

### III.—CALENDAR OF DEEDS GIVEN TO THE SOCIETY BY LORD RAVENSWORTH.

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#### INTRODUCTION.

The collection of deeds here calendared was given to the society by the present Lord Ravensworth through the agency of our members, Mr. W. W. Gibson and Mr. J. E. Stafford. They relate mainly to lands to the south-west of Gateshead, in and around Ravensworth, Eighton, Lamesley and Kibblesworth. There are eighty-two documents, varying in date from *ante* 1128 (no. 1) to 1698 (no. 82), providing wide divergences in form and handwriting, from the neat little quitclaim of Adam de Ravensworth, made in the first half of the thirteenth century (no. 9), to the cumbersome exemplification of a recovery, made at the end of the seventeenth (no. 82). The most interesting individual documents are perhaps the two earliest—the original grant by Ranulph Flambard to his nephew of Ravensworth, etc. (no. 1) (plate III) and Henry I's charter, confirming the grant (no. 2). But the real value of the collection is as a whole, for the evidence which it supplies concerning the descent of property in the area and about the families of the neighbourhood, many of whose members acted as witnesses to the transactions here recorded.

The deeds were placed in my care last April, and have been arranged and calendared during the summer of this year. When they were handed to me, the majority were

in two boxes, probably of seventeenth century origin, labelled No. 2 and No. 3 :<sup>1</sup> deeds in Box No. 2 were endorsed with nos. 1-31, and in Box No. 3 with nos. 1-36 (a single number describing, in several cases, a pair of indentures). Since the deeds *outside the boxes* were not numbered consecutively, it seemed best to re-number the whole collection. This has been done; but, so far as possible, the original order has not been disturbed, being roughly chronological. Each deed is now in a separate envelope, on the outside of which is indicated the new number and also the old. The new numbers correspond, of course, to those in the calendar which follows.

Many of the witnesses to the following deeds, especially in the earlier period, also occur in the Finchale documents, printed in 1837 by the Surtees Society; some of them in the volume of *Northumberland and Durham Deeds*, edited by a former member of this society;<sup>2</sup> for the identifications of both persons and places in the deeds, Surtees' *History of the County of Durham* has been invaluable. Finally, I should like to acknowledge the advice and help of Mr. S. C. Ratcliff on several problems arising out of this calendar.

#### THE CALENDAR<sup>3</sup>

1. [Before 1128.<sup>4</sup>] Grant by Ranulph, bishop of Durham, to Richard his nephew of Hectona, Raueneswrthe and Blaikeston, by these boundaries, pertaining to Hectona and Raueneswrthe, to wit, from Scadneslaue upon the east by the issue of the spring under Scadneslaue as it falls into Tame, by Tame to where Mereburne falls into Tame, by Mereburne to Aldrethesdene, by Aldrethesdene to Tame, by Tame to where Beccleiburne falls into Tame, by Beccleiburne to the river that falls from Felfordesfen, by Felfordesfen

<sup>1</sup> The lining papers in these boxes have been identified in the Department of Printed Books in the British Museum. The small box contains leaves from Henry Alleyn's *An Almanack and Prognostication for this year . . . 1607*, printed in London; the large from one of several duodecimo Bibles, printed in London c. 1620.

<sup>2</sup> *N/C Records Series*, vol. VII.

<sup>3</sup> The notes upon the seals are by Mr. C. H. Hunter Blair.

<sup>4</sup> Hutchinson, *History of the Antiquities of the County Palatine of Durham* I, 181, discusses the dating of this grant.

to Auescheburne, by Aueskesburne to Blakesburne, by Blakesburne upon the east to where it falls into Tame, by Tame to where Choldene falls into Tame, by Choldene to Semer, and from Semer by the high road to Scadneslaue. To hold at service of half a knight.

Witnesses: Ranulph the archdeacon, Papamonus, Osbert, nephew of the bishop, Robert his brother, William, son of Ranulph, Urricus, Richard de Untedune, Payne, nephew of Ranulph.

Noted that the deed was read in court, 4 August 1716.

Seal, wrapt in wool and sewn in a linen bag, is now in small pieces and undecipherable; it was the seal illustrated, fig. 2 on plate IV, from an example in Durham Treasury, seal catalogue, no. 3110.

2. [1129.<sup>5</sup>] Charter of Henry I to Richard, nephew of Ranulph, bishop of Durham, granting to him the land of Ethun, Raueneswrda and Blechestona, as was granted by Ranulph in no. 1.

Witnesses: Roger, bishop of Salisbury, Nigel de Albin', Walter Espec, Geoffrey, son of Payne. At Portsmouth.

Noted that the deed was read in court, 4 August 1716.

Seal, fragment only of the fourth great seal of Henry remains attached to a strip cut off the parchment; fig. 1, plate IV, shows the complete obverse of this seal from an example in Durham Treasury catalogue, no. 3017.

3. Translation of nos. 1 and 2, probably made in 1716.

4. [Before 1290.] Grant by John de Kybbelesuurth' to William his son of a toft and 30 acres of land in the vill of Kybbelesuurth', lying between the land of Walter de Scrotevill' on the east and west, at a yearly rent of one arrow to grantor and 3*d.* to the bishop of Durham; grantee to pay no multure.

Witnesses: sir John Marmeduk', Walter Scrotevill', John de Byrteley, Gilbert [Gat]egange, John de Rauenisuurth'.

Seal, oval brown wax, 40×25 mm., a pelican in her piety feeding three young birds in a nest, beneath two birds pecking at a plant growing out of a vase. ✱ S'IOHANNIS·DE·KYBELSWOR. (No. 4, plate v.)

5. [1153-95.] Grant by Hugh, bishop of Durham, to Hugh Hauet and Philip his brother, sons of Ralph Nobil', of 20 acres of land between Yuestan and Merkesheued in the place called Croc, at a yearly rent of 12*d.*

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<sup>5</sup> Mr. Charles Johnson has kindly suggested this date to me.

Witnesses: Henry de Puteaco, Walter de Ferlington, sheriff, Roger de Conirer, Thomas de Coleuill', Philip de Coleuill', Jordan Eschovland', Geoffrey, son of Richard, William, son of Thomas, Lionel de Claxtun', Osbert de Laton', Jordan Hairun, Roger de Audrer, Roger Burd', Roger de Punchard', Hugh de Craud', Walter de Mosters, Alan Puinhant, Daniel de Es.

Seal, which has been attached to a strip of parchment fastened through a slit in the document, is destroyed. For it see Durham seal catalogue no. 3114A and plate 48.

6. [Early 13th cent.] Quitclaim by Robert, son of Richard de Raueneswrthe to Geoffrey, son of Geoffrey, his nephew, of his right in the vills of Lamesleya, Hectona, Silkeswrthe, Hordene and Blayke-stona, which belonged to Geoffrey, son of Richard, father of grantee; and of his right in the vill of Hameldona and in all other vills and lands in which Richard, his father, or Geoffrey, son of Richard, or Robert himself had any right. On account of this quitclaim Geoffrey has given to Robert 60 *marks* of silver and the whole vill of Raueneswrth' save waste retained in his own hand, Robert doing foreign service at a quarter of a knight's fee, with the foreign service of Hedleye.

Witnesses: Hunric de Nouill', Robert, son of Meldred, Jordan Escoulant, Thomas de Amundeuill', Gilbert Hansard, William de Heltona, Simon de Hauthorn', Walter, son of Gilbert, Gilbert de Laual, Robert de Amundeuill', John de Amundeuill', Robert, son of Thomas, John de Thorp, Roger de Audri, Walter his brother, Walter de Musters, William Esculant, Peter Harpin, Robert his brother.

Seal, greeny-brown wax, round, about 50 mm. in diameter, Robert, in civilian dress with flying skirts and high round hat, on horseback, galloping to the dexter a hawk upon his left hand. Legend destroyed. (Fig. 6, plate v.)

7. The same as no. 6, except that 40 *marks* of silver is the consideration specified.

Seal the same as no. 6 but in light brown wax, a few letters of the legend are legible. The seal is covered loosely in a piece of linen. (Fig. 6, plate v.)

