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Preface

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Introduction

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Contents

Rentals and rent-books for the tenants on the Durham cathedral priory estates of the bursar, almoner, communar, hostiller and sacrist. Coal receipts from the terrar.

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MSS C.I.13, f. ii & C.II.13, f.1-2, 277-278 are 6 damaged leaves surviving from a bursar's rental from 1377 onwards which may be the predecessor of Bursar's Book D.

Bibliography

Lomas, Richard Arthur, *Durham cathedral priory as a landowner and a landlord, 1290-1540* (unpublished PhD thesis, Durham University, 1973)

Feodarium (incl. survey 1430)

DCD-Feod. 1430

Principally a survey of the freeholdings of the main monastic estate, 1430.

Language: Latin

Size: 285 x 210 mm

Binding: Binding of thin pasteboards, lined with part of a bifolium from a manuscript book (see below), covered with brown leather bearing the title "Feodarium Melsanby", 16th or 17th century, in a 20th century buckram-covered wooden box

i+36+i parchment leaves.

The main texts are printed in: *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, ed. W. Greenwell, (Surtees Society 58, 1872).

Binding liner early 13th century

Cut from a bifolium of a copy of "Compilatio II" ("canonum decretaliumque"), with marginal gloss; France (?). At the back only a narrow strip, containing parts of Lib.1.ix.1 and xii.2 xiii; at the front almost the entire leaf, containing Lib.1.xx.2 2.iv.

Size: Front piece: 290 x 165+ mm.

A.E. Friedburg, *Quinque Compilationes Antiquae*, (Leipzig, 1882), pp. 69 70 and 71 72.

Related material in other DUL collections: There are very similar leaves from "Compilatio I" in Durham Cathedral Library MS B.III.15, f.106-111.

f.ii (flyleaf) [c.1448]

Pieces of a (?) bursar's account, erased; pensions section from receipts, the right hand part missing.

p.1-50 1430

Survey of freehold tenancies of the main estate.

"Feodarium liberorum redditum et seruiciorum pertinencium ad Scaccariam Prioris Dunelm compilatum et extractum de antiquo feodario Thome Melsamby quondam prioris Dunelm et de antiquis munimentis et rentalibus registris prioris Dunelm Anno domini Millesimo CCCC tricesimo".

Includes socage (e.g. p.35) and burgage tenancies, and sub tenancies in the main estate held by cells or obedientiaries of the house; also two burgages in Claypath (Durham) held of the bishop of Durham. An original entry refers to the exhibition of a charter at Wolviston, 19 June 1430, p.26. Some near contemporary revision. p.44* (inserted slip) reports inquests in 1388 and 1496-1497 concerning Hett, FPD p. 71; cf. Deputy Keeper of the Public Records 45th Report, (1885), App. 1 p. 214, 44th Report, (1883), App. p. 399.

Printed in: *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, ed. W. Greenwell, (Surtees Society 58, 1872), p.1-76.

p.50-51 [approximately 1430]

Pensions.

"Pensiones", due from incumbents of the cathedral priory's churches or due to the cathedral chapter in respect of churches in the diocese of Durham appropriated to other religious houses.

Printed in: *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, ed. W. Greenwell, (Surtees Society 58, 1872), p.76-77.

p.52 9 January 1507

Originally blank; added (early 16th century):

Copy of a receipt by the prior of Durham to the prior of Hexham for 3s. 4d. as the annual pension due at Pentecost and Martinmas last as indemnification for the parish church of Alston [appropriated to Hexham priory].

Printed in: *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, ed. W. Greenwell, (Surtees Society 58, 1872), p.77-78.

p.52 [approximately 1430]

List of rents owed by William Bowes knight.

"Redditus Subscriptos debet Willelmus Bowes Miles Priori Dunelm".

Printed in: *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, ed. W. Greenwell, (Surtees Society 58, 1872), p.78.

p.53-54 [c.1393]

Bursar's receipts for wardships and marriages from tenants of the prior of Durham's fee by military service, 1308.

"Recepta de wardis et maritagijs tenencium de Feodo domini prioris Dunelm per seruicium militare sicut patet per compotos bursarii ab Anno domini MoCCC xiiij vsque ad annum eiusdem quadringentesimum". The last entry, for a wardship running for three years from 1[3]90, is at the foot of p.54; a space was left at the top of p.55.

Printed in: *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, ed. W. Greenwell, (Surtees Society 58, 1872), p.78-80.

p.55-56 [1380]

Bursar's receipts for reliefs from tenants of the prior of Durham's fee by military service.

"Recepta diuersorum bursariorum de releuijs tenencium per seruicium militare infra feodum prioris Ab Anno domini Millesimo CCC octauo vsque ad annum eiusdem Millesimum CCCcm". The last entry, for 1380, is followed by a space.

Printed in: *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, ed. W. Greenwell, (Surtees Society 58, 1872), p.80-81.

p.57-58 1430

Names of tenants by military service owing suit at the prior's free court fortnightly.

"Nomina liberorum tenencium per seruicium Militare et faciencium Sectam ad liberam Curiam Prioris apud Dunelm de quindena in quindenam Anno domini Millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo".

Printed in: *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, ed. W. Greenwell, (Surtees Society 58, 1872), p.81-82.

p.58-59 1430

Names of tenants by military service owing suit at the prior's free court three times a year.

"Nomina liberorum tenencium per seruicium Militare et faciencium sectam ad liberam Curiam Prioris apud Dunel' ter in Anno Anno domini Millesimo CCCc xxx".

Printed in: *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, ed. W. Greenwell, (Surtees Society 58, 1872), p.82-83.

p.60-70 1430

Bursar's freehold rental.

"Rentale extractum de nouo feodario Prioris de liberis redditibus pertinentibus ad Scaccariam Prioris Dunelm Anno domini MI CCCCMo xxxmo".

Printed in: *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, ed. W. Greenwell, (Surtees Society 58, 1872), p.83-92.

p.70-71 [approximately 1430]

Magna Carta cap. 2 (on reliefs), etc.

"Statutum liberorum tenencium per seruicium Militare contentum quasi in principio Magne Carte Henrici tercij Regis Anglie sequitur ...", followed by three further paragraphs, on reliefs, on custody and reliefs from military tenants also holding in socage or burgage, and on unlicensed alienations of lands held "de aliquo domino habente regiam libertatem".

p.72 1 April 1444

Originally blank; added, mid 15th century:

Copy of a grant by indenture by the prior of Durham to Alexander Robinson of Over Heworth of the custody of all property held of the prior by Thomas Hedworth of Hebburn deceased, together with the wardship and marriage of William his son and heir, for 60s. a year over and above the rents due, from 1 February last until William's majority, with the prior to repay Alexander 20 marks or return his two bonds for that sum should title to the custody be successfully contested.

Durham, 1 April 1444.

p.73-74 (flyleaf) [c. 1448]

Piece of a ?bursar's account, erased. On the recto part of necessary expenses, on the verso part of sales of tithes. The last includes both Hesleden and Pitlington: Pitlington was separated from the Bursar under the temporary division ended in 1445. Under Pitlington two names are visible, "... England" as purchaser of the North Pitlington tithes, and "... Clarke" for Shadforth ...; in 1445-1446 the whole parish was treated as one, but in 1446-1447 it was divided as here, with the same purchasers as here, but other details different. Clarke occurs on the next extant bursar's account, 1449-1450, but not England; neither are on the next, 1453-1454.

p.74 17th century

Added: "Index locorum", "Index rerum".

Bursar's rentals

1334-1541

13 volumes

Bursar's Book A

DCD-Bur.Bk.A 1334 - 1349 & c.1388

Bursar's rentals, formerly known as "Rentale Domus Dunelm 1339-1349". Each section is physically distinct .

Language: Latin

A negative microfilm is available at PGFilm 109

f.1r-8v [? 1334]

Bursar's rental, defective. Comparison of the entries here with those in the rental for 1335-1336, f.9r-20r below, indicates that these leaves are from an earlier rental: additions here are in the original hand in the 1335-1336 rental, while Alice wife of Richard del Holme (f.4v) becomes his widow (f.12r). On the other hand, since the differences between the two rentals are not numerous, they are clearly close in date, and this rental is taken to be that of 1334 which the compiler of the *Feodarium* referred to four times, *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, ed. W. Greenwell, (Surtees Society 58, 1872), p.11, 12, 13 and 74.

The rental appears to have been used for only one of the two terms making a full year: a single figure, for one term's rent, is given in each entry, and the marking, found in most sections, to indicate that payment had been made is simply "qt".

Leaves are missing at the beginning and the end, containing the sections before Fulwell and after Ferryhill, cf. *Durham Cathedral Priory Rentals Vol. I Bursars Rentals*, ed R.A. Lomas & A.J. Piper (Surtees Society 198, 1986) p.32-39 and 60-67.

Size: c.400 x 248 mm

Regular quire of 8 leaves.

f.9r-20r [1335/6]

Bursar's rental, defective. The sums given for payments of *Messingpennies*, for which the total survives, *Averpennies* and Oblations, f.19v-20r, match those on the bursar's account for 30 April 1335 to 5 May 1336. The rental was used for both the terms making a full year: the entries each have two amounts, almost invariably identical, and almost all of these are marked off with the letters "b" and "a". The dues peculiar to each of the two terms are included, f.19v-20r. The medieval foliation indicates that four leaves are missing after f.11; they contained the sections from Southwick to the start of Billingham, cf. *Durham Cathedral Priory Rentals Vol. I Bursars Rentals*, ed R.A. Lomas & A.J. Piper (Surtees Society 198, 1986) p.38-46. f.20v is blank.

Size: c. 425 x 330 mm

Two regular quires: i of 10 leaves, wanting 4-7 after f.11, with 1 and 10 originally single leaves now (1987) joined to form a bifolium; ii of 6 leaves.

f.21r-36v [1340/1]

Bursar's rental. Heading, "Rentale domus Dunelm Anno domini Mo CCCo Quadragesimo", added early 14th century. The sums given for payments of *Reekpennies* and of Oblations, f.36v, match those on the bursar's account for 12 May 1340 to 12 May 1341. The rental was used for both the terms making a full year: the entries each have two amounts, almost invariably identical, and almost every entry is marked off with the letters "b" and "a" in the left margin. The dues peculiar to each of the two terms are included, f.36r-v.

f.37r: originally blank; added, mid 14th century: Notes of leases, etc. of mills and fisheries. f.37v: blank.

Size: c.405 x 300 mm

Regular quire of 18 leaves, lacking 18 [? blank] after f.37; f.22-23 and 35-37 are numbered on the recto at the bottom left, ij-iiij and xv-xvii, and the number is repeated at the bottom right of the preceding verso, also f.24v.

Printed, discussed and illustrated: *Durham Cathedral Priory Rentals Vol. I Bursars Rentals*, ed R.A. Lomas & A.J. Piper (Surtees Society 198, 1986) p.32-67.

f.38r-45v [1341]

Bursar's rental, Pentecost term.

Original heading, "Rentale domus Dunelm de termino Pentecostes Anno domini Millesimo Trescentis[...]" supplemented, early 15th century, "CCCxlprimo". The dating is confirmed from the tithes section that follows, f.44r.

Since this rental was drawn up for only one of the two terms making a full year, each entry has only one amount. Almost all entries are marked off, "qt" in the left margin. f.44r: Sale of tithes 24 June [1341]. "Decime termini Sancti Iohannis Baptiste". The figures for townships in the parish of Pittington match those on the bursar's account for c.12 May - c.11 November 1341. f.44v-45v: blank

Size: c.370 x 240 mm.

Regular quire of 8 leaves

f.46-61 1342

Bursar's rental, Pentecost term.

Original heading, "Rentale Scaccarij Domus Dunelm de termino Pentecostes Anno domini Millesimo Trescentesimo Quadragesimo Secundo".

Since this rental was drawn up for only one of the two terms making a full year, each entry has only one amount. Almost all entries are marked off, "qt" in the left margin. f.60v-61r: Sale of tithes, 24 June [1342] "Decime infra aquas de termino Nativitatis Sancti Iohannis Baptiste".

f.61v: Originally blank; added, mid 14th century: Note of a lease of the [Old] Borough Durham and Scaltock mill to John of Barnard Castle for one year .

Size: c.330 x 245 mm

Two regular quires: i of 12 leaves; ii of 4 leaves.

f.62-73 1342/3

Bursar's rental.

Original heading, "Rentale do[m]us Dunelm de terminis Sancti Martini Anno domini etc xlij et Pentecostes quadragesimo Tercio".

Although this rental covers both the terms making a full year, each entry has only one amount. The marking against almost every entry is "a" and "b" in the left margin.

f.72v-73r: Sale of tithes 20 March & 24 June 1343. "Decime termini Sancti Cuthberti in Marcio Anno domini etc. xlijo. Et termini Nativitatis beati Iohannis Baptiste proximi sequentis". f.73v: blank

Size: c.350 x 260 mm.

One regular quire of 12 leaves.

f.72v-73r: Printed, discussed and illustrated: *Durham Cathedral Priory Rentals Vol. I Bursars Rentals*, ed R.A. Lomas & A.J. Piper (Surtees Society 198, 1986) p.68-70.

f.74-89 [1343/4]

Bursar's rental.

No original heading. "Anno domini MI CCC xliij vt patet infra folio 14", added early 15th century, apparently refers to the heading of the tithes section that follows, f.88v.

The sums given for payments of *reekpennies* and oblations, f.88r-v, match those on the bursar's account for Martinmas 1343-1344.

Although this rental covers both the terms making a full year and so includes the dues peculiar to each of the two terms, f.88r-v, each entry has only one amount.

The entries in most sections are marked off, "a" and "b" in the left margin.

f.81r schedule "Adhuc Billingham De nouo redditu incipiente ad festum Pentecostes Anno etc. xliijo". Written in the main hand, arranged and marked as the main entries. Verso blank, save for the total.

f.88v-89r: Sale of tithes, 20 March & 24 June 1344. "Decime termini Sancti Cuthberti in Marcio Anno domini etc. xliijo. Et termini Nativitatis beati Iohannis Baptiste proximi sequentis". f.89v: blank

Size: c.320 x 235 mm

One regular quire of 18 leaves, lacking 17-18 [? blank] after f.89; + a schedule sewn to the outer edge of f.81r.

f.91-103 & 114 1344/5

Bursar's rental.

Contemporary heading, "Rentale Domus Dunolm de terminis Sancti Martini Anno domini etc Quadragesimo Quarto et Pentecostes prox[...]" ; further heading, "Anno domini Millesimo CCCmoxloquarto", added early 15th century.

Although this rental covers both the terms making a full year, each entry has only one amount. Entries in some sections are marked off, "a" and "b" in the left margin.

f.103r-v, 114r: Sale of tithes, 20 March & 24 June 1345. "Decime terminorum Sancti Cuthberti in Marcio Anno etc. xliijto. Et Nativitatis Sancti Iohannis Baptiste proximi sequentis". f.114v: blank.

Size: c.405 x 285mm

Originally [?] one regular quire of 20 leaves, lacking 15-20 [? blank] after f.114; the 6 single leaves at the start, f.91-96, repaired (1987) to make 3 bifolia, forming a quire of 6 leaves; there are no f.104-113.

f.115-127 1345/6

Bursar's rental.

Contemporary heading, "Rentale domus Dunolm pro terminis Sancti Martini Anno domini etc xlv et Pentecostes proximo futuro"; further heading added early 15th century.

The rental was drawn up for both the terms making a full year: the entries each have two amounts, almost invariably identical. Entries in some sections are marked off, "a" and "b". The outer margins of f.117-127 have been cropped, removing parts of some headings.

f.126v-127r: Sale of tithes, 20 March & 24 June 1346. "[Decime] terminorum Sancti Cuthberti in Marcio Anno domini etc. xlvto. et Nativitatis beati Iohannis Baptiste proximi sequentis".

f.127r: added, mid 14th century: Memorandum of a lease of the works, with specified exceptions, of the manor of Merrington. f.127v: blank.

Size: c.385 x 285 mm

Originally [?] one regular quire of 16 leaves, lacking 15-16 [? blank] after f.127; the 2 single leaves at the start, f.115-116, repaired (1987) to form a separate bifolium.

f.128-143 1346/7

Bursar's rental.

Contemporary heading, "Rentale Scaccarii Prioris Dunolm de Terminis Sancti Martini Anno domini etc xlvjto et Pentecostes Anno etc xlvij"; further heading added early 15th century.

Although this rental covers both the terms making a full year, each entry has only one amount. Entries in some sections are marked off, "a" and "b" in the left margin.

f.140r-v: Sale of tithes, 20 March & 24 June 1347. "Decime terminorum Sancti Cuthberti in Marcio Anno domini etc. xlvjto et Nativitatis beati Iohannis Anno etc xlvijto"

f.141r-143v: originally blank, added mid 14th century, f.141v: Notes of leases of mills and of the Tyne fishery of Huche.

Size: c.380 x 280mm

One regular quire of 16 leaves, the two central bifolia, f.134-137, being formed from single leaves, + a slip sewn to the outer edge of f.134v.

f.144-158 1347/8

Bursar's rental.

Original heading, "Rentale Scaccarii Prioris Dunolm de Term[...] Sancti Martini in Hieme Anno domini etc xlvijo et Pentecostes Anno domini etc xlv[...]" ; further heading, "Anno domini Millesimo CCC xlvijjo", added early 15th century.

The rental was drawn up for both the terms making a full year: the entries each have two amounts, almost invariably identical, arranged in columns that are headed "Martini" and "Pent". The amounts in some sections are marked off, "a" and "b" respectively.

There is substantial annotation and alteration in contemporary hands, one of which rewrote the entire Newton Ketton section over an erasure, and added many entries, some specifying a first payment date as late as Pentecost 1350; cf. the second tithes section, f.157v-158r.

f.157r-v: Sale of tithes, 20 March & 24 June 1348. "Decime terminorum Sancti Cuthberti in Marcio Anno domini etc. xlvijo et Nativitatis beati Iohannis Baptiste Anno etc xlvijjo".

f.157v-158r: Sale of tithes, 20 March & 24 June 1349. "[Decim]e terminorum Sancti Cuthberti in Marcio Anno domini etc. xlvijjo et Nativitatis beati Iohannis Baptiste Anno etc xlixo". f.158v: blank.

Size: c.395 x 315 mm

One regular quire of 16 leaves, lacking 16 [? blank] after f.158

f.159r-v [c. 1388]

Bursar's summary rental, Pentecost & Martinmas.

Original heading, "Rentale terminorum Pentecostes Martini [... ?]"; over an original date [?], "Anno domini Mo CCC Nonogesimo sexto", added early 15th century.

The entries on the recto give the sum due from each township, manor and mill, and bondlands by township; those on the verso, in a different hand, the sums from dues and recent rents, normally entered under various receipts on the bursar's accounts. On the recto each entry has two amounts, arranged in two columns under the names of the terms given in the heading; many of the sums were altered.

In many cases the township sums are the same as the totals added in the bursar's rental for 1382 *et seq.*, Bursar's Book D, while the sums from bondlands, here entered as the same for both terms, match only those for the Pentecost term on the bursar's account for c.17 May 1388 c.6 June 1389; similarly, among the figures on the verso, the reduced sum for haysilver from the Cowpen bondland holders matches the sum on the same bursar's account, although the sum from the Billingham *woodlade pennies* due in the Pentecost term does not correspond.

Size: c.720 x 280 mm

Bursar's Book B

DCD-Bur.Bk.B [c.1338]

Bursar's rental, defective.

Comparison with the rentals for 1335/6 and 1340/1, Bursar's Book A f.9r-20r and 21r-36v, indicates that these leaves are from a rental to be dated between the two: additions and alterations in the earlier rental are here in the original hand, while additions and alterations here are in the original hand in the later rental. A single leaf, Almoner's Rentals & Cartulary f.196, is similarly dateable on the same grounds, is in the same hand and is marked in the same way, and so may well be part of the same rental.

The rental was used for both the terms making a full year: the entries each have two amounts, almost invariably identical, and almost all of these are marked off, "qt" to the right.

Leaves missing at the beginning, after f.3 and at the end, containing the sections before Jarrow, from North Pitlington to the start of Cowpen, and after Winston except Newton Ketton and perhaps (Almoner's Rentals & Cartulary f.196r-v) Ferryhill, Woodfield, Hett, Auckland and Edmundbyers, cf. *Durham Cathedral Priory Rentals Vol. I Bursars Rentals*, ed R.A. Lomas & A.J. Piper (Surtees Society 198, 1986) p.32-36, 42-46 and 53-67.

Language: Latin*Size:* c.370 x 270 mm*Binding:* Sewing gone. Unbound.*Ownership history:* Formerly Miscellaneous Charter 5663

Bursar's Book C

DCD-Bur.Bk.C [1341 - 1342]

Bursar's rental, [Martinmas term].

