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MESOLITHIC ANVIL STONE

Among the Franciss Buckley Mss. which are held at the Tolson Memorial Museum, Huddersfield, is the following short account, dated August 5th, 1939, of an excavation at March Hill. It was written by Francis Buckley of Tunstead, Greenfield, and was addressed to Dr. Grainger of the Tolson Museum, to be forwarded to the Prehistoric Society, London. A short note was published subsequently in the Proceedings of that society.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE EXCAVATION OF A TABLE OF STONE (OR "ANVIL")
FOR THE FABRICATION OF FLINT AND CHERT TOOLS.

On the 15th July 1939, I was assisted by my Brother, Dr. G. B. Buckley, M.C., in the examination of March Hill, Marsden (OD 1450 ft.). Many flint sites have been found on this hill in past years. The site in question lies on the top of the hill, the slope facing to the east or north-east. It has been kept under general observation for a considerable time, as the peat at this point has been wearing thin, under stress of continual weathering. Eventually, about a year ago, the "grey sand", which underlies the peat, began to be exposed, and in places a few flint tools and chippings began to appear. This was specially so at a point in the denuded area which abutted upon a place where the peat (two feet deep) was protected by growing turf and cotton grass.

Excavating on this site was started on the 12th December 1938; and it was continued on the 20th February 1939, and again on the 15th July last. The results obtained at first indicated that, in order to uncover the working floor in its entirety, an attack would have to be made on the undisturbed peat and cotton grass. On the first two days nothing unusual was discovered - there was found the usual scattering of waste and tools that is generally associated with a Tardenois working site. But on the third day, as progress was made in cutting across the peat bank and exposing the old floor underneath it, an unusual and interesting discovery was made. A more or less tabular piece of sandstone, about 2 inches high, and 6 inches by $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches on the surface, was unearthed with many pieces of waste and "cores" packed close against a corner of this little stone table. On the other side of this stone, nothing much was found but an occasional flake. But, taking a general view of the result of the digging, most of the waste and cores were packed against one angle of the stone, and the rest was scattered about on the same side but much less densely. Besides the chippings, which were mostly of a hard Pendleside chert with a few flint flakes, there were found a small Angle Graver, an End-Scraper, and more than one "pygmy tool" of Sub-Triangular shape, probably used as awls. These tools are quite what one would expect to find on any working site on March Hill. Besides the stone remains, a few pieces of carbonised wood showed that a fire had been lighted upon this spot in Tardenois times.

We came to the conclusion that this small tabular piece of stone had been used as an "Anvil" or flaking table by the Tardenois workman, who was here dealing with a hard intractable material. The sand underneath the anvil, when the latter was raised, was found to be flattened and compressed, as if considerable weight or pressure had at one time been put upon the anvil.

Probably small flat stones of the Millstone Grit Series were often used by the flint-workers as anvils; but it is unusual to find an example just in the position in which it was used.

Dr. Grainger and his assistants at the Tolson Memorial Museum, Huddersfield, have carefully reconstructed the anvil in its original setting, with the more immediately associated chert chippings in the position in which they were originally excavated.

Francis Buckley.

(The reconstruction mentioned above is still exhibited in the Tolson Memorial Museum - Editor).

FURTHER NOTES ON THE BELL INN, NEW DELPH

The James Lees Mss. in the Hewkin Collection, Uppermill Library, contain the following details about the Bell Inn.

By his will, dated Oct. 28th 1807, James Lees the elder left "the New or Bell Inn" with its outbuildings and fields, all in the occupation of William Bell, to his younger son, Edward Lees.

On August 20th, 1821 Edward Lees entered into an agreement with Edmund Buckley (who was tenant of Rasing Mill) concerning the repairs to "the building or warehouse at New Delph between Edmund Buckley's house and the Bell Inn across the road leading to Lumb Mill through the Bell Yard". This is a reference to the building across the archway.

A letter, dated October 10, 1840, referring to the insurance of the Inn, noted that "the present tenant has given notice to quit... and it has been found impracticable to let it at all with the prospect of the passengers and traffic on the road being absorbed by the Leeds and Manchester Railway...". Richard Steele was the tenant and had been since at least 1838, and despite the statement in this letter, he was still there in 1849.

Edward Lees died on April 29th, 1841 and his estates (including the Bell Inn) passed to his brother, James Lees of Delph Lodge.

A letter dated July 26 1849 mentioned that James Lees was letting the Bell Inn, stables, outbuildings and two acres to Richard Steele at a rent of £55. Thomas Shaw was tenant of $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres belonging to the Bell Estate at a rent of £15, and the 8 cottages adjoining the Inn (two of which were unoccupied at the time) were rented for £35. A postscript mentioned that "a notice to purchase a small plot of the Bell Land has been served by the Huddersfield and Manchester Railway Company... about 2 roods...".

Bernard Barnes.

MANOR RECORDS: SADDLEWORTH INCLOSURE

Part 3

27th October 1810

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Manor of Saddleworth... (see V 8 1978, p.8).

The following List of Encroachments from No. 1 to No. 120 inclusive is presented to Ralph Fletcher Esq., the Commissioner for dividing the Commons in Saddleworth, by the Committee appointed to watch over the Interests of the Lords of the said Manor. Dated this 12 Day of June 1810. Henry Whitehead, John Rooth, Joseph Lees.

