

II.—THE SHERIFFS OF THE COUNTY OF DURHAM.

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INTRODUCTION.

The bishops of Durham were from time immemorial, by prescriptive right, lords of the palatinate of Durham;¹ it does not seem necessary for the purpose of this paper to enquire into the remote and uncertain origin of this great liberty, it is enough to say that "at the time of the Conquest the bishopric of Durham was and had for some time been a great franchise or immunity."² The word *palatine* was not, however, used to define the bishop's status until as late as 1293; *episcopus Dunelmensis-duos habet status videlicet statum episcopi quoad spiritualia et statum comitis palacii quoad tenementa sua temporalia*.³ It was shortly afterwards pleaded in the courts that the bishop was "as king in Durham" or, as the popular saying went, *quicquid rex habet extra, episcopus habet infra*.⁴ It was therefore in the episcopate of Antony Bek (1283-1311) that the temporal power of the bishops of Durham was first called *palatine* and it was in the fourteenth and early fifteenth centuries that this

¹ Thirtieth report of the deputy keeper of the public records.

² The subject has been discussed by G. T. Lapsley in *The County palatine of Durham*, particularly chap. I, div. 3. See also William Page's paper upon *Northumbrian Palatinates* in *Archæologia* LI, pp. 143-54.

³ *Rolls of Parliament* 21 Ed. I, I, 103.

⁴ Surtees, *History of Durham* I, XVI.

power reached its zenith. There has always been some doubt as to their exact temporal rank; they have been called prince bishops, a title for which there is no authority, and with more reason, earl bishops. In the record above quoted Bek is certainly called *comes palacii* and, nearly a century later, Edward III, in a mandate of 17 July 1376, forbidding Alexander Neville, archbishop of York, to visit officially the bishopric of Durham, used the same title *episcopus Dunelmensis comes palatinus existat*.⁵ It would therefore seem that their temporal rank was that of earl, but the latest authority upon this states definitely that "their real rank was that of barons (*domini*) not of earls (*comites*), being like that of other bishops below the grade of viscount but above that of the secular barons."⁶

When their temporal power was at its highest they did not call themselves nor were they called otherwise than bishops of Durham (*Dunelmensis episcopi*). The renowned Antony Bek—more warrior than prelate—was always styled only bishop of Durham. When he, with one hundred and forty knights of his household, joined Edward I at Roxburgh for the Scottish campaign of 1298, the chronicler records that the king stayed there *cum comitibus suis et Dunelmensi episcopo*.⁷ The bishop commanded the second division at the battle of Falkirk which ended the campaign. The herald, who blasoned the arms of the leaders and knights who fought there, says, *La seconde Bataille La batayle de Eveske de Dureme, Antoyne Bek porte de goules a un fer de molin d'ermine*—the first recorded shield of arms of an English bishop. The shields of arms of twenty-seven of his knights banneret are blasoned after his own.⁸ He is also celebrated in a long stanza in the *Roll of Caerlaverock*, a poem in Old French telling the names and deeds of the barons and knights who were with Edward I at the siege of that castle in July 1300—

⁵ *Scriptores Tres*, no. cxxvi.

⁶ *Complete Peerage*, new ed., iv, 559.

⁷ *Scotland in 1298*, by Henry Gough, 1888.

⁸ *Roll of the battle of Falkirk, Reliquary*, xv, pp. 27 and 68.

*Le noble eveske de Dureaume,
Le plus valiant clerk du roiaume;
Voire voir de crestientè. . . .*

He was detained in England himself, but sent one hundred and sixty men at arms to the king under his banner—*Vermeille, o un fer de molyn De ermine, e envoya se enseigne.*

Later in the century bishop Thomas of Hatfield (1345-81) who was keeper of the privy seal, accompanied Edward III to the campaign of Crecy and Calais. He had in his company three knights banneret, forty-eight knights bachelor, one hundred and sixty-two esquires and eighty-one archers,⁹ but spite of this great array of his temporal power he was styled only the "lord Thomas of Hatfield bishop of Durham." He was the first bishop of Durham, in imitation of the royal great seals, to use a great seal for his chancery acts; upon it on the obverse he is seated, as bishop, upon his throne *in pontificalia*, on the reverse he appears on horseback armed cap-à-pie with sword and shield as feudal lord of the palatinate, on both sides he uses no other title than *dunolmensis episcopi*.¹⁰ The bishop was, as lord palatine, head of the civil government of the county and of its outlying portions in Northumberland and Yorkshire; by the advice of his Council¹¹ he appointed his own temporal officials, similar to those appointed elsewhere in the kingdom by the Crown. One of the chief of these was the sheriff, who combined with the shrievalty of Durham that of Sadberg. The latter was a district in the south east of the county purchased from Richard I by bishop Hugh Puiset; like Norham it was sometimes called a county, and had its own separate courts over which the sheriff presided. Until 1477 the sheriffs always combined with their shrievalty the important office of escheator, but after that year the two offices were separated and held by two different persons. Robert Tempest (1476) was the last sheriff to be appointed

⁹ *Crecy and Calais*, by George Wrottesley, p. 94.

¹⁰ *Durham Seals*, 3138.

¹¹ Lapsley, *op. cit.*, p. 148 and pp. 149-51.

to both offices; in the following year William Lambton was appointed to be escheator and thereafter the offices remained separate. The office of escheator was usually held by men of standing and importance in the bishopric of similar rank to the sheriffs.¹² The sheriff of Durham and Sadberg, like the royal sheriffs, was the chief military, judicial and financial officer of the bishopric. In time of need the bishop appointed commissioners of array in each of the four wards of the county, Chester, Easington, Stockton, Darlington, and the wapentake of Sadberg; on his military side it was the duty of the sheriff to supervise the work of these commissioners, to ensure that the musters were made with all speed and "the beacons on the hills properly prepared." As a judicial officer he presided over the county courts of Durham and Sadberg, and summoned the jurors to meet the bishop's justices of assize. He also had charge of the prisoners in the gaols of Durham and Sadberg. When, in 1467, John Atherton was superseded as sheriff by William Claxton he was ordered to deliver up "all prisoners in the gaols of Durham and Sadberg; together with the causes of their caption and detention and all irons, chains, fetters and other ligaments connected therewith."¹³ In finance it was his duty to seize the effects of felons, to receive fines and other sources of profit, to account for them at the bishop's exchequer and to assist in the collection of taxes. As escheator he was the bishop's representative as lord palatine and looked after his feudal rights. These many duties,¹⁴ at least from the thirteenth century, were carried out by under-sheriffs (*sub-vicecomes*); the names of these, so far as known, are printed in this list in italics, below the name of the sheriff.

The sheriffs are here placed under the name of the bishop in whose episcopate they held office. The dates of the earlier sheriffs are approximate only; they are mostly taken

¹² Many of their names are given by Hutchinson and their appointments are in the *Cursitor's records*.

¹³ Thirty-fifth report of the deputy keeper; *Cursitor's records*, p. 76.

¹⁴ For a detailed account see Lapsley, *op. cit.*, pp. 80-84.

from lists of witnesses to undated charters whose exact date cannot be ascertained. From about the middle of the fourteenth century the dates become more certain as the appointments are taken from enrolments in the chancery records of the bishopric.¹⁵ After the death of bishop Van Mildert in 1836 they ceased to be officers of the bishop, thenceforth they were appointed yearly by the Crown in the same way as the sheriffs of other counties.

The first sheriff on record is Osbert, son or nephew of Ranulf Flambard, who held the office in the first half of the twelfth century. It would, however, seem certain that the office was in existence at least from the time of the Conquest and it is very probable that before that date the bishops of Durham had officers who, whether called sheriffs or not, performed similar duties.¹⁶ The earliest known commission of appointment is that of Adam Bowes by bishop Richard of Kellawe in 1312; it reads as follows:

*Richardus . . . sciatis nos fecisse, ordinasse et constituuisse dilectum et fidelem nostrum Adam de Bowes, vicecomitem nostrum in comitatibus Dunelmi et Sadberg; dantes eidem plenam et liberam potestatem omnia faciendi exercendi et exequendi quae ad officium vicecomitis in dictis comitatibus pertinent seu pertinere poterunt quoquo modo de consuetudine vel de jure. At Stockton 19 Oct. 1312.*¹⁷

A later one, issued by bishop Richard of Bury in 1344, is quoted by Lapsley; by it the bishop, with the advice of his council, appointed William of Blakiston sheriff and escheator in Durham and Sadberg; it authorized him "to exercise the office as in all past time had been customary agreeably to the law and custom of the kingdom of England and the royal liberty of Durham."¹⁸ The appointments

¹⁵ Calendered in the *Cursitor's records* named in the bibliography.

¹⁶ Lapsley, *op. cit.*, p. 81.

¹⁷ *Registrum Palatinum Dunelmense*, I, 222.

¹⁸ Lapsley, *op. cit.*, pp. 81-2. The commission of Robert of Umfraville, in 1371, by bishop Thomas of Hatfield is given in *Lists and Indexes*, p. x.

were not made for a definite period, but "during pleasure" or sometimes for life. The office was therefore often held for many years by one man; thus Adam of Bowes was sheriff for twenty-six years (1312-38) under three successive bishops. In the seventeenth century Sir William Bellasis held the office for fifteen years (1625-40) also under three episcopates. In the eighteenth century it was held in succession by three generations of the family of Williamson of Monkwearmouth and Whitburn for the years 1722-1810, under seven successive bishops. In 1646 the palatinate was abolished and the see dissolved; from that year until 1660 the sheriffs of Durham were appointed annually, by parliament, as they had been by the crown in the rest of the kingdom, from the time of Edward III.

The Restoration in 1660 brought a return to the old method of appointment by the bishop during pleasure. Bishop Cosin, in 1667, appointed his son-in-law Sir Gilbert Gerard, who held the office for several years; in 1686 bishop lord Crew appointed his nephew Charles Montagu, who held the office until 1705; during part of that time another nephew of the bishop, Horace Aston, was under-sheriff for his lifetime. Shortly thereafter, as above stated, the office became hereditary for three generations in the family of Williamson.

The sheriffs of Durham and Sadberg of the twelfth and thirteenth century with one or two exceptions, such as Ralph Haget (1153-80), Philip son of Hamo (1180-95) and Leo of Heriz (1198-1200), were not knights nor men of local importance. They were probably clerks of the bishop's household who had been trained there to fill the higher administrative offices of the bishopric, and little has been found about them, except the offices that they held. In the early years of the fourteenth century a change is apparent and local men who were either knights or of knightly families were appointed; their duties were, however, usually discharged by under-sheriffs. From then onwards to the end of the palatinate and indeed to the present day well known

names of distinguished Durham families appear; such as Bowes of Streatlam, of which family seven sheriffs held the office for sixty-five years between 1312 and 1575; others were Claxton of Horden and Claxton, Conyers of Sockburn and Horden, Hilton barons of Hilton, Lumley of Lumley, Bulmers of Tursdale, and others, occurring less frequently, whose names can be read in this list.

Armorial are blasoned and illustrated for the bishops and their sheriffs who bore them, until the end of the palatin-ate in 1836. These are taken from the various rolls of arms, heralds' visitations, official grants, seals and other records mentioned in the bibliography.

The first bishop of Durham, indeed the first amongst English bishops, to display armorials was Antony Bek (1284). Shields of arms have been ascribed to his predecessors from William of St. Calais downward, but these were certainly not borne by any of them and their invention and ascription is probably due to the misguided zeal of some Tudor, or later, herald. The first of the sheriffs of Durham to bear arms was Adam of Bowes (1312); this very late beginning was due to the fact that his predecessors were not, as said above, men of armorial rank, the few who were probably knights, such as Gilbert Haget (1150) and Philip son of Hamo (1180), were sheriffs before the bearing of arms had become general.



