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Introduction

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Contents

Deeds, papers, accounts and correspondence relating to Aldin Grange and Broom Hall estates, and Relley Paper Mill with Gaudyhaugh in St. Oswald's parish, and land at Ushaw Hill Top, in Esh, Co. Durham, sometime in possession of John Taylor (d. ca 1823), then of his son Francis Bradshaw Taylor (d. ca 5 December 1846), then his daughter Francis Mary Taylor (d. 3 October 1863), and following her marriage in 1856 to Dr Archibald Macrae, to their surviving daughter Mary Macrae (d. ca 20 February 1884), on whose death (childless) the trust property devolved to her cousins Anna Helena Macrae and Isabella Macrae. The collection contains business papers relating to the paper mill during the tenancy of Alnwick Smith and Thomas Smith of Langley Mills, including those of William Fleming of Tudhoe Villa, Spennymoor, the land agent for the family. There are, in addition, plans of Relley Mill and the Broom Hall and Aldin estates, and a range of ephemera including a few documents relating to Worcester, and a stray copy of the Inclosure Act of 1784 for Leyburn, North Yorkshire. The records were collected and generated by William Allen solicitor of Worcester in the course of his business as a trustee of the 1856 marriage settlement between Taylor and Macrae: Allen was a son of Mary Taylor [by a previous marriage to that with Francis Bradshaw Taylor], and so the half-brother of Frances Mary Macrae (née Taylor).

Taylor and Macrae families

The property concerned in these documents is based upon the estate of John Taylor (d. ca. 1823) in the Browney Valley, Co. Durham. The Aldin Grange and Broom Hall estates were purchased by Taylor from Miss Ann Gibbon in 1814 (accounted in WOS 7/1/1-2), and from the Marquess and Marchioness of Londonderry on 7-8 June 1825 (recited in WOS 2/9): these 1814 and 1824 deeds are not present. The Taylor estate combined freehold and Durham Dean & Chapter leasehold premises. The Relley and Gaudyhaugh lands were leased from the Dean and Chapter of Durham from 1819 until the freehold was purchased by the Trustees in 1862: the Dean & Chapter re-acquired the property in 1886. Parts of the estate were sold off separately, initially to settle debts, and latterly to fund improvements to the mill, and in the winding up of the Trust. Mineral rights for the Broom Hall and Aldin Grange lands were also leased out; and several plots of land were purchased by the North Eastern Railway Company (and its predecessors) in the creation of new lines in the 1850s-1860s. Francis Bradshaw Taylor's heiress, Francis Mary Taylor, married Dr Archibald Macrae of Bruiach, Invernesshire in 1856 and the property was placed in trust. The Macraes later lived in Scotland, Richmond, Yorkshire, and Worcester. The Hill Top property was sold in 1856 to Ushaw College, and the Aldin Grange and Broom Hall estates were sold separately in 1862 to the Dean & Chapter of Durham and to Ushaw College, respectively. Relley Mill was retained by the trust until 1886.

Accession details

Received from Worcester Record Office by the University of Durham Department of Palaeography and Diplomatic (from 1990 part of the University Library's Archives and Special Collections department) on 11 February 1958. This collection was renamed in 1999, having previously, with the Arthur Hedley Maps, been referred to as the Worcester Solicitor's Papers.

Previous custodial history

Deposited on permanent loan in the Worcester Record Office on 4 December 1957 by Gallaher & Russell, solicitors, 2 Pierpoint Street, Worcester, with permission to distribute them appropriately.

Arrangement

Accessioned as 2 bundles, broadly in the same groups as persists, but disorganised within each group. Arrangement reflects the Taylor or Macrae management of, or the different successors to, the discrete estate(s) of Aldin Grange and Broom Hall, Relley Mill and Gaudyhaugh, and Hill Top.

WOS 1: Frances Mary Macrae (née Taylor) Trust and trustees

WOS 2: Aldin Grange and Broom Hall estates

WOS 3: Aldin Grange and Broom Hall minerals

WOS 4: Relley Mill and Gaudyhaugh

WOS 5: Land at Hill Top, Esh

WOS 6: Sale of lands to North Eastern Railway Railway Company, and its predecessors

WOS 7: Accounts, relating to all Taylor / Macrae Durham lands transactions (WOS 1-6)

WOS 8: Tidmarsh properties at Stockton-on-Tees and Worcester (unrelated to WOS 1-7)

WOS 9: Stray papers of William Allen solicitor of Worcester (unrelated to WOS 1-7)

WOS 10: Inclosure Act of 1784 for Leyburn, North Yorkshire

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Related material - here

Durham Cathedral Muniments, Estate records (Loose Papers)
Account, sketch and valuation re Aldin Grange, [undated] (DCD/K/LP1/1).

Durham Bishopric Halmote Court Records

Ushaw Moor (Middlewood Moor) enclosure award, 3 May 1763 (under Act of 2 Geo. III) (DHC 6/II/16); copy award (DHC 1/M1); plan separate (DHC 6/II/3); copy plan (Add.MS 1694).

Additional Manuscripts

Bargain and sale of Broom Hall, among other lands, 1776 (Add.MS. 1744/9).

Durham Cathedral Muniments, Plans and surveys

Survey of leasehold property at Aldin Grange, among other properties, 1793-1822 (DCD/E/AB/2).

Church Commission deposit of Durham Chapter estate records

Relley Mill deeds and abstracts of title, 1819-1886 (CCD 219778-219785).

Church Commission Durham Bishopric 1981 deposit

Miscellaneous papers re Aldin Grange, Broom Hall, Relley Mill, including 1862 sale particulars with plan (CCB D/1981/255237/1-7).

Deeds and papers re 15a 2r 3p freehold land at Aldin Grange, 1763-1857 (CCB D/1981/255204-255215).

Deeds and abstracts of title re 3a 2r 5p freehold land at Broomhall, 1825-1862 (CCB D/1981/255232).

Church Commission deposit Durham Bishopric Estates: Maps and Plans

Plan of Broom Hall Farm with acreages and the state of cultivation, (approx. 8" : 1 mile), 1823 (CCB MP/61).

Plan of Broom Farm, (20" : 1 mile), 1858 (CCB MP/61).

Plan of Aldin Grange estate, (12" : 10 chains), 1862 (CCB MP/60).

Related material - elsewhere

Durham County Record Office

National Coal Board, Miscellaneous: plan of John Tempest's Broom Hall estate, giving field names, acreages, land use, 1777 (NCB I/X 213).

Brancepeth Estate: mortgage of Broom Hall Farm (among other lands), 1786 (D/Br/D 1314-1316).

Fleming family of Tudhoe: Taylor papers re Broom Hall, Aldin Grange, Relley Mill, 1788-1862, including 1813 sale particulars (D/Fle).

Bowes Museum Collection: Thomas Bell and Sons, surveyors: plan of Broom Hall estate (with survey), 1802 (D/Bo/G 15).

Londonderry Estates, Estate Papers: Marquess of Londonderry to Francis Taylor, sale of Broom Hall estate, 1825 (D/Lo/E 146-151).

Houghton-le-Spring St Michael Parish: plan showing coal royalties in the area between Aldin Grange, Broom Hall, Relly Paper Mill, Broom Cooke's East Wood, Langley, Langley Mills and Langley Mill, plotted on Ordnance Survey plan, sheet 24, 1856; Scale: 1:10560 (EP/Ho 998).

Miscellaneous documents: letter to Ralph Pickering from H.F. Scott of Newcastle-upon-Tyne enclosing miscellaneous records and pedigrees including the Taylors of Satley, Colpike and Aldin Grange, n.d. (D/X 939/5).

Northumberland and Durham Family History Society: Percy House
Two volumes of photostats, photographs and genealogical research notes relating to Aldin Grange, [20th century] (LH.DUR 291).

Taylor Deeds

WOS 1 1823-1890

Frances Mary Macrae (née Taylor) Trust and trustees.

2 envelopes

WOS 1/1 16 August 1823

Grant of probate, with copy 11 August 1818 will of John Taylor gentleman formerly of Esh and late of Aldin Grange. Proved at Durham. [Personal] estate: under £9,000.

Parchment 2m

Location of originals: For original will, see DPRI/1/1823/T5.

WOS 1/2 5 December 1846

Grant of probate, with copy will dated 3 May 1846 of Francis Bradshaw Taylor gentleman of Aldin Grange, father of Frances [Mary] Taylor. Proved at Durham. [Personal] estate: under £8,000. Endorsed with memoranda of enrollments: (a) Hartlepool Dock and Railway Company, 11 June 1847; (b) Great North of England Clarence and Hartlepool Junction Railway Company, 11 June 1847; (c) Tynemouth manor court rolls, 20 September 1889.