<u>Encroachments</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. A Piece of Land situate between the Canal & the R. Tame near Wright Mill. *Also part of a Field opposite do. on the E side of the Canal, John Platt tenant - boundary betwixt and Lord Dysart.	That in these 4 Lots the Tenants of Lord Dysart have made encorachments but more than 20 years back. *less than 20 years, not sold or accounted for.
2. Land below the Turnpike Road near Hole House occupied by John Platt.	About 14 years, not sold or accounted for.
3. Part of a croft below Hole House adjoining Turnpike Road, John Platt tenant.	About 6 or 10 years, not sold or accounted for.
4. Triangular plot of land above Hole House, Robert Buckley tenant.	About 6 years, not sold or accounted for.
5. Piece at the top of Shadows Lane, John Scholefield tenant.	Not accounted for.
6. Land called Joshua Hill occupied by the Rev. Mr. Dacre containing 4a 3r 2p.	Sold by the Lords and accounted for.
7. John Radcliffe of Mullock Hill, a small piece in Wharlow Clough.	Sold and accounted for.
8. Part of Greave Edge sold by the Lords of the Manor to the late John Platt of Whitelee containing about 15 acres.	ditto
9. 2 gardens at Mount Misery inclosed by the Tenants of the late John Platt.	Not sold or accounted for.
10. Some land adjoining the Intacks near Fernlee belonging to James Buckley and inclosed about 10 years since, informed by James Bottomley.	ditto

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| 11. Benjamin Winterbottom purchased 8a 1r 16p of Land near Farn Lee of the Lords of the Manor. NB confessed he has inclosed more than the quantity. | Enclosed more than bought and paid for. |
| 12. Part of a Garden at Greenmans by the said Benjamin Winterbottom. | Neither sold nor accounted for. |
| 13. Land containing 6a 3r 33p purchased by Messrs. Marshall & Hyde of the Lords of the Manor now belonging to James Buckley and divided into about 10 closes. | Sold and accounted for. |
| 14. A small inclosure below Mount Misery purchased by John Radcliffe, 3 perches. | ditto |
| 15. Land above Greenfield Mill purchased by Robert Barber; 2 Lots, one 11a 3r 24p, other 3r 12p. | Sold and accounted for. |
| 16. Several inclosures in Greenfield by Mr. James Buckley. | Reserved for further consideration. |
| 17. Small piece at Glad Hill Bridge by William Radcliffe of Boarshurst. | Neither sold nor accounted for. |
| 18. 2 Gardens at Tunstead Clough lately inclosed by Mr. John Buckley or his tenants and a Reservoir (old one). | ditto |
| 19. Croft at Shepherds Green by Thomas Shaw of Shepherds Green. | ditto |
| 20. Land at Sidebank by ditto containing 7a 1r 38p. | Sold and accounted for. |
| 21. Slip of land at Log Heath by ditto. | Not sold or accounted for. |
| 22. A piece of Land adjoining the road leading from Shepherds Green to Tunstead by John Shaw of Hawkyard. | ditto. |
| 23. 2 pieces of land at Sidebank, 5a 15p. | Sold and accounted for. |
| 24. 2 pieces of land at Furlane purchased by Messrs. Shaws. | ditto. |
| 25. A field above Bankers, inclosed by Thomas Bradbury. | ditto. |
| 26. Some land above Bankers by Messrs. Shaws. | ditto. |
| 27. Part of 2 Closes above Bankers inclosed by William Radcliffe of Boarshurst. | Not sold or accounted for. |

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| 28. A slip of land by the side of the road above Furlane by Messrs. Shaws. | Sold and accounted for. |
| 29. Clay Leach Green, Tunstead, belonging to John Broadbent, 1a 6p. | ditto. |
| 30. Land near White Brook Head formerly purchased by the late Joseph Lawton (but now relinquished) containing 2a 1r 6p. | Not sold to any other person by the Lords. |
| 31. Land adjoining do purchased by John Buckley 4a 1p. | Sold and accounted for. |
| 32. Thomas Bradbury (Great Stone) lying above and adjacent to the last Lot, 5a 36p; NB a Wall has lately been erected. | ditto. |
| 33. Land at White Brook Head by Mr. John Buckley 5a 7p. | ditto. |
| 34. Land near do purchased by Robert Buckley now belonging to James Radcliffe, 11a 3r 2lp. | ditto. |
| 35. Land near White Brook Head purchased and inclosed by John Broadbent, 2a. | ditto. |
| 36. Messrs. John and James Buckley on Yarns Hill now belonging to John Broadbent, 5a. | ditto. |
| 37. Land on Yarns Hill inclosed by James Broadbent. | ditto. |
| 38. A small slip of land at Furlane by Samuel Bentley. | Not sold or accounted for. |
| 39. A small piece at Boarshurst by Simeon Bradbury. | A Bee Garden neither sold nor accounted for. |
| 40. A very small slip of Land in Boarshurst Lane by James Radcliffe. | Not sold or accounted for. |
| 41. A piece of Land at Foulrakes Green by Ralph Bradbury. | Sold and accounted for. |
| 42. A Parcel or Slip of Land adjoining the Road leading from Borshurst to Nook Steer by William Radcliffe of Boarshurst (NB lower side of the road) | Neither sold nor accounted for. |

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| 43. A Garden by do in the front of his house. | ditto. |
| 44. A parcel or slip of land adjoining to No. 42 by John Andrew of Foulrakes, Ralph Whitehead tenant. | ditto. |
| 45. Buckley Bradbury has inclosed a triangular piece lying to Yarns Hill, 2r. | Bought and paid for $\frac{1}{2}$ acre but has inclosed more. |
| 46. A piece below Pots and Pans by James and Henry Whitehead, 2 acres. | Sold and accounted for. |
| 47. A field at Knoll Top allowed to William Shaw for his right of common, 3 acres. | ditto. |
| 48. A small piece at Knoll Top called the Pinfold by John Broadbent. | ditto. |
| 49. Land at Rye Top by W. Radcliffe Snr. Cross, 4a 2r 10p. | Not sold or accounted for. |
| 50. ditto Knoll by ditto | ditto. |
| 51. ditto near Birches by ditto. | ditto. |
| 52. ditto Knoll by James Radcliffe of Intack. | ditto. |
| 53. Land adjoining No. 52 by William Radcliffe Jnr. Cross. | ditto. |
| 54. Land on the opposite side of the road to No. 52 by James Radcliffe of Intack. | ditto. |
| 55. Land adjoining to and lying below No. 54 by William Radcliffe Jnr. of Cross. | ditto. |
| 56. Part of a Garden at Cross by do. | ditto. |
| 57. Part of Bowgreave by John Broadbent. | Antient inclosure. |
| 58. Land inclosed by John Radcliffe of Cross containing 4a 28p. | Part sold, part compensation. |
| 59. Triangular Field inclosed by John Radcliffe of Birches and adjoining his estate. | Sold and accounted for. |
| 60. A slip of Land on the higher side of the road near Birches. | ditto. |

