Forster, son and heir of Thomas Forster, late of Newcastle, scrivener, decd., and Florence Hall of Newcastle, widow, by indenture of this date granted to said Gibson and his heirs, two messuages in Blyth's Nook, near Pandon, in the several occupations of Stephen Copperwhite and George Simpson, porter,§ bounding

* On the strips of parchment used for the seals of this deed, are writings which indicate that they were cut from a document signed by members of some of the incorporated companies sitting as jurors. It apparently concerned a party wall, and the names of Robert Ellison and Roger Rawe appear in it. The following are the names of the jurors :—

..... Swinborne	} mercatores,	Cuthbertus Pawterson	} Mas.
Robertus Cuthbertus Hunter			
Johannes Wilkinson Robertus Hall,	wright, jur.	Willelmus Cooke,	waller, jur.

† Not found in the books of the Merchants Company.

‡ Married by Mr. Peter Sanderson, J.P., May 22, 1656, Richard Walker, public notary, and Elizabeth, daughter of Lancelot Hall, cordiner, deceased. *St. Nicholas's Registers.*

§ Query occupation, or two surnames?

upon a tenement late belonging to Oliver Killingworth, in the occupation of John Cock, tailor, and Jane Tedcastle, spinster, and now in possession of said Gibson, E., a tenement occupied by Samuel Cock, master and mariner, W., Blyth's Nook, N., and Pandon burn behind S. Reciting also that said Thos. Forster had not attained his majority, and it had been agreed between said Gibson and said Carr (Thomas Forster's guardian), and said Walker and wife, that a sum of 8*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, being Forster's part of the consideration money for the said two houses, should be paid to said Carr on Forster's behalf, till he should attain to full age, and that if he died during his minority said Walkers, or one of them, if surviving, should convey the messuages to said Gibson and receive the 8*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* Terms of agreement expressed accordingly. Witnesses: John Butler, John Wallas, John Cook, Ra. Tailor, not. pub.

PANDON. [A.M.O.]

1684. August 21.—Indenture of demise between Michael Dent* of Newcastle, hostman, and Lionel Vane† of Longnewton, co. Durham, esq., by which, upon an account stated, it appears that there is owing to said Vane 79*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.*, and therefore said Dent, to secure £20, part of said debt, demised to said Vane for 99 years a full moiety of two messuages, consisting of five tenements in the occupation of Thomas Vaux, Ralph Tully, John Davison, John Dixon, and Thomas Spencer, situate in Pandon, bounding upon Pandon Street, N., Burn Bank, E., a messuage belonging to Ralph Weytes, W., and a messuage late in the possession of Ralph Rogerson, baker and brewer, S. Witnesses: William Iley, Will: Metcalfe, John Ord.

1692. December 3.—Indenture of assignment between John Rumney‡ of

* Michael Dent, son of Michael Dent of Middleton, apprenticed to Christopher Shadforth, hostman, and enrolled Aug. 4, 1679.

† Lionel Vane, of Longnewton, admitted to Hostmen's Company as a 'free burgess and personal freedom of one of the misteries to his personal freedom only.' Bapt., July 25, 1646, married Catherine, 3rd daughter of Sir Geo. Fletcher of Hutton, co. Cumberland. Died, January 14, 1735-6, aged 83. Presented silver basin to the corporation of Newcastle. Brand, *Hist. Newcastle*, I, 57.

‡ John Rumney, grandson of John Rumney of Penrith, and son of John Rumney of Newcastle, merchant adventurer, was admitted to the freedom of the Merchants Company by patrimony, Oct. 26, 1671, aged about 24 years. He served the office of sheriff of Newcastle in 1683-4, and got into hot water with Ambrose Barnes, whose partner he was in Alston lead mines belonging to the earl of Derwentwater. See the whole story in Barnes's *Memoirs*, 50 Surt. Soc. publ., pp. 156, 197. He died February 3, 1695-6, leaving 100*l.* to the Merchants Company to be lent to a young brother without interest, 250*l.* to the Jesus hospital, and various gifts to the poor.

Newcastle, merchant, Jonathan Roddam* of same town, merchant, and Robert Roddam† of Romalldkirk, co. York, clerk, of the first part, and Timothy Davison of Newcastle, merchant, of the second part. Reciting that John Milburne of Newcastle, merchant, by indenture dated June 6, 1676, for securing a debt of 35*l.*, set over to said Robert Roddam, an annual rent of 50*s.*, issuing out of two burgages in the tenure of John Todd, cooper, and John Beckwith, shipwright, in a street called Burn Bank, Pandon, and that by these presents the said Rumney and the Roddams assigned to said Timothy Davison the said annual rent of 50*s.* for the remainder of a term of 99 years. Witnesses: George Bland, John Ord, William Raine, Thos. Bayles.

1696. December 21 and 22.—Indentures of lease and release, by which, for 22*l.* 10*s.*, George Harrison‡ of Newcastle, hostman, conveyed to Lionel Vane of Longnewton, co. Durham, one full moiety of the two burgages (comprising five tenements) above named. Witnesses: Thomas Grayson, Edward Farnworth, Will: Metcalfe.

1736. July 2 and 3.—Indentures of lease and release, whereby for 10*l.* 10*s.* George Vane§ of Longnewton, son and heir of Lionel Vane, deceased, conveyed to Ralph Sowerby|| of Newcastle, merchant, one moiety of the two burgages, etc., in Pandon as before. Witnesses: John Wetherall, John Cornforth.

* Jonathan, son of Robert Roddam, merchant adventurer, aged about 24 years in January, 1686-7, and admitted by patrimony, became sheriff on the death of Matthew Matfin in 1705, and, in like manner, mayor, on the death of Geo. Whinfield in the time of his mayoralty, 1709-10, thus occupying the unique position of being sheriff for two months and mayor for three months. Was admitted to the Hostmen's Company in December, 1709. Buried at St. Nicholas's church, August 21, 1712.

† Robert Roddam, eldest brother of Jonathan, was appointed curate of St. Andrew's, Newcastle, October 29, 1677, and resigned that living in 1684. Afterwards of Romalldkirk.

‡ George Harrison, apprenticed to alderman John Emerson, hostman, August 11, 1674. Became governor of the Hostmen's Company in 1693.

§ George Vane of Longnewton, son of Lionel Vane, born September 18, 1685. Married Anne, eldest daughter and co-heir of Gilbert Machon of Durham city, by whom he had 4 sons and 4 daughters. Died July 21, 1750, aged 64.

|| Ralph Sowerby, son of Lawrence Sowerby of Fishburn, co. Durham, gent., indentured to Nathaniel Clayton, merchant and boothman, June 13, 1714, and set over to Thomas Wass on December 9, in that year. Admitted to the Hostmen's Company, July 8, 1725. Sheriff of Newcastle, 1740-41; mayor, 1743-4, 1750-51, 1758-9. Died *circa* 1765.

1737-8. January 3.—Indenture of assignment between Thomas Davison* of Ferryhill, co. Durham, gent., executor of Timothy Davison, deceased, and Ralph Sowerby of Newcastle, hostman. Reciting indentures of 1684 and 1692, and that Ralph Sowerby had recently purchased the burgages out of which the said annual rent of 50s. arose, for 42*l.* Now, by these presents, the said Thomas Davison for ever quit claimed to said Sowerby, all the said rent charge of 50s. for the remainder of the term of 99 years. Witnesses: Richd. Hopper, Na. Wetherell.

PILGRIM ST. [J.B.]

1495. September 20.—Indenture of lease by which Christopher Threlkeld, esq., and Johanna, his wife, daughter and heir of John Carlell, deceased, and Dame Alianore,† daughter and heir of Lawrence Acton, deceased, leased to Robert Thomson a tenement, with appurtenances in [the lower part of] Pilgrim St., between the messuage of said Threlkeld, in which William Kendall lived, S., a vennel called Austin Chare, N., containing 25½ virgates of land, extending in breadth to the Wheat Market,‡ W., with a garden containing 42½ virgates of land extending to the Cowgate behind, near the Austin Friars, E., paying therefor, annually, at Pentecost and Christmas, 6*s.* 8*d.*

1501. July 6.—Indenture of bargain and sale by which Christopher and Johanna Threlkeld, and Christopher Threlkeld, gent., their son, conveyed to John Robinson, John Noge, Wm. Robinson, Thos. Morgayne, Gerard Moor, John Dobson, Wm. Sparke and James Carr of Newcastle, of the Company of Tailors, a tenement and garden, with appurtenances, in the Wheat Market,

* Thomas Davison of Ferryhill, co. Durham; eldest son of Timothy Davison of Beamish. Born May 15, 1675; died unmarried March 5, 1760-61. Founded, in conjunction with two of his sisters, Mary and Timothea (who gave the corporation 1,200*l.* for the purpose) Davisons' hospital in Newcastle for six unmarried women, daughters and widows of free burgesses. The building stood a little south of the present Jesus hospital, and was removed to make way for the North Eastern Railway. On an altar tomb in Merrington church he is commemorated as a citizen who 'had many more virtues and much fewer foibles than are often found in one man; and though he lived to a great age, he had the uncommon felicity of living universally esteemed and regretted by all who knew him, as well rich as poor. His strict integrity, his unaffected piety, together with a most agreeable and cheerful temper, rendered him truly amiable to the former; his great humanity and most extensive generosity made his life a blessing and his death an irreparable loss to the latter.' Surtees, *Hist. Durham*, vol. III, p. 282.

† See Dendy's *Jesmond, Arch. Ael.*, ser. 3, vol. I, p. 158.

‡ The market for wheat and rye was formerly held in Pilgrim St., but in 1812 was taken to St. Nicholas's Square. Mackenzie, *Hist. Newcastle*, p. 719.

between a tenement late in the tenure of Wm. Kendall, slater, but now of David York, smith, S., a lane called Austin Chare, N., and extending from the said street [Pilgrim Street] W., unto a street called Cowgate behind, near the Austin Friars, E., which garden contains in length 42 yards. Rent 6s. 8d.—Same date. This indenture was enrolled in the town court, where Johanna, as a married woman, took the usual oaths in the presence of George Carr, mayor, the sheriff, and others.

1600. April 29.—Bond of William Robinson, Newcastle, tailor, in 20 marks to Christopher Pryerman, Newcastle, for performance of covenants of a lease of a close near Friar Chare, *alias* Cowgate.

1651. July 30.—Grant from the wardens of the Tailors' Company, Newcastle, to William Milbourne,* hostman, of a gutter or water course for conveying water down a garth, or garden, belonging to the Tailors' hall. Milbourn to pay a rent of 2d. a year and repair the gutter.

QUAYSIDE. [A.M.O.]

1550. April 24.—Indenture whereby Wm. Dent† of Newcastle, gent.,

* 'Nigh the Church Porch [All Saints] is a large blue stone, the burial place of Mr. William Milbourne, hostman, who died in the year 1662. This stone formerly belonged to St. Austin's Friary, and was removed thence by Thomas Ledger when he was mayor [1647-8], in the time of the civil wars. He brought it to St. Nicholas's Church, and ordered one Milbourne, a mason, to erase the ancient inscription. But finding no room to lay it where his father was buried in St. Nicholas's, he sold it to the mason, who sold it again to the person whose name it still bears.' Bourne, *Hist. Newcastle*, p. 93.

† William Dent. There were at least two contemporaneous William Dents in Newcastle during the latter half of the 16th century. One of them was a man of wealth and honour; the other was evidently an officer of the corporation, for in 1596 his employers bought him a new coloured hat for 3s. 4d., and a yard of bleached harden for a jerkin, which cost 6d. The first of them was an alderman, 4th son of Roger Dent by Anne, daughter of Sir Roger Fenwick of Wallington. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Anderson, was sheriff in 1556-7, and mayor in 1562-3; a trustee of the original grammar school, founded by Thomas Horsley, who appeared at the muster of 1539, with 'hys son, and hys seruant, 3 iakeys, 3 salletts, a bowe, and 2 halbards.' He also purchased from the Crown grantees in 1548 the ruins of the White Friars' monastery and those at the Wall Knoll, with, writes Bourne, a garden and orchard, about an acre of ground, a close of about 4 acres, near the walls, 34 messuages, 3 gardens, a close called Coleriggs and four riggs in the Shieldfield, also 17 more messuages in the town and suburbs belonging to the monastery of Tynemouth, 4 tenements and a garden in the town belonging to the monastery of Alwrick, with houses belonging to the nuns of Holy-

demises to fee farm to John Harper of Newcastle, a tenement or shop in Myrke Lane, bounded by a tenement in tenure of widow Dormant, N., the Keyside, S., Myrke Lane, E., and a tenement in tenure of Henry Patenson, W. Length 8 yds., breadth $5\frac{1}{2}$ yds. Rent 26s. 8d. yearly. Attorneys for seisin : Dionisus Bell, cowper, John Hoteman, scissor [tailor]. Witnesses to seisin on May 5 : John Lynne and Hy. Patenson.

1551. July 23.—Deed poll by which Rauff Harding* of Hollandsyde, co. Duresme, esq., quit claimed to Edmund Ellyngtoone, of Newcastle, slater, and Agnes his wife all right, title, etc., to a tenement on the Keyside, between the land of said Rauff, in tenure of Thomas Wood, mariner, and land of the chantry of St. Margaret in St. Nicholas's church in tenure of Nycholas Thompson, mariner, E., lands of the surrendered monastery of the Wall Knoll, in tenure of John Chator,† merchant, and a certain common way and land of the Masyndewe in tenure of Robert Dryver, baker, W., the king's street S, unto land of said Rauff and the Trinity house, N., which said tenement the said Edmund and Agnes recovered before the King's Council for the North, by virtue of a decree, etc., paying 24s. rent yearly; to said Rauff and his heirs. Witnesses : Anthony Lighton, weaver, Ryc. Murton, fuller, Willm. Rede, clerk, and others.

