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**SUBJECT GUIDE  
TO ARCHIVAL HOLDINGS  
IN NORTH EAST ENGLAND**



## INTRODUCTION

This *Subject Guide* is based on the holdings of nine of the major archives in the North East of England: Alnwick Archives, Beamish Museum Archives, Gateshead Central Library, Newcastle City Library, the Great North Museum Library, The Literary & Philosophical Society, the Northumberland Archives, Newcastle University's Robinson Library Special Collections, and Tyne & Wear Archives. Each of these have different rules of access and different opening times so ensure you have acquainted yourself with the details on the below websites.

**Alnwick Archives** – <http://www.alnwickcastle.com/explore/history/collections-and-archives>

**Beamish Museum Archives** – <http://www.beamish.org.uk/archives/>

**Gateshead Central Library** – <http://www.gatesheadlibraries.com/>

**Newcastle City Library** – <http://library.newcastle.gov.uk/>

**Great North Museum Library** – <http://www.twmuseums.org.uk/great-north-museum.html>

**The Literary & Philosophical Society** – <http://www.litandphil.org.uk/index>

**Northumberland Archives** – <http://www.experiencewoodhorn.com/>

**Newcastle University's Robinson Library** – <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/library/>

**Tyne & Wear Archives** – <http://www.twmuseums.org.uk/tyne-and-wear-archives.html>

Every effort has been made to cross-reference and direct users to other categories in which they might find other material relevant to their interests. Bear in mind that there is likely to be material that spans a number of categories (particularly, for example, general material relating to Newcastle upon Tyne and the North East), and checking all potentially relevant sections is advisable.

This guide is indicative, rather than comprehensive, and the intention was to give details of significant items of interest. If there is a particular subject or item you have in mind, contact the archivists for more information.

If you are new to working in archives, see the FAQs at the back of the *Subject Guide*.

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## ART & CULTURE

Those interested in general cultural history should see also: **Literature; Learned Societies; Newcastle upon Tyne; Reading & Literacy.**

### Art

*The Alnwick Archive* includes:

- [DNA 2/F/101](#): A note of the pictures at Northumberland House, Syon House and Petworth. Taken by Mr Symon Stone, June and July 1671
- [DNA 2/F/143/1-25](#): Picture list (Alnwick Castle), nineteenth-century

Note that these can only be viewed at Alnwick Castle.

*Gateshead Central Library* has examples of engravings by artists including Thomas Bewick. See **Industry; Print, Publishing and Bookselling.**

*The Newcastle City Library* archives hold several folders of exhibition posters and leaflets for both the Hatton Gallery and the Laing Art Gallery in Newcastle, dating from c.1990-c.2009, together with a range of catalogues for the Laing dating from 1904 to the present. See:

- [L708.2 \(Size 3\)](#): Hatton Gallery and Laing Art Gallery exhibition posters and leaflets (c.1990-c.2009).
- [L708 \(Size 1\)](#): Laing Art Gallery catalogues (1904-)
- [L759.B572](#): William Berwick (artist) Life and Letters, 2 vols. (1871)

*The Literary and Philosophical Society* holds a range of periodicals which cover art, literature and culture. See also: **Literature.** Those pertaining specifically to art include:

- [705](#): *The Magazine of Art*, vols. 7-27 (1851-1900)

*The Northumberland Archives* hold the entire collection of work by Ashington Art Group, also known as the Pitmen Painters. See:

- [ASHMM.1989.17](#): The Ashington Art Group Collection (1935-1955)

### Cinema

*Gateshead Central Library* holds:

- [Box 149](#): Scrapbooks of Fred Atkinson (manager) on the management of the Classic Cinema, Low Fell, in the 1980s.

*The Newcastle City Library* holds a wide range of material relating to cinema – and particularly early cinema – in Newcastle and the surrounding areas. These include:

- [L791.4 \(Size 3\)](#): Registers of Cinematograph Halls and Theatres.
- [L791.4 \(Size 1\)](#): ‘The Newcastle Picture House: A Few Particulars’. Printed leaflet, advertising opening on Wednesday 6 May 1914. Features illustrations of foyer, lounge & auditorium; descriptions of interior and ventilation; prices of admission; opening hours; and details of pictures shown.
- [L791.4 \(Size 1\)](#): Newcastle Picture House – Programme, 4-9 September 1915.

- L791.4 (Size 1): *Lens*, Magazine of Newcastle University Kine Club, Nos. 2, 3, 4 (1964, 65 & 66)
- L791.4 (Size 1): *Cinemas of Newcastle*, by Frank Mandes (1991). Features details and pictures of all cinemas in Newcastle.
- L791.4 (Size 1): Tyneside Film Society Programmes (1944-1967)
- L791.4 (Size 1): Scrapbook of the history of cinemas in the North of England (including Cumbria) (1963). Contains photographs and technical details relating to individual cinemas.

*The Northumberland Archives* hold a few items relating to cinemas in Northumberland, including:

- NRO.55/150: K4 Petty Sessions re: Cinemas in Morpeth (1939-1956). These form part of the minutes from the licensing committee (1910-1974).
- NRO.1238/1-6: Printed papers concerning *Ben-Hur*. Includes: notices (4 copies) advertising *Ben-Hur* at King George Picture Hall, Cramlington (1928); 'Musical Suggestions for *Ben-Hur*' by John Reynolds, marked in ink (Thursday 17 December 1928).

*Tyne & Wear Archives* hold an extensive collection of material within the Wood Collection – in particular those items advertising variety concerts towards the end of the nineteenth and the beginning of the twentieth century – which will prove invaluable to those researching the emergence of cinema. Please note, however, that at least half of this collection is uncatalogued, and those requiring access will need to seek assistance from an archivist. There is also other material relating to cinema in the form of records of individual picture houses in the North East. See:

- B1501-H8227: The Wood Collection.
- DX86: Records of the Picture House, Jarrow (1919-1948)

## Theatre

*Gateshead Central Library* holds a large amount of material relating to the Gateshead playwright Ruth Dodds. See:

- Box 099: Plays performed at the Little Theatre, many of which have the autograph of Ruth Dodds.
- Box 144: Collection of plays, poems, scripts and lecture notes belonging to Ruth Dodds.
- Box 145: Ruth Dodds' typescripts and namescripts with annotations.
- Box 152: Miscellaneous papers relating to Ruth Dodds, Gateshead playwright, twentieth century.

*The Newcastle City Library* holds a large amount of material relating to particular theatres in Newcastle upon Tyne, including daybills, playbills and programmes, as well as building plans and scripts. Items of interest include:

- L792.N536E (Size 3): Empire Theatre programmes (1902-1906)
- L792 (Size 3): Theatre Royal playbills (1786-1978)
- L792.N536T (Size 3): Theatre Royal building plans and estimates. 2 vols. (1837)
- L792.N536T (Size 3): Tyne Theatre programmes (1876-1887) and playbills (1891-1892; 1897-1898; 1898-1899)
- L792.N536P (Size 1): Newcastle Playhouse programmes (1935-1970)

- [L792.N536E \(Size 1\)](#): Empire Theatre programmes (1919-1946)
- [L792.3 \(Size 1\)](#): 'Pantomime Books of the Words' [Scripts], Newcastle Theatre Royal (1882-1884 & 1885-1915)
- [L792.N536H \(Size 1\)](#): Hippodrome Theatre programmes (1916-1926)
- [L792.N536G \(Size 1\)](#): Grand Theatre, Byker, programme (1936)

*The Northumberland Archives* hold some items relating to theatre in Northumberland. Much of this can be found in the Davison Collection, which contains a significant number of theatre daybills and playbills, as well as individual items.

- [BRO.0260](#): The Davison Collection. Posters promoting elections, rewards for stolen goods, shop and theatre advertisements, list of paupers in the Alnwick Union, notice from the Board of Health of Alnwick, Northumberland. All printed by W. Davison of Alnwick (c.1826-1850). Please note, this collection is held at Berwick Records Office.
- [NRO.2236](#): Photocopy of theatre poster at Ridley Arms Inn, Blyth (1847)
- [NRO.2989](#): Photocopy of playbill and copyprint/photograph of Harry Harvey, Tyneside comedian (Monday 19 December, n.d. [ca. early twentieth century]). Empress Theatre of Varieties, Hartlepool. Manager: Mr Albert Maxstead.

*Tyne & Wear Archives* hold a wide range of material relating to theatre in the North East of England from the late-eighteenth to mid-twentieth century, primarily in the Wood Collection. The collection is particularly relevant to those working on: regional variations of plays, and the popularity of particular plays in the North East in comparison to other regions; the rate of production and speed at which plays were produced and performed; theatrical adaptations of popular literary works in the mid- to late-nineteenth century; and the popularity of Victorian stage melodrama. The archives also contain a number of other items relating to nineteenth and twentieth-century theatre. At least half of this collection is uncatalogued. See:

- [B1501-H8227](#): The Wood Collection.
- [DX875/1](#): Jesmond Playhouse handbills (1940s)

## Music

*Beamish Museum* holds a large collection of sheet music, particularly for pipe bands, in addition to a large amount of folk music collections and other general music albums and collections. Many relate to life in the North East and mining. Examples include:

- [784.49428](#): Northumbria Pipes Society: W. Cocks Collection, n.d. File box of photocopied sheet music.
- [784.494](#): Cecil S. Sharp, *The Sword Dancers of Northern England*, 3 vols (London: Novello, 1913). Contains instructions and calls for sword dances.
- [784.494](#): Lancelot G. Robson, *The History of the Northumbrian Pipers and their Bagpipes 1750 - 2003*. Loose-leaf collection of sheet music, images of union banners, typewritten notes etc. 37 folders.
- [780](#): T. Richardson, handwritten MS song-book, [1850s]
- [780 \(2002-104\)](#): Ridley family music collections. 4 notebooks of handwritten/drawn music, c. 1790s.

*Gateshead Central Library* holds a large collection of 'Tyneside Songs' in their open access book catalogue. In addition, the library has:

- Box 069: Score, march 'Gateshead' composed by K. Livock for the Freedom of the Borough Ceremony, 1965.
- Box 069: 2 volumes of singing books belonging to William Beldon of Wylam, 1838.
- Box 071: Five manuscript volumes compiled by Robert Elliot Bewick (son of Thomas Bewick) of pipe music, 19C. There are pedagogical manuscript notes at the start of the fourth volume and pasted-in print cuttings of 'small pipe scales' and fingering. Manuscript notes at the back of the fifth volume relate to William Kennedy (died December 1834), a blind instrument-maker.
- Box 077: Scrapbook relating to A. Welford Todd, organ builder and tuner, Gateshead, 1909-10.
- Box 152: Miscellaneous papers relating to Felling Male Voice Choir.

*The Newcastle City Library* holds records and programmes of music festivals in Newcastle upon Tyne. The archives also hold volumes of local songs, for which see: **Language, Dialect, Folklore & Songs**.

- L042 (Size 3): Local tracts, 4 bound vols. Specifically Vol. II: Concerts & music festivals (c.1785-1890)
- L780-79 (Size 1): Newcastle Music Festivals – handbills & programmes (1791-1860)

*Tyne & Wear Archives* hold a number of playbills, daybills and programmes advertising musical & vocal concerts and operas in the Wood Collection. The Collection contains a number of programmes detailing the titles (and often the authors) of songs performed at musical and variety concerts, revealing the popularity of particular songs at specific moments, as well regional preferences. At least half of this collection is uncatalogued, and those requiring access will need to seek assistance from an archivist. See:

- B1501-H8227: The Wood Collection.

## Photography

*The Beamish Museum* has a large collection of photographs (several thousand) relating to living and working in Tyne and Wear, Northumberland, and Yorkshire. The collection is particularly strong on images relating to mining and mining life, farming, and coastal life and trades. The collection dates from the nineteenth century but is strongest in twentieth-century items.

*Gateshead Central Library* holds a large collection of prints (including photographs and engravings) of life around Gateshead and County Durham c. 1850 onwards, including schools, churches, town band, memorials, railway stations, houses, estates, farms, miners, trade and manufacturing buildings, shopping, streets, floods, bridges, ships, people.

*The Literary & Philosophical Society* holds a number of periodicals and printed volumes related to photography, and particularly to early developments in photography. These include:

- 770.6: *The Photographic Journal*. Periodical, vols. 1-34 (1854-1910)
- 770.5/2: *The Photogram*. Periodical, vols. 1-17 (1894-1910)



## CRIME, LAW & ORDER

*Beamish Museum* holds official Police publications and documents relating to local law and order, including:

- L.10 3.1 SHIC 1.35-1.39 Box 8: a collection of document, posters etc. relating to law enforcement, public safety and emergency services. Largely c20th but some c19th items, including item 1971-405.24: MS. “Draft rules and regulations to be observed by the Newcastle upon Tyne Watch” (1813)
- L.10 3.1 SHIC 1.333-1.339 Box 3: local government ephemera, largely c19th, including a significant number of Poor Law receipts and rate books, public notices, fine notices etc. See also Politics – Local Government
- OFF 4-6.4 (shelfmark): *The Policier Review and Parade Gossip: Organ of the British Constabulary* (1893 – 1955; 1975 – 1997)
- No shelfmark/callmark: *The Police Chronicle* (1893 – 1923)

*Gateshead Central Library* holds a number of broadsides relating to crime in the local area:

- Box 029: A collection of 19C original posters and leaflets, the earliest is dated 1811. See: **Politics & Local Government**.

*The Newcastle City Library* holds a substantial amount of material, some dating from the tenth century, relating to crime in Newcastle upon Tyne and the surrounding areas, which encompasses newspaper reports of crimes, trials & executions, and local tracts. See: **Newcastle upon Tyne**. Items include:

- L029.3 (Size 3): Newcastle and local area broadsides (1751-c.1880). Selection of cuttings, handbills, posters, including, but not limited to: details of crimes & punishments (often sensational), trials and executions in local areas; last words and confessions of convicted criminals; report on assassination of Prime Minister Perceval (11 May 1812), and subsequent account of hanging of John Bellingham (convicted) (18 May 1812); stories of note (some supernatural); reward notices.
- L042 (Size 1): Local Tracts. Numerous collections, including: 1 x 64 vols. (dating from 1612); 1 x 138 vols.; 1 x 11 vols.; 1 x 4 vols.; 1 x 2 vols.
- 343.1 (Mackey Collection): Sir Ogle Chaloner, *The tryal of Sir Chaloner Ogle, Kt. Rear-Admiral of the Blue, before the chief justice of Jamaica* (London: printed for A. Moore, in St. Paul’s Church-Yard, 1743)
- 340 (Mackey Collection): James Maben, *A True Copy of the papers written by James Maben who was executed Saturday, August 11, 1744* (Newcastle: Hawkers, 1744)

*Tyne & Wear Archives* hold a number of items relating to local crime, trials and punishments. These include:

- DX17: Account of trial of pitmen at Gateshead (1834)
- DX1190/1: Police identification book of thieves (1930s)

## EDUCATION

See also: **Learned Societies; Reading & Literacy; War & Military History.**

### Schools

*The Alnwick Archives* holds [DNA 2/G/1](#): Diary kept by the tutor of George, Lord Lovaine of the work and activities of Lord Lovaine at Eton January, 25-December 5 1795. Note this can only be viewed at Alnwick Castle.

*Beamish Museum* holds over 1000 photographs, texts, audio files and items relating to state school education, including reports, teaching materials such as maps, textbooks and teaching guides, and examples of students' work, some searchable via the online catalogue. Dates range from mid-nineteenth century to late twentieth. Includes a large number of recordings of local residents' recollections of schooling and education in the early twentieth century.

- [IRN91934](#): School report for Mademoiselle Dorothy Prowse from Elisabethville, Birtley. Written in French and Flemish by Mere Aline (1917)
- [IRN94514](#): Exam Paper from the Royal Society of Arts Examination for Stage 1 - Elementary, Book-Keeping (1941)
- [AUD1991-8](#): Mary Allison's recollections of attending school in East Stanley in the mid-century (?) (n.d.)
- [AUD2004-73](#): Radio recording relating to the 1911 'Children's Strike' (1911)
- [LIB2894](#): Holdsworth, W. A., *The elementary education act 1870, popularly explained*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edn (Routledge, [1874])
- [LIB2965](#): Chief Medical Officer, Board of Education: *The health of the school child - annual report for the year 1921* (HMSO, 1921)
- [312.03](#): *MacMillan's Teaching in Practice*, ed. E. J. S. Lay, 6 vols (London, Macmillan, 1934)
- [L.1.0 – 4.1 SHIC 1.5.11.0 – 1.5.13.9](#): These SHIC numbers cover school education from nursery to seniors. The following boxes contain related ephemera including reports, certificates, exercise books, posters, drawings, needlework, etc.: [Boxes 16; 24](#) relate to nursery school, [Boxes 17-19; 24](#) relate to Infant/Junior school, [Boxes 20-24](#) relate to Senior school.
- [L. 1.0 – 4.1 SHIC 1.50 – 1.510.99 Boxes 1-15](#): ephemera relating to general school education.

*Gateshead Central Library* holds the Tom Marshall Collection, compiled during Marshall's post as Local History Librarian in Gateshead. The collection includes cuttings, printed articles, photographs and manuscript notes about World War I and County Durham mining, with many references to schools and children:

- [TMC20](#) - official documents on the provision of school meals during the lock-outs of 1921 and 1926
- [TMC22](#) and [TMC23](#) - school meals in Gateshead, 1840-1927

Also of interest:

- [Box 075](#): miscellaneous school Record Books, 1877-80
- [Box 077](#): Documents relating to Sunnyside Infants' School, 1961-2

The Newcastle City Library holds records of the Newcastle Education Committee from the early twentieth century, along with records of a number of educational schemes for children. These include:

- L028.5 (Size 3): 'Spit it Out: Encouraging Children's Creative Writing in Newcastle' (1994). Pamphlets, newspaper clippings.
- L362.7 (Size 1): Newcastle and Gateshead's Children's Holiday Fund (1849-1860)
- L379 (Size 1): Newcastle Education Committee Minutes (1903-1967)

The *Literary & Philosophical Society* holds a range of books and periodicals on education (primarily national, rather than local), including, for example:

- 370.1/25: *Education Reform* by Thomas Wyse, Vol. 1 (1836)
- 370.4/2: *An Essay on Education: In which are particularly considered the merits and the defects of the discipline of instruction in our academies*, by Rev. William Barrow. 2vols. (London: F. and B. Rivington, 1804)
- 370.4/17: *Reports on Education: Special Reports on Educational Subjects from the Education Department*. Vols. 2-15 (1898-1905)
- 370.5/1: *English Journal of Education*. Vols. 3-4; 8-17 (1849-1863)
- 370.942/32: *Education Debate* (1870)
- 379.742/1: *Reports on Education for England and Wales* (1871-1900)

The *Northumberland Archives* hold several items relating to children's education, including nineteenth century schoolbooks. These include:

- BRO.547: Two arithmetic copybooks (1855)
- NRO.1489: Four Victorian textbooks (no dates). I: *The 'New' School of Art, Geometry, Science Subjects*; II: *McDougall's Divisional Poetry Book III (for senior classes)*; III: *Chamber's Educational Course: Domestic Economy*; IV: *Evangeline and Other Poems*.
- NRO.1376: Photocopy of a school girl's diary, including details of her journey to Australia (1873-1879)

*Robinson Library Special Collections* holds the libraries of five (of seven) sixteenth and seventeenth-century grammar schools in the north of England which had libraries: Kepier, St. Bees, Heversham, Sandes and Bainbrigg Grammar Schools. The collections do not have call numbers, but have been indexed alphabetically on the Special Collections website. Note these entries are also listed under **Reading & Literacy; Print, Publishing & Bookselling**:

- (no call number): Heversham (Grammar School) Tracts. 517 items, including English Literature (ballads and chapbooks), ecclesiastical history and the history of topography of Northumberland and the Border country. The collection consists mainly of editions of classical or theological authors. Approximately half of the volumes are pre-1700 and a few are pre-1600.
- (no call number): Bainbrigg Library Collection. 1200 printed volumes consisting mainly of classical, theological, literary and historical school books, with a number of fifteenth- and early sixteenth-century English bindings.
- (no call number): Kepier Collection. 750 books; 40 pre-sixteenth century; remainder mainly seventeenth and eighteenth century works on classics and theology. 4 incunabula and 30 post-incunabula. Some sixteenth and seventeenth-century books bear owners' autographs or notes of remembrance.
- (no call number): Sandes Library, from the library of Kendal Grammar School. 235 books (mainly sixteenth-, seventeenth- and eighteenth-century books on history, religion, classics); includes some notable examples of early printing and binding.

- (no call number): St. Bees School Library. Approximately 400 volumes, mainly on theology and classical literature, of which 102 date from the sixteenth century. There is one incunabula and one mediaeval manuscript, as well as a number of sixteenth-century English blind-stamped bindings.

There are also the Trevelyan Family Papers which includes material on Newcastle Schools, school reform and education more widely. The papers of Charles Edward Trevelyan (1807-1886) include:

- CET 75: Correspondence between CET and Archdeacon Hamilton of Alnwick, and John Sidley of Cambo, on diocesan inspection of schools with reference to Cambo School, and on religious instruction in schools.
- CET 93: Charles Edward Trevelyan, *A treatise on the means of communicating the learning and civilisation of Europe to India* (Calcutta, 1834)
- CET 94: Charles E. Trevelyan, Esq., *On the education of the people of India* (London: Longmans, 1838)
- CET 101: MS despatches on education in India signed CET, Colebrooke, and T. Metcalfe (1829-37)
- CET 102: 3 undated MS reports on education in India by CET

*Tyne & Wear Archives* hold numerous items and collections relating to schools and education in Newcastle and the surrounding areas. These include:

- E.AP: Records of Axwell Park Approved School (1847-1974). Originally founded in 1847 as Newcastle Ragged and Industrial Schools, for 50 boys, with premises at Sandgate, then moving to Gibson Street. School for girls opened in 1848, but closed 1909. Please note that access restrictions apply to parts of this collection; so consult with an archivist before ordering documents.
- DX448: Book of lesson plans (domestic science) of Catherine Richardson, schoolteacher (May 1922)
- DX1245: Papers of Lillian Charlton Ford, teacher. These cover education, higher education, as well as her work during WW2 (1926-2004)
- DX1288: Papers relating to the Wellesley Nautical School for Destitute Boys. Established 1868 by James Hall of Tynemouth to provide nautical training for destitute boys. Until 1914 the school was accommodated in a former naval vessel (ex-HMS 'Boscawen'), permanently moored on the Tyne at North Shields (1892).