A bishop's mitre surrounded by a coronet was used, from the early fourteenth century, upon the official seals of the sheriffs of Durham and Sadberg, in place of the castle used by the sheriffs of the other counties of England. It is



very seemly that "a myter crowned with a diadem"¹⁹ should be thus used as the badge of the shrievalty of Durham—whose chief was both bishop and lord palatine. It first appears on the official seal of Adam of Bowes in 1312,²⁰ who was also the first

sheriff to use a shield of arms upon his private seal.²¹ Robert of Umfraville uses a similar seal in 1371. A coronet is not used upon the seals of the bishops until it appears as a *crest coronet* around the mitred crest, on the equestrian reverse of Hatfield's chancery seal;²² here it is quite properly used by

the bishop as lord palatine. Its use continued on the same seal of Hatfield's successors until that of Tunstall (1509).²³ It never appears on the obverse of those seals where the bishops are depicted, seated upon their episcopal throne, nor is it ever used upon their episcopal seals of dignity. It is absent entirely from the seals of the post-reformation bishops from Pilkington (1561) to Cosin (1672). Though it is not used upon any of Cosin's seals it yet appears around the mitre above his shields of arms carved in many places in the castle of Durham.²⁴ A mitre surrounded by a ducal coronet is above the cartouche of arms upon the reverse of bishop lord Crew's chancery seal²⁵ and thenceforward it encircles the lofty jewelled mitres that adorn either the bishops or their shields of arms upon both episcopal and chancery seals to Van Mildert's²⁶ and the end of the palatinate. It can however safely be said that no bishop of Durham ever wore a coronet, ducal or other, around his mitre.

¹⁹ Drayton's *Battaile of Agincourt*, line 579.

²⁰ *Durham Seals*, 325; no. 1, p. 28 above.

²¹ *Ibid.*, 324.

²² *Ibid.*, 3128.

²³ *Ibid.*, plates 53-56.

²⁴ *Arch. Ael.*⁴ xvi, plates x, xi, xiii.

²⁵ *Archæologia*, lxxvii, plate xvi.

²⁶ *Ibid.*, plate xvii.



I have not found, after much searching, an official seal of a sheriff of Durham between that of Robert of Umfraville in 1371 and the late nineteenth century. One can therefore only conjecture—rightly or wrongly—that the coronetted mitre would be used upon such seals until the end of the bishop's jurisdiction in 1836 and that thereafter, as in other counties, each sheriff would use his own arms or crest with his name, office and date as they appear in 1875. By the kind help of Mr. A. A. Luxmore, under-sheriff of the county, I have seen impressions of the seals of the sheriffs from 1870 to the present year and they all depict either the arms or crest of each sheriff until the beginning of the twentieth century when a new non-armorial design was adopted. An illustration of it is in the margin; no comment is needed. The armorial official seals of the Hon. S. R. Vereker (1934), of Henry Peile (1932), are finely designed achievements of arms, worthy of the ancient and honourable office. That of Mr. Vereker is depicted in the margin.

Quarterly—I and iv Vereker quartering Prendergast, ii and iii Surtees.

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LIST OF SHERIFFS.



Azure a cross silver between four lions rampant gold—See of Durham.

WALCHER, 1071-80.

WILLIAM OF ST. CALAIS, 1080-96.

(See vacant, 1096-99.)

No sheriffs have been found for these years.

RANULF FLAMBARD, 1099-1128.

c. 1100-46. OSBERT.

Called "nephew" of bishop Ranulf, witnessed, as sheriff, deeds of bishops Ranulf and Geoffrey and held office in the early years of bishop William.

(See vacant, 1128-33.)

GEOFFREY RUFUS, 1133-40.

(See vacant, 1140-43.)

WILLIAM OF ST. BARBARA, 1143-52.

c. 1143-46. OSBERT, as above.

c. 1152-53. GILBERT HAGET.

HUGH DE PUISET, 1153-95.

c. 1153-80. RALPH HAGET.

Attested, as sheriff, deeds of the bishop and of William of Thorp and Roger of Conyers; seal, partly destroyed, bears the legend . . . CECOMIT . . .

c. 1180. WILLIAM . . .

Occurs as witness to a deed of bishop Hugh of about this date. The name is mutilated.

c. 1180-95. PHILIP SON OF HAMO.

At the end of the twelfth century he granted his lands at Silksworth to the convent of Durham. He had grants of land there from Roger of Epplingdene and at East Rainton from Geoffrey son of Richard, lord of Horden. He is styled sheriff in these grants and, as sheriff, witnessed a grant of Gilbert son of Meldred. His equestrian seal is D.S. 1178, to a charter in which he is styled sheriff.

c. 1196-97. REYNOLD GANAUNT.

As sheriff he attested a grant of Philip son of Hamo to the convent of Durham and two deeds of Henry of Puiset, with archdeacon Burchard who died 6 December 1196.

(See vacant, 1195-97.)

PHILIP OF POITOU, 1197-1208.

c. 1198-1200. LEO OF HERIZ.

Witnessed, as sheriff, a charter of Richard Surtees with bishop Philip and Emery archdeacon (c. 1198); and others, of the same date, of Jōrdan Hairun and Gilbert de la Leye. He was lord of the manor of Claxton and ancestor of the family who took their name from that place. In the document to which his canting

seal of a hedgehog (*herisson*) is attached he is styled *Leo of Claxton*. The legend reads *Leo of Heris*. It is D.S. 609.

c. 1200. REYNOLD LE VENEUR.

Witnessed a deed of bishop Philip as sheriff; other witnesses were Bertram the prior (1188-1208) and Emery archdeacon (c. 1198-1213).

c. 1200. GEOFFREY SARESCUT.

As sheriff he witnessed a grant of bishop Philip with Bertram the prior and Emery the archdeacon.

(See vacant, 1208-17.)

RICHARD OF THE MARSH, 1217-26.

RICHARD LE POOR, 1229-37.

No sheriffs have been found for these years.

(See vacant, 1237-41.)

NICHOLAS OF FARNHAM, 1241-49.

c. 1237-42. WILLIAM GRAT.

He was sheriff during the vacancy and in the time of bishop Nicholas. (Hutchinson i, 208.)

WALTER OF KIRKHAM, 1249-60.

c. 1250. JOHN HALDAN.

Hutchinson (i, 214n.) states that he was sheriff in the time of this bishop.

ROBERT OF STICHIL, 1261-74.

c. 1260. JOHN GYLET OF EGGLESCLIFF.

He was so called in a grant to prior Hugh (1258-72); as John of Eggescliff, he was styled *steward* by bishop Walter and in a deed of 1265 he was called *justice* of the lord bishop and witnessed another deed as sheriff. D.S., nos. 847 and 1149.

c. 1261. ALEXANDER BIDDYK.

Witnessed as sheriff a deed of bishop Robert's of about this date. There was formerly in Washington churchyard a rudely carved effigy of a cleric. HIC-JACET-ALEXANDER. DE. BIDDICKE.

c. 1273. LAURENCE OF LINTZ.

Hutchinson (I, 223). Lintz is in Tanfield parish; Laurence does not occur amongst the family of the name who owned the vill, nor have I found him in any list of witnesses of the time.

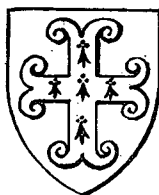
ROBERT OF HOLY ISLAND, 1274-83.

c. 1275-80. JOHN OF MALTON.

Bishop Robert, c. 1278, granted him the manor of Hardwick by the Sea as a twentieth part of a knight's fee.

c. 1282. WALTER SAVAGE.

Said by Hutchinson, quoting Grey's MSS., to have been sheriff in bishop Robert's time; nothing more has been found about him.



ANTHONY BEK, 1283-1311.

Gules a cross moline ermine.

c. 1283-95. RALPH OF WARSOP.

He witnessed, as sheriff, a deed of John of Yeland, dated at Seaham 1 Dec. 1293; in 1314 the king ordered bishop Richard to deliver him from prison. D.S. 2577.

c. 1300. JOHN SHIRLOCK.

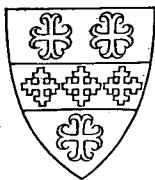
He was of Wolviston and steward of the prior of Durham; prior Hugh (1285-89) granted him a bovate of land in Castle Eden; in 1315 he was *receiver* of bishop Bek. D.S. 2240.

1310-18. RICHARD OF STANLAWE.

In 1315 he was receiver of the debts due from bishop Anthony, in 1317 he witnessed, as sheriff, a grant from Thomas of Hollinside, his seal is D.S. no. 2302 to a deed of 1318 in which he is also styled sheriff. He was a justice of assize in time of bishop Lewis.

RICHARD OF KELLawe, 1311-16.

c. 1312-38. ADAM OF BOWES.



... on a fess between three crosses moline
... three crosses crosslet ... (D.S. 324).

He was sometimes styled "of Richmond," he was lord of Streatlam in right of his wife Alice daughter and heiress of Sir John Trayne; steward, sheriff and escheator of bishop Richard 1314, justice of gaol delivery 1315, steward of Richmondshire 1331. He died c. 1347. His official seal, as sheriff, the first of the kind for Durham, is no. 1, p. 28, and p. 29.

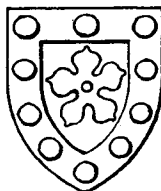


LEWIS OF BEAUMONT, 1318-33.

Azure fleuretty and a lion rampant gold.

ADAM OF BOWES, as above.

Nicholas Sutton, John of Haneby.



RICHARD OF BURY, 1333-45.

Gules a cinquefoil silver (? ermine)
and a border sable bezanty.

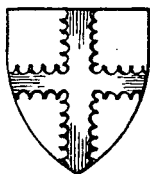
ADAM OF BOWES, as above to c. 1338.

John of Egglescliff, William Brewere.

c. 1338-39. SIMON OF ESH.

He was appointed escheator in 1333, commissioner of array 1342, and justice of oyer and terminer 1343-45, I.P.M. taken at Durham 1360. Seal D.S. 918.

c. 1339-42. JOHN OF MENEVILLE.

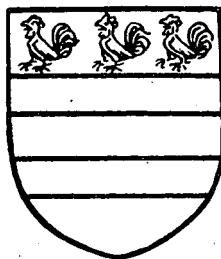


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Son of Adam Meneville; lord of Horden in 1343, his wife was Agnes daughter of William of Silksworth, his seal is D.S. 1748, seal as sheriff no. 2, p. 28 above.

1343-44. WILLIAM OF MORDEN.

Escheator in 1342, justice of oyer and terminer 1344, married Maud Audre, seal D.S. 1814.

1344-45. WILLIAM OF BLAKISTON.



Silver two bars and in chief three cocks gules. Appointed sheriff and escheator in 1344, for the counties of Durham and Sadberg, when William of Morden was ordered to deliver to him all documents, etc., belonging to the office. The king re-appointed him during the vacancy in 1345.

THOMAS OF HATFIELD, 1345-81.



Azure a chevron gold between three lions rampant silver.

1345-50. WILLIAM OF MORDEN, as 1343.

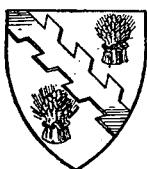
1350-55. ROBERT OF BOWES.



Ermine three long-bows gules.

Grandson of Adam Bowes sheriff 1312. D.S., no. 330.

1356. WILLIAM OF WALWORTH.



Gules a bend raguly between two sheaves gold. Held lands at Haughton le Skerne and in West Hartburn, an executor of the will of bishop Thomas and probably the same man who, as lord mayor of London, was knighted in 1381 for his part in quelling the rebellion of Wat Tyler.

