

**The Diary of Benjamin Granger, of Bolsover,**  
1688-1708.

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AMONGST those who have very kindly responded to my appeal for the loan of MSS. relating to Derbyshire topography is Mr. T. Thorneley, of Bolsover, who entrusted to my care a small quarto, which at one time doubtless had been the possession of Francis, Earl of Shrewsbury, for it contains several Inquests relating to the great Barmote Courts held at Wirksworth many years ago. In the first year of my joining the Midland Circuit I was entrusted by my good friend, Mr. Joseph Stone, of Wirksworth (descendant, probably, of one of the jury of these Inquests), with a brief in a cause tried in that very court, and exceedingly quaint and interesting I found the procedure; probably not materially different from that which was pursued in the cases, though we have here only the record relating to the customs.

The MS. commences with "The great Court Barmote (Cur magna' Bermote) held at Wirksworth before Francis Count Salop the 20th September 3 Edward VI." Great Inquisition for the King's Mines within the wapentake aforesaid by the oath of Nicolas Hyde Robt Cotton Ed Rowbotham Henry Storer Wm Leighe John Spencer Thos Bramall John Gratton John Sommer Rich Wigly Tho Cockeshoot Thos Woodwise William Bennett Thos Stepele Thos Wood James Hall Roger Gell John Storer Henr Spencer Rad Haughton Oliver Stoane Roger Maule Ed Wyllye Will Shawe wee do p'sent and set downe paynes for ye minors as followeth

“Measures first we will that the Lord of the feild shall make an able dishe from this daye forthe between the mchant buyer & the seller against ev’ye good time as xpmas and whissontide two able dishes upon payne of eivry time wantinge if it bee called for to forfeit for evry time-iiis iiijd to the Kinge.

“And they Mynors shall have for their lot and cope sufficient tymber for their works without any penny giuding of the next founder within the King’s Lopp Alsoe the shall have water to washe their myne without any lett for the said lott and coape And if the Lord will buy their myne for as much as any other man will give them he shall have their myne before all other men and if he will not they shall sell their said myne where the will to their most profit witht impeachment or disturbance of the Lord or any of his ministers In wittnes &c.

“These beene the lawes and customes of the myne used in the High Peak and in all other places through England and Wales for the wch to be had the wise mynors sued to the Lord King that he would confirme them by his charter under his great seal in waye of charity and for his profit and forasmuch as the aforesaid myn’ beene at all times in p’ill of their death and that they have nothing in certain but that wch God of his grace will send them.”

Then follows the well-known Inquisition of the 16th year of the reign of Edward I. (1288), taken from the Bundle of the Exchequer, made at Ashbourn upon Saturday next after the feast of the Holy Trinity before Rignold of the Leye and William of Meignell by the oath of Thomas Foljambe and others.

Then follows an Inquest taken 3rd May, 3 and 4 Philip and Mary, of the same great Barmote Court, before 25 jurymen, containing certain supplementary laws relating to mines and mining, which may have been published already. It is very voluminous, and contains some very curious laws, one, enacted against lead stealers, of rare barbarity. On the third conviction for this offence he was to be taken and stricken through his right hand in the palm with a knife up to the “halfe” into the stone, and there he should stand till he be dead or cut himself loose, and then he should fore-swear the franchise of the mine.

These Inquests occupy only 22 pages of a book of 195 pages. The rest has been used, after the manner of ancient books, by two individuals of Bolsover; one Benjamin Granger, whose name heads this article, who has used 54 pages; and Henry Roades, who has filled the rest. His portion of the book is of small value, except, perhaps, for the prices of things of his date, 1741-51. Roades was a builder and carpenter, and he worked chiefly for the lords of Welbeck, but he gives few details of his work there. Benjamin Granger was a superior person, most probably a lawyer. His entries are generally well written, in a legal hand, and he refers to certain fees, his charges for writing documents. He entitles his portion of the book, "Accounts Stated 1688-90," during which period, or a portion of it, he was churchwarden. He notes that he was so acting 19 Sep., 1690. He, however, ceased to act in 1691, for he gives the names of these officers at that period. His entries cover a longer period, and extend over 1676-1708. He was Sequestrator of the vicarage, and upon the 12th April, 1699, he was summoned to the Bishop's probate court at Chesterfield, and passed his accounts, not, apparently, in a very satisfactory manner (except, perhaps, to himself), for he records that he had disbursed £12 more than the profits, and the clerks desiring him to let them see the sequestration would not return it to him. It was probably in this capacity that he noted down many curious facts relative to the ecclesiastical history of Bolsover, which are illustrative of the period.

