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Preface

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Introduction

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Contents

Volumes containing lists of deeds comprising the Repertorium Parvum and the later Repertorium Magnum and the more particular repertories of the estates of the sacrist (as detailed here) and the cells at Finchale and Coldingham

Accession details

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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.

Bibliography

Summarily described: G.R.C. Davis, *Medieval Cartularies of Great Britain. A short catalogue*, (London, 1958) nos. 339-342, with earlier, less comprehensive, inventories registered as nos. 333-338.

Related material - elsewhere

Oxford Bodleian Library

MS Carte 177, being a volume of 39f. of a repertory of [c.1380]; a photocopy is held at Add.MS. 2185/1.

Magnum Repertorium

DCD-Rep.Mag. Compiled c.1462 x 1464, with many added entries down to c.1900

The Mag. Rep. is a medieval catalogue, reflecting the latest arrangement of the main classes of deeds in the cathedral priory's archive. However, it does not include deeds for the estates of the dependent priories of Coldingham and Finchale, or for those administered by various of the priory's obedientaries, the almoner and sacrist. These were, and are, kept separately. Yet it does contain items referring to estates administered by the chamberlain, hostiller, infirmarer and apparently feretrar.

The documents were housed in a series of boxes, each box being normally divided into four (or, less often, two) compartments. Every box, compartment and document was numbered, with documents originally being subdivided into small groups, each distinguished by a number, with each document in the group having a separate letter. The actual numbering of the boxes and compartments reflected their Latin title. So the third document of the fifth group in the second compartment in the first box of documents concerning the bishop might originally have been referenced as 2a.1e.Pont.C5. In the 18th or 19th century, the last alphanumeric combination was gradually replaced with a single serial numbering, and modern usage has stripped out the Latin abbreviation, so the example might now be 2.1.Pont.15. Both numberings are recorded in the margin of the Mag. Rep. though many documents only have the later serial sequence. There are running titles (class name, box and compartment numbers) throughout the Mag. Rep.

The Mag. Rep. was compiled as the finding aid for this system by Richard Billingham (cf. f.80r), monk of Durham and at that time chancellor of the priory, with responsibility for its archive. It also contains 15th or 16th century cross-references to the priory's cartularies and registers, indicated by a C or R as relevant, the appropriate number of dots above for the relevant volume number, and the folio number to the right. Occasionally no folio number indicates that the document was never actually copied into a cartulary. There are also occasionally some fictitiously numbered entries, which are merely cross-references to documents in other classes, whose numbers are also indicated.

The Mag. Rep. was kept up to date with additional entries down to the dissolution in 1539. Thereafter, further entries were added at various dates (including by John Cosin in the mid 17th century) down to the 19th century as other documents, medieval and later, were replaced with or more commonly added to those already listed. Over the centuries, many of the documents referred to have been lost. In the later 19th century, William Greenwell checked through the entire collection and ticked entries whose originals he had seen. There have been a few subsequent additions, and losses.

Size: 15 $\frac{1}{8}$ " x 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "

Parchment book 56 + 159f

Other catalogues: Described: M.R. Foster, "The Magnum Repertorium: a users' guide", (search-room typescript, 1982).

Photostat copy available in the Search Room at 5 The College.

f.1-59

Index of place-names (with modern equivalent where necessary).

