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Preface

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Introduction

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Contents

The branch of the Cookson family represented in these papers was directly descended from Isaac Cookson, merchant, of Newcastle upon Tyne (bap. 1678/9-1743). The papers illustrate some of the family's wide-ranging industrial and business activities on Tyneside, in particular their interests in glass and bottle-works, iron and steel foundries, coal, lead, copper, zinc, antimony and other chemical works, and banking, as well as including a little personal material. The papers are, however, very scrappy and few in number and it is likely that they were once part of a much larger collection, some of which might possibly remain either with descendants of the depositor or with other branches of the Cookson family. Some or all of the items in section III of the papers might at one time have been kept with the archives of the Associated Lead Manufacturers, which are now deposited in the Tyne and Wear Archives Service.

The collection has been arranged in the following sections:

I/1-18 and II/19-34: Deeds and associated documents, 1722-1786 and 1756-1876.

The subjects of these documents include:

- (I/1-14, 16, 18) glass-works and salt pans in South Shields, Co. Durham, 1722-1786;
- (I/15) a glass-works at the Close Gate in Newcastle upon Tyne, 1770;
- (I/17-18) brick and tile-making in Westoe, Co. Durham, 1778-1786;
- (II/19-22) a banking and exchange business in Newcastle upon Tyne, 1756-1786;
- (II/23-29) shares in a privateer called the *Heart of Oak* (formerly the *Britannia* employed in the Greenland Whale fishery), 1778-1779;
- (II/30) the Mickley Coal Company, 1853;
- (II/31-33) inventions relating to lead-manufacturing, 1874-1876;
- (II/34) the apprenticeship of John James Warden with Messrs. Cookson and Company of Newcastle upon Tyne, 1867.

III/1-57 Correspondence, papers and pamphlets, 1811-c.1930s.

As well as a little family material these items include:

- (III/1-26) material concerning the holdings of William Cuthbert in Cookson and Company, lead manufacturers, 1868-1876;
- (III/27-29) three letters concerning the Alkali Bill, 1904;
- (III/41-47) papers and pamphlets relating to Cookson industries on Tyneside, 19th-20th centuries;
- (III/48) folder containing typescript history by John James Warden, Cookson manager, of Cookson industries in the North-East, 18th-20th centuries, with a bibliography ([?c.1927], 64ff.);
- (III/53) photographs of three banknotes, 1758/9, 1762 and 1821;
- (III/49-51) manuscript Cookson pedigrees;

(III/56-57) printed books of reference to the 25 inch to one mile Ordnance Survey plans of the parishes of All Saints, Newcastle upon Tyne and St. Andrew, Newcastle upon Tyne, 1861.

IV/1-9 Printed notices etc., 1793-1914.

These include:

- (IV/1-5) notices relating to banking confidence and to currency and banknotes, 1793-1914;
- (IV/6-7) two fire insurance policies, 1801 and 1830;
- (IV/8) an address from workmen in South Shields, Co. Durham, supporting the Cookson works against complaints of smoke-pollution, 1839;
- (IV/9) an illuminated address presented to Norman Charles Cookson on his marriage, 1873.

The Cookson Family

The family line from Isaac Cookson to the depositor of the papers:

1. Isaac Cookson, merchant, of Newcastle upon Tyne (bap. 3 March 1678/9 - 1743)
2. John Cookson of Newcastle upon Tyne (? - 1783)
3. Isaac Cookson of Whitehill, Co. Durham (1745 - 1831)
4. Isaac Cookson of Gateshead Park, Co. Durham (1776 - 1851)
5. William Isaac Cookson of Benwell, Northumberland (1812 - 1888)
6. Norman Charles Cookson of Oakwood, Wylam, Northumberland (1841 - 1909)
7. Clive Cookson of Netherwarden, Northumberland (1879 - ?)

Accession details

The Cookson Papers were deposited [prior to 1950] by Clive Cookson, probably through the good office of Professor E. Hughes (see: E. Hughes *The North East* preface p.viii); except for the group of framed printed notices which were deposited by Professor E Hughes [?on behalf of Clive Cookson] in 1960 & 1961, and box III item 48 which was deposited by Professor E. Hughes in November 1963, and box II item 34 which was deposited by Professor E. Hughes on behalf of Clive Cookson 7 July 1954.

Arrangement

See under description of contents above. The first number in the reference refers to the box in which the item is stored, apart from IV, which are all oversized items.

The items in section IV that had been in frames were de-framed in August 2016 to remove acidic mounts.

Form of citation

The form of citation should use the code GB-0033-CKS, or the collection name Cookson papers, followed by the *reference number*

To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0033-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

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Related material (internal)

Earl Grey Papers:

Papers of 4th Earl Grey: letter from John Blencowe Cookson of Meldon Park, Northumberland, 17 December 1901.

Earl Grey Papers:

Misc Books 6: re Ballast shores, brewing, Tyne Conservation etc.

Durham Diocesan Records:

Visitation papers, volume labelled "No. 167" (1732-51). f.64v.

Mr John Cookson *inter alia* presented for refusal to pay Church Sess.

Mr Joseph Cookson presented for having Church Bell rung supposedly for the death of a servant, really for a dog.

Related material elsewhere

Northumberland Record Office:

Cookson (Meldon) MSS.

