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III.—JOHN BRAND THE HISTORIAN OF NEWCASTLE AND HIS FOSTER-PARENTS.

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'The lines of this truth letter'd grave,
(Where frailty distills the sad tear),
Just judgment and merit shall save,
And mem'ry transmitted, revere.'

In the unmatched series of biographies written by Mr. Welford and published under the title of *Men of Mark 'twixt Tyne and Tweed* there may be found a memoir of John Brand, clerk in holy orders, fellow and secretary of the Society of Antiquaries of London and author of a *History of Newcastle* and other works.¹ That memoir is in every way worthy of the subject, but since it was written, over twenty years ago, additional details have been accumulated, in no wise affecting its accuracy, but thought to be of sufficient interest to lay before the society, as a supplement or appendix. For that purpose those notices have been handed by Mr. Welford to the present writer.

John Brand was born at Washington in the county of Durham on the 19th August, 1744, and was baptized in the parish church there, on the 10th day of the following month, being the son of Alexander Brand the parish clerk.

Of his paternal ancestry absolutely nothing is known. The name of Brand seldom appears in the municipal or other local records, and it is quite possible that Alexander Brand may have been a Scotsman on his road south.² He is described as yeoman

¹ Other memoirs of John Brand may be found in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, vol. LXXVI, p. 881; Mackenzie, *Newcastle*, p. 339; *Dictionary of National Biography*, etc.

² Robert Brand of Sandgate, waterman, had children, baptized in 1703, 1708, and 1711. Cf. *All Saints' Register*.

in the entry in the parish register of All Saints, in which church he married, 3rd December, 1743, Elizabeth Wheatley. He was appointed parish clerk of Washington in succession to Joseph Simpson after the 16th March, 1741/2, and was still occupying that office on the 15th April, 1748, when he married his second wife, Margaret Carr. The parish registers of Washington contain no entry of the baptism of children of the second marriage, or of the burial of Alexander Brand or of his second wife.

A little more is known of the historian's maternal kinsfolk but that little does not amount to much.³ His mother Elizabeth Wheatley, was sister to Anthony Wheatley, a prominent member of the Cordwainers' company, and, it is believed, daughter of John Wheatley of Newcastle, cordwainer, who married 3rd May, 1709, at St. Nicholas's church, Elizabeth, daughter of John Lyon, baker and brewer, whose tombstone, with its abraded inscription, still exists in the grave-yard of St. Nicholas's.⁴

³ In the various parliamentary elections during the eighteenth century the following persons of the name of Wheatley voted as free burgesses of Newcastle :—

1722. As of the Cordwainers' Company, Anthony Wheatley and Richard Wheatley. As of the Joiners' Company, Matthew Wheatley.

1734. As of the Cordwainers' Company, John Wheatley, John Wheatley, jun., Richard Wheatley, and Stephen Wheatley. As of the Joiners' Company, Matthew Wheatley.

1741. As of the Cordwainers' Company, Anthony Wheatley, Richard Wheatley, Robert Wheatley, John Wheatley, and Stephen Wheatley. As of the Joiners' Company, Matthew Wheatley.

1777. As of the Cordwainers' Company, George Wheatley of 'Cadwell,' George Wheatley of Newcastle, Robert Wheatley of Newbiggin, Thomas Wheatley of London, As of the Shipwrights' Company, John Wheatley and Thomas Wheatley, both of Newcastle.

1780. As of the Cordwainers' Company, George Wheatley of 'Cadwell,' George Wheatley of Newcastle, Robert Wheatley of Edinburgh, Thomas Wheatley of Newcastle. As of the Shipwrights' Company, John Wheatley and Thomas Wheatley, both of Newcastle.

⁴ The burial-place of John Lyon, brewer (and) baker (and Elizabeth) his wife.... On the other side of the headstone--The burial place of Anthony Wheatley, shoe-maker, and Ann his wife....

Besides her son John, Elizabeth Brand had no other issue; she was buried at Washington on the 8th February, 1745/6. On, or after, her death the care of her infant was assumed by the childless wife of her brother Anthony Wheatley, who, ultimately was permitted to adopt the boy. The maiden name of this good woman, to whom her adopted son, after he had made a name for himself, always professed and evinced gratitude and filial care, has not been ascertained. If the identification be accepted, Anthony Wheatley was baptized at St. Nicholas's on the 7th December, 1719, as son of John Wheatley and Elizabeth his wife, his sponsors being Henry Langlands, William Turner, and Ann Brown. He was not admitted free of the Cordwainers' company until 1749, when he was thirty years of age. The delay may possibly have been due to his having gone to London to improve himself in his trade, for in the collections of our fellow member, Dr. Hardcastle, there is a very rare, if not unique, trade-card of Chippendale design, with the announcement that: 'Anthony Wheatly Shoe-Maker from London at the Sign of the Shoe & Crown the foot of Westgate Stret NEWCASTLE Makes all Sorte of Ladys Rich Trim'd Shoes Satten Breeded or Plain Slippers and Cloggs in the Neatest and Newest Fashions.' Someone has written in the corner of the card '1765,' but it is probably of an earlier date. In any case, Anthony Wheatley was fully established in business before 1752, when he served as one of the wardens of the Cordwainers' company. Three years later he was appointed sole executor of the will of John Spoor of Newcastle, yeoman; in 1758 he took his nephew and adopted son as an apprentice; in 1762 and 1771 he was a witness to marriages at St. Nicholas's, and in 1765 he was again a warden of his company. His other occupation is only known from the announcement of his death in the *Newcastle Courant* of 23rd July, 1774, where it is stated that there died on 'Sunday, Mr. Anthony Wheatley, an eminent woman's shoemaker, and

