Introduction

It was early in 2004, whilst I was researching material for the history of Stillington that Dennis Law suggested that I talked to Bill Shepherd and his wife at Marton Park Farm. He had good memory of the village during World War 2 and told me about a number of the 'planes that crashed in the vicinity.

Just as I was leaving Audrey produced three hand written books written in the 1700's that had been passed down the family.

The first of these books was 183 pages long measuring 9 inches in length by 6 inches wide and consisted of, the Cash Book of The Constable, The Church Wardens, The Overseers of the Poor and the Highways Overseer for Stillington for the years 1753/74. I photocopied these and then created a Summary. The Summary and some examples of the detailed entries are enclosed.

The second book was of similar size but fewer pages and was devoted to details of village property. It has been bound with a certificate recording a meeting of the Court, dated 17th December 1744 where Mathew Linton and Thomas Sowrey surrendered land to the Court and it in turn passed it on to John Ball. John Hall had copied the:

"Award of the Inclosing: the Common: Fields: and Ings: of Stillington: in the year 1767.

Also "The yearly rents of all Mesuages & Cottages as have been paid yearly & time out of mind to ye Lord of the Mannor" (no date given).

A record of a meeting of The Court of Survey of Olive Croft Widdow Lord of the Mannor of Stillington on 29th April 1659 to enquire into the local rules regarding property rights.

A declaration made by John Hall, constable, on 15th July 1779 as to how he had carried out his duties.

The Valuation of the Parish of Stillington, at 14th March 1791.

The contents of the Crofts and other old Inclosures in the parish of Stillington with the Proprietors names in 1791.

Rules regarding Copyhold etc in Stillington in 1659 Copy of an Award of the Enclosing: the Common , Fields, Ings of Stillington in the year 1767.

Valuation of the Parish of Stillington, 1791.

Finally a large exercise book (14inches long by 9 inches wide). It looks as though it is a book kept by a student who is being taught arithmetic. It commences with tables of measurement of liquids, solids and length and volume. It then goes on to apply

these tables to various exercises of a general nature. Gradually the exercises become specific to the trade of Builder such as to the number of bricks required for a building, allowing for gaps occupied by windows, the number of tiles, the quantity of plaster, the various types and quantities of pigment to produce certain colours of rendering etc.

The second part of this book was used to record his business transactions as a Merchant Adventurer. This part is dealt with at greater length later.

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Acknowlegements

My thanks to William and Audrey Shepherd for letting me borrow the Book written by John Hall an ancestor of William. Dates of Baptism, Marriage and Burial and comments written therein, have been taken from the church registers held at the Borthwick Institute for Archives at the University of York. Knowledge of National events and facts, have been gleaned through reading *History of Britain-Georgian History produced by Hamlyn Children's Books- Reed International Books*. The story of Jane Harbottle was supported and expanded by Arthur H. Cash's book, published by Methuen called *Laurence Sterne- The Early and Middle Years*. Information regarding the Halls' connection with the Foss was taken from *Foss Navigation and the effect on its Hinterland by Tessa Mitchell*.

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