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Preface

Creation of catalogue

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Introduction

Reference code: GB-0033-DCD/D

Collection title: Spiritual jurisdiction of Durham dean and chapter and of other persons

Dates of creation: 1530-1837

Extent: 1 metre

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Creator: Documents from officials and commissaries, and strays from the papers of archdeacons and bishops, relating to spiritual jurisdictions

Dean and chapter's own jurisdiction

Reference code: DCD/D/A

Records of chapter jurisdiction within its officialty parishes (Durham and Northumberland), and in Allertonshire and Howdenshire (Yorkshire)

Biographical information: The dean and chapter's officialty covered the following parishes:

County Durham: Aycliffe, Billingham, Croxdale, Dalton-le-Dale, Dinsdale, Durham St Oswald, Durham St Margaret, Edmundbyers, Heighington, Heworth, Jarrow, Merrington (or Kirk Merrington), Monk Hesleden, Monkwearmouth, Muggleswick, Pitlington, South Shields St Hilda, Whitworth, Witton Gilbert with Kimblesworth, Wolviston

Northumberland: Ancroft, Bedlington, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Bolton, Branxton, Bywell St Peter, Cornhill, Edlingham, Ellingham, Holy Island, Kyloe, Lowick, Meldon, Norham, Tweedmouth, Wallsend, Whittonstall

The dean and chapter's Allertonshire peculiar covered the following parishes: Brompton, Deighton, High Worsall, Kirby Sigston, Northallerton, Romanby and West Rounton.

The Howdenshire peculiar included these parishes: Asselby, Barlby, Barmby Marsh, Blacktoft, Brantingham, Eastrington, Ellerker, Hemingbrough, Holtby, Howden, Laxton, Skipwith, Walkington and Welton.

For further background information on peculiar jurisdictions associated with the bishop of Durham or with the dean and chapter, see the Durham Diocesan Records Administrative Histories guide.

Collection title: Officialty act and visitation books

Reference code: DCD/D/SJC

1583-1837

DCD/D/SJC/1 5 November 1583-27 September 1586, 15 December 1590
Durham dean and chapter officialty act and visitation book 1583-1590. Final half page is dated 23 March-6 April 1584
55 f

DCD/D/SJC/2 17 December 1595-9 October 1606
Durham dean and chapter officialty act and visitation book 1595-1606. Includes lists of chapels and churches of Officialty and Allertonshire peculiar at front of volume
174 ff.

DCD/D/SJC/3 April 1608-4 December 1617
Durham dean and chapter officialty act and visitation book 1608-1617.
155 ff.

DCD/D/SJC/4 9 April 1831-22 April 1837
Durham dean and chapter officialty act and visitation book. Contains Official's reports to Chapter and orders of Chapter, relating to Officialty and Allertonshire churches, in particular to new buildings and to augmentations of livings
45 ff. (rest of volume blank)

Officialty and Allertonshire visitation papers

DCD/D/AA [1680s]-1786

Records relating to, or arising from, the dean and chapter's visitations of parishes within their jurisdiction, including a few items relating to Allertonshire visitations by the archbishop of York

1 folder

Ownership history: Most of these items were previously listed as part of 'Loose Papers class 18'

DCD/D/AA/1 [ca.1680]

List of officialty parishes, written on back of testimonial for Thomas Hutchinson

DCD/D/AA/2 20 February 1692

Letter to [perpetual] curate of Norham requesting that he employ a resident curate at Cornhill, and expecting his "ready compliance, and that ... you do not force them to take other methods that may be more disagreeable"

DCD/D/AA/3 9 March 1699

Inhibition against visitation by dean and chapter, from bishop of Durham (pending his own visitation)

DCD/D/AA/4-5 26 June 1707

Acts of visitation by official of officialty, held at Berwick upon Tweed, noting incumbents and previous/current churchwardens for each parish

