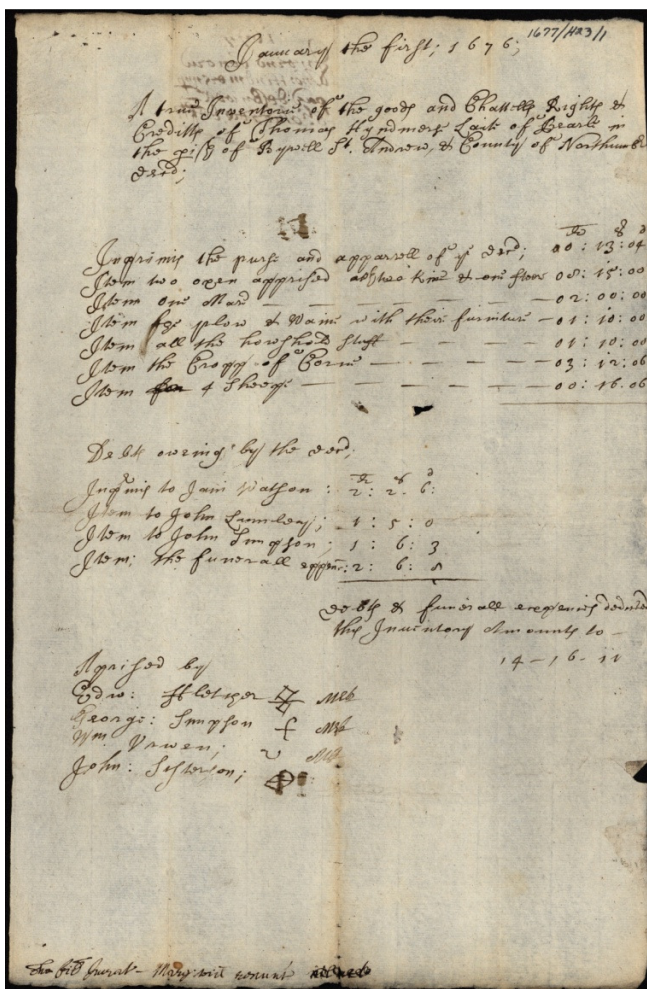




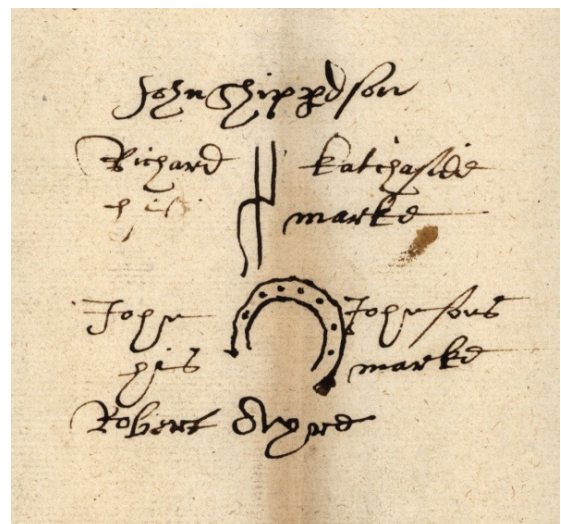
Literacy and Education

Inventory of Thomas Hyndmers of Bearle, Bywell St Andrew.

Those who could not write could place a 'mark' beside their name on a document. Hyndmers' inventory points to his farming activity, and here the appraisors appear to have used personal symbols to sign the document that, it is tempting to imagine, were their personal stock brands or trade marks: blacksmiths sometimes used horseshoe marks. Normally a testator would dictate the testament to a clerk, often the local vicar, and the document having been cleanly written out and read aloud to the testator would then be assented to, signed and perhaps sealed, witnessed and so published.



Durham Probate Records DPRI/1/1677/H23/1



Durham Probate Records
DPRI/1/1619/R7/2

January the first; 1676;

A true Inventorie of the goodes and Chattelles Rightes &
Credittes of Thomas Hyndmers Laite of Bearle in
the parish of Bywell St. Andrew, & County of Northumber[land]
deceased;

	li	s	d
Inprimis the purse and apparrell of the deceased	00	13	04
Item two oxen apprised another two kine & one steer	08	15	00
Item one Mare	02	00	00
Item the plow & Waine with their furniture	01	10	00
Item all the howshold stuff	01	10	00
Item the Cropp of Corne	03	12	06
Item 4 sheepe	00	16	06