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| 61. Parsonage by John Radcliffe of Birches, 17a 2r 20p. | Allotted and accounted for. |
| 62. 4 Closes of Land above Primrose by Joseph Platt Senr. | By his deeds only mentions 4 acres. |
| 63. A piece near do by John Radcliffe of Stonebreaks, Priest Clough. | Not sold or accounted for. |
| 64. Joseph Platt Senr. of Primrose has inclosed a piece of land called Primrose Hill containing about 12 acres. | As only 4 acres allowed by his deed for this and No. 62. |
| 65. George Garlock two Gardens at Primrose. | Not sold nor accounted for. |
| 66. A piece above Running Hill by Joseph Platt senr. of Primrose. | ditto. |
| 67. John Bradbury a small croft at Runninghill Head. | Sold and accounted for but objected as to Sale & Money sent back by Jo. Wrigley but referred to Mr. Mellor Solicitor for further explanation. |
| 68. A Garden at Runninghill Head by Jonathan Wrigley about 12 years. | Not sold nor accounted for. |
| 69. A narrow piece on the N side of Running Hill by John Bradbury. | Not sold nor accounted for. |
| 70. 2 pieces adjg. Running Hill on the S & W sides thereof & belonging to John Radcliffe. | Allotted as a compensation. |
| 71. A piece of the S side of Runninghill by James Wrigley. | Not sold nor accounted for. |
| 72. A piece on the N side of Running Hill by ditto. | ditto. |
| 73. A piece on the W side of Running Hill by James Wood. | ditto. |
| 74. A Dye House on Running Hill erected by Abraham Wood. | ditto. |
| 75. James Hall, a piece at the S & W corner of Running Hill. | ditto. |

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| 76. A piece at the bottom of Running Hill adjoining the road by Jonathan Wrigley of Hollingreave. | Accounted for in their compensation for Common Right. |
| 77. A field on the higher side of the Road opposite No. 76 by ditto. | ditto. |
| 78. A piece by ditto near his house. | ditto. |
| 79. A narrow slip of land adjoining the road leading from Running Hill to Digglee by James Bradbury. | Not sold nor accounted for. |
| 80. A piece at Lee Cross by Jonathan Wrigley, Zac. Whitehead, tenant. | ditto. |
| 81. Land adjg. the road leading from Running Hill to Digglee by Hezekiah Shepherd. | Sold and accounted for. |
| 82. A piece adjg. the sd. Road by Jon. Wrigley. | Not sold nor accounted for. |
| 83. A piece below ditto by James Wood. | ditto. |
| 84. A piece above the sd. road by William Wood. | ditto. |
| 85. A piece adjg. ditto by the Canal Co. | Sold and accounted for. |
| 86. Land at or near the Aqueduct Bridge in Diggle encroached by the Canal Co. | A Gift from the Lords of the Manor. |
| 87. Land adjoining the River from Warf Mill to the said Aqueduct inclosed by the Canal Co. | Sold and accounted for. |
| 88. A piece above the Reservoir in Digglee by the Canal Co. | ditto. |
| 89. James & William Bradbury a piece at Diggle Edge. | ditto. |
| 90. A piece at Diggle Edge by Giles Broadbent. | ditto. |
| 91. A piece at ditto by George Broadbent. | ditto. |
| 92. A piece at Brun Clough by the Canal Co. | Not sold nor accounted for. |
| 93. A piece at Diggle Edge by Robert Broadbent. | ditto. |
| 94. Ditto near Deanhead Mr. Ormerod owner, James Rhodes occupier. | ditto. |

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| 95. Ditto on the higher side of a private road at Standedge, and | ditto. |
| 96. a piece below the said road, both by Samuel Rhodes. | ditto. |
| 97. A piece of land at Standedge between the old Turnpike Road and the New Turnpike Road by John Carter. | ditto. |
| 98. A piece of land at Standedge by ditto. | ditto. |
| 99. A piece at Standedge by Josh. Schofield. | ditto. |
| 100A John Bottomley 2 pieces at Standedge. | ditto. |
| 100B A piece at Standedge by John Bottomley, 5a 1r Op. | Sold and accounted for. |
| 101. James, Abraham & John Bottomley have inclosed some Land at Ridge. | This is an encroachment upon the Road for the Surveyor to Notice. |
| 102. Land near Weakey belonging to William Whitehead. | Sold and accounted for. |
| 103. John Holden a Garden on the higher side of the road. | ditto. |
| 104. A field and narrow slip of land near Holden Smithy belonging to William Whitehead. | ditto. |
| 105. Plantation &c. near the quarry at Nab End sold to John Broadbent, a part of which is now belonging to Mr. John Rooth. | ditto. |
| 106. 2 slips of land near Nab End belonging to William Whitehead also a Field adjoining the Long Lane. | ditto. |
| 107. A Meadow belonging to Meltham Chapel occupied by Josiah Lawton. | Allotted and accounted for. |
| 108. Widow Lawton some land near her house. | Sold and accounted for. |
| 109. 2 or more fields by R. Winterbottom. | Partly allotted and partly sold and accounted for. |
| 110. Land inclosed by H. & J. Winterbottom. | Sold and accounted for. |
| 111. A plot of land at Platt Hill by Henry Whitehead. | ditto. |

