

## Sunderland and its people, 1795-6

The *Universal British Directory*, published in five volumes during the 1790s, lists the leading inhabitants and tradespeople of towns and villages across Britain. The entry for Sunderland, which appears in volume iv of the directory, was evidently written during 1795 or 1796, as it notes that the building of the first Wearmouth bridge was then in progress.

The directory entry begins with a brief history and description of the thriving town, emphasising the importance of its coal trade. Inhabitants are then listed alphabetically, starting with gentry, clergy, medical men and lawyers. There was also a good number of port officials based at the Customs House and Excise Office. It is clear from the range of occupations in the main list that many inhabitants worked in or around shipping - as coal-fitters (coal shippers), boat-builders, or chandlers, for example - or in the supply of services or provisions. Keelmen themselves, though very numerous, were too far down the social scale to be listed in the directory.

Sunderland borough or township, created a parish in its own right only in 1719, had by this time far outgrown the much older parishes of Bishopwearmouth, out of which it had been carved, and Monkwearmouth, on the north bank of the Wear. These two old settlements are described in the directory as having become little more than suburbs of Sunderland, which was extending westwards at such a rate that it would soon merge with the built-up area of Bishopwearmouth. Monkwearmouth, connected to the south bank by several ferries, was somewhat isolated before the bridge was completed. Many of its inhabitants were engaged in ship-building or repairing, or making sails, blocks or ropes for shipping.

The text and lists below have been reproduced as closely as possible to the original. Where (F.) is noted after a name, it denotes that the person was a freeman of the borough as an owner of freehold property there.

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#### S U N D E R L A N D, Durham.

SUNDER LAND is a sea-port town, situate on the south bank of the river Wear, near the sea-coast ; at high water the German Ocean almost surrounds it. It is in 54° 55' north latitude, and 1° West longitude, from London, from whence it is distant two hundred and seventy miles. The tide flows on Sunderland bar, at the highest springs, to sixteen feet water, admitting ships of three or four hundred tons burthen ; but in going to sea, large ships are frequently obliged to lie in the roads before the town to take in part of their cargoes, (generally consisting of coals;) so that it is sometimes very dangerous for the keel men that bring down the coals, who are often lost in venturing off to the ships, which are generally smaller than those of Newcastle; but then they have this advantage of the Newcastle men, that, in case of a contrary wind, particularly at north-east, which, though fair when at sea, yet suffers not the ships at Newcastle to get out of the Tyne, the ships at Sunderland, riding in the open sea,

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are ready to sail as soon as they have got their lading; so that it has been known they have gone away and delivered their coals at London, and got back again, before the ships at Shields, which were laden when they departed, were able to get over the bar. As to the Sunderland coal, it is observed to burn slowly, to have much pyrites with it, and that it turns to a heavy reddish cinder, which appears, by the loadstone, to be iron ore.

The antiquity of Sunderland is involved in much obscurity, it being situate so near Bishop Wearmouth, and being included in that parish till 1719, when it was made a distinct parish ; so that it is probable whatever might relate to it may have been included in annals of the former place. The Bishop of Durham is lord of the manor of Sunderland, by whose representation a court leet and baron is held once a year for the recovery of all debts not exceeding forty shillings; and a meeting of justices is held here every Friday.

Here is a very handsome church, dedicated to the Holy Trinity; a chapel, dedicated to St. John ; and six meeting-houses for Protestant dissenters of different denominations. The late rector of Sunderland, the reverend and worthy Mr. Daniel Newcome, was the principal architect in the building of the church. This gentleman spent the greatest part of his income in beautifying and adorning it. He began by building a dome, adjoining to the east end, into which he removed the altar, placing it under a canopy of inlaid work, supported in front by two fluted pillars of the Corinthian order, with proper capitals. His benevolence and charity were equally extensive to all who were proper objects of them, and he delighted in doing good. This worthy man, however, lived not to see his new works to the church quite completed, dying, very much lamented, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January, 1738.

The High-street, which is the principal one, is about a mile long, from west to east, and from twenty to thirty yards broad ; the Low street is of a good length, very narrow, and runs parallel with the High-street. Besides these, there are several lanes between the two streets, and several streets which run south from the south side of the High-street. Sunderland is a borough, but sends no members to parliament.