Parchment 2m

Location of originals: For original will, see DPRI/1/1846/T1.

WOS 1/3 [October] 1856

Draft marriage settlement, as WOS 1/5. Endorsed: Mr Bonham Carter to settle.

Paper 8f

WOS 1/4 25 October 1856

Draft marriage settlement, annotated, as WOS 1/5. Endorsements: (i) Mr Bonham Carter to settle; (ii) 22 October 1856 covering letter from Mr Bonham Carter of Lincoln's Inn explaining his amendments; (iii) memorandum of engrossment, 25 October 1856.

Paper; textile tie 12f

WOS 1/5 28 October 1856

1. Frances Mary Taylor spinster of Aldin Grange
2. Archibald Macrae doctor of medicine of Bruiack [Bruiach], Inverness-shire, surgeon to the Regiment of Inverness Militia
3. Archibald Macra Chisholm esquire late a captain in H.M. 42nd Royal Highland Regiment, now of Ratachan House, Ross-shire; William Allen gentleman of Worcester

As a settlement prior to the marriage of 1 with 2: release by 1, with the consent of 2, to the use of 3 of (a) Aldin Grange mansion house with garden, orchards etc. (3a 2r 2p) and Tup Hill and Fating Pasture and the plantation adjoining (13a), occupied by Mary Taylor and her tenant Anthony Pattinson; (b) Broom Hall with adjoining fields (193a), occupied by William Cumming; Relley Mill and Close (14a), occupied by John Smith; freehold land on Crossgate Moor (8a 2r 5p), with bounds; (c) all other hereditaments devised by the will of Francis Bradshaw Taylor. Upon trust: To the use of 1, with remainders to the use of the survivor of 1-2 and their issue; or failing such issue, 2 pre-deceasing 1, to the use of 1 her heirs and assigns, or, 1 pre-deceasing 2, to the use of 2 during his lifetime, then to the uses specified in the will of 1.

Recites: (1) respective rights of Mary Taylor, mother of 1, Barnard Taylor and 1 existing in lands (a-c) by the wills of John Taylor and Francis Bradshaw Taylor gentlemen of Aldin Grange, grandfather and father of 1 respectively.

Signed and sealed by all parties, and witnessed by J. Chisholm of Broomhill, Inverness, Charles Mason clerk to William Allen, and Charles M. Hardy ground officer at Applecross, Ross-shire.

Parchment, indented 3m

WOS 1/6 5 January 1861

Draft consent, as WOS 1/7.

Paper 3f

WOS 1/7 5 January 1861

Consent by Archibald Macrae doctor of medicine of Bruiach, Inverness-shire, and Frances Mary Macrae his wife, for trustees selling lands settled on Frances Mary Macrae prior to their marriage.

Signed by both parties, and witnessed by John Fraser.

Paper 3f

WOS 1/8 [1856 x 1875]

Extract from marriage settlement (WOS 1/5) relevant to the appointment of trustees.

Paper 1f

WOS 1/9 [before 11 February] 1861

Draft deed of renunciation, as WOS 1/10.

Paper 4f

WOS 1/10 2 February 1863

1. Archibald Macrae doctor of medicine of Bruiach, Inverness-shire, and Frances Mary Macrae his wife
2. Archibald Macra Chisholm esquire of Hartfield House, Lochcarron, Ross-shire, trustee

Deed of renunciation of Archibald Macra Chisholm esquire, and release of Trust. Signed and sealed by all parties, and witnessed by John Fraser and Ewen McDonall. Paper 2f

WOS 1/11 2 June 1863

Draft of appointment, as WOS 1/12.

Paper; parchment tie 10f

WOS 1/12 2 June 1863

1. Archibald Macrae, doctor of medicine, formerly of Bruiach, Inverness-shire, now of Priory Kemerton, Gloucestershire; Frances Mary Macrae, his wife
2. Right Reverend William Bernard Allen Collier D.D., Roman Catholic Bishop of Mauritius

Appointment of 2 in the place of Archibald Macra Chisholm as a trustee of marriage settlement (WOS 1/5).

Signed and sealed by all parties, and witnessed by John Bain, auctioneer of Inverness and William Carpenter gardener at the Priory, Kemerton.

Parchment 1m

WOS 1/13 29 September 1864

1. William Allen gentleman of St Nicholas parish, Worcester
2. Right Reverend William Bernard Allen Collier, late Roman Catholic Bishop of Mauritius

(Unexecuted) mortgage by 1 to 2 of a parcel of land (4,258 square yards) being part of a piece of land formerly in pasture called The Little Horn and now forming part of Comer Gardens in the chapelry of Hallow, Worcestershire, formerly occupied by Slater and now by Thomas Marsh, to secure the repayment of £283 17s 4d with 5% interest.

Recites: (a) 29 September 1864 sale of above lands by William Rowlands merchant to 1 for £283 17s 4d; (b) marriage settlement (WOS 1/5) vesting funds in 1 and 2, £283 17s 4d of which funds are now owing by 1 to the Trust estate.

Paper 2f

WOS 1/14 7 June 1875

1. Archibald Macrae, doctor of medicine, formerly of Bruiach, Inverness-shire, now of Priory Kemerton, Gloucestershire
2. Right Reverend William Allen Collier D.D., formerly Roman Catholic Bishop of Mauritius
3. William Allen gentleman of Worcester
4. Duncan Macrae esquire of Kames Castle, Isle of Bute

Appointment of 4 in the place of 2 as a trustee of marriage settlement (WOS 1/5).

Signed and sealed by all parties, and witnessed by John Jenkins clerk of Coventry, Angus McRae house servant at Kames Castle, Mary Macrae, A.J. Beauchamp solicitor of Worcester, and James McGhee gardener at Kames Castle.

Paper, indented 2f

WOS 1/15 1 February 1879

Draft release, as WOS 1/16.

Paper 4f

WOS 1/16 1 February 1879

Release of Macrea trustees, with statement of account.

Paper 2f; 2f

WOS 1/16/1 1 February 1879

1. Mary Macrae spinster late of Kemerton, Gloucestershire now of Worcester, daughter of Archibald and Frances Mary Macrae
2. William Allen gentleman of Worcester; Duncan Macrae esquire of Kames Castle, Isle of Bute
3. Right Reverend William Allen Collier D.D. formerly Roman Catholic Bishop of Mauritius now of Coventry

Release by 1 to 2-3 of trust.

Recites: marriage settlement (WOS 1/5); subsequent land sales; successive appointments of trustees; successive deaths of Frances Mary Macrae (d. 3 October 1863), Archibald Macrae (d. 23 October 1876) and Flora Philomene Macrea (d. 24 April 1878) their only other child; the majority of 1 on 5 September 1878.

Signed and sealed by 1, and witnessed by A.J. Beauchamp solicitor of Worcester.

Paper 2f

WOS 1/16/2 [1 February] 1879

Statement of account, Macrae trustees to Mary Macrae, 1878-1879.

4f

WOS 1/17 20 February 1884

Grant of probate, and copy will dated 7 November 1883 of Mary Macrae spinster formerly of the Priory, Kemerton, late of Walnut Tree House, Worcester. Proved at Worcester. Estate value: £1,243 16s 8d. Endorsed with memoranda of enrollments: (a) Worcester, Bromyard & Leominster Railway, 28 February 1884; (b) Tynemouth manor court rolls, 20 September 1889.

Parchment 2m

WOS 1/18/1-2 29 August 1890

Inland Revenue succession duty receipt for the balance (£748) of the residuary personal estate of Marianne Allen (died 12 June 1890), tenant for life of property derived from the will of her niece Mary Macrae, and which, under terms of the same will (WOS 1/17), upon the deaths of Marianne Allen and William Allen, the other succeeding tenant for life (d. 27 January 1887), passed to Mary Macrae's cousins Anna Helena Macrae and Isabella Macrae of Rothsay, Isle of Bute, the daughters of Duncan Macrae; with A.J. Beauchamp the surviving executor's probate account of the estate of Mary Macrae annexed.

Paper 1f; 1f

WOS 1/19-20 13 August 1890

Inland Revenue receipts for two £50 legacies given in the will of Mary Macrae of Worcester spinster to Minna Macdonald and Eliza Swarbreck, and duty thereon.

Paper 1f; 1f

WOS 1/21 15-16 September 1890

Release of trusts, with receipt.