1553. August 8.—Deed poll whereby John Harper of Berwick, chapman, for 10l. granted to James Anderson of Newcastle, a burgage in Myrke Lane,

stone, the abbey of Newminster, and the monastery of Blanchland, together with everything belonging to these monasteries in Newcastle. In 1558 he sold to Henry Brandling 'a garden in the Broad Chare.' His wife's father in 1559, left him a gold ring and to his children 'begotten of my daughter Elizabeth,' 40l., and, in 1582, he conveyed to the corporation of Newcastle the monastical property at the Wall Knoll which he had bought in 1548. Dying at a good old age, William Dent was buried at All Saints on the 30th of June, 1619.

* For pedigree of the Hardings, see Surtees, *Hist. Durham*, vol. II, p. 252.

† John Chaytor, in one or two quarrels among the aldermen and burgesses about the 'grand lease' of Gateshead and Whickham, dated 1597, is described as 'a free burghess, servant to the late earl of Huntingdon, a lover of religion, and one that hath taken great pains for discovery of seminaries, fugitives, and such like, was appointed by his lord and master to train the burgesses in arms, in which office he was confirmed by the mayor and guild, and 20 marks by year allowed for the same by the mayor and council, which stipend, as also 4s. by the week given him by Mr. Maddison, for having an eye to landing places for the apprehending of seminaries and other fugitives, was taken from him by Mr. Anderson, and the 4s. continued to one who married Mr. Chapman's sister, being a man of no desert.' He was a witness in several inquisitions concerning the rights and privileges of his fellow burgesses.

between a tenement in tenure of widow Dormonde, N., the Keyside, S., Myrke Lane, E., and a tenement in tenure of Henry Pattensone, W., 8 yards long and 5 yards broad, holding of the chief lords of the fee, etc. Attorneys for seisin: Robt. Henryson, baker, and Robt. Gallalye, tailor, both of Newcastle, but no livery of seisin endorsed. Witnesses to sealing: Robt. Boutflower, smith, Ralph Arkle, mariner, and Henry Pattensone, tailor.

1565. May 30.—‘The copie of Masie Briggs, her denizen.’ Copy of letters patent under the great seal, granting that Masie Briggs, a Scotchwoman ‘*durante vita sua sit indigina ac ligea nostra*,’ but not to reside in Berwick or Portsmouth without special licence.

1569. June 12.—Indenture of bargain and sale, whereby, for 95l., William Dent, sen., of Newcastle, gent. and alderman, and William Dent, his son and heir, conveyed to George Briggs of Newcastle,*fishmonger, and Mary his wife, five burgages on the Keyside, in occupation of Wm. Chapman, Rauffe Arcle, Rauffe Kniston, Jas. Anderson, and Jane Williamson, widow, bounded by a burgage occupied by Robt. Boutflower, smith, W., Driden Chare, E., the Keyside, S., and a burgage occupied by said George and Mary Briggs, N. Witnesses: Wm. Cock, Thos. Hynde, Edw. Warral, Jas. Middleton, Roger Dent, Edw. Collingwood. Sealed Aug. 15, 1569. Livery of seisin, with William Coocke, gent., and Jas. Middleton, scrivener, as attorneys, dated August 17, 1569. Witnesses: Thos. Hynde, scrutator, Jas. Anderson, master mariner, Humphrey Brigham, Robt. Watson, Rog. Howburn, Wm. Cowpland, Geo. Burn, Robt. Bitlesdon, Robt. Hall, Archebald Lawson, Jno. Kell, Xpr. Richardson, Humphrey Burchum, Geo. Mason, senr., Geo. Mason, jun., Edw. Smith, Walter Watson, Robt. Boutflower, Jno. Carr, Jno. Boutflower, Jno. Poole, Cuthbt. Wompra, Jno. Hodshon, Edw. Bewick, Wm. Norton, Ralph Boutflower, Edw. Collingwood, and others.—Hilary Term, 12 Eliz. Fine recovery and release of same premises by same parties.

* George Briggs, fishmonger, married a Scotch lady, who was generally called in Newcastle ‘Maisie Briggs,’ and who had to obtain letters patent to enable her to live in the town. Her name occurs in the subsidy rolls for 1581 as ‘Maisie Briggs, a Scot, assessed at nil, payeth by the poll, 4d.,’ and in those of 1598 as ‘Masye Briggs, a Scot, assessed at nil, payeth by the poll 8d.’ Her husband, making his will on December 6, 1599, gave her his ‘mansion near the Keyside, and all his tenements adjoining thereto, provided that when a year’s rent shall be paid by his tenants one half of it shall be distributed to every one of the same tenants and the other half amongst his household servants whom his wife thought might be in most necessitous circumstances, or their deserts might require.’ He left to the poor of All Saints, 20l., and the residue to his wife. His effects were appraised at 353l. 5s. A person bearing his name was sheriff in 1570-71, and was a councillor and hostman named in the charter of queen Elizabeth in 1600.

1571. July 18.—Indenture of lease for life at a rent of 33s. 4d., between George Briggs, fishmonger, sheriff of Newcastle, and James Anderson, of same town, master mariner, of a tenement and shop in the Keyside, bounded by tenements occupied by Robt. Kydland, tailor, W., said Anderson, E., Alex. Spence, N., and the Keyside, S. Witnesses: Geo. Carr, sadler, Hy. Sheill, smith, Thos. Capstock and Jas. Middilton.

1601. June 4.—Deed poll by which Humphrey Coward of Newcastle, sailor, and Alice his wife, one of the daughters and co-heirs of Anthony Ellington, deceased, and Brian Hudson of same town, carpenter, and Jane his wife, another daughter of Ellington, granted to Percival Ayre of Newcastle, merchant,* a messuage in the Keyside, occupied by widow Skelton and widow Hall. Witnesses to sealing: Henry Anthony, not. pub., Henry Anthony, jun., and Ja. Ward, servant to said notary.† Witnesses to seisin, May 11, 1605: Geo. Brantingham, shipwright x, Matthew Chapman, jun., Robt. Grenewell, Bartram Gofton, Anthony Gofton of Eland Hall, Robt., son of Jno. Clark, of Gateshead, yeoman, George Huntlye, Samuel Rawlinge, Jno. Grenwell, Xpr. Atkinson, smith, Robt. Linsdale, gardener, Richard Hall, miller, Francis Leighton, scr.

1609. April 5.—Indenture of bargain and sale whereby for 35l. Mary, *alias* Masie Briggs, of Newcastle, widow and free denizen by letters patent, conveyed to Thos. Humphrey‡ of same town, merchant, for behoof of John Symons of same town, mariner, and Anne his wife, a messuage in or near the Keyside, occupied by Michael Wyles, shipwright, bounded by Mirke Lane, E., house occupied by said Symons, W., the Keyside, S., and cellars or rooms belonging to Masie Briggs, N. Witnesses: Hen. Anthony, not. pub., John Coolson, Jno. Sclater, sadler, Jno. Anderson, Thos. Gascoigne, servant of said notary.—Next day, feoffment between same parties of same premises. Attorneys for seisin: Jno. Slaytor, saddler, and John Anderson, tailor. Witnesses: Same as to last deed.—28 July. Briggs and Humphrey convey to Symons and wife, and a fine is levied in Hilary term of same premises.

* Percival Ayre, apprentice to Peter Riddell, merchant, March 23, 1576-7; admitted to the Hostmen's Company under queen Elizabeth's charter, 1600 Buried at All Saints, August 11, 1624.

† The tags for the seals are cut from a deed of about same period, being apparently an assurance by John Robinson of lands in occupation of, or bounding on lands occupied by Thos. Mallabar, in the Westgate, and bounded partly by the town wall.

‡ Thomas Humphrey, son of Cuthbert Humphrey, baker, apprenticed to George Johnson, August 1, 1593, set over to Francis Burrell with consent of his master, Oct., 1595. Married Elizabeth Matfen, Feb. 13, 1603-4. Buried at St. Nicholas's, June 28, 1618.

1609. July 8.—Indenture of release by which George Reade* of Newcastle, merchant, conveyed to Thomas Liddell† of same town, alderman, a chief messuage, with the Cross-house and garden plot, and houses to W. of the plot in occupation of said Reade and his tenants in the Keyside, bounding by a little lane leading from the Key to the great back gate of the Cross-house, and the back part and garden, late the inheritance of Richd. Harrigald, and then in possession of Jno. Clibborne, vintner, W., a garden belonging to Frauncis Burrell, and the end of the northmost tenement opening into the Broad Chare, late Robt. Thompson's, deceased, and then in possession of Thos. Nicholson, N., said northernmost tenement and a row of small tenements opening into the Broad Chare, formerly Thompson's, then Nicholson's, E., the Keyside and tenements of James Cole and Alice Humble, widow, S., with all brewleads, brattishings, utensils, 'ayreloomes,' etc. Seal—a merchant's mark, with initials, G.R. Witnesses: Jo. Browne, Henry Reed, Theodor Wright, Gawen Eldon, Will. Wall.

1623-4. February 21.—Indenture of feoffment, whereby John Symon of

* George Reade; merchant (date of admission to the Merchants Company not found) was enrolled as a hostman, January 4, 1605-6. Before he was made free of the latter company he was somewhat of a thorn in their side. Dendy, in the Hostmen's Books, quotes an order against him under date July 20, 1602: 'Whereas George Reade, marchant, and other freemen of the towne of Newcastle, have sundrie tymes heretofor contemptuouslie and violentlie charged and loden certen shippes and vessells with colles within the River of tyne, not onlie contrarie to the Liberties and orders of the fellow shippe of Hostmen, but also to the hindrance of the revenues of the towne of Newcastle,' etc. They, therefore, appointed a committee to take 'some order and course for the proceedings against the said offenders in that behalfe such as in their discretion shalbe thought fitt and convenient.' After his appointment as a free brother, namely, on the 5th February, 1604-5, it is stated that he had been fined 40s. for having procured one of Matthew Chapman's keels, without Chapman's consent, to bring down coals for himself, 'yet upon his submission in Courte the said fyne was remitted, and payd only sixpence in that behalf, the rather for that he pleded ignorance, and promised hereafter not to offend in the lyke.' But in April, 1607, he was summoned to appear for the 'colouring' of six chaldrons of coals, that is, allowing a foreigner to enter goods at the custom house in his name, paying only single duty, when he ought to pay double. George Reade married Katherine Emerson, February 3, 1606-7, at St. Nicholas's. She was buried at All Saints, October 30, 1614, and he was laid beside her November 9, 1624.

† Son and heir of Thomas Liddell, the common ancestor of the Liddells of Ravensworth in Surtees's pedigree of the family. Surtees, *Hist. Durham*, vol. iv, p. 212.

Newcastle, mariner, and Anne his wife, convey to Francis Bainbridge* of same town, merchant, and Thomas Cleughe of same town, baker and beer brewer, a burgage on the Keyside in said Symon's occupation, bounded by burgages occupied by Anne Norris, widow, E., Jane Mawe, widow, W., by Elizth. Simpson, widow, N., and the Keyside, S. To use of said Symons and wife for life, with remainders to their daughters Margaret, Susan and Anne and their son Robert, their heirs, etc. Witnesses to sealing and seisin: Alice Smithson ×, Thos. Ridley, Elizabeth Bainbridge ×, Isabel Muffett ×, Thos. Clark, scr.

1636-7. March 10.—Quit claim by Stephen Briggs of Heastone, co. Middlesex, yeoman, cousin and heir of George Briggs of London, fishmonger, deceased, to Anne Seymour of Newcastle, widow, of all his estate in a messuage in the Keyside, bounded by tenements belonging to Jane Maw, widow, W. and N., Ann Fewler, widow, E., and the Keyside, S. Witnesses: Wm. Mills, Henry Rowcastle, Wm. Young ×, Jno. Carr, scr.

1609. December 30.—Deed poll by Thomas Liddell of Newcastle, esq., mayor, to Martin Errington of same town, master mariner, of the Cross-house above named, on the Keyside. Attorneys for seisin: Robert Henryson of Newcastle, † 'medicus,' and Henry Johnson of Newcastle, sailor. Witnesses

* Francis Bainbridge, son of Simon Bainbridge, tailor, Newcastle, apprenticed to Francis Anderson, boothman, March 24, 1612-13. Married at St. Nicholas's church 1st, February 3, 1624-5, Katherine Nicholson, 2nd, October 5, 1641, Elizabeth Henderson. He was also a hostman, and at a court of the Hostmen's company, January 22, 1635-6, he was fined 10s. for non-attendance.

† Robert Henryson, who makes his first appearance in this deed, was afterwards town physician of Newcastle. In 1623 he is named in the will of Cuthbert Gray, father of William Gray, author of the *Chorographia*, as the recipient of a legacy of 20s. His salary from the corporation was only 40l. a year, and in November, 1624, secretary Sir Edward Conway wrote to the mayor and burgesses stating that king James wished them 'to increase to 100l. per annum the allowance to Dr. Henryson, whom at his recommendation they have appointed physician to the town, and who is tied to a continual and laborious attendance, and not allowed to leave the town without licence.' It does not appear that the corporation acceded to the king's request, for in the municipal accounts, after paying 'for tar barrels burnt on the Sandhill, the 27th of March, being the day of his Majesty's [Chas. I.] entrance to the crown, 8s. 2d.,' and a payment of 6s. 2d. 'for a banquet to Mr. Mayor and the aldermen on the Long Pentice [penthouse]' on the same day they gave 'Mr. Henderson, the town's physician, his half year's stipend, due at Ladyday, 20l.' In the life of Ambrose Barnes (50 Surt. Soc. pub., p. 308) is an amusing anecdote about Dr. Henryson borrowing money of vicar Jackson, who proffered him 40s., all he had, when he wanted 400l. or 500l. What became of him is not recorded.

to sealing: Thomas Liddell, Geo. Reade, Ralph Skerfeild, Gawen Eldon, Henry Anthony, not. pub. Witnesses to seisin: Hy. Johnson, Rog. Errington, Francis Leighton, Henry Ayre, Richd. Davis, Robt. Henryson, Henry Johnson, Geo. Reade, Jno. Yonge x, and Henry Anthony, not. pub. Tenant, John Yonge.