DCD/D/AA/6-7 1716

Extracts from York Registry concerning visitations of Allerton and Allertonshire by archbishops of York, from 1582 to 1698

DCD/D/AA/8-9 October 1721

Acts of visitation by official of officialty, held at Belford, Alnwick and Morpeth, with names of churchwardens only

DCD/D/AA/10 13 July 1722

Sentence of excommunication by archbishop of York against John Kay of Wiskemoor in Brunton parish, for non-appearance to answer Elizabeth Key his wife, in a cause of separation on account of cruelty

DCD/D/AA/11-12 23 March 1762

Inhibition against visitation by dean and chapter, from bishop of Durham (pending his own visitation)

DCD/D/AA/13-16 June 1786

Acts of visitation by official of officialty, held in Durham St Mary le Bow and Auckland St Andrew churches, with names of clergy and churchwardens

Collection title: Parish register transcripts

Reference code: DCD/D/AB

Dates of creation: 1697-1732

Transcripts of parish registers ("Bishops' Transcripts") were required to be drawn up for diocesan registries from 1562, although commonly collected on episcopal or archidiaconal visitations. This small collection of 'stray' parish register transcripts relates mainly to parishes in the dean and chapter's Allertonshire peculiar and so may have been collected by their official or commissary, although there are also transcripts for the nearby parishes of Crayke (a detached part of the diocese of Durham) and North Otterington (part of the bishop of Durham's Allertonshire peculiar), as well (more surprisingly) as one for Heddon on the Wall.

Arranged by parish and year

1 tray

Related material in other DUL collections: For Bishops' Transcripts from other Durham parishes and those within the bishop of Durham's Allertonshire peculiar, see the main series within the Durham Diocesan Records at DDR/EA/PBT/2.

DCD/D/AB/1 1731

Brompton, Yorkshire North Riding

DCD/D/AB/2-4 1721, 1728, 1731

Crayke, Yorkshire North Riding

DCD/D/AB/5 1731

Deighton, Yorkshire North Riding

DCD/D/AB/6 1727

Heddon on the Wall, Northumberland

DCD/D/AB/7 1729

High Worsall, Yorkshire North Riding

DCD/D/AB/8-10 1708, 1729, 1732

Kirby Sigston, Yorkshire North Riding

DCD/D/AB/11-16 1697, 1711/12, 1714, 1728/29, 1730 and 1731

Northallerton, Yorkshire North Riding (1731 transcript includes entries for Romanby)

DCD/D/AB/17 1725

North Otterington, Yorkshire North Riding

Miscellaneous records

DCD/D/AC 1708-1809

Appointments of officials and other records relating to the dean and chapter's spiritual jurisdiction

1 folder

Ownership history: Most of these items were previously listed as part of 'Loose Papers class 11'

DCD/D/AC/1-14 January-February 1709

Correspondence and petition concerning disputed appointment of John Wilson or George Douglas as parish clerk at Tweedmouth

DCD/D/AC/15-16 3 October 1740

Dean's consent for appointment of dean and chapter's representative (syndick) in cause against Durham St Margaret chapelwardens, arising from episcopal visitation

DCD/D/AC/17-22 January-February 1747

Letters from dean and draft patent of appointment of Mark Brathwait as keeper or commissary for Howden, Howdenshire and Hemmingburgh

DCD/D/AC/23 28 November 1748

Draft patent of appointment of William Pye as register for Howden, Howdenshire and Hemmingbrough

DCD/D/AC/24-27 January 1753

Correspondence and draft patent and notes for appointment of Braems Wheler as register of spiritual jurisdiction within officialty (and ? other peculiar jurisdictions)

DCD/D/AC/28-34 March-April 1754

Correspondence and notes for appointment to vacant office of official of Allertonshire

DCD/D/AC/35-40 29 July 1809

Terrier of glebe and income of Northallerton vicarage, noted as having been made also to archbishop of York at his visitation

'Ordinary' (episcopal) jurisdiction, sede vacante

Reference code: DCD/D/B

Records relating to the spiritual administration of the diocese of Durham during vacancies in the see. The right to act as "guardians of the spiritualities, sede vacante", long claimed and exercised by the dean and chapter of Durham cathedral, was regularly disputed with the archbishop of York (or, when that see is vacant, with the dean and chapter of York cathedral).

