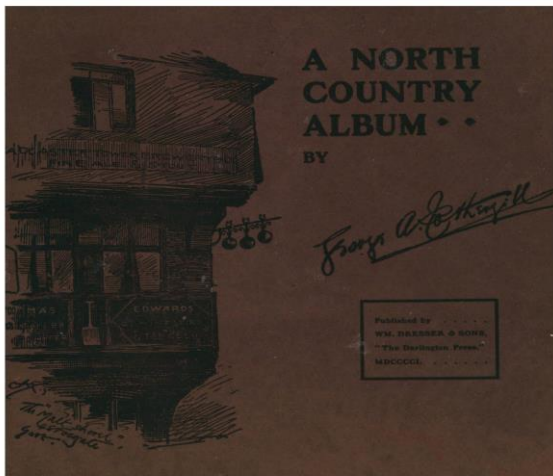


**Book of the Month – A North Country Album by George A. Fothergill,
published by W. Dresser & Sons, “The Darlington Press,” 1901.**



The book has the subtitle “ Containing brief notes of the signs & signboards & sundials in N. Yorkshire & Durham, character sketches, studies of animal & bird life, picturesque landscape & buildings, &c. With 140 illustrations by the author.

George Algernon Fothergill 1868-1945, lived at 18 Duke Street, Darlington and was originally from Leamington. He studied medicine at Edinburgh University and came to Darlington in 1898 to work as a doctor. He was best known as a caricaturist (signing himself as GAF), and was frequently published in Vanity Fair. Fothergill was also well known for his artwork on sporting and horse themes including horse racing, hunt scenes and other field sports. The Centre for Local Studies has a number of these prints from Vanity Fair and sporting works in the collection.

This book of sign boards and sundials might sound a little quirky and indeed it is, but it includes sketches of people at the Monday Horse Fair in Darlington, lovely images of shop fronts, houses and other local scenes. Fothergill accompanies these images with lively and easy to read text about the people and places he visits and draws.

Call in to see the book and ask to see some of the others too.