Northumberland Record Office:

Cookson (Minsteracres) MSS.

Tyne and Wear Archives Service:

Associated Lead Manufacturers Records.

This is a very large collection which includes some material on the Cooksons. Other items in the Tyne and Wear Archives Service which tie in particularly closely with the Cookson Papers include:

Tyne and Wear Archives Service: microfiche copy of letter-book, 1738-1740, of John Cookson, glass manufacturer of Newcastle upon Tyne, the original of which had been purchased at auction in 1994 by a museum of glass in New York State, United States of America.

Tyne and Wear Archives Service: TWA 1512/5571, letter-book of John Cookson, glass merchant of Newcastle upon Tyne, 21 July 1747 - 12 June 1769.

Tyne and Wear Archives Service: TWA 1512/5572, sales journal of John Cookson, 3 December 1744 - 15 February 1747.

Deeds 1722-1867

CKS/I/1 9 October 1722

- 1a. Alice, wife of Brutus Browne, merchant, now abroad.
- b. Katherine Cowland, widow.
- c. Margaret Coles, spinster, of St. Clement Dane, Middlesex.
(The 3 surviving children of the late Sir William Coles of London).
2. Robert Blunt, Gent., of Walthamstow, Essex.

Assignment by 1 to 2 of the lease of:

- a. $\frac{2}{3}$ of a moiety of a parcel of ground in South Shields, Co. Durham, bordering on the premises of John Waller to the E. and N.E., the mill-dam to the S.E. and S.W., the top of the Banks to the S. and S.E., and the Tyne lower-water mark to the N. and N.W., with salt-works, sumps and Ballast Key held by 21 year lease of 28 March 1717 from The Dean and Chapter of Durham to Sir William Coles at 40s. p.a. and 10s. per salt pan.
 - b. Equity of redemption of 10 messuages in Coverley Fields by Spittle Feilds, Stepney, now in possession of Dame Elizabeth, widow of Sir William Coles, held by lease from Edward Mountague, Esq.; premises now mortgaged by Dame Elizabeth to Benjamin Blaney for £100.
 - c. £100 for which the sale works are assigned to Robert Radford and others for the benefit of the trustees of William Coles and Rowlingstone Coles, grandsons of Sir William.
- Consideration £150 from 2 to 1.

Plan attached.

Signed and sealed by 1a. b. and c.

Witnesses Jns. Haden; John Scott; Edward Tonge; Geo. Huips; Alice Brown.

Endorsed Confirmation of Assignment, 26 July 1723, from 1 to 2 for £39.

CKS/I/2 5 June 1724.

- 1a. Alice, wife of Brutus Browne, merchant, now abroad.
- b. Katherine Cowland, widow.
- c. Margaret Coles, spinster, of St. Clement Dane, Middlesex.
(The 3 surviving children of the late Sir William Coles of London).
2. Robert Blunt, Gent., of Walthamstow, Essex.

Pursuant to letters of administration of estate of Sir William Coles granted to Margaret Coles 14 May 1724, confirmation of Assignment by 1 to 2 of Lease 9 October 1722, for the remainder of a 21 year term of property in South Shields described in I/1, point a.
Consideration 5s. from 2 to 1.

Signed and sealed by 1. a, b and c.

Witnesses. Jno. Haden; Martin Bond; Cath Wibert.

CKS/I/3 6 December 1729.

1. Margaret Coles, spinster, of St. Clement Danes, Middlesex.
2. Robert Blunt, gent., of Walthamstow, Essex.

Declaration of a trust held by 1 for 2 concerning a moiety of property in South Shields as described in I/1 part a, except that it is now said to extend to the mill dam on the W. and S.W., not the S.E. and S.W., newly leased for 21 years on 20 November 1725, on surrender of old lease of 28 March 1717, from The Dean and Chapter of Durham to 1 in trust half for William and Roullinstone Coles, grandsons of the late Sir William Coles, and half for 2.

Signed and sealed by 1 and 2.

Witnesses Edward Seymour; Will Martyn Jun.; Jn ° . Arnold.

CKS/I/4 27 August 1731

1. Margaret Coles, spinster, of St. Clement Danes, Middlesex.
2. Roullstone, or Rowlston Coles, oylman, of St. Martin in the Fields, Middlesex, nephew to 1.
3. Robert Blount, gent., of Cliffords Inne.

Assignment of Lease by 1 to 3 with the consent of 2.

Assignment of remainder of a 21 year lease of a quarter part (i.e. belonging to 2) of property in South Shields as described in I/3, half of which had been held by 1 in trust for 2 and his brother.

Consideration £225 from 3 to 2. 5s. from 3 to 1.

Signed and sealed by 1 and 2.

Witnesses Hugh Philipps, coal merchant in Durham Yard near the New Exchange in the Strand; Robert Wilkinson; the mark of Robert Lyon "at the fleeces near Charing Cross a Cook".

CKS/I/5 27 August 1731

1. Margaret Coles, spinster, of St. Clement Danes, Middlesex.
2. William Coles, fish-monger, of St. Clement Danes, Middlesex, nephew to 1.
3. Robert Blunt, gent., of Cliffords Inn, London.