8. [As no. 6.] Agreement (*indented in the form of a cyrograph*) between sir Geoffrey, son of Geoffrey, and John, son of Adam de Raueniswrth', namely that Geoffrey has granted to John a place suitable for making a mill upon Tham' on the north of the vill of Lamesl', with right of way to the mill from the road of Lamesl'

towards Gatesheued, and has further granted a moiety of the issues of his mill of Lamesl'—the whole at a yearly rent of 3*d*. In return John has granted a moiety of the issues of his mill in Lamesl'.

With provisions that each shall maintain his mill and shall not let it to farm without assent of the other, and that each shall lose his part of the profits of the other's mill if he do not repair his own.

Witnesses: sir Alexander de Hilton', Jordan de Dalden', Ralph de Epplingden', Adam de Merl', Adam de Bradel', William de Wessingt', William de Birtel', Robert de Urpeth'.

Seal destroyed.

9. [As no. 6.] Quitclaim by Adam de Raueneswrthe to Geoffrey, son of Geoffrey, of his right in the land held by Geoffrey, in exchange for (*pro*) the vill of Raueneswrthe, which Geoffrey has rendered to Adam.

Witnesses: Jordan Escoll', Roger Daudrer, Walter de Monasteriis, Reynald Basset, William de Latun, William de Lumel', William de Quicham, Robert de Yolton'.

Seal, sewn up in a linen cover, is in small fragments.

10. [Mid 13th cent.] Grant by Alexander de Redehou and Alice his wife to Geoffrey, son of Geoffrey, of the appurtenance (*atachiam-entum*) of the pond of Geoffrey's mill of Lamesley upon their land of Kibleswrth, called Yerhau, at a yearly rent of 2*s*.

Witnesses: Robert de Yeland, William de Hossewell', William de Lumeley, Adam de Merlley, Matthew de Lumeley, Matthew his son, John de Kibleswrth, William de Birtley, Geoffrey Ecoland, Henry de Lumeley.

The seal of Alexander which has been covered loosely in linen is now destroyed, that of Alice is in light brown wax, oval 30×22 mm., but is illegible.

11. Vigil of All Saints (31 Oct.) 1248. Ratification (*indented in the form of a cyrograph*) by Bertram, the prior, and the convent of Durham of the grant made by Nicholas, bishop of Durham, to Geoffrey, son of Geoffrey, of a close of his wood of Lameslegh'.

Witness: the prior's chaplain. At Durham.

The attached seal of prior Bertram has been wrapt in wool and sewn up in a fine linen bag; small fragments now only remain. The seal is no. 3431 in the catalogue of Durham seals, where it is illustrated on plate 64.

12. [Mid 13th cent.] Quitclaim and sale for 2 *marks* of silver by Avis, sometime daughter of Nicholas Mach, to sir Marmaduke of all that land in the field of Lameslei which Nicholas Mach her father held of sir Geoffrey, son of Geoffrey, father of Marmaduke.

Witnesses: sir John de Rumesey, then steward to sir Geoffrey, son of Geoffrey, John Gilet, sheriff, Thomas de Herington', William Basset, John de Bidich, Silvester de Dernington, Walter Pinchard.

Seal destroyed.

13. [1249-1256.] Grant by master William de Kilkenn', rector of the church of Chester by the assent of Walter, bishop of Durham, to sir Marmaduke, son of Geoffrey, of 5½ acres of demesne lands of the church lying by (*iuxta*) Calkeburn' on the west in Lumel' at a yearly rent of 1*d.*, in exchange for 5½ acres lying on the north of Holden', which Marmaduke has granted of his demesne lands to the church.

Witnesses: Thomas de Herinton', William Basset, Adam de Bradel', Geoffrey Escouland, master Guy de Barnard Castle, Ralph de Cesterton', chaplain, Richard de Kilkenn', Simon de la Morton', Robert de Blockel'.

Small fragment of seal in green wax.

14. [Before 1280.] Quitclaim by Guy, son of Robert de Lamesley, to his lord, sir Marmaduke, son of Geoffrey, of his right in the vills of Lamesley and Horden.

Witnesses: sir W. de Mideltun, then steward of Durham, master R. de Bereuil', then sheriff of Durham, sir Robert de Neuil', sir G. Hansard, sir T. de Herigtun, sir W. Basset, sir R. de Yeland, Walter de Ludeuurth, Ranulph de Merley, Philip de Musteres, Ralph de Corneford'.

Seal, light brown wax, round, about 30 mm. diameter, a cross each limb ending in a fleur-de-lis. Legend destroyed.

15. [Late 13th cent.] Agreement (*indented in the form of a cyrograph*) between sir Marmaduke and Robert de Rasinsuurth' concerning the construction of a common mill in the vill of Lamisley on the lands of both parties (*ubicunque magis expedit stagnum molendini fieri*); expenses and profits to be shared equally.

Witnesses: William Basset, Richard de Yeland, Richard de Cruteuill', William de Byrteley, Robert de Hurpeth', John de Merley, Geoffrey de Kyblisuurth', Richard de Rasinsuurth', Gilbert de la Grene, John de Rasinsuurth', Richard de Trefford', Robert de Lamisley.

Seal destroyed.

16. 10 Feb. 3rd year of the pontificate of Walter, bishop of Durham (1252). Licence from Walter, bishop of Durham, to Marmaduke, son of Geoffrey, to enclose and make a park of his wood, sometime called le leych' with the whole of Holdene and Byrewardes, paying 6*d.* yearly for the concession.

Witnesses: sir W. de Middleton', steward of the bishop, sir Robert, son of Meldred, sir Eudo de Punchardun', master Richard de Kirkeham, master Simon Guh', master Robert de Driffeld', sir P. de Well, sir William de Wyteby, chaplain, sir John Russell', sir Hugh Beyvin, sir Roger de Walteham, sir William de Hudleston', clerks. At Auclent, by the hand of master Thomas de Crauen', clerk.

Seal, in light brown wax, is wrapt in wool and sewn into a fine linen bag. It is much broken and only part of the *secretum* remains. It is the same seal as in catalogue of Durham seals, no. 3122, with the same *secretum* as on no. 3123; both are illustrated on plate 49 in that catalogue.

17. [Before 1290.] Grant by Robert Fychelinger, *serviens*, of Lamisley to sir John Fitz-Marmaduke<sup>6</sup> of Horden of a toft, croft and 3 acres of land in the vill of Lamisley, lying between the land of John de Merley and of William le Nobill'.

Witnesses: sir Richard de Yeland', sir John de Farneacris, kts., Luke de Kibliswrth, John de Kibliswrth, Robert lord of Rainswrth, Robert, son of John de Rainswrth, Geoffrey de Rainswrth, John Gategang'.

Seal destroyed.

18. [Late 13th cent.] Quitclaim for a sum of money unspecified by Maud, daughter of Hathering', to sir John Fitz-Marmaduke of her land and right in the vill of Lamisley with lands etc. there.

Witnesses: Richard de Yeland, John de Kybliswrth', Alexander de Treford, Adam de Rasinwrth', clerk.

Seal, illegible fragment of small oval seal in light brown wax only remains.

19. Kalends of January (1 Jan.) 1288. Grant by Anthony, bishop of Durham, to sir John Fitz-Marmaduke of free warren in all the demesne lands of the manors of Lamesley and Raueneshelme within the royal liberty of Durham.

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<sup>6</sup> *domino Johanni fili Marmeducy* translated Fitz-Marmaduke through-out.

Witnesses: sir Brian, son of Alan, sir Robert de Hilton', sir Walter de Huntrecombe, sir Gwyschard de Charrom', sir Thomas de Herington', and sir Richard Knot, kts., master Nicholas de Well', archdeacon of Northumberland then chancellor of the bishop, John de Crawen', canon of Lichfeld, Adam de Driffeld', Adam de Aluerton', *clericis nostris*. At Auckeland'.

Seal, which has been attached by ribbon of brown silk, has now gone.

20. 4 June, 6th year of the pontificate of Richard, bishop of Durham (1223). Confirmation of Richard bishop of Durham, chancellor of the king, to Robert de Yeland' of all the land called Raueneshelm', to wit from Thame as the hedges of Lamesley stretch against the hill to the boundaries of Raueneswrth', and by those hedges of Raueneswrth' to the high-road (*chiminus*) between Raueneswrth' and Quicham, by that high-road to Blakeburn', falling to Thame, and thus by Thame climbing to the boundaries of Lamesley, as is contained in the charter of Geoffrey, son of Geoffrey, which the bishop has inspected.