Paper 3f

WOS 1/21/1 15 September 1890

1. Anna Helena Macrae spinster of Kames Castle, Rothesay, Isle of Bute
2. Isabel Macrae spinster of Kames Castle
3. Arthur James Beauchamp gentleman of Worcester, co-executor of Mary Macrae spinster

Release by 1-2 to 3 of trusts of the will of Mary Macrae spinster (WOS 1/17); subscribed with copy probate account.

Recites: death of Marianne Allen, co-executor of Mary Macrae; negative equity of real estate of the late Mary Macrae; payment of legacies; approval by 1-2 of the probate account of Mary Macrae, each receiving a moiety of the residuary £709 8d estate.

Signed and sealed by 1-2, and witnessed by Alexander MacKinnon butler of Kames Castle, Rothesay.

Paper 2f

WOS 1/21/2 16 September 1890

Acknowledgement by 1-2 [to A.J. Beauchamp solicitor and surviving executor] of receipt of £709 8d.

Paper 1f

WOS 1/22/1-5 24-28 October 1856; 3 December 1862

Correspondence and enclosures to William Allen solicitor of Worcester from the following correspondents relating to (i) the drafting of the marriage settlement (WOS 1/5); (ii) the lease by Dr [Archibald] Macrae of The Priory, Kimmerton from William Prior, enclosing copies of advertisement and lease agreement.

Correspondents: (i) Frances Mary Taylor spinster of Aldin Grange, [half-]sister of William Allen; H[enry] Bonham Carter [barrister] of 2 Stone Buildings Lincoln's Inn; (ii) William Prior of 3 Henrietta Villas, Bath.

Paper 2f; 5f

WOS 2 1785-1863

Aldin Grange and Broom Hall estates.

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WOS 2/1-2 4-5 May 1785

1. Anthony Tilly gentleman of Broomside
2. Robert Salkeld yeoman of Relley, Durham St Oswald; Jane Salkeld his wife
3. Richard Darling gentleman of Shadforth
4. Thomas Gibbon gentleman of The College, Durham
5. Matthew Woodfield of The College

Bargain and sale of the reversion and inheritance in the form of a lease and release by 1-2 to 5 in trust to the use of 4 his heirs and assigns of: (a) a messuage, tenement or farmhold in Broom, Durham St Oswald, formerly tenanted by George Wilkinson and now occupied by 2 or his undertenants, and (b) allotment on Ushaw Moor (16a 1r 9p); with assignment by 3 to 5 at the nomination of 4 of lands (a-b) with their unexpired terms of years in trust for 4 his heirs and assigns.

Recites: (1) 22 April 1745 mortgage by 2 to Reverend John Johnson D.D.L. of Durham of 2/3 parts of lands (a-b) to secure the repayment of £50 with interest; (2) 6 November [?June] 1778 mortgage by 2 to Elizabeth Rippon spinster of Durham St Mary le Bow of lands (a-b) to secure the repayment of £100 interest; (3) deaths of John Johnson, Dorothy Johnson (later Nicholson) his daughter and sole executrix, and two of her three executors, Richard Richardson land surveyor of Darlington her surviving executor; (4) 22-23 September 1781 re-mortgage by 2 to 1 of lands (a-b) to secure the repayment of £200 with 5% interest (£50 to Richard Richardson; £100 to Elizabeth Rippon; £50 to 2), with assignment by Richard Richardson and Elizabeth Rippon to 3 at the request of 2 and at the nomination of 1 of lands (a-b) for the terms of 900 and 1,000 years in trust to the use of 1.

Consideration: £805 (£200 to 1; £605 to 2); 10s by 5 to 3. Receipts endorsed.

Proviso that 2 levy to 1 a fine sur cognizance de droit come ceo [qu' il a de son done] of lands (a-b).

Signed and sealed by 1-3, and witnessed by Henry Hopper, James Jackson.

Parchment, indented 1m; 3m

WOS 2/3 7 November 1796

Grant of probate, with copy 5 March 1794 will and 7 September 1795 codicil of Thomas Gibbon of The College, Durham, deceased 10 October 1796. Proved at Durham.

Parchment 2m

WOS 2/4-5 [?1825]

Extract of 11 August 1818 will of John Taylor gentleman formerly of Esh and late of Aldin Grange. Proved at Durham, 16 August 1823. Extracted for J. Griffith and T. Griffith by H. Anderson, clerk. 2 copies.

Paper 2f; 2f

WOS 2/6 1825

Abstract of title to Broom Hall (1759-1822), prepared by Gregson for Messrs Griffiths [?for F.B. Taylor]; the estate upon its purchase by John Tempest in 1763 comprising: mansion house and tenement called Broomhall (late occupied by John Newton and William Salkeld), the Pasture, the Corn Field, Lashes Close, Windmill Hill, Little Meadow, Stubblefield, the Park, the Great Meadow, the Great Pasture, and several closes formerly part of Ushaw Moor or Middlewood Moor. By the 1819 marriage of Frances Anne Vane-Tempest to Charles Stewart the estate passed from the Tempest family ultimately to the 3rd Marquess of Londonderry. [The abstract was prepared in the same year as the estate was purchased by Francis Bradshaw Taylor.]

Paper 59f

WOS 2/7 18 May 1829

1. Francis Bradshaw Taylor gentleman of Aldin Grange
2. William Proctor of Auton Style, cartwright

Copy bargain and sale with feoffment by 1 to 2 his heirs and assigns of a piece of land at Auton Style (20 x 5 yards), bounded on East and South by lands of 1, on North by the road leading from Ushaw to Durham, on West by leasehold allotment of Anthony Pattison, with house and joiner's shop lately erected thereon; with memorandum of 18 May 1829 livery of seisin, and receipt by 1 to 2 for £5.

Consideration: £5 by 2 to 1.

Paper 4f

WOS 2/8 [after 1 March 1851]

Abstract of 1 March 1851 bargain and sale by Francis Mary Taylor spinster of Aldin Grange and Mary Taylor widow to George Griffith gentleman of Durham of a plot of freehold land (2r 11p) in Great Meadow field, part of Broom Hall estate, occupied by William Cumming tenant farmer, with bounds; reserving minerals; barring dower. Consideration: £50.

Paper 2f

WOS 2/9 [December 1851]

Abstract of title of Mrs [Mary] Taylor and Miss Frances M[ary] Taylor to a freehold estate called Broomhall in Durham St Oswald; superscribed, Trotter's mortgage. [Date drawn from correspondence from Trotter & Hodgson solicitors of Bishop Auckland, see WOS 2/27, relating to the [?unexecuted] mortgage of Broom Hall by Taylor to Fawcett and another, and mentioning a Dr Trotter.]

Paper 11f

WOS 2/10 5 December 1854

1. Frances Mary Taylor spinster of Aldin Grange
2. John Cumming farmer of Manor House, Lanchester; William Cumming farmer of Broom Hall, Durham St Oswald

Bond in £4,100 by 1 to 2 to secure the repayment of £2,050 with 4.25% interest. With schedule of deeds (including WOS 2/1-3) deposited by 1 with 2 as collateral security.

Paper 2f

WOS 2/11 7 March 1855

Copy extract of 29 December 1838 tithe rent charge apportionment and plan for Broom township, relating to freehold and Dean & Chapter leasehold lands of Francis Bradshaw Taylor esquire, property of his executors: Broom Hall, Aldin Grange. Owners [1838] of contiguous lands indicated in plan. Scale: 4 chains or 3168:1. Paper; waxed paper 4f; 1f (plan)

WOS 2/12 [?1856]

Copy advertisement for letting Aldin Grange, with or without 15 acres of pasture and meadow land, with description of house; prepared by William Allen of Worcester solicitor.

Paper 1f

WOS 2/13 [after 28 October] 1856

Draft abstract of title of [the trustees of] Dr and Mrs Macrae to a freehold estate called Aldin Grange.

Title owners substituted for the devisees of F.B. Taylor esquire [subsequent to the marriage of Frances Mary Taylor to Archibald Macrae]. Abstract on dorse, as originally drafted, identifies the purchaser as the North Eastern Railway Company (Deerness line), and the lands more generally described as being in Broom township.

