



Famous people with North East Connections



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- This fact sheet includes people who were born, live (or lived) in the North East and those whose work reflects (or has reflected) life in the region.
 - It is impossible to provide a definitive list of personalities. This list attempts to include people prominent at this time or those frequently asked about in the local studies section.
 - The list is in 2 sections - deceased and current personalities.
 - Entries are arranged alphabetically by name, followed by occupation. Places and dates of birth have been included wherever possible.
 - For deceased personalities, dates and places of death are also listed along with memorials and/or locations of examples of their work. The location of memorials is Newcastle upon Tyne unless otherwise indicated.
 - Biographical details have been taken from a wide variety of sources. Every effort has been made to provide correct details but research has occasionally uncovered conflicting information.
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DECEASED PERSONALITIES

ADDISON, THOMAS Dr. Physician.

b. Longbenton, Tyne and Wear 1793.

d. Brighton 29.6.1860.

Buried at Lanercost Priory, Cumbria

Window in memory of the Addison family in the south wall of St. Bartholomew's churchyard, Benton, North Tyneside.

Longbenton County Modern School dedicated to him in 1962.

ALLAN, Dame Eleanor, Founder of Dame Allan's schools opened 1709, founded 1705

d. Newcastle 21.1.1708/9

Buried in St. Nicholas' Church, Newcastle

APPLETON, Arthur, Author. Broadcaster.

b. Sunderland Dec. 1913.

d. 9.9.1997

ARMSTRONG, Lord William George, Industrialist.

b. Pleasant Row, Shieldfield, Newcastle 1810.

d. Cragside, Rothbury, Northumberland 27.12. 1900.

Buried in Rothbury Churchyard.

Memorial in Barras Bridge.

Plaque in Falconar Street.

Armstrong Bridge.

ARUP, SIR OVE NYQUIST CBE, Civil Engineer. Awarded CBE in 1953, Knighted in 1971

b. Newcastle 16.4.1895

d. London 5.2.1988

Buried in London

Projects include Sydney Opera House, Australia. Kingsgale Bridge, Durham. Byker Viaduct, Newcastle

AVISON, Charles, Musician.

b. Newcastle Feb. 1709.

d. Newcastle 9.5.1770.

Tombstone in St. Andrew's Churchyard. Also plaque near entrance gate. Street name.

New City Library called, Charles Avison Building



BEDE, The Venerable

b. Monkton, Jarrow (possibly Wearmouth) Tyne and Wear c.673.
d. Jarrow 25.5.735.

Tomb in Durham Cathedral.
Bede's Chair in St. Paul's Church, Jarrow.
Bede's World - Museum of Early Mediaeval Northumbria, Jarrow.

BEILBY, Ralph, Engraver, Silversmith, Goldsmith

b. Durham 1743.
d. 4.1.1817.
Buried in St. Andrew's Churchyard.

Tombstone in St. Andrew's Churchyard.
Work in the Laing Art Gallery.

BELL, Gertrude, Explorer., Scholar, Historian, Gardener, Archaeologist.

b. Washington Hall (N.B. not Washington Old Hall) Tyne & Wear 14.7.1868.
d. Baghdad 12.7. 1926.
Buried in the British Cemetery, Baghdad.

Plaque in The Hall, Washington.
Plaque at Red Barns, Redcar (the home of her parents, later part of Sir William Turner's School)

Memorial window in East Rounton Parish Church, Cleveland.


BEVERIDGE, Lord William Henry, Baron Beveridge of Tuggal. Architect of the welfare state. MP for Berwick.


b. India 1879.
d. India 16.3.1963.
Buried in Throckrington Churchyard, Northumberland.

BEWICK, Thomas, Wood engraver.

b. Cherryburn, Mickley, Northumberland 12.8.1753.
d. Gateshead 8.11.1828.
Buried at Ovingham, Northumberland.

Bust and Plaque in St Nicholas' Churchyard.
Statue above 43-45 Northumberland Street.
Street name.
Plaque on Ovingham Church wall.





BLACKETT, SIR WILLIAM, Coal and Lead Merchant. Mayor of Newcastle. MP for Newcastle. Knighted in 1673.

b. date unknown.
d. 16.5.1680.

Street name.
Memorial floor stones in St. Nicholas's Cathedral.
Portraits in Wallington Hall, Northumberland.

BLACKETT, SIR WALTER CALVERLEY "King of Newcastle". MP for Newcastle. Mayor of Newcastle. Freeman of Newcastle. High Sheriff of Northumberland. Philanthropist. Added Blackett to his surname by Act of Parliament in 1734.

b. 29.12.1708.
d. London 14.2.1777.
Buried in the family vault at Calverley, Yorkshire.
Inherited and re-modelled Wallington Hall, Northumberland.

BONDFIELD, Margaret, Labour MP Wallsend 1926. First female Cabinet Minister.

b. Chard, Somerset 1873.
d. Sep.1953.

BRANNIGAN, Owen, Singer


b. Annitsford, Northumberland 10.3.1908.
d. 9.5.1973.

Street name, Annitsford.

BRENT-DYER, Elinor, Author.

b. 52, Winchester St. South Shields, Tyne and Wear 6.4.1894.
d. 20.9.1969.

Plaque at No.3 Westoe village, South Shields (site of her former school).
Friends of the Chalet School (Society).



BROWN, (Lancelot) Capability, Landscape gardener

b. Kirkharle, Northumberland 1716
d. London 6.2.1783
Buried at Fenstanton Church

Projects include gardens at Blenheim, Stowe, Warwick Castle & Burghley.

BRUCE, John Collingwood, Historian.

b. Albion Place (now Leazes Park Road), Newcastle 15.9.1805.
d. 5.4.1892.
Buried in Newcastle General Cemetery i.e. Old Jesmond Cemetery.

Stone inscription on the wall of Bruce Buildings, Haymarket/St. Thomas' Street.
Monument in St. Nicholas' Cathedral.

BUDDLE, John, Mining Engineer.

b. Kyo, County Durham 1773.
d. Benwell, Newcastle 10.10.1843.

