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John Palmer, architect and antiquary, was born in Bishop Middleham, co Durham, on 28th January 1785, the sixth child of William and Elizabeth Palmer, both Roman Catholics. In 1801 Palmer was bound apprentice to his uncle, a mason at Durham. In 1804 he was employed as a mason at Scone Palace in Perthshire. He left Scone for London in 1806, where he met Gayfer, the master mason of Westminster Abbey. In 1808 Palmer moved to Yarmouth, where he assisted in the building of the Naval Hospital. He married whilst living in Yarmouth. He returned to London in 1811, moving to Manchester in 1813 where he established a practice as an ecclesiastical architect. In 1814 he took charge of the alterations and restorations of the Collegiate Church, now Manchester Cathedral. In 1816 John Francis Butler of Pleasington Hall, a Roman Catholic, chose Palmer to design a church on his estate. Palmer also designed the church of St. Augustine, Granby Row, Manchester, which was opened in Oct 1820, St Peter's, Blackburn, and rebuilt Blackburn Parish Church, which later became Blackburn Cathedral. He built two further churches before retiring: St John's in Abram, co Lancs, and Holy Trinity in North Ashton, co Lancs.

During his antiquarian and genealogical studies Palmer created a collection of notes and transcripts of local material, and was particularly interested in Northumbrian families associated with the family of Whitfield, to which his wife belonged. He wrote *The History of the Siege of Manchester by the King's Forces* (1822) and the *Guide to the Collegiate Church of Manchester* (1829), and also contributed a description of the Collegiate Church to Dr S. Hibbert-Ware's and W.R. Whatton's *History of the Foundations in Manchester* (1834).

Palmer spent his last years in Chorlton-on-Medlock, where he died on 23rd August 1846.

See Newton Haile, 'John Palmer: Stonemason Extraordinary', in *Durham County Local History Society*, Bulletin 34 (May 1985).

Related material: A.6.1, John Palmer, The descent of the family of Whitfield, of Whitfield Hall in Northumberland from the Saxon earls of Mercia, and the Norman families of Meschines, D'Estrivers, Egaine, Baslie and Espee. Including coats of arms.

A.6.12, Pedigree of John Francis Butler of Pleasington Hall, co Lancs, c. 1824.

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Volume A, C.6.4 Quarto volume, lettered A on the spine. Pages 23.5 x 19 cms. 19th century
Bound in full dark blue cloth. Several notes in pencil throughout the volume written by John Harland (1806-1868).

The volume is in 3 parts: the first contains pp. 1-264; at p. 265 the pagination begins afresh and continues to 24; after which a third section begins.

The volume consists of extracts chiefly from the Kuerden MSS in Chetham's Library, mainly inquisitions post mortem and abstracts of deeds arranged alphabetically by name. Dr. Kuerden took his notes largely from original charters and other documents, some of which are now lost, and from the Towneley MSS, which are now dispersed.

Part I

Pages

1-238: Lancashire: inquisitions post mortem (index of names, part III, p. 105).

241-246: Cockersand Abbey: deeds.

246-251: Furness Abbey: deeds.

251-257: Cartæ Antiquæ, chiefly relating to Samlesbury and Mellor, late 13th and early 14th century.

258-262: Westmorland: placita de quo warranto.

Part II

20-24: Lancashire: placita de quo warranto.

24: Abbreviatio Rotulorum Originalium.

Part III

1: Anderton family pedigree. Barlow family pedigree.

2-9: Lancashire: abstracts of deeds from Kuerden's MSS in Chetham's Library, alphabetically arranged A-W.

10-19: Baronia de Holand.

20-28: Lancashire: abstracts of deeds etc.

28-30: Halghton and West Halghton: deeds.

30-32: Aspull and Halliwell: deeds.

32-37: Barton manor and family: deeds.

38, 96-100: King's Thanes and Drenches: A brief of such as were made in K. Hen. 2nd dayes by Jo: Earl of Moreton and afterwards confirmed by him as King John.