- p.1 Acley (Aycliffe), Aldwode (see Brancepeth), Auklande (Auckland), Aldyngryge (Adin Grange)
- p.2 Aluerton gate (Allergate see Durham City), Amizcros (see Bearpark), Aumundesley (Amerston), Aluerton (Northallerton), Appilby (Appleby)
- p.3 Aldcambus (Old Cambus), Awnwyk (Alnwick), Ancroft, Alba Landa (Blanchland), Behill (Beal), Bambrugh (Bamburgh)
- p.4 Berwyk (Berwick upon Tweed), Broclesmouth (Monkshouse), Beryngdon (Berrington), Bollesdon (Bowsden), Brankeston (Branxton)
- p.5 Bywell petri (Bywell St Peter), Bolton, Bolum (Bolam), Bedlington, Beurepayr (Bearpark)
- p.6 Brome (Broom), Bakstanforth (Baxterwood, see Broom), Burne maior (Burn Hall), Belacis in Southstreit (The Bellasis, see Durham City), Ballium dunelm (The Bailey, see Durham City)
- p.7 Boldon, Brandespeth (Brancepeth), Bromptoft (Bruntoft), Byllyngham (Billingham)
- p.8 Blakeston, Bradebery (Bradbury), [Great] Burdon, Berforth (Barford), Bermeton (Barmpton), Brantingham
- p.9 Blaktoft (Blacktoft), Barton [in Fabis], Botilstan (Boston), Blibrugh (Blyborough), Bankhouse (Bank Houses see Warton)
- p.10 Byllesbrugh (Bilsborrow), Bretherton, Bossall, Bisshopton (recte Biscathorpe), Brakenholm (Brackenholme), Brumpton (Brompton)
- p.11 Barneby (Barmby on the Marsh), Bellacys prope Byllyngham (Bellasis), Beutroe (Butterby), Carleton, (CARleton Forehoe or Carleton Rode, Carlton, Charlton North and South)
- p.12 Cramlington, Crukton (see Bearpark), Cokyn (Cocken), Capella Sancti Bartholomei (see Durham City), Caldecottis (See High Grange), Claxton, Capelle Sancti Jacobi et Sancti Andree super nouem pontem (St James and St Andrew on the New Bridge, chapels of, see Durham City)
- p.13 Coupon (Cowpen Bewley), Castelleden (Castle Eden), Cotum (Coatham Mundeville), (Crosby Cote), Cletlam (Cleatlam), CHilton, Croxdal (Croxdale)
- p.14 Clayporth (Claypath see Durham City), Capella Sancte Margarete (St Margaret Crossgate, chapel of, see Durham City), Crossgate (Crossgate see Durham City), Causeby (Covesby), Croylande (Crowland), Coukburn (see Warton)
- p.15 Collegium in Oxon' (Oxford, Durham College), Coldyngham (Coldingham), Clyfforth (Clifford, [Robert of]), Crak (Crayke), Cliuus Sacriste (Sacriston Heugh), Codeslay (see Durham City)
- p.16 Dichande (Detchant), Dalton [le Dale], Dalden, Dittinsall (Dinsdalew), Dighton (Deighton), Drax
- p.17 Dunelm' (Durham), Dreutona (Drewton), Derwentt (River Derwnt), Deushelm (?), Driburnehous (Dryburn)
- p.18 Derlington (Darlington), Elwyk (Elwick), Edlingham, Elingham., Ellysden et Halywelestret (Allerdean and Hallowstell fishery)
- p.19 Eglyngham (Eglingham), Edram (Edrom), Edmundbiris (Edmondbyers), Estraynton (East Rainton), Epplinden (Eppleton), Elmeden (Embleton), Estmerington (East or Kirk Merrington)
- p.20 Elvett (Elvet see Durham City), Eden (Castle Eden), Ebor' (York), Estryngton (Eastrington)

