

## OCTOBER 1768

Saturday the First. At seven M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison, self, & John rode to the North side of Osbury Topping, having Will (our Postilion) he took our Horses home, and ^we^ walked, with our Guns, on the high side of Newton-Wood, through Cliverick,&<sup>c</sup>, a Pheasant shooting, saw several but did not kill one; on our return (by Newton and Bowsdale,) M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison shott a Partridg (the first he ever killed he said) drank Tea at our house, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd, & Harrison (with his wife) spent the evening with us.

Sunday the Second; Bro<sup>r</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson, their four children & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther came in the morning, & went to Church in the forenoon, with the Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Jackson, & his Grand-daughter & self, after Tea they all went away. M<sup>r</sup>. Jackson & his Grand-daughter have been at our house since last Wednesday evening. I sat an hour at Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson's

Monday the Third – after dinner I walked into the Markett, & sat two hours at the Cock with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Duck (of London), Rudd, Hewitt, Preston, Lawson, & Carter. I drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd's.

Tuesday the Fourth. I got up early & rode down to Normanby where I attended the Surveyors of Ormsby & Normanby seting out the foundation of a Carriage Bridg over Spencer Beck which is to be done at the equally joint expense of both Townships, & to be repaired in the like manner, there was only a horse bridg there heretofore M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd & my Game-keeper John Peirson, came to me we tryed the upper part of my Estate. I shott one Partridg, we took our Horses at Upsal Mill, and I got home by two; my Mother dined at Ayton & returned by five, M<sup>r</sup>. Ward came about six, staid all night. M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd spent the evening.

Wednesday the Fifth, after breakfast I went to Stockton with M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell, we dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Suttons, he went forward to Elemore . I met M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison at Stockton who returned with me in the evening, we rode along the New-bridg at Stockton, which has been passible for

Horses & light Carriages for a month past, the Battlements are not yet begun with, this Bridg has been upwards of five years in hand, by Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Corney, Shutt & Nelson (undertakers).

Thursday the Sixth, being a very rainy morning, I did not go from ^home^ today, but spent it mostly in my Closet.

Friday the Seventh, this being a Post day on which I wrote many letters etc. did not go from Home; M<sup>rs</sup>. Chaloner & her daughter Lascelles, sat half an hour with my Mother before dinner. Bro<sup>r</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their Son George, dined & drank Tea with us Saturday the Eighth. I took John with me to Normanby a Shooting, we rainged through most of my Estate & part of S<sup>r</sup>. Bryan Stapleton's calling on George Snowdon, but met with very little Game, got home about six. Bro<sup>r</sup>. Wilson got a Coatch down from London by sea, & this morning had it landed on my Batts from whence it was conveyed by his own Horses to Ayton.

Sunday the Ninth; being second Sunday of the Month no Service was at our Church today, Bro<sup>r</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their son George dined ^& drank Tea ^with us today, I sat an hour at M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd's, with his Br<sup>o</sup>. in Law M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Duck of London.

Monday the Tenth, after breakfasting at M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd's I went to Stokesley with M<sup>r</sup>. Smith of Marsk, where there was a Meeting of the Justices for appointing New Surveyor of the Highways, and also about the Turnpike Road from this Town to Thirsk, the Company at Dinner were S<sup>r</sup>. Will<sup>m</sup>. Foulis, Hon'ble Gen<sup>l</sup>. Cary, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Dundas, Cha<sup>s</sup>. Turner, Mauleverer Chaloner, Strickland, Burton, Hale, Beckwith, Col<sup>n</sup>. Wright, Capt<sup>n</sup>. Wayne, Bro<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & self. I spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup>. Rudds as yesterday.

Tuesday the Eleventh. I spent the forenoon at home, and after dinner I took ^John^ and the Greyhounds with me to Normanby where we killed one Hare, and got home by six.

Wednesday the Twelfth, my Mother went to Ayton, returned in the evening; I went to Normanby & from thence to M<sup>r</sup>. Turner's at K. Leatham where I dined with Revd. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Carr, & his Wife, & Williamson & his Wife, and Nelson, and Captains Strawbenzie, Hope and Core, got home at 7.

Thursday the Thirteenth; I took John ashooting with me into Hutton – Locrass grounds and returned to dinner without seeing one Partridg; Sister Esther came in the forenoon and staid all night, so did John Price Jun<sup>r</sup> Sen<sup>r</sup>.