39-43: Lancashire: abstracts of deeds alphabetically arranged.

45-51: Burscough Priory: charters (from Dugdale, II, p. 303).

52-56: Barony of Weeton: charters.

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57: Cockersand Abbey: foundation deed (from Dugdale, II, p. 631).

59, 62: Dieulacres Abbey: abstracts of 15 charters.

60-62: Rossall: abstracts of charters.

63, 73-7: North Meols: abstracts of charters.

64-73: Bold: deeds.

77-79: Sutton, Eccleston and Rainhill: deeds.

79-86: Ditton or Dutton: deeds.

86-87: Holand Priory: abstract of deed of sale.

87, 95: Holand family.

88-94: Barony of Warrington: abstracts of deeds and notes.

101: Garstang: deeds.

102: Cockersand: deeds.

103: Kellet and Caton: deeds.

105: Index to the names in the inquisitions post mortem (viz. those on pp.1-238).

Language: Latin & English.

Volume B, C.6.5

Quarto volume, lettered B on the spine. Pages 24 x 19 cms. Bound in half dark blue morocco. Several notes in pencil throughout the volume written by John Harland (1806-1868), who also added a table of the main contents at the end of the volume.

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Contains extracts from the Kuerden MSS in the College of Arms, the Harleian MSS in the British Library and from the Kuerden MSS and Chetham papers in Chetham's Library.

Pages

1-19: Extracts from the Kuerden MSS in the College of Arms.

1-6: Grants, charters, deeds etc. (from Vol. II).

9-14, 15-16: Inquisitions post mortem etc. (from Vols. III and IV).

14-15, 17-19: Preston: lists of Mayors and others from the Guild Rolls (from Vol. VIII).

16-17: Pipe rolls and other records (from Vol. VII).

21-56: Extracts from the Harleian MSS (number of MS in brackets).

21-24: Various documents (2085).

24-26: Various documents (2077).

26-28: Various documents, including deeds relating to Heton (Heaton) in Prestwich (2112).

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- 29-33: Inquisitions post mortem and other documents (2085).
- 33-37: Marriage agreements and other documents, many relating to Manchester (2112).
- 37-41: Middleton: deeds (2063).
- 41-46: Ex cartis Alex Barlow de Barlow...1653 (2112).
- 47: Scarisbrick: deeds (2063).
- 47-48: Bold family of Bold: deeds (2063).
- 48-49: Ashton, near Preston: deeds (2063).
- 49-50: Brockholes: deeds (2112).
- 50-51: Ashurst: deeds (2112).
- 51-52: Barton family of Barton, nr Eccles: deeds (2063).
- 52: Ex cronica Abbatiae S[anc]te Werburgiae in Cestria (2042).
- 52-54: Placita de Banco, term. pasch. Anno 20 Edw. I, Com. Lanc. (2085).
- 54-56: Elston and Banastre families, etc: deeds (2042, 2085).
- 57-72: Extracts from the Kuerden MSS in Chetham's Library.
- 73-88: Extracts from the Harleian MSS.
- 73: Manchester Church and its Collegiation (2179).
- 74-76: Various: inquisitions post mortem etc (2085).
- 77-88: Rental of Tho[ma]s West, lord of Manchester, May 1473 (2112).
- 89-92: Extracts from the Kuerden MSS in the College of Arms.
- 89: Township and manor of Kuerden (Vol. I).
- 91: Hoghton of Park Hall: pedigree.
- 92: Hilton-Ainsworth-Pilkington: pedigree.
- 93-155: Extracts from the Harleian MSS.
- 93-94: Bowes family (1171).
- 94-96: Extracts from a book of records of land tenures in Lancashire, preserved in the Duchy Chamber at Westminster (2085).
- 97: Miscellaneous extracts; notes on the Hopwood family of Hopwood (1152, 2076).
- 98: Rosthorne family: notes (890).
- 99: Redish family of Redish: notes (1468).
- 99: Parr of Kempnall: notes (1468).
- 100: Tetlow family of Werneth: deeds (1437).
- 100: Notes from the Visitation of Lancashire, 1567 (6159).
- 100: Ratcliffe: monumental inscription in Eccles church (2129).