1357. JOHN OF BYRLAND. His name occurs occasionally in the Cursitor's records together with Margaret his wife; in 1352-55 they received grants of the wardship and marriage of four young heirs.

1358-63. WILLIAM OF CLAXTON, knt.



Gules a fess between three hedgehogs silver.

Son of Leo of Claxton and lord of the manors of Claxton and Horden in right of his wife Isabel heiress of William Meneville and widow of William of Laton; he died c. 1380.

1364-70. WILLIAM OF MENEVILLE, knt.

Arms as 1339. Son of John, sheriff 1339; he was lord of Horden and owned lands in Whittonstall, married for his second wife Isabel daughter of Sir Marmaduke Lumley, died c. 1372.

1371-74. ROBERT OF UMFRAVILLE, knt.



Gules crusilly and a cinquefoil gold over all a baston azure.

See *Sheriffs of Northumberland*, A.A.⁴ xx, p. 51. Official seal no. 3, p. 28 above.

1374-76. WILLIAM OF ELMEDEN.



Silver on a bend sable three crescents silver. Son and heir of William, lord of Trillesden and of lands in Elmeden and Bruntoft, married Joan coheiress of John Randolf. He may have been under-sheriff for Robert of Umfraville; chancellor of Durham 1381, constable of Durham castle 1382 and 1386, receiver-general for the bishop 1385, died 1399.

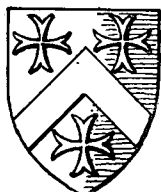
1377-78. JOHN OF HYNDLEY.

Appointed sheriff and escheator of Durham and Sadberg and Justice of the Peace for Durham; in same year appointed a commissioner to try a case of assault.

1379-81. WILLIAM OF BOWES, knt.

Arms as 1350. Half-brother of Robert, sheriff 1350; lord of castle and manor of Streatlam and heir to his elder brother Thomas, married Maud heiress of Robert of Dalden, made a banneret at battle of Poitiers (1356), 1382 commissioner of array for Easington ward and wapentake of Sadberg, appointed sheriff again 1387, died c. 1410.

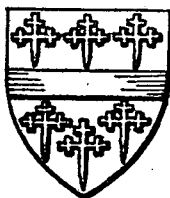
John of Elvet, about this time.



JOHN OF FORDHAM, 1382-88.

Sable a chevron between three crosses patonce gold.

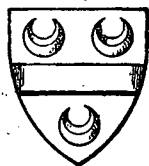
c. 1382-85. ROBERT OF LATON, knt.



Sable a fess between six crosses-crosslets fitchy sable.

Probably of the family of East Layton and lord of Barton, appointed commissioner of array for Stockton ward 1383, justice of oyer and terminer 1384, styled late sheriff 1397. Official seal D.S. 1564.

1385-87. THOMAS OF BOYNTON, knt.

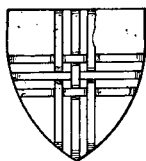


Gold a fess between three crescents gules.

Son and heir of Sir Thomas Boynton of Acklam, married Margaret Speton, again appointed sheriff and escheator by bishop Walter in 1391. Seal D.S. 337.

John of Hexham, 1385.

1387-89. WILLIAM OF BOWES, as 1379.



WALTER OF SKIRLAW, 1388-1405.

Silver a cross of six interlaced bastons sable.

1390-91. MARMADUKE OF LUMLEY, knt.



Gules on a fess between three popinjays silver three molets gules.

Son and heir of Robert Lumley of Ravensworth, aged twenty-one in 1384, appointed sheriff and escheator, dead in 1413 when William, his son and heir, had seizin of his lands.

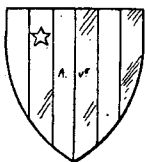
Nov. 1391-92. THOMAS OF BOYNTON, knt., as 1385.

1400-05. ROBERT CONYERS, knt.



Azure a maunch gold.

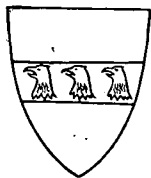
Son and heir of Sir John Conyers of Sockburn, married Isabel Pert, commissioner of array for wapentake of Sadberg 1408, J.P. Durham, died 1433 when Christopher then a minor was his son and heir.



THOMAS OF LANGLEY, 1406-37.

Paly silver and vert, a molet silver.

1406-14. PERCIVAL OF LYNDLEY, knt.



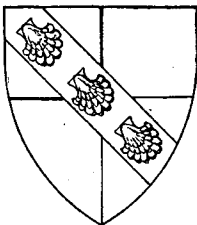
Silver on a fess sable three griffins' heads silver.

Lindley, Yorks. His wife's name was Alice, William was his son and heir; 1420 entered into a recognizance to keep the peace towards the king's subjects, had pardon for alienation of the manor of Wessington 1420.

1415-19. WILLIAM OF CLAXTON, knt.

Arms as 1358. Son and heir of William; lord of Claxton and Horden, married Elizabeth daughter of Sir Ralph Evers; 1411 had grant of manor of Pontop, 1413 commissioner of array for Easington ward and 1418 for Stockton ward, 1420 bishop issued a writ of *fi. fa.* against him, died 1430.

1420-37. ROBERT EVERS, esq.



Quarterly gold and gules on a bend sable three escallops silver, with due difference.

He was of Bradley and in 1432 had licence from the bishop to fortify his house there; commissioner of array for Darlington ward 1437, appointed, by letters patent of the crown, steward of the temporalities of the

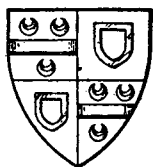
vacant see (Nov. 1437–Jan. 1438), commissioned by bishop Neville to hold all courts and do all the duties of chief steward of Durham 1438, superseded in that office 1441, auditor of accounts 1438, pardoned for alienating lands in his manor of Bradley 1445, commissioner of array and coroner of Easington ward.

William Mylot of Whitwell, 1433.

1437. WILLIAM BOWES, knt.

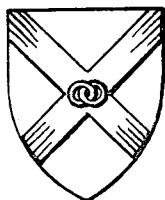
Arms as 1350. Son and heir of Sir Robert Bowes of Streatlam, married Jane Greystoke, knighted 1424, chamberlain in France to John duke of Bedford, warden of the Marches and governor of Berwick, superseded as sheriff 1437 and ordered to hand over all prisoners in gaol and all handcuffs and fetters to Sir Robert Ogle his successor, commissioner of array in the wapentake of Sadberg 1429, rebuilt Streatlam castle, died 1465.

1437-38. ROBERT OGLE, knt.



Quarterly I and IV silver a fess between three crescents gules—Ogle, II and III gold an orle azure—Bertram.

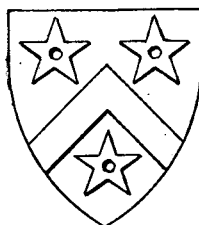
Sheriff of Northumberland 1437, see *Arch. Ael.*⁴ xx, p. 64. He was appointed sheriff of Durham by royal letters patent and reappointed by bishop Neville Jan. 1438, but was superseded in the same year.



ROBERT NEVILLE, 1438-57.

Gules a saltire silver, a gimmel ring at crossing for difference.

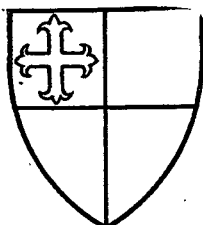
1438-41. WILLIAM PUDSAY, esq.



Vert a chevron between three molets gold. Of Selaby, younger son of Sir John Pudsay of Barford, married Elizabeth Aske, ordered in 1441 to deliver up all writs, letters, handcuffs and prisoners to his successor, in same year had grant of custody of the lands of late Thomas Fulthorpe, and

later in the year his goods were seized as his accounts as sheriff were in arrear.

1441-61. GEOFFREY MIDDLETON, esq.



Quarterly gules and gold, a cross flory silver in the first quarter, with due difference.

His parentage is uncertain, but he was probably a cadet of the Silksworth family; in 1438 he had a grant of £10 a year from bishop Neville, he was sheriff and escheator until 1461, in 1451 he was licensed to win sea coal near Gateshead for ten years, in 1459 he was granted custody of the park of Barnard Castle.



LAURENCE BOOTH, 1457-76.

Silver three boars' heads and a border engrailed sable.

1462-66. JOHN ATHERTON, esq.



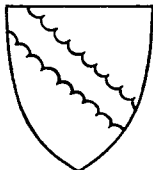
Gules three falcons silver, jessed and belled gold.

Of Atherton, Lancs. He was probably of the family of Fryton, Yorks. I have been unable to trace him; in 1466 he was superseded as sheriff and escheator and ordered to give up his offices to his successor.

1467-68. WILLIAM CLAXTON, esq:

Arms as 1358 with due difference. Probably a younger son of Thomas Claxton of Old Park; constable of Brancepeth castle, married Eleanor daughter of John lord Scrope of Masham, in 1468 he is styled late sheriff and ordered to deliver up his offices to Henry Radcliffe.

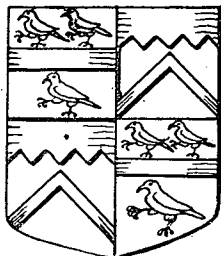
1468-70. HENRY RADCLIFFE, esq.



Silver a bend engrailed sable, a molet for difference.

A younger son of Sir Thomas Radcliffe of Clitheroe by his wife Catherine Booth; married Isabel coheir of Thomas Fulthorpe of Tunstall, of which manor he became lord in right of his wife; he was styled nephew of the bishop and was constable of Durham castle; in 1470 he was superseded by Sir George Lumley, died c. 1500.

1470-76. GEORGE LUMLEY, knt.



Quarterly I and IV silver a fess gules between three popinjays, II and III sable a chevron and a chief indented silver.

Son and heir of Thomas lord Lumley, aged forty in 1485, married Elizabeth daughter and heiress of Roger Thornton of Newcastle by his wife Elizabeth of Greystoke, knighted 1462, banneret by the duke of Gloucester on Hooton Field 22 Aug. 1481, constable of Scarborough, sheriff of Northumberland 1461-63, a Yorkist but submitted to Henry VII, M.P. Northumberland 1461, commissioner Northumberland 1461, J.P. Northumberland 1461-1507, died 1507.



WILLIAM DUDLEY, 1476-83.

Quarterly I and IV gold two lions passant azure, II and III silver a cross patonce azure.

1476-82. ROBERT TEMPEST, esq.



Silver a bend engrailed between six martlets sable.

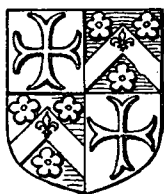
Son and heir of Rowland Tempest of Holmside by his wife Elizabeth Umfraville, married Anne Lambton, had grant of £4 a year in 1483 from the bishop, J.P. Durham 1489, living 1497.

1482-1502. RALPH BOWES, knt.



Ermine three longbows paleways gules.

Son and heir of Sir Ralph Bowes of Dalden and Streatlam, married Elizabeth daughter of Henry lord Clifford; during the vacancy of the see in 1494 he was appointed sheriff by letters patent, fought at Flodden 1513 when he was knighted, J.P. and justice itinerant in 1505 during vacancy, superseded in his office 1502.



JOHN SHERWOOD, 1484-94.

Quarterly I and IV . . . a cross patonce . . . II and III silver on a chevron gold, between three cinquefoils sable, a fleur-de-lis sable.

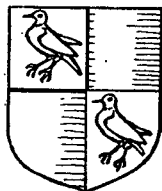
1484-94. SIR RALPH BOWES, as above.



RICHARD FOX, 1494-1501.

Azure a pelican in her piety gold.

1494-1502. SIR RALPH BOWES, as above.



WILLIAM SENHOUSE, 1502-05.

Quarterly gules and silver, a popinjay silver in I and IV.

1502-16. WILLIAM BULMER, knt.



Gules billetty and a lion rampant gold.