1637. April 20.—Will of Edward Rowcastle, of West Matfin, yeoman. To wife Margaret, six kine, 20 ewes and lambs, a little black horse, and for her life, the interest of 50*l.* in the hands of Henry Fenwick of Tinemouth castle, and his leaseholds from Henry Shaftoe of Ingoe. To children, Thomas, Henry, Cicely, wife of Thomas Conewood, Luce, wife of Henry Harrison, and Alice, wife of Jno. Rutter, the said 50*l.* equally on death of his wife. To John Pithie, tailor, 10*s.*; to eldest son, Thomas, two kine; to his five children, five sheep; to daughter Cicely, two kine and two stotts, and to her six children, six sheep; to Henry, one black stott, to his wife, one red whye, and to their four children four sheep; to daughter Luce, four beasts and six ewes, and to her three children, three sheep; to daughter Alice, two black whyes, and to her three children, three sheep; to brother's daughter, Alice Rowcastle, one whye and three sheep. Residue to wife and son, Henry, executors. Witnesses: Wm. Cleter, 'medicus,' Jno. Rutter, Thos. Conewood, Ralph Tailor, scr. Will proved at Durham, Oct. 12, 1638.

1666. May 14 and 16.—Indenture of lease and release by which Margaret Morgan of Newcastle, conveyed to John Rowcastle of Newcastle, apothecary, a messuage in the Keyside in her occupation, late the inheritance of John Simon, deceased. Witnesses: Jno. Cooke, Henry Rowcastle, Edw. Collingwood.—Trinity term, 18 Chas. II. Exemplification of recovery of a messuage in Newcastle, Edwd. Collingwood, gent., demandant, Jno. Rowcastle, tenant, Margt. Morgan, widow, vouchee.

1668-9. February 19.—Deed poll by which Robert Bulman of Newcastle, not. pub., transfers to Margaret, widow of Ethelbert Morgan, of London, esq., a lease for 21 years, dated Oct. 26, 1663, of a messuage in said Bulman's possession on the Keyside. Seal armorial, but undecipherable. Legend—R.B. Semper fidelis.

1674-5. February 1.—Will of Margaret Morgan of Newcastle, widow to grandchild Susannah, daughter of son, Henry Rowcastle, 20*l.* out of messuage by the Keyside in possession of son John when 21. To grandchildren, Margaret, Martha and Mary Rowcastle, daughters of son John, 20*l.* when 21: To son John, the said messuage and a signet ring; to Susannah, a silver porringer. To Henry, son of her son Richard, deceased, 20*s.*; to his sister Grace, a like sum, and to his brothers, Lewis and Morgan, 5*s.* each. Residue to son John, executor. Witnesses: John Pickells, Edwd. Arrowsmith, scr. Proved at Durham, Nov. 20, 1676.

1676. September 1.—Will of Jno. Rowcastle of Newcastle, apothecary. To wife, Martha, and his three daughters, Margaret, Mary, and Elizabeth, the messuage wherein he dwells by the Keyside, and his messuages in Sand-

gate in Errington's, *alias* Rowcastle, Chare, with the key or wharf thereunto belonging. In default of issue of the daughters, remainder to his cousin, Thomas Rowcastle, etc. All chattels to wife and daughters. Wife executor. Witnesses: Henry Bland, John Pickells, Robt. Bulman, not. pub.

1687. May 25.—Indenture by which Thomas Dawson of Newcastle, roper, and Martha Rowcastle, widow of John Rowcastle, recite that the parties own adjoining houses, that the main post of the frame in the middle of said messuages belongs equally to both, and that said Dawson hath erected a new frame, called a false frame, and placed the east post thereof against the said main middle post. By this deed Dawson acknowledged that one half of the post belonged to the widow, and both of them covenant that if she erect a new frame, they may place in the said eastmost post such timber as shall be needful. Witnesses: Ephraim Turpin, Richard Lawson.

Mem.—Thomas Rowcastle, buried Sept. 3, 1638. John, son to said Thomas, bapt. Jan. 12, 1624-5. Henry, another son, bapt. Jan. 15, 1625-6. Thomas, child to said Thomas, bapt. Dec. 30, 1635.

1776. July 11.—Indenture of covenants for levying a fine between Ann Burdus, of Newcastle, spinster (only sister and heir of Richd. Burdus of same town, gent., deceased, only son and heir of Thomas Burdus, Newcastle, not. pub., deceased, eldest son of Mary Burdus, wife of Richd. Burdus, of Newcastle, scrivener, both deceased, which said Mary was one of the three daughters and a devisee named in the will of John Rowcastle of Newcastle, apothecary, deceased), and Thomas Davison, of Newcastle, esq., whereby said Ann covenants to levy a fine of a messuage in the Keyside formerly belonging to John Symonds, deceased, afterwards to Margt. Morgan, widow, deceased, then to said John Rowcastle, and now in occupation of Lancelot Atkinson, broker. Bounded by a messuage belonging to Clement Smith, E., a messuage formerly occupied by Jane Maw, then belonging to Catherine Clayton, spinster, W. and N., and the Keyside, S. Also messuages and a Key in Sandgate, formerly belonging to Geo. Shafto and Barbara, his wife, afterwards to Henry Rowcastle, baker and brewer, deceased, and then to John Rowcastle, deceased. Bounded by Sandgate, N., the Tyne S., premises formerly of the heirs of Geo. Ellison, tanner, deceased, then in part to heirs of — Clibbon, deceased, and part to Rev. Wm. Hall, E., and premises formerly of the heirs of Robt. Harle, merchant, deceased, then of James Bell, broker, and premises formerly of heirs of Robt. Watson, deceased, then of Mary Elder, widow, W.—Trinity term, 1776. Indenture part of fine between same parties in pursuance of above deed.

THE SANDHILL. [A.M.O.]

1457. April 25.—Deed by which John Richardson,* mayor, and the commonaltie of Newcastle granted and to fee farm demised to Thomas Cuthbert a

* John Richardson was sheriff of Newcastle in 1449-50, and mayor six times, namely, from 1454 to 1457-58, and in 1459-60 and 1461-62.

pièce of waste ground lying longways by the wall of the town, from the gate trocle [pulley] in the same wall on the S., to a place called the Sandhill towards the W. and the chapel of St. Thomas the Martyr, to build a house or houses thereon, which piece of ground contains 10 yards in length and 5½ yards in breadth, to hold of the chief lords of the fee for ever, rendering to said mayor and commonaltie, etc., 5s. by equal portions at the feasts of Pentecost and St. Martin in the winter.

1485-6. March 5.—Deed by which Thomas Watson* of Newcastle, merchant, and Isabell, his wife, granted, etc., to William Canby, merchant, all that tenement lying between the chapel of St. Thomas the Martyr, W., the common way leading to the Wyndowes, E., and extending from the King's highway called the Sandhill, N., to the wall of our Lord the King, S. To be held of the chief lord of the fee, etc., for ever. Isabell makes the usual declaration, as a married woman, before Robert Chamber, mayor, and John Eslington, alderman, on the 25th of same month.

1486. March 29.—Deed by which Thomas Watson and Isabell, his wife, covenant with William Canby that whensoever they, or their executors, etc., shall pay or cause to be paid to said Canby the sum of 20l., that then the grant of March 5 preceding, shall be void, and they shall have power to re-enter the property.

1512-13. January 7.—Deed by which George Camby, of Newcastle, merchant, son and heir of William Camby, deceased, reciting the deeds of March 5 and 29 above quoted, granted to Thomas Riddell of same town, merchant, all right in the tenement aforesaid, said Riddell paying the services, etc., to the chief lord of the fee.

1512-13. January 9.—Deed by which Percival Bewyke of Newcastle, merchant, and Isabell, his wife, daughter of William Camby, deceased, remised, quit claimed, etc., to Thomas Riddell (then in possession) the tenement on the Sandhill which said Wm. Camby had of the gift and grant of Thomas and Isabell Watson.

1465-6. February 3.—Indenture by which Robert Rodes† granted to John Belt his messuage on the Sandhill, Newcastle, bounding on the tenement late of John Warde, E., a tenement which Thomas Hanson holds of the perpetual chaplain of the chantry of St. John Evangelist and St. John Baptist in St. Nicholas's church, W., the Sandhill, S., and the moat of the king's castle, N. William Thomson and William Undrewood, attorneys for livery of seisin.

* There is no record of a Thomas Watson, nor of a William and George Canby or Camby in the Mercht. Adventurers' books till many years later.

† See sketch of Robert Rhodes, the assumed founder of St. Nicholas's far-famed lantern-crowned tower, in *Men of Mark 'twixt Tyne and Tweed*. vol. III.

1475. Indenture between Ralph Herbotell, esq., and John Belt. Reciting deed of April 18, 1465, between Thomas Herbotell, late of Cramlington, 'who still survives,' and John Gray, clerk, deceased, feoffees of lands, late of Robert Herbotell, knight, grandfather of said Ralph, whereby said land was granted to said Belt, rendering yearly one penny, if demanded, during first ten years, and thereafter, during the lives of said Belt and Robert Rodes, and the survivor of them, 13s. 4d. yearly, and, after their deaths, 26s. 8d. yearly, said Belt being of opinion that the house was worth little more than the rent, surrendered the same to said Ralph, who, after entering into possession, demised it in fee farm to said Belt at a rent of 13s. 4d. a year.

1478. December 11.—Bond of Ralph Herbotell, esq., Wm. Lumley, gent., and Wm. Hyndmersch, yeoman, to Peter Bewyck* for giving peaceable possession of a tenement on the Sandhill in the occupation of Johanna, widow of Philip Johnson, in accordance with a deed between said Ralph and Peter, dated December 10, 1478.

1479-80. January 3.—Quit claim by John Belt to Peter Bewyck of his estate in the tenement on the Sandhill, bounded by tenement late of John Warde, † occupied by John Esyngton, E., and that late of Thos. Hanson, W., which said Peter has of the gift and feoffment of Ralph Herbotell.

1568-9. February 28.—Indenture of bargain and sale by which for 70*l.* Andrew Bewicke of Newcastle, merchant, conveyed to Gawan Mylburne, of same place, merchant, a burgage on the Sandhill, then or late occupied by said Andrew, between burgages occupied by Clement Ogle, merchant, E., and George Heleye, ‡ merchant, W., the Sandhill, S., and the castle moat behind,

* Peter Bewick, whose name appears second in the pedigree of the Bewicks, of Close House, was a Newcastle merchant, but his admission to the Merchants Company is not recorded. He was sheriff of Newcastle in 1477-8, and mayor in 1490-91. His will, made May 1, 1538, was proved in the Prerogative Court at Canterbury, May 16, 1539.

† John Warde, sheriff 1446-7; mayor, 1448-9, 1450-51; M.P., 1450 and 1467. [In the Parliamentary returns for 1467 the name appears as 'Johannes Wod.'] In 1460 the corporation of Newcastle demised to him lands near Pandon gate for the erection of a water cornmill. Founder of Warde's almshouse in Cowgate, near the Austin friars, which had 20s. a year from the Pandon gate mill to buy coals. Headed a petition to Henry VI relating to loss of wool by 'horrible tempests and great storms of the sea.'

‡ George Heley, jun., son of George Heley, sheriff in 1562-3, by marriage with a daughter of William Selby, who predeceased him, leaving him with young children. George, junior, made a nuncupative will, March 3, 1588-9, giving his brother William, an alderman, 10*l.* and 'the lease of Anbell tithes,' all his corn and his 'farmet, which Mr. Wiclif doth serve for.' Bequests to two sisters, Hall and Tomlinson, but to his other sisters, Margaret and

N. Witnesses: Chr. Blount, John Harcastell, Anthony Sympsone, Edward Manwell, and Andrew Harrison.—Same date. Bond for performance of covenants.

1568-9. March 1.—Indenture of feoffment of same premises from Andrew Bewicke,* son and heir of Bartram Bewicke, deceased, merchant, to Gawin Milburne. Attorneys for livery of seisin: Michael Milburne and Andrew Harrison. Same witnesses to sealing as above. Witnesses to seisin, July 1, 1568: Roger Nicolson, John Kendall, Robarte Mousgrave, Robert Atkinson, Thomas Sheille, John Dyxson, Nicholas Tempest, Cuthbert Bewick, Thomas Herryson, Thomas Mytforde, Cristofer Gybson, Robart Lyddell, Bartram Dente, Thomas Bruce, James Graye.

1569-70. January 31.—Release of same premises between same parties. Witnesses: Anthony Hedworth, George Emerson, Henry Bewyck, Steven Brackenbe.

1575. June 18.—Bond of Margaret Bewyck, widow, to Gawin Mylburne, for performance of covenants in a lease of this date.

1578. June 16.—Indenture of bargain and sale, whereby, for 100 marks, Gawyn Mylburne conveyed to Robert Mitford† of Newcastle, son of Christopher Mitforde of same place, merchant, a burgage with one brewleade and one tapestone on the Sandhill, occupied by Rauffe Jenyson,‡ merchant, and

Elizabeth Tempest and Catherine Wilkinson, he 'will not give so much as a token to any of them.' Was a supervisor in the will of Sir Robert Brandling, 1562-3.

* Andrew Bewick, son of Bartram Bewick, sheriff of Newcastle in 1528-9 and mayor in 1538-9. During his mayoralty the great muster of the fencible inhabitants of the town occurred. He appeared among them in the ward of Thomas Baxter, alderman, as 'Mr. Anderay Bewyk, mayor, with 5 servants, with cotts of plate and bylls, well appointed.' A few years previously, in 1520, he received by deed from William Bewick, son and heir of Henry Bewick of Newcastle, all said William's lands, tenements, etc., at Morpeth, covenanting to give to said William an annuity, and meat and drink at his table for life, 'and so remaineth that Andrew Bewick must pay yearly to said William and his assigns 53s. 4d.' He married Margaret, daughter of Cuthbert Hunter, merchant, and died before 1576, in which year his widow was united at St. Nicholas's, Newcastle, to Ralph Jenison, who died May 16, 1597, being then mayor of Newcastle. Among other issue he had Robert Bewick, high sheriff of Northumberland in 1637, and thrice mayor of Newcastle.