No heading. The totals given for pensions, mills, and fisheries, f.15v, match those for the Martinmas term on the bursar's account for c.11 November 1341 - c.12/19 May 1342. This rental was drawn up for only one of the two terms making a full year, and each entry has only one amount; entries in most sections are marked off, "qt" in the left margin. The dues peculiar to the Pentecost term are not included, only those of the Martinmas term, f.16r-v.

Virtually all tenants' names are erased; new names are inserted in the first eight sections, and the Hedworth section is almost entirely rewritten, [c. 1370 ?], f.1r-2v.

f.16v-17r: Sale of tithes, 20 March [1342]. "[Decime termini Sancti] Cuthberti in Marcio". The figures in the first section, [for townships in the parish of Jarrow], match those on the bursar's account for c.11 November 1341 - c.12/19 May 1342. f.17v: blank.

Language: Latin*Size:* c.315 x 220mm*Ownership history:* Formerly Miscellaneous Charter 7068

Bursar's Book D

DCD-Bur.Bk.D 1382-1389

Bursar's rental 1382-1389 with notes of sale of tithes.

Language: Latin*Size:* c.470 x 355mm*Ownership history:* Formerly Miscellaneous Charter 425

f.1r [15/16th century]

Index (unfinished) of places, in rentals now in Bursar's Book A or lost. References are entered against the head words only as far as Elvet. The first references are to the rental starting in Bursar's Book A f. 46r, ignoring the first four rentals of Bursar's Book A, as well as that in Bursar's Book D. Equally, in most cases, there are four references to rentals after the last leaf now remaining in Bursar's Book A, f.159 (175 in late medieval foliation), cf. the references in the *Feodarium* and a suit in 1439 to rentals of 1349, 1358, 1359 and 1361-1372 (*Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, ed. W. Greenwell, (Surtees Society 58, 1872), p.38-39; DCD 1.10.Spec.28*). A contemporary note on the return of this flyleaf, f.12ar, refers to [13]86, and is evidence that the flyleaf was an original part of this volume; consequently the index references here to Bursar's Book A corroborate the evidence of the late medieval foliation that Bursar's Books D and A had been put together. f.1v: blank.

f.2r-19r 1382

Bursar's rental.

Original heading, "Rentale scaccarij domini Prioris Dunelm de terminis Pentecostes et sancti Ma[...] domini Millesimo CCCmo octogesima secundo"; supplemented, "Ab anno domini 1382 ad annum 1386", 15/16th century, presumably on the evidence of the tithes section on f.22.

Although the entries just have the two amounts, almost invariably identical, for the two terms making one full year, the exceptionally wide margin on the left of each page, providing space for each entry to be marked off several times, indicates that this rental was drawn up with a view to using it for more than one year. On most leaves the added markings have been thoroughly erased, but where they remain they consist, at the most, of eleven letters, "b a" close to the left of the entries and "a b c d e f g h k" further out to the left. Taking each letter to represent payment at one of the two terms in a year, the markings cover five years and one term, which, counting from Pentecost 1382, would make the last term Pentecost 1387, which was the first payment date for a new tenancy at Shields and another at Wearmouth, see below. It has not been firmly established, however, to which terms the letters correspond, and in particular where the letters "b a" close to the entries belong in the sequence. The evidence of the tithes sections, f.19v-22r, is not entirely clear: the earliest, f.19v-20r, naturally uses the letters "b a", but the second, f.20r-v, "b c", and the third, f.20v, "f e", while the last two sections both revert to "b a". If it is assumed that the use of "b c" in the second section was a mistake for "d c", as the use of "f e" in the third section would suggest, then it appears probable that the marking system in the rental first used the letters "a k", and finally "b a" close to the entries; this conclusion is supported by the markings in the added sections on f.19r where "b a" is found close against several entries which only have "h k" further out. The degree to which the names of the tenants and the rents due were consistently revised during the period during which the rental was used is questionable. There was much alteration and supplementation, some as late as the early fifteenth century, but the state of the entries cannot be correlated with all the new tenancies recorded at the Halmote court. Some are certainly represented in the rental: for example at Shields at the Autumn tourn 1384 Thomas Almouth and John Letain each took up a holding on "le Key" at a rent of 40d. a year starting at Pentecost 1385, and at the Spring tourn 1387 John Tyngryng junior took up his father's holding at a rent increased from 5s. a year to 6s. 8d. starting at Pentecost 1387, while at Wearmouth Robert son of Adam took up a holding with 9 acres at the Spring tourn 1386 with the rent starting at Pentecost. On the other hand, although the death of William Maymond, indicated by an entry at the Autumn tourn 1383 under Westoe, is registered by the substitution of his wife's name in the rental, no change was made after the deaths of Thomas de Naborn or Thomas Bing, indicated at the Autumn and Summer tourns 1385 under Pittington and East Merrington. Such discrepancies, together with the impossibility of matching a disproportionately large number of Halmote court entries to the rental, make it clear that this rental was never completely revised, and cannot be taken to represent the situation at any one date.

f.19r [?1385]

Added in space: rental of [Gilesgate] Durham; rental of Pipewelgate [Gateshead]. The section headed "Dunelm" is identified as referring to Gilesgate by comparison with Bursar's Book E f.45r. Some entries are marked off with letters, "h k", and in one case, "g"; the interpretation of the letters that appears most probable in the case of the main rental suggests that these refer, at the earliest, to payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms 1385 and the Pentecost term 1386, and this is the basis of the proposed dating.

f.19v-20r 2 February & 20 March 1383

Sale of tithes.

"Vendiciones decimarum Prioris Dunelm de terminis Purificacionis beate Marie et sancti Cuthberti in Marcio Anno domini Mo CCCmo iiijxx secundo". Entries marked off, "b a".

f.20r-v 2 February & 20 March 1384

Added: sale of tithes.

"Vendiciones decimarum Prioris dunelm de terminis Purificacionis beate Marie et sancti Cuthberti in Marcio Anno domini Mo CCCmo iiijxx iijo". Entries marked off, "b c".

f.20v 2 February & 20 March 1385

Added: sale of tithes.

"Vendiciones decimarum Prioris Dunelm de terminis Purificacionis beate Marie et sancti Cuthberti in Marcio Anno domini Mo CCCmo octogesimo quarto". Entries marked off, "f e".

f.21r 2 February & 20 March 1386

Added: sale of tithes.

"Vendiciones decimarum domini Prioris Dunelm de terminis Purificacionis beate Marie et sancti Cuthberti [in] Marcio Anno domini Mo CCCmo iiijxx vto". Entries marked off, "b a".

f.21v [?1385]

Added: rental [of parts of Spennymoor].

Identification based on places mentioned in entries, e.g. Yorkfield, cf. f.22v below. Some entries are marked off with letters, "h g" or "k h"; the interpretation of the letters that appears most probable in the case of the main rental suggests that these refer, at the earliest, to payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms 1385 and the Pentecost term 1386, and this is the basis of the proposed dating. This does, however, raise the question of why this addition was placed here and not on the recto of the leaf, which would have been blank until at least late 1385, but perhaps it was deliberately left blank so that the tithes section for 1386 might follow on immediately after the tithes section for 1385.

f.21v [?1389]

Added: sale of tithes.

"Vendiciones decimarum anno domini Millesimo CCCmo iiijxx viijto". Each full entry gives two identical amounts, presumably the payments to be made at the two terms early in 1389, cf. f.19v-21r above. Although the details are not in complete agreement with those on the bursar's account for 1388-1389, the possibility that this section is to be dated 1388 seems to be precluded by the tithes section for that year on f.23r below. No entries marked off.

f.22r 2 February & 20 March 1387

Added: sale of tithes.

"Vendiciones decimarum Prioris ecclesie Dunelm de terminis Purificacionis beate Marie et sancti Cuthberti in Marcio Anno domini Mo CCCmo iiijxx vjto". Entries marked off, "b a".

f.22v-23r [?1387]

Added: rental of [parts of Spennymoor], Sunderland in Spen and Hett in Spen, { "1386"}.

Identification of the unheaded first section is based on places mentioned in entries, e.g. Yorkfield, cf. f.21v above. The date was added at the head of the page 14/15th century; the presence of the tithes section for 1387 on f.22r and the tithes section for 1388 on f.23r indicate that this rental was entered between late 1386 and early 1388. Some entries marked off, "b a".

f.23r [?1388]

Added: sale of tithes.

Heading added, 14/15th century: "Vendiciones decimarum Anno domini Mmo CCCmo iiijxx vijto vt patet in compoto Bursarii". The entire receipts part of the bursar's account for 1387-1388 is now missing, and so cannot be checked. Almost every entry gives two identical amounts, presumably the payments to be made at the two terms early in 1389, cf. f.19v-21r above. Most entries marked off, "b a".

f.23v: Mostly blank; added, later 14th century: Agreement with the tenants of Billingham for the commutation of carrying services, 1385. Note of farms due to the bishop [of Durham] for Healey, Hunterhouse and Roughside. Contract for 10 years by the prior of Durham with Robert Todd of Knitsley for lath making, 1385.

Bursar's Book E

DCD-Bur.Bk.E [1391 - c.1411]

Bursar's rentals, "Rentale Bursarii 1395".

Language: Latin

Size: c.305 x 220mm

102 paper leaves

f.1r-20v, 23r, 21r-22r [c.1411]

Bursar's survey, incomplete.

f.1r [Hedworth: see f.92v below]

f.1r-v Willington

f.1v [Pipewelgate Gateshead: see *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, ed. W. Greenwell, (Surtees Society 58, 1872), p.4-7.

f.2r Durham Bailey

f.2r-v Wearmouth

f.2v-3r Southwick

f.3r Fulwell

f.3v[-4r] Harton [for f.4r: see f.92r-v below]

f.4r-5r Westoe

f.5r-v Simonside

f.5v Preston

f.5v-6r Jarrow

f.6r[-v] Wallsend

f.6v Lower [Heworth: see f.91r below]

f.7r-v East Rainton

f.7v[-8rv] [West R]ainton [see f.32r below]

f.[8v]-9r North Pitlington [see f.32v below]

f.9r South Pitlington, Warknoll

f.9v [Moorsley: see f.33r below]

f.10r Silksworth, Hawthorn, Hulam, Eden, Ludworth, Claxton, Winston, Osmondcroft

f.10v blank.

f.11r Newton Bewley

f.11v-12[v] Wolviston [see f.38v-39v below]

f.13r-v Cowpen

f.14r-16r Billingham

f.16v-18r Ferryhill [see *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, ed. W. Greenwell, (Surtees Society 58, 1872), p.64-67].

f.18v blank.

f.19r Dalton

f.19v-20r West Merrington

f.20r-v Mid Merrington

f.20v [Ea]st Merrington

f.23r [? East Merrington: four added entries, all for Thomas Ferroure, a name found among tenants there, and in the same hand as the last entries on f.20v]

f.21r-22r [Aycliffe: see *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, ed. W. Greenwell, (Surtees Society 58, 1872), p.61-64.

f.22v originally blank.

This document may not have been prepared for recording the payment of rents: no entries are marked off, rents are given for an unspecified term, and many entries include details of services. The arrangement of the places does not follow the normal sequence, but there is very little scope for suggesting that the leaves once stood in a different order, since the content follows on from one leaf to the next in most cases; such breaks as there are, changes of hand and the occurrence of blank pages are evidence that the document was prepared in four sections, as proposed in the description of structure above, but these cannot be re arranged in any more normal

sequence. Physical evidence does indicate that f.21-22 have not always intervened between f.20 and 23, while hand, and perhaps content, suggest that f.23r continues from f.20v. The date, "1411", added at the head of f.1r, early 15th century, may have been derived from the deleted heading on f.18r for the second tourn [of the Halmote court 14]11; the original intention had perhaps been to enter an estreat on this leaf, cf. f.50r-53v below. Other evidence suggests that the document was drawn up during 1410, to represent the situation in 1411: Robert Atkinson, f.1r, was dead by the Spring tourn of the Halmote court in 1411, while the first payment for William Irynsyde's holding, f.8r, was not due until Pentecost 1411, and the annotation to William Aleyn's second holding, f.6r, may well relate to transactions at the Summer tourn 1411 (Halm.Bk I f.29r, 26v, 31r). There is no reason to think that this evidence, although drawn from the first few leaves, does not apply to the rest of the section, which is largely written in the same two hands, and on paper with the same watermark.

f.23v-24r: originally blank; added early 15th century: Bursar's miscellaneous memoranda, also f.22r-v, concerning, *inter alia*, findings regarding meadows at Nether Heworth, notes of sureties for keeping the peace, etc. f.24v: blank, largely torn away.

f.25r-47r [1396]

Bursar's rental.

Heading, "Rentale Bursarii Dunelm Anno domini Millesimo CCCmo Nonogesimo sexto", added early 15th century, perhaps on the basis of f.48r-53v below. The Halmote court rolls for Spring 1396 and Summer 1396 indicate that the document was drawn up between those two tourns: tenancies taken up at the earlier tourn are included, e.g. William Page senior's three bondlands and Richard Smith's bondland, f.27v and 29v, but those taken up at the later tourn do not appear, e.g. three holdings in Willington, f.25r-v. The Spennymoor section was added in a different hand, f.46v. The entries give one amount, or, where different amounts were due at the two terms, both amounts. Entries marked off in most sections, "b a" or, in several sections, only "a". f.47v: blank.

Printed in *Durham Cathedral Priory Rentals Vol. I Bursars Rentals*, ed R.A. Lomas & A.J. Piper (Surtees Society 198, 1986) p.73-126.

f.48r-v 2 February & 20 March 1397

Sale of tithes.

"Vendiciones decimarum prioris Dunelm de terminis purificationis beate Marie et sancti Cuthberti in Marcio Anno domini Mo CCCmo nonogesimo sexto". Some entries marked, "a", "qt", "nota". f.49r-v: blank.

Printed in *Durham Cathedral Priory Rentals Vol. I Bursars Rentals*, ed R.A. Lomas & A.J. Piper (Surtees Society 198, 1986) p.126-128.

f.50r-v 1396

Halmote estreat, Summer tourn.

Original heading. Some entries marked off, "qt".

f.51r

Free court fines and amercements.

Original heading. Some entries marked off, "a" or "qt".

f.51v-52v 1396

Halmote estreat, Autumn tourn.

Original heading. Some entries marked off, "qt".

f.52v-53v [1397]

Halmote estreat, Spring tourn.

Original heading, giving only the tourn; the year is established from the fact that the details here match those on the Halmote roll for Spring 1397. Some entries marked off, "qt".

f.54r-57v later 14th century

Originally blank; added: f.54v, 56v 57v Bursar's miscellaneous memoranda concerning, *inter alia*, liveries of stock recorded in "liber cellerarii", re the instatement of Skitring water mill by Heworth and the livery of Norham tithe lambs for [13]97.

f.58r-59v [c.1396 - 1397]

Bursar's rental, fragment.

Comprises the first eight sections and part of the ninth only: Wallsend - Monkton ..., i.e. those missing before f.60r below.

Contemporary heading, "Rentale Bursarii Dunelm Anno domini Millesimo CCCmo Nonogesimo Septimo". In fact the entries are almost exactly the same as those in the rental of 1396, f.25r-26v above, the chief difference being the inclusion in the original text here of the names of tenants given in annotations in that rental, e.g. at Nether Heworth. Here the pattern is the same as in the 1396 rental over tenancies taken up at the Halmote court tourns of Spring and Summer 1396, only those from the earlier tourn being included. Examination of the Halmote rolls suggests that the annotations on f.25r-26v may represent changes in tenancies that went unrecorded at the Halmote court, and so this may be a fragment of a revised rental for 1396.

Alternatively it may simply be a copy of the sections of the 1396 rental needed to make good the loss of leaves at the beginning of the rental that follows, f.60r-83r; the matter on f.59v is very generously spaced, making a good "join" with the next page, while the lack of evidence of use may also be significant. Additions on f.83v seem to fulfill a similar function in relation to the rental on f.60r-83r, see below.

The entries give one amount, or, where different amounts were due at the two terms, both amounts. No entries marked off.

f.60r-83r [c.1391 - 1392]

Bursar's rental, defective.

Lacks the first eight sections and part of the ninth: Wallsend - Monkton ..., see f.58r-59v above. See also added sections, f.83v.

The evidence of entries on the Halmote court rolls for the Spring, Summer and Autumn turns 1391 suggests that the rental was prepared between the Summer and Autumn turns 1391: John Freeman junior, entered as if alive, f.66r, was dead by Autumn 1391 and Ralph Smythson, f.63v, was replaced by his brother in Autumn 1391, while tenancies taken up earlier in 1391 are included, e.g. Thomas Wydowson's 12 acre toft, Adam de Vikars' cotland and 20 acres and John de Swainston's bond land, f.66r, 67r and 77v, in Spring 1391, and John de Neuton's bond lands, f.61r, in Summer 1391. The position is complicated, however, by an anticipatory element: the first payment from the new tenants of Spring and Summer 1391 was not due until Pentecost 1392, but they are entered without any distinguishing mark, whereas the first payment from Ralph Smythson's brother, who is not included, was due at Martinmas 1391. The rental therefore appears to have been prepared about September 1391, for use from Pentecost 1392. The entries give one amount, or, where different amounts were due at the two terms, both amounts.

Some entries are marked off, "b" and "a", or with one or two dots.

f.83v-88v, 90r-v c.1400

f.83v: Bursar's rental, ten sections. [c.1396 - 1397]. The sections are Harbottle - Woodifield, Hunwick, Pipewelgate (Gateshead). Except Hunwick, f.81r, these are not present in the preceding rental, f.60r-83r, but are found in the 1396 rental, f.46r-47r, with the entries for Brompton and Pipewelgate arranged differently. The hand is very similar to that of the 1396 rental, but the third Pipewelgate entry here has in the original text the name added in a space in the 1396 rental, f.47r, hence the date proposed. This dating, together with the lack of evidence of use, see below, suggests that the material was added here for the sake of completing the older rental that precedes it, cf. f.58r-59v above. The entries give one amount, or, where different amounts were due at the two terms, both amounts. No entries marked off.

f.84r: Rental of Gilesgate Durham [c.1398 - 1400]. Tenancies in Gilesgate were outside the purview of the prior's halmote court, and so cannot be traced on the Halmote rolls. The hand is very similar to that of the 1396 rental and so are the names, but the original text here incorporates the annotations to the 1396 rental for Robert de Maynesforth's tenure of three waste burgages and Agnes Ingram's vacation of a burgage, f.45r, hence the dating proposed. The entries give one amount, or, where different amounts were due at the two terms, both amounts. Some entries marked off, several with the letters "d c", implying third and fourth payments. Added around 1400 to previously blank space.

f.84v: Bursar's cash receipts for Pentecost term 1396. "Memorandum de denariis receptis per Hugonem de Corbrig de firmis termini Pentecostes Anno domini etc nonogesimo sexto A vijo die O[blank] vsque [blank]". The farms are those for which the bursar accounted. Added around 1400 to previously blank space.

f.85r: Disbursements, ? from receipts on f.84v. The short section begins "De quibus ...".

f.85v-86r: Rental of Edmundbyers [c.1401 - 1402]. The evidence for dating are three tenancies taken up in Spring 1401, with the first payment due at Pentecost 1401, one of which appears to have been relinquished in Summer 1402 (Halm. Bk I f.5r, 7v). This dating is supported by the memoranda immediately following. The entries give one amount. Most entries marked off, some "d c b a", implying payments at four terms.

f.85r-v: Notes of receipts from collectors and tenants [later 14th century].

f.86r: Memorandum of the bursar's computation with John Heswell before Pentecost 1401. An alternative reading of the date might be [1]400.

f.86r: Memoranda of bursar's receipts starting: cash received at Wolviston, Nicholas [6 Dec.] 1401.

f.86v: Rental [of Edmundbyers] [c.1403]. Identified by comparison with f.85v-86r above. The evidence for changes of tenancy at Edmundbyers is not complete in the Halmote court records, but the entry for Henry the rector indicates that this rental is later than 18 May 1402, when Henry Flynton was presented to Edmundbyers by way of exchange with John de Hexham (Reg. III f.4v); the small number of changes between this rental and that on f.85v-86r above suggests that they are close in date. The memorandum on f.87r may also relate directly to this rental, see below. The entries give one amount. Some notes of payments added.

f.87r: Memorandum of debts from Edmund[byers] for Martinmas term 1403.

f.87v, 88v, 90r: Bursar's miscellaneous memoranda [c.1400]. f.88v is headed Wolviston; f.90 largely concerns herbage at Hesleden. f.88r blank.

f.90v: Copy of the record of an inquest, 8 March 1397[/8], before the prior's bailiff *et al.* following Robert de Brerton's death. Hesleden. List of the bursar's revenues from the priory's appropriated churches in the archdeaconry of Durham. List of sums due annually from the prior to the bishop [of Durham].