manager of the Fire Engines⁵ in this town.' He was buried in the grave-yard of St. Nicholas's, near his maternal grandfather, John Lyon, on the 18th July, as 'Anthony Wheatley, cordwainer.'

The same issue of the *Newcastle Courant*, which announced the death, has an advertisement of his widow's intention to carry on the business. It runs as follows:—

Ann Wheatley, widow of Anthony Wheatley, cordwainer, foot of Westgate Street, Newcastle, returns her most sincere thanks to the customers of her late husband for the honour and favour of all past commands, desires to inform them, and the public, that she purposes, with the assistance of a foreman, to carry on the business of making ladies' shoes as usual, after the newest and most elegant fashions, and humbly hopes for the continuance of their orders.

This was evidently a temporary arrangement, for Mrs. Wheatley's name does not appear in the list of shoemakers, or indeed in any capacity, in the first *Newcastle Directory*, dated 1778, before which year the tenancy of the premises was probably assumed by her adopted son, whose name appears in the same directory amongst 'Clergymen' as 'Rev. Mr. Brand, Westgate Street f(oot).'

In the original letters written by Brand to Ralph Beilby, remaining in the possession of the society, there is evidence of his affection to and care of Mrs. Wheatley:—

Northumberland House, Feb. 7th, 1784.

Pray tell me what is doing at Newcastle, and send me an account of what money I owe you. How does my aunt go on in her solitude at the Spital?

Northumberland House, March 7th, 1784.

You have my warmest thanks for the notice you are so good as to take of my poor aunt, to whom this promotion of mine must have been a very severe trial. I know nothing of Mr. Manners's⁶ schemes, if my

⁵ The Corporation and the Trinity House purchased the fire engine circa 1750. Cf. Mackenzie, *Newcastle*, p. 723.

⁶ For Moses Manners's biography see Mackenzie, p. 362, *Tim Tunbelly*, p. 138, *Table Book*, V, p. 353. His only son, George Frederick Manners, formerly a solicitor in Newcastle, died in Newcastle workhouse, Dec. 9th, 1841, aged 51. *Forster's Obits*,

aunt chuse that he should be with her, she has my consent, but I assure you I wish her to do nothing but what is perfectly agreeable to herself. It is my duty, and I will do everything in my power to contribute to her happiness.

Northumberland House, April 5th, 1784.

While I was usher of Newcastle school I refused several advantageous offers of bo(a)rders, and I had not the smallest wish that my aunt should do now what we saw no necessity for troubling ourselves with before. But my idea was that she might, if she chose, accommodate Mr. Manners till she could change her house with perfect convenience to herself, and without the fear of throwing my papers, etc., into confusion. The airs of consequence that have been given are, I assure you of no consequence in my eyes, nor has the account of their behaviour given me any farther uneasiness than as it may have added to the affliction of my friends. If Mr. Moises does not interfere and adjust matters between them, as it is extremely improbable that I can be permitted to see Newcastle on a sudden, it will add much to the obligations you have already conferred upon me, if you will consult with Mrs. Wheatley and assist her in taking some other habitation in some part of the town where there is good air, and where she can divert herself by seeing what is going on, but it must have either a courtyard or little garden or cellar to hold my Roman monuments. You cannot think how happy I should be if I had her but settled, so that she may spend the evening of her life in quiet and peace. It will be truly kind in you to comfort her in my name, and to become as much as you can, without inconvenience to your own affairs, her protector, in the absence of one, who will never be ashamed to own, that he owes her very great obligations, and who finds himself disposed to make her every return in his power. Pray ask her whether or no she would chuse to have a companion to live with her constantly, besides her servant, as I would by no means grudge the expense of keeping a proper person in that situation to be company for her.

Northumberland House, July 10, 1784.

I am now setting out to accompany his Grace on a tour to the west of England, for the sake of his health, which is not yet perfectly re-established. Do, my dear friend, protect my aunt at the approaching hour of trial to her, for nothing is so severe a one to her as a removal. . . . I repeat my request to you to assist my friend at her removal; your presence, I am certain, will much alleviate both her real troubles and her fancied distress.