Friday the Fourteenth. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Price went away before dinner, after it my Mother & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther ~~for~~ went to Ayton, the former returned about five, as I did from Normanby where I went after dinner.

Saturday the Fifteenth, I walked with M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd & John, to the high end of Boughsdale Gyll with our Guns, saw one Pheasant, and one Wood-Cock, the first I have seen this year, but did not get either, they proceeded to Ayriholm but I returned by Kemplar about one o'Clock; Bro<sup>r</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their 4 Children, with Sister Esther dined and drank Tea here.

Sunday the Sixteenth; I went to Church in the forenoon, and to Ayton to diner; where my Mother; M<sup>rs</sup>. Lincoln & Tho<sup>s</sup>. Preswick were gone before; we all returned after Tea.

Monday the Seventeenth; I walked upstreet several times. M<sup>r</sup>. Preston drank Tea with us.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; after breakfast I took John with me to Newton, and there met by Appointment, M<sup>r</sup>. Preston and Tho<sup>s</sup>. Marton, we found many Partridges M<sup>r</sup>. shot several I killed but one, and walked home with John by Bowsdale but did not see any more Game, my Mother went to Ayton & returned.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; after breakfast I took John with me to Normanby, having the Greyhounds we killed a brace of Hares, and got home by four when I found my Mother, Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson with their Twins drinking Tea at M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison's: so I went up ^there^

and staid half an hour.

Thursday the Twentyeth; M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd, John and myself went out with our Guns in the morning, the latter shott a brace of Wood-cocks in Boughsdale, which were all we saw, I shott a Hare; returned between three & four, and my Mother being gone to Ayton (she returned about five), I dined with M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd, he came down with me in the evening and sending for M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Danby, we smoaked our pipes till past Eleven.

Friday the Twenty First. I spent the forenoon at home and after dinner rode to Normanby, where I met the Surveyors of Normanby<sup>^</sup> & Ormsby <sup>^</sup>about finishing the New Bridg across Spencer Beck between the two Townships, returned about six & spent the Evening with M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd at Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamsons.

Saturday the Twenty Second; I spent the forenoon gathering Haws to raise Quick Wood from; and with my workmen who are preparing the New house I built in West Gate last year for the Tenants I have let it to ( viz. Francis Peirson the upper & Geo: Wright the lower floor) after dinner I went to Ayton with my Mother, drank Tea and returned.

Sunday the Twenty Third; I went to Church in the forenoon, and while there my Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their 3 Girls came to me, I found Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther & Geo: Wilson on my coming home, they all dined, drank tea & returned to Ayton. Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson, his Wife, Mother & Daught<sup>r</sup>. drank Tea with us.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; Mr. Preston dined with us as did Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their Children, I drank Tea with them at Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson's, after they went away I spent the evening till twelve at M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd's. the company were Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>son, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Duck (of London) and Danby; M<sup>r</sup>. Duck sets out for London tomorrow morning.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; after breakfast I called on M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Dundas at Upleatham by appointment, who with M<sup>r</sup>. Crawford his Secretary and M<sup>r</sup>. Smith went with me to Boulby where after looking over the allom Works and House there, dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell's, we

came from thence between four and five.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; I took John with me ashooting by Birk-brow, through M<sup>r</sup>. Robinson's Woods (of Aysdale-Gate) and got home by Tea, soon after which my Mother who went to Ayton in the morning came home, and brought my Sister Esther with her (in the Chaise ) to stay for a few days;

