

**Wager of Great Longstone**

Ashford Manor boundaries, 1570, 1723; Lead mining account books 1763-1837;  
Farming accounts 1777-1868; other 1738-1852

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The following volumes and documents belonged to the Wager family of Great Longstone and relate to leadmining and other business in which they were engaged. Jasper Wager left them to his sister, whose son, Charles Wager Holmes, Esq., deposited them at Sheffield City Library, in 1962.

Bounders of Ashford Manor

- W.H.C. 1. Ashford. "A perfect bondary of the whole Lordship and Sig[norie] Ridden and Remerd accordinge to the Auncient Me[ers]". 12th and 13th July, 1570.  
 Certified true copy of the original by Joseph Dale [Early 18th century copy].
- W.H.D. 2. First page only of "A perfect Bondary of the whole Lordshipp and Signory of Ashford". 1723.

Account Books

These relate to lead-mining, general farming and the sale of meat, meal, coal and other general products, in all of which the Wagers appear to have been engaged. No pedigree of the Wager family of Great Longstone is available, but the first member of the family to appear in these books is Thomas Wager in the 1770s, followed by William Wager, probably his son. In the middle of the 19th century another William Wager carried on the family business and there are mentions of Anthony, Edmund and Jasper Wager. Several of the volumes have been analysed in detail by Mr. Robert Thornhill of Great Longstone, whose work on them is being stencilled by the Peak District Mines Historical Society. The volumes are listed below in two series but there is a good deal of overlapping. It is not always possible to read words written on the covers, which in any case are sometimes irrelevant to the contents.

Lead Mining volumes

- W.H.C. 4. Day book or fortnightly accounts of Thomas and William Wager, accounting for lead ore, to John Twigge & Co. from 1771 to 88 and 1789 to 1811, Messrs. Sykes, Milnes & Co. Names of mines or ore sellers are given. The later accounts are less detailed but contain other matter besides lead.  
At back. Thomas Wager's accounts for tithe ore, 1772-6 and William Wager's accounts to Humphrey Winchester & Co., 1782.
- W.H.C. 31. (first 34 pages) Seedlow reckoning Book, 1764-71.
- W.H.C. 32. (first 80 pages) Beeton (or Beighton) Mine, south and north veins, reckoning book. 1766-1797.
- W.H.C. 3. Hard Nell reckoning book, 1766-91, 1805-15.
- W.H.C. 5. (first half of book) Knackle Mackle reckoning book, 1768-94.
- W.H.C. 6. Brightside and Knackle Mackle reckoning book, 1763-95 and Knackle Mackle, 1771-80. (The first page is headed "Partnership belonging to Brightside Grove. John Twigg, Esq".)
- W.H.C. 7. (first 39 pages) Gould Bruck Sough (Staffordshire) reckoning book, 1771-73. A list of the partnership belonging to Gould Bruck Sough, 1771 on first page.
- W.H.C. 8. Notebook of work at Haredale and Mogshaw mine, 1773-1803.
- W.H.C. 10. Haredale and Mogshaw reckoning book, 1776-1788. Longstone Edge reckonings, 1805-1811.
- W.H.C. 13. Lists of shares in various Eyam Edge Mines. 1790-1805.

- W.H.C.17. Ore measurements at Longstone Edge, 1797-1810.
- W.H.C.11. Waterhole reckoning book, 1781-1805.
- W.H.C.19. (first half of book) Waterhole reckoning book, 1800-1810.
- W.H.C.21. (first 23 pages) Waterhole reckoning book, 1806-15.
- W.H.C.15. Ore measurements at Waterhole in Ashford and Calver Liberties. 1794-1803.
- W.H.C.16. Copes and bargains at Waterhole. 1794-1809.  
At back Reckonings at a mine called Placket, 1782-4.
- W.H.C.22. Waterhole reckoning book, 1806-20.
- W.H.C.14. Reckonings for various mines: Mandale, Longstone edge, Broomhead's venture. 1790-33.
- W.H.C.23. <sup>Mary Lathkilldale</sup> Mandale reckoning book, 1808-1837.
- W.H.D.26. <sup>Mary Lathkilldale</sup> Mandale memorandum book, 1814-32.
- Mortin W.H.C.29. Thomas Mortin's accounts for getting and smelting, 1829-34.
- W.H.C.12. Miners' ledger? 1786-1791. There are a few pages containing cash accounts, 1849, in centre of book.

