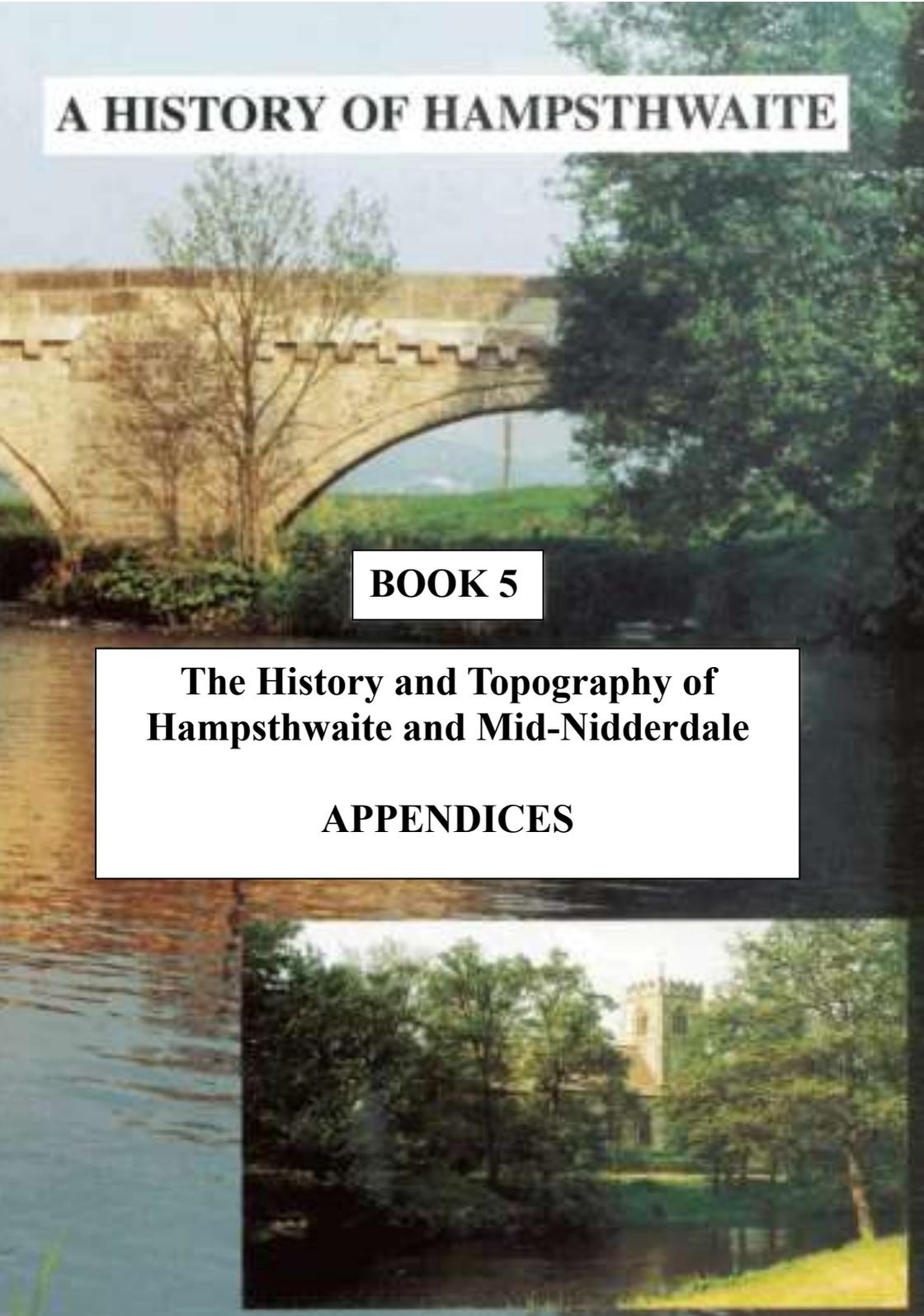


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**FOREWORD
to BOOK 5
WALKER'S
"HISTORY and TOPOGRAPHY of HAMPSTHWAITE
and
MID-NIDDERDALE"**

This is the fifth and, possibly, the last in the Hampsthwaite Village Society's series of books on village history. When this project began in the 1990s it was envisaged that four volumes would cover the subjects of "Villagers' Reminiscences", "Buildings and their stories", "The Twentieth Century" and "Early history from Roman times".

Now, more than two decades later, we have published five volumes which can fairly be said to span all those topics, albeit perhaps not entirely in the manner first intended.

Copies of all those volumes now lie in the Country's principle libraries and the Village Society (*aided by the generous support of the Two Ridings Community Foundation*) can congratulate itself in having helped preserve for future generations information about past times in that portion of the Yorkshire Dales in which its members and other residents are fortunate to live. We commend this latest volume to the reading public

Paul N. Parker
Society Chairman

INTRODUCTION to BOOK 5

The first four books in this series on our village history dealt with specific aspects of our community life but now we turn to a more general narrative that reaches back to Roman days and continues up to the last century. When I assumed responsibility for the continuation of this work beyond the first volume published in 1999, I took possession of a quantity of assorted papers gathered together by my predecessors. Amongst those papers was a collection of typewritten essays clearly intended for publication in book form as a general history of the parish of Hampsthwaite and covering our village and also the townships of Felliscliffe, Swincliffe, Kettleasing, Birstwith, Darley, Menwith, and Thornthwaite with Padside.

The essays offer an impressive overview of historical events and show evidence of thorough research. The author is stated to be 'C. Thompson Walker' but no other identification is revealed save for a reference to an earlier work 'Home Life in History'. Enquiries of the British Library confirm the existence of the earlier work but not of the script I now hold and we must assume that the author did not succeed in reaching publication before he or she died. I have searched family history resources and find that the census of 1911 records the residence in Birstwith of one Charles Frederick Thompson Walker aged 15 and born in Hull but then living with his aunt and other relatives at East View. All the residents of that property are of private means and we can assume they are educated people and that our script (*being described as written between 1921 and 1958*) may be the work of Charles. This assumption is reinforced by the text of the essay on Birstwith which certainly seems to be written by someone with a close association with the topography of the area.

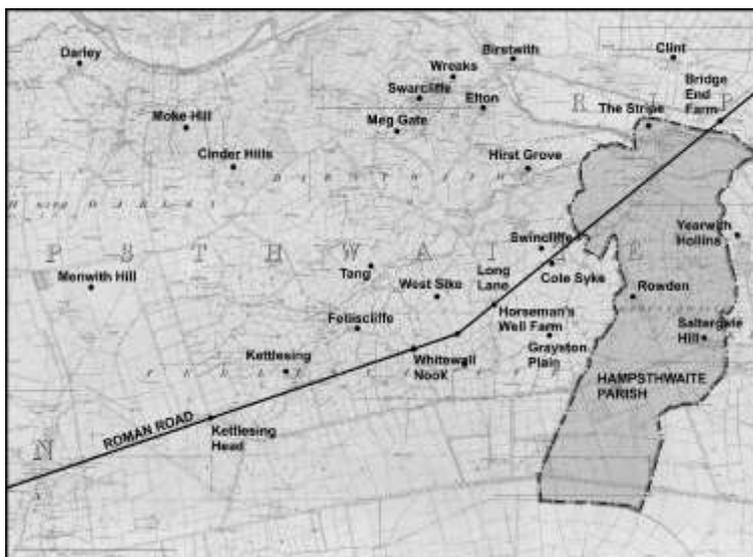
It is, therefore, with pleasure that we now offer this account to the general public as an over-view of our local history through two millennia and give a belated life to a written history of which some circumstance prevented publication in the writer's lifetime. All the effort and time which that writer expended is now finally justified!

Our copy of the script bears handwritten corrections which we assume to be the author's and our transcription therefore gives effect to those changes. The page numbering is our own as is the ordering of chapters.

Also, we have found it impracticable to include in this volume the lengthy Appendices of the original text which are interesting but not essential to the purposes of our publication. However, they are available on our website (www.hampsthwaite.org.uk) and the reader is invited to peruse them there.

The author intended that his text should be illustrated with photographs of his own making but no such photographs have come to our possession. Instead, with a view to improving the readability of the text, we have inserted some illustrations of our own.

We have endeavoured to do justice to the author's intentions but some corrections, additions and omissions of our own devising have proved necessary and we apologise to our readers and to Walker's shade if in doing so we have erred in any way! – Editor]



APPENDIX I

Report of Law Suit Breaks v Slater from Original Documents in Duchy of Lancaster Records Public Record Office

To the Right honorable Sir Julius Caesar, Knight, chancellor of his ma'ties courte of Exchequer, Lawrence Canford, knight Lord chefe Baron of ye same court, and the rest of the Barons there.

Humbly compleyning sheweth unto their good lordships their loyal dalie Oratour John Breaks of Megyate in the Countie of York, gentleman, that whereas the kinge's ma'tie that now is being seized in his Highness demesne as of fee as in the right of his crowne of England of and in the Rectorie and p'sonage impropiat of Hampesthwait in the county aforesaid and of the gleablande, tithes, and hereditaments thereunto belonging and of and in the patronage and deanery of the advowson of the vicarage thereof, belonging unto the said parsonage did by his highness patent under the great seale of England bearing dait the xxvj th. day of Julie in the fift yeare of his Ma'ties raigne for the consideracone thereon specified gyve and graunt the said Rectorye and p'sonage together with the advowson¹ gift of the said vicarage and other premisses amongst other thinges unto George Johnson and Edmond Bostocke and their heires for ever yeilding therefore to his Ma'tie his heires and successers the yearlie rent of tenn pounds thirteen shillings and foure pence as by the said patente more at larg appeareth and

¹ Cf. ante. p. 83.

whereas the said George and Edmond for and in consideracon of a great some of money to theym therefore beforehand by the said John

Breakes well and trulie paide and for divers other valuable consideracions theym moving did by their indenture of saile bearing daite in or aboute the twentieth daie of November in the said fift yeare of his Ma'ties said raigne and being in due forme of lawe, within six monthes next after the daie of the same indenture enrolled in his Highness Court of common pleas at Westminster bargaine and sell unto their lordshippes said Oratour and his heires ever, all and every the said p'sonage and Rectorie with the patronage of the said. vicarage and all other the p'misses with their appurtenances and all other rights, tithes, and interest therein yeilding and paying therefor yearlie unto his highness his heires and successors the said yearlie rent of tenne poundes thirteen shillings and foure pence as in and by the same indenture of the same might be produced. And your Id'ps said Oratour for being thereof seized to him and his heires for and under the yearlie rent aforesaid is in all right and equitie ought to have as part and p'cell of the said Rectorie all these, the parsonage house, gleabeland, messuages, orchards, gardens, dovecoates, tithes of corne, graine and hay, tithes of mylnes, hempe, flax, agistment of cattle, kine, foales, pigges, apples, bees, honye, woolle etc., etc., and other p'fittes whatsoever as p'cell of or belonging unto the said Rectorie and p'sonage (such things as are p'cell of the vicarage only accepted). All which messuages, gleabelands, tenements and p'missos the owners and farmers of the said p'sonage for the time being have and ought to have themselves. Nowe so yt is if yt may please your good lordshippes that one Richard Slater of Hampsthwaite aforesaid, Clerke, having gotten into his hande, custodie and possession

by some indirect or unlawfull means the evidences, coucher bookes and compositions betwixt the p'shoners and Vicars of Hampsthwate hartofore said and many other writings of surveyes bookes, Easter bookes belonging unto their lordshipp's oratour and proving and indevring to prove their lordshipp's oratour's estate and titles in and to the p'misses and any of them by which said evidences composicions, bookes and writings it will presentlie appear what what belong to the persons owners and farmers of the said Rectory and what to the Vicar. And the said Richard Slater plotting combyning and confederating himself with one Cristofer Lyndall lait vicar of the said p'ishe Church of Hampesthwate and purposing and intending to defraud and deceyve not onlie the kinge's Ma'tie of his said yearlie rent, but also his highness said patentees and their Lordshipp's oratour farmers of the said Rectory and their assigns of the said p'sonage house and gleabeland messuages etc., hath of lait tyme secretlie by himself or by some other for him or on his behalf and with his knowledge or consent not onlie contracted, p'mised or agreed directly or indirectly to give some certaine sommes of money or other considersacon to the said Christofer Lyndall or to some other to or for the use or behalfe of him the said Mr Lyndall to the intent that the said Mr Lyndall shoulde resigne the said vicarage unto the said Richard Slater upon which contract, p'misse or agreement so maid as aforesaid the said Mr Lyndall did resigne unto the said Richard Slater the said vicarage as aforesaid by force whereof the said Richard Slater caused himself to be p'sented to the said vicarage whereunto he was (as it is said) afterwarde instituted and inducted by reason of the resignation aforesaid. But the said Richard Sister also hath of lait tyme maid challenge, claime, entry and demand for and unto the said p'sonage house, gleabeland messuage etc., p'cell of the said Rectory and doth of his owne wrong, and to the great losse and

damage deprive the Kinge's Ma'tie his heires and successors of his said rent and of his said patentees and of yr lordshipp's Oratour and their assigns of the said parsonage house etc., and doth without all right and equitie still deteyne and withhold the said vicarage soe obtained as aforesaid and take and retayne as well the p'fittes thereof as of all the other p'misses p'cell of the said Rectory and convert the same to his owne use and benefitt and behoofes, and doth dalie and of purpose waist, alienate, sell and give away the said gleabelands, messuages etc., and willinglie permit and suffer the same to be wasted, solde, alienated, or given away, not caring, (as it seems), what loose, damage and ruyne happen thereunto or to the Kinge's Ma'tie's rent and intending to leave nothing whereupon to distreyne for the said rent. All which plotts, practices and courses, detayning of bookes, compositions, writings evidences and still detayning of the said vicarage, messuages, gleabelands and tythes tend to the losse and damage of his Ma'tie's said rent proceeding out of the said rectory and to the great losse and damage and hinderance of your Idps oratour if speedie helpe be not hadden therein for your Idps oratour cannot pay the Kynge's Ma'tie's his rent if the p'fittes of the said parsonage be taken away, as dailie little by little they are. In tender consideration whereof and for as much as your Lordshippes said Oratour cannot see certainlie set forthe his title to the p'misses and any of them by reason of the want and wrongfull detayninge of the said bookes etc., as the strict course of the Common Lawes of this Realme requireth nor can p'cisely showe when the saide Symony and other the plottes, practices and misdemeanours beforemencioned were comytted by reason the same were done p'vilie betwixte the saide Mr. Slater and Mr. Lyndall and that your Lordshippes' said Orator hopeth that the said Richard Slater will upon his oathe truly manifest and sett forthe the truth of the saide contract

betwixt him and Mr. Lyndall and also what bookes etc he hath in his hands or that any other have to his knowledge which maye anye waye conserne the said p'misses or any p'te thereof and that he will upon his oathe p'ticularly trulie and sincerely sett forthe and declare his uttermost knowledge of what tythes, landes, tenenents, houses and other p'fittes and thinges belonge to yr Lordshipps' saide Oratour as Parson towards the payment of the said rent unto his Ma'tie and what belongeth unto the Vicar of the said p'ishe Church for the tyme beinge if he be thereunto called before yr Lordshipps. It may therefore please yr Lordshipps the p'misses and every of them Considered to graunt unto yr Lordshipps' said Oratour the Kinge's Matie's most gracious writt of subpoena to be directed unto the saide Richard Slater commandynge him thereby at a certayne daye and under and upon a certayne payne thereunto be lymitted to be and p'sonally to appeare before your Lordshippes in his Ma'tie's honorable Courte of Exchequer Chamber at Westm'r then and there to answerre unto all and every of these premises and further also to p'forme such order and direction therein as to their goode Ldps shalbe thought meete and convenient. And your said Oratour shall daylie praye for yr good Ldps in all healthe and happiness long to continue.

