

**LIFE OF HUMPHREY CHETHAM,
FOUNDER OF THE CHETHAM
HOSPITAL AND LIBRARY,
MANCHESTER, VOL. I, PP. 1-208**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649689774

Life of Humphrey Chetham, Founder of the Chetham Hospital and Library, Manchester, Vol. I,
pp. 1-208 by Francis Robert Raines & Charles W. Sutton & Ernest Axon

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

FRANCIS ROBERT RAINES & CHARLES W. SUTTON & ERNEST AXON

**LIFE OF HUMPHREY CHETHAM,
FOUNDER OF THE CHETHAM
HOSPITAL AND LIBRARY,
MANCHESTER, VOL. I, PP. 1-208**



HUMPHREY CHETHAM

Photo by J. J. Phelps from the original portrait.

LIFE OF
HUMPHREY CHETHAM

FOUNDER OF THE CHETHAM HOSPITAL AND LIBRARY,
MANCHESTER.

BY THE LATE
FRANCIS ROBERT RAINES, M.A., F.S.A.
VICAR OF MILNROW, AND HON. CANON OF THE MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL,

AND
CHARLES W. SUTTON, M.A.
HON. SECRETARY OF THE CHETHAM SOCIETY.

WITH A GENEALOGY OF THE CHETHAM FAMILY
By ERNEST AXON.

—
VOL I.
—

PRINTED FOR THE CHETHAM SOCIETY.
1903.



PREFACE.

WHEN the first printed catalogue of the Chetham Library was reviewed in the *Gentleman's Magazine* in 1792, the writer expressed his regret that a memoir of the Founder had not been prefixed to the volume, whereupon the Rev. John Radcliffe, author of the catalogue, replied that "little more was known of him than that he lived and that he died," adding that the only satisfactory information he had met with was that given by Fuller in his "*Worthies*." It was left to his immediate successor in the office of Chetham's Librarian, the Rev. John Taylor Allen, to discover fresh particulars of Chetham's career. This was about 1813 or 1814, when he found in the garret of his apartment at the Chetham Library a mass of manuscripts relating chiefly to Chetham's public and business transactions in the years 1635-6 and 1640-49. Mr. Allen devoted much time to the arrangement of the papers, and to making abstracts of them, and he long cherished the intention of writing a memoir of the Founder and his family. He drew up an appeal for further information, and enlisted the services of several friends in the search. Meanwhile he placed the papers at the disposal of Mr. W. R. Whatton, when that industrious antiquary was engaged on his *History of Chetham's Hospital*. That work has been the

main source from which subsequent writers on Humphrey Chetham have drawn their inspiration.

Most of the original documents were arranged by Mr. Allen in folio guard-books, now preserved in the Chetham Library. They are referred to in the following pages as *Chetham MSS.* Some letters and papers belonging to the same collection were retained in Mr. Allen's hands, and these, along with his notes and extracts, and various memoranda by Dr. Fleming and others passed into the possession of Mr. James Crossley on the death of Mr. Allen in 1861. They were recovered from the sale of his library in 1885, and have since been safely lodged in the Chetham Library.

In the First Report of the Chetham Society, issued in 1844, one of the books announced as in progress with a view to publication was *Memorials relating to Humphrey Chetham and his Family*: collected and edited by the Rev. J. T. Allen, M.A. In the following year's Report it was stated that "materials of great interest have unexpectedly presented themselves which will add considerably to the means afforded of rendering the memoirs of the Chetham family full, ample, and satisfactory." The Council acknowledged their obligation to Dr. William Fleming for the manner in which those materials had been made available.

It seems that Dr. Fleming had been allowed to ransack the deed chests of the Clowes family, which contained a great number of papers that came to the

family through the marriage of Samuel Clowes, Esq., with the sister and coheiress of Edward Chetham of Castleton, Esq.

When the Chetham Society was formed Mr. Allen had already left the neighbourhood of Manchester, and it does not appear that, beyond making abstracts of deeds and papers, and jotting down crude notes for future use, he ever made any substantial progress with his projected memoir.

On the retirement of Dr. Fleming from the secretaryship of the Chetham Society in 1853, regret was expressed by Mr. Crossley that the Society had failed in obtaining a promise from him to undertake the life of Humphrey Chetham. The matter was brought forward again in 1854 by the Rev. Thomas Corser, when Canon Raines was urged to engage himself for the work. It was mentioned once more in 1855, and then allowed to rest until 1874, when Mr. Raines said that "a large body of materials had been put into his hands relative to Humphrey Chetham, and they were so voluminous that he was almost embarrassed by the amount of the riches in his possession." He probably alluded in these words to the *Chetham MSS.* already mentioned, as there are few other references to original papers in the *Life* now printed.

Mr. Raines died in 1878, leaving his "Life of Humphrey Chetham" in an imperfect state, and it was not until 1892 that any definite arrangements for its completion and publication were resolved upon. In that year

the late President of the Chetham Society, Mr. R. C. Christie, prevailed upon the present writer, who had recently contributed a sketch of the Founder to the *Dictionary of National Biography*, to undertake the revision and continuation of Canon Raines' work.

It was then found that Mr. Raines' *Life* broke off at the year 1642, and that no notes for any later period had been made by him, or at least had not been preserved, and also that many documents pertaining to anterior dates had been merely alluded to and not transcribed. His references, too, were often obscure and required verification, and, in fact, it was felt absolutely essential to examine afresh the whole of the *Chetham MSS.* and other sources of information.

A short time ago Mr. H. T. Crofton drew the attention of the Editor to certain Chetham papers in the Clowes family muniments, which had been examined by Dr. Fleming some sixty years ago, and had since slumbered undisturbed in the offices of a firm of Solicitors in Manchester, but had recently been transferred to the custody of Mr. Joshua Bury, the agent for the Clowes estates. Through the kindness of Mr. Bury permission was obtained from Captain Clowes to rummage among a dozen boxes of dusty papers, and the search has yielded several interesting pieces of information which have been of service, and especially in the compilation of the genealogy of the Chetham family.

For permission to explore the papers in the Chetham