Son and heir of Sir Ralph Bulmer of Wilton, succeeded 1497, knighted 1497, married Margery Conyers, died 1531. He was reappointed sheriff by Bainbridge 1507, and by Ruthall 1509.

(See vacant 1505-07.)



CHRISTOPHER BAINBRIDGE, 1507-08.

I and IV azure two battle-axes silver, on a chief gold two molets gules; II and III . . . a squirrel. . . .

1507-08. SIR WILLIAM BULMER, as above.



THOMAS RUTHALL, 1509-23.

The church of Durham impaling party azure and gules a cross, engrailed silver between four doves gold, on a chief quarterly gold and ermine two roses gules.

1509-16. SIR WILLIAM BULMER, as above.

Roland Tempest, 1509-13; Anthony Brackenbury, 1513-15.

Apl. 1516. SIR RALPH BOWES, as 1482.

Nov. 1516-19. ROGER LUMLEY, esq.

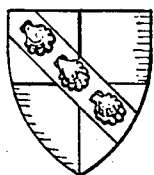


Silver a fess gules between three popinjays, with due difference.

Younger son of Thomas lord Lumley, was owner of Ludworth Tower, superseded 1519.

John Lumley, 1517-19.

1519-23. WILLIAM EVERS, knt.



Quarterly gold and gules on a bend sable three escallops silver.

See *Arch. Ael.*⁴ xx, p. 77.

Richard Bellasis, 1519-20.



THOMAS WOLSEY, 1523-28.

Sable on a cross engrailed silver a lion passant gules between four leopards' faces azure, on a chief gold a rose gules between two Cornish choughs.

1523-27. SIR WILLIAM BULMER, as 1502.

1527-29. WILLIAM BULMER, senior; knt., and his son JOHN BULMER appointed *conjunctim et divisim*; John, aged forty at his father's death, married Anne Bigod; knighted at Flodden 1513, attainted and forfeited after Pilgrimage of Grace 1526.

(See vacant 1529-30.)

1529-30. SIR JOHN BULMER, as above.

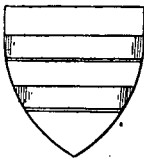


CUTHBERT TUNSTALL, 1530-59.

Azure three combs silver.

1530-31. SIR JOHN BULMER, as above.

1532-37. THOMAS HILTON, knt.



Silver two bars azure.

Son and heir of Sir William Hilton, baron of Hilton; succeeded his father 1539, married firstly Elizabeth Clarvaux, secondly Anne Hurlston, knighted at Jedburgh 1523, appointed chief steward of lordship of Bedlingtonshire and sheriff and escheator of the same 1545, governor of Tynemouth castle 1555-58, ordered to deliver to George Conyers, knt., sheriff of Durham, by indenture, all prisoners, manacles, chains and other ligaments 1537; died c. 1560. See also *A.A.*⁴ XII, 125.

1537-49. GEORGE CONYERS, knt.

Arms as 1400. Son and heir of Sir Thomas Conyers of Sockburn and his wife Margery Radcliffe, aged ten at his father's death in 1520; in 1524 Sir Wm. Bulmer had grant of a lease of Sockburn manor at 40 marks a year during minority of George Conyers; married Anne Dawney, knighted 1 June 1533 at coronation of Anne Boleyn, steward of Northallerton 1544, died 1567.

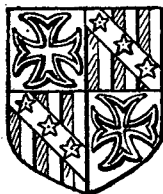
1552-c. 56. CUTHBERT CONYERS.

Arms as above, differenced. Second son of Sir Wm. Conyers of Sockburn; lord of Layton, married Mary Layton of Coxhoe, died 1558.

1557. THOMAS HILTON, knt., as 1532.

1558-59. ROBERT TEMPEST, esq.

Arms as 1476. Son and heir of George Tempest of Holmside, married Margaret Lenthall, was guardian of temporalities of see s.v., attainted and lands confiscated for rebellion 1570.



JAMES PILKINGTON, 1561-76.

Quarterly I and IV silver a cross patonce voided gules, II and III paly silver and gules on a bend sable three molets gold.

1561. ROBERT TEMPEST, esq., as 1558.

1562-66 and 74. ROBERT BOWES, esq.

Arms as 1482. Probably younger son of Richard Bowes and his wife Elizabeth Aske, captain of Norham 1550, married first Anne Bowes of Dalden, second Elizabeth Musgrave of Eden Hall; treasurer of Berwick, M.P. Carlisle, died 1597.

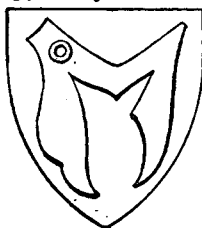
1575. GEORGE BOWES, knt.

Arms as 1482. Son and heir of Sir Ralph Bowes of Streatham, married first Dorothy Mallory, second Jane Talbot; owned Cowton and Aske, Yorks., sheriff of Yorks. 1561, defended Barnard castle against the northern earls 1568, died 1580. His appointment was made by letters patent under the great seal of Durham chancery issued under the Queen's warrant during vacancy Jan. 1576-April 1577. See *Newcastle Proceedings*⁴, vol. I, p. 145, and plate p. 160.

1576. WILLIAM HILTON, knt.

Arms as 1532. Son of William Hilton of Biddick, married Anne Yorke, heir to his uncle Sir Thomas Hilton, baron of Hilton, knighted at Berwick, 1570, by Thomas earl of Sussex; died 1600.

1576-? JOHN CONYERS, esq.



Azure a maunch gold, a ring for difference.

Probably of the Cotham-Conyers family and heir to John Conyers of that place.



RICHARD BARNES, 1577-87.

Church of Durham, impaling I quarterly gold and vert on a fess sable three molets silver; II azure on a bend silver a bear passant sable eating a child, on a chief silver three roses gules; III as I.

1587-? WILLIAM HILTON, knt., as 1576.



MATTHEW HUTTON, 1589-95.

Gules on a fess silver between three cushions silver three fleurs-de-lis gules.

1592-93. GEORGE CONYERS, esq.

Arms as 1576, with difference. I have not been able to identify him.



TOBIAS MATTHEW, 1595-1606.

Quarterly I and IV sable a lion rampant silver, II and III gules three chevrons silver.

1594-1608. JOHN CONYERS OF SOCKBURN, esq.

Arms as 1576 without the difference. Second son and heir of Sir George Conyers, married first Agnes Bowes, second Frances Evers of Witton, knighted 1603 by James I at Widdrington, died 1609.



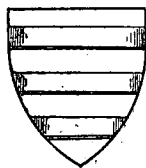
WILLIAM JAMES, 1606-17.

Quarterly I and IV gules a dolphin silver, II and III ermine on a chief gules three crosses-crosslet gold.

1606-08. JOHN CONYERS, as above.

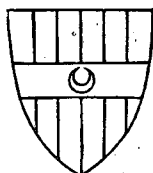
Thomas Robson.

1608-25. GEORGE SELBY, knt.



Barry gold and sable (a crescent for difference). Son and heir of William Selby of Newcastle, sheriff and mayor of that town between 1594-1622, married Margaret daughter of Sir John Selby of Twizel, knighted by James I at Whitehall 1603, died 1625.

Thomas Robson.



RICHARD NEILE, 1617-28.

Paly of six silver and gules on a fess gules a crescent silver.

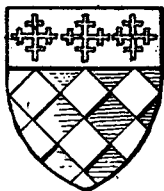
1617-25. SIR GEORGE SELBY, as above.

1625-40. WILLIAM BELLASIS, knt.



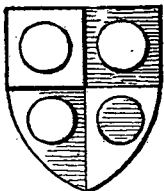
Silver a chevron gules between three fleurs-de-lis azure.

Son and heir of Bryan Bellasis of Newbrough, Yorks., and of Morton, Durham, married Margaret Selby of Whitehouse, was sheriff under three successive bishops, knighted at Sheriff Hutton 1617, died 1641.



GEORGE MORTEIGNE, 1628.

Lozengy gold and azure on a chief gules three crosses-crosslet gold.



JOHN HOWSON, 1628-32.

Quarterly silver and sable and four roundels countercoloured.



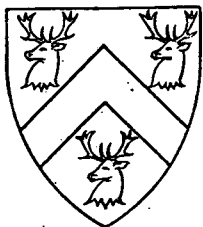
THOMAS MORTON, 1632-59.

Quarterly gules and ermine in first and fourth quarters a goat's head rased silver.

1628-40. SIR WILLIAM BELLASIS, as above.

Timothy Comyn, Christopher Hall, William Collingwood.

April 1641. WILLIAM COLLINGWOOD, esq.



Silver a chevron between three stags' heads rased sable.

Probably younger son of Robert Collingwood of Hetton, married Martha Hilton, living 1663.

Oct. 1641-45. WILLIAM DARCY, knt.



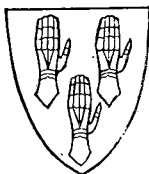
Azure crusilly and three cinquefoils with difference.

Second son of Conyers lord Conyers, Darcy and Meinell; born 1608, married Dorothy Selby, owned Witton castle, compounded for his estates, knighted at Berwick 1639.

William Collingwood.

Palatinate abolished and see dissolved, sheriffs appointed annually by Parliament, 1646-60.

1646. GEORGE VANE, knt.



Azure three sinister gauntlets gold.

Of Long Newton, second son of Henry Vane of Hadlow, Kent, born 1618, married Elizabeth daughter and heiress of Sir Lionel Madison of Rogerly, knighted at Whitehall 22 Nov. 1640, died 1679.

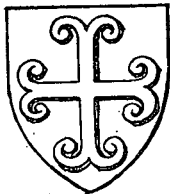
William Sedgewick.

1647. RICHARD BELLASIS, knt.

Arms as 1625. Son of Sir William Bellasis (sheriff 1625) of Ludworth and Owton, county Durham; born 1612, married first Elizabeth Spooner, second Margaret Lambton, entailed his estates 1651, his second wife living a widow in 1670.

George Kirby.

Nov. 1647. CLEMENT FULTHORPE, esq.

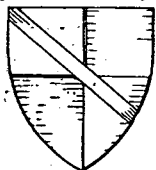


Silver a cross moline sable.

Son and heir of Christopher Fulthorpe of Tunstall and his wife Mary daughter of Clement Colmore; born 1604, J.P. Durham, married first Isabel Calverly 1628, second Margaret Boyse widow of George Trotter of Skelton castle. Aged sixty-one at visitation of 1666.

Christopher Mickleton.

Jan. 1649. JAMES CLAVERING, esq.



Quarterly gold and gules a bend sable.
 Son and heir of John Clavering of Axwell,
 born 1618, married Jane Maddison of Saltwell-
 side, M.P. 1656, J.P., baronet 1661, died 1701,
 buried at Whickham.

Feb. 1649. WILLIAM SMITH, esq., of West Herrington.

Silver on a bend azure between two unicorns' heads
 rased azure armed gold three lozenges erminois.

This William does not appear in Surtees' pedigree of
 the family (1, 187) and I have been unable to trace him.

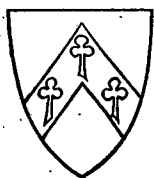
Theophilus Braithwaite.

Nov. 1649. JAMES CLAVERING OF AXWELL, esq., as Jan. 1649.

George Kirby.

Nov. 1650. CLEMENT FULTHORPE the elder, esq., as 1647.

Dec. 1650. THOMAS SHADFORTH, esq.



Vert on a chevron silver three trefoils slipt
 vert.

Son and heir of George Shadforth of Epple-
 ton, aged twelve at his father's death in 1617,
 married Elizabeth daughter of Marmaduke
 Blakiston and sister of John Blakiston one of
 the judges of Charles I. He had livery of his lands 1628,
 a supporter of the Parliamentary party, died c. 1666.