Memorial in St. James's Church, Benwell.
Street names (Benwell and Wallsend)

BUNTING, Basil, Poet.

b. Scotswood, Newcastle 1900.
d. Apr.1985.

BURT, Thomas, Politician. First working miner to become an MP (Morpeth)
Privy Councillor. Father of the House of Commons.

b. Murton Row, North Shields, Tyne and Wear 12.11.1837.
d. 13.4.1922.
Buried in Newcastle General Cemetery i.e. Old Jesmond Cemetery.

Burt Hall, Northumberland Road.

BUTLER, Josephine Elizabeth, Reformer.

b. Milfield Hill, near Wooler, Northumberland 13.4.1828.
d. 30.12.1906.
Buried in Kirknewton Churchyard, near Wooler.

CADDEL, Richard, Poet.

b. Bedford 1949.
d. 1.4.2003 Leukaemia



CARMICHAEL, John Wilson, Artist.

b. Tyne St. Newcastle 9.6.1799.
d. Scarborough, Yorkshire 2.5.1868.

Work in the Laing Art Gallery.

CHANDLER, Chas. Musician (Animals). Manager. Developer (Newcastle, later Telewest, Arena)

b. Heaton, Newcastle 18.12.1938
d. North Tyneside 17.7.1996

CHAPLIN, Sid, Author.

b. Shildon, County Durham 1916.
d. Grasmere, Cumbria 10.1.1986.

CHAPMAN, Abel, Natural Historian. Established the Sabi Game Reserve, now The Kruger National Park, South Africa.

b. Silksworth Hall, Co. Durham 4.10.1851.
d. Houxy on the North Tyne, Northumberland. 23.1.1929.
Buried in Wark Churchyard, Northumberland.

Hancock Museum. (Natural History)

CLANNY, Dr. William Reid, Physician. Inventor of the Clanny safety lamp for miners, 1813.

b. Bangor, Ireland 1777
d. Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland. 10.1.1850.
Buried in Gill Cemetery, Bishopwearmouth.

CLASPER, (Henry) Harry, Champion Oarsman

b. Dunston, Gateshead 1812
d. Tyne Street, Newcastle 12.7.1870
Buried in St. Mary's Churchyard, Whickam, Gateshead.

Monument and statue in Whickham Churchyard.

CLAYTON, John, Lawyer. Antiquarian. Newcastle Town Clerk.

b. Westgate Rd. Newcastle 10.6.1792.
d. Chesters, Northumberland 14.7.1890.

Street name.



COHEN, Her Honour Judge Myrella Second female QC in England. First to hold judicial office in the North. Third female Judge in England.

b. Manchester 16.12.1927.
d. 25.10.2002 Cancer aged 74

COLLINGWOOD, Admiral Lord Cuthbert.

b. Side, Newcastle 26.9.1748.
d. at sea 7.3.1810.

Tomb in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Bust in Side, Street Name, Cenotaph in St. Nicholas' Cathedral and Monument at Tynemouth, North Tyneside.

COMMON, Jack, Author.

b. Third Avenue, Heaton, Newcastle 1903.
d. 1968.

Plaque in Third Avenue.
Jack Common House, Heaton Road. (Sheltered housing)

COOKSON, Dame Catherine O.B.E. Author, has also written as Catherine Marchant. Awarded the O.B.E. in 1985. Created a Dame in 1993.

b. 5, Leam Lane, Tyne Dock, Tyne and Wear 20.6.1906.
d. Newcastle 11.6.1998.

COULSON, William Lisle Blenkinsopp, Animal benefactor. Humanitarian


b. June 1840
d. Newbrough, Northumberland 1.6.1911

Memorial on East Quayside near the Sailors Bethel

COWEN, Joseph, Politician. Reformer.

b. Blaydon Burn, Gateshead 9.7.1829.
d. Stella Hall, Blaydon, Gateshead 18.2.1900.
Buried in Ryton Cemetery, Gateshead.

Monument in Westgate Road.



DARLING, Grace, Heroine who took part in the rescue of people from the Steamship Forfarshire during a storm on 7.9.1838.

b. Bamburgh, Northumberland 24.11.1815.

d. Bamburgh 20.10.1842.

Museum in Bamburgh, Tomb in Bamburgh Churchyard and Memorial stone in St. Cuthbert's Chapel, Inner Farne Island.

DAVIES, (Sarah) Emily, Pioneer of female education. Suffragette. Founder of Girton College, Cambridge.

b. 1830.

d. 1921.

Her father was rector of Gateshead.

DAVISON, Emily Wilding, Suffragette.

b. Blackheath, London 11.10.1872.

d. Epsom, Surrey 8.6.1913.

Buried in St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard, Morpeth, Northumberland.

DAWSON, Byron Eric, Artist.

b. Banbury, Oxfordshire 1896.

d. Wooley Sanatorium Hospital, near Hexham, Northumberland
Mar.1968.

Work in the Laing Art Gallery and the Shipley Art Gallery, Gateshead.

DOBSON, John, Architect.

b. Chirton, North Shields, Tyne and Wear 9.12.1787.

d. New Bridge Street, Newcastle 8.1.1865.

Buried in Newcastle General Cemetery i.e. Old Jesmond Cemetery.

Street name. Plaque on his former home in New Bridge Street and Plaque on his birthplace, now the Pineapple Inn, Wallsend Road, North Shields.

FIFE, Sir John, Surgeon. Reformer. Mayor of Newcastle 1838.

b. Collingwood Street, Newcastle 1795.

d. Reedsmouth House, North Tyne, Northumberland. 16.1.1871.



FOSTER, Myles Birket, Artist.

b. 2, Rosella Place, North Shields, Tyne and Wear 4.2.1825.

d. Weybridge, Surrey 27.3.1899.

Buried in Witley Churchyard, Surrey.

Plaque on Birthplace.

Work in the Laing Art Gallery and the Shipley Art Gallery, Gateshead.

GIBSON, Wilfred, Poet. Social Worker.

b. Hexham, Northumberland 2.10.1878.

d. Surrey 26.5.1962.

GRAINGER, Richard, Builder.

b. High Friar Lane, Newcastle 9.10.1797.

d. 4.7.1861.