Related material in other DUL collections: There are a few records relating to the administration of the vacant see within the separate collection of Durham Diocesan Records, at DDR/EA/RGS

Collection title: Sede Vacante act books

Reference code: DCD/D/SJC/V

DCD/D/SJC/V1 20 March 1576-25 May 1576

Records of episcopal jurisdiction, during a vacancy in both the See of Durham and that of York. Grants of probate administrations (f.2-4), record of synod (f.5), institutions (f.7r) and mandates for induction (f.8r), with note regarding settlement of disputed sede vacante jurisdiction (f.8v)

9 f. (2 blank and 1 largely blank)

DCD/D/SJC/V2 14 March 1576-5 September 1576

Records of episcopal jurisdiction, during a vacancy in both the See of Durham and that of York. Acts of court in causes relating to tithes, dilapidations, probate administrations and business, incontinence, adultery, defamation, matrimonial rights and other matters. Includes registered copies of commissions and related documents concerning the exercise of spiritualities sede vacante, as follows:

Commission from dean and chapter of Durham to four prebendaries for exercise of spiritual jurisdiction during the vacancy in the See of Durham, 13 March 1576 (f.2)

Protestation against attempted exercise of spiritualities by dean and chapter of York, 17 March 1576 (f.4)

Commission from the commissioners of the dean and chapter, to three clerics of parishes within Northumberland, for exercise of spiritual jurisdiction in Northumberland, 20 July 1576 (f.26)

i + 35 f. (f.1 and f.33-35 blank)

Collection title: Loose papers

Reference code: DCD/D/LP20

Dates of creation: 1590-1771

Most of these records relate to the dispute with the Archbishop of York regarding exercise of spiritual jurisdiction during vacancies in the see of Durham.

0.5 box

DCD/D/LP20/1-2 3 December 1590

Copy of the findings of the Court of Delegates in a dispute between Dean and Chapter and Archbishop of York

DCD/D/LP20/3 19 June 1628

Copy of letter from Dean and Chapter to Mr Chancellor Easdall re the exercise of their vacancy jurisdiction

DCD/D/LP20/4 4 March 1632

Memorandum of agreement re grant by Dean and Chapter to Thomas Burwell and Richard Newhouse of patents to exercise vacancy jurisdiction

DCD/D/LP20/5 24 July 1672

Copy of letter from Dean and Chapter to Archbishop of York proposing a settlement re the rights of both parties during the vacancy

DCD/D/LP20/6 29 July 1672

Letter from Archbishop of York to Dean and Chapter agreeing to a proposed meeting to attempt to resolve the differences re disputed vacancy jurisdiction

DCD/D/LP20/7 29 September 1672

Copy of letter from Dean and Chapter to Archbishop of York proposing a settlement re disputed vacancy jurisdiction avoiding recourse to King's Bench

DCD/D/LP20/8 3 October 1672

Letter from Archbishop of York to Dean and Chapter re proceedings over disputed vacancy jurisdiction

DCD/D/LP20/9 6 October 1672

Copy of letter from Dean and Chapter to Archbishop of York asserting their rights

DCD/D/LP20/10 27 June 1673

Copy of letter from the Dean to Lord Arlington, Principal Secretary of State to the King, re the office of Chancellor of the diocese and exercise of vacancy jurisdiction

DCD/D/LP20/11 12 September 1673

Royal mandate to Dean and Chapter to appoint Thomas Ireland as Commissary during vacancy

DCD/D/LP20/12 26 September 1721

Copy of Archbishop of York's declaration of his authority in the diocese of Durham during the vacancy

DCD/D/LP20/13-14 26 September 1721

Letter from Thomas Sharp [Archbishop's chaplain] to Canon Mangey re Dean and Chapter policy during the vacancy.

