

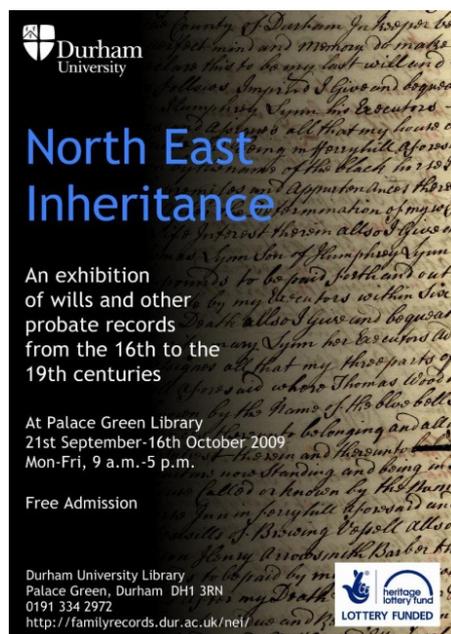
North East Inheritance

An exhibition of wills and other probate records from the 16th to the 19th centuries

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Called **North East Inheritance**, the exhibition looks at a broad selection of wills and inventories and other probate records of persons who lived in Durham and Northumberland between 1526 and 1858. The exhibition marks the completion of the cataloguing phase of the NEI project. This catalogue has been created with HLF and Durham University funding, and with the collaboration of the Genealogical Society of Utah as well as of a dedicated team of local volunteers. The catalogue will go online in 2010, providing free access to 150,000 document images relating to some 75,000 persons. More information on the scope and progress of the project can be found at <http://familyrecords.dur.ac.uk/nei/>. The exhibition provides a brief guide to the different types of probate record found in the Durham Diocesan collection, with additional guides and examples on using probate records to research family and local history. Other topics presented are: Plague; Northeasterners Abroad; Enemies Foreign and Domestic; Death, Dying and Disposal; The Wreck of the ship Palermo; Literacy and Education; Trade and Industry; Health and Medicine.

The exhibition will be held at Palace Green Library, Durham University Library, Palace Green, Durham, DH1 3RN, on Monday 21st September to Friday 16th October, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Entry to the exhibition is FREE. For more information contact North East Inheritance on telephone 0191 334 2972, email: family.records@dur.ac.uk or visit <http://familyrecords.dur.ac.uk/nei/>.

Ends

NEI Exhibition Press Release. Event: 21 Sept to 16 Oct 2009.

MEDIA INFORMATION

For further information please contact North East Inheritance on 0191 334 2972 or email family.records@dur.ac.uk.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

You are invited to send a photographer and/or reporter to Palace Green Library on the afternoon of Friday 18th September when the exhibition and NEI project staff and local volunteers will be available for photographs and/or interviews.

PHOTOGRAPH AVAILABLE

.Jpg images of the Exhibition documents are available at http://familyrecords.dur.ac.uk/nei/NEI_feature.htm. A .jpg image of the NEI volunteers is available from North East Inheritance on 0191 334 2972 or email family.records@dur.ac.uk.

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