

IV.—NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS RELATING TO THE GOLDSMITHS OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE OF THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

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The object of this paper is to place on record advertisements in the local newspapers relating either to the goldsmiths of Newcastle upon Tyne, or to articles of plate that can be claimed, reasonably or not, as their work. It is intended to supplement, for the period 1739 to 1801, the catalogues of the goldsmiths already published by Mr. J. C. Hodgson in *Arch. Ael.*, Vols. XI and XVI of the 3rd Series. The writer is greatly indebted to Mr. Hodgson, not only for the information contained in the catalogues, which formed the basis of this research, but also for his kindly guidance and encouragement during a somewhat trying task.

The new material obtained by searching the old newspapers has indeed added few names to the list of goldsmiths working in the Newcastle area; but it has at least provided new details as to the situation of the goldsmiths' shops, and it has in some cases indicated the continuity of businesses founded or carried on by well-known men, such as Isaac Cookson of Newcastle and Samuel Thompson of Durham.

The Newcastle goldsmiths not only made plate themselves, they also sold in their shops the highly wrought plate of London, and latterly the plated wares of

Sheffield.¹ But it is satisfactory to learn that they provided in this way themselves for the various needs of the district; and that there is only one instance recorded of a London firm sending down an agent to sell London goods in Newcastle.²

The following names appear to be new:—

1. Simon Craggs, of Gateshead, jeweller, retired from business in 1739.
2. John Bullman, silversmith, lately deceased in 1746.
3. John Thompson, senior, of Durham, goldsmith, who died July, 1751.
4. Samuel Thompson, senior, of Durham, silversmith, who died July, 1747.
5. Jane Kirkup,³ goldsmith, carrying on her late husband's business in 1757.
6. Ann Robertson,³ goldsmith, carrying on her late husband's business in 1801.

A few words are necessary to explain the method of setting out the newspaper advertisements. Unnecessary words have been omitted. Where a newspaper carries a double date for the weekly issue, the second date only is recorded. Thus, for instance, the *Newcastle Journal* of the 1st to 8th June, 1751, is recorded as "8th June, 1751, *Journal*."

ADVERTISEMENTS FROM NEWCASTLE NEWSPAPERS

26th May, 1739. *Journal*.

To be let, a dwelling house. Enquire of Mr. Robert Makepeace, Goldsmith, in Newcastle.

8th September, 1739. *Journal*.

Mr. Simon Craggs, Jeweller, on Tyne Bridge, Gateshead, designs to leave off business, by reason of his want of health. Stock to be sold.

17th October, 1741. *Journal*.

Stopt, by William Partis, Goldsmith, upon Tyne Bridge, two silver articles supposed to be stolen.

¹ Plated goods are advertised in Newcastle from 1777 onwards.

² Sharp and Williams of No. 6 Strand, London. *Chronicle*, 2nd August, 1777.

³ Jane Kirkup and Ann Robertson are mentioned or referred to by Mr. Hodgson, but not as working goldsmiths.

6th November, 1742. *Journal*.

Stolen, a strong gill beaker, made by Isaac Cookson, weight about 6 ounces, 5 dwts., and marked upon the side G.M.C.

6th November, 1742. *Journal*.

Lost, a silver watch . . . return it to Mr. William Partis, Goldsmith, on Tyne Bridge, Newcastle.

10th December, 1743. *Journal*.

Lost in Newcastle, a box containing 2 silver milk jugs . . . bring the said box to Mr. Cookson's in the Side.

26th May, 1744. *Journal*.

To be sold at Mrs. Bulman's shop on the Side, Newcastle, the stock of plate, work tools, etc., late belonging to Mr. George Bulman, Goldsmith, deceased.

14th July, 1744. *Journal*.

To be let, the house and shop, where the lately deceased Mr. George Bulman lived.

1st September, 1744. *Journal*.

The creditors of George Bulman, late of Shipwash, Esq., are desired to meet, to consider of a proper method to be taken for obtaining their debts.