Werrington, near Launceston, Cornwall, Aug. 28, 1784.

I received the favour of yours of the 14th inst., and think myself extremely obliged to you for the trouble you have been so good as to have been at in assisting Mrs. Wheatley to remove, and for the great care you have taken of my property on that occasion. I am glad to hear that everything is settled with Manners, and that my Roman inscriptions have been carefully

removed. Please to present my thanks to Mr. Punshon and Mr. Newton for the good offices they did us, when you see them. I am sorry that any mistake of mine occasioned my aunt any uneasiness. She has weak nerves, poor woman, and is, indeed, sometimes disposed to torment herself without any reason. She might live as happily as any person in the world, if she would but be less anxious, and cast the burthen of her cares upon me.

P.S.—Please to apologise for me to my aunt for not sending her down more money. The sums it has cost me to take possession of my living, the first-fruits, etc., etc., etc., were enough to beggar all at once a poor curate, who never so much as dreamed, much less was provided for, so sudden a promotion. I have now got over all these difficulties, and at my next payments she shall have more than enough.

Northumberland House, Jan. 23, 1785.

I am sorry my good aunt has had no remittance concerning Cramlington. Do but assist her with your advice, etc., till I get down. I am happy to hear she is pretty well, and think myself very much obliged to you for your kind attention to her. Have the goodness to fold her up a few sheets of paper into the forms of letters, and address them to me at this house, as her hand is not the best in the world; she can then fill me up an epistle at her leisure without any danger of miscarrying.

P.S.—Pray tell my aunt that in about a fortnight's time I shall write to her.

Northumberland House, Jany. 11, 1787.

It is a great satisfaction to me that Mrs. Wheatley is so hearty and well as you represent her to be. I am sure she has every reason on my part to make herself easy and happy.

Northumberland House, March 26, 1789.

I would have returned my best thanks to Mrs. Beilby and you immediately for your truly kind attention to poor Mrs. Wheatley in her affliction. I have often cautioned my aunt against going out, even to church, in very inclement weather, as it is certainly very improper at her time of life. As her disorder has taken the turn you mention I shall hope that she will soon recover, though in all probability her leg will confine her to the house for some time. I shall consider myself under great obligations to your spouse and you if you will be so good as to call upon her as often as you conveniently can, being certain that such attention will be a great comfort to her.

And now let us turn to the historian himself.

As his history has been so fully set out in *Men of Mark* and elsewhere, a brief recapitulation only need be given here.

After receiving a good grounding at the grammar school under that heaven-born schoolmaster, Hugh Moises, Brand was formally apprenticed in 1758, he being then fourteen years of age, to his uncle and foster-father Anthony Wheatley, and in 1769 he was admitted to the freedom of the Cordwainers' company.⁷ The thoughtful cast of character of shoemakers has been so often remarked, that it is not surprising that Brand, in 1765, being then about twenty-one years of age, committed to the press, in a thin octavo volume of twenty pages, a number of poems, from one of which the couplet which heads this paper has been culled. The publication of that volume was probably encouraged by his old schoolmaster, Moises, who may have made use of it to procure for his former pupil one of bishop Crewe's exhibitions, tenable by natives of the diocese of Durham, at Lincoln college, Oxford. He was accordingly entered at Lincoln and matriculated on the 10th October, 1768. The exhibition of 30*l.* per annum was augmented by benefactors with whom Mr. Moises had made interest. Their names are only remembered where they themselves would have them written.

At the expiration of his three years' course, and before taking his degree, Brand was ordained by bishop Egerton on a title given him by the Rev. Nathaniel Ellison, vicar of Bolam. After serving the curacy of Bolam for two years he was appointed, in June, 1773, sub-curate of St. Andrew's, Newcastle, the lecture-ship of which church was held by Ellison in plurality with Bolam.

On 6th October, 1774, he was presented by Mr. Matthew Ridley⁸ to the perpetual curacy of Cramlington, but continued to reside in Newcastle. Taking his bachelor's degree in 1775, he published in that year another volume of poems, to be followed, in 1777, by a new edition, with large additions, of

⁷ The Rev. John Brand of Newcastle voted at the Newcastle election in 1780 as a cordwainer. *Cf.* Poll-book.

⁸ *Gentleman's Magazine*, vol. LXXVI, p. 881.

Bourne's *Antiquities of the Common People*.⁹ At Midsummer, 1778, he was appointed by the mayor and common council to be under usher of the grammar school, and on the 20th September, 1781, was promoted to be usher.¹⁰

His attainments having procured him the notice of Hugh, first duke of Northumberland, he was by his influence elected in 1777 a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London (becoming resident secretary seven years later), was presented by the duke in 1784 to the united rectories of St. Mary-at-Hill and St. Andrew Hubbard, in the city of London, and subsequently appointed his domestic chaplain, librarian, and secretary. He thereupon resigned the ushership of the grammar school, but, after the easy-going ecclesiastical fashion—not peculiar to the eighteenth century—retained to the end of his life the benefice of Cramlington, employing for some years Mr. J. Falcon of Gateshead as his sub-curate at a salary of 20*l.* per annum.

