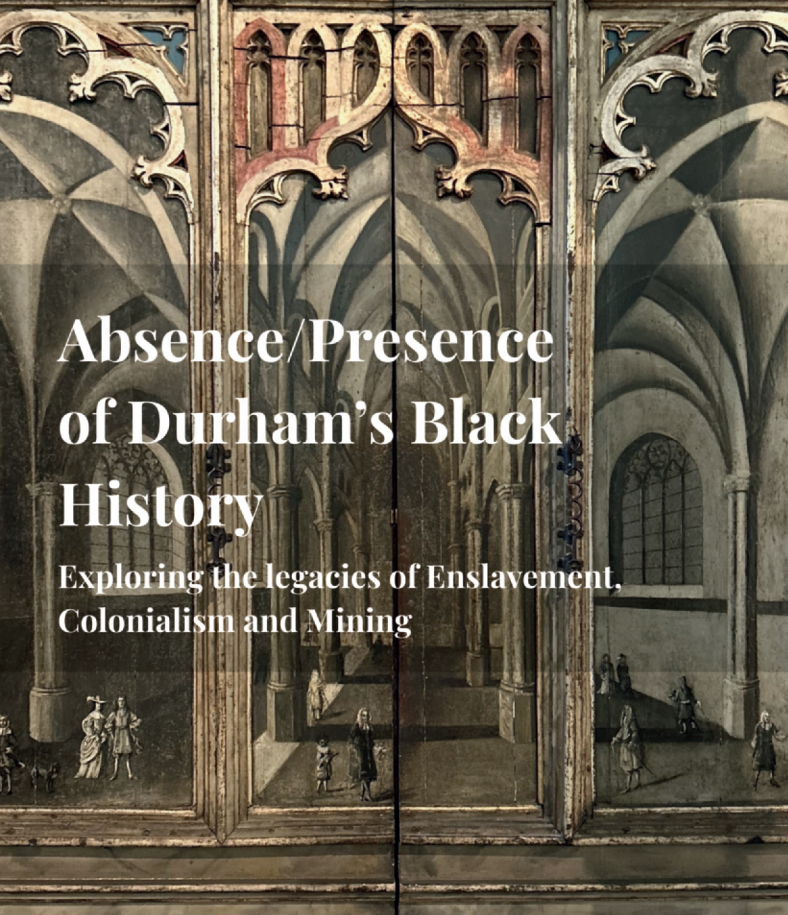




Absence/Presence of Durham's Black History

Exploring the legacies of Enslavement, Colonialism and Mining



Absence/Presence of Durham's Black History arises from scholarly interest in debates about memorialisation (Anthropology), the role of elite education (Sociology), the histories of racism and fascism (History) and the discussions within Durham's Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) Network.

Our Project is now part of the Auditing Public Histories of Slavery Group. In investigating the 'absence/presence' of Durham's Black history it is important to move beyond the simplistic and self-congratulatory narratives of the region's involvement in Abolitionism to focus on the more complex nature of the North East's industrial ties to slave trade.

As we know, various Bishops of Durham Cathedral received compensation from the British government and have been linked to Codrington College in Barbados. This project seeks to bring to the surface the various links between the Bishops, the Cathedral, slavery, abolition, mining, violence, and memorialisation while also highlighting the commemorative 'traces' of Black lives present within the Cathedral and Durham city.

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Thank you



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Directions to each entry can be found under its title. If you are also using a digital map to navigate, coordinates are included below each entry.



1

Entering the Galilee Chapel (54.77369, -1.57698)

Turn right from the Cathedral's entrance and enter the western end of the Cathedral.



2

Venerable Bede's Tomb (54.77364, -1.57747)

Face right to find Bede's tomb inside the Galilee Chapel.



3

Miner's Memorial (54.77347, -1.57692)

Leave the Chapel and walk towards the South side of the Nave. The memorial is placed on the right-hand side.



4

Bishop Shute Barrington's statue (54.77344, -1.57645)

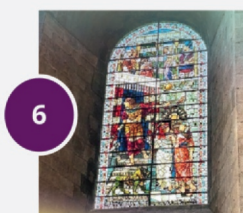
Move towards the Nave and find the statue next to the medieval clock in the south transept.



5

Haswell Lodge Banner (54.77336, -1.57636)

Look up from statue of Shute Barrington to see the Haswell banner.