112. Land near the Toll Bar and Gatehead
belonging to John & Thomas Harrop,
Henry & Benjamin Whitehead & other
Land. ditto.
113. Thomas Harrop 2 slips of land in
Platt Lane. ditto.
114. Land belonging to George Hinchliffe
Senr. near his house. ditto.
115. A slip of land at Gatehead encroached
by Robert Shaw.
116. A slip of land at ditto by Mr.
Styron.
117. Mr. John Harrop Land adjoining his
Meadow below Dobcross Chapel. Allotted and accounted for.
118. A field adjoining Long Lane by Mr.
Thomas Harrop. ditto.
119. A piece of Land in Upperwood inclosed
by Mr. Mellor now belonging to Mr.
James Buckley. Sold and accounted for.
- 63A. A plot of land lying above Primrose
by Joshua Platt Junr. ditto.
- To be continued.
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HUDDERSFIELD CANAL COMPANY RECORDS

At the request of Oldham, Tameside and Kirklees Libraries, the Public Record Office has recently microfilmed the minutes, annual reports and share books of the Huddersfield Canal Company. Copies of the microfilm are now available at the Local Studies Libraries at Oldham, Stalybridge and Huddersfield, and the following extracts from the Committee Minutes show how detailed a record of the building of the canal this source affords.

- August 5th 1797 Resolved that the Engineer do set out and direct the Execution of a Wharf at Wellihole, of another Wharf at Upper Mill and of a third Wharf at Woolroad...
- January 17th 1798 Resolved that the Engineer...cause a Warehouse to be built at Marsden and another at Woolroad...(No more than £200 to be spent on each).
- February 21 1799 Resolved that Mr. Bayliffe do cause the walls of the Warehouse erected by John Langley at Woolroad...to be taken down and rebuilt at the expense of John Langley, it appearing from the Representation of Mr. Outram and of Mr. Bayliffe, Mr. Mallalieu and Mr. Hall to be very imperfectly built...

May 16th 1799 Resolved that Mr. Bayliffe be directed to cause a Warehouse to be erected at Woolroad immediately, agreeable to the design this day produced by Mr. Outram in lieu of the present Building there which is to be taken down.

November 8th 1799 Resolved that Mr. John Harrop of Dobcross be...requested to superintend the taking down the Company's Warehouse at Woolroad, the rebuilding thereof in such situation and upon such plan and with such addition thereto as Mr. Harrop shall think most advantageous for the Company and that he undertake the same at such time as he shall think most desirable. And that Mr. Bayliffe be...directed to attend and assist in putting in execution Mr. Harrop's direction respecting the taking down and rebuilding the said Warehouse.

September 4th 1800 Resolved that the Gentlemen authorized and requested to ascertain and settle the damage West of the Tunnel be also authorized and requested to view the Warehouse at Woolroad and give such direction for the repair and support thereof for the accommodation of the Winter Trade as they may think proper. And that they be authorized and requested (in case they should be of the opinion that the Warehouse will not stand longer than the Winter) to fix the scite (sic) and plan of a new Warehouse at Woolroad and to give directions for the foundation Walls thereof to be immediately built and raised above the level of the Water. And that the said Gentlemen be also authorized to direct (if they think it necessary) that a shed or sheds for horses be built at Woolroad in such situation and of such dimensions as they may think best.

November 10th 1800 William Bradbury of Diglee having been committed to the House of Correction at Wakefield for having Timber and Iron in his House belonging to the Company, Resolved that the Clerk do prosecute the said William Bradbury and also John Platt for the like offence.

December 18th 1800 Messrs. John Rooth and Co. of Manchester having attended this Meeting and proposed to convey along the Line of the Huddersfield Canal and the Manchester, Ashton-under-Lyne and Oldham Canal all the Goods which they may have occasion to convey from Huddersfield to Manchester provided they meet with the encouragement and assistance herein after stated, that is to say,

That the Huddersfield Canal Co. shall erect for the use of the publick a commodious and convenient Warehouse at Marsden...and also another Warehouse equally commodious and convenient for the accommodation of the publick at the Westend of the Tunnel...

Resolved that Mr. John Harrop, Mr. James Lees, Mr. James Mallalieu, Mr. John Taylor and Mr. Neddy Hall be...requested and delegated to view the Canal on the West end of the Tunnel to ascertain a proper situation for erecting a Warehouse there for the accommodation of the Trade and to fix a Plan for the same and to give...directions for the erection thereof...

February 26th 1801 Resolved that Mr. Rooth be authorized to purchase on behalf of the Company a small piece of Land belonging to Abraham Rhodes adjoining the Aqueduct above the 23rd Lock in Saddleworth and also two small pieces of Land left on each side the Canal adjoining the above mentioned plot and belonging to John Platt of Dobcross and that Mr. Rooth do cause a Lime Kiln to be erected in the best situation upon the said pieces of land.

Resolved that Mr. Rooth do also purchase a piece of Land on the lower side of the new Road leading from the Canal to Greenfield and on the south side of the Canal and do cause a Lime Kiln to be erected thereon.

July 22nd 1801 Resolved that a Reward of Twenty Guineas be offered by publick advertisement to any person or persons who will discover the person or persons who drew up the upper Cloughs of two Locks on the Huddersfield Canal near to the Royal George Mill in Saddleworth in the afternoon of Tuesday the 21st day of July instant whereby the bank of the Canal was broke down by the water being let from the ponds above the said Locks...

August 19th 1801 Resolved that Mr. John Rooth be directed to contact with Mr. Abraham Rhodes for the purchase of a piece of Land part of his Estate adjoining the Canal convenient for a stone quarry...