Bolsover was a poor living. It stands in the King's books as worth only £14, with yearly tenths worth £11 11¼, and as being of less value than £30, the vicar could escape the payment of tenths to the king by simply making an affidavit of his poverty.

In fact, so poor was it that nobody seemed to care to stay, and in the course of a year or two the inhabitants had quite a choice of parsons. They probably were not of the choicest description, for Mr. Granger informs us that one of them, Mr. Edwin Ferne, was brought before Mr. Sitwell (no doubt, an acting justice of the peace), and by him committed to Derby on a serious charge of arson (burning Edward Hinde's barn). This was in Oct., 1695.

On the 7th Jan., 1698, the Rev. Richard Chadwick, who only read himself in the 3rd April previously, had his hand cut off by one Mr. Adams, at Mr. Richard Brown's house in Chesterfield, apparently not a mere medical operation, for the church was vacant the following month, whether because of the death of Chadwick or of his expulsion does not appear; but Mr. Granger records that the day of the maiming he paid Mr. Chadwick 30s., part of his dewes which were accounted for two days previously, together with 4s. 6d., part of the Henn groats (tithes on fowls?). A curious note is added, that on June 26, 1698, six months after he had read himself in, "Mr. Chadwick came to Bolsover the first Sunday after he had gotten orders," from which it would seem that he had not full orders, at any rate, when he read himself in. Mr. Granger was evidently a decent sort of man, for on April 14, 1690, when churchwarden, the new parson, Mr. Hugh Jennings, came to table with him, and stayed 10½ weeks. This worthy cleric went away from Bolsover the 14th Sept., 1691, and took all his goods with him. The charge of keeping the rev. gentleman was 4s. a week, and 3s. for his wife; and Margaret Roades charged 1s. 6d. for "washing of Mr. Jennings and Miss Jennings cloathes and linings," which, if it was for the ten weeks, was cheap. This lady was probably grandmother of Henry Roades, for at the same period one Thomas Roades made the little yate into the churchyard, and Henry records his own birth as son of Henry at the same period. The family were probably hereditary carpenters of Bolsover. Mr. Jennings was succeeded by Mr. Fearn, who entered to the place by virtue of the sequestration. Alas, on the 12th December following, Vicar Fearn was taken to Chesterfield by an execution, so the church was vacant 17th December and Christmas Day. This was preparatory to the final catastrophe.

Many legal proceedings are set out minutely. There was a procedure necessary at that period when a person desired to move into another place. One John Parker, a tailor, removed to Chelmsford, and the churchwardens and overseers entered into a bond to take him back if he became chargeable to the poor.

Also certain solemn proceedings in respect of infringement of common rights well worthy of preservation.

We obtain the reflection of the great events of the time, and they were momentous. 26th Nov., 1691, was the day of thanksgiving "for the happy Return of King William and for the bringing of Ireland to its dew obedience." Evidently they did not get a service very often, for the parson of Elvaston supplied the cure that day. 13th Dec. following, Mr. Hollingshead preached all day, but the churchwardens "did give him nothing." Evidently he did not please.

26th February, assessment was made for carrying on the war with France vigorously. There was no mistake about this vigour, for it cost Bolsover £155 4s., and Clowne £25 17s. 5½d.

3rd Dec., 1697, were rejoicings for the peace.

May-day, 1707, the union between England and Scotland was concluded, that they are to be one people, a happier settlement than that of poor Ireland's, and so far more complete.

In February following are reports of the supposed Prince of Wales' insurrection, but Bolsover was safe, for in April, 1708, several troops of horse and companys of foot were there, when William Tettley was Constable of Bolsover and Clowne; and Bolsover greatly rejoiced at the discovery "of the great plot laide by the French and the Papists for invading England." No doubt the wily monarch encouraged these rejoicings, as a cover for the numerous taxes he inflicted on a suffering people.

