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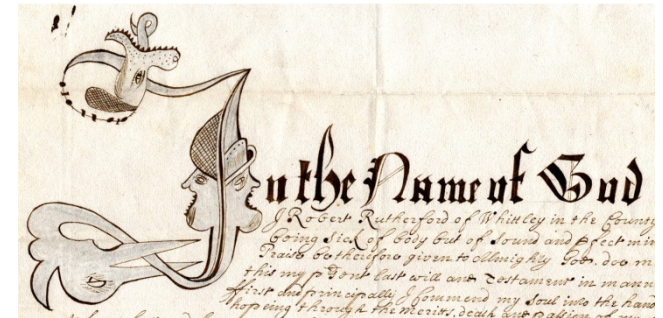


Durham University Library Special Collections offer a treasury of information for family and local historians. Durham and Northumberland are our particular strengths, but we also hold material relating to Cumbria, Tyne and Wear, Teesside and North Yorkshire. The most useful sources are listed below.

www.dur.ac.uk/library/asc/collection_information

LOCAL HISTORY

- **County histories:** Durham, Northumberland, Yorkshire, Cumberland and Westmorland
- **Periodicals and monographs** (from 18th century): an extensive body of research
- **Directories** (from 1827): including Parson and White, Whellan, Kelly, Ward and the Post Office
- **Newspapers** (from 18th century): for Newcastle, Gateshead, Durham
- **Maps, topographical prints and photos:** including enclosure maps, tithe maps, early printed maps, large-scale town maps and Ordnance Survey maps (at 6", 25", 5' and 10' to 1 mile scales).
See: <http://www.dur.ac.uk/picturesinprint>
- **Diocesan records** (from 15th century): trace the history of your local church or parsonage, or learn about social attitudes and behaviour from the church court records
- **Antiquarian collections:** the original records collected and transcribed by these historical magpies offer a unique perspective on the north east from the 16th to 19th centuries
- **Cathedral archives:** chronicling a thousand years of church history as well as the socio-economic development of the north east
- **Durham University records** (from 1832): trace the contribution of the university and its thousands of graduates to the region and the world
- **Family, Manorial, Estate and Political papers:** including nationally important Bishopric and Cathedral estates collections, and those of the prominent northern families Grey of Howick (Earls Grey), Backhouse, Baker Baker, Eden, Salvin, and Shafto of Beamish
- **Deeds collections:** deposited by local families or solicitors

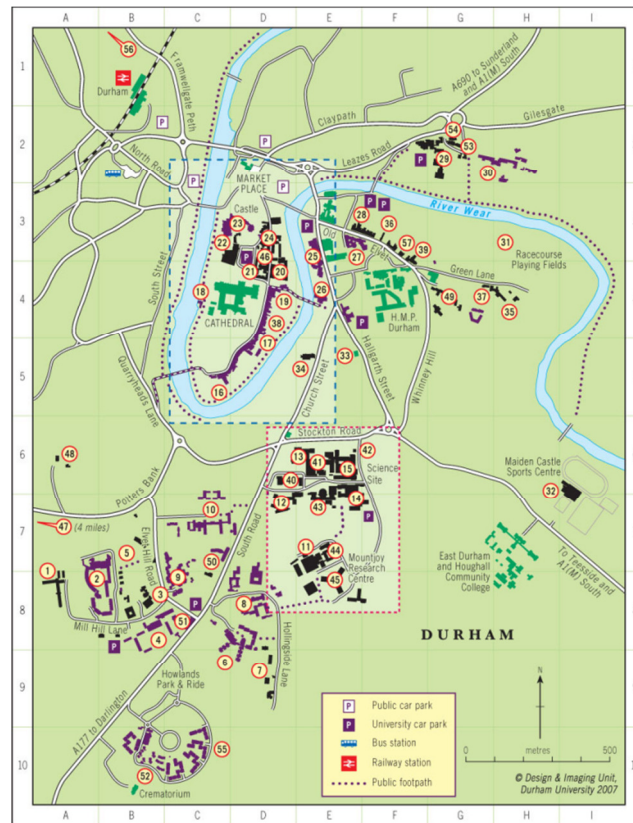


FAMILY HISTORY

The chief sources for genealogical research in the library relate to the old diocese of Durham, including a number of detached areas in neighbouring counties also administered by Durham church officials.

- **Probate records** (until 1858): including wills, inventories, bonds and other documents: for an online catalogue see <http://familyrecords.dur.ac.uk/nei/data>
- **Bishops' Transcripts** of baptisms, marriages and burials recorded in parish registers (from ca. 1760-1840): for an online catalogue with document images see <http://familysearch.org>
- **Marriage Licence Allegations** (from ca. 1738) and **Bonds** (1592-1823): for an online catalogue with document images see <http://familysearch.org>
- **Ordination Papers** of Durham clergy (from 1730)
- **Other diocesan records** (from 15th century): in regulating the behaviour and wellbeing of parishioners, the Church courts and officials created a wealth of fascinating records
- **Halmote Court records** (from ca. 1520-1953): copyhold tenancy records which are particularly valuable since they often deal with poorer people otherwise invisible in the historic record.

- **Land Tax records** for the old Co. Durham and parts of Yorkshire and Northumberland (1760-1949): a useful supplement to parish records, and electoral poll books
- **Durham City Guilds** (from 16th century): search the records of the Companies of the Butchers, Drapers or Mercers (and many others) for an industrious ancestor
- **Gretna Green (Springfield) irregular marriage registers** (from the late 18th century to ca. 1839)
- **Pedigrees:** in Surtees' *History* and other printed works, as well as collections of antiquarians' and family papers, and records of heraldic visitations



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