## Colleges & Universities

*Gateshead Central Library* holds:

- Box 071: Eighteenth-century printed transcript of 'The Recommendatory Letter of Oliver Cromwell to William Lenthall' for the establishment of Durham University, printed by Allan's Darlington Press.
- Box 146: Papers relating to Junior Instruction Centres, Gateshead, 1932-9.

*The Newcastle City Library* holds a wide range of local university calendars/degree handbooks. These include:

- L378.4281: Durham College of Science – Calendar of Classes/Degree Handbook (1837, 1857, 1883-2004)
- L378: Durham College of Medicine Calendar (1885-1938)

- L378: King's College Handbook (1938-1963)
- L378: Newcastle University Calendar (1964-1997)

*The Literary & Philosophical Society* also holds a range of national university calendars, including:

- 378.4143/1: Glasgow University Calendar (1913-1924)
- 378.4144/2: Edinburgh University Calendar (1864-1924)
- 378.421/1: London University Calendar (1857-1940)
- 378.4257/7: Oxford University Calendar (1862-1975)
- 378.4259/4: Cambridge University Calendar (1839-1967)

## HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY

See also **Newcastle upon Tyne & North East History; Learned Societies.**

*The Alnwick Archive* holds the Duke of Northumberland's papers and correspondence (1139-1696) which includes correspondence and MSS relating to several important periods of English history, particularly the reign of Elizabeth I and the English Civil War. See the main entry under **Newcastle upon Tyne & North East History.**

*Beamish Museum* holds a significant number of twentieth-century publications and periodicals relating largely to industrial and urban archaeology, including:

- [LIB10874/10875](#): Atkinson, Frank, *The Industrial Archaeology of North East England. (The counties of Northumberland and Durham and the Cleveland district of Yorkshire)*, 2 vols. (Newton Abbott: David & Charles, n.d.)
- [LIB12012](#): County Archaeological Service, Northumberland City Council, *Archaeology in Northumberland 1990-1991 - Planning for the Past* (Northumberland City Council, [1991])
- [LIB10916](#): North East Industrial Archaeology Group, *Industrial archaeology in the North East*. Collected bulletins No. 1-16, 1966-1972 (Industrial Archaeology Group, 1966-72)

*The Great North Museum* holds the Society of Antiquaries' library; the following catalogues are available at the Great North Museum and at the Robinson Library:

- [018.1 SOC \(GNM\)](#): *A catalogue of the manuscripts, books, Roman and other antiquities belonging to the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne* (Newcastle: Printed by T. and J. Hodgson, 1839)
- [018.1 SOC \(GNM\)](#): *A catalogue of the library belonging to the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne: inclusive of the manuscripts, drawings, prints and maps* (Newcastle: Browne & Browne, 1896)
- [W913.428 SOC](#) (Robinson Library): *Catalogue of the library belonging to the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne : inclusive of the manuscripts, drawings, prints and maps* (Newcastle upon Tyne [England] : Dodd, 1863)

*The Northumberland Archives* holds the Society of Antiquaries papers, which include the bequests of several former members, listed under SANT/BEQ 1-40. These include:

- [SANT/BEQ/4](#): Brooks Collection. 26 volumes including autographs (often cut from documents), prints, engravings, obituaries and letters to by and about literary and historical figures including Browning, Boucicault, Bewick, Burleigh, Byron, etc.; covers early twelfth- to late-nineteenth-century, but concentrated on the eighteenth century.
- [SANT/BEQ/5](#): Thomas Bell Collection (c. 1771-1890). MSS correspondence, drawings, maps and collection of printed material.

*Tyne and Wear Archives* holds the papers of Alderman William Bramble (1861-1948), a historian, antiquarian and authority on local politics. His papers are listed under the accession number 1074, and include material on the Civil War and Commonwealth period of English history.

## INDUSTRY

See also **Science, Technology & Innovation**.

### Mining

*Beamish Museum* holds a vast amount of material relating to mining and mining communities. Over 1700 items appear in the online catalogue, and it is estimated the amount of uncatalogued material is easily double that. The collection ranges from the nineteenth to the late-twentieth centuries. See *The People's Collection* online catalogue, as well as the note on using Beamish Museum archives on the first page. Particular strengths include photographs, images, and items relating to the 1906 Stanley Pit Disaster, items including banners, pins and memorabilia relating to the 1984 strike, material relating to the pit bands (see also **Music**), items relating to the miners' unions generally, official trade publication and technical literature, Mining Law, the history of mining and photographs, illustrations and items relating to everyday mining life and technologies. Some examples include:

- 622 REF: *Transactions of the Institute of Mining Engineers*, [1889?] – 1984
- 622 BAN: Catalogue of mining union banners held by Beamish
- 622 STR Ash: Thomas Ashton, *Three Big Strikes in the Coal Industry, Part 3* (Manchester: Miner's Federation [1925?])
- 622 STR NUM: John Hughes and Roy Moore (eds.), *A Special Case? Social Justice and the Miners* (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1972)
- 622 STR WCCPL: *Striking Back* (Welsh Campaign for Civil and Political Liberties and National Union of Miners, South Wales Area, [n.d. – post 1985])
- 622.33 STR WAPC: *Strike 84-85* (North Yorkshire Women Against Pit Closures, 1985)
- 622. 33 STR WERU: Word and Employment Research Unit, Durham University, *(Mis) Managing Horden?* (National Union of Miners, 1985)
- 622.33: MSS diary of Robert Green, trainee mine and land agent, 1876
- 622.33094286 BIO Cow: Ned Cowden, *Of Mining Life and Aal its Ways*. Typewritten MSS autobiography, [n.d.]
- 622 BIO Par: George Parkinson, *True Stories of Durham Pit Life*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edn. (London: Charles Kelly, 1912)
- 622.309428 HIS FILE: Matthias Dunn, "History of the Viewers", MSS photocopy c. 1850
- 622 HIS Her: *You Haven't Got to Be Afraid: Paintings of Mining Life by Tommy Heron. Text and Pictures by Children from Cassop, West Rainton, Easington Colliery and New Brancepeth Junior and Infant Schools* (Durham: Durham Community Arts Association, 1990)
- 821.09428/81/83/83: Local Box. Contains typewritten MS of poems by Tom Nelson, Langley Moor [n.d.; ca. 1930s], most about mining life.

*Gateshead Central Library* holds the Tom Marshall Collection, compiled during Marshall's post as Local History Librarian in Gateshead. The collection comprises two broad areas of interest: World War I and County Durham mining. It includes cuttings, printed articles, photographs and manuscript notes:

- TMC19 - Health status and living conditions for mining families in the 1920s
- TMC20 - official documents on the provision of school meals during the lock-outs of 1921 and 1926
- TMC21 and TMC 48 - school meals and soup kitchens during the lock-outs

- [TMC24-27](#) - coverage of the 1926 General Strike and lock-out
- [TMC44](#) - The Colliery Guardian Scrapbook, 1926
- [TMC46](#) - The Stanley Episode, an attempt to transfer miners to Derbyshire, 1920s
- [TMC49](#) - Jimmy Ancrum Scrapbook, containing photographs of 1930s Newcastle and Gateshead, particularly of school children, demonstrations, shop fronts, and Communist councillor Jimmy Ancrum

Also of interest are:

- [DDC01](#): David Douglass Collection, with letters relating to Douglass, a veteran of the Miners' Strike, 1984-5
- [Box 097](#): Research notes by David Douglass on miners' history
- [Box 146](#): Miscellaneous papers relating to the miners' strike, 1984-5
- [PL6](#): coal receipts, one possibly created by Thomas Bewick with engraving of a tall ship on the river; another receipt with an etching signed 'Lambert', showing a tall ship by a staithe.

*The Northumberland Archives* hold a substantial amount of material relating to mining communities across Northumberland, all well catalogued. Items of particular interest include:

- [NRO.00672/I/1/1/1](#): Catalogue of books purchased for Allenheads Leadminers' Library, Allendale, Northumberland. Volume records number of book [running number], title of book, by whom it was purchased, cost of book, and details about borrowing. Volume also records date of borrowing and membership number of person borrowing book. (1849-1870)
- [NRO.00672/I/1/1/2](#): List of members of Allenheads Leadminers' Library. Includes: name, address, membership number, and details of subscription paid. (1849-1882)
- [NRO.753](#): Grey Family Manuscripts (1498-1870). Includes deeds regarding mines across Northumberland and County Durham [Box 2, Bundle A]. Also leases, letters etc. concerning collieries of Ryton, Kye Field and Stella (County Durham) [23 documents – Box 1 Bundle L] (1664-1809)
- [NRO.504/1](#): Tracts, Thomas Sopwith (1836-1864). Includes papers regarding the mining districts of the North of England (1855), and the lead mining districts of the North of England (1864).

*Robinson Library Special Collections* holds the Trevelyan Papers. The papers of Charles Edward Trevelyan (1807–1886) include:

- [CET 76](#): Miscellaneous printed pamphlets and papers, including a pamphlet on the Baddesley Mine disaster by F D. Robertson, Nuneaton, 1883

## Shipbuilding

*Beamish Museum* holds a significant collection of nineteenth- and twentieth-century photographs, which includes many relating to shipping and shipbuilding. The collection also includes some relevant oral histories and trade publications. Examples include:

- [NEG 4019](#): photograph showing the building of the *Mauritania*, 1907
- [NEG 87082](#): Advertisement for Palmer's Shipbuilding & Iron Co Ltd, Hebburn and Jarrow, depicting the *SS Lapland* in a graving dock (n.d.)
- [AUD 2006-11](#): Audio file. Ged Lalor's recollections of working in the shipyards, health and safety issues, the shipyard closures (n.d.)



- LIB 8282: Thompson, Joseph L & Sons, *North Sands Shipbuilding yard and Manor Quay repairing works Pension Scheme* (Thompson & Sons: Sunderland, n.d.)

*The Newcastle City Library* holds a wide range of materials relating to Swan Hunter. See:

- L623.8: Swan Hunter Materials (1880-1993). Includes scale drawings of ships built, photographs, & ‘The Swan Hunter Story’ (supplement to *Evening Chronicle*, 26/6/93).

*The Northumberland Archives* has some material relating to shipwork, including:

- NRO.3067: Photocopy of a photograph of the first female workers in Blyth Shipyards (c.1939-1945)

*Tyne & Wear Archives* also contains materials relating to Swan Hunter, notably:

- DX977: *The Shipyard*. Works magazine of Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson (1948-1956)

### River Tyne Industry & Development

*Beamish Museum* holds material relating to industry on the Tyne in the twentieth century, including:

- AUD 1990-80: Audio file of Richard Common’s recollections of working on the Tyne in shipyards and on the Tyne Tunnel (n.d.)
- NEG 38525: A plan of the industry lining the River Tyne from its mouth to Newburn and Blaydon
- LIB 13198: *Newcastle upon Tyne Commercial and Industrial Guide* (Burrow & Co, n.d.)

*The Newcastle City Library* holds material relating to the improvement and development of the River Tyne and surrounding area in the early twentieth century. This includes:

- L627 (Size 3): Tyne Improvement Commissioners. Includes miscellaneous reports, public notices and scrapbooks (1905-1950)

In addition, the library holds:

- L942.8 T987B: John Bell, *Collections relative to the River Tyne: its trade and the conservancy thereof*. Six manuscript volumes containing a collection of letters, pamphlets, newspaper cuttings and other material from 1603 to 1850.
- SL338.6: *Freemen’s lists*. Two manuscript volumes of a chronological list of Freemen and the companies to which they belonged, 1409-1738 and 1755-1836.

*The Literary & Philosophical Society* holds the River Tyne Commission Reports from 1881 to 1968. See:

- N142A: River Tyne Commission Reports. 67 vols. (1881-1968)

*The Northumberland Archives* holds the records of a number of Newcastle’s guilds, including the Hostmen, responsible for loading and unloading ships. See also **Newcastle upon Tyne & North East History**.

*Robinson Library Special Collections* holds the papers of Sir Walter Caverley Trevelyan (1797-1879), including:

- WCT 311: Official papers and documents relating to the purchase of the Hexham East Ferry by Sir Walter Blackett, and the construction of a bridge over the Tyne at Hexham.

Also includes 2 bound vols: “Hexham Bridge”, a collection of papers about the bridge, including a copy of the Act for its building (1877), and “Narrative of facts relating to Hexham Bridge”, a collection of cuttings (1767-88).

The Bell (John and Thomas) Collection contains 10 boxes of material relating to local families and businesses, including 4 boxes of material relating to the Port of Tyne. The Collection is partially catalogued; a typescript catalogue arranged alphabetically by family name can be consulted in the Special Collections Reading Room.

### Other Industry

*Gateshead Central Library* holds various material relating to industry and trade in and around Gateshead:

- Box 023-024: Federation Brewery Archives, including photographs and papers, twentieth century.
- Box 029: A collection of 19C original posters and leaflets, many of which relate to trade. The earliest is dated 1811.
- Box 034-037: The Noble and Lund Collection, paper and photographs from the engineering company archive
- Box 040: EIMCO company archive (1954-2008) for Team Valley-based engineering company
- Box 071: Manuscript cashbooks of James Curry, butcher in Gateshead, 1881-1891.
- Box 072: Records of Clarke, Chapman and Co., including catalogue and pamphlets of the engineering company (1898-1966).
- Box 075: 18C printed documents relating to the New Tontine Warehouses in Bristol, 1782-5.
- Box 077: Manuscript extract from the Durham Chronicle (1843) relating to the case of Noble v. Allen regarding the damage to Heworth Brewery by the alkali works.
- Box 151: copies of original accounts of The New Water Company (1748-9).
- L905.8: *Newcastle and Gateshead Trade Directories* (1778-1970s).

Also see **Land & House Management; Newcastle upon Tyne & North East History; Print, Publishing & Bookselling.**

*The Newcastle City Library* holds regional trade directories from 1827 on open access (L942.8). In addition, the library holds:

- L338.1: A. Leidemann and Co., Account Book, 1851-53. A Quayside general merchant’s account book salvaged from the Great Fire of Newcastle in 1854.

*The Northumberland Archives* hold the city guilds’ records and a significant amount of material relating to North East industrial history, including the collieries and the mines (note that all these records are poorly catalogued and have accession numbers only):

- SANT/GUI/NCL/1/1-3: records of the Bakers and Brewers guild, inc. financial records, minutes, ‘Cess Books’, membership records, registers of apprentices, company ‘Orders’ and *An abstract of the ordnance of the Bakers and Brewers Company of Newcastle upon Tyne* (c. 1627) (1608-1911).
- SANT/GUI/NCL/2: records and minutes of the Booksellers Company (1808-1822)

- SANT/GUI/NCL/3/1-3: records of the Fullers and Dyers Company (1774-1902), including accounts, financial records, correspondence and membership records.
- SANT/GUI/NCL/4/1-3: records of the Glovers Company (1436-1876), including minutes, accounts, 'Statutes and Ordinances' (1436-1765) and order books.
- SANT/GUI/NCL/5/1-6: records of the Hostmen (1600-1842), including minutes, accounts, correspondence, and material relating to the loading of ships and the coal trade, including pamphlets responding to a proposed 'Bill For The Better Regulation of Loading Ships with Coals in the Port of Newcastle and Sunderland' (1788).
- SANT/GUI/NCL/6/1-5: records of the Saddlers Company (1459-1899), including correspondence, statutes and ordinances, minutes, material relating to the Saddlers' right to perform Corpus Christi plays (1459/1460; 1552/1553; 1583), and material relating to planting on the Town Moor (1892-3) and to a proposed Society for Botany and Horticulture (1800s).
- SANT/GUI/NCL/7/1: records of the Skinners Company (1727-1773), including financial records and a ledger.
- SANT/GUI/NCL/8: records of the Tailors' Company (1536-1815)

## LAND & HOUSE MANAGEMENT

See also: **Newcastle upon Tyne.**

### Farming, Estates & Ownership

*Beamish Museum* holds material relating to the Beamish Estate and colliery, including:

- 942.81 BEAM EST: 2 boxes of Beamish Estate accounts, facsimiles of letters, etc. 1780s-1930s.
- 942.81 BEAM: 10 boxes of material relating to the Shafto family and the estate, including census returns for Beamish estate and Pockerley village 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, and photos of the family and house over the course of the late-nineteenth to early-twentieth centuries.
- 942.81 BEAM COLL: Beamish Colliery accounts for 1815, 1817, 1825 (original MSS), 1818, 1821, 1824 (x2) (facsimiles of MSS). 1 box and 1 folder.
- 942.81 BEAM: Beamish Hall College records. 2 boxes.
- 942.81: Stallmore Papers: Bowes-Lyon family, Earls of Stallmore. Facsimiles of family and estate papers, 8 vols.

*Gateshead Central Library* holds:

- Box 27: Among eighteenth- and nineteenth-century miscellaneous documents (see: **Town Planning**), there are seventeenth- and eighteenth-century documents relating to land rentals
- Box 069: sale particulars, c.1870-1900 of workhouses and industrial buildings around Gateshead
- Box 070: 19C copies of abstracts of title, including papers relating to Saltwell Estate and one original ?17C map of Saltwellside and Riddell estates, Gateshead
- Stack-Rolled Maps and Map Cab B3 (Local): County Durham village plans from c.1826 onwards, and maps of various private estates, undated.
- Map Cab B6 (Local): Maps of County Durham, including reprints, dated between the sixteenth and nineteenth centuries.

*The Newcastle City Library* holds plans of estates and farms in the North East and North West of England. See:

- L362.5/G816G (Size 3): Plans of estates and farms in Cumberland, Northumberland and Durham.

*The Northumberland Archives* holds a range of material relating to farms and landownership across Northumberland. These include:

- NRO.753: Grey Family Manuscripts (1498-1870). Includes: legal documents, such as wills, grants, probates, leases & deeds; account books; papers concerning Backworth House (1778). NRO. 650/B: Delaval Family papers (sixteenth-eighteenth centuries). Family and estate records.
- NRO. 650/B/1: Delaval Family papers. Bundle of receipts by the receivers of the Duke of Northumberland to the Delaval family for payment of tithes for Hartley, Horton and Seaton Delaval, Northumberland, with some letters concerning same (1590-1628).

- NRO.650/K: Delaval Family papers. Collection titled 'Papers Relating to Northumberland and the North-East of England' (1609-1810). Includes material relating to estates management, land sales, conveyancing and railway signals.
- SANT/GEN/EST/1/4/1/(1-2): Estate papers relating to the Montague family of Denton Hall. 2 Letterbooks 1790-1794
- SANT/GEN/EST/1/4/2/1-7: Estate papers relating to the Montague family of Denton Hall. Notebooks 1676-1763.

See also **Newcastle upon Tyne & North East History**.

## Country Houses

*The Alnwick Archives* holds material relating to the management and staffing of Alnwick Castle, seat of the Duke of Northumberland.

*Beamish Museum* holds:

- 942.81: Faulkner, Thomas and Lowery, Phoebe, *Lost Houses of Newcastle and Northumberland* (Raines; Jill: York, n.d.)

*The Newcastle City Library* holds a collection of programmes and guidebooks on country houses in Northumberland and County Durham. See:

- L728 (Size 3): National Trust Houses. Programmes and guidebooks on National Trust Houses and Properties in Northumberland and County Durham, including Craggside, Wallington, Gibside etc. (1907-present)

*The Literary & Philosophical Society* contains some estate household books, including:

- 942.74/41: The Earl of Northumberland: Household Book (1770)

## Town Planning & Development

*Gateshead Central Library* holds a wealth of documents relating to the town planning and development of Gateshead. Of particular interest are:

- Box 27: Miscellaneous nineteenth-century documents relating to building plans, auctions, sales, valuations and unsorted papers relating to Thomas Bell.
- Box 075: Manuscript notebook containing surveys of various streets in Gateshead, 1898-1900, and miscellaneous documents relating to building construction, 1905.
- Box 076: Papers relating to the building of the Gateshead town hall, 1866
- Map Cab C1-C3: Various maps pertaining to the redevelopment of Gateshead, nineteenth-twentieth centuries.
- Map Cab B4 (Local): County Durham retail centre plans, 1960-90s.

## Home Economics

*Beamish Museum* holds a large number of texts, periodicals, and trade catalogues, as well as a significant amount of ephemera, relating to everyday domestic life, including home décor,

fashion, household management, hobbies, personal health, and leisure. Most date from the twentieth century, with some eighteenth- and nineteenth-century items. Examples include:

- 641.1 LEP: Sophie Cappel, *A Brainy Diet for the Healthy* (London: Fowler, 1911)
- 641.3: M. Louis Lemerty, *A Treatise of Foods, in General* (London: John Taylor, 1704)
- 641.5: Elizabeth Raffard, *The Experimental English Housekeeper* (London: Wilson & Spence, 1805)
- 641.5: Handwritten recipe book, including newspaper clippings, recipes and household tips, proverbs and sayings. Hand-inked title page reads “Miss Dent, Newcastle upon Tyne, 1880”.
- D1 Domestic Box 23 (a-d): 4 boxes of Harrod’s catalogues, 1920s-1970s.
- D4 Domestic Box 1-4: 4 boxes of miscellaneous and anonymous furniture catalogues, 1870s-1980s
- 1991.158.1 (accession number): Kircaldy Floorcloths sample books, 7 vols, 1908-1911
- P1 Personal Costume Inc. Footwear: 9 boxes of trade catalogues 1880s-1950s.