Thursday the Twenty Seventh, I met M<sup>r</sup>. Preston Jun<sup>r</sup> at Normanby at nine by appointment we took old M<sup>r</sup>. Taylor ^ Parish Clerk of Eston^ ( now about 75 ) to Rob<sup>t</sup>. Worthy's who keeps an Ale House at Eston, and there took down in writing his report of the Final Tythes of the Chapelry of Eston, in which ^the Township of ^Normanby is included and the old accustomed method of paying them, there being at this time a dispute between Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Burton and Matthew's ( Lessees thereof under the Arch. B<sup>p</sup> of York ) and me, they demanding the Tythe of Milk in kind, and I plead a ^Modus or^ customary payment of one penny for each Cow in lieu thereof, we eat some Cold Beef at the Hall about three, at four we parted; and having George ( my Servant ) with me I called at M<sup>r</sup>. ^Cha<sup>s</sup>.^Turner's at Kirk Leatham, as he intends setting out to attend Parliament ( for the City of York ) tomorrow morning, & from thence I intended to have gone to Marsk & ^etc,^ to ask Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Lascelles & W. Dundas & Col. Hale to dine with me tomorrow, but Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Lascelles being at M<sup>r</sup>. Turner's & finding that a party was^already^ made for ^shooting at Lofthouse^ for tomorrow, I proceeded no further and at M<sup>r</sup>. Turner's request sat down with some Company he had consisting of S<sup>r</sup>. Frank Standish, Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Lascelles & Nelson, M<sup>r</sup>. Peter Lascelles, Major & Cornet Dundas , & Capt<sup>n</sup>. Strawbenzie, about Ten, all the Company went to Bed, save M<sup>r</sup> Turner, the two Lascelles's & self; soon after, M<sup>r</sup>. Turner catching me up sharply at 100£ he said he would give me for my house at Normanby put Rev<sup>d</sup>. Lascelles on writing an Article for it, which I refusing to sign some very sharp words rose among us. I got home about two, (all in liquor I believe. )

Friday the Twenty Eighth; Bro<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Hastwell dined with us, my Mother carried the former home in her Chaise, the latter drank Tea & played at Back- Gammon till about five.

Saturday the Twenty-Ninth; after breakfast I went to Stokesley, dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Preston's, and received Jn<sup>o</sup>. Mewburn's Execution of the Deeds of one third part of W<sup>m</sup>. Garbutt's Farm at Upsal, which I have bought of said Mewburn; I called at Ayton as I went & drank Tea there on my return; I found my mother not well about five.

Sunday the Thirtyeth; I went to Church in the forenoon, Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson and their four Children dined with us, Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther returned with them in the evening having staid with us since last Wednesday; after dinner I rode to Marsk with M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd we drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup>. Smith's but he was not at home, returned at five asked M<sup>r</sup>. Dundas & two Lascelles to dine ^with me^ next Tuesday, who all say'd they'd come.

Monday the Thirty first & last day; M<sup>r</sup>. Crawford & the Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Nelson came in the morning, the former went away about twelve, but the latter dined with us and sat till four M<sup>r</sup>. Smith sat with us from two till M<sup>r</sup>. Nelson went away. I spent the evening at home.

## NOVEMBER 1768

Tuesday the First; I rode to Normanby early in the morning & returned by one. Bro<sup>r</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson, M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>, Maj<sup>r</sup>. & Corn<sup>t</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Dundas, Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. & Capt<sup>n</sup>.Lascelles dined with us today. I walked to M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd's for half an hour about 8.

Wednesday the Second; after breakfast I rode to Normanby & spent the day among my workmen there, got home at five, my Mother went to Ayton before dinner, returned at four.

Thursday the Third; at eight I set out to meet W<sup>m</sup>. Richardson (Quaker) & Matt<sup>w</sup>.

Masterman both of Ayton, on Barnaby Moor, having Greyhounds I took John with me, the morning was so bad that we missed of one another till we got to W<sup>m</sup>. Robinsons of

of Normanby ^about Ten,^ in his Farm we found three Hares, we killed a brace of them, and then repaired to the Hall, where I gave W<sup>m</sup>. Richardson 500 two year old Oak Plants, & having refreshed ourselves with some cold Pigeon Pie &<sup>c</sup> tried for another Hare in Eston liberty & on Barnaby Moor but did ^not^ find one, got home about five. M<sup>r</sup>. Logie the Presbyterian Priest at Ayton came with his two Neighbours above.

Friday the Fourth; I spent the day at home writing several Letters &<sup>c</sup>, Bro<sup>r</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson, their four Children & Sister Esther came from Ayton, paid M<sup>rs</sup>. Chaloner & Col<sup>n</sup>. Hale at Tockets each a morning visit; dined here and returned.

Saturday the Fifth; I took William the Gardener with me to Normanby, went through Page Howls wood which I planted last year, left him to transplant some Quicks in the Garden, ^till I rode down to Tho<sup>s</sup>. Dixons,^ and came home together about five.

Sunday the Sixth; I went to Church in the forenoon, M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd & their little Boy (Geo:) drank Tea with us in the afternoon.

Monday the Seventh; I walked into the Market dined at the Cock with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Linskell & Smith &<sup>c</sup>. Sister Esther came from Ayton this evening, behind my Serv<sup>t</sup>. George.