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WOS 2/14 24 March 1857

1. Mary Taylor widow late of Aldin Grange but now residing at Bruiack [Bruiach], Inverness-shire
2. Archibald Macra Chisholm esquire of Ratachan House, Ross-shire; William Allen gentleman of Worcester
3. Archibald Macrae doctor of medicine of Bruiack [Bruiach]; Frances Mary Macrae his wife [née Frances Mary Taylor]
4. Alexander Cockburn esquire of Park Street, Grosvenor Square, Middlesex, a major in the North Durham Regiment of Militia

(Unexecuted) counterpart lease for 5 years by 1, and 2 at the request of 3, to 4 of: (a) Aldin Grange mansion house, lodge, stables, buildings, lawn, garden and orchard (3a 2r 6p), late occupied by 1 or her assigns; (b) on an annual renewing lease, 2 fields adjoining the mansion house named Tup Hill and the Fattening Pasture (14a), now occupied by 1 or her assigns, lands (a-b) subject to [undated minerals] lease by Frances Mary Taylor to John Maude Ogden esquire of Bishopwearmouth; (c) game on Broom Hall farm and lands. With provisions: for specified building works to Aldin Grange house required to be undertaken by 4; to preserve the painting and ornamentation of the chapel; to preserve some young rooks in Aldin Grange rookery at the end of each season; prohibiting conversion of any lands to tillage; reserving timber.

Consideration: £40 per annum years 1-3, £50 per annum thereafter for (a); £42 per annum for (b).

Signed and sealed by 4 only, and witnessed by W.E. Wooler solicitor of Durham.

Parchment 3m

WOS 2/15 14 June 1858

1. Archibald Macra Chisholm of Ratachan House, Ross-shire, captain in the Durham Militia; William Allen gentleman of Worcester, trustees

2. William Cumming farmer of Broom Hall, Durham St Oswald

Counterpart lease for 15 years, from 13 May 1858, by 1 to 2 of Broom Hall farm, now occupied by 2, and the Fattening Pasture, now or late occupied by Major Cockburn (178a); with the usual reservations and game; with detailed plan of crop rotation; with provision for drainage.

Consideration: £275 per annum; £20 per annum per acre converted to tillage.

Signed and sealed by all parties, and witnessed by Colin C. Grant Roman Catholic clergyman of Kintail, H.J. Griffiths clerk of William Allen, and Charles Gillow.

Parchment, indented 3m

WOS 2/16 20 June 1857

1. Archibald Macrae Chisholm esquire of Ratachan House, Ross-shire; William Allen gentleman of Worcester

2. Archibald Macrae of Bruiah, Inverness-shire, doctor of medicine and surgeon to the Regiment of Inverness; Frances Mary Macrae, his wife

3. Mary Taylor widow late of Aldin Grange but now of Bruiah

4. Charles Griffith gentleman of Newcastle upon Tyne

Draft bargain and sale by 2 to 4 of lands in Broom (15a 2r 3p) now in the possession of 4, formerly part of Middlewood or Ushaw Moor allotted to Robert Salkeld, with bounds, barring dower, with schedule of deeds (1782-1856).

Consideration: £900 by 4 to 1 at the direction of 2; 5s each by 4 to 2-3.

Paper; textile tie 15p

WOS 2/17 May 1862

Conditions of sale of freehold and leasehold estates called Aldin Grange, Broom Hall, and Relley Mill, to be sold by auction at the The Three Tuns hotel, Durham, 10 May 1862; [William] Allen of Worcester solicitor. Printed by T. Brettell, Rupert Street, Westminster.

Paper 2f

WOS 2/18 10 May 1862

1. William Allen gentleman of Worcester, on behalf of himself and Archibald Macra Chisholm trustees trustees

2. Dean and Chapter of Durham

Agreement for the sale by 1 to 2 of freehold and leasehold property at and adjoining Aldin Grange, Broom, namely: (a) Aldin Grange (freehold 3a 1r 6p); (b) West Field and East Field (freehold 21a 2r 16p); (c) closes (leasehold 108a 1r 36p), occupied by Major Alexander Cockburn and Anthony Pattison.

Consideration: £6,000.

Paper 2f

WOS 2/19/1-2 2 June 1862

1. William Allen gentleman of Worcester on behalf of himself and Archibald Macra Chisholm, trustees
2. Reverend Charles Gillow on behalf of himself and Reverend Francis Wilkinson, Reverend John Gillow D.D., Reverend William Wrennall, Reverend Thomas Croskell of Saint Cuthbert's College, Ushaw

Agreement for the sale by 1 to 2 of Broom Hall and lands, with timber and minerals; with plan annexed, [found filed with earlier plan, WOS 2/19/2].

Consideration: £8,300.

Paper 2f

WOS 2/19/2 [after 10 October 1796]

Plan of Broomhall Farm (193a Or 21p, excluding intakes beside the Esh to Durham road on the estate's northern boundary), indicating buildings, field acreages, and neighbouring landowners.

[Date inferred from Mrs Gibbon as neighbouring landowner, Thomas Gibbon having died on this date.]

1f

WOS 2/20 1862

Abstract of title of trustees under the marriage settlement of Archibald Macrae and his wife Frances Mary Macrae to freehold and leasehold hereditaments at Aldin Grange contracted to be sold to the Dean and Chapter of Durham.

Paper; parchment tie 22f

WOS 2/21 28 November-12 December 1862

Copy requisitions on title ex parte the Dean & Chapter of Durham in Chancery re their purchase of Aldin Grange estate, with 5 December 1862 replies of [William] Allan of Worcester solicitor, supplemented by 12 December 1862 replies of J. Henry Dart of 4 New Square, Lincoln's Inn.

Paper; parchment and textile tie 4f

WOS 2/22 [?1862]

Draft case for the opinion of Mr C. Clayton re sale of Aldin Grange estate, including copy 6 February 1855 affidavit of William Taylor, former bailiff of the Dean and Chapter and collector of taxes, relating to the freehold and leasehold lands of Aldin Grange going back to his grandfather Thomas Taylor farmer of Aldin Grange in 1745.

Paper; textile tie 18f

WOS 2/23 [?1862]

Draft case for the opinion of Mr C. Clayton re sale of Aldin Grange estate, including copy affidavit of William Taylor as WOS 2/22.

Paper; textile tie 22f

WOS 2/24 14 February 1863

Draft statutory declaration of John Proctor of Auton Style in Broom cartwright, in relation to a Chancery suit in the matter of the sale of the Aldin Grange estate by the trustees under the marriage settlement of Archibald Macrae and his wife Frances Mary Macrae to the Dean and Chapter of Durham.

Paper 4f

WOS 2/25 27 June 1863

Chancery case with opinion of John Spankie of Lincoln's Inn re [William] Allen to the Dean and Chapter of Durham.

Paper; parchment tie 4f

WOS 2/26 29 December 1863

Receipt for 3 deeds relating to Aldin Grange (1814-1861) from Poole and Gamber [solicitors for the Dean & Chapter of Durham purchaser] to William Allen [solicitor for Macrae trustees vendors].

Paper 1f

WOS 2/27/1-51 13 December 1851-5 November 1860

Correspondence to William Allen solicitor of Worcester from the following correspondents, relating to (i) 1851 mortgage to Fawcett and another [?unexecuted]; (ii) Griffith's 1857 purchase of Broom Fields; (iii) the Taylor and Allen families; (iv) debts - in addition to a charge of £2,050 (WOS 2/10), other securities totalling £865 at 5% p.a. were owing to Cumming; details of other debts of Mrs [Mary] Taylor are recorded in Fleming's letters to Allen; (v) the sale of the remaining leasehold and freehold of Aldin Grange / Broom Hall estate to the Dean and Chapter of Durham; (vi) briefly discussed in some items, Ogden's minerals lease (WOS 3) and the tenancy of Relley Mill (WOS 4).

Correspondents: Trotter & Hodgson solicitors of Bishop Auckland; Archibald Macrae of Bruiach, Inverness-shire; Charles Griffith of Newcastle upon Tyne; William Cumming and John Cumming mortgagees; William Fleming, [land agent]; A.M. Chisholm of Hartfield House; Mary Taylor widow of Aldin Grange.

Paper 52f

WOS 3 17 July-31 December 1855

Aldin Grange and Broom Hall minerals.

1 folder

WOS 3/1 [July x August 1855]

Agreement containing 25 terms and conditions for the lease for 42 years of coal mines and seams within and under the freehold lands of Broom Hall estate by Frances Mary Taylor spinster of Aldin Grange to J[ohn] M[aude] Ogden [esquire of Bishopwearmouth]. Annotated in pencil.

Paper 10f

WOS 3/2 [July x August] 1855

Draft lease for 64 years of mines of coal, iron, ironstone and fire clay at or near Broom Hall and Aldin Grange, as WOS 3/4.

Paper; textile tie 13f

WOS 3/3 August 1855

Reading of draft lease of coal mines, ironstone and fire clay in and under Broom Hall freehold grounds, as WOS 3/4, with insertions and emendations of Benjamin Arkless solicitor of Tantobie, Gateshead.