The Answer of Richard Slater, Clerke, defend't, to the Bill of Complaynt of John Breakes compleyn't. The sayd defendt saving to himselfe now and at all tymes hereafter all advantage of exeption to the incertainty and insufficiency of the sayd Bill of Complaynt, which, as this defend't is p'suaded is exhibited against this defend't of mere mallice and putt him, this defend't to unnecessary and extraordinary charge in the lawe, rather than upon any good or just cause. As compl't says it is true that compl't hath purchased the rectory and p'sonage of

Hampsthwate and the gleabelands and hereditaments and the advowson and gift of the vicarage, and has ever since the purchase received such tithes and profittes as were belonging to the said Rectory. The said Christofer Lyndall being vicar of Hampsthwate before defendant did voluntarily without any reward or promise of reward about nine yeares ago resigne the vicarage to the def't who was then lawfully presented instituted and inducted into the living.

He has always had and enjoyed a house at Hampsthwate called the Vicarage house and a dovecoate and certain other houses together with a garden and orchard, and he has yearlie received as being his right all the tythe of hay, hemp, flax, agistment of cattle, kine, foales pigs, apples, bees, honey, wool and lambes, the tithes for milles and all other tithes yearly and from time to time renewing (the tythe of corne and graine onely excepted) as his predecessors have received. Complay't is trying to rob the poor vicarage. Complay't's suit is based on a statute of Edward VI entitled 'An Act for the true payment of tithes.' By suing various p'shoners for not setting forthe their tithe hay in kind compleyn't has already attempted to deprive this def'dt of his tithe hay. In one such case the Jury gave a verdict against the complainant. Complainant claims the vicarage house therefore taking away the incumbent's habitation. There is no glebe land belonging to the vicarage. All former vicars have resided in the vicarage house and have all tithes withe the exception of tithe corne and graine. The compley't can have all the bookes etc. he needs yet can he not prove his claim and title. With regard to the alleged underhand resignation of Mr. Lyndall and the selling, alienating, and giving of lands etc., by the defendant, these charges are basely untrue and slanderous. The defd't has never heard of any house called the parsonage house or any house belonging to

the Rectory since the impropriation and endowment of the vicar¹. The said rectory consisted onely of tithes of corne and graine and no more. As to the compleyn't's statement that he cannot pay his rent this defend't will prove that the tithes of corne and graine amount to £30 per year over and above the rent paiaible to His Ma'tie. He pleads to be dismissed and to be refunded his charges.

The Reply of John Breakes to the answer of Richard Slater. He maintains every statement in his Bill of Complaynt. The answer of the def't is uncertaine and insufficient. The said defd't did not onlie give, promise or agree to pay some valuable consideracon for the said resignacon but also the better to colour out their said underhand work took a lease or grant of a house p'cell of the said parsonage (by the said defd't called the Vicarage) adjoyning or standing neere unto the said Rectorie from the said Mr, Lyndall which the said Mr. Lyndsll had nothing to doe withall if it be part and p'cell of the said parsonage. And if the same be p'cell of the said vicarage, then the resignacon of the vicarage had beene sufficient withoute the takinge of a lease of the said house, if it were not the better to rule out their underhand worke, which said house the defd't hath sold or alienated which oughte not to have beene done if it did not belong unto the vicarage.

He says that the defdt and his predecessors never did enjoy the said house (by defd't called the vicarage) but onelie by sufferance of the tenant of the Rectory. It were a thinge not probable that the vicarage being worthe yearlie fortie poundes in other profittes than are in the bill mencioned as in woll, lambes, calves, egges, goose and offerings, Burialls and Chrystenyngs, should also have generally all glebes and tithes

¹ Nor has the writer discovered any reference to any such house.

but corne. Then if the Kinge shoulde replenish the forest with deare as it is intended, by all likelihood there woulde be no corne sowed therein for most of the parishoners sowe none alreadie, the groundes are of themselves so barron and could, and so the King should lose his rent. It is very unlikely that the defd't being vicar should have a dovecoate and the parson which hath all tithes of corne have none, or that the defend't should have all the said premisses as vicar more than all other the vicars of Fuyston¹, Parnell, Ripley and Thorner all which were p'cell of St. Roberts have not above fivepoundes yearlie or thereabouts. The defd't saith that this vicarage is worthe £40 by yeare and is not willing to rest soe satisfied. All other of defd't's statements he denies.

Richard Slater's rejoinder.

The taking of a lease to assist in the currupt resignacion is a lie. The said house which this defd't (thinks) to be the house meant in compl'ts reply and which was sold by this defendant's father was and is a house in Hampesthwater which was and is called by the name of the Kinge's Chamber or the Guild Hall² in Hampesthwater and had bene formerly demysed for yeares by the late quene's ma'tie and since by the kinge's ma'tie by the name of the Kinge's Chamber and this defd't's father did buy the interest thereof from one John Pullein who had an estate for yeares therein.

It is not part of either the vicarage or rectory. The said defd't's father after buying the house did pull it downe and builde another and then sold his interest to one Martin

¹ Fewston

² In this building prior to the Dissolution the members of the Guild of St. Mary and St. Anne (p.45) probably held their meetings.

Schofield. He alleges that the compl't having been commissioned by some of the inhabitants to buy the vicarage etc. for their owne use did not purchase the same but procured it to himselfe and now goeth abowte to deprive the vicar of the best part of his maintenance.

He confirms all the other statements contained in his answer.

Depositions Touching the tithes and perambulations of Hampesthwait parish.

John Breaks v Richard Slater.

Rob. Skayfe of Beckwith says he knows that all the parishe of Hampesthwait is in the Forest of Knareborough and extends beyond the Nidde towards Ripiey¹. He knows Hampesthwait field, Blonard feild, and Almond lngs, but how many acres these landes or anye of them contayne this deponent knoweth not, and further sayth that he knoweth not anye other Closes or grounde in Hampesthwait called by the names of feeldes savinge suche as heartofore have beene taken out and severed from Hampesthwait feild aforesaid². He saith that one Willm Farnall doth pay tythe hay in kind to the vicar of Hampesthwait for the tyme beinge for certeyne grounde he occupyeth in Earnewith as this deponent verylye thinketh and further sayth that the said Willm Farnall is one of the parishoners of Hampesthwait, but whether he hadde any lande in Hampesthwait feild or noe he knoweth not.

¹ For a few yards only.

² These were evidently the Common fields of the Township.

He further saith that there be ample of the p'ishe of Hampsthwait that have little or noe corne at all but what be their names or what their severall groundes are worth by yeare he knoweth not. But further he saith that most of the ablest part of the p'ishoners do plowe and sowe corne. He knoweth not it is said the deare in the forrest of Knaresboro were destroyed, but further saith that there is at this day both red and fallow deare within the said forrest. And he further saith that there is lesse hay gotten now within the said p'ishe than formerlie hath beene gotten and the raison he thinketh is because there is nowe more grownd plowed than heretofore hath beene plowed within the said p'ishe. He further deposeth and saith that one Mr. Dixon about . . . yeares since was vicar of Hampsthwaite and accompted rural deane there and that he was a tall comely man, and that he hath hearde there was suit betwixte him and a Mr. Curror which was farmer of the said Rectory but for what cause these said suites were, this deponent knoweth not. He doth not knowe what the tiethable hay mentioned in the Bill are yearlie worth. The deponent saith that he knoweth not whether the vicarage of Fuyston and Pannall were belonging to i the Pryery of St. Robt. and that the said vicarages have noe tithes due to them, but saithe they have Stipendare wages to the valew of £v a yeare a plece or there aboute and other charge duties and lande belonging unto them as in right of their severall vicarages. He saith the p'ish of Hampsthwaite is in some places very barren for corne. He saith he hath heard it reported that Thomas Slater the defendant's father did take of Mr. Lyndall one house in Hampsthwait but for what terme, fine and rent this deponent knoweth not. He saith that the said Mr. Lyndall had such estate in the said house when he sett the same over to Thomas Slater as he had formerlie taken from one John Pullein of Norwood, but for what estate or deane the same was this deponent knoweth not. And he further saith that

it is neither p'cell of the vicarage nor of the parishe of Hampesthwait to his knowledge. And he further saith that one Xpofer Butler doth nowe dwelle in parte of the said house, and that the said Thomas Slater hath a bedroome in the said house and that the said Xpofer Butler holdeth the same from one Martin Schoffield of the p'ishe of Hampesthwaite aforesaid. He saith that the defendand upon controversy betweene him and his father by arbitrament of frenddes did agree to pay yearlie to the use of his mother the wyeffe of Thomas Slater his said father during her life towards her maintenance iij£ vj s. viij d., or there aboutes which this deponent do thinke do be paid for three or fewer yeares last past, and this is said to be paid in respect for moneys which the said Thomas Slater did paie and disburse for the defendand his sonne when he was at Universitie. He saith that he knoweth one barn in a close called the Teendlath¹ close, but whether that barne and close did belong to the Rectory of Hampsthwaite or noe he knoweth not, for he taketh the same to be copyhold land and p'cell of the manor of Knaresborough for that there is paid a rent yearlie to the Kinge's Ma'tie's use as for copyhold land.

Robert Moore of Guisley in the county of York, Clerke, of the age of fifty-eight yeares or thereabouts, sworn and examined deposeth and saith as follows.

He saith that he knoweth the vicar of Gargrave to have gleabe land belonging to his vicarage which he doth not know nor never heard that the p'son of the Rectorie of Gargrave had anie gleabe lande belonging to his p'sonage save onlie a half barn and the soile thereof, but doth thinke there are divers others of that kind in the Countie of Yorkshire. He saith that he knowes no tithe barne within the p'ish of Hampesthwaite for

¹ Teendlath - tithebarn.

tithe corne other than such as the fermers of the said Rectorie have usually provided att their owne charge for their corne except such as belonged to the vicarage. That he verily thinketh thatt diverse tennants of the said Rectory have had and enjoyed many and Sundrie p'cells of the corne coming and growing hereby nearer to the vicarage lathes or barnes than to the new houses, and yett this deponent did never knowe any part of the said tithes corne brought out or laid within the vicarage barnes but already carried them to their owne barnes though they were further off. He saith that he knoweth that the houses, gardens, orchard and duffcoate in this Indenture mencioned do of right belong unto the defendant because for the spase of Liij yeres of his own knowledge he hath known them belong to the defendant and his p'decessors and by report tyme out of minde of man without any contradixon untill the plaintiff purchased the said Rectory.

He saith that he knoweth not what every p'ishoner paid yerely for his tithe hay but saith some paye more and some lesse butt for more certeynty thereof refferreth himself to the vicarage booke. He saith that some of the p'ishoners do paie hay tithes in kind, and others pay money for them, but whether they pay more att one time than att another tyme this deponent knoweth not. He saith that all tithes due to the vicar whether in kind or paying a customary rent for them being undischarged att Easter are comonly put downe in the vicar's booke att Easter and then comonly paid for, and more certeynty thereof transpireth from the vicarage books.

Henry Darnton of Goldesburgh deposeth that he knoweth the p'ish, plaintiff and defendant and thatt he verily thinketh that the p'ishe towards Ripley doth extend ittself further and beyond the River Nidd, but how the laund doth reach or the boundes

thereof this deponent knoweth not. He doth not know any close called Blomer field altho he knoweth Hampsthwaite field and Almond Ing. He thinketh thatt all the inhabitants of the township of Hamposthwait do pay tithe haie in kynde to ye vicar of Hampesthwait and he further saith that all others within the p'ishe of Hampesthwait do yerely pay an accustomed rent. Further he saith that all others within the p'ishe of Hampesthwait do yerely pale for the tithe haie to the vicar of Hampesthwait att Easter and for more certeynty thereof he refers himself to the Easter booke kept by the said vicar. He verily thinketh the severall tithes belonging to the vicarage are worth by yeare L Li. or LX Li., or thereaboutes but what any p'ticular tithe is yerely worthe one yeare with another this deponent knoweth not. He saith that he neither doth nor did see or heare of any booke of compositions other writings or manuscripts concerning the p'sonage or vicarage of Hampsthwaite save only the Vicar's booke of Hampsthwaite called the Reckening Booke¹ now in the possession of the said vicar, and also one lease made by the minister of St. Roberts and Hugh Curror together with a copie or the valuation of the said vicarage taken out of the first fruits office. He saith that he never knewe any tithe barne for corne in Hampesthwait but onely such as the farmers did att there owne charge for their selves p'vide for yet nevertheless the deponent saith thatt he hath heard that a tithe lath in the p'ishe of Hanpesthwaite lay at Swincliffe, but to whom it doth belong this deponent knoweth not. The houses lande, garden, and orchard and duffcoate in this Indenture mencioned do of right belong unto the defendant and he rather induced thus to thinke because he hath knowne three severall vicars proceeding one another enjoye the same, and by report hath heard thatt the vicars there before them namely Mr. Dakers and others have tyme out of minds of man

¹ For extracts from this book see Appendix III.

enjoyed the same. The parishoners of Hampsthwaite do onlie pay the residue of their tithe in kind or els composicion or pais for them in money at Easter, The defendant hath both first fruits and tithes to the kinge's Ma'tie as other vicars of the value of twenty marks a yere hath done.

Thomas Slater, father of the defendant deposeth that Mr. Lyndalle had a p'pose to assigne his interest in the vicarage of Hampsthwaite unto him¹ which he afterwarde did freely withoute any consideracion given or promised to be given for the same to the knowledge of this deponent. And he further saith thatt she said assignment was made not in respect of any house lande or tithes now in question but oneley in respect of the affection and love which the said Mr. Lyndall did beare to the said defendant having formerlie been his scholar. Mr. Lyndeall having interest under his Ma'tie of a house called The Guild Hall adjoining the chamber in Hampsthwaite near unto the vicarage, this deponent was desirous to buy the interest of the said Lyndall in and to the said house, which he afterward did and paid iij Li., to Mr. Lyndall for the same and this deponent further saith thatt he havinge boughte the interest of the said house did pull part of the said house downe, and did erect a new house instead thereof, which new house this deponent afterwards sold to one Martyn Schofelde for xx Li. He saith that the said house called Guild Hall was never any p't or p'cell of the said vicarage to the knowledge of this deponent, but whether vicar Dickson did ever occupye it or not this deponent doth not knowe.

Notwithstanding he saith thatt the said Martyn Schofelde or his assigns doth now occupye the same and further to this he doth not depose. He hath heard of a p'cell of grounde in the

¹ i.e. the defendant.

p'ish of Hampsthwaite which is called Tithelathe Garth which as this deponent thinketh was lately in the tenure of John Atkinson but in whose tenure the same is now this deponent knoweth not and further to this he cannot say.