Assignment from 1 to 3, with the consent of 2, of remainder of 21 years lease of a quarter part (i.e. portion of 2) of property in South Shields described in I/3, half of which had been held by 1 in trust for 2 and his brother.

Consideration £225 from 3 to 2. 5s. from 3 to 1.

Signed and sealed by 1 and 2.

Witnesses William Atwood; William Pollord; John Jones.

CKS/I/6 4 November 1735

1 the late Robert Blunt, gent., widower, of Walthamstow, Essex, late of Cliffords Inn, London)

2 a. Ruhamah Chicking, wife of William Chicking,

b. Anne Simpson, wife of John Simpson.

c. Elizabeth Wilkinson, wife of John Wilkinson.

d. William Carr.

(The nieces and nephew of 1).

Letters of Administration with copy of will annexed.

Administration granted by the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (concerning the will of 1).

Terms of Will.

i Confirmation of life annuity of 31 May 1735 of £35 rent charge from 1 to Jane Crandon, widow, his servant.

ii Life use of 1's house in Walthamstow to Jane Crandon.

Witnesses to Will Wilm. Horsman; Wilm. Sanders; Thms. Davenport.

CKS/I/7 11 March 1737/8.

1 a. William Carr, powder-flask maker of City of London.

b. John Carr, Esq., of city of Dublin.

c. John Wilkinson, gent., of Horsley, Northumberland and Elizabeth his wife.

d. John Simpson, gent., of Ovington Hall, Northumberland, and Ann, his wife.

e. Ruhamah Chicker, widow, of Ovington, Northumberland.

(William Carr, Elizabeth, Ann and Rumanah being Administrators of the Will of the late Robert Blunt, gent., of Cliffords Inn, Middlesex - see 1/6.)

2. Isaac Cookson, gent., of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Assignment from 1 to 2 of the remainder of a 21 years lease of 28 April 1733 made between the Dean and Chapter of Durham and Robert Blunt of property in South Shields as in 1/3.

Consideration £900 from 2 to 1.

Signed and sealed by 1 a, c, d and e. Signed for 1 b.

Witnesses George Scott; James Scott.

CKS/I/8 14 April 1738

1. Thomas Jeffreys, merchant, of Snow Hill, London.

2. Francis Hawkes the elder, glass-maker, of Vane Hall, Surrey.

Assignment of two thirty-seconds of a capital stock of £6,000 for a glassworks at South Shields in a 31 year partnership formed by an indenture of 17 April 1738 (1/9).

Consideration £375 from 2 to 1.

Signed and sealed by 1.

Witnesses William Marley; William French.

CKS/I/9 17 April 1738

1. John Cookson, merchant, of Newcastle upon Tyne.
2. Thomas Jeffreys, merchant of Snow Hill, London.

Articles of co-partnership for 31 years between 1 and 2 in a Crown and Plate Glass business at South Shields with arrangements to build a glass-house on a piece of land 100 x 100 yards, part of a Ballast Key at South Shields bordering to the S. on the Mill dam, held by lease of 15 March 1737/8 from Isaac Cookson the elder, merchant, of Newcastle upon Tyne, to 1 and 2.

Joint Stock: £6,000 (£3,750 from 1, £2,250 from 2).

Signed and sealed by 2.

Witnesses John Butten; Benjamin Carr.

CKS/I/10 1 January 1738/9.

1. Thomas Jeffreys, merchant, of Snow Hill, London.
2. James Dixon, merchant, of Snow Hill, London.

Counterpart Assignment from 1 to 2 of two thirty-seconds of capital stock of £6,000 in Crown and Plate Glass works at South Shields in a 31 year partnership formed 17 April 1738 (not 1737 as stated) (I/9).

Consideration £375 from 2 to 1.

Signed and sealed by 2.

Witnesses William Marley; William French.

CKS/I/11 29 March 1746.

1. John Cookson, merchant, of Newcastle upon Tyne.
2. Thomas Jeffreys, merchant, of Snow Hill, City of London.
3. Richard Jeffreys, merchant, of Fleet Street, City of London.
4. Sir John Delange, merchant, of City of London.
5. James Dixon, merchant, of Fleet Street, City of London.
6. Joseph Cookson, gent., of South Shields, Co. Durham.

(Owners of the Plate and Crown Glass House and of salt pans at South Shields.)

Articles of Agreement concerning the management of stock and payments in partnerships formed between 1 and 2 for manufacturing Crown and Plate Glass at South Shields, 17 April 1738 (not 1737 as stated) (I/9); and salt, 25 August 1744 ; from which stock has been assigned to 3, 1738 ; 5, 1 January 1738/9 (I/10), 4 and 6, n.d.

Signed and sealed by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Witnesses Wm. French of Snow Hill; and Wm. Marley, his clerk.

CKS/I/12 30 June 1747

1. Thomas Jeffreys, merchant, of Snow Hill, London.
2. Richard Jeffreys, merchant, of the City of London.

Confirms assignment of 1738 from 1 to 2 of four thirty-seconds of capital stock in a glass-works partnership of 17 April 1738 (I/9), and assigns four thirty-seconds of stock in partnership for making salt and other types of glass of 25 August 1744, all works being at South Shields.

Signed and sealed by 1.

Witnessed Wm. French; Wm. Gardiner.