With further grant of reasonable estover and common of pasture in the bishop's forest.

Witnesses: Roger Daudrer, Jordan Heyrun', Robert de Kokefeld', John de Pevton, Thomas son of Bernard, William Briton', Richard de Holmeside', Reynald Dalbelin, Thomas Bard', William Harpin', Adam de Merley, Robert de Langeley, Robert de Koggeshall', Geoffrey de Akeshel'. At Durham.

The seal, attached by woven cords of green and white silk, is that of Richard Marsh, bishop of Durham (1217-1226); only a fragment remains, but enough to show that it is the same seal and *secretum* as no. 3118 in catalogue of Durham seals, illustrated on plate 48 in that catalogue.

21. [1290-1299.] Grant by Richard de Yelande to John Fitz-Marmaduke of the manor of Raueneshelm.

Witnesses: sir Thomas de Herigton', sir John de Farnachers, Walter de Scrootuile, Alan de [S]likeburne, Alexander de Trefort, Robert de Raueneswrt.

Seal, round, 37 mm. diameter, brown wax, equestrian. Richard on horseback galloping to the sinister. He wears a loose flowing surcoat, a circular, visored helm with fan crest, brandishes a sword in his right hand and bears on his left arm a concave slightly triangular shield charged with two bars and in chief two molets.



Legend s' R . . . . . DE·EYNL . . . . . (plate v, fig. 1). See catalogue of Durham seals, nos. 2724-2727.

22. [1290-1299.] Quitclaim by Richard de Yeland' to John Fitz-Marmaduke of the whole manor of Raueneshelm', which Richard held by lease for life of John, excepting a messuage and 35 acres.

Witnesses: sir Guischard de Charron', sir Robert de Hilton', sir William de Laton', sir Roger Bernard', sir John de Gildeford', sir John de Farnacres, kts., Walter de Scroteuill', John de Birteley, John de Oseworth', John de Rauenesworth', Walter de Wessington', William del Redelhough', Thomas de Yolton'.

Seal, dark brown wax, oval, imperfect, 27×20 mm. diameter, an animal of indeterminate character. Legend s . . vi . . . . HUV.

23. [1290-1299.] Quitclaim by Richard de Yeland', kt., to John Fitz-Marmaduke of the manor of Raueneshelm'.

Witnesses: sir Gwyschard de Charun', sir Robert de Hylton', sir William de Laton', sir Roger Bernard', sir John de Gildeford, sir John de Farnakris, kts., Walter de Scruteuyl', John de Birteley, John de Osewurth', Walter de Wessington', Robert de Raueneswurth', John de Raueneswurth', William de Redhough', Thomas de Yolton'.

Seal, light brown wax, round, 27 mm. diameter, an eight rayed device. Legend s'RICARDI·DE·YHELAND. (Plate v, fig. 7.)

24. [1290-1299.] Quitclaim by Richard de Yeland' to John Fitz-Marmaduke of his land of Raueneshelm.

Witnesses: Wychard de Charun', Thomas de Herington', John de Farnakris, kts., Walter de Scruteuyl', John de Kilbleswurth, John de Raueneswurthe, Robert de Raueneswurthe, Alexander de Treffod', Alan de Slykeburn'.

Seal destroyed, it has been wrapt up in a linen bag.

25. [1290-1299.] Quitclaim by John de Yeland and Mary his wife to John Fitz-Marmaduke of all their right in the lands etc. of Hedley.

Witnesses: sir Richard de Yeland', sir John de Farnakris, Walter de Scruteuil', John de Kilbleswurth', John de Raueneswurth', Alexander de Trefford', Robert de Hedley.

Two seals have been attached, both destroyed.

26. [Before 1311.] Quitclaim by Mariot, sometime wife of sir John de Yeland, kt., in her widowhood, to sir John Fitz-Marmaduke, kt., of her right in the manor of Raueneshelm', Hedley and Hamelden', which belonged to John de Yeland.

Witnesses: sir Robert de Lomeley', sir Walter de Wessington', sir Thomas de Whitemirche, kts., John de Birtley, John de Bydik', John de Osemirche, John de Alingscheles, Geoffrey the clerk.

Seal, light brown, very imperfect, a cross with the ends of the limbs broadened out. Legend ✱s' IOHANNIS . . . . .

27. [Before 1281; probably c. 1269.] Grant (*indented in the form of a cyrograph*) by Robert, son of John de Rasinswrthe to his lord, sir John Fitz-Marmaduke, of a moiety of his mill upon Thame. To hold as freely as grantor or his father ever held it of grantee or his father. Grantee agrees not to make a mill on the north up to Blakeburne. Expenses of the mill to be equally divided, Robert rendering however 1d. yearly to John for the road to the mill. The mill to be moved, upon consent of both parties, to any more suitable place on their lands between the vill of Lamisi' and Blakeburne.

Witnesses: Richard de Yeland, kt., William de Yeland, kt., John de Farmacres, kt., Luke de Kybliswrth', John de Kybliswrth', John de Byrthley, Walter de Hurp', William de Feugers, William de Yolton', John de Merley, Richard de Grandal, Robert de Rasinswrth'.

Seal, brown wax, round, 34 mm. diameter, a five leaved flower. Legend ✱s' [ROBERT]VS: FIL' IOHANIS. (Plate v, fig. 2.)

28. Sunday in the feast of St. Laurence the Martyr (10 Aug.), 1315. Quitclaim by Roger, son and heir of sir John de Yeland', kt., to sir Richard, son of John Fitz-Marmaduke, kt., and Eleanor his wife and the heirs of Richard of his right in the manor of Rauenshelme.

Witnesses: sir Robert de Lumlay, sir John Warde, kts.; John de Lumlay, Richard de Barington', William de Silkesuurth', Roger de Esche, Walter de Toppecliue, clerk. At Durham.

Seal destroyed.

29. [1315.] Quitclaim by Alice, daughter of sir John de Yeland', kt., to sir Richard, son of John Fitz-Marmaduke, kt., and Eleanor his wife and the heirs of Richard of her right in the manor of Rauenshelme.

Witnesses: sir Robert de Lumlay, sir John Warde, kts., John de Lumlay, Richard de Barington', William de Silkesuurth', Roger de Esche, Walter de Toppecliue, clerk.

Seal destroyed.

30. [1290-1318.] Grant by Roger, son of Isolda de Lambesley, to Richard, son of John Fitz-Marmaduke, of a messuage, 5 acres and 1 rod of land in the vill of Lambesley, and of the remainder of 9 acres 1½ rods of land, held for life by Richard, son of Hugh de Heygton', of which grantor has the reversion after the death of Richard, son of Hugh.

Witnesses: John de Bydik', John de Aleynscheles, William de Merley, Richard de Scroteuyle, Robert de Rauenesworth', John de la Leye.

Seal, light brown, very imperfect, round, an indeterminate object. Legend s' . . . o' ISO . . . .

31. Enrolments and memoranda as follows—

(i) [Before 1290.] Lease by John Fitz-Marmaduke, lord of Horden', to John de Aleinsel' for his life of 2 tofts, called Kychyntoft and Campumtoft, and 32 acres in the vill of Eghton', at a yearly rent of 21s. 8d.

Witnesses: John de Byrtley, Walter de Scroteuill', John de Kybblysworth', Alexander de Treford.

(ii) Morrow of the Circumcision 7 Edward II (2 Jan. 131¾.) Fine made in the court of the bishop at Durham before Lambert de Trikyngham, Hugh de Louthre, Adam de Middleton', Thomas de Fisseburn' and William de Denum, between Richard, son of John Fitz-Marmaduke, and Eleanor his wife, *pl.*, and William de Silkysworth', *def.*, of the manor of Raueneshelm' and Lamesley. With successive remainders to John, son of Robert de Lomley, and to the right heirs of Richard.

(iii) Note of descent—John Fitz-Marmaduke granted to John de Aleinschels for his life 2 tofts and 32 acres in Eghton', with reversion to Richard, son and heir of John Fitz-Marmaduke; the right descended to the said Richard, and to Mary, his sister and heir, wife of Robert de Lomley; from Mary to Robert de Lomley, her son and heir, and from him to Marmaduke, his son and heir.