Christopher Lyndall of Rippon, Clerke, deposeth that he knoweth Hampsthwaite field, Blomer field, and Almond Ing but not how many acres they conteyn. He saith that there is diverse of the p'ishoners of Hampsthwaite besides such as have lande in Hampsthwaite field which do pay tithe haie in kinde as namely Cristofer Spence, Lancellot Smith and diverse others which pay tithe haie in kinde for certayne lande adjoyning to Rowden leane and also for certeyn other grounde belonging to the manor of Hampsthwaite but for none of the lande for which there is Auncient composition paid and is of record in the vicar's booke. He saith that he did resigne his interest in the vicarage of Hampsthwaite freely of his own good will and without any other consideration of money or moneys worthe or any other matter whatsoever and thatt the defendant Slater nor any other for him or on his behalf directly or indirectly did give, pay or p'mise or agree to pay any money or other consideration for the resignation or passing over this deponent's right in the said Vicarage to the seyde defendant neither was now in question or belonging to the said vicarage but oneley freely and of meere goodwill and not otherwise. This deponent had an interest in the house called Guilde Hall or King's Chamber for which this deponent paid to the Kinge's Ma'tie x d., by yere which interest he had of one Wm. Atkinson and Thomas Curror and afterwards this deponent did passe his interest of the same likewise to one Martyn Scofeld. He never knewe any tithe barne in the p'ishe of Hampsthwaite save onely that he heard of one barne which one Hugh Curror being farmer of the Rectory did build upon his own ground which

ground and barn the said Curror hath sold as this deponent hath heard. He doth know all the p'ishoners of Hampsthwaite to pay or ought to paye the residew of the tithes in kinde or money for them according to an auncient custome of auncient time used, of which custome they have bene very carefull to keep during all the tyme of this doeponent's remembrance. He saith that all tithes of woolle and lambes and tithe hey in kind are usually paid about midsummer or shortly after but for other customary tithes as tithe hey and other tithes for which money is paid his first fruits and tenth for his vicarage of Hampsthwaite in such sort as other men of the like living do pay for them as this deponent verily thinketh.

Robert More of Guisley, Clerk, saith as follows: - He hath heard thatt the complainant ever since his purchase of the said Rectory hath enjoyed all the tithes and proffittes belonging to the same or otherwaies dysposed thereof at his pleasure and he saith that he very well knoweth that the tithes of corne and graine do onelie and completely belong to the ssid Rectory or p'sonage and no other tithes or duties of whatever nature or kynde soever they be of. And thatt he knoweth the same to be true for thatt he about fortie yeares agoe did write and keep the vicar's booke diverse tymes there, and did see the then vicar of Hampsthwaite receive and record all other tithes or payments for them within the said p'ishe of Hampsthwaite in the same booke onely savinge the tithe of corne and graine and thatt he did never know any farmer of the said Rectory or p'sonage during the time aforesaid had or received any other tithes or benefitt in right of the said Rectory or p'senage other than onely the tithe of corne and graine. He saith that the defendant ever since he was inducted to the said vicarage of Hampsthwaite had and enjoyed as belonging to the said vicarage a vicarage

house, a dovecoate and other houses therewith used, with a garden and an orchard thereunto belonging in right of the said vicarage. He also saith defendant hath since his induction received and enjoyed all the tithes of haie, flaxe, Agistment of Cattle, kyne, foles, pigges, aples, bees, honey, woolle, lambes, milnes¹ and other tithes and profits of tithes there whatsoever without any controversie until the complainant questioned the same, the tithe of corne end graine being excepted. He never knew any glebe land belonging to the vicarage other than the said vicarage house, dove coate, garden, houses and orchard aforesaid. Mr. Lyndall late incumbent of the said vicarage did now build the greatest part of the said vicarage house and the other houses thereunto belonging before he resigned to the defendant and be never know thatt any farmer of the said Rectory of p'sonage ever had or enjoyed the said vicarage house as belonging to the p'sonage. He doth know a house in Hampsthwaite called the Guyld Hall and he never heard it called or reputed or taken to be any part of the vicarage house. And further than this he cannot say.

Henry Darnton of Goldsboro, Clerk, confirms this evidence, as does Wm., Pullein of Ripley, Clerk.

Peter Curror of Braconbrigg², yeoman, deposeth that his father Hugh had a lease of the said p'sonage under the Convent Sealle before the Dissolution. Amongst the inhabitants of the house had been Vicker Dakers a white freer of the House of St. Robert and after him Mr. Dixon and after him Mr. Lindall and now Mr. Slater.

¹ Mills

² Bracken Bridge - The bridge over Tang Beck on the Birstwith Road 300 yards west of Hampsthwaite village. Brackenbridge adjoins the field in which we believe the Manor House to have stood, and as Peter Curror was Lord of the Manor this reference practically confirms our belief.

Christopher Lindall of Rippon, Clerks, saith that as late incumbent there he did now builde the greatest part of the said vicarage house and all other houses thereunto belonging. He saith thatt the said house in Hampsthwaite called Guildhall or Kinge's Chamber was holden by lease both from the late queene during her liefe and since from the Kinge's Ma'tie that now is. He further saith that he did agree with the said late queene's tenant for the said Guyld Hall or King's Chamber and paide a yearlie rent of x d., for the same to the said Queene and her successors.

Chris. Spence of Hampsthwaite, yeoman, and Willm Atkinson of Dacre Pasture, yeoman, both confirm this evidence.

Wm. Daie¹ of Menwith Hill saith that the complainant commenced severall accons of (de) bt att the comon lawe for Tribble damages against diverse of the p'ishoners of Hampsthwaite as namely against this deponent, Edward Waite, Richard Bilton, and Robert Wigglesworth upon a charge plaintiff made in the second year of Edward the sixth against them severally for taking away their haie growing within the said p'ish Of Hampsthwaite before they had reserved the tenth p't thereof and they and every of them severally being att issue with the said complainants did p'ceed to triall in the action against the said Robert Wigglesworth and upon full and open hearing thereof account was given for the defendant's behalf. He saith the tithe corne and graine are very well worthe £40 per annum.

¹ Of Day Ash.

Severall witnesses, former fermers of the said Rectory depose that they have never received any tithes whatsoever other than tithe corne and graine.

Decree of Exchequer Court, 13th November 1613 in the case John Breaks v Richard Slater.

It is ordered that the defendant shall continue the peacable and quiet possession of the said vicarage house, dovecoates, garden, orchard and other the houses aforesaid as part of and belonging to the said vicarage and the vicar thereof for the time being, and also of all the tithes whatsoever yearlie renewing, coming, arising or growling within the saide parishe of Hampsthwaite other than the tithes of corne and grayne onlie, without the lett, disturbance or interrupcion of the said complain't or anie other the farmers of the said Rectory. If the saide complain't shall attempt or p'cure any suite at the Comon Lawe against the saide defendant or any other claiming under him for anything conteyned in this order, this courte awarde defendant full costes.

APPENDIX II

Extracts from the Hampsthwaite Parish Registers and from other Parish Books and Papers

The earliest remaining register of births, marriages and burials at Hampsthwaite commences in 1605. From that date with a few short gaps the records are complete. The first seven registers, from 1603 to 1807, have been transcribed by Dr. Francis Collins and were published in 1902 by The Yorkshire Parish Register Society. The extracts here given are, however, taken from the actual registers: themselves. As will be seen the entries were by no means confined to the formal entry of essential details.

Register No.2.

Window	8s 6d.	quarter pay	1s 11d.	3s 4d.	for Fox Heads ¹ .
1663	Disbursed for the repairs of the chapple ² and confirmed by us Samuel Pawson. Vicar. Matth. Blande.				£1 6 8
1676	May ye 3rd. 1676. Received them ye day and yeare above written of Samuel Sugden vicar of Hampsthwath the sum of five shillings and sixpence, in full satisfaction of his children nursing. I say received by me, Wm. Turpin. X his mark. Witnessed George Brown.				

¹ In parishes where foxes were so numerous as to form a serious nuisance the parish offered a reward for every fox killed.

² Presumably Thornthwaite Chapel.

Register No. 3.

1678 This Register Booke and the other
for Marriages Cost nine shillings.
This year these 2 bookes were
bought and ye little window near ye
Pulpitt was made. window cost 18s.

Register No. 4.

The new window on the north side of
the church near to the stoop (font)
was set up March the 9th 1712.

Register No. 5.

Repairs of ye vicarage and expenses
laid out upon ye premises in ye year
1739 by Mr. Bainbridge for plastering
ye outside of ye vicarage house £1 1 0
for lime sand and labourers 15 0
1741 for building a peat house and thatch 18 9
1742 for thatching ye barn all over 2 5 7
1743 for laying a barn floor
for putting on it a new door and
repairing ye wall 6 8
for erecting a helm¹ 4 8
1739 for underdrawing ye parlor 15 6
1746 for laying a new floor in ye same 4 0 5
Oct. 2nd Viewd Darley Bridge. I award that Six
1747 Yards from the springing of the Arch
at each end of the said bridge be
repaired by the parish for safety of
the bridge.
And the highway at each end of the
said bridge to be repaired by the
hamlet it belongs to Knaresborough.

¹ Helm — a barn.

Ricd. Gilbertson. Oct. 14th. 1747

Register No. 6.

This register book for ye Parish of
Hampsthwaite was bought in ye year
1752. It cost at York.

R. Bainbridge, vicar.

£1 7s. 6d.

A cure for ye Hiccup:

Take 1 drop of ye chemical oyl of cinamon in a lump of loaf
sugar, hold it in ye mouth till Dissolved and then let it be gently
swallowed.

An excellent Remedy for ye palsy by Dr. Thomas:

1-ounce mustard seed bruised.

1-ounce juniper berries.

1 ounce of Horseradish root scraped.

Infuse it in a bottle of mountain wine. Drink a glass or two
after dinner. Swallow a spoonfull of mustard seed now and
then.

A rect taken from ye York Courant for the bite of a Mad dog
experienced at Brandenburgh 1765. It is the *matrisilva* well
known to all apothecaries. It may be given either green or dry
in milk or in any kind of tea twice a day. No regular dose is
required to be observed. it has cured numbers of people as
well as cattle, swine and even dogs.

E. Bainbridge.

A note made by the Rev. Joseph Wilson, vicar from 1771 to
1790 on the last page of his register reads: -

“Vicar's dues on Easter Sunday are 4s. 6d. and 4s. Clerks

dues are for winding up the clock 19s., sweeping the church 5s., washing the surplices 8s., communion bread 5s., Sexton 's wages 10s. Cleaning the churchyard 1s. Ringers' wages 3s. 4d. each, allowance on Easter Tuesday 12s. Perambulation, 13s. 4d. 5th November 10s., was 5s. Visitation four times 10s. Court fees about 6s. or 7s. deducted. To the balance the chaple contributes an equal share”.

In the same year a rate was made on the 2nd day of April “for the repairs of the church, and other imbursements” as follows - Hampsthwaite and Hollins £8., Fellescliffe £8., Birstwith £8., and Menwith Hill and Darley £8.

Wilson also further enters the names of all those who were excommunicated or did penance, and also the cost of such penances. “A private penance at York £1-12-4, public penance 10s. 6d, 2s. less if they go themselves”.

General Extracts from the Registers.

- 1664 Robert Buck de Winsley anno aetatis suae 107 buried 11th July.
- 1665¹ John Snow) Peter, son of Abraham Asquith) Both slaine at Marle pits 21 August.
- 1667 Mathew Kendall slaine at the marle pitts, buried 9th August.
- 1669 Robert Shutt, commonly called rough, was buried 15 10'ber.
- 1675 Anne Hall de Thorntwaite bur. May 14th yr was not a sermon
- 1677 Robert ye son of Robert Hardcastle de Hartwith buried August ye 18th. He was killed in the Marle Pitts.

¹ The Marle Pits were at Kettlesing

During the period 1678-1713 a considerable number of entries include the remark "*buried in woolen oneley*".

- 1684 Jane Terry faelo de se of Burnt Yates was buried on ye backside of the Church November ye 28th.
- 1684 Marmaduke Harrison and Ursula Bramley were married at Nidd per. vic. *ibidem*. September 15th. Clandestine.
- 1699 Wm. Bradley buried at Hardcastle Garth. February ye 17th.
- 1700 Peter Simpson, Quaker, buried at Hardcastle Garth Mch. ye 16th.
- 1701 John Bradley buried at Hardcastle Garth August ye 14th. (*Hardcastle Garth is the field in which is situated the quaker burial ground aforementioned*).

Inside the cover of Volume 2 of the Registers is written: -
"*1700 hic jacset in Touba Rosamundi non Rosamunda
1701 non redolet sid olet quae redolere solet.*"

- 1717 Ellen Bramley killed by a gunshot, bur, Oct. 22nd.
- 1720 Tho. Bramley, the old Israelite, bur. March 24. (*As Bramley was certainly not a Jew this italicised phrase must be a nickname or perhaps it is simply an epithet used by the parish clerk who may have disliked the man*).
- 1722 Rachel Watson, king'-fisher's wife bur. May the 4th.
- 1722 Wm., son of Nicho. Hardcastle, Quaker, bap. Jan 10.
- 1726 Joseph son of Will Horseman Fisherman bap. June 20th.
- 1727 Thomas son of Tho. Spence horsejockey bap. Nov. 13th.

- 1729 John son of Xto. Metcalf subterranean¹ bap. Apl. the 5th. (*Several other 'colliers' mentioned about this time*).
- 1729 Jno. Holiday, roper, bur. Feb. the 13th.
- 1729 Silvester Hebden, serg-weaver, bur. Feb. 23rd.
- 1734 Jno. Gill, fellmonger, bur. Jan, 21st. He was drowned in Nid
- 1735 Mary Moore, converted from a Quaker, bap. Feb. 22nd.
- 1739 Hannan, wife of David Leedham, tailor, a convert from Quakerism bap. July ye 9th by me E. Bainbridge vicar. (*Nidderdale was a stronghold of Quakerism, and a number of Quaker families still reside in the valley. There is A Friends' Meeting House at Darley, and ancient burial grounds at Hartwith and Dacre*).
- 1740 Samuel West, yeom., died by ye bite of a mad dog, bur. July 19th.
- 1741 a poor wayfaring woman whose name unknown bur. Sept 16th.
- 1742 Elizabeth Harrison, widow, a noted midwife, bur Dec. 12th.
- 1743 Mr. James Car, steward to ye colliery of Swartcliff, Bur. Apr. 7th.
- 1744 Samuel Calverley of this town, mason, being found dead near Rippon was buried here August ye 7th.
- 1748 The Rev. Mr. Anthony Young curate of Thornthwaite Chapel for 60 years died ye 18th of Dec. in ye 86 yeare of his age and was buried by me at Fewston ye 22nd of ye same. E. Bainbridge, vicar.
- 1749 Francis Horseman, a lunatick, bur. March 29th. 1749 Robt. Dean, sexton for nearly 50 years. bur. in ye Belfry June 13th. (*This man is mentioned in the*

¹ ? Miner

- churchwardens accounts. q.v.)*
- 1750 John Hole, collier, accidentally killed by a fall. bur. Mch 30.
- 1751 Richard, son of Jno. Harrison of ye workhouse, weaver, bap. Aug. 6th.
- 1751 Jane, wife of Tho. Robinson, of Hartwith, buried in ye chapel yard there, being ye first corpse interr'd since ye consecration by me E.B.
- 1753 Wm, Hardcastle, an idiot, bur. Jan. 25th.
- Burials
- 1755 Rob. son of Jno Boucock lor. (*lorimer*) bur. Nov. 9th.
William son of John Bowcock lor. bur. Nov. 21st.
Dorothy wife of ye above John Bowcock, mother of ye last interr'd corps robert and william Bowcock was buried Nov. ye 24th. (*This domestic tragedy was doubtless the result of an outbreak of small-pox that was raging at the time*).
- 1757 Ann wife of John Dinsdale of Thornthw. Staymaker, Aug. 6th.
- 1758 Joseph, ye son of ye Rev. Mr. Bainbridge vicar buried in his Burial Place in ye Chapel Octob. ye 14th aged 4 years and a half, being ye 3rd child buried there.
- 1759 Elizabeth illigitimate dr. of Dorothy Simpson an excommunicate person, bap. Sep. 1st. N.B. this is ye 2nd bastard she has borne.
- 1763 Sarah, ye illigitimate dr. of Ellen Marston wid. bap. Feb. 5th. This is ye third bastard, she is excommunicated.
- 1764 Sarah, dr. of Sarah Patrick wid. an excommunicate person Jan. 15. Robert, son of Ellen Marston, wid, an excommunicate person this being ye 4th bastard child she has presented. (*The last several entries show the low standard of morality existing at this period in*

England).