*Tyne & Wear Archives* possesses a range of recipe books, including:

- DX267: Recipe book (patisserie) belonging to J.C. Thompson, Chef to the Duke of Edinburgh HRH Prince William Frederick (1836)

## LANGUAGE, DIALECT, FOLKLORE & SONG

See also: **Newcastle upon Tyne.**

### Language & Dialect

The Newcastle City Library holds a range of material, largely printed volumes, related to language and dialect, and in particular to Northern dialect. These include:

- [L427.82 \(Size 1\)](#): *Brockett's Glossary of North Country Words, in Use: From an original manuscript, in the library of John George Lambton, Esq., M.P., With considerable additions.* By John Trotter Brockett (London and Newcastle, 1824). Also 2<sup>nd</sup> edn. (1829), and 3<sup>rd</sup> edn., 2 vols. (1846)
- [L427.82 \(Size 1\)](#): *Northumberland Words: A Glossary of Words Used in the County of Northumberland and on the Tyneside*, by Rev. Oliver Heslop. 2 vols. (1892)

The Literary & Philosophical Society holds several printed volumes related to language, dialect, phonology and philology. These include:

- [401.2/1-6](#): *Of the Origin and Progress of Language*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edn. Vols. 1-6 (1774)
- [405.1](#): *The Journal of Philology*. Vols. 1-35 [complete] (1868-1920)
- [405.2](#): *The Modern Language Review: A Quarterly Journal Devoted to the Study of Medieval and Modern Literature and Philology*. Vols. 1-107 (1906-2012)

### Folklore, Legend & Local Mythology

The Newcastle City Library holds several bound volumes of local tracts, many of which relate to local folklore and mythology. These include

- [L398.3 \(Size 1\)](#): *The Denham Tracts: A History of Local Folklore* (1846-1859)

The Literary & Philosophical Society holds a number of printed volumes and periodicals related to folklore and local mythology. These include:

- [389.3/4](#): *Journal of the Folk-Lore Society*. Vols. 1-117 (1883-2006)
- [398.2/5](#): *The Iliad of the East: A Selection of Legends Drawn from Valmiki's Sanskrit Poem, the Ramayana*, by Frederika Richardson (London: Macmillan, 1870)

### Songs & Local Traditions

Beamish Museum holds a number of printed collections of local songs, with a particular focus on pit songs (see also **Art & Culture**). These include:

- [781.55](#): *Airs and dance tunes collected and contributed by the Melodies Committee of the Newcastle Antiquarian Society 1857-1887* (photocopy of original)
- [784.49428](#): *Lingfords High Level Tyneside song book, published on the occasion of the centenary 1849-1949 of the High Level Bridge, Newcastle upon Tyne* (Lingford, Joseph & Son Ltd; Bishop Auckland, 1949?)

- 780 (2002-105): Jack Uren Collection, [ca. 1960s]. Box of newspaper clippings and pamphlets containing reprints of eighteenth- and nineteenth-century pit songs. Items which are dated are from the 1960s.
- 784.49928: Jock Purdon, *The Easington Explosion and other Pit Songs* [n.d.; ca. 1950s]. Typewritten bound MS of pit songs. References WWII and several pit strikes in 1921 and 1926.

*Gateshead Central Library* holds a large collection of printed nineteenth-century Tyneside songs (see **Art & Culture**).

*The Newcastle City Library* holds a number of printed materials detailing and relating to local songs and traditions. These include:

- L427.82 (Size 1): *Allan's Tyneside Songs*. Printed volume. 4 editions: 4<sup>th</sup> edn. (1872); 5<sup>th</sup> edn. (1873); 6<sup>th</sup> edn. (1891); 7<sup>th</sup> edn. (1972)
- L427.82 (Size 1): 'Newcastle Songsters: Local Songs'. Collection of printed songs, no date – estimated early eighteenth century. 3 vols.
- L791.6 (Size 3): *The History of Newcastle Historical Pageant* – printed handbills and programmes (1885-1931)

There are a number of locally-printed song books dating from the 19<sup>th</sup> century in the collection. See, for example:

- L042: Volumes 10-12 of the *Local Tracts*, 'Poetry'
- L042: Volume 39 of the *Local Tracts* contains 'The Newcastle Songster' and 'A Garland of New Songs'
- L821.08 L695: *Liberal Songs to be sung by the audience at Mr. Gladstone's meeting in the Tyne Theatre, Newcastle, Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1891*

*Robinson Library Special Collections* holds a collection of 44 bound volumes of individual chapbooks and ballads, the majority of which are printed in Scotland and Newcastle. Thirty eight of these volumes belong to the Robert White Collection and there are well over 1600 items (including duplicates) in total. There are also two volumes containing 65 broadsides, many of which have a Newcastle imprint. The White Collection also contains a large number of re-printed eighteenth and nineteenth-century ballad collections, for example:

- W821.69 AND: Robert Anderson, *Anderson's Cumberland ballads: carefully compiled from the author's ms. : containing above one hundred pieces never before published, with a memoir of his life [...]* (Wigton [Wigtown, Scotland] : W. Robertson [etc.], [183-?])
- W821.04 HER: David Herd, *Ancient and modern Scottish songs, heroic ballads, etc. : collected from memory, tradition and ancient authors* (Edinburgh : J. Dickson and C. Elliot, 1776)

There is an online finding aid for the White Collection and a hardcopy catalogue of the chapbook collection: D. S. Bland, *Chapbooks and garlands in the Robert White collection in the Library of King's College, Newcastle upon Tyne* (Newcastle: the Library, 1956).



## LITERATURE

See also **Art & Culture; Language, Dialect, Folklore & Songs; Learned Societies; Politics; Reading and Literacy.**

*Gateshead Central Library* holds items relating to local literary figures:

- Box 071: Poems, including ‘The Feast of Marstone Rock’, and letters related to the Rev. Hugh Salvin, 1814.
- Box 071: Tracts and verses by James Clepham, mainly printed with the addition of manuscript poems and two photographs of James Clepham and a dedication to his sister, Mary. The book is dated 1878.
- Box 076: Collection relating to the death of James Clepham (1888) with Clepham’s letters to Richard Welford
- Local Row 22: A sonnet to the Rev. William Turner (1761-1859), a Unitarian minister in Newcastle who promoted the anti-slavery movement in Northern England. Also a poem called ‘The Sailor’s Daughter’ by Margaret Harries Baron Wilson, dated 1842 and referring to Grace Darling.

*The Newcastle City Library* archives hold a number of periodicals and volumes relating to literature, and in particular local nineteenth-century literary magazines. These include:

- L855 (Size 3): *Stand: Quarterly Review of Literature and the Arts*. Vols. 4-59 (c.1961-2000)
- L820.5 (Size 3): *Writing Women*. Vols. 1-13 (1981-?)
- L052 (Size 1): *Newcastle Literary Magazine*. No. 1 (1824)
- L052 (Size 1): *The Scribbler: A Literary Venture by Amateur Writers*, ed. R.H. Holme, 2 Marionople Street, Newcastle upon Tyne. 2 vols. Vol. I: 1876; Vol. II: 1877
- L052 (Size 1): *The Selector: A Cabinet of Prose and Poetry*. Newcastle. 2 vols. (1827)
- L821.A313: *The Pleasures of Imagination*, by Mark Akenside (1825)
- L820.5 (Size 2): *The Savoy Magazine*, ed. by Arthur Symons. 2 bound vols. (1896)

*The Literary & Philosophical Society* holds a substantial amount of printed volumes and bound volumes of periodicals relating to literature. Items of particular interest include:

- 051.2: *The Atlantic Monthly: A Magazine of Literature, Science, Art and Politics*. Vols. 25-169 (1869-1942)
- 051.3: *The Century*. Vols. 24-108 (1882-1924)
- 051.5: *The North American Review*. Vols. 10-246 (1821-1939)
- 051.6: *Scribner’s Magazine*. 76 vols. (1874; 1878-1924)
- 051.7: *Harper’s Monthly*. Vols. 2-89 (1881-1925)
- 051.13: *St Nicholas: An Illustrated Review for Boys and Girls*. Vols. 47-52 (1920-24)
- 052.8: *The Idler*. Vols. 9038 (1896-1911)
- 052.9: *The Bee: Or, Literary Weekly Intelligencer Consisting of Original Pieces, and Selections form Performances of Merit, Foreign and Domestic*. Vols. 1-18 (1759-1798)
- 052.11: *Blackwood’s Edinburgh Magazine*. Vols. 1-328 & full index (1817-1980)
- 052.19: *The Cornhill Magazine*. Vols. 1-1055 (1860-1968)
- 052.26: *The Dublin Review*. Vols. 1-209 (1835-1941)
- 052.30: *The Edinburgh Review*. Vols. 1-250 & full index (1835-1929)
- 052.28A: *The Edinburgh Magazine: A Scots Literary Review*. Vols. 1-16 (1817-1825)
- 052.31: *English Illustrated Magazine*. Vols. 1-47 (1883-1913)

- 052.33: *The Fortnightly Review*. Vols. 1-160 (1865-1946)
- 052.36: *The Gentlemen's Magazine*. Vols. 1-301 & full index (1731-1906)
- 052.44: *The London Mercury*. Vols. 1-39 (1919-1939)
- 052.45: *London Review/London Quarterly Review*. Vols. 1-168 (1853-1943)
- 052.47: *Longman's Magazine*. Vols. 1-46 (1882-1905)
- 052.48: *Macmillan's Magazine*. Vols. 5-93 (1861-1906)
- 052.56: *Murray's Magazine: A Home and Colonial Periodical*. Vols. 1-10 (1887-1891)
- 052.64: *The English Review*. Vols. 1-63 (1908-1936)
- 052.66: *The New Quarterly*. Vols. 1-10 (1875-1880)
- 052.68: *The Nineteenth Century*. Vols. 1-138 (1877-1945)
- 052.72: *The International*. Vols. 1-6 (1907-1909)
- 052.78: *The Quarterly Review*. Vols. 1-284 (1808-1946)
- 052.80: *Temple Bar*. Assorted volumes (1877-1906)
- 052.91: *The New Review*. Vols. 1-17 (1889-1897)
- 052.95: *The Pall Mall Magazine*. Vols. 3-49 (1894-1912)
- 052.96A: *The Chambers Journal*. Vols. 1-41 (1883-1924)
- 052.98: *The Independent Review*. Vols. 1-12 (1903-1907)
- 052.98A: *The Albany Review*. Vols. 1-3 (1907-1908)
- 052.99: *Chapman's Magazine*. Vols. 1-10 (1895-1898). Then: *Crampton's Magazine*, 7 vols. (1898-1901)
- 052.100: *Life and Letters*. Vols. 1047 (1928-1945)
- 052.104: *The Savoy*. 3 vols. (1896)
- 052.104: *The Adelphi*, ed. John Middleton Murry. 4 vols. (1923-1926). Then: *The New Adelphi*. 3 vols. (1927-1930). Then: *The Adelphi – 3<sup>rd</sup> Series*. 3 vols. (1930-1932)
- 052.108: *The Strand Magazine*. Vol. 1, then Vols. 92-101 (1891 then 1937-1941). Please note that the Lit & Phil also hold *The Strand Magazine* from 1891-1896, though this has no shelfmark as yet and is not catalogued on the system.
- 015.4: *W.C. Hazlitt's Handbook of Old English Literature: From the Invention of Printing to the Restoration* (London: John Russell Smith, 1867)
- 029.6/1: *The Art of Authorship: Literary Reminiscences, Methods of Work, and Advice to Young Beginners, Personally Contributed by Leading Authors of the Day*, compiled and ed. by George Bainton (London: James Clarke & Co., 1890)
- 098.1/1: *Books Condemned to be Burnt*, by James Anson Farrer (London: Elliot Stock, 1892)
- 098.1/4: *The Banned Books of England*, by Alec Craig (London: George Allen & Unwin, 1937)
- 398.6F: *The Home of the Eddic Poems: With Especial Reference to the Helgi-Lays*, by Sophus Bugge, trans. by William Henry Schofield (London: David Nutt, 1899). Part of the Grimm Library Series.
- 398.2/14: *Popular Epics of the Middle Ages of the Norse-German and Carolingian Cycles*, by John Malcolm Ludlow. 2 vols. (London: Macmillan, 1865)
- 398.2/15: *Popular Romances of the Middle Ages*, by George W. Cox & Eustace Hinton Jones (London: Longmans, Green & Co., 1871)
- 780.5: *Music and Letters*. Vols. 1-94 (1920-2013)
- 786.5: *The Organ*. Vols. 12-17 (1922-1937)
- 805.15: *The Criterion*. Vols. 1-18, then 22-23 (1922-1939)
- 810.05: *The Bookman*. Vols. 1-76 (1895-1933)
- 820.4: *The Year's Work in English Studies*. Vols. 1-28 (1920-1948)

- 820.5: *Notes & Queries*. Vols. 1-258 (1850-2013)
- 820.5: *The Literary Yearbook* (1902-1922)
- 820.5: *Review of English Studies*. Vols. 1-265 (1925-2003)

*The Northumberland Archives* holds the papers of the Delaval family, which includes:

- 2/DE/44/2: MS copy of verse play (untitled), eighteenth century
- 2/DE/44/3: MS copy of Shylock's part in *The Merchant of Venice*, eighteenth century
- 2/DE/44/4: Miscellaneous verses and literary notes, eighteenth century
- 2/DE/44/5: MS grammar book
- 2/DE/44/6: MS book on rhetoric and oratory, eighteenth century
- 2/DE/44/12/1-4: memoranda books of Sir John Hussey Delaval of literary nature (lists of words, notes on rhetoric etc.)
- NRO. 3439/36: MS draft play, n.d.
- NRO. 650/K/11: Poem entitled 'Epilogue to the Fair Penitent', written by Sir John Delaval and spoken by the Earl of Strathmore, late eighteenth century

*Robinson Library Special Collections* holds the Bell-White Collection, which includes a manuscript album (no call number) including letters from Matthew Arnold, Carlyle and other literary figures. The collection incorporates Richard Heber's collection of early English poetry, drama and ballads, and includes a catalogue. See also: **Reading & Literacy**.

- 213/94-95: letters relating to the opening and meeting of the Wordsworth Society (September-October 1880)
- 213/110: Elizabeth Spence Watson, ALS to Mabel Watson, 5 February 1881. MS, 1 item. Description of lectures by Dante Gabriel Rossetti
- 213/121: Elizabeth Spence Watson, ALS to Mabel Watson, 19 March 1881. MS, 1 item. Account of public reading of *King Lear* (in which she and Robert Spence Watson participated) at Pendower Hall.

The papers of Sir Walter Caverley Trevelyan (1797-1879) include correspondence between his wife, Lady Pauline, and members of the Pre-Raphaelite circle, including John Ruskin, Christina and Gabriel Dante Rossetti and Algernon Swinburne. Examples include:

- WCT 38-56: Letters from John Ruskin to Lady Pauline and WCT; 1 packet per year except 1851; 1 packed undated letters. 169 items (1848-66)
- WCT 57: Letters from Effie Chalmers Gray to Lady Pauline. 17 items (1848-53)
- WCT 61: MS notebook of Lady Pauline, with advice from Ruskin on how to write a novel (1859?)
- WCT 65: Letters from Christina Rossetti to Lady Pauline. 4 items (1857-65)
- WCT 66: Letters from D. G. Rossetti to Lady Pauline. 6 items (1857-65)
- WCT 68: Letters from A. C. Swinburne to Lady Pauline. 9 items (1861-66)
- WCT 81: MS copy of W. B. Scott's "A Legend of Saint Cuthbert", presented to Lady Pauline (1858)
- WCT 103: Letters to Lady Pauline from Jane Carlyle. 5 items (1840?-1872)

See also: **Art & Culture**.

*Tyne & Wear Archives* holds the Papers of Thomas Dixon, Sunderland (1831-1800). His collection of letters written to him by a variety of literary figures including William Morris and Walter Scott is catalogued under the accession number 717. See also **Print, Publishing & Bookselling; Reading & Literacy**.

## MEDICAL HISTORY

See also **Reading & Literacy**.

*The Alnwick Archives* holds the Percy family papers, including:

- [DNM/D/5/1](#): Medical notebooks of the second Duke of Northumberland. Eighteenth century.
- [DNM/D/5/2-15](#): Miscellaneous recipes and medical notes in the hand of the second Duke of Northumberland (n.d.)

These can only be viewed at Alnwick Castle

*Beamish Museum* holds nineteenth- and twentieth-century government, professional and lay texts relating to public health, home medicine, dentistry, pharmacology and anatomy. Examples include:

- [No call number](#): *Local Government Board Reports of Medical Officer: Diarrhoea by Dr Ballard 1887, Diphtheria by Dr Longstaff, Enteric Fever in the Tees Valley by Dr Barry 1891* (London; H.M. Stationery Office [n.d.]
- [610](#): McGregor Robertson, *The Household Physician [...]* 2 edn. (London: Gresham, 1902)
- [613](#): Sir W. Arbuthnot (ed.), *The Hygiene of Life and Safer Motherhood* (London; Toronto: British Books, 1934)
- [613.2](#): A. F. M. Willich, M. D., *Lectures on Diet and Regimen [...]* (London: T. N. Longman and O. Rees, 1800)
- [614.31](#): Francis Vacher, *The Food Inspector's Handbook* (London: The Sanitary Publishing Co., 1909)
- [614.542](#): T. N. Kelynack (ed.), *Tuberculosis Year Book and Sanatoria Annual Vol. 1 1913-14* (Bale and Danielsson, 1914)

*Gateshead Central Library* holds information relating to hospitals in the area:

- [Box 055](#): Records of Gateshead Children's Hospital.
- [Box 067-8](#): Papers relating to Stannington Hospital (Gateshead Borough Asylum).
- [Box 071](#): Miscellaneous documents relating to the Records of King James' Hospital (most records are now held in Tyne & Wear Archive).
- [Box 071](#): 'Hospitals of Gateshead', a volume composed of items from Allan's Darlington Press interleaved with manuscript additions.
- [Box 075](#): Letters relating to the official opposition of the building of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

*The Newcastle City Library* holds various local medical journals, and some nineteenth-century printed volumes relating to medical history. Items of particular interest include:

- [L610 \(Size 1\)](#): *Newcastle Medical Journal* (1926-1971)
- [L610.6 \(Size 1\)](#): *Newcastle and Durham Medical Journal* (1881-1870)
- [L610 \(Size 1\)](#): *Plain Home Talk: About the Human System; the Habits of Men and Women; the Causes and Prevention of Disease; our Sexual Relations and Social Natures. Embracing MEDICAL COMMON SENSE applied to causes, prevention, and cure of chronic diseases; the natural relations of men and women to each other; society; love; marriage; parentage, &c.*, by Edward B. Foote, M.D. (Newcastle upon Tyne: W.H. Robinson, Book Market & Nelson Street, 1899-1900).

*The Literary and Philosophical Society* holds the Patients' Library Collection, including:

- N042/4: *Tracts* (Newcastle: Printed for Emerson Charnley, 1837), vol. 141. Contains a catalogue of books in the Patients' Library in 1834, a catalogue and list of members of the Edinburgh Select Subscription Library, a catalogue of the books in the library of the Literary, Scientific, and Mechanical Institution, South Shields (established in 1825), A catalogue of the Alnwick library (established in 1834), rules, reports, list of pamphlets, periodicals, public records, members paid annual subscription, a catalogue of donors of books and the name of books they donated and a catalogue of books in the Library of the Leeds Literary Institution (1834).

*The Northumberland Archives* hold an extensive range of hospital records and log books for hospitals across Northumberland, as well as some diaries of medical practitioners. Hospital records and log books are largely to be found in the Board of Guardians/Hospital Catalogues. Items of particular interest include:

- NRO.778: Sanderson Orthopaedic Hospital log books (1910-1971)
- NRO.1241: Barasford Sanatorium Annual Reports (1907-1948). Contains annual reports and visitors' books, and 4 photographs.
- NRO.1242: Corbridge Cottage Hospital minute books (1929-1948)
- NRO.1261: Hexham Memorial Hospital records (1945-1948)
- NRO.2130: Social services case files of mentally ill in Morpeth area and other case files (1920-1976)
- NRO.3680: St George's Hospital, Morpeth records (1859-1967)
- NRO.3362: Photocopy of transcript of journal of Dr Richardson, Berwick, who was a medical officer on the convict ship *Sultana* to Western Australia (May 1859-August 1859), as well as on a voyage from Freemantle to London on the *Lord Raglan* (January 1860-May 1860)

*Robinson Library Special Collections* holds the Pybus Collections and the Pybus Papers, relating to Professor F. C. Pybus' gift to the university of his collection of medical books, and the Hospital Archives Collection (late eighteenth- to early-twentieth century), which includes material relating to the old Newcastle Infirmary and the present Royal Victoria Infirmary, the Newcastle Dispensary and local medical societies. The Pybus Collection contains approx. 2000 volumes which are mostly classics of the history of medicine, with particular reference to anatomy, surgery and medical illustration. The collection can be searched through the library catalogue and ranges from the fifteenth to the twentieth centuries. Highlights include:

- Pyb A.i.5: Harvey, William, *Exercitatio anatomica de motu cordis et sanguinis* (Roterodami: Ex officinâ Arnoldi Leers, 1648)
- Pyb H.iii.12: de Corbeil, Gilles, *De Pulsibus* (Padua: Matthaëus Cerdonis, Jan. 1484)
- Pyb N.v.10: Vesalius, Andreas, *De Humani Corporis Fabrica [...]* (Basileae: Per Joannem Oporinum, [colophon 1555])

The Pybus Papers are catalogued to box-level and have an online finding aid. They contain significant material relating to Pybus' specific medical interests and activities, including:

- Box 4: Correspondence on atmospheric pollution
- Box 7: Correspondence on dental caries and tobacco smoke
- Box 10: Bone tumour research
- Box 21 & 22: Gateshead & District Hospital Management Committee minutes and memoranda

The Hospital Archives collection has an online finding aid; it contains statutes and rules for the Royal Victoria Infirmary and other regional hospitals, accounts and minutes of local medical societies, annual reports and minutes. Items interest might include:

- Hospital Archives 9: Scrapbook of cuttings, letters, invitations etc. referring to the annual meeting of the British Medical Association in Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1893: also programmes etc. on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the new College of Medicine in 1887
- Hospital Archives 30: *The Students' journal and hospital gazette ...* Vol. 7 (no date)
- Hospital Archives 33 – 34: *A report of the state of the Infirmary at Newcastle upon Tyne: from its first institution April 13 1751, to the 7th April 1752: no. 1*(1752)
- Hospital Archives 35: Hospital Archives Rules for resident medical officers, Royal Victoria Infirmary (Newcastle upon Tyne, England), 1938
- Hospital Archives 59: *The three warnings, or, Facts and figures of the cholera epidemics of Gateshead* (no date)

See also **Reading & Literacy** for material relating to Pybus' collection, and for material from the Hospital Archive relating to several medical libraries in the North East.