Buried in St James's Churchyard, Benwell, Newcastle.

Monument in Waterloo Street, Plaque in St. John's church, Plaque at 36 Clayton Street West, his home from 1842-1861 and Street name

GREEN, Benjamin, Architect.

b.1808.

d. 24.11.1858.

Possibly involved in the design of The Theatre Royal, the column for Grey's Monument, Willington Viaduct and Ouseburn Viaduct.

GREEN, John, Architect. Civil Engineer. (Father of Benjamin)

b. Newton Fell House, Nafferton, Northumberland 20.6.1787.

d. Lemington, Newcastle 30.9.1852.

Designed The Literary and Philosophical Society Building, The Theatre Royal, the column for Grey's Monument, The Scotswood Suspension Bridge, Willington Viaduct and Ouseburn Viaduct.


GREY, Earl Charles, (2nd. Earl) Prime Minister. Architect of the Great Reform Bill, 1832.

b. Falloden, Northumberland 13.3.1764.

d. Howick, near Alnmouth Northumberland 17.7.1845.

Buried in Howick Churchyard.

Grey's Monument and Street name.



HACKWORTH, Timothy, Locomotive Engineer. Preacher.

b. Wylam, Northumberland 22.12.1786.

d. 7.7.1850.

Buried at Shildon, County Durham

HADAWAY, Tom, Playwright.

b. 18.3.1923 raised in North Shields, Tyne and Wear.

d. 3.3.2005

HANCOCK, Albany, Naturalist. Ornithologist.

b. Bridge End, Newcastle 24.12.1806.

d. 24.10.1873.

Buried in Newcastle General Cemetery i.e. Old Jesmond Cemetery.

Hancock Museum. (Natural History)

HANCOCK, John, Ornithologist. (Brother of Albany)

b. Bridge End, Newcastle 24.2.1808.

d. St. Mary's Terrace, Newcastle 11.10.1890.

Buried in Newcastle General Cemetery i.e. Old Jesmond Cemetery.

Hancock Museum. (Natural History)

HAWTHORN, Robert, Engineer.

b. 1796.

d. 26.6.1867

Buried in Newburn Churchyard, Newcastle.

HEDLEY, Ralph, Artist. Wood and Stone Carver.

b. Gilling, Richmond 1848.

d. Newcastle 1913.

Wood carving in St. Andrew's Church. Work in the Laing Art Gallery.

HEDLEY, Thomas, Soap Manufacturer. Mayor of Newcastle 1863.

b. Harnham, Northumberland 22.4.1809.

d. 5.8.1877.

Buried in Newburn Churchyard, Newcastle.

Memorial in St. Nicholas's Cathedral, founder of company which became part of Procter & Gamble.





HEDLEY, William, Locomotive engineer. Inventor.

b. Newburn, Newcastle 13.7.1779.

d. Burnhopside Hall, County Durham 9.1.1843.

Plaque on Rose Cottage, Wylam, Northumberland.

HEMY, Charles Napier, Artist.

b. 17, Blakett Street, Newcastle 24.5.1841.

d. Falmouth, Cornwall 30.9.1917.

Work in the Laing Art Gallery.

HEPBURN, Thomas, Initiated the Union of Northern Miners, 1831

b. Pelton, County Durham Feb. 1796

d. Side, Newcastle 9.12.1864

Buried in Heworth Churchyard, Gateshead.

HESLOP, Harold, Author. Former Miner.

b. Rough Lea, County Durham 1.10.1898.

d. Nov.1983.

HODGSON, Rev. John, Historian.

b. Swindale, Westmorland 4.11.1779.

d. Hartburn, Northumberland 12.6.1845.

Buried in Hartburn Churchyard.

Memorial in Hartburn Church.

HOLMES, Arthur, Geologist

b. Hebburn, Tyne and Wear 14.1.1890

d. London 20.9.1965

HOTSPUR, Harry See Northumberland 5th Duke of,

HULL (James) Alan, Musician (Lindisfarne)


b. Benwell, Newcastle 20.2.1945


d. North Tyneside 17.11.1995

HUME, Cardinal Basil, Archbishop of Westminster (Roman Catholic) 1976-1999.
Honorary Freeman of Newcastle 1980.

b. Newcastle 2.3.1923

d. London 17.6.1999





HUNTER, Sir George Burton, Shipbuilder. Chairman of Swan Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd.

b. Cousin Street, Sunderland 19.12.1845.
d. Jesmond, Newcastle 21.1.1937.

JOSEPHS, Wilfred, Composer.

b. Gosforth, Newcastle 1927.
d. 17.11.1997

LEATHART, Constance, First female navigator in the North East.

b. 1904.
d. Little Bavington, Northumberland 4.11.1993.

LOSH, James, Barrister. Reformer. Recorder of Newcastle. Freeman of Newcastle.

b. Woodside, Cumbria 10.6.1763.
d. Gretna Bridge, Yorkshire 23.9.1833.
Buried in Gosforth Churchyard, Newcastle.

Statue and Bust in the Literary and Philosophical Society.

LOUGH, John Graham, Sculptor.

b. Greenhead, Northumberland 8.1.1798.
d. London 8.4.1876.

Designed Collingwood's Monument, Tynemouth and Stephenson's Monument, Newcastle.

MACSWEENY, Barry, Poet.

b. Newcastle 1948.
d. 9.5.2000

MARLEY, Sir John, Artist. Defender of Newcastle against the Scots in 1644.
Mayor of Newcastle.

b. c.1590.
d. Oct. 1673.
Buried in St. George's Porch, St. Nicholas's Cathedral on 24.10.1673.

Statue above 43-45 Northumberland Street.
John Marley Centre, Wickham View, Newcastle. (Part of Newcastle College)





MILBURN, (John Edward Thompson) Jackie, Footballer.

b. Ashington, Northumberland 11.5.1924.
d. 9.10.1988.