15th December, 1744. *Journal, Courant*.

Mr. Stoddart, the Goldsmith, on the Bridge, Newcastle, is mentioned.

30th August, 1746. *Journal*.

To be let, a house in Durham. Apply to Mr. William Beilby, Goldsmith, at the Ring in Silver Street Head, where is made all sorts of plate work, jewellery and engraving.

8th November, 1746. *Courant*.

Advertisement by Mrs. Reed at her shop (millinery) at the foot of the Middle Street, opposite to St. Nicholas's Church, Newcastle.

N.B.—The shop and back shop, where Mr. John Bullman, Silversmith, lately deceased, lived, is to be let against Candlemas next.

15th November, 1746. *Journal*.

To be sold, situate in the Side, Newcastle, a dwellinghouse and shop, now in the occupation of Mr. Kirkup, Goldsmith.

25th May, 1751. *Journal*.

B. has removed from the Head of the Side to the middle of the Side, to a shop a little above Mr. Isaac Cookson, Goldsmith.⁴

⁴ Isaac Cookson is also mentioned 8th June and 14th September, 1751; 23rd December, 1752, and 25th August, 1753. *Journal*.

3rd August, 1751. *Journal*.

All persons indebted to Mr. John Thompson, Goldsmith, late of the City of Durham, deceased, are to pay debts to his executor, administrator and grandson, Samuel Thompson,⁵ who will carry on the business in the same shop on Elvet Bridge, Durham, where customers may expect to meet with as good usage as before.

16th December, 1752. *Courant*.

Stolen from J. White (printer of the paper), a square Salt marked JWD, Britannia Silver, weight about 1 oz. 13 dwts. Notice to Mr. Cookson, Goldsmith, in the Side.

5th May, 1753. *Journal*.

Lost, a silver tankard . . . bring the same to William Beilby in Durham.

23rd March, 1754. *Journal, Courant*.

Mr. William Partis, Goldsmith, is removed from his shop on Tyne Bridge to the Foot of the Side, Newcastle.

28th September, 1754. *Journal*.

Persons indebted to Mr. Isaac Cookson, Goldsmith, are to pay their debts to Mr. William Bowes, his administrator, or to Mr. John Langlands, Goldsmith, on the Side.

N.B.—The business will be carried on as usual by Mr. Langlands, who humbly hopes for the continuance of the favours of his late master's customers.

5th October, 1754. *Journal*.

John Langlands and John Goodrich,⁶ having purchased the stock in trade and entered upon the shop, late belonging to their master, Mr. Isaac Cookson, Goldsmith and Jeweller, deceased, they intend to carry on the business as formerly.

N.B.—At the same place gentlemen may have their coats of arms carefully and neatly cut in steel, or engraved on plate.

11th October, 1755. *Journal*.

To be sold at prime cost, all the stock of Mr. Robert Makepeace, Goldsmith and Jeweller of the Head of the Side, Newcastle, deceased, consisting of great and small plate, watches, rings and jeweller work of all sorts. All persons indebted to the deceased are immediately to pay the same to Mr. Robert Makepeace in the Side.

11th October, 1755. *Journal*.

Balbrough in Northumberland, Oct. 5, 1755. Two plates of silver and the cover of the Communion Cup have been taken out of the Vestry-Room of this Parish about Monday.

⁵ This Samuel was son, apparently, of another Samuel Thompson, silversmith, buried 2nd July, 1747. *Reg. St. Oswald's, Durham*. [*Ex inf.* Mr. H. M. Wood.]

⁶ In the *Courant*, 16th October, 1754, John Goodrich appears as "John Goodrick."

N.B.—The plates have each of them this inscription, "The Gift of the Right Honourable Dorothy, Lady Crew, 1712."

11th October, 1755. *Journal*.

Stopped at Durham, a silver spoon offered to be sold to Mr. Samuel Thompson, Goldsmith, on Elvet Bridge, Durham.⁷

11th February, 1756. *Intelligencer*.