- 1770 James Fryer Master of the Workhouse at Saltergate Hill¹ upwards of twenty-three years bur. November 26th.
- 1773 William son of John Gill who was imperfectly christened at Ripley in my absence thro wrong information of a surety but sufficiently baptised and re-christened June 20th.
- 1773 Elizabeth Myers drunk and drown'd on Lord's Day October 14th
- 1778 Francis Hardisty labourer, poor. killed by a cart June 11th.
- 1774 George Fawcett anabaptist privately interred December 6th.
- 1775 William, son of Henry Clint, kill'd in Darley Mill and bur. Jul. 4.
- 1776 Richard son of Francis Robinson potter, died and buried in 8 hours, December 22.
- 1777 Margaret daughter of John Hardisty absconded for debt Jan. 26.
- 1778 William Medley, collier, kill'd by foul air in sinking a draw well September 24.
- 1778 Thomas Simpson, yeoman, Hirst, died Nov 26th morning of an hour sickness, aged 59 November 29th.
- 1779 Ann Lowcock, an excommunicate person, privately interred Jan 15.
- 1779 John Holliday weaver aged 47, kill'd at the Lime Quarry Apr 28.
- 1780 George Simpson, a poor honest batchelor, aged 74, Dec. 23rd.
- 1781 William Roger, poor, aged 70. N.B. He is the first poor

¹ See page ###

- person that burial fees have been paid for (*from*) time immemorial. Sep. 21st.
- 1781 Joseph Harrison, aged 17 kill'd by the fall of a tree seeking to catch a squirrel. Dec. 22nd.
- 1782 Elizabeth daughter of John Whiteley mother a papist. July 7th. Elizabeth daughter of Thoms and Grace Metcalfe, seven weeks too soon. November 1st.
¹Thomas Smith, heckler, aged 57. Weighed 19 stone. papist. April 7th.
- 1782 Thomas Ransom, hanged himself October 26th.
- 1783 George Rushforth gelder aged 73. April 20th.
- 1783 John illegitimate son of Mary Bell, her husband being a soldier abroad.
- 1784 Jonathon, son of Solomon and Mary Leedom, tinker, poor, Mch. 10th.
- 1784 A stranger, name unknown, killed by a wagon. Age 20. Feb 14. bur. 18.
 Hannah Simpson who hang'd herself on Good Friday, age 22.
 William West, poor man, found dead in his bed age abt. 70.
- 1785 Solomon Leetham, tinker, small pox ag. 21.
- 1786 Joseph, son of George and Sarah Sigsworth, huntsman. Jan. 15th. Elisabeth, daughter of William Armistead, an anabaptist, converted and publicly baptised at the age of 29. August 20th.
- 1786 Christopher, son of John and Elizabeth Preston, schoolmaster 30 weeks too soon. November 1st.
- 1787 John Armistead age 31 who hanged himself. Sunday June 10th anabaptist.
- 1787 John Smith, a papist says his son John was born July 14 1788 and his daughter Eleanor March 1790 and

¹ For a tradition concerning this man see p.###

desires to have them registered. (*Obviously this entry was inserted at a later date*).

- 1788 Betty dr. of Miles and Hannah Buck, quaker, 30 weeks too soon. Jul. 9th.
- 1792 Jane, dr, of Joseph and Isabella Thorpe, dancing master.

Churchwardens' Accounts

The only churchwardons' account is the single one for 1714-15 given here. This is a matter for keen regret as the many interesting items in the sole survivor show what a storehouse of curious information a whole series of such accounts would have been.

May 13th, 1714

William Skayfe, Darley, Churchwarden for the parish of Hampsthwaite, for the present year (1714), his disbursements were as follows, viz.

	£.	s.	d.	f.
		3	4	
		1		
		6		
May 29 th		3		
June 4 th				
		3		

¹ By the Archdeacon

² Pine Marten

³ Royal Oak Day

⁴ In North Yorks the water which runs from a church roof, particularly that shed from that part of it which covers the chancel is supposed to be a restorative for ailing people when sprinkled over them. This entry may relate to the payment of some person for collecting it.

	the Church Drops			
	Spent with Mr Carbut for			
	splicing a bell rope	1	2	
	for Bread at Whitsuntide	1		
	Spent with Mr. Atkinson when			
	he preached	3		
Aug. 1 st	¹ Paid to the ringers and Spent			
	at the time.			
	paid to the Quarter's pay.	2	10	3
	Spent at some particular times		3	
	For one Fox Head		3	
	² for Black cloth and the			
	nessaries thereto belonging	3	6	
	Spent with Mr. Young when he			
	preached		3	
	Spent at several times		3	
	Spent when we met to view			
	the Church Steeple		6	
	for Lime and 2 workmen and			
	attendance and spent at the			
	same time	1		
	³ given to the ringers on the			
	coronation day and spent at			
	the same time	1	4	2
Nov. 4	⁴ paid to the ringers when the			
	rebels were taken at Preston		3	
	Ale at the same time for Mr.			
	Atkinson		3	
	paid to the ringers for			
	gunpowder treason	2	6	

¹ Lammass Day

² Death of Queen Anne

³ George I

⁴ Rebellion of 'Fifteen'.

	given to the ringers for ale at the same time		3	
	Spent on Gunpowder Treason	1		
	for paying the quarterly pay forgotten before		3	
Jan 1	Ale to Mr. Atkinson when the Articles of Religion were read		6	
	for Bread at Christmas		1	
	for splicing a bell rope		1	2
	paid for a basket and an Almanack		3	
	for Oil for the Church		1	2
	or mending a Bell rope		1	
	for a Fox head		3	
	spent with Mr. Young when he preached		3	
	for ¹ Robert Dean, Sexton			
	Coat, vis., Cloth trimming and making.		3	9
			<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>
		£1	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
			<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

¹ Sexton for 60 years.

**Notes from a Hand-written Parchment-bound Book,
Entitled, in Modern Handwriting,
'Memorandum Book, not a Register Book',
Preserved in the Vestry.**

The Book consists of single leaves bound together in no
order of date.

March ye 28th. 1692.

Mem. Agreed then between the Minister Churchwardens and overseers of ye poor of ye parishe of Hampsthwaite, that Thomas Thackeray of ye same place, or his assigns for one close in Hampsthwaite fielde¹ left for ye use of ye poor for ever of Sinder Hilis², menwith, holme and Darley, Birstwith, Felliscliffe and Hampsthwaite by Mr. Wm. Pullen Late of Hampsthwaite deceased for ye terme of 21 years, for ye yearly Rent of thirty six shillings to be payd yearly and every year during the said terme to ye minister or overseers for ye poor of ye said parish or their deputys; the first sunday in December equally amongst ye Hambletts afforesaid. Witness our hands the day and year first above written.

Ben. Holden, Vic.
Francis Day
Christo Smith
William Parker
Sylvester Hebden.

Tho. Thackeray.

Md. that the close is but one acre and a half and that

¹ See Breaks case

² Up Langer Mill Lane, Darley, so called on account of slag heaps left after smelting of iron ore there.

Thomas Tackeray or his Assigns shall pay all that comes against it, And that he have four shillings allowed him out of ye said rent for making a yate and to have a sufficient when ye term is expired, and ye fences in good repair.

Then follow a number of annual assessments for the poor, which as lacking in importance and interest we do not reproduce.

November ye firste in ye yeare 1652

The undermentioned do agree and consent that Widdow Anderey Lyall gave 4d. a weeke about to be paid by ye overseers toward ye undermentioned.

Signed

ffrancis Jefferay
Marmaduke Bramley
Leonard Atkinson
Sa Midgley
Arthur Hardistie
Tho Emette
Miles Bramley
Thomas Parker

Then follow a list of those persons to benefit under the bequest.

Honrd Sir,

Amongst ye many who come to beg you interest in relation to ye school at Ighly, I desire leave to add to ye number on behalf of my neighbour Mr Atkinson. I hope he may p^rvail with

Mr. Wilk for a p^rsentation to ye church and ye school being added to it will be a further encouragement to his Industry. He has already made his application to my L. Fairfax from whom he is in expectation of a favourable answer, and if you be willing to joyn wth His Lords'p, he may be sure of success. I doubt not but you may have him recommended from much better hands than mine as ye on every way deserving and I pr[']sume none will be ready to Encourage such persons than yourself.

We do not know who wrote this letter or to whom it was addressed. It was evidently written, judging by its position in the book, about 1652-3 in which case the Lord Fairfax referred to would be the famous leader of the Parliamentary forces.

An idea of the amounts paid by the overseers of the poor to the indigent parishoners can be obtained from the following list: -

1654 The names of poore people w^{ch} are to have allowance of the assessment.

Alice Parker	per mensem	2s	
Roger Bushe	per annum	4s	
Wm. Popleton	per annum	4s	
Widowe Dixon	per mensem		12d
Widowe Grime	per mensem		12d
Uxor Bowcocke houseroome in ye yeare		10s	0d
Widowe Bowcocke	per mensem		12
ffranc. Holme	per mensem		16
Tho. Askwith	per annum	3	
John. Pott	per mensem		9
Widowe Umpleby	per annum	3	
Then is owing to Ami Choatwood			4

for valletting John. Pott one
month
Wilfred Halle

per men 3 3

Each year Churchwardens, Overseers for the Poor, Overseers for Highways and Capital Pledges were elected to represent the various townships in the parish. The list for the year 1695 is as follows.

New Churchwardens for the yeare 1655

ffor Hampstwait	Christo. Sponse
ffor ffelliscliffe	Tho. Thompson
ffor Birstw th	Abra Scott
ffor al Westend	Robt. Wigglesworth

New Overseers for ye poore

Hampstwait	The Oddie
ffelliscliffe	David Bilton
Birstw th	Robert Snawe for his self and his mother
for Al. Westend	Robert Lollye

New Overseers for Highways

ffor Hampstwait	Nicho Yeoman and Arthur Hardistie
ffelliscliffe	John Done and The Huchenson eldr.
ffor Holme	Peter Pullan
ffor Darley	Anthony Metcalfe
ffor Menw th	Tho. Oddy

ffor Thornewaite
Birstwth

Ben Wright
Robert Shutt and Jo.
ffairburn eldr.
Robert Hall

ffor Padside

Capital Pledges.

Hampstwait
ffelliscliffe
Birstwth
for Al. Westend

Wm Hemsley
The Harrison
Geo. Shutt
John Cook and Tho.
Metcalf

Maie 1655

A note what stocke is for the poore above the Brown book and who gave it and in whose hands it is this day.

Willm. Day gave tennes poundes which is in Walt^e Waite and John Benford of barnhouses hands. Widdow Powell gave tenne prounds and Richard Salitt gave two poundes which was divided into three parts. One part was allotted to the West hamlet. Another parte to Hampsthwaite and Rowden and another thirde parte to Birstwith and felliscliffe.

This twelve poundes which was given by Widdow Powell and Richard Salitt is now bestowed in lands with thirtie poundes which was given by ffrancis Jeffray which lande was boughte of Willm Stub att Boarbarnhowe the use of which ffortie two poundes is yearly on Michaelmas to be divided to ye poore people of Hampsthwaite and Fewston p'shes. The use of fifteen poundes of Francis Jeffray gift is to go to the poore at Fewston p'ishe and all the rest to the poore of Hampsthwaite

p'ishe.

Thomas Skraiffe of Buglerbanke gave tenne shillings
yearely out certayne lands.

This book also contains the annual expenditure of the
churchwardens but gves no details of their various
disbursements.

Further on in the book the parish clerk heads his annual
entries

'Thomas

Atkinson

April 16 1720

Scriptum

per me

Tim Thackeray

This Tim Thackeray was an ancestor of William
Makepeace Thackeray

Memorandum. that was agreed and bargained between
George Cooke the overseer of the poore of Hampsthwaite for
the year 1669 and Thomas Kidd that the same Thomas Kidd
for and in consideration of eight groats paid him for many
peopell that he will Keepe and maintaine Ralgh Benson of the
said towne fallen to bein great want with sufficient meate and
drinke, washing and lodging for and during the natural life of
the said Ralph Benson

Collected in ye year 1702/2

On Trinity Sunday	1s.	11d.
At Wichelmass	1s.	3d.
At Xmas	4s.	
On Palm Sunday	2s.	4d.
On Good Friday	4s.	1d.
On Easter Even	7s.	0d.
On Easter Day	6s.	1d.

Extracts from a MS. Book bound in Parchment, without title, containing notes on tithes, commencing 1686 and Continuing 1702/3 preserved in the Vestry

Inserted in the front cover is a printed page relating to "An Act to a further time an Act passed in the Sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to prohibit the Importation of Foreign-wrought silks and Velvets for a limited time: and for preventing unlawful combinations of workmen employed with Silk Manufacture". It is headed in writing "Ann Scraife, Birstwith, April 18 age 73".

Extracts.

Myles Wardman for Hay tythe looke what arrears John Haliday rope-maker, looke ye Blacke booke and all B's for 3 years.

Thomas Skraife owes 2s always he saith he's compounded.

Directions etc. I give notice to all ye parishoners wthin ye

parish of Hampsthwaite that I intend (*God willing*) to Administer ye Bless Sacra^{mt}, on those days following vist on Palm Sunday, Good Fryday, Easter even, Easter day, in ye churche and there will be sermons or Homilys on good fryday and Easter even by myself or some other, and go I pray, do not leave all till (*the*) last day, that is till Easter day. On Tuesday in passion Weeke at Thornthwaite Chappell. On Monday morning after Palm Sunday to ye sick and lame people of Holme Sinder Hills, etc. On Tuesday morning before I begin at Chappell, to ye sick and lame people of Thornthwaite and Padside. On Wednesday morning to ye sick of ye hamblett of Birstwith and ffeliscliffe and on Thursday morning to Hamb. of Hamp. ye Churchwardens are to give me notice ye night before and to attend in ye Hambletts. I desire all ye p'ishoners of this p'ish to take notice or other soul of ye p'ish yt are concerned in't, yt they come and reckone and pay ye comp (*compounds*) betwixt and Easter day to me or some other I shall appoint. The rest will be taken in ye Churche.

So many as intend to be p'takers of ye Lds supper are to signify their names at least ye night before.

