

**WELCOME TO THE E-NEWSLETTER**  
**OF THE**  
**NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM FAMILY HISTORY**  
**SOCIETY**  
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Hello everyone,

The Society has just held a very successful Beginners Course at our Library and Research Centre. Please read your Winter Journal, it will have details of the Beyond the Basics Course to be held in the early Spring. In September we welcomed to our Trustees Meeting our new Treasurer – Niamh Cunningham.

The Monumental Inscriptions Images Project continues to expand, due to the dedicated work of the volunteers, who at this time of year can be confronted by muddy paths and at any time of year by overgrown brambles. There is always room for more volunteers and if you are interested please contact John Ward – [editor@ndfhs.org.uk](mailto:editor@ndfhs.org.uk)

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A plea from an Ann Votier and with her permission her e-mail is: [avotier2809@outlook.com](mailto:avotier2809@outlook.com)

Looking for relations of Vincent & Mary Ann Moody, lived in Buckingham Street and they both died in the 1960's. Ann's maiden name is Murphy, granddaughter of Francis Murphy who lived opposite the Moodys.

#### **NAMES IN DURHAM WILLS PROJECT**

Work is being carried forward on the Durham section of the project.

Researchers are starting to realise what a wonderful resource the project is, finding ancestors mentioned in a will either as a witness or any other sort of status, be it spouse, family, servant or friend.

As there are thousands of Durham Wills, the editor is able to identify wills with names that might be of interest to one of our members.

**Will of : Robert Hutchinson Elder** of Featherstone, Row Foot. Dated 17 June 1751

Wife **Elisabeth £20.00 and One pound ten shillings yearly** by my son Mathew during her life.

Eldest son **John £3.00**, Second son **William** halfe my wearing apparel and **ten shillings** each Grandchild or child of his **five shillings**. Third son **Robert** the other half of my wearing apparel and **ten shillings** for each Granchild or child of his **five shillings**.

My youngest son **Mathew** my Sool (sic) Executor of all money, goods, Crops and Husbandry nailes(sic)

## **HOT OFF THE PRESS**

The latest from Durham Wills

PL\_12 Durham Ward covering the Durham parishes of St Cuthbert, St Giles, St Margaret, St Mary le Bow, St Mary the Less, St Nicholas and St Oswald, and the parishes of Bishop Middleham, Brancepeth, Croxdale, Esh, Pittington, Sherburn, Shincliffe and Witton Gilbert. 44,603 names: £10.00

## **BRANCH MEETINGS DIARY**

### Alnwick

There are no meetings in January and February.

5 November 2019, 7,30 pm. Bailiffgate Museum- A Posse of Percys, Speaker: Andy Griffin

### Belmont

20 November 2019, Belmont Community Centre, Sunderland Road, Gilesgate, Durham DH12LL,

The 'Guests' of Queen Victoria 1851 – Durham Jail, Speaker: David Butler

11 December Xmas Gathering at Ramside Hall

### Blyth Branch

**Please note that the Branch has changed its venue to:**

St Mary's Church Hall, Wanley Street, Blyth. NE24 1DP

19 November 2019, 7 pm. History of Blyth Fire Brigade, Speaker: Colin White,

17 December 2019, 7 pm. Christmas Activities, plus poems Alison Thoburn

21 January 2020. 7 pm. Photos, problems and solutions, Speaker: John Ward

### London Branch

Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA

9 November 2019 – Saturday, 2 pm, The Cookson Family, Speaker: John Banham

### Newcastle Branch

Brunswick Methodist Church, Northumberland Court, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7BJ

6 November 2019, 2 pm. Victorian & Georgian Christmases, Speaker: Ross Hamilton

December – No meeting, Xmas gathering elsewhere

### North Tyneside Branch

1<sup>st</sup> Floor North Shields Library, Northumberland Square, North Shields, NE30 1QU

5 November 2019, 1.30 pm, Life on the Ouseburn, Speaker: Mike Greatbach

December – No meeting, Xmas gathering elsewhere

7 January 2020, AGM & Members Forum.

### South Tyneside Branch

St Hilda's Visitors Centre, Market Place, South Shields NE33 1AN

20 November 2019, 1 pm. Estate Papers Workshop – Joyce Jackman

11 December 2019, 1 pm. Members Forum

15 January 2020, 1 pm. Dockwray Square – Rise, Fall, Renaissance, Speaker: Susan Lynn

### Tynedale Branch

Community Centre, Gilesgate, Hexham NE46 3NP

14 November 2019, 7 pm. Tudor Life, Speakers: Deborah Bell & Margaret Tindall

12 December 2019, 7 pm. Members Forum

9 January 2020, 7 pm. Members Forum: Any items or photos of family history interest

### Wansbeck Branch

Pegswood Community Hub, Longhirst Road, Pegswood, Morpeth NE61 6XG

6 November 2019, 1.30pm. Parish Chest Workshop, Wendy Stafford.

December 2019. 1.30 pm. Christmas Activities.