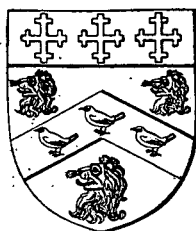
Richard Matthew.

Nov. 1651. CHRISTOPHER FULTHORPE the elder, esq.

Arms as 1647. Son and heir of Nicholas Fulthorpe of
 Tunstall and father of Clement, sheriff in 1647; he was
 born 1580 and died 1662 aged eighty-two.

Lancelot Hilton.

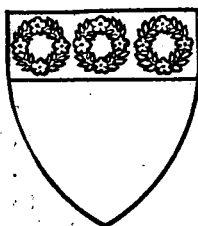
1652. FRANCIS WREN OF NORTH AUCLAND, esq.



Silver on a chevron sable, between three lions' heads rased silver, three wrens silver, on a chief gules three crosses-crosslet gold. Usually styled "of Binchester." He was son of Francis Wren of Henknoll, commissioner in northern counties for spread of the Gospel, died 1684.

Cuthbert Hawdon.

1653. ROWLAND PLACE OF DINSDALE, esq.



Quarterly I and IV azure on a chief silver three chaplets gules—Place, II and III silver a fess between six fleurs-de-lis sable—Halnaby.

Son and heir of Christopher Place whom he succeeded at Dinsdale 1624, married Catherine Wise, died 1676.

George Kirby.

1654. THOMAS BEWICKE, esq.



Silver on a fess indented of five lozenges gules, five molets silver, between three bears' heads rased sable.

Younger son of Robert Bewick of Newcastle who was sheriff and mayor of the town and sheriff of Northumberland. He was of Close House, Northumberland, and Urpeth, County Durham; born 1606, married Jane Calverley, died 1690.

John Eowther.

1655. GEORGE LILBURN, esq.



Silver three bougets sable, with difference.

Younger son of John Lilburn of Thickley, born 1586, bought a third of manor of Offerton 1630, married first Isabel Chambers 1620, second Eleanor Hickes 1629, died c. 1667.

George Kirby.

1656-57. TIMOTHY WHITTINGHAM, esq.



Silver a fess azure, over all a lion rampant gules.

Grandson and heir of Sir Timothy Whittingham of Holmside whom he succeeded in 1638, died 1682.

William Brass of Hess.

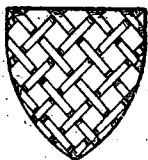
1658-59. ROBERT ELLISON, esq.



Gules a chevron gold between three eagles' heads rased silver.

Son and heir of Cuthbert Ellison of Newcastle upon Tyne and Hebburn; born 1613, merchant of Newcastle, sheriff 1644, M.P. for Newcastle 1647, married first Elizabeth Gray and second Agnes Briggs of Newcastle, died 1677.

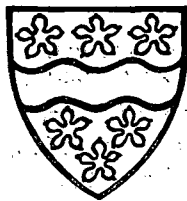
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JOHN COSIN, 1660-72.

Azure fretty gold.

1660-67. THOMAS DAVISON, knt.



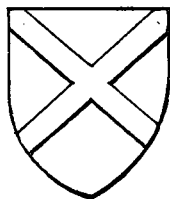
Gold a fess wavy between six cinquefoils gules.

Appointed after the Restoration, 1 Sept. 1660, the see being vacant, reappointed by letters patent of the bishop 30 July 1667. Son and heir of Sir Alexander Davison, the royalist mayor of Newcastle upon Tyne who

purchased the manor of Blakiston. He was born 1607; married first Alice Lambton, second Margaret Bellasis, knighted 30 July 1660, died 1667.

*William Church, 1660; Anthony Pearson, 1663;
Richard Neile, 1665-72.*

1667-72. SIR GILBERT GERARD, bart.



Silver a saltire gules.

Son of Ratcliffe Gerard of Fiskerton, Lincs., created a baronet 1666, married first Mary Brereton, second Mary daughter of John Cosin, bishop of Durham, constable of Durham castle for life 1660, M.P. Northallerton 1678-80. He was sheriff again 1674.

June 1673. SIR JAMES CLAVERING, bart.

As 1649. Appointed during vacancy of the see.



NATHANIEL, LORD CREW, 1674-1722.

Azure a lion rampant silver.

Dec. 1674. SIR GILBERT GERARD, bart., as 1667.

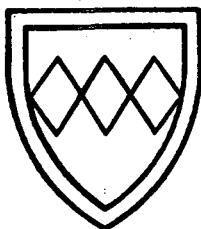
John Spearman, for life, 1674-1703.

1675-86. NICHOLAS CONYERS, esq.

Azure a maunch gold over all a bend (gobony gules and ermine?)

Son and heir of Robert Conyers of Bowlby, born 1629; in 1666 styled of Biddick, co. Durham, married Elizabeth Norcliffe, died 1686, buried at Houghton-le-Spring.

1686-1705. HON. CHARLES MONTAGU.

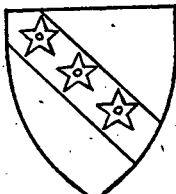


Silver three lozenges in fess gules, a border sable.

Younger son of Edward Montagu, first earl of Sandwich, brother of John Montagu dean of Durham and nephew of bishop lord Crew; married Elizabeth daughter and coheir of Francis Forster of

Easington Grange; he was appointed constable of Durham in 1684 for life, surrendered it to his son James who also had the office of his life, chancellor of diocese 1685, M.P. Durham city 1685-1701, died 1721.

1705-20. MARK SHAFTO, esq.



Gules on a bend silver three molets azure. Son and heir of Sir Robert Shafto of Whitworth, married Catherine daughter of Sir John Ingleby of Ripley, died 1723, buried Whitworth.

Horace Aston, nephew of the bishop, for life 1703-12.

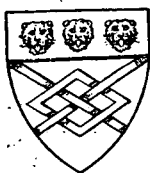
John Shafto, for life 1712-21.



WILLIAM TALBOT, 1721-30.

Gules a lion rampant and a border engrailed gold.

1721-23. SIR HENRY LIDDELL, bart.



Silver fretty gules on a chief three leopards' faces gold.

Of Newton, son and heir of Sir Thomas Liddell of Ravensworth, married Catherine Bright of Badsworth, M.P. Durham city 1688-1695 and for Newcastle upon Tyne 1701-08, died 1723, buried at Kensington.

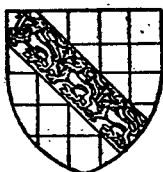
George Dixon, 1721-47.

1723-47. SIR WILLIAM WILLIAMSON, bart.



Gold a chevron gules between three trefoils slipt sable.

Son and heir of Sir Robert Williamson of Monkwearmouth. He was the fourth baronet, born 1681, married first Elizabeth daughter and coheir of John Hedworth of Harraton, second Mary Featherstonehaugh of Brancepeth, appointed sheriff for life by letters patent, died 1747.



EDWARD CHANDLER, 1730-50.

Checky silver and gules on a bend sable three lions passant silver.

1738-47. SIR WILLIAM WILLIAMSON, as above.

1747-89. SIR HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, bart.

Arms as 1723. Second son of the above Sir William by his first wife Elizabeth Hedworth, married 1747 Elizabeth Huddleston of Millom, sheriff for life, died 1789.



JOSEPH BUTLER, 1750-52.

Silver between two bastons engrailed sable, three covered cups bendways sable.



RICHARDS TREVOR, 1752-71.

Party per bend sinister ermine and ermines a lion rampant gold.



JOHN EGERTON, 1771-87.

Silver a lion rampant gules between three pheons sable.

1747-89. SIR HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, as above.

William Winfield, Bowes Grey.

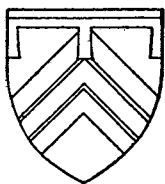


THOMAS THURLOW, 1787-91.

Silver on a chevron cotised sable three portcullisses silver a crescent for difference.

1789-1810. SIR HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, bart.

Arms as before. Succeeded his father as sixth baronet of Monkwearmouth and Whitburn 1789, born c. 1749, married Maria Hamilton, sheriff for life, died 1810.



HON. SHUTE BARRINGTON, 1791-1826.

Silver three chevrons gules and a label azure.

1791-1810. SIR HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON.

1810-18. ADAM ASKEW, esq.



Sable a fess gold between three asses passant silver.

Son and heir of Anthony Askew and his wife Elizabeth daughter of Robert Holford. Adam was of Redheugh, county Durham; married first Amy Carey, second Elizabeth Rycroft, succeeded his father 1774, appointed sheriff by letters patent of the bishop, died c. 1818.

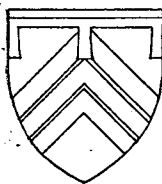
1818. WILLIAM HUTCHINSON, esq.



Party gules and azure, crusilly a lion rampant gold with due difference.

Son and heir of Timothy Hutchinson of Egglestone, born 1763, married Mary Byham, died 1826 at Eggleston.

1819-26. HON. WILLIAM KEPPEL BARRINGTON.



Silver three chevrons gules and a label azure. Son and heir of George Viscount Barrington of Ardglass, rector of Sedgfield; born 1793, B.A. Oxford 1813, married 1823 Jane Liddell of Ravensworth, M.P. Berks. 1837-57, succeeded his father as Viscount Barrington 1829, died 1867.



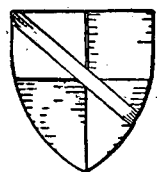
WILLIAM VAN MILDERT, 1826-36.

Gules two scythe blades saltireways silver.

1827-28. CUTHBERT ELLISON, esq.

Arms as 1658. Son and heir of Henry Ellison of Hebburn and his wife Henrietta Isaacson; born 1783, succeeded his father 1795, married 1804 Isabel Grace Ibbotson of St. Anthony's, Newcastle, M.P. Newcastle upon Tyne, J.P. and D.L., died 1860.

1829- . CHARLES JOHN CLAVERING.



Quarterly gold and gules a bend sable, with difference.

Eldest son of George Clavering of Greencroft, married Diana Adair. See *Proc. Newc. Ant.*³ VIII, 164.

1833-36. WILLIAM LLOYD WHARTON, esq.



Sable a maunch silver (a canton gold for difference).

Son and heir of Rev. R. Wharton, born 1789, educated Cambridge, M.A., married Frances Jacob, J.P. and D.L., died 1867.

By the Reform Act of 1836 the sheriffs of the county of Durham were to be appointed by the crown and from that date were so appointed yearly.

1837. ANTHONY WILKINSON OF COXHOE HALL, esq.

Azure a fess erminois between three unicorns passant silver armed gold.

Son and heir of Thomas Wilkinson and his wife Hannah Spearman, born 1785, married Mary Hall, succeeded to Hulam and Clennell, J.P., D.L., died 1851.

1838. SIR ROBERT JOHNSON-EDEN, bart.

Gules on a chevron silver, between three sheaves gold, three escallops sable.

Fifth baronet of Windleston, born 1774, M.A. Cantab., assumed additional surname of Johnson 1811, died unmarried 1844.

1839. SIR WILLIAM CHAYTOR OF WITTON CASTLE, bart.

Per bend danced silver and azure three cinquefoils countercoloured.

Son and heir of William Chaytor of Croft and Spennithorne, born 1771, married Isabel Carter 1803, baronet 1831, M.P. Sunderland, J.P. Durham and Yorks., died 1847.

1840. SIR HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON OF WHITBURN, bart.

Arms as 1723. Seventh baronet, born 1797, married Anne daughter of Thomas lord Ravensworth, M.A. Camb., M.P. Durham 1831-37, M.P. Sunderland 1847-1852, died 1861.