This place and the two Wearmouths are computed to contain near thirty thousand inhabitants. This great number of people is supplied with all kinds of provisions from a very plentiful market, held here every Friday. Here are also two fairs, held on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of May, and on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of October; but they are of little consequence, the principal commodities being toys. The inhabitants are well supplied with good water ; probably not a sea-port town in the island can boast a greater plenty.

The trade and shipping of this port are become very considerable. Coal is the staple commodity, which is principally sent coastwise to the out-ports, and to France, Holland, &c. few of the Sunderland ships trading to London. A great revenue arises from its exports, and its coal-trade is a capital nursery for seamen ; and in time of war generally furnishes a very liberal quota for the manning his majesty's fleet. In the neighbourhood is constantly employed about twelve colliers, which produce 280,000 chaldrons of coals, Newcastle measure; which keep employed 532 keels, of twenty-one tons burthen, in which the coals are conveyed from the staiths to the ships at Sunderland. The other exports are glass and glass bottles, salt, lime, grind stones, and copperas. The imports are corn, flour, wines, spirituous liquors, timber, tar, deals, flax, iron, &c.

Their foreign trade is chiefly confined to France, Holland, and the several ports in the Baltic. Four or five ships are yearly sent to the Greenland seas. Two ships are constantly employed in bringing merchant goods from Bell's and Red Lion wharfs, London, to the wharf of Messrs. Thornhill and Hay, New Quay, Sunderland. The number of ships cleared outwards in the year 1790, amounts to 5600, viz. 4905 coastwise, and 705 over-sea.

There are at present employed in the neighbourhood of Sunderland two glass-houses, three potteries for brown and white ware, and two copperas-houses; the products of which are sent to most parts of the world.

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Here are several insurance-offices for insuring of ships, houses, and merchandise. - Also a public bank, the proprietors of which are, Messrs. Russell, Allan, and Wade; they draw on Messrs. Hankeys and Co. London.

A common stage-waggon on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, to Newcastle-on-Tyne; returns the same nights : Thomas Douglas, proprietor. - A waggon from Durham on Wednesday and Friday ; returns the same days: Robert Davidson, proprietor. - Also a waggon from Stockton, every Thursday : John Corner, proprietor.-

The following are the principal inhabitants

#### GENTRY &C

Cummins Thomas, Gent. (F.)  
Ettrick William, Esq.  
Grey Joseph, Gent.  
Hancill Andrew, Gent (F.)  
Hill Chritlopher, Esq.  
Hopton John, Gent. (F.)  
Jackson Ralph, Gent. (F.)  
Moss Gilbert, Gent. (F.)  
Robinson William, Esq. Silksworth  
Walker Robert, Gent. (F.)

#### CLERGY.

Balie Rev. John, Dissenting Minister  
Barley Rev. John, Curate  
Clegg Rev. Wm. Dissenting Minister  
Hampton Rev. John, Curate of St. John's Chapel  
Mason Rev. Thomas, Dissenting Minister  
Smyth Rev. James, Rector  
Somerville Rev. John, Dissenting Minister

#### PHYSIC

Akenhead David, (F.) Surgeon  
Atkinson George, Surgeon  
Barnes William, (F.) Surgeon  
Cheesement Robert, Surgeon  
Cuthbert Robert, Surgeon  
Debello Lewis; Surgeon Oculist  
Eden William, (F.) Surgeon  
Ferguson William, (F.) Surgeon  
Gregson Raine, (F.) Surgeon  
Hassall William, Surgeon  
Hervey John, Surgeon  
Huestley and Eastland, Chemists  
Ogden Bernard, (F.) Chemist  
Scott Adam, M. D.  
Wilkinson George, (F.) Surgeon  
Watson John, Surgeon

#### LAW.

Bailey Thomas,(F) Attorney  
Boyd George, (F.) Attorney  
Charlton William, ( F ) Attorney, and Coroner for the Chester Ward  
Downey James, (F.) Attorney  
Ridsdale John, Attorney  
Wright James, (F.) Attorney