*Tyne & Wear Archives* hold a range of material relating to medical history, in particular several collections of papers, notebooks, diaries etc. of medical practitioners. These include:

- DX427/1: Coroner's notebook. 16 September 1839-10 February 1841. Pocket book containing details of inquests held, including date, place, name, cause of death, verdict, distance travelled, and injury expenses. Also details of burial warrants. Area covered comprises: Tynemouth Union, Castle Ward Union, and Haltwhistle Union.
- DX47/1: Diaries of Thomas Giordani Wright, apprentice surgeon. 10 vols. Includes details of Wright's work with injured miners, containing full details of treatments and outcomes. Very detailed narrative throughout, and some diagrams. Often descriptions of patients' recovery weeks and months from initial treatment (1826-1829)
- HO.RVI: Collection of records relating to the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle (1751-1983). Includes: minutes of various boards and committees relating to all aspects of the hospital; annual reports; statutes and rules; details of furnishings and fittings; newspaper cuttings; scrapbooks; photographs; site plans; accounts; job applications for medical posts; records of individual members of staff; details of prescriptions dispensed [1920-1982]; register of burials [1822-1845]; admissions and outpatients registers.

## NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE & NORTH EAST HISTORY

See also **Politics; Industry.**

*The Alnwick Archive* is the archive of the Percy family, Earls and Dukes of Northumberland since 1377. It includes personal correspondence, journals and diaries, material relating to the estate and the Duchy of Northumberland and other material relevant to both the North East and to English history more generally. The archive ranges from the tenth to the twentieth centuries. Some of the material has been catalogued; see *Appendix to the Third Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts* (London: printed by George Edward Eyre and William Spottiswoode, printers to the Queen's most excellent Majesty. For Her Majesty's Stationery Office [H.M.S.O.], 1873). All the material listed in the 1873 *Appendix* is microfilmed and the films are held at the British Library. Permission to use these films can be obtained by writing to Chris Hunwick, the archivist at Alnwick. These microfilms should be used in preference to a visit to Alnwick as archive space there is limited and access to MSS difficult (and costly). Additional papers have been catalogued in *Report on Miscellaneous Papers of the Duke of Northumberland from Syon House, Middlesex 1570-1956* (London: HMC, 1973) [known as Northumberland Miscellaneous (DNM)]. Other miscellaneous papers have the accession number DNA. Material with the DNM and DNA accession numbers has not been microfilmed and can only be viewed at Alnwick Castle. Examples of relevant items include:

- (no call number): *Manuscripts and papers of his Grace the Duke of Northumberland at Alnwick Castle*. Letters, MSS. and copies. Bound in 22 folio vols (1139-1696). Includes a 1384 treaty between the Earl of Northumberland and Douglas, an account of the arrest of Cardinal Wolsey, and several letters relating to the Civil War.
- (no call number): Alphabetical common-place book belonging to John Fitz-James. Paper. Small 4to. 17th century
- (no call number): A journal by Lady Hartford Jan-March 1741/2
- (no call number): 4to. 'letters (and verses) between Lady Pomfret and Lady Hartford (Sept. 1738-Sept. 1740), p. 327'
- DNA 2/G/11-16: Travel journals of Algernon, Lord Percy, covering Canada, France, Berlin/Amsterdam, Warsaw/Borodino, British Midlands, Rome, Naples, Tyrol, Austria, Scotland, Wales, Sweden, Denmark and Spain. Also includes the journal of Canon Singleton who accompanied him to Sweden and Denmark. 1808 - 1827.
- DNA J/73-81: Ballads/doggerel and occasional verse 1761-1955 (12 items)
- DNM/F/2/1: Journal of Lord Prudhoe on trip to Canada, 1841
- DNM/F/2/2: Journal of Henry Percy (7th Duke) 1859-1861

*Beamish Museum* holds a substantial amount of material relating to general history in the North East of England, particularly County Durham, Newcastle, and North & South Shields (see also **Industry; Language, Dialect, Folklore & Song**). Individual towns and villages are well represented in particular. Examples include:

- The extensive collection of nineteenth- and twentieth-century photographs depicting life in the North-East. Includes images of mining, fishing and farming communities, industry, shipping, railways, and daily life. Search via *People's Collection* catalogue.
- 942.81: *The Newcastle Yearbook 1905* (Pinnacle Publishing & Advertising Co.: Newcastle, 1905?)
- 808.883: Diary of Mrs Doris Richardson of Loud Hill, Co. Durham, 1936-45. Typewritten and handwritten transcripts by Doreen Westlake. Diary covers everyday life in the North East: school shows seen, illness, etc. Also covers World War II.

- 920: Frank Graham, *Life of Thomas Hepburn 1796-1864. A Pioneer of the Working Class Movement in Durham and Northumberland* (1953). Typewritten photocopy, ring-bound, unpublished.
- 920: L. E. O. Charlton (ed.), *The Recollections of a Northumbrian Lady 1815-1866, being the Memoirs of Barbara Charlton (nee Tasburgh), wife of William Henry Charlton of Hesleyside, Northumberland*. (London: Jonathan Cape, 1950)
- 1998-110 (accession number): Frank Graham Collection. 13 boxes of handwritten notes, newspaper clippings, photos, etc. relating to history of Newcastle, Durham, Northumberland, and Yorkshire. Frank Graham was a local publisher and historian and the notes material dates from the mid-late twentieth century. The collection has a particular focus on architectural history.
- 942.81 MAC: E. MacKenzie, *A History of Northumberland*, 2 vols, 2<sup>nd</sup> edn. (Newcastle upon Tyne: MacKenzie & Dent, 1825)
- 942.81 PEL: Parish records, West Pelton 1880-1900. Facsimile of original documents.
- 942.81 BUR: Jack Uren Collection: 4 folders of handwritten notes relating to Burnopfield and surrounding areas.
- 942.81 DAR: W. Hylton Dyer Longstaffe, *History of Darlington* (Darlington: Proprietors of the *Darlington and Stockton Times*, 1854)
- 942.81: Anon, "Barge Day on the Tyne", 1857. Typewritten copy of original MS.
- 942.81-82: File box of planning and policy documents and official publications for Durham and Northumberland County Councils, 1970s-1990s.

*Gateshead Central Library* holds a significant collection of material relating to the history of Gateshead, including:

- JHA01: Joan Hewitt Archive Scrapbook, volumes comprising photographs, manuscript notes, newspaper cuttings of the community history of Gateshead, c. 1960-1990s.
- Box 003-008: William Alfred Cocks Collection, scrapbooks, photographs, notebooks, essays etc. relating to Ryton and County Durham compiled by Cocks, a local watch and clock maker and keen amateur archaeologist and photographer, early twentieth century.
- Box 009-010: Charles Taylor Collection, comprising scrapbooks and notebooks relating to Felling by local historian and author, early twentieth century.
- Box 011-012: Jean Taylor Collection, comprising papers and photographs relating to Bill Quay, early twentieth century.
- Box 025-026: John Oxberry Collection, only partially sorted and catalogued. The collection includes nineteenth-century newspapers and book cuttings, maps and plans of Gateshead and Northumberland. Includes cycling tours, local Northumbrian interest columns in newspapers.
- Box 028: Unsorted collection of 19th-century newspaper cuttings, engravings, maps and manuscript notes interlaced with the *Archaeologia Aeliana* journal articles on Newcastle's history. This collection includes manuscript notes and family trees of the local 'pedigree' families including the Carrs of Hedgley and the Hardcastles.
- Box 032-033: The Nelson Collection, unsorted scraps, papers, newspaper clippings and letters from the early 1800s relating to various individuals in the North, many of whom are either clergy or gentry with some relating to Newcastle traders.
- Box 069: The Diary of Christopher Sanderson, resident of Barnard Castle, 1640-1688. Note there is restricted access on this item: extracts from the diary are published by the Surtees Society.



- Box 070: W. H. Brockett's *History of Gateshead*, manuscript collection dated 1836 including transcripts of medieval documents from 13C onwards and a map of Gateshead by John Bell, c. 1836.
- Box 071: A collection of autograph letters dated 1813 onwards, many relating to distinguished individuals (this is wrongly catalogued as 4 plans of alterations for Burt Terrace Drill Hall, Gateshead, 1911). The collection includes a 1813 letter from the 5th Earl of Chesterfield referring to the current military situation and doubting Bonaparte's will for Peace; 1841 letter to a Mrs Hodder from the Rev. H. Salvin of Gateshead relating to the loss of her brother in a shipwreck; 1844 letter from the 8th Earl of Scarborough regarding taxes on his London house; 1860 letter from Sir William Hutt responding to an application to use his influence at the Admiralty; 1830 letter from politician W. H. James regarding his subscription to a medical club; 1881 letter from actress Dolores Drummond soliciting an engagement; 1896 letter from the 9th Countess of Scarborough regarding a bazaar in aid of church funds; 1907 letter from the 5th Baron Ravensworth regarding the memorial of stained-glass designed Charles E. Kempe.
- Box 078: Unsorted personal papers of E. A. Sinclair of Gateshead, dating 1960-70s.
- Box 080: Autograph book of Miles C. Lamb, of Newcastle, 1888-1918: manuscript scrapbook including poems, music, illustrations, transcriptions of letters. Large section completed by students at South Wales Training College, Carmarthen, 1888-89.
- Box 083: Manuscript copy of local historian William Bourn's *Our Parish*.
- Box 088: Manuscript notes Winlaton and district by local historian Ronnie Anderson, 20th century.
- Box 147: Miscellaneous notes on the Haggie family, including the transcription of a letter from father to son discouraging the son to start a new ropemaking business in competition with his brother, dated 1843.
- Box 151: Manuscript autobiography of Anthony Errington of Felling, 1823. 25 sheets bound in limp covers, originally part of Richard Welford's collection before he passed it to John Oxberry. Also in this box, the scrapbook album relating to the Crawshay family of Gateshead (mid-nineteenth century) and miscellaneous collection of manuscripts, newspaper cuttings and engraved pictures concerning Gateshead history.
- L908.2: Large collection of newspaper cuttings, including 'Gateshead Notes' compiled by John Oxberry, 19th century. Arranged by topic.

The historical newspaper collection also includes bound originals or microfilms of local and county newspapers from 1870 onwards, including *Chester-le-Street Times*, *Durham City and County News*, *Felling Gazette* and *Gateshead Post*, and:

- L072: *Tyne Mercury*, bound incomplete, 1805-1827 and *Gateshead Observer*, bound from 1838 onwards.
- LS Row 18: *Northern Liberator*, from 1837 onwards, on microfilm
- LS Row 5: *Chester-le-Street Liberal*, from 1857, on microfilm.

There is also a large collection of posters, including:

- Local Row 22: posters relating to nineteenth-century schools and workhouse in Gateshead, holidays at home scheme, recycling for war material production, World War I, war recruitment, restriction of liquor sales, eat less bread, etc. Also twentieth-century local events, recreation activities, concerts, cinema showing etc.

The Newcastle City Library archives hold a substantial amount of material relating to general history in Newcastle upon Tyne and the North East of England.

- L029 (Size 3): Local Newspaper Cuttings, dating from 1878 and including Uncle Toby's Corner – the Children's Page in the *Newcastle Weekly Chronicle*.

- L049 (Size 3): The Allan Tracts. Bound Volume. Accounts & surveys of ruins, monuments, churches etc. [incl. some national] (1707-c.1800)
- L042 (Size 3): Local Tracts. 4 bound volumes (c.785-1890)
- L827.V864 (Size 3): *Viz* calendars (1989-1992)
- L347.91 (Size 1): Northumbrian Pleas from the Curia Regis and Assize Roll. Bound Volume (1198-1272)
- L325.N536CJJ (Size 1): Newcastle City Accounts (1830-1969)
- L606.1 (Size 1): Photographs, official daily programmes and souvenir and visitors' guide to North East Exhibition (1929)
- L347.2 (Size 3): Lease book relating to city properties (1760-1766)
- L072 (Size 3): *Newcastle Gazette and Newcastle Intelligencer* (1756-1758)
- L072 (Size 3): *North Country Journal* (1735-1737)
- L072 (Size 3): *Northern Free Press*. Nos. 1-5 (1832)
- L072 (Size 3): *The Newcastle Chronicle or General Weekly Advertiser* (24 March 1764)
- L072 (Size 1): *Newcastle General Magazine* (1747-1758)
- L072 (Size 1): *Newcastle Magazine* (1785-1786, then 1821-1831 & 1872)
- L072 (Size 1): *Newcastle Weekly Magazine* (1776)
- L072 (Size 1): *The Stockton Bee: Or, Monthly Miscellany for the Year*. 2 vols. (1793 & 1795)
- L942.8 (Size 1): *Whitehead's Directory of Newcastle & Gateshead* (1790)
- L942.8 (Size 1): Newcastle Directory (1811)
- L942.8 (Size 1): Commercial Directory, Newcastle (1821-1823)
- L942.8 (Size 1): Durham Directory (1827)
- L942.8 (Size 1): *Pigot's National Directory – Northern Counties* (1834)
- L942.8 (Size 1): Directory of Newcastle & Gateshead (1838; 1847; 1850; 1851; 1865-66; 1869-70; 1870-71; 1873; 1873-74; 1879; 1885-86; 1887- 1968)
- L942.8 (Size 1): *Local Records: Or, Historical Register of Remarkable Events*, by T. Fordyce (1833-1875)
- L942.8 (Size 1): *Local Records* [as above], by John Latimer (1832-1857)
- L942.8 (Size 1): *Sykes's Local Records* (1780-1832)
- L942.82 (Size 2): Photographs of Newcastle (1925-1928). Album of photographs largely centred around the Side, Akenside, Pilgrim Street and Quayside.
- L042 (Size 2): *The Monthly Chronicle of North Country Lore*. 5 vols. (1887-1891)
- 942.062 (Mackey Collection): no author, *The Scots army advanced into England* (London: printed for Robert Bostock, 1644)
- 942.062 (Mackey Collection): no author, *A true relation of the taking of Newcastle by assault* (London: printed for Robert White, 1644)
- 942.063 (Mackey Collection): no author, *A declaration of the army of England upon their march into Scotland* (Newcastle: S[tephen] B[ulkey], 1650)
- 942.063 (Mackey Collection): Anon, *A narrative of the proceedings of the northern armies* (London: printed for G. Horton, living in Barbican, 1659)
- SL338.6: *Freemen's lists*. Two manuscript volumes of a chronological list of Freemen and the companies to which they belonged, 1409-1738 and 1755-1836.

*The Literary & Philosophical Society* holds a number of materials relating to Newcastle upon Tyne and North East History. These include:

- N352.1: Newcastle City Council Proceedings. 132 vols. (1837-1969)

- N75: *The Northumberland Chronicle of North County Law and Legend*. Published in Newcastle (1887-1891)
- N52.7: *Newcastle General Magazine*. 39 vols. (1747-1760; 1820; 1822-1830)
- N52.14: *The Border Magazine* (1896-1905)
- 942.74/41: *The Earl of Northumberland: Household Book* (1770)

The *Northumberland Archives* also hold a wide range of material relating to general local North East history, including:

- NRO.642: Commonplace book of Rev. O. Naylor, Rector of Morpeth (1750-1770)
- NRO.738: Photocopy of list of recusants listed at Northumberland Assizes (1604)
- NRO.753: Grey Family Manuscripts. Including: legal documents, wills, grants & probates; account books; letters, both personal and business; recipes (late seventeenth and early eighteenth century); various personal documents regarding Ralph W. Grey IV; diaries.
- NRO.794: Allendale Workhouse records (1791-1895). Includes: I – Visitors' Book (1791-1821); II – Select Vestry Minute Book (1798-1832); III – Allendale Highways Board Minute Book (1888-1895); IV – Arithmetic exercise book of M. Nevins (1824).
- NRO.1186/1-8: Protestation Returns for Berwick upon Tweed and Morpeth (1642)
- NRO.1226: Chollerford Friendly Society (1768)
- NRO.2063: Printed speech of Sir John Fenwick before execution (28 January 1697)
- NRO.3062: Hexham Friendly Societies Rules (1839-1921)
- NRO.3351: County rate book (no date – ca. late seventeenth century, used in a suit in the Exchequer in 1839) SANT/BEQ/18/1-14: John Hodgson Collection (1802-1844). Commonplace books; correspondence and journals; papers relating to Hodgson's 'History of Northumberland'; notebooks A-Z; personal correspondence
- SANT/BEQ/26: Wilson Collection, 'Papers relating to Gateshead 1771-1833'

The archives also hold the Delaval family papers, which include:

- NRO. 650/N/1: Delaval family papers. 'Myra's Journal'. 100 pages; intermittently covers period May 1891 – September 1892
- NRO. 650/A: Delaval family papers. 16th century. 22 items: grants; deeds; receipts; single items of correspondence
- NRO: 650/B: Delaval family papers. 17th century. 50 items: mainly receipts and financial records but some letters
- NRO. 650/D: Delaval family papers. Family correspondence 1682-1803
- NRO. 650/K: Delaval family papers. Collection titled 'Papers of Northumberland or North-East interest' (1609-1810); includes material on estates, local rentals and accounts, the Seaton Delaval Volunteer Association, and a pamphlet entitled *A State of the Churches in Northumberland* (W. Hutchinson, 1779).

The Delaval family are also relevant to **Land & House Management**.

The archives also hold the city guilds' records and a significant amount of material relating to North East industrial history, including the collieries and the mines (note that all these records are poorly catalogued and have accession numbers only):

- SANT/GUI/NCL/1/1-3: records of the Bakers and Brewers guild, inc. financial records, minutes, 'Cess Books', membership records, registers of apprentices, company 'Orders' and *An abstract of the ordnance of the Bakers and Brewers Company of Newcastle upon Tyne* (c. 1627) (1608-1911).
- SANT/GUI/NCL/2: records and minutes of the Booksellers Company (1808-1822)

- SANT/GUI/NCL/3/1-3: records of the Fullers and Dyers Company (1774-1902), including accounts, financial records, correspondence and membership records.
- SANT/GUI/NCL/4/1-3: records of the Glovers Company (1436-1876), including minutes, accounts, 'Statutes and Ordinances' (1436-1765) and order books.
- SANT/GUI/NCL/5/1-6: records of the Hostmen (1600-1842), including minutes, accounts, correspondence, and material relating to the loading of ships and the coal trade, including pamphlets responding to a proposed 'Bill For The Better Regulation of Loading Ships with Coals in the Port of Newcastle and Sunderland' (1788).
- SANT/GUI/NCL/6/1-5: records of the Saddlers Company (1459-1899), including correspondence, statutes and ordinances, minutes, material relating to the Saddlers' right to perform Corpus Christi plays (1459/1460; 1552/1553; 1583), and material relating to planting on the Town Moor (1892-3) and to a proposed Society for Botany and Horticulture (1800s).
- SANT/GUI/NCL/7/1: records of the Skinners Company (1727-1773), including financial records and a ledger.
- SANT/GUI/NCL/8: records of the Tailors' Company (1536-1815)

Note these guild records also belong under **Industry**.

*Robinson Library Special Collections* holds several collections with significant material on local history:

- The Robert White Papers (uncatalogued). These contain assorted manuscripts and printed ephemera, as well as White's correspondence.
- The Bell (John and Thomas) Collection (partially catalogued) contains ten boxes of material, most relating to Newcastle history, families, businesses and industry. The collection is alphabetised by family name; a typescript catalogue may be consulted in the Special Collections Reading Room.
- The Bell-White Collection contains material on Newcastle politics. See the Entry under Politics.

The Trevelyan Family Papers contain material relating to Northumberland political and religious issues. From the papers of Charles Edward Trevelyan (1807-1886):

- CET 71: Correspondence to CET on political issues, including the Central Northumberland Railway Bill (1882)
- CET 72: Correspondence to CET on local ecclesiastical affairs, including 1 undated MS memo by CET on religious problems in Northumberland (1849-82)
- CET 73: Miscellaneous papers, including correspondence re public house at Morpeth, the endowment of Cambo Church and a pamphlet entitled *Discovery of Ancient Bronze Implements near Wallington* (Aug. 1880) (1879-80)
- CET 76: Miscellaneous printed papers and pamphlets, including a printed note on the Chillingham Wild Bull, designed and engraved by Thomas Bewick, by Robert Robinson (Newcastle upon Tyne, April 1878); 3 printed catalogues of prints, drawings and watercolours in the library at Wallington (London: Spottiswoode, 1879-81); *The Wallington Songster* (London: Spottiswoode, 1880)

See the main entry for Charles Edward Trevelyan under **Politics**.