With: Copy of part

DCD/D/LP20/15 30 September 1721

Copy of letter from Dean and Chapter to Archbishop of York re their vacancy rights

DCD/D/LP20/16-17 3 October 1721

Letter from William Lee to Dean and Chapter registrar re the guardianship of the spiritualities during the vacancy. With: Notes of a case with the Archbishop of York during the previous vacancy

DCD/D/LP20/18 5 October 1721

Letter from William Lee to Dean and Chapter registrar re the guardianship of the spiritualities during the vacancy, a mandamus brought by the Corporation of Berwick, and a case in Chancery between Mr Harle and others and D.&C

DCD/D/LP20/19 14 October 1721

Letter from William Lee to Dean and Chapter registrar re the rights of Archbishop of York to vacancy jurisdiction

DCD/D/LP20/20-23 1721

Extracts from the registers of the Archbishops of York to support their claim to vacancy jurisdiction

DCD/D/LP20/24-24A July-August 1750

The Dean's consent to the sealing of a commission for spiritual and ecclesiastical vacancy jurisdiction in the diocese, with sealed commission

DCD/D/LP20/25-26 23 June 1771

Letter from George Harris of Doctors Common re the position of the Bishop's registrar during the vacancy

DCD/D/LP20/27 2 July 1771

Appointment of surrogates by the commissioners appointed by Dean and Chapter to exercise spiritual jurisdiction during the vacancy

DCD/D/LP20/27A-C 29 January 1787

Commission and appointment of surrogates during vacancy

DCD/D/LP20/28-29 [18th century?]

Dispute over custody of the spiritualities of the vacant see of Durham. Case for Archbishop of York

DCD/D/LP20/30-31 [18th century?]

Notes on some Archbishops of York

DCD/D/LP20/32-33 [18th century?]

Citations from canon law re the position of a Dean and Chapter and rights of an Archbishop during the vacancy of a suffragan see

DCD/D/LP20/34-35 [18th century?]

Statements supporting the claim of Dean and Chapter to vacancy jurisdiction

DCD/D/LP20/36-38 [18th century?]

Dispute over custody of the spiritualities of the vacant see of Durham. Case for Dean and Chapter

DCD/D/LP20/39-40 [18th century?]

Notes on jurisdiction of Archbishops of York in the diocese of Durham

DCD/D/LP20/41-42 [18th century?]

Objections to Archbishop of York's spiritual jurisdiction during a vacancy

DCD/D/LP20/43-44 [18th century?]

Arguments supporting Archbishop of York's claim to right of visitation in the diocese of Durham

DCD/D/LP20/45 [18th century?]

Precedents for the exercise of vacancy jurisdiction by Dean and Chapter

DCD/D/LP20/46-49 [18th century?]

Copies of charters etc. supporting the claim of the Dean and Chapter to jurisdiction in Allertonshire and Howdenshire

DCD/D/LP20/50-51 [18th century?]

Case against the Archbishop of York's claim to jurisdiction in Allertonshire and Howdenshire

DCD/D/LP20/52 [18th century?]

Copy of an injunction by King Edward III to Archbishop of York against visitation of the Prior and Convent of Durham

DCD/D/LP20/53-54 [18th century?]

Case against Archbishop of York's claim to vacancy jurisdiction

Needs repair

DCD/D/LP20/55 [18th century?]

Arguments supporting claim by Dean and Chapter to vacancy jurisdiction

DCD/D/LP20/56-57 [18th century?]

Statement of precedents etc. supporting Dean and Chapter case for their exercising vacancy jurisdiction

DCD/D/LP20/58 [18th century?]