#### TRADERS, &C.

Aiskell Edward, (F.) Coal-fitter  
Allan George, (F.) Grocer

Allison Gilbert, Watchmaker  
 Almond Thomas, (F.) Sailmaker  
 Arlott Thomas, (F.) Watchmaker and Parish-clerk  
 Armstrong William, Hair-dresser  
 Armstrong William, Shoemaker  
 Atkinson Edward, (F.) Earthenware dealer  
 Atkinson Edward, (F.) Grocer  
 Atlas Thomas, Draper  
 Barker Matthew, Butcher  
 Barker Jacob, (F.) Butcher  
 Barnes John, (F.) Grocer  
 Barron Henry, (F.) Leather-seller  
 Bell Robert, (F.) Leather-seller  
 Bell Edward, Grocer  
 Bewick Robert, (F.) Ironmonger  
 Bird Richard, Ropemaker  
 Biss Robert, (F.) Coal-fitter  
 Blacker Thomas, (F.) Butcher  
 Blakiston Robert, (F.) Coal-fitter  
 Booth Samuel, Gunmaker  
 Bowder Thomas, joiner, &c.  
 Bowmaker John, (F.) Miller  
 Brass John, (F.) Shoemaker  
 Breese Robert, Baker  
 Brown Thomas, (F.) Sailmaker  
 Brown George, (F.) Boat-builder  
 Brown Wm. Victualler, (Coach & Six)  
 Budle and Co. (F.) Brewers and Flour-manufacturers.  
 Burnett Robert, Mercer and Draper  
 Busby Threkeld; Mercer and Draper  
 Butler and Harrison, Glaziers and Painters  
 Carsree George, Limner  
 Carr Francis, Victualler  
 Carr Thomas, (F.) Grocer & Chandler  
 Carr and Horne; Coal--fitters  
 Carr Thomas, (F) Auctioneer and Victualler  
 Carr M. and E. Milliners  
 Carr George, (F.) Slopseller  
 Carter John, (F.) Shoemaker  
 Cav Christopher John, Mercer and Draper  
 Chapman and Brown, Brewers  
 Cheesement Elizabeth, Slopseller

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Cheesement John, Sailmaker  
 Chilton Farrow, Coal fitter  
 Chilton Nicholas, Coal-fitter  
 Chrisp, John, Butcher

Cockerill Isaac, (F.) Ropemaker  
Collin Ann, Spirit-dealer  
Collin John, Butcher  
Cooper Edward, Clog & Patten Maker  
Cummin, Thomas, Earthenware-dealer  
Davidson, John, (F.) Coal-fitter  
Dobson, John, Spirit-dealer  
Dobson, Heath, Butcher  
Donkin, George, Ironmonger  
Donnison, Wm. Victualler (Fountain)  
Douglas Thomas, (F.) Newcastle Carrier and Victualler (Anchor)  
Dowell and Renwick, Cabinet-makers  
Downey, Thomas, Painter and Glazier  
Dyches Samuel, (F.) Sail-cloth Manufacturer  
Easterby George, Sailmaker  
Eggleston Jane, Grocer  
Eilley Benjamin, Blockmaker  
English, Mrs, Victualler (Half-moon) I  
Fairlamb Robert, Hatmaker  
Fearney John, Painter  
Featherstonhaugh and Co. Coal-fitters  
Fenwick and Pringle, Cabinet-makers  
Friend William, Ironmonger  
Fowler and Robinson, Coal-fitters  
Gill Robert, Stationer  
Gill Thomas, (F) Weaver  
Gowan William, Tobacconist  
Gowland Clement, Watchmaker  
Graham James, (F.) Printer &c  
Graydon Edward, Spirit-dealer  
Grecian William, (F.) joiner  
Gutterson Walton, (F.) Whitesmith  
Haddock William, (F.) Ironmonger  
Haddock Thomas, Grocer  
Hall John, (F.) Cooper  
Hall John, Keeper of the Poor-house  
Handey Lewis , Linen-draper  
Hardcastle Mary, Milliner  
Hardcastle William, (F.) Grocer  
Hardcastle John and Thomas, (F.) Boat-builders  
Harelock William, Coal-fitter  
Harrison Lancelot, Ship-chandler  
Harrison John, Sailmaker  
Harrison Jeremiah, Sailmaker  
Haswell John, Blockmaker  
Hay William, (F ) Wharfinger and Commission-broker  
Haytor Thomas and Son, Coal-fitters  
Henderson Jacob, (F.) Sail-cloth Manufacturer  
Henderson Thomas, Spirit-dealer  
Hewitson William, Tanner