The papers of Sir Walter Calverley Trevelyan (1797–1879) contain a large amount of material, mainly personal correspondence between Sir Walter, his wife Lady Pauline and others, related to local issues. The Trevelyans held a Baronetcy in Somerset which included the Wallington estate in Northumberland; the couple lived at Wallington Hall. A hard copy catalogue of the papers may be consulted in person at Special Collections; the catalogue is indexed by person mentioned and by subject. The collection has been catalogued to packet level only. Items include:

- WCT 15: MS journal of Pauline Trevelyan (July – Aug. 1827)
- WCT 28: press cuttings about WCT's nephew George Otto Trevelyan electioneering at Tynemouth and about Charles Edward Trevelyan in India. Includes 4 election posters for Tynemouth (1860-68)
- WCT 73-80: Correspondence between Lady Pauline and the artist W. B. Scott about his decoration of Wallington Hall (1854-79)
- WCT 257: MS notebook "Northumberland", detailing WCT's visits (1825-1857)
- WCT 279: Miscellaneous notes, sketches and leaflets etc. on local history, archaeology and genealogy. 39 items (1830?-1879)

Other subjects represented in the collection include **Art & Culture; Industry; Learned Societies; Literature; Science, Technology & Innovation; Travel.**

*Tyne & Wear Archives* hold a significant amount of material relating to North East history, including many diaries and papers of local residents. Items of particular interest include:

- UD.GO/14/1-2: Gosforth Local Food Control Committee, minutes (1917-1919)
- DF.ELL Section F (Acc 3650): Sir Henry Liddell, lesson book, no date (c. 1660). This manuscript book comprises Latin lessons with English translations. Currently it has not been fully catalogued and has no reference number.
- DF.ELL Section F (Acc. 3650): Sir Henry Liddell, commonplace book (c.1669). This manuscript book contains personal notes, poems, and essays on religion. Currently it has not been fully catalogued and has no reference number.
- DX213: Papers of the Brown family. Including 20 letters from the war in France and Peninsula (1784-1818)
- DX234/1: Journal of Capt. Robert Jobling, detailing his service with the East India Company (1851-1858)
- DX267: Recipe book (patisserie) belonging to J.C. Thompson, Chef to the Duke of Edinburgh HRH Prince William Frederick (1836)
- DX268/1: Diary of Thomas Wardropper, who travelled to Russia to demonstrate the Stephenson Locomotive (1836)
- DX271: Diary of William Wight of the Sunderland Peace Society, Delegate to the Peace Congress in Frankfurt (1850)
- DX361: Quitclaim by Ivetta, wife of Robert Lord of West Brunton, on Feast of the Assumption (1313)
- DX441: Diaries of Frances Elizabeth Kelly, including details of a trip from Cardiff to Bombay (1893-1894)
- DX584: Brandling Place Home for Penitent Women Records (1860-1897)
- DX985: Journals of Sir William Hutt, M.P. for Gateshead, detailing his travels in Europe, including Italy, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Germany, France and Belgium (1824-1871)
- DX1008: Overseers of the Poor Book (1814)
- GU.UP: Incorporated Co. of Upholsterers, Tinplate workers and Stationers of Newcastle upon Tyne. Records. (1675-1988). Available to see on microfilm.
- DX1191/1: Journal of Joseph E. Arthur, cabin boy on SS Eardon (1900)
- DX1171/1: Diary of Elizabeth Heron, daughter of cornmill proprietor, detailing everyday life at Byker Hill Mill. Also includes transcriptions of poetry by various poets (Byron, Shakespeare, Coleridge, etc.), poetry written by Elizabeth herself about her family and life, and an essay on a governess Margaret Seymore.
- DX102: Papers of the Herdman family (1791-c.1956). Thomas Herdman (1832-1909) was a close friend of Joseph Cowen and was actively involved in campaigns for increased

civil liberties in the North East in the late nineteenth century. He was a business man; beginning as a newsagent and then diversifying to coopering and chairmaking. In 1869 he transferred his business to Strawberry House with other local businessmen to form the Household Furnishing Company. In 1856, Thomas Herdman was one of the founders of the Young Men's Temperance Institute and it is within this sphere of his activities that these records are concerned. He worked to establish the annual Temperance Festival, which subsequently became The Hoppings.

- 1074: Papers of Alderman William Bramble (1861-1948). Bramble was a local antiquarian, historian and authority on local politics, and his papers include material on local politics and history.

## POLITICS & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

See also **War & Military History**; **Newcastle upon Tyne & North East History**; **Crime, Law & Order**; **Literature**.

*Beamish Museum* holds material relating to political parties, the trade union movement, and local government.:

- L.10 – 2.1 SHIC 1.2 – 1.24 Box 5: twentieth-century ephemera relating to organisations and political parties, including youth club and youth party wing membership cards, posters, gala invites etc. Conservative/Unionist, Liberal and Labour parties represented. Includes several pamphlets dating from the 1970s produced by ‘Ulster Vanguard’ in support of Ulster Home Rule.
- 331.88: File box of various trade union annual reports, histories, and pamphlets

*Gateshead Central Library* holds material relating to the local government of the town and borough:

- Box 030-031: The Colligan Collection, comprising papers and memorabilia relating to the former Mayoress of Gateshead, 20th century.
- Box 089-91: Papers relating to the Royal Commission on Local Government Reorganisation of Tyneside, 1936.
- Box 151: Papers relating to Richard Ogle (born 1872), chief constable of Gateshead Borough Police 1937-1958.

Also see **Art & Culture**.

There are also items relating to local strikes, protests and demonstrations, within the Tom Marshall Collection. This archive broadly covers two topics: World War I and mining in County Durham. See **Industry**, and also:

- TMC24-27; TMC29 and TMC32: documents relating to the 1926 General Strike and mining lockout
- TMC49: Jimmy Ancrum Scrapbook, including photographs of demonstrations and Communist councillor Jimmy Ancrum

Also of interest:

- Box 076: Dodds family papers, including manuscript ‘The Chartists’ with notes from the collection of William Brockie, 19C.

*The Newcastle City Library* holds a range of items relating to elections and political activism in Newcastle and the North East, including the Mackey Collection (mostly seventeenth-century tracts relating to the Civil War and the Reform Movement, many printed in the North East), Newcastle’s role in the abolition of the slave trade, and the records of the County Council and Trade Unions. Items of particular interest include:

- L324 (Size 3): Newcastle election cartoons (1874-1880)
- L356 (Size 3): Local Acts (1710-1974)
- L029.3 (Size 3): Newcastle and local area broadsides (1751-c.1880). Bound volume. Selection of cuttings, handbills, posters, including, but not limited to: Political notices; notices of elections; satirical political verses and sketches; Meetings of Newcastle upon Tyne Anti-Slavery Society and further material on local actions concerning slavery (1824-6); Statements of accounts of Keelmen’s Society (1826-7); Voting papers.

- L333.3 (Size 2): Political (local) acts, including enclosures, allotment acts, common acts, etc. (1753-1844)
- L352 (Size 2): Newcastle Town/City Council, reports, speeches, votes/notes (1846-present)
- L326 (Size 2): Anti-Slavery Tracts. 4 vols. (1835-1838)
- 942.062 (Mackey Collection): A. Humbie, *A letter from Newcastle, to the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellour of Scotland, and the rest of the Scottish Commissioners at London* (London: printed for Robert Bostock and Samuel Gellibrand, 1644)
- 942.062 (Mackey Collection): Earl of Algernon Percy Northumberland, *Three speeches delivered in Guild-hall, London, on Tuesday the fourth of March* (London: printed for Peter Cole, 1645)
- 942.062 (Mackey Collection): no author, *XIX propositions made by both Houses of Parliament, to the Kings Most Excellent Majestie* (York: Robert Barker the printer of the king, 1642)
- 942.062 (Mackey Collection): Duke of William Cavendish Newcastle, *A declaration of the Right Honourable the Earle of Newcastle His Excellency, &c* (York: Stephen Bulkeley, 1643)

For other tracts from the Mackey Collection see also **Newcastle upon Tyne & North East History; Religion & Charitable Organisations; Crime, Law & Order.**

*The Literary & Philosophical Society* holds a range of printed volumes and bound volumes of periodicals relating to national and international politics. These include:

- 320.5/2: *The Round Table: A Quarterly Review of the Politics of the British Empire*. Vols. 1-35 (1910-1945)
- 320.5/3: *The New Europe*. Vols. 1-16 (19 Oct. 1916-7 Oct. 1920). From 1:1: 'A weekly paper dedicated to the study of foreign politics and the problems raised by this war.'
- 320.5/4: *The Political Quarterly*. 16 vols. (1930-1945)
- 325.342/4: *A View of the Art of Colonization, with present reference to the British Empire; in letters between a statesman and a colonist*, ed. by Edward Gibbon-Wakefield (London: John W. Parker, 1849)
- 325.5/1: *The Anti-Slavery Monthly Reporter*. Vols. 1-6 (1825-1835) [missing Vol. 4]
- 326.973/5: *The Rise and Fall of the Slave Power in America*, by Henry Wilson. 3 vols. (1875-1877)
- 909.8/1: *Annual Register: Or, a View of History, Politics and Literature for the Year*. Vols. 1-242 (1758-2000)
- 051.8: *The Arena*. Vols. 11-40 (1895-1908)
- 051.10: *The American Review of History and Politics*. 3 vols. (1811-1812)
- 052.15: *The British Quarterly Review*. Vols. 1-84 (1845-1886)
- 052.19: *The Contemporary Review*. Vols. 1-172 (1866-1947)
- 052.57: *The National Review*. Vols. 6-113 (1858-1939)
- 052.89: *The Westminster Review*. Vols. 2-179 (1824-1913)
- 328.42: A Brief Account of the Most Memorable Transactions of the Two Last Parliaments Held and Dissolved at Westminster and Oxford (1681)
- 328.42: *Northcroft's Parliamentary Chronicle*. 2 vols. (1833-1834)
- 328.422: Parliamentary Debates (1668-1804)
- N352.1: Newcastle City Council Proceedings. 132 vols. (1837-1969)

*The Northumberland Archives* hold records relating to individual political parties throughout Northumberland, as well as to elections and political activities more generally in the region. Items of particular interest include:



- BRO.544: Records of Berwick Divisional Labour Party (1923-1952) [located in Berwick Records Office].
- NRO.3085: Scrapbook of posters, broadsheets and cuttings mainly relating to Northumberland elections (1826-1846)
- NRO.527: Wansbeck Divisional Labour Party Minutes (1889-1959)
- NRO. 650/C: Delaval family papers. Political papers including Northumberland elections (17th-18th centuries)
- SANT/BEQ 22/4/4/1-76: John Oxberry Collection (1857-1940). MSS correspondence covering Oxberry's research into Newcastle Parliamentary history 1813-1816
- SANT/BEQ 26: Wilson Collection (collections relating to Gateshead 1771-1833) 4 volumes of mainly printed material (letters, notices, newspaper cuttings, broadsides, posters, printed reports, open letters and satirical verses, c. 1771-1850 ); the first volume covers 1799-1831, vol. 2 1832- 1840, vol. 3 1841-1843, vol. 4 1843-1850; heavy concentration on election years.
- SANT/PRI/5: 'Le Melange', c. 1797-1810. Bound and ruled news diary/personal anthology of 489 leaves, comprising annotated newspaper cuttings of political addresses, public poems and satires, MS transcripts of topical verse and pithy observations inserted under general headings e.g. 'Election 1807'. Many cuttings are from *The Courier* and it includes several broadsides and election notices (1807 General Election) that were printed and circulated in Newcastle.
- SANT/GEN/ELE: several hundred items, including broadsides, posters, ballads, songs and cartoons on elections (18th-19th centuries)

*Robinson Library Special Collections* holds the Bell-White Collection, which includes material relating to the 1826 Northumberland county election and other local politics, the Cowen Tracts, a collection of nearly 150 volumes of bound tracts on political, social and economic topics, collected by local politician and journalist Joseph Cowan (1831-1900), and other material (see also: **Newcastle upon Tyne & North East History**):

- Cowen Tracts v.14, n. 5: *War condemned by the law of God: and therefore can receive no valid sanction from the law of man* (Newcastle upon Tyne: [Published for the Newcastle Peace Society by T. P. Barkas], 1847)
- Cowen Tracts v. 98 n.1: *Letter to George Silvertop* (Newcastle: printed by Edward Walker, 1826). The letter is on George Silvertop's speech, delivered at the Assembly Rooms, Newcastle upon Tyne, 1826
- Cowen Tracts v.120 n.6: *A letter to the radical reformers of Newcastle upon Tyne* (Newcastle: W. Fordyce, 1835). Written by Thomas Doubleday on the late election and its attendant circumstances:
- Bell-White 8: *Collection of bills, squibs, speeches, etc. for the 1826 election in Northumberland* (n.p: 1826)
- Bell-White 11: *The morpeth rant, or, A collection of the papers published at Morpeth in Northumberland relative to the poor rates of that place* (n.p: n.p: 18?)
- Papers of Bernard Bosanquet (1848-1923), Trunk 1: MSS and books containing pamphlets, newspaper cuttings about the Poor Law Charity
- Papers of Helen Bonsanquet (1860-1925), Trunk II (I: 3): pamphlet box containing a catalogue of the library of the Society of Friends and the National Peace Council
- 213/1-365: The letters of Mabel Spence Watson (1864-1907). The Spence-Watsons were a nineteenth-century Quaker family living in Gateshead. Robert Spence-Watson was a solicitor, a founder and lecturer in literature at Armstrong College and a political Liberal.

The collection comprises 365 letters and details the history of the Spence Watsons' involvement in Liberal politics in Newcastle, women's suffrage and right to higher education, and anti-war and temperance rallies in the 1880s -1900s.

The Robinson also holds the Trevelyan Family Papers. The papers of Charles Edward Trevelyan, civil servant and colonial administrator (1807-1886), contain extensive material relating to home and foreign politics, Indian colonial rule, the Irish famine and the reform of the civil service. There is a hard copy catalogue which may be consulted in person in the Special Collections reading room; it is indexed by people mentioned and by subject. The collection is catalogued to packet level. Examples of material include:

- CET 48: Scrapbook entitled "Extracts from the daily press etc. relating to the organisation of the Civil Service". Includes articles from journals and pamphlets (1854)
- CET 50: Correspondence between CET and Gladstone on Treasury & Civil Service reform, and the Empire (1854-76)
- CET 79: Trevelyan, C. E., *The Irish Crisis* (London: Longmans, 1848) (reprinted from the *Edinburgh Review* 175, Jan 1848); *Extracts from a description of the measures for relieving the distress caused by the Irish famine, entitled "The Irish Crisis"* (London: Spottiswoode & Co., 1879) (this appears to be extracts from the first publication)
- CET 81: miscellaneous printed pamphlets by CET on social reform and the relationship between pauperism and the labour market (1870-81)
- CET 93 – 116: Correspondence, pamphlets and reports relating several aspects of Indian administration, including finance, defence, religion and education (1834-1882).

See also: **Education; War & Military History.**

The papers of Walter Caverley Trevelyan (1797-1879) contain some material relating to local and national politics, including:

- WCT 276: Letters, press cuttings and papers about the celebration of the passing of the 1832 Reform Act, by the Reform Jubilee Institution, Edinburgh. 14 items (1832)

The papers of Charles Philips Trevelyan (1870-1958), Liberal and Labour M.P., contain a large amount of material relating to his political roles, including domestic and foreign policy, the 1918 & 1923 general elections, World War I, the first Labour Government, the 1930 general strike, and Labour party politics. Correspondents include Churchill, the Webbs, George Bernard Shaw and Bertrand Russell. A typescript catalogue indexed by persons named and by subject, may be consulted at the Special Collections Reading Room.

*Tyne & Wear Archives* hold a wide range of material relating to local political activity, including:

- DX112: Society for Promoting the Abolition of the Slave Trade – Collection. Includes: one book entitled 'An Abstract of the Evidence delivered before a Select Committee of the House of Commons 1790-91 on the Part of the Petitioners for the Abolition of the Slave Trade'; full details of witnesses to the crimes of the Slave Trade; use of subscribers in Newcastle to pay for the campaign; part of a much larger body of material on the slave trade available at TWAS. There is also a scrapbook and the results of a scoping study into material in the North East relating to the Slave Trade (please ask an archivist for assistance).
- DX412: Collection of political poems relating to 1826 Northumberland elections.
- DX413: Collection of political posters, including Charles Grey campaign poster, anti-slavery posters, and anti- and pro-reform posters (1830-1841).
- DX449/1: Slave ship plan. Part of evidence submitted to the House of Commons Select Committee on the Abolition of the Slave Trade (1790-1791).

- DF.COW: The Cowen Collection (1833 – 1937). Includes several thousand items relating to local MP and journalist Joseph Cowan’s career, and covers personal correspondence, newspaper clippings, speeches, posters, pamphlets, tracts etc. The collection is divided into Foreign Affairs (DF.COW/A); Home Affairs (B); Northern Reform Union (C); Local Affairs (D); Biography (E); Miscellaneous & Miscellaneous Correspondence (F & G). The collection is largely available on microfilm.

The archives also hold the following records which have accession numbers but are not fully catalogued. Handlists for these collections can be consulted in the search room.

- S. LIB. 200: Printed records and MS correspondence of the Newcastle upon Tyne Liberal Club (1879-1959). Includes library registers, membership records, finances, scrap books and a printed book (*The History of the Newcastle Upon Tyne Liberal Club*)
- DF. BR. 1074/ 92: Papers of Alderman William Bramble. 1 bound book containing poll books for Newcastle Parliamentary elections (1741-1835), list of candidates, printed summary views of disputes, regulations
- DF. BR. 1074/ 93: Papers of Alderman William Bramble. 1 folder of local election cartoons and broadsides about 1873 and 1908 elections, printed debates of politicians (Toryism verses Republicanism), etc. All printed in Newcastle by Christie, Malcolm & Co.
- DF. BR. 1074/ 114-180: Papers of Alderman William Bramble. Printed political papers comprising posters, pamphlets, handbills, cartoons and petitions (c. 1840)
- DF. BR. 1074/118: Papers of Alderman William Bramble. 1 poster, “The Workmen of the ‘Liberator’ and their employers”: an address to the printers of Newcastle, the working classes and public about a dispute of a paper (1830-1850)

### Women’s Suffrage

*The Literary & Philosophical Society* holds a range of printed volumes relating to women’s history. Items of particular interest include:

- 324.3/7: *The Men’s League Handbook to Women’s Suffrage* (1915)
- 396.1: *Appeal to the Men of Great Britain on Behalf of Women*. Author unknown. (London: J. Johnson & J. Bell, 1798)
- 396.2: *Women’s Work and Women’s Culture: A Series of Essays*, ed. by Josephine E. Butler (London: Macmillan, 1869). Introduction states that the essays ‘were all written before Mr J.S. Mill’s book – “The Subjection of Women” – appeared.’
- 393.3: *A Woman’s Thoughts About Women*. Author unknown. (London: Hurst and Blackett, 1858). Seemingly in support of women’s work and independence.
- 396.45: *Three Guineas*, by Virginia Woolf. 1<sup>st</sup> edn. (London: Hogarth Press, 1938)
- 396.2/4: *A Vindication of the Rights of Women*, by Mary Wollstonecraft. 1<sup>st</sup> edn. [new binding] (London: J. Johnson, 1792)
- 396.5/2: *Industrial Employment of Women in the Middle and Lower Ranks*, by John Duguid Milne, advocate, Aberdeen. (London: Longmans, Green, & Co., 1870)
- 396.6: *The Women of England: Their Social Duties and Domestic Habits*, by Mrs Ellis (London: Fisher, Son, & Co., 1838)
- 396.6/3: *An Enquiry into the Duties of the Female Sex*, by Thomas Gisborne (London: T. Cadell and W. Davies, 1797)

*The Northumberland Archives* hold a number of personal histories of women across Northumberland, as well as records of Women’s Institutes. Items of interest include:

- NRO.T/108: Oral history of Miss N.E. Balls, suffragette. Recorded 25 June 1975. Originally from North Shields, Miss Balls moved to Tynemouth to attend Miss Herbert's School. She attended her first suffrage meeting at 12 years of age. A member of the WSPU, her interview includes details of: support for suffrage from eminent local women; details of social composition of WSPU; recollections about Mrs Pankhurst and Christabel Pankhurst; details of arrest at petitioning of House of Commons (1910); details of war work in canteen for soldiers at Whitley Bay; details of the commencement of Girl Guides after the war; her election to Tynemouth Town Council; outbreak of World War II and her work as an air-raid warden.

## PRINT, PUBLISHING & BOOKSELLING

*Gateshead Central Library* holds:

- Box 028: A poster printed by J. Marshall (Gateshead) entitled 'The Great Assize, or Day of Judgement'.
- Box 070: Four printing blocks, relating to the Bensham Grove Settlement.
- Box 076: Dodds family papers, including documents relating to their printing business of Newcastle Quayside, 19C. Also see **Politics & Local Government**.
- Local Row 22: A one pound note from the Northumberland Bank for a John Reed (Reed and Company), with picture designed and produced by Thomas Bewick.