To be let a dwellinghouse at the Close Gate, in which Mr. William Partis lately lived. Enquire of Mr. William Partis, Goldsmith, in the Side.

24th April, 1756. *Courant*.

Mr. John Langlands issues a notice as to payment of debts of T.C.⁸

26th June, 1756. *Journal*.

To be let, the house and shop situate on the Side, lately in the possession of Mr. Robert Makepeace, Goldsmith.⁹

29th September, 1756. *Intelligencer*.

Lost, a watch . . . bring the same to . . . Messrs. Langlands and Goodrick, Goldsmiths, in the Side, Newcastle.

21st May, 1757. *Journal, Courant*.

Jane Kirkup, Goldsmith, on the Side, Newcastle, has removed to a shop a little higher, till the shop she lately kept be rebuilt.

26th November, 1757. *Journal*.

At a meeting of several of the creditors of William Beilby, of the County of Durham, Goldsmith, lately had, it was agreed by them to accept of the proposals then made. [Notice to those creditors who did not then appear.]

11th November, 1758. *Journal*.

John Kirkup, Goldsmith, on the Side, Newcastle, has removed to a shop the opposite side of the street, a little above the Cross.

26th May, 1759. *Journal*.

To be sold by auction, the stock in trade late of Mr. William Partis, Goldsmith, deceased, consisting of Tankards, Salvers, Coffee Pots, Rings, and many other articles; and also a complete set of goldsmith's work tools. All persons are to pay their several debts to Henry Partis, of Newcastle, Esq.

23rd February, 1760. *Journal*.

To be sold, the stock in trade, late of Mr. William Partis,

⁷ Samuel Thompson died 4th March, 1785, aged 59. *M.I. St. Oswald's, Durham*. [*Ex inf.* Mr. H. M. Wood.]

⁸ John Langlands, Goldsmith, is mentioned also: 4th September 1756, 27th June 1761, and 10th September 1763, *Journal*; and 30th September 1758, and 27th December 1766, *Courant*.

⁹ That is, "Robert Makepeace II."

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Goldsmith, deceased, consisting of Tankards, Salvers, Coffee Rings and many other articles; and also a compleat set of goldsmith's work tools. All persons are to pay their several debts to Henry Partis of Newcastle Esq.

30th July, 1763. *Journal.*

M.K. charged with stealing a Gold Ring from Mr. Dalton.

27th February, 1768. *Chronicle.*

All persons to whom Mr. William Dalton, late of Newcastle, Goldsmith, deceased, stood indebted at the time of his death are to send an account thereof to Mr. Langlands, Goldsmith, his administrator.

5th January, 1771. *Courant.*

Jobson and Hetherington, Goldsmiths, late apprentices to Mr. Langlands in the Side, Newcastle, have opened shop at the Boy and Cup in the Groat Market, where they make and sell all sorts of plate and jewellery work.

31st July, 1773. *Journal, Chronicle.*

The Partnership between Jobson and Hetherington, Goldsmiths and Jewellers, in the Groat Market, being now dissolved, the business in future will be carried on at the said shop by John Jobson.

8th January, 1774. *Courant.*

Found, a watch . . . apply to Mr. Kirkup, Silversmith in the Side, Newcastle.

9th April, 1774. *Chronicle.*

On the 1st Instant the Parish Church of Darlington was broke open and part of the Communion Plate stolen, viz., a silver chalice and cover that will hold about a wine pint, gilt with gold but much tarnished, on the Cover the year 1517 or 1571 is engraven; a large plain silver salver, and a smaller one, the latter gadrooned edges and bottom.

21st June, 1777. *Chronicle.*

David Crawford, Goldsmith, Jeweller and Refiner, has removed from the Head of the Side to the shop lately occupied by Mr. Christopher Walker in the Side, where he intends to carry on his business in all its branches. For this purpose he has lately got from London and the other manufacturing places large assortments of the newest and most fashionable patterns. . . . His refinery is at Snowden's Hole on the South Shore, 3 miles below Newcastle.