† Robert Mitford, second son of alderman Christopher Mitford. Buried at St. Nicholas's, December 4, 1592. See 38 Surt. Soc. pub., page 214-18.

‡ Ralph Jenison, apprenticed to William Jenison, boothman, November 16, 1554, son of Robt. Jenison of Yokeflete, Yorkshire, by Agnes, daughter of

Margaret, his wife, bounded by burgages in occupation of John Carr, merchant, E., and Robert Heley,* merchant, W., and extending from the Sandhill, S., to the castle mote, N., subject to a lease to Margaret Bewicke, then wife of said Jenyson. Witnesses: H. Mytford, Andrew Bewicke, Crystofer Metforth, Edward Harle, Edw. Collingwood, Wm. Chamber, Bartram Anderson, Ja. Myddylton, Fraunces Lambe, Nicholas Newton.—Same date. Bond for performance of covenants in said indenture.

1578. June 21.—Indenture of feoffment of same premises. Henry Mitford, gent., and Geo. Whitfield, merchant, appointed attorneys for seisin. Same witnesses to sealing. Witnesses to seisin: Several of the witnesses to the sealing and Ro. Dudley, Edward Brakenby, Geo. Whytfeild, Rayf Jenyson, Xpofer Fetherstonhaugh, Robart Hunter, Thomas Manwell, Robert Roper; John Carr, Andrew Taylere, Geo. Horsbrigge.

1581. August 25.—Indenture of bargain and sale, by which Robt. Mitforthe, second son of Xpofer Mitforthe, late alderman, conveyed same premises to Ric. Hodgson,† then mayor, with same bounds, except that Raufe Carr is substituted for Jno. Carr. Witnesses: Nich. Hedley, Robt. Person, Jno. Saborne, Edwd. Harle, Robt. Lawson, and Martin Turpin, scr.

1581. August 28.—Deed poll, with livery of seisin endorsed, between

Wm. Wren of the Isle of Ely, co. Cambridge. Sheriff, 1590-91; mayor, 1596-7. He married, at St. Nicholas's, Nov. 20, 1576, as before mentioned, the widow of Andrew Bewick. Died during his mayoralty on Whit-Monday, May 16, 1597, aged 60, and was buried at St. Nicholas's next day. He left four sons, the youngest of whom was Robert Jenison, D.D., vicar of Newcastle, while from his eldest son, William, descended Sir Ralph, of Elswick, William, town clerk of Newcastle, and Ralph, M.P. for Northumberland and master of the buckhounds to George II.

* Robert Heley, another son of George Heley, the sheriff in 1652-3, died in December, 1585, and was buried at St. Nicholas's on the 16th of that month, administration of his goods being granted to his five sisters, Anne Hall, Margaret Tempest, Catherine Wilkinson, Elizabeth Tempest and Barbara Tomlinson.

† Richard Hodgson, founder of the family of Hodgson of Hebburn, near Jarrow, was apprentice to Thomas Harbottle, merchant, and enrolled in 1516-17. He married Isabel, daughter of alderman James Lawson, and widow of Gerard Fenwick. One of the grand lessees of Gateshead and Whickham, and purchaser, with Robert Anderson, of the manor of Winlaton from the earl of Westmorland. Sheriff, 1549-50; mayor and governor of the Merchants Company, 1555-6, 1566-7 and 1580-81. His will is printed in 38 Surt. Soc. pub., p. 115. Isabel, his wife, was buried at St. Nicholas's, August 17, 1582, and he followed her on the last day of the year 1585.

same parties, attorneys for seisin being Nich. Hedley,* merchant, and Robt. Jopling, yeoman. Witnesses to sealing: Martin Turpin, scr., Edwd. Harle, Jas. Saborne, Wm. Soppett; to seisin: Thos. Heron, Jno. Carr, Xpofet Appleby, sergt. at mace ×, Thos. White, Jno. Jackson, sergt. at mace ×, and 'Jhonii ye Taillor.'

1581. October 12.—Indenture of bargain and sale between said Ric. Hodgson, mayor, and Ralph Cock; of same premises. Bounds the same, except for addition of 'a part of the tenement of said John Carr on the N.' Seal—a merchant's mark with 'R.H.'

1581. October 14.—Deed poll, with livery of seisin endorsed, between same parties; attorneys for seisin being Ralph Jenison and John Carr. Witnesses to sealing: Jno. Nixon, Wm. Lawson, Jno. Sayer, jun., Hy. Dethick, Lancelott Hodgson and Martin Turpin, scr. Witnesses to seisin, Nov. 3, 1581: Francis Liddell, Geo. Liddell, Bartram Anderson, Francis Anderson, Francis Hall, Ma. White, Edw. Carr and Martin Turpin, scr.

1588. June 2.—Deed poll, whereby Elizabeth, widow of Andrew Bewick, quit claimed to Ralph Cock† her estate in the house on the Sandhill, between tenements in tenure of Wm. Heley, W., and Katherine Carre, widow, E., and extending from the Sandhill, S., to the castle mote, N. Seal, a thistle. Witnesses: Mychaell Mylborne, Jno. Barber, John Graye ×, Jno. Clibbourne.

1589-90. March 1.—Deed poll by which Ralph Cock covenants with Wm. Huntley of Newcastle, merchant,‡ that before Midsummer Day next he will

* Nicholas Hedley, apprenticed to Peter Riddell, merchant, in 1558, but turned over, January 19, 1558-9, to Richard Hodgson of Hebburn, above named, whose daughter, Elizabeth, he married. He was one of the grand lessees of Gateshead and Whickham, and an owner of property in Gateshead and Lintz. Dying without issue, he entailed his estate upon several branches of the Hodgson family, particulars of which appear in Surtees, *Hist. Durham*, vol. II, p. 232.

† Ralph Cock, sen., founder of the family of Cock, which chiefly through fortunate marriages, figures conspicuously in the local history of the 16th and 17th centuries, began life in 1566, when he was apprenticed to William Selby, boothman. He married, January 29, 1576-7, Barbara Anderson, member of a wealthy and widespread family in the north of England. By her he had eleven children, for although in his will he mentioned only nine by name, he bequeathed property to two sons-in-law, William Hall and Alexander Davison, who married other daughters of his—Jane and Ann or Agnes, respectively. He died September 6th, 1611, and was buried at the church of St. Nicholas.

‡ William Huntley, merchant and hostman, aged 48 in 1593, sheriff 1597-8, and one of the common council in queen Elizabeth's charter of 1600. Buried at St. Nicholas's, December 3, 1602.

levy a fine of the before-named premises, then in his occupation, bounded as in last deed, to the use of Ralph Cock, the father, for life, and, after his death, one moiety to use of Wm. Cock, his son, and his heirs, and the other moiety to Ralph Cock, his son, and his heirs. [But see his will.]—Easter term, 31 Elizabeth. Indenture part of a fine between William and Ralph Cock, jun., plaintiffs, and Ralph Cock, sen., deforciant, of a house on the Sandhill, Newcastle.

1611. August 29.—Will of Ralph Cock, sen., of Newcastle, merchant. Directs that his two houses in Pilgrim St. (Thomas Lambe and Jno. Malliburne, tenants), and the reversion of his house in same street (— Collingwood, tenant), and his quit rent out of Carre's land be sold by his sons-in-law, Wm. Hall and Alex^r. Davison, the money to be cast in amongst his goods for the executing of his will. To his children unadvanced he gave: the house occupied by his son Ralph, to William; his house upon the Sandhill, where he dwelleth, to Barbara, his wife, for life, and after her death to William and Ralph in part of their advancement, which, according to estimate, should be 100 marks a year; to each of his said sons, 33*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*., to make up their portions to 100*l*. a year; to Elizabeth, his daughter, 100*l*., already assigned to John Comynge, her husband; to sons Thomas, John, Henry and Samuel, and daughters Katherine and Margaret, four score and ten pounds a year, and in case (his wife's thirds deducted) his goods shall amount to any surplusage, the residue to his children unadvanced. Executors: William Hall and Alex^r. Davison. Witnesses: Henry Maddison, Thomas Hall, Thomas Clarkson.

1649. July 16.—Indenture of feoffment, whereby Ralph Cock of Newcastle, merchant, granted to Samuel Cock of same place, merchant, (1) his house on the Sandhill, bounded by tenements in the occupation of Wm. Carr, merchant, E., Mark Milbank, alderman, W., and extending from the Sandhill, S., to two tenements in occupation of said Carr and Milbank, N. (2) A cellar and loft in occupation of Thos. Davison, of Newcastle, merchant, near that part of the Key called 'The Windowes,' adjoining a loft over the Water Gate, late in the possession of Robt. Shaftoe, alderman, and now used for a guard house, E., a cellar and lofts in occupation of Robt. Jenison, merchant, W., the Sandhill, N., and 'The Windowes,' S. To hold to use of Ralph Cock for life, then to use of Thomas Davison of Newcastle, merchant, and Ann his wife and their heirs, and in default to use of Ann's heirs. Witnesses: Wm. Carr, Robt. Roddam, Tho. Blenkinsopp, Ralph Cock and Thos. Aisley.

1664. July 30.—Indenture by which Thomas Davison* of Newcastle,

* Will of Thomas Davison, aged 71, merchant and alderman, son of Thos. Davison, skinner and glover, apprenticed to John Cock, boothman, March 8, 1620, mayor of Newcastle, 1669-70, governor of the Merchants' Company, deputy governor of the Eastland Company (dated 1675, proved 1676), who was

merchant, and Ann his wife, covenant to levy a fine to Mark Milbank* of Newcastle, esq., and Wm. Blackett† of same place, of the premises first

buried in St. Nicholas's church, December 1; 1676. Leaves to wife, Ann, lands at Muncton, co. Durham, dwelling house, Sandhill, Newcastle, warehouse at 'The Windowes,' house at the head of the Side, occupied by Robt. Fenwick, messuage in the Close, near Tutehill Stairs, now occupied by John Philipson and Christopher Walker, merchants, Geo. Robinson, mariner, Robert Robson, and my servant, Elizabeth Cramer, spinster, who shall occupy her two rooms for life, and after wife's death, the aforesaid tenements to my two sons, Jonathan and Benjamin.' To son Thomas all right, etc., to lands bought of Alex. Eden, in Durham city, gent., and Geo. Rowell of same place, butcher, holden of the dean and chapter, being part of the manor of Billingham. To son Timothy the messuage in the Close occupied by Nat. Mason, merchant, with stable and brewhouse. To son Jonathan, land in Weardale, called Horsley head, and the moiety of Lintz garth, held by lease from the bishop in trust for self and the executors of Jane Carr. To said son, Jonathan, 1,200*l*.; to Benjamin, at 21, 1,000*l*. and in the meantime 40*l*. yearly. To Merchants' Company, my leazes, or ridges of land in the Castle field or Leazes; they to pay churchwardens of St. Nicholas's, 43*s*. 6*d*.; All Saints, 30*s*.; St. John's, 26*s*. 8*d*.; St. Andrew's, 29*s*. Executors: wife and son Timothy.

* Mark Milbank, son of William Milbank of North Shields, yeoman, apprenticed to John Milbank, of Newcastle, merchant, February 2, 1618-19, married, July 14, 1629, Dorothy, daughter of Ralph Cock [the younger], was sheriff in 1638-9 and mayor in 1658-9 and 1672-3. Soon after his last mayoralty he suffered a severe reverse of fortune, for, dying in May, 1677, his widow, the once wealthy Dorothy, had some difficulty in raising sufficient money to pay for his funeral expenses. In one of Richardson's *Reprints* 'The Tour of Thomas Kirk, of Crookridge, Yorkshire,' under date May 18, 1677, we read: 'We saw St. Nicholas's church. There are several pretty monuments therein. We saw a grave made for a poor alderman of the town—old Milbank. His poor widow was in great distress how to defray the funeral expenses, having but 7*l*. in the house. Her jointure was 1,100*l*. per annum and 15,000*l*. in money.' On the day that Kirk saw the grave the dead alderman was interred, aged about 74 years. His widow survived him nine years, and on the 26th August, 1686, was laid beside him. She is distinguished in the registers as 'Madam Dorothy Milbank, widow.'

† William Blackett, son of William Blackett of Jarrow, yeoman, apprenticed to William Sherwood, boothman, June 1, 1636, set over to Joane Carr, Jan. 17, 1642-3, a member and governor of the Hostmen's Company; sheriff, 1660-61, mayor, 1666-7; M.P., etc. Afterwards the first Sir William Blackett. Married, first, Elizabeth, daughter of Michael Kirkley, she was buried April 10, 1674, and, secondly, Margaret, daughter of Henry Cock and widow of John Rogers.

named, but substituting in the E. boundary, Jane Carr, widow, for Wm. Carr, also of the second-named premises, described as bounding on the Guildhall, E., to enure to the use of said Thos. and Ann for their lives and afterwards to the use of Timothy Davison, their second son, and his heirs, and in default to the use of heirs of said Thomas. Seal of Milbank attached—a cross moline, between four fleur-de-lys, on a chief three molets; seal of Blackett—on a chevron, between three molets, three (scallops?).

1691. December 20.—Indenture whereby Timothy Davison,* aforesaid, and Elizabeth, his wife, covenant with John Wilkinson of Newcastle, gent., to levy a fine of, *inter alia*, their messuage on the Sandhill, to enure to the use of said Timothy, his heirs, etc.

Hilary Term 3 Wm. and Mary. Indenture part of a fine between said John Wilkinson, plaintiff, and said Timothy and wife, deforciant, of two messuages in Newcastle.

1694-5. February 7.—Will of Timothy Davison. To son, Thomas Davison, and heirs of his body, *inter alia*, his messuage on the Sandhill, and in default to his own right heirs. Said son, and Elizabeth, his daughter, executors, to whom he bequeaths the residue of his estate. [The son, Thomas, survived his sister Elizabeth.]

1703. April 1.—Indenture whereby said Thomas Davison of Newcastle, merchant, covenants to levy a fine to aforesaid John Wilkinson, of, *inter alia*, a messuage on the Sandhill, in tenure of Nicholas Ridley, merchant, to enure to use of Thomas, his heirs and assigns.