I shall be at home or in ye churche every afternoon till Easter, every Monday and Tuesday in Passion weeke when I am to be at Lawrence Bucks to receive ye sickes and comps. of all persons yt live w^{hin} ye Compasse of Sinder Hills etc.

I desire ye churchwardens to take notice as much as in them lies of those persons yt do willfully absent themselves from Sacram^t yt are above 16 years of Age.

I give notice I will take no sick, nor any for me on Sunday morn, nor on good fryday morning nor on Saturday morning.

The churchwardens are to p'vide bread and wine against those days I have appointed at ye charge of ye p'ish. If any persons be able to goe or ride to Church or Chappell (*Thornthwaite*) lett y^m not expect me at their houses!

“A great sickness I feare this ensuing yeare I pray God bless us from plag. and preserve us Ld grant me to walk amongst my wife and chyl dren I fear sad things be fall this land this year”.

Samual Sugden, vicar, who wrote this prophecy died shortly afterwards.

“1694 Hall Garth comp. 2[£] to be pd on Midsomer Day, their sevants their servants and apprentices to pay for y^r offerings besides ye composition”.

“Philip Turpin allowed 3d for nailes”.

“Wreakes Mill comp. 6s. 8d. pd.”

“Robert Clark for Darley Mill 4s”

1697 Leonard Atkinson allowed 5d to him for coales.

1698 Wm. Dove has geese but as to numbers I cannot tell.
Eng.

	£.	s.	d.
1699 de Bryan Cromarsh	2	13	0
putting his son apprentice and a coat		17	4
Burial of his wife		13	9
de ye Queen		4	
de Philip Parker	2	5	0
His burial			
de ye Queen			
House roome and fire for him			

"Bryan Roger deny'd his geese but has one due"

Like the rent collector and tax gatherer of today the vicar when calling for tithes due found many people 'not at home'.

"1700 The Hutchinson 8 geese yet unp'd. He saith they are lost.

George Ridsdale allowed 10d for a cart belly band."

The various tithes and dues are entered under the headings Communicants, Customary, Renewals, Strips, Plow, foals, bees, eggs, apples, etc. etc.

1702	Straw	3/6	Hair	2/6
	Hard Coal	1/3	Hair	1/4
	Hair	6d	Meat	3/5
	Lime	3d	2 skins	2/0
	Hay	3d	Hay	2/0
	Veal	9d		

May ye 4th 1677 Memorandom.

Wm Benson is to grant me 4 wane Loades of Turfes this yeare following. Wyt. Tho Thackory. Tho Midgley. Tho Hardcastle. Phylyp Lose. Thos Marston.

1693 April 17

Agreed then wth ye Ringers of Hampesthwaite for ringing upon Sunday and all other days 20s ye annum, ten shillings to be paid upon ye 5th November and ye other at Easter. M^d the parishoners are to find ye oyl for ye bells. 1693.

APPENDIX III

Hampsthwaite Wills

Apart from minor law suits there is perhaps no more fertile source of information regarding the intimate daily life of individuals throughout the ages than their wills. This is particularly true of Hampsthwaite where so few descriptive records are available. Many of the Hampsthwaite wills in the 16th and 17th centuries make fascinating reading and shed a strong light on the life and character of the inhabitants quite apart from their historical and antiquarian interest.

The extracts from wills which follow have for the most part been taken from the two volumes of wills from the Knaresborough Court Rolls transcribed by the late Dr. Francis Collins for the Surtees Society.

It will be noticed that in most of the wills certain property is invariably bequeathed to the heir of the testator. The nature of the property so bequeathed is laid down in the ancient laws and customs of the Honour. When these laws and customs were recapitulated in 1563 it was stipulated that: *“After the death of every customary tenant, his next heir ought to have for his heirlooms - the best wain, the best cowpe¹, the best plough head, yoke bolt and shackle and one team, the best cupboard, the best table, the best standing bed, best cawderne², the best pot, the best arke³, the best charger of pewter, and the best bason and ewer if any be”*.

¹ Two-wheeled cart. Cf. the modern coupe.

² Cauldron.

³ Chest.

The small yeoman farmer's wealth was mainly to be found in his hay and corn, his stock and his agricultural implements. Many of them could not even muster a team of oxen (eight), but several of these smallholders would pool their beasts to raise a team. The pathetically brief list of household goods speaks eloquently of the bareness and discomfort of their cottages. A bed, or perhaps only a mattress and bedding, two or three chests and a couple of cupboards, a table (board), a few pewter dishes and trenchers, a few vessels of coarse earthenware and a few kitchen utensils was all that most of them could boast of in the way of furniture and household equipment. The more prosperous added perhaps a standing bed, more chests and cupboards, a few table cloths and towels, a few cushions and a quilt and in some cases a few silver spoons. The only will that shows the testator to have enjoyed more than this primitive standard of comfort is that of Sir William Ingilby of Padgide. The inventory of his goods shows the hall to have been comfortably, generously and even lavishly furnished according to the standard of the times. Standing beds and truckle beds, blankets, quilts, eiderdowns, chairs, rich hangings and fabrics and a considerable quantity of silverware are mentioned; even that rare luxury a carpet finds a place.

Clothes, in those days were expensive and valued possessions and they invariably find a place in the will. Even Sir Wm. Ingilby leaves his clothes to relations and friends and clearly regards them as substantial bequests.

The Will of John Parker of the family of Parker of Rowden. (Translation)

1406. In the name of God, Amen. 26th day of Nov. A.D. 1406, I John Parker¹ of York, clerk, intending to visit remote parts, make my will in this manner. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and the blessed Virgin Mary and to all His Saints, and my body to be buried where God disposes. I bequeath three pounds in gold for my funeral expenses and the entertainment of my friends on the day of my death and the eight days following. Item, I bequeath twenty gold marks to an honest priest, to be chosen at the disposition of my executors to celebrate for my soul, the souls of my parents, the souls of my relations and friends, and the souls of all the faithful departed for the space of three years next following my death, neither more nor less. Item, I leave ten marks for the distribution to the most indigent poor of the whole civil borough of York - for praying for my soul and the souls abovementioned. Item. I leave 40/- sterling to William Esedike, sadler and to Alice his wife. Item. I bequeathe 26/8 sterling to the Abbot of the Conventual Monastery of the Blessed Virgin Mary at York in satisfaction of all debts owed to him by me and for placing me in the brotherhood. I leave to whomsoever it pleases of the Order of Mendicant Friars within the Sity of York 42/4 to pray to God for my soul and the souls abovementioned. Item. I bequeathe to the sisters abiding in the house of St. Leonards 20/- sterling to be distributed amongst them in equal portions to pray for my soul and the souls of the abovementioned. Item. I leave for the fabric of the cathedral church of St. Peter, York, xxs. Item. I leave to any priest to celebrate in the Church of St. Martin in Coney Street in York xijd. And to the parish priest 3/4.

¹ The Parker family were settled at Hampsthwaite at Rowden hence the inclusion of this will although at the time it was made the testator was living in York.

Item. I leave to the parish clerk xijd. Item. I leave to the sub-clerk vjd. Item, I bequeathe Evota the daughter of John Dickenson of Clint 20/- in gold at her marriage. Item. I leave to John Mason, tailor and to Alice his wife 13/4 and 16d sterling. Item. I leave Thomas del Treys and Agnes his wife 13/4. Item, I leave to Robert d'Otley rector of the Church of St. Martin in Coney St. 40/- for tithes and obligations, from which I have not been absolved. Item. I leave to Robert Clifford, chaplain, 26/8. Item. I leave to Robert Felliscliffe¹, chaplain, 28/8. Item. I leave to John my clerk one bay horse, one cupboard, together with my bow and arrows, together with one rust coloured gown of the aforesaid Abbot. Item. I bequeathe to Robert my clerk one red travelling cloak and another with brown pockets and a decorated silver belt, and an old green gown with a hood. Item. I bequeathe to John Killyngall², vicar of Kyrkeby Stephan one belt with one golden hilted dagger; to Agnes Parker my mother, one russet gown with sleeves trimmed with marten's fur, to Thomas del Dam, spicer, my long sword, with one harp in the custody of Robert Clerk of the aforesaid church of St. Martins; to Robert Brid one 'wire-hat'³ and one 'Carlile axe'; to the vicar of Hampsthwaite a book called 'Circumstans'; to master John Dawe my short sword; to Robert Fellescliff, chaplain, one red gown in the custody of the Vicar of Hampsthwaite; to master Hugo de Hamsthwayt one little psalter and one bow with arrows which are in the possession of my mother at Rewdon⁴; to

Katherine my sister one salt collar and one 'broadcloth' which my father gave me. I ordain and constitute William Risseton vicar of Hampsthwaite, Agnes Parker my mother and William Shutt, after my death to sell all my lands and

¹ and

² Obviously local families.

³ Steel cap

⁴ Rowden.

tenements which I have in Rawdon with all appurtenances, the proceeds to be spent in masses, prayers, alms and other charitable works for the benefit of my soul, and the souls aforementioned. I ordain that all my lands and tenements in Clint in which John de Scotton is seized shall remain in his hands for his life. I will that all my lands, tenements, rents, services, &c. which I have in Colton Steton and Acomb shall be sold at the best possible price the proceeds to be disposed of as they think best by my executors. I ordain as my executors Robert de Ottelay, rector of St. Martin's Church, Coney Street, York, Robert Clifford and Robert Felliscliffe.

Codicil.

I will that the three pounds sterling assigned in my will for my funeral expenses shall be given to the vicar of Hampsthwaite Church. And similarity I will that the ten marks assigned to a chaplain in my will shall be given to the same vicar.

(Translation) In God's name, Amen. November 2, 1507. I Ralph Dacre &c. to be buried in the church yard of St. Thomas, the Martyr, of Hampsthwaite. I bequeath to the vicar of the same church for my mortuary my best animal; to John my son one 'blakk stage'¹; to Alice my daughter one gown and two 'parapsides de puder'²

May 2, 1521. I, Robert Skayff or the paryshe of Hampesthwait, yoman, &c., to be buried in Hampesthwait Church yard &c. Whereas I have surrendered too acres and

¹ Stag (O.N. Steggr) a colt.

² 'Puder' dialectual word for pewter. A 'Parapside' is presumably a large dish or charger.

di.¹ of land in Brysteith, called Martyn Wray, into the hands of the Grave of the Forrest; also, a mese², iij of land in Felleshclyff, called Tangbek House³, also iij acres there, called Roger Crofft. I will that the said Grave mak report of the said surrender in the Kinges Courtt of his Castell of Knares, to the behove of John Jeffray, John Thorp, Ric. Snawe and Tho. Wykeley as feoffes, and as yr heires &c., to and forme folouyng. First, I wyll that my wyff and feoffes receive all the profetts of the same as itt fallyth, unto as much be taken as will pay my dettes; and so my dettes be payed I wyll that Margarett my daughter receive of the next profettes fyve pounds. That doon, I wyll yt my feoffees stond in state twenty yeres, and then make state to Mark my son of a mese and iij acres of land, callyd Tangbek Housel, to hym, his heiros Ae., saving my wyif rygths; to Robert my son iij acres of land, callyd Roger Crofft, to hym, his heires, &c., savyng my wyff hir ryght; also ij acres and di. of land to Thomas my son, called Martyng Wray, save my wyff hir ryght; and iff ought come att either of my younger sonnes⁴, todder to have hole vj acres with mese. Also, yt my wyff and Thomas my son to be my full executors, and Sir Ninien Markenfeld, my Master, to be survyar &c., and yt he wylbe be good master to my wyff and all my chyl dren, as I trust he wolbe unto them as he hayth been unto me.

May 1, 1527. I, Thomas Wykelay &c. to be buried in the church earth of Hampsthwaite &c. for my mortuary I gyff my best good⁵. I gyff unto every prist iiijd yt cumys to dirige the day of my buriall and to evrie scolar jd. I gyff into the Gray Freers in York xs, to sing oon trentall of masses for my soule (*illegible*) to

¹ A half

² Messuage

³ See ante p. ###

⁴ i.e. if either of them dies.

⁵ The payment of mortuaries was enforced by the custom of the Manor.

Hampesthuait Brygges vjs. viijd; to Hampesthuait kyrk xxs. and two torches. I wytt (*illegible*) in York xijd, and the Gray Frers xijd. I wytt Isabell Wykelay vj li. xiijs. iiijd., a cowe, a whye¹. I wytt she be brought upp of my goodes to she be xxj yer of age; to every oon of my doughters yt marie a cowe, a whye, a sylver spoyn; to John Wykelay a cowe, a qwhy, sylver spone, a pair of sheris² (*illegible*), yokes and temes and sex oxen; to William Wykelay my best payr of sheris, ten shepe, a cowe, a whye, a sylver spoyn; to Jonnett Notson a whye with calf, viij shepe; unto a preist to pray for my soule, oon twelmonth, lxxiijs. liijd. . . . I wytt Margarett a whye, viij shepe;: Robert Ellesworth oon pair of sheris and iiij shepe; Elizabeth Thorp ij shepe; Jennett Wyllamby xs; Jane Wykelay v li. vjs. viijd. I gyff for amendyng the way att Beking xxd; for amending the way at Stokstele xijd. I gyff to Alice Faucett iijs; to ThomasNotson oon pair of hoiso, one jakkett, oon ledder dublett; to Golthwait wyff, the elder, vjd; unto the brethern of Seint Roberts iijs. iiijd.; to Thomas Smyth of Hampesthuait xijd.; to Smythes wyff too yerdes of russett; to Brown wyff xijd.; to yong Thomas Askwith, a lame³; to William Hochonson oon lame. For my furth bryngyng⁴ I wyll that every poor bodie have a halffpenny or two, togydder a penny, and thos that offeryth I wyll yt thei have a honest dynner. I gyff to William Benson chydren xls.; to Robert Ellesworth oon tawny webb; to Sir Richard Shomaker iijs. iiijd. I gyff to Robert Ellesworth a sylver spone; to Sir William Sotheron iiijd. I wyll that master vicar have xijd. The residew of my goodes, my dettes &c. I gyff unto my sons William and John Wykelay and I mak them full executors &c. I mak Leonard Raynerd and John Hardcastell supervisors &c. and gyff either of them for yr labour xvs.

¹ Heifer

² Shears

³ Lamb

⁴ burial.

Feb.19 1558. I, Marke Skaif of Felliscliffe, &c. to be buried in the churchyard of Hamestwhaite, &c. I give to John my son a gavelocke, a wayne, a heade yocke, a bolt and a shafte, a cowpe, a cultor, a cupbord, a kymlin and a brasse pott for his heirlomes. The residue of my goodes &c. to Johne, my wief, and William, my son, whome I make myn executors &c.

Aug. 1558. I, James Hebden, to be buried in the church of St. Tho. of Hampestwait of the sou syde, &c. To the poore iijs. ivd.; to my eldest brother John Hebden a buckeskyn cote and a jerken, a blewe jacket and an noble that I lent him; to my brother William my best blewe Jackett, my best dublett, my hatt and my swerde; to my brother (sic) iijs. ivd. that he doith owe unto me; to my wief (to) Xpofer Hebden my wood knyffe; to Richl Bilton a sword belt yt he hadd of me and my dagger; to Wilfr. Sheperd a blacke frese jackett; to Rich. Skirroew, my godson, a gimmer lambe¹; to the one of my eldest daughters the Rownd Close, if they do marie before my lease be expired, to which of them yt doith marie the first, with all the proffette; to my youngest daughter Issabell a sylver spone and an arke². The rest of my goods &c. to Agness my wief, whome I make my sole executrix.