Stand at St. James' Park, Newcastle United F.C. Ground.
Statues on St. James' Boulevard and in Ashington

MILLS, Joe. Former Secretary of the TGWU Former Regional Chairman of the Labour Party. Founder Director of the Northern Development Company. Chair of Priority Healthcare, Wearside. Instrumental in attracting Nissan to the North East.

b. 1945
d.6.1.2003

MITCHELL, Charles, Shipbuilder.

b. Aberdeen 20.5.1820.
d. Newcastle 22.8.1895.
Buried in St. Bartholomew's Churchyard, Benton, Tyne and Wear.

Funded the building of Walker Hospital and St. George's Church, Jesmond.
Purchased and improved Jesmond Towers, his home from 1870 - 1895.

MITCHELL, James, Author. Has also written as James Munro.

b. South Shields, Tyne and Wear 1926.
d. 15.9.2002

NORTHUMBERLAND, 5th. DUKE OF, Henry Percy, known as Harry Hotspur

b. Alnwick, Northumberland 20. 5. 1364
d. At the Battle of Shrewsbury 21. 7. 1403
Buried in York Minister.

Statue above 43-45, Northumberland Street.

PALMER, Sir Charles, Shipbuilder. MP for Jarrow. Mayor of Jarrow.
Created a Baronet in 1886.

b. King Street, South Shields, Tyne and Wear 1822.
d. London 4.6.1907.

Monument in Jarrow, Tyne and Wear.





PARSONS, Sir Charles, Engineer. In 1927 he became the first engineer to receive the Order of Merit.

b. London June 1854.
d. West Indies 11.2.1931.
Buried in Kirkwhelpington Churchyard, Northumberland.

Freedom Scroll and Casket in the Newcastle Discovery Museum.
Parson's Polygon, Blakett Street.
Memorial window in St. Nicholas's Cathedral.
Memorial window in Westminster Abbey, London. (Dedicated 5.10.1950)

PORTER, Colonel James Herbert, Managing Director of Newcastle Breweries.
Vice President of Scottish and Newcastle Breweries.

b. Burton on Trent, Staffordshire 1892.
d. Morpeth, Northumberland 22.3.1973.
Introduced Newcastle Brown Ale 25.4.1927.

RAINBIRD, Victor Noble, Artist.

b. North Shields, Tyne and Wear 12.12.1888.
d. Sunderland 1936.
Buried in Preston Cemetery, North Shields.

Work in the Laing Art Gallery and South Shields Museum and Art Gallery.

REDHEAD, Brian, Broadcaster.

b. Newcastle 29.12.1929.
d. Macclesfield, Cheshire 23.1.1994.


RICHARDSON, Thomas Miles (Senior), Artist.

b. Newcastle 15.5.1784.
d. Newcastle 7.3.1848.

Work in the Laing Art Gallery, the Shipley Art Gallery and Sunderland Art Gallery.

RIDLEY, George, Songwriter. Composer of Blaydon Races.

b. Gateshead 10.2.1835.
d. Gateshead 1864.
Buried in St. Edmund's Cemetery, Gateshead (in an unmarked grave.)





RIDLEY, Nancy, Author.

b. Haydon Bridge, Northumberland 29.9.1911.
d. Hexham, Northumberland 30.12.1986.
Buried in St. Cuthbert's Churchyard, Bellingham, Northumberland.

ROBINSON, Gerrard, Woodcarver. (Father of William)

b. Forth Street, Newcastle 22.12.1834.
d. Pine St. Scotswood, Newcastle 16.3.1891.

Chevy Chase Sideboard in the Grosvenor Hotel, Shaftesbury, Dorset.
Shakespeare Sideboard in the Shipley Art Gallery, Gateshead.

ROBINSON, William, Artist. Woodcarver.

b. Gateshead 1867.
d. Gateshead 1945.

Work in the Shipley Art Gallery, Gateshead. Work in St. Nicholas's Cathedral,
St. Chad's, Gateshead and Seaton Hirst Parish Church, Seaton Delaval,
Northumberland.

ROBSON, Dame Flora, Actress. Created a Dame in 1960.

b. South Shields, Tyne and Wear 28.3.1902.
d. Brighton 7.7.1984.

Street name, South Shields.

ROBSON, Joe, Poet. Songwriter.


b. Newcastle 27.9.1808.
d. 26.8.1870.


Buried in Newcastle General Cemetery, Jesmond Road.

RUTHERFORD, Dr. John Hunter, Educational Reformer.

b. Jedburgh, Scotland 19.2.1826.
d. 21.3.1890.
Buried in Elswick Cemetery, Newcastle.

Monument in Bigg Market. Schools in Newcastle (now demolished or
re-named.)
Street Name and Stained Glass Window in Ellison Building, University of
Northumbria at Newcastle





SCOTT, John , Earl of Eldon, Judge. Lord Chancellor.
(Eloped with Bessie Surtees)

b. Love Lane, Newcastle 4.6.1751.
d. 13.1.1838.
Buried at Kingston, Dorset.

Eldon Square, Newcastle. Eldon Square Shopping Centre.

SCOTT, William, Lord Stowell, Judge. (Brother of John)

b. Heworth, Gateshead Oct. 1745.
d. 28.1.1836.
Buried in St. Andrew's Church Sonning, Berks.

Street name.

SCOTT, William Bell, Artist. Taught in Newcastle's School of Design c. 1844.

b. Edinburgh 12.9.1811.
d. Scotland 22.11.1890.

Studio at rear of his home in St. Thomas's Crescent. (The Rosetti Room)
Work in Wallington Hall, Northumberland.

SHIELD, Wiliam, Musician.

b. Swalwell, Gateshead 5.3.1748.
d. 25.1.1829.
Buried in Westminster Abbey, London.

Marble tablet in Westminster Abbey.
Monumental cross in Whickham Churchyard, Gateshead.

SHINWELL, Lord Emanuel, (Baron Shinwell of Easington.)


Politician. Trade Unionist. MP for Seaham and Easington.


b. Spitalfields, London 18.10.1884.
d. 8.5.1986.
Cremated at Golders Green, London.

Training Centre, Peterlee, County Durham.