1758. August 2.—Will of said Thomas Davison, in which, after certain legacies, he gives all his estate to his nephew, Thomas Davison. Proved at York, April 2, 1760.

1765. April 27.—Will of Thomas Davison, the nephew, in which he leaves to his brother, Morton Davison,† amongst other premises, all his houses in Newcastle.

* Timothy, son of Thomas Davison, was admitted to the Merchants' Company, by patrimony, January 13, 1663-4, and to the Eastland Company, April 7, same year, succeeding his father as governor of the one and deputy governor of the other. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Wm. Blackett, January 4, 1663-4, by whom he had 16 children. He was sheriff of Newcastle in 1666-7, and mayor in 1673-4. His wife died September 10, 1694, and he followed December 20, 1696, aged 54. He was buried in St. Nicholas's church, beside her, having left lands to the Merchants' Company, and money to the poor, like his father. In 1682 he purchased the estate of Beamish, co. Durham, and transmitted it to his descendants.

† Morton Davison, son of William Davison, merchant, entered the Merchants' Co. by patrimony, August 7, 1746. Married at Croft, Oct. 15, 1761, Miss Dorothy Younghusband, who, being of the age of 27, disregarded

1770. May 13 and 14.—Indentures of lease and release, whereby Morton Davison, of Beamish, co. Durham, esq., only brother, heir-at-law, etc., of Thomas Davison, esq., late of same place, who was nephew and devisee of Thomas Davison, late of Ferryhill, for 700*l.*, conveyed to Snow Clayton* of Newcastle, merchant, a messuage on the Sandhill then in occupation of Aubone Surtees† and Matthew Bell, esqrs. Bounded by messuages in tenure of John Smith, esq., E., and Samuel Thompson, W., and extending from the Sandhill, S.E., to two messuages held by said John Smith, N.

THE SANDHILL, NO. II. [A.M.O.]

1582. September 20.—Indenture of bargain and sale by which John Carr of Newcastle, merchant, conveyed to Ralph Cock of Newcastle, merchant, a loft, late part of the now dwelling house of said John Carr on the Sandhill. Rent, 10*s.* a year. Witnesses: James Clavering, Rauphe Todde, and Martin Turpin, scr., not. pub.

1600. September 13.—Indenture whereby Thomas Riddell of Gateshead,‡ esq., son and heir of William Riddell, late of Newcastle, merchant and alderman, granted feoffment and compensation of all lands in Newcastle of which

her patronymic, and wedded him when he was 40. After his death [Feb., 21, 1774] she married Dr. Cooper, prebendary of Durham. Morton Davison, dying childless, left the Beamish estate to Sir John Eden, his nephew.

* Snow Clayton, son of Nathaniel Clayton, who was sheriff in 1715-16, and mayor in 1725-6 and 1738-9, by Anne, daughter of Cuthbert Snow of Newcastle, merchant. He was admitted to the Merchants' Company by patrimony, May 3, 1742, and acted as common council-man for many years before his death, unmarried, December 28, 1789, aged 72.

† Aubone Surtees, son of Edward Surtees of Woodhead, near Ovingham, gent., by Frances, daughter and co-heir of William Aubone, merchant, sheriff 1679-80, mayor in 1684-5, was apprenticed to Joseph Liddell, boothman, September 1, 1727, thirty years later was admitted to the freedom of the Hostmen's Company, and in 1768 became a banker, sheriff 1744-5, and mayor 1761-2 and 177-1. Married at Boldon, August 22, 1748, Elizabeth, daughter of alderman John Stephenson of Newcastle and Knaresdale, by whom he had a family of eight children. One of them named Elizabeth, but more generally known as Bessie, eloped during the night of November 18, 1772, from a window in his house on the Sandhill, with John Scott, afterwards Lord Eldon. They were married next day according to Scottish law by an episcopal clergyman, but on January 19, following, went through the ceremony again at St. Nicholas's church. Died September 30, 1800, in his 90th year, 'father of the Corporation and the oldest banker in Newcastle.'

‡ Pedigree of the Riddells in the new *County History*, vol. iv., p. 284.

his father died seised, to William Jenison,* mayor of Newcastle and Henry Anderson, of Newcastle, esq., to use of Barbara, widow of said William, for life, and afterwards to use of said Thomas and heirs male of his body, and in default, to use of Peter Riddell, son of said William and Barbara and the heirs male of his body; successive remainders to use of William, George, Michael, John, and Robert, other sons of said William and Barbara, and finally to right heirs.

1622. March 27.—Release for 8*l.* 10*s.* from Ralph Carr† of Newcastle,

* William Jenison, eldest son and heir of William Jenison, a wealthy merchant of Newcastle. See biographies of both father and son in *Men of Mark*, vol. II, pp. 635-39.

† Carr family. For more than four hundred years the Carrs occupied a prominent position in the municipal history of Newcastle. [George Carr was mayor ten times between 1481-2 and 1502-3.] In 1527-8 William Carr was sheriff. Ralph Carr, who was sheriff in 1532-3 and mayor two years later, left a widow, who married John Hilton, grantee under the Crown of the estate of Cocken. She afterwards married William Franklin of Newcastle, and at her death [in 1578] Cocken descended to her grandson, Ralph Carr. William Carr, son of Ralph the elder, who, by his marriage with Joan Trollop of Thornley, had issue Ralph, 'the heir of Cocken,' was sheriff in 1557-8, mayor in 1565-6, and M.P. for the town in 1571-2. John Carr, brother of Ralph, married Katherine Ellison in 1574, and had issue Ralph, who married a daughter of Ralph Jenison, and James, sheriff in 1579-80. By his marriage with Miss Jenison Ralph had William Carr of Coxlodge, who married Jane Cock, and James, sheriff in 1630-31. Of William's children, Jane, the younger, married Cuthbert Ellison of Hebburn, William was sheriff in 1665-6, and mayor in 1670-71, 1689-90, and 1702-3, while Ralph rose to considerable eminence. He married first, Jane, only daughter of Sir Francis Anderson, of Bradley, and secondly, Isabella, eldest daughter of the hon. James Darcy, brother of the earl of Holderness, became mayor [as Sir Ralph Carr] in 1676-7, 1693-4, and 1705-6; was M.P. for Newcastle in 1679, and sat in Parliament, with the exception of three years, till 1695, having during the last six years of his membership William Carr (his brother?) for his colleague. Sir Ralph purchased Cocken from his kinsman, Francis Carr, in 1665, and died in 1709, leaving by his first wife Jane, wife of Sir Ralph Milbank, bart., and by his second an only son, Ralph, who married Anne, daughter of Henry, Lord Fairfax. In 1737 William Carr, of St. Helen's Auckland, and Coxlodge, became mayor. He contested the borough in 1722 and was placed at the head of the poll. Five years later he was defeated, but in the following year he obtained the seat of Sir William Blackett, and at the next election his parliamentary career closed. The names of Leonard Carr, sheriff in 1635-6, and Cuthbert Carr, sheriff in 1643-4 occur, but their relationship to either the

merchant, son and heir of John Carr, merchant, deceased, to Ralph Cock,* of Newcastle, merchant, son and heir of Ralph Cock, deceased, of the yearly rent of 10s. reserved in deed of Sept. 20, 1582.—Bond of said Ralph Carr and Henry Anderson, merchant, Newcastle, to said Ralph Cock, against claims by Katherine Carr, widow, mother of said Ralph Carr, in respect of dower for above-named rent.

1627-8. February 5.—Indenture of feoffment, whereby Sir Thomas Riddell of Gateshead, knt., granted to Ralph Cock of Newcastle, a loft, rooms and a cellar by that part of the key called 'the Windowes,' in occupation of Wm. Anderson, merchant, adjoining a loft over the Water Gate, occupied by Anthony Metcalfe, merchant, E; a cellar occupied by Robert Bewicke, alderman, W; the Sandhill, N; and 'the Windowes,' S. Usual covenants by Riddell for self, and Dame Elizabeth, his wife. Rent 5s. a year, payable to mayor and burgesses. Witnesses to seisin: Wm. Anderson (the tenant), John Astell, Raiphe Bowes, Wm. Carr, Thos. Davison, Wm. Potts x, Wm. Mills.—Same date bond by Riddell for performance of covenants. 1627-8. February 7.—Deed poll by which Barbara Riddell of Newcastle, granted to Ralph Cock, her life interest in the abovenamed premises. Witnesses: Robt. Riddell, Raiphe Buntinge. Mem. that on Feb. 19, Wm. Anderson attorned tenant to said Ralph Cock. 1628-9. February 12.—Exemplification of a recovery of a house in Newcastle, Henry Cock, demandant; Ralph Cock, tenant; Sir Thomas Riddell, vouchee.

1657. December 28.—Deed poll. To all Christian people, etc., the mayor and burgesses of Newcastle send greeting. Whereas the mayor and burgesses by their workmen appointed for carrying on the building of the new Town Court† [Guildhall and Exchange] have, with the leave and permission of

Newcastle or the Cocken branches is not traceable.—See Rev. T. W. Carr, in Welford's *Monuments at St. Nicholas's Church*, p. 109. To which may be added that in three folio volumes, entitled *A History of the Family of Carr*, their name is legion, while in Dr. Dendy's *Merchant Adventurers' Books*, 101 Surt. Soc. pub., their names far exceed those of any other family.

*Ralph Cock the younger (named after his father), an alderman, and mayor of Newcastle in 1634-5, is remarkable rather for his numerous family and the fate of his daughters than for any special services in the public life of the town. By his wife, Judith —, he had 15 children. She died December 20, 1630, and he departed January 27, 1652-3. The four daughters who survived him were known as 'Cock's canny hinnies.' Dorothy, with a big fortune, married Mark Milbank, and came to grief, as already recorded, p. 39n.; Jane married William Carr, Ann was united to Thomas Davison, and Barbara to Henry Marlay.

†The old Exchange said to have been built by the opulent Roger Thornton, was pulled down in 1655 and the new one, with the suite of offices

Thomas Davison of Newcastle, merchant, for the better carrying on and support of that part of the work and building of the said new Town Court over the Windowes-gate adjoining to and upon the E. end of one house belonging to the said Thomas Davison, situate upon the W. end of the New Key, and adjoining to and upon the W. side of the said gate, laid and placed some dormant timber into and upon the gavell wall of the said Thomas Davison's warehouse, and by the erecting and carrying on of a new staircase, at the S.W. corner of the said new Town Court, have shut up all the windows on the S.E. corner of the said warehouse, and hath stoppit and hindered the light from coming into a staircase belonging to the said warehouse, and have so straitened the doors adjoining to the said new erected staircase, as they are become very unserviceable to the said Thomas Davison, and have also uncovered a part of the south-east corner of the said warehouse for the better conveying and carrying away the rain water from off the said new erected staircase. Now know ye, that we, the said mayor, etc., for the consideration aforesaid, have remised, released, and forever quit claimed, etc., unto the said Thomas Davison, his executors, etc. All that outrent or quitrent of 5s. a year, and all other rents, etc., due and payable by the said Thomas Davison, or which may become due, etc., forth or out of the aforesaid warehouse, etc., by the said Thomas Davison, etc., and that we, the said mayor, etc., have renounced, etc., all interest, title, etc., in or to the said warehouse and gavell wall, etc. And further that we, the said mayor, etc., shall and will from time to time, and at all times for ever hereafter, at our own proper costs and charges repair, etc., all the top of the said new erected staircase, etc., so as the rain water falling upon the same shall not be in any way prejudicial or hurtful to the said warehouse, etc. In witness, etc., this 28th day of December in the year of our Lord, 1657. (Signed) Geo. Dawson, maior. Common seal of the town affixed.

SANDHILL COFFEE HOUSE. [A.M.O.]

Hilary Term. 1565.—Exemplification of a recovery between George Dent*

attached thereto, was completed in 1658. The cost is reported by Mackenzie (*Hist. Newcastle*, p. 215) by authority of Joshua Douglas, town clerk, as follows:—'October, 1659, paid Robert Trollop for building the court, 9,771*l.* In the year 1660 ordered more, in full, 500*l.*' To which must be added 'the purchase money paid Phineas Allen for part of the ground where the court is built, which had houses on it but were then pulled down.'

* George Dent, eldest son of Roger Dent, by Anne, daughter of Sir Roger Fenwick, of Wallington, and brother of William, the alderman (see p. 25*n.*), was apprenticed to Sir Robert Brandling, boothman, and enrolled a member of the Merchants' Company in 1544-5 and a hostman in Elizabeth's charter of 1600. To his old apprentice master, Sir Robert Brandling, who calls him

and Robt. Greenwell,* demandants, George Heley, merchant, tenant, and John Baxter, vouchee, of one messuage, two shops and a garden in Newcastle;

1592. July 27.—Indenture of feoffment from Wm. Heley† of Newcastle, merchant, son and heir of George Heley, merchant, deceased, to Francis Anderson‡ of same town, merchant, of a messuage, late in tenure of said Wm. and then in tenure of said Francis, situate on the Sandhill. Bounded by

cousin, he had been a faithful friend, and in his will, dated Jan. 1, 1562-3, about which there had been much trouble, Sir Robert remembered him. Of 20l. lent to George in gold, he willed that 20 marks be allowed 'that my wife did will unto his children, and the other 20 nobles and 5l. more I will that George Dent shall have to the use of his children. And also where I have builded at the church stile in the Cloth Market a house, I will George Dent shall have that house, etc. I will that George Dent and Dorothy; his wife, (daughter of — Claxton of Claxton) have the occupation of the tithe of Byker and Saint Lawrence for 24 years after my death.' 121 Surt. Society publ., pp. 34-38. George Dent, making his will, December 10, 1572, mentions Agnes, his wife, from which it would appear that he was twice married; mentions also the rent of two tenements at St. Andrew's church stile and some property at and near Gosforth, namely, 'Gosford Cockes and Esell Rigg,' probably the modern Coxlodge and Hazelrigg. George Dent, like his brother William, had also his double in the service of the corporation. For in the accounts for 1566, payments are made to 'George Dent, the water sergeant, for his quarterage, 10s.; for a pair of shoes to him this quarter, 16d.'