Brand's residence in London, the secretaryship of the Society of Antiquaries, and the appointments given him by the first duke of Northumberland and renewed by his successor, with an assured income, more than ample for his modest wants, afforded him opportunities, which he was not slow to grasp, to collect an extensive and valuable library. His old friend, Ralph Beilby, the master and afterwards partner of Thomas Bewick, designed and engraved for him a very pretty bookplate which shows the spire of St. Nicholas's in the distance,¹¹ but does not display the

⁹ In 1911 the Folk Lore Society appointed a small committee, designated the Brand Committee, 'to undertake a new edition of the Calendar volume of Brand's *Popular Antiquities*, to be under the general editorship of Mr. H. B. Wheatley, F.S.A., and 'to collect British Folk Lore connected with dates, seasons, commemorations, saints' days, hours of good and evil omen, and any traditional usages grouped about festivals.'

¹⁰ Cf. Brand, *Newcastle*, vol. I, p. 99.

¹¹ Dr. Hardcastle has examples of three different bookplates, viz. :—(1) John Brand, Lincoln College Com. and Exhib. Newcastle-upon-Tyne 1769, crest, Chippen-dale design; (2) J. Brand A.B. Coll. Linc. Oxon. (R.B.) pictorial, with spire of St. Nicholas's in distance; (3) J. Brand A.M., F.S.A. Coll. Linc. Oxon. (same plate altered).

arms, *azure two swords in saltire (argent) hilted in base within a bordure engrailed or pellettée*; crest, *on a wreath a leopard's head with the motto Quid stemmata faciunt*, which, with doubtful propriety, he caused to be engraved by James Fittler on the plate of Westgate in his *History of Newcastle*, vol. I, p. 11.

This history, the work by which Brand's name is chiefly remembered, was published in London in 1789.¹² There are suggestions in his letters that the work was financed by Dr. J. Fenwick, of Newcastle.

Brand died on the 11th September, 1806, and was buried within the communion rails of his church of St. Mary-at-Hill, where there is an inscription to his memory.

There are five known portraits¹³ of Brand, viz. :—

- (1) A very small silhouette in the vignette prefixed to vol. I of his *History of Newcastle*.
- (2) A larger silhouette, sometimes found in the *Bibliotheca Brandiana*, or catalogue of his book-sale.
- (3) A lithograph which appears in Mitchell's *Newcastle Magazine*, vol. III (1824).

¹² The history was favourably reviewed in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, vol. LIX, p. 533.

¹³ Other relics of John Brand and Ann Wheatley : Mr. Welford has by the bequest of William Armstrong, master printer of the *Newcastle Chronicle*, who died 1 September, 1884, a mourning ring with the following note : 'Oct. 2, 1877. Received from Mrs. Hudson, Alnwick, the gift of a gold ring. Mrs. Hudson was the niece of Mary Sharp who lived in the service of Mr. Brand's aunt, Mrs. Wheatley. Mrs. Wheatley bequeathed all her furniture and effects to her maid. When Mary Sharp died the property, including the ring, came to Mrs. Hudson. Mrs. Hudson being acquainted with the Darlings removed Mr. Brand's hair from the ring and replaced it by the hair of Grace Darling and her father, William Darling. Mrs. Hudson died June 2, 1878, aged 61 years. Mary Jane, only child of Edward and Ann Hudson, and last survivor of that family died 16 September, 1880, aged 24.' Mr. William Armstrong also possessed Brand's writing desk. A silver tripod sauce boat and a pair of tripod salt cellars, bearing the London date mark 1760, with the letters A. W., formerly belonging to Ann Wheatley and possibly to her husband Anthony Wheatley. They are now in the possession of the present writer.

- (4) A miniature, late the property of Mr. J. C. Brooks, the donor of the notable collection of autographs and portraits to the society, and now in the possession of his niece, our fellow member, Mrs. Graham. This portrait has been reproduced in *Men of Mark*, vol. 1, p. 362.
- (5) The portrait by Coram, as the frontispiece to this volume, which after many years search, Mr. Welford purchased in July, 1916, of Suckling & Co., London. It is exceedingly rare.

Never having married, Brand made his will as follows:—

In the Name of God, Amen. I, John Brand, A.M., Rector of the United Parishes of St. Mary at Hill and St. Andrew Hubbard, in the City of London, being of sound and perfect mind and memory and understanding, do hereby make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say): I give, devise and bequeath unto my dear Aunt, Ann Wheatley, of the town and county of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Widow, all my collection of books, English portraits, prints, ancient coins, household furniture, cloaths, linen (whereof the greater part is at present at Northumberland House, in the City of Westminster), and all the residue of my personal or real effects, after payment of my just debts and funeral expenses. And I do hereby appoint the said Ann Wheatley executor of this my Will, revoking all Wills by me at any time heretofore made, and do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have written this with my own hand, and signed it with my own name, and sealed it with my own seal, this fourteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety. John Brand L.S.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by me, the said testator, as and for my last Will and Testament, in the presence of the underwritten, who at my request have hereunto subscribed their names as witnesses:

Ann Sharp.

