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1 **[DOWSING]. GRABHAM, Oxley. 1864-1939.** A small but interesting archive relating to dowsing or water-divining in the 20th century. 20th century.

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2 **YORK.** Album of Photo-Lithographic Views : The City of York. (The Camera Series). Liverpool. Brown & Rawcliffe. No date.

£15.00

(215 x 160). pp, 12. Concertina Photo-lithographic plates. Red and gilt cloth, rubbed and a little grubby with worn corners.

3 **DAVIES, Robert.** Extracts From the Municipal Records of the City of York, During the Reigns of Edward IV. Edward V. and Richard III. with Notes Illustrative and Explanatory;....., and Sixteenth Centuries. London. J.B.Nichols and Son. 1843.

£20.00

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4

RAIT, R.S. English Episcopal Palaces (Province of York). London. Constable & Company Ltd. 1911.

£6.00

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