Paper 1f

WOS 3/4 31 December 1855

1. Frances Mary Taylor spinster of Aldin Grange
2. John Maude Ogden esquire of Bishopwearmouth

(Incomplete) lease for 64 years, from 13 May 1854, by 1 to 2 of mines of coal, iron, ironstone and fire clay at or near Broom Hall and Aldin Grange, with reservations and exceptions as described in schedules 1-3; with plan, indicating the extent of the demised royalty and of excepted adjoining lands (Dean and Chapter lands; lands formerly part of Ushaw Moor).

Consideration: (a) minerals to the value of £50 in year 1, £100 per annum thereafter; (b) coal at 20s per 48 tons, iron or ironstone at 9d per 22 cwt, fire clay at 6d per 22 cwt; (c) £5 per acre per annum.

Seal and signatures excised; 1 seal remaining.

Parchment, indented 3m

WOS 3/5/1-26 17 July-20 December 1855

Correspondence to William Allen of Worcester solicitor, relating to the lease of minerals at Broom Hall and Aldin Grange to J.M. Ogden, from the following correspondents: J.M. Ogden of Sunderland; Benjamin Arkless solicitor of Tantobie, Gateshead; William Fleming [land agent] of Tudhoe; Mary Taylor widow.

Paper 30f

WOS 4 1852-1881

Relley Mill and Gaudyhaugh.

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WOS 4/1 29 October 1852

1. Frances Mary Taylor spinster of Aldin Grange, Durham St Oswald
2. Alnwick Smith and John Smith as Alnwick Smith & Son paper manufacturers of Langley Mills, Durham St Oswald

Lease for 10 years, from 1 August 1852, by 1 to 2 of the Nether Mill near Relley, with (scheduled) mill machinery and fixtures with closes, houses etc., mill races and dams, weirs and sluices, now occupied by 2; with provisions for installation of new metal beating engine and stuff chest and sluice gates at the cost of 1.

Consideration: £160 per annum.

Signed by 1 and John Smith, and witnessed by William Fleming of Tudhoe.

Paper 2f

WOS 4/2 29 October 1852

Copy lease agreement, as WOS 4/1.

Paper 2f

WOS 4/3 18 October 1856

Licences by (1) George Waddington, Dean, and the Chapter of Durham, to (2) Frances Mary Taylor spinster of Aldin Grange to assign her two leasehold interests in Gaudyhaugh and Aldin Grange to Archibald Macrae Chisholm of Hartfield House, Lochcarron, Ross-shire esquire and William Allen of Worcester gentleman.

Recites: 21-year leases by 1 to 2 dated 28 September 1854 and 28 September 1855.

Signed and sealed by 1.

Parchment 1m

WOS 4/4 28 October 1856

Copy marriage settlement, as WOS 1/5. (Dated 25 October 1856 in error on dorse.)
Paper; parchment and textile tie 9ff

WOS 4/5 1860

Draft lease of Relley Mill, as WOS 4/7.
Paper 7f

WOS 4/6 1860

Draft lease of Relley Mill, as WOS 4/7.
Paper; parchment and textile tie 11f

WOS 4/7 23 November 1860

1. Archibald Macra Chisholm esquire of Hartfield House, Lochcarron, Ross-shire
and William Allen gentleman of Worcester, trustees

2. John Smith paper manufacturer of Langley Grove, Brancepeth

Counterpart lease for 21 years, from 1 January 1861, by 1 to 2 of Relley Mill with
the machinery, outbuildings, dwelling house, close called Freehold Garth (1a 3r
20p), and Gaudyhaugh (5a), occupied by 2 and his undertenants, with the usual
reservations; with provisions for the maintenance of the mill gear (by 2), and of the
dwelling house, cottages, mill buildings and mill dam (by 1); with schedule of mill
machinery and working gear; with plan endorsed [not present].

Recites: (a) 29 October 1852 lease by Frances Mary Taylor to Anwick Smith and 2,
as Smith & Son, of the above properties for 10 years from 1 August 1852; (b)
application by 2 to 1 to make alterations and additions to the buildings of the mill.

Consideration: £200 per annum.

Signed and sealed by all parties, and witnessed by John Thornton clerk of John
Smith of Langley Mills, Charles M. Hardy ground officer at Applecross, Ross-shire,
and Charles Mason clerk of William Allen of Worcester.

Parchment, indented 1m

WOS 4/8 20 April 1861

1. George Waddington, Dean, and the Chapter of Durham

2. Archibald Macrae Chisholm esquire of Hartfield House, Lochcarron,
Ross-shire; William Allen gentleman of Worcester

Lease for 21 years from 26 December 1860 of a close (now divided into two closes)
called Gaudyhaugh near Broom (5a 35p), as comprised in 28 September 1854 lease
from 1 to Frances Mary Taylor spinster of Aldin Grange, Broom, with usual
reservations and game; endorsed with plan indicating the demised lands (in red),
and the lessees' freehold, Relley grounds and the Bishop Auckland branch railway.
Consideration: £19 10s fine; and 10s per annum.

Signed and sealed by 1.

Parchment, indented 1m

WOS 4/9 [after 20 April 1861 x 1863]

Draft abstract of title of [Archibald Macra] Chisholm and [William] Allen, trustees, to
2 leasehold closes called Gaudyhaugh in Broom.

Paper; parchment and textile tie 22f

WOS 4/10 27 September 1862

1. Reverend George Waddington D.D. Dean and Chapter of Durham
2. The Church estates commissioners
3. Archibald Macrea of Richmond, Surrey, doctor of medicine; Frances Mary Macrae, his wife;
4. Archibald Macra Chisholm esquire of Hartfield House, Lochcarron, Ross-shire; William Allen gentleman of Worcester

Confirmation by 1-2 to 4 in trust to the use of 3 of the reversionary interest in a piece of land called Gaudyhaugh (5a 0r 35p), now occupied by John Smith paper manufacturer; including timber; reserving mineral rights. Recites 21-year lease from 26 December 1860 by 1 to 4 in trust to the use of 3, dated 20 April 1861.

Consideration: £220 9s 6d.

Paper; parchment tie 20f

Ownership history: Church Commission reference number: C.C. 2449 2/3, 3 March 1862.

WOS 4/11 1874

1. Edwin Butterworth and James Smalley of Manchester, Lancaster, cotton waste dealers, vendors
2. Randal Stevenson, draper of Durham; Thomas White grocer of Durham; Thomas Price grocer of 119 Cheapside, London, public accountant, trustees of the estate of John Smith in liquidation
3. Right Reverend William Allen Collier D.D. late Roman Catholic Bishop of Mauritius, now of Coventry, Warwick; William Allen gentleman of Worcester, trustees, purchasers

Copy draft agreement of sale by 1-2 to 3 of Relley Mill machinery at an arbitrated valuation, with schedule of mill machinery [not present, but see WOS 4/12] .

Recites: 23 November 1860 lease of Relley Mill, as WOS 4/7; 6 March 1874 petition for liquidation by John Smith, and 30 March 1874 creditors' resolution to liquidate by arrangement (rather than in bankruptcy) and so appointing 2 as trustees.

Paper 3f

WOS 4/12 [1874]

[Draft] schedule of mill machinery belonging to Relley Paper Mill.

Paper 1f

WOS 4/13 1874

1. Edwin Butterworth and James Smalley of Manchester, Lancaster, cotton waste dealers, vendors
2. Randal Stevenson, draper of Durham; Thomas White grocer of Durham; Thomas Price grocer of 119 Cheapside, London, public accountant, trustees of the estate of John Smith in liquidation
3. Right Reverend William Allen Collier D.D. late Roman Catholic Bishop of Mauritius, now of Coventry, Warwick; William Allen gentleman of Worcester, trustees, purchasers

Copy draft agreement for the valuation of Relley Mill machinery by Thomas Thwaites of North Road, engineer, and Matthew Coulson of Merrington, iron master, at the equal cost of 1-3; with schedule of mill machinery [not present; ?WOS 4/12].

Recites: Agreement, same date, for the sale by 1-2 to 3 by arbitrated valuation of mill machinery, as WOS 4/11.

Paper 3f

WOS 4/14 1874

1. Edwin Butterworth and James Smalley late of Manchester, Lancaster, cotton wool [sic] dealer[s], mortgagees
2. Randel Stevenson, draper of Durham; Thomas White grocer of Durham; Thomas Price grocer of 119 Cheapside, London, public accountant, trustees of the estate of John Smith in liquidation

Copy draft Agreement to deposit a moiety of the proceeds of sale of machinery at Relley Mill in a joint account, pending legal judgement.

Recites: sale agreement of the said machinery by 1-2 to William Allen Collier and William Allen [trustees], as WOS 4/11.