Hewitt John, (F.) Cabinet-maker  
Hewitt Samuel, Insurance-broker  
Hill and Kirkley, (F.) Sailmakers  
Hills Ralph, (F.) Watchmaker  
Hodgson Ralph, Post-master  
Hodgson Rt. Chandler and Wine-merchant  
Hogg James, (F.) Cabinet-maker  
Hogg Eleanor, Grocer and Spirit-dealer  
Hogg John, (F.) Dyer  
Hogg John, (F.) Sailmaker  
Holmes Thomas, Grocer  
Horn John, (F.) Grocer  
Horsley Thomas, Painter and Glazier  
Hume Matth. Victualler, (Dun Cow)  
Hunter Thomas, (F.) Butcher  
Hunter John, (F.) Butcher  
Hunter Thomas, Flour-dealer  
Hurry and Co. Salt-Office  
Hutchinson Michael; (F.) Blacksmith  
Irvine William, sen. (F.) Brewer and Victualler, (King's Head)  
Irvine William, jun. Queen's Head Inn  
Jackson John, Cooper  
Jackson Michael, Treasurer to the Commissioners of the River Wear  
Johnson Wm. (F.) Smith and Farrier  
Jowrey, Thomas, Golden Lion Inn  
Kilvington, Christopher, Butcher  
Lamb John, (F.) Baker  
Laverick Henry, (F.) Shoemaker  
Lawson and Irvine, Coal-fitters  
Lees Wm. agent to John Maling, Esq.  
Longbotham Geroe, Blockmaker  
Longridge, Michael, Mercer & Draper  
Lynd Joshua, Grocer  
Lynn Joshua, Butcher  
Mackintosh James, Agent to Mr Nesham  
Maddisson John, Pawnbroker  
Makepeace Tho. Grocer & Merchant  
Maling John (F.) Coal-fitter and Raff-merchant  
Markham Rich. (F.) Mercer & Draper  
Martin Thomas, Upholsterer  
Martin William, Boat-builder  
Mather Robert, Hair-dresser  
Millars Messrs. (F.) Brickmakers  
Moor John, Shoemaker  
Moor William (F.) Slopseller  
Mordey Joseph, Shoemaker  
Mounsey John (F.) Hatmaker  
Mounsey Thomas (F.) Grocer  
Naisbitt George, Slopseller  
Natrass Jackson (F.) Chandler and Grocer

Nelson John (F.) Coal-fitter  
Nesham John (F.), Coal-fitter  
Nicholson George, Taylor

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Nisbett Thomas, Brewer  
Ogden William Maude, (F.) Baker  
Oliver William, (F.) Dealer in Ropes  
Orton William, Mercer and Draper  
Parker Thomas, Grocer  
Parker Timothy, Coal-fitter  
Patterson Alexander, Draper  
Penrith William, (F.) Coal-fitter  
Plummer Thomas, Grocer and Baker  
Punshor John, Anchor-smith  
Ranson John, Brazier  
Ratcliffe Charles, Butcher  
Raw John and Craister James, Raff- merchants  
Reay George and Robert, Coal-fitters  
Reay Walter, George Inn  
Reay, Francis, Blockmaker  
Reay and Almond, Spirit-dealers  
Reed Elizabeth, Pawnbroker  
Reed Thomas, Printer and Bookseller  
Renner John, Spirit-dealer  
Ridley William, While Lion Inn  
Robinson George, (F.) Brewer  
Robinson and Bramwell, Wine and Spirit Dealers  
Robinson William, Hair-dresser  
Robinson George, (F.) Coal-fitter  
Robson William, Earthenware- dealer  
Robson William, Painter  
Russell William, (F.) Coal-fitter  
Rutter William, Hair-dresser  
Ryle John, Mercer and Draper  
Salisbury William, Painter and Glazier  
Samuel Hart, Jeweller  
Sandersons --, Milliners  
Sanderson --. Grocer  
Scurfield Bryan, (F )Ship-builder  
Service John, Hair-dresser  
Sheraston George, (F.) Coal-fitter  
Shields William, (F.) Mason  
Shout Robert, Engineer  
Shout Robert, Grocer  
Simpson and Penrith, Cabinet-makers  
Smith William, {F.) Coal-fitter  
Smith Edward, Painter and Glazier  
Smith Simon, (F.) Victualler, (Horns)  
Smith Joseph, (F.) Taylor