October 2nd 1801 Mr. John Rooth having stated to this Meeting and this Meeting being of the opinion that it will be desirable to purchase a plot of land adjoining the Canal near the west end of the Tunnel for making a Wharf and erecting limekilns there and to make a Road therefrom to the Turnpike road from Standedge through Dobcross to Oldham. Resolved that Mr. Rooth be...authorized...to treat and agree with Mr. Jonathan Wrigley for the purchase of land for such Wharf and Road... (June 16 1808 reported that Jonathan Wrigley not satisfied with the valuation). Mr. John Rooth having represented to this Meeting that the new Road by the last mentioned Resolution directed to be made will obviate the necessity of making a Bridge over the Canal where the same will cross the ancient Highway from Dobcross to Diglee if the same Highway is diverted through and along the said intended new Road and that such new Road will be a great convenience to the Public. Resolved that before the Canal be made and completed across the said Highway the Clerk and Mr. Rooth be... directed to get the said intended new Road certified by two Justices of the peace pursuant to the Act in order that the said Highway may be legally diverted through and along the said intended new road.

December 30th 1801 Resolved that...the Salary of the Toll Collector and Wharfinger of the Company shall be as follows... Richard Brockbank at Woolroad £60 per annum and £10 per annum for house rent...

April 9th 1802 Mr. John Rooth having stated to this Meeting that he has contracted on behalf of the Company with the Trustees of the Turnpike Road from Standedge to Upper Mill for renting the Tolls of the said Road for three Years from Midsummer next at a rent of £160 and with the benefit of the statute work to be done upon the said road. Resolved that Mr. Rooth be indemnified by the Company on account of the said contract... Resolved that Mr. John Rooth be authorized to purchase the liberty of getting stone in one acre of land in the Bridgehouse Quarry near Dobcross belonging to Mr. Thomas Harrop.

November 1st 1802 Resolved that from the Representations of Mr. John Rooth and Mr. Booth and the Information given to this Committee it appears to be necessary to fix a water wheel at Diggle Edge Pit for the purpose of winding up earth out of the Tunnel at that Pit and for the purpose of pumping water out of the Tunnel...

December 23rd 1802 Mr. George Wood of Bury having offered to take a lease from this Company of a piece of land at Uppermill part of the land purchased of Mr. Thomas Shaw for the purpose of making a private wharf there and for a term of 21 years at the rent of one penny per square yard the plot of land to be of such dimensions as will make the rent amount to £5 per annum. Resolved that such offer be accepted...

September 27th 1804 Resolved that Mr. John Rooth do erect a Stone Bridge over the Canal at Brownhill...where there is now a Swivel Bridge which is much out of repair...

February 27th 1806 Resolved that Mr. John Rooth be...directed to take a survey and set out a Railway from Gatehead Stone Quarry (in Marsden Parish) to join the Canal at Brownhill...

April 23rd 1807 Resolved that Mr. John Rooth be...directed to erect a Weighing Machine and a small Cottage at Woolroad for the purpose of weighing Stone, Coal, Lime and other materials...
Resolved that Mr. John Rooth be...directed to purchase a plot of Land now in the possession of Mr. Armitage, bounded on the North by the Turnpike Road leading from Dobcross to Standedge and on the South by Woolroad Wharf for the purpose of building an Agent's House upon as recommended by Mr. Telford.

June 29th 1809 Resolved that Mr. John Rooth be...directed to purchase a plot of Land for a Wharf at Frenches...and make the same convenient for discharging lime thereon and that he do erect a Shade thereon and procure a convenient Road to the same.

October 31st 1811 Resolved that Mr. John Rooth be...directed and impowered to let the Lime kilns that are built at Brown Hill... on the following terms: £15 per annum if the Renter does not burn 1000 Tons of Limestone within the Year, over 1000 and less than 2000 £10 per annum, 2000 and less than 3000 tons £5 per annum, 3000 tons and upwards not to pay a Rent and to be allowed by the Company's Agent 10/- for every 100 Tons of Limestone burnt above 3000 Tons in any one year.

December 30th 1813 Resolved that Mr. John Rooth be...directed to erect a building for Workshops at Woolroad of such dimensions as to bring in the Roof Timber lately taken out of the Old Warehouse at that place for Roofing the said building.

June 22nd 1815 Mr. Joseph Lawton of Dobcross having applied to rent a plot of land at Woolroad for a Wharf...Resolved that Mr. John Harrop, Mr. Joseph Harrop and Mr. Edward Brown be requested to treat with Mr. Lawton for the sale or renting of such land.

December 2nd 1815 Mr. John Harrop, Mr. Joseph Harrop and Mr. Edward Brown ... Report to this Meeting that they have agreed to let to the said Joseph Lawton on a Lease for 999 years a Plot of Land on the North side of the Canal betwixt the 24th and 25th Locks at Woolroad containing... 801 square yards at the annual rent of £10...Resolved that this agreement be approved...

December 17th 1817 (Reference to)...building a Bridge of wood or stone near Shaw Hall Barn...instead of the wood one which is now decayed and fallen to pieces...(January 14th 1818 Resolved that a Stone Occupation Bridge be built...).

March 10th 1819 Resolved that a Smithy and Shed be erected at Woolroad...

August 2nd 1819 Resolved that a sum not exceeding £20 be expended in raising the present Stable at Mann's Wharf agreeable to the wish of William Whitehead the tenant...

HEATHFIELDS, UPPERMILL

Part 3

In 1816 John Platt the elder of Heathfields was a partner in Buckley, Roberts and Company's Saddleworth Bank based at Dobcross. His fellow partners were James Buckley of Greenfield, John Roberts of Hillend (Delph), John Wrigley of Dobcross and Robert Shaw of Furlane (Greenfield). This bank was one of many private banks established in the provinces during the later parts of the eighteenth century, a consequence of the Industrial Revolution. Another example was the Saddleworth Union Bank of Harrop, Lees and Brown, also based at Dobcross, which failed in 1826. It is not certain when John Platt became a partner in the Saddleworth Bank, but he may well have been involved in its inception. Certainly he was a partner until the early 1820s which was a period when many of these small private banks experienced great difficulties, difficulties which very often proved to be disastrous as in the case of the Saddleworth Union Bank. That the Saddleworth Bank also came close to disaster is proved by the existence of a handsome silver cup (in the private ownership of a member of the Historical Society), which has the following inscription engraved on it:

PRESENTED

By the Proprietors of the Saddleworth Bank
To their late Partner

John Platt Esquire

As a Testimony of their Approbation of his Conduct

During his Connection with them

And the Handsome Manner in which he withdrew from the Concern

April 25 1825

The story has been passed down that John Platt kept his business in the bank during this period of great difficulty, possibly increasing his investments at a time when many depositors were withdrawing their money. Baines' Directory of 1825 verifies the fact that Platt was no longer a partner in the bank, his place having been taken by F. S. Buckley of Tunstead (Greenfield).