All these entries added around 1400 to previously blank space.

f.91r-102v, 89rv [c.1402]

Bursar's rental, defective.

Wallsend, Willington and some of Over Heworth missing at the start, and all from the final entries for Cowpen onwards at the end.

The records of the Halmote court provide evidence indicating that this rental was prepared for the Martinmas term 1402 during the course of the preceding months. William Cloucroft, f.91r, was dead by Spring 1403; the three holdings, previously William Qwitby's, added in the original hand, f.95r, were taken up at the Summer tourn 1402, with the first payment due at Martinmas 1402; Gilbert Curroure took up his holdings in Autumn 1402, with the first payment due at Pentecost 1403, and the entries in the rental are annotated "ad festum Pentecostes", f.97r (Halm.Bk I f.8r, 7r-v).

The entries give one amount, or, where different amounts were due at the two terms, both amounts. Most entries marked off, "b a", some "d c b a", implying payments at four terms.

Bursar's Book F

DCD-Bur.Bk.F 1432 - 1442

Spine title: "1432 Bursar's Rental & Coal Mine Accounts 1437-1442".

Language: Latin

Size: c.225 x 150mm

Binding: Former parchment cover now bound in at the end; four rows of holes across the spine for tackets attaching each quire separately. Repaired with paper and guarded in buckram covered boards with 4 paper flyleaves c.1970

56 paper leaves, f.35, 37 and 54 cut back to stubs

f.1r-20r 1432-1439

Bursar's receipts book 1432.

Contemporary title down the front of the original cover, "liber recepcionum domini Iohannis Oll Bursarii Domus ecclesie Dunelm Anno domini Millesimo CCCC xxxij". When originally drawn up the book simply consisted of the names of the places from which the bursar received income, widely spaced, to allow for the insertion of entries recording payments as they were made; "Vendiciones decimarum" start on f.14r. About half the names of the purchasers of tithes were added in, but few entries recording payments were added, leaving a great deal of blank space, some of which was later used for other purposes, see below. No other document of exactly this form has survived, but a development of it is found twenty years later in the communar's rent books and in the bursar's rent books of 1495/6-1539/40, see Bursar's Books G-J & L-M below.

It is clear that the book covers one Pentecost term: with one explicit exception, f.8r, many entries refer to this as the term for which payment was due. The year is clearly 1432: John Oll left office as bursar at Martinmas 1432, see f.38r below, having accounted for the Pentecost term 1432, while the inserted names of purchasers of tithes are those of 1432, see Bursar's Account 1432-3. Payments continued to be entered until at least Saturday 24 January [1433] and probably until the following 24 March, f.4r.

Added f.1r-v: Ferryhill coal mine expenses, [c.11 December] 1440 - [c.9 April 1441]. "Compotus factus in festo sancti Mathie apostoli in anno xlo de minera carbonum de Fery per Iacobum Richrde[son]". Details of expenses, third week of Advent fifth week of Lent.

Added f.16r: heading for Bearpark stud account, 12 January 1439 - 2 February 1442. "Compotus domini Iohannis Oll de equicio domini prioris apud Beaurepark a xijo die mensis Ianuarij anno domini MI CCCCo xxxviiijo vsque festum purificationis beate marie anno domini MI CCCCo xljjo".

Added f.17r: sums due to Rainton coal workers, 3 May 1438 - 3 May 1439. "Debita que debuntur diuersis operarijs per Iohannem Smyth pro operatione et lucracione carbonum apud Raynton a festo inuencionis Sancte crucis anno domini etc xxxviiijo vsque idem festum proxime sequens per j annum integrum".

Added f.20r: Rainton coal mine cash totals 1438.

Added f.20r: Rainton coal sales, 14 June 1439. "De arreragijs carbonum in campo de raynto[n] dimissis diuersis tenentibus ad diem per Iohannem Smyth in anno domini etc xxxixo videlicet in festo sancti bassilij episcopi". A list, as on f.20v. Crossed out: superseded by f.28v-29v below [?].

f.20v 1437-1441

Coal mining accounts from mines run by Durham Priory near Durham City.

f.20v: Rainton coal sales, 2 August 1438. "De arreragiis carbonum remanentibus in cumela apud Raynton in crastino aduincula sancti petri anno domini et[c] xxxviiio que venduntur diuersis pro quibus T Alanson habet respondere". Each entry comprises a name, a quantity expressed in "plaustrata" and a cash amount; the entries are arranged in seven sections, each with the name of a place in the vicinity of Rainton in the margin. The list probably continues on f.23r-v below.

f.21r-22r: Rainton coal mine weekly cash calculations, 3 May 1437 - [? c.21 February 1439]. "Recepcio carbonum minere de Raynton per Iohannem Oll a festo inuencionis Sancte crucis Anno domini Mlo CCCcxixio vijo". Sunday 1 - Sunday 55 and then Sunday 1 - Sunday 39. Later entries give some of the details as found f.25r-27r.

f.22r-v: [? Rainton coal mine] weekly reckonings, 3 May, [28 June, 6 - 27 September] 1439. "Hic incipit festum invencionis sancte crucis anno etc xxxixio per I Smyth". Sunday 1 - 8 and 19 - 21. Crossed out.

f.22v: Cash receipts from coal mines [14]38. Includes references to the coal mines of Ferryhill and Aldingrange.

f.23r-v: Coal sales [? continuing from f.20v above] [?1438]. f.20v ends with a section for Easington; here the first section is for Easington and none of the names in the four entries here occurs on f.20v, nor do the five places in the marginal headings here. The final balance involves an amount approximately the same as the total reached by adding the entries on f.20v as well as those on f.23r-v.

f.24r Cash liveries from Rainton coal mine, 3 May 1438 - 3 May 1439. "Soluciones facte per Iohannem Smyth de minera carbonum de Raynton a festo invencionis sancte crucis anno domini etc xxxviiio vsque idem festum proxime sequens videlicet per {vnum} annum integrum".

f.24r-v Cash liveries from Rainton coal mine, 3 May 1439 - 3 May 1440. "Soluciones facte per Ricardum Newcomer de minera carbonum de Raynton superuisorem eiusdem a festo invencionis sancte crucis anno domini MI CCCcxixio vsque idem festum proxime sequens videlicet per vnum annum integrum".

f.24v: Cash liveries from Rainton coal mine 1440. "Recepcio pecunie de minera de Raynton per R.N. et solute I. Oll de anno domini etc xlo". Eleven brief entries for cash liveries, etc., rather than a "Recepcio" of the type found on f.25r-27r etc. below. "R.N.": cf. Richard Newcomer, f.24r-v above.

f.25r-27r: Rainton coal mine weekly reckonings, 3 May 1439 - 1 May 1440. "Recepcio de minera carbonum de Raynton a festo inuencionis sancte crucis anno domini MI CCCcxixio vsque idem festum proxime sequens j.s.". Sundays 1 - 52 "videlicet in festo appostolorum Filippi et Iacobi". Each entry specifies the number of days worked, the workers involved, production, and expenses on candles, drinkingsilver, etc.

f.27v: Rainton coal mine weekly reckonings, 3 [- 29] May 1440. "Recepcio de minera carbonum de Raynton a festo inuencionis sancte crucis anno domini MI CCCxlo vsque idem festum proxime sequens per R Ne". Sundays 1 - 4 incomplete. Crossed out: superseded by f.30r-32v below.

f.27v: Rainton coal mine expenses [1439]. "Expense facte pro lucracione minere de Raynton in anno domini etc xxixio". In the context of the material at the head of the page the date is taken to be an error, cf. f.36v below. f.28r blank.

f.28v-29v: Rainton coal sales, 14 June 1439. "De arreragiis carbonum in campo de Raynton dimissis diuersis tenentibus ad diem per Iohannem Smyth in anno domini etc xxxixio videlicet in festo basilij episcopi incept". Draft [?]: f.20r above.

f.30r-32v: Rainton coal mine weekly reckonings, 3 May 1440 - [7 May] 1441.

"Recepcio de minera carbonum de Raynton a festo inuencionis Sancte crucis anno domini MI CCCCmaxlo vsque idem festum proxime sequens per R.N". Sundays 1 [- 52]; the actual numbering jumps from 29 to 40. "R.N": cf. Richard Newcomer, f.24r-v above, 33r below. Sundays 1 - 4 were first entered f.27v above.

f.33r-34r: Rainton coal mine weekly reckonings, 7 May [- 12 November] 1441.

"Recepcio de Minera carbonum de Raynton a dominica proxima post festum inuencionis Sancte crucis Anno domini MI CCCC xljo vsque idem festum proxime sequens per R. Newcomer". Sundays 1 - 27 only. f.34v-36r blank; f.35 only a stub.

f.36v: Rainton coal mine expenses, 1441. "Expense facte circa mineram carbonum de Raynton Anno etc xlo". f.37 blank stub.

f.38r-40r 11 November 1432

Bursar's arrears from 1427-1429:

f.38r-39r "Arreragia de tempore domini Willelmi Partrik liberata domino Thome Lawson Bursario dunel per fratrem Iohannem Oil ad festum sancti Martini [11 Nov.] Anno domini MI CCCC "

"xxxijo";

f.39r "Arreragia collectorum de tempore domini Willelmi Partryk liberata domino Thome Lawson Bursario de anno etc xxvijo"; f. 39r `Arreragia domini Willelmi Partryk de decimis de eodem anno";

f.39v "Arreragia collectorum domini Willelmi Partryk de terminis Pentecostes et Martini anno domini etc xxvijo";

f.39v "Arreragia decimarum de eodem anno";

f.40r Arrears of free rents etc., [? 1428-1429].

William Partrike accounted as bursar 8 June 1427 - 15 May 1429. The first section concerns revenues that were not the responsibility of collectors, principally free rents, and so are not included in the second and fourth sections; every entry concerns arrears for two years, i.e. 1427-1429, except one for [14]27 and another with the year altered from [14]27 to [14]28, cf. f.40r.

The final section concerns the same revenues as the first section, but the arrears appear to be for the second of the two years only, to judge by the first entry, "de anno xxvijo", echoed in two subsequent entries, "de eodem anno".

Almost every entry is marked off, with a dot.

f.40r-43r [?11 November 1432]

Bursar's arrears from 1429-1431:

f.40r-42r "Arreragia de tempore Fratris Iohannis Oll Bursarii Dunel de annis domini MI CCCC xxix et xxxo";

f.42r "Arreragia Collectorum Iohannis Oll Bursarii Dunel de terminis Pentecostes et Martini Anno domini MI CCCC xxix" ';

f.42v "Arreragia Collectorum de tempore Iohannis Oll Bursarii de Anno domini etc xxxo";

f.43r "Arreragia decimarum de Annis domini MI CCCC xxix et xxxo".

John Oll accounted as bursar 15 May 1429 - 11 Nov. 1432. The arrears in these sections are those of his first two years; for those of 1431-1432 and 1432, see f.53r-56r and 44v-47r below. All three appear to have been drawn up at the same time as those dated 11 November 1432 on f.38r-40r above. Evidence to support this dating is found in the fact that the closer the arrears are to that date the larger their total, less time having elapsed for collection.

The first section concerns revenues that were not the responsibility of collectors, principally free rents, and so are not included in the second and third sections; the entries specify whether the arrears are due for one or other of the years, or both. Most entries in the first section and two in the last are marked off, with two dots; all in the second section, with one dot; none in third.

f.43v 1440

Cash liversies from Ferryhill coal mine. "Recepcio Minere de Fery anno domini MI ccccxlo". Ten brief entries for cash liversies, etc., rather than a "Recepcio" of the type found on f.25r-27r etc. above. f.44r blank.

f.44v-47r [11 November 1432 ?]

Bursar's arrears from Pentecost term 1432:

f.44v-46v "Arreragia Iohannis Oll Bursarii Anno domini MI CCCC xxxijo de termino Pentecostes tantum";

f.46v-47r "Arreragia Collectorum Iohannis Oll Bursarii de termino Pentecostes Anno domini etc xxxijo".

John Oll accounted as bursar 15 May 1429 - 11 November 1432. The arrears in these sections are those of his final term; for those of 1429-1431 and 1431-1432, see f.40r-43r above and 53r-56r below. For the basis of the proposed dating, see under the former.

The first section concerns revenues that were not the responsibility of collectors, principally free rents, and so are not included in the second section.

Most entries marked off, with a dot.

f.47r-49r 1436-1438

Coal mining accounts from mines run by Durham Priory near Durham City.

f.47r: Memorandum of coal delivered to Bearpark manor for "ludi" [14]37. Aldingrange [etc.] coal mine expenses. "Expense facte per l Oll pro adquisicione carbonum apud Aldyngrygse videlicet in septimana proxima ante festum natalis domini anno domini MI CCCCxxxvjo". As well as Aldingrange, entries refer to work on pits at Bearpark, Ketton and Ferryhill, with an entry for Broom deleted. Expenses extended beyond the period stated, one entry referring to a payment on Saturday before the Rogation days [1437: 4 May].

f.47v-48v: [Aldingrange ?] coal mine reckonings, [early January 1437 - ? 15 June 1438]. No heading. The form is similar to that of f.25r-27r etc. above, but here, instead of a series of regular weekly reckonings, the length of the period varies from one week to seven, the norm being three or four weeks. Aldingrange is proposed as the identification from the immediately preceding and following matter, and, more especially, because the reckonings for Aldingrange on f.49r start on the date when these reckonings can be shown to end. The last three reckonings end on Easter Eve, 5 weeks later on Friday the feast of St Brendan, and 4 weeks later on Sunday in the octave of Corpus Christi. Given that, for Brendan's feast to fall on Friday five weeks after Easter, Easter must be on 13 April, as happened in 1376, 1438, 1449 and 1460, and given the reckonings on f.49r starting on Sunday in the octave of Corpus Christi, 15 June, [14]38, the closing date of the final reckoning seems clear. In all 74 weeks are covered, giving an opening date c.13 January 1437, but this is incompatible by at least one week with the first two reckonings, which cover a total of 7 weeks ending at the feast of St Juliana the virgin, either 16 or 23 February, giving an opening date of 31 December 1436 or 7 January 1437. It appears therefore that one or two weeks were omitted from the reckonings, perhaps because no working took place; a possible point for this is over the two reckonings following a memorandum that the account with Thomas Hyne was struck on Wilfrid [12 October 14]37, since the two reckonings cover 11 weeks, but the second ends on Innocents day [28 December] which is 12 weeks after Wilfrid.

f.48v: Memorandum of coal liveries by W Cowplande.

f.49r: Aldingrange coal mine reckonings, 15 June [- 1 August] 1438. "Recepcio carbonum apud Aldyngryss per per Iohannem Cowpland anno etc xxviiio a dominica infra octabas corporis christi videlicet xvo die mensis lunij anno vt supra vsque idem festum". Four separate weeks and then three weeks up to Friday St Peter's Chains "in fine compoti illius anni".

f.49v-51v [c.1441]

Prior's halmote court, entries for new tenancies.

Most of the entries can be matched to entries in Halmote Court Book II, under the Summer tourn 1440: Aycliffe, three, f.4r-v; Pittington, one, not traced; Edmundbyers, one, not entered; East Merrington, one, f.6v (Spring tourn 1441); Edmundbyers, two, not entered; Newton, two, f.2r-v; [West] Rainton, one, f.2v; Ferryhill, one, f.2v; Southwick, one, not traced; Cowpen, one, f.1r; [Billingham], three, f.1v-2r; [Wolviston], four, f.1r-v; [Billingham], three, f.2r; West Rainton, one, f.7r (Summer tourn 1441); Dalton demesne, one, not traced; [? West Rainton], one, not traced.

The wording here diverges in many instances from that in the Halmote Book, most significantly in the matter of the date at which a tenancy started: the Aycliffe entries, the second Newton entry, the Ferryhill entry and the second West Rainton entry here all have last Martinmas, while the Halmote Book has next Martinmas, but the first three Wolviston entries and the last three Billingham entries have next Martinmas both here and in the Halmote Book, while the first Billingham entry has next Pentecost here and last Pentecost in the Halmote Book. It is not clear how these contradictions are to be resolved, and so the dating proposed is approximate.

f.51r: Coal sale at Broom, 27 January 1438. "Recepcio pecunie Thome Hyne pro carbonibus venditis apud Brom in festo sancti Iuliani {post festum natiuitatis domini} episcopi anno xxxvijo". Only one entry. f.52r blank.

f.52v [? 1432]

Bursar's receipts of arrears [from 1419 - 1426]. Some entries describe the arrears as being "de pluribus annis", but most specify the year for which they were due. A dating of 1432 for payment is proposed on the basis of the arrears material on f.38r-40r, also 40r-43r and 44v-47r above, and 53r-56r below.

f.53r-56v 1431-1432

Bursar's arrears from 1431 - 1432:

f.53r-v, 55r-56r "Arreragia de Anno domini MI CCCcxxxjo de tempore domini I. Oll Bursarii";

f.56r "Arreragia decimarum".

John Oll accounted as bursar 15 May 1429 - 11 November 1432. The arrears in these sections are those of his last full year; for those of 1429-1431 and 1432, see f.40r-43r and 44v-47r above. For the basis of the proposed dating [11 November 1432 ?], see under the former.

There is no separate section for collectors' arrears; these form the first entries in the first section, followed by entries concerned with revenues that were not the responsibility of collectors, principally free rents.

Most entries in the first section are marked off, with two dots. f.54 blank stub.

f.56v: Sale of wool 1432. A single entry, followed by added entries, starting "De quibus ...", for various miscellaneous payments.

f.56v Debts promised by collectors [? 1432]. "Debitis promissis per Collectores". A dating of 1432 is proposed, as for f.52v above, on the basis of the arrears material on f.38r-40r, also 40r-43r, 44v-47r, and 52v-56r above. The first entry records a promise of payment within three weeks after Martinmas.

Inside back cover: Memorandum of payment to the communar [? c. 1432].

Bursar's Book G

DCD-Bur.Bk.G 1495 - 1496

"Bursar's Rental 1495".

f.2r-94r: Bursar's rent book.

The date "Anno Domini Millesimo CCCCMo nonogesimo quinto" is given in the heading to the first section; the names of the purchasers of tithes, f.84v-94r, match those on the bursar's account 1495-1496, but not those on the bursar's account 1494-1495.

This is the first extant example of a bursar's record in this form; it is found in the communar's rent books forty years earlier. Each entry gives the name of the tenant, or purchaser(s) in the case of tithes, and the amount due for the year, rather than divided between the two terms of Pentecost and Martinmas; entries for the ordinary run of unfree holdings give no details of the holding. The entries are widely spaced, providing for the subsequent insertion of notes recording when and in what form payments were made, with "qt" against entries for which full payments was received.

f.1r-v: originally blank; added c.1500: Pen-trials. Bursar's miscellaneous memoranda concerning payments to staff, rent of Billingham mill, etc.

f.94v-95v, 99v-101v, inside cover: originally blank; added: Bursar's miscellaneous memoranda concerning purchases of pigs (crossed out) "1496", salt herring "1496", smoked herring, and dogdraves at Shields "{1496}"; costs of cultivating two holdings in hand at Billingham; etc. f.96r-99r blank.

Language: Latin

Size: c.225 x 150mm.

Binding: Original parchment cover now bound in at the end. Repaired with paper and guarded in buckram covered boards with 4 paper flyleaves c.1970

102 paper leaves, f.96-98 cut back to stubs.

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Bursar's Book H

DCD-Bur.Bk.H 1499 - 1511

Spine title: "Bursar's Rentals 1507: 1510."

Language: Latin

Size: 204-220 x 142-154mm

Binding: Repaired with paper and guarded in buckram covered boards with 4 paper flyleaves c.1970

283 paper leaves

f.1r-2r, 3r-5r 1507 - 1511

Bursar's reckonings with the prior and various obedientiaries, all crossed out:

f.1r-v Almoner 1507; Communar 1507-1508; Sacrist 1507-1508, "Computacio inter Sacrista {per dominum Iohannem Swalwell} et bursarium anno 1508^o", "1509^o", "1510^o";

f.2r "Computacio inter <hostillarium> Magistrum Thomam Swalwell [T]errarium et Robertum Stroder Bursarium pro anno 1507^o", "1508^o", 1509^o;

f.3r-v Prior "1507^o", "1508^o", "1509^o", "1510^o";

f.4r Cellarer "1507^o", "1508^o", "1509^o"; Chamberlain;

f.4v "Computacio inter me et Communarium D. I. Riddell anno 1507^o", "1508^o", "1509^o", "1510^o";

f.5r "Computacio inter me et dominum Robertum Herington Eleemosinarium pro anno 1507^o ponitur supra 1^o folio", "1508^o", "1509^o", "1510^o".