1841. WILLIAM RUSSELL OF BRANCEPETH CASTLE, esq.

Silver on a chevron between three crosses crosslet fitchy sable, an escallop gold.

Son of Matthew Russell of Brancepeth and his wife Elizabeth daughter of Right Hon. George Tennyson; born 1798, succeeded to his father's estates 1822, M.P. Saltash 1822, M.P. Durham 1828-32, died 1850.

1842. ROBERT EDEN DUNCOMBE SHAFTO OF WHITWORTH PARK, esq.

Gules on a bend silver three molets azure.

Second son of Robert Shafto, succeeded his elder brother John 1802; born 1776, married Catherine Eden, M.P. Durham, died 1848.

1843. EDWARD SHIPPERDSON OF DURHAM, esq.

Sable on a bend silver three lozenges azure each charged with a sun in his splendour.

Son and heir of Ralph Shipperdson of Pidding-hall Garth, Durham; born 1780, succeeded his father 1793.

1844. HENRY THOMAS MAIRE WHITHAM OF LARTINGTON HALL, esq.

Gold a bend gules between three falcons sable.

Son of John Silvertop of Minsteracres, born 1779, married Eliza Witham of Headlam, niece and heiress of William Witham of Cliffe and then assumed the name of Witham. Founded Mechanics Institute; Witham Hall at Barnard Castle was built as a memorial to him, died Nov. 1844.

1845. JOHN WILLIAM WILLIAMSON OF WHICKHAM, esq.

Quarterly I and IV gyronny of eight sable and ermine over all a tower silver—Hopper, II and III gold a chevron gules between three slipped trefoils sable—Williamson.

Second son of Robert Hopper who assumed the surname of Williamson; born 1789, J.P. and D.L., chairman of Durham Quarter Sessions, died unmarried 1850.

1846. RALPH STEPHEN PEMBERTON OF BARNES AND USWORTH HOUSE, esq.

Silver a chevron ermine between three griffins' heads coupé sable.

Second son of Richard Pemberton of Barnes, born 1780, married 1820 Anne daughter and heiress of Thomas Rippon, sheriff of Caermarthen 1820, died 1847.

1847. JOHN FAWCETT OF NORTH BAILEY, esq.

Gold a lion rampant sable over all a bend compony gules and silver.

Son and heir of Christopher Fawcett, born 1799, M.A. Oxon., D.L. and J.P. for Durham, also of Branton, Northumberland, and J.P.; died unmarried 1882.

1848. SIR WILLIAM EDEN OF WINDLESTONE HALL, bart.

Arms as 1838. Sixth baronet of West Auckland and fourth of Maryland, born 1803, married Elfrida Ire-monger, he succeeded his brother as fourth baronet and his cousin as sixth baronet, died 1873.

1849. JOHN EDEN OF BEAMISH PARK, esq.

I and IV gules on a chevron between three sheaves gold three escallops sable—Eden, II and III, azure six escallops gold—Methold.

Second son of Henry Methold by his wife Dorothea Eden, assumed in 1844 the surname and arms of Eden, succeeded to Beamish 1841, J.P. and D.L. Durham.

1850. ROBERT HILDYARD OF HORSLEY, esq.

Azure a chevron silver between three molets gold.

Son and heir of Rev. Henry Hildyard, born 1787, succeeded to Horsley and Unthank 1832, J.P., died unmarried 1854.

1851. ROBERT HENRY ALLAN OF BLACKWELL HALL, esq.

Sable a cross potent quarter pierced gold, charged with four guttes de sang, in chief two lions' heads rased gold, a border engrailed erminois.

Son of William Allan of Newbottle, etc., born 1802, married Elizabeth Gregson, succeeded to all the freeholds of Blackwell by will of his uncle John, D.L. and J.P., F.S.A., died 1879.

1852. JOHN BOWES OF STREATLAM CASTLE, esq.

Ermine three long bows gules.

Born 1811, succeeded by will to the estates of John tenth earl of Strathmore, married first Josephine countess de Montalbo and second Alphonsina comtesse de Courten, M.P. South Durham 1833-47, J.P. and D.L. Durham:

1853. FREDERICK ACKLOM MILBANK OF HART, esq.

Gules a bend ermine on a canton gold a lion's head rased gules.

Second son of Mark Milbank of Thorp Perrow by his wife lady Augusta Vane, born 1820, married 1844 Alexina Don, M.P. North Yorks., J.P. and D.L.

1854. HENRY JOHN BAKER OF ELEMORE, esq.

Quarterly I and IV ermine on a saltire engrailed azure a maunch between four escallops gold on a chief sable a lion passant gold—Baker, II and III sable a tower gold charged with a pheon sable on a border gold ten crosses-crosslet sable—Tower.

His surname was Tower, which in 1844 he changed to Baker; born 1822, married Isabel Allgood 1849, J.P. and D.L. for Durham, died 1871.

1855. ROBERT SURTEES OF REDWORTH HOUSE, esq.

Ermine on a canton gules an orle gold.

Son and heir of Crosier Surtees of Merrysheales and Redworth, born 1782, married 1811 Elizabeth Cookson of Whitehill, succeeded to Redworth 1803, J.P. and D.L. of Durham, married secondly 1850 Anne Alston, died 1857.

1856. ROBERT SMITH SURTEES OF HAMSTERLEY HALL, esq.

Arms as 1855. Son and heir of Anthony Surtees; born

1803, married 1841 Elizabeth Fenwick, J.P. and D.L.
He was the famous author of many well known sporting novels. Died 1864.

1857. GENERAL WILLIAM BECKWITH OF SILKSWORTH HOUSE, esq.

Silver a chevron between three hinds' heads rased gules.

Son and heir of William Beckwith of Trimdon, born 1795, general in army and colonel of 14th Hussars, married 1931 Priscilla Hopper, J.P. and D.L., died 1871.

1858. TIMOTHY HUTCHINSON OF EGGLESTONE HALL, esq.

Per pale gules and azure, crusilly and a lion rampant gold.

Son and heir of George Peter Hutchinson of the same place, born 18—, married in 1842 Elizabeth Wilkinson of Welton Grange, J.P., lord of manors of Egglestone and Startforth.

1859. SIR WILLIAM ALOYZIUS CLAVERING OF GREENCROFT HALL.

Quarterly gold and gules a bend sable.

Son and heir of Sir Thomas John Clavering, bart., of Axwell whom he suc. as ninth baronet, 1853, ed. at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, d. 1872.

1860. HENRY JOHN SPEARMAN, NEWTON HALL, esq.

Azure a chevron ermine between three tilting spears erect silver, headed gold.

Son and heir of Charles Spearman of Thornley, born 1794, Recorder of Durham, M.P. for city 1847-52, J.P. and D.L., died unmarried 1863.

1861. RICHARD LAURENCE PEMBERTON, THE BARNES, esq.

Arms as 1846. Son of Richard Pemberton, born 1831, educated Eton and Oxford, married first Jane Stapylton, second Elizabeth Donnison, J.P. and D.L., died 1901.

1862. HENRY GEORGE SURTEES OF DINSDALE, esq.
Ermine on a canton gules an orle gold.
Eldest son of Rev. John Surtees, he purchased the estate of Dinsdale, J.P., died unmarried 1870.
1863. JOHN RICHARD WESTGARTH HILDYARD OF HORSLEY, esq.
Arms as 1850. Nephew and heir of Robert Hildyard, sheriff 1850, changed his surname of Hale to Hildyard, born 1813, married 1860 Mary Digby Neave, barrister and chairman of Quarter Sessions, M.A., J.P. and D.L., died 1888.
1864. JOHN HARRISON AYLMEYER OF WALWORTH CASTLE, esq.
Silver a cross sable between four Cornish choughs.
Son and heir of Lieut.-General Arthur Aylmer and his wife Anne Harrison heiress of Walworth; born 1812, married Rossana Coghill, J.P. and D.L., died 1868.
1865. WILLIAM PEARETH, USWORTH HOUSE, esq.
Gules a chevron silver between three pears gold.
Son and heir of William Peareth of Usworth and Thorpe Mandeville, Northants.; born 1831, captain Queen's Own Hussars, married 1856 Cecilia daughter and coheir of John Lennox, J.P., died 1870.
1866. WILLIAM EDWARD SURTEES OF SEATON CAREW, esq.
Ermine on a canton gules an orle gold, with difference.
Son and heir of Edward Surtees of Seaton Burn, born c. 1810, barrister, was also of Tanfield House, Somerset; D.C.L., J.P. Durham, Northumberland and Somerset, D.L. Durham, married 1853 Caroline Chapman.
1867. WILLIAM SCURFIELD GREY OF NORTON, esq.
Quarterly I and IV barry of six pean and gold per pale countercoloured—Scurfield, II and III gules a lion rampant and a border engrailed silver—Grey.
Eldest son of William Scurfield, born 1808, M.A. Camb., barrister, J.P. North Riding, J.P. and D.L. Durham, died unmarried 1876.

1868. ANTHONY WILKINSON OF HULAM CASTLE, esq.

Azure a fess erminois between three unicorns passant silver, armed gold.

Son and heir of Anthony Wilkinson of Coxhoe and Clennell, born 1838, married first Mary Richardson, second Jennie White, succeeded his father 1851, J.P. and D.L. Durham and J.P. Northumberland, died 1927.

1869. THOMAS CHARLES THOMPSON OF SHERBURN HALL, esq.

Per fess silver and sable a fess embattled counter-embattled between three falcons countercoloured belled and jessed gold.

Son and heir of Thomas Thompson of Bishopwearmouth, born 1821, married Mary Moore of Lund, educated Harrow and Durham, barrister of Middle Temple, J.P., M.P. Durham 1874, 1880-85. Later of Ashdown Park, Sussex.

1870. WILLIAM BRIGGS, HYLTON CASTLE, esq.

A merchant of Sunderland, born 1803, purchased Hylton castle 1863, married 1825 Margaret Hedley, J.P. Durham, died 1871.

1871. JAMES COOKSON, NEASHAM HALL, esq.

Per pale silver and gules, two legs couped at thigh in armour countercoloured.

Son and heir of Colonel James Cookson who, c. 1860, purchased the estate of Neasham, grandson of Isaac Cookson of Whitehill. Born 1816, educated Harrow and Cambridge, married first Sibella Tyndall, second Mary Elizabeth Tyndall, third Georgina Rawlinson, assumed in 1881 the additional surname of Sawrey, J.P., died 1888.

1872. ROWLAND BURDON, CASTLE EDEN, esq.

Azure crusilly and three "bourdons" gold.

Son and heir of Rowland Burdon of Castle Eden, born 1802, married Anne Malet Uththoff, J.P. and D.L., chairman of Quarter Sessions, died 1875.

1873. COLONEL CHARLES FREVILLE SURTEES, MAINSFORTH.

Ermine on a canton gules an orle gold.

Born 1823, married Bertha Chauncy, M.P. South Durham, captain 10th Hussars and colonel Durham Fusiliers, J.P. and D.L., died 1906.

1874. JOHN FOGG-ELLIOTT, ELVET HILL, esq.

Quarterly I and IV gules on a bend engrailed gold a baton azure—Elliott, II and III silver on a fess between six annulets sable three molets silver—Fogg.

Son and heir of Thomas Fogg of Edgeworth, assumed the additional surname of Elliott in 1827; born 1804, married first Mary Peacock, second Sarah Tate, widow of Alan Hutchinson; J.P. and D.L. Durham, died 1881.

1875. ANTHONY WILKINSON, DURHAM, as 1868.

1876. HENRY EDWARD SURTEES, REDWORTH, esq.

Ermine on a canton gules an orle gold.

Born 1819, married first Eliza Chauncy, second Mary Adams; succeeded his brother at Redworth 1863, M.P. and J.P. Herts., J.P. and D.L. Durham, died 1895.