John Platt senior is a good example of a first generation mill-builder in the Pennine woollen industry, establishing a small scribbling mill on his land at Heathfields in the 1790s. Before this time, from 1788 at least, he held a share in the fulling mill at Frenches (Greenfield), in which his sons John and Ammon subsequently acquired an interest. The Platts disposed of their interest in this mill in 1832 (Registry of Deeds, Wakefield, LG 411). With his two sons, John Platt also expanded his field of operations in Uppermill, and it has already been described how they eventually worked all four mills on White Brook. These later passed into the hands of his son-in-law, William Kenworthy Schofield.

Schofield lived at Heathfields House, and the following agreement with his sisters-in-law affords a good description of the contents of the house as well as some aspects of life in the 1840s. The agreement was dated November 14th, 1843, and stated that Schofield (described as a woolstapler and cloth finisher) was mortgaging the contents of his house and other items there and at Damhead for £340 to Selina and Amelia Platt, both of Heathfields, spinsters. The details are as follows:

In Front Parlour: mahogany dining table, 2 mahogany card tables, sofa & pillows, 6 chairs, 2 arm chairs, snap table, 3 portraits, 2 plates & frames, bronze fender & fire irons, chimney ornaments, Brussels carpet, another carpet & rug, weather glass, curtains, balance & blind, dinner service, China, tonic & spirit decanters, 3 tumbler glasses, 21 oz. of silver plate, 24 tonic glasses, set of casters.

In the Sitting Room: Scritoire & book case, quantity of books, brass fender & fire irons, round card table, 4 chairs, 2 armed chairs, sofa & cover.

In the Kitchen: dresser, dining table clock, fender & fire irons, 6 chairs, 4 armed chairs, snap table, box irons, 4 solid irons, 2 Italian irons, 6 candlesticks, 2 chamber candlesticks, warming pan, 2 kettles, 2 doz. knives & forks, 1½ doz. common knives & forks, salt box, 2 tea pots, 2 coffee pots, bread fleak, tea chest, snuffers & hay tea, other hays, 5 cannisters.

In Lobby: mahogany table, mahogany waiter, birch table & cloth, 4 rugs, portable writing desk, 6 mats, carpet on landing, stairs carpet, 3 brass rods, cloths basket.

No. 1 Bedroom: bedstead & hangings, feather bed &c., 4 blankets, 2 sheets, 1 coverlet, drawers, washstand & dressing table, 6 chairs, towel rail, easy chair, rocking chair, scoring glass, chamber service, fender ornaments, bedside carpets, window blinds.

No. 2 Bedroom: fent bedstead; flock bed mattress, 2 bolsters, 2 pillows, 9 blankets, sheet, 2 coverlets, oak chest, set of drawers, pier glass, wash stand, chamber service, 6 pictures, rug, counter panes.

No. 3 Bedroom: post bedstead, hangings, mattress, feather & flock beds, 2 bolsters, 2 pillows, 4 blankets, 1 sheet, 1 cover, set of drawers, painted drawers, washstand & table towel rail, fender & poker, 6 chairs, scoring glass, snap table, carpet & mats, 2 pictures, chamber service.

No. 4 Bedroom: post bedstead & hangings, mattress, flock bed, 2 bolsters, 2 pillows, 4 blankets, 1 sheet, 1 cover, snap table, 3 sets of drawers, table & stand, chamber service, 2 siving glasses, 6 chairs, fender, carpet & rug, ornaments, 1 armed chair.

In back Kitchen: oak chest, table, Haistner pot shelf, quantity of pots & earthenware, 3 brass pans, 3 iron pans, 2 tin pans, 3 tin cans, 3 winteredges, churn, dairy utensils, bread board.

In Wash House: sudler & 2 tubs, 2 brewing tubs, sieve & holder, 3 barrels.

In Attic: mangle & table, weighbeam, scales & weights.

Farming Stock in Barn & Field: 1 cow, French barn, stack hay, 1 calf, 10 wether lambs, horse, quantity of straw, broad-wheeled cart, 1 narrow-wheeled cart, set shaft gears, set long gears, stangs, fork, garden rakes, mattock, shovels, riddle, doe, thistle cutter, corn bins, 2 saddles, 2 Hackney saddles, 2 bridles, 2 buckets, chopping machine, sundries, dock fork.

In Dye House: dye pans & swich.

In Damhead Mill Packing Room: 5 packing tables, 1 packing press, writing desk, 3 long brushes, hand brush, 2 stretch rollers, 4 other rollers, stove pot & piping, drums, peaking rails.

In Press Shop: 4 press tables, 2 screw presses, 84 doz. press papers. 36 paper fencings, 50 iron fencings, 14 pressloops, 100 press plates, press oven, grate, crane panel ropes & crows, dubbing board, press tongs.

In Gig House: 3 raising gigs, 4 nelleys, 6 pair sack, 1 cross raiter, 2 pressers, lapping machine, 20 boiler rollers & weavers, 2 stone cisterns, 50 doz. gig rods, 40 doz. hand handlers, cask, liquor, water pump & pipes, 2 clothes horses, 2 pairs drums, going gear, shafting, hangers &c., driving & minor straps, 10 yds. of piping.