Debts oweing by the deceased;

	li	s	d
Inprimis to Jain Watson:	2	2	6
Item to John Lumley;	1	5	0
Item to John Simpson;	1	6	3
Item; the funerall expences:	2	6	8

Debtes & funerall expences deducted
this Inventory Amounts to

14 16 11

Aprised by
Edward Fletcher X mark
George Simpson X mark
William Urwen; X mark
John Sisterson; X

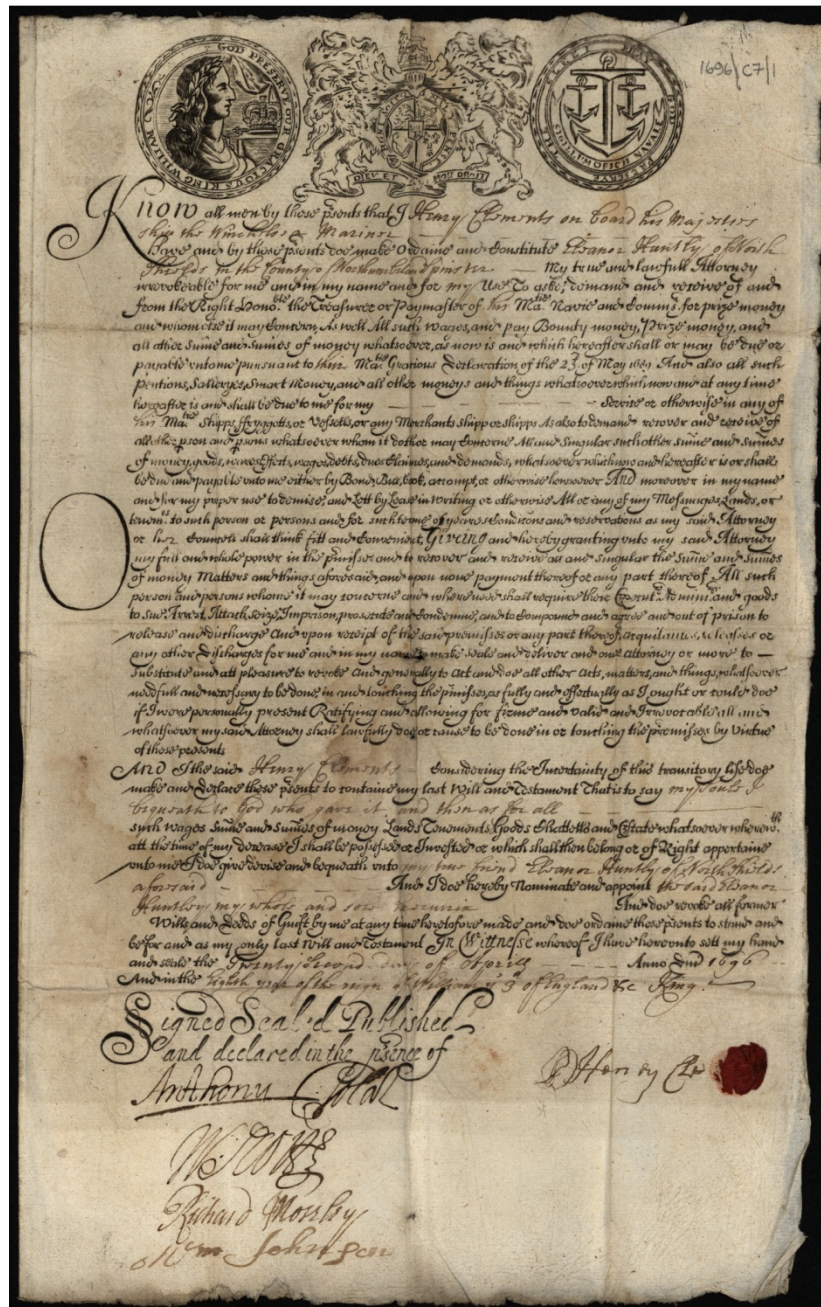
Thomas filius juratus – Margaret viduam renunciavit
[Thomas the son sworn – the widow Margaret has renounced]

Glossary:

<i>inprimis</i>	in the first place
<i>item</i>	also
<i>kine</i>	cows
<i>steer</i>	a young ox, especially one that has been castrated
<i>wain</i>	a wagon; a large open vehicle, drawn by horses or oxen, for carrying heavy loads, especially of agricultural produce

**Will of Henry Clements of North Shields, royal navy mariner
Will of Peter Trumbel of Gateshead, butcher**

One solution to the potentially knotty problems of probate and widespread illiteracy was to issue pro forma printed wills. Clements served on H.M.S. Winchelsea, making his will in April 1696 probably when he joined the ship as a part of the process of signing on. A more business-oriented appropriation of print technology is evident in Peter Trumbel's unusual print block, which he probably used in connection with his butchery trade, perhaps to stamp carcasses or bills. The fact that this stamp was a valid equivalent of a signature or seal illustrates a different attitude then prevalent toward this medium.