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101-105: A Declaration how God hath preserved the family kindred and posterity of Ethelston (now called Elston) in a competent though variable estate for a long time as the same hath bin collected from sundry p[ar]cells of ancient evidence by William Elstone (2042).

157-163: Extracts from a Memorandum Book written by Mr Thomas Eyre of Sheffield. Narrative accounts of the Cunliffes of Wycollar (Wycoller) (18th century) and of the Eyres.

164-182: Extracts from the Chetham MSS. Paper relating to the Chetham family.

164-165: Account of Humphrey Chetham's funeral charges, probate, debts; the College: instructions concerning the Library (No. 2).

165: Acts, bonds, acquittances etc. (No. 3).

166-167: Francis Chetham of Nuthurst: bonds, notes of hand etc. (No. 4).

168-173: Papers relating to Broughton; Ferdinando Stanley Esq and the Chethams; rental of the manor of Pilkington (No. 5).

173-179: Lawsuits between Edward and James Chetham and others, children of Edward Chetham of Smedley, nephew and executor of the founder of Chetham's Hospital (No. 6).

179: Account books bound in parchent: inventory (No. 7). Refers to 2 cash books of George Chetham of Turton and Cleyton (Clayton), 1633-1637 and 1640-1670, and an account book of James Chetham of Turton and Cleyton (Clayton), 1664-1673.

179: Autograph journal of the Chetham family, 1701-1713, in Italy (No. 8).

180: Humphrey Chetham's letter to Briddocke, Isle of Man, concerning the purchase of the College, 17 May 1648.

181-182: Affairs of Humphrey Chetham (No. 1).

Language: Latin & English.

Volume C, C.6.6

Quarto volume, lettered C on the spine. Pages 24 x 19 cms. Bound in full dark blue cloth. Corrections made in red ink by John Harland (1806-1868), Dec 1853. Various sequences of pages.

19th century

The volume consists of 8 sections, each independently paginated and bound together.

Part I

Pages

1-9: Life of John Angier (1605-1677), Minister at Dinton, abridged from the print of 1685.

Part II

1-13: Index of names of people and places in the (printed)

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Calendar of Pleadings (Ducat. Lanc., 3 vols).

Part III

1-37: Calendar to Pleadings, Surveys etc. relating to the parish of Manchester (extracted from Ducat. Lanc., 3 vols).

Part IV

Baronia de Manchester (from Kuerden's MSS in Chetham's Library, ff. 274-82. Collated and corrected by John Harland).

1-5: The Gresley Family, 1086-1310.

5-6: De la Warre Family, 8 John-Edw II.

6-25: Extent of the Manor of Manchester, 1322.

25-6: Placita T. Paschae, 32 Edw I, Rot. 71 (1303). Re. churches of Manchester and Ashton.

27-8: Inspeximus of inquisition of Roger de la Warre, taken at Preston, 1359.

Part V

The Wests (Barons de la Warre).

a: Genealogy.

b-d: Abstracts from Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem, 1415-1475.

Part VI

Translations of documents transcribed in Part IV, 6-28.

1-19: Extent of the Manor of Manchester.

20: Pleas at Easter Term, 32 Edw. I, Roll 71.

21: Inspeximus of inquisition of Roger de la Warre taken at Preston, 1359.

Part VII

Monumental Inscription of John Radcliffe of Ordsall (1589).

1-40: Abstract of deeds: Trafford, Radcliffe, Holland, Bamford, Barton, Grelley, Pilkington and other families.

40-3: Chapelries of Manchester (Inquisition, 17 June, 1650).

47-87: Pedigrees and genealogical notes relating to various families, including the Pilkingtons, the Croxtons, the Egertons of Egerton and Ridley, the Leighs of East Hall and West Hall, the Hultons of Farnworth, the Radcliffes, the Booths of Barton, the Orrells, the Ridges (from Placita de Quo Warranto, Com' Lanc'; Calendars of Chancery Proceedings, Pleadings and Depositions, etc).