The reckonings mainly concern payments in respect of rents, etc., repeated year after year, with notes of how they were actually made. f.2v, 5v-6v blank.

f.7r 11 July 1511

Bursar's reckoning with the master of Jarrow.

"Computacio inter Magistrum de Iarowe dominum Wm Hacwell et me dominum Robertum Stroder bursarium xjo die Iulij anno 1511^o". f.7v blank.

f.8r

Particulars of tenements in Shoreswood.

"Status tenementorum in Shoreswode".

f.8r 1507

Rental of Shoreswood.

"Rentale de Shoreswod. anno 1507^o".

f.8v 2 April 1499

Enumeration of riggs at Hebburn.

"[V]isus et conquicio omnium selionum {scilicet Riggez} ... in die martis infra octabas Pasche Anno domini 1499^o... in Campo de Hebbarn ...".

f.9r-64v 1507 - 1508

Bursar's rent book.

"Rentale domini <Willelmi Hawkewell> {Roberti Stroder} Bursarii Dunelm Anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo Septimo". As indicated by the alteration in the heading, supported by other references, e.g. f.35r, 54v, the accountant was not William Hawkwell, whose last account was for 1506-1507, but his successor; this was Robert Strother, whose first account was for 1507-1508, and includes an entry for an allowance that occurs here, f.29v.

Sale of tithes, f.59v-64v, with Norhamshire tithe lambs on f.48v, originally left blank.

f.65r-74v 1507 - 1508

Bursar's payments.

"Stipendia famulorum Annorum domini Millesimo Quingentesimo Septimo {Soluenda ad termina Martini et Pentecostes ex noua impositione domini prioris}" . After stipends there are sections for staff soulsilver, for repayment of rents, for soulsilver payments to the named inmates of the Maison Dieu, Witton Hospital and Magdalen Hospital, and for payments to named monks for service at the cathedral chantries of Bishop Hatfield, of Thomas Neville, of Ralph Neville and of Richard of Barnard Castle. The names in the first section match those on the bursar's account for 1507-1508 rather than those on the bursar's account for 1506-1507; cf. f.77r-v below.

f.75r early 16th century

Originally blank; outer two thirds cut away. Added: "List" of local collectorships, without names. f.75v blank.

f.76r early 16th century

Originally blank; added:

Index to recipients of stipends on f.65r-70r above.

f.76v early 16th century

Originally blank; added:

Note of release by Agnes and Marjorie, daughters of William Lyburn formerly of Billingham, of actions against Edward Smith, formerly their mother Joanna's husband. Bursar's memoranda of receipts of renthens, 1507 and 1508.

f.77r-v 1507

Originally blank; added:

List of stipends for Pentecost term 1507, paid by the prior. "Stipendia famulorum ad introitum domini Roberti Stroder in Officium Bursarie ad festum Pentecostes Anno 1507o exeunte tunc domino Wo Hacwell pro hoc termino tantum. Quem dominus prior Magister Castell ex mera sua voluntate sumptibus propriis ac onere suo dignatus est persolvere" cf. f.65r-70r above. f.78r-v blank.

f.79r-133v 1508 - 1509

Bursar's rent book.

"Rentale dompni Roberti Stroder Bursarii Dunelm Anno domini Millesimo Quingentesimo Octauo". The names of the purchasers of tithes in the parish of Pitlington, f.130r, match those on the bursar's account for 1508-1509, not those on the bursar's account for 1507 -1508.

Sale of tithes, f.129r-133v.

Additions on f.116v-117r see f.148r-v below. f.117v, 134r-v blank.

f.135r-143r 11 June 1508 - 27 May 1509

Bursar's payments.

"Stipendia famulorum A festo Pentecostes Anno domini 1508 vsque idem anno 1509". The sections are as on f.65r-74r above, with an entry for Peter's Pence at the end of the repayment of rents.

f.143v-145r 1507 - 1510

Originally blank; added: Summary Halmote court estreats. Totals for each tourn, with some details, e.g. of merchets; also calculations of bishop's dimidiations.

f.145v: Renthens 1509 (heading only). f.146r-v blank.

f.147r early 16th century

Originally blank dorse of slip; added:

Note of three wardships, recorded on bursar's accounts 1469, 1471 and 1496. f.147v notes of payments, largely cut away.

f.148r-v 1509

Originally blank; added:

Goods and debts of Richard Kay, with distribution. The inventory of goods, dated November 1509, is also added in the lower margin of f.116v above, with "Reparaciones circa tenuram Ricardi Kay in Fery mandato domini prioris facte anno 1509o. Patent partim in libro expensarum folio 12" in the lower margin of f.117r.

f.149r 1510

Originally blank; added:

Goods of Richard Wilkynson of Eden, with distribution.

f.149v 12 October 1510

Originally blank; added:

Copy of a mandate by the official of the prior of Durham's archidiaconal jurisdiction to the curate of Jarrow parish church or the chaplain of St Hild's chapel to cite persons named "in dorso" to appear [at the synod] at St Oswald's church Durham.

f.150r-203v 1509 - 1510

Bursar's rent book.

"Rentale dompni Roberti Stroder Bursarii Dunelm. Anno domini 1509o". The dating is clear from the fact that this does not duplicate the rent book for 1508/9, f.79r-133v above.

Sale of tithes, f.199r-203v. An added note of two new tenancies, f.191v (medieval foliation "40"), begins "Sit in {folio 94} in dimissionis libro"; they are entered under West Merrington at the Spring tourn of the Halmote court 1407, (Halmote Court Book III f.94v), where there is an added marginal note "vide in libro terrarij f 12".

f.204r blank.

f.204v 1509

Liveries of cloth to named priory staff, etc..

"Liberatura generalis Anno domini 1509o".

f.205r-213r 27 May 1509 - 19 May 1510

Bursar's payments.

"Stipendia famulorum A festo Pentecostes Anno domini 1509 usque idem festum Anno 1510". The sections are as on f.65r-74r above, with entries for Peter's pence and clerical subsidy forming a section "Contribuciones" after the repayment of rents.

f.213v early 16th century

Originally blank; added:

List of names [of tenants] with amounts. The amounts have no obvious relation to the amounts due in rent from the tenants named or to amounts paid or still due on f.150r-203v above, but are described as debts in an added note, f.281v below

f.214r-265v 1510 - 1511

Bursar's rent book.

"Rentale Dompni Roberti Stroder Bursarii Dunelm Anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo Decimo". The dating is clear from the fact that this does not duplicate the rent book for 1509/10, f.150r-203v above. The section for Pipewelgate Gateshead, f.215v-216r, has details appropriate to a survey.

Sale of tithes, f 261r-265v.

Added, f.247r foot:

Valuation of goods of John Wilson [tenant at Aycliffe], 11 December 1510, with distribution. f.220v blank.

f.266r-274r 19 May 1510 - 8 June 1511

Bursar's payments.

Stipendia Famulorum a Festo Pentecostes Anno Domini 1510 vsque idem festum anno 1511. The sections are as on f.135r-143r above.

f .274v-275r 1510

Liveries of cloth to named priory staff, etc.

"Liberatura specialis Anno 1510". ff. 275v 281r blank.

f.281v early 16th century

Originally blank; added:

Note referring to f.213v above. "Debita ... data per dominum W Acwell ... patet in fine Anno 1509 folio 62" ', see the medieval foliation. The reference to William Hawkwell suggests that the debts may belong to the period before he left office as bursar at Pentecost 1507.

Bursar's Book I

DCD-Bur.Bk.I 1512-1513

"Bursar's Rental 1512". Bursar's rent book, defective.

"Rentale Dompni Roberti Stroder Bursarii Dunelm Anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo Duodecimo". The sequence of dates given in the notes of payments added to the second Wallsend entry, f.1v, indicates that the date in the heading is to be taken as the opening year of the rent book, as with the rent books in Bursar's Book H. This same sequence, beginning in the later months of an unspecified year and followed by notes dated throughout "1513", is found in entries on f.4r-29v, confirming that these leaves belong with f.1/32, from which they were previously separated; also the date "1512" was added early at the head of f.4r, 4v and 6r.

The missing sections are, to judge by the rent books in Bursar's Book H: part of Wallsend, Willington, Pipewelgate, Newcastle and Over Heworth, between f.1 and 4; Barmpton, Skerningham, Newsham, Winston, Osmondcroft, Cleatlam, Barthouse, Staindropshire, Summerhouse, Newton Ketton, Ketton manor, Coatham, Newhouse, Coatsay and Heighington, between f.29 and 32; and the final third of the sections, from the middle of Aycliffe onwards, after f.32.

Language: Latin

Size: c.220 x 150mm

Binding: Repaired with paper and bound in buckram covered boards with 2 paper flyleaves and 4 additional leaves (f.2-3 and 30-31) and a leather spine [?1961]

32 paper leaves

Ownership history: Note by Martin Snape on the inside front cover states that f.1 and 32 were restored to the volume from the bursar's accounts in April 1961.

Bursar's Book J

DCD-Bur.Bk.J 1516 - 1519

Spine title: "Bursar's Rentals 1516 & 1517".

Language: Latin*Size:* c.218 x 150 mm*Binding:* Original parchment cover, "1516" on the front, now bound in at the front. Repaired with paper and guarded with 4 paper flyleaves in buckram covered boards c.1960

90 paper leaves

inside back of cover [13 December 1469]

Copy of letter [by the prior of Durham to Mr John Lilford].

As DCD Reg. Parv. III f.142v.

f.1r-32v 1516 - 1517

Bursar's rent book, defective.

"Rentale dompni Thome Barnes Bursarii dunelm Anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo Decimo Sexto". The dates in each entry provide no evidence for treating the date in the heading differently from such dates in the headings of other bursar's rent books, e.g. Bursar's Book H above and f.33r-76r below, where it indicates the opening year; further, the forward payment for mills for the year after this rent book, f.9r, is a payment for 1517-1518, f.40v below, while the change in tenancy of a mill on 30 November 1516 is included, f.15r.

About a quarter of the rent book, from the eighth entry for East Merrington onwards, is missing at the end, together with other matter that would have been contained in a second quire, cf. below.

f.1r [1567 x 1585: Lever canon]

Added in the lower margin:

Acquiescence by Robert Swift and Ralph Lever [canons of Durham] to the payment to Leonard Pilkington [canon of Durham] of their parts in the dividends of his leases. Original signatures.

f.33r-76r 1517 - 1518

Bursar's rent book, etc.

"Rentale dompni Thome Barnes Bursarii Dunelm Anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo xvijo". The fuller heading on f.76v below provides evidence for the interpretation of the heading here, supported by the fact that the name of the tenant who took up the East Rainton water mill in November 1516 is entered as part of the original text, f.45v and cf. f.15r.

Sale of tithes, f.71v-76r, also f.63r, 71r.

There are sections for categories of receipts not found in earlier rent books: "Recepcio Forinseca", "Agestament' Equorum" (blank), profits of jurisdictions, and sales of wool, of dripping, of tallow, and of hides, f.69v-71r.

f.76v-87r 31 May 1517 - 23 May 1518

Bursar's payments.

"Stipendia Famulorum Anno Domini 1517 A Festo Pentecostes Vsque Idem Festum Anno Domini 1518". After stipends there are sections for allowances, soulsilver payments to staff and to the named inmates of the Maison Dieu, Witton Hospital and Magdalen Hospital, repayment of rents, payments to named monks for service at the cathedral chantries of Bishop Hatfield, Ralph Neville, Thomas Neville, Richard of Barnard Castle, and Robert and Agnes Rodes, contributions (i.e. taxation), and the payments occasioned by a monk's first mass, the expenses of transferring monks to cells, and the distribution made when a monk died.

f.84r

Originally blank; added, after a section for repayment of rents:

Bursar's reckonings with the almoner and communar. f.84v blank.

f.87v-88v 1517 - 1518

Originally blank; added: Bursar's memoranda for Norhamshire:

f.87v "Soluciones facte domino Roberto Turpyn vicario de Norham pro Anno domini 1517mo"; payments to the chaplain;

f.88r "Computus Inter bursarium et Robertum Sanderson procuratorem pro proficuis et minutis decimis ... M D xvijmo", comprising a table detailing various categories, e.g. piglets, geese, etc., by township, followed by entries for other items;

f.88v list of mortuaries; payments to the proctor.

f.89r-90v 1518 - 1519

Originally blank; added: Bursar's memoranda for Norhamshire:

As f.87v-88v above, for 1518-1519;

followed, f.90v, by a memorandum on Lenten cess, 1519.

Bursar's Book K

DCD-Bur.Bk.K 1530 - 1536

Spine title: "Bursar's Expenses 1530-1534".

Language: Latin

Size: c.216 x 150mm

Binding: Original parchment cover now bound in at the end, with rows of holes across the spine for tackets attaching each quire separately. Repaired with paper/parchment on especially the damaged top right corner and edge, guarded with 4 paper flyleaves and buckram covered boards c.1960

279 paper leaves, with 2 parchment flyleaves (f.4 and 126) + 5 loose paper slips now mounted (f.1a,b,c, 2 and 3)

The texts are edited in: *The Durham Household Book; or, the accounts of the bursar of the monastery of Durham from Pentecost 1530 to Pentecost 1534*, ed. J. Raine, (Surtees Society 18, 1844); the book was then in the office of the Bishop of Durham's auditor, subsequently being returned to the cathedral archives. (The texts printed on p.328-331 have now been restored to DCD Hostiller's Book 1523-1524, f.10-12.)

f.1r-v (three slips, now mounted)

Bursar's miscellaneous memoranda, being lists of goods and supplies.

f.1a printed in *Durham Household Book* (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.2 lines 6-13;

f.1c printed in *Durham Household Book* (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.327 lines 35-44 and title page (facsimile of dorse).

f.2r (mounted slip) 18 April 1534

Bursar's (Robert Bennett) reckoning with the cellarer (Roger Middleham).

"Comptus Inter dompnium Robertum Bennet bursarium et dompnium Rogerum Mydlham cellerarium 18o die aprilis Anno domini 1534to". Memorandum added on the dorse.

All printed in *Durham Household Book* (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.326-327.

f.3r (mounted slip)

Lists of horses and stock. Supplemented on the dorse.

Printed in *Durham Household Book* (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.327 lines 11-34 (dorse before the face).

f.4r (flyleaf) [1533]

Bursar's memoranda of miscellaneous purchases, etc. The last entry refers to a loan on 26 August 1533. f.4v is blank save for one deleted entry and a pen trial.

f.5r-44r [5 June 1530 - 28 May 1531]

Bursar's expenses and purchases, defective.

Approximate dating is provided by references to 1530 and 1531, e.g. f.9r-v; precise dating by a list of payments made each Friday, f.41v-42r, that correspond to the Fridays between Pentecost 1530 and Pentecost 1531.

This is the earliest example of a document in this form to survive from the bursar's office; it follows the pattern of a complete example, see f.50r-122r below, lacking after f.24, probably through the loss of an entire quire, the latter part of the section for necessary expenses, the whole of the sections for repairs, soulsilver, and payments to named monks for service at the cathedral chantries of Bishop Hatfield, Ralph Neville and Thomas Neville, and most of the section for stipends. f.44v-45r blank.

Printed in *Durham Household Book* (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.3-43 line 12.

f.45v-47v 1530 - 1531

Bursar's memoranda on foodstuffs, etc.

Printed in *Durham Household Book* (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.43 line 13 - p.46 4 lines up.

f.48r 1531 - 1532, 1534

Bursar's miscellaneous memoranda.

Printed in *Durham Household Book* (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.46 3 lines up - p.47. f.48v-49r blank.

f.49v; 50r-122r [28 May] 1531 [- 19 May 1532]

Bursar's expenses and purchases.

"Anno 1531^o". Precise dating is provided by a list of payments made each Friday, f.118v-119r, that correspond to the Fridays between Pentecost 1531 and Pentecost 1532, apart from a discrepancy of one day in late January and February probably attributable to a confusion over the leap year.

The form of the document parallels that of the bursar's rent books in having widely spaced headings allowing for the subsequent insertion of entries recording details of transactions. The first part follows closely the arrangement of the expenses half of a bursar's account (cf. *Account Rolls of Durham*, vol.III, ed J.T. Fowler (Surtees Society 103, 1900), p.690-707), but after soulsilver the sections follow a slightly different order: payments to named monks for service at the cathedral chantries of Bishop Hatfield, Ralph Neville and Thomas Neville; stipends; payments to named monks for service at the cathedral chantry of Robert and Agnes Rodes; repayments for lands at farm; repayment of rents; contributions (i.e. taxation); payments to named monks for service at the cathedral chantry of Richard of Barnard Castle; allowances; and payments to the four named inmates of Witton Hospital. The second part, f.106r-122r, gives the details behind the single large sum "pro expensis coquine" in the final tallies and indentures section of the bursar's account, with a separately headed section for each category of foodstuff. f.49v seems to be a continuation of the first section on f.50r.

Printed, with f.49v, in *Durham Household Book* (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.48-126 line 15.

f.122v Pentecost 1532

List of spices.

Printed in *Durham Household Book* (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.126 lines 16-18, with "Petri" for "Pentecostes".

f.123r 1531 & 1533

Bursar's reckonings with the stock supervisor (Ro[ger] Middleham), and with the cellarer.

"Compotus inter bursarium et d Ro mydlayme superuisorem st[auri ...] anno 1531^o".

"Compotus inter Bursarium et cellerarium anno 1533^o".

Printed in *Durham Household Book* (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.126 line 19 - p.127 line 4.

f.123v-125v 1531

Bursar's memoranda on harvesting of grain and disposal of peas and beans from the holding of W. Herryson of South Pittington, 1531; on purchase of fowls, etc.

Printed in *Durham Household Book* (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.127 line 5 - p.129 line 23.

f.126r-128r 1532 - 1533

Bursar's miscellaneous memoranda:

f.127r Including "lucracione feni apud mugleswyk anno 1532^o" (Muggleswick);

f.127v "Deliberacio lane de Mugleswyk anno 1532^o";

f.128r "Stipendia domini W maltby capellani pro cantaria Ricardi boyth in ecclesia sancti oswaldi anno 1532^o".

Printed in *Durham Household Book* (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.129 line 24 - p.132 line 27.

f.128r 1530 - 1533

Bursar's reckoning with the cellarer / granator (John Elvet).

"Anno 1530 Computus inter bursarium et do^o Iohannem elwett cellerarium per ijos annos et granatorium per tercium annum".

Printed in *Durham Household Book* (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.132 line 28 - p.133 line 11.

f.128v 1532

Distribution of sealing [fees ?].

"Excambium sigillorum anno 1532". A list of amounts, in multiples of 4d., paid to monks and others.

Printed in *Durham Household Book* (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.133.

f.129r-204r [19 May] 1532 [- 1 June 1533]

Bursar's expenses and purchases.

"Anno 1532^o". More precise dating is indicated by a list of payments made each Friday, f.199r-v, that correspond to the Fridays between Pentecost 1532 and Sunday before Pentecost 1533; there is no evidence to suggest that the full period did not extend, as usual, to Pentecost. The sections are as on f.50r-122r above.

Printed in *Durham Household Book* (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.134 - 227 line 8.

f.204v-207r 3 December 1532 - 4 June 1536

Bursar's receipts of spices from Master Swinburn and his widow.

A series of sections, covering consecutive periods up to Pentecost 1536; Widow Swinburn from 1 December [1534] onwards.

Printed in *Durham Household Book* (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.227 line 9 - p.233 line 3.

f.207v-208v

Bursar's miscellaneous payments. Including, f.208v, purchase of fowls.

Printed in *Durham Household Book* (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.233 line 4 - p.234.

f.209r-283r [1 June] 1533 [- 24 May 1534]

Bursar's expenses and purchases.

"Anno 1533^o". Precise dating is provided by a list of payments made each Friday, f.278r-v, that correspond to the Fridays between Pentecost 1533 and Pentecost 1534. The sections are as on f.50r-122r above.

Printed in *Durham Household Book* (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.235-324 line 21.

f.212v 1533

Added: Distribution of sealing [fees ?].

"Excambium sigillorum anno 1533^o". A list of amounts, in multiples of 4d., paid to monks and others.

Printed in *Durham Household Book* (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.237-238.

f.283v-284v and inside the back of the cover 1533 - 1534

Bursar's miscellaneous memoranda. Including, f.284r, purchase of fowls.

Printed in *Durham Household Book* (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.324 line 22 - p.326 line 31.

Bursar's Book L

DCD-Bur.Bk.L 1538 - 1539

"Rentale bursarii 1538".

Language: Latin*Size:* c.210 x 152mm*Binding:* Paper repairs to f.1-3 & 179, bound in leather covered boards with 6 paper flyleaves c.1900

178 paper leaves

f.2r-3v, 4r-87r 1538-1539

Bursar's rent book, etc., defective. Heading missing.