In Cutting Room: 6 cutting machines, 2 brushing mills, 4 tables, 1 table, 2 clothes horses, stove pot &c., shafting & 6 pulleys, quantity of shapes, writing desk, 4 small brushes, burling ink, 3 oilers & 1 case, sundries, spare brush, banding, 270 yds. of field tenters.

Bernard Barnes.

Concluded.

OLD SADDLEWORTH

This is part of the work being carried out on a Gazetteer of Saddleworth by the Historical Society. As more of this work is completed details will be published in future editions of the Bulletin. The information given below has been extracted from Record Cards which are held by the Society, and which are available for reference.

ERRATUM

In Volume 6, 1976, pp. 13-14, details were given of GIBBS. The location of the farmstead (which has now disappeared) was described in error as being in the vicinity of the Royal George Mills, Grasscroft. Reference to the Farrer Estate Map, which was surveyed in 1770, indicates that the name "Gibbs" was applied to the hamlet now known as MANNS, details of which are given below.

MANNS

(Also known as BARN, GIBBS, MANS) Grid Reference: SD 987042

Location:

Near Wellihole Road, Greenfield. Just to the north of the River Tame, between the river and the Huddersfield Canal, about 490 feet above sea level. Formerly a wharf known as Manns Wharf existed on the canal near the road bridge.

Description:

A group of houses of varying dates. The datestone JK MK 1748 has been recorded by Radcliffe (Hewkin Collection, Uppermill Library). The mill race belonging to the Royal George Mills passes through the hamlet.



History:

- 1679 Dec. 21 James Shaw of Mans buried (Registers).
1710 James Shaw of Man's was a Warden of Saddleworth Church (Registers).
1722 Oct. 31 Jonathan son of James Shaw husbandman and Mary his wife of Barn christened (Registers).
1727 Apr. 6 James Shaw Husbandman of Barn buried (Registers).
1727 Apr. 16 Joseph and Benjamin twin sons of John Hully clothier and Mary his wife of Barn christened (Benjamin was buried Nov. 28 1729). James son of John Hully clothier and Mary his wife of Mans was buried Feb. 23 1728. Their son Joseph was buried on the same day).
1728 Sept. 1 Mary daughter of John Beswick clothier and Sarah his wife of Mans christened (Registers).
1730 Jan. 22 John Radcliffe of Mans clothier buried (Registers).
1731 Sept. 19 George son of James Shaw of Barn clothier by Martha Shaw of Shawhouses spinster christened. On Oct. 26 1731 James Shaw of Barn clothier married Martha Shaw of Shawhouses. Their son Jonathan was christened July 8 1733, their son William on Apr. 6 1735 and their daughter Deborah on Sept. 25 1737 (Registers).
1732 June 29 John Sykes sojourner in Saddleworth married Esther Shaw of Mans. Their son James was christened Aug. 8 1736. Joseph son of John Sikes clothier and Esther his wife of Barn was christened Dec. 8 1747. Esther wife of John Sikes of Barn clothier was buried Jan. 23 1748 (Registers).

- 1733 Jan. 28 Mary daughter of James Radcliffe clothier and Mary his wife of Mans christened (Registers).
- 1745 An Indenture dated Apr. 25 referred to the lease by James Farrer, Lord of the Manor, to Jonathan Shaw of Barnes (sic) clothier, of all the messuage, tenement etc. called Barnes in the occupation of Jonathan Shaw, together with land amounting to 26 acres 1 rood 25 perches, annual rent £12.
- 1747 Dec. 30 Indenture between Ann Shaw of Barnes widow and James Kenworthy of Fairbanks whereby the latter leased the estate at Barnes (i.e. Barn). The datestone mentioned above obviously belonged to the house erected by this James Kenworthy.
- 1749 Mar. 8 Mary Kenworthy spinster of Mans buried (Registers).
- 1752 Nov. 11 James Kenworthy mortgaged his estate to Henry Whitehead of Dobcross clothier and Nathaniel Holden of Kinders blacksmith (Deeds).
- 1762 Oct. 18 Samuel son of Gervase and Anne Woolley of Manns christened (Registers).
- 1765 Jan. 31 Jonathan son of John Shaw clothier and Sarah his wife of Manns buried. Their son Jonathan was christened Jan. 15 1766, and their daughter Sally on Aug. 1 1769 (Registers).
- 1765 Jan. 31 Anne daughter of Edward Williams scribbler and Sarah his wife of Manns christened (Registers).
- 1768 Dec. 25 John son of James Wild clothier and Mary his wife of Mans christened (Registers).
- 1770 Reference in Deeds to Shaw's Executors at Barn or Man's having 13 fields amounting to 24 acres 2 roods 24 perches.
- 1771 Aug. 24 Indenture between James Kenworthy of Barn and James Kenworthy of Lidyate clothier (his son). The former granted the latter for £60 all the messuage etc. called Barn then in the occupation of James Kenworthy the elder together with fields called Mill Hill, Further Field, Near Field, Mill Holme, Near Mill Holme, Green, Back o'th'House, Pingot, Marled Earth, Three Nook, Preemhill and Parchmouth (all then or late in the possession of John Shaw and Timothy Winterbottom). In May 1773 James Kenworthy junior of Lidyate sold the estate to John Shaw of Barn for £90 (Deeds).
- 1773 Dec. 25 James son of James Hall clothier and Hannah his wife of Manns christened. Their son John was christened Mar. 14 1776 and their daughter Hannah on Apr. 14 1782. On Oct. 10 1783 Anna wife of James Hall clothier was buried, and James Hall widower and clothier was buried Oct. 14 1783 (Registers).
- 1774 Jan. 28 Thomas son of John Winterbottom clothier of Strines by Alice Shaw spinster of Mans christened (Registers). Alice Shaw of Manns spinster buried Jan. 2 1775.
- 1774 Mar. 6 Betty daughter of John Radcliffe of Manns clothier and Mary his wife christened (Registers).
- 1775 Oct. 1 Sally daughter of Joanna Wrigley spinster of Saddleworth Fold by James Whitehead of Mans clothier christened. Sept. 19 1776 James Whitehead of Gibbs clothier married Joanna Wrigley of Saddleworth Fold (Registers).
- 1776 Oct. 27 Sarah daughter of Jenny Whitehead spinster of Manns christened; buried Dec. 11 1776 (Registers).
- 1776 Dec. 26 John Brooks of Mottram Parish married Mary Radcliffe of Mans (Registers).