Statement of appointment by Dean and Chapter of commissioners to administer the spiritual and ecclesiastical jurisdiction during the vacancy.

With statements to support D.&C. action

DCD/D/LP20/59-60 [18th century?]

Extracts from historians re vacancy jurisdiction

DCD/D/LP20/61 [18th century?]

Canon-law citations about vacancy jurisdiction

DCD/D/LP20/62 [18th century?]

Historical evidence re vacancy jurisdiction (?)

DCD/D/LP20/63 [18th century?]

Historical evidence re vacancy jurisdiction (?)

DCD/D/LP20/64 [18th century?]

Historical evidence re vacancy jurisdiction

DCD/D/LP20/65 [18th century?]

Notes re payment of rents of bishopric property during vacancy of see (?)

DCD/D/LP20/66 [18th century?]

Notes re vacancy jurisdiction

DCD/D/LP20/67 [18th century?]

Copy of address by Dean and Chapter to Archbishop of York re vacancy jurisdiction

Dispute with York

DCD/D/BA 3 February 1890

Legal opinion of F.H. Jeune (QC) of The Temple, London, with extensive transcripts from the Public Record Office (Queen's Bench and Chancery rolls), and from Durham diocesan and capitular records. See also the 17-18th century papers relating to the disputed jurisdiction during a vacancy in the See within the preceding series, DCD/D/LP20.

1 bundle

Extraneous jurisdiction

Reference code: DCD/D/C

These are strays from the Durham Diocesan Records

Collection title: Episcopal ('ordinary') jurisdiction

Reference code: DCD/D/SJB

Dates of creation: 1560-1672

7 volumes (one unbound, boxed)

Related material in other DUL collections: See in particular the following series within the Durham Diocesan Records:

DDR/EV/VIS/1: visitation books

DDR/EJ/CCA: consistory court act books

DCD/D/SJB/1 23 January 1619-14 February 1621

Consistory court ex officio act book, including some probate causes

32 ff. plus covers

DCD/D/SJB/2 11 October 1662-5 January 1672

Consistory court ex officio act book, apparently correction causes only (including many for clandestine marriages), without probate causes.

Contains very few acts after 1668. Bound in at back are three appointments of court officers, 9 July 1662 - 11 Sept 1672

46ff.

DCD/D/SJB/3 17 July 1581-25 April 1582

Acts coram episcopo, including some correction causes and administrative acts (as institutions and resignations)

20 ff.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also

DDR/EA/ACT/1/3

The institutions and resignations within this volume are mostly recorded also in the Bishop Barnes' register.

DCD/D/SJB/4 c.1634-1637

Chancellor's visitation (or correction) book, covering Durham archdeaconry only (but including parishes in both archidiaconal and officialty jurisdiction), listing correction causes for each parish, often including several persons within each entry. fragments, 22 ff. (boxed)

DCD/D/SJB/5 1635-1636

Chancellor's visitation (or correction) book, covering Durham archdeaconry only (but including parishes in both archidiaconal and officialty jurisdiction), listing correction causes for each parish, often including several persons within each entry. 22 ff.

DCD/D/SJB/6 1637-1638

Chancellor's visitation (or correction) book, covering Durham archdeaconry only (but including parishes in both archidiaconal and officialty jurisdiction), listing correction causes for each parish, often including several persons within each entry.

47 ff. (original binding numbered as f.1)

DCD/D/SJB/7 1614-1617

Causes heard by the High Commission (Commissioners for ecclesiastical causes in the province of York), mainly relating to cases in Northumberland, with some for Durham archdeaconry. Much of the volume consists of lists of attachments (for arrest).

136 ff.

Biographical information: The High Commission court within the diocese of Durham was a branch of the High Commission, established under an act of 1 Eliz I. The Commissioners were appointed by royal letters patent, and had power to hear spiritual and ecclesiastical causes. Their powers were more extensive than those of the ordinary ecclesiastical courts (the Consistory courts), and were bitterly disputed by advocates of the Common Law, especially the powers of arrest and imprisonment. The right of the Crown to establish Commissions to hear ecclesiastical causes was finally abolished in 1641, and the High Commission court was not reestablished after the Restoration.