April 3. 1561. I, William Herdistie of Felliscliff, &c. to be buried in the churchyerd of Hamestwhait, &c. I give to Steven my eldest son a basin, a laver, an yron spitt, a stone troughe, # great cherger of pewther, a stott³ of iiij yere old, a yewe and a lambe, a jacke and a tele cappe, a bill; theis parcells, afore recited to be a full and hole satisfaccion for his heirlomes and childes porcion.

¹ ewe lamb

² chest.

³ Stott (A.S. Stotte) a bull calf. Stott is a Nidderdale family name.

Feb. 1, 1563. I, Miles Stubbs of Birstithe, &c., to be buried in the par. church of Hamestwhaite. I give to Marmaduke Guye a cowe, now in thoccupacion of Robert Guye, his father; to Jennat Bucke a cowe, nowe in the occupacion of James Bucke, hir father; to John Stubbe, the yonger, a cowe now in the kepinge of John, his father; to John Stubbe, my son, a wayne; to John Scaife a cowe, called the yonger brandyd cowe. I give an oxe to William Stubbe on condicion that he keipe a bull at my hows called Langscailles¹, dureing his natural life

Feb. 2. 1563. I, Henry Benson, of Hamestwhaite &c. to be buried there el. I bequithe to Hamestwhaite Brigge xijd.; to thamendment of ²Haxbie Brige ijjs

Nov. 8, 1563. I, John Hall of Rowden &c., to be buried in the par. church of Hamestwhaite, I give the Margaret Gill als. Hill one awmerie³, one cawdron, one kymlinge and one round table

Jan. 28 1572. I, Leonard Pott of Isgait House, yoman &c. to be buried in the church yeard of Hampistwait &c. and that everie poore person being at my buriall to have a penney. I give unto my doughter Ellene one cowe; to my doughter Agnes one other; to my doughter Frances one whie of three yeres old, to be delivered at the discession of my wyfe; to Alice my wyfe all suche deptes as is owen to my wyfe; to Alice my wyfe all suche deptes as is owen to me by theis men whose names hereafter doithe folowe. Sir William Ellys, Cubhberte Kides, Thos Scaiffe, John Hill, Randall Norseman wyfe child

¹ See ante p.### and post p.###

² Darley

³ cupboard or dresser

and Thos Hill; to William my son xls. being in the hands of Will Herdestye; to everie one of my brothers doughters one yowe; to Janet Lambert two yowes. I will that my goodes be devyded into thre partes, one to my wyfe, the second to my three sons Henrie, Leonarde and Thomas, the thirde unto myself which is called the deads parte¹. My wyfe and my thre sonnes to be my executors &c.

Dec. 5 1572. I, Jenett Wilson of Felliscliff, &c. to be buried in the church yeard of Hampistwhait. I give to my sonne Thos. A donde² cowe; to my doughter Alice a branded cowe and my beste blacke cote; to my doughter Jane a blacke cowe and fower yeardes of carsey³; to my doughter Issabell a browne cowe and my beste petticote; to my doughter Ellene a whie, a schaufindish⁴, a pott a pann, a candelstick and a grater; to my son Peter two whies, one a year old the other fower yeares old; to the said Pet., Issab. and Jane, a mare and a foole, ten shepe, two coverlettes, bese and larde, to my doughter Agnes xs., and to Robert Tymble xjs. viijd.; to the said Peter an Almery, an arke, a longe borde, iiij dublers, a poot a kettell.

Roll 17 & 18 Eliz. (*No date*). I, Robert Roundell of Megyeate &c. to be buried in the church yeard of Hampistwhaite, &c. I give to Richard Roundell my sonne all my smedie geare belonginge to my smedie at Megyeate⁵; to Robert Roundell a gimmer lambe and all my smedie geare at Thorneton. I will that my sonne Richard do make of his own proper costes and charges to his brother Roberte, a forhamer and a handhamer

¹ 'Death*s Part' or 'The Dead's Part' the customary allowance or funeral expenses

² Dun (?)

³ Coarse ribbed cloth woven from long wool.

⁴ Chafing dish

⁵ See ante p. ###

Feb. 28. 1575. I, William Stubb of Birstithe¹, yoman, to be buried in the churche of Hampistwhaite, and my neighbours and the poore to be refreshed accordinge to my abilitie, and at the discretion of my frendes, the daie my burriall &c. Whereas I have or shall make a surrender of four acres and half acre of land unto Will. Bilton and Stev. Hardestie, for a terme of 15 yeares after my deathe, I will that my frendes take sufficient bonde of them that my two yonger sonnes shall have paid out of the said landes the juste some of xl li., at suche time as they come to full aiges, to make them a full discherdge for the said payment. I give to Myles my eldest sonne one bull, coloure blacke, to be kepte of my land to my sonne be of lawful aige. I give to him one gavelocke of iron, one iron mell, two iron pickes, one paire of stirrippes, one chiste, one paire of bridle bitts in the said chist, two iron wedges, my best jackett, one bed of clothes, all my harnes, one silver spone, one reckand², all my geare belonging to husbandrie, withall heirlomes according to the Customs of the Forrest; to William my sonne one silver spones, a buckskinne dublett, a chiste and a sworde; to Thomas my son / one silver spone, one chistes; to John Haxwell one lambe; to Thomas Gill one lambe; to Katherine Roundell one ewe lambe; to Issabell Stubb one lambe, to be delivered at midsomer; to my sister children of Brearton one blacke whiteheaded whie of two yeares and a half ould. My goodes &c. to be divided into thre partes, one I give to Alice my wief, the second to my sonnes William and Thomas, to be divided betwixt them, and if it fortun either of them to die within aige I will the hole come to the longer liver, the third parte to myself &c. and I should any remaine after the payment of my funeral expences &c. I frelie give it to my two sonnes &c.

¹ See Ante p. ### and post p. ###

² A toothed strip of iron on which the pot hooks are hung over the fire. Found in many old Nidderdale houses.

Inventory of Wm. Stubb's Goods on his Death 1575

Imprimis	nyne oxen and stott appriaed and valued at	XXlib.		
Item.	eight Kye and thre calves appraised to	£14.	14.	4.
Item.	thre stirkes ¹		40s.	
Item.	fower whyes	£8.	8.	0.
Item.	threscore wethers ² , twinters ³ and hogges ⁴ , and 29 couples of ewes and lambes	£117.	6.	8.
Item.	a mare, a foole, and a stagg	£4.	6.	8.
Item.	two swine, two gese, a stagg ⁵ , sixteen gealings, six hennes, thre capones, one cacke		17s.	8d.
Item.	corne and haie in the barne		21s.	
Item.	hard corne and ware corne in the field	£3		
Item.	a quarter of otes and one of malte		21s.	
Item.	ten bushels of rie, thre of barlie, seven peck of pease		28s.	7d.
Item.	a fillie		20s.	
Item.	a gimling, a chaine, a paire of bed stocks and certen bendlether		15s.	4d.
Item.	a pressour, one old tubb, two standes, a skele ⁶ , a paire of bed-stockes		6s.	8d.
Item.	fower coverlettes and a pair of blankettes, three paire of shetes, two codwares		12s.	
Item.	in the parlour fower coverlitts, two		18s.	

¹ A year-old calf. A.S. stere = strong, stark.

² Ewes

³ (?)

⁴ Year old lambe.

⁵ Gander (?) cf. stag a colt from O.N. staggr a colt, a mounter. The connection is obvious

⁶ A wooden milk pail. O.N. akjola a pail.

Item.	blanketts, thre shetes, a window clothe, a codd, a pair of bedstocks a great arke, a little arke, one ould gimling, two tubbes, a chirne, one oulde almerie	16s.
Item.	two bord clothes ¹	3s. 4d.
Item.	in the Hall two brass potts, two Kettels, fower pannes, a frieing panne, a reckand	26s. 4d.
Item.	thirteen pieces of pewther	30s.
Item.	in salt fishe	13s. 4d.
Item.	certen yarne	11s.
Item.	all his apperell saving his best jakett and his best dublett	30s.
Item.	his pourse and money therein	20s.
Item.	his sadle, bridle, and geare thereto	5s.
Item.	three towels, two chares, six quishings ² , bords, aile potts, bolles, standes, gallows, with other hustlement ³ of household stuff	18s. 4d.
Item.	two leases of two several parcels of ground	£10.
Item.	the rent of two parcells of ground for a year	40s. 8d.
	Summa Inventorii	£98. 15. 10.
Imprimis	Legato ac expens. funeral ut sequitur one bull prec.	33s. 8d.
Item.	his jakett, a silver spoone	18s.
Item.	all his belonging to husbandrie over and above his heirloomes	34s. 8d.

¹ Board-cloths, i.e. tablecloths

² Cushions.

³ Odds and ends

Item.	all his harness	6s. 8d.
Item.	a gavloke, one iron mell ¹ , two picks, a pair of stirroppes, a chist, a bridle-bitt. two iron wedges, a bed of clothes, a reckand	46s. 8d.
Item.	a silver sponne, a buckskin dublett, a chist, a sworde	13s. 4d.
Item.	a silver sponne, a chist	4s.
Item.	a whie, one ewe, fower lambes	25s. 8d.

Aug. 24, 1578. I, William Snawe of the Holme, &c, to be buried in the church yeard at Hampistwhaite, I give to Ellene and Johanna my two doughters all my late wief, thir mother, hir apparell and naperie ware whatsoever &c., vis. sex gownes and kirtles, sex kerchies, sex rayles, thre aprons, three towels, sex handkerchies, and thre paire of sleeves, and to either of them, two of my best coverlettes that is in my house; also my cupbord and half a dussan of pewther dishes of the best which I have, and two kine, that is to saie, to Ellone one blacke crome headed cowe and to Johanne one blacke browne rigged² cowe; to Mark, Math. and Will. my three sonnes sex pewther dishes amongst them, all my instruments and tooles of my smithie where I dwell

Jan. 20, 1578. I, Sir William Inglebie of Padsidehead, Kt. &c. My bodie to be buried within my parishe churche of Ripley, in the same place where my father was buried, &c. I give and bequithe unto William Inglebie my sonne, all my farmes, leases, withall other wy goodes and cattels &c. in the county of Yorke orels whear, conditionall, that he, his heirs &c. shall paie unto my sonnes hereafter named, such yearlie somes of

¹ Mill

² Brown-backed, from O.N. Hryggr = a ridge.

money to them senerallie as shalbe bequested. . First, I will that my sonne shall paie yearlie unto David Inglebie, one of my other sons, xxx li. during the life of my said sonne David, to be paid at Ripley at two tymes in the year by equall porcions, the one half at the feaste of St. John Baptiste and the other at the feast of St. Tho. the apostle; to Fraunces, one other of my sonnes, during his lief xx li. for his exhibicion and maintenance at his studie and the said some to be paid in the same manner and place as before. I have limited the xxx li. provided allwayes that he ho procede Utter Barrester in anie Innes of Court, and after come to practice as a temporall

Lawyer bie the space of two yeares, wherbie he maie preferre himselfe bie his owne learning and travaile; that then from thensforth the said some shall utterlie cease and be void and my sonne William be no longer charged with the payment thereof. I will that my sonne Will. shall paie yearlie unto Sampson Inglebie, one other of my sonnes, during his natural lief xx li. in the same manner and place as afforesaid. I will that John Inglebie, my youngest sonne, shall have during his lief naturall the farme or tenement which was lait in the possession of Walter Gill, and the moitie of the farme or tenement which is now in the possession of one Will. Gill and Geo. Gill, ther assigne or assignes, and one other close, called the Calf Close, sett, lying and being beneath the bancke called Baylehill, which was taken from the afforesaid tenement of the said Walt. Gill, whereof at this presente he haith a leas sealed and seigned, aswell bie me as bie my sonne Will. &c, payeing for the premisses, to him above given, the hoole and juste some of vjs. viijd. to my sone Will. during his interest in them. I will that my sonne Will. shall deliver to Sampson my sonne the best gelding that I shall happen to have at the daie of my deathe; that my sonne John have viij oxen or eight stots

whithall furniture that belongith them for making of him a draught¹, and that he have sex kyne or whies with the best mare and foole. Should it fortien David my sonne to die, as God forbidd, imediatelie after his deathe my sonne Will. shall paie unto Sampson my somne x li, parcell of the xxx li. bequithed to my sonne David, and other x li. to my sonne John during their naturall lives, further if it fortien Sampson my sonne to die before David, then my sonne Will. shall paie to my sonne John the x li. first bequested as principall legacie to my sonne Sampson; should my sonne John however be possessed of the x li. first graunted to my sonne Sampson, from thensforth all other yearlie payments shall utterlie cease, provided allwayes that if anie person to whome I have devised anie thing shall hereafter, bie waie of sute against my said sonne Will., demand anie other parte of my gooddes &c., then to them is bie this my last will bequithed, that then that person shall nott take nor have anie benefitt bie this my will and all legacyes to him shall be void. I will that my sonne Will. shall have xl li. inconsideracion, that is to saie, to suche as I have offendid and not recompensed; to Thos. Oddie my shepperd vj li. xiijs. iiid.; to such other vj li. xiijs. iiijd. a pece as John, my son, and Will. Richmond, my servant, will declare unto him. I make William Inglebie my sonne and heirs sole executor &c.

Inventory appraised by Robt, Longe, Wm. Wardman, Robt. Daie, Anth. Hodshon. Imprimis, at Padside Head - sex kie and two calves, viij li.X; thre stottes and a whie, iij li. iijs.; tenne draught oxen, xv li.; thre ould horses, iiij li.; xlv hogges, ix li. . . .

At Padsidehead - one square table and a long table in the hall, vjs. viijd.; thre chaires and xx buffet stooles with other small things ther vjs. viijd. - In his owne bedd chambre one

¹ The Plough team of eight oxen was evidently still used in Nidderdale.

fether bedd, one paire of shetes, one twilte¹ two coverlittes, one counterpoint² one teaster³ of blew and yellow veluett, thre hanginges of grene saie and bedstockes iiij li.; one other stand bedd, one fetherbedd, a mattres, one bolster, one paire shetes, two coverlittes, one counterpoint, a teaster. of redd and yallow saie, xls.; one trindle bed⁴ a fetherbedd, a mattress, thre pillowes, one paire of blankettes, a paire shetes, two coverlittes, xxs.; a chiste wherein is xj paire lynnen shetes, tenn pillowbeares, a long diaper bordclothe, a square diaper bordcloth, a diaper towell, thre long lynnen table clothes, thre lynnen tuwels xvij lynnen napkins, iiij li. In the same chiste - three pounced⁵ peces of silver with one cover, a bolle⁶ of silver with a cover parcell gylte, two silver double gilte, with covers, a dussan silver spones with thappels⁷ upon the endes, five gylted spones, x new silver spones, xxxiiij li. vjs. viijd.; a little cubbord, a chair, a brase mortar and other small thinges, xs. In the furthest chambre within the great chambre - a stand bedd, a fether bedd, a mattres, a boulster, a pillow, a paire of blankettes, two coverlittes, one counterpoint, a teaster with thre hanginges of red saie, xlvs. viijd.; a palliott⁸ a fether bedd, a mattress, a pillow, a paire blankettes, a coverlitt, a counterpoint, a litle cubbord, a paire shetes and stooles, xiijs. iiijd. In the middle chambre - one stand bedd, a fetherbedd, a mattres, a pillowe, a paire blankettes, a happing, a counterpointe, a teaster, three hanginges of redd saie, xlvs. viijd.; one trindle bedd, a fether bedd, thre bolsters, two coverlittes, a counterpointe, a little cupbord with stooles, xiijs.

