

XIV.—DEEDS OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

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The ancient deeds formerly in the vestry of Saint Andrew's church have been missing for many years. Copies of twenty three of these deeds, and of one pre-reformation will, are bound up in vol. x of Brand's MSS. in the Newcastle Public Library, and these copies are apparently part of Dr. Ellison's manuscripts which were placed at the disposal of Mr. Brand by Ellison's grandson, the Rev. Nathaniel Ellison (Brand's *History*, vol. I, preface, p. viii). Some time ago Dr. Craster drew the writer's attention to seven deeds relating to Newcastle in a bound volume of deeds in the Bodleian library marked 'Northumberland Charters' in which they are numbered 'A.I. No. 6' to 'A.I. No. 12.' On inspection these were found to be seven of the St. Andrew's original deeds. All of them are copied in Dr. Ellison's MS., but they serve to amplify and to correct Ellison's somewhat imperfect transcripts.

Bourne mentions the old writings in St. Andrew's vestry but only refers in detail to one of the deeds, no. 7 (see Bourne, *History of Newcastle*, pp. 41, 43). Brand states that he saw deed no. 2 (*History* I, p. 179). At what date the deeds disappeared is not known.

The following calendar has been prepared after a collation of the copies in Brand's MS. with copies of the original deeds at Oxford.

- I. 1240-50. Sale and quitclaim by Alan son of Roscelan to Roger de Denton (altered incorrectly, in the copy, to *Benton*) of land next the vennel leading to Pilgrim Street, to hold of the church of S. Andrew as

the grantor held, rendering yearly 5s. for the maintenance of the altar of the church of S. Andrew. Witnesses, 'dominus' Peter Scot, 'magister' William, John de Pampden, Adam 'clericus,' Stephen de Lindsey, Robert Freer, William Lesmay . . . Walter . . . Gilbert son of Nicholas, John son of . . . , John de Goseford, Nicholas de Mertingley, John de Killingworth, William Martin, Henry 'clericus' (Brand's MS. no. 1).

The date of this deed cannot be fixed within narrow limits. It was probably executed between 1240 and 1250. Of the grantor nothing is known. The land dealt with is later described as being in Brether Chare (*i.e.* Friar Minor Chare, now High Friar Street) and towards the end of the 14th century it apparently belonged to Bartram Monboucher. Of the witnesses, Peter Scot was probably mayor at the time, Master William was a son of Henry the dean of South Northumberland, and owned land in Pilgrim Street, John de Pampden was at one time a bailiff of the town, and owned land in Market Street. He married Sibil daughter of Thomas de Karliolo. Adam the clerk was an officer of the town, probably clerk of the town's court. He owned land in Milburn and Stickley. One of his daughters (Emma) was a nun, and another (Dionisia) married Bartholomew the clerk who was Adam's successor in office. Stephen de Lindsay was also a bailiff and a neighbour of Roger de Denton in the Market Street (now Newgate Street). John de Goseford was a landowner in the town. He was later outlawed for felony and abjured the realm. John de Killingworth occurs in 1246 as the purchaser of land in Newcastle from Richard Scot and Ivetta his wife.

2. 29 September 1281. Demise by Agnes widow of Henry Scandener and David and William her sons to James Cam(ber), for a term of twelve years, of two messuages and a croft in Horsmarketgate between land of the abbot of Newminster and land which belonged to William son of Hugh, in consideration of a sum of money which James paid to them 'pre manibus' in their need; rendering yearly to the king 3d. at the usual terms and to the church of S. Andrew 12d., half at Martinmas and half at Pentecost, and to Agnes David and William and their heirs a rose at the feast of S. John the Baptist
(*Northumberland Charters* no. 6; Brand's MS. no. 11; *History*, I, pp. 178, 179).

This deed seems to relate to land near to that dealt with in no. 1.

The land of the abbot of Newminster was probably the land 'in foro' granted by William de Hexham (*Newminster Chartulary*, p. 238), and leased to Robert and Stephen de Lindsey between 1216 and 1227 (*Ib.* p. 239).

3. 1303 or 1304. Grant by Robert Brand of Newcastle and Emma his wife to 'dominus' Robert de Gosford, priest, of in Pilgrim Street Witnesses, Nicholas de Carliolo, chief bailiff, Thomas de Tindale, John de Thornald' (*sic*), Thomas de Frismarisco, Richard Emeldon, bailiffs, Henry Scott. (Brand's MS. no. 10; *History*, I, p. 192).