Sale of tithes, f.81v-87r. Northamptonshire and Islandshire tithes etc. are at the start, f.2r-8r, as in Bursar's Book M, lacking the opening entries and also Shoreswood through the loss of the first [two ?] leaves; additions on blank pages include payments to the vicar of Northampton for 1538 (f.6r), account for the Lenten cess (f.7v) and the bursar's reckoning with the proctor of Northampton for 1538 (f.8r). There are the same sections, with very few entries inserted, for categories of receipts first found in the Bursar's Rent Book 1517/8 (Bursar's Book J f.69v-71r), and also, before sale of wool, sale of garments, f.77v-81r.

Support for taking these first three quires to cover the same period as the last three quires, which can be dated, is found in the fact that the Pentecost term 1538 is included, while an alteration was made for a tenant who entered at Christmas 1538, f.69r, 70r. f.8v-9v, 14v, 20v, 28v-30r, 79v: are blank.

f.87v-90v 1538-1539

f.87v-88r: Bursar's miscellaneous expenditures 1539.

f.88v: Bursar's reckoning with the terrar for 1538, 30 June 1539.

f.89r: "Anno 1538^{uo}". f.89v blank.

f.90r: Bursar's payments for the prior, 1538 & 1539. f.90v blank.

f.91r-179v, 1v-r [9 June] 1538 [- 25 May 1539]

Bursar's expenses and purchases, defective.

"Anno domini 1538^{uo}". Precise dating is provided by a list of payments made each Friday, f.177r-v, that correspond to the Fridays between Pentecost 1538 and Pentecost 1539. The sections are as on Bursar's Book K f.50r-122r above. Of the five leaves now gone from the end of the final quire the first appears, from the evidence of its watermark, to be f.1; its content, delivery of spices to the cellarer, supports this, cf. Bursar's Book M f.179r-v, where details of this delivery follow "Tallium de Teys", found here on f.179r.

Added f.95v: "Distribution" of sealing [fees ?]. "Excambium sigillorum anno 1538^{on}". A list of amounts, in multiples of 4d., paid to monks and others.

Bursar's Book M

DCD-Bur.Bk.M 1539 - 1541

Spine title: "Rentale et expensae bursarii Dunelm 1539".

Language: Latin*Size:* c.215 x 153mm*Binding:* Bound in leather covered boards c.1900

184 paper leaves

f.1r-v

Bursar's memoranda on fish, salt, etc.

f.2r-v 1540

Notes of payments for Simonside, etc. f.3r-4v blank stubs.

f.5r-91r 1539 - 1540

Bursar's rent book, etc.

"Rentale domini Roberti Bennett Burssarii Dunelm Anno domini Millesimo Quingentesimo Tricesimo nono". Support for taking these first three quires to include the period covered by the last three quires, which can be dated more precisely, is found in the fact that payments were due during the period covered from tenants who took up holdings at Pentecost 1539, f.62v, 73v. The book was drawn up for a full year, and, despite the surrender of the monastery on 31 December 1539, payments continued to be collected through 1540 until the amounts for the full year had been received.

Sale of tithes, f.85v-91r. Norhamshire and Islandshire tithes are on f.6r-11r, after a leaf set aside for Shoreswood; additions on blank pages include the bursar's reckoning with the proctor of Norham for 1539 dated July 1541 (f.10v), repairs to the chancel of Norham church in 1539, and payments to the vicar of Norham for his pension (f.14r). There are, f.81v-85r, the same sections, with few entries inserted, for categories of receipts as Bursar's Book L f.77v-81r. f.11v-13v, 24v, 29v, 33v, 82v, 83v blank.

The original entries, but not the entries inserted later to record payments, are printed in *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, ed. W. Greenwell, (Surtees Society 58, 1872), p.302-331.

f.91v 1539

Bursar's part settlement of debts due to W. Wren's widow and Geoffrey Wren in 1539.

f.92r 21 October 1539

Bursar's "reckoning" with Thomas Dixon for loans.

f.93r-180v [25 May] 1539 [- January/May 1540]

Bursar's expenses and purchases.

"anno 1539^o". No single date can be proposed as the closing date since entries ceased to be inserted at varying points after the surrender of the monastery on 31 December 1539: some, such as payments to monks for chantry service (f.146v-147v and 155r), stopped immediately, while dated weekly payments made to the abbey's purveyor run from Friday before Pentecost 1539 to 16 January following, and those to the fish caterer to 17 January (f.177r-178v), but some payments of soulsilver and wages cover a full year (f.144v 146r, 148r 154v). f.92v is a supplementary entry to first section on f.93r.

The sections are as on Bursar's Books K f.50r-122r and L f.91r-179v, 1v-r, but omitting gifts to the Hartlepool friars. f.181r blank.

DCD Misc.Ch. 7283 f.21r-23v, contains some of the same entries for spices as here on f.173v-176v.

f.181v 1541

Expenses on dogdraves.

f.182r-183r 1541

Expenses on hay.

f.183r 1541

List of items received from the servants of the brewhouse and the bakehouse.

f.183v-184r blank.

f.184v 1539

Expenses on dogdraves

Almoner's rentals

1501-1537

2 volumes

Almoner's rent book 1

DCD-Alm.Rntl.1 1501 - 1504

Spine-title: "Almoner's Rentals 1501 : 1503".

Language: Latin

Size: 215-220 x 150-154mm

Binding: Repaired with paper, original parchment cover now bound in at the front, guarded with 4 paper flyleaves in buckram covered boards c.1970

51 paper leaves,

inside front and back cover

Financial memoranda.

inside front cover 1481

Copy of grant of administration, by the sequestrator of the prior of Durham's spirituality in Allertonshire, to Margaret widow of John Pudsay of Great [High ?] Worsall, in respect of her late husband's goods.

f.1r-13v 1501 - 1502

Almoner's rent book.

"Rentale Officij Elemosinarie Dunelm factum et scriptum per dominum [...] de omnibus redditibus de termino Pentecostes et Martini Anno domini 1501^o"', slightly damaged. John Riddell accounted as almoner for 1501-1502; the hand breaks off after f.3r, writes one entry on f.5r and resumes on f.13r. Entries were marked off + or, much less commonly, "qt" when full payment had been made.

f.14r [1501 - 1502]

Gillycorn receipts.

"Blada Egidij debita Elemosinario Dunelm ... Blada Egidij in peciis ...". The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire. All the entries in the first section are for amounts of corn, and in the second for amounts of money; the former are marked with a dot, the latter with +.

f.14v [1501 - 1502]

Almoner's payments of stipends.

"Pens9 et stipendia". The five entries can be matched in the corresponding section of the almoner's account for 1501-2.

f.14v-15r [1501 - 1502]

Almoner's payments to named residents of hospitals and non-residents.

"Fratribus et sororibus hospitalis de Witton ... Hospitalis beate marie magdalene ... Fratres et Sorores infra infirmariam moram trahentes ... Fratres et sorores extra infirmariam ... Fratres et sorores de domo dei voc[...]" ; almost all the final section is torn away. The four names in the first section, for the hospital at Witton Gilbert, and the five in the second, for the Magdalen hospital, match those given in the corresponding sections of the almoner's account for 1501-2, except that Thomas Shele on the account is here replaced by his widow; the account does not name the inmates of the two hospitals in the Bailey or the non-residents.

f.15v

Notes of payments for carriage.

f.16r-28r 1502 - 1503

Almoner's (John Riddell) rent book.

"Rentale Officij Elimosinarie Dunelm factum per dominum Iohannem Ryddell de omnibus redditibus de termino Pentecostes et Martini Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo secundo". Entries were marked off +, when full payment had been made.

f.28r [1502 - 1503]

Almoner's payment to the master of the grammar school. "Pens9 et stipendia". The entry is repeated, with fuller details, on f.29v.

f.28v-29r [1502 - 1503]

Gillycorn receipts.

"Blada Egidij debita Elemosinario Dunelm ... Blada Egidij in peciis ...". The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire.

f.29v [1502 - 1503]

Almoner's payments of stipends.

"Pens9 et stipendia (In 2. Anno)". The five entries concern the same offices as on f.14v above. The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire, and this is confirmed by the reference to the second year added to the heading since the account for 1501-2 makes clear that it was John Riddell's first year as almoner.

f.29v [1502 - 1503]

Almoner's payments to named residents of Magdalen and Witton [Gilbert] hospitals.

"Hospitalis beate marie magdalene ... Fratribus et sororibus hospitalis de Wytton ...". f.30r blank.

f.30v [1502 - 1503]

Almoner's payments to named residents of hospitals in the Bailey [and non-residents].

"Fratres et Sorores infra infirmariam moram trahentes ... Fratres et sorores de domo dei wocata masynd9". The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire. A line is drawn after the seventh name in the list; it is clear from comparison with f.14v-15r above that those named below this line were "extra infirmariam". f.31r blank.

f.31v

Notes of payments.

"In secundo Anno Elemoss" at the head of the page. This refers, as on f.29v above, to the second year of John Riddell as almoner.

f.32r-44v 1503 - 1504

Almoner's rent book.

"Rentale Officij Elimosinarie Dunelm factum per Dominum Iohannem Ryddell de omnibus Redditibus de terminis Pentycostes et Martini Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo Tercio". Entries were marked off +, when full payment had been made.

f.45r-v [1503 - 1504]

Gillycorn receipts.

"Blada Egidij debita Elemosinario Dunelm in tercio Anno ... Blada Egidij in Peciis ...". The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire, and this is confirmed by the reference to the third year added to the heading since the account for 1501-2 makes clear that it was John Riddell's first year as almoner.

f.45v [1503 - 1504]

Almoner's payments to named residents of hospitals [in the Bailey and non-residents].

"Fratres et Sorores in firmaria extra et infra In tercio Anno". The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire, and this is confirmed by the reference to the third year as on f.45r above. The list is in two columns, each divided horizontally by lines, after the sixth name in the first column and after the fifth in the second column; it is clear from comparison with f.14v-15r and f.30v above that those named below the line in the first column and above the line in the second column were "extra infirmariam", while those below the line in the second column were attached to the Maisondieu, receiving an annual payment of only 5d. as against 4s. 7d. or 4s.

f.46r [1503 - 1504]

Almoner's payments of stipends.

"Pens9 et stipend9 in tercio Anno". The five entries concern the same offices as on f.14v above. The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire, and this is confirmed by the reference to the third year as on f.45r above.

f.46r

Memorandum of receipt from the bursar of "v nobilia exceptis ij d". f.46v-48r blank.

f.48v-50r [1503 - 1504]

Payments [for building work] at Witton [Gilbert].

"Empcio Calcis in tercio Anno Apud Witton ... Carpent9 (in tercio Anno Apud Witton)". The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire, and this is confirmed by the reference to the third year as on f.45r above. f.50v blank.

f.51r [1503 - 1504]

Purchases of nails for Witton [Gilbert].

"In tercio Anno Apud Witton". The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire, and this is confirmed by the reference to the third year as on f.45r above.

f.51v 1504

Memorandum of settlement between the almoner and the hostiller and over livestock.

"Memorandum quod computatis computandis omnibus inter dominum Dominum Iohannem Riddell Elemosinarium et Dominum Robertum Strode[r] hostillarium xxxo die Marcij anno domini 1504o quietus est v[...]lterum de singulis inter eos tam pro officijs prescriptis quam de officio stauri".

f.51v

Financial memoranda (2).

Almoner's rent book 2

DCD-Alm.Rntl.2 1532 - 1537

Almost everything was written by Thomas Swalwell, the almoner, in his old age; some is not readily decipherable. His foliation runs from [372] on f.1; the preceding 371 leaves would have been sufficient for between 19 and 24 rent-books, now lost, to which he makes some cross-references.

Spine-title: "Almoner's Rentals 1532 : 1537"

Language: Latin*Size:* 240-245 x 170-175mm

Binding: No medieval cover. Damaged corners and edges repaired with paper, guarded with 4 paper flyleaves in buckram covered boards c.1970

99 paper leaves + a stub (f. 59).

f.1r-11v 1532 - 1533

Almoner's rent-book and Gillycorn receipts.

"Rentale officij elemosinarij de terminis Martini et Pentecostes A Pentecoste Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo <vicesimo> 32o ad Pentecosten Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo 33o". The Gillycorn receipts are on f.10r-v and 11v. The lower margins contain other material, including arrears (f.1v-2r), payments to named persons on Sundays 1-5 (f.4r-5r), purchases of wine and food for the jubilee of Edmund [More monk of Durham] on 1 September 1533 (f.6r), and a list of fittings (glazed windows, locks, etc.) of a house [in Durham] (f.7v).

f.12r [1532 - 1533]

Almoner's allowances from the chamberlain, communar and feretrar.

"Oblaciones pro meis necessarijs de officiarijs subscriptis". The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire.

f.12r-13v [1532 - 1533]

Almoner's payments to named residents of hospitals [and non-residents].

"Sorores Infra infirmariam ... (f.13r) Fratres et sorores hospitalis beate Magdalene ... Fratres et sorores hospitalis sancte [!] Petri iuxta Witton ... Fratres et sorores de Masendewe id est de domo dei". The first section has 28 names and so evidently includes non-residents, cf. Almoner's rent-books 1501/2-1503/4 f.14v-15r, 30v and 45v. The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire.

f.14r-16v [1532 - 1533]

Almoner's payments.

Mostly related to building repairs, but including (f.15r) "Computacio cum bursario". The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire.

f.17r-18v (added in lower margins)

Index to f.17r-32v.

f.17r-28v 1533 - 1534

Almoner's rent-book and Gillycorn receipts.

"Rentale officij elemosinarij de terminis Martini et Pentecostes A Pentecoste Anno domini 1533o ad Pentecosten Anno domini 1534". Some entries left blank. The Gillycorn receipts are on f.26v-27r and 28v. The lower margin of f.27v contains a list of names under the date 14 April 1536. i.e. Good Friday.

f.28v [1533 - 1534]

Almoner's allowances from the chamberlain, communal and feretrar.

"Oblaciones mee per officarios". The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire.

f.29r-30v [1533 - 1534]

Almoner's payments to named residents of hospitals [and non-residents].

"Sorores infra infirmariam ... Fratres et sorores hospitalis beate Marie Magdalene ... Fratres et sorores de Witton hospitalis ... Fratres et sorores de domo dei". The first section has 28 names and so evidently includes non-residents, cf. Almoner's rent-books 1501/2-1503/4 f.14v-15r, 30v and 45v. The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire. The five names in the second section, for the Magdalen hospital, and the four in the third, for the hospital at Witton Gilbert, match those given in the corresponding sections of the almoner's account for 1533-4, except that George Davyson on the account is here replaced by Agnes Davison; the account does not name the inmates of the two hospitals in the Bailey or the non-residents.

f.30v-31r [1533 - 1534]

Almoner's payments of stipends.

"Stipendia". The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire. This is corroborated by the fact that the four recipients named on the almoner's account for 1533-4 are among the eight named here.

f.31r [1533 - 1534]

Almoner's payments of pensions.

"Pensiones". The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire.

f.31v-32r [1533 - 1534]

Almoner's payments for *ludi*, etc.

The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire.

f.32r 1533 - 1534

Almoner's settlement with the bursar.

"Computacio cum bursario ... vsque festum Martini 1534".

f.32r-v

List of rents due from the almoner.

"Redditus per elemosinarium subscriptis annuatim solutus".

f.32v-34r

List of free rents due to the almoner.

"Redditus solutus elemosinario pro [!] subscriptos pro libero redditu infra villam et extra".

f.34r [1534 - 1535]

Payments [to monks and students at Durham College] Oxford.

"Missa dona oxonie". The first six payments are to known Durham monks and the other names include one identified as "scolaris"; several payments are recorded as made "per custodem", i.e. the warden of Durham College. Above the list and in the same ink, but separated by a short line, is "post diem 8 Mensis Iunij 1534 scilicet in die sancti Willelmi [8 June]"; dates mentioned in the entries range from 18 September 1534 to 11 October 1535.

f.34v-35v [1535 - 1539]

Memoranda of payments, etc.

The payments are perhaps all in some way connected with students at Oxford, following on from those on f.34r; among those named is Mr Lawrence Trolope, fellow of University College, ordained subdeacon, deacon and priest in 1534-5 by Bishop Tunstall of Durham on the title of the nuns of Neasham (cf. A.B. Emden, *Biographical Register of the University of Oxford 1501-1540*, (Oxford 1974) p.578, with priesting given as date of diaconate). The date-span is provided by the dates given in some entries. f.36r jottings.

f.36v October 1533

Speech [to the Pope] by the bishop of Paris on proffering the king of France's personal obedience.

f.37r-v 1534 [- 1536]

Almoner's expenditures on building repairs.

"Reparaciones post festum Pentecostes. Anno Christi 1534". Most payments fall within the accounting year 1534-5, but one group is noted as being in the following year.

f.38r before 4 June 1534

Debts due to the almoner.

"Debita mihi ante festum corporis Christi et die 4 Iunij 153**", with the final figure of the date altered from 1535 to 1534 or vice-versa; Corpus Christi fell on 4 June in 1534.

f.38v

Blank.

f.39r-43r (added in lower margins)

Index to f.37r-54v.

f.39r-47v 1534 - 1535

Almoner's rent-book.

"Rentale officij elemosinarij dunelm de terminis martini et pentecostes a pentecoste Anno Christi 1534 ad idem festum anno domini 1535". Some entries are left blank.

f.48r & 49r 1535

Gillycorn receipts.

"Blada egidij -- ad pentecosten 1535". f.48v blank.

f.49r [1534 - 1535]

Almoner's allowances from the chamberlain, communar and feretrar.

"Oblaciones mee per hos". The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire.

f.49r [1534 - 1535]

Oblations and sessions.

"Oblaciones et sessiones". One entry.

f.49v-51r [1534 - 1535]

Almoner's payments to named residents of hospitals [and non-residents].

"Sorores infra infirmariam ... Fratres et sorores hospitalis sancti petri [de Witton] ... Fratres et sorores de Masendeu id est domo dei ... Fratres etc hospitales". The first section has 28 names and so evidently includes non-residents, cf. Almoner's rent-books 1501/2-1503/4 f.14v-15r, 30v and 45v; the final section covers the Magdalen hospital, as is clear by comparing the names with those on f.29v-30r above. The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire.

f.51r-v & 52v [1534 - 1535]

Almoner's payments for supplies and services.

Including coal, plastering, wax and wine for the chapel and the church, hay, stabling ("mariscalcia"), horse tack, provender, travel, nails ("burdnalls", "brodds" and "spikyngs"), locks and keys, red wax, account writing. The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire. f.52r blank.

f.53r [1534 - 1535]

Almoner's settlement with the bursar.

"Computacio cum bursario ... soluto in die 2^o augusti 1535"

f.53r-v [1534 - 1535]

Almoner's payments for *ludi* etc

f.53v-54v 1534 - 1535

Almoner's payments for stipends and pensions.

"Stipendia et pensionas"

f.54v-55v [1534 - 1535]

List of [free] rents due to the almoner.

"Redditus aliorum solvendi annuatim elemosinario infra villam et extra"

f.55r

Inventory of the goods received by Thomas Heighington from Richard Fery.

f.56r

Almoner's rental besides ancient arrears and decayed rents (title only).

f.56v

Index.

f.57r-58v [1534 - 1535]

Almoner's payments. Mostly for building repairs. f.59r-v missing.

f.60r November 1535 - December 1537

Details of payments to monks serving the Neville chantry each month, with payments 1 November 1535 to 31 May 1537, and the names of monks due to serve up to December 1537. f.60v blank.

f.61r-71r 1535 - 1536

Almoner's rent-book.

"Rentale officij elemosinarij dunelm de terminis martini et pentecostes a pentecoste Anno Christi 1535 ad idem festum anno domini 1536". Some entries are left blank.

f.71r-72r [1535 - 1536]

Gillycorn receipts.

"Blada egidij".

f.72r [1535 - 1536]

Almoner's allowances from the chamberlain, communar and feretrar.

"Oblaciones mee per hos". The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire.

f.72r

Oblations and sessions.

"Oblaciones et sessiones". One entry.

f.72r-74v [1535 - 1536]

Almoner's payments to named residents of hospitals [and non-residents].

"Fratres et sorores infirmarie ... hospitale sancti petri [de Witton] ... domus dei id est Masendeu ... sancti magdalen". The first section has 28 names and so evidently includes non-residents, cf. Almoner's rent-books 1501/2-1503/4 f.14v-15r, 30v and 45v. The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire.

f.74r-75v [1535 - 1536]

Almoner's payments for supplies and services.

Including coal, plastering, wax and wine for the chapel and the church, hay, stabling ("mariscalcia"), horse tack, provender, travel, nails ("burdnalls", "brodds" and "spikyngs"), locks and keys, green wax. The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire.

f.75v [1535 - 1536]

Almoner's settlement with the bursar.