CKS//13 4 December 1751

1. John Cookson, merchant, of Newcastle upon Tyne.
2. Richard Jeffreys, merchant, of City of London.
3. Thomas Jeffreys, merchant, of City of London.
4. James Dixon, merchant, of City of London.

Counterpart Assignment from 1 and 2 to 4 in trust for 2 of five thirty-seconds share in the glass house and salt pans and sumps on a parcel of ground in South Shields leased from the Dean and Chapter of Durham.

Consideration £2,535.4.0. from 2 to 1.

5s. from 4 to 1.

5s. from 4 to 2.

Signed and sealed by Thomas Jeffreys; Rich. Jeffreys; James Dixon.

Witnesses Francis Potts; Wm. French.

CKS//14 1 May 1766

1. Mary Cookson, widow, of Old Elvet, Durham, executrix of the late Isaac Cookson, gent., formerly of South Shields, late of Sherburn Cott, Co. Durham.
2. John Cookson, Esq., of Newcastle upon Tyne (brother of above Isaac Cookson).
3. Reed Surtees, gent., of Stranton, Co. Durham.
4. William Hopper, gent., of Durham, Deputy Registrar of Durham Chancery Court.
5. Thomas Hugall, gent., of Durham.

Assignment from 1 and 2 to 5 in trust for 2 of two thirty-seconds share in a glass house and salt pans at South Shields and three sixteenths share in a Glass Bottle House at Bill Key, County Durham.

Consideration £260.13.7. from 2 to 3.

15s.4d. from 2 to 4.

5s. from 5 to 1.

5s. from 5 to 2.

£63 annuity to be paid to Sarah Cookson of Newcastle, executrix and daughter of Hannah Cookson and sister of Isaac and John.

Signed and sealed by all five.

Witnesses Wm. Hutchinson; Thos. Smith; Geo. Pearson.

CKS//15 31 January 1770

1. John Cookson, Esq., of Whitehall, Co. Durham.
2. Thomas Airey, Esq., of Newcastle upon Tyne.
3. Joseph Wilson, gent., of Newcastle upon Tyne.
4. George Dickinson, gent., of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Articles of 21 year co-partnership in a Flint Glass or White Glass wares business at the Glasshouse at the Close Gate in Newcastle.

Joint Stock: £7,200. (In the following proportions of thirtieth parts: 1.- 15: 2.- 9: 3.- 4: 4.- 2).

Signed and sealed by all four.

Witnessed [Jn.] Richmond; Charles Wren.

CKS/I/16 25 July 1770

- 1 a. John Mount, Esq., of Tower Hill, City of London.
- b. William Scott, Esq., of Grosvenor Place, parish of St. George, Hanover Square, Middlesex.
- c. Joseph Paice, merchant, of Cloak Lane, City of London.
(Executors of the late Richard Jeffreys, merchant, of the City of London)
- d. Richard Jeffreys, gent., of St. Martin in the Fields, Middlesex, only son and residuary legatee of Richard Jeffreys, merchant.
2. John Cookson Esq., of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Deed to dissolve partnership and assign to 2 ten thirty-seconds share in a parcel of ground at South Shields used as a Ballast Key commonly called the Mill Dam Ballast Key held by lease from the Dean and Chapter of Durham, with ten thirty-seconds share of Glasshouses erected thereon.

Consideration £4,000 and a further £4,000 to be paid within 12 months from 2 to 1.

Signed and sealed by 1.

Witnessed Thos. Jeff French; [?Wilm.] French; John Elwes Allen; Wilm. Mount.

CKS/I/17 1 January 1778

1. John Cookson, Esq., of Whitehall, Co. Durham.
- 2 a. Isaac Cookson, Esq., of Newcastle upon Tyne.
- b. Evan Deer, gent., of South Shields, Co. Durham.
- c. Edward Wilson, gent., of South Shields.

15 year lease from 1 to 2 of a parcel of ground in Westoe, Co. Durham, used for brick and tile making, known as Windmill Field alias Windmill Hill Field with a seam of clay for brick-making within the said close.

Consideration £23 p.a. from 2 to 1.

Signed and sealed by 1.

Witness Chas. Cockerill.

CKS/II/18 14 January 1786

1. Elizabeth Cookson, widow, of Whitehill Co. Durham, executrix of the late John Cookson, Esq., of the same.
2. Isaac Cookson, Esq., of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Assignment from 1 to 2 of remainders of 4 separate leases:-

- a. Parcel of ground at South Shields as in item 3, formerly occupied by Robert Blunt, gent., held by 21 year lease of 20 July 1780 from the Dean and Chapter of Durham at 40s. p.a.
- b. 3 acre parcel of ground at Westoe, Co. Durham, used for brick and tile making, including a seam of clay, leased for 21 years on 20 July 1782 from the Dean and Chapter of Durham at £1.10.0. p.a.
- c. 12 acres parcel of ground at Westoe, Co. Durham, called Wind Mill Field alias Wind Mill Field with the Mill dam to the N., rubbish hills, to W., lands of Mr. Green to E. and S. (formerly about $\frac{1}{3}$ of a $\frac{1}{4}$ parcel of a tenement and farmhold of Coulson Shottowe Esq., and excepted out of a lease from the Dean and Chapter of Durham to William Rudley gent. of South Shields.) held by 21 year lease of 19 July 1783 from the Dean and Chapter of Durham at 8s. 4d. p.a.
- d. A stone building enclosing a spring of water, part of a parcel of a farmhold or one ninth of the township of Westoe leased for 21 years on 28 September 1770 from the Dean and Chapter of Durham at 13s 4d. p.a., the remainder assigned by John Cookson to Evan Deer gent. 15 February 1772.