Mary Sharp.

This will was proved at London the 11th day of November, in the year of our Lord, 1806, before the Right Honourable Sir William Wynne, Knight, Doctor of Laws, Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted, by the Oath of Ann Wheatley, Widow, the sole executrix named in the Will, to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, she having been first sworn by Commission duly to administer.

Proved at London the 23rd day of February, 1809, before the Judge, by

the Oath of Ann Wheatley, widow, the sole executrix, to whom Administration was granted, being first sworn by Commission duly to administer; a Probate of the said Will granted to the said Executrix in the month of November, 1806, under the sum of £800, having been first voluntarily brought in and declared null and void.

After proving her nephew's will, Mrs. Wheatley, as sole legatee and executrix, placed the disposal of his library in the hands of Mr. William Stewart, a London auctioneer of repute. The sale of the principal portion, comprising 8611 lots of printed books and 243 lots of MSS., took place at no. 194 Piccadilly, and occupied thirty-six days, beginning May 6th, and ending June 20th, 1807. The second portion, comprising collections of pamphlets, and duplicates of books sold at the first sale, was sold on the 8th February, 1808, and following days. The whole is stated to have realized 17000*l*. The sale of Brand's collection of engraved portraits and other prints was entrusted to Mr. Richardson, of no. 31 Strand, who offered by auction the first portion comprising 881 lots on the 9th June, 1807, and the six following days; and the remainder comprising 547 lots on the 5th April, 1808, and the three following evenings. The collection comprised over fifty facsimile drawings, made by Brand himself, of portraits which he had borrowed for the purpose but had been unable to acquire.¹⁴ The realization of so large a sum required the surrender of the first probate in which the testator's estate had been sworn at 800*l*., and, in lieu thereof, the executrix, on the 23rd February, 1809, obtained a new probate, as recorded above.

To Mrs. Wheatley, who at her nephew's death was 86 years of age, and very infirm, the succession to so large a fortune must have been little more than a worry and trouble. Her income hitherto had not exceeded 100*l*. allowed her by her nephew, which from an entry in Brand's pocket-book for 1799 represented about a fourth of his income. In making her will she mentioned no relatives of her own, nor did she remember Mr. Ralph Beilby or

¹⁴ Cf. Catalogues in the possession of Dr. Hardcastle.

Mr. Nathaniel Punshon, who had been mediums of communication between her nephew and her, but after making some bequests she divided her real and personal estate between Mary Sharp,¹⁵ who had previously been Brand's woman servant, and Matthew Wheatley, of Newcastle, evidently a kinsman of her late husband. Having settled her worldly affairs she died at her house in Hanover Square, where she had resided since the year 1784, on February 28th, 1809, aged 89, and two days later she was laid beside the husband of her youth in St. Nicholas's churchyard.¹⁶

The following is an abstract of her will:—

26 October, 1808. Will of Ann Wheatley, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, widow. I bequeath to my maid servant Mary Sharp, if she shall be living with me at the time of my death, all my household goods and furniture, beds, books, pictures, plate, linen, china, trinkets, my wearing apparel and everything there shall be in my dwelling house at the time of my death. I also give her £1000. I bequeath to Matthew Wheatley of the Shieldfield, without the Walls but within the Liberties of Newcastle, my messuage or dwelling house, opposite the north side of St. Nicholas's church, adjoining a certain public house there known as the Dog and Duck.¹⁷ In case the said messuage shall be sold by me during my lifetime, I give him the purchase money that shall be received for the same. To my maid servant Alice Sharp, if she shall be living with me at the time of my decease, 600*l*. My said maid servants, with Grace Hall and Ann Hughes, to attend my remains to the grave, and I give to each of them a black silk hood, gloves, and ribbons, with 20*l*. to be equally divided amongst them. To the clergyman and clerk attending my funeral a scarf and gloves. To Elizabeth Cookson and Emma Dona Cookson, daughters of Isaac Cookson the elder, of Newcastle, esquire, in lieu of several

¹⁵ Miss Mary Sharp, the legatee and one of the executors of Ann Wheatley, resided at 36 Cumberland Row from before 1827 down to 1851, soon after which she removed to Alnwick where she died 8 Nov. 1862, aged 90, unmarried, and was buried in Alnwick cemetery.

¹⁶ In the entry of her burial in St. Nicholas's register she is called *Jane*, but the matter is put beyond doubt by the announcement in the *Newcastle Courant* of 4 March, 1809: 'Feb. 27 (died) in Hanover Square, Newcastle, aged 89, Mrs. Ann Wheatley, widow of the late Mr. Anthony Wheatley, cordwainer.'