* Robert Greenwell, apprenticed to Robert Ellison, boothman, in 1550-51. His father, William Greenwell, sheriff in 1591-2, dying in January, 1597, left him, with other bequests, a farmhold in Kibblesworth.

† William Heley, merchant, son of George Heley. Buried at St. Nicholas's, April 5, 1623.

‡ The connexion of Francis Anderson with the great family of that name is not traceable, nor is it known when he entered the Merchants' Company. He was a member of the Hostmen's Company named in queen Elizabeth's charter of 1600. On the 13th December, 1581, he married Barbara, daughter of Roger Nicholson, became a member of the common council and alderman, and in 1595 was elected to the shrievalty. In 1601-2 he filled the office of mayor, and again in 1612-13, when his son Roger was made sheriff. His name frequently occurs in the orders, etc., of the Hostmen's Company, of which he was governor in 1602, 1611 and 1613. Succumbing, with many others, to a pestilence which visited Newcastle in the twenties of the 17th century, he was buried at St. Nicholas's, April 26th, 1623. Biography in *Men of Mark*.

a tenement in occupation of Adrian Hedworth,* merchant, W., a messuage in tenure of Ralph Cock, merchant, E., the Sandhill, S., the castle mote, N., subject to lease dated Oct. 16, 1588, granted by said Heley to Roger Nicholson† of Newcastle, merchant, deceased, then mayor of said town. Covenants by said Wm. Heley and Isabel his wife. Witnesses: Rauffe Cocke, Isaac Andersonne, Thos. Friar, and Henry Anthony, not. pub. Mem. that on Sept. 27, 1592, James Clavering, who married Grace, daughter of said Roger Nicholson, and an executor of his will, Christopher Mitford, who married Elinor Nicholson, another executor, and Isaac Anderson, who married Barbara(?) Nicholson, attorned tenants of Francis Anderson. Witnesses: Matthew Chapman, Rauffe Cock, Henry Anthony.

Michaelmas Term, 1592.—Indenture of a fine between Francis Anderson, plaintiff,‡ and Wm. Heley and Isabell, his wife, deforciant, of one messuage and one garden in Newcastle.—Easter Term, 1593.—Exemplification of a recovery, Matt. Chapman and Ralph Cocke, demandants, Francis Anderson, tenant, Wm. Heley, vouchee, of a messuage and garden in Newcastle.

1605. October 14.—Indenture of bargain and sale, whereby Francis Anderson, of Newcastle, esq., for 300*l.* conveyed to Wm. Hall, of Newcastle, merchant, a messuage in tenure of said Anderson and John Browne, esq., on the Sandhill, bounded by messuages of Adrian Hedworth, merchant, W., Ralph Cock, merchant, E., the Sandhill, S., and the castle mote, N. Subject

* Adrian Hedworth, youngest of six sons born to Richard Hedworth, of Whickham, by Margaret, daughter and heiress of Alexander Newton, of Pockerley. Was twice married, first, in 1581, to Catherine—(buried at St. Nicholas's, Sep. 2, 1587), by whom he had an only son, Richard, who became his executor; secondly, April 24, 1589, to Agnes, widow of Ralph Harding, of Hollinside, who survived him. Apprenticed to Anthony Hedworth, boothman, 1553-4. Admitted to freedom of Merchants' Company, April 22, 1563. Sheriff of Newcastle, 1596-7, hostman named in queen Elizabeth's charter 1600 Buried at St. Nicholas's church, Sept. 25, 1607.

† Roger Nicholson, apprenticed to Cuthbert Musgrave, boothman, 1547-8, married Agnes, daughter of Oswald Chapman (sheriff 1545-6, mayor 1558-9), and rose to the shrievalty in 1583-4 and the mayoralty in 1588-9. His wife predeceased him, and he himself departed January 22, 1591-2, leaving six surviving daughters, who all made good marriages. Barbara was married to Francis Anderson (sheriff 1595-6, mayor 1601-2 and 1612-13); Anne to Bertram Anderson; Grace to James Clavering (sheriff 1599-1600, mayor 1607-8 and 1618-19); Thomasine to Emanuel Hechstetter, of Keswick; Jane, first to — Shafto, and afterwards to Daniel Hechstetter; Ellinor to Christopher Mitford (sheriff 1551-2, mayor 1556-7, 1569-70).

‡ See reference in note on preceding page.

to tenancy of said Browne, and to 3*l.* per annum, payable to Jane Hechstetter* for life, and to 26*s.* 8*d.*, payable to widow Baxter for life. Witnesses: Wm. Cocke, Rauffe Cocke the elder, Alexander Davison, William Cocke, jun., Wm. Wall, Francis Leighton, scr.

1605. October 15.—Deed poll of feoffment by Francis Anderson and Barbara his wife, to Wm. Hall,† of same premises. Witnesses to sealing: Rauffe Cock, sen., Wm. Cock, jun., Thomas Cock. Witnesses to seisin: Wm. Cock of Gray's Inn, Wm. Cock, Rauffe Cock, sen., Wm. Cock, jun., Thos. Cock, Francis Kyllingworth.—Hilary Term, 1605. Indenture of fine. Wm. Hall, plaintiff, Francis Anderson and Barbara his wife, deforciant, a messuage and garden in Newcastle.

1641. November 5.—Will of Sir Alexander Hall‡ of Elemore Hall, co. Durham, knight. To wife, Apolina, his coach and horses, etc., the use of

* Jane Hechstetter, daughter of Roger Nicholson. The Hechstetters were lessees under queen Elizabeth of copper mines at Keswick, where for some years a colony of Germans carried on mining operations.

† William Hall, apprenticed to Francis Anderson, boothman, and admitted to the Merchants' Company in 1555, was sheriff of Newcastle in 1608-9 and mayor in 1624-5. He married Jane, daughter of Ralph Cock, the elder, and aunt of the 'canny hinnies.' His daughters made excellent marriages, and his son was knighted as Sir Alexander Hall, of Elemore. One of his daughters, Anne, became, on January 14, 1616-17, the wife of Sir Lionel Maddison, a Burgess of much local influence in his day, another, Elizabeth, January 7, 1620-21, married his brother, Ralph Maddison, of Saltwellside, while a third, Barbara, was united, first to Sheffield Calverley, son of William Calverley, of Calverley, and, secondly, to Ralph Grey, of Newcastle, merchant. The beautiful Hall monument in St. Nicholas's church was set up by Sir Alexander Hall, only son of William Hall, in honour of his father and mother, who died, she on August 12, 1613, aged 36, he on July 28, 1631, aged 62. At the foot of the monument he on the left, and his five sisters on the right, are represented.

‡ Alexander the son died an infant, and Sir Alexander, having left his lands and several other estates undevise, which descended to his five sisters as heirs at law, and were considered to be a third of the whole property, it was agreed by all parties, Feb. 25, 1647-8, to divide the whole of the estates, devised and undevise, in the following proportions:—To his cousin, Nicholas Hall, of Loughborough, clerk, one full third, and one other full third and a fifteenth to Ralph and Elizabeth Maddison (but so that Hall should always have two full thirds of Elemore, and Maddison two full thirds of Saltwellside), and to each of the remaining four sisters, Anne Maddison, Barbara Grey, Mary Holmes, and Susanna Davies, one fifteenth, or fifth of a third. Surtees, *Hist. Durham*, vol. 1, p. 120.

furniture at Elemore for life, and afterwards to son Alexander. The manor of Little Haswell and Haswell Grange, which his wife has for life, he devises, after her death, to said son Alexander and his heirs; remainder to cousin Nicholas Hall, and heirs male successively, remainder, one half to his brother Ralph Maddison and wife Elizabeth, the other half to his nephew Wm. Calverley, and in default, remainder of last named moiety to nephew Ralph Gray and heirs. To brother Joseph Davies and wife Susanna, and their heirs 50%. a year when estates of Maddison and Calverley take effect. The manor of Saltwellsidē, co. Durham, which his wife has for life, to go to son Alexander,† remainder to brother-in-law, Ralph Maddison, and wife, Elizabeth, testator's sister. His 1/12th share in Ryton and Kyho collieries to Ralph Maddison and wife. To son Alexander and heirs, his messuage in Newcastle, occupied by Sir Lionel Maddison, knt., remainder to Wm. Calverley and heirs. Bequests to sisters Lady Anne Maddison, Barbary Grey, Mary Holmes, Susanna Davies, nephew William Calverley,* niece Lady Elizth. Vaine, niece Jane Calverley, nephew Ra. Grey, nieces Mary, Deborah and Apolina Maddison, the rest of the Maddison children, Sussanna Davies's children, cousins Elinor Comyn and Nicholas Hall. Land in King's Lynn to son Alexander in tail, remainder to Susanna, wife of Joseph Davies, and their heirs. Executor: Ra. Maddison.

1645. June 20.—Lease for a year from Wm. Calverley, gent., of Lincoln's Inn, to Sir Lionel Maddison, of Newcastle, knt., of the house which the latter occupied, except the shop and three lofts.

1665. June 3.—Indenture of release from Ralph Grey,† sen., of New-

* William Calverley was a son of Barbara Hall above-named, by her marriage with Sheffield Calverley, son of William Calverley of Calverley, Yorkshire—a family known soon after from its association with the Blacketts. Her husband, Sheffield, was apprenticed to Lionel Greenwell, draper, August 1, 1609, but on December 14 of the same year was set over to William Hall, and, as was often the case, married one of his master's daughters. In April, 1660, their son, William, was sent by the burgesses of Newcastle to the Healing Parliament, which voted the restoration of the Stuarts, but had not been elected more than three months when he died. Being a young man, he had not made a testamentary disposition of his property, and was obliged to dictate a nuncupative will. 'Brother Ralph,' he said to his stepbrother Ralph Grey on July 4: 'I will that you have a care of my mother, Mrs. Barbara Grey, of Newcastle, for I give all unto my said mother, and tell her I am her dutiful son.' His father had died in 1624-5, and his mother had carried on the business until her marriage with Ralph Grey.

† Ralph Grey, eldest son of James Grey of Newcastle, draper, apprenticed to above-named Cuthbert Bewick, boothman, December 30, 1605, admitted a member of the Eastland Co. Feb. 25, 1663-4. Married at St.

castle, merchant, and Barbara his wife, to Thomas Bewick, Newcastle, merchant, and Jane his wife, of messuages on the Sandhill, in occupation of Mark Milbank, merchant and alderman, bounded by messuages possessed by Matt. Jeffreyson and Timothy Robson, W., Thos. Davison, E., the Sandhill, S., and the castle mote, N.

1639. May 6.—Will of Thomas Bewick,* of Close House, co. Northumberland, esq. To son Thomas, his house in the Close, where he lives, except chamber and stables, which his son Robert occupies when in Newcastle, 1/24 part of Ryton colliery and 1/3 of Ridingley colliery. Bequests to sons Joseph Calverley and Benjamin, and daughters Jane and Barbary. To eldest son Robert, all lands at Close House, Urpeth, Houghton and Kibblesworth, and 1/12 part of ground lease of Ryton in tail, with several remainders to sons and afterwards to daughters. Son Robert, executor.

Nicholas's, September 2, 1622, Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Bowes (sheriff in 1623-4, who died during his shrievalty), and was himself sheriff in 1628-9. She died shortly after, and he married for his second wife, at St. Nicholas's, February 6, 1625, Barbara Calverley, daughter of William Hall, and widow of Sheffield Calverley. By both husbands this lady had issue. Ralph Grey was a well-known puritan alderman, and was a source of some trouble to the Royalists of Newcastle. In 1640 he and the mayor, Robert Bewick, another ardent puritan, were summoned to London to give an account of themselves, and Sir John Marley, writing to the dean of Durham, describes him as 'brother-in-law to Sir Lionel Maddison; Mr. Mayor and Dr. Jenison (vicar of Newcastle 1644 to 1652) are his uncles; himself a crafty puritan.' Barbara Grey was interred at St. Nicholas's, April 1, 1666, and Ralph a few weeks later at All Saints.

* Thomas Bewick, merchant and hostman, son of Robert Bewick, of Newcastle (who was sheriff 1615-16, mayor 1628-29, and 1639-40, high sheriff of Northumberland 1637), and grandson of Andrew Bewick by a first marriage. He was baptized at St. Nicholas's, September 28, 1606 and married at St. Andrew's church, Newcastle, by licence January 3, 1641-2, Jane, daughter of Sheffield Calverley by his wife Barbara Hall. Was high sheriff of co. Durham in 1655, and was nominated for a knight of the Royal Oak in 1660. Jane, his wife, bore him twelve children, and died August 9, 1682; he died November 7, 1690. Both of them were buried at St. Nicholas's church.

Robert Bewick, his eldest son, succeeded him, and, like his father, was a merchant and hostman. Baptized November 9, 1643, was high sheriff of Northumberland in 1695, and died unmarried January 9, 1703-4, but was not buried (in St. Nicholas's) until the 16th of that month.

Thomas Bewick, second surviving son, born November 22, 1648, married Ellinor —. Died ten years after making his will, and was buried at St. Nicholas's, March 8, 1720-21.

1701. June 6.—Will of Robert Bewick of Close house, esq. To brother Thomas, 1/12th of colliery at Ryton and Kyofield, 1/12th of Blackburn colliery, and the copyhold estate of Woodside, both in co. Durham, Thomas to give general release to executors, and particularly for a legacy left him by testator's grandmother, Ellinor Bewick. To said Thomas the quick stock at Close house, except best horse, which he gives to Thomas's son, Thomas, with the household stuff at Close house, except 'lining' [linen] which he gives his sisters, Jane and Barbara. To Jane his house on the Sandhill, Newcastle, and cellars and lofts in or near the Bridge End chappel for life. To sister Barbara Ramsey, 500*l.*; to niece Philadelphia, daughter of Thos. Bewick, 1,000*l.*; to brother Calverley, 10*l.*; to nephew Robert, eldest son of Calverley, 1,000*l.*; Joseph, second son of Calverley, 500*l.*; Calverley, 3rd son, 500*l.*; to niece Dorothy, daughter of Calverley, 500*l.*—all four when 21; to brother Benjamin, 1,000*l.*; to Miles Birkett, vicar of Heddon, 5*l.*; to parish of Heddon, 20*l.* Residue to brother Benjamin, executor.