The copy of this deed is headed 'Anno 1319 (Ed. II),' which Brand noted but did not correct (Brand, *History*, II, p. 404n).

4. 1322. Quitclaim by John and Mary his wife to 'dominus' Henry Edwyn, priest, of land in Pilgrim Street between land of the hospital of the blessed Mary (the Virgin) of Westgate and ... Oath by Mary between the four benches of the town's court. Witnesses, 'dominus' Nicholas Scot, chief bailiff, Gilbert Hauking, Thomas Carlyne (*lege* 'Daulyne') William de Borneton, Robert de Angerton, bailiffs (*conballivi*), John Mason, William Cotefote. Newcastle. (Brand's MS., no. 22).

Brand cites this deed as evidence for the mayor and bailiffs elected Michaelmas, 1322 (Brand, *History*, II, p. 405, and see p. 393 note *p.*). The names are, however, those of the chief bailiff and bailiffs elected Michaelmas, 1321.

5. 12 February, 1360. Grant by William son of Gilbert the miller, of Newcastle, to John de Weredall of a tenement in Pilgrim Street outside the gate Henry Pepir on the north with warranty. Witnesses, William del Stroth(er, mayor) John del Chambre, William de Acton, Nicholas [Bagot, John] de Emeldon, bailiffs, John de Duxfeld William de Wh[ickham] William Smyth (*Northumberland Charters*, no. 7; Brand's MS. no. 24).

The writing, where legible at all, is very faint and difficult to read. Dr. Ellison could make out only a very small portion of the deed which he dates 1339, but the copy serves to supplement the original which has evidently deteriorated since the copy was made.

6. 19 July, 1387. Indulgence granted by John, bishop of Durham, to such as should contribute gifts of charity to the church of S. Andrew, Newcastle, and the chapel of the Holy Trinity in the same, and should



say the Lord's prayer with the angelic salutation for the good estate of 'dominus' Aymer de Athole 'miles' and for the souls of his wife and his son Aymer. Gateshead. (Brand's MS., no. 5; *History*, I, p. 182, where it is printed in full).

7. Feast of S. Martin (11 November) 1392. Indulgence of forty days granted by Oswald, bishop of Whithern, to such as should give bequeath or procure the gift of gold, silver, vestments, books, chalices or other ornaments to the church of S. Andrew and the chapel of the Holy Trinity in the north part of the church, or such as should give lamps for the lights, or oblations, or kneel before the image of the Holy Trinity, and say the Lord's prayer, with the angelic salutation, for the good estate of 'dominus' Adomar de Atholia, 'miles,' while he lived and for his soul after death, and for the soul of 'domina' Mary his wife whose body lay in the said chapel of the Holy Trinity. York. (Brand's MS., no. 4; Bourne, *History*, pp. 41-43; Brand, *History*, p. 179 where it is printed in full).

Oswald, bishop of Whithern, was expelled from his see by the anti-pope Clement VII, and came to England, where he held office as suffragan of York, and later as suffragan of Durham during the vacancy of the see in 1406, and under bishop Langley.

8. Eve of S. Andrew the apostle, 18 Ric. II (29 Nov., 1394). Indenture whereby Bertram Monaburgch (*lege* Monboucher), granted and demised to fee farm to John de Norton, barber, a plot of land in Newcastle . . . next the corner . . . of the chapel of S. Andrew . . . and extending from the king's way leading to New Gate, before, to a tenement of the chantry of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the said chapel, behind, towards the west; rendering therefor yearly to the said Bertram and his heirs three shillings at the feasts of Pentecost and Martinmas by equal portions. Witnesses, Laurence de Acton, mayor, Henry de Carlele, William Redmarshill, John de Newbigin, John Aukland. Newcastle. (Brand's MS. no. 15).

The four witnesses after the mayor were the bailiffs for the mayoral year beginning Michaelmas 1394, though they are not so described in the MS.

9. Eve of All Saints (31 October) 1395. Grant by Agnes de Weredall, widow of John de Weredall, to Roger son of Henry, of her tenement in Pilgrim Street outside the gate between land formerly of John del Chambre on the south and land of Laurence de Acton on the north, to

hold of the chief lords of the fee by the usual services. Witnesses, Laurence de Acton, mayor, Thomas de Mordon, John de Newbygyng, Thomas de Grendon, William de Redmershill, bailiffs, Robert de Chirden, Thomas de Chirden, William Glasyn', John de Barton, Walter Webister. (Brand's MS. no. 3; *History*, II, p. 419 n).