¹⁷ The Dog and Duck public house was at the bottom of the Flesh market, now Cloth market. It appears in the *Directory* of 1795. It is a noticeable fact that the old Cordwainers' hall stood close by until 1794 when the company built a new one in the High bridge. Cf. Mackenzie, *Newcastle*, p. 175.

shells I formerly promised them, I give two guineas each to purchase a mourning ring. I give the residue of my estate, as well real as personal, to the said Matthew Wheatley and Mary Sharp as tenants in common and not as joint tenants. They executors. Witnesses: Hugh Shield, Ann Surtees, Thomas Randall.

Proved at Durham 16 March, 1809, by Matthew Wheatley and Mary Sharp, spinster, the executors named in the will.

Proved at London 23 March, 1809, by the abovesaid executors, they having been first sworn by commission.

Mrs. Wheatley's other executor and legatee may perhaps be identified with the Matthew Wheatley whose name appears in the *Newcastle Directory* of 1801 as secretary to the Commissioners of the Commercial Income Tax. The directories of 1824 and 1827 give the names of Matthew Wheatley & Co., iron merchants and manufacturers, Cowgate, and M. Wheatley, land agent and surveyor, Broad chare. Those of 1833 and 1838 have Matthew Wheatley & Co., iron merchants and manufacturers, head of Broad chare, and Matthew Wheatley, land agent and surveyor, 21 Broad chare, with a residence at 9 Shieldfield. Matthew Wheatley, the elder, died at his house in the Shieldfield on the 13th November, 1843, aged 77. By his first wife, who died in 1817, he had issue an only son and a daughter. The son, also called Matthew, educated at Trinity college, Cambridge, succeeded to his father's business as an iron merchant in the Stockbridge with a forge in Sandgate. Being elected a member of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle, in 1852, he filled the office of treasurer from 1859 to his death, at the age of 61, 30th July, 1862.¹⁸ His sister Jane Wheatley was married at All Saints' church, in June, 1834, to William Hedley Anderson, of Quebec, by whom she had issue. Matthew Wheatley, the father, married, secondly, 25th July, 1819, at Richmond, Yorkshire,

¹⁸ In Gosforth church yard there is a tombstone with the following inscription :—
' Beneath this stone are deposited the bodies of Martha and Matthew Wheatley of Newcastle. Martha Wheatley died November 16th, 1817, aged 46 years. Matthew Wheatley died November 13th, 1843, aged 77 years. Also in memory of Matthew Wheatley, only son of the above, who departed this life July 30th, 1862, aged 61 years.'

Ann, widow of James Moffat, of Gateshead, iron founder, and by her had issue a daughter, Ann Wheatley, who died in 1842, aged 21.¹⁹

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The History and Antiquities of the Town and County of the Town of Newcastle upon Tyne, including an Account of the Coal Trade of that place and embellished with Engraved Views of the Publick Buildings, etc. By John

¹⁹ M.I. Gateshead church yard.

²⁰ There was another and contemporary John Brand, of Caius College, Cambridge, also a clergyman, who died in 1808 as rector of St. George's, Southwark. His printed works are sometimes erroneously ascribed to the historian.

Brand, M.A., Fellow and Secretary of the Society of Antiquaries, London. *Urbs antiqua . . . dives opum, studiisque asperrima belli*. VIRG. Index p. 4. Plates. London. Printed for B White & Son, Booksellers, Horace's Head, Fleet Street, and T. & I. Egerton, Whitehall, A.D. MDCCCLXXXIX. 4to. Vol. I, Dedication, Preface, List of Subscribers, etc., pp. xvi+676. Index. 4 Plates. Vol. II, pp. 723+Addenda and Index, Plates, etc.

Letters of the Rev. John Brand, A.M., Fellow and Secretary of the Society of Antiquaries, London, to Mr. Ralph Beilby, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Newcastle. Printed by T. & J. Hodgson, Union Street, for Emerson Charnley, MDCCCXXV. Dedication. Advertisement, pp. 34.

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Vol. VIII, pp. 326-328.—Explanation of the Inscriptions on a Roman Altar and Tablet found at Tinmouth Castle, A.D. 1783. Plate.

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pp. 53-58.—List of the Navy of James the First.

pp. 271-290.—'An Inventory and Appraisement of the Plate in the Lower Jewel House of the Tower, Anno 1649.'

Vol. XVI, pp. 32-79.—'Roll of the Expenses of King Edward the First, at Rhuddlan Castle, in Wales.'

Besides the above there remain in MS. :—

(1) A volume of original letters of John Brand addressed to Ralph Beilby, and printed, with omissions, in the above-named volume. The letters were presented to the society in 1824 by Mrs. Beilby.

(2) Letters addressed to Brand by various correspondents, drafts of Brand's replies, etc., receipts, etc., three volumes with Brand's pocket-book for 1799, purchased by the society, 24 June, 1885, from Mr. J. R. Boyle, who stated he had purchased them at the sale of Mr. Crossley, sometime president of the Chetham Society.