Consideration £500 from 2 to 1.

Signed and sealed by 1.

Witness Chs. Wren.

CKS/II/19 1 January 1756

1. Matthew Bell, Esq., of Newcastle upon Tyne.
2. John Cookson, Esq., of Newcastle.
3. Ralph Carr, Esq., of Newcastle.
4. Joseph Airey, merchant, of Newcastle.

Articles of Co-Partnership for a 10 year banking partnership in a house called the Bank in Pilgrim Street, Newcastle, where 4 lives.

Joint Stock of £2,000 (£500 each).

Signed and sealed by all 4.

Witnesses Francis Miller; John Widdrington.

CKS/II/20 1 January 1765

1. Matthew Bell, Esq., of Newcastle upon Tyne.
2. John Cookson, Esq., of Newcastle.
3. Ralph Carr, Esq., of Newcastle.
4. Joseph Airey, merchant, of Newcastle.
5. Joseph Saint, merchant, of Newcastle.

Articles of Co-Partnership, for a 10 year extension of banking and Exchange partnership (II/19) with Joseph Saint now living in the Bank and attending daily.

1-4 to hold seven thirty-seconds of the stock each, 5, four thirty-seconds.

Signed and sealed by all 5.

Witnesses Jos. Harvis; [?Jn °.] Richmond.

CKS/II/21 16 December 1774

1. Matthew Bell, Esq., of Newcastle upon Tyne.
2. John Cookson, Esq., of Newcastle.
3. Ralph Carr, Esq., of Newcastle.
4. John Widdrington, merchant of Newcastle.
5. Joseph Saint, merchant, of Newcastle.

Articles of Co-partnership for a 7 year extension of banking and exchange business (II/19-II/20) 1-3 to hold four eighteenthths stock each, 4 and 5, three eighteenthths each. 4 and 5 to attend daily as managers.

Signed and sealed by all 5.

Witnesses Wm. Gibson; Jas. Murray.

CKS/II/22 11 December 1786

1. Sir John Eden, Bart., of Windleston, Co. Durham.
2. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., of Blagdon, Northumberland.
3. Isaac Cookson Esq., of Newcastle upon Tyne.
4. John Widdrington, Esq., of Newcastle upon Tyne.
5. James Wilkinson, banker, of Newcastle.
6. Thomas Gibson, banker, of Newcastle.

Articles of Co-partnership for a 3 year partnership in banking business (II/19 - II/21) with 6 living in the Bank, 5 and 6 to be at the bank constantly. 1-4 to hold seven thirty-sixths stock each, 5 and 6 four thirty-sixths each.

Signed and sealed by all 6.

Witnesses Chs. Wren; John [?]

CKS/II/23 24 November 1778

- 1 a. Ralph Parkin, sail-maker of Scarborough.
- b. Richard Sollit, gent., of Scarborough.
- c. Henry Priestman, merchant, of Scarborough.
- d. George Moorson, shipwright, of Scarborough.
- e. Thomas Keld, surgeon, of Scarborough.
- f. Robert Burckingshaw, gent., of Scarborough.
- g. John Smith, anchorsmith, of Scarborough.
- h. John Piper, gent., of Pickering Yorkshire.
- i. George Atkinson, merchant, of Kirby Moorside, Yorkshire.
- 2 a. Thomas Emmerson Headlam shipwright of Gateshead, Co. Durham.
- b. Thomas Loggan, Master Mariner, of Gateshead.

Bill of Sale from 1 to 2 of a 300 tons fishing vessel *Britannia*, lately employed in the Greenland Whale fishery, late master George Pilmer.

Consideration £2,250 from 2 to 1.

Signed and sealed by 1.

Received by 1.

Witness Wilm. L. George, clerk to [?Mr. Hobb].

CKS/II/24 24 November 1778

- 1 a. Ralph Parkin, sail-maker of Scarborough.
- b. Richard Sollit, gent., of Scarborough.
- c. Henry Priestman, merchant, of Scarborough.
- d. George Moorson, shipwright, of Scarborough.
- e. Thomas Keld, surgeon, of Scarborough.
- f. Robert Burckingshaw, gent., of Scarborough.
- g. John Smith, anchorsmith, of Scarborough.
- h. John Piper, gent., of Pickering Yorkshire.
- i. George Atkinson, merchant, of Kirby Moorside, Yorkshire.
- 2 a. Thomas Emmerson Headlam shipwright of Gateshead, Co. Durham.
- b. Thomas Loggan, Master Mariner, of Gateshead.

Bond whereby if 2 are not allowed peaceful possession of the vessel *Britannia*, bought from 1 on same date, (II/23), they are to receive £281.5.0. from each of 1 a, c, e, f, g, i, £562.10.0. from each of 1 b and d. and £1,687.10.0. from 1 h.

Signed and sealed by 1.

Witness W.L. George, clerk to Mr. [? Hobb or Hebb].