There is a delicious piece of bunkum, probably written upon the death of King William (?), though it is apparently dated 1751, and if so, it must have been Henry Roade's composition, for Benjamin Granger had long before passed away; and there is an interesting item recorded in April, 1708, one of Granger's last entries, that Jonathan Clark of Waly did begin to be a carrier with a wagon to London. Evidently Bolsover was an important place at that period.

This diary gives a curious picture of the times, and is worthy of rescue from oblivion.

The entries given are taken as they appear in the book, but

were evidently inserted as Mr. Granger remembered them, or wherever he found a convenient space.

	£	s.	d.
John Carter and Thos. Butler Assemt. came to .....	32	8	5
Joseph Caladine and Josh. Poynton collectors for the Pole (Tax)			
13 Mar 1689 Robert Harrison and Joseph Jackson collectors for the quarterly payments, the same being .....	111	0	0
Wm Colgreave Senr and Thos Hynde collectors of the assemt. of 1d. in the pound made the 14th Oct 1689 came to .....	38	12	2½
24 Jany 1690 Was made a whole charge was upon the whole constabulary (Clown paid £25 17 5½ ⅔) ....	155	4	8
Thos Kitchen and Rich Nickson collected .....	£68	4	8
Jo Wilson and Jo Frith .....	62	13	0
The whole assesmt. ....	130	17	8
2 July 1690 Assemt. for repair of the church 4d in the £ Glapwell to add an ⅓ part 2/ 3 /6 .....	14	17	1
2 June 1690 Assmt. for Edward Hynd Constab at 4d. ....	15	9	9½
15 Nov 1688 do. Jeffry Stubbing do. ....	15	2	1½
Assmt. at 6d for the church without Glapwell .....	22	19	10
Total .....	26	5	2
(Of this the town contributed £1 9 0½)			
8 June 1691 Thos Brailsford Overseer assemt. ....	12	4	9½
Humphry Smale Overseer for Bolsover			
26 July 1691 Henry Duke of Newcastle departed this life about alevn oclock in the forenoon at Welbec Abbey			
4 Augt 1691 I was discharged by one of my Lord of Thenrett's servants for paying of my rent till a suit be ended betn. ye said Lord and my lord of Flayere Witness Robt Machan			
12 Augt 1691 Henry Duke of Newcastle was interred in the vault in Bolsover Church and had the serimoneyes of the church administered for the burial by Mr. Rogace late Chaplain to deced Duke			
5 Oct 1695 Duchess Dougher of Newcastle who died at London was interred in the vault in Bolsover church and was buried by one Mr. Ewhate the now Duke of N.'s chaplain the day above written.			
1 Apl 1696 Mr Wm Rogers is dead who was born at Kirkby Steven in Westmorland and interred at Bolsover Church behind the Porch door			
20 Mar 1692 Gilbert Baker of Woodhouse went with Cornett Bright to be a Dragooner under Mayjer Staneyforth.			
22 May 1690 Wee the inhabitants of Boulsover did ympound Mr Henry Clayton of 23 shepe on Bolsover Moore marked with radle over the back and he made satisfaction for the trespass Mr Loade 5 shepe John Haye 7 Will Revell 5 John Storth 28 and 4 lambs John Jeffries 15 soe			

whole in the pound was 106 sheep and 22 lambs, all loused and money paid for the trespass by Henry Clayton John Storth and John Spraye.

Edward Hynde Benj Granger Thos Hynde Thos Calton Tho Kitchen George Hill ymponded the above goods and shepe and the said Henry Clayton with the rest did promise one for another that if the shepe or any other goods of theirs did trespass again on Boulsover Moore the would pay double the damage they then payd.