"Computacio cum bursario ... soluto in vigilia petri et pauli 1536"

f.75v-76r [1535 - 1536]

Almoner's payments for *ludi* etc

f.76r-v [1535 - 1536]

Almoner's payments for stipends and pensions.

"Stipendia et pensiones".

f.76v-77r [1535 - 1536]

Almoner's payments of rents.

"Redditus resolutus".

f.77r [1535 - 1536]

List of [free] rents due to the almoner.

"Redditus aliorum elemosinario annuatim solvendi"

f.77v 1536 & 1537

Lists of monks receiving green wax and red wax each year.

f.78r-v

Lists of rent amounts and totals. f.79r blank.

f.79v

List of amounts and tenth tax due for each cell.

f.80r-91r 1536 - 1537

Almoner's rent-book.

"Rentale officij elemosinarij dunelm de terminis martini et pentecostes a pentecoste Anno Christi 1536 ad idem festum anno domini 1537". Some entries are left blank.

f.80r-83r bottom margin

Index.

f.91v [1536-1537]

Gillycorn receipts.

"Blada egidij".

f.92r [1536 - 1537]

"Sigesterum".

f.92r [1536 - 1537]

Oblations.

f.92r [1536 - 1537]

"Oblationes et sessiones".

f.92r-93v [1536 - 1537]

Almoner's payments to named residents of hospitals [and non-residents].

"Fratres et sorores infirmarie ... hospitale sancti petri [de Witton] ... domus dei id est Masendeu ... fratres et sorores hospitalis sancte magdalene". The first section has 28 names and so evidently includes non-residents, cf. Almoner's rent-books 1501/2-1503/4 f.14v-15r, 30v and 45v. The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire.

f.93v-95r [1536 - 1537]

Almoner's payments for supplies and services.

Including coal, plastering, wax and wine for the chapel and the church, hay, stabling ("mariscalcia"), horse tack, provender, travel, nails ("burdnalls", "brodds" and "spikyngs"), locks and keys, green wax, writing of the account and including settlement with the bursar. The date is taken to be the same as that of the preceding rent-book since it comes in the same quire.

f.95r-v [1536 - 1537]

Almoner's payments for stipends and pensions.

"Stipendia serviorum et pensiones".

f.96r-97r [1536 - 1537]

Almoner's payments.

Mainly for building expenses. f.97v-98v blank.

f.99r [1536 - 1537]

Almoner's payments of rents.

"Redditus resolutus".

f.99r-v [1536 - 1537]

List of [free] rents due to the almoner.
"Redditus aliorum solutus elemosinario".

f.99v [1536 - 1537]

Almoner's payments for *ludi* etc

Communar's rentals

1453-1530
2 volumes

Communar's rental 1

DCD-Com.Rntl.1 1453 - 1459

Communar's rental and rent-books.

The material added in blank spaces includes not only financial and similar memoranda but records of the entry of tenants into holdings (f.15v-16r and 39v), copies of leases (f.56r-v and 87v), and a letter in English and part of a second (f.32v and 87v). Spine title: "Commoners rentals c.1453-1458".

Analysis of entries in communar's rentals and rent-books.

A: [1453-4 ?] = f.1-2v, ending imperfectly

B: Pent. 1454 = f.6-14

C: Mart. 1454 = f.17-24

D: Pent. 1455 = f.25-32

E: Mart. 1455 = f.33-39v, ending imperfectly

F: Pent. 1456 = f.40-47v

G: Mart. 1456 = f.49-55v

H: Pent. 1457 = f.58-65v

I: Mart. 1457 = f.69-73v

J: Pent. 1458 = f.75-80v

K: Mart. 1458 = f.81-87

*: c.1530, somewhat differently arranged, with additional named property

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	*
Hett	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Ferryhill	18	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Aycliffe	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	13
Cleatlam	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	14
Bowsden	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	16
East Rainton	8	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	17
West Rainton	9	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	
Moorsley	12	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
Castle Eden	11	10	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	18
Tursdale	13	11	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	24
Hunterhouse by Relley	14	12	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	10
Edmundbyers	15	13	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	22
Cocken	16	14	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	23
Kirk Merrington	17	15	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	
Billingham	21	20	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	
North Bailey	27	26	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	26
South Bailey	28	27	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	25
West Merrington			18	18	18	18	18	18	19	19	19	
Hardwick by Hesleden	19	16	19	19	19	19	19	19	20	20	20	
Ludworth	10	8	20	20	20	20	20	29	21	21	21	
Hurworth	3	18	21	21	21	21	21	21	22	22	22	
Newcastle	7	19	22	22	22	22	22	22	23	23	23	
Coldingham	6	40	23	23	23	23	23	23	24	24	24	

Wolviston	20	17	24	24	24	24	24	24	25	25	25	21
Monkton		40	25	25	25	25	25	25	18	18	18	
Gilesgate	22	21	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	31
Claypath	23	22	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	30
Marketplace	24	23	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	29
Fleshergate	25	24	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	28
Saddlergate	26	25	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	27
Old Elvet	29	28	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	38
South Street	30	29	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	35
(Allergate)	31	30	33	33	33	33	36					4/33
(Limekiln gate)	32	31	34	42	[burgages	Crossgate	S.Row]					37
Crossgate	33	32	35	34	34	34	33	33	33	33	33	34
Framwelgate		33	36	35	35	35	34	34	34	34	34	32
Milburngate		34	37	36	36	36	35	35	35	35	35	36
Bywell [St Peter]		39	38	37		37		36	36	36	36	12
[Kirby] Sigston		38	39	38		38		37	37	37	37	20
(Langbak)		35	42	41		41						7
(Swallopleys)		36	40	39		39		38				1
(Mount Joy)		37	41	40	40							
meadow by Chiltonpool												3

Also *: 6 Codesely; 9 indemnity for St Edmund's chapel Gateshead; 15 Morton Morlesse; 19 Walkington.

Language: Latin

Size: c.215 x 140-150mm

Binding: Damaged corners and edges repaired with paper, former parchment cover now bound in at the end, guarded with 4 paper flyleaves in buckram covered boards c.1970

88 paper leaves,

f.1r-2v [?1453 - 1454]

Communar's rental, part missing.

"Rentale domus Communis Dunellm Dimissum per Ric[ardum] Wrake'. The rents entered here are 'per annum'. Richard Wrake accounted for only one full year as communar, Pentecost 1453-4; he was then succeeded by William Burdon, see below. It is very probable that this rental is for the same period as Wrake's account, but as he was recalled from Holy Island on 29 October 1452 (Reg. Parv. III f.57v) it is possible that the year covered ran from Martinmas 1452.

Leaves missing after f.2 presumably contained the latter part of the rental, from the fourth holding in Crossgate onwards.

f.3r-5v 1454 - 1456

Originally blank. Added:

f.3r Memorandum of payments by the vicar of Bywell [St Peter] for 1454-1456, partly duplicated on f.5r.

f.3v Jotting.

f.5r Memorandum of payments by the vicar of Bywell [St Peter] as recorded *inter alia* on f.3r.

f.6r-14r 1454

Communar's rent-book.

"Recepta Willelmi Byrden in Officio Communarij Dunellm De termino Pentecostes Anno Domini MI CCCCluijjo". This is the first extant example among the estate records of the Durham monks of a document that may be described as a rent-book; between each entry blank space was left in which details of payments by tenants were subsequently recorded.

f.14r-15r

Rents due from the communar in respect of his properties.

"Libri redditus vocati landmale debiti Episcopo dunelm", third and fifth words altered from the singular, f.14r; "Redditus Resolutus", f.14v. Some details of payments added. Top of f.15 cut away.

f.15v-16r 1452 - 1454

Records of the entry of tenants into eight of the communar's properties.

f.16r-v

Added: Memoranda of payments by the communar to the bursar.

f.17r-24r 1454 - 1455

Communar's rent-book.

"Recepta Willelmi Byrden in Officio Communarij Dunelm De termino Martini Anno Domini MI CCCCluijjo".

f.24v

Originally blank. Added: Memoranda of two payments [to the communar].

f.25r-32r 1455

Communar's rent-book.

"Recepta Willelmi Byrden In Officio Communarij Dunellm De termino Pentecostes Anno domini MI CCCClvto".

f.32v [later 15th century]

Originally blank. Added:

Notes on selions and payments.

Copy of a letter in English to a right reverend master, asking him to be favourable to the writer's cousin, T. Addyson, in his examination and that he may see the book and "scripture" in which he will be examined. [the hand is the same as additions on f.56r-57r.]

f.33r-39v 1455 - 1456

Communar's rent-book, , defective.

"Recepta Willelmi Byrden in Officio Communarij Dunelm De termino Martini Anno domini MI^{mo} CCCClv^{to}". Leaf missing after f.39 presumably contained the latter part of the rent-book, from the entry for Bywell onwards.

f.39v

Record of the entry of a tenant into three adjoining cottages.

f.40r-47v 1456

Communar's rent-book.

"Recepta Domini Willelmi Byrden In Officio Communarij Dunellm De termino Pentecostes Anno domini MI CCCClvj^{to}".

f.48r-v

Originally blank. Added:

f.48r Pen-trials, including "W Chamer".

f.48v Financial memoranda.

f.49r-55v 1456 - 1457

Communar's rent-book.

"Recepta Domini Willelmi Byrden In Officio Communarij Dunelm De termino Pentecostes {Martini} Anno domini MI CCCClvj^{to}". Five entries found in previous rent-books omitted at the end.

f.56r-57v [later 15th century]

Originally blank. Added:

f.56r Note of the date of the dedication of St Paul's [Jarrow].

Note of payments [to the communar].

Copy of the opening clauses of the following lease [abandoned on account of error.].

f.56r-v Copy of a lease by William Elwick, subprior of Durham, and William Ogle, communar, to T Hyne smith, John Lonsdell barber and W [?] Glenerson, on their bond for 40s., of a toft and croft of 3 rods at the way out of Crossgate [Durham] called "Paytoncroft" and an acre of meadow called "Sclateracre" between the 3 rods on the south and the king's highway called "Sandypeth" on the north, for 9 years from Candlemas next [2 February 1483], at 15s. a year for the first 8 years and 16s. in the 9th year, with licence to plough either piece during the first 5 years. 1 February 1482 [1483].

f.57r [later 15th century]

Slightly expanded version of 4.13.Spec.73.

f.57v

Doodles: a heart, and two birds.

f.58r-65v 1457

Communar's rent-book.

"Recepta domini Willelmi Byrden In Officio Communarij Dunelm de termino Pentecostes Anno domini MI CCCClvij". Three entries found in earlier rent-books omitted.

f.65v

Added: Notes of payments for building work.

f.66r-68v [later 15th century]

Originally blank; f.67 and 68 largely cut away. Added:

f.66r Copy of the first half of Misc. Ch. 6770.

f.66v, 67v and 68 Financial memoranda.

f.69r-73r 1457 - 1458

Communar's rent-book.

"Redditus Assise Domus Communis Dimissi Per Dominum Willelmi Byrden In Festo Sancti M[artini] Anno domini etc. Ivij^o". Four entries found in earlier rent-books omitted.

f.73r

Added: Financial memoranda.

f.73v-74v

Originally blank. Added: Financial memoranda.

f.75r-80v 1458

Communar's rent-book.

"Recepta domini Willelmi Byrden In officio Communarie dunelm De termino Pentecostes Anno domini Millesimo CCCClviii^o". Four entries found in earlier rent-books omitted.

f.81r-87r 1458 - 1459

Communar's rent-book.

"Recepta domini Willelmi Byrden In Officio Communarie dunelm de termino Martini Anno domini Millesimo CCCClviii^o".

f.87v [later 15th century]

Originally blank. Added:

Incomplete copy of a lease by William Elwick, subprior of Durham, and William Ogle, communar, to William Bell of Staindrop, of 7 acres of arable land and 3 roods of meadow at Cleatlam previously held by him, for 9 years, at 5s. a year. [1481 x 1484: William Ogle took office as communar after Robert Billingham, who accounted up to 10 June 1481, and possibly later; Ogle accounted as master of Farne from 31 May 1484.]

List of supplies bought.

Copy of a letter in English. Three lines intact, but blotted; lower three lines largely cut away. Probably continuing on f.88r, which is mostly torn away, but has the start of seven lines in English in the same hand.

DCD-Com.Rntl.2 [c.1530]

Communar's rental 2, defective.

No heading, presumably due to the loss of the first leaf. The rental is identified as relating to the communar's estate from the properties listed. The rents are for one year. The rental dates between the presentation (Reg. V, f.214v) of John Forster as vicar of Bywell St Peter in 1526, see f.2r, and the dissolution of Durham's cell at Finchale, see f.2v f.4v originally blank. Added: note on a property in the North Bailey [Durham].

Spine title: "Communar's rental c.1530"

Language: Latin

Size: 195 x 145mm

Binding: No cover. In a buckram covered board slip case c.1970

4 paper leaves

Hostiller's rentals

Hostiller's rentals survive for the following years:

1523-4 (defective)
 1524-5 (defective)
 1525-6 1526-7 (incomplete)
 1527-8
 1528-9
 1529-30
 1530-1
 1531-2
 1532-3
 1533-4

The hostiller's books are almost uniform in content; the twelve sections in 1533-1534 are:

- a) "De receptis de Shynkley" [Shincliffe, par. Durham St Oswald];
- b) "De receptis Burgi et Baronie de Elvet" [par. Durham St Oswald];
- c) "Dimissiones terrarum et pratorum in campis ad firmam", also customary rents and miscellaneous receipts;
- d) "Dimissiones decimarum" ;
- e) "Recepcio procuratoris ecclesie sancti Oswaldi" [Durham];
- f) "Recepcio procuratoris capelle sancte Margarete" [par. St Oswald];
- g) "Redditus resolutus" ;
- h) "Pensiones et stipendia" ;
- i) "Stipendia famulorum aule hospicii" ;
- j) "Stipendia famulorum terrarii" ;
- k) "Stipendia famulorum de" Elvet hall;
- l) "Agestiamenta equorum".

Before 1527-1528 (j) is not included, and up to 1528-1529 (l) comes between (h) and (i). In each section the pattern is that used in several of the cathedral priory's accounting departments in the late Middle Ages: the original entries specifying the amounts to be paid are widely spaced, allowing for the insertion of later notes recording payments and the date when they were made. Sections (a-f) concern receipts, all of them included in the hostiller's account, (a) and (b) performing the function of a rent-book; (g-l) concern expenses, (g-i) and (l) on the hostiller's account and (k) on the account of his manor of Elvethall, with (j) falling on the account of the terrar who at this period was invariably the same monk as the hostiller.

Ownership history: Until repaired in 1987, hostiller's book 1523-1524 and hostiller's book 1524-1525 were kept together, unbound. Some at least of the leaves had been taken away by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and returned as part of the Church Commission deposit, then being transferred back to the cathedral archives.

DCD-Hos.Bk.1 24 May 1523 - 15 May 1524

Hostiller's Book 1. Hostiller's rent book, receipts and payments, defective.

"Rentale Officij Hostilarij Dunelm ... de terminis Martini et Pentecostes A festo Pentecostes Anno domini Millesimo Quingentesimo vicesimo tercio vsque Idem festum Anno domini .1524.^{to}". These leaves contain sections as described above: (a); (b) lacking most of the barony of Elvet on f.7 (missing) and after f.8; (h) lacking the first [four] entries before f.9; (i-k). The fourth entry of (k) "Willelmo Wright bigario ... Rolando Cowper quia occupauit per vltimam quaturam anni", f.10v, supports the physical evidence that f.10 belongs with f.1-9: Hostiller's Book 1524-5 f.19r has a space left for the carter's name, into which Roland Cowper was added. Peter Lee's account for his first year as hostiller is extant: Hostiller's Ac. 1523-4.

f.11r: List of free tenants. "Liberi tenentes Insimull collecti".

f.11v-12r: Receipts for branches and bark, and for faggots. "Recepte pro ramis et corticibus".

f.12v: names and amounts [of arrears ?], years 1-3.

Virtually all entries, both original and added, are in the hand of Peter Lee, the hostiller. f.2v blank. f.2-6 have numbers (63, 22, 23, 66, 67) at the outer top corner of the recto, and f.8-12 have similar numbers (100, 7, 36, 35, 69) upside-down at the outer bottom corner of the verso, suggesting that they may have been blank leaves removed from another book.

Language: Latin

Size: 295 x 215 mm

Binding: Each leave repaired with a paper frame, with 2 paper flyleaves, in black buckram-covered boards c.1985

11 single paper leaves

Ownership history: f.10-12 were with Bursar's Book K, in the bishop of Durham's auditor's office, when they were edited in 1844 as part of *The Durham Household Book*, (Surtees Society 18, 1844), p.328-331. Book K, with these leaves, was subsequently returned to the Cathedral archives.

DCD-Hos.Bk.2 15 May 1524 - 4 June 1525

Hostiller's Book 2. Hostiller's rent book, receipts and payments, defective.

"Rentale Officij Hostilarii Dunelm ... per Magistrum Petrum Lee de terminis Pentecostes et martini A festo Pentecostes Anno Domini 1524 vsque ad idem festum Anno Domini 1525i", f.3r to section (b). These leaves contain sections as described above: (a) lacking first [fifteen out of twenty] entries; (b) lacking last [nine] entries, and presumably all of (c), on f.12 (missing); (d-k). f.2v blank.

f.19v: Memoranda (two) of receipts.

f.20r: Malt: names and cash payments.

f.20v: Memorandum of reckoning between [the hostiller] and Thomas Foster senior, Bridget 1524 [1 February 1525].

Virtually all entries, both original and added, are in the hand of Peter Lee, the hostiller.

Language: Latin

Size: 295 x 210mm

Binding: Each leave repaired with a paper frame, with 2 paper flyleaves, in black buckram-covered boards c.1985

18 paper leaves

Hostiller's Book 3

DCD-Hos.Bk.3 1525 - 1534

Hostiller's book. Virtually all the entries, both original and added, on f.1r-v, 18r-40v and 147r-148r, are in the hand of Peter Lee the hostiller, also his hand-pointer at f.40v; virtually all added entries on f.45r-133r and the main entries on f.45r-57v are in one hand, which is also responsible for the earlier added entries on f.134r-146v, suggesting that it may be the hand of Christopher Blount the hostiller who died on 28 March 1534 (see below). He also went back and made additions to earlier accounts as at f.31r (19 February 1526/7).

Language: Latin*Size:* 282 x 205mm

Binding: From f.94 onwards, damaged edges increasingly repaired with paper and now badly yellowed tissue, bound with 4 paper flyleaves in leather covered boards by Andrews of Durham c.1900

150 paper leaves

Related material in other DUL collections: A transcription of the rent-book for 1525-1526 (f.18r-38r) by A.J. Piper c.1980 is stored with the volume.

f.1r [c.1525]

Hostiller's financial memoranda. One item dated 1525.

f.1v [1525 - 1526]

Hostiller's payment of Elvethall stipends, deleted.

"Stipendia famulorum de Elwethall". Draft of section (k) f.37r below; the names differ from those on f.57r-v below and on Hostiller's Book 1524-1525 f.19r.

f.2r-17v

Blank, save for a letter (D-S, with D twice, no J) on each recto. The letters are alternately black and red, down right side, with the edge of the page cut back in steps to serve as a thumb index.

f.18r-37r 4 June 1525 - 20 May 1526

Hostiller's rent book, receipts and payments.

"Rentale officij hostillarij dunelm ... Tempore domini Petri lee de terminis Pentecostes et martini a festo Pentecostes anno Domini .1525. usque ad idem festum anno Domini 1526.", f.20r to section (b). See f.1v above for a draft of section (k). f.19v, 37v blank.

f.38r

Receipts for bark and branches. "Recepte pro corticibus et ramis". f.38v blank.

f.39r-43r 20 May 1526 - 9 June 1527

Hostiller's rent book, not completed.

"Rentale officij hostilarij Dunelm Tempore Magistri Petri Lee ... de terminis martini et Pentecostes a festo Pentecostes anno domini M^o Quingentesimo vicesimo sexto vsque ad idem [festum] anno domini M^o quingentesimo vicesimo septimo". Sections (a) and (b) only, the latter breaking off with Elvet Borough unentered; very few records of payments added. This is the last explicit reference to Peter Lee in the monastic records, but see f.147r-148r below. f.43v-44v blank.

f.45r-57v 9 June 1527 - 31 May 1528

Hostiller's rent book, receipts and payments.