CKS/II/25 1779

1. John Hall, Esq., Doctor of Physick, of Newcastle upon Tyne.
2. William Cuthbert, gent., of Newcastle.

Pro-forma bill of sale, from 1 to 2, of two twentieths share in a ship lately called the *Britannia* as described in II/24, now the *Heart of Oak* fitted out as a privateer and on cruise against the enemy, Captain George Plowman commander.

Consideration £225 from 2 to 1.

Sealed: (not signed).

CKS/II/26 1779

1. John Hall, Esq., Doctor of Physick, of Newcastle upon Tyne.
- 2 James Liddell, merchant, of Newcastle.

Pro-forma bill of sale, from 1 to 2, of two twentieths share in a ship as described in II/24 - II/25.

Consideration £225 from 2 to 1.

Sealed (not signed).

CKS/II/27 1779

1. John Hall, Esq., Doctor of Physick, of Newcastle upon Tyne.
2. William Crainlington, Esq. of Saint Anns Newcastle.

Pro-forma bill of sale, from 1 to 2, of two twentieths share in a ship as described in II/24 - II/25.

Consideration £112.10.0. from 2 to 1.

Sealed (not signed).

CKS/II/28 1779

1. John Hall, Esq., Doctor of Physick, of Newcastle upon Tyne.
2. Anthony Hopper, winemerchant, of Newcastle.

Pro-forma bill of sale, from 1 to 2, of two twentieths share in a ship as described in II/24 - II/25.

Consideration £112.10.0 from 2 to 1.

Sealed (not signed).

CKS/II/29 1779

1. John Hall, Esq., Doctor of Physick, of Newcastle upon Tyne.
2. Thomas Logan, master mariner, of Gateshead, Co. Durham.

Pro-forma bill of sale, from 1 to 2, of two twentieths share in a ship as described in items II/24 - II/25.

Consideration £112.10.0 from 2 to 1.

Sealed (not signed).

CKS/II/30 5 June 1858

1. William Isaac Cookson Esq., of Benwell Tower Northumberland.
2. William Cuthbert Esq., of Beaufront, Northumberland.
3. John Cookson Esq., of Meldon Park, Northumberland.
4. Matthew Liddell, colliery viewer, of Benton Grange, Northumberland.
5. John Liddell Esq., of Benwall Hall, Northumberland.

Deed to continue existing partnership for 42 years as "The Mickley Coal Co." with the principal office probably at Newcastle.

CKS/II/31 12 October 1874

1. Charles Denton Abel, Patent Agent, of 20 Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane, Middlesex.
2. Messrs. Luce Fils and Rozan, lead manufacturers, 44 Rue Sainte, Marseilles.
3. Messrs. Cookson & Co., lead manufacturers, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Assignment from 1 to 3 on behalf of 2 of letters patent no. 3292 of 15 November 1869 for an invention for refining and desilvering lead, pursuant to an agreement of 30 March 1874.

Signed and sealed by all parties.

Witnesses:

John Thomas Reed of Felling Lodge, Gateshead;
 Adam Robson, clerk, Cookson & Co. Newcastle;
 Orlando [?H.] Bridgeman, 36 Belgrave Road, London;
 Edwd. W. Marke, Brit. Consult Marseilles;
 Wm. J. Parry, Clerk, Messrs. Wilson; Bristows and Carpurael, 1 Copthall Bldgs. London.

Certificate of Registration in Patent Office, 5 November 1874, attached.

CKS/II/32 12 October 1874

1. Messrs. Cookson & Co., lead manufacturers, Newcastle.
2. Messrs. Luce Fils et Rozan, lead manufacturers, 44 Rue Sainte Marseilles.

Deed of arrangement concerning assignment of same date (2/31) from 2 to 1 of letters patent for an invention for desilvering lead.

Signed and sealed by all parties.

Witnesses As in assignment, omitting Wm. Parry.

CKS/II/33 19 February 1876

Grant of letters patent, 1876, no. 709 to Norman Charles Cookson, lead manufacturer, of Newcastle upon Tyne for 14 years for an invention for improving the manufacture of White Lead.

Seal missing.

CKS/II/34 27 April 1867

Apprenticeship indenture of John James Warden with Messrs. Cookson & Co., Newcastle for 6 years from 1 June 1867 to learn bookkeeping and duties pertaining to a Merchant's business.

Signed Robert Marden; John James Warden.

Correspondence, papers and pamphlets

Letters and memoranda concerning the holdings of William Cuthbert in Cookson & Co., lead manufacturers, and his resignation from the partnership. 1868-1876.

CKS/III/1-2 19 October 1868

2 copies of a memorandum concerning proposed holdings of each partner in W.I. Cookson & Co. should Norman Charles Cookson and George John Cookson enter the partnership.

CKS/III/3 30 May 1872

Letter from William Isaac Cookson to N.C. Cookson assenting to proposed action concerning the interest of N.C. Cookson and G.J. Cookson in Cookson & Co.

CKS/III/4 [4 June 1872]

Copy [written by N.C. Cookson] of memorandum concerning proposed changes in the holdings of partners in Cookson & Co.

CKS/III/5 4 June 1872

Memorandum signed by John Cookson and William Cuthbert agreeing to proposed changes in the holdings of partners in Cookson & Co.