- 1779 June 3 James Marsland of Grotton clothier married Sarah Radcliffe of Manns. Their daughter Ann was buried Dec. 17 1779 (Registers).
- 1787 June 24 Seth son of Thomas and Ester Whitehead scribbler of Mans Mill christened (Registers).
- 1788 Mar. 3 Mary daughter of James Scholefield clothier and Matty his wife of Manns christened (Registers).
- 1788 Mar. 25 Thomas Garlick married Sally Shaw both of Manns. Their daughter Ann was christened Jan. 5 1789 and buried May 13 1790. Their daughter Ann christened Nov. 29 1791 and buried Mar. 25 1792 (Registers).
- 1788 Sept. 30 Betty daughter of James Wood fuller of Mans Mills buried (Registers).
- 1790 Jan. 3 Mary daughter of William and Kitty Robinson of Manns christened at St. Ann's Lydgate (Registers).
- 1791 Tenants of Manns estate: Sarah Shaw and William Robinson; owners Govenors' of Queen Anne's Bounty.
- 1792 Sept. 23 Samuel son of Robert and Mary Whitehead of Manns christened. Their son Joseph christened Aug. 27 1795 (Registers).
- 1792 Dec. 30 Sarah daughter of James and Patience Whitehead of Manns christened (Registers).
- 1796 Deeds refer to James Scholefield of Manns clothier.
- 1810 The Saddleworth Enclosure Records list the occupier of the estate as Robert Whitehead, 24 acres 2 roods 24 perches; owner Thomas Hewett, Esq.
- 1822 Baines' Directory records William Whitehead, grocer and flour dealer of Manns Wharf, and Robert Whitehead and Sons, woollen manufacturers and merchants of Manns.
- 1823 The tithe freestate (or freehold) called Mans consisting of a farmhouse, barn, shippon, stable and 24 acres of meadow and pasture, was purchased by Lydgate Chapelry for £1,225 (rent £52-10-0). Mr. Whitehead tenant of Mans became bankrupt and the farm came into Mr. Cleasby's hands - he had been incumbent Curate of Lydgate since 1807. The sequestrators let it by Ticket to Mr. Isaac Beesley of Hobhole on Sept. 13 1826, rent £59 (Raines Mss. V. 15, p56). Raines (p58) records that Cleasby was "a good natured and obliging man but addicted to low company. He was twice suspended (in 1822 and 1826)...The Curacy was sequestered July 1 1826. Mr. C. left Saddleworth immediately and never returned, dying Apr. 2 1829 in Westmoreland and was about 50".
- 1828-9 William Whitehead of Mans Wharf was a Warden of Saddleworth Church (Registers).
- 1830 Isaac Beesley of Manns, woollen printer, listed in Parson and White's Directory.
- 1832 Pigot's Directory included William Whitehead, grocer and flour dealer of Manns Wharf.
- 1835 The Saddleworth Church Rate Book listed the occupiers of Manns as Joseph Burton, Joseph Burton junior, and Robert Goddard and others. The owners were the Assignees of Joseph Harrop, and Lydgate Chapel.
- 1851 The 1851 Census listed 15 families living at Manns: Robert Shaw a fuller + 6 females, one of whom was a cotton weaver, one a woollen burler and one a woollen piecer.

John Hully a woollen power weaver, and 2 females, one of whom was also a woollen power weaver.

Hannah Parker an annuitant, and 2 males, one a woollen power weaver and one a woollen piecer.

Charles Wrigley a labourer, and 5 males and 2 females; of these one was a woollen piecer and one a woollen weaver.

John Wood a woollen hand-loom weaver, with 1 male and 2 females, one of whom was a woollen burler.

Mary Ann Buckley with 2 males and 2 females; of these 2 were woollen feeders, 1 a woollen piecer, 1 a woollen sorter and 1 an annuitant.

John Burns a woollen finisher, with 1 male and 2 females, one of whom was a woollen warper.

George Wright a woollen hand-loom weaver, with 1 male and 2 females, one a power weaver and one a cotton turner.

James Pilling with 1 male and 3 females; 2 of them were woollen finishers, 2 woollen power weavers, and 1 a woollen piecer.

John Lockwood and 3 females: he was a woollen finisher, and 1 was an annuitant and 1 a woollen power weaver.

Hugh Shaw a woollen power weaver, with 2 females, one of whom was a woollen splicer.

Joseph Buckley a woollen carder, with 2 males and 3 females, 1 of whom was a woollen slubber.

John Hully a woollen slubber, with 4 males and 3 females, of whom 3 were woollen piecers.

William Wood a woollen weaver, with 4 males and 4 females, 1 a woollen burler, 3 woollen piecers, and 1 a woollen power weaver.

Betty Pilling a woollen spinner, with 4 males, 1 a woollen dresser and 1 a woollen weaver.

Thus in 1851 there were 39 males and 39 females, a total of 78 living at Manns. In addition the Census listed 2 more families living at Manns Wharf:

Robert Bottomley a woollen slubber with 1 female.

John Shaw a schoolmaster, with his wife, a schoolmistress, and 1 annuitant (a male).

The Society would welcome any further information on the houses and hamlets mentioned here, and also on any other property of possible interest in Saddleworth. The Gazetteer will also encompass turnpike roads, canals, railways, bridges etc. Information should be sent to the Editor of the Bulletin:

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