Paper 2f

WOS 4/15 27 November 1874

Schedule of deeds and writings relating to the title of the trustees under marriage settlement (WOS 1/5) to Relley Mill, delivered to Charles Tidmarsh mortgagee as a security for the sum of £1,500 and interest; signed upon receipt by Charles Tidmarsh, and witnessed by A.J. Beauchamp.

Note: a wrapper survives for a mortgage (and drafts) dated 27 November by Allen and Collier to Tidmarsh for securing the same sum, but the deed itself is not present.

Paper 2f

WOS 4/16 27 November 1874

Copy schedule of deeds, as WOS 4/15.

Paper 2f

WOS 4/17 26 March 1881

1. Right Reverend William Allen Collier D.D. late Roman Catholic Bishop of Mauritius, now of Coventry, Warwick; William Allen gentleman of Worcester, trustees
2. (i) Robert Thyring Smith and (ii) Thomas Garnett Smith of Relley Mill, paper manufacturers

Notice by 2 to 1 (and William Fleming esquire of The Loggins in Croxdale their agent) of intention to quit occupation of Relley Mill.

Recites: 1 October 1874 lease for 14 years by 1 to 2 of Relley Mill.

Signed by 1(i).

Paper 2f

WOS 4/18/1-100 23 May 1860-4 April 1881

Correspondence to William Allen solicitor of Worcester, from the following correspondents, chiefly relating to Relley Mill, including 1860 and 1874 eye plans and insurance valuations of buildings, 1881 advertisement for letting, and some accounts; also relating to Trust accounts and family news.

Correspondents: Archibald Macrae, William Fleming, James Chambers solicitor (and J. Folkard) of Durham, M. Coulson [of Merrington Lane Iron Works, iron master and] valuer, Right Reverend Dr W.B. Allen Collier of St Osbury's in Coventry, Robert Thyring Smith of Elvet Cottage Durham, Smith Brothers of Relly Mills, Charles Tidmarsh of Kemerton, Alliance Life & Fire Assurance Office, Mary Macrae of 1 Columbia Place (niece of William Allen and tenant for life of the trust estate), George Salkeld of Durham solicitor (for Smith).

Paper 105f

WOS 5 1816-1856

Land at Hill Top, Esh.

Paper; parchment 3 envelopes; 1 folder

WOS 5/1 1816

Sketch plan of lands at Hill Top, Esh, indicating old inclosure[s] and allotments. Annotated in pencil.

Paper 1f

WOS 5/2 1852

1. Frances Mary Taylor spinster of Aldin Grange
2. Thomas Pearson carpenter of Hill Top, Esh

Draft bargain and sale by 1 to 2 of land at HIPP Top, Esh (72 square yards), with bounds; barring dower.

Consideration: £8.

[Recitals in WOS 5/3 include reference to a similiar deed between the same parties, but for 210 square yards, executed on 31 December 1852.]

Paper 7f

WOS 5/3 20 August 1853

Rough draft agreement, as WOS 5/4-5.

Paper 1f

WOS 5/4-5 23 August 1853

1. Thomas Pearson of Hill Top, Esh, carpenter
2. Reverend Charles Gillow of St Cuthbert's College, Esh, clerk

Draft agreement (2 copies) to execute, upon the request of 2, a mortgage by 1 to 2 of 210 square yards of land at Hill Top to secure £40 with 5% interest per annum now owing by 1 to 2.

Recites: (i) 31 December 1852 bargain and sale by Frances Mary Taylor to 1 of 210 square yards of land at Hill Top (see WOS 5/2); (ii) debt of £40 at 5% interest per annum owing by 1 to 2; (iii) agreement to deposit (i) with 2.

Paper 2f; 2f

WOS 5/6 2 June 1854

1. Frances Mary Taylor spinster of Aldin Grange
2. Philip Bornett of Flass, Esh, mason

Draft bargain and sale by release by 1 to 2 his heirs and assigns of 96.5 square yards at Hill Top, Esh, with bounds, on which site 2 has erected (or is erecting) a dwelling house; barring dower; with agreement by 2 granting St Cuthbert's College (Ushaw College) the first option to purchase the above land at an arbitrated value. Consideration: £14 9s 6d.

Recites: (a) (i) Thomas Pratt [currier] and his wife Jane Pratt, and Eleanor Yeaman widow; (ii) Thomas Darling and his wife Margaret Darling, and George Lawson [schoolmaster] and his wife Mary Lawson; (iii) Francis Bradshaw Taylor; (iv) John Smith [gentleman]: bargain and sale by lease and release by (i-ii) to (iii) for life to the use of (iv) to the use of the heirs and assigns of (iii), of 2 closes for a consideration of £81, [barring dower], dated 16-17 June 1837; (b) 3 May 1846 will of Francis Bradshaw Taylor devising his copyhold, freehold and leasehold property to Mary Taylor his widow during the minority of 1, and to 1 her heirs and assigns thereafter, subject to a £150 annuity to Mary Taylor widow.

[Additional information drawn from recital in WOS 5/12].

Paper 8f

WOS 5/7 18 September 1856

1. Frances Mary Taylor spinster of Aldin Grange
2. Reverend Charles Gillow, agent for and on behalf of Reverend Dr Newsham, president of St Cuthbert's College

Duplicate contract for the sale of freehold and copyhold land and allotments at Hill Top with all houses and buildings, occupied by Ralph Waugh and others; reserving mineral rights; with provision by 1 to indemnify 2 from a £50 annuity of Bernard Taylor payable out of these lands, and to procure a release to 2 of a £150 annuity of Mary Taylor widow.

Consideration: £2,000.

Paper 1f

WOS 5/8 [before 30 September] 1856

Draft abstract of title of the devisees of F[rancis] B[radshaw] Taylor esquire to freehold and copyhold lands at Hill Top, Esh, contracted to be sold to St Cuthbert's College (Ushaw College).

Purchaser substituted for the North Eastern Railway Company (Deerness line) on dorse.

See letter from Francis Mewburn [solicitor] relating to this abstract and his queries, dated 30 September 1856 (WOS 5/18).

Paper; parchment and textile tie 16f

WOS 5/9 [1856]

List of deeds [relating to lands at Hill Top, Esh] sent to F. Mewburn esquire of Darlington, solicitor.

Paper 1f

WOS 5/10 [4 October] 1856

Extract from Hamsteels Common Plan of lands at Hill Top, drawn by W[illiam] F[leming], indicating ancient inclosed (in red) and [lately allotted] Hamsteel Common (in yellow) lands belonging to F[rances] M[ary] Taylor.

Tracing paper 1f

Related material in other DUL collections: See Hamsteels Common enclosure plan DHC 6/II/9, 17 January 1774, but also 21 October 1856 letter from Francis Mewburn [solicitor] to William Allen solicitor deprecating this plan (and all tithe plans); see also 4 October 1856 letter from W. Fleming enclosing this plan, among others (WOS 5/18).

WOS 5/11 [4 October 1856]

Copy of an Eye plan in the possession of Mrs Taylor with memo[randum] which seems to have been made when purchased, traced by W[illiam] Fleming. Annotated in pencil.

See 4 October 1856 letter from W. Fleming enclosing this plan, among others (WOS 5/18).

Tracing paper 1f

WOS 5/12/1-2 [25 October] 1856

1. Francis Mary Taylor spinster of Aldin Grange
2. Mary Taylor widow of Aldin Grange
3. Right Reverend William Hogarth D.D. of Darlington; Reverend Charles Newsham D.D. of Ushaw College [St Cuthbert's College, Ushaw]; Reverend Thomas Austin Slater of Hutton House, Hutton Henry, County Durham; Reverend Ralph Platt of Stella; Reverend William Thompson of Esh Laude; Reverend Robert Smith; Reverend John Gillow of St Cuthbert's College; Reverend Charles Gillow of St Cuthbert's College

Draft release by 1 to 3 their heirs and assigns for ever of freehold lands in near Hill Top in Esh (2r 3p and 1a 0r 10p; tithe field nos 97, 102) with mineral rights; with covenant by 1 to surrender to the use of 3 copyhold lands (i) near Hill Top in Esh, comprising 0.5a land at Marlay Way Gate, and 1 allotment (3a 3r 8p) on (former) Hamsteels Moor, (ii) Bankside (1a 1r 16p) near Ushaw Hill Top in Broom and Flass, and 2 allotments (2a 3r 8p and 6a 2r 7p) on (former) Hamsteels Moor near Hill Top, (tithe field nos 96, 98-99, 101, 103, 147), excepting 2 house sites within West Field (no. 98); with release by 2 to 3 of these lands from payment of a £150 annuity to 2; with extract of 1839 Esh tithe apportionment and (traced) plan, annotated to indicate 2 house sites in West Field, in the hand of William Fleming [land agent].