Smitham Thomas, (F.) Coal-fitter  
Sparrow John, (F.), Coal-fitter  
Sporck John, Butcher  
Stafford R. Victualler (Marquis of Granby)  
Stephenson Thomas, Sadler  
Stevenson Martin, (F.) Sadler  
Stony John, Sailmaker  
Taylor Anthony, (F.) Slopseller  
Taylor Ann and Jane, Milliners  
Tempest John, (F.) Coal-fitter  
Thompson Andrew, (F.) Slopseller

Thompson Margaret, Spirit-dealer  
Thompson George, Leather-seller  
Thompson Joseph, Mercer and Draper  
Thompson John, (F.) Goldsmith &c  
Thorne Nathaniel, Bookbinder  
Todd James, Butcher  
Todd Edward, Brazier  
Trotter William, (F.) Shoemaker  
Turner Robert, (F.) Cabinet-maker  
Turner Henry, Grocer  
Urwin Stephen, (F.) Shoemaker  
Vipond John, Grocer  
Wake Thomas, Coal-fitter  
Walker and Co. (F.) Brewers  
Walker Robert and Humphrey, (F) Coal-fitters  
Walker Sus. Custom-house Coffee-house  
Ward Dorothy, Victualler (Gen. Wolfe)  
Watkin Thomas, Hair-dresser  
Watson Robert, Undertaker  
Watson William, Victualler, (Bacchus)  
Wheatley William, Staymaker  
Whitfield John, Shoemaker  
White Matthew William, Grocer  
White George, Taylor  
Wilson Caleb, (F.) Chandler  
Wilson James, Coal-fitter, &c.  
Wiseman William, Gardener  
Wood William, (F.) Butcher  
Wood Elizabeth, Milliner  
Youl James, (F.) Baker  
Young and Carr, Mercers and Drapers  
Young Richard, Anchor-smith

#### CUSTOM-HOUSE

Christopher Hill, Esq. Collector  
Wm. Gooch, Esq. Deputy Comptroller  
Charles Simpson, Deputy Customer  
George Thompson, Land-surveyor

Thomas Smith, Tide-surveyor  
John Winstone, Tide-surveyor  
George Nicholson, Deputy-searcher  
Land-waiters.  
William Brown  
Thomas Laidman  
Thomas Stout  
Henry Powell

EXCISE-OFFICE.

James Douglas, Supervisor and Port-surveyor  
William Snowdall, Exciseman and Port-gauger  
Excisemen.  
John French  
Thomas Fairburn  
Paul Edger  
Thomas Miles  
John Thompson  
Thomas Cooper

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The metal bridge, which was begun some time ago across the river Wear, for the accommodation of the people in this neighbourhood, is nearly finished. It is to be one hundred feet high, two hundred and thirty-six feet in length, and is to have but one arch. The expence of this beneficial undertaking will amount to upwards of twenty-five thousand pounds. Mr. Lambton, Sir Ralph Milbanke, and Mr. Burdon, contributed several thousands pounds towards its erection.

Although Bishop Wearmouth and Monk Wearmouth were anciently places of note, they are now little better than suburbs of Sunderland ; Bishop Wearmouth, by the intermediate buildings, being now nearly joined to Sunderland, from which it only lay about half a mile.- The following are the principal inhabitants:

GENTRY &C.

Allan James, Esq. (F.)  
Blakiston William, Gent. (F.)  
Cass James, Gent. (F.)  
Goodchild John, Gent.  
Ingledew Robert, Gent.  
Maude Samuel, Gent. (F.)  
Richmond William, Gent. (F.)  
Rickaby William, Gent.  
Stamp Thomas, Gent.  
Story Anthony, Esq. (F.)  
Wells Thomas, Gent. (F.)  
Young John, Gent. (F.)

## CLERGY.

Egerton Hon. and Rev. Henry, Rector  
Fletcher Rev. Mr. Minister of the Catholic Chapel  
Stephenson Rev. George, Curate

## PHYSIC.

Brown Tipping, M. D.

