

# **WELCOME TO THE E-NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY ISSUE 8 – APRIL 2018**

When you receive this letter I hope that all of us have said goodbye to a very long winter and that the sun shining is making you all feel happy.

THE GREAT EXHIBITION OF THE NORTH is to be held this summer in Newcastle-Gateshead from 22<sup>nd</sup> June to 9<sup>th</sup> September. There will be eighty days of exhibits on the Arts, Innovation and Design. See <http://getnorth2018> for details.

**Why not combine it with some family history research at the society's Library and Research Centre, Percy House.**

**Letters about member's interests are welcomed both by the Journal and this newsletter.**

The deadline for submission of items for inclusion in the newsletter will be the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, April, July & October. Items must be in the form of WORD, RTF or ODT File, to be attached to an e-mail and sent to: [ndfhsnews@ndfhs.org.uk](mailto:ndfhsnews@ndfhs.org.uk).

## **NEWS from Percy House Library**

Bearing in mind that Hexhamshire was an Ecclesiastical Peculiar in the past, the library has purchased the following.

York Probate Records:Medieval and Peculiar Courts, 1267 – 1858, edited by Cliff Webb. The British Record Society, Volume 134.

It covers the 54 peculiar courts, in addition to Yorkshire, there are substantial wills and administrations from Lancashire, Nottingham and Northumberland. The documents are **indexed by name, place and occupation**. Full references are given so that copies may be ordered from the Borthwick Institute. The society is purchasing the publication at a special price. £10.00 plus £5.00 p.p. Compared to the list price of £35.00.



**THE BOOKWORM**

**PR YKS 2 H** Archbishop's of York Marriage Bonds & Allegations. 1830 – 1839 – Index includes Hexhamshire

Edited by E.B & W.R Newsome, 1986

## Wills Project

Recently, someone has purchased a number of the Probate Indexes and has been very complimentary about them , Gerry passed this on to Douglas.

“ Hi

Many thanks for the various Probate Indices received to date. Have had a quick look through them, and they are a magnificent resource for tracing family relationships in the period covered by the datasets! Please thank the transcribers involved for their efforts. It is very much appreciated. Best wishes, Richard Liddell.”

I thought that it would be nice for our readers to know about the above.

## WILLS PROJECT

The district of Darlington is now being indexed, as it is rather a large district it will take a while to complete.

### NAMES IN WILLS.

Dated 5<sup>th</sup> January 1736. Will of Ann **Armstrong**, Durham

Son Anthony Armstrong £80.00, my daughter Rachell Armstrong £120.00, my daughter Mary Coates £30.00, my daughter Ann Whitfield's three Children Martin Ann and Elizabeth Forty shillings apiece, my daughter Elizabeth Harberts Children William, Ann, Margaret and Thomas Fifty shillings apiece, when they attain the age of 21 years, the interest thereof to be paid yearly to my said daughter Elizabeth, my daughter Isabell Allans Child Mary Five ppounds at 21 years, my son John Allan all household goods now in his possession formerly belonging to me. My well beloved Friend Thomas Westgarth, Merchant Supervisor and Trustee of the my Will To be paid out ofpocket expenses. At to the rest of my household goods and the rest of my personal estate to my daughter Rachell and do appoint my said daughter Rachell Armstrong and Anthony Armstrong sole Executors.

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***CONFERENCE***

**19<sup>th</sup> CENTURY MIGRATION INTO THE NORTH-EAST**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**10am – 4.30pm**

**Brunswick Methodist Church  
NEWCASTLE NE1 7BJ**

**Hugh Shankland – Out of Italy**

**Winifred Stokes – Norfolk to Witton Park**

**Tony Flynn – Irish Immigration: 1840-1880 growth in  
population**

**Linda Bankier – Migration south from Scotland**

**Exhibition – MIGRANT ANCESTORS BY NDFHS BRANCHES**

**Cost: £20 including buffet lunch**

***Booking form on our website***

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## **BRANCH MEETINGS**

### **ALNWICK**

**1 MAY:** Getting DNA Tested- Worth it? Speaker: Dudley George. **5 JUNE:** Remembering Woodbine Willie  
Speaker: Wendy Stafford.

### **BLYTH**

**17 APRIL:** Blyth and Tyne Railway, Part 2, Speaker: Ed. Orwin. **16 MAY:** The Parish Chest, Speaker: Wendy  
Stafford. **19 JUNE:** AGM & Members Forum.

### **LONDON**

**14 JULY, TIME 2pm,** Iron Horses & Stale Sandwiches, Speaker: Freda Thompson

### **NEWCASTLE**

**2 MAY.** Domestic Servants in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Speaker: Christine Seal, **6 JUNE,** What the Romans did for  
us, Speaker: Dr. Peter Jones.

### **NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND**

**19 MAY,** AGM, **15 SEPTEMBER,** Lifting the veil on past lives – looking at our ancestors' Wills and  
Testaments, Speaker: Margaret Fox.

### **NORTH TYNESIDE**

**1 MAY,** Local Outing, **5 JUNE,** History of Postcards, please bring along for discussion, Speaker: George Nairn

**SOUTH TYNESIDE, 16 MAY,** TBA, **20 JUNE,** Branch visit out TBA

**TYNEDALE, 10 MAY,** Life as a Victorian Farmer's wife: RentaPeasant, Speaker: Louisa Gidney, **14 JUNE,**  
History of Board Games, Speaker: Jo Bath, **12 JULY,** Members forum TBA

**WANSBECK, 2 MAY,** When English Began, Speaker: Keith Suddaby, **6 JUNE,** Pubs, Brewers and Beer,  
Speaker: Andrew Clark.

## WEBSITES

**The Railway, Life and Death Project. Looking at British Railway Worker's Accidents.**

[www.railwayaccidents.port.ac.uk](http://www.railwayaccidents.port.ac.uk)

**The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland ( PRONI)**

Digitised registers of WW1 war casualties who were treated in the Royal Victoria Hosital (RVH), Belfast, between September 1914 and November 1916/

[www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/first-world-war-register-royal-victoris-hospital](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/first-world-war-register-royal-victoris-hospital)

**The Tempest Database.**

Free website to explore how extreme weather would have affected the lives of ancestors over a 500 year period. Narratives about the weather have been extracted from historical documents of all kinds.

[www.nottingham.ac.uk/geography/extremeweather](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/geography/extremeweather)

**Medieval Manuscripts**

More than 50 rare medieval manuscripts all early print edition, spanning a 1,000 years of history, are now available for free on the British Library's Discovering Literature website

[www.bl.uk/medieval-literature](http://www.bl.uk/medieval-literature)

**Bomber Command**

International Bomber Command Centre Archives form the biggest database in the world, dealing with Bomber Command

[www.internationalbcc.co.uk](http://www.internationalbcc.co.uk)

[www.TheGenealogist](http://www.TheGenealogist)

The tithe maps on the website are now screened in colour.

**Please note:**

**GDPR. The Trustees are drawing up a Data Protection Policy and a review of other documents in order to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation May 2018.**

I hope that you have enjoyed this e-newsletter. Editor Joyce Jackman