A particular of some land	£	s.	d.
Charles Spittlehouse coppie Land rent .....	3	15	0
"                  improved rent .....	10	0	
Tythe rent .....	10	0	
from Mr Cornelius Farr			
John Frith for his copy land house and yard rent .....	9	0	0
for the Drake holm Wilson pingle and psonage land .....	1	7	6

The five parts that Bolsover stand charged with touching the great Tax was..... £129 7 3<sup>3</sup>  
 The Town part..... £66 : 16 : 11<sup>3</sup>  
 The outen Towns ..... 62 : 10 : 4

The over plush money in Edward Hynde hands 13/4 and in Jo Wilson 4/- John Frith of Woodhouse £1 8 5

A Copy of the Preamble taken of the processes for the siteing all vicars that did belong to vicarages and to pay their tenths if it was worth £30 per annum

19 Sep 1690 This came to me being churchwarden and I did take the coppie following "Give notice to the persons whose names are here subscribed to meet Mr. Wamesley at Chesterfield upon Wednesday the 1st of Oct next and there pay to him the arrears of the 10th due to their majestys or make affidavit that their livings are not worth £30 p annum or else the profits of their respective benefices will be sequestered Bolsover in arrear since (62) Spent with Mr. Nightingale for obtaining of these lines 1/- pd for the prayer book 1/- Mr. Nightingales fees 8d and spent with Mr. Jennings and the Parrits 6d.

April 6 1690 Was the first day that Mr Jennings preached Paid to Mr Warde of Chesterfield 6/1 for searge for Mr Jennings Paid Mrs Elizabeth Barlow for Mr and Mrs Jennings Table 5/6 and spent with Mr Jennings the first night I went to work of him at Barlows and some other neighbours 1/-

30 April Lent to Mr. Jennings when we went a fishing 2/6 sold a bull for 20/- paid to Mr Jennings 1/- for my letter

4 June Paid Mr. Jennings 12/- a part of the Easter Reckoning

14 April Mr. Hugh Jennings came to table with me and he stayed	£	s.	d.
until the 22nd June following 10 weeks at 4/- .....	2	0	0
and Mrs Jennings was with me 1 week 4 days at 3/-.....	4	0	6

- 22 June Paid Margt Roades for washing of Mr Jennings and Mrs Jennings Cloathes and Linings. . . . . £ s. d.  
1 6  
Upon the Vicarage houses
- Oct 23 and 24th 1690 Paid for 100 of thatch 7/6 for wattering the thatch and carrying it to the place and back 1/- Thos Tidd for thacking 2 days 2/- and for a man to serve him 1/- for 2 burdains of thack rods 8d Michael Roade for 100 of latt neate 3d a bunch of Laths 9d Pd Mr. Jennings 9/4 part of the Easter reckonings received by me and 10/7 being the Woolhouse Easter reckonings.
- 26 Jany 1690 John Kestem 1/2 for getting and setting 13 Ash plants in the church yard of Bolsover the same year I sett a siccimore tree in ye church gait and Thos Armstrong 6d for garding of the trees and for loading of the wood from Dawwood 1/6
- Apl 1691 Thomas Roades made the little yate into the ehurch yard 8/- Jeffery Stubbing made the Iron work Timothy Harrison did the stone work 9/2
- 1690-1 Max Needham churchwardens assesmt . . . . . £5 7 0
- 14 Sep. 1691 Mr Jennings went away from Bolsover and took all his goods with him
- 1691 Richard Nickson and Rich Wainwright Churchwardens
- Sep 1691 Joseph Caladine sworn constable in the room of John Hardwick of Rowthorne
- 22 Oct 1691 At the visitation then held at Chesterfield whereunto I was summoned for the paying of procarations and sinadols and to pay 20s touching the sequestration and it was debated in Court that until we had a vicar instituted into the church the said procarations and sinadolls are not to be paid nor the sequestration taken off and for going to the visitation 1/-
- 12 April 1699 I was summoned to the Bishop's probate Court at Chesterfield and passed my accounts touching the profits that I had received by virtue of the sequestration and I had disbursed £12 more than the profits that I did receive belonging to the vicarage and the clarks that took my accounts desired me to let them see the sequestration and after they had got it they said they would take care of the church and would not give it me again
- 26 Novr 1691 was the day of thanksgiving for the happy retorne of King William the third and for the bringing of Ireland to its dew obedience and we had parson Davenport of Elmiton to supply the cure
- 13 Decr 1691 Mr Hollingshead preached all day but the churchwardens did give him nothing
- 24 Jany 1691 to the 13 March Mr Fearne preached 5 times and so entered to ye place by virtue of ye sequestration in the churchwardens hands