W. Hylton Dyer Longstaffe (ed.), *The acts of the High Commission court within the diocese of Durham*, (Surtees Society 34, 1858): appendix B includes general notes on the Commission courts and notes on the 1630 Commission for the York province in particular

Usher, Roland G., *The rise and fall of the High Commission* (Oxford, 1913)

Related material elsewhere: See also Durham Chapter Library, Hunter MSS 16, 17: Acts and depositions of the High Commission court (published Surtees Society 34)

Collection title: Ecclesiastical Precedent Books

Reference code: DCD/D/EPB

Books comprising copies of (or in some cases transcripts of) various documents, mainly consistory court documents (libels, allegations, sentences etc), but also including some administrative records such as institutions or inductions. In some cases, the names in the documents have been omitted or replaced by forms like "AB of CD", but in other cases the full documents are transcribed or bound together, apparently as examples. The volumes are arranged in part by category of document, with similar kinds of document usually copied or bound together.

Other catalogues: Similar precedent books, from various collections, are listed and described among the collection of Durham Diocesan Records, reference DDR/EJ/CCG/2.

Related material in other DUL collections: DCD/T/YB: York Book (listed among the miscellaneous records, but appears to be some form of precedent book)

DCD/D/EPB/1 ca.1530-1576 (temp. Tunstall and Pilkington)

Precedent book, consisting of original consistory court documents bound together; possibly originally compiled by Robert Swift, spiritual chancellor 1561-1578

Ownership history: Previously listed within the series of episcopal (consistory court) act books as (DCD/D/)SJB/1, but subsequently identified as belonging more closely with the precedent books than the act books)

DCD/D/EPB/2 ca.1560-1580

Precedent book, possibly originally belonging to Robert Swift, spiritual chancellor 1561-1578, but including a few entries from the time of Thomas Burton.

The first part of the book (to f.119v) includes forms and precedents arranged alphabetically by initial letters (based on the type of document transcribed), as outlined below. Documents may be quoted in full or in extract, and names are often replaced by initials 'A.B.' etc.

f.1r-11v: precedents under the letter A: most very fragmentary: admissions, advowsons, acts

f.12r-33r: precedents under the letter C: commissions, citations, conditions (for bonds)

f.34r-37r: precedents under the letter D: dispensations (for clergy), demises (dimissio, licences for receipt of orders), denunciation (on vacancy in living)

f.38r-39r: precedents under the letter E: exemplifications, extortions

f.40r: precedents under the letter F: form of admission of proctors

f.41r-v: precedents under the letter G: general process

f.42r-54r: precedents under the letter I: interdicts, institutions, inhibitions, instruments, inductions

f.55r-66v: precedents under the letter L: letters of attestation (testimoniales, in consistory court causes), licences, letters of administration (probate), letters of orders, letters of request (requisitoria), letters citatory

f.67r-82r: precedents under the letter M: monitions, mandates

f.83r-98v: precedents under the letter P: (appointments of) proxies, presentations to vicarages and university, proclamation re ordinands, probate of wills

99r-103r: precedents under the letter R: resignations (of vicarages and rectories), relaxation (of sequestrations and monition), restitution of spiritual jurisdiction (after visitation)

f.104r-117v: precedents under the letter S: sequestrations, suspensions, schedules (of penance, on visitation, absolution etc), sentences (in consistory court causes)

f.118r-119v: precedents under the letter T: permissions (toleraciones), titles (for orders)

f.120r: instructions/exemplar for listing wills and inventories

f.121r-v: a verse relating to the weather ("quando prima luna cadit in die dominica tempus erit siccum..."), and several recipes for ink (including coloured inks)

f.122r-203v (pencil foliation): unsorted precedents, including copies of full documents without abbreviating names, chiefly dated 1561-1576 (ink foliation repeats f.140-149, omits f.191-199, omits f.202-205)

f.204r-205v (pencil foliation): blank pages and penmanship practice

205 ff.