## LAW.

Sanderson Thomas, (F.) Attorney  
Story George, (F.) Counsellor

## TRADERS, &C

Allan Robert, sen. (F.) Coal-fitter  
Allan Robert, jun. Coal-fitter  
Allan William, Pawnbroker  
Angus Jonathan, Insurance-broker  
Atkinson Richard, Brewer  
Atkinson John, Pawnbroker  
Ayre Thomas, (F.) Insurance-broker  
Bramwell Mrs. Tea-dealer &c.  
Brown George, (F.) Cabinet-maker  
Chapman Solomon, (F.) Spirit-dealer  
Collin James, (F.) Ship-builder  
Cook, W. (F.) Proprietor of ferry-boats  
Davidson John, (F.) Coal-fitter  
Drew George, Keeper of the Poor-house  
Dunning James, (F.) Coal fitter and Raff-merchant  
Ellis William, Parish-clerk  
Elstob and Co. Brewers  
Ferrimond Robert, Coal-fitter  
Ferrimond Joseph, Joiner and Cabinet-maker  
Garbutt and Galliller, (F. ) Coal-fitters  
Garthwaite Mrs. Victualler, (Ship)  
Gibson and Ness, (F.) Coal-fitters  
Greenwells and Co. Sail-cloth Manufacturers  
Herring Elizabeth, Grocer  
Hill John, Victualler, (Three Crowns)  
Horne Nathan, Blockmaker  
Hunter William, (F.) Coal-fitter  
Hutton Robert, (F.) Coal-fitter  
Johnson Edward, Anchor-smith  
Lasonby Miss, Grocer  
Linton Mich. Victualler, (Green Dragon)  
Maude Jacob, (F.) Coal-fitter  
Nicholson Thomas, (F.) Ship-builder  
Nicholson John, Ropemaker  
Richardson Thomas, (F.) Coal-fitter  
Richardson Isaac, Farmer  
Robson William, (F.) Coal-fitter

Rowe -, Grocer  
Rutherford Anthony, Blacksmith  
Sheraton Francis and Co. (F.) Spirit-dealers and Wine-merchants  
Stephenson George, Coal-fitter  
Vaux John, (F) Painter and Glazier  
Watson John, jun. Blockmaker  
Waugh Mrs. Grocer  
Wilkinson William, Stonemason  
Willoughby Mrs. Grocer  
Wilson John, Sadler  
Wilson John, Coal-fitter

Monk Wearmouth is opposite Sunderland, on the north side of the Wear; it had its name from being the residence of monks, so early as the year 674, and from being near the mouth of the Wear. - The following are the principal inhabitants of Monk Wearmouth and Monk Wearmouth-shore :

#### GENTRY.

Broderick Matthew, Gent. (F.)  
Burn Thomas, Gent. (F.)  
Cairns Robert, Gent. (F.)

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Liddell Robert, Gent. (F.)

#### CLERGY.

Abbs Rev. Cooper  
Gibson Rev. Thomas, Curate  
Henderson Rev. John, Dissenting Minister  
Iverson Rev, Jonathan, Perpetual Curate

#### PHYSIC

Allison William, Surgeon  
Collingwood Thomas, (F.) Surgeon  
Hassall George, Surgeon  
Stoddart Sharp, Surgeon  
Watson Edward, (F.) Surgeon

#### LAW

Hutchinson Christopher, Attorney  
Thornber John, Attorney

#### TRADERS, &C.

Allison John, (F.) Coal-fitter  
Bails John, (F.) Taylor  
Barnes -, Grocer  
Bewick Robert, (F.) Globe Inn  
Blenkinsop John, (F.) Ship-builder  
Booth John, (F.) Ship-builder