- p.21 Elmerston (Amerston), Ellerkar (Ellerker), Euesham (Evesham), Estholmekar (?Eastham see Lytham), Ecclesia de Appilby (church of Appleby), Estridyng (East Riding), Ecclesia Sancti Oswaldi (church of St Oswald, Elvet, see Durham City)
- p.22 Farne, Fenwyk (Fenwick), Felton, Fellyng (Felling), Folanceby (Follingsby), Fynkhal (Finchale)
- p.23 Fery (Ferryhill), Fyssburne (Fishburn), Framwelgate (see Durham City), Franceis (see Lytham), Frekylton (Freckleton), Frampton, Fyslak (Fishlake), Fleshwergate (Fleshergate, see Durham City)
- p.24 Fundacio Collegii (Durham College Oxford), Gatishede (Gateshead), Graystanes (Greystones), Grymesthorpp (Woodhall), Gotham
- p.25 Gysburne (Guisborough), Galilea dunelm' (Galilee chapel, see Durham cathedral), Godstow, Gyglyswik (Giggleswick), Garmundesway (Garmondsway)
- p.26 Houburne (Holburn), Hederestre (?Adderstone), Hederslaw (Heatherslaw), Halywerstrett (Hallowstell fishery in Allerdean), Howyk (Howick), Hautwesill (Haltwhistle), Heberne (Hebburn), Harbotill (Harbottle)
- p.27 Heworth, Hedworth, Hylton, Horsleyhopp (see Muggleswick), Helay (Healeyfield), Horden, Heswell (Haswell Grange)
- p.28 Hunterhouse (see Rely, Broom), Hunstanworth, Heppdon (Hetton le Hole), Hoton (Hutton Henry), Hetton [on the Hill], Holum (Hulam), Herdewyk (Hardwick)
- p.29 Hesilden (Monk Hesleden), Hawthorn, Hartilpole (Hartlepool), Houghton [le Spring], [Long] Horsley, Henknoill (Henknowl), Heghyngton (Heighington)
- p.30 Haliton (Haughton), Hett [in Speyngmor], Hilkrokis (see Tursdale), Houghall
- p.31 Heton (Hutton Sessay), Holteby (Holtby), Howden
- p.32 Hemyngbrugh (Hemingbrough), Hundelsay (Hunsley), Heppyngton (Epping), Howes [Side] (see Lytham)
- p.33 Helton (Hilton), Hertuna (Harton), Heryngtona (Herrington), Hexham
- p.34 Insula Sacra (Holy Island), Jarow (Jarrow), Infirmarie (infirmarer's office, Durham cathedral priory)
- p.35 Kokedale (Coquetdale), Karram (Carham), Karlilolum (Carlisle), Kymmylworth (Kimbleworth), Kypzer (Kepier), Ketton
- p.36 Kyngisgat (Kingsgate), Kyrkby super Wysk (Kirby Wiske), Kyrkby super Bayn (Kirkby on Bain), Kylgrimesarth (Kellamergh), Lucre (Lucker), Lowyk (Lowick), Landa dei (Landieu)
- p.37 Ludworth, Lasynby (Lazenby), London, Lincoln, Lethum (Lytham), Lithekar (see Lytham), Lumley, Lynesak (Lynesack)
- p.38 Meldon, Morewik (Morwick), Morpath (Morpeth), Mikilbenton (Longbenton), Monkton, Mugeswik (Muggleswick)
- p.39 Mineria de Wardal (Weardale mineral rights), Milneside, Midilwode (see Witton Gilbert), Moreslaw (Moorsley), Moreton (Morton Tinmouth), Murton in the Whins, Middilham (Bishop Middleham), Merrington (East or Kirk Merrington), Middlestone, Westertone
- p.40 Morehous (Spennymoor House), Melsanby (Melsonby), Marton, Monioy (Mountjoy), Nevton (Newton, Newton by the Sea, Newton in Glendale, Kirknewton), Nouum Castrum (Newcastle upon Tyne)
- p.41 Norham, Norton, Newhous (Newhouse), Nevlande (Newland), Nessingham (Nazeing), Notingham Shyr (Nottinghamshire)
- p.42 Normanton (on Soar), Northeisa (land north of the the Rver Tees), Neusam (Newsham), Nunnstaneton (Nun Stainton), Osberwick et Morelay (Morelay in Newstead), Ouingham (Ovingham)

p.43 Officium Magistri Infirmarie (Infirmary's office), Oxon (Oxford), Ouerbrome (Broom), Pole (Pole Fishery, Ord), Parua Benton (Little Benton), Pypewelgate (Pipewellgate, Gateshead)

p.44 Preston, Preston super Skyrnam (Preston on Skerne), Pittington, Pontesbrig (Pounteys Bridge), Pydell (North or Wyre Pidele), Pulton (Poultun le Fylde)

p.45 Piscaria in Were (fishery in River Wear), Qwytworth (Whitworth), Qweringdon (Quarrington), Raby, Rowley, Cold Rowley

p.46 Redmersil (Redmarshall), Rilly (Relley), Raynton (East and West Rainton), Romundeby (Romanby), Rongton (West Rounton), Rougchyff (Rawcliffe), Rodyngton (Ruddington)

p.47 Scremerston, Shillington Mor in parochia de Biwell (Shildon Moor), Sunderland Bridge, Sunderland Wood, Stanyngton (Stannington), Symonside (Simonside), Sothwik (Southwick), Snaudon (in Wolviston)

p.48 Stanhopp (Stanhope), Spirliswod (unidentified), Silkisworth (Silksworth), Somerhouse (Summerhouse), Saclum (Shelom), Stayndropp (Staindrop, Scrynygham (Skirningham), Spenyngmor (SPennymoor), Sydgate (Sidegate, Crook Hall)