"Rentale Officij Hostillarij Dunelm ... Tempore domini Christofori bluntt de terminis Pentecostes et Martini A festo Pentecostes Anno domini 1527 vsque idem festum Anno domini 1528", f.47r to section (b). In section (b) the entries on f.20 *seq.* above that have no added records of payments are omitted, most being freeholdings, some waste. f.46v, 58r-v blank.

f.59r-72r 31 May 1528 - 16 May 1529

Hostiller's rent book, receipts and payments.

"Rentale Officij Hostillarij Dunelm ... tempore domini Christofori Bluntt de terminis Pentecostes et Martini A Festo Pentecostes Anno Domini Millesimo CCCCC^{mo} xx^{mo} vij^{mo} vsque Idem Festum Anno Domini Millesimo CCCCC^{mo} xxix^{ne}", f.61r to section (b). f.60v, 72v-73v blank.

f.74r-89r 16 May 1529 - 5 June 1530

Hostiller's rent book, receipts and payments.

"Rentale Officij Hostillarii Dunelm ... tempore domini Bluntt de terminis Pentecostes et Martini A Festo Pentecostes Anno Domini Millesimo CCCCC^{mo} xx^{mo} ix^{no} vsque Idem Festum Anno Domini Millesimo Millesimo [!] CCCCC^{mo} xx^{mo} x^{mo}", f.76r to section (b). f.89v blank.

f.90r-105r 5 June 1530 - 28 May 1531

Hostiller's rent book, receipts and payments.

"Rentale Officij Hostillarii Dunelm ... tempore Domini Cristofori Bluntt de terminis Pentecostes et Martini A Festo Pentecostes Anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo Tricesimo vsque Idem Festum Anno Domini Millesimo Quingentesimo Tricesimo Primo". f.90r to section (b). Section (a) is on f.104r-105r. f.92v-93r, 103v blank.

f.105v

Elvet borough free farms.

"Libera firma Burgi de Elwett". A list of names and sums due.

f.106r-120r 28 May 1531 - 19 May 1532

Hostiller's rent book, receipts and payments.

"Rentale Officij Hostillarii Dunelm ... tempore Domini Cristofori Blunt de terminis Pentecostes et Martini A Festo Pentecostes Anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo Tricesimo {Primo interlin.} vsque Idem Festum Anno Domini Millesimo Quingentesimo Tricesimo <Primo del.> {Secundo interlin.}", f.108r to section (b). f.107v, 120v blank.

f.121r-133r 19 May 1532 - 1 June 1533

Hostiller's rent book, receipts and payments.

"Rentale Officij Hostillarii Dunelm ... tempore Domini Cristofori Bluntt de terminis Pentecostes et Martini A Festo Pentecostes Anno Domini Millesimo CCCCC xxxij vsque <Domini Millesimo del.> Idem Festum Anno Domini Millesimo CCCCC xxxij", f.122v to section (b).

f.133v

Blank

f.134r-146v 1 June 1533 - 24 May 1534

Hostiller's rent book, receipts and payments.

"Rentale Officij Hostillarii Dunelm ... tempore Domini Cristofori Blunt de terminis Pentecostes et Martini A Festo Pentecostes Anno Domini Millesimo CCCCC xxxiiij vsque Idem Festum Anno Domini Millesimo CCCCC xxxiiij", f.135v to section (b). Christopher Blount died on 28 March 1534 (Bursar's Book K f.231v).

f.147r-148r April - May [?1534]

Names with sums paid. [Following the death of Christopher Blount ?, see above]; payments for tithes up to 1533 are mentioned. The hand is that of Peter Lee, hostiller until 1527, when he was proposed as prior of Tynemouth and disappears from the records of the cathedral priory; if he did move to Tynemouth he was apparently displaced by Thomas Gardiner (H.H.E. Craster, *A History of Northumberland* viii (Newcastle 1907), p.107 and 123). f.148v-149r blank.

f.149v-150v [1525 - 1533]

Financial memoranda.

One, f.150r, dated 1533; those at the top of f.150v are in the hand of Peter Lee, whose successor as hostiller was in office by 9 June 1527 (f.47r above), and one of those below is dated 1525. f.150 has the same watermark as the leaves up to f.126.

Sacrist's rentals (with catalogue and cartulary)

1329-1501

2 volumes

Sacrist's Rentals

DCD-Sacr.Rntls 1329 - 1384

This volume forms part of the material surviving from the administration of the sacrist's office during the fourteenth century. The oldest section consists of lists of arrears for 1324-1329 (f.63r-66v), but the bulk of the volume comprises a series of annual rentals for 1329-1385, lacking only 1333-1336, 1362-1363, 1364-1368 and 1370; these gaps are readily explained by the loss of quires after f.8, 62 and 70. What, if anything, survives of the rentals for 1382-1384 is not certain, but they may be represented by the two rentals of which the last sections survive on f.97 and 98, losses having occurred before f.97 and between f.97 and 98. The rentals for 1349-1350 and 1350-1351 are also defective through the loss of leaves between f.41 and 42; likewise 1384-1385, with leaves lost after f.99.

In addition to the rentals concerned with the resources of the sacrist's office the volume concludes with a survey of the endowments of Prior Fossor's chantry, the Trinity chantry, drawn up in the same unusual physical format as the sacrist's rentals. The revenues from these endowments were in fact very largely collected and disbursed by the communar.

To all appearances the volume was compiled piecemeal as each item was needed. In many cases successive rentals were written in different hands, and even where the same scribe produced a series of rentals, such as 1339-1345, 1346-1348 and 1349-1362, and 1375-1381, changes of ink and variations in lay-out between one rental and the next indicate that each was drawn up separately, as would be expected. By contrast it was the exception for a rental to be produced as a physically separate unit; apart from the rental for 1363-1364 on f.61-62 no quire consists of only one rental. The space left at the end of a quire after a rental had been drawn up was used in different ways. Where it was insufficient for the whole of the next rental it was sometimes left blank, and sometimes the next rental was started, with a new quire being added to complete it. At one point the use of blank space has produced some confusion. The 1352-3 rental finished at the foot of f.36v, but, instead of starting the 1353-4 rental on f.37r and so fitting it on the two remaining leaves of the quire, f.37r was left blank and the next rental started on f.37v; this left only f.38 in the quire and so two bifolia (now f.55-58) were supplied to provide sufficient space after f.37. These bifolia were also adequate for the whole of the 1354-1355 rental and for the beginning of the 1355-1356 rental, which then continued on f.38; again there was not enough space, and the blank space after the 1350-1351 rental was used, perhaps by inserting f.33-37, 55-58 and 38 between f.43 and 44, or by reversing the bifolium formed by f.39 and 44 and putting it after f.38. Whatever the arrangements they were subsequently changed, presumably by mistake in the case of the removal of f.55-58 to the centre of another quire. Another case of re-arrangement resulted from the use of the space after the 1324-1329 arrears-lists for the 1368-1370 rentals: the whole quire, f.63-70, was put in the position chronologically appropriate for the rentals.

Blank space in the latter part of the volume was sometimes used in a different way: at four points (f.81v-82v, 89v-90r, 96v and 100r-v) there are copies of documents relevant to the sacrist's office. The principle on which these documents were selected is not immediately obvious. In some cases they may have had a bearing on questions raised during the period covered by the associated rentals, such as the mandates dated 1380 which follow the 1379-1380 rental on f.90r. The appearance of the handwriting does not make this supposition untenable except in the case of the additions on f.96v, which include a receipt dated 1403.

The manner in which the sections of the volume were treated as they accreted is a matter of some doubt. The present binding is modern, but an older leather cover survives with the seventeenth-century inscription "Rentale Sacristae ab Anno 1329 in Annum 1380", and the stubs of tackets remaining in the spine of this cover show that the quires were fastened directly into it individually, instead of being sewn onto bands first; given this mode of attachment the cover could be contemporary with the earlier rentals, since later quires could have been fastened in very readily. Re-arrangement of the quires was also easy, and a disordering of f.37, 55-58, 38, 44 and 39 has already been mentioned; an early fifteenth-century cross-reference at the foot of f.38v to f.44 implies that this may have taken place by then, at least in part. Other evidence for re-arrangement is provided by the letters written c.1400 at the beginning and end of each quire: the last quire, the Trinity chantry survey, was apparently once between f.60 and 61.

With the probable exception of those for 1376-1377, each of the rentals covers the two terms, Pentecost and Martinmas, making a full year. Up to 1333 the terms are taken in the order Martinmas and Pentecost; from 1336 it is Pentecost and Martinmas. Up to 1361/2 the amount of rent due for each term was recorded; from 1363/4 this practice was abandoned in favour of recording only one of the identical amounts. This habit conceals what are probably misheaded rentals, each covering only one term, see f.74r-78r.

Up to 1361/2 reek-pennies, "denarii fumales", due at Easter, form the first section of the rentals, except that there is no section in the 1337/8 rental. Up to 1332/3 this section follows the main heading of the rental, but from 1337/8 it precedes it; from 1341/2 onwards it has its own dated heading, which indicates that it covers the reek-pennies due at the Easter before the Pentecost term with which the following rental begins. In several instances it is clear from the physical placing of the reek-pennies section (f.25r, 29r, 33r) or from the style of writing (f.14v, 20v, 26v, 29r) that it was drawn up at the same time as the rental that follows it rather than the rental that precedes it.

As usual, many of the entries have indications added beside them to show that payments of rent had been made, commonly "qt" or "+". For 1375/6 (f.71r-73v), however, four letters, a-d, were used, and for 1377/8 (f.80r-81r) a-b with "qt" twice or "qt" four times; this presumably shows that payments were received quarterly, since the existence of rentals for 1376, 1376/7 and 1378/9 seems to preclude the possibility that 1375/6 and 1377/8 were used over a period of two years, in a similar manner to the bursar's rentals for 1377 *et seq.* (Durham Cathedral Lib. MSS C.I.13 f.ii & C.II.13 f.1-2 and 277-278) and 1382 *et seq.* (Bursar's Bk D f.2-19).

Spine-title: "Redditus firmarum ad sacristariam Dunelm spectancium 1329-1384"

Language: Latin

Size: c.320-340 x c.135-142mm, i.e. pocket-book format.

Binding: Former cover of soft leather, with woven lining sewn in; parts of a number of the twisted parchment tackets which secured individual quires to the spine at two points remain in place. Post-medieval description of contents on the [front] in ink. Present binding, by Andrews Durham, c.1900, 2 parchment flyleaves with leather covered boards, uniform with those on Almoner's Rental & Cartulary and Sacrist's Repertory & Rental.

104 parchment leaves

f.1r-3r 1329 - 1330

Sacrist's "rental".

"R[ed]ditus firmarum ad Sacristariam Dunelmie spectancium de terminis Sancti Martini Anni domini Millesimi CCCi.xxixi et Pentecostes xxxi tempore fratris Iohannis de Houeden tunc Sacriste".

f.3r-5r 1330 - 1331

Sacrist's "rental".

"Redditus firmarum ad Sacristariam Dunolm Spectancium de terminis Sancti Martini Anni domini Millesimi CCC^{mi}.xxxmi et Pentecostes xxxj^{mi} tempore fratris Willelmi de Dunolm tunc Sacriste" '.

f.5r-7r 1331 - 1332

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus firmarum ad Sacristariam Dunelm spectancium de terminis sancti Martini Anni domini Millesimi CCC^{mi}.xxxj Et Pentecostes xxxij tempore fratris Willelmi de dunelm tunc sacriste".

f.7r-8v 1332 - 1333

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus firmarum ad Sacristariam Dunelm spectancium de terminis sancti Martini Anni domini Mmi CCC^{mi}.xxxij Et Pentecostes xxxij tempore fratris Willelmi de dunelm tunc sacriste".

f.9r-10v 1336 - 1337

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus firmarum ad Sacristariam Dunelm spectancium de terminis Pentecostes et sancti martini Anni domini Millesimi CCC^{mi}.xxvj". There is an unfilled blank space before the heading, presumably for the reek-pennies section.

f.10v-12v 1337 - 1338

Sacrist's rental. Redditus firmarum ad Sacristariam Dunelm spectancium de terminis Pentecostes et sancti martini anni domini Millesimi trecentesimi .xxvj

f.11r: the reek-pennies section precedes the heading on f.10v-11r, as with subsequent rentals.

f.12v-14v 1338 - 1339

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus firmarum ad Sacristariam Dunelm spectancium de terminis Pentecostes et sancti Martini Anni domini Millesimi. CCC. xxxviiij".

f.13r, 14v-16r 1339 - 1340

Sacrist's rental.

"Reditus firmarum ad Sacristariam {Dunelm} Spectancium de terminis Pentecostes et Sancti Martini Anni domini Millesimi. CCC^{mi}. xxx^{mi}. Noni".

f.16v-18v 1340 - 1341

Sacrist's rental.

"Reditus firmarum ad Sacristariam Dunelm spectancium de terminis Pentecostes et Sancti Martini Anno domini M^o. CCC^{mo}. xl^{mo}."

f.18v-20r 1341 - 1342

Sacrist's "rental".

Redditus firmarum ad Sacristariam Spectancium de terminis Pentecostes et Sancti Martini Anno etc. CCC. xli^o.

f.19v, added at the foot: [?1341]

Memorandum of fealty of the vicar of St Oswald's [Elvet] to the sacrist on Monday the morrow of St Oswald [6 August], and also of John Potter for lands acquired from John Goce in Bellasis [Durham]. [?: 6 August was a Monday in 1341.]

f.20v-22r 1342 - 1343

Sacrist's rental.

"Reditus firmarum ad Sacristariam Spectancium de terminis Pentecostes et Sancti Martini Anno etc. xliij^o".

f.22r-23v 1343 - 1344

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus Sacristarie Dunelm de terminis Pentecostes et Sancti Martini Anno domini etc. xliij^o". f.24r-v blank.

f.25r-26v 1344 - 1345

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus assise ad Sacristariam Dunelm Spectances vbique de Anno domini M^o. CCC^{mo}. quadragesimo quarto {de termino Pentecostes et Sancti Martini}".

f.26v-28r 1345 - 1346

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus assise ad Sacristariam Dunelm Spectances vbique de anno domini M^{mo}. CCC^{mo}. xl^{mo}. v^{to}. de termino pentecostes et Sancti martini". f.28v blank.

f.29r-30v 1346 - [1347]

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus assise Sacristarie Dunelm Anni domini M^{mi}. CCC^{mi}. xlvj." '. The entries cover both of the terms comprising a full year, presumably the Pentecost and Martinmas terms between the preceding and following rentals.

f.30v-32r 1347 - 1348

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus assise Sacristarie Dunelm Anni domini M^{mi}. CCC^{mi}. xlvij^{mi} {de terminis Pentecostes et Martini}", f.31r. f.32v blank, apart from a pen-trial.

f.33r-34v 1351 - 1352

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus assise Sacristarie Dunelm de terminis Pentecostes et Sancti Martini Anno domini etc. quinquagesimo primo".

f.35r-36v 1352 - 1353

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus assise Sacristarie Dunelm de terminis Pentecostes et Sancti Martini Anno etc. quinquagesimo secundo". f.37r blank.

f.37v + 55r-56r 1353 - 1354

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus assise Sacristarie Dunelm de terminis Pentecostes et Martini Anno domini etc. quinquagesimo tercio".

f.56v-58r 1354 - 1355

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus assise Sacristarie Dunolm de terminis Pentecostes et Martini Anno etc. quinquagesimo quarto".

f.58r-v + 38r-v + 44r 1355 - 1356

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus Assise Sacristarie Dunelm de terminis Pentecostes et Sancti Martini Anno domini M^o CCC lv^{to}", f.58v.

f.39r-41r 1348 - 1349

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus Assise Sacristarie Ecclesie Dunelm De anno domini Millesimo. Tricentesimo Quadragesimo Octauo {de termino Pentecostes et Sancti Martini}".

f.41v 1349 - 1350

Sacrist's rental, defective.

"Redditus Assise Sacristarie Dunelm de termino [!] Pentecostes et Sancti Martini Anno domini etc. xl. Nono". Lacks all except the reek-pennies section and the first eleven entries for rents, through the loss of leaves after f.41.

f.42r-43v 1350 - 1351

Sacrist's rental, defective.

"Redditus Assise Sacristarie Dunelm de termino Pentecostes et Sancti Martini Anno domini M^o CCC^{mo} quinquagesimo". Lacks the reek-pennies section, through the loss of leaves before f.42.

f. 44r

See above before f.39. f.44v blank.

f.45r-46v 1356 - 1357

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus Assise Sacristarie Dunelm de termino Pentecostes et Sancti Martini Anno domini Millesimo. CCC. lvj^o".

f.47r-49r 1357 - 1358

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus assise Sacristarie Dunelm de termino Pentecostes et Sancti Martini Anno domini Millesimo. CCC^{mo}. lvij^o."

f.49r-51r 1358 - 1359

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus assise Sacristarie Dunelm de termino Pentecostes et Sancti Martini Anno domini Millesimo CCC^{mo}. lvij^o.", f.49v.

f.50v added at foot [1358]

Memorandum of payment of York rents for Pentecost by Thomas of Lincoln before St James [13]58, and of outstanding amount due.

f.51r-52v 1359 - 1360

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus assise Sacristarie Dunelm de termino Pentecostes et Sancti Martini Anno domini etc. lix^o."

f.53r-54v 1360 - 1361

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus assise Sacristarie Dunelm de termino Pentecostes et Sancti Martini Anno domini Millesimo. CCC^{mo}. lx^{mo}."

f.55r-58v

See above after f.37v.

f.59r-60v 1361 - 1362

Sacrist's rental.

"Redditus assise Sacristarie Dunelm de termino Pentecostes et Sancti Martini Anno domini Millesimo. CCC^{mo}. lxxj^o."

f.61r-62v 1363 - 1364

Sacrist's rental, defective.

"Redditus assise Sacristarie Dunelm de termino Pentecostes et Sancti Martini Anno domini Millesimo CCC^{mo} Sexagesimo Tercio". Lacks the reek-pennies section, through the loss of leaves before f.61.

f.63r-66v [?1329]

Sacrist's arrears-lists for 1324-1329.

"Arreragia firmarum et Pensionum pertinencium Officio Sacristarie Dunelm de Tempore domini Iohannis de Bermeton de termino Pentecostes Anno domini M^o. CCC^o. xxiiij^{to}.", f.63r;

"Arreragia firmarum et Pensionum pertinencium Officio Sacristarie Dunelm de Tempore domini Iohannis predicti tam de termino Sancti Martini Anno domini M^o. CCC^o. xxiiij^{to}. quam de termino Pentecostes Anno etc. xxv^{to}.", f.63v;

"Arreragia firmarum et Pensionum pertinencium Officio Sacristarie Dunelm de Tempore domini Thome de Hessewell de terminis Sancti Martini Anno domini M^o. CCC^{mo}. xxv^{to}. Et Pentecostes xxvj^{to}.", f.64r;

"Arreragia firmarum et Pensionum de tempore dicti domini Thome de Hessewell de termino Sancti Martini Anno etc. xxvj^{to}. Et Pentecostes xxvij^{mo}.", f.64v;

"Arreragia firmarum et Pensionum de tempore fratris Iohannis de Houeden de termino Sancti Martini Anno etc. xxvij^o. Et Pentecostes .xxviii^o.", f.65r;

"Arreragia firmarum et Pensionum de tempore fratris Iohannis de Houeden de termino Sancti Martini Anno etc. xxvij^o. Et Pentecostes .xxix^o.", f.65v.

The first four sections (f.63r-65r) are written in one hand, and the last two (f.65r-66v) in another, but they are linked together by the fact that each ends with a numbered total, "Summa prima totalis de termino predicto" (f.63v) - "Summa Sexta totalis Anni predicti" (f.66v). This probably shows that the arrears recorded were not outstanding at different times but at one time, most likely about the beginning of the Martinmas term 1329; the first surviving rental begins with the Martinmas term 1329, see above f.1r-3r.

f.67r-68v 1368 - 1369

Sacrist's rental.

"Rentale Sacriste Dunelm factum de terminis Pentecostes et Martini Anno domini Millesimo Trescentesimo Sexagesimo Octauo Tempore domini Iohannis de Billesfeld". This is the first rental without a reek-pennies section; it is possible that there was one on a leaf now missing before f.67, but the absence of the section from subsequent rentals suggests that it may have been omitted here.

f.69r-70v 1369 - 1370

Sacrist's rental.

"Rentale Sacriste Dunelm factum de terminis Pentecostes et Martini Anno domini Millesimo. CCC^o. Sexagesimo. Nono. tempore domini Iohannis de Billesfeld".

f.71r-73v 1375 - 1376

Sacrist's rental.

"Rentale domini Iohannis Abel Sacriste Dunelm factum de terminis Pentecostes Anno domini M^o CCC^{mo} lxxv^{to} et Martini Anno domini etc lxxv^{to}."

Added at foot of f.72r: memoranda (two) "quod recepi", and so perhaps in the hand of John Abel; cf. f.91v, 93v and 94v.

f.74r-76r [?] 1376

Sacrist's rental.