- 22 Feby 1691 Assessment was made by Edward Hyde and John Wilson for the raising of money according to a late act of Parliament toward ye carrying on the vigorous warr against France £155 . 4 . 8d. Clown's part £25 17 . 5½ ¾
- Oliver Goulds land assessed at £1
- Thos Cosen Senr. Rich Haywood Wm Coope Joseph Rogers Collectors
- 13 June 1690 Robert Harrison collector of the 3s in the pound
- 9 Mar 1692 The double pole at 4s the head was assessed at Bolsover the sum amounting without the Duke of Newcastle's light horse £ s. d. for Darbyshire with 4 light Horse ..... 16 0 0
- Edward Hynde and William Coope Assessors
- Thomas Kitchen Robert Kendall Thos Butcher Sen William Rogerson Anthony Revell in Miene Rd Nickson and Joseph Calladine Churchwards. 1692
- Joseph Jackson Robert Barlow and Thomas Butler of Whaley Overseers
- 24 Oct 1692. Benj. Granger Constable for Bolsover
- Joseph Caladine and } Third burrows  
Robert Barlow }
- 1685 John Akars and John Stanwall paid two sums to Mr. Ward man of the Undersheriff whose name was Slack by process of the Exechequer
- 20 Mar 1692 Gilbert Baker of Woodhouse went with Cornet Bright to be a Drowgoonner under Majer Stanyforth
- 12th Decr. Vicar Fearnie was taken to Chesterfield by an execution so the church was vacant 17th Decr and Christmas Day
- 1689 to 90 Payments to John Carter Thos Hynde Robt Harrison
- June 1693 Thos Charlesworth and Wm. Renshaw overseers
- Thos Madin Butcher constable Thos Hynde and Joseph Jackson Assessors for the quarterly poole
- John Carter and John Robinson Third boroughs
- 4 May Joseph Jackson
- Robt Barlow and Humphrey Smale Collectors 1694 and their Dew plate amounted to £149' : 6 . 0
- Thos Calton and Wm Hardwick Churchwardens
- Rd Haywood and Edward Barker Third borough
- Jonathan Clark Thos Hynde Colls. 1695
- Thos Calton and Wm Renshaw Churchwardens
- John Butcher and Francis Robotham
- Mathew Scorer constable Richard Haywood and Thos Charlesworth Third burrows
- Joseph Jackson Court Greave he was cited to appear at the Archdeacons Ct at Wirksworth the 8 October but did not appear
- Oct 29 1695 King William came to Welbec and went away again on Sunday the third of November 1695

- On Monday night being the 2nd day of Decr 1695 was Edward Hynde's Barne burnt and on Tuesday the 3rd they seased Mr Gowen Ferne Clark and had him before Mr Sitwell and on Wednesday the 4th Mr Fearn was carried to Darby by Matthew Scorer Constable Gilbert Baker of Woodhouse and Joseph Warwick Edward Hynde prosecuted Thos Hynde Elizabeth Calton Henry Warwick and Joe Beardsley witnesses
- Feb'y A.D. 1695 In the 7th year of his reign all broad money that was starling was to have a hole punched through with a solid punch not diminishing the silver
- 1695 Robt Harrison and Josua Poynton and Whalley Assessors for the quarterly payment  
John Beeley and John Wilson of Woodhouse Collectors
- 1696 Thos Colgreave and Francis Jenkinson Churchw'dns John Berley Rich Nickson overseers
- 15 May 1696 The Commissioners did meet at Chesterfield to put the act in execution touching the Tax layd upon windows and lights in the 7th year of the reign of King William
- Sep 1696 Thos Colgreave constable John Stanceall and Rich White overseers  
Mr Drew Court Greave for Clown and Thos Callton serves it for him  
Thos Hynd and Thos Butler Assessors for the tax at 3s in the pound and ye greate poole
- 26 Feby 1696-7 Palterton first fair began  
John Hardwick of Rowthorn Court Greave and Thos Calton of Bolsover does serve it for him in the year 1697
- 12 May 1697 At Chesterfield Robt Barlow Senr and Hump Small sworn churchwardens  
John Shipston and John Whitehead overseers
- 11 Novr 1697 being Martinmas day one Nicolas Frost who came from Alfreton did take a house of Samuel Leevesly at ye Green well in Bolsover the said Frost was a Chandler
- Mr. Linley preached three times May 6—30 in Bolsover
- 9 Jany 1697-8 Mr. Furnis did preach both parts of the day and I paid him 6s & od for his paynes  
Mr Furnis did preach a second tyme and I did pay him 5s and expenses 1s
- 3 Decr 1697 being Thursday was the great day of Thanksgiving for ye settled peace made by the Sovereign Lord King William and the French King and Mr Davenport preached at Bolsover Church in the afternoon
- 3 April 1698 Mr Richard Chadwick did preach his first sermon in Bolsover Church and Mr Lowde did read prayers
- 17 Ap Mr Chadwick preached a second time Mr. Furnes read prayers and I paid Mr. Furness for his paynes 5s.
- 22 May Mr Lowde did the whole day and did administer the Sacrament