p.49 Schynclyff (Shincliffe), Spitelcroft (in Relley), Southstrett (South Street, Durham), Shirburne (Sherburn), Stretlam (Streatlam), Siggenstrother (unidentified), Seton Carow (Seaton Carew), Sokburn (Sockburn), Simonburn, Sheresworth (Shoreswood)

p.50 Swynhow (Swinhoe), Stamford (Stamford), Siggeston (Kirby Sigston), Skipwith, Stokton (Stockton on Tees), Staynton (Nun Stainton), Stainton Parva (Little Stainton), Scolacle (School Aycliffe), Sadlergate (Saddler Street, Durham)

p.51 Tudelhall, (Tughall), Twedmouth (Tweedmouth), Tynmouth (Tynemouth), Tyna (River Tyne), Tyndall (Tynedale), Tweda (River Tweed), Thorpp (Thorpe Thewles), Tudow (Tudhoe), Trillesden (Tursdale), Teysa (River Tees)

p.52 Thrisk (Thirsk), Warcliff (see Bamburgh), Warkworth, Welpington (Kirkwhelpington), Wallesende (Wallsend), Willington, Warkishall (High Worsall), Wyurestow (Westoe), Wermouth (Monkwearmouth)

p.53 Wascrophede (Waskerely Park), Wolsingham, Witton Gilbert, Wyndergates (Wingate), Woluiston (Wolviston), Whitehall

p.54 Wynston (Winston), Wodyngfelde (Woodyfield), Wodom (Woodham), Westmeryngton (Westerton), Westthirton (West Chirton), Vicus Sancti Egidii (Gilesgate, Durham), Werdall (Weardale)

p.55 Wardeley (Wardley), Wyttebarne (Whitburn), Westbrandon (West Brandon), Wollays (Woolley Hill), Westgrendon (West Grindon), Whykham (Whickham), Wodhall (Woodhall), Waltham, Walkyngton (Walkington)

p.56 Waldneuton (Wold Newton), Yokeflete (Yokefleet), Yueston (Iveston), Yueslay (Ivesley), Yuesmosse (Bearpark), Yakerdalle (Hartlepool), Yarhagh ie Frereside (Friarside), Yorkhous in Spenyngmor (Spennymoor), Zarham (Friarside)

f.1r-8v

Catalogue of Papales, documents issued by the pope.

f.9r-14v

Catalogue of Regales, documents issued by the kings of England.

f.15r-19r

Catalogue of Archiepiscopales, documents issued by archbishops, all of York with one exception.

f.19v-37r

Catalogue of Pontificales, documents issued by bishops, mainly of Durham, with some documents arranged by topic, such as visitation records and mortmain licences.

f.38r-43r

Catalogue of Archidiaconales Dunelmenses, documents concerning archidiaconal jurisdiction in the archdeaconry of Durham.

f.43v-47v

Catalogue of Archidiaconales Northumbrenses, documents concerning archidiaconal jurisdiction in the archdeaconry of Northumberland.

f.48r-119r

Catalogue of Speciales, documents arranged topographically relating to places within the then diocese of Durham, roughly from north to south.

f.119v-142r

Catalogue of Eboracenses, documents arranged topographically relating to places elsewhere in England, roughly from north to south.

f.142v-155r

Catalogue of additional Speciales.

f.155r

Catalogue of additional Eboracenses.

f.155v-157v

A post-medieval (now obsolete) guide to the Locelli.

Parvum Repertorium

DCD-Rep.Parv. c.1400

Inventory of the muniments, in two parts, written perhaps in the hand of Cart.I-III. With erasures, later additions and corrections *passim*, and various additional folios or scraps inserted. Also titled *Repertorium minus* (18th century) on f.1r

Part 1: lists of royal, archiepiscopal, episcopal and archidiaconal charters.

Part 2: lists local deeds arranged topographically under the headings *Speciales* (relating to the Palatinate) and *Generales* (elsewhere), with an original medieval foliation of (excluding the index) 1-57, 59-74, 78-79.