6

Moses Window (54.7733, -1.57641)

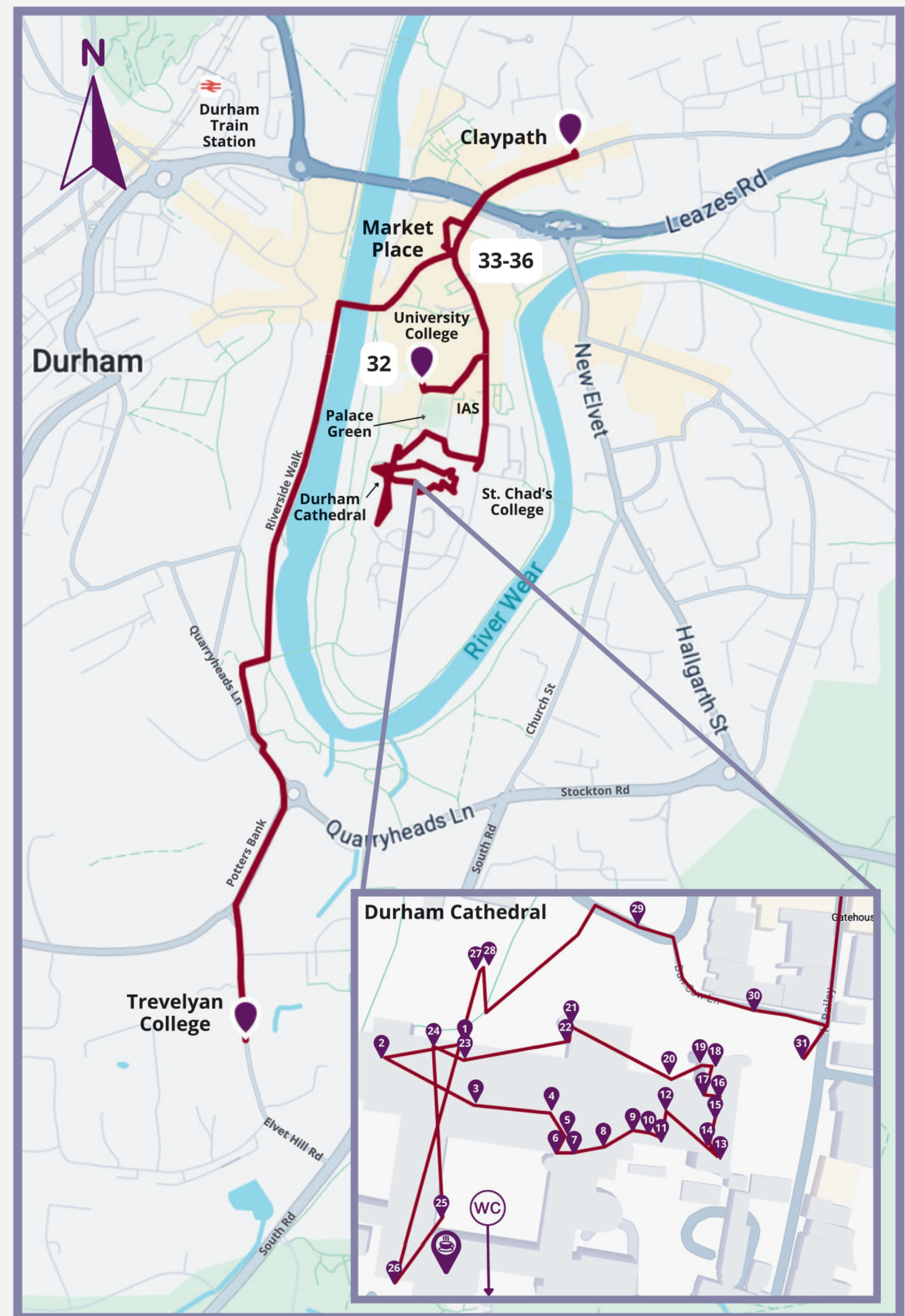
Look up to see Moses window next to Prior Castell's clock.



7

Unknown boy (54.7733, -1.57631)

Turn left to the Dutch style church interior at the base of the clock.



Designed by Hannah Larkin



Durham Light Infantry (DLI)
(54.77332, -1.57611)
Turn left and walk inside the chapel with the wooden screen.



The Bishop's Board
(54.77338, -1.57594)
Walk besides the South Transept to find the Bishop's Board close to St. Cuthbert's shrine.



The Dean and Chapter and Prebendaries
(54.77337, -1.57583)
Stay at the Bishop's Board.



Transfiguration Window
(54.77335, -1.57576)
Turn around and look up to the window on top of the opposite wall.



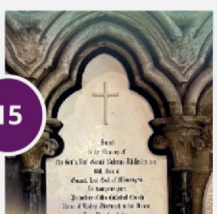
Bishop Joseph Butler
(54.77345, -1.57573)
Walk inside the Quire and look on left hand side to find the plaque dedicated to Bishop Butler.