20th September, 1777. *Chronicle.*

A shop to be let in the Groat Market, Newcastle, next door to the shop of Messrs. Hetherington and Edwards, Goldsmiths and Jewellers.

1st November, 1777. *Chronicle.*

Benjamin Dryden, Goldsmith and Jeweller, has now opened shop on the Sandhill, opposite the Bridge End, Newcastle, where he intends to make and repair all sorts of plate and jeweller work, in the newest and most fashionable manner. He also sells all kinds of plate and plated goods.

14th March, 1778. *Chronicle.*

Newcastle, 7th March. The partnership between Messrs. Hetherington and Edwards; Goldsmiths and Jewellers in the Groat Market, being this day amicably dissolved. The above business is carried on by the said James Hetherington, who has removed to a shop directly opposite Mr. Charnley's, book-seller in the Groat Market.

H. Edwards carries on the jewellery business in all its branches on his own account, in a chamber immediately above the shop of the said late partnership. [Specialises in Mourning Rings.]

13th June, 1778. *Chronicle.*

Pinkney & Scott, Goldsmiths and Jewellers, Union Street, Newcastle, have opened shop in Union Street; where they make and sell all sorts of plate and jewellery, wholesale and retail, in the most fashionable manner.

18th January, 1783. *Courant.*

The Parish Church, Ovingham, was broke into last week, and a silver chalice with Ovingham Parish engraven upon the same was stolen.

22nd February, 1783. *Courant.*

To be sold, all the stock in trade of Mr. David Crawford, Newcastle, in the branch of Goldsmith and Jeweller, consisting of all kinds of plate, jewellery, watches, etc., with the tools and utensils for carrying on the manufactory, and an established trade.

5th July, 1783. *Courant.*

Messrs. Langlands and Robertson, in the Side, are mentioned.

22nd May, 1784. *Chronicle.*

Wanted, immediately, an apprentice to a Goldsmith and Jeweller. Apply to Pinkney and Scott, Newcastle.

15th October, 1785. *Courant.*

Silver cup stolen . . . if found, give notice to John Mitchinson, Goldsmith, in Newcastle.

10th December, 1785. *Chronicle.*

A long list of goods offered for sale by Messrs. Langlands and Robertson, most of which are stated to have been obtained from London.

17th February, 1787. *Courant.*

Stopped, a plain silver tea spoon . . . apply to John Thompson, Goldsmith, in Sunderland.

10th May, 1788. *Courant*.

Stolen from Mr. Heron in Hexham:—

Quart Tankard, Quart Mug, Gill Mug, Chased Butter Boat, Lemon Strainer, Two Salts with a place shaped like a heart for a name, four Salt Shovels, five Table Spoons, all silver.

8th May, 1790. *Chronicle*.

Newcastle, 6th May. The partnership between Pinkney and Scott, Goldsmiths, was this day amicably dissolved.

Robert Pinkney will carry on the business as usual at the old shop in the Side. An apprentice wanted.

3rd June, 1790. *Chronicle*.

Robert Scott, Goldsmith and Jeweller, advertises the continuance of his business at No. 5 Dean Street, Newcastle.

20th August, 1791. *Advertiser*.

Some villains, wilfully attempted to burn down the new built, unoccupied House and Shop of Mr. John Robertson, Goldsmith, situate at the Foot of the Paintersheugh in Dean Street. 40 guineas reward offered for information.

20th July, 1793. *Advertiser*.

To be sold by auction at the shop of the late Mr. Robert Scott in Dean Street, Newcastle. The whole stock in trade of the said Mr. Scott, consisting of plate, jewellery, watches and a great variety of plated goods; also the work tools and shop fixtures.

Should any person incline to purchase by private contract, apply to Mr. Robert Pinkney and Mr. John Robertson, Goldsmiths, executors of the said Mr. Scott.

10th January, 1795. *Chronicle*.