(iv) 26 Aug. 6th year of the pontificate of John, bishop of Durham (1389.) Writ *precipe* of John, bishop of Durham, to the sheriff of Durham, ordering him to command John de Kendale, clerk, to return to Ralph de Lomley, kt. (*chivaler*), 2 tofts and 32 acres in Eghton' (in which the same John has not entry except after the intrusion made by John Neweman after the death of John de Aleinschels, to whom the premises were leased for life, with reversion to Ralph de Lomley, by John Fitz-Marmaduke, kinsman of the said Ralph) or to be before Roger de Fulthorp', Ralph de Eure, William de Elmedon' and John de Preton'.

At Durham by the hand of William de Elmedon', chancellor of the bishop.

(v) Thursday next before the feast of St. Matthew the Apostle, 11 Richard II (19 Sept. 1387.) Pleas before Roger de Fulthorp' etc. at Durham. Ralph de Lomley in his own person seeks of John de Kendale 2 tofts and 32 acres (*as above*), saying that John Fitz-Marmaduke, his kinsman (namely the father of Mary, mother of Robert, father of Marmaduke, father of Ralph), was seised of the tenements at the time of the peace in the time of bishop Ludovic. John de Kendale appears in his own person and says that he cannot deny Ralph's action (*dedicere actionem*.)

Judgment that Ralph shall recover seisin against John of the tenements.

Note—"ad loquend' pro sua protectione domini Regis pro Johanne de Kendale."

(vi) Another copy of (ii).

32. [Before 1281; probably c. 1269.] Grant and confirmation, for a sum of money unspecified, by Thomas, son of Gerard de Lamisley, to Robert Fitz-Marmaduke, of his lands in the vill of Lamisley', with toft and garden against Vlnesley (*sic*), Vanisley, the *cultura* of Gyliane, and the house of Robert Todde, rendering yearly one clove-gillyflower.

Witnesses: sir John Fitz-Marmaduke, Richard de Yeland, Luke de Kybliswrth', John de Farmacres, William de Yolton', John de Gypsethe, William de Fougers, Robert de Rasinswrth', Alexander de Bydich, Roger de Oswrthe.

Seal, light brown, round, imperfect, a star-like device. Legend destroyed except . . . AL . . . .

33. [Before 1318.] Quitclaim by Richard, son of John Fitz-Marmaduke, to John de Wessington', clerk, of his right in lands lying in the vills of Rauenesworth and Lamesley and formerly belonging to Alexander, son of William le Noble, and to John the clerk, formerly chaplain of Lamesley by the gift of Alexander; and grant by the same to the same of a toft and land called Randolfescroft and Michellescroft at a yearly rent of 6s.

Witnesses: John de Kyblesworth', Robert de Rauenesworth', Richard Scrutuill', John de Alaynshels, William de Silkesworth', then steward in the hall of Raueneshelm.

No seal.

34. 10 Sept. 1390. Quitclaim by Henry Halswod and Marior Whasschington' his wife to Robert Pekard of Northallerton of their right in lands etc. in Rauenesworth.

Witnesses: Alan Rauenysworth', John de Rauenysworth', William Colynson', William Stephunson, William Gollan. At Rauenysworth.

Two seals attached, both in light brown wax:—

1. Round, 25 mm. diameter, armorial a mill-rind cross with a circle at the intersection. No legend. (Plate v, fig. 3.)
2. Round, 23 mm. diameter, an animal running. Legend illegible.

35. Thursday next after Michaelmas (2 Nov.), 1320. Agreement between sir Robert de Umframauill', earl Daneguse (*sic*), and Eleanor his wife, of the one part, and lady Ida de Neuill', of the other, namely that Ida shall have the third part of the manors of Raueneshelme, Lamesleye, Eyghton', Ulneby, Carleburge, Homeldon' and Housfeld' as her dower, according to the form of her recovery and the assignation made to her by the sheriff of Durham, paying 22*l.* to Robert and Eleanor, adjudged for their loss (*dampnis*) of Housfeld. Robert to settle his debts etc. At Rauenshelm'.

No seal.

36. Monday 30 Sept. 1342. Quitclaim by John de Yeland' to John de Lumley, kt., and Eleanor, who was the wife of Richard, son of John Fitz-Marmaduke, and to the heirs of John [de Lumley] of his right in lands etc. in Raueneshelme and Hedley, which belonged to John de Yeland' and Mary his wife and which Eleanor was holding for life of the inheritance of John de Lumley.

Witnesses: sir Alexander de Hilton', sir William de Wessington', sir Roger de Essh, kts., John de Birtley, John de Hetheworth, John Gill, Gilbert de Merley, Thomas Scroteuyll', Richard lord of Lynce, Richard, son of John de Rauenesworth', William Freman' of Quikham.

Seal, red wax, round, 21 mm. diameter, a bird, (? a popinjay) walking to the sinister. Legend \* S' IOH . . DE L . . .

37. Sunday next before the feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude (25 Oct.), 1349. Grant by Alexander, son and heir of John de Wessington' of Lamesley, to Richard Sanssemer of all the land in Lamesley and Rauenesworth', with buildings thereon, which belonged to grantor after the death of his father. Grantee to find a lighted

lamp before the altar B.V.M. in the chapel of St. Andrew the Apostle at Lamesley.

Witnesses: Alexander, son of William de Kiblesworth', Alan de Rauenesworth', Thomas de Gildeforth', William, son of Denis, Roger Warde, Thomas, son of Roger. At Rauenesworth.

Seal, whitey-brown, round, 15 mm. diameter, undecipherable.

38. Eve of St. Laurence (9 Aug.) 1356. Grant (*French, indented in the form of a cyrograph*) by sir John de Lumley to sir Robert Dumframuill' of the site, demesne, park, meadows and pasture of the manor of Raueneshelme, which Eleanor, who was wife of Richard Fitz-Marmaduke,<sup>7</sup> holds for life and of which sir John has the reversion. To hold for one year and six weeks after the death of the said Eleanor, taking in that time as much coal (*myne de Charbonn*) there as can be worked (*mainouerer*) by four men in one pit (*Puyce*.)

Both parties bound in 20l. to keep the agreement.

Sealed also by Robert, son and heir of sir John de Lumley. At Durham.

Seal destroyed.

39. Friday next after the feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr (12 July) 1353. Grant (*indented in the form of a cyrograph*) by John de Lumley, kt., to John Coke of Proudhowe, to whom lady Eleanor, lady of Raueneshelm', has leased for term of her life the chief messuage and park of Lamesley, namely from the road leading from Eghton' to Lamesley church, with le halorchard and le vynernedowe, and thus to Britleywod', at a yearly rent of 6l., that if John Coke survive Eleanor he shall hold the premises for his life, at a yearly rent of 6l. for the first ten years after the death of Eleanor, and afterwards of 40l.; further, that if John Coke should die during the life of Eleanor, his heirs and assigns shall hold the premises during her life, and for ten years after her death, at a yearly rent of 6l.; and that if John Coke should die within the ten years after Eleanor's death, his heirs and assigns shall hold the premises till the end of the term of ten years (*no rent specified*.)

Provisions for distress in case the rent be in arrear. At Lamesley.

Seal, red, round, 20 mm. diameter, a hawk upon a rabbit. \*SOHOV SOHOV. (Plate v, fig. 5.)

40. Wednesday next before the feast of the conversion of St. Paul (23 Jan.), 1370. Grant by John Sperman of Lamesley to John de Scruteuill' of all his lands in the vills of Eghton' and Lamesley.

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<sup>7</sup> *Richard le fitz Marmaduk*'.

Witnesses: Alan de Rauenesworth', John his son, William Symson', Thomas, son of Roger, William Diotson', Richard de Sansemer, Robert Bultflour. At Lamesley.

Seal destroyed.