Durham Probate Records DPRI/1/1696/C7/1-2

KNOW all men by these presents that I *Henry Clements on board his Majesties ship the Winchelsea Mariner* have and by these presents doe make Ordaine and Constitute *Eleanor Huntly of North Shields in the County of Northumberland Spinster* My true and lawfull Attorney irrevokeable for me and in my name and for *my Use To aske, demand and receive of and from the Right Honourable the Treasurer or Paymaster of his Majesties Navie and Commissioners for prize money and whom else it may Concern, As well All such Wages, and pay Bounty money, Prize money, and all other summe and summes of money whatsoever, as now is and which hereafter shall or may be due or payable to me pursuant to their Majesties Gracious Declaration of the 23^d of May 1689* And also all such Pentions, Salleryes, Smart Money, and all other moneys and things whatsoever which now and at any time hereafter is and shall be due to me for my Service or otherwise in any of *his Majesties Shipp, Fryggotts, or Vessells, or any Merchants Shipp or Shipp* As also to demand recover and receive of all other person and persons whatsoever whom it doth or may Concerne All and Singular such other summe and summes of money, goods, wares, Effects, wages, debts, dues, Claimes, and demands, whatsoever which now and hereafter is or shall be due and payable unto me either by Bond, Bill, book, accompt, or otherwise howsoever And moreover in my name and for my proper use to demise, and Lett by Lease in Writing or otherwise All or any of my Messuages, Lands, or tenements to such person or persons and for such terme of yeares Condictions and reservations as my said Attorney or *her Councell* shall think fitt and Convenient, Giveing and hereby granting unto my said Attorney my full and whole power in the premisses and to recover and receive all and singular the summe and summes of money Matters and things abovesaid, and upon none payment thereof or any part thereof All such person and persons whome it may concerne and where need shall require their Executors Administrators and goods to sue Arrest, Attach, seize, Imprison, prosecute and Comdemne, and to Compound and agree and out of prison to release and discharge And upon receipt of the said premisses or any part thereof, acquitances, releases or any other Discharges for me and in my name to make seale and deliver and one attorney or more to Substituite and att pleasure to revoke and generally to Act and doe all other Acts, matters, and things, whatsoever needfull and necessary to be done, in and touching the premisses, as fully and effectually as I ought or could doe if I were personally present Ratifying and allowing for firme and valid and Irrevocable all and whatsoever my said Attorney shall lawfully doe or cause to be done in or touching the premisses by Virtue of these presents.

And I the said *Henry Clements* Considering the Incertainty of this transitory life doe make and Declare these presents to containe my last Will and Testament That is to say *my Soule I bequeath to God who gave it, and then as for all such Wages Summe and Summes of money Lands Tenements Goods Chattells and Estate whatsoever wherewith att the time of my decease I shall be possessed or Invested or which shall then belong or of Right appertaine unto me I doe give devise and bequeath unto my true friend Eleanor Huntley of North Shields aforesaid* And I doe hereby Nominate and appoint *the said Eleanor Huntley my whole and sole Executrix* And doe revoke all fomer Wills and Deeds by Guift by me at any time heretofore made and doe ordaine these presents to stand and be for and as my only last Will and Testament In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the *Twenty Second day of Aprill Anno Domini 1696* And in the *Eighth year of the reign of William the 3^d of England &c King.*

Signed Sealed Published

and declared in the presence of
Anthony Tolat [Captain]

Henry Cle[ments]