49-50: Note on W. Crabtree's Astronomical Work.

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88-90: Chancery Proceeding, temp Henry VI. John Buron, sheriff of Lancaster, v. Sir John Pilkington, knight, re seizure of plaintiff's cattle in reprisal for distress levied for non-payment of green wax.

91-3: Extracts from Nonarum Inquisitiones in Curia Scaccarii temp Regis Edwardi III (relating to churches in Salford Hundred).

93-6: Extracts from Abbreviatio Placitorum (1300-1325).

97-102: Extracts from Abbreviatio Rotulorum Originalium (1274-1376).

102-6: Extracts from Calendarium Rotulorum Patentium (1259-).

106-7 & 110-11: Extracts from Rotuli Hundredorum (1276).

108-9: Foedera, Litterae et Acta Publica.

112-3: Pedigree of Goushill (from Thornton's *Nottinghamshire*, p. 306).

113: Strangeways Memoranda.

113-5: Testamentu[m] Tho[mas] del Booth of Barton (Latin, for translation see p. 202).

116-7: Salford Charter.

118-9: Extracts from Placita de Quo Warranto, Derbyshire (Nicholas de Langford, Robertus de Greilley (Grelley)).

120-3: Extenta Manerii: For extending or surveying a Manor. (English and Latin.)

124: Ryven Pyke: "A Noate of a Taxacon for the Watching of the Beacon att Ryven Pyke", 1588. (From Harl. MSS Cod. 1926, printed in Baines's *Lancashire*, Croston's edition, III 229.)

125: Excessive number of ale houses and bakers in Manchester, temp Eliz. Letter from the Judges Clench and Rodes to Deputy Lieutenant (Harl. MSS Cod. 1926).

125-7: "The Enormities of the Sabbothe are theis" (ex eodem codice). (Printed in Baines's *Lancashire*, Croston's edition.)

128: Sir Cecill Trafford's Deeds, 11 Jul 1652 (Harl. MSS Cod. 2112).

128-30: Account of some transcripts of deeds in the possession of Mr Worseley (ex eodem codice).

130: Fines de Cor' Banco in Com' Lancastr' (temp Edw III).

131-2: Abstracts of Final Agreements in the Bag of Pedes Finium, Com' Lancastr' in the Record Office, Chapter house, Westminster (temp Edw III).

133-53: Civil War Tracts (see Ormerod's 'Civil War Tracts',

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Chetham Society, Old Series vol 2).

154-61: Inventory of Whalley Abbey (printed in 'Coucher Book or Chartulary of Whalley Abbey', vol 4, *Chetham Society*, Old Series vol 20).

161-5: Official correspondence on the death of Mr Houghton by the Baron of Walton in a riot at Lea in the reign of Elizabeth (Harl. MSS Cod. 1926, 6995. See Baines's *Lancashire*, Croston's edition, IV 59).

165-6: Letter of John Dee, Warden of Manchester, commending the case of Mr Nicholson, whose house has been destroyed (Lansdowne MSS Cod. 158).

167: Funeral expenses of S[i]r R. Ashton of Middleton (Harl. MSS Cod 2129).

167-70: Note relating to the Wests, the Lords de la Warre; abstracts from Parliamentary Writs.

171: Titles and dates of old statutes.

172-3: Extracts from Statutes of the Realm: assize of bread and ale.

173: Writ relating to military service against Llewellyn, 1277 (abstract from Rot. Claus. 5 Edw I m. 2d).

174-82: Abstracts from Parliamentary Writs relating to military service: the Grelleys, Roger de la Warre, the Longfords, etc.

184-5: Abstract from Placita de Quo Warranto, Com' North': Johannes de la Warre.

186-7, 188-93 & 206-7: Abstracts of deeds, from Kuerden's MSS.