41. 5 July 9 Richard II (1385), Indenture (*in the form of a cyrograph*) made between Ralph de Lomley, kt. (*chivaler*), of the one part, and John Fullour, chaplain, and John de Sadbergh', of the other, testifying that the feoffment made by Ralph to John and John of lands etc. in cos. York and Northumberland, the liberty of Durham and the wapentake of Sadberg' is under the following conditions, namely that grantees shall re-enfeoff grantor at his request, and that, should grantor die before he is re-enfeoffed, grantees shall enfeoff lady Eleanor, wife of grantor, for her life, with lands to the yearly value of 100*l.* in the liberty of Durham and wapentake of Sadberg', which shall remain after her death to the right heirs of Ralph; the grantees also shall pay the grantor's debts, implement all legacies of his will out of the issues of the premises granted, and thereafter shall enfeoff the heir, whether he is of age or not, of all the premises except those given to Eleanor for life, whereof the reversion (*sic*) belongs to the heir, and with reservation to the grantees of a yearly rent of 10*l.* for maintenance of two chaplains till the heir attains his full age, if feoffment is made under age. At Beautroue.

Seal, signet of red wax, 8 mm. diameter, a popinjay standing between R L.

42. 17 April 1388.. Grant by William de Hyndeley, chaplain, to Marmaduke de Lumley, kt., lord of Rauenshelm', and Eleanor his wife for their lives, of a yearly rent of 4 *marks*, issuing from lands in Lamesley, held by Marmaduke of the gift of Richard Sansemer, with successive remainders to Marmaduke, son of Marmaduke and Eleanor, for his life, and to the right heirs of Marmaduke the father in perpetuity.

Witnesses: John Scurteuill', Gilbert Eglyne, Alan de Rauensworth, William Bultfloure, William Symson', Thomas Rogerson', William Stephanson'. At Lamesley.

Seal, light brown wax, oval, 15×5 mm., a man's head. No legend.

43. Sunday next before Michaelmas 1 Henry IV (26 Sept. 1400.) Quitclaim by Robert de Quytteby to William Anewanne and Thomas Forster of his right in a messuage and a croft in the vill of Lamesley,

lying on the east about (*inter*) the water of Tame, called le temple house.

At Lamesley.

Seal, red, round, 20 mm. diameter. The Holy Lamb holding cross. S' . . . . IVE.

44. Thursday next before Michaelmas 1 Henry IV (23 Sept. 1400.) Letters of acquittance by Alice de Quytteby to Marmaduke de Lomley, kt., of 42s. in payment of the farm of seven years of a messuage and a croft in Lameslay, leased by Alice to Marmaduke for that period.

Seal, fragment in red wax, ? R between foliage. No legend.

45. 8 Jan. 1 Henry IV (1399/1400), Agreement (*French, indented*) between John Coluill of Dale, kt. (*chivaler*), on one part, and Marmaduke de Lomeley, kt. (*chivaler*), on the other, concerning the conditions of the marriage between Robert, son of Marmaduke, and Isabel, daughter of John, namely that Marmaduke shall enfeof John Banastre and Thomas de Seton', chaplains, of lands etc. in the vill of Eghton' and of lands etc. called Old Eghton' near the manor of Lamesley, co. Durham, and that they shall continue their seisin without altering their estate for a quarter of a year after the date of this agreement. If after that date, whenever Robert shall die, it shall be known that Isabel is not with child, the trustees<sup>8</sup> shall give all the rents to Isabel for her life, with remainder to Marmaduke and his heirs; if it shall be known that Isabel is with child, the trustees shall continue seisin until she is delivered, paying to her in the meantime all the rents and profits of the premises, and after her delivery granting them to her for life, with successive remainders to the child aforesaid, the heirs of his body, and, from failure of his issue, to Marmaduke and his heirs.

Further grant by Marmaduke to John that whatever is unpaid of a recognizance of 20*l.* at the death of Isabel shall be discharged and the recognizance void.

Witnesses: John Conyers, Robert Wicliff, clerk, William Lamberd, William Lassynby.

Seal destroyed.

46. 20 Feb. 7 Henry IV (1405.) Quitclaim by John de Lumley, kt., to Marmaduke de Lumley, kt., his kinsman, of his right in the castle of Rawyneshelme, Lamesley and Eghton, which formerly belonged to Richard Fitz-Marmaduke.

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<sup>8</sup> Banastre and Seton'.



Witnesses: William Mayhew, William Lamton', Robert Carlele, John Rawynsworth'. At Lumley castle.

Seal destroyed.

47. 10 June 3 Henry V (1415.) Agreement (*indented*) between Roger de Thornton' and Robert de Whelpyngton', of the one part, and William de Lumley, esq., Nicholas Raymes, esq., Thomas Forester, of Lameslee, and William Rolteby of Gatesheued, of the other, that if the second parties pay to Robert de Whelpyngton' in his house at Newcastle upon Tyne 10 *marks* at Michaelmas next, and 10 marks at the feast of St. Martin in the Winter next, then their bond to Roger de Thornton' and Robert de Whelpyngton' in 40 *marks*, and William de Lumley's writing of 10 June 3 Henry V, granting to Roger and Robert for the term of two years next following a yearly rent of 20 *marks* from the manor of Ravenshelm', shall be void and re-delivered to William.

At Newcastle.

Seals, two undecipherable signets in red wax.

48. 26 May 5 Henry V (1417). Grant (*indented*) by William de Lumblee, kt. (*chivaler*), to Ralph de Eure, kt., of the park of Lamesle, called Lamesley-park. Grantor to re-enter at any time upon payment to grantee of 20*l.* at the manor of Witton' in Wardale.

Witnesses: William Melot, John Birtlee, John Ravensworth', John Gildford', William Gategang.

Seal destroyed.

49. Monday next before the feast of All Saints 3 Henry VI (30 Oct. 1424.) Agreement (*indented*) between William de Lomlee, kt., and Robert de Eure, son of Ralph de Eure, kt., deceased, that at any time within the next ten years upon payment to Robert at Durham of 20*l.* 33*s.* 4*d.*, William may re-enter upon Lamesley park, which he has granted and confirmed to Robert.

At Lamesley park.

[See no. 50.]

Seal destroyed.

50. 17 Nov. 6 Henry VI (1427.) Quitclaim by Robert Eure, son of Ralph de Eure, kt., to William Lumley, kt., of his right in tenements near Eghton' called Houdenhouses, granted to Robert by William on the vigil of St. James the Apostle (24 July) 1422, and in

the whole park near Lamesley, called Lamesleypark, granted to Robert by William on Monday next before the feast of All Saints 3 Henry VI (30 Oct. 1424).

Witnesses: William Chaunceller, esq., John Trollop', esq., William Hoton'.

[See no. 49.]

Seal destroyed.

51. 12 Dec. 6 Henry VI (1427.) Grant by William Lomley, kt., to Henry Percy, earl of Northumberland, Robert Umframuell', kt., William Tarte, rector of the church of Qwhikham, William Lambton' the elder, Robert Whelpyngton', Robert Lambton', and Roger Both' of 3 messuages with adjacent lands, namely, one in the tenure of William Patonson' and two called Howdenhouses; 2 cottages, namely one called Redecarrcotage, and the other formerly in the tenure of John Hedlay; a close called Eghton' park; a meadow called Prior meadow, and a pasture called lez langacres, lying on the water of Thame with their appurtenances in Eghton'.

Witnesses: William de Hylton', Robert de Hylton', William Tempest, kts., John Hedworth', Robert Jakson', William Millot', Robert Dalton'.

No seal.

52. 4 Nov. 3 Edward IV (1463.) Grant (*indented*) by William Lumley, kt., and Thomas Lumley, his son and heir, to Henry Chamer of Newcastle upon Tyne, *mynsterall*, and Agnes, his wife, for their lives of the hermitage of Eghton' with 2 acres of land. Grantees responsible for repair; grantors may re-enter upon any waste, adjudged by 4 jurors the fault of grantees; William Jakson', who formerly dwelt in the hermitage, to live without molestation in a house belonging to the hermitage and which he now inhabits.

Signets of Henry Chamer and his wife attached:—

1. Red wax, round, 9 mm. diameter, a harp above two . . . ?
2. Red wax, round, 8 mm. diameter, a knot, coe m.

53. 28 May 6 Edward IV (1466.) Grant (*indented in the form of a cyrograph*) by William Lumlee, kt., to John Moreton, his servant, of Rytone, for life of all his lands etc. in the vill of Hedlee in the parish of Lamesley, except all services, wardship of lands and heirs, homages, fidelities and suits of court of free tenants there, reserved to the grantor.