Recites: (a) 21 April 1791 surrender by Richard Hutchinson to the use of Alan Greenwell in trust to the use of the will of John Taylor gentleman, of copy hold lands in Esh, with bounds (as (i) above); (b) 21 August 1816 surrender by Thomas Jackson weaver, Thomas White gentleman and William Fawell gentleman to the use of William Thomas Greenwell esquire and George Greenwell gentleman to the use of the will of John Taylor of copyhold lands at Hill Top (as (ii) above); (c) 11 August 1818 will of John Taylor; 16-17 June 1837 lease and release (recited in WOS 5/6); (d) 3 May 1846 will of Francis Bradshaw Taylor; (e) majority of Francis Mary Taylor on 6 August 1826.

Consideration: £2,000.

Endorsed: engrossed, 25 October 1856.

Paper; textile tag; tracing paper 19f

WOS 5/12/2 10 December 1855

Extract of 1839 Esh tithe apportionment and (traced) plan, showing lands at Hill Top owned by F.B. Taylor (1839) and latterly Frances Mary Taylor (delineated in yellow), annotated (in red) to indicate 2 house sites in West Field.

Extract is in the hand of William Fleming [land agent].

1f

WOS 5/13 [25 October] 1856

Copy draft release, as WOS 5/12/1.

Paper; parchment tag 13f; 1f

WOS 5/14 [before 26 October] 1856

Copy draft instructions for the surrender of copyhold premises at Broom and Flass, as WOS 5/12/1 (i-ii), by Frances Mary Taylor spinster, Mary Taylor, Reverend William Greenwell trustee, and Mary Taylor widow to Right Reverend William Hogarth D.D. of Darlington; Reverend Charles Newsham D.D. of St Cuthbert's College; Reverend Thomas Austin Slater of Hutton House, Hutton Henry, County Durham; Reverend Ralph Platt of Stella; Reverend William Thompson of Esh Laude; Reverend Robert Smith; Reverend John Gillow of St Cuthbert's College; Reverend Charles Gillow of St Cuthbert's College.

See letter from Francis Mewburn enclosing engrossments and drafts of WOS 5/12 and 14, dated 26 October 1856 (WOS 5/18).

Paper; parchment tag 4f

WOS 5/15 29 October 1856

Draft statutory declaration, as WOS 5/16.

Paper 1f

WOS 5/16 29 October 1856

Statutory declaration of Mary Taylor widow relating to property at Hill Top, Esh: aged 59; visit in 1797 with John Taylor of Aldin Grange and his daughter Ann Taylor to Aldin Grange and to Hill Top to collect the rent of a public house there; marriage to Francis Bradshaw Taylor in September 1821.

Paper 2f

WOS 5/17 29 October 1856

Receipt by [Reverend] Charles Gillow to Francis Mary Macrae for the deeds and purchase deeds of the Hill Top estate, with undertaking to pay the balance of the purchase money.

Paper 2f

WOS 5/18/1-21 30 September-5 November 1856

Correspondence to (and some copies from) William Allen solicitor of Worcester, relating to the purchase of lands at Hill Top by St Cuthbert's College, Ushaw, from the following correspondents: Francis Mewburn solicitor of Darlington; William Fleming [land agent]; Thomas Griffith of Durham; Marianne Allen at Aldin Grange, sister of William Allen; H. Bonham-Carter [barrister] of 2 Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn; Henry Smales of Durham.

Paper 27f

WOS 6 1854-1861

Sale of lands to North Eastern Railway Railway Company, and its predecessors.

1 envelope; 1 file

WOS 6/1-2 22 April 1854

Copy statement by Frances Mary Taylor of her interest in lands in Elvet township (3r 36p; 1a 1r 15p) to be purchased by the York, Newcastle and Berwick (Auckland branch) Railway Company, claiming compensation of £650, and appointing George Young Wall land valuer of Durham as arbitrator. Two copies

Paper 2f (x2)

WOS 6/3-4 14 August 1854

Statement by Frances Mary Taylor of her interest in lands in Elvet township (3r 36p; 1a 1r 15p) to be purchased by North Eastern (Auckland branch) Railway Company, claiming compensation of £650, and appointing George Young Wall land valuer of Durham as arbitrator. Unsigned. Two copies.

Paper 2f (x2)

WOS 6/5 18 August 1854

Appointment by the North Eastern Railway (Auckland branch) Railway of Joseph Stephenson of Darlington civil engineer as arbitrator, addressed to Frances Mary Taylor spinster of Aldin Grange and relating to the purchase of land (3r 36p; 1a 1r 15p) in Elvet township, N.E.R. having rejected Taylor's claim of £650.

Paper 2f

WOS 6/6 [December 1854]

Mrs [Mary] Taylor and Miss [Frances Mary] Taylor to North Eastern Railway Company: copy queries, observations and answers on the title of Relley Mill.

[Date inferred from itemised account from N.E.R. solicitors Richardson & Gutch to William Allen, see WOS 6/15.]

Paper 2f

WOS 6/7 27 December 1854

1. (i) Mary Taylor widow of Aldin Grange; (ii) Frances Mary Taylor spinster of Aldin Grange

2. North Eastern Railway Company

Copy sale by 1 to 2 of freehold and leasehold lands in Elvet township now occupied by Anwick Smith and Thomas Smith; and compensation: (a) land now staked out (3r 36p) part of a freehold close containing 4a adjoining Nether [Relley] Mill; (b) lands now staked out (1a 1r 15p) parts of 2 leasehold closes, formerly one close, called Gaudyhaugh containing 5a 2r 34p.

Consideration: £442 by 2 to 1; 10s by 2 to 1(ii).

Signed by 1, and witnessed by William Allen solicitor of Worcester and M. Langdale of 22 York St, Manchester.

Paper 6f

WOS 6/8 16 September 1856

1. (i) Mary Taylor widow of Aldin Grange; (ii) Frances Mary Taylor spinster of Aldin Grange

2. Deerness Valley Railway Company

Copy draft sale by 1(i), and 1(ii) at the request of 1, to 2 of freehold land (3r 6p) in Broom township, part of lands (16a 1r 9p) formerly part of Ushaw Moor or Middlewood Moor now occupied by Charles Griffith and William Griffith; and compensation.

Consideration: £115 by 2 to 1.

Paper; parchment and textile tag 5f

WOS 6/9 2 July 1860

North Eastern Railway Company (Lanchester Valley Branch) to Archibald Macrae esquire and Frances Mary Macrae his wife, and to A.M. Chishom esquire and William Allen esquire their trustees: 21 days notice to treat re the purchase of 5a 33p in Broom now staked out and numbered 10-11, 13-16, 21, 23 in plan deposited with the Clerk of the Peace (see WOS 6/13).

Paper 2f

WOS 6/10 October 1860

Statement by A.M. Chisholm and William Allen as trustees of Archibald Macrae and his wife Frances Mary Macrae of their interest in lands in Broom township (5a 33p), late occupied by Anthony Pattison, to be purchased by North Eastern Railway Company (Lanchester Valley branch), claiming compensation of £[2,400], and appointing George Stratton land valuer of Witton-le-Wear as arbitrator. Unsigned.

Paper 2f

WOS 6/11 15 November 1860

Appointment by North Eastern Railway Company (Lanchester Valley Branch) of William Lowrey as arbitrator, addressed to A.M. Chisholm and W. Allen the Macrae trustees and relating to the purchase of land (5a 33p) in Broom, N.E.R. having rejected the trustees' claim of £2,400.

Paper 2p

WOS 6/12 [before 30 January] 1861

Abstract of title of trustees under the marriage settlement (WOS 1/5) of Archibald Macrae and his wife Frances Mary Macrae to portions of leasehold lands at Aldin Grange and a piece of freehold land portion of Broom Hall estate, Durham St Oswald, contracted to be sold to North Eastern Railway Company.

Paper; parchment and textile tie 10f

WOS 6/13 22 February 1861

Award of Andrew Stoddart, umpire, ordering £364 14s to be paid by North Eastern Railway Company to William Allen and A.M. Chisholm trustees for the purchase of leasehold and freehold lands (5a 33p) in Broom, and as compensation.

Paper 2f

WOS 6/14 19 April 1861

1. Archibald Macra Chisholm esquire of Ratachan House, Ross-shire; William Allen gentleman of Worcester, trustees;
2. North Eastern Railway Company (Lanchester Valley Branch)

Copy draft sale by 1 to 2 of freehold (1r) and leasehold (4a 3r 33p) lands in Broom township, now staked out, lately occupied by Anthony Pattison; and compensation; with copy plan of reference deposited by 2 with the Clerk of the Peace.