187-8: Charles I's letter to the Sheriff of Staffordshire, 1642.

193-4: Clarke's Charity: proposed exchange of lands etc (abbreviated from an advertisement in the *Manchester Guardian*, 5 Jul 1834).

195: Description of Elizabeth's charter to the Collegiate Church of Manchester.

200-1: Act for building St Ann's church, 1708.

202-4: Will of Thomas del Booth of Barton (translation, for Latin version see p. 113).

208-9: Extract from Dugdale's Baronetage, vol. I, p. 608: Greslei.

216: Index of Articles.

217-22: Index of Names.

222-6: Index of Places.

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“Eye-salve for England, or the Grand Trappan detected, In a plain and faithful Narrative, of the horrid and unheard of designs of some Justices and Deputy Lieutenants in Lancashire, treacherously to ensnare the lives and estates of many Persons of Quality in that County, as also in the Counties of York and Chester. By Evan Price, who suffered long and grievous imprisonment there, for not complying with them to carry on their wicked designs”.

Transcript of a rare tract, c. 1663.

(At end) Copy and description of the representation of a cross and globe on the original deeds of confirmation of William, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, when the Church of Manchester was made Collegiate, dated 1421.

Language: Latin & English.

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| Volume D, C.6.7 | Quarto volume, lettered D on the spine. Pages 24 x 19 cms. Bound in full dark blue cloth. Palmer’s bookplate has been transferred from the earlier binding. | 19th century |
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The volume consists of 7 parts with various sequences of pagination.

Part I

Pages

1: Letter from R.T. Hampson to Rev P. Hordern concerning Kuerden’s MSS in the College of Arms.

1-2: Letter from Kuerden to Randle Holme (from Harleian MSS Cod. 2042 f. 214).

2-5: “Mr Cuerden’s Life”: account concerning the author of the History of Lancashire.

5-17: Extracts from Kuerden’s small quarto in Chetham’s Library (pp. 470-81).

17-19: Extracts from Dugdale’s *Monasticon Anglicanum*. Genealogy of King Stephen (p. 17).

19-20: Extracts from Rymer’s *Foedera, Litterae et Acta Publica* (ed. 1816).

20-2: Note on the Palatine Earldom of Lancaster (from Selden).

22-3: Extracts from *Abbreviatio Rotulorum Originalium*.

23-32: Extracts from Nichols’s *History of Leicestershire* (patent rolls and inquisitions post mortem).

33-40: Index of the names of Grantors, Grantees, and other persons.

41: Index of names in the inquisitions post mortem.

43: Index of places.

49: Index to the names of the witnesses.

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Part II

Extracts from the Kuerden MSS (vols III & IV) in the College of Arms. Charters, inquisitions etc relating to:

1-6: Hamella de Ancotes (Ancoats) in Villa de Manchester.

7: Blakeley (Blackley).

8-9: Clayton in Villa de Manchester.

9-14: Drilsden (Droylsden) in Villa de Manchester.

14-5: Failesworth (Failsworth).

15-6: Hamella de Gorton.

16-9: Hermitagium de Kersal.

19: Urmston (extracts erroneously headed "Ashton").

19-21: Manchester.

21: Newton.

22: Penulbery (Pendlebury).

22: Barton super (upon) Irwell.

22: Chetam (Cheetham).

22: Chetwood.

22-3: Chorlton.

23-4: Bradford in Villa de Manchester.

24: Swinton.

24-6: Withington.

26-31: Manchester.

32-4: Bradford in Villa de Manchester.

35: Barton.

35-6: Hamlet de Berdshil (Buersill) in Villa de Castleton.

36-7: Bury.

38-42: Buterworth (Butterworth).

42-3: Chaderton (Chadderton).

43: De Perambulatione inter Standish et al et Chadderton et al.

43-4: Hundresfeld (Hundersfield) in Rachdale (Rochdale).

44-5: Holinworth (Hollinworth) in Villa de Butterworth in Ratchdale (Rochdale).