Tuesday the Eighth: after breakfast I rode to Upleatham Hall, where I met Mr.Smith by appointment to look at M<sup>r</sup>. Dundas's Bull ( he, ^M<sup>r</sup>. Dundas^ is gone to London ) we then went in pursuit of Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Lascelles who we found hunting between Marsk and Kirk Leatham, we saw two or three Chaces, and then repaired to Marsk where we all dined together at M<sup>r</sup>. Lascelles. I laid there all night, the company consisted of Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Nelson & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith, Wardell, Watson, Atkinson & self.

Wednesday the Ninth; I breakfasted at M<sup>r</sup>. Smith's, and after taking leave of Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Lascelles he and I set M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell (who laid at his House) to Saltburne, and came to Up Leatham Hall, where I staid an hour with him, and got home to dinner; at two I went out with John to Bowsdale, we only saw one Woodcock, which we did not get, drank Tea

at home.

Thursday the Tenth; after dinner I took W<sup>m</sup>. the Gardener with me to Normanby, where I set out the Widening of the Lane opposite to Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Consett's field; and got home to Tea.

Friday the Eleventh; after breakfast I went to Ayton, dined & drank Tea; got home about five, having much Rain on my return, we have had fine weather lately;

Saturday the Twelfth; I took Tho<sup>s</sup>. Terry with me to Normanby where I dined at Tho<sup>s</sup>.

Dixon's and measured the Joiners ^work^ of his New House, by Jn<sup>o</sup>. Price Jun<sup>r</sup>: home at six.

Sunday the Thirteenth; Cous<sup>ns</sup>. Ja<sup>s</sup>. Pease & Miss Robson came to breakfast here, the latter went forward to Darnton, but the former dined with us, and returned to Whitby; after dinner Sisr.Esther left us ( see last Monday ). I went to Church this afternoon; Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson reading prayers ^in the^ afternoon of every second Sunday in the month, on which day he always does Duty at Upleatham, from whence the second Sunday in every Month has been called the silent or Dumb Sunday at Gisbro', till M<sup>r</sup>. Wm'son, who reads prayers as above; I drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison's with M<sup>r</sup>. & Mr<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd & James Audas; M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd sat an hour at our house in the evening.

Monday the Fourteenth; being a fair & hiring day the Market was full; W<sup>m</sup>: Richardson ( the Quaker ) & Bro<sup>r</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson diner with us; I walked upstreet; Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Wm'son, supt with us.

Tuesday the Fifteenth; I took W<sup>m</sup>: The Gardener with me to Normanby (& left him there for the week ) I marked out two new Hedges in Tho<sup>s</sup>. Appleton's Farm, which ^are to^ divide his Forest ( now containing 30 acres ) into three fields, I also marked out ground for a Brick Kiln of 140,000 in the same field old Thomas Brown being present; John Price came home with me.



Wednesday the Sixteenth; I spent all day at home with John Price settling his work for last Summer. Thomas Terry was with us, - a very high Wind at SW. in the evening.

Thursday the Seventeenth; I took John with me to Grainge where I shott one Partridg being met there by appointment by Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Lascelles & Oldfield, & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Wardell, Easterby & M<sup>r</sup>. Donal, we dined, and parted about Nine

Friday the Eighteenth; M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd & I walked into Hutton Locross grounds with our Guns before dinner, but did not get a Shott; spent the afternoon at home.

Saturday the Nineteenth; I took John with me to Normanby with our Guns, had bad success, visited my workmen there, & got home by four, brought W<sup>m</sup>: home. See last Tuesday.

Sunday the Twentieth; I went to Church in the forenoon; and rode to Ayton after dinner, Drank Tea and returned, I read a Sermon to the family in the evening.

Monday the Twenty First; I walked into the markt; Bro<sup>r</sup>. Wilson dined here & I drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd's.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; I went to Normanby after breakfast, attended my work men till four, & returned.

Wednesday the Twenty Third; I went to Marsk staid half an hour with M<sup>r</sup>. Smith and then rode to Brotton Warsett, where I stayed with many others till two with M<sup>r</sup>. Lascelles's Hounds, dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Easterby's at Skiningrove with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Lascelles, Oldfield, Wardell, & Readhead, Sen<sup>r</sup>. & Jun<sup>r</sup>. I stayed all night there as did the two Lascelles's.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; after breakfast Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Lascelles & self left Skiningrove, the Rev<sup>d</sup>. went home (to Marsk) and the Capt<sup>n</sup>. came with me as far as Tocket's. got home to dinner, spent the afternoon at home. Sister Esther came from today to stay some time.