(3) Collections of original letters of John Brand addressed to Dr. Maton, G. Chalmers, Rev. R. Yates, J. Latham, Lord Hardwick, etc.

Brit. Mus. Add. MSS. 23,668, f. 23; 22,838, ff. 61, 77, 82, 86; 22,901, ff. 51, 135; 26,776, ff. 103, 105; 35,643, f. 185; *Eg.* 2,372 f. 181; 2,374, ff. 283, 285.

CONJECTURAL PEDIGREE OF WHEATLEY AND BRAND.

ROBERT WHEATLEY of Middle Street, Newcastle, cordwainer (c) ; = Elizabeth Hedley ; mar. 4 May, 1682 (c) ; bur. 20 Mar. 1727/8 (c) (d).

bur. 4 Dec. 1745 (c) (d).

<p>John Wheatley of Newcastle, cordwainer; bap. 20 Feb., 1682/3 (c); adm. free. of Cordwainers' Company 1704; warden, 1729 (g); voted at Newcastle parliamentary election in 1734 (h); bur. 26 Jan., 1735/6 (c).</p>	<p>Elizabeth, dau. of John Lyon of Newcastle, baker and brewer, by Elizabeth his wife (b); mar. 3 May, 1709 (a); died a widow; bur. 31 Jan., 1747/8 (a).</p>	<p>Anthony Wheatley of Denton Chare, Newcastle, cordwainer; bap. 10 Oct., 1686 (c); adm. free. of Cordwainers' Co., 1708 (g); [bur. 23 Feb., 1723/4 (c).]</p>	<p>= Margaret Yelowby; mar. 20 Nov., 1711 (a).</p>	<p>Robert = [Margaret Moody; m. 18 Sept., 1731 (f).]</p>
		<p>Joshua; bap. 10 Feb., 1712/3 (a); bur. 9 June, 1713 (a). Robert; bap. 26 May, 1714 (a). Anthony; buried 6 Nov., 1719 (c).</p>	<p>John; buried 29 October, 1722 (c). Elizabeth; bap. 12 Feb., 1715/6 (a); bur. 14 Feb., 1715/6 (a). Mary; buried 25 Nov., 1722 (c).</p>	

<p>John Wheatley; bap. 24 March, 1709/10; sp. Robt. Barker, Ralph Errington, Mary Wheatley (a); voted at Newcastle parliamentary election in 1734 (h); [bur. 12 Sept. 1770 (a)].</p>	<p>Robert Wheatley; bap. 27 July, 1713; sp. Robt. Wheatley, Edw. Mather, Margaret Wheatley (a).</p>	<p>Francis Wheatley; bap. 29 Oct., 1717; sp. Francis Liddell, Andrew Swaddell, Mary Wheatley (a); bur. 3 Feb., 1718/9 (a).</p>	<p>Anthony Wheatley = Ann; of Newcastle, cordwainer; bap. 7 Dec., 1719; sp. Henry Langlands, Wm. Turner, Ann Brown (a); adm. free. of Cordwainers' Co., 1749 (g); warden, 1752 and 1765 (g); bur. 18 July, 1774 (a).</p>	<p>Elizabeth = Alexander Brand; baptizd 30 May, 1715; sp. Henry Langlands, Ann Bailes, Eliz. Wheatley (a); mar. at All Saints, 3 Dec. 1743 (e) (f); bur. 8 Feb. 1745/6 (f).</p>	<p>[Ann; bap. 31 March, 1712; sp. Anthony Wheatley, Jane Langlands, Elizabeth Walker (a); bur. 30 Dec. 1712 (a).] Margaret; bap. 18 June 1722; sponsors Thomas Mather, Ann Hallowell, Margaret Hall (a). Sarah; bap. 11 April, 1726; sp. Mat. Wheatley, Sarah Wheatley, Mary Wheatley (a).</p>
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JOHN BRAND, clerk in orders, rector of St. Mary at Hill and St. Andrew Hubbard; born at Washington, 19 Aug., bap. 10 Sept, 1744 (f); apprenticed 1758 to his uncle and foster-father Anthony Wheatley; adm. free. of Cordwainers' Company, 1769; of Lincoln Coll., Oxford; matric. 10 Oct., 1768; B.A. 1775 and M.A.; fellow and secretary of Society of Antiquaries of London; domestic chaplain and librarian of duke of Northumberland; author of history of Newcastle; died 11. Sept., 1806; bur. in chancel of St. Mary at Hill; will dated 14 March, 1790; pr. London, Nov. 1806, and again 23 Feb., 1809.

Matthew Wheatley of Newcastle, joiner; apprenticed 10 Feb., 1713/4, as son of Robert Wheatley, shoe maker, to George Young of Newcastle, joiner, for the term of seven years with the premium of £7; voted as of the Joiners' Co. at Newcastle parliamentary elections in 1722, 1734 and 1741 (h); [bap. 31 Jan., 1698/9 (a);] bur. 13 Nov., 1751 (a).