SILKIN, John, Poet. Author. Co-editor of Stand Magazine.

b. London 2.12.1930.
d. Newcastle 25.11.1997





SMITH, (Thomas Daniel) T. Dan, Politician. Leader of Newcastle City Council
1960-1964.

b. Holly Avenue, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear. 11.5.1915.
d. Newcastle 27.7.1993.

SOPWITH, Thomas, Civil & Mining Engineer

b. 191, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle 3.1.1803
d. 103, Victoria Street, Westminster, London 16.1.1879
Buried in Norwood Cemetery

SPAIN, Nancy, Author. Journalist.

b. Jesmond, Newcastle Sep. 1917.
d. Aintree, Liverpool 22.3.1964. (in an air crash)

SPENCE, Thomas, Schoolmaster. Radical. Author.

b. Newcastle 21.6.1750.
d. 1.9.1814.
Buried in St. James's Burial Ground. Hampstead Road, London.

STANSFIELD, Clarkson, Artist.

b. Sunderland Dec. 1793.
d. London 18.5.1867.

STEAD, W.T. Journalist. 2nd. Editor of the Northern Echo. Reformer.


b. The Manse, Embleton, Northumberland 5.7.1849.
d. in the Titanic 15.4.1912.

Plaque in the Northern Echo Building, Darlington, County Durham,
W.T. Stead Society. Stead Memorial Church, Willington Quay, Wallsend,
Tyne & Wear (demolished).

STEPHENSON, George, Locomotive Engineer. (Father of Robert)

b. Wylam, Northumberland 9.6.1781.
d. 12.8.1848.
Buried in Holy Trinity Church, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

Monument in Neville Street. Window and wall plaque in Holy Trinity Church,
Chesterfield. Stephenson Memorial Hall, Chesterfield.





STEPHENSON, Robert, Engineer.

b. Willington Quay, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear 16.10.1803.

d. 12.10.1859.

Buried in Westminster Abbey, London.

Plaque in Greenfield Place, High Level Bridge and Brass plate in Westminster Abbey.

STUBBINS, Albert, Ex-Footballer. Appears on the cover of the Sergeant Pepper L.P. record by the Beatles.

b. Wallsend, Tyne and Wear 1919.

d. 28.12.2002 after short illness.

SURTEES, Bessie, Wife of John Scott, Lord Eldon. Eloped with him 18.11.1772. They married at Blackshields, Scotland.

b. Newcastle 1754.

d. 1831.

Bessie Surtees House, 41, Sandhill.

SWAN, Charles Sheridan, Shipbuilder. Chairman of Swan Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd.

b.6.5.1870.

d. Stocksfield, Northumberland 30.12.1944.

SWAN, Sir Joseph Wilson, Inventor. Freeman of Newcastle. Knighted in 1904.

b. Sunderland 31.10.1828.

d. 27.5.1914.

Buried Warlingham Churchyard, Surrey.

Swan House, Pilgrim Street. Plaque in Carlol House. and plaque at his workshop, 17-19 Mosley Street.

TAYLOR, Cecil P. Playwright.

Glasgow 1929.

d. 10.12.1981.

TAYLOR, Peter Murray (Lord Taylor of Gosforth) Lord Chief Justice 1992 - 1996. Freeman of Newcastle

b. Newcastle 1.5.1930.

d. Guildford, Surrey 27.4.1997

Buried in Westgate Hill Cemetery.





TELFORD, Thomas, City Councillor, Brush Manufacturer

b. 1819
d. Newcastle 16.7.1893
Buried in Westgate Hill Cemetery.

THORNTON, Roger, Benefactor. Mayor of Newcastle 8 times.

b. Date unknown.
d. Broad Chare, Newcastle 3.1.1429 or 1430.

Brass in St. Nicholas' Cathedral.
Street name.
Statue above 43-45 Northumberland Street

TRAVERS, Bill, Actor. Conservationist.

b. Jesmond, Newcastle 3.1.1922.
d. 29.3.1994.

TREVELYAN, Sir Charles Edward, Indian Civil Service, J.P. Poor Law supporter.
Created a Baronet in 1874.

b. 1807.
d. 19.6.1886.

Wallington Hall, Northumberland (Inherited by the Trevelyan family from the Blacketts in 1777, remained in family until 1941 when it was given to the National Trust) School (now demolished). Charles Trevelyan Building, Newcastle College.

TROLLOP, Robert, Architect. Honorary Freeman of Newcastle 1657.


b. York, Yorkshire date unknown.
d. 1686.

Designed the Guildhall, Newcastle, and Capheaton Hall, Northumberland.

WATSON, Robert Spence, Lawyer. Educationalist. Privy Councillor.

b. Bensham Grove, Gateshead 8.6.1837.
d. Bensham Grove, Gateshead 2.3.1911.

Instrumental in founding the College of Science which became Armstrong College. (later Newcastle University). His home in Bensham Grove became a centre for adult education.





WESTALL, Robert, Author.

b. 7, Vicarage Street, North Shields, Tyne and Wear 7. 10. 1929.
d. Thelwell, Cheshire 15. 4. 1993.

Plaque at 7, Vicarage Street, North Shields.

WILKINSON, Ellen, M.P. for Jarrow, Tyne and Wear. Suffragist. First female Minister for Education. Participant in the Jarrow March. Author.

b. Coral Street, Ardwick, Manchester 8.10.1891.
d. London 6.2.1947.

Plaque at her birthplace.

WILKINSON, William Boutland, Plasterer. Concrete Manufacturer. Built first known house with reinforced concrete c. 1865 - demolished 1954.

b. St. Peter's Newcastle 2.1.1819.
d. Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear 13.10.1902.
Buried in Newcastle General Cemetery i.e. Old Jesmond Cemetery.

Stained glass window in Saint Nicholas' Cathedral.

WILLIAMS, Dr. Ethel Mary Nucella, Suffragette. J.P. One of the first female G.P.'s in Newcastle

Cromer, Norfolk 8.7.1863
b. Stocksfield, Northumberland 29.1.1948
Buried in Hindley Churchyard, Stocksfield


Halls of Residence, Newcastle University

WILLIAMSON, Trish. Weather presenter.

b. Newcastle 3.1.1955.
d. 9.11.2007 car crash

WILSON, Edward, Actor. Director of the National Youth Theatre.

b. South Shields, Tyne and Wear 13.7.1947.
d. 2.2.2008





WILSON, Joe, Songwriter.

b. Stowell Street, Newcastle 29.11.1841.

d. 12.2.1875.