CKS/III/6 28 June 1872

Letter from W. Cuthbert to N.C. Cookson refusing co-operation in buying out N.C. Cookson and G.J. Cookson from Cookson & Co. and proposing the transformation of the concern into a limited liability company.

CKS/III/7 8 November 1872

[?Copy of] letter from W. Cuthbert to N. George Clayton quoting memoranda and a letter, 1868-1872, and stating his refusal to sell any of his shares in the partnership to N.C. Cookson & G.J. Cookson, though he agrees to their buying shares from their father and his brother.

CKS/III/8 [? November 1872]

Memorandum [written by N.C. Cookson] concerning proposed readjustment of W. Cuthbert's holding in Cookson & Co.

CKS/III/9 24 November 1872

Letter from N.G. Clayton to [? N.C.] Cookson concerning settlement of partnership dispute with W. Cuthbert.

CKS/III/10 30 November 1872

Letter from W. Cuthbert to W.I. Cookson proposing terms on which Cuthbert could be bought out of Cookson & Co.

CKS/III/11 2 December 1872

Letter from W.I. Cookson to W. Cuthbert proposing meeting about continuation of the partnership.

CKS/III/12 [? December 1872]

Letter from Mary Cuthbert to N.C. Cookson concerning W. Cuthbert's illness.

CKS/III/13 19 December 1872

Copy of letter from N.C. Cookson to W. Cuthbert concerning purchase by N.C. Cookson and G.J. Cookson of one eighteenth share in Cookson & Co. from W.I. Cookson and of one eighteenth share from J. Cookson.

CKS/III/14 22 December [1872]

Letter from M. Cuthbert to N.C. Cookson giving W. Cuthbert's assent to the entry of the above share transfer in the firm's private ledger.

CKS/III/15 [?24] December 1872

Copy of letter from N.C. Cookson to W. Cuthbert enclosing form authorizing entry of the above transfer in the firm's private ledger.

CKS/III/16 4 April 1876

Letter from R.B. Philipson [solicitor for the Cooksons] to N. C. Cookson concerning formalities of dissolutions of existing partnership.

CKS/III/17 4 April 1876

Copy of letter from N.C. Cookson to J. Cookson proposing dissolution of Cookson & Co. by auction among the late partners and asking if Philipson should represent J. Cookson in this.

CKS/III/18 6 April 1876

Letter from J. Cookson to N.C. Cookson urging moderation and avoidance of Chancery proceedings.

CKS/III/19 6 April 1876

Letter from J. & N.G. Clayton [solicitors for W. Cuthbert] to R.P. Philipson, stating that W. Cuthbert is willing to sell his interest in the firm to W. I. Cookson and his sons at a price to be fixed by arbitration.

CKS/III/20 7 April 1876

Letter from W. I. Cookson to N.C. Cookson concerning formalities of dissolution.

CKS/III/21 8 April 1876

Letter from W.I. Cookson to N.C. Cookson opposing legal proceedings and discussing the procedure of a dissolution by arbitration.

CKS/III/22 8 April 1876

Letter from W.I. Cookson to N.C. Cookson rejecting arbitration in favour of W. Cuthbert's naming a price for the sale of his interest in the partnership.

CKS/III/23 9 April 1876

Letter from W.I. Cookson to N.C. Cookson opposing arbitration.

CKS/III/24 10 April 1876

[?Draft] letter from [N.C. Cookson] to J. Cookson opposing arbitration and stating that Philipson had asked W. Cuthbert to name his price.

CKS/III/25 11 April 1876

Letter from J. & N.G. Clayton to Messrs. Philipson repeating W. Cuthbert's demand for arbitration.

CKS/III/26 12 April 1876

Letter from W.I. Cookson to N.C. Cookson stating his fear that arbitration would be irresponsible and his desire to sell his own interest in the partnership.

Letters concerning the Alkali bill, 1904.

CKS/III/27 24 March 1904

Letter from R. Forbes Carpenter to Norman C. Cookson concerning the definition of "plan" to be used in drafting an Alkali bill.

CKS/III/28 28 March 1904

Letter from R. Forbes Carpenter to N.C. Cookson concerning alleged opposition by Cookson & Co. to the bill.

CKS/III/29 29 March 1904

Copy of letter from N.C. Cookson to R. Forbes Carpenter concerning the drafting of the bill and denying that he had opposed the bill.

Family letters

CKS/III/30 - III/39

Access restrictions: Closed until 2037 AD.

CKS/III/ 40 3 February 1903

One letter from Adela Cookson to her "cousin", Mrs. Norman Cookson, concerning personal matters and the relationship of William Wordsworth to the Cookson family.

Papers and pamphlets concerning glass-works

CKS/III/41

MS. copy of "Cookson's Alkali" from *The Newcastle Song Book*, 1842.

CKS/III/42

Off print "A Day at A Glass Factory" from *The Penny Magazine*, June 1844.

CKS/III/43

Pamphlet *Glasshouses On The Tyne In The Eighteenth Century* by Francis Buckley, reprinted from the *Transactions of the Society of Glass Technology*, Vol. 10, 1926.

CKS/III/44

Off-print "External Relations of The Tyneside Glass Industry" by Preston Pilbin from *Economic Geography*, [post 1936].