W. Scott

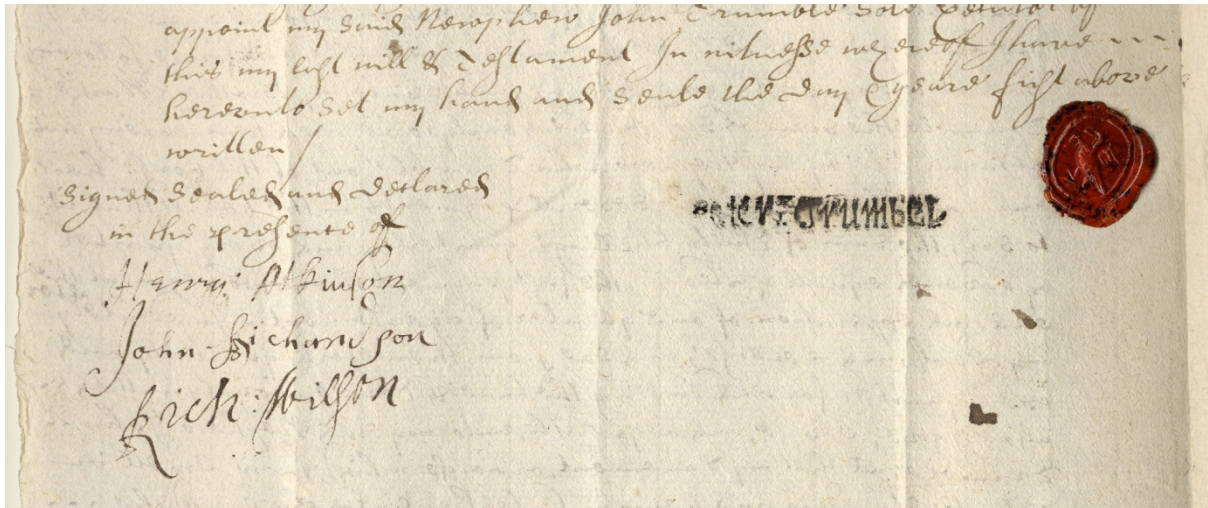
Richard Moseley

William Johnson

Glossary:

accompt account

bounty money a gratuity given to recruits on joining the army or navy



Durham Probate Records DPRI/1/1689/T7/1-2

...appoint my said Newphew John Trumble sole executor of this my last will & Testament In witnesse whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale the day & yeare first above written.

Signed Sealed and Declared

in the presence of

Henry Atkinson

John Richardson

Richard Wilson

JOHN TRUMBLE

Inventory of Robert Fowberie M.A., master of Newcastle Royal Free Grammar School

Will of Amor Oxley, vicar of Kirknewton and master of Newcastle Royal Free Grammar School

Robert Fowberie, who taught both Latin and Greek, was the first master appointed to Newcastle's grammar school after it was re-founded by royal charter in 1599, the original grammar school having been endowed by the city mayor Thomas Horsley some seventy years earlier. Many of Fowberie's pupils would have been the sons of Newcastle merchants whose trading interests might have been traced across the 'large map of the world in 2 globes'. Oxley's will includes the bequest of a number of theological and classical works 'towards a library' for the school where he taught. Oxley had been removed from his post in 1645 for his attachment to the king's cause, but secured his reappointment after the restoration having suffered great poverty in the interim. Both Newcastle and Durham grammar schools are today independent schools.



Durham Probate Records DPRI/1/1622/F13/3-4

	[li	s	d]
Item seaven payre of linnen sheets	2	13	4
Item ten payre of harden sheets	1	0	0
Item ten tablecloths	1	0	0
Item two cover cloths and a dosen of lad napkins	0	8	0
Item fifteene lin napkins	0	5	0
Item a doosen of course napkins	0	3	4
Item eight pillabers	0	6	8
Item fower lin towels and six courser towels	0	3	0
Item twelve yards of new cloth with thirty cuts of lin	0	6	0
Item eight coople of saltfish	0	8	0
Item his apparell	10	0	0
Item his gold ring	1	0	0

In the Studie

Item eighty eight <books> in folio	20	0	0
Item seaventy nyne books in quart	6	0	0
Item small books in octavo and dicimo sexto	7	0	0
Item one larg map the world in two globes	0	10	6
Item a map of England and Ireland	0	5	0
Item three old plaie mapes	0	2	0
Item two pictures	0	0	6

Summa totali bonorum 94 17 9

Debita quæ debet [Debts he is owing]

Item To Joffay Dickison	8 ^{li}	0	0
Item to William Bulmer	1	15	0
Item to Isabell Foster	0	5	0

By me Oswald Chaistor
Thomas Smith
George Horsley
Henry Wouldhave

Glossary:

<i>folio</i>	a volume made up of full-sized sheets of paper folded once; a volume of the largest size
<i>harden</i>	a coarse fabric made from the hards of flax or hemp
<i>lad</i>	laid
<i>lin</i>	linnen

pillabers [pillow-bere] pillowcase
 plaie play [?]
 quart [quarto] a volume of sheets folded twice to form four leaves (eight pages)
 sesto [sexto] a volume of sheets folded to form six leaves (twelve pages)

1669/05/2

renewed att my charge, and that my Neere &c Byfield
 had had the same doubt during her life, And that after her
 death the same had come to my Cousin Amos Wills his Goods
 & affayre, then I give the one of my Cousins to my Cousin
 Amos Wills and the other to my Cousin In witness whereof I
 have hereunto sett my hand & Seale the thirteenth day of
 August Anno Dni 1669

Read published signed & sealed
 the words (my Neere Amos Wills)
 (and my Canoniall Seale being first)
 interlined in the presence of

Robert Grey Robt. Fulman Not. Publ:
 John Makelant.