1710. September 11.—Will of Thomas Bewick of Close house. To wife Ellinor and daughter Philadelphia, his collieries—Stella grand lease, *alias* Ryton and Kyofield, Blackburn, Rydonsfield, Fawdonsfield and Crawcrook, with messuages and lands known as Mosshouse, the Riding and Ryton Woodside, his dwelling houses in the Close and on the Sandhill, Newcastle, his cellars and lofts in or near the Chappel at the Bridge, Newcastle. After her death to Philadelphia and her heirs. Residue to said wife and daughter.

Easter Term, 1721.—Indenture of fine between Henry Reay,* esq., plaintiff, and Eleanor Bewick, widow, and Utrick Whitfield† and Philadelphia, his wife, deforciant of several messuages in Newcastle and Northumberland.

1741. November 10 and 11.—Indenture of lease and release whereby Utrick Whitfield, of Newcastle, esq., conveyed to Robert Carrick of Newcastle, merchant, the great messuage and shop on the Sandhill, known as the Sandhill Coffeehouse, then in possession of said Carrick and others.

* Henry Reay, son of Roger Reay, of Newcastle, master mariner, apprenticed to Samuel Gill, boothman, May 2nd, 1687, and took up his freedom in the Hostmen's Company December 30, 1709. Married Hannah, daughter of Utrick Whitfield, of Whitfield, Northumberland. Sheriff 1707-8; mayor 1712-13, 1729-30. Hannah, his wife, died July 10, 1733, aged 58; he died October 18, 1734, aged 63, and was buried at Tynemouth, where is a long inscription to his memory, and that of his son and grandson.

† Utrick Whitfield, son of Utrick Whitfield above named. Apprenticed to Thomas Hutchinson, boothman, February 1, 1695, but set over after Hutchinson's death to Henry Reay, July 13, 1703. Admitted to the Hostmen's Company, December 30, 1709. Married Philadelphia, daughter of Thomas Bewick of Close House. She died August 19, 1737 *s.p.*; he died about 1743, leaving, according to the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1747, a fortune of 40,000*l.*

Bounded by messuage formerly of Timothy, and then of Thomas Davison, merchant, and then of Matthew Bell, capper, E., messuage of Thos. Greenwell, W., the King's Street, S., the Castle walls, N.

1741. November 11.—Deed of covenants between same parties, whereby Whitfield covenants to produce deed of March 8, 1721, to levy a fine between (1) Eleanor Bewick, widow, Utrick Whitfield of Newcastle, gent., and Philadelphia his wife, daughter and only child of Thos. Bewick and said Eleanor, and (2) Henry Reay.

SNOWDON'S CLOSES. [J.B.] *

1733. December 15.—Will of Elizth. Rogers of Newcastle. To be buried decently but frugally by my dear husband in St. Nicholas's church. To St. Nicholas's school, founded by Mrs. Allan, 50*l.*; to the poor of the parish 50*l.*, the interest of which to be given on the date of my death annually; to Sarah, widow of Mr. George Simpson, butcher, 20*s.*; to Catherine, wife of Mr. Ramsey, dyer, 20*s.*, and to Elizabeth, widow of Mr. Wm. Cuthbertson, 10*s.*, and after their decease at the discretion of the vicar and lecturer, to five poor widows at 10*s.* each for ever; to All Saints school, 50*l.*, and to the poor, 50*l.*, the interest as before, to be paid to Mrs. Elizabeth Man, 20*s.*, to Elizabeth wife of John Prat, 20*s.*, to Sarah Hunter 10*s.*, and upon their decease at the discretion of the parson and lecturer of All Saints. To the Society of the Sons of the Clergy in Newcastle, 10*l.*; for funeral expenses, 50*l.*; and to my son for his and his servants' mourning, 50*l.* To sister, the hon. Mrs. Sarah Montagu, for mourning, 10*l.*, and to her two sons and daughter, each a ring. To nephew James Clavering, esq., of Greencroft, 10*l.* for mourning, and to his spouse and three sons, each a ring. To niece, Mrs. Jane Liddall of Newton, 5*l.*, and to her two sons, each a ring. To niece, Mrs. Alice Grey, 5*l.*, and to her son, a ring. To niece, Mrs. Ann Clavering, 105*l.*, and to niece, Mrs. Sarah Creagh, 5*l.*, and to each of nephew Isaacson's four children, a ring. To cousins Eleanor Pell, 5*l.*, and Elizabeth Pell, 505*l.*(?). To cousin, Deb. White, the Rev. Mr. John Dawson of Rochdale, the Rev. Mr. John Ellison, vicar of Bedlington, and Mr. Robert Ellison, 5*l.* each. To Mr. Nathaniel Ellison, 40*l.* To the Rev. Mr. Ferrington and his wife, to Mrs. Elizabeth and Mrs. Isabel Ellison, Mrs. Mary Fenwick of Bed-

* Inserted here to illustrate the history of the families of Rogers, Montagu, Archdeacon, Isaacson, etc., as developed in a deed of 16 parts printed in *Arch. Ael.*, 3rd ser., vol. v, pp. 70-75. Testatrix, daughter of Benjamin Ellison, merchant, Newcastle, was the mother of John Rogers the third, who by indenture dated 1713 devised most of his property to her, but she died first. He eventually became a lunatic, and is said to have been more or less demented for some years. See Tomlinson's *Denton Hall and its Associations*, pp. 41-48.

lington, Mrs. Margaret and Mrs. Henrietta Ellison, 5*l.* each. To widow Cook of Denton, and her daughter, a guinea each, and 12*d.* a week for life or longest liver. All these legacies to be charged on my lands at Panden Dean, near Newcastle. To the following persons, sent by me to the charity school, viz., James Instant, Benjamin Milbourne, Benj. Carr, Thos. Pattison, Isaac Vickers, Geo. Wilkinson, Tho. Hewison, Mary Robinson, Mary Gallon, and Isabel Anderson, a guinea each. To my son's 3 men-servants, full mourning and a guinea; to my own maid, mourning and two guineas, and to the other 2 maid-servants, mourning and a guinea. To Mr. and Mrs. Barnardoe, Mrs. Hudson and her son, Capt. Midford of little Chelsea, and his wife, a ring each. To Master Patrick Dawson, a guinea, 5*s.*, and a ring. To nieces Alice Grey and Ann Clavering, each a dozen Holland diaper napkins, 1 little and 1 large table cloths of the same, and a pair of Holland sheets marked 'E.R., 1732.' To cousin Elizabeth Pell, a pair of sheets and 2 suits of table linen. To cousin Nathaniel Ellison, all my books, except what my son will keep. To my dear and only son, when debts, legacies and funeral expenses are paid, all my real and personal estate, with plate, linen, bedding and all utensils in my houses in Newcastle and Denton, making him sole executor.

Whereas by indenture of lease and release dated Oct. 11 and 12, 1713, between my son John and myself, all manors, messuages, lands, etc., therein mentioned are conveyed to me and my heirs, subject to a proviso to be void upon the payment of an annual sum, and also upon the payment of 3,000*l.* to such persons as I by my last will shall appoint, I order that, upon the death of my said son without issue, or his not disposing of it by will or deed, the sum of 500*l.* part hereof be paid to nephew James Clavering, esq.; 500*l.* to niece, Alice Grey, 900*l.* to niece Ann Clavering, 300*l.* to cousin Elizabeth Pell, 100*l.* to cousin Eleanor Pell, 100*l.* to the poor of each of the four parishes, 50*l.* to the Sons of the Clergy Society, 100*l.* to the poor of East Denton, and the remaining 150*l.* among my son's servants.

And if it please God, to afflict my son at any time that his case requires more than ordinary care,* I humbly and earnestly beg my two nephews, James Clavering and George Grey, esqrs., to consult the best physician, and put him into a method that is most probable to keep him easy, and soonest to restore him. I also recommend to my dear son's serious consideration the great industry and honesty by which my dear and honoured father acquired his estate, and who he thinks has the justest right and title to it. I further request the favour of my niece Grey, Ann Clavering, and cousin Elizabeth Pell, to assist in my funeral and settling his affairs after it, and disposing my clothes among my friends and servants. Witnesses: Adam Askew, Benjamin Heslopp, Sarah Cook. Proved April 27, 1734, before the Rev. Mr. Cowling.

*Evidently a reference to his mental malady.

THE WESTGATE [C.C.B.]

1655. July 12.—Indenture of feoffment, with livery of seisin endorsed, by which Richard Dawson, of Newcastle [occupation cut out of the parchment], and Anne his wife, late wife of Edward Stevenson, deceased, conveyed to Robert Dawson, of Dent's Hole, near Newcastle, mariner, for a certain sum of money, a parcel of waste ground now in said Richard's tenure, on the north side of Westgate St., near the Gate, in length S. to N., 15 yards, in breadth E. to W., 10 yards, bounding on a garden plot belonging to Lawrence Rumsey, cordwainer, E., a garden plot belonging to Thomas Richardson, meal maker, N., a burgage in the tenure of said Richard Dawson, W., and the fore street of Westgate, S. Witnesses to the ensealing thereof: Matthew Moore, John Somers, Thomas Richardson x, John Dawson, Anthony Norman, not. pub.

WILL OF RICHARD DENT.

1792. July 20.—Will of Robert Dent, of Bristol, soldier in Gen. Barrell's Regt. of Foot, only son of Wm. Dent, late of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, barber surgeon, and grandson and heir-at-law of Henry Dent, of the same place, ropemaker. Left all his property to Wm. Neilson, lieut. in Gen. Barrell's Regt.

HOUSE IN THE CLOSE. [A.M.O.]

1562. September 4.—Deed poll, purporting to be a feoffment with livery of seisin, by which Robert Hallyman, of Lumlaye, co. Durham, yeoman, for a certain sum conveyed to Oswald Mytford,* of Newcastle, merchant, his heirs, etc., a tenement in the Close, abutting between the vennel called the Long Stairs, E., and a tenement formerly belonging to Bartram Anderson, in the tenure of Andrew Dyxson, W., and extending from the Close in front, S., to a tenement occupied by Lawrence Thompson, behind, N., which said Hallyman lately had of the gift of John Lumlaye, knight, Lord Lumlaye, holding the same of the chief lord of the fee by service due and of right accustomed. Appoints his beloved in Christ, Clement Anderson,† and Thomas Grene, of Newcastle, merchants, to give seisin, etc.

1570-71. February 20.—Witnesses to livery of seisin of the above mentioned property several years afterwards, by Clement Anderson

*Oswald Mitford appears as a master boothman in the books of the Merchants' Company, under date 1578, but his parentage and date of admission are not recorded. He married Ellinor, daughter of Thomas Hunter, of Medomsley, and sister of Robt. Hunter, merchant, named in the deed following. He was buried at St. Nicholas's church, Newcastle, August 6, 1596.

† Clement Anderson, son of Henry Anderson, enrolled in the books of the Merchants' Company, 1547-8. Buried at St. Nicholas's, Nov. 28, 1595.

only, Christopher Mitford,* merchant and alderman, Oswald Baxter, gent., Thomas Richardson† and Thomas Kirsoppe,‡ merchants, William Herryson, mariner, Anthony Thompson, yeoman, William Tailyer, of Kenton, yeoman, Francis Hall, Henry Ricarbye, Robert Hunter, John Carr, Jasper Farrelays, Henry Taylyer, Thomas Taylyer, and Jacobus Myddilton, with others.

1581. April 10.—Deed of covenants for the sale of the above-named premises by Oswald Mitford to Robert Hunter,§ merchant, Newcastle, for the sum of 40 marks. Mitford agrees that before May day next, he will lawfully convey the property to Hunter, or whom he may appoint. Witnesses: Rayf Jenison, Edward Bell, Ranolde Swinburne and Martin Turpin, scr.

1581. April 12.—Deed of feoffment, with livery of seisin endorsed, by which, in virtue of the undertaking contained in the last-named deed, said Mitford conveyed the property to said Hunter. Witnesses to sealing, as above. Witnesses to livery and seisin: Lancelott Hall, Thomas Pattenson, Thomas Clark, John Bell, Sampson Baxter, Edmund Lynsey, Thomas Mallaburne, James Middleton, Xpofer Watson, Thomas Redhed, Anthony Wharton, John Lawson, Roger Cookson, Xpofer Bell, Ellen Lawe, Margaret Lawson, Jannet Slee and Martin Turpin, scr.

1588. November 4.—Deed of feoffment whereby Cuthbert Bewicke of Newcastle, merchant, in pursuance of an agreement dated Nov. 1, by which Oswald Mitford and Elianor his wife, transferred a moiety of the aforesaid tenement, late in the tenure of Robert Hunter, deceased, to said Bewicke, and said Bewicke now re-conveys the same to said Mitford. Appoints Ralph Jenison, merchant and James Gray, draper, his lawful attorneys, to give livery of seisin. And because his seal was to many unknown, he had procured the seal of the mayoralty of Newcastle to be affixed to the deed. Signed

*Christopher Mitford; apprenticed to Bartram Anderson, boothman, 1532, admitted to Merchants' Company, 1537-8; sheriff of Newcastle 1551-2, mayor 1556-7, and 1569-70. Pedigree of the family in the new *County Hist. Northd.*, vol. ix, p. 67.

†Thomas Richardson, son of Nicholas Richardson, boothman, admitted a member of the Merchants' Company, November 14, 1554.

‡Thomas Kirsop, apprenticed to George Davell, merchant, 1548-9, admitted October 23, 1559. In the books of the Company he appears under date 1561 as receiving 10*l.* for carrying 'a kee to the cheker' to London, and delivering it to Sir Robt. Brandling, for the 'inrolling of our allegaytte.' His burial is recorded in St. Nicholas's register on August 29, 1597, as merchant and sometyme sergeante at the Mace.