*The Newcastle City Library* holds a collection of catalogues and publicity materials relating to twentieth-century local publishers, as well as printed histories of local printing presses. These include:

- L655 (Size 1): *History of the Catnach Press*, by Charles Hindley (1886). A history of printers based in Berwick-upon-Tweed, Alnwick and Newcastle, as well as in Seven Dials, London.
- L018.4 (Size 2): Local Publishers – Catalogues and Publicity Materials (1973-1990)
- L015.428 (Size 3): Local books: John Bell (Landsurveyor) – 'Gatherings of Scarce Books Locally Printed in the Counties of Northumberland and Durham, or Relative Thereto'. Collection of notices relating to such books, put together by John Bell (with handwritten note from Bell giving reasons for building collection). Includes: handwritten lists and details of books; advertisements for printers, booksellers etc.; notices of publications (including, for example, 'The Portraiture of the Primitive Saints' [1652], and 'The Catalogue of the Hebrew Saints' [1659] – seemingly hand-traced by Bell from original advertisements) (1652-c.1823); accounts; letters.

In addition, the library holds a number of books printed in Newcastle in the seventeenth century and later. These include some of the earliest books to be printed in Newcastle, including:

- SL252: Thomas [Morton], *A sermon preached before the Kings most Excellent Majestie*, Newcastle, 1639.
- SL283.42: John Deodate, *An answer sent to the Ecclesiastical Assembly at London*, Newcastle, 1647.
- SL252.7: Robert Jenison, *The faithfull depositary of sound doctrine and ancient truths*, Newcastle, 1649.
- SL234.4: Thomas Wollfall, *The doctrine and practice of renovation*, Gateside, 1653.
- SL172.1: R. Thomson, *The loyall subject. Treating of Magistracy, Ministry, Religion, &c.*, Newcastle, 1660. According to the catalogue, there is a copy (Acc. No. 2480) that contains manuscript notes concerning the execution of Charles I, but this copy is presently lost.

For more information about the early printed books in the library's collection, see:

- L018.1: J. C. Day, *A Short-Title Catalogue of the English and Continental Books (Pre 1700) in the General and Local Collections at Newcastle Central Library* (1982)

In addition, the 'Local Tracts' collection contains c.200 volumes, mostly eighteenth- and nineteenth-century locally-printed tracts, bound alphabetically by subject.

*The Literary & Philosophical Society* holds a number of volumes on the art of bookmaking and bookselling, bibliography, and cataloguing, as well as on general book history. These include:

- 010.3: *A Bibliographical Dictionary; containing a chronological account, alphabetically arranged, of the most curious, scarce, useful, and important books, in all departments of literature. From the infancy of*

*printing to the beginning of the nineteenth century. With biographical anecdotes of authors, printers and publishers.* 6 vols. (1802-1804) & 2 vol. supplement (1806).

- 010.8: *The Gentleman's Magazine Library*. 2 vols. (1888-1889). Preface states: 'The Gentleman's Magazine was always open to contributions on almost any branch of literary history or curiosity.' Vol. I: 'Literary Curiosities and Notes' – contents include: bookmaking & bookselling; libraries & book clubs; bibles, prayer-books and devotional books. Vol. II: 'Bibliographical Notes' – contents include: 'notes on special books'; 'special subjects'.
- 015.42: *The London Catalogue of Books* (1805-1849); then *The English Catalogue of Books* (1850-1947)

*The Northumberland Archives* is home to the Davison Collection, a collection of approximately 4,500 printers' proofs from W. Davison Printers of Alnwick, in addition to other material relating to the book trade:

- BRO.0260: The Davison Collection. Posters promoting elections, rewards for stolen goods, shop and theatre advertisements, list of paupers in the Alnwick Union, notice from the Board of Health of Alnwick, Northumberland. All printed by W. Davison of Alnwick (c.1826-1850).
- SANT/BEQ/22: Papers of John Oxberry (1857-1940). MSS, newspaper cuttings, pictures including Oxberry's research on history of printing and bookselling in Newcastle
- SANT/GUI/NCL/2/1: Records of the Booksellers Company of Newcastle upon Tyne, Minutes and Accounts 1801 – 1822

*Robinson Library Special Collections* holds the libraries of sixteenth- and seventeenth-century grammar schools, and some of these collections contain rare examples of binding. See also: **Education**. It also holds the Pybus Papers, including material relating to Pybus' interest in book-collecting:

- Pybus papers, Box 11: Correspondence. MS letters from book sellers in England and abroad, newspaper cuttings from book booksellers and printers giving some information about books, some sale records, an annotated bibliography of books(different subjects), information about foreign printers (for instance French) and printing methods.

The Bell (John and Thomas) Collection contains 4 boxes of material relating to the local book trade (nineteenth century). A typescript catalogue detailing some of the collection items may be consulted in the Special Collections Reading Room.

*Tyne & Wear Archives* hold the records of the Wilson family, who ran bookbinding business on Nelson Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, and later in St Thomas' Street. It also holds the Wood Collection, an extensive collection of printing proofs spanning from May 1782-April 1944, and the papers of Thomas Dixon (1831-1880) which include correspondence about and with booksellers.

- DX597: Wilson family, Newcastle – records (1678-1900).
- L/PA/1754: Papers of Thomas and Alice Broad, Parliamentary Printers of York (1644)
- B1501-H8227: The Wood Collection. A variety of cultural forms are represented within the Wood Collection, the most numerous of which are the plays, variety concerts, musical concerts and film showings detailed in the daybills, playbills, handbills and posters in the Collection. Other cultural forms featured include opera, ballet, drawing-room entertainment, educational or informative events such as lectures and exhibitions, sporting events such as cricket and football matches, and circuses. There are a small number of items relating to cultural forms that invited an increased level of participation from those attending, such as sports days, beauty pageants, miscellaneous competitions

and picnics. There are a few posters advertising sea excursions and regattas. The earliest item in the Wood Collection dates from May 1782 (a playbill of *The Moor's Revenge, or, Spanish Insult Repaid*), and the latest dates from April 1944 (a handbill for a variety concert). However, the majority of items in the Collection fall within the period 1830-1920, with a particularly high concentration of items between 1850 and 1910. The majority of the items in the Collection are from the Hartlepool printing firm John Procter & Sons, and, as a result, a great deal of these items are for venues in the Hartlepool area. However, other locations do feature in the Collection, primarily those in and around the North East of England. Please note that at least half of this collection is uncatalogued, and those requiring access will need to seek assistance from an archivist.

- 717/49-81: Papers of Thomas Dixon. Letters. MS 32 items. Written 1866-1880 from Edward Pearson (from London) concerning lists of chapbooks, children's books, and local book dealers.

## READING & LITERACY

See also **Education; Religious & Charitable Organisations.**

### Libraries

*Beamish Museum* holds at least two ex-lending library collections: the Eldon Lane Working Man's Club and Institute, and the Westgate Subscription Library. Both appear to be early-mid twentieth century. The collections have been broken up and dispersed among the appropriate subjects so it is difficult to gain a sense of how large the collections were or if the museum holds any others. The most numerous or popular categories represented in these libraries (judging by the number of library bookplates found) were children's literature and popular fiction (especially romance and detective novels), and hobby literature (beekeeping, wine-making, gardening, etc.).

*Gateshead Central Library* holds the following material relating to public libraries in County Durham:

- Box 038-039 and Box 076: Papers relating to Birtley Library, 1929-1956
- Box 069: Manuscript notebook containing contact details of members of the Gateshead Library Committees, 1924-1946
- Box 075: Durham County Council Libraries Sub-Committee, Minutes 1965-73.
- Box 078: Correspondence of Lord Attlee (1883-1967) regarding memento book of visit to Felling in 1960, and related newspaper cuttings of visit.

*Newcastle City Library* archives hold a particularly comprehensive selection of materials on local libraries in and around the city centre. The Newcastle City Library is also home to the Thomlinson Library, the collection of books donated to the first public library in Newcastle – located in St Nicholas' Cathedral (established c.1680) – by Dr Robert Thomlinson, Rector of Whickham, in 1736. These books, dating from as early as c.1580, are available to view on request (many of them are in currently in a poor state of conservation). See the Thomlinson Library collection on the library's website. See also: **Religious & Charitable Organisations.**

Other items of interest on libraries held in the Newcastle City Library archives include:

- L.027.4 (Size 1): Libraries – Several folders containing material related to libraries in and around Newcastle upon Tyne. Folders include: documents relating to closures; building plans; press cuttings about openings; stock books, etc. (1904-present)
- L016 (Size 2): Newcastle public libraries – Book lists (1937-1964)
- L019.1: Catalogue of the library at Bamburgh Castle. 2 vols. (1859)

*The Literary & Philosophical Society* has a range of books on bibliography, cataloguing and general book history, for details of which please see: **Literature; Print, Publishing & Bookselling.** There are a range of specific library catalogues and subject indexes, including:

- 016.62: *Catalogue of the Library of the Institute of Civil Engineers*. 3 vols. (1895)
- 017.1/1: *Catalogue of the Library of the London Institution*. 4 vols. (1840)
- 017.1/9: *Catalogue of the Osterhout Free Library of Wilkes-Barré, P.A.* 2 vols. (1889)
- 017.1/11: *Glasgow Public Libraries: Catalogue of the Gorbals District Library* (1902)
- 019.1/13: *British Museum Subject Index* (1881-1950)
- 018.2/5: *Catalogue of the Zoological Society of London* (1902)
- 019.1/3: *Catalogue of the Edinburgh Subscription Library* (1816)



There is also a complete run of the journal of *The Library*, the journal of the Bibliographical Society, as well as 16 volumes of the *Annual Library Index*:

- [020.6/3](#): *The Library: A Magazine of Bibliography & Literature*. 127 vols. (1889-2013)
- [050.2](#): *Annual Library Index*. 16 vols. (1892-1908)

See also the Patients' Library Collection under **Medical History**.

*Northumberland Archives* hold a comprehensive selection of materials relating to public libraries across Northumberland, as well as more historic libraries, book clubs and lending libraries, including, for example:

- [NRO.006636](#): Blyth Library – Records of Blyth Library, Blyth Borough, Thomas Burt's petition, printed books and other printed records (1811-1978)
- [NRO.00452/D/12/1/1/1](#): Catalogue of books bequeathed to the Library at Bamburgh Castle, Northumberland, by Rev. John Sharp (1796)
- [NRO.817](#): *Rules of the Till Side Book Club*. Printed leaflet of rules of Till Side Book Club lending library, 'As agreed on at a general meeting, January 4<sup>th</sup> 1858'.
- [NRO.2861](#): Subscribers' list for Hermitage Library, Acomb Schoolroom (1861)
- [EP 64/42](#): Catalogue of Mothers' Union Library, Newcastle Upon Tyne Diocese, (nd)

Also held at the Northumberland Archives are the records of the Allenheads Leadminers' Library, Allendale, Northumberland. The Library was set up by the owners of the mine explicitly for miners' use, and the archives hold a list of members, as well as a catalogue of books. The members' list and catalogue can be used together to ascertain which members borrowed which books:

- [NRO.00672/I/1/1/1](#): Catalogue of books purchased for Allenheads Leadminers' Library. Volume records number of book [running number], title of book, by whom it was purchased, cost of book, and details about borrowing. Volume also records date of borrowing and membership number of person borrowing book. (1849-1870)
- [NRO.00672/I/1/1/2](#): List of members of Allenheads Leadminers' Library. Includes: name, address, membership number, and details of subscription paid. (1849-1882)

*Robinson Library Special Collections* holds the libraries of five North East grammar schools, dating largely from the sixteenth to the eighteenth centuries. See also: **Education**. It also holds the Hospital Archives, which includes material relating to several medical libraries in the North East:

- [Hosp. Archives 1-4](#): *A catalogue of the medical library at the Infirmary* (Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Printed for Emerson Charnley, 1859)
- [Hosp. Archives 15-19](#): Minutes of meetings of the Newcastle upon Tyne Medical and Philosophical Society (1786-1875)
- [Hosp. Archives 39](#): *Historical and descriptive account of the Newcastle Infirmary with catalogue of the books in the library at the Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, 1823* (Newcastle: T. & J. Hodgson, 1823)
- [Hosp. Archives 67](#): MS catalogue of the library of the North of England Pharmaceutical Association (no date of compilation)
- [Hosp. Archives 70 \(1-7\)](#): MS borrower registers and recommendation books c. 1850-1894. 7 vols. of MS of borrower registers (1850-1926) and recommendation books, a typescript catalogue of the library at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle
- [Burman Alnwick 59](#): List of members (Alnwick Medical Book Club), 1847

*Tyne and Wear Archives* holds material relating to the Sunderland Subscription Library (founded 1794) under the accession number SX11. Material from 1844–1905 includes minutes, correspondence and a catalogue:

- SX11/6: Catalogue of the Sunderland Subscription Library (1845–1850), 1 vol. Includes lists of books published in 1779-1850s in Newcastle, York, London, and names of donors.

### Literary Clubs, Reading Groups & Reading Rooms

*The Newcastle City Library* holds the records of the Newcastle Literary Club, including correspondence, minutes and press notices:

- L374.23 (Size 1): Newcastle Literary Club (1888-1890)

*Northumberland Archives* hold a range of materials relating to reading societies – and particularly nineteenth-century reading societies – across Northumberland, including, for example:

- NRO.1114/1-72: Coanwood Reading Society records and books, including a selection of nineteenth-century magazines and other publications (1824-1881).
- NRO.2880: Ulgham Reading Society records (1895-1942). Including: 1) Society Minute Book (1895-1912); 2) Society Draft Minute Book (1902-1912), with list of members; 3) Society Draft Minute Book (1913-1922); 4) File of vouchers and correspondence.
- NRO.3784/1-17: Amble Literary Society Records (1936-1989). Includes: minute books; correspondence; cash books; programmes; financial papers.
- (SANT/BEQ/5/1/40): J. M Bell's first report (1816) of the *Literary and Poetic Society of Newcastle upon Tyne*. Part of the Thomas Bell Collection (c. 1771-1890)

*Robinson Library Special Collections* holds the Hospital Archives Collection which includes catalogues and material relating to various medical libraries and medical book clubs in the North East. See also: **Medical History**.

*Tyne & Wear Archives* holds material relating to several reading rooms and societies, including the Old Assembly Rooms library (note that the Old Assembly Rooms collection has a paper catalogue only, which may be consulted in the search room. Online records are summarised under the accession number 160):

- SX58/1-2: Earsdon Reading Room committee minutes and MS scrapbooks containing subscription lists, newspaper cuttings and lists of lectures given
- (no call number): Wylam Institute & News Room material
- DT. OAR. 160/1/ 64-65: Old Assembly Rooms library (est. 1797). MS books containing subscription lists, book orders etc. between 1799-1812
- DT. OAR. 160/1/203-4: Old Assembly Rooms library. Miscellaneous MS correspondence
- DT. OAR. 160/1/209: *A catalogue of books in the library of the Old Assembly Room* (printed in Newcastle by Hodgson). Catalogue of books (about 162 volumes of eighteenth and nineteenth century books on different subjects) and 1842 accounts of the sales of books with the name of purchasers
- DT. OAR. 160/1/ 221: Old Assembly Rooms library. Miscellaneous papers, bound book with notices and letters pasted in, MS and typescript letters about ordering books, pamphlets and periodicals

- DF.COW/D/14 (1-49) (on microfilm): Cowan Collection. Material relating to the Winlaton Literary and Scientific Institution Reading Room surviving in the papers of Joseph Cowan who was involved in setting it up; includes copies of its Rules (July – September 1847).
- MI.GA: Records of the Gateshead Literary, Scientific and Mutual Improvement Society (also known as Gateshead Mechanics Institute), including minutes (1836-1962) and membership register 1878-1882
- SX28: Records of the Bishop Wearmouth Ladies' Book Club, including minutes (1840-1912), list of books (1854-1869), accounts and subscribers.
- 1074/230: Papers of Alderman William Bramble. Newspaper cuttings. 1 vol. Concerns history of the Mechanics Institute, article about the St. Nicholas Library before 1597, the first circulating library (before 1746), oldest Durham Newspaper (1814).

### Personal Libraries

*The Alnwick Archive* includes some material and catalogues relating to the Percy family's library:

- DNA 2/C/10: catalogue of books, showing titles, number of volumes, size of volumes, places and dates of publication (nineteenth century)
- DNA 2/C/11/1-2: A complete list of books left at Geneva (2 lists), 1829
- DNM/D/2/7: List of books, said to be a catalogue of the library of Elizabeth, Countess of Northumberland (n.d.)
- DNM/D/2/9-12: List of books having on them the stamp of the ninth Earl of Northumberland (1564-1632) (n.d.)
- DNM/D/2/13-14: Letters to the Fourth Duke of Northumberland on the purchase of books (1850)

*Robinson Library Special Collections* holds material relating to and records of a number of personal libraries in the Robert White Collection:

- W018.3 HEB: *A catalogue of Heber's collection of early English poetry* (London: E. Lumley, 1834). Richard Heber (1773-1833) was one of several book collectors in Newcastle. The catalogue contains notices, prices and purchasers' names.

See also: **History & Archaeology; Literature.**

- W941 M.C.45: *Catalogue of the library of a clergyman* [Rev. Joseph Atkinson ?] (Newcastle upon Tyne [England]: [s. n.], 1864)
- W018.3 SAL: *Catalogue of the library of the late John Hodgson* (Newcastle upon Tyne [England]: Stevenson & Dryden, 1870). Contains printed catalogues, sale records and newspaper cuttings bound together. There are also catalogues of the libraries of Rev. George Waddington (published in 1869, Durham) and of the library belonging to Simon Joel (printed in 1871 in Newcastle) catalogued with this.
- W018.3 ELL: *Catalogue of the library of the late James Ellis* (Newcastle [England]: T. and J. Hodgson, 1830)
- W018.3 BEL: "The Thomas Bell library" (Newcastle upon Tyne: Imprinted by J. G. Foster, 1860). Catalogue details 15000 published items in the collection, relating to politics, the local book trade, the Port of Tyne, local literature and history, business, songs and ballads etc. The published collection itself can be searched via the library catalogue; however the archives are uncatalogued.

- (no call number): Bell-White Collection Manuscript Album. This contains catalogues of books to be sold at auction, including the collection of Newcastle printer M. Angus and letters from various people (including Matthew Arnold and Thomas Carlyle) on the subject to books and libraries. This item is part of the uncatalogued Bell-White archives.
- Pybus papers, Box 5: Correspondence. MS letters from visitors to the library, correspondence on the Pybus Collection, on the disposal of the library from booksellers (from England and abroad), bills for book purchase, Pybus' library at Whiteknights, Pybus' collection in University Library. Note Special Collections has a box-level finding aid online, but the archives are not catalogued at item level.
- Pybus papers, Box 6: Correspondence. MS letters between friends about Pybus's donation of books to other individuals and institutions, list of books donated, letters about book binding and some books to book sellers and collectors.
- (no call number): Robert White papers. These contain assorted manuscripts and printed ephemera, as well as White's correspondence. The collection is uncatalogued.

*Tyne and Wear Archives* holds the papers of Thomas Dixon (1831-1880), who had a personal library as well as an interest in literature and public libraries. Relevant material includes:

- 717/134-135: 2 MS letters (1868) from J. Gallagher (from Darlington) concerning Dixon's Free Library
- 717/150-151: 2 MS letters (1872) from J. Summers (from London) concerning Dixon's Free Library
- 717/154: 1 MS letter (1872) from John S. Cullins (from Birmingham) concerning the catalogue of the Central Lending and Reference Libraries.

The Archives also hold:

- DX494/1: *Last will and testament of Joseph Cownley of Newcastle written in 1792*. MS 1 item. Cownley was a Methodist preacher; his will includes information about his library (about 70 books), where he got them, and to whom they are bequeathed.

## RELIGION AND CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS

See also **Reading & Literacy**.

*Beamish Museum* holds a significant collection of ephemera relating to religious organisations, for example:

- L 1.0 – 1.1 SHIC 1.111.2 Box 5: Durham Cathedral plans, sections, engravings and notes (1801)
- L 1.0 – 1.1 SHIC 1.111.3 Box 3: Collection of twentieth-century orders of service, hymn sheets, baptism and confirmation programmes, etc.

*Gateshead Central Library* holds a significant collection of material relating to local churches:

- Box 27: Among seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth-century documents relating to land rentals and town planning (see also: **Land & House Management**), there are papers relating to the Bishop's Ordinary Visit of 1778.
- Box 028: Unsorted collection of papers includes manuscript notes, pamphlets and newspaper cuttings relating to St Nicholas Cathedral, Newcastle, and St Mary's, Gateshead, a valuation of the Old Gateshead Presbyterian Chapel in 1847, papers relating to the visitation of the Bishop of Durham in 1745, and miscellaneous eighteenth- and nineteenth-century church papers includes documents relating to a clergy meeting in Northallerton (1784) and a transcript of the 1671 charter to freemasons by the Bishop of Durham. Also a poster printed by J. Marshall (Gateshead) entitled 'The Great Assize, or Day of Judgement'.
- Box 071: Letter from John Wesley to Samuel Fisley, 08 March 1757.
- Box 079-80: Records of St Chad's Church, Gateshead, 1897-1928.
- Box 146: Scrapbook of the Gateshead convent Little Sisters of the Assumption, 1956-91.
- Box 151: Records of St Edmund's Church, Gateshead
- Box 152: Records of Bank Street Methodist Church, 1940-45

There are a collection of church record transcripts for parishes across the original Durham Palantine, many of which date back to the 16th and 17th centuries. See also: **Newcastle-upon-Tyne & North East History**.