Witnesses: John Carlele, Robert Hedworth, John Skurtvyle, John Park', esqs.

Small oblong red signet, I upon it.

54. 6 Aug. 1466. Agreement (*English, indented*) between Thomas lord Lomley and sir William Lomley, kt., in the marriage of Bartraham Lomley, nephew of William, and Margarett, daughter of Thomas, that William shall grant to Bartraham and Margarett for their lives, and then to their heirs, the remainder after his death of lands etc. in Lamesley, now in the tenure of John Gameliseby, with the mill called Dompeir miln', in tenure of the same, and also Tyrlle miln', now held by William Thomson' of Lamesley. Dame Elizabeth, wife of sir William Lomley, to have a *nisesment* for life of 5 *marks* value for release had of her third of the above lands, if ever the case require [i.e. if she outlives William and receives her dowry.] The terms of the agreement to be put into execution before the feast of All Hallows next.

At the castle of Lomley.

Seals—1. Destroyed.

2. Small red signet protected by a twisted straw, a wyvern or cockatrice.

55. Counterpart of no. 54.

Small red signet, broken and illegible.

56. 6 Oct. 16th year of the pontificate of Laurence, bishop of Durham (1472). Inquisition taken at Chestre before Henry Radclyff, esq., escheator, after the death of William Lomley.

Findings of the jury: William Lomley died seised (i) of the manor of Ravenshelme, containing 60 acres arable (yearly value, 6*d.* an acre), 100 acres pasture (yearly value, 2*d.* an acre), 10 acres meadow (yearly value, 12*d.* an acre), 60 acres wood (yearly value, 2*d.* an acre), 100 acres moor (no value because waste.) The manor held of the bishop by service of half a knight's fee and by three suits to the principal county courts of Durham.

(ii) of the manor of Lamesley, containing 60 acres arable, 50 acres pasture, 10 acres meadow, 40 acres wood, and of 4 husbandlands in Eghton', parcel of the manor, containing 60 acres arable, 1 acre meadow, 50 acres pasture (the yearly values per acre corresponding to those detailed in (i).) The manor held of the bishop by suit to the county court of Durham every quindene.

(iii) together with Elizabeth, his wife, as feoffees, of the manor of

Stranton', of the gift of William Codell', rector of the church of Wessyngton', and of John James, chaplain, as appears by deed of 2 Nov. 4 Edward IV (1465), containing 10 bovates arable (yearly value, 6s. 8d. each bovat), 12 cottages (yearly value, 3s. 4d. each cottage.) The manor held of the bishop as of his manor of Hert by service of a pair of spurs or 12d., and suit of court of Hert every three weeks.

William Lumley was seised of a tenement in Ravensworth', now in the tenure of George Carre, and gave it to Elizabeth for term of her life, at the church door of Wessyngton', when he took her to wife.

He died on the feast of St. Matthew the Apostle last past (21 Sept. 1472), and Thomas Lumley is son and next heir, and of 40 years and more.

No seal.

57. 24 May 14 Edward IV (1474). Grant (*indented in the form of a cyrograph*) by Robert, son of Robert Hall', late of Stanleybire, to George Carr' of lands, called Traffordlandes in the fields of Lamesley and Eghton', granted to Robert Hall the father on 20 Sept. 12 Edward IV (1472) by Richard Scurtvile, who reserved the right to re-enter upon payment to grantee of 8l. In the present grant Robert Hall the son reserves the right for Scurtvile or himself to re-enter upon payment to grantee of 8l.

Small red wax signet, a merchant's mark between R N.

58. Counterpart of no. 57.

Small red wax signet, square, beaded border, the letter t, in front of it an arrow.

59. 24 April 20 Edward IV (1480), Attornment (*English, indented*) by Joan Scrutvile, late the wife of John Scrutvile, gentleman, to Bertram Lumley, esq., for her life interest in lands etc. in Bawlyshafeylde in the parish of Lameseley, late of John her husband and of which Richard Scrutvile, son and heir to the said John, has granted his reversion to Bertram.

"attorned be the payment of peny yiwen to Thame therin."

Seal destroyed.

60. 26 July 20 Edward IV (1480.) Grant by Bertram Lumley, esq., to Ralph Herbotill', esq., William Burgh' of Burgh', esq., John Herbotill' of Bichfeld', Thomas Herbotill', clerk, John Watson' of Wardley, and John Gamylysby of Lamesley, of all his manors, lord-

ships, lands, tenements, rents and services in Rauenshelm, Lamesleydale or elsewhere in co. Durham.

At Durham.

Small red wax signet much blurred and illegible, apparently a bird with motto in black letter above it.

61. 1 Aug. 20 Edward IV (1480.) Grant (*indented*) by Ralph Herbotill', esq., William Burgh' of Burgh', esq., John Herbotill' of Bichfeld', Thomas Herbotill', clerk, John Watson' of Wardley and John Gamylsby of Lamesley to Bertram Lumley, esq., and Margaret his wife of lands etc. lately held by the grantors of the gift of Bertram, namely a messuage and lands in Lamesley and a mill there called Dumpermyln', now in the tenure of John Gamylsby; a park there, called Lamesley parke, now in the tenure of John Cok; a messuage at the north end of the vill of Lamesley, now in the tenure of Thomas Gamylsby; a messuage in the vill of Eghton', now in the tenure of John Priour; a close called Gromysclose within the lordship of Rauenshelm'; a close there called Blakmantilclose with le Coteshawez and le Fensfeld there; a meadow called le Brademedow with lez Crokez by Tamesyde; a mill there called Blakburnmuyln' with a close adjacent to it; 2 little closes called le Ouer Riles and le Nethir Riles, and a little close there called le Countesete. Remainder, after the death of Bertram, of lands of yearly value 20 *marks* to the male heir of Bertram and Margaret upon his reaching full age without contradiction of Margaret.

At Durham.

*On dorse*, noted as being enrolled in the chancery of Durham on the dorse of the Close Roll for 5th year of pontificate of John, bishop of Durham (1489).

Six signets have been attached to six parchment tags; all are now destroyed.

62. 7 July 1485. Grant (*indented*) for life by Bertram Lumley, esq., to Nicholas Lumley his brother of 2 tenements in Laymsle, called Awkelandes housse and Holdenshousse; 2 meadows called Langakers and Priour medew lying by the water of Tayme; 2 closes called Kyrke Clos and Thorne Clos by Laymsle parke on the west—at a yearly rent of 12*d*. Reversion to grantor and his right heirs.

No seal now attached. Slit for tag.

63. 7 July 1485. Grant (*indented*) by Bertram Lumley, esq., to

William Watson' and Isabel his wife, sister of Bertram, for the life of Isabel, of a tenement with le hawll' orchert belonging to it, lying in Laymsle, in which William Miller now lives, at a yearly rent of 20*d.* [But see also no. 65.]

Two red wax signets have been attached :

1. Red wax, trefoil shaped, plain centre and diapered lobes.
2. Destroyed.

64. Counterpart of no. 63.

Small red signet, foliage device.

65. 10 July 1485. Agreement (*indented*) between William Watson' and Isabel his wife, of the one part, and Bertram Lumley, esq., of the other part, namely that William and Isabel will pay yearly to Bertram during his life 8*s.* 4*d.* for the farm of the tenement granted to them in no. 63.

Seal destroyed, tag remains.

66. 3 Dec. 1 Henry VII (1485.) Lease (*indented*), for seven years from the feast of St. Martin in the Winter last past, by Richard Scurtfeld, gentleman, of Laymsle to Bertram Lumley, esq., of 4 tenements in the vill of Kybbilsworth, called Carterhousse, Spowt-burne housse, John Lawes housse, Chekyn' housse; 2 meadows, called Crowkes (abutting Marburne) and Croner garth, both in Kybbilsworth, at a yearly rent of 20*s.* Provisions for distress in case the rent be in arrear.

Seal destroyed.

67. 10 Jan. 1 Henry VII (1485½.) Grant for life by Bertram Lumley, esq., to Nicholas Lumley his brother of a close called Kyrkclos and a close called Thorneclos, lying between Laymsle parke on the east and the church of St. Andrew in Laymsle on the west; a cottage in Laymsle, in which William Awkeland' now lives; a yearly rent of 10*s.* from a close called Langakers, from a meadow called Priour medew, lying between Laymsle park on the east and the water of Tayme on the west, and from a tenement in Heghton' called Howdenhousse.

