

## Minor Monuments and Lesser Antiquities of Derbyshire

ON OR NEAR THE HIGHWAYS, BYWAYS, DISUSED  
ROADS AND ANCIENT BOUNDARIES.

(THIRD LIST).

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### ADDITIONS:

116. Ancient gritstone guide-post at the entrance to Hazel Farm, Two-Dales, 45G10, Darley Dale. This stone stands in Back Lane, which runs into Flash Lane, on one of the oldest tracks across these moors to Chesterfield. It is rudely inscribed in three lines CHASTE/RFEILD ROAD, and the hand still points in the proper direction. It has several large unused holes in its side and has probably been adapted for secondary purposes more than once.

117. Similar guide-post on East Moor, one-third of a mile north of Hob Hurst's House, 45E11. Near Bench Mark 1033. (Particulars wanted).

118. Massive monolith in a field off the Brassington-Elton road, plainly seen on the left and leaning at a noticeable angle to the north. The writer would like to hear of any local tradition. A suggestion that it was set up as a fertility sign is feasible.<sup>1</sup>

119. Pin-fold at Chellaston, 53H14. This lies close beside the church at a lane end. It has been under criticism by the highway authorities on account of the

<sup>1</sup> Many of these stone posts in fields were simply "rubbing stoups" for cattle—Ed.

sharp angle it makes with the main village street. But in reality it is a safeguard, compelling a slow-down just where the village schools stand off the road. Like the foregoing it belongs to the life and customs of old agricultural times and should be preserved. (See note on Hathersage, *Journal*, 1935, p. 85).

120. Stocks at Beeley, near the Old Hall, 45F10. Not quite complete but sufficiently so to call for preservation.

121. Stone-built balcony or pavilion on the ancient hall sports ground at Swarkeston, 53J13. The two renaissance gate-posts, numbered 86 in the *Journal* for 1934 (p. 75), stand at the entrance to this field, locally called 'Balcony Field.' The building is very shallow from back to front, and has the arrangement of a grand-stand, views all to the front. Its probable date is early seventeenth century. The bulbous domes suggest Stuart style and it seems to have been built before the Harpurs were reduced in circumstances through loyalty to King Charles I.

122. Stone statue of the Roman Goddess "Flora," in Flora Wood, off the Grindleford-Sheffield Road where the Eyam road branches off, 45C9. Said to have once stood in Chatsworth Park. Another story says it was removed here from Stoke Hall. Its style is dignified and classic.

#### NOTES AND EMENDATIONS OF FORMER LISTS OF 1934 AND 1935.

Beauchief Crosses. See *Journal*, 1934, pp. 66-67, also *Journal*, 1935, p. 84. The square base of the Harewood Grange cross, with motice hole in the centre, was found last summer by the writer, lying on the moor in a mass of cotton grass, about one mile west of Harewood Grange, and midway between the two ancient road-stones illustrated in the *Journal* for 1914, p. 97. The cross-base has every appearance of being in its proper place. A strip of very ancient road runs close by, a continuation of Flash

Lane, but these moorland roads were much deflected during the period of the Enclosure Acts and Flash Lane continues through many zig-zag directions on its present way to Brampton.

Concerning the two road-stones, numbered 41 and 42 in Minor Monuments list (1934), and illustrated in the *Journal* for 1914 with article by Mr. John Simpson (p. 97 as mentioned above) some more precise information is necessary for the aid of future investigators. Mr. Simpson's illustration No. 2 (my reference 42) shows the stone which stands at the ancient road-junction to the south of the cross-base, at the end of Beeley Lane, three-quarters of a mile north-west of Gladwin's Mark. It stands near the bench-mark, 1114. At this point the troughs of the old roads which crossed here are still visible. From here started off the Offerton road, as the stone indicates, and this was also the way between Hardwick and Chatsworth in the old days. The track of the road as it crosses the level moor is still plainly seen. It runs between clumps of trees planted right and left, and indicated in diamond-shaped groups on the six-inch ordnance maps. In snow and fog and darkness these clumps would be welcome guidance.

It must have been along this wild track that the old philosopher Hobbs, a perennial guest of the Devonshires, was taken when sick and dying, but by his own obstinate will, from Chatsworth to Hardwick in 1679. He died shortly afterwards at Hardwick.

The second stone, Mr. Simpson's No. 1, 1914, numbered 41 in my list) stands beyond and north of the cross-base, near bench-mark 1134. But the ancient cross-roads at this point have been obliterated.

Sudbury Stocks. (See *Journal* for 1935, p. 85). It is regrettable to have to report that these were damaged beyond repair.