### **Know your Parish – Ilderton**



The parish of St Michael and All Angels, Ilderton lies on the eastern slope of the Cheviot hills within the Glendale District, the Northern Division of Coquetdale Ward. It lies 5 miles SSE of Wooler. There are no non-conformist places of worship in the parish. In 1722 dissenters received licence to worship at Ilderton in the house of Andrew Creggh, who was the ancestor of a line of Presbyterian ministers in Northumberland.

The parish church was erected on the site of an older building that was thought to have been burnt c1296, in 1312 Bishop Kellawe complained that he could not levy the King's subsidy on the vicar of Ilderton because all his goods had been entirely burnt and destroyed by the Scots as had the church. In 1663, the church is referred to as ruinous and in 1715, John Warburton reported that the only part of the church used was the middle aisle and that it was roofed with turf.

St Michaels & All Angels is stone built, consisting of a chancel, nave, south porch and of interest is the embattled western tower, the base of which is of an ancient date. The bell tower contains one bell, the font is dated 1727, the church was repaired, including a new roof in 1851. In 1879, there was a restoration and the chancel was richly decorated with provision for 400 sittings. Until the restoration it was attached to Kirkham Priory. The Roddam mausoleum stands at the east end of the churchyard

The parish register dates from 1723 and are deposited at Northumberland Collections Service at Woodhorn. There is rectory which includes 50 acres of glebe and is in the gift of the Duke of Northumberland. The following are the Townships within the parish, Ilderton, Middleton Hall, North Middleton, Roddam, Roseden and South Middleton. The eastern part of the parish is agricultural land and the western part are moors where sheep graze.

Ilderton is a small village consisting of the church, rectory, hall and a few cottages. Roseden is reached by via a hill rising above 800 feet. In this wild moorland region there stands the Three Stone Burn which flows past a prehistoric stone circle, certainly, this stone circle both in the eighteenth century and on an ordnance survey map can be identified as a Druids' Temple. Roseden is divided from Roddam on the south by the Roddam burn, it extends across the Breamish Valley eastward as far as Old Bewick. Until the late nineteenth century both townships were owned by the Ilderton family. Ilderton and Roseden were members of the Barony of Wark held by the family of Roos. In 1919 Thomas George Ilderton sold Ilderton to Thomas Deuchar.

Roddam is the most southerly township in Ilderton parish and lies 600 feet above sea level. The present Roddam Hall was built in the early eighteenth century this work for this was designed by Lancelot Coxon who seems to have designed Killingworth Hall for Edward Roddam. In 2012 Roddam Hall was sold by Lord Vinson to Lord James Percy, younger brother of the Duke of Northumberland

Middleton Hall Township the name of Middleton is extremely common. In 1883 Middleton Hall was described as modern and protected by new plantations and lies 1 ½ miles from Belford. For a time the Hall was owned by the Greenwich Trust and used to nurse Naval Officers back to health. The township includes the shepherd's cottage of Skirlnaked, the name of which may now be called shining Pool. At the western edge of the township the main road from Newcastle to Wooler passes on the boundary. At Haughhead there is an old house which was formerly an inn called the George and Dragon and was used by travellers in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Ilderton Parish, area and population.

Township	Area in acres	1801	1811	1821	1831	1841	1851	1861	1871	1881	1891	1901	1911	1921	1931
<b>Ilderton</b>	5,334	135	118	157	125	121	145	124	144	118	112	97	88	72	72
<b>Middleton Hall</b>	1,102	40	47	61	56	83	66	73	48	84	57	44	36	45	44
<b>North Middleton</b>	2,080	82	111	123	156	129	127	113	107	114	104	94	90	52	86
<b>Roddam</b>	1,203	92	77	90	118	110	128	118	101	83	84	69	69	76	55
<b>Roseden</b>	893	59	70	74	78	83	95	95	60	64	52	78	55	54	47
<b>South Middleton</b>	1,611	67	79	69	69	78	80	75	68	49	62	52	52	96	57

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Feedback is welcomed and do not be shy, if you wish to contribute please get in touch.

A Reminder:

The deadline for submission of items for inclusion in the newsletter will be the 1 of July 2019.

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) Photographs and other images should be attached separately as JPG files.