¹ Quilt

² Counterpoint

³ Tester, canopy for four poster bed

⁴ Trundle bed which, during the day was 'trundled' out of sight under the big 'standing' bed.

⁵ Perforated with a pattern.

⁶ Bowl

⁷ The apples

⁸ Paller, straw mattross.

liijd. In the chambre over my ladies chambre - one stand bedd, a fetherbedd, a mattres, two pillowes, one paire blankettes, one happing, a counterpoint, a teaster of blacke and yallow damaske, two hanginges of redd and yallow saie, xls.; a trindle bedd, a fetherbedd, a mattres, two boulsters, one blankett, a happing, one counterpointe, one cubbord cloth of nedie-worke, one chaire, a quishing, one litle stoole of the same, one litle stoole of carpitt worke, a litle cubbord, xxvjs. viijd. In the great chambre - one stand bedd, one fether bedd, one paire of blankettes, one twilte and a trindle bedd, xiijs. iiijd.; a great chiste, a counterpoint, a cubbord clothe of carpitt worke, two curtinges of redd and yallow saie, two curtinges of grene sarcenett, and a pece of one in the same chiste. In the same chiste - fower tynne candlestickes, xvij platters, xxx pewther dishes, xij saucers xxij plates and a chaufindishe, iiij li. viijd.; a litle cubbord furnes¹ and other huslement, vs. In the kitching chambres: in the inner chambres - two ould beddes with evill furniture, xiijs iiijd.

In the great chambre over the kitchinge - five evell beddes with evill furniture, vjs viijd. In my ladies parlor - one stand bedd, and a fether bedd, mattres, a boulster, a pillow, a paire shetes, one palre blankettes, two happinges, vjs. viijd; a cubbord and two chistes, xs. In the midle parlor - a stand bedd, a fetherbedd, a mattres, a pillow, a bolster, a paire shetes, a paire blankittes, one happing, a coverlett, xs. In the buttric - seaven silver tunnels², eight silver spones, one silver salt, duple gilte, with a cover, ix li. a litle tynne salt with a cover, two pewther pottes, one basin and ewer, two tynne candlestickes, eight hoggesheades, xj barrels, a lether bottle, two woodd bottels, fower sponging tubbes, two tunnels, two stoopes, a

¹ Furnace

² Diminutive of tun

gymlett, xvij cannes, two lynnens towels, thre square clothes, thre bord clothes, xij table napkins, two knives and other huslement, iij li. vjs. viijd. In the kitching - one great brasse pott, fower lesse brasse pottes and a posset, xls. thre panes, two pairs of pot crookes, two reckans, xs.; one brasse mortar, a postell, two great iron rackes, two land irons, one broling iron, one frieng panne, thre dripping pannes, one striking knyfe, one flech axe, a brasse pott, delivered to Ruddgapp, xxxs.; fourtene pewther dishes, whearof on is at Ruddgapp, ten platters, fower saucers, v spittes, one panne with a start¹ one paire of tonges, xxxiijs. iiijd.; one litle cubbord, iijs. iiijd. In the larder, - a cubbord, a great kymling, a salting troughe, two sousekittes² and other huslment, xxs. In the brue house - thre great kettels and a reckand, xls., a maskfatt³, a gylefatt⁴ thre tubbes, two barreles, swilles, saies⁵, gallans, boules, and other huslment, xs.; one ould window clothe, one ould dayghe shete, xd. In the oxe house - a bedd, one ould mattres, a boulster, a paire of shetes, two coverlittes, iijs. iiijd.; five land yockes, one coulter, one plowfoote shakle, two lynne⁶ nayles, one long wane, two coupes⁷, thre peate waynes, thre paire of wheles, two paire coupe rathes, two plowes, one oxe harrowe and xxxij iron tethe in it, one horse harrow with xvj iron tethe, v teames, thre long stees⁸, v axiltrees, one paire of wane roopes and one axe, xls.; ten iron hoopess, for wane wheles, fower woodd bottels, one lether botle, two peate spades, fower sithes, two iron raykes, sex clotting raykes, two wimbles, one new stocke and two plow cloutes, two dyking spades, one picke, one thwarte sawe,

¹ Crack

² Kit = wooden tub

³ strainer

⁴ Fermenting tun

⁵ Fine, serge-like cloth

⁶ Linen

⁷ Cf. the modern meaning of coupé

⁸ Stee - a ladder. O.N. sti, a step.

fower great arkes, xls. In the laith - fower quarters of haver¹ threshed and unthreshed, xxvjs. viijd.; haie in stacke, xxs.; His owne apparrell – one velvett gowne, v li.; one long damaske gowne, xls., one long chamlett² gowne xiijs. iiijd.; one long cloth gowne xs.; one long blacke frese coote, vjs. viijd.; a blacke clothe coote, a blacke frese coote, a blacke frese jerking and a blacke spanishe jerkinge, xxs.; a sattan dublet, £58.; two paire of blacke hoose, a paire of frese sloppes³ and fower lynne shirtes, xiijs. iiijd.; two felt hattes, one velvett capp and a litle round cloth capp, xiijs. iiijd.; thre paire of bootes, a paire of spurres, two paire of shoes, two sadles and two bridles, xxs., his girdle, sword and dagger, xiijs. liijd.; his Purse and money in it xx li.

Corne at Hampistwhaite tythe laith - unthreshed, iij; li. vjs. viijd.; otes ther threshed and unwindowed, xls.; corne in the out garners next the yeates⁴, corne in the inner or close garners, iij li.

Funeral expenses - Imprimis, in blacks for murning gownes and cottes, iiij^{xx}xvj li.; to the paynter for armes and other suche like, xvj li.; his mortuarie, xs.; his heriott, xls.; charges to the poore in redie money, viij li.; charges of the funerall dinner, xiiij li. vjs. viijd. Probacion of the testament, regestring and the obligacion, xijs.

Aug. 22, 1599. I, William Shutt, par. Hampsthwaite, cordwyner, &c. to be buried within Hampstwait Church, &c. I give to Elizabeth Marston my daughter one branded cowe; to everie one of my godchildren vjs. viijd. I give, if God send my

¹ Oats, from O.N. Hafar.

² Camlet, or camelot, a light cloth.

³ Wide knickerbockers.

⁴ Gates.

doughter a childe and a christen soule, vjs. viijd.; to my sister Agnes Shutt xijd.; to Wm. Marston a red jactett and my best dublett save one; to Jon. Whelous a blacke jactett; to Agnes Robinson vjd.; to Oliver Waide vjs. viijd. and a grene jactett. . .

. . .
Nov. 11, 1580. I, Alice Pott of Icegait in Kelinghall, widow, &c., to be buried in the par. church of Hampistwhait, near wher my husband was buried. I give to Henry Pott seaven kie, three whies, one oxe called Gallande and fower stottes under drawen, two mares and a stagg; to my doughters Ellene Skaife, Agnes Hardestie, Fraunes Spense and Margerie Pott all my shapen clothes and apparrell, equallie emongst them; to Ellene Skaife my doughter fower silver spones; to my sonne Will. Pott one silver spone which I found att the house when I came thether; to my sonne Tho. Pott one kilne haire and a great arke and a stepefatt, which ar att Rowden, and the best kimling, butt one, that is att my house, and the best gavelock, save one

Oct. 8, 1591. I, Robert Skayf the cldor, of Wynnesley, yeoman, &c., to be buryed in Hampistwaite Church neare wheare my brother Thomas Skayf lyethe, &c. I geve unto Ellyn my wief my tenementes and landes in Wynnesley duringe her naturall lief, and also my mylne called Dareley mylne¹, with the soken and suite there to belonginge, duringe her lief, yf my lease shall soe longe contynewe, also my tiethe corne at Birstethe for two yeares nexte after my deathe, yeldinge for the same to Marmaduke Hardcastell and Rob. Weste, my sonnes in lawe, the somes of ten poundes, thatt ys to theim, either yeare, ffyfe poundes. I geve the reverconn of the tiethe corne, after the said two yeares, to my sonnes Thomas and Robert Skayf and there assigns, for the reste of the yeares which I

¹ See ante p.###

have to come unron and nott expired nor ended in the same, by vertue of a lease frome our said sovereigne Ladye the quenes Majestie, and I will that the saides Thomas and Robert shall yelde and pay owlte of the same to my saides sonnes in law the some of x li., and the same to be paid firste yeare that they shall enter into the said tiethe after the two yeares aforesaid. I doe geve unto my some Tho. the mylne called Dayrley mylne, with all the suite, soken and others profitts and commodities belonginge to the same, after the death of my said wief, for and duringe the reste of the yeares I have to come unron &c. I also geve to him a cubborde standing in the parlour where I lye and a great arke theirem and he nott to have the same untill after the deathe of my wief; to my some Rob. two cubbordres standinge in my fiere house, and an olde arke standinge in the seller, and he nott to have the same duringe my said wief her lief; to either of my sonnes a stande bedde after the deathe of my sald wief, and nott before; to my said sonnes, Tho. and his wief, and Rob. and his wief, to my sonneinlawe Marm. Hardcastell and his wief and my sonneinlaw Rob. Weste and his wief, everys of them a sylver spone, belnge eight in the holle; to Rob Longe a sylver spoone; to everie one of childers children a lam of this yeare; to Rob., Marm. Hardcastell his sonne, a whye stirke spinked; to Alice my servaunte a whye stirke; to William my servaunte a lame; to John Homer a holme¹ standinge on the further side of the water of Nydde; to everie one of my godchildren vjd.

Nov. 2 1594. I John Holme of Thorntwhaite, the elder, &c. to be buryed in Hampistwaite Church yearde, &c. I geve to Jennet, my wief, theis thinges and goodes followinge, vis., one mayre and a side sadle, one carte and whelles, one coupe and whelles, one iron barrowe and the resto of the stuff and gere

¹ Helm – (O.N. Helma = straw) a shed, barn for storing straw or hay.

thatt belongethe thereto, alsoo one cubborde, one dishebynke¹
one meale arke, one mylke aumerye, and the croppe comynge
and growinge upon the fermehold at Thorntwaite

1597. I, Richard Skayf of Yearewithe &c., to be buryed in
Hampistwaite churcheyarde, &c. My debtes to be paid of my
wholle goodes. I geve to Jane Skayf, my eldest doughter, one
of my best kye, where she will chose her; to Ellyn, my
doughter, my next best cowe, at her choise; to Alice Skayff, my
third doughter, the next beste cowe, at her choise; to Leonard,
my sonne, one paire bedstockes standinge in my barne or
lathe, one coverlitte and a paire of blanketts; to John, sonne of
John Skayf, one yewe and a lambe; to John, my sonne, the
tenters² timber and one tree in Melker, and one paire of
sheares; to Will, my sonne, one wite rigged whie goeing in
Lampten pasture; to Tho. my sonne, one redd cowe goinge
upon the Comon

¹ Bink – a flagstone Dishbink probably a potter's slab for clay. The etymology of bink is dealt
with at some length by Lucas. (Studies in Nidderdale pp23 and 236)

² Tenter, one who tends or takes charge of.

June 13, 1598. — I, Nicholas Parker of Clapham Grene, yeoman, &c. to be buryed in Hampistwite churcheyearde, &c., I geve to the poore of the parishe, att the sighte of my supervisors, xxs.; to Fraunces Marston als. Jamson, my servaunt, vj li. vjs. viijd. and my best coverlett, my best blankett, samron ard a harden shete, my best codd, a litle codd, a chirne, a backestone¹, a brandrethe²; a wyndowclothe, a chaffindishe, a skymer, a litle bottell, a drink pott, a great bottell, a reckan, a paire of tonges, a spite, certeine painted clothes, a litle pan, a maskfat, a gilefatt, a barrell, a shorte candlesticke, my best hatt and a chaire, to be delivered to her at the sighte of my supervisors. I geve to George Baites a paire of hose and a dublett; and to my god daughters, Myles Waite and Rich. Snawe, theire children, to either of them a yewe and a lambe; to Stephan Murre a paire of boutes, a paire of blewe house, a lether dublett, a stone of wulle, my olde Jackett, a kymlinge and a mattresse; and to Fletom wief my olde shoes; to Henrye Mathew my best dublett; to Will. Abbott a paire of stockens; to Jo. Flotam my olde stockenes; to my brother John Moore my best blacke britches, my best jackett and a carte bodye: to my brother Peter Parker half of my hey, a gavelocke, my best shirte, my best stockens and a calever; to John Standfeld my best coller; to Thomas Rowle a harden shete and a shirte band; to John Horner a hopper; to Myles Waite a pytche forke and a bagge; to Thos. Skyaff an yron forke; to Will. Daye a byll; to Bryan Fairebarne a pyked staf

¹ Bake - stone flagstone on which bread and cakes were (and in one or two old houses still are) baked.

² A framework of iron bars made to fit on to the fire place so that a 'bakstone' or kettle, pan or pot may be placed over the fire instead of on it. Dan. branderi. O.N. brandreith.

Jan. 5, 1600. — I, John Horner of Sostones, par. Hampsethwayte &c. to be buried in Hampsethwayte churchyard &c. I will my goodes be devided into thre partes after my debtes be payed. I geve to Jane, my wyfe, one parte, another to John and Mawde Horner, my younger children, equally betwene them; and the third to myself, whereof I will my funerall expenses &c. be payed. I gyve to Thomas, my eldest sonne, all my tanne tubbes, my husbandry geare and implementes belonging thereunto; to everye one of my god children vjd; to Wm. Hardestye, junr., one gimmer hogge; to Margarett Bridge xijd.; and to either of my sisters ijs. vjd.; to my brother William Hardestye my best dublet; to Miles West two gimmer hogges; to Henry Pinner one ewe; to Ellen Jameson one gimmer hogge to Francis Ellis, my brother in lawe, my best britches; to my nephew Tho. Skayfe one ewe; to my nephew Geo. Spence one ewe; to Tho., my sonne, my sword; to Tho. Hanson vs. of that xxs. he owes me; to Marmaduke Greine xijd. of that xxiijs. he owes me; to Robt. Heye vjs. viijd. of that xvjs. he owes me; to Ellin Eillys vjd.; to Tho. Hewicke xijd. Whereas I am to receyve from my father in lawe, Tho. Skayffe, at Michaellmas next, either the some of xx li. or els one close called Leayficlda, my will ys that yf my brother in lawe Tho. Skayffe will pay to my executrix the some of xvij li., that he shall have the same close called Leayfield, and then I gyve viij li. of that xvij li. to my daughter Mawde, to be sett forward to her profytt, and thother x li. I would, that my brother in lawe Will. Hardestie have the same, in consideracon of xx li. which I owe him at the end of fyve yeares next after the death of Janett, my mother, yf he will take yt; and the rest that shall remaine of my parte I gyve unto Mawde, my daughter, to amend her parte withall. I make Jane, my wyfe, executrix &c. My mynd is that whereas I have surrendered thre acres and a

halfe of land, called Milnering, Mooseing and Moose¹, to Thos. Skayffe and Will. Hardestie and their heiros &c., upon trust; my will is that my wyfe shall have the occupacion of the same for tenne yeares next after my death, yf she shall go long lyve and kepe herselfe unmarried, and after her marryage, death, or the end of the terme, then my will ys that the said feoffees shall surrender the said land unto my daughter Mawde for sixe yeares next cominge, and lykewyse yf my sonne Tho. shalbe then lyving, I will that they surrender the same to my sonne John and his heires &c.; and yf my sonne Tho. shalbe dead, I will that they surrender the same to my sonne John and my daughter Mawde, their heires, &c.