10. 14 October, 1400. Grant by John de Norton to John de Anbell, clerk, John de Dalton, priest, William de Mitford and William Ches... their heirs and assigns of a plot of land which the grantor had of the feoffment of Bertram Mo(nboucher) next the corner of the cemetery of St Andrew on the north and the King's way leading to 'le derincruke' on the south, and extending from the King's way leading to New Gate before, to a tenement of the chantry of the blessed Virgin Mary in the said chapel (*sic*) ... towards the west. Witnesses, Roger Thornton, mayor, William Redmershill, sheriff, John de Mitford, Henry de Bynkfeld, William Johnson, Henry Karlell, Robert Darcy. Newcastle '14 die Octobris anno Regis Henrici quarti post conquestum Angliæ 2º vel 3º' (Brand's MS., no. 8).

Roger Thornton succeeded Henry Carliol as mayor on the Monday after Michaelmas, 1400, and the date of this deed is therefore 14 October, 1400 (2 Henry IV). William Redmershall was the sheriff appointed on the granting of the charter of Henry IV dated 23 May, 1400, by which the offices of the four bailiffs of the town were abolished, and the burgesses were authorized to appoint a sheriff in their place. Redmershall appears to have held office beyond the election day at Michaelmas 1400, and presumably his successor was not appointed until he had completed his full year as sheriff, in May, 1401. The evidences cited in the following table seem to indicate that this practice continued for some years after 1400.

Mayoral year 1399-1400 (Monday after Michaelmas 1399 to Monday after Michaelmas 1400). Mayor: Henry Carliol.

23 May, 1400. Bailiffs (names unknown).

After 23 May, 1400. William Redmershall, sheriff (P.R.O. *Lists and Indexes*, vol. ix).

Mayoral year 1400-01. Mayor: Roger Thornton.

14 October, 1400. William Redmershall, sheriff (*St. Andrew's deed*, no. 10).

Later. Robert Gabefore, sheriff (P.R.O. *Lists and Indexes*, vol. ix).

Mayoral year 1401-02. Mayor: Robert de Chirden

- 13 January, 1402. Robert Gabefore, sheriff (*Bowes Charters*, no. 38, calendared in *Arch. Ael.* 3 ser. v, p. 59).
- 3 February, 1402. The same. *Arch. Ael.* 2 ser. xv, p. 206.
- 12 July, 1402. Paulyn, sheriff (*ibid.* no. 46, calendared *loc. cit.*, and see P.R.O. *Lists and Indexes*).
- Mayoral year 1402-03. Mayor: Roger Thornton.
- 2 March, 1403. John Paulyn, sheriff (*Deeds of Univ. Coll. Oxford*, P. fasc. xi, n. 3).
- Later. William Esyngton, sheriff (P.R.O. *Lists and Indexes*).
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- Mayoral year 1404-05. Mayor: Roger Thornton.
- 2 December, 1404. Robert Hibburn, sheriff (*Dur. Treas.* 1.1. spec., no. 59).
- 4 December, 1404. The same (*ibid.* no. 69).
- 4 March, 1405. The same (*Univ. Coll. P.* fasc. vi, n. 6).
- Later. William Langton, sheriff (P.R.O. *Lists and Indexes*).
11. Nativity of the Virgin Mary, 12 Hen. vi. (8 September, 1433). Indenture of grant and demise for a term of four score years by William Blakwell, priest, Robert Lawson, William Reed and John Wells, procurators of the chapel of S. Andrew of the town of Newcastle, to John Doncaster of Newcastle, weaver, and his assigns, of a tenement in 'le Marketh Street' Newminster on the north and a tenement of Roger Thornton on the south, together with the vessels and utensils therein one lead called a Brewlead, two called gronteles (of the value of) 13s. 4d., one stone called Capstane 2s. 6d.; rendering yearly to the said procurators and their successors 3s. and to the heirs of Thomas del Strother, of their fee farm 16s. Witnesses, Laurence de Acton, mayor, Edward Berton (*lege* Bertram) sheriff, John Brown, Thomas Litster, Roger de Benton. Newcastle. (Brand's MS., no. 12; *History*, i, p. 192).
12. Feast of S. Matthew, apostle and evangelist, 15 Hen. vi. (21 September, 1436). Indenture of grant and demise to farm for life, by Robert Lawson, John Wallys, John , William Rowmaine and William Reed, procurators of the church of S. Andrew in Newcastle, to John Browne, cordwainer, of Newcastle, and his assigns, of a tenement as it was situated by its right dimensions on the south corner of the Kyrkraw next the cemetery of the said church, rendering yearly therefor 6s. 8d. Power to distrain, covenant to repair, warranty. Witnesses, Robert de Whelpington, mayor, Robert de Buthe, sheriff,

Roger de Benton, Thomas Litster, Thomas Litster. Newcastle. (Brand's MS., no. 7).

