

William Boyne (1814-1893)

Tobacco manufacturer and antiquarian, central to a group with similar interests. Left Leeds in 1853 but continued collecting material on the town.

Works by and relating to Boyne

- *Boyne's History of Leeds* (c.1849-1893). Expanded, grangerized edition of Thoresby's *Ducatus* and Whitaker's *Loidis and Elmete*, with inserted illustrations by local artists, letters, newspaper extracts, maps & sketches.
- Numerous numismatic books, including *List of Tradesmen's Silver Tokens for 1811-1812* (Mss., no date, probably c.1840s)
- *The Yorkshire Library: A Bibliographical Account* (1869)

Works about Boyne

- G.D. Lumb. 'William Boyne, F.S.A., Numismatist, of Leeds and Florence,' in *PTS*, Vol. 33, *Miscellanea* (1930-32)
- J.A. Symington. 'Materials for a Life of Wm. Boyne' (Typescript, c.1900)

James Wardell (1814-1873)

Deputy Town Clerk, and local historian. Member of Boyne's antiquarian circle.

Works by and relating to Wardell

- *The Antiquities of the Borough of Leeds* (1853)
- *The Municipal History of the Borough of Leeds* (1846). Numerous copies, including one gifted to William Boyne and featuring a photo of the author.
- *Original Letters, &c., 1836 to 1872 [addressed to] James Wardell*. Mss.

Works about Wardell

- 'Obituary,' *Leeds Mercury*, May 5, 1873

Alf Mattison (1868-1944)

Local government officer, historian and socialist. Collection is split between Leeds Central Library and the Brotherton Library.

Works by and relating to Mattison (at Leeds Central Library)

- Large collection of Mss., including journals, lecture notes, book manuscripts and many newspaper cuttings. See the separate research guide: www.secretlibraryleeds.files.wordpress.com/2016/12/alf-mattison-viewing-version.pdf (hard-copy also available from the Library)

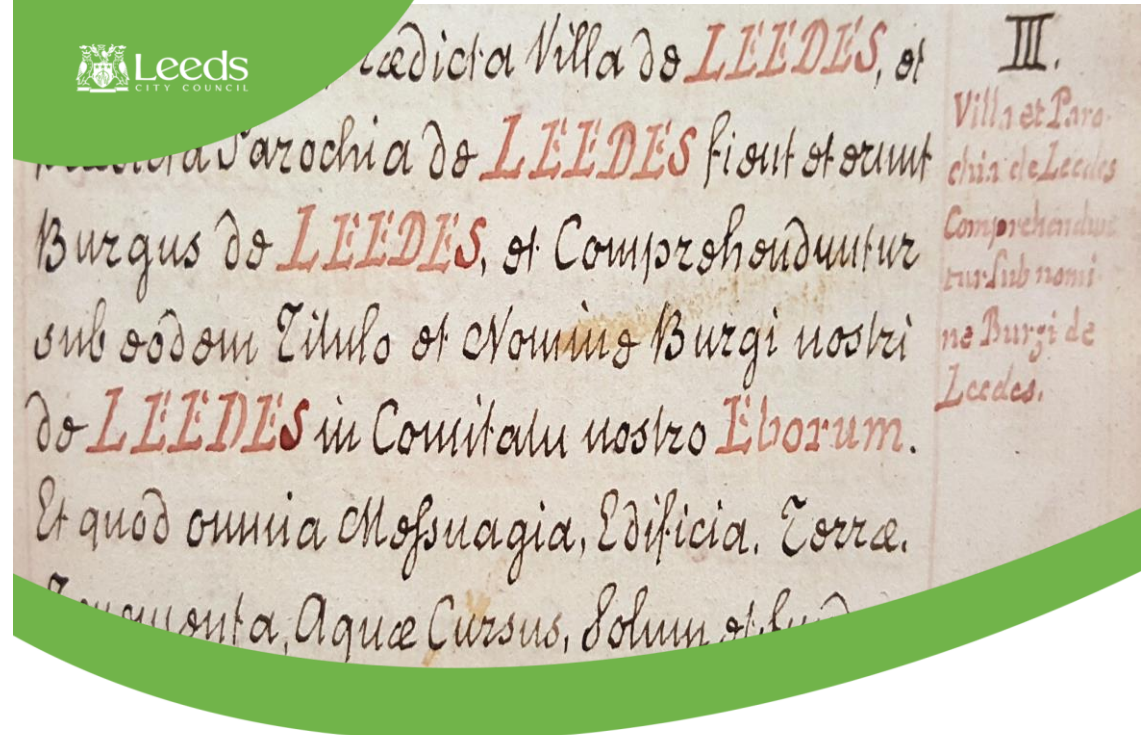
Works about Mattison

- W. B. Crump. 'Alf Mattison,' *PTS*, Volume 37 (1945)
- Lesley Henderson. *Alf Mattison: Collector and Socialist – A Survey of the Mattison Collection in the Brotherton Library* (1987 MA Thesis)

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General

- Overview of the Antiquarian Collection at the Central Library:
www.secretlibraryleeds.net/collections/the-antiquarian-collection
- R.V. Taylor. *Biographia Leodiensis* (1865 & 1867). Dictionary of prominent Leeds people, which includes entries for many antiquarians.