All the titles or Catalogue of all such Books
 as by his will hereunto annexed are given
 towards a Library for the free schools in Newcastle

Item one Paignons Hebrew Lexicon in folio :/
 Item one Diction Greek Dictionary in folio :/
 Item Diction Grece Exortations in folio :/
 Item Clement Alexandrinus in folio :/
 Item all Chrysostomes works consisting of eight volumes in grecke in folio
 Item Nazianzenes Grecke and Latine in two volumes in folio :/
 Item Gregory Nyssens works in folio :/
 Item all Sab. Basill's works in grecke and latine in folio :/
 Item all Hieronymus works grecke and latine in folio :/
 Item the Grecke Homilies upon the stouens print in folio :/
 Item Plutarchs works six volumes in grecke stouens print :/
 Item Lucians works two volumes in grecke and latine :/
 Item Athenus his duxnosophies grecke and latine in folio, with
 Cassaban his learned Annotations upon them in another folio :/
 Item Eulles works two volumes in folio :/

Amos Wills

Amos Wills

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1669

Durham Probate Records 1669/05/1-2

... renewed att my Charge, and that my Neece Sell Byfeild shall have the same house dureing her life, And that after her death the same shall come to my Cosin Amor wills his Executers & assignes, Item I give the one of my Gownes to my Cosin Charles Oxley and the other to Sir Grey. In witsesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the Nyneteenth day of August Anno Domini 1669.

Amor Oxley

Read Published Signed & Sealed
the wordes (my Nephew Amor Oxley)
(and my Cononicall Coate) being first
interlyned in the presence of

Robert Grey
John Mallabarr

Robert Bulman Notary Public

A Stheadule or Catalogue of all such Bookes
as by the Will hereunto annexed are given
towards a Library for the Free Schoole in Newcastle

Inprimis one Paignens Hebrew Lexicon in folio.
Item one Dudeus Greeke Dictionary in folio.
Item Dudeus Græce Exercitationes in folio.
Item Clemens Alexandrinus in folio.
Item all Chrysostomes workes consisting of eight volumes in greeke in folio.
Item Nazianzine Greeke and Latine in Two volumes in folio.
Item Gregory Nyssens workes in folio.
Item all Saint Basills workes in greeke and latine in folio.
Item all Xenophons workes greeke and latine in folio. Stevens print
Item the Greeke Heroicke Poems Stevens print in folio.
Item Plutarchs worke Six volumes in greeke Stevens print.
Item Lucians workes two volumes in greeke and latine.
Item Atheneus his dygnosopies greeke and latine in folio, with
Cassaban his learned Annotacions upon them in another folio.
Item Tullies workes two volumes in folio.