13. 20 July, 1450. Quitclaim by Robert Daunt son of John Daunt late burgess of Newcastle, to John Stan(ley) of Newcastle, 'glasyer,' his heirs and assigns, of two tenements which he had of the gift and feoffment of John Hall, priest, outside the New Gate in the street called 'Le Sidgate' between a tenement of John Richardson, merchant, on the north and a tenement of William Laws on the south, and abutting on a way (leading to) le Castell (field) on the west and Sydgate on the east. Witnesses, William (Harding, mayor), John Richardson (sheriff), John Chambre, William (*Northumberland Charters*, no. 8; Brand's MS., no. 2; *History*, I, p. 192).
14. 6 May, 1450. Appointment of William More, priest, as attorney of Robert Daunt to deliver seisin of the above-mentioned premises (Brand's MS., no. 6).
15. 14 April, 1470. Will of John Stanley, glazier, of the parish of S. Andrew, Newcastle, whereby after commending his soul to Almighty God, and to the blessed virgin Mary His mother, and to all the Orders of the Court of Heaven, and his body to be buried in the cemetery of St. Andrew, with the mortuaries due and of right accustomed, he gave to his wife, for life, two tenements in Sidgate, outside the New Gate, with remainder after her death to the wardens or Æconomi of St. Andrew's church for ever, on condition that they should cause to be celebrated yearly for ever in the said church the Placebo and Dirige and (Mass of) Requiem to the value of 2s., for his soul and the souls of his wife, relatives and benefactors. The wardens to make a pair of indentures that they will cause no waste; and they are to know that they are not to let (*non locabunt*) the tenements to anyone at an annual rent The residue of his goods he gave to his wife, and appointed her his executrix to dispose of the same, as might seem best to her, for his soul. Witnesses, sir John Rose, priest, William Thompson, merchant and alderman, William Stawper. (Brand's MS., no. 9.)
16. 8 August, 15 Edw. IV. (1475). Indenture of grant by John Orde and William Orde his son and heir to William Robinson 'colyare' his heirs and assigns of a tenement . . . (near the ?) Newgate in the street called Galogate between a tenement of Symon . . . and extending from the King's way, before, towards the north to a stone wall called

Black freer wall, rendering therefor yearly to the grantors 10d. Powers to distrain and re-enter, warranty. Witnesses, Nicholas Haynyng, mayor, Robert Harden, sheriff, John Nikson, William Blaxton, Richard Stevynson, John Cole, William Thomson, Thomas Lokwod, aldermen. (*Northumberland Charters*, no. 9; Brand's MS., no. 20.)

17. 10 October, 15 Edward iv. (1475). A much mutilated deed whereby it appears that John Brygham and John grant a messuage (in Pilgrim Street) extending from the highway to Carlelcroft (which they had of the feoffment of William Mitfurth) to the said William Mitfurth and Isabella his wife and the heirs male of their bodies with remainder to Alexander Elyngton son of the said Isabella and William his brother successively in tail general. Witnesses, 'armiger,' mayor, William Hudson, sheriff, John Esyngton, William Rothom, Robert, William Thomson, John Fissher, aldermen. (*Northumberland Charters*, no. 10; Brand's MS., no. 23; *History*, II, p. 342).

The name of the mayor is now illegible in the original, but the word following (*armig'o*) is clear. No doubt it read 'Johanne Carlell' armigero, maiore.' The word 'armigero' has been misread as 'younger' by Brockett, and as 'Mungo' by the compiler of the list of mayors which Welford calls 'Adamson 2.' (Welford, *History*, I, pp. 370, 431.)