Size: 280 x 175mm

Parchment book, in (19th century) vellum covered pasteboards iii + 119 + iiif

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[Catalogue of Papalia]

f.1r-5r

Catalogue of Regalium, royal charters.

f.7r-8r

Catalogue of Pontificalium Eboracorum, archbishop of York's charters.

f.8v-11v & 15r-23r

Catalogue of Pontificalia Dunelmensis, bishop of Durham's charters.

f.12r-v

Catalogue of Archidiaconalia Dunelmensis, archdeacon of Durham's charters.

f.13r-v

Catalogue of Archidiaconalia Northumbriensis, archdeacon of Northumberland's charters.

f.14r-v

Catalogue of Archidiaconalia Dunelmensis & Northumbriensis, archdeacons of Durham and of Northumberland's charters.

f.27r-28v

Names of the villis and places where the monastery of Durham has lands or tenements within the kingdom of England for which charters and muniments lie in the boxes (*cofinis*) as indicated; an alphabetical index to the following section, with a single folio number (occasionally two) assigned to each name, with a previous two part numbering system erased.

f.29r-98v

Catalogue of Specialium, deeds and other documents for places in the palatinate; many of the original box and compartment numbers have been erased from the headings (as in the index above).

f.101r-117r

Catalogue of Generales, deeds and other documents for places elsewhere, starting with the diocese of York.

Catalogue of Finchale Muniments

DCD-Rep.Finc. [c.1527 x 1528]

Catalogue of the charters kept at Finchale priory made by Thomas Swalwell (d. 1539); in compiling this repertory he also listed the accounts of priors of Finchale (f.1r) and halmote court-rolls down to 1527 (f.1v), which suggests that the repertory was drawn up in about 1527 or 1528. The charters are arranged topographically, alphabetically according to the name of the place involved.

The arrangement of the Finchale charters had been lost by the mid nineteenth century, when most of them were listed as Miscellaneous Charters by Joseph Stevenson, but the survival of this Finchale Repertory, taken with the references endorsed on the documents by Thomas Swalwell, enabled Canon William Greenwell to reconstruct the medieval class "Finc." during the later nineteenth century, so creating the present arrangement.

Consequently almost all of the documents are now arranged as Swalwell left them, with some added, most notably all those in the final section, 1.5.Finc.1-28. Since no Finchale cartulary has survived, the entries in Swalwell's repertory are generally the only evidence for the content of documents now missing. One major exception is the group of twenty-seven indulgences listed at 3.1.Finc.31-55 of which only one, 3.1.Finc.44, is now present; twenty-four of these, together with one not recorded in the Finchale repertory (see below after 3.1.Finc.55), were printed in 1837 in *The Priory of Finchale*, while sixteen were listed a little later at Misc. Ch. 5900a-q.

Greenwell produced a somewhat revised version of Swalwell's repertory: he amended some of Swalwell's references, firstly by using numbers for the final element in all references, whereas Swalwell had used letters in 1.1.Finc., and secondly by starting 4.1.Finc. with 1, where Swalwell's numbering followed on from the last number in 3.1.Finc. Greenwell was presumably responsible for creating the final section, 1.5.Finc., which contains documents relating to Thorpe that have no medieval references endorsed on them, but why he left 4.Finc. unused is puzzling. He also restored to the Finchale deeds documents that he had previously misguidedly inserted in the main collection of charters and listed in the *Magnum Repertorium*, transferring 1.12.Spec.33-39 to 2.3.Finc., and 3.3.Ebor.47-70 to 2.2.Finc. Inserted in a pocket at the end of the old cover (after rebinding, within a pocket at the front of the volume) was an inventory of the books, vestments and plate of Finchale priory, ?by Thomas Swalwell, printed in the *Transactions of the Durham and Northumberland Architectural and Archaeological Society* (1890-1895), p.134-141. This is now listed at DCD-Finc. acs Status, ? 1481. The old cover survives as Endpaper and Binding no.46.

Size: 310 x 210mm

Paper booklet, in modern buckram covered boards (rebound ca.1952) 19f

Catalogue of Coldingham Muniments

DCD-Rep.Cold. [c.1690s]

Repertory of the charters and muniments of the cell of Coldingham kept in the church of Durham, possibly written by John Rowell, registrar to the dean and chapter of Durham.

Size: 320 x 210mm

Paper booklet, in vellum covers, with the centre of the foot of many folios gnawed away with some text lost 44f

Ownership history: Formerly possessed by Granville Sharp. Restored to Durham Cathedral by Olive Lloyd-Baker, through Lt-Col Arthur Lloyd-Baker in September 1946 (at the same time as Misc. Ch. 7177).

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DCD-Sacr.Rep.&Rntl
Described under rentals