- 26 June 1698 was the first Sunday that Mr Chadwick did come to Bolsover after he had gotten orders  
Thos Brailsford and Rd Fisher of Glapwell Churchwardens
- 20 July 1698 Pd to Thos Brailsford seven pence being the 2nd quarterly payment assessed upon my house but it is 2d too much the quarter  
Samuel Leevesly Collector for the window money for 1698
- 8 Decr 1698 Francis Briant and George Cuttwife was to be whipped at a Cartte arse in Bolsover for stealing of Thos Nollsons geese
- 5 Jany 1698 According to John Beeley order the accounts of Thomas Colgreave touching his churchwardenship and the dewes that did belong to the Vicar collected 1696 I Benja Granger received of Thos Colgreave in the presence of John Beeley Robt Maclean and Thomas Hind the sum of £1. 13. 6 in full &c.
- 7 Jany 1698 Mr Richard Chadwick had his hand cut off by one Mr Adams at Mr Richard Browns house in Chesterfield and the same day I did pay to Mr. Chadwick 30s being part of the above sum and 4/6 in part of the Henn Groats
- 27 Jany 1698 Mrs Hallons paid 20s for the use of the Vicar of Bolsover 10s for breaking open the ground within the altar railles & in the chancel & 10s for a mortuary paid to Mr Chadwick in Chesterfield the 28th inst  
Same date a summons to pay the annual tenths to the Bishop for the use of the King
- 27 Feby 1698 According to the summons appearance was made to Mr Oudslye at the sign of the Angel in Chesterfield and several copies was produced touching the tenths and upon examining of them Mr Owdeslye said he could not see that the Bishop could charge the vicarage of Bolsover with any tenths it being of so small value & vacant for a vicar.
- At Darby in the year 1676 Benja Granger & William Kitchen of Bolsover a Churchwarden did appear at a visitation holden at All hallows in Derby Mr Wamesby being in that court & the churchwarden did bear the charges
- 28 Feby 1698 Benj Granger did appear before one Mr Ordesley ye Surrogate to the Bishop about the tenths of the Vicarage of Bolsover and the summons is returned back to Mr Grenes the Bishops Secretary & for my charges for going to the Court above & drawing up several writing 2/6  
Thomas Brailsford & Rich Fisher churchwardens
- 4 April 1699 an elaborate Certificate from the Churchwardens & Overseers recording that John Parker Tailor was desirous of settling in Chelmsford & admitting that he was duly settled in Bolsover undertaking that if he became chargeable to the poor they would receive and take him
- 1700 Thos Charlsworth and Joseph Rogers Churchwardens
- 20 May 1700 John Beeley and Joshua Pointer Sessors for the 2s in the pound which amounted to £75 . 0 . 5