Consideration: £700 2s 6d by 2 to 1 (£364 14s land; £335 8 6d severance [compensation]).

Paper 6f; 1f

WOS 6/15/1-22 17 April 1854-18 September 1856; 15 August 1860
Correspondence and account to William Allen solicitor of Worcester from the following correspondents relating to the purchase of lands by Dearness Valley Railway Company (N.E.R.), and the York, Newcastle and Berwick Railway Company (latterly the North Eastern Railway Company) (Auckland Branch): Richardson & Gutch solicitors representing N.E.R.; W. Fleming of Tudhoe [agent] of Miss [Frances Mary] Taylor; Mary Taylor; George Young Wall [arbitrator]; C. Paver of Peckfield [land surveyor and arbitrator].
Paper 26f

WOS 7 1814-1886

Accounts, relating to all Taylor / Macrae Durham lands transactions (WOS 1-6), dating from the 1814 purchase of Aldin Grange and Broom Hall through to 1876, shortly after the death of Dr Archibald Macrae (d. 23 October 1876); with 3 bundles of paid cheques on William Allen's account from the mid-1880s.
Paper 3 envelopes

WOS 7/1/1-2 16 May 1814

Account of John Taylor with Mr and Mrs R. Bowlby and their trustees (£300) and Miss Ann Gibbon (£3,300), relating to the purchase of Aldin Grange and Broom estates for £6,600; with promissory note for the payment of the remaining £3,000 to Messrs Woodfield and Burrell on 28 November 1814. Account and note witnessed by John Griffith and Thomas Griffith.
Paper 1f; 1f

WOS 7/2 December 1854

Copy account, Miss [Frances] Taylor of Aldin Grange to Robert Leadbitter [solicitor] for preparing and engrossing WOS 2/10 and memorandum of deposit of title deeds.
Paper 1f

WOS 7/3 October 1856

Account, Miss [Frances Mary] Taylor to William Allen relating to the sale of lands at Hill Top, Esh, to St Cuthbert's College, Ushaw.
Paper 2f

WOS 7/4/1-7 1861-1874

Accounts, Trustees of Dr and (the late) Mrs Macrae to Dr Macrae, 1856-1874.
Paper 7f

WOS 7/5/1-12 15 August 1863-22 October 1863

Bills and receipts to William Allen as trustee for Dr [Archibald] and Mrs Macrae, relating to commercial and Macrae Trust transactions.
Paper 12f

WOS 7/6 1867

Principal and Interest accounts, 1861-1867: William Allen with the Trustees of Dr and the late Mrs Macrae.
Paper 6f

WOS 7/7/1-64 1868-1875

Accounts, receipts and related correspondence (inter-mixed) of correspondents (i) and (ii) to William Allen solicitor of Worcester, trustee: (i) Miss Marianne Allen, sister of William Allen, including 4 April 1868 receipt for £1,193 and 5 pence for the assignment of policy from herself to Gerard Salvin; (ii) Archibald Macrae.

Paper 64f

WOS 7/8 1874

Relley Mills account: William Fleming of Tudhoe [land agent] with Dr Macrae and others.

Paper 1f

WOS 7/9/1-3 16 January 1885-28 June 1886

Paid cheques, drawn from the account of William Allen at the Worcester branch of the National and Provincial Bank of England: the first bundle is sealed within an envelope.

Paper 3 bundles

WOS 8 1892-1894

Tidmarsh properties at Stockton-on-Tees and Worcester, unrelated to former Taylor/Macrae estate near Durham.

Paper 1 envelope

WOS 8/1 12 December 1892

Copy will of Charles Tidmarsh esquire of The Grange, Kemerton, Gloucestershire. [Proved 20 January 1893 at Gloucester.]

Paper 2f

WOS 8/2 27 February 1893-[February 1894]

Trust created by Powell marriage settlement.

6ff

WOS 8/2/1 27 February 1893

1. (i) William Powell gentleman of Lanthony Lodge Park Avenue, Soho Park, Birmingham; (ii) Martha Powell his wife
2. Martha Tidmarsh widow of Kemerston, Gloucestershire, sole executrix of Charles Tidmarsh, the surviving trustee of 1

Draft release by 1 to 2 of trusts of the settlement made on the marriage of 1, and discharging 1(i) from the repayment of £800 and interest charged upon leasehold property in Handsworth; with schedule of deeds delivered by 2 to 1. Recites: (a) 31 March 1845 settlement prior to the marriage of 1; (b) 10 June 1882 mortgage by 1(i) to [Charles Tidmarsh and Ferdinand Eyston trustees] to the use of 1(ii) of leasehold property in Park Road, Soho Park, Handsworth to secure the repayment of £800 and interest.

Paper 4f

WOS 8/2/2 [after 12 February 1894]

Schedule of deeds relating to the title of Henry Gallaher to property in Lowes Moor and Sansome Place, Worcester: William Powell is named as the mortgagee for both properties in deeds dated 12 February 1894, in which each property is charged with £1,000 with 4% interest per annum.

Paper 2f

WOS 8/3 [1893]-1894

Fagg copyhold property 30-33 High Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

15ff

WOS 8/3/1 [after 20 January 1893]

Draft abstract of the will of Charles Tidmarsh esquire of The Grange, Kemerton, Gloucestershire, mortgagee of copyhold property in the High Street, Stockton-on-Tees, County Durham, belonging to Thomas William Fagg esquire; with memoranda of dates of death and probate.

Paper 1f

WOS 8/3/2 30 January 1894

1. Martha Tidmarsh widow of Kemerton, Gloucestershire
2. Elizabeth Fagg of Worthing, Sussex, wife of Thomas William Fagg surgeon
3. Thomas William Fagg surgeon of Worthing, Sussex
4. George Young Blair esquire of Stockton-on-Tees, County Durham

(Incomplete) copy draft assignment by 1 to 4 of mortgage of (copyhold properties) (i) 30-31 High Street, occupied by Messrs Levy Brothers; (ii) 32-33 High Street, Stockton-on-Tees, County Durham, occupied by Messrs G. & A. Cooke, and further charge of £2,000, with interest on the total £4,000 charge of 4% per annum; with covenant to surrender (i-ii) to the lord of the manor of Stockton [Bishop of Durham] to the use of 4.

Recites: (a) 17 November 1881 mortgage by 2 to Charles Tidmarsh of above property to secure the repayment of £1,500 with 4.5% interest per annum; (b) 1 May 1882 further charge, same parties and property, to secure an additional £500 with 4.5% interest per annum; (c) 20 January 1893 probate of the will of Charles Tidmarsh.

Consideration: £2,000 by 4 to 1; £2,000 by 4 to 2.

Paper 5f

WOS 8/3/3 [January] 1894

At Durham: copy draft admittance of Mrs Martha Tidmarsh widow of Kemerton, Gloucestershire, devisee of Charles Tidmarsh, to 30-33 High Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

Paper; parchment tag 4f

WOS 8/3/4 [after 30 January] 1894

At Durham: copy draft surrender and defeazance by Mrs Martha Tidmarsh of Kemerton, Gloucestershire to George Young Blair esquire of Stockton-on-Tees of 30-33 High Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

Paper; parchment tag 4f

WOS 8/3/5 31 January 1894

Receipt, C. J. Archer & Parkin of Stockton-on-Tees to A. J. Beauchamp of Worcester, solicitors, for title deeds relating to Fagg copyhold property in Stockton-on-Tees, comprised in security held by the late Charles Tidmarsh esquire.

Paper 1f

WOS 9 1874-1877

Stray papers of William Allen solicitor of Worcester, unrelated to former Taylor/Macrae estate near Durham.

2f; 4f

WOS 9/1 25 February 1874

Letter from Charles Francis manager of Worcester branch of the National Provincial Bank of England to William Allen acknowledging receipt of 23 February 1874 sale agreement of 2 messuages in Pump Street, Worcester, Josiah Pugh to Samuel Darby, which agreement to be held at the bank as security for an advance on [Darby's] account.

2f

WOS 9/2-3 13 September 1877

Copy memorandum of agreement for lease by Davies esquire to William Allen esquire of Sansome Place, Worcester of 1 Columbia Place, Cheltenham, unfurnished, for £35 per annum; with notice to quit on 29 March 1878, directed to Davies esquire and Messrs Engall.

2f; 2f

WOS 10 1784

An act for dividing and inclosing a certain moor or common within the manor of Leyburn, and parish of Wensley, in the North Riding of the County of York. (printed).

Paper 20p