Booth William, Blockmaker  
Burn Thomas, (F.) Ship-builder  
Cropton Robert, Coal-fitter  
Davidson Robert, Butcher  
Dickinson Richard, Dealer in Ropes  
Dugood William, Grocer  
Elender Francis, (F.) Anchor-smith  
Ferry William, Brazier  
Furness Joseph, Watchmaker  
Galley John (F.) Coal-fitter  
Gregson Mrs Victualler (Golden Anchor)  
Grey Edward, (F.) Coal-fitter  
Henderson Ralph, Dealer in Ropes  
Heppell J. Victualler, (Newcastle Arms)  
Hicks Matthew (F.) Blockmaker  
Hobson Matthew, Ropemaker  
Hodgson Michael, Blockmaker  
Hodgson Thomas, Ropemaker  
Holburn Ann, Victualler  
Hunter William, Painter  
Hutchinson William, (F.) Butcher  
Hutchinson William, Butcher  
Kidson Thomas, Agent to Mr Wilkinson, Coal-fitter  
Lamb William, Shoemaker  
Landers Anthony, Sailmaker  
Lawson George, Grocer  
Lee Joseph, Butcher  
Lee Joseph, Agent to Sir Hedworth Williamson  
Macdougall James, (F.) Baker  
Maltman James, Baker  
Marshall Robert, Dealer in Ropes  
Masterman George, Sailmaker  
Masterman Tho. Painter and Glazier  
Matthew John (F.) Butcher  
Medcalfe Robert, (F.) Shields Carrier and Victualler, (Coach and Horses)  
Morrow Robert, King's Head Inn  
Myers James, Blockmaker  
Nicholson Joseph, (F.) Shoemaker  
Parker Joseph, Grocer  
Pearson Edward, Gardener  
Preston Edward, Butcher  
Punton Joseph, (F.) Grocer  
Rawling John, Butcher  
Reed Robert, (F.) Grocer  
Reed Robert, Butcher  
Reed William, (F.) Mason  
Robinson John, (F.) Boat-builder  
Robson Edward, (F.) Victualler, (Red Lion)  
Robson Matthew, Sailmaker  
Rudd James, (F.) Sailmaker

Rudd Henry, (F.) Ship-builder  
 Ruddock Nicholas, (F.) Butcher  
 Scaling Thomas, (F.) Dealer in Ropes  
 Smith Matthew, (F.) Grocer  
 Smith John, (F.) Schoolmaster  
 Stafford John, (F.) Coal-fitter  
 Stafford and Hodgson, Raff-merchants  
 Stephenson Sornby (F.) Ropemaker  
 Stephenson John, (F.) Baker  
 Stephenson Samuel, (F.) Ironmonger  
 Stubbs John Victualler, (Smiths' Arms)  
 Swan Joseph, Butcher  
 Taylor John, (F.) Coal-fitter  
 Taylor Charles, (F.) Grocer  
 Topliff William, (F.) Coal-fitter  
 Turner W. Victualler (Newcastle Arms)  
 Wake and Scaling, Boat-builders  
 Wake Thomas, Coal-fitter  
 Wandless Thomas, (F.) Baker  
 Wears John, (F.) Miller  
 Wilkinson William, Coal-fitter  
 Willis John, (F.) Pawnbroker  
 Wright John, Ship-builder

The eastern side of the county, along the sea-coast, and indeed the southern side, along the banks of the Tees, is very fertile and delightful, thick of little towns and villages, which are very populous ; and, as the mountains on the west produce iron mines, this side is full of those of coals, which lie so very near the surface of the ground, that the cart-wheels in some places press into them. - Indeed the road to Newcastle gives a view of the inexhausted store of coals and coal-pits, which employ near thirty thousand persons in digging of coals; and from

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from hence not London only, but many places abroad, and the south part of England, are continually supplied. And though at London, when we see the prodigious fleets of ships which come constantly in with coals, we are apt to wonder how it is possible for them to be supplied, and that they do not bring the whole coal-country away; yet, when in this country we see the prodigious heaps, we may say mountains, of coals, which are dug up at every pit, and how many of those pits there are, we are filled with equal wonder to consider where the people should live who consume them.

At the mouth of the Tyne, which parts Durham from Northumberland, stands the village of Shields, the station of the sea-coal fleets, where there have been some marks of Roman antiquity discovered not many years since.

Jarrow, noted for the birth-place of the venerable Bede, stands a little higher upon the same river; and upon the same side of the Tyne stands Gateshead, or Goatshead, Capræ Caput, as it was anciently called, the receptacle of the coal-pit men, just over-against Newcastle, and is supposed of old to have been part of it, though divided by the river, over which stood a stately stone bridge, with a gate in the middle ; which

served as a boundary between the bishoprick and the county of Northumberland ; but this bridge fell down a few years since, and has not yet been rebuilt.

The air in this bishoprick is pretty cold and piercing; ; and it is well for the poor that nature has supplied them so abundantly with fuel for firing ; and indeed all other provisions and necessaries are very cheap here. It seems as if the whole county had been originally appropriated to religion and war; for it is full of the ruins of religious houses and castles.