45: Kleg (Clegg) in Ratchdale (Rochdale).

46-51: Okeden (?Ogden) in Villa de Boterworth (Butterworth).

51-2: Rouington (?Rivington).

52-5: Villa de Wernith (Werneth).

55-6: Thornham in Midleton (Middleton).

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57-67: Ratchdale (Rochdale).

67: Tottington.

57-68: Eccles.

68-9: Turton.

69-70: Remarks by R.T. Hampson on some of the above extracts.

70: "The preceding Charters and Inquisitions were transcribed from Kuerden's MSS deposited in the College of Arms, London, by R.T. Hampson in in the months of February and March, 1834."

71-4: Copy of a letter from R.T. Hampson to Thomas Parry relative to the preceding documents and other matters.

76-90: Humphrey Chetham's deeds relating to Turton, Harwood, Breightmet, Tonge, Aynsworth, Ordsall and Pendleton, Clayton Hall, Accrington.

91-2: Extracts from the title deeds of Chorlton Hall Estate.

97-164: The Early History of Great Britain (from Kuerden's small quarto, pp. 142 seq.).

Part III

1-20: Abbreviatio Rotulorum Originalium: transcripts from volumes I and II.

Part IV

1-6: Prestwich: Inquisition as to whether two tenements in Prestwich, known as Guest's and Hardman's Tenements, were parcel of the glebe of Prestwich, 29 Eliz 1587.

Part V

1-3: Placita de Quo Warranto, 20 Edw I (extracts).

4-119: Calendar of Pleadings (from Ducatus Lancastriae).

Part VI

1-38: Calendar of inquisitions post mortem (extracts from Ducatus Lancastriae).

41-44: Index of names in the above.

50-55: Preston Guilds: names of members, 1397-1742, copied from the Rolls and Guild Books.

56-76: Calendar of inquisitions post mortem (further extracts from Ducatus Lancastriae).

Part VII

1: Ulceby: copy of deed in the possession of Rev Richard Parkinson, canon of the Collegiate Church, Manchester, relating to 2 tofts in Villa de Ulseby (sic), 8 Hen V.

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3-4: Pedigree: Rishton, Nabb and Minshull.

5: Darwen: note relating to leases of a farm called Davyfield in Eccleshill, Darwen, 1711 & 1735.

6-16: Extracts from the registers of Whalley, Blackburn, Church Kirk and Darwen.

13: Marriages of Thomas Fish at Blackburn (1740, 1742 & 1746).

16: 6 christenings of Fish family members at the Lower Chapel, Darwen (1754-1790).

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| Volume E; C.6.8 | Quarto volume, lettered E on the spine. Pages 23.5 x 19 cms. Bound in full dark blue cloth. Contains a series of pedigrees, chiefly of Lancashire families, with no note on sources (pp. 1-538). Index provided by John Harland (1806-1868). | 19th century |
| Volume F & G; C.6.9 | Octavo volume. Pages 18.5 x 11.5 cms. Bound in full dark blue cloth. Entries from the registers of the Manchester Collegiate Church: Baptisms, 1573-1843; Marriages, 1573-1841; Burials, 1573-1843. | 19th century |
| Volume F; C.6.10 | Folio volume. Pages 31.5 x 19 cms. Bound in half dark blue morocco. Genealogies, chiefly of Lancashire and Cheshire families. Index at beginning of volume. | 19th century |

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- Volume H; C.6.11 Quarto volume. Pages 23 x 18 cms. Bound in full dark blue cloth. Contains Palmer's bookplate and pencilled letter 'H' on fly-leaf. 19th century
- Collection of pedigrees, with an index. Title-page: "A Collection of Ancient Pedigrees from the greatest part of which, the family of Dent, of Piersebridge, in the County Palatine of Durham, is collaterally descended. Collected from various sources of authentic information, by John Palmer, arch[itech]t in 1842". Palmer's own family pedigrees are included. Many of the pedigrees have been copied from printed sources, e.g. publications of the Surtees Society.