DCD/D/EPB/3 ca.1560-1590

Forms and precedents for Consistory Court causes and also for administrative procedures, together with some legal notes and tables etc. The following notes on the contents of the volume are not exhaustive.

Documents relating to dispute between Dean and Chapter of Durham and Archbishop of York over 'sede vacante' jurisdiction within the diocese of Durham. Includes tables and copies of earlier documents, lists of exhibits and instructions to lawyers for court cases, with many legal notes. Also table relating to the Cathedral's rights and liberties dated 1588-1589, and copies of collations and appointments dated 1370s. (ff.1r-30v & 32r-34r, pencil; ff.1r-31r & unnumbered folios at start, ink)

Account of forced removal of Dr Burton from Durham Cathedral during divine service, as an excommunicate, 1587 (ff.31r-v, pencil; f.28r-v, ink)

one blank page (f.34v pencil; f.31v ink)

Processes in appeal causes from the ecclesiastical courts, before royal commissioners, relating to various causes, late 16th century (ff.35r-45r & 1r-9v, pencil; ff.171r-187v, ink)

One blank folio (f.10 pencil; f.188 ink)

Various precedents, including documents from the ecclesiastical courts, mid-late 16th century (ff.11r-53v & 1r-58v, pencil; ff.189r-297v, ink)

Index to rest of volume (using the ink foliation numbers), including references to ff.1-170, now missing (ff.59r-61r, pencil; ff.298r-300r, ink)

Caveat against admission and institution, undated; also some verses (ff.61v, pencil; 300v, ink)

Another index to the whole volume, including references to ff.1-170, now missing; noted by Pat Mussett as in Swift's hand (ff.62r-64v, pencil; no ink folio numbers)

ca.163 ff.

Ownership history: Previously referenced Misc.Charter 424

Collection title: Archidiaconal jurisdiction

Reference code: DCD/D/SJA

Dates of creation: 1572-1705

3 volumes

Related material in other DUL collections: See also act books and other records of the archdeacons of Durham within the Durham Diocesan Records, at DDR/A/ACD.

DCD/D/SJA/1 1572-1576

Act book for the archdeacon of Durham's (John Pilkington) ecclesiastical court, including both office (correction) and private cases (such as defamation, tithe disputes and matrimonial causes). Also includes copies of some other documents relating to the court's business.

1 volume, 298 ff.

Rebound 1990-1994 by Tom Cotton. Original binding was full sheepskin in good condition [apparently not retained or now lost], but text block was damaged by tissue used in previous repair so re-repaired and rebound in library style with French joints.

DCD/D/SJA/2 November 1660-May 1669, January 1673

Act book of inductions to rectories and vicarages (issuing of letters of induction), by archdeacons of Durham (and their officials or deputy/surrogate). Includes also (f.2v) election of proctors for York convocation. Entries become less frequent after April 1662 and archidiaconate of Gabriel Clarke (Sept 1620 to May 1662).