Mr. Thompson, Goldsmith, of Sunderland,¹⁰ appears in a subscription list.

11th July, 1795. *Advertiser*.

John Langlands, Goldsmith and Jeweller (son of John Langlands deceased), in consequence of the dissolution¹¹ of the partnership of "Langlands and Robertson," has succeeded to the business of the shop on the Side, lately occupied by the said partnership. An apprentice wanted.

25th July, 1795. *Chronicle*.

Robertson and Darling, Goldsmiths and Jewellers, No. 21 Dean Street, Newcastle.

John Robertson has opened a new shop in Dean Street and taken into partnership with him Mr. David Darling.

Messrs. Robertson and Darling hope that their stock . . . selected

¹⁰ This was the John Thompson who died the 10th May, 1801. *M.I. St. Oswald's, Durham*. [*Ex inf.* Mr. H. M. Wood.]

¹¹ See below, 5th December, 1795, *Chronicle*; 9th December, 1797, *Courant*.

from the most fashionable quarters in London and elsewhere, will be deserving of public support.

A journeyman jeweller, silversmith and porter wanted.

12th September, 1795. *Chronicle.*

John Langlands advertises for two apprentices.

5th December, 1795. *Chronicle.*

The partnership between Margaret Langlands and John Robertson of Newcastle, Goldsmiths and Jewellers, was dissolved on the 10th June last, by mutual consent.

2nd April, 1796. *Courant.*

Watch glass manufactory and Lancashire tool warehouse. The partnership between Ra. Beilby, John Langlands and John Robertson, under the firm of Ra. Beilby and Company, being amicably dissolved, the business will be carried on in future by Ra. Beilby, John Robertson and James Hawthorn under the usual firm name.

25th February, 1797. *Chronicle.*

John Robertson, 21 Dean Street, Newcastle, advertises for a labourer (to be trained as journeyman) and an apprentice. Mr. Robertson, while with Mr. Langlands, nor since he left him, ever accepted of any fee with an apprentice.

25th February, 1797. *Courant.*

Robert Pinkney¹² is included in a list of merchants who agreed to honour the notes of Newcastle banks.

9th December, 1797. *Courant.*

Langlands and Robertson. Notice that all outstanding debts be paid to John Robertson, No. 21 Dean Street, the only surviving partner.

19th May, 1798. *Courant.*

Reid, Silversmith, head of Westgate Street, Newcastle, informs silversmiths and dealers in silver plate, that he manufactures all sorts of spoons and spectacles.

25th August, 1798. *Courant, Advertiser.*

23rd August. Robert Pinkney, Goldsmith and Jeweller, Side, Newcastle, has declined business in favour of Mr. David Darling.

David Darling has taken the shop and stock of Mr. Robert Pinkney. To Mr. Pinkney's stock D. Darling has added necklaces, ear-rings and watches.

N.B.—All kinds of goldsmith's and jeweller's work neatly executed.

¹² Robert Pinkney is also mentioned 7th April, 1798, *Courant.*

17th November, 1798. *Advertiser.*

Wanted, an apprentice to a goldsmith. Apply to Mr. John Langlands¹³ in the Side.

24th May, 1800. *Chronicle.*

Auctioneer. John Robertson, Goldsmith, No. 21 Dean Street, Newcastle, who for some years past has declined the business of an Auctioneer on account of his health, now solicits patronage.

31st May, 1800. *Chronicle.*

David Darling, Goldsmith and Jeweller, returns thanks for favours received since his commencement of a business in the Side; he has removed to a more commodious situation at No. 19 Dean Street.

N.B.—Mourning rings and all sorts of goldsmith's and jeweller's work executed on the shortest notice.

29th August, 1801. *Chronicle.*

Ann Robertson, widow and administratrix of the late John Robertson, Dean Street, Newcastle, intends to carry on the business on her own account. An apprentice wanted.

¹³ John Langlands issued a notice as to the outstanding debts of Langlands and Robertson. 24th August, 1799. *Advertiser.*