Michael Angelo Taylor's window
(54.77329, -1.57542)
Walk beyond the Chapel of Nine Alters to find the window.



Memorial dedicated to Henry Charles, 4th Earl Cadogan
(54.77333, -1.57545)
Move behind the Quire towards the Chapel of Nine Altars to find the memorial.



Large plaque dedicated to Reverend Gerald Valerian Wellesley
(54.77342, -1.57543)
Look to the left to see the large plaque dedicated to Gerald Valerian Wellesley.



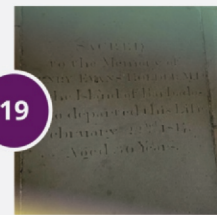
Scottish Soldiers
(54.7735, -1.5754)
Look below on the left-hand side to see the brass sign for a footstone memorial.



Stephen Kemble
(54.77351, -1.57549)
The floor stone that is on the left-hand side of Holder's floor stone.



Bishop William Van Mildert and Joseph Window
(54.77361, -1.57545)
Move towards the far end corner of the north transept.



Dr. Henry Evans Holder III
(54.77361, -1.57551)
Move towards the quire to find the floor stone.



Charles William Vane Stewart, 6th Marquess of Londonderry
(54.77356, -1.5757)
Find the memorial plaque in the North Transept, behind the Quire.



Lesotho Tapestry
(54.77375, -1.57632)
Look up on the wall on the left to find the Lesotho Tapestry.



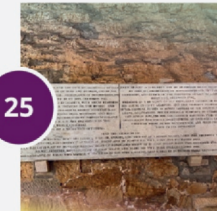
Bishop Maltby Memorial
(54.7737, -1.57633)
Walk towards the North Transept near the Lesotho tapestry to find the plaque.



Memorial of Robert Mackellar Hunter
(54.77363, -1.57698)
Walk to north door to find the floor stone.



Jozef Boruwlaski
(54.77368, -1.57717)
Walk towards entrance of Galilee Chapel and look for grave flagstone with the initials J.B.



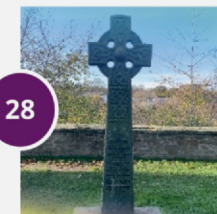
The Sharp Family
(54.77307, -1.57711)
Walk towards the cloisters of the Durham Cathedral. Plaque next to the café.



Durham Chorister School
(54.77284, -1.57741)
Leave Cathedral from rear end to find it on the left of Palace Green.



Durham Light Infantry South African Memorial Cross
(54.77395, -1.57688)
Large Celtic cross next to Bishop Tucker's grave.



Grave of Robert Alfred Tucker, the first Bishop of Uganda
(54.77396, -1.57686)
Located in the front of the grounds of Durham Cathedral.



Francis Frederick Walrond
(54.77411, -1.575909)
From the Cathedral exit head towards St Chads College on the right. On the way hear entry 29 and 30.



George Horsfall Frodsham
(54.773813, -1.57519)



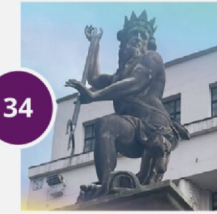
Howard Douglas Horsfall
(54.773229, -1.574670)
Head to St Chads College at 18 North Bailey and step into the college to see the photograph of Horsfall.



Henry Capel-Cure
(54.774902, -1.576252)
Head towards University College.



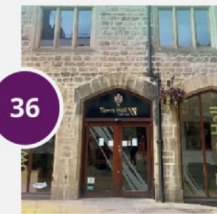
Charles William Vane Stewart, 3rd Marquess of Londonderry
(54.77696, -1.57569)
Head to the statue of the man on the horse in the centre of Durham's market square.



Statue of Neptune
(54.77699, -1.5756)
Behind the statue of Londonderry, in the market square.



Durham Light Infantry Soldier Memorial
(54.77717, -1.57564)
DLI Soldier: Turn left towards the front of the Townhall.



Guildhall/Townhall
(54.7773, -1.57572)
Behind the statue of DLI Soldier.



Ruth First's Mural
(54.77836, -1.57242)
Walk towards Claypath. Mural is located on Providence Row.



George Macauley Trevelyan, Chancellor of Durham University (1950-57)
(54.764433, -1.58005)
From Providence Row, return to Claypath, continue to New Elvet, cross Elvet Bridge, then follow South Road uphill onto Elvet Hill Road. Trevelyan College is on the right. (~25-30 minutes on foot.)



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