- Thos Savage and Robt Machan third boroughs  
 1701 Benj Garbett and Daniel Needham Churchwardens  
 Mathew Scorer and Wm Coope overseers  
 John Carter and Robt Kendall collectors for births burials wedding and window money  
 19 Aug 1701 Thomas Hind and Rd Wilkinson elected Sessors of an aide granted in the 13th year of King Williams reign at 3s in the pound but it was but assessed at 2s 4d and the charge was £111 . 10 . 8  
 30 Aug Thos Kewney did begin to poynt the Steeple  
 15 July 1701 Assessment for the repair of the church at 3d in the pound
- |  | £        | s  | d  |
|--|----------|----|----|
| Churchwardens Assessment in the Town came to .....         | 5        | 1  | 5½ |
| And the parish without Glapwell came to .....              | 5        | 4  | 6  |
| and Glapwell assesment came to .....                       | 1        | 12 | 7  |
|  | 11 18 6½ |    |    |
| Oct 1701 Constables Robt Silcocks assessment came to ..... | 12       | 1  | 8½ |
| at 3d in the pound   |          |    |    |
- Joseph Calladine and Richard Warde Surveyors of the Highways  
 Easter 1702  
 Francis Kitchen and Wm Hardwick of Glapwell Churchwardens  
 John Beeley Court Greave but doth serve for Robert Standley, house in Bolsover  
 Thomas Braylesford and Joshua Poynton Assessors of the quarterly taxes for the year 1702  
 At Easter Court Leet 1704 came into Court one George Topham of Ilmeton Tayler and was sworn Court Greeve for land lying within Clowne  
 6 Mar 1704 Margaret Wardlow widow was interred in Bolsover church yard and left behind her a boy and a girl left an estate worth £20 in money and goods Mr Whitehouse being Churchwarden did seaze of all but how he will dispose of it is not known  
 George Wilson Court Greave for George Wragg of Stainsby for his lands in Clown  
 24 Decr 1706 The Dyalle Boarde upon the south side of Bolsover church steeple was set up by one William Hall whitesmith Robert Syllcock and John Mellors Churchwardens for that year  
 May Day 1707  
 The Union between England and Scotland was concluded that they are to be one people and this day was a day of thanksgiving for the adoring of the same  
 Thomas Hardwick of Rowthorn Court Greave  
 Henry Cutt and John Scorer Churchwardens

- Oct 24 1707 Wm Tetley Constable And in February it was reported that the supposed Prince of Wales was gon with some ships and men to land into Scotland and in March 1708 and April there did march and quartered in Bolsover several troops of Horse and companys of Foot William Tetley then Constable of Bolsover and Clown
- 6 April 1708 John Pearse Gentleman and Francis Rowbotham of Walley Churchwardens
- James Steevens John Ouldsfield Overseers
- 9 April 1708 was the day of Thanksgiving for the great deliverance that we have received in the discovery of the great plot laide by the French and Papish for the invading of Great Britain
- In April 1708 Jonathan Clark of Waley did begin to be a carrier with a waggon to London
- June 10th 1708 The Bishop of Lichfield visited and Churchwardens was sworne

## EXTRACTS FROM HENRY ROADE'S ENTRIES.

1741-8

Work done for the Countis of Oxford and Cornelias Farr at Welbec for Joseph Newbold Coffins were 6/6 each A days work 1/6 for John Stanley at Welbec

1751 To form a trye astimate of the nation's loss by the death of his Highness one should be able to do justice to his character but that is more than wee dare venture to undertake and therefore leave it to some masterly hand to tell this world that ye joy of Briton is withered her hop is gone the Marchant's friend the Protector of Arts and Science and the Patron of merit the general relivor of the distressed the accomplished Prince and the fine gentleman in private life is noe more no more

In 1737-42 we get some local prices A quarter of oates cost 8/6 a pigg 4s one load of wood leading 4/6 three cupels of sheep and one hogg £1 10s one loade of wheat 7/6 two pecks of meall 1/1 two pounds of butter 10d half a peck of blue peas 4d a peck of potatoes 5d a pint of linseed oyle 1/6 a pint of vinegar 2d Powder Blewe 1d a Box for the Bible in Church 1/- Coffins were cheap generally 6/6 each but he made one for William Marsh's wife for 2/6 one for his son 1/- and one for her dother 1/6 with wood for the same 1/- Richard Brine had a coffin for his mother ye price without any abatement 7s od