18. 10 February, 6 Hen. vii. (1491). Bond whereby John Elyngton, William Daus, Thomas Elyngton and John Watson of Newcastle, slaters, stand bound in the sum of £10 to William Kendal, John Thompson, Robert Bolton and John Skyllions of the same town, slaters, to abide by an award of Robert Flayn, Andrew Kersop, Thomas Lighton and Robert Watson, arbitrators chosen to arbitrate on all actions disputes, etc. between the parties from the beginning of the world. (Brand's MS., no. 16.)
19. June, 14 Hen. viii. (1522). Indenture of grant by Richard Stote, John Awmound, John Cawarte and Thomas Goodchild, the Iconomi and wardens of the church of S. Andrew in Newcastle with the consent of all the parishioners of the said church and for the use and profit thereof to Thomas Holland, burgess of the same town, of a tenement in the street called 'le Sidegate,' without the walls of the said town, between a vennel called 'le Mylne Cheare' on the west and the King's

way on the east, a tenement of John Hayning on the north, and a tenement in the tenure of Thomas Hanson, wheelwright, on the south, together with the implements therein namely a brewlead and an 'aquaduct,' rendering yearly therefor to the grantors 2s. for the use of the said church, and to the perpetual priest of the chantry of S. Catherine the virgin in the church of All Saints in Newcastle 7s. (Brand's MS., no. 21).

20. 12 August, 17 Hen. VIII (1525). Indenture of grant and demise to fee farm by Richard Stote, Thomas Achinson, William Wateson and John Cawarde, wardens of the parish church of S. Andrew the apostle in Newcastle with the consent of the parishioners, to Thomas Goodchild of the same town, weaver, his heirs and assigns, of a tenement or burgage commonly called 'the prestes chamber' situate in a certain vennel called Darnecroke, below (*lege* between) a tenement belonging to the said church in the tenure of John Wright on the east and a garden belonging to the said church on the west, in the tenure of John Stodderd, in length, and extending in breadth from a certain vennel called Lortebourne, before, towards the south, to the cemetery of the church of S. Andrew behind, towards the north, rendering yearly therefor to the grantors 3s. Powers to distrain and re-enter, warranty. (*Northumberland Charters*, no. 11; Brand's MS., no. 17.)

This deed is endorsed 'William Lawson his house in Darnecrooke in Newcastle to pay 3s. per annum.'

21. 9 February, 23 Hen. VIII (1532). Indenture of grant and demise to fee farm by Thomas Atkinson, George Sharparow, Thomas Goodchild and Robert Nicholson, of Newcastle, wardens of the church of St. Andrew of the said town, with the consent of all the parishioners of the parish, to John Wright of the same town weaver, his heirs and assigns, of a tenement in a certain vennel called 'le darnecroke' between a tenement belonging to the said church, in the tenure of Thomas Goodchild on the west and the King's way on the east, and extending, before, towards the south, from 'le lordeborne,' to the cemetery of the said church, behind, on the north; together with a garden in the said vennel called 'le Darnecroke,' between another garden belonging to the said church in the tenure of John Richardson, fuller, in length, on the east and west parts, and between the cemetery of the said church on the north and the King's way on the south, in breadth; rendering

therefor yearly to the grantors and their successors, and to the use of the said church 4s. 4d. (Brand's MS., no. 14.)

22. 10 March, 29 Hen. VIII (1538). Indenture of grant and demise to fee farm by George Cambye, Richard Nicholson, William Sotherane and George Fletcher, wardens of the parish church of S. Andrew in Newcastle, with the consent of all the parishioners of the said parish church, to John Toderike of the same town, slater, his heirs and assigns, of a tenement and a garden in a certain street called Pilgram-streat between a tenement belonging to the hospital of (S. Mary the Virgin ?) on the north, a tenement belonging to the heirs of Christopher Brigham, merchant on the (south), and in length from the King's way, before, on the west, to a certain (stream called Ayrick) borne, behind, on the east ; rendering therefor yearly to the grantors 2s. Covenants by grantee to repair, and to make a brewlead in the premises at his own cost before the feast of S. Peter which is called ' ad vincula ' next ensuing. Powers to distrain and re-enter, warranty. (*Northumberland Charters*, no. 12 ; Brand's MS., no. 18.)
23. 6 July, 1587. A bond to pay to the church wardens of S. Andrew's .. shilling and 8 pence ' (Brand's MS., no. 13).
24. 10 September, Edw. Indenture of grant by William Lawson to William Ellison and Marion his wife and their heirs, etc. of a tenement in Pilgrim Street within the walls, between a vennel a certain croft called Carlencroft on the north and a tenement of William Clerk on the south, and extending from the king's way on the west to the said croft on the east ; rendering therefor yearly to the grantor 3s. Power to distrain. (Brand's MS., no. 19.)