Friday the Twenty fifth; M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd & I with John went by Spring Wood, Kemplar &<sup>c</sup>

to Boughsdale a Woodcock shooting but did not kill one, spent the evening at Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson's. Bro<sup>r</sup>. Wilson, Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Hastwell Conyers, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Pease, & Capt<sup>n</sup>. Hewick drank Tea.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; I went to Normanby about Eleven, spent some hours with my Workmen there and got home to Tea, when I found M<sup>r</sup>. Lincoln.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; Sister Esther & I went to Church in the forenoon, and after dinner I went with her to Ayton. I returned after Tea . see last Wednesday.

Monday the Twenty Eighth; a very rainy day I walked into the Markett; drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd's; M<sup>r</sup>. Preston dined with us.

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; I spent all day at home, my Mother being ill in the morning and after dinner was so bad of the Cholic that I sent for sister Esther.

Wednesday the Thirtyeth, & last Day; My Mother being better I went to Normanby after breakfast and returned to Tea when I found my mother in good Spirits.

## DECEMBER 1768

Thursday the First; I spent all day at home, my Mother is much better;

M<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Pease Jn<sup>r</sup>. came from Whitby in the evening and laid all night.

Friday the Second; after breakfast M<sup>r</sup>. Pease and I set forward, went by Normanby to Yarm, W<sup>m</sup>. Robinson my Tenant joined us at Normanby, we all three went to M<sup>r</sup>.

Burton to whom William Robinson ^in our presence^ paid 11s. being the remaining part of his Small Tythes the rest being drawn in kind NB: in part of the above 11s. there was 6<sup>s</sup>. as a modus<sup>1</sup> for 6 Cow's Milk; and 3<sup>s</sup>. for three Calves: M<sup>r</sup>. Pease & I proceeded to Darlington after dinner: I laid at his House

Saturday the Third: I spent the whole day at Darn'ton: breakfasted with M<sup>r</sup>. Pease

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<sup>1</sup> a payment in lieu of tithe

dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Robson's, drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Wilkinson's, & supt at M<sup>r</sup>. Pease's with Mess<sup>rs</sup>.

Robson, Terry & Wilkinson's, sat up till near two.

Sunday the Fourth; after breakfast M<sup>r</sup>. Pease and I rode to his Farm at Cunscliff, where we dined, & parted. I got to drink Tea at M<sup>r</sup>. James's at West Auckland.

Monday the Fifth; I spent all at M<sup>r</sup>. James's. M<sup>r</sup>. Ja<sup>s</sup> James spent the evening with us.

Tuesday the Sixth; M<sup>r</sup>. James & I rode to Humberbeck in the forenoon, and spent the afternoon (till six) at M<sup>r</sup>. Ja<sup>s</sup> James's.

Wednesday the Seventh; set out from M<sup>r</sup>. James's at seven, called at Darn'ton, dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Forster's at Yarm, got home (by Normanby) to Tea; found Mother well.

Thursday the Eighth; I rode to Ayton in the forenoon, dined & returned to Tea.

Friday the Ninth; I took John with me to Bowsdale, only saw one Woodcock & I shott him.

Saturday the Tenth; after dinner I rode to Normanby & returned to Tea, - very fine weather.

Sunday the Eleventh, I did not go to Church today there being Prayers in the afternoon only (second Sunday of the Month). Sister Esther went to Ayton after dinner, having been here since Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> ulto, M<sup>rs</sup>. Lincoln drank Tea here, Mother not well.

Monday the Twelfth; I walked into the Markett, Bro<sup>r</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson dined with us, my Mother is better.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; my Mother is pure well but she having no company & the day not fine I spent it at home.

Wednesday the Fourteenth; much Snow fell all day and therefore I spent the day at home

Thursday the Fifteenth; spent this day at home.

Friday the Sixteenth; after dinner I rode to Ayton, drank Tea and returned with Sister Esther behind Geo:

Saturday the Seventeenth; I spent this day at home.

Sunday the Eighteenth; sister Esther & self went to Church in the forenoon; read to my Mother & Sister after dinner.