1745 Samuel Pormer did bring in four horse load of coals for ye wachman's use No price given

1746 William Holingworth of Stavely Brook had one esey chare it was to be 14s a glass press £1 5s a glass case 3/4 a kake sprittle 1/6

Nails were of various prices as 4d 8d 10d 12d 20d spikes by the pound sprigs 2d ring nails 4d

The following notices of births, &c., were probably made when the several Vicars were engaged at the Sessions and Assizes :—

- 29 Oct 1685 Thomas Poynton of Whaley and William Baggshaw of Boulsover was buried on one day
- 21 Jany 1704 Mary Poynton the widow Thomas Poynton above named was interred in Bolsover church yard
- 12 Augt 1691 Henry Duke of Newcastle buried
- 5 Oct 1695 Duchess of Newcastle buried
- 23 Novr 1670 Benjamin Granger and Martha Foulkes widow were married
- 4 April 1699 Martha Granger the wife of Benjamin Granger died at London and is interred in St. Martaines church yard by her daughter Elizabeth Foulkes who died a meade at London
- 8 July 1708 Martha Williams eldest daughter of Martha Granger was buried in St. Martin's churchyard by her mother and Elizabeth Foulkes her sister
- 31 Oct 1709. I Benj Granger was married to Ann French my second wife in Bolsover Church by Richard Chadwick Clark Vicar of that place Mrs Hutchinson and sevl or's presente
- In the year 1682 Benj Granger was elected constable for Bolsover but did not serve the office but paid the fine that was layde by the Jury which was 39s 11½d to Edward Hynde then Court greave
- Old Mrs Woolhouse buried 13 June 1692
- Old Mrs Smithson bd. 25 Feby 1696
- 22 July 1697 Sarah Akars was interred in Bolsover church yard but had not Christian burial
- 14 Oct 1698 Thos Woolhouse of Glapwell Esq was buried under the old Tomb in the chancel belonging to Bolsover church but had not Christian burial
- 22 March 1698 Mary wife of Jo Akars buried without Christian burial
- 17 Sep 1708 Mr Thos Farr servant to the Duke of Newcastle died in the night
- 19 Oct 1699 Young Robert Barlow was married by Mr. Richard Chadwick parson in Bolsover church.
- 18 July 1701 Benj Garbett died at his house the Swan in Bolsover
- 24 July 1701 Mr Richard Chadwich was married at Ashover unto Miss Mary Machan by Mr Burne then p'son there
- 28 Decr 1701 Mrs Chappel died at Bolsover Castle
- 2 May 1702 Mr. Samuel Crabtree was brought from Chesterfield and buried
- Dec 1707 Robert Earl of Scarsdale died at London and was buried in Westminster Abbey
- 30 May 1697 Ould Thos Butcher died aged about 92
- 20 Mar 1698 Thos Calton died

1698 This year John Armstrong came to Bolsover again and married widow Trippett's daughter

Henry the son of Henry Roades born July 16 1691

Paul the son of Henry Roades born Nov 17 1694

Wm the son of Henry Roades born Sept 1 1697

Francis Roades his wife died June 5 1700 and John Roades died 6 Dec 1702

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### Extract from the *Wolley MSS.*

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THE following is a verbatim copy of a letter written by the first Duke of Devonshire to John Bagshaw, the High Sheriff of Derbyshire:—

“Whitehall, May y<sup>e</sup> 30th, 1696.

“Sir,—I return you thanks for the account you sent me of the extraordinary concourse of poor people mett together on Tiddeswall Common occasioned by the non currency of their money, and will acquaint the Lords Justices and the Councill with your care and diligence herein. The best method I can think of to satisfye them for y<sup>e</sup> present will be bread and other necessaries untill such time as new money can be sent down, which I will cause to be done as it can be gott. In the meantime as y<sup>r</sup> most effectual means to draw down money into the countrey, I desire you to give notice to the gentlemen and others who have guineas in their possession that they will send them up hither. I will engage to procure them new money in exchange. If this be done speedily I hope it will prove a remedy sufficient to prevent the like assemblys for the future.

“I am, Sir,

“Y<sup>r</sup> humble servant,

“DEVONSHIRE.”