1877. SIR HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, WHITBURN, bart.

Gold a chevron gules between three slipped trefoils sable.

Succeeded as eighth baronet 1861, born 1827, married Lady Elizabeth Liddell, M.P. for North Durham, attaché at St. Petersburg and Paris, J.P. and D.L. Durham, died 1900.

1878. JOHN JOICEY, NEWTON HALL, STOCKSFIELD, esq.

Silver a fess gules between in chief two molets and in base a bugle horn sable, stringed gold.

Younger son of George Joicey of Long Benton, born 1816, married Rosandra Eaven, M.P. North Durham 1880, J.P. and D.L. Durham, purchased Newton Hall 1860 and Thornburgh 1874, died 1881.

1879. JAMES LAING, THORNHILL, SUNDERLAND, esq.

Per pale silver and sable two wolves' heads rased, on a chief nebuly a wolf's head rased all countercoloured. Son of Philip Laing of Deptford House, Durham, born 1823, married first Mary Tanner, second Theresa Peacock, chairman Wear Commission, President Chamber of Shipping, shipbuilder, J.P. and D.L. Durham, purchased Etal manor, Northumberland, knighted, J.P. Northumberland, died 1901.

1880. COLONEL GEORGE JOHN SCURFIELD, HURWORTH.

Barry of six pean and gold per pale countercoloured. Second son of William Grey of Norton, succeeded his elder brother 1876, born 1810, M.A. Camb. 1836, married Anne Hopper Williamson, assumed in 1831 the surname of Scurfield only, J.P. and D.L. Durham, J.P. North Riding, died 1895.

1881. MATTHEW KEARNEY, LANCHESTER FORD, esq.

Silver three lions rampant gules on a chief azure an arm couped at wrist vested, fessways, holding a dagger erect silver between two pheons gold.

Eldest son of Patrick Kearney of county Meath, born 1815, married 1844 Elizabeth Humble of Durham, secondly in 1887 Frances Gillow; J.P. and D.L. Durham county.

1882. ROBERT ANTHONY BURRELL, BOTLEY, HANTS., esq.

Or a saltire gules between four leaves vert, on a chief azure a lion's head between two battle-axes.

Elder son of John Burrell of Durham, born 1829, purchased in 1878 Fairthorne in Botley, Hants.; J.P. Hants. and Durham.

1883. ALFRED BACKHOUSE, HURWORTH, esq.

Son of Edward Backhouse of Sunderland, born 1822, married 1851 Rachel Barclay, J.P. Durham, died 1888.

1884. ISAAC LOWTHIAN BELL, ROUNTON GRANGE, esq.

Silver on fess between three hawks' lures azure three hawks' bells silver.

Son of Thomas Bell, alderman of Newcastle, born 1816, married Margaret Pattinson, created a baronet 1885, J.P. and D.L. Durham, J.P. North Riding and Newcastle, M.P. Hartlepool, D.C.L., LL.D., F.R.S., died 1904.

1885. CHRISTOPHER JOHN FOYLE FAWCETT, DURHAM, esq.

Gold a lion rampant sable over all a bend compony gules and silver.

Nephew and heir of John Fawcett, sheriff 1847; born 1838, M.A. Oxon; barrister, J.P. and D.L. Durham, was of Somerford Keynes, Wilts., and Branton and Bingfield, Northumberland; died unmarried 1904.

1886. JOSEPH RICHARDSON, POTTO HALL, esq.

Sable gutty of water, on a pale ermine a lion's head rased ermines, on a chief indented silver two anchors in saltire sable between two lions' heads rased ermines.

Son of Caleb Richardson of Sunderland, born 1830, married first Ann Backhouse, second Flora Macdonald, third Ida Stancombe, J.P. for Durham and North Riding, D.L. Durham, M.P. S.E. Durham; died 1902.

1887. GERALD PERCY VIVIAN AYLMER, WALWORTH CASTLE, esq.

Silver a cross sable between four Cornish choughs.

Son and heir of John Aylmer, sheriff 1864; born 1856, educated Eton and Trinity, Camb.; succeeded his father 1868, J.P. and D.L. Durham, served South African war.

1888. DAVID DALE, WEST LODGE, DARLINGTON, esq.

Azure a swan silver between four bezants saltireways.

First baronet 1895, born 1829, married 1853 first Ann Backhouse daughter of Edward Robson, second Alice Milburn 1888, D.C.L. Durham, J.P. and D.L. Durham, died 1906.

1889. LINDSAY WOOD, SOUTH HILL PARK, CHESTER-LE-STREET, esq.

Ermine a wolf rampant sable, collared gold, on a chief indented gules an oak leaf between two acorns slipt and leaved.

Younger son of Nicholas Wood of Hetton Hall, born 1834, married Emma Barrett 1873, J.P. and D.L., created a baronet 1897, died 1920.

1890. WILLIAM JAMES JOICEY, URPETH LODGE, esq.

Born 1836, married 1868 Mary Clarke, mining engineer, J.P. and D.L. Durham, major 4th Durham Volunteers, later of Sunningdale Park, Beds., and Linhope, Northumberland.

1891. JOSEPH HENRY STRAKER, WILLINGTON HOUSE, esq.

Azure on a chevron silver between two arrows in pale in chief and a molet in base, an arrow between two molets, a molet at the centre point all countercoloured.

Second son of John Straker, of Stagshaw house; born 1850, married 1893 Charlotte Turner, J.P. and D.L., died 1919.

1892. SIR WILLIAM GRAY, GREATHAM, knt.

Barry of six silver and azure a lion rampant gules on a chief azure two lymphads gold.

Son of Matthew Gray of Blyth, Northumberland, born 1828, married Dorothy Hall 1849, founder of shipbuilding firm of William Gray & Co., mayor of Hartlepool 1861-62 and of West Hartlepool 1887, knighted 1890, J.P. and D.L., died 1898.

1893. EDWARD JOICEY, WHINNEY HOUSE, and BLENKINSOPP HALL, esq.

Silver a fess gules between in chief two molets and in base a bugle horn sable, stringed gold.

Son of Edward Joicey of the same place, born 1865, educated Harrow and Cambridge, married Florence Raylton Dixon, colonel Northumberland Fusiliers. J.P. and D.L. for both Durham and Northumberland.

1894. COLONEL CHARLES JOHN REED, C.B., SPRINGWELL HALL.
Gold on a chevron between three sheaves gules, three ears of corn silver.

Son and heir of Stephen Reed of The Crag, Northumberland; born 1820, married Margaret Ramsey, colonel Northumberland Artillery, K.C.B. 1904, J.P. and D.L. Durham, J.P. Yorks. and Northumberland, died 1908.

1895. HUGH BELL, RED BARNS, COATHAM, esq.

Arms as 1884. Son and heir of Sir Isaac Lowthian Bell, sheriff 1884; born 1844, married 1887, first Maria Shields, second Florence Oliffe; succeeded as second baronet 1904, C.B., J.P. and D.L. Durham, lieutenant of North Riding, mayor of Middlesbrough, alderman North Riding, Hon. D.C.L. Durham, Oxford and Sheffield, LL.D. Leeds, F.S.A., died 1931.

1896. MAJOR ROBERT ROPNER, PRESTON HALL.

Party per fess dancéd sable and gold, a pale, three molets two and one and three stags' heads rased one and two all countercoloured.

Born 1838, married Mary Craik, knighted 1902, created baronet 1904, J.P. and D.L. Durham, J.P. Yorks., M.P. Stockton, colonel D.L.I., died 1924.

1897. COLONEL LANCELOT ALLGOOD GREGSON, BURDON.

Silver a saltire invected gules between two molets in chief and base gules and two ermine spots in dexter and sinister sable, on a canton checky azure and gold a rose gules.

Son and heir of John Gregson of Murton, Burdon, and Bramham, born 1840, married Sophia Buchanan, captain Cameronians, Colonel of Staff, J.P. and D.L., died 1905.

1898. SAMUEL PETER AUSTIN, COCKEN HALL, esq.

Son of Samuel Peter Austin, born 1842, married Miss Spooner, shipbuilder and ship repairer (S. P. Austin

& Sons, Sunderland), J.P. for Sunderland and Durham county, died 1925.

1899. UTRICK ALEXANDER RITSON, MUGGLESWICK, esq.

Sable a falcon close and belled and in chief two lions' heads rased silver.

Born 1843, married Anne Ridley, alderman of Durham county, J.P. and D.L. Durham, J.P. Newcastle, died 1932.

1900. JOHN ARUNDEL HILDYARD, HORSLEY HOUSE, esq.

Azure a chevron silver between three molets gold.

Son and heir of John Richard Hale, who in 1855 assumed the name of Hildyard only; born 1861, educated Eton and Cambridge, D.L. North Riding and J.P. Durham and Yorks., died 1935.

1901. GEORGE FENWICK BOYD, MOORHOUSE, esq.

Azure a fess indented checky silver and gules between two lozenges silver.

Son and heir of Edward Fenwick Boyd, born 1849, B.A. Oxon., married Janet Haig, J.P. and D.L. Durham, died 1909.

1902. SIR WILLIAM HENRY EDWARD CHAYTOR, bart., CROFT.

Per bend danced silver and azure four quatrefoils countercoloured.

Son and heir of Sir William Chaytor, born 1867, succeeded as fourth baronet of Croft 1896, J.P. North Riding, J.P. and D.L. Durham, died unmarried 1908.

1903. JOHN EWER JEFFERSON HOGG, NORTON HOUSE.

Silver three boars' heads coupé sable—Hogg, quartering Jefferson Jones and Ewer.

Eldest son of John Hogg, F.R.S.; born 1860, succeeded his father 1896, married Lillie Grey Williamson, barrister, D.L. and J.P. of Durham and London, mayor of Chelsea 1920.

1904. SIR HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, bart., WHITBURN HALL.

Arms as 1877. Son and heir of Sir Hedworth Williamson, sheriff 1877, whom he succeeded as ninth baronet of East Markham 1900; born 1867, J.P. and D.L. Durham.

1905. JOHN EDWIN ROGERSON, MOUNT OSWALD.

Son of John Rogerson, born 1865, married Frances Creagh, M.A. Camb., A.I.C.E., director of public companies, M.F.H., O.B.E. 1919, M.P. Barnard Castle 1922, D.L. and J.P. county Durham, died 1925.

1906. FRANK STOBART, BIDDICK HALL.

Barry of twelve silver and azure three lions rampant purple.

Son and heir of William Stobart of Pepper Arden, Yorks.; born 1856, married Millicent Lee Pattinson, J.P. and D.L. Durham and North Riding, died 1915.

1907. ROWLAND BURDON, CASTLE EDEN.

Arms as 1872. Son of Rev. John Burdon and his wife Elizabeth Hale, born 1857, married Mary Arundell Slade, colonel volunteer D.L.I., M.P. Sedgefield 1918-1922, J.P. and D.L. Durham.

1908. SLINGSBY DUNCOMBE SHAFTO, BEAMISH PARK.

Quarterly I and IV gules on a bend silver three molets azure—Shafto, II and III per chevron engrailed gules and silver, three talbots' heads erased countercoloured—Duncombe.

Son and heir of Slingsby A. D. Eden, who assumed the name of Eden in 1899; born 1877, married Esther daughter of Leopold Hirschfield and widow of William Grose, captain Grenadier Guards, served in South Africa 1899-1902 and in Great War 1914-19, J.P. Durham.

1909. WILLIAM CRESWELL GRAY, TUNSTALL MANOR.

Arms as 1892. Son and heir of Sir William Gray,

sheriff 1892, born 1867, married Kate Casebourne, colonel volunteer battalion D.L.I., J.P. and D.L. Durham, J.P. Devon and North Riding, created a baronet 1917, died 1924.