Buried in Newcastle General Cemetery i.e. Old Jesmond Cemetery.

WONFOR, Andrea, Joint Managing Director of Granada T.V. Former Director of Tyne Tees T.V.

b. 31.7.1944.

d. 10.9.2004 Breast Cancer

WOOD, Nicholas, Mining Engineer.

b. Sourmires, Ryton, Gateshead 24.4.1795.

d. London 19.12.1865.


Buried in Hetton Churchyard, County Durham.

Wood Memorial Hall in the Mining Institute, Westgate Road.

WOOLHOUSE, Wesley, Mathematician.

b. North Shields, Tyne and Wear 6.5.1809.

d. Canonbury, London Aug. 1893.



CURRENT PERSONALITIES

ADIE, Kate OBE Broadcaster. Awarded the OBE in 1993.
b. 19.9.1945 raised in Sunderland.

ALDER, Jim, Athlete.
b. Govan, Scotland 10.6.1940.

ALLEN, Sir Thomas CBE Opera Singer. Awarded the CBE in 1988. Knighted in 1999.
b. Seaham, County Durham 10.9.1944.

ANDERSON, Alistair, Musician.
b. Wallsend, Tyne and Wear 18.3.1948.

ARMSTRONG, Alun, Actor.
b. Annfield Plain, County Durham 17.6.1946.

ARMSTRONG, Keith, Poet.
b. Newcastle 25.6.1946

ARMSTRONG, Sheila Ann, Former Opera Singer.
b. Ashington, Northumberland 13.8.1942.

ATKINSON, Frank, CBE Author. Director of Beamish Museum 1970-1987.
Awarded CBE in 1975.
b. Barnsley, Yorkshire 13.4.1924.

ATKINSON, Rowan Sebastian, Actor. Comedian.
b. Newcastle 6.1.1955.

AYCLIFFE, Jonathan See McEOIN, Dennis

BARKER, Pat, Author.
b. Thornaby, Teeside 8.5.1943.

BARRATT, Sir Lawrence A. Industrialist. Founded Barratt Developments 1958.
Knighted in 1982.
b. Newcastle 14.11.1927.

BEARDSLEY, Peter, MBE Footballer. Awarded the MBE in 1995.
b. Newcastle 18.1.1961.

BEECHAM, Sir Jeremy, Leader of Newcastle City Council 1977 - 1995.
Chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities.
Solicitor. Knighted in 1994.
b. Leicester 17.11.1944

BELLAMY, Dr. David, OBE Botanist. Broadcaster. Ecologist. Author.
Awarded the OBE in 1994.

b. London 18.1.1933.

BLAIR, Anthony, Prime Minister May 1997 - Leader of the Labour Party since 1994. MP for Sedgefield, County Durham.

b. Edinburgh. 6.5.1953.

Prime Minister from 2 May 1997 to 27 June 2007

Leader of Labour Party 1994 – 2007 and MP for Sedgefield from 1983 – 2007
27 June 2007 appointed Envoy of the Quartet on the Middle East on behalf of the UN, EU, USA and Russia.

BOLAM, James, Actor.

b. Sunderland 16.6.1933.

BRENCHLEY, Chaz, Author.

b. Oxford 1959.

BURDON, Eric, Singer (Animals).

b. Walker, Newcastle 11.5.1941.

CAIRNS, Janice, Opera Singer.

b. Ashington 1952.

CAMPBELL, Beatrix, Author. Journalist.

b. 3.2.1947.

CARR-ELLISON, Sir Ralph H. Lord Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear.

b. Powburn, Northumberland 8.12.1925.

CHARLTON, Sir (Robert) Bobby CBE O.B.E. Ex-footballer.

Awarded the OBE in 1969 and the CBE in 1973. Knighted in 1994.

b. Ashington. Northumberland 11.10.1937.

CHARLTON, George, Poet.

b. Heworth, Gateshead 19.5. 1950.

CHARLTON, Jack OBE Ex-footballer. Ex-manager of the Republic of Ireland Football Team. Awarded OBE in 1974. (Brother of Bobby)

b. Ashington, Northumberland. 8.5.1935.

CLARK, Lee Robert, Footballer.

b. Wallsend, Tyne and Wear 27.10.1972.

CLEEVES, Ann, Author.



CLEWLOW, Carol, Author.
b. Somerset 1948.

CONWAY, Joanne, Ice Skater. British Figure Skating Champion 1985-88 & 90-91
b. Wallsend, Tyne and Wear 11.3.1971.

CORNISH, Norman S. Artist.
b. Spennymoor, County Durham 18.11.1919.

COULTON, Very Reverend Nicholas Guy. Vicar of Newcastle since 1990
b. Buckfastleigh 14.6.1940

COWIE, Sir Tom. OBE Honorary Life President of Cowie Group PLC
Awarded the OBE in 1981. Knighted 1991.
b. Sunderland 9.9.1922.

COWPER, David Scott, Sailor. Chartered Surveyor. Freeman of Newcastle.
First person to circumnavigate the world west to east.
b. Newcastle 1.3.1942.

CRAIG, Wendy, Actress.
b. Sacriston, County Durham 20.6.1934.

CRAM, Steve MBE Athlete. Former World (1983) Commonwealth (1982 & 1986)
and European (1982) 1500m. champion and Commonwealth
800m. champion(1986). Former holder of World mile record
(3:4632) 1985. Awarded the MBE in 1985.
b. Newcastle 14.10.1960.

DEARY, Terry, Author.
b. Sunderland 3.1.1946.


DONALD, Christopher Mark, Editor of Viz Magazine.
b. Newcastle 25.4.1960.

DONNELLY, Declan Joseph, Singer (Ant. & Dec.) Actor (Byker Grove).
b. Newcastle 25.9.1975.