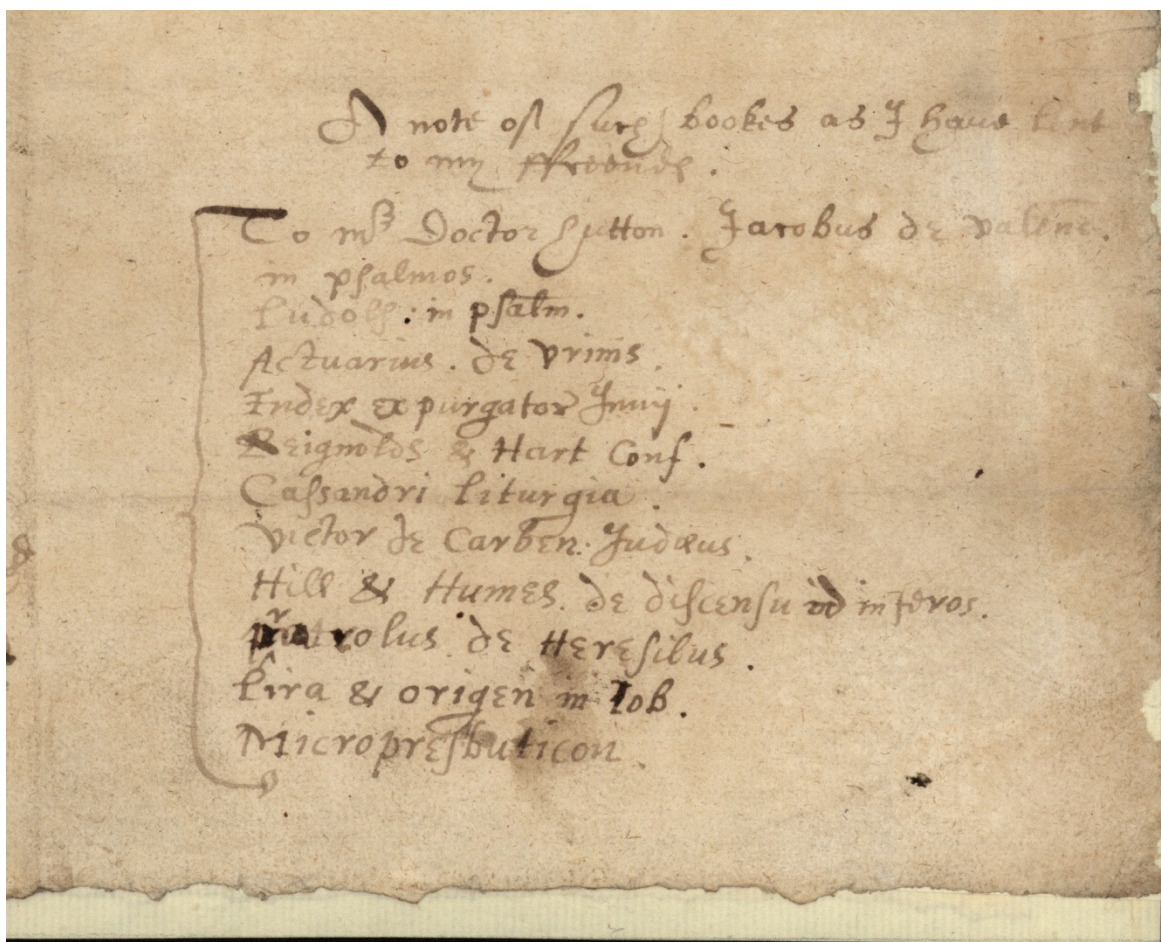
Amor Oxley

Authors:

Xanthus Pagninus
Clement of Alexandria
John Chrysostom
St Gregory of Nazianzus
St Basil of Caesarea
Xenophon
Lucius Mestrius Plutarchus
Lucian of Samosata
Athenaeus Naucratis
Isaac Casaubon
Marcus Tullius Cicero

**List of books on loan, attached to the will of John Pilkington of Durham
Inventory of Luce Addison of Berwick-upon-Tweed, widow**

Many persons would have possessed a small number of writings in the form of property deeds, bonds, a bible and perhaps a last will and testament, but the ownership of literary texts and practical manuals was usually limited to churchmen and professionals. Owners would circulate books among trusted friends, particularly as this was then the only means of transmitting faithfully the work and ideas of the author. Pilkington's library had been inherited from his father, an archdeacon of Durham, and many senior officials of the bishopric are named among the borrowers. Such detailed catalogues of books can provide historians with an index of the intellectual tastes and political attitudes of a society, and in some cases particular copies have been found to survive in Special Collections like that at Durham University. In contrast, Lucy Addison carefully annexes to her will a schedule of all her legal writings, her debts being a little less securely recorded '*as appears by chalkes upon a borde*'.



Durham Probate Records DPRI/1/1609/P3/1-4

A note of such bookes as I have lent
to my Freendes.

To Mr Doctor Hutton. Jacobus de Valencia
in psalmos
Ludolf in psalmos.
Actuarius de Urinis.
Index expurgator Innocentii.
Reignolds & Hart Conference.
Cassandri Liturgia.
Victor de Carben: Judaeus.
Hill & Humes de discensu ad inferos.
Pratrolus de Heresibus.
Lira & origen in Job.
Micropresbuticon.

Authors:

Jacobus de Valencia
Ludolph of Saxony
Joannes Actuarius
John Rainolds
John Hart
George Cassander
Victor de Carben
Adam Hill
Alexander Hume
Nicholas of Lyra
Origen Adamantius

An Inventarie of all the goodes implementes and
 Writinges which Luce Addison widow died possessed
 of (sene and prised (the xxith [21st] daie of Marche
 1610.) according to the Computacion of England)
 by the person under named.