Ralph Thoresby (1658 – 1725)

The 'Father of Leeds history', whose 1715 work *Ducatus Leodiensis* is generally said to be the first written history of the town and its surrounding area.

Works by and relating to Thoresby

- **Ducatus Leodiensis: or, the Topography of the Ancient and Populous Town and Parish of Leedes* (1715). Numerous copies.
- *'The Historical Part of the *Ducatus*'. Lengthy footnote to life of Thoresby, in the *Biographia Britannica* (see below). Contains the contents of Thoresby's 'history of Leeds' proper, unfinished at his death.
- **Vicaria Leodiensis* (1724). Thoresby's history of the Church in Leeds. Numerous copies, including one with Mss. note from Thoresby to his grandson (also Ralph).
- Nils Keder. **De argento runis seu literis gothicis* (1703). Book on archaic coins, gifted by Hans Sloane, the prominent antiquarian, to Thoresby, and including Mss. notes from both.

Works about Thoresby

- D. H. Atkinson. *Ralph Thoresby, the Topographer: His Town and Times*, Volumes I and II (1885-1887)
- Joseph Hunter ed. *The Diary of Ralph Thoresby*, Volumes I and II (1830)
- *'Thoresby,' in the *Biographia Britannica*, Vol. 6, Pt.1 (1763). Lengthy biography of Thoresby, by one of his two sons.

John Lucas (1684 – 1750)

Master of the Leeds Charity School, local historian and friend of Thoresby.

Works by and relating to Lucas

- **Lucas' History of Warton Parish* (c.1710-1744). 1931 reprint of the Mss.
- **The Memoranda Book of John Lucas* (c. 1712-1750). Mss.
- *Ralph Thoresby. *Vicaria Leodiensis* (1724). Lucas' Mss. edition of Thoresby's history of the Leeds church

Works about Lucas

- J. Oates ed. *The Memoranda Book of John Lucas*, PTS, 2nd Series, Volume 16 (2006). Transcript extracts; also includes a short biography.

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Thomas Wilson (c. 1702-1761)

Lucas' successor as Charity School Master, and a prolific transcriber of manuscripts.

Works by and relating to Wilson

- **Chartularium Kirkstallense*. Kirkstall Abbey materials, transcribed by Wilson.
- **Committee of Pious Uses in Leedes*. Transcribed by Wilson
- **Liber Judiciarius: or, Dooms-Day-Book*. Transcribed by Wilson.
- **Kirkstall Missal* (1516). Annotated by Wilson, this 16th-century liturgical book is thought to have belonged to the Library at Kirkstall Abbey.
- Ralph Thoresby. **Ducatus Leodiensis* (1715). Heavily annotated by Wilson, containing notes that update and correct the original. Used by T.D. Whitaker for his 1816 2nd edition of the *Ducatus*.

Works about Wilson

- Professor Michael B. Kuczynski. 'The Facsimilist's Tale: Thomas Wilson, Schoolmaster-antiquary, and Houghton Library, Harvard University MS Lat 394' (2017)
- Philip Wilde and Antony Ramm. *Thomas Wilson: Catalogue of Works* (2017). Catalogue of all-known Wilson material, including those held at other archives and libraries:
www.secretlibraryleeds.files.wordpress.com/2018/01/thomas-wilson-collections-pamphlet-for-blog-final1.pdf (hard-copy available at the Library)
- Ibid. *Material relating to the Thomas Wilson exhibition held at Leeds Central Library, July 2017* (2017). Biographical and contextual details.

Rev. Thomas Dunham Whitaker (1759-1821)

Vicar and topographer, originally from Norfolk. Married Lucy Thursby of Leeds.

Works by and relating to Whitaker

- Ralph Thoresby. *Ducatus Leodiensis* (1816). Whitaker's 2nd edition, largely the same as the 1715 original, but including footnotes updating the text, and a biography of Thoresby (see Thomas Wilson entry above).
- *Loidis and Elmete* (1816). Covers the history of Leeds and surrounding area. Used by William Boyne for his expanded *History of Leeds*.

Works about Whitaker

- Peter Meredith ed. *The Thursby Manuscripts*, PTS, 2nd Series, Volume 21 (2011). Contains printed extracts of letters from T.D. Whitaker to Lucy Thursby, 1779-90.
- [No author]. 'A Yorkshire Topographer: Rev. T.D. Whitaker,' *Leeds Mercury Supplement*, April 2, 1887.