Seal destroyed.

68. 12 Oct. 3 Henry VII (1487.) Grant (*indented*) by Bertram

Lumely to Agnes Radclyff, widow, of a mill and close adjacent in Lameseledale, now in the tenure of Nicholas Turpyñ, at a yearly rent of 13s. 4d. Grantor to re-enter at any time upon payment of 20 marks to grantee. Appointment of George Lumely, brother of grantor, as his attorney to deliver seisin.

Seal destroyed.

69. 18 Dec. 5 Henry VII (1489.) Lease (*English, indented*) for eleven years from the feast of St. Cuthbert in Lent next following by Bertram Lumley, esq., to sir John Hedworth, chaplain, of a close called Netherfeld' and Spernelclose, with the bank lying between the highway from Ravenshell' on the south and the waterfall down Blakburn' to Farnakers on the north, and a coal-pit on the west to the common way on the east, at a yearly rent during the first four years of the lease of 23s. 4d., and during the next seven years of 26s. 8d. Lessee to take *ramells* for hedging the closes. Provisions for distress in case the rent be in arrear. If Bertram sinks any coal-pit within the close or bank within the period of the lease, the lessee's rent is to be rebated "acordyng as the ground is broken." "Prouyded alwey yt the seid sr. John' haue no tittle by thys lesse farther but to the Arbage therof noder to plewe nor to sawe."

Fragment of red signet.

70. 4 Jan. 13 Henry VII (1493.) Confirmation by Ralph Herbotill, kt., to Isabel, wife of Henry Boynton, kt., daughter and heir of Bertram Lomley, esq., deceased, of the manors of Rawuenshelme and Lamysley and all the lands etc. in Rawuenshelme, Lamysley, Eghton, Hedle, Rawuensworth and Stranton, which he had along with other persons now deceased of the gift of Bertram, excepting certain lands etc., which Margaret, late wife of Bertram, holds to herself and to the heirs of Bertram and herself. The name of Ralph's attorney to deliver seisin has not been filled in.

Oblong red signet R.

71. 15 March 3rd year of the pontificate of Richard, bishop of Durham (1497.) Letters Patent of Richard, bishop of Durham, licensing Henry Boynton, esq., and Isabel his wife, daughter and heir of Bertram Lomley, esq., deceased, tenant in chief of the bishop, (which Isabel is of full age) to enter without proof of age, inquisition or prosecution of livery upon the lands within the bishopric of Durham of which her father died seised, and which should descend to Isabel. With issues from the death of Bertram.

At Durham, by the hand of Ralph Both, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Great seal in chancery of bishop Richard Fox (1494-1501), light brown wax. Seal described in catalogue of Durham seals, no. 3164, and illustrated on plate 55.

72. 20 May 1st year of the pontificate of William bishop of Durham (1502.) Letters patent of William bishop of Durham, licensing Henry Boynton', kt., and Isabel his wife, daughter and heir of Bertram Lomley, late of Rauenshelme, esq., and of Margaret his wife, deceased, which Isabel is of full age, for a fine paid into the bishop's Chamber, to enter, without proof of Isabel's age or inquisition, upon lands, jurisdictions, advowsons etc. within the bishopric of Durham, of which Bertram, the father of Isabel, holding by knight service of Richard late bishop of Durham, Margaret his wife, or any of their ancestors died seised, and which should descend to Isabel.

Witness: Robert Chambr', clerk, chancellor of the bishop. At Durham.

At foot, *per ipsum episcopum*.  
Noted as being enrolled.

Signature of clerk, J. Rakell'.

Seal—the round chancery seal of bishop William Senhouse, in brown wax, is attached by a tag of parchment. It is of the usual two-faced type—*Obverse* the bishop in mass vestments with mitre and crosier seated on his throne, blessing, between Our Lady and St. Cuthbert. On the dexter is the shield of the see, on the sinister that of the bishop *quarterly a popinjay in the first and fourth quarters*. *Reverse* the bishop on horseback fully armed as lord palatine bearing his own shield of arms as on the obverse. The legend, on both sides, in black letter, reads (plate iv, figs. 3 and 4):—

∴ **Sigillum ∴ Willmi ∴ dei ∴ gracia ∴ dunolmensis ∴ episcopi ∴**

73. 2 Nov. 5 Henry [VIII] (1513.) Grant (*indented*) by Henry Boynton', kt., and Isabel his wife to Henry Lescrope of Bolton, kt., Roger Lomley, Richard Radclyff, Nicholas Turpyn', esqs., George Lumley and Guy Delavale, gentlemen, of the castle or manor of Raveneshelme to uses specified in certain indentures of the present date, made between Henry Boynton', of the one part, and Nicholas Turpyn' and George Lomley, of the other. Appointment of Robert Turpyn' and Robert Ussher to be Henry's attornies to deliver seisin.

Witnesses: William Bulmer', kt., Roland Tempest, Thomas Tempest, esqs.

Signed, *Henre Boynton*.

Seal destroyed.



74. 20 Jan. 27 Henry VIII (1538.) Grant by Isabel Boynton of Sadbery co. York, widow, to John Scrop, lord le Scrop, Thomas Tempest, kt., Robert Bowes, Richard Ratclif, Ralph Gower, esqs., and John Barkar, clerk, of a tenement in Raneshelm', in the tenure of John Lowther, [*originally*, the manors of Rauenshelm', Lamysley, Eghton' and Hedley, *erased.*] To hold to the use of implementing the last will of Isabel. Appointment of John Barbon' and John Sanderson to be Isabel's attornies to deliver seisin.

Signed, *Isabyell Boynton*.

*On dorse*, Names of men at possession-taking in John Hylton's house at the north end of Lameslay, 20 Feb. 28 Henry VIII (1539.); given by John Sanderson', merchant, of Newcastle', and John Barbon', gentleman, to John Barcar, priest, on behalf of all the feoffees—sir Thomas Dowe, priest, Wm. Schortfeld, Thomas Coolle, Win. Labrown', John Hopper, Christopher Spede, Rychard Harmstrang', John Daie, John Symson'.

Seal destroyed.

75. 26 Sept. 28 Henry VIII (1539.) Grant by Isabel Boynton', widow, to Henry Gascon, kt., her son, Robert Bowes, esq., Ralph Gower, gentleman, and John Barker, chaplain, of a tenement in her lordship of Ravynshelm', now in the tenure of John Lowther, and another tenement there called Blakburn' miln' in the tenure of Henry Cokson', the two of yearly value 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* To hold to the use of Isabel during her life, and after her death for a term of twenty-one years to their own use, finding during that term a chaplain to celebrate at the nearest altar to her place of burial and paying him yearly 8 *marks* out of the issues of the tenements; remainder to the heirs of Isabel. Appointment of William Snathe and John Barbon' to be Isabel's attornies to deliver possession.

Signed, *Elsabeth Baynton*.

Lump of red wax, no impression upon it.

76. [No date.] Two lists of deeds noted as being received by John Hedworth of John Harison. The first list contains mention of six deeds, the second of eight; two are apparently mentioned in both lists. Those listed include of the present collection nos. 1, 2 and 19, certainly, and nos. 6, 9, 20 and 52, probably.

77. 23 June 43 Eliz. (1601) Letters Patent of Elizabeth of pardon for the alienation, without royal licence, by Henry Jackman', esq., to Edward Browell', by writing of 3 July 40 Eliz. (1598), of half a water-mill, called le more mylne, and half of a close belonging to

it, in the fields of Kiblesworth', then in the tenure of Edward Browell', being within the manor of Beamish co. Durham, and held in chief of the queen; and grant that Browell' shall hold the premises. Consideration, 41s.

*On dorse* of this and nos. 78 and 79 it is noted that each is recorded on the Memoranda Roll, among the *Recorda* of Easter term, 15 James I (1618.) *ex parte* Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer.<sup>9</sup>

Seal—imperfect impression of the second great seal (used 1586-1603) of queen Elizabeth. See no. 78 following.