EASTERMAN, Daniel See McEOIN, Dennis

EDWARDS, Jonathan, MBE Athlete. Gateshead Harriers. Made the longest jump
in history 18.43m. (Wind assisted) 25.6.1995. Triple jump
world record holder 17.98m. 18.7.95 Awarded the MBE in
1996
b. Westminster, London 10.5.1966.





ELLIOTT, Mike, Comedian.
b. Sunderland 17.7.1946.

FANE, Billy, Author. Poet. Actor (Byker Grove).
b. 1946.

FELLS, Ian, Professor of Energy Conservation, Newcastle University.
b. Sheffield 5.9.1932.

FERRY, Bryan, Singer (Roxy Music).
b. Washington, Tyne & Wear 26.9.1945.

FISHER, Dr. Michael, High Sheriff of Tyne & Wear since 1995

FITZGERALD, Kitty. Author.
b. Ireland 25.9.1946.

FORSYTH, Jimmy, Photographer.
b. Wales 15.8.1913.

FOSTER, Brendan, M.B.E. Athlete. Chairman & Managing Director of Nova International Ltd. Olympic Bronze Medal holder 10000m (1976). Athletics promoter. Founder of the Great North Run. Awarded the MBE in 1976.
b. Hebburn, Tyne and Wear 12.1.1948

GARBUTT, James, Actor.
b. Houghton-Le-Spring, County Durham 1925.

GASCOIGNE, Paul John, Footballer.
b. Gateshead 27.5.1967.

GIBSON, Wendy, Broadcaster.
b. County Durham 19.1.1961.

GLENAMARA, Lord Edward Watson Short. Chancellor of the University of Northumbria. Deputy leader of the Labour Party 1972-1976. ex. MP for Newcastle Central.
b. Warcop, Westmorland 17.12.1912.

GRAHAM, Dr. Andrew A.K. Bishop of Newcastle (Church of England) since 1981.
b. Highgate, London 7.8.1929.

GRANT, Olivia, OBE Director of Tyneside TEC. Awarded OBE in 1995.
b. Newcastle 16.8.1946.

GREEN, Robson Golightly, Actor. Singer.
b. Dudley, Northumberland 18.12.1964.



GREY, Earl Richard Fleming George Charles, (6th Earl)

b. 5.3.1939.

GRIFFITHS, Ambrose, Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle (Roman Catholic) since 1992.

b. 4.12.1928.

HALL, Sir John, Chairman of Newcastle United F.C. Developed the Metro Centre. Knighted in 1991.

b. North Seaton, Ashington, Northumberland 21.3.1933.

HARDWICK, Charlie Actress

b. Newcastle 3.11.1960

HARDY, (William Henry) Billy, Boxer. Commonwealth Featherweight Champion 1992. Owner of the Lonsdale Belt.

b. Sunderland 5.9.1964.

HARRISON, Tony, Poet. First to hold the Northern Arts Fellowship.

b. Hunslet, Yorkshire 1937.

HEALY, Brendan Philip, Actor. Musician.

b. Newcastle 18.12.1956.

HEALY, Tim Malcolm, Actor.

b. Newcastle 29.1.1952.

HILL, Melanie Actress

b. Brighton 11.1.1962

HINKES, Alan, Mountaineer. First Briton to conquer the Himalayan Mountain Manaslu, 26,000ft.

b. Yorkshire 26.4.1954.

HOGG, (Alexander) Ian, Actor.

b. Newcastle 1.8.1937.

HORN, Trevor, Record Producer.

b. Newcastle 15.7.1949.

HUFTY See REAH, Andrea Huftika

JENKINS, David Edward, Retired Bishop of Durham.

b. London. 26.1.1925.

JOHNSON, Brian, Musician (AC/DC, Geordie)

b. 5.10.1947.

KENNEDY, Paul, Historian.

b. Willington Quay, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear 1945.



KIRKUP, James, Poet. Author.

b. South Shields, Tyne and Wear 23.4.1918.

KNOPFLER, Mark, Musician (Dire Straits)

b. Glasgow 12.8.1949. raised in Gosforth, Newcastle.

LA FRENAIS, Ian, Author.

b. Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear 1938.

LAILAW, Raymond Joseph, Musician (Lindisfarne)

b. Tynemouth 28.5.1948

LAMBTON, Lucinda, Photographer. Writer.

b. Newcastle 10.5.1943

LAWS, Stephen, Author.

b. Byker, Newcastle 1952.

LYE, Jackie Actress

b. Newcastle 25.7.1959

MacDEE, Paddy, Broadcaster.

b. Dublin 17.5.1950.

McCRORY, Glen, Boxer. Former World Cruiserweight Champion 1989.

b. Burnhope, County Durham 1964.

McEOIN, Dr. Dennis, Professor of Islamic Studies. Author. Also writes as Daniel Easterman and Jonathan Aycliffe.

b. Belfast 26.1.1949.

McLANE, Val. Actress. Author. Director. Co-founder of Live Theatre. Lecturer
(Sister of Jimmy Nail).

b. Gilsland, Cumbria 25.2.1943.

McLEOD, Mike. Athlete. Olympic Silver Medal holder 10000m. (1984).

b. Dilston, Northumberland 25.1.1952.

McMENEMY, Lawrie, Ex-footballer.

b. Gateshead 26.7.1937.

McPARTLIN, (Anthony David) Ant. Singer (Ant. & Dec.). Actor (Byker Grove).
Entertainer.


b. Newcastle 18.11.1975.


MCTEER, Janet, Actress

b. Newcastle 1963

MALIA, Carol, Broadcaster.

b. Cullercoats, Tyne and Wear 31.10. 1968.





MARVIN, Hank, Musician. (Shadows)
b. Newcastle 1941.

MORTIMER, BOB. Comedian.
b. Middlesbrough 1959

MORTIMER, Peter, Author. Playwright. Poet. Editor of Iron Press.
b. Nottingham 17.12.1943.

NAIL, Jimmy, Actor. Singer. (Brother of Val. McLane)
b. Longbenton, Tyne and Wear 1954.

NEVILLE, Mike MBE Broadcaster. Awarded MBE in 1991.
b. Willington Quay, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear 17.10.1936.