1910. HON. JAMES ARTHUR JOICEY, LONGHIRST HALL.

Silver three lozenges sable within two bendlets invected gules between two miners' picks bendways proper.

Son and heir of James first lord Joicey of Chester-le-Street, born 1880, succeeded as second baron and baronet 1936, married Georgina Burdon, major Northumberland Fusiliers, J.P. Northumberland.

1911. LIEUT.-COL. JOHN HENRY ROPNER, RAGWORTH HALL.

Arms as 1896. Son and heir of Sir Robert Ropner, first baronet; born 1860, married Margaret McGregor, succeeded as second baronet 1924, colonel D.L.I., J.P. and D.L. Durham, died 1936.

1912. FREDERICK STIRLING NEWALL, CASTLE HILL, WYLAM.

Arms as 1931. Son of Robert Stirling Newall, F.R.S.; born 1855, married Helen Deakin Heaton, LL.D. Camb., died 1930.

1913. JAMES WESTOLL, THE CLOISTERS, SUNDERLAND.

Son of James Westoll, shipowner; married Lavinia Preston; shipowner and broker, J.P., died 1929.

1914. FRANCIS PRIESTMAN, SHOTLEY PARK.

Azure on a mount in base an olive tree fruited gold, between two lions rampant silver.

Son and heir of Jonathan Priestman, born 1855, married Cecil Shiell, J.P. and D.L. Durham, died 1936.

1915. SIR ALFRED MOLYNEUX PALMER, WALWORTH CASTLE.

Sable on chevron between three crescents in chief and a lion passant in base silver, two spears chevronways proper.

Second son of Sir Charles Mark Palmer, first baronet; born 1853, succeeded his brother as third baronet 1910, married Ellen Younge, alderman county Durham, J.P., died 1935.

1916. WILLIAM HUSTLER HUSTLER, ACKLAM HALL.

Silver on a fess azure between two martlets sable three fleurs-de-lis gold.

Nephew of William Thomas Hustler; assumed the arms and surname of Hustler 1909, born 1866, married Maude Collingwood, J.P. Durham and North Riding, died 1927.

1917. HON. CYRIL ARTHUR LIDDELL, RAVENSWORTH CASTLE.

Silver fretty gules three leopards' faces gold with due difference.

Second son of Arthur Thomas, fifth baron Ravensworth; born 1872, married Dorothy Brown, J.P. and D.L. Durham, died 1932.

1918. BRODRICK DALE, APPERLEY DENE.

Gules a swan, wings expanded, silver.

Son of Sir Brodrick Dale and his wife Agnes Tinley, born 1854, married Edith daughter of Sir David Deas, K.C.B.; banker, J.P. Durham, died 1939.

1919. JOHN WOOD, COXHOE HALL.

Son and heir of William Henry Wood of the same place, born 1867, J.P. Durham county, died 1940.

1920. ARTHUR FRANCIS PEASE, MIDDLETON LODGE.

Per fess azure and gules a fess nebuly ermine between two lambs passant in chief silver and in base a dove rising silver holding a pea stalk in beak proper.

Son and heir of Arthur Pease of Darlington, born 1866, M.A., Camb., married Laura Allix, civil lord of Admiralty, alderman Durham county, created a baronet 1920, J.P. and D.L., died 1927.

1921. LIEUT.-COL. MAURICE 'HUGH LOWTHIAN BELL, G.M.G.,
ROUNTON LODGE.

Arms as 1884. Son and heir of Sir Hugh Bell, sheriff 1895, born 1871, served in South African War and Great War, succeeded as second baronet 1931, J.P. and D.L. North Riding.

1922. SIR JOHN STOREY BARWICK, bart., ASHBROOK GRANGE.
Azure a galley gold, in chief two bears' heads couped silver muzzled gules.

Son of Sir John Storey-Barwick, first baronet; born 1876, married Gwladys Thomas, succeeded as second baronet 1915, J.P. and D.L.

1923. CAPT. ROWLAND BURDON WEBSTER, WOLVISTON HALL.
Azure on a bend silver cotised gold between two demilions rampant ermine a rose gules enclosed by two boars' heads couped sable.

Son of Ernest A. Webster of Pallion, born 1890, married Ethel Hutton Storey, captain Northumberland Fusiliers, served in Great War, J.P. Durham.

1924. SIR FRANK BROWN, knt., NORTON PRIORY.
Younger son of James Brown of Stockton-on-Tees, born 1857, married Charlotte Hedley, widow of L. F. Booth; chartered accountant, J.P. and D.L. Durham, mayor of Stockton 1904-06, freeman 1907, chairman Durham C.C. 1913-19, knighted 1913, died 1931.

1925. LIEUT.-COL. GEORGE HERBERT STOBART, C.B.E., D.S.O.,
HARPERLEY PARK.

Arms as 1906. Son of William Culley Stobart and his wife Frances Dorothea Wilkinson of Harperley Park; born 1873, married Mary Kinnear, colonel D.L.I., major R.F.A., A.D.C. to the King, chairman Durham Territorial Association, J.P. and D.L. Durham, died 1943.

1926. SIR THOMAS GARMONDSWAY WRIGHTSON, bart., MANOR HOUSE, ERYHOLME.

Gold and fess invected checky azure and silver between two eagles' heads rased in chief sable and a saltire coupé in base gules.

Son and heir of Sir Thomas Wrightson, first baronet; born 1871, succeeded his father 1921, married Gwen-dolin Neame, major D.L.I., J.P. and D.L. Durham.

1927. BRIG.-GEN. HERBERT CONYERS SURTEES, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.V.O., F.S.A., MAINSFORTH HALL.

Ermine on a canton gules an orle gold.

Son of Charles Freville Surtees, born 1858, married Madeline Crabbe, J.P. and D.L. Durham, M.P. Gateshead 1918-22, chairman Petty Sessions Durham county, died 1933.

1928. JOHN HENRY BACON FORSTER, WHITWORTH HOUSE.

Silver a chevron between three bugle horns sable.

Eldest son of Richard Forster, Shincliffe Hall; born 1870, married in 1898 Isabel Brydon of Seaham Harbour, J.P. and D.L. Durham.

1929. MAJOR HENRY SIWARD BALLIOL SURTEES, REDWORTH HALL.

Ermine on a canton gules an orle gold.

Son of Henry Edward Surtees and his second wife Mary Isabel Adams; born 1873, married first Helen Thompson, second Emma Cuncliffe; major 2nd Life Guards, served in South African War and in Great War, J.P. and D.L. Durham.

1930. JOHN STAPYLTON GREY PEMBERTON, RAMSIDE.

Arms as 1846. Son of Richard Laurence Pemberton, sheriff 1861; born 1860, fellow of All Souls, Oxford; married first Janet Marshall, second Mira Ross; barrister, Recorder of Durham 1924, chairman quarter sessions 1931, M.P. Sunderland 1900-06, pro-vice-chancellor Durham University, J.P. and D.L. Durham, died 1940.

1931. CAPT. GEOFFREY STIRLING NEWALL, SHEPHERDS DENE.

Per saltire silver and gules a crozier gold fessways between three falcons, two in chief and one in base, countercoloured of the field, a molet sable for difference.

Son of Frederick Stirling Newall (sheriff 1912), born 1882, educated Rugby and Trinity College, Cambridge, captain R.G.A., married Ethel Nest Spearman, O.B.E., J.P. and D.L. county Durham.

1932. HENRY PEILE, C.B.E., D.SC., BROOMSHIELS HALL.

. . . on a bend between two towers . . . two pierced molets. . . .

Son of George Peile of Greenwood, born 1862, married Eva Beckingham, J.P. Durham, died 1935.

1933. SIR ARTHUR NICHOLAS WOOD, bart., THE HERMITAGE.

Erminé a wolf rampant sable; collared gold, on a chief indented gules an oak leaf between two acorns, slipped and leaved proper.

Son of Sir Lindsay Wood, first baronet; born 1875, succeeded as second baronet 1920, captain Northumberland Artillery, J.P. and D.L. Durham.

1934. HON. STANDISH ROBERT GAGE PRENDERGAST VEREKER, M.C., HAMSTERLEY HALL.

I quarterly 1 and 4 azure on a chevron gold a chaplet vert—Vereker; 2 and 3 gules a saltire vair gold and azure—Prendergast; II and III ermine on a canton gules an orle gold—Surtees.

Second son of John, fifth viscount Gort; born 1888, educated Harrow and Trinity, Cambridge; married Bessy, daughter of Aubone Surtees of Dinsdale Manor, served in Great War 1914-18, despatches.

1935. COL. SIR FRANK ROBERT SIMPSON, bart., BRADLEY HALL.

Gules on a fess between two lions passant gold a voided lozenge gules.

Son of John Bell Simpson, D.C.L.; born 1864, married

Alice Draper, served in Great War 1914-18, K.G.St.J., created a baronet 1 Feb. 1935, J.P. and D.L. Durham.

1936. MAJOR JONATHAN LEE PRIESTMAN, M.C., SHOTLEY PARK. Arms as 1914. Son of Francis Priestman, sheriff 1914; born 1892, educated Rugby and Oxford, major R.A., served in Great War 1914-18, succeeded his father 1936.

1937. LEONARD ROPNER, PRESTON HALL.

Arms as 1911, with due difference. Son of William Ropner of Thorp Perrow, born 1895, married Esmé Robertson, colonel R.A., served in Great War 1914-1918, M.C., T.D., M.P. Sedgefield 1923-29, Barkston Ash 1931; Forestry Commissioner 1936, J.P. and D.L. Durham.

1938. SIR WILLIAM GRAY, bart., TUNSTALL MANOR.

Arms as 1892. Son of Sir William, sheriff 1909; born 1895, married Josephine Eveleigh, captain Yorks. Regiment, served in Great War 1914-18, succeeded as second baronet 1924, J.P. and D.L. Durham.

1939. FRANK NICHOLSON, C.B.E., SOUTHILL HALL.

Silver on a plate sable three molets gold (?)

Son of Henry Nicholson of Sunderland, born 1875, married Amy Vaux, chartered accountant, director of public companies, chairman Wear Commissioners and other public bodies, J.P., chairman Chester-le-Street sessions, alderman of Sunderland, D.L. county Durham.

1940. COLONEL ROBERT CHAPMAN, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., UNDERCLIFFE, CLEADON.

Per chevron silver and gules a crescent counter-coloured (?)

Son of Henry Chapman of Westoe, born 1880, married Hélène MacGowan, chartered accountant, B.A. Lond., war 1914-18, Legion of Honour, M.P. Houghton-le-Spring 1931-35, J.P. and D.L. Durham.

1941. COLONEL HAROLD EDWARD KITCHING, M.B.E., THE FIRS,
GREAT AYTON.

Son of Alfred Edward Kitching, born 1885, educated
Uppingham and Cambridge University, married Dora
Josephine Pegler, hon. col. D.L.I.

1942. COLONEL SIR THOMAS ANDREWS BRADFORD, D.S.O.

Silver on a bend gules three martlets silver, with differ-
ence.

Son of George Bradford of Darlington, born 1886,
married 1915 Honor Blackett, D.L. and J.P. Durham
county, knighted 1939, served in war 1914-18, colonel
D.L.I.

1943. COLONEL HEReward SPROT, O.B.E., D.L.

Per fess gules and azure, three salmon paleways each
with a ring in mouth gold, in base a boar's head rased
gold—Sprot.

Son of colonel Sir Samuel Sadler of Egglescliffe,
educated Durham and Cambridge University, married
1904 Ethel Grace daughter of Sir Alex. Sprot of Strath-
withie, assumed name of Sprot by deed poll 1940,
served in South African War and war of 1914-18, J.P.
county Durham.