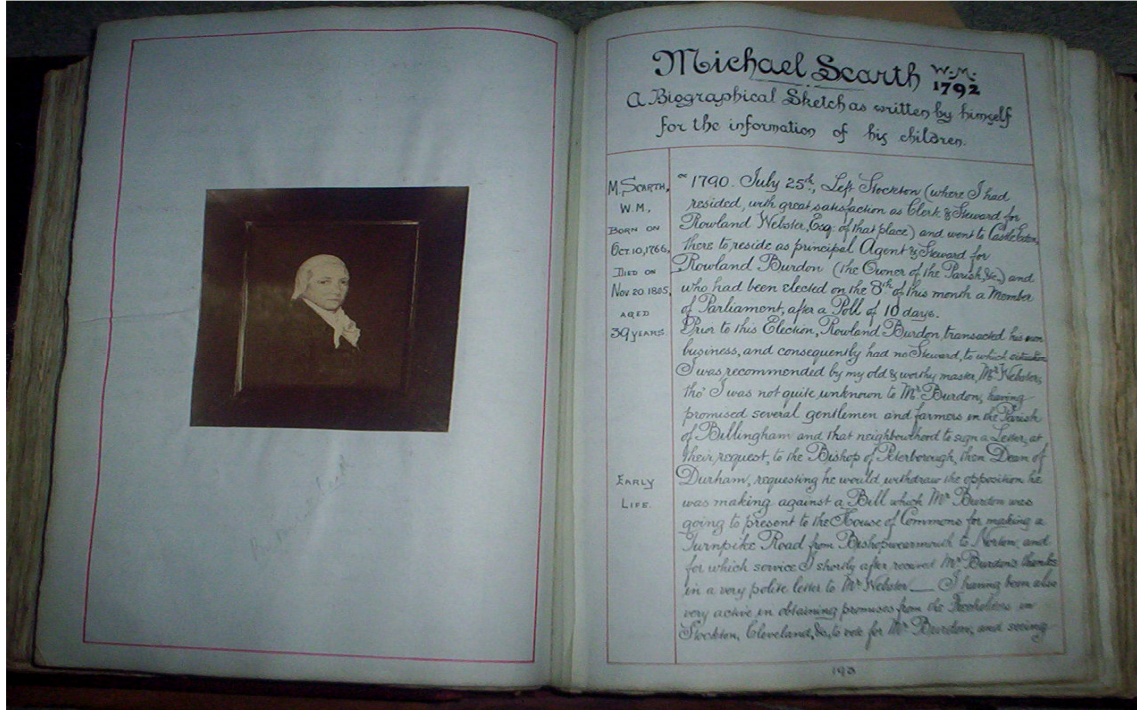


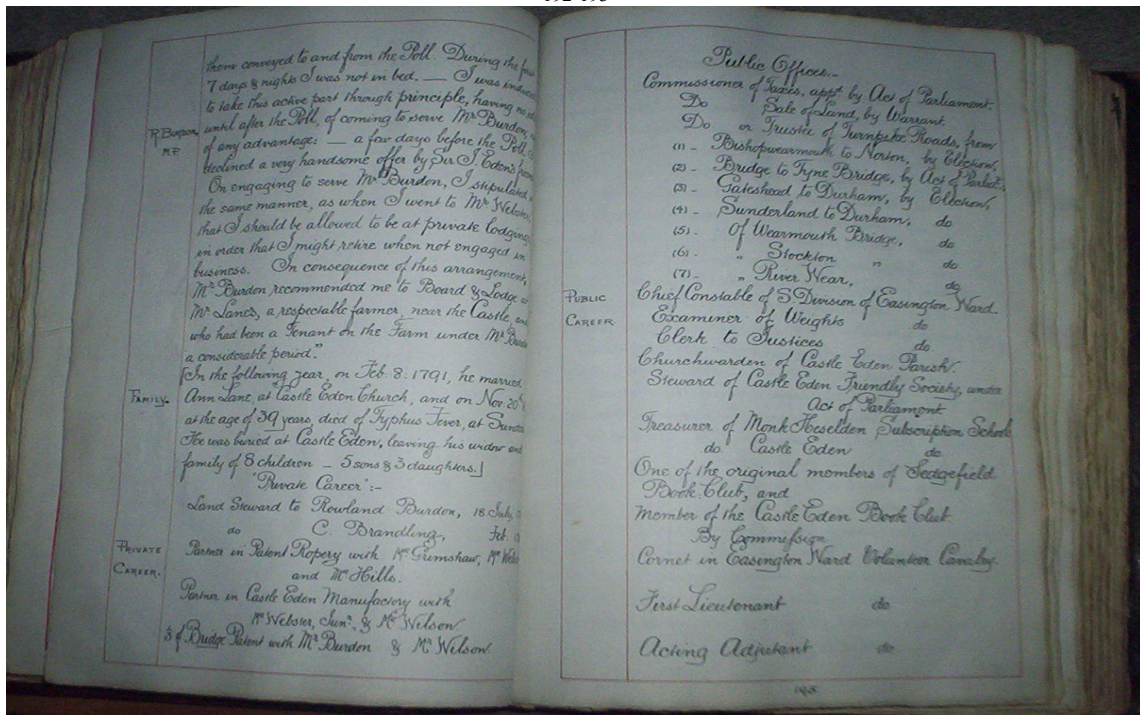
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Bro Michael Scarth