*The Newcastle City Library* archives hold a substantial range of church and parish magazines in addition to the Thomlinson Library, a collection largely ecclesiastical in character (see the entry under Reading & Literacy), as well as records relating to the Thomlinson Library. Transcripts of national and regional parish registers are available on open access (L929.3). The Mackey Collection of tracts contains some religious pamphlets. Examples include:

- L018.1: *A Catalogue of the Library in St. Nicolas Church, Newcastle upon Tyne* (Newcastle: St. Nicholas Church, 1829). Includes a printed copy of the will of Robert Thomlinson, a catalogue of books of The Old Library and Thomlinson and 3 reports (complaints) of visitors (1789, 1826, and 1827)
- 3857(uncatalogued): *An Extract from the Visitor's Book of the Public Library* (bound book with MS and printed material pasted in)
- L282.2.W.265: Newcastle Diocesan Gazette, Parish Magazine (1897-1933)
- 252 (Mackey Collection): Peter Smart, *A sermon preached in the cathedrall church of Durham, July, 7. 1628* (London: Printed by Bernard Alsop and Thomas Fawcet, 1640)
- 283.42 (Mackey Collection): John Deodate, *An answer sent to the Ecclesiasticall Assembly at London* (Newcastle: S[tephen] B[ulkley], 1647)

- 225.92 (Mackey Collection): John Shaw, *The pourtraiture of the primitive saints in their actings and sufferings* (Newcastle: S[tephen] B[ulkley], 1652)
- 20 (Mackey Collection): Thomas Weld, *A false Jew* (Gateshead: Printed [by S[tephen]. B[ulkley], 1653)
- 289.6 (Mackey Collection): Thomas Weld, *A further discovery of that generation of men called Quakers* (Gateshead: S[tephen] B[ulkley], 1654)
- 265.1(Mackey Collection): Joseph Besse, *The protestant flail* (London: Assigns of J. Sowle, 1735)

Also of interest in the library's collection are:

- SL253: Edward Chandler, Bishop of Durham, 'Parochial remarks on his visitation supposed in 1736'. Manuscript notes on the population, church services, schools etc., of various parishes in Northumberland and Durham
- L285.2: Newcastle upon Tyne, Groat Market Meeting House, Pew rents. Two manuscript volumes dated 1786-1836.

The Great North Museum holds catalogues of religious libraries:

- 19<sup>th</sup> C. Coll 017 NEW: *Catalogue of the public library in St. Nicholas' Church, Newcastle upon Tyne : with a copy of the will of Robert Thomlinson, D.D. &c., &c. : to which is added a catalogue of books contained in the old library* (Newcastle, England : Printed by T. & J. Hodgson for Emerson Charnley, 1829)
- GNM SANT 017 NEW: *Catalogue of the Newcastle Chapter Library and of the Churchwardens' or Old Parish Library, at the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, Newcastle-upon-Tyne* (Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Printed for the Chapter by Andrew Reid, Sons & Co., 1890).
- PER 900 SUR: *Catalogi veteres librorum Ecclesiae Cathedralis Dunelm* (London: J.B Nichols and Son ... ; William Pickering ... , 1839). Publications of the Surtees Society (Durham), catalogues of the library of Durham Cathedral at various periods from the Conquest to the Dissolution, including catalogues of the library of the Abbey of Hulne, and of the MSS. preserved in the library of Bishop Cosin, at Durham

Robinson Library Special Collections holds 445 books from the Thomlinson Library (incorporated into the Cathedral Library of St. Nicholas); the remainder of the collection is in the Newcastle City Library (see also: **Reading & Literacy**). The Cathedral Library is on permanent loan from the Cathedral. It contains sixteenth- and seventeenth-century theological works, including:

- Allestree, R., *The causes of the decay of Christian piety* (1694)
- Brevint, D. Missale, *Romanum, or the depth and mystery of Roman Mass laid open and explained* (1672)
- Patrick, S., *Divine arithmetic, or the right art of numbering our days ...* (1659)
- an English Bible with a list of children born 1616-1629 on the front endpaper

The collection is uncatalogued.

The Northumberland Archives holds records relating to a number of churches, and more particularly to charitable organisation across Northumberland. These include:

- NRO.604: Hexham Soup Kitchen Collection. Includes: account books, recipes, tokens and donation books (1841-1930)
- NRO.1516: Catholic Emigration Society Records (1929-1934)
- NRO.1558: St Nicholas', Newcastle. Parish Records (1558-c.1990)
- NRO.2253: All Saints, Newcastle. Charity school vouchers (1827)
- NRO.2849: Typed copies of papers regarding William Turner (d. 1568), botanist and religious controversialist.

The archive also holds parish records and material relating to the St Nicholas' Church library, as well as the papers of the Delaval family, which include some miscellaneous late sixteenth-century MS on religious subjects:

- EP 86: 460 items, 1504-2004. Includes Library Visitors' Books 1877-1902 (EP 86/82) and 1902-1928 (EP 86/83)
- 1DE/12/1: Delaval Family papers. MS tract: 'Against the Pope's supremacy' (sixteenth century)
- 1DE/12/5: 'Scriptura' (sixteenth century)
- 1DE/12/6: 'Of indulgences' (sixteenth century)
- 1DE/12/7: 'Of purgatory' (sixteenth century)
- 1DE/12/8: 'Of the Scriptures' (sixteenth century)
- 1DE/12/9: 'Against transubstantiation' (sixteenth century)

*Tyne and Wear Archives* holds records of Quaker societies' libraries and book clubs, and of the library of the St. James' United Reformed Church, including:

- 3760/610/1-2 (not catalogued on line, microfilm 211): The Society of Friends' Library and Register. Includes a catalogue of the Friends' library (500+ seventeenth-, eighteenth-, nineteenth-century books) and library register (records of book lent, with the name of borrowers and the bookshelf).
- 3760/520/01 (not catalogued online, microfilm 207): Newcastle Upon Tyne Friends' Book Society. Folder of MS papers comprising the Society's rules, prospectus and subscription (1826-1844), sale reports and a list of members in 1844.
- 520/02-3: MS minute book covering 1859, 1860, 1861; list of Book Society members, sale records, books proposed to be purchased, minutes (1859-1886) and rules revised.
- 3760/530.01-03 (MF 208): material relating to Newcastle and Shields Religious Tract Association of Friends, approx. 1876-1878, including minutes, catalogues of tracts published around the country and lists of children's literature published in Newcastle 1877-1878
- C.NC7/5/8 (1-3): St James United Reformed Church Sunday School Library catalogues (1867-1885)
- C.TH1/7: Sunday School Library Register. MS, 1 vol. (1885-1905), contains names of borrowers and reference number of borrowed books

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

See also: **Literature; Newcastle upon Tyne.**

### Railways

*Beamish Museum* holds a large number of publications and images relating to the railways. Most are relatively modern published histories of the railways. Items of interest might include:

- Almost 400 relevant photographs searchable via the *People's Collection* online catalogue (<http://collections.beamish.org.uk>)
- 385.ER.2: W. Fawcett, *Drawings of Buildings and Other Structures on the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway* (n.p.; n.d.)
- AUD2009-118: audio recording of Cliff Howes' recollections of a career in the railways as signalman and locomotive driver.
- AUD1990-40: audio recording of Harry Turnbull's recollections of locomotive driving techniques, signals and working conditions on mining railways.
- 385.ER.2: Lecount, Peter, *A practical treatise on railways, explaining their construction and management* (Adam & Charles Black: Edinburgh, n.d.)

*The Literary & Philosophical Society* holds:

- 656.4: *Bradshaw's Railway Manual and Directory* (1861-1900 & 1916)

*The Northumberland Archives* hold material relating to the development of the railways in Britain and the North East in particular. This includes:

- NRO.504: Tracts & Autographs, Thomas Sopwith (1836-1864). Includes bound volume of manuscript letters between Thomas Sopwith, W. Armstrong and Robert Stephenson, concerning Newcastle and Northumberland rail network, as well as some personal correspondence. Letters regard: proposed railways termini at Newcastle and Carlisle (1836); proposed road from Shotley Bridge (1838); address at Mr Beaumont's Leadmines in East and West Allendale and Weardale (nd); mining districts of North of England (1864); specimens of Lead ore, lead, silver, etc. from mines at Allenhead (n.d.). Autographs, Armstrong and Robert Stephenson, T. Sopwith. Bound volume of letters with W.G. Armstrong (1846-59); Robert Stephenson (1850-57). Letters mostly concern personal matters, although there are some references to locomotives.

*Robinson Library Special Collections* holds the papers of Sir Walter Caverley Trevelyan (1797-1879), which include material on the Northumberland Railways:

- WCT 296: Bound scrapbook of leaflets, cuttings etc. on family history and local affairs; includes material on the Northumberland Central Railway
- WCT 300 – 304: Letters, papers, maps and official documents relating to the Wansbeck, North British and Central Northumberland Railways, including a copy of the Wansbeck Railway Act, 1859 (1859-82)



## Other Technologies & Science

*Beamish Museum* holds a significant number of nineteenth and twentieth century textbooks, manuals, and periodicals on a wide range of scientific and technological subjects, aimed at both professionals and amateurs. The collection includes texts on Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biological Sciences and Geology, steam, electrical and mechanical engineering, pharmacology, medicine, public health and dentistry. Holdings are particularly strong in all kinds of engineering, and examples include:

- 621.21: Oliver Evans, *The Young Mill-Wright and Miller's Guide* (Philadelphia: Blanchard and Lea, 1853)
- 621.11: W. H. Northcott, *The Theory and Action of the Steam Engine (For Practical Men)* (London; Paris; New York: Petter and Galpin [1876?])

See also **Mining; Medical History**.

*The Literary & Philosophical Society* holds a substantial amount of material relating to science, technology and innovation, particularly of the late nineteenth century. These include:

- 654.6/3: *The Telephone, the Microphone and the Phonograph*, by Count du Marcel (London: C. Kegan & Paul, 1879)
- 654.6/4: *The Telephone*, by William Henry Preece & Julius Maier (London: Whitaker & Co., 1891)

*Robinson Library Special Collections* holds the papers of Sir Walter Caverley Trevelyan (1797-1879), which include material on botany, geology, mineralogy, and zoology:

- WCT 284: Miscellaneous letters, notes, cuttings and pamphlets about phrenology and mesmerism. 65 items (1821?-57)
- WCT 288: Miscellaneous letters, notes and sketches on natural history, including 3 cards of mounted plants and ferns. 44 items (1816?-43)

See also: **Learned Societies; History & Archaeology**.

It also holds the letters of Mabel Spence Watson, including:

- 213/108: Robert Spence Watson, ALS to Mabel Watson, 24 November 1880. MS, 1 item. Description of Swan's Lecture to Lit & Phil on electricity

## SOCIETIES & CLUBS

See also: **Reading & Literacy; Religion & Charitable Organisations; Politics; Education.**

### Community Societies & Clubs

*Beamish Museum* has a large collection of ephemera relating to local clubs and organisations, including:

- L 1.0 – 2.1 SHIC 1.25 Boxes 6/7: Collection of Temperance Society ephemera, including cadet certificates and promotional literature. Early- to mid-20<sup>th</sup> century.
- L 1.0 – 2.1 SHIC 1.28 – 1.29 Boxes 8; 10; 12: Collection of community organisation and society ephemera, including membership cards, programmes, newsletters, prize certificates etc. Early- to mid-twentieth-century. Groups represented include working men's clubs, horticultural societies, the Women's Institute, Girl Guides and Boy Scouts, Co-operative and Friendly societies, Freemasons, the Order of Druids, and the Ancient Order of Forresters.
- 336.1: Box of Freemasonry pamphlets and regulations. 20<sup>th</sup> century.

### Learned Societies

*The Newcastle City Library* holds a variety of records of learned societies in Newcastle upon Tyne and the surrounding areas. These include:

- L374 (Size 1): *Reports of the Literary, Scientific and Municipal Institution, Newcastle upon Tyne* [set up by Joseph Cowen]. (1825-1879)
- L506 (Size 1): *Papers read at the Durham Philosophical Society* (1765-1868)
- L506 (Size 1): *Reports of the Northumberland, Durham and Newcastle Natural History Society* (1831-2013)
- L720.6 (Size 3): *Reports of the Durham and Northumberland Architectural and Archaeological Society* (1862-present)
- L920.H584 (Size 3): Letter of R.O. Heslop, President of the Literary & Philosophical Society from 1887-1914.

*The Great North Museum* holds the Society for Antiquaries' library, and the papers of the Natural History Society, including:

- (no call number): *The Proceedings of the Antiquarian Society at Newcastle Upon Tyne* (printed in Newcastle and Gateshead by the Society). 4 series of printed books: 1st series (1855-1884), 2nd. series (1885-1904), 3rd. series (1905-1922), 4th. Series (1923-1950), 5th series (1951-1956)
- (no call number): *Transactions of the Tyneside Naturalists' Field Club* (1846-1864), 6 vols. (Newcastle: F. & W. Dodsworth)
- (no call number): *Transactions of the Natural History Society of Northumberland, Durham and Newcastle upon Tyne*, 15 vols. (Newcastle: F. & W. Dodsworth, 1865 - 1913).
- (no call number): *Transactions of the Natural History Society of Northumberland, Durham and Newcastle upon Tyne (New Series)*. 27 vols. (Edinburgh: William & Norgate, 1904 – 1972; 1986 – 2007) (W. L. Large & Sons LTD, 1972 – 1985)

- ASC4 S4: 2 bound volumes of scrapbooks containing pasted in newspaper cuttings between 1912-1953, on syllabus of lectures, report of lectures, letters to the editor, articles about the having lectures for children and young people.

*The Literary & Philosophical Society* has records of other Literary and Philosophical societies, and similar, across the United Kingdom. These include:

- 062.6: Transactions & Papers of the Manchester Literary Club. Vols. 1-5 (1875-1879)
- 062.8: Proceedings of the Literary & Philosophical Society of Liverpool. Vols. 5-6 (1849-1850)
- 062.10: *The Learned Societies and Printing Clubs of the United Kingdom: Being an account of their respective origin, history, objects, and constitution, with full details respecting membership fees, their published works and transactions, notices of their periods and places of meeting &c.* By Rev. A Hulme (London: G. Willis, 1853)
- 506.90: *Proceedings of the Royal Society*. Vols. 1, 6, 8-106 (1800-1830; 1850-54; 1856-1924)
- 606.18: *Transactions of the Society, Instituted at London, for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce*. Vols. 1-56 (1783-1847) [Vol. 52 missing]

The Society's own records include minutes and reports, correspondence, newspaper cuttings and printed books. Not all have call numbers. Examples of holdings include:

- (no call number): *Committee Minutes and Reports* (1793-1844) 10 vols.
- N0426: *Annual Reports*, vol. II (1793-1844) (printed in Newcastle: T. & Hodson, 1803). Printed book with MS letters and printed materials pasted in
- (no call number): *Letter Books of the Literary and Philosophical Society* (1793-1844). 10 vols. Mostly MSS with some printed material, not catalogued, volumes are classified according to date, general correspondence on matters relating to the running of the Society.
- N800/1: *Papers read at the Monthly Readings at the Literary and Philosophical society*. MS, 3 vols. (1793-1825)
- 3518 spec B: *Miscellaneous Papers* (1812-1831), vol. I. letters and newspaper cuttings, list of papers read/sent to members, announcements, explanations on papers, comments and suggestions on the improvement of the Society, letter discharging John Marshall (a librarian/printer) because of the publication of 'Political Litany' in 1817, list of local acts of parliament, observations on the utility of public institutions regarding the subject of natural history, newspaper cuttings for and against the inclusion of *Don Juan* in the library in 1818, as well as its text, list of members 1825-1832.

*The Northumberland Archives* holds the Society of Antiquaries' papers catalogued under the Accession Number SANT. The papers consist in total of 220 boxes of material dating between the thirteenth and twentieth centuries. The Society's administrative records are catalogue(d) under SANT/ADMIN and include committee minute and reports, correspondence, member lists, etc. For other material see **Literature; Art & Culture; History & Archaeology**. Additional items of interest include:

- SANT/BEQ/6/1/1-6: John Bell, *An Account of the Rise and Progress of the Society of Antiquaries*, 6 vols (1812-1829)

*Robinson Library Special Collections* holds the Trevelyan Family Papers. The papers of Sir Walter Caverley Trevelyan (1797-1879) include numerous items relating to local and national learned societies, including:

- WCT 277: Miscellaneous printed leaflets and letters on the British Association; the Museum of Classical Antiquities; St. Andrews Literary and Philosophical Society etc. 15 items (1839?-75)

- WCT 287: Miscellaneous notes, sketches and papers on geology, including WCT's address on Bamburgh to the Natural History Society, Edinburgh, November 1822. 31 items (1822?-77)

The papers of Charles Edward Trevelyan (1807- 1886) include:

- CET 76: Miscellaneous printed pamphlets and papers, including a printed report *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne on a visit to Wallington, 1883*

See also: **Science**.

*Tyne & Wear Archives* holds the records of the Sunderland Literary and Philosophical Society:

- 838/78: Minutes, bound MS book; 1 item (1847-1857)
- 838/71: Printed notices and catalogues of notices, 3 vols. Printed in 1838 by Edward Smith, Sunderland

The Archives also hold the records of the Newcastle upon Tyne Liberal Club; see **Politics**.

## TRAVEL

For material relating to the travels of individuals from the North East of England (such as letters, diaries etc.), see: **Newcastle upon Tyne**.

*Beamish Museum* has a number of nineteenth- and twentieth-century travel and sightseeing guides and texts about Northumberland and Newcastle; it also holds a large collection of maps:

- 942.81 NEW: J. Collingwood Bruce, *Reid's Handbook to Newcastle upon Tyne* (London: Longman, 1863)
- 912: Ordnance Survey maps covering the north of England and Scotland (1947)

*The Literary & Philosophical Society* holds a significant amount of material relating to eighteenth and nineteenth-century travel, primarily printed volumes. This includes not only travel writing and books on particular locations, but also printed travel guides, which include maps; trails; details of railway & ship journey times and prices; details of hotels and boarding houses, including prices; sightseeing tips; safety advice for travellers, etc. They also hold a range of nineteenth-century books on the British Empire and colonies, and a number of books on London. These include:

- 914.10: *Colman's European Life*, 2 vols. (1849)
- 914.30: *Travels Thro' Europe* (1768-1771)
- 914.48: *Sketch of a Tour of the Continent*, by James Edward Smith. Vols. 1-3 (1793)
- 654.4A: *Bradshaw's Continental Railway and General Handbook, Illustrated with Local and Other Maps* (c.1901)
- 656.4B & E: *Bradshaw's Through Routes to the Capitals of the World and Overland Guide to India, Persia and the Far East: A Handbook of Indian, Colonial, and Foreign Travel* (1903 & 1913, respectively)
- 910.2/1: *An Essay to Direct and Extent the Enquiries of Patriotic Travellers: With further observations on the means of preserving the life, health, and propriety of the inexperienced in their journeys by land and sea*, by Count Leopold Berchtold (London: 1789)
- 914.31/1-1C: *Baedeker's Northern Germany* (1890; 1897; 1904) and *Baedeker's Southern Germany* (1897)
- 914.34/1D-E: *Baedeker's The Rhine* (1892; 1903)
- 914.436/4 & 4B: *Baedeker's Paris and its Environs* (1900; 1907)
- 914.436/23: *Harper's Guide to Paris and the Exposition of 1900: A Comprehensive Map and Guide to the City of Paris. The Exposition. Illustrated. Practical French Phrases Translated.* [for American visitors to Paris]. Includes detailed information and advice on hotels, boarding houses and furnished apartments.
- 914.4/2A: *Baedeker's Guide to Central Italy & Rome* (1900)
- 914.4/2B: *Baedeker's Guide to Central Italy & Rome* (n.d., c. 1905)
- 914.4/2C: *Baedeker's Guide to Southern Italy & Sicily* (1908)
- 914.4/2D: *Baedeker's Handbook for Travellers: Central Italy & Rome* (1872)
- 915.3: *Baedeker's Handbook for Travellers: Northern Italy* (1889)
- 915.3B: *Baedeker's Handbook for Travellers: Southern Italy & Sicily* (1887)
- 915.3C: *Baedeker's Handbook for Travellers: Southern Italy & Sicily* (1900)
- 915.3D: *Baedeker's Handbook for Travellers: Southern Italy & Sicily* (1872)
- 914.94/1: *The Alpine Journal: A Record of Mountain Adventure & Scientific Observation by Members of the Alpine Club*. Vols. 1-51 (1863-1939)
- 914.94/3 & 3B: *Baedeker's Eastern Alps* (1891 & 1897)

- 914.94B & C: *Bædeker's Switzerland* (1905 & 1897)
- 915.3/2: *Bedouin Tribes of the Euphrates*, by Lady Anne Blunt. 2 vols. (London: John Murray, 1879)
- 915.5/7: *A Winter's Journey from Constantinople to Tebran*, by James Baillie Fraser. 2 vols. (London: Richard Bentley, 1838)
- 915.5/4: *Persia: Ancient and Modern*, by John Piggot (London: Henry S. King, 1874)
- 942.091/4: *Martin's British Colonies*, Vols. 1-5 (1834)
- 942.091/27: Royal Colonial Institute: Proceedings. Vols. 23-36 (1891-1905)
- 942.1/3 & 3A: *Bædeker's Handbook for London & its Environs* (1889 & 1898)
- 942.1/7: *Londiniana: Or, Reminiscences of the British Metropolis*, by Edward Wedlake Brayley. 4 vols. (1829)
- 942.1/10: *The Handbook for London*, by Peter Cunningham. 2 vols. (London: John Murray, 1849)
- 942.1/19: *The Great Metropolis*, by James Grant. 4 vols. (London: Saunders & Otley, 1836)

*Robinson Library Special Collections* holds the papers of William Caverley Trevelyan, which include several travel journals, including:

- WCT 260: MS. journals by WCT about his travels in Italy, Elba, France, Scotland, the Netherlands and Germany. 7 items (1837-1841)
- WCT 263: MS. journal by WCT on a trip to Spain and Portugal (Feb-June 1846).
- WCT 267: Passport and 2 MS. notebooks belonging to WCT (1833?-52)

## WAR & MILITARY HISTORY

See also: **Politics; Literature; Newcastle upon Tyne & North East History.**

The majority of material on war is to be found in the *Northumberland Archives* and *Tyne & Wear Archives*. Both contain a wealth of material relating to the World Wars, as well as to earlier wars (including the Boer War and American Civil War), including: printed government-issued material; photographs; personal diaries, letters and recollections; oral histories; poetry; official records.

