

Religion, Business and Society in North-East England, The Pease Family of Darlington in the Nineteenth Century by Anne Orde, published in 2000

This modern history of the Pease family is an interesting, informative and very readable, study of the relationship between the Pease family's business interests and their religious beliefs.

Anyone living or working in Darlington will be aware of the Quaker's influence over many aspects of life in the town, and the legacy which they left behind, especially of the Pease family.

Anne Orde has divided the work up into chapters on different areas of religion, business and politics. She studies the Pease's interests in the railways, and the iron and coal industries and looks at their role in local and national politics too.

The chapter on the Pease family's social and domestic life gives an insight into individual Pease members dress, personal thoughts and details about their houses and fruit from their gardens, bringing them back home to their day to day lives in Darlington in the nineteenth century.

The book is well referenced by footnotes on each page so readers and researchers can easily follow through further reading. There is a comprehensive bibliography too and photographs of some of the family members. From the clear simplified family tree readers can easily identify individuals.