Catherine [D e n t; mar. 6 August, 1724(e)]; bur. 15 August, 1738 (a).

Ann; bap. 29 Dec., 1684 (c); bur. 4 Dec., 1685(c). Mary; bp. 2 May, 1689(c). Elizabeth; bap. 6 Feb., 1693/4 (c); bur. 16 March, 1695/6 (c). Jane; bur. 8 Dec., 1701 (c). And others.

Matthew Wheatley [of = ... Newcastle]; bap. 19 April, 1731; sp. Mark Browell, Jacob Johnson, Sarah Midford (a).

Richard; bap. 5 Mar. 1732/3 (a); bur. 10 Mar. 1732/3 (a). John; bap. 19 July, 1734 (a); bur. 29 Oct., 1735 (a). George; bap. 29 July, 1736 (a). Ann; bap. 20 Aug., 1725 (a). Jane; bap. 28 Aug., 1727 (a); bur. 6 May, 1728 (c). Elizabeth; bap. 7 April, 1729 (a); bur. 29 July, 1743 (a).

M a r t h a; died 16 Nov., 1817, aged 46; bur. Gosforth.

Matthew Wheatley of Shieldfield and Stock-bridge, Newcastle, iron merchant; an executor and devisee of Mrs. Ann Wheatley; voted at Newcastle parliamentary elections in 1832 and 1835; died 13 Nov., 1843, aged 77; bur. Gosforth; will dated 8 Oct., 1827; pr. at Durham, 6 Dec., 1843; personal estate sworn under £30,000.

Ann, widow of James Moffat, of Newcastle, iron founder; mar. at Richmond, Yorkshire, 25 July, 1819; d. 2 Feb., 1846, aged 74; bur. with her first husband in Gateshead Churchyard.

Ann; died 5 Feb., 1842, aged 21; bur. in Gateshead Churchyard.

George Wheatley with George Wheatley, jun., was appointed executor of Matthew Wheatley's will, 8 Oct., 1827.

Matthew Wheatley of Trinity Coll., Camb., and of Newcastle, iron merchant; only son; voted at Newcastle parliamentary elections in 1832, 1835, and 1847; sometime Treasurer of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle; died unmarried 30 July, 1862, aged 61; buried at Gosforth.

Jane, to whom her father gave £5,000; mar. ... June, 1834, at All Saints, William Hedley Anderson of Quebec.

- (a) St. Nicholas Register, Newcastle.
- (b) M.I. St. Nicholas.
- (c) St. John Register, Newcastle.

- (d) M.I. St. John.
- (e) All Saints Register, Newcastle.
- (f) Washington Register.

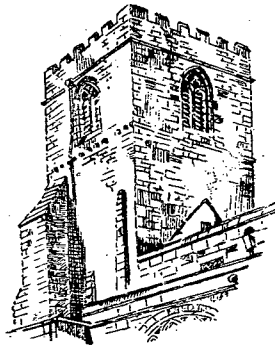
- (g) Books of Cordwainers' Company.
- (h) Newcastle Poll-books.

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XI.—REV. JOHN BRAND (See pages 107-123.)

To *Notes and Queries*, 6th ser. vol. I, p. 93 (31 Jan., 1880) Mr. J. Fuller Russell, F.S.A., of 4 Ormonde Terrace, Regent's Park, contributed some notes, made in 1833, of the 'table talk' of William Hone of the *Every Day, Table, and Year Books*, including the following:—

He [Hone] remembered Brand, the antiquary, well. "He was a tall, robust, Johnsonian sort of a man without Johnson's stoop. He loved his bottle of port and dessert, to loll over his wine with some noble friend, turn over his illustrated Pennant, and recall interesting anecdotes of the characters of past times. Sunday was his working-day, and he used to say on Saturday, 'Oh! I have to preach tomorrow.' Monday was his foraging day, when he used to arrive at his favourite haunts (Paternoster Row, etc.) by eight o'clock, enter a book-seller's shop, attired in his capacious coat, similar"—I quote Mr. Hone's exact words "to what the bishops used to wear. God knows what they wear now! I hear they have left off their wigs. *That* was a blunder. Ah! they *will* fall. They should know how these little ceremonies, dress, etc., tend to preserve respect." Mr. Brand, he continued, "would throw down his clerical rosetted hat on the counter, and take up a book marked, perhaps, two shillings, cheapen it to sixpence, and at the end of the day go home to his sleeping-place, by the old church of St. Mary-at-Hill, with a folio in each coat pocket, books in his breast pockets, and tracts innumerable; and thus by buying books cheap and selling them again he gained four or five pounds a week profit. He was a good old fellow; and a sound Churchman of those days. He said the Church was a good thing, and ought to be supported."



TOWER OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.