NORTHUMBERLAND, 12th Duke of, Ralph Percy, succeeded Nov. 1995
b. 1956

O'BRIEN, Sean, Poet.

OLDFIELD, Bruce, Fashion Designer.
b. Hammersmith, London 14.7.1950. raised in Hett, County Durham.

OLIVER, Vaughan, Graphic Designer.
b. 1958

OLLEY, Robert, Artist, Sculptor.
b. South Shields, Tyne and Wear 16.1.1940

PATTINSON, Bobby, Comedian. Actor.
b. Gateshead 21.7. 1935.

PERCY, Ralph See Northumberland , Duke of


PICKARD, Tom, Poet. Writer. Freelance T.V. director.
b. Blakelaw, Newcastle 1946.

PLATER, Alan, Playwright.
b. Jarrow, Tyne and Wear 15.4.1935

PRICE, Alan, Musician. (Animals).
b. Jarrow, Tyne and Wear 19.4.1941.

QUIN, Joyce, Politician. Euro MP Labour MP for Gateshead East.
Opposition spokesperson for Employment.
b. Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear 26.11.1944.

REAH, (Andrea Huftika) Hufty T.V. Presenter.
b. Newcastle 1966.



REEVES, Vic. Comedian. Raised in Darlington, County Durham

RIDLEY, Viscount Matthew White (4th Viscount). Lord Lieutenant of Northumberland. Chancellor of Newcastle University. Lord Steward of H.M. Household.

b. 29.7.1925.

ROBERTSON, Denise, Author. Agony aunt.

b. Sunderland 1932.

ROBSON, Alan MBE Broadcaster. Author. Awarded MBE in 1995.

b. Newcastle 1.10.1955.

ROBSON, Bryan OBE Footballer. Manager of Middlesbrough F.C.

Awarded the OBE in 1989.

b. Chester-Le-Street, County Durham 1.11.1957.

ROBSON, (Robert William) Bobby, CBE Ex- England footballer manager

Awarded the CBE in 1991.

b. Sacriston, County Durham 18.2.1933.

ROLPH, Susan Swimmer

b. Newcastle 15.5.1978

ROYLE, Pamela, Broadcaster.

b. Leicester 30.6.1958.

SCOTT, Ridley, Film Director. (Brother of Tony Scott)

b. South Shields, Tyne and Wear 30.11.1937.

SCOTT, Tony, Film Director. (Brother of Ridley Scott)

b. North Shields, Tyne and Wear

SECKER, Kathy, Broadcaster.

SHARPE, David, Athlete.

b. Newcastle 8.7.1967.

SHEARER, Alan, Footballer. Newcastle United F.C. paid £15million for him in 1996

(World's most expensive footballer at the time)


b. Gosforth 13.8.1970

SHORT, Edward See GLENAMARA

SHRIEK, Paul, Fashion Designer.

SPEDDING, Charlie, Athlete.

b. Bishop Auckland, County Durham 19.5.1952.



SPENCER, Lynn, Broadcaster.
b. Gateshead

STEEL, (William Hall) Bill, Broadcaster.
b. Benwell, Newcastle 1940.

STEWART, Dave, Musician (Eurythmics).
b. High Barnes, Sunderland 1953.

"**STING**" See SUMNER, Gordon

STOPPARD, Miriam, Doctor. Broadcaster. Author.
b. Newcastle 12.5.1937.

STUBBS, Imogen, Actress.
b. Rothbury, Northumberland 20.2.1961.

SUMNER, Gordon, Musician (Police).
b. Wallsend, Tyne and Wear 2.10.1951.

SWAN, Robert Charles, OBE Explorer. Walked to both Poles. Awarded the Polar Medal 1985, OBE 1995.
b. Neasham, County Durham 28.7.1957.

TAMES, Roger, Broadcaster.
b. Stratford, London 21.9.1951.

TENNANT, Neil, Musician (Pet Shop Boys)
b. Gosforth, Newcastle 10.7.1954

TERSON, Peter, Playwright.
b. Walker, Newcastle 1932.

THEWLIS, Dawn, Broadcaster.
b. Newcastle 19.4.1965


TICKELL, Kathryn, Musician, Northumbrian Pipes.

TURNBULL, Right Reverend Michael, Bishop of Durham since 1994.
b. Yorkshire 27.12.1935.

VALENTINE, Hilton, Musician (Animals, Alligators & New Animals)
b. North Shields, Tyne and Wear 21.5.1943.

WADDELL, Sid. Broadcaster.
b. Alnwick, Northumberland 10.8.1940.

WADDLE, Chris. Footballer.
b. Gateshead 14.12.1960.



WADE, Kirsty, Athlete. Member of Blaydon Harriers. Commonwealth 800m. & 1500m. Gold Medals 1984.
b. Girvan, Scotland 6.8.1962.

WAPPATT, Frank, Pastor. Broadcaster.
b. Hebburn, Tyne and Wear

WELCH, Bruce, Musician (Shadows).
b. Bognor Regis 2.11.1941. raised in Chester-Le-Street, County Durham & Newcastle.

WELCH, Denise, Actress.
b. Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear 22.5.1958.

WHARTON, Rt. Rev. J. Martin 11th Bishop of Newcastle, enthroned 14.2.1998

WHATLEY, Kevin, Actor.
b. Humshaugh, Northumberland 6.2.1951.

WILLIAMS, Sir Frank, Racing car owner - Williams Formula 1 team. Knighted 1998.
b. South Shields, Tyne and Wear

WILLIS, Simon Broadcaster
b. Newcastle 24.12.1958

WILLIS, Wincie. Broadcaster.
b. Gateshead 8.8.1954.

WILSON, Ian Swimmer. British & English Senior Record holder 1500m & 800m. Freestyle.
b. Sunderland, Tyne & Wear 19.12.1970.

WOLFENDALE, Sir Arnold, Astronomer Royal since 1991. Knighted in 1995.
b. Rugby 1927

WOODVINE, John, Actor.
b. Tyne Dock, Tyne and Wear 21.7.1929

WOOF, Emily, Actress.
b. Newcastle, 1957

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