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Masonic Career

Proposed in Sea Captains Lodge, made Mason 13 Oct 1791
 Raised 13 Oct 1791
 Advanced to 1st Degree, i.e. Raising the Bridge & Thorodum 8 Dec 1791
 Advanced to Royal Arch, the 3rd Degree, 15 Dec 1791
 Elected Treasurer of Sea Captains Lodge, & app^t Chairman of Committee to draw up new rules 8 Dec 1791
 Presented petition of New Rules, 12 Jan 1792
 Appointed by Bro Lambton, P.M., a Grand Master which enabled me to wear a Red Apron 31 July 1792
 Elected Master of Sea Captains Lodge.
 Installed Master - do. & deliv^d a Charge, 27 Dec 1792
 Formed a Masonic School, & app^t Chairman.
 Appointed S.G.M. (Blue Apron) 23 July 1793
 do Chairman of Committee to manage Procession Laying Foundation of Bridge 24 Sep 1793
 Resigned Chair in favour of Bro Burdett, but was app^t Acting Master for him 27 Dec 1793
 Elected at Durham to P.M., 7 Feb 1794
 Appointed S.G.M., 12 Aug 1794
 Reappointed Acting Master of Sea Captains Lodge, & made a Mark Mason 27 Dec 1794
 Reapp^t Acting Master, 20 do 1794
 Elected Treasurer of Lodge, 27 do 1794
 Resigned all Offices in Lodge, excepting as a Justice of the Committee of School.

MASONIC CAREER

Bro George Parkhill, in his History of Sunderland, says: — In the year 1791, the late Michael Scarth Esq became a member of the Sea Captains Lodge. To a mind well informed, and a sound judgment, he joined a facility of application and steady perseverance, that would not easily abandon a design, while any advantage could be procured to it, or, indeed, whilst the minutest part of it appeared unaccomplished. As soon as he was elected to an Office, he resolved to use his influence and exertions, to raise the Lodge to its former level. He commenced by improving the Rules & By-Laws of the Society, for which purpose, he visited the different Lodges in the neighbourhood, consulted their various regulations, and from them, compiled and composed a Code, adapted to secure every paternal and scientific purpose of the Institution. His other exertions were equally judicious and beneficial; the Lodge flourished, and its name was promoted and respected. During his government, Mr Burdett laid the first stone of Wearmouth Bridge. Mr Scarth was honoured by the P.M. with a Blue Apron, and in course of that year, he planned and brought into execution a Charitable Scheme of giving education to 12 poor children. The Lodge formed and set apart a Fund, in support of this Institution, which is at present (1819) under the charge of Mr N. Johnson, who has a very numerous and respectable School, and who was himself one of the first boys returned out of this Fund, a striking proof of the utility of such charitable schemes.

EXTRACT FROM BRO PARKHILL'S HISTORY OF SUNDERLAND

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