§Robert Hunter's name is not recorded in the Merchant's books. He was eldest son of Thomas Hunter, of Medomsley, by Katherine Burrell. Surtees, *Hist. Durham*, vol. ii, p. 289. Dorothy, his wife, was buried at St. Nicholas's, Newcastle, September 7, 1587, and he was interred there three days afterwards.

and sealed by said Cuthbert Bewicke and by Roger Nicholson the mayor. Witnesses to the sealing and also to the acknowledgment of same in open court: Roger Nicholson, Mark Shafto, William Riddal, H. Chapman, George Farmilye, Xpofer Lewen, and Martin Turpin, scr. No endorsement of livery of seisin.

1598. April 11.—Deed of feoffment, with livery of seisin endorsed, whereby Elianor Mitford of Newcastle, late wife of Oswald Mitford, deceased, and sister of Robert Hunter, late of Newcastle, merchant, deceased, for a certain sum of money paid by Cuthbert Bewick,* conveyed to him all her interest in the above named tenement in the Close, now or late in their (Elianor and Cuthbert's) joint tenure. Witnesses to livery of seisin: William Huntley, James Graye, Henrie Anthony, jun., George Mydford, Xpofer Robinson, John Lyons, and Henrie Anthony, not. pub.

1598. April 11.—Bond, in which Elianor Mitford and John Lyons of Newcastle, gent., gave security in 40*l.* for performance of covenants. Witnesses: William Huntley, Willm. Jenyson, Xpofer Robinson, Henrie Anthony, jun., and Henrie Anthony, not. pub.

1618-19. March 11.—Deed of feoffment, with livery of seisin endorsed, by which Cuthbert Bewick, for a certain sum of money, conveyed to Ralph Grey, of Newcastle, merchant, all that tenement in the Close, now in the tenure of Bewick or his assigns. (Situate as above, but Robert Cook, yeoman, occupies the house, W. and Stephen Muschamp the house, N.) Witnesses to sealing and livery of seisin: James Grey†, William Reay, Thomas Motte, scr.

1618-19. March 13.—Deed of feoffment, with livery of seisin endorsed, whereby said Ralph Grey, for a certain sum of money, conveyed the tenement in the Close to Thomas Bowes and Hellinor his wife. Witnesses to sealing and livery of seisin: Henry Bradforth, Henry Bowes, jun., Thomas Billingham, and Thomas Motte, scr.

1649. May 4.—Indenture of settlement between Ellynor Bowes of Newcastle, widow, and William Blaxton and Thomas Lamb of Tynsdell, in co. Durham, gents. In consideration of a marriage by God's grace to be solemnized between her only son and heir apparent, Ralph Bowes of Staindrop, clerk, and Barbara, sister unto said William Blaxton, she, the said Ellynor, shall stand seised of a tenement now in the occupation of John Lodge, merchant, and also one cellar in the possession of Abraham Drake, belonging to said tenement situate in the Close, Newcastle (as before), to the use of herself for life and after her decease to the use of said Ralphe and Barbara and their

* Cuthbert Bewick, apprenticed to Thomas Bewick, boothman, 1542-3, admitted a member of the Merchants' Company, 1548-9.

† James Grey was the father of Ralph, by Elizabeth, sister of Cuthbert Bewick. His will appears in Durham Wills, 112 *Surt. Society publ.*, p. 172, wherein he bequeaths to Ralph, his dwelling house on the Sandhill, 100*l.*, a goblet of silver, and a cover.

heirs, and in default of issue to the right heirs of said Ellynor. Signed by Willm. Blaxton and Thomas Lamb. Witnesses: Roger Blaxton, Thomas Anton (or Auton), and Ralph Bowes.

1650. October 10.—Bond of Ralph Bowes of Gryndon, co. Durham, clerk, to Thomas Davison of Newcastle, merchant, in 240*l.*, for performance of covenants contained in an indenture of even date between said parties. [Indenture missing.] Witnesses: Richard Wright, Michael Hall, Chr. Hutchinson, Thos. Frundell.

1655. October 10.—Indenture of feoffment, with livery of seisin endorsed, whereby Ralph Bowes of Grindon, co. Durham, clerk, for 120*l.*, conveyed to Thomas Davison of Newcastle, merchant, the messuage with a cellar and three lofts in the Close bounded by a tenement in possession of Isabel Currey, widow, and Reynard Tinckler, W., the Long Stairs, E., the Close, S., and a house in possession of Henry Lawson, N. Witnesses to sealing and livery of seisin: Richard Wright, Michael Hall, Chr. Hutchinson, and Thomas Arundell.

1655. Michaelmas Term.—Exemplification of a fine between Thomas Davison, pltf., and Ralph Bowes and Barbara his wife, deforciant, of a messuage with appurtenances in Newcastle, said Davison paying to said Ralph and Barbara 60*l.* Seal of Oliver, Lord Protector of the Commonwealth, attached.

1714. December 9 (Paper Copy).—Indenture of lease for a year whereby, for 5*s.*, William Davison of Beamish, co. Durham, conveys to Thomas Davison of Newcastle, merchant, and Thomas Morton of Lincoln College, Oxford, gent., a messuage or farmhold with lands, etc., in the occupation of George Clayton, at a yearly rent of 72*l.*, a house in Painter Heugh, Newcastle, let in tenements, and now in possession of said Wm. Davison; lofts and cellars at the foot of Long Stairs, Newcastle, in the occupation of Mr. Alderman Ridley*; several tenements in Pandon and Cowgate, also in said Wm. Davison's possession; a capital messuage or farmhold in Tanfield, co. Durham, called the West Demesne, with all the closes and lands to the same belonging; a lesser house, on the north side of Tanfield, with all buildings, land,

* Alderman Richard Ridley, eldest surviving son of Nicholas Ridley, by Martha, daughter of Richard March, merchant, was admitted by patrimony to the Merchants' Company, of which his father was afterwards governor, August 27, 1707. He married at Stannington in that year, Margaret, eldest daughter of Alderman Matthew White, and from this marriage came in the next generation the union of the family names, White-Ridley. Admitted a member of the Hostmen's Company, August 12, 1709, he was governor of that company from 1717 to 1725. Having purchased a portion of the estate of Heaton, he erected the present Heaton hall, and died there, November 2, 1739.

etc., belonging thereto, purchased by said Wm. Davison of Thomas Briggs, gent., and Frances his wife; a farmhold, with lands, etc., called South Causey in Tanfield, in the occupation of Christopher Lumley, at a yearly rent of 30*l.*: a messuage and garth in Tanfield in the occupation of Robert Mason, at a yearly rent of 2*l.* 10*s.*, with two cottages, and all the lands and hereditaments in Tanfield purchased by said Wm. Davison of Mary Wallas, widow, and also all the other messuages, farms, etc., of said Wm. Davison in Bishopton and Newcastle, excepting cellars under the chapel nigh the bridge at Newcastle, held by lease or leases for lives of the master and brethren of the Mary Magdalen hospital. Witnesses: Tho. Conyers, John Rudd, jun.—Memorandum August 10, 1743. This is a true copy, examined by Geo. Forster.

1714. December 10 (Paper Copy).—Indenture quadripartite, between (1) William Davison of Beamish, co. Durham, esq.; (2) the Rev. John Morton, D.D., prebendary of Durham, and Dulcibella Morton of Durham city, spinster, his daughter; (3) Thomas Davison of Newcastle, merchant, and Thomas Morton of Lincoln College, Oxford, gent., only son of said Dr. Morton; (4) Ralph Davison of London, merchant, and John Rudd of Durham city, esq. Whereas a marriage is intended by God's permission to be shortly had and solemnized between said Wm. Davison and Dulcibella Morton. And whereas said Dulcibella is entitled to 800*l.*, placed at interest upon several securities taken in her name, and said John Morton covenanted to pay said Dulcibella a further sum of 1,200*l.* within six weeks of her marriage, making 2,000*l.* as her marriage portion, to be laid out in the purchase of freeholds, etc., if said marriage should be effected, to use of said Wm. Davison for life, with limitations after his death for the benefit of said Dulcibella and her issue by said Wm. Davison, and, failing such issue, to use of said Wm. Davison, his heirs and assigns, the said Wm. Davison released to said Thos. Davison and Thos. Morton the lands, etc., at Bishopton, the messuage in Painter Heugh, Newcastle, the lofts and cellars at the foot of the Long Stairs, Newcastle, messuages in Pandon and Cowgate, Newcastle (cellars at the bridge excepted), and all the property above enumerated in Tanfield, to use of said Wm. Davison until the said marriage, and afterwards for his natural life, with power to receive rents and profits, and after his decease to said Dulcibella, with authority to take therefrom an annuity of 170*l.*, free of taxes, etc., for her jointure, in lieu of dower and thirds, with right of distress and entry in default of payment of said annuity. Usual covenants follow. If no issue and Dulcibella survives said Wm. Davison, a further sum of 30*l.* to be paid to her. Power reserved to said William to sell or lease the property at Bishopton and Newcastle, with the approbation of said Dulcibella and said John Morton, or the survivor of them, and after death of such survivor, with consent of said Thos. Morton and Jno. Rudd, the moneys so obtained to be invested upon security at interest, etc. Signatures and seals of Will Davison, John Morton, Dulce Morton, and John Rudd. Witnesses: Tho. Conyers, John Rudd, jun.—10th of August, 1743. A true copy, examined by Geo. Forster.

1742-3. February 28.—Indenture of lease for a year by which Morton Davison of the city of Durham, esq., eldest son and heir of William Davison, late of Beamish, co. Durham, esq., by Dulcibella his late wife, both deceased, for 10s., conveyed to Thomas Henzell of Gray's Inn, London, the messuage, with a cellar and lofts at the foot of the Long Stairs, Newcastle, heretofore in the possession of Richard Ridley, esq., deceased, and now in the tenure of Ralph Carr, merchant, as tenant thereof under said Morton Davison, and also messuages in Pandon and Cowgate, Newcastle, in the respective tenures of Mrs. Brown, John Hopkirk, John Hays, William Ottwood, Magnus Maughan, Jane Kid, and others as Davison's tenants. Witnesses: Geo. Forster and Thos. Dixon.

1742-3. March 1.—Indenture of six parts: (1) Morton Davison, aforesaid; (2) Nathan Wetherall of Swalwell, gent.; (3) Thomas Henzell of Gray's Inn, gent.; (4) Nathaniel Clayton of Newcastle, merchant; (5) John Cook of Newcastle, butcher; (6) John Thompson of Newcastle, master and mariner. By this deed Nathan Wetherall, in the ensuing Easter term, is to sue Thomas Henzell for a common recovery of the property in the Close, the messuages, etc., in Pandon and Cowgate, and certain messuages in the Painter Heugh, occupied by Christopher Justice, Widow Instant, John Brown, Edward Loftus, Henry Singleton, Nicholas Hall, William Carnaby, and others, and then the same are, by this deed, conveyed by Morton Davison as follows:—To Nathaniel Clayton, for 50*l.*, the Close property; to John Cook, for 100*l.*, the houses in Pandon and Cowgate, and to John Thompson, for 86*l.*, the messuages in the Painter Heugh. Receipts for the 50*l.*, 100*l.*, and 86*l.*, signed by Morton Davison, and witnessed by Geo. Forster and Thomas Dixon.

1743. Easter Term.—Exemplification of a recovery in the Common Bench at Westminster. Nathan Wetherell, gent., demandant, Thomas Henzell, tenant, Morton Davison vouchee. Six messuages with appurtenances in Newcastle. The sheriff, William Peareth certifies that on April 25th last past full seisin of the property was delivered to said Nathan Wetherell.—Memorandum that John Thompson holds the original exemplification, and promises to produce the same to said Nathaniel Clayton and John Cook as occasion shall require. Dated September 16, 1743. Signed by John Thompson. Witnesses: Jno. Brown, Thos Dixon.

18TH CENTURY LAWYER'S BILL.*

Nathl. Clayton, Esq. Mr. Cook and Mr. Thompson. Dr.

*A lawyer's bill of 170 odd years ago from Nathaniel Clayton, ancestor of the Claytons of the Chesters, two of whom in succession were town clerks of Newcastle for many years. The bill is notable for its curious contractors 'Dr. D^t and Dra^t' for draft and drafting, Ing^r for ingrossing, etc., not to mention the last word in the document, which is capable of being construed into a charge for profanity.

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1742-3. February.—Dr. long Deed to make a Ten ^t to the p ^r to suffer a Recovery and Dr ^t the several Uses thereof, and also an Absolute Conveyance of severall Mess ^s from Morton Davison, Esq., to Mr. Henzell In Trust for the purchasers. fol. 42	1	1	0
Paid Lawy ^r Grey his fee perusing this Dra ^t	1	1	0
Attend ^s him severall times herein and to have his Thout ^s on Mr. Rudd's opinion in Relation to Mr. D's Settlem ^t	0	6	8
March 1st. Journey to Durham on Mr. ffoster's Letter in order to have this Dra ^t Settled by Mr. Rudd on behalfe of Mr. Davison, and to fix the time of Execution of the Deeds & to look over the old Title Deeds	0	13	4
Horse and Exp ^s	0	4	6
Ingr ^r this Dra ^t , two large Skinns for one purchaser	1	0	0
Dr. and Ingr. Lease p. anno	0	7	6
Parchm ^t and Stamps	0	7	1½
Ingr the same Deed for another purchaser	1	0	0
Dr and Ingr Lease p. anno	0	7	6
Parchm ^t and Stamps	0	7	1½
Ingr ^r the same Deed for another purchaser	1	0	0
Dr and Ingr ^r Lease p. anno	0	7	6
Parchm ^t & Stamps	0	7	1½
March 5. Journey to Durham to attend Mr. Davison, by his appointm ^t , examin ^s & getting all the Deeds Executed & Settling the affairs.	0	13	4
Horse & Exp ^s then	0	6	6
May 16. Journey to Swalwell on Mr. Henzell's Letter to take Mr. Cotherell's Affid ^t of the Value of the Houses in order to have the fines Compounded.	0	6	8
Dr ^t and Ingr ^r affid ^t thereof, Stp & Swearing	0	5	8
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	£10	2	6½