### English Civil War

Newcastle City Library's Mackey Collection is rich in material relating to the Civil War, including:

- 283.42 (Mackey Collection): John Deodate, *An answer sent to the Ecclesiasticall Assembly at London* (Newcastle: S[tephen] B[ulkley], 1647)
- 942.062 (Mackey Collection): A. Humbie, *A letter from Newcastle, to the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellour of Scotland, and the rest of the Scottish Commissioners at London* (London: printed for Robert Bostock and Samuel Gellibrand , 1644)
- 942.062 (Mackey Collection): Earl of Algernon Percy Northumberland, *Three speeches delivered in Guild-hall, London, on Tuesday the fourth of March* (London: printed for Peter Cole, 1645)
- 942.062 (Mackey Collection): no author, *XIX propositions made by both Houses of Parliament, to the Kings Most Excellent Majestie* (York: Robert Barker the printer of the king, 1642)
- 942.062 (Mackey Collection): Duke of William Cavendish Newcastle, *A declaration of the Right Honourable the Earle of Newcastle His Excellency, &c* (York: Stephen Bulkley, 1643)
- 942.062 (Mackey Collection): no author, *The Scots army advanced into England* (London: printed for Robert Bostock, 1644)
- 942.062 (Mackey Collection): no author, *A true relation of the taking of Newcastle by assault* (London: printed for Robert White, 1644)
- 942.063 (Mackey Collection): no author, *A declaration of the army of England upon their march into Scotland* (Newcastle: S[tephen] B[ulkley], 1650)
- 942.063 (Mackey Collection): Anon, *A narrative of the proceedings of the northern armies* (London: printed for G. Horton, living in Barbican, 1659)

*The Alnwick Archives*

- (no call number): *Manuscripts and papers of his Grace the Duke of Northumberland at Alnwick Castle*. Letters, MSS. and copies. Bound in 22 folio vols (1139-1696). Includes a 1384 treaty between the Earl of Northumberland and Douglas, an account of the arrest of Cardinal Wolsey, and several letters relating to the Civil War.

### Napoleonic Wars

*The Alnwick Archive* contains correspondence and journals relating to the Percy family:

- DNA F/155/157: Letters on the conduct of Wellington's Spanish campaign and Napoleonic wars, 1806-1813

Note these items can only be viewed at Alnwick Castle

*Tyne and Wear Archives* includes personal papers relating to the Napoleonic Wars:

- DX213: Papers of the Brown family. Including 20 letters from the war in France and Peninsula (1784-1818)

### **Indian Mutiny**

*Robinson Library Special Collections* holds the Trevelyan Family Papers, which includes material in the Charles Edward Trevelyan papers relating to the Indian Mutiny:

- CET 23: Notes by CET on military stations and reserves in Indian colonies (16 March 1842)
- CET 28 – 33: Correspondence and reports relating to the Mutiny and military issues surrounding it (1846 – 60)
- CET 35: Correspondence to CET from Florence Nightingale regarding medical and sanitary problems in the Indian Army, including a printed document *Notes on the recommendations contained in the report of the Sanitary Commission*, by J. McClelland, 10 Oct. 1863, annotated by her (1858-78)

### **American Civil War**

*The Northumberland Archives*

- NRO.02179: Letters and documents relating to the American Civil War (1861-1865)

### **Boer Wars**

*The Northumberland Archives*

- NRO.03207: Diary of John Iley, trooper in the Imperial Yeomanry in the Boer War (1901-1902). Also includes discharge certificate (1902)

*Robinson Library Special Collections* holds the Trevelyan Family Papers, which includes material in the Charles Edward Trevelyan papers relating to the Boer War:

- CET 70: MS notes for a speech by CET on ‘the Boer Question’ (c.1880)

*Tyne & Wear Archives* is notable for:

- DX1374/1: Diary of Driver Andrew Coulson detailing the marches and manoeuvres of the Elswick Battery in the Boer War (1900-1901)

### **World War I**

*The Alnwick Archive* contains diaries of the 8<sup>th</sup> Duke of Northumberland’s experiences:

- DNM/F/2/5: Diaries of the 8th Duke and TSS relating to his military service in France, 1914-1915
- DNM/F/2/6: 8th Duke’s notebook of World War I events, May-June 1915



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*Beamish Museum* holds a large amount of material relating to World War I, and the collection is especially rich in printed ephemera. The following gives an idea of the range of holdings:

- 940.3 (1999-7): Diaries of Lt. A. S. Witherington, World War I. File also includes letters, photos, and printed items.
- 940.46 (1974-31): *Pease & Partners, Darlington, Memorial and Record, European War 1914-1918*. A printed memorial booklet listing all employees of Pease & Partners who fought in the war.
- 940.467.428: *U. A. Ritson & Sons Ltd, Roll of Honour, Burnhope and South Pontop Collieries (Co. Durham), Preston Colliery (Northumberland)*. Printed memorial booklet listing employees at these mines who fought in the war. Also includes a formal letter of condolence from the company.
- L 1.0-1.2 SHIC 1.846.0-1.846.9 Box 17 contains:
  - 2002-180.956: Hand drawn cartoons from World War I's artist's sketchbook, mounted on backing card, titled 'France 1916'
  - 1974-313: Paper serviette with decoration reading 'In Remembrance of the Passengers, Officers, and Crew of the SS Lusitania 1915'
- GS 17/7/1985 SHIC 1.846.71 L: Honourable discharge certificate for Private Ernest Rouse, West Yorkshire Regiment, 16 November 1917
- L 1.0 – 2.2 SHIC 1.870 – 1.879 Boxes 18: Ephemera relating to civilian life, including ration books, ID cards.

*Gateshead Central Library* holds the Tom Marshall Collection, compiled during Marshall's post as Local History Librarian in Gateshead. The collection comprises two broad areas of interest: the World War I and County Durham mining between the wars. It includes cuttings, printed articles, photographs and manuscript notes:

- TMC28: documents relating to Belgium workers at an armaments factory near Birtley and the creation of the temporary town Elizabethville.
- TMC33-36; TMC41-43: Narrative by Tom Marshall about women's football in the North East during World War I and the 1920s.
- TMC40/01/01: colour postcards from World War I, including one produced for soldiers from Gateshead and another for civilians in Heworth
- TMC47: documents relating to street games and youth disorder in County Durham during World War I

Also of interest are:

- Box 013: War Box, comprising papers and memorabilia relating to the two World Wars.
- Box 077: Papers relating to World War I, compiled by John Bowlzer.
- Local Row 19: Gateshead War Honours Scrapbook volumes, dating c.1925, unknown compiler. Contains newspaper cuttings of local men killed or injured.
- Local Row 22: posters relating to nineteenth-century schools and workhouse in Gateshead, holidays at home scheme, recycling for war material production, World War I, war recruitment, restriction of liquor sales, eat less bread, etc. Also twentieth-century local events, recreation activities, concerts, cinema showing etc.
- Archival Masters folder (Mac): Audio recording of Jack Fletcher in 2014 of memories of his father's experiences in World War I.

See also **Newcastle upon Tyne & North East History**.

### *The Northumberland Archives*

- NRO.901: *The Soldier's Language Manual: English to French* (1914)
- NRO.938: Photograph of street party in Elswick to celebrate the armistice (1918)
- NRO.01010: Photocopy of diary of Captain J.C. Spence R.A.M.C. (July 1915-February 1916)
- NRO.T/86 & NRO.T/87A: Oral history (tape recording) of Alderman Tom Easton, recollecting service in France in World War I (1916-1918)
- NRO.01109: Album of photographs, including photographs of Ypres (1914-1918)
- NRO.01783: War diaries of Captain John Evelyn Carr of Heathery Tops, Scremerston. 4 vols. Each volume also includes numerous photographs and postcards of towns in France; postcards of Berwick upon Tweed, Cottesbrook, Barrow in Furness etc.; humorous, sentimental, and propagandist postcards and papers; newspaper cuttings; regimental magazines; regimental notices and orders (including one for a raid on enemy trenches); cards and souvenirs taken from German prisoners; and some original letters (1914-1919)
- NRO.01363: War records of George and Joseph Cook of Seaton Delaval. Served in France and the Middle East. Includes personal letters and photographs, as well as service records (1914-1919)
- NRO.01663: Two trench maps (1914-1918)
- NRO.01740: Two copies of *The Growler* (magazine of 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers) (1915) and records of regimental reunions.
- NRO.01724: 33mm (neg.) of postcard views of Northumberland and World War I scenes.
- NRO.01885: Papers of Pte. B. Cowell. Includes: typed duplicate letter from Director of Recruiting requesting a medical; records of entry into the reserves, including demobilisation notices; essential work order (1941)
- NRO.02306: Historical notes on the Northumberland Volunteer Regiment (1914-1919)
- NRO.02409: Postcards of scenes of Northumberland and the FWW (c.1860-1970)
- NRO.03471: Official War Diary, Northumberland Fusiliers. Microfilm. (1914-1918)
- NRO.03472: Photocopy of Backworth and District Roll of Honour (1916)
- NRO.03556: Berwick upon Tweed Police Force: Record of constables serving in FWW (1914-1918)

### *Tyne & Wear Archives*

- TWAS.597: Poster advertising Royal Flying Corps (1917). Please note that this is the catalogue number from the Northumberland Archives, from where the material was recently transferred. Please consult an archivist for further information regarding this material.
- DW/WF/22/1: Poem about Kaiser Wilhelm, 'Is There Anyone I've Forgot'. Author unknown. (n.d.)
- 297: Local Recruiting Tribunal records (1916-1918)
- 1027/556/1-12: Armstrong Vickers charts, etc. (1914-1918)
- DS.HL/2/75: R.W. Hawthorn Leslie. Personnel file regarding employment of German worker, August Lebrecht (1914-1918)
- HD.RVI/35: Staff list for the first Northern General Hospital (1916)
- MD.NC/141/4: Northumberland War Hospital sub-committee minutes (1916)
- 209/118: Records of Sunderland CBC, Military Hospital (1914-1918)
- 2482: BBC Radio Newcastle. Audio tapes of FWW broadcasts (1914-1918)

- 486/Box 10620: Christmas greetings cards from soldiers in France (1914-1919)
- DX228: Records of William Falcus of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Including diary and papers. (1915-1919)
- DX668: Ernest W. Greenwood, memoirs (manuscript) and photographs of FWW service. (4-9 October 1917)
- 1129099: Oral History – Tape recording of Lt. Mawson describing campaigns in Italy and Turkey (20 May 1915)
- DX20/12: Gateshead Corporation Local Emergency Committee Scheme in the event of a landing by the enemy. 1 printed vol. (31 December 1914)
- DX206: Letters of Thomas Bell, North Shields. Killed at the Somme, 1916.
- DX250: Diaries of Capt. Alexander David Peacock, RAMC. Diaries and other documents from the front line. Includes: descriptions of experiments to rid troops of lice in the trenches; details of troop movements; personal observations; photographs; paybooks; letters; medical research papers on lice on the Western Front (1914-1918)
- DX681/1: Photographs of Victory March and Peace Day (1919)
- DX704: Picture depicting the Battle of Yser (1914)
- DX854/1: Souvenir booklet for citizens of Arras from Lord Mayor of Newcastle (1919)
- DX1336: Bound typescript of diary of Fred Tait, imprisoned for being a conscientious objector in FWW. Diary includes day-to-day account of Tait's experiences in prison, his attitudes to the war, and the reasons behind his pacifism and imprisonment (1918)

## World War II

*Beamish Museum* holds a very large amount of material relating to World War II, and the collection is especially rich in printed ephemera. The following gives an idea of the range of holdings:

- 808.883: Diary of Mrs Doris Richardson of Loud Hill, Co. Durham, 1936-45. Typewritten and handwritten transcripts by Doreen Westlake. Diary covers everyday life in the North East: school shows seen, illness, etc. Also covers World War II.
- 940.53: 'Kirk's Wartime Diary', a facsimile of the typewritten diary of Dr Tom Kirk, GP, of 36 Burgate, Barton. The diary runs from 14 June 1939 to 10 June 1945, and covers the everyday working life of a GP as well as the war.
- 940.53 INF: *Front Line 1940-41: The Official Story of the Civil Defense of Britain. Issued by the Ministry of Home Security by the Ministry of Information* (London: His Majesty's Stationery Office, 1942)
- 940.53: A. A. Thomas, *Invasion and You – What Might Happen If...* (London: Staple, 1940)
- 940.54886.42: *Battle Together for Britain*. Propaganda booklet printed for 'Moral Re-Armament'.
- 940.5472 BEC: Capt. E. G. C. Beckwith (ed.), *The Quill, A Collection of Prose, Verse, and Sketches by Officers Prisoner-of-War in Germany, 1940-1945* (London: Country Life Ltd, 1947)
- L 1.0 – 2.2 SHIC 1.870 – 1.879 Boxes 8 – 14: Ephemera relating to civilian life, including ration books, clothing stamps, recipe books, posters and pamphlets on Civil Defense, housing and welfare, and other home front propaganda and guidelines.

*Gateshead Central Library* holds:

- Box 013: War Box, comprising papers and memorabilia relating to two world wars.

- Box 014: Evacuation Box, comprising papers and memorabilia relating to evacuation during World War II.
- Box 070: Air Raid Precaution Group Leader's Book
- Box 075: Air Raid Precaution Gateshead 'B' Division, Minutes of Meetings (1941-44)
- Box 084: Unsorted collection of leaflets and documents relating to the World War II.

#### *The Northumberland Archives*

- NRO.780: Full, detailed records and photographs of F Company 4<sup>th</sup> Hexham Northumberland Battalion Home Guard (1940-1944)
- NRO.762: Ration books.
- NRO.823: Photographs & papers of William Brown. Including Stephenson Centenary Official Report, and *Transport Goes to War: The Official Story of British Transport, 1939-1942*, issued by the Ministry of War.
- NRO.1105: 'If the Invader Comes...' Ministry of Information pamphlet (1939-1945)
- NRO.1110/1-4: Diaries of Alnwick Home Guard Major R. Miller (1939-1945)
- NRO.1134: Fire Guard Handbook (1941-1942)
- NRO.03081: Printed items regarding Victory in Europe (1946)

#### *Tyne & Wear Archives*

- TWAS.568: Newcastle upon Tyne Local Medical War Committees, including BMA Branch Correspondence (1938-50). This is the catalogue number from the Northumberland Archives, from where the material was recently transferred – please consult an archivist for further information regarding this material.
- DX769: War diaries of Mrs A. Meader of Jesmond. Includes poems (1939-1946)
- DX1162/1: Letter from Jean Atkinson (15) about a bomb which fell on her bed (1941)
- DX1351: Documents relating to Emily Barron Browne's experiences as an ambulance driver in Newcastle upon Tyne in World War II War. Includes: an account of her experiences, including her injuries in a bomb blast in Dolcis shoe shop on Northumberland Street; one photograph of Browne and two colleagues dressed in protective clothing; certificate of attendance at course of lectures in civilian anti-gas precautions and first aid treatment for gas casualties (1939-1941)
- DX1474: Records of Newcastle War Room, Ministry of Home Security (1930-1945)
- T95/56: 'War and Refugees from Belgium and Holland', Ministry of Health circulars (1940)

### **Other Military Matters**

*The Alnwick Archive* contains correspondence and journals relating to the Percy family members' experiences at war:

- DNM/F/2/3-4: Diaries of the 8th Duke in the Egypt Army and Camel Corps, 1907-1911

Note these items can only be viewed at Alnwick Castle

*The Northumberland Archives* has material concerning individuals from the North East at war, including:

- NRO.02920: Bound volume of newspaper cuttings regarding First Newcastle Volunteer Engineers (1870-1900)

*Robinson Library Special Collections* holds the Trevelyan Family Papers, which includes material in the Charles Edward Trevelyan papers relating more generally to Army reform:

- CET 56: Correspondence to CET about aspects of British Army reform (1853-5)
- CET 57: Printed memorandum on the *Civil Administration of the British Army*. By by Sir C. E. Trevelyan, written in May 1855. Remarks by the Commissary General, Sir Edward Coffin, written in February 1856 (London: Eyre & Spottiswoode, 1856)
- CET 82 – 85: Printed pamphlets and official documents relating to several aspects of British Army reform (1852-71)

## FAQs

*These FAQs were written by Dr Katherine Cooper for those who are new to using archives.*

### **What is an archive?**

An archive is a collection of historical documents or records. To archive something means to hold it or to store it for the purposes of preservation. Part of an archive's remit is to be accessible to the public but some materials may be embargoed, meaning that they are not available for viewing until a certain length of time has passed. This is often related to personal materials, and is often either to protect people who may be mentioned in the material or to safeguard sensitive information.

### **Why should I use an archive in my research?**

Archive material (photographs, objects, letters, diaries, logbooks, censuses, minute books, etc.) can provide essential material, not only supporting your research questions but often setting it apart as a real advancement of knowledge in a particular field.

### **How do I decide which archive to use?**

Use the National Archives website (<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>) to search holdings at multiple archives. Do also search the catalogues for individual archives (each catalogue may privilege different items) and do contact the archives directly (bearing in mind that it may take several weeks or even months to hear back from an archive as they will have multiple queries).

### **How do I prepare for my visit to the archive?**

Before visiting the archive, look carefully at their webpages. Check opening hours (some archives are open only for a brief time each day) and policies on access to materials. Will you be able to access everything? Is there a search room? Is the archive even open to the public? Do you need to make special arrangements to see certain materials? Try to work out how much material there is and plan how much material you may be able to get through each day. If there is a lot of material or you are pushed for time, look at material in order of importance. Many archives store material off-site. If this is the case you may have to give around 24 to 48 hours' notice to view it (check this on the website or with the archivist) and/or send through a list of materials so that there are items to look at when you arrive. Even if this is not the case, it is often a good idea to email and introduce yourself ahead of your visit and to ask for some materials to be laid out for your arrival so that you can get started straight away. Ensure that you look up each item and send as much detail as possible (ideally, the shelfmark, the full catalogue number, the name of the collection, and the name of the item). This will help the archivist to find them and make sure that they are favourably disposed towards you before you arrive.

### **What should I take?**

Most archives will only let you in the search room with pencils so you should take lots of these, (preferably sharpened!). Even if the archive does not specify this it is good practice. Many archives also insist that you use only loose sheets of paper so plan ahead. The vast majority will permit computers. This should all be verified via the website or with the archivist before your visit. It is also a good idea to check on the photography policy – many archives no longer do photocopies but will sell you a pass or license to take your own in the search room with a phone or camera. Finally and most importantly, you will need some form of ID (e.g. a driver's license, student card or passport) and, perhaps, a letter of recommendation from your supervisor or home university. This, again, is worth checking on the website or with the archivist before your visit. And take some change for the lockers!

### **What should I do when I get there?**

The first thing will be to fill out forms to identify who you are and your reasons for accessing the materials. You will then be given a pass for the search room. Bags/coats will probably have to be left outside in lockers. Once in the search room, it is good form to make yourself known to the archivist. If you have emailed ahead you can collect any materials they have prepared for you but if not, this is a great opportunity to briefly outline your research and what you are looking for. The archivist is there to help you but is probably very busy. Always be polite and allow for the fact that they may have a number of other people with whom to deal. The archivist's knowledge of the collection is often the key to completing your research, helping you to navigate the electronic and card catalogues and providing their own insight into the collections. Always stay on the right side of the archivist! If the archivist is busy and it seems unclear where to start, go to the online catalogue and enter your search terms. If your research is more general you may find it useful to ask if there is a handlist (a big folder listing everything that is held in the archive) or have a look through the card catalogue.

### **Should I wear gloves?**

Some archives will insist that you wear gloves for handling certain materials, but these will be brought to you along with the materials. For most items you should just make sure that your hands are clean and that you handle them with care. If you find that an item is particularly fragile or in poor condition, bring this to the archivist's attention. They may be able to bring you some supports which will help you to look at the item without damaging it.

- **Never** write on items in an archive.
- Even if you are ostensibly allowed to you should **not** eat or drink around archive materials.
- You should **never** use a pen or biro around archive materials.

### **What should I do whilst waiting?**

You can spend a great deal of time waiting for materials to be brought out of the archive. Be patient. Use the time to check through your notes, and that your documents are properly organised. Make a list of materials still to view or any items which you would like to see which are referred to in the material you've looked at already. You can search the catalogue but should make sure that the staff know where you are when the material does arrive.

### **What is the most important thing about archive work?**

Keep track of where every item came from. When you first receive an item you should write down the box number, folder number, item number, title, author, date – all information which can help to identify that item – at the top of your page. Before you send anything back ensure that you have written down every identifying feature of the item because it is easy to miss something when things first arrive at your desk. Even if the multitude of information seems unnecessary to a reference, write it down anyway. It is far better to have too much information than not enough and there is nothing so disappointing as realising that you cannot use an excellent quotation or photograph because you do not have the proper reference.

### **What should I do when I leave?**

When you leave, take all material back to the desk. Most archives will not let you have more than a few items at a time and it is good practice to work through the material one thing at a time, returning each item to the desk before moving onto the next. At the end of the day read through your notes, work out what you would like to look at the next day (if you are coming back), check that you have reference numbers and that you have not left anything out, and finally file your notes away. It is very easy to come home with a handful or unrelated sheaves of paper in no particular order – you may wish to catalogue your notes by subject, the day you took them or the part of your project to which they relate. Most importantly, have a system.