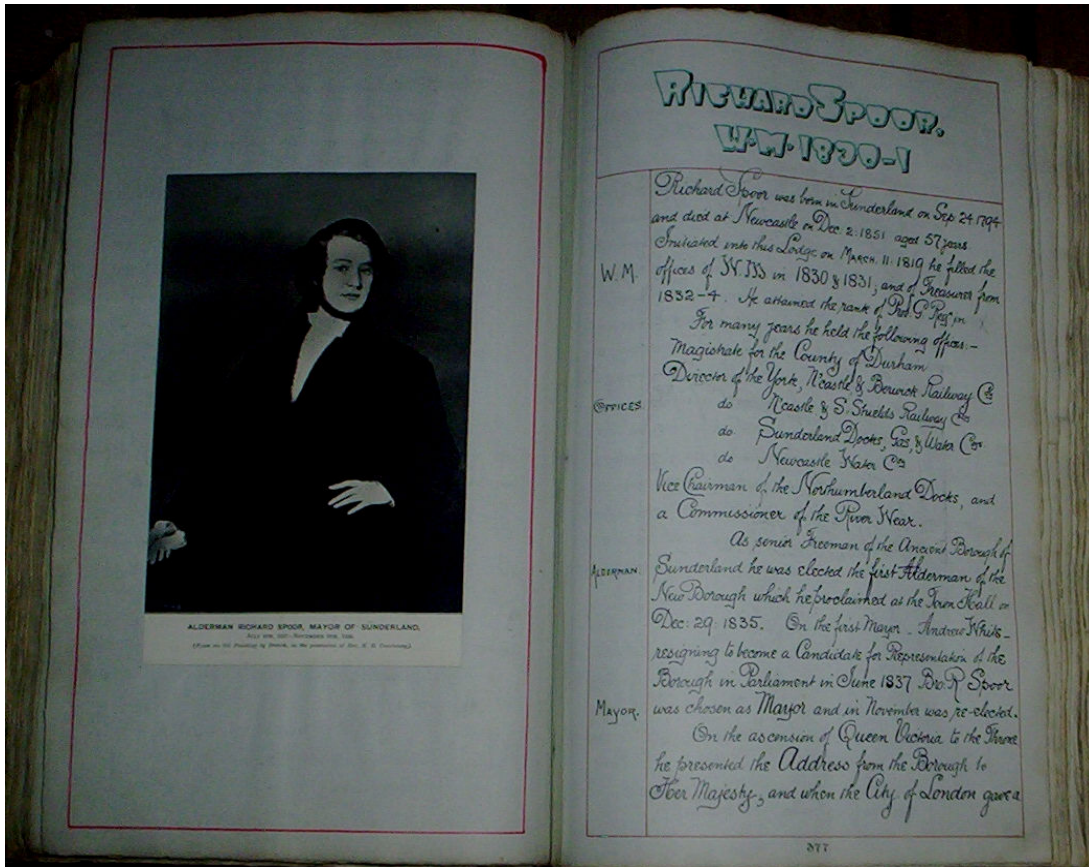


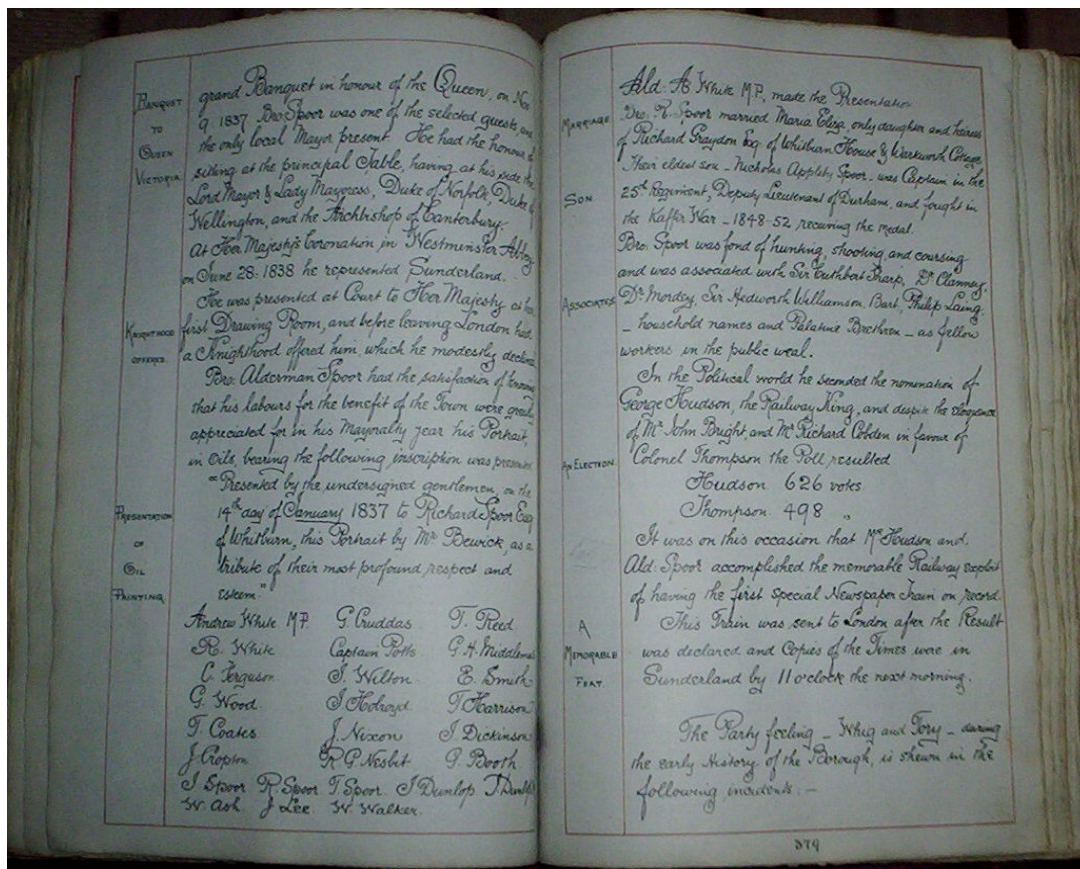
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LOCAL
EVENTS

When the "Dock Bill" was being advocated in the Borough, and the Bill was before the Committee in the House of Lords, in 1832, representatives from the town were in attendance in the Committee Room, on July 16th and party feeling ran so high that Mr. James Allison slapped the face of Mr. Joseph S. Wright, the well-known local attorney. Mr. Allison was placed under arrest by the Black Rod, and had to apologise to the House of Lords.

POETS

On September of same year Sir A. Williamson Bart fought a duel with Mr. Bradlyll [nos. pp. -] on May 14th 1842 was fought the famous "cotton-bull duel" at Marsden, immortalized in song. [nos. pp. -]

The difference arose in consequence of a letter of Mr. Wright to the Marquis of Conchester, reflecting on R. Spoor, having been read by that nobleman in the House of Lords.

THE
COMMON PLACE
DOES

Mr. Morley, the second for Ald. R. Spoor, who had given the Challenge, had determined that there should be no bloodshed, and knowing that Dr. Miller, the second of Mr. Wright, was deaf and nearly blind, charged the pistols with cotton balls.

1842. [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

A Skillish Poem

A Duel fought near Marsden Rock on May 14th 1842 by Peter Flint

Richard Spoor - Mayor of Sunderland in 1837.
- M. J. of Palace Lodge 1830 & 1831.
- a retired Draper & Grocer.
Joseph Wright - a well known Solicitor

CHARACTERS

The "Old Berth" was Richard Berth, Gunsmith, whose Shop was near the Exchange.
Sir Murdrey was William Murdrey, Surgeon, of John Street.
The "Old Snuff" of Diamond Hall, near "Snowden".
St. George the Dum was George Whitfield, bailiff - Marlborough refers to John Marlborough, mattress-maker, a well-known local vocalist.
Sir Muller was Dr. Muller

Peter Flint was the nom-de-plume of Mr. William Chappell of Haughton-le-Spring, a resident in Sunderland for many years