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The earliest information about the presence of organs in Devon comes from the Fabric Rolls of Exeter Cathedral which records that money was spent on the organ in 1280. During most of the following six centuries, up to the start of the First World War, organ building was carried out in Exeter, and in Plymouth survived through the twentieth century. Notable builders included the Chappington family based in North Devon and John Loosemoore in Exeter whose Cathedral organ achieved national fame. Builders with Devonian connections included Alexander Buckingham whose surviving notebook provides valuable information about long-lost organs. Dr Nigel Browne's book provides the first complete account of organ building in Devon and is based on extensive studies of various documentary sources as well as descriptions of surviving instruments. The book draws on Dr Browne's PhD thesis awarded by the University of Exeter.

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