May 7, 1604. I, John Holme of Thornthwayt, yoman, &c. to be buried in Hampstwayte Church, &c. I gyve to Robt. Holme, my sone, the some of v li. which is in John Pulleyn handes, and v li. more, my grene sute of apperell and my best hatt; to John and George, his children, eyther of then xls.; to Will. and Jennet, his children, eyther of them xxs.; to the sayd Robert the some of xxiiil li. he oweth me, my best coverlet, and xxijs., part of my horse price, which I have sold, and all the pewther as yt standes; to my son Walter Holme xiiij li. he owes me, my fether bed, the bolsters, and one matteris; to his sonne John xl li. xiijs. iiijd.; to everye other of his children xls. a peice, and to my sayd son Walter my fustian sute of apperell and my worse hatt; to my sonne John Yates xj li. xiijs. iiijd. which he owes me, my best cloake and my best gray jerkin, and to his sonne vj li. xiijs. liijd., and to everye of his children xls. a piece; to Rob Skayfe and Will Day ether of them xs.

¹ Moss Ing and The Moss, Birstwith, where there was a tannery. See ante p.###

APPENDIX IV

Genealogical Notes

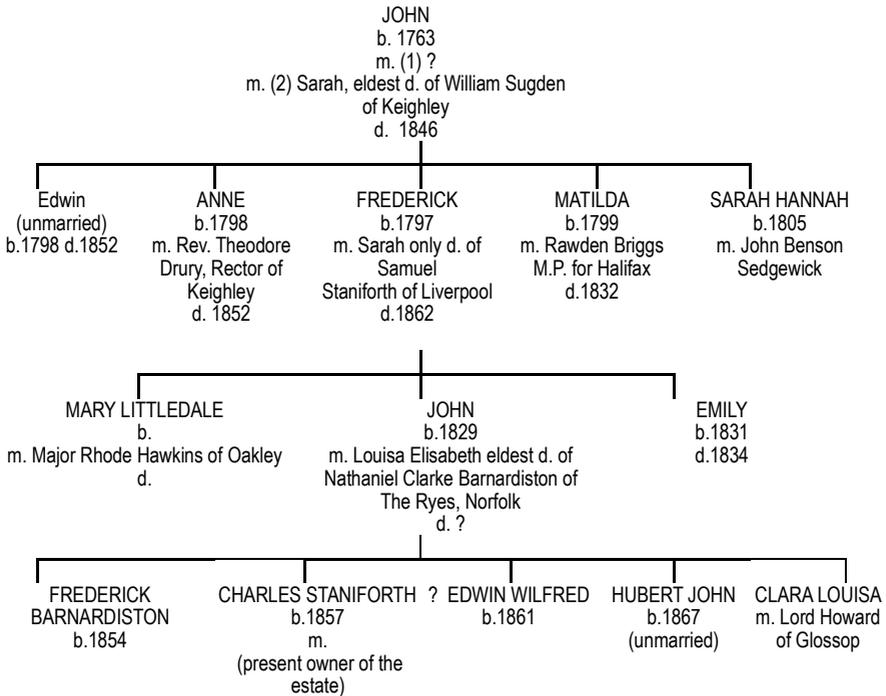
The genealogical tables of the principle families established or owning land at various times in the original parish of Hampsthwaite, as, for example, those of Ingleby and Pullen, have already been published either by earlier historians of this district or by learned societies like the Yorkshire Archaeological Society and the Surtees Society, and no useful purpose could be served by reprinting them here.

I have accordingly confined myself to giving a few notes concerning those families who have played a prominent part in the recent history of Hampsthwaite. Until the 18th century the principal landowners have been, almost without exception, representatives of the people rather than of the nobility or landed gentry, for the Lordship of the sub-manors of Rowden and Birstwith when from time to time these were created within the superior Lordship of Knaresborough, was never held for more than a generation or two by any one family. Only in the nineteenth century with the Greenwoods of Swarcliffe, and more recently with the Aykroyds of Birstwith Hall have the fortunes of the several townships been closely bound up, and of these families more detailed genealogical data are given.

The Family of the Greenwood of Swarcliffe

The part played by this family in the history of Birstwith during the last century and a quarter has already been abook. The first of the family to settle in Birstwith was John Greenwood (1763 – 1846) of the Knowle who purchased the Swarcliffe estate in 1805. He spent only part of each year in Swarcliffe. On his death in 1846 he was succeeded in the Swarcliffe estate by his second son Edwin (b. 1798) his eldest son Frederick having succeeded his father in the Keighley

estates. Edwin did not marry and on his death in 1852 the property passes to his older brother Frederick who sent his son John, then 22 years of age and recently married, to live there. On his father's death in 1862 John succeeded to the property. The present owner, Captain Charles Staniforth Greenwood J.P. was born in 1857, the year in which Birstwith church, built by his grandfather, was dedicated.



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Motto: (?)

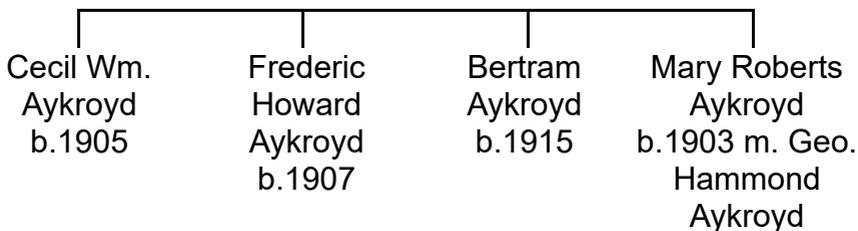
The Family of Aykroyd

Mr. F.A. Aykroyd of Birstwith Hall is a member of the ancient family Aykroyd of Heptonstall. His purchase of practically the whole of the property of the Tang Beck Valley, his extensive improvements to the property, his purchase of the advowson of Hampsthwaite Church and his many gifts to the church and the parish have already been chronicled in the earlier chapters of this book. His descent from John Aykroyd of Heptonstall, born circa 1330, is shown in the following table.

Pedigree of Aykroyd

John Aykerode	otherwise called John Ireland of Heptonstall, Co. York. Born circa 1330
John Aykerode	of Heptenstall, d. circa 1442
Wm. Aykerode	of Heptenstall, living 1461/2
John Aykerode	of Heptenstall, d.1749
Richard Aykerode	of Warley and Sowerby d.c.1510
Robert Aickroid	of Green Hurst in Heptenstall d. 1582
Edward Ackroid	of Heptenstall
Rich. Aykeroid	of Ovenden in par. of Halifax d.c.1616

Samuel Aykerd	of Warley m. Susan Hemmingway, Halifax 1591
Samuel Acroyd	of Hipperholme, par. of Halifax. b. 1592
Michael Akeroyde	of Thornton, parish of Bradford bap. 1620 Sarah Deane m.1646
John Aikroyd	of Allerton par. of Bradford bap.1647 d.1728
Richard Aikroyd	of Allerton (3rd. son) b.1657 d.1755 m. Mary Marshall
Jeremy Aykroyd	of Allerton b.1719 m.1747 Sarah Usher
Joseph Aykroyd	of Horton, b.1758 (2nd. Son)
Charles Aykroyd	of Thornton, b.1778
Wm. Aykroyd	of Bradford (2nd. son) b.1808 d.1879 m. Mary Constantine
Wm Aykroyd Edward	of 'Ashdown', Apperly Bridge, (2nd. son) b. 1847, m. Alice Milnes, dau. of Hen. Milnes, Nearcliffe, Bradford
Frederick Aykroyd Alfred	of Birstwith Hall (2nd son) b. 1873 m. Lily May d. of Sir Jas. Roberts, Bart., Strathallan Castle, Perthshire.

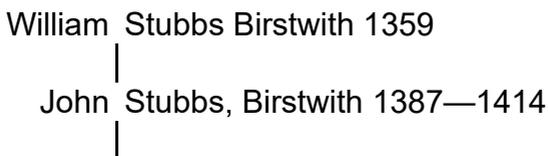


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Crest: On a wreath or and azure, a stag's head erased, proper, wreathed vert. At the base two crosses fleurie sable.

Motto: In veritate victoria.

I have said that the history of Hampsthwaite has been written by its humble inhabitants, yeomen and tenant farmers. Many families of this class have been settled in the district for several hundred years. Thanks to the labours of one of its distinguished members we have a complete record of one much family - that of Stubbs, yeomen and tenant farmers established at Langscailes in Birstwith. From this family sprung William Stubbs, the eminent historian and Bishop of Oxford. From his notes for a family history published as Vol. LV of the Record Series by the Yorkshire Archaeological Society on 1915. I am indebted for the following table showing his direct descent in the male line from William Stubbs, who lived in Birstwith in 1359.



Wm Stubbs 1414 – 1430
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 Wm. Stubbs Ripon
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 Thomas Stubbs - Matilda Birstwith 1442 - 1489
 |
 Thomas Stubbs Birstwith d. 1514
 |
 Thomas Stubbs - Alice Birstwith d. 1534
 |
 Miles Stubbs - Jennit Longscales d.1564
 |
 Wm. Stubbs Alice d. of Wm. Bilton Longscales
 d.1576
 |
 Thomas Stubbs - Isabella of Miles Hardisty
 Whitewall d. 1573 - 1647
 |
 Thomas Stubbs - Anne of Thos. Atkinson Haverah
 Park d. 1613 - 1675
 |
 Thomas Stubbs - Alice of Thos. Simpson of Clint
 Haverah d. 1651 - 1715
 |
 Joseph Stubbs - Sarah of Wm. Randall of
 Greystone Plain Greystone d. 1696 – 1760
 |
 Thomas Stubbs - Elis. of Richard Walls of Melby
 Ripley 1735 – 1805
 |
 Thomas Stubbs - Jane of Wm. Morley d. 1761 –
 1838

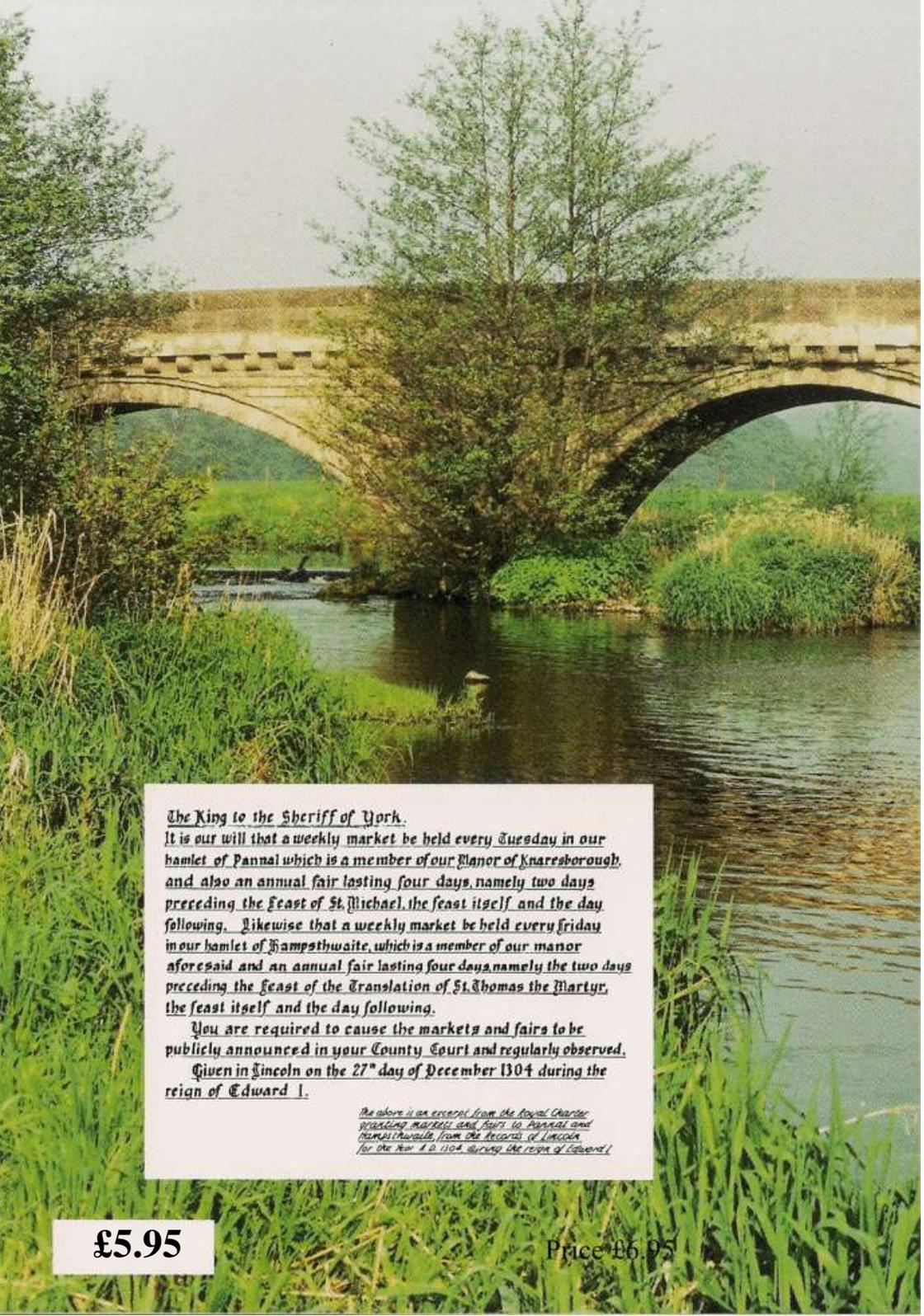
Wm. Morley | Stubbs - Mary Ann of Wm. Henlock
Knaresborough d. 1800 – 1842

Wm. Stubbs - Catherine of John Dellar of
Navestock b.1825

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besants charged with a pheon three
besants charged with a cross.

Crest: An eagle displayed sable, holding in its
beak in pale a lance or.

Motto: Et dixi mme coep.

A photograph of a stone arch bridge spanning a river. The bridge has two large arches and is surrounded by lush green trees and bushes. The water in the river is calm and reflects the surrounding greenery.

The King to the Sheriff of York.

It is our will that a weekly market be held every Tuesday in our hamlet of Pannal which is a member of our Manor of Knaresborough, and also an annual fair lasting four days, namely two days preceding the Feast of St. Michael, the feast itself and the day following. Likewise that a weekly market be held every Friday in our hamlet of Hampsthwaite, which is a member of our manor aforesaid and an annual fair lasting four days, namely the two days preceding the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, the feast itself and the day following.

You are required to cause the markets and fairs to be publicly announced in your County Court and regularly observed.

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The above is an extract from the Royal Charter granting markets and fairs to Pannal and Hampsthwaite from the records of Lincoln for the year 121104 during the reign of Edward I

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