Imprimis an old counter table with a single

leafe valued to

Item an old trunck

Item a little table

Item an old Chist

Item one stoole

Item a little old barrell

Item a long stole

Item a little stand for drink

Item a Washing Tubb & a collet

Item 7 or 8 peeces of old bordes & wood

Item a stone mugg and 4 disshes

Item iii [3] chymney barres and a little

paire of broken old tonnges

with A Recken Crooke

Item a <Rapping> for a bedd

Item 2 <xii^d> smokes. 2 <iiii^d> kyves. 2 <iiii^d> crosecloths.

2 <iiii^d> neck kirchars. a <xvi^d> waistcote A

Russet <xviii^d> petticote, & a <ii^s vi^d> Clooke

Item a paire of hose & shoes

Item 2 old paire of sleeves of <male>

ii ^s	vi ^d	}	Summa totalis																								
ii ^s				}	xix ^s xi ^d																						
	xvi ^d					}	Laurenc[e]																				
	xii ^d							}	Turton [?]																		
	ii ^d									}	Danyell																
	i ^d											}	Nesbet														
	vi ^d													}	George Todd												
	iiii ^d															}	Thomas Cuthbert										
	viii ^d																	}									
	viii ^d																			}							
	ii ^d																					}					
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ii ^s	iiii ^d																									}	
	his mark																										
vii ^s		}																									
	vi ^d			}																							
	vi ^d					}																					

Item writinges in a white boxe as followeth.

Item an award of arbitrament in writing in two severall
 papers under Robert Cowper & Christophor peppers handes.

Item a bond of thomas Cowpers of a hundreth markes
 for perfourming the said award.

The Consession of Thomas Barrow.

The Will of William Barrow.

A Coppie of the said will with somme questions &c. under
 written therin.

A Coppie of an Attestacion taken before the Lord Willough<by>
 George Murton Maior, and John Carey.

4 Coppies of orders of the Courte in berwick.

2 petitions one to Mr Maior. an other to Sir William Bowier.

Item in a painted boxe 14 acquittances from Thomas
 Barrow to William Addison. 2 coppies of william barrowes will
 with 2 notes of the state of his cause & 2 orders of Courte.

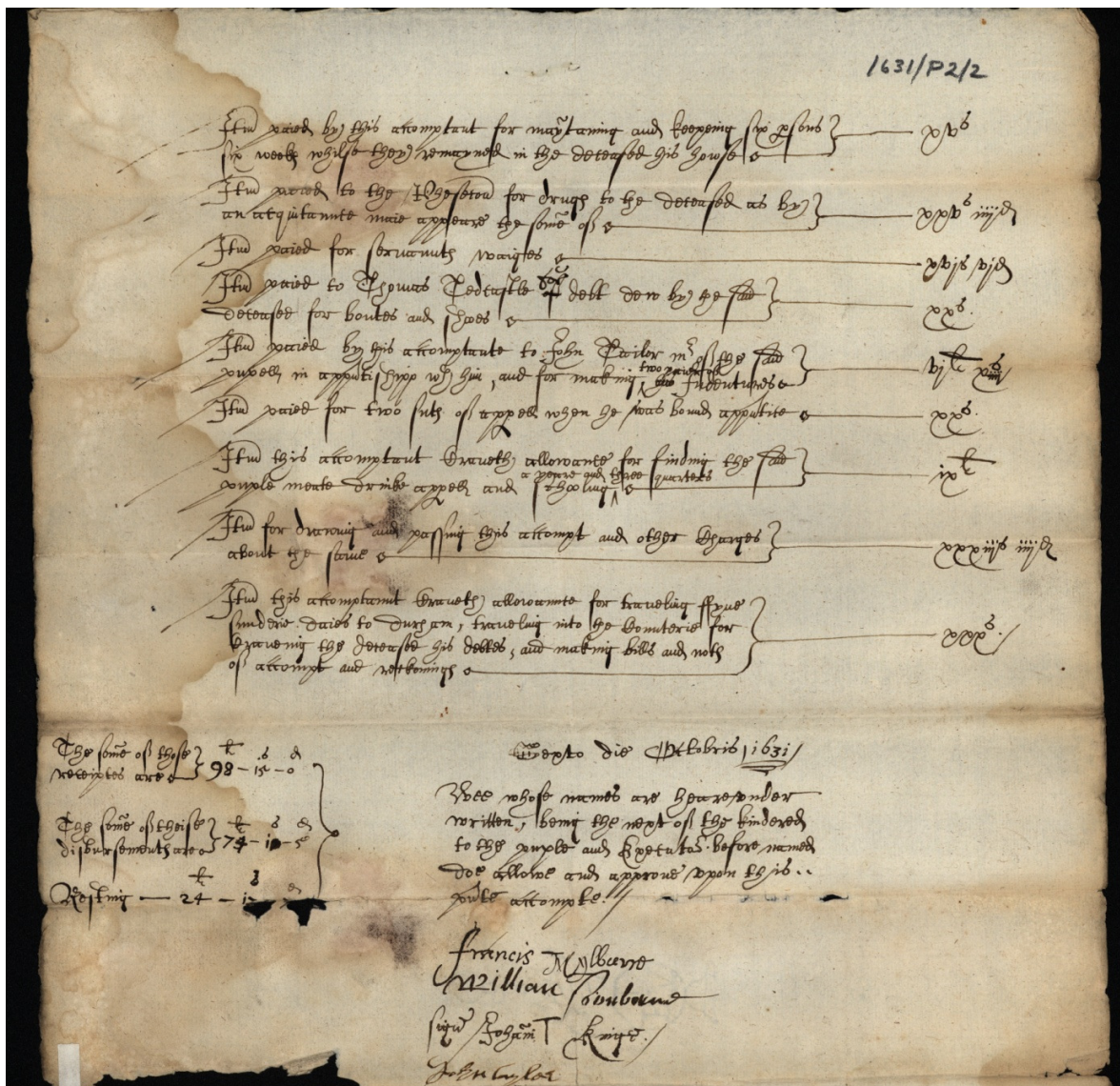
Thomas Cuthbert. Thomas Tedder & <Thomas> Satterthwayte