"Rentale domini Iohannis Abel Sacriste Dunelm de terminis Pentecostes et Martini Anno domini Millesimo CCC lxxvj^{to}". This rental effectively has the same heading as the one that follows it on f.76v-78r, but they are not duplicates. John Abel is given as the sacrist at the head of both, and it is difficult to see that either could be misdated by a decade: in 1366 Roger of Allerton was very probably sacrist (Misc. Ch. 5645 and Sacrist's Account 1367), while in 1386 John Abel was dead (Bursar's Account 1384-5). Nor is it possible to assign either to 1375/6: this would displace the rental headed for that year which cannot be earlier since John Abel is named as the sacrist and he came into office after John of Hemingbrough who was still sacrist in April 1375 (2.3.Sacr.7+d). To assign either to 1377/8 would imply that the rentals for the next five years were all misdated. Since many of the added notes recording payments in the rentals for 1375/6 and 1377/8 show four payments, i.e. two for each term, but the two rentals headed for 1376/7 generally record only two payments, it is probable that each of them covers only one term. The evidence of changing tenants is not entirely consistent in favour of one being earlier than the other, but, apart from the second named tenant on the north side of Allergate, most point to this rental preceding that on f.76v-78r and being for the Pentecost term 1376.

Added at foot of f.74r-v: memoranda of fines, etc.

f.76v-78r [?] 1376 - 1377

Sacrist's rental.

"Rentale domini Iohannis Abel Sacriste Dunelm factum de terminis Pentecostes et Martini Anno domini M^o CCC^{mo} [Septuagesimo] Sexto".

Given that this rental cannot be dated to 1366 or 1386, it effectively has the same heading as the one that precedes it on f.74r-76r; from the evidence set out above it is probable that this rental is for one term, Martinmas 1376/77. f.78v blank.

f.79r-81r 1377 - 1378

Sacrist's rental.

"Rentale domini Iohannis Abell Sacriste Dunelm factum de terminis Pentecostes et Martini Anno domini M^o CCC^{mo} lxxvii". Added at foot of f.79r: memorandum of payment for suit of court.

f.81v

Copy of 4.3.Sacr.24.

f.82r

Copy of 4.3.Sacr.22a.

f.82v [c.1400]

Originally blank. Added: copy as 4.1.Sacr.37 and Ushaw College MS 25 f.22v, but here, as Sacrist's Repertory & Rental f.12r, with witness-list:

John Samson, mayor of York; John Boney, Simon le Scherman, John de Schupto[n], bailiffs of York; James le Flamag, Nicholas le Core Warnar, J. de Apulby, W. Burnnby, Ralph Curtays, Gilbert de Arnall, Robert le Blunt. [John Samson, mayor 1285-6 and 1299-1301; Boney, Scherman and Schupton bailiffs 1298].

f.83r-86r 1378 - 1379

Sacrist's rental.

"Rentale domini Iohannis Abel Sacriste Dunelm facta de terminis Pentecostes et Martini Anno domini M^o CCC^{mo} lxxviiij^o". f.86v blank.

f.87r-89v 1379 - 1380

Sacrist's rental.

"Rentale domini Iohannis Abel Sacriste Dunelm facta de terminis Pentecostes et Martini Anno domini M^o CCC^{mo} lxxix^o".

f.89v [21 July] 1295

Copy of a grant at fee-farm by Richard prior and the convent of Durham to John Bill of a kiln, with a plot of meadow, in the borough of Durham, between land once of Thomas Lewyn and land once of Michael of Beverley, opposite the vennel to the River Wear, for 9s. a year to the sacrist of Durham.

Date: Durham; vigil of Mary Magdalene 1295.

Later copy: DCD Sacrist's Repertory & Rental f.14r-v, with a marginal caption referring to a kiln and a close called "Vever Cloce".

f.90r 28 February 1380

Copy of a mandate by the official of the bishop of Durham to the parochial chaplain of Bedlington, following the complaint of the prior and convent of Durham, to pronounce as excommunicate those who broke down the walls of the manor of their rectory of Bedlington, took away stones, cut down and removed trees, washed cloth in its ponds, destroying the common fishery, and trampling down the grass.

Date: Durham; 28 February 1379.

Later copy: DCD Sacrist's Repertory & Rental f.14v.

f.90r 2 March 1380

Copy of a mandate by the official of the bishop of Durham to the parochial chaplain of Chester[-le-Street], following the complaint of the prior and convent of Durham, to pronounce as excommunicate those who removed poles, underwood and bark from the wood of their manor of [Sacriston] Heugh.

Date: Durham; 2 March 1379.

f.90v blank.

Later copy: Sacrist's Repertory & Rental f.14v-15r.

f.91r-93r 1380 - 1381

Sacrist's rental.

"Rentale domini Iohannis Abel Sacriste Dunelm factum de terminis Pentecostes et Martini Anno domini M^o CCC^{mo} lxxx^o".

Added at foot of f.91v: memorandum "quod recepi", and so perhaps in the hand of John Abel; cf. f.72r, 93v and 94v.

f.93v-96r 1381 - 1382

Sacrist's rental.

"Rentale domini Iohannis Abel Sacriste Dunelm factus [?] de terminis Pentecostes et Martini Anno domini M^o CCC^{mo} Octogesimo primo".

Added at foot of f.93v: memoranda (four) "quod recepi", and added at foot of f.94v: memorandum "quod recepi", both perhaps in the hand of John Abel; cf. f.72r, 91v and 93v.

f.96v

Rents owed annually by [the sacrist].

"Redditus quem officium debet annuatim".

f.96v early 15th century

Added in blank space: copy of 3.2.Pont.6a, omitting all but first witness.

f.96v [1401 x 1403]

Copy of acquittance by John prior of Durham to John de Catton vicar of Heighington for 10 marks, paid by the hand of Thomas Lythe sacrist of Durham, due for the previous 2½ years from Heighington church.

Date omitted [1.2.Archid.Dunelm.18 x following document].

f.96v [24 June] 1403

Copy of acquittance by John prior of Durham to John de Catton vicar of Heighington for 2 marks, paid by the hand of Thomas Lythe sacrist of Durham, due for the last Pentecost term from Heighington church.

Date: Nativity of John Baptist 1403.

f.97r-v [?1382 - 1383]

Sacrist's rental, defective.

Heading missing. Comprises only the sections for rents "in Patria" and York. The tenants are the same as those in the rental for 1381/82 (f.95r-v), except that "In via parvi Petri" John Barri replaces John Otterington, a tenant there since 1375 (f.73r); the appearance of John Barri on f.98r, which is evidently after 1381/82, confirms that this fragment is also after 1381/82. Although in the same hand it is difficult to suppose that this fragment might belong with the surviving fragment of the 1384/85 rental (f.99r-v): a comparison with f.94v indicates that the three sections missing between f.99v and 97v would not have covered more than one side of an intervening folio, leaving the second side as a blank page in the middle of the rental. Given that f.97 and 98 are conjoint it is likely that the two are close in date, and there is a little evidence that f.98 is more likely to be for 1383/84 than 1382/83.

f.98r-v [?1383 - 1384]

Sacrist's rental, defective.

Heading missing. Comprises only the final sections: the last four sections for York, the two for Holtby, pensions from churches, and two entries for lights. Besides the replacement of John Otterington by John Barri, noted in relation to f.97r-v, the other difference from the 1381/82 rental is the entry under the free tenants of Holtby "terra quondam Iohannis de Killom", where John Killom himself appears as the tenant in 1381/82 (f.96r), showing that this fragment is later than 1381/82. This fragment is in the same hand as the surviving fragment of the 1384/85 rental (f.99r-v), but any physical re-arrangement bringing the two together creates major anomalies over f.100 which is conjoint with f.99. The approximate date is suggested by two added memoranda (f.98r) referring to payments for '83 and '84; of the two rentals not obviously extant for this approximate date, 1382/83 and 1383/84, it is more likely that a payment in respect of 1384 would be made during the period 1383/84 than 1382/83. f.98r: added at foot: memoranda of fines, etc.

f.99r-v 1384 - 1385

Sacrist's rental, defective.

"Rentale domini Iohannis Abel Sacriste Dunelm facta de terminis Pentecostes et Martini Anno domini M^o CCC^{mo} Octogesimo quarto". Comprises only the first sections (f.99r-v). The two entries on f.100r may be part of the same document, but they are written in a different ink. f.99v: added at foot: memoranda of fines.

f.100r [c.1385]

Sacrist's rental, fragment.

This merely consists of the two entries for lights, exactly as on f.98v. They may belong with the rental on f.99r-v, with which f.100 is conjoint, but they are written in a different ink.

f.100r

Copy of 4.1.Sacr.40.

f.100v 20 May [1368]

Copy of a writ by Edward [III] king of England to John de Scotherskelf eschaetor of York, ordering him to restore to the prior of Durham the half of the vill of Holtby held in chief of the king, taken into the king's hand because no profit had been received by the king following the death of the prior about 50 years previously, an insufficient ground since none of the prior and chapter's temporalities should be taken into the king's hand following the death of a prior.

Date: Westminster; 20 May 42 [Edward III].

Later copy: DCD Sacr.rep.&rnt f.13v-14r.

f.100v [13]23

Note of a lease by Thomas Burghard to William his son of a burgage in the borough of Durham in Fleshergate between those of Robert of Haltwhistle and of Nicholas Cawe barber.

f.100v [13]62

Note of a charter of Richard Cocken for a tenement in Fleshergate between those of Hugh of Brandon and of Walter Barker.

f.101r-103v [1363 x 1371]

Survey of endowments of the Trinity chantry and associated observances.

"Ordinacio de la leuydyhous ... Redditus assise Cantarie de Trinitate ...". Before the five entries for properties whose rents were paid to the communar are two entries for properties administered by the sacrist for the provision of lights. There is no heading. The reference to John of Tickhill as a former sacrist in the second entry puts the date after 19 July 1363 when he last accounted as sacrist, having started to account as prior of Finchale on 15 May 1363. The same entry refers to William miller as tenant of the holding in North Pitlington, paying 2 marks a year; this was leased to him for 15 years in 1359 (Misc. Ch. 6335), but in 1371 half the holding was leased to a different tenant, at 1 mark a year (Misc. Ch. 6338). It may be that the earliest possible date is 1368 or 1370: a lease dated 1368 (Misc. Ch. 2130) apparently matches the details given in the entry for Moorsley, and one dated 1370 (3.2.Sacr.9d) matches those in the first entry, but in neither case is it certain that the same tenant was not holding the property previously. The survey is written in the same hand as the leases of 1368 and 1371 (Misc. Chs. 2130 and 6338). The s.xiv/xv letters on the first and last leaves of the quire containing the survey (f.101r and 104v) are k and l, showing that it was placed between the rentals for 1361/62 and 1363/64 (f.59r-60v and 61r-62v).

f.103v

Memorandum of an ordinance that any increase in the revenues from the endowments of the Trinity chantry should be used for a pittance for the monks on the anniversary of Prior [Fossor].

f.104r [c.1370]

Inventory of vestments, defective.

Three-quarters of the leaf is torn away, leaving only the lower inner corner, where the text ends. No heading remains. The details do not match those in the short inventory on the sacrist's account for 1355-6 or those in the long separate sacrist's inventory for 1404 (Surtees Society 100, p.383 and 394-399). It is possible that this inventory concerns the Trinity chantry; there are references to items kept in a cupboard and in a chest. The dating is suggested on the basis that the hand is the same as all the other matter in the quire, f.101r-103v, which is found in leases dated 1368 and 1371 (Misc. Chs. 2130 and 6338). f.104v: originally blank. Added: short memorandum [unread].

Sacrist's Repertory and Rental

DCD-Sacr.Rep.&Rntl c.1490 - 1501

The present volume comprises three distinct, roughly co-eval sections, each in a separate quire:

a repertory of the sacrist's deeds (f.1r-10r);

copies of documents relating to the sacrist's estate (f.12r-17v), three of which have not so far been found elsewhere (f.16r, 17r and 17v);

and a sacrist's rental for 1500/1 (f.21-30v).

The production of these materials seems to co-incide with endeavours to bring the sacrist's deeds into better order that are further manifested in the adding of references on the dorse of the original deeds and the production of a full-scale cartulary (Ushaw College MS 25); comparable contemporary efforts were expended on the almoner's deeds and the communar's deeds. What is not clear is the function performed by the second section, the copies of miscellaneous documents, including one dated 1488-9 (f.12r-13v); the fact that it contains copies of documents also copied in the full-scale cartulary, not to mention in Sacrist's Rentals 1329-1385, seems to exclude the possibility that it was designed as a supplement to the full-scale cartulary, and suggests that it pre-dates that cartulary.

On the front cover: "Tabula Evidenciarum Sacristarie Dunelm. Rentale Georgii Cornforth Sacristæ Dunelm 1500."

Contents (all other folios blank):

Language: Latin

Size: 220 x 330 mm

Binding: In modern leather covered boards, by Andrews binder Durham c.1900, uniform with those on Almoner's Rental & Cartulary and Sacrist's Rentals 1329-85.

33 leaves

f.1r-10r [c.1490 - 1495]

Repertory. List of the sacrist's deeds titled "Tabula Evidenciarum Sacristarie Dunelm" comprising brief descriptions of the documents, with keywords/index terms in one margin and three or four different individual numbers of the documents in the other, two or three being numbers and one being a combination of letters and numbers, for:

1-4.1.Sacr.; 1-4.2.Sacr.; 1-4.3.Sacr.; [1.]4.Sacr. (all except the first one added in a later hand and with only the letter/number combination in the margin).

The entry for 3.3.Sacr.19, dated 1494, is added by the original hand in the lower margin of f.8. The arrangement is similar to that found elsewhere in the collections of monastic deeds. Here there are four sections, the first three of which are divided into four sub-sections; individual documents were assigned letters, for which Canon Greenwell substituted numbers c.1900. Greenwell added a few entries and was responsible for reconstituting the sacrist's deeds on the basis of this repertory; the deeds were catalogued by Stevenson as Miscellaneous Charters in the mid-nineteenth century. There are entries added in the lower margins of f.3v-4r and 7v-8r and the upper margin of f.8v, some by the original hand and others by a somewhat later hand; among the latter the latest so far noticed is an entry for a document dated 1521, 1.2.Sacr.41. The original hand ends with the first entry in 4.Sacr. After this another hand, earlier 16th century, added entries for over twenty more documents; all the originals of these have apparently been lost, but there are copies of some at least in the latter part of the sacrist's cartulary (Ushaw College MS 25).

f.12r-17v

Cartulary. Copies of the sacrist's deeds, continuing and replicating the sequence in the Sacrist's Cartulary in Ushaw 25.

f.12r

4.1.Sacr.37 and Ushaw College MS 25 f.22v, + witness-list as Sacrist's Rentals 1329-1385 f.82v.

f.12r-13v 1488 - 1489

Copy of an assize over a free tenement in York, as Ushaw 25 f.23r-24r.

f.13v-14r

Copy of a writ as Sacrist's Rentals f.100v.

f.14r

Copy of 4.1.Sacr.40.

f.14r-v

As Sacrist's Rentals f.89v, with a marginal caption referring to a kiln and a close called "Vever Cloce".

f.14v

Copy of a mandate to the parochial chaplain of Bedlington, as Sacrist's Rentals f.90r.

f.14v-15r

Mandate to the parochial chaplain of Chester-le-Street, as Sacrist's Rentals f.90r.

f.15r

As Ushaw 25 f.74r. (Was 3.3.Sacr.16.)

f.15r-v

As Ushaw 25 f.80v-81r. (Was 3.3.Sacr.19.)

f.15v

As Ushaw 25 f.81r. (Was 3.3.Sacr.18.)

f.15v-16r

As Ushaw 25 f.81r. (Was 3.3.Sacr.17.)

f.16r

Grant in free alms, by William of Aycliffe, to the monks of Durham for the fabric of the church of Durham, of one third of his land of Colpike Hall with a toft and croft, held by Geoffrey of Colpike Hall (Kolpihil).

Witnesses: William of Layton, Jordan Heirun (Hayrin), Robert of Langley, Richard of Hollinside, Stephen of Cornsay, Daniel of Esh, William of Hedley.

(Was 3.3.Sacr.20.)

f.16r-v

Copy of 3.3.Sacr.19*, with date 1312 for 1362.

f.16v

Memorandum of [3.3.Sacr.22.] that Adam Scot forester of Broadwood paid rent for a close above the Browney by Colepikehall of 7s. a year.

f.16v 1363[/4]

Memorandum of 3.3.Sacr.21, a lease of a toft, land, meadow and wood in Colepikehall for 30 years.

Copied below f.16v-17r.

f.16v 1375

Memorandum that the same land was leased for 10s. 6d. in [1]375 and was subsequently leased for many years, with the rent not always paid, as the old rental shows, similar to 3.3.Sacr.21.

f.16v-17r

Copy of 3.3.Sacr.21.

f.17r

Grant in free alms, by Henry son of Ketel of Newton to St Cuthbert, for lights around his body, of one acre in *Neutuya* [Newton by Boldon *al.* Newton by Jarrow?], towards Westoe to the east beside *Langhemow*.

Witnesses: Nicholas of Follingsby, Patrick of Hedworth, Simon of Hedworth, Alexander son of Ketel, Alexander Seneschal, William of Boldon, Lageman de *Neutuya*, and many others.

[The sacrist's rentals record a payment of 20d. a year due from Newton by Jarrow.]

f.17r

Copy of 1.3.Sacr.3.

f.17r

Copy of 1.3.Sacr.6.

f.17v 6 January [c.1400, see 4.2.Sacr.21]

Grant, by Henry Lounde of Durham, to Hugh Yekmond, of a burgage in Claypath [Durham] between Hugh's burgages, granted to Henry by Richard Pearson chaplain, for 3s. a year to the sacrist of Durham.

Date: Durham Epiphany 'M & CC' [no more].

Extracted in: M.M. Camsell, "The Development of a Northern Town in the Later Middle Ages: the City of Durham, c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), p.402.

f.17v

Copy of 1.3.Sacr.10

f.21r-30v 1500-1501

Rental of George Cornforth, sacrist of Durham, for the terms of Pentecost and Martin, 1500:

Allergate south side; Allergate north side; common vennel; Crossgate north side descending from Allergate to the corner towards Milburngate; the west side from the corner to Milburngate; the east side from Milburngate ascending to Framwelgate bridge; the south side on Framwelgate bridge; the common vennel leading to the Wear; the east side of South Street; the common vennel to a certain spring commonly called St Helen's well; the road leading to the prior of Durham's mill; burgages at Bellasis with meadows and selions there beginning at the south end from *Lez Winiverbarnes*; Limekilngate; the west side of the South Street triangle; Crossgate south side; the common vennel leading to the wall of the cellarer's garden commonly called West Orchard; outside the town between the cellarer's garden and Sandypeth; Crossgate north side; Framwelgate; Fleshergate; Saddlergate; Clayporth; Elvet; the Bailey; Lygate; Pittington; Biggins and *Lauda Dei*; rents impropriated; Wolviston; East Merrington with Shelom; pensions; tithes; Sacriston Heugh.

"Rentale Domini Georgij Cornforth Sacriste Dunelm de terminis Pentecostes et Martini Anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo". There are no markings to identify rents that had been paid. A scattering of names added in the margins, e.g. f.21v, may be those of new tenants; the hand is perhaps that responsible for added entries in the repertory, f.3v-4r above, among which one is for a document dated 1521.

Printed in: *Records of the Borough of Crossgate, Durham 1312-1531*, ed R.H. Britnell (Surtees Society 212, 2008), p.355-380.

Terrar's coal rents

DCD-Ter.Bk 1446-1453

Accounts of local coal extraction (for domestic consumption).

f.1^r-31^v: Aldingrange. f.1^r - 1447; f.4^r - 1448; f.10^v - 1449; f.17^r - 1450; f.21^v - 1451; f.25^v - 1452; f.29^v - 1453.

f.32^r-32^v: Cash receipts: Aldingrange, 3 December 1447 [-1453].

f.34^r-48^v; f.49^r-56^r: Rainton. f.34^r - 1447; f.37^r - 1448; f.42^r - 1449; f.47^r - 1450; f.49^v - 1451; f.51^v - 1452 (plus two entries on f.50^r); f.54^r - 1453 (plus entry on f.52v)

f.48^{*r}: Cash livery: Rainton, 1448

f.48^{*v}: Sworn undertaking by John Sanderson to serve for a year in coal-work at Rainton from Pentecost 1451

f.57^r: Cash receipts: Rainton, 29 June 1448 [- 29 November 1449]

Language: Latin

Size: 22 cm

Binding: contemporary soft parchment cover.

59 leaves (f.48* and 58 are smaller pieces)