- f.1r Guy Carlton to Wolsingham, 7 November 1660
 - f.1r James Thompson to Merrington, 7 November 1660
 - f.1r Timothy Tully to Middleont-in-Teesdale, 7 November 1660
 - f.1r Simon Gilpin to Staindrop, 7 November 1660
 - f.1r Cuthbert Marley to Winston, 7 November 1660
 - f.1r William Pell to Stainton, 8 November 1660
 - f.2r Daniel Bollen to Elwick, 19 January 1661
 - f.2r Ralph Blakiston to Ryton, 22 February 1661
 - f.2r Edmund Fotherby to Gainford, 13 February 1661
 - f.2r George Wishart to Brancepeth, 26 February 1661
 - f.2v Thomas Wood, elected proctor to York Convocation, 2 May 1661
 - f.2v John [Ladler?] to Gateshead, Chapel of St Edmund King and Martyr, Hospital of King James, 1-2 April [1661]
 - f.2v Joseph Naylor, elected proctor to York Convocation, 2 May 1661
 - f.3r John Robson to Redmarshall, 2 September 1661
 - f.3r Edward Smaythwayte to Hart, 2 September 1661
 - f.3v John March to Haughton-le-Skerne, 1 October 1661
 - f.3v Henry Dobbins to Seaham, 16 October 1661
 - f.3v Thomas Pearson to Kelloe, 24 October 1661
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 - f.4r John Buckley to Bishopton, 15 January 1662
 - f.4v John Brabant to Bishop Middleham, 1 February 1662
 - f.4v Alan Smalwood to Norton, 29 January 1662
 - f.5r John [Hume] to Crayke, 22 January 1663
 - f.5r Henry Johnson to Washington, 28 April 1662
 - f.5v Patrick Drumond to Greatham, 1 September 1663
 - f.5v Thomas Pearson to Stainton, 28 February 1663
 - f.6r Richard Wrench to Bowdon, 17 October 1665
 - f.6r George Davenport to Houghton-le-Spring, 11 January 1665
 - f.6r Thomas Daveson to Norton, 5 March 1664
 - f.6v John Jackson to Redmarshall, 15 (?13) March 1666
 - f.6v Luke Mawbourne to Crayke, 9 November (or 7 December) 1665
 - f.6v John Hebron to Sockburn, 6 September 1666
 - f.7r George Brereton (Brierton) to Elwick, 15 May 1668
 - f.7r William Alder to Grindon, 24 June 1668
 - f.7r Thomas Dockaray to Whitburn, 23 September 1667
 - f.7v Henry Doughty to Elton, 1 September 1668
 - f.7v Edward Moorcroft to Redmarshall, 12 December 1668
 - f.7v Arthur Noel to Seaham, 15 May 1669
 - f.8r Samuel Speed to Whitburn, 28 January 1673
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Act book of archdeacons of Durham, including lists of comperta arising from visitations. Main contents of volume are as follows:

- ff.5r-15r: detecta and comperta arising from visitations, Sept 1685 to Jan 1685/6; includes lists of Papists, Quakers and other dissenters for certain parishes, as well as lists of those not paying church rates or presented for other crimes
- ff.15v-39r: acts of archdeacon's court, Nov 1686 to June 1694
- ff.40r-44r: lists of persons cited or excommunicated etc (by parish), 25 Aug 1694
- ff.46r-50v: acts of archdeacon's court, Mar 1695 to June 1697
- ff.53r-85v: lists of clergy and churchwardens cited, and of comperta presented, at archdeacon's visitations, May 1701 to Oct 1705

Many pages in the volume were marked with (blank) slips of paper pinned to the page. These pins and slips have been removed, but the pages marked in this way were as follows: ff.10v, 13v, 16v, 21v, 42r, 43r (twice), 46v, 47v, 73v, 74r. Some of the individual court days were also marked with slips bearing a date or brief heading: these slips have been annotated to show the page that they were originally pinned to, before being removed and retained separately.

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Letter from Archdeacon Granville to the vicar of Grindon requesting details of meetings of papists and non-conformists in his parish.

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- Brancepeth
- Long Newton (July)
- Wolsingham
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Note about a Quaker meeting at Stockton

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Note about a meeting at Gilesgate Durham

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Archdeacon's certificate to the Bishop of Durham

Miscellaneous extraneous spiritual jurisdiction

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Archbishop of York's mandate to the commissary of the bishop of Durham's
Allertonshire peculiar, to induct William Milner into Birkby rectory, 1721

Assignment of pew within gallery of Durham St Mary le Bow to Mary Bowlby, 1741
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