#### Farming accounts and Sales

The following volumes are accounts connected with the Wagers' activities as farmers. The greater number of them are cash books and ledgers of sales of meal, meat and other goods, mainly farm produce. In many cases in the ledgers, the goods are balanced against wages for agricultural work done.

- W.H.C.25. (first 42 pages) Rent receipts, 1813-36 with a list of "my tenants" on the front page At bottom of page 42 is written "to new book No. 106", but this does not appear to be here.  
(Page 43- end) Ledger of goods and wages, 1827-28.
- W.H.C. 9. Day book of accounts including purchase of malt, taxes, sales of farm stock and wool and probably wages. 1777-1821.
- W.H.C.32. (page 81 to end) Day book of goods supplied. 1818-20.
- W.H.C.31. (page 34 to end) Day book of goods as above. 1820-22.
- W.H.C. 7. (page 40 to end) Day book of goods supplied, as above, 1822-23.
- W.H.C.20. Day book of goods supplied, 1824-25.  
At back Vestry meeting minutes relating to a dole of meal to the poor and distribution lists. 1801.
- W.H.C. 5. (2nd half of book) Day book of goods supplied and some ledger entries. 1825-7.
- W.H.C.18. Ledger, 1797-1825.
- W.H.C.24. Ledger, 1811-21.
- W.H.C.28. Ledger, 1824-59.
- W.H.C.27,30. Miscellaneous accounts, farming notes etc. (2 notebooks), 1833-4, 1837-8.
- W.H.C.19. (2nd half of book) Miscellaneous farming notes and accounts, notes on stock, harvest work and wages, "cow bullings", etc. 1843-55.

W.H.C.21. (page 24 to end) Cash journal - miscellaneous payments 1864-68.

Plan

W.H.C.33. Plan of Hucklow Edge Old vein, Undated.

Miscellaneous papers

W.H.C.34. Contemporary copy of brief and depositions taken before Samuel Heathcote, Sept. 1738, in connection with an action in the Court of Kings Bench. It would appear to be part of the extensive proceedings connected with the Little Pasture mines case. This particular action concerns a complaint of hindering the Deputy Sheriff from executing a writ of fieri facias for possession of certain mines, assault, riotous assembly, etc., in connection therewith. Gives details of the riot.

W.H.C.35. Packet of miscellaneous notes of accounts, invoices and odd letters, mainly concerning mining business. 1772-1830s.

W.H.C.36. Letters and invoices from John Wakefield of Kendal to William Wager, for supplying gunpowder. The letters, which contain brief general comments on farming, mines etc., are on the invoice papers, 1822-27. Also odd papers concerning Mandale mine in the 1830s.

W.H.C.37. Demand note for property tax addressed to William Wager as overseer and part owner of Longstone Edge Mine. 10 August, 1807.

Miscellaneous deeds and trust papers

W.H.C.38. Articles of agreement. Mrs. Frances Abson of Mansfield Woodhouse (Notts.), widow, to Mr. Francis Hayward of Bakewell, innholder and Mr. William Wager of Gt. Longstone, miner. Frances Abson gives to the other parties full liberty and licence to search and dig for lead ore in her four closes in Folow in the parish of Eyam called Pasture Edge Close, Crow Close, Broomhill Close and Yard Close and to sink shafts except in the old vein worked by Mr. Bagshawe and Company; Hayward and Wager agree to pay her one twentieth part of all free ore and smytham digged in the said closes, and pay for all damages. After the said mines are clear of debt Mrs. Abson is to receive one sixteenth part. 19 June, 1790.

W.H.C.39. Declaration of Trust. William Kitchen of Bramley in the parish of Bakewell, farmer, declares that £500 expended under a lease (recited) was the joint property of Kitchen and Matthew Frost of Hassop and agrees to surrender one half part of the interest in the leased premises when required.

The recited lease is as follows:-

Francis Eyre, Earl of Newburgh, to William Kitchen. A parcel of land in Calver whereon a Water corn mill was lately standing with the sluice and dams and a private road to the same; for the purpose that Kitchen should erect a new stone mill, machine or engine within one year at a cost of £500; for 21 years at a rent of £20. 9 May, 1815.

W.H.C.40. Release. The Legatees under the will of Matthew Frost, deceased, to William Wager and James Tissington, the executors. 1852.

W.H.C.41. Sale Plan. Plan of the late Mr. Barke's property for sale. R. Goldsmith, surveyor on the Turnpike Road between Manchester and Ashton under Lyne. Barke is mentioned among the legatees in item 40.