Papers and pamphlets concerning other Tyne industries

CKS/III/45

Off-print "A Day At The Tyne Factories" from *The Penny Magazine*, August 1844.

CKS/III/46

Typescript. "Extracts from Sykes Local Records Volumes 1-3, Published 1865, Re The Cookson Family And The Lead & Coal Etc. Industries On The Tyne."

Paper 3ff.

CKS/III/47

Typescript and ms. [?proof] "On the Local Manufacture of Lead, Copper, Zinc and Antimony by Norman C. Cookson, George Gatheral and John Pattinson." [?Section on copper missing]. [c. 1889]

Later published in local industrial section of printed volume (ed. W. Richardson) concerning visit of the British Association to Newcastle upon Tyne 1889.

9ff.

CKS/III/48 n.d. [?1927].

Folder containing typescript history by J. J. Warden, Cookson manager, of Cookson industries in the North-East, 18th-20th centuries, with bibliography, deposited in Palaeography Dept by Professor E. Hughes of Durham University History Department for consultation by Mr. Burke, of Newcastle College of Commerce, 1963.

Attached to the folder are 2 notes by Professor Hughes 1963 & n.d.
64 ff.

Pedigrees

CKS/III/49 29 May 1924

Copy of letter from Gibson, Pybus and Pybus to Messrs. Clayton and Gibson concerning the title of members of the Cookson family to 4 shares in the Old Assembly Rooms [?Newcastle], with annexed copy of [incomplete] Cookson pedigree, 1711-1924, made by A.A. [?Ridout], with corrections by C.C.P. Gibson.

CKS/III/50 n.d. [early 20th cent.]

Pedigree of William Isaac Cookson [1812-88] and his immediate family. Endorsed "C.O.P. Gibson".

CKS/III/51 n.d.

Pedigree made by Bryan Cookson, born 1875, tracing his descent from Brian Cookson, c.1610-1685 or 6.

Miscellaneous papers and pamphlets

CKS/III/52

Printed particulars of the freehold estate of Benwell Hall, Northumberland with Stables, Park, Plantation Lands and Farms, to be sold by auction, 12 October 1811, with MS. note of bids and total price obtained.

CKS/III/53

Photographs, in sets of 4, of 3 banknotes issued by Bell, Cookson, Carr & Airey 1758/9 ; Bell, Cookson, Carr, Airey, and Saint, 1762 ; and Sir M.W. Ridley, Bigge, Gibson & Co., 1821.

12 pieces.

CKS/III/54-55 26 March 1860

2 printed posters concerning Anthony Holme, clerk, who had absconded from Messrs. J.W. Cookson and Co., London.

Location: Rm5/PFJ/23/13-14

CKS/III/56 1861

Reference book to the 25" O.S. plan of the parish of All Saints, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
26 pp.

CKS/III/57 1861

Similar reference book to the 25" O.S. plan of the parish of St. Andrew, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

24 pp.

Printed notices

CKS/IV/1 9 April 1793

Report of committee appointed by the inhabitants of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to consider means of restoring public credit, with list of subscribers to a fund designed to support notes to the value of £230,000 then in circulation from the banks of Ridley, Cookson & Co.; Lambton & Co.; Surtees Burden and Co.; and Baker, Hedley & Co.

Location: Rm5/PFJ/23/1

CKS/IV/2 22 July 1815

Resolution to accept notes issued by the banks of Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart, & Co.; Sir Charles Loraine, Bart. & Co.; R.J. Lambton Esq. & Co.; and Messrs. Reed, Batson & Co., signed by landowners of Durham and Northumberland.

Location: Rm5/PFJ/23/2

CKS/IV/3 23 October [1847]

Resolution by merchants manufacturers etc. of Newcastle-upon-Tyne expressing confidence in the Northumberland and Durham District Bank, the Newcastle Commercial Banking Co., and the private bank of Messrs. Lambton & Co., mentioning the suspension of the Union Bank.

Location: Rm5/PFJ/23/3

CKS/IV/4 [7 August] 1914

3 notices announcing the suspension of cash payments by banks (except for small sums) until the issue of Government £1 and 10s. notes.

Location: Rm5/PFJ/23/5

CKS/IV/5 5 August 1914

Extract from speech by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons condemning the hoarding of gold by individuals.

Location: Rm5/PFJ/23/5

CKS/IV/6 14 April 1801

Fire insurance policy issued by the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Fire Office to Thomas Smith, rope-maker, of the North Shore near Newcastle.

Location: Rm5/PFJ/23/6

CKS/IV/7 25 December 1830

Fire insurance policy issued by the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Fire Office to William Smith & Co., Ship builders, of Saint Peter's near Newcastle, with list of proprietors of the company.

Location: Rm4/Framed

CKS/IV/8 22 January 1839

Copy of an Address to Isaac Cookson and William Cuthbert from their workmen in South Shields, offering subscriptions towards the cost of defence against complaints of smoke issuing from the Cookson works and stating the benefits brought to the town by the works.

Location: Rm5/PFJ/23/8

CKS/IV/9 April 1873

Illuminated Address presented to Norman C. Cookson on the occasion of his marriage, by the undermanagers, foreman and clerks of the Hay Hole Lead Works, Howdon Smelting Works and Willington Quay Venetian and Antimony Works.

Location: Rm4/Framed