78. 1 Dec. 45 Eliz. (1602.) Letters Patent of Elizabeth, licensing Edward Browell' to alienate to Thomas Cole the premises detailed in no. 77, now or late in the tenure of Edward Browell', and Cole to receive the premises. Consideration, 43s. 4d.

Second great seal of queen Elizabeth, used from 1586 to 1603, 150 mm. in diameter. See figs. 5 and 6, plate IV. The legend on both obverse and reverse reads—ELIZABETHA·DEI·GRACIA·ANGLIE·FRANCIE·ET·HIBERNIE·REGINA·FIDEI·DEFENSOR.

79. 1 Dec. 5 James I (1607.) Letters Patent of James I, licensing Thomas Cole to alienate to William Scrutfeild, gentleman, the premises detailed in no. 77, now in the tenure of Thomas Cole, and Scrutfeild to receive the premises. Consideration, 33s. 4d.

Second great seal of James I, used 1605 to 1625. Imperfect.

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<sup>9</sup> The contents of the entry (P.R.O., E. 368/565 m. 185) may be briefly indicated—23 May 15 James I, William Scrutfeild, by John Orme his attorney, appears and seeks hearing of the writ of 12 Feb. 13 James I to the bishop of Durham, whereby Thomas Cole was distrained to do homage for the half water-mill above, held in chief of the king, which Thomas had of Edward Browell, by licence of the king [*sic*] to alienate, as in part 6 Originalia Roll 45 Eliz. Roll 76. Scrutfeild states that he is vexed by the writ unjustly, because long before its issue Henry Jackman' was seized of the manor of Beamyshe, of which the premises are parcel, and by writing of 3 July 40 Eliz. granted them to Edward Browell, with patent (no. 77 *above*) pardoning the alienation; by writing of 19 Jan. 45 Eliz. Edward Browell granted them to Thomas Cole, with patent (no. 78 *above*) licensing the alienation, and fine levied in confirmation 15 Aug. 1 James I between Thomas Cole, *pl.*, and Edward Browell and Jane his wife, *def.*; by indenture of 18 May 6 James I Thomas Cole, of Gateside, cordwainer, granted them to Scrutfeild, with patent (no. 79 *above*) licensing the alienation.

William Scrutfeild offers proof of this and, after hearing the case, the court tells him, so far as concerns his entry to go without a day, saving his homage; the bishop of Durham to distrain Scrutfeild to do homage.

For illustration and description of this seal see Wyon's *Great Seals of England*, pp. 80/81, and *ibid.*, plate xxv.

80. 11 Sept. 21 James I and 6th year of the pontificate of Richard, bishop of Durham (1623.) Letters Patent of Richard, bishop of Durham, licensing Emanuel Scurfeild, son and heir of William Scurfeild, gentleman, of age at the time of his father's death, for a fine unspecified paid into the bishop's Hanaper, to enter without proof of age or livery upon lands, details of which appear in the inquisition taken before John Richardson the younger, esq., escheator of the County Palatine of Durham and Sadberg', after the death, on 14 Nov. 15 James I (1617), of William Scurfeild', as follows—the manor of Kiblesworth in the parish of Lamesley, and 5 messuages, 40 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture, 60 acres of moor, belonging to the same; the whole being of yearly value 5l. and held of the bishop in chief.

Witness: Richard Hutton, kt., one of the justices of the Common Pleas and chancellor of Durham.

At Durham.

Signed, *R. Dunelm.*

Very imperfect great seal of Richard Neile, bishop of Durham (1617-1628). See no. 81 following.

81. 6 Oct. 3 Charles I and 10th year of the pontificate of Richard, bishop of Durham (1627.) Letters Patent of Richard, bishop of Durham, licensing Emanuel Skurfeild', gentleman, for a fine paid into the bishop's Hanaper, to alienate to Thomas Liddell, esq., and Richard Hedworth of Chester in le Streete, gentleman, holding to the use of Emanuel, the manor of Kiblesworth, a farm called Lawes farme in Kiblesworth, a little close of pasture called Whiteacres in Kiblesworth, a little close of meadow called East Gibbryding *alias* Leighes Gibbryding, a moiety of a water-mill, called Moore Milne and of a little close called Moore Milne close; and licensing Liddell and Hedworth to receive the premises.

Witness: Richard Hutton, kt., one of the justices of the Common Pleas and chancellor of Durham.

At Durham.

Signed, *R. Dunelm.*

Imperfect great seal of the bishop attached; see plate v, figs. 8/9. See also *N/C Proceedings*<sup>2</sup> x, p. 306.

82. 20 Feb. 11 William III (1698). Exemplification of a Recovery made before George Morland', esq., John Sedgwick, esq.,

and their fellow justices itinerant in co. Durham and Sadberg at the Court of Pleas held at Durham 13 Jan. 10 William III (169 $\frac{8}{9}$ ), by John Smith and Thomas Smith against Henry Smith, of 2 messuages, 20 acres land, 20 acres meadow, 20 acres pasture, and common of pasture for all beasts in Kibblesworth, Henry only having entry after the disseisin which Hugh Hunt unjustly made to John and Thomas within the past thirty years.

John and Thomas to recover seisin against Henry, Henry to recover a recompense of equal value from Robert Lawes, *first vouchee*, and Robert Lawes the like from Robert Pattison, *common vouchee*, in mercy.

There is granted to John and Thomas a writ of 10 Feb. 169 $\frac{8}{9}$ , returnable on 20 Feb. next, to Charles Mountagu, sheriff of co. Durham, commanding him that he cause them to have seisin, and this writ is executed.

Witness: John Powell, kt. At Durham.

Seal of the Chancery Court of Durham as used from c. A.D. 1595 to 1791. For account of it see *Proceedings*<sup>4</sup> vol. III, pp. 27/28 and plate p. 27.

Ranulfus dei grā dūctus ep̄s. Omnibz hominibz francis & anglis salū. ⁊ uerā benedictiōne. Sciatis me bono  
 ⁊ hominū meorū ⁊ amicorū meorū consilio. dāisse ⁊ concessisse. ⁊ hac presens carta mea confirmasse. Sciatis me  
 potū meo ⁊ hereditibz suis. in feudo ⁊ in hereditate p̄ humagio ⁊ seruitio suo. Hedonā. ⁊ Raueuendū  
 ⁊ Blakethorā cū omnibz rebz ⁊ p̄ueniētibz. ⁊ p̄ has dūctas p̄ueniēt ad hedonā. ⁊ Raueuendū. ⁊  
 de traduellāne apud orientē p̄ totū fontal sub traduellāne sunt descendit in tāmē. ⁊ p̄ tāmē usq; merēbur-  
 ne descendit in tāmē. ⁊ p̄ Merēburne usq; Aldretheldene. ⁊ p̄ Aldretheldene usq; in tāmē. ⁊ p̄ tāmē  
 usq; Beccleburne cadit in tāmē. ⁊ p̄ Beccleburne usq; riuū q̄ descendit de Felwodesten. ⁊ p̄ Felwode-  
 sten usq; ad Auelcheburne. ⁊ p̄ Auelcheburne usq; ad Blakelburne. ⁊ p̄ Blakelburne apud orientē usq;  
 cadit in tāmē. ⁊ p̄ tāmē usq; choldene descendit in tāmē. ⁊ p̄ choldene usq; semer. ⁊ de semer p̄ aliu  
 iter usq; ad traduellāne. Habendas ⁊ tenendas de me ⁊ de successoribz meis. sibi ⁊ hereditibz suis. libe-  
 re ⁊ honorifice p̄ seruiciū dāndū aut militatū p̄ obsequio. auxilio. guerrine. ⁊ eracione. faciendo fontecū  
 fūcū. qm̄ p̄ ep̄atū orientē. qm̄ p̄uenit dūm. Aulst. Volo ⁊ cōcedo ut p̄d̄s. R. ⁊ h̄ores ej. habent ⁊ tenent p̄d̄s t̄at  
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 cū. in Aq. ⁊ itagunt i. molendinū. i. r̄ul culat ⁊ i. culat. ⁊ m̄ h̄as dūctas altissare ⁊ cultare. ⁊ in oibz aliis assatū  
 Hedonā. uellet ē. Rām archid. Papamon. Oibz nepos ep̄i. Rob̄ fr̄ ej. Wilt. fil. Rām. Wm. Ricard. ⁊ Gue-  
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