Glossary:

<i>clooke</i>	cloak
<i>collet</i>	collar; a collared stand for the tub
<i>crosecloth</i> [cross-cloth]	a linen cloth worn across the forehead
<i>kyve</i> [keeve]	a tub or vat
<i>mark</i>	13 shillings and 4 pence
<i>neck kirchar</i>	neckerchief
<i>reken crooke</i>	a pot hanger
<i>russet</i>	a coarse homespun woollen cloth of a reddish-brown, grey or neutral colour, formerly used for the dress of peasants and country-folk
<i>sleeve of male</i>	a sleeve of chain-mail
<i>smoke</i>	smock

Account of the execution of the will of Robert Phillipps of Gateshead, cordwainer, and of the tuition of his son Thomas Phillipps

Phillipps' son was too young to act as executor, and his tutor Thomas Arrowsmyth here accounts for disbursements out of his father's estate during the boy's minority, and which include the price of his apprenticeship to his new master John Tailor, a new pair of boots and shoes and two suits of clothes. The account also reveals that prior to this Thomas Phillipps had spent 1 3/4 years at school. Apprentices typically bound themselves to a master of a trade for seven years. They received no wages, but did receive board and lodging: at the end of this period the freed apprentice would begin his independent career as a skilled journeyman with a valuable and secure place in his trade and often with some education as well. There are over 200,000 apprentices working today in the United Kingdom, and while they now earn a wage they might still serve up to five years before qualification.



Durham Probate Records DPR1/1/1631/P2/1-2

Item paid by this accomptant for mayntaning and keeping six persons six weekes whilst they remayned in the deceased his howse	xv ^s
Item paid to the Phesecon for drugs to the deceased as by an acquitance maie appeare the somme of	xxv ^s iiiii ^d
Item paid for servanntes waiges	xvi ^s vi ^d
Item paid to Thomas Tedcastle <for> debt dew by the said deceased for boutes and shooes	xx ^s
Item paid by this accomptante to John Tailor Master of the said pupell in apprentishipp with him, and for making <two paier of> Indentures	vi ^{li} xiiii ^s
Item paid for two sutes apparell when he was bound apprentice	xx ^s
Item this accomptant Craveth allowance for finding the said puple meate drinke apparell and schooling <a yeare and three quarters>	ix ^{li}
Item for drawing and passing this accompt and other Charges about the same	xxxiiii ^s iiiii ^d
Item this accomptant Craveth allowannce for traveling Fyve sunderie daies to Durham, traveling into the Connterie for Craveing the deceased his debtes, and making bills and notes of accompt and reckoninges	xxx ^s

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Glossary:

accompt account

indenture a deed between two or more parties executed in two or more copies, which copies formerly having their tops or edges correspondingly indented or serrated for identification and security