Monday the Nineteenth; I walked into the Market and in the evening went to Ayton ^accompanied by M<sup>r</sup>. Preston,^ where I laid all night.

Tuesday the Twentyeth; after breakfast Bro<sup>r</sup>. Wilson and self rode to his Estate at Great Busby, and there looked over W<sup>m</sup>. Pawlett's Farm ^ (see next Saturday)^, which he is to leave next May Day, we returned to dine at Ayton, and drank Tea with my Sister & the Children at M<sup>r</sup>. Scottow's. I laid at Ayton all night.

Wednesday the Twenty First; I breakfasted at home and then M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd & I rode to M<sup>r</sup>. Smith's at Marsk, dined & refreshments.

Thursday the Twenty Second; I spent the forenoon at home; after dinner M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd & I walked to Pet<sup>r</sup>. Conn's at Upleatham, looked at Foal of his, and returned to Tea.

Friday the Twenty Third; M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison breakfasted with me and then we went to Boulby with John (who carried a cold Pye) this being our six Month's Pay day at the Allom Works there were at dinner, Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Oldfield, & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith, Sanderson, Harrison, Jn<sup>o</sup>. (Jun<sup>r</sup>.) & Fran<sup>s</sup>. Easterby, McDonald, & self; got home by six; very fine mild weather.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; I breakfasted at Ayton; & went with Bro<sup>r</sup>. Wilson to M<sup>r</sup>. Preston's Office at Stokesley where we let W<sup>m</sup>. Pawlett's Farm (see last Tuesday) to M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Watson; dined at Ayton; drank Tea at home; Sis<sup>r</sup>. Est<sup>r</sup>. went away (see 16<sup>th</sup>).

(Christmas Day) Sunday the Twenty Fifth; I went to Church in the forenoon; M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>.

Preswick & M<sup>rs</sup>. Lincoln dined with us; we have had a remarkable high Wind all day from S.W.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; at six I got upon my Horse and taking Will: (the Postilion) with me rode to Yarm, where I agreed to give M<sup>r</sup>. Forster 1300£ for his share of Morley Carrs (near Yarm) which were late of M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Reed's (Plumber & Glazier) of Yarm; I bought Cous<sup>n</sup>. Matty Reed's share in Autumn 1764, dined; and returning by Stokesley drank Tea at

M<sup>r</sup>. Preston's, to whom I gave M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Forster's Marriage Settlement to prepare an Article by, and calling for 5 minutes at Ayton got home at seven.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Haswell, Capt<sup>n</sup>. Scottowe & his Br<sup>o</sup>. Augustine (all of Ayton), dined with me, and I went to Ayton with them in the evening, where I laid at my Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson's, with whom M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. & Miss Sally Mauleverer dined and laid all night.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; after breakfast M<sup>r</sup>. Mauleverer & etc. left Ayton; I returned home in the afternoon with John, who went to Yarm this morning to get M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Forster, execute the Article, see Monday last.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; I went to Marsk and there dined and laid all night at M<sup>r</sup>. Smith's, expecting M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell, but M<sup>r</sup>. Smith had neglected to send him word.

Friday the Thirtieth; after breakfasting at Marsk, M<sup>r</sup>. Smith went with me to Normanby we got to Appleton's (at the Forest) where I found W<sup>m</sup>. Lamb and three others planting Hedges; I paid Lamb their wages and left them, M<sup>r</sup>. Smith & I parted in the Lane, he for Marsk, and I got home to dinner, where I found Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther, who my Mother sent for to Ayton yesterday; my Mother was not very well in the evening.

Saturday the Thirtyfirst, & last day; there was a small Markett today (it being New Year Eve). I walked upstreet in the forenoon; and after dinner into our Grounds for an hour; my Mother is not very well this evening; Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd and Tho<sup>s</sup>. Prestwick sat an hour or two with us this evening as they do frequently; the latter almost every evening till between eight and nine. For ten days past we have had remarkable open weather, with high winds sometimes; it is remarked by many People that they don't remember the Winds to have blown so long from the South & S.W; which they have done with very little intermission for the last 4 or 5 months.

## **JANUARY 1769**

Sunday the First day; I went to Church in the forenoon with Sist<sup>r</sup> Esther, and took a walk with M<sup>r</sup> Rudd in the afternoon.

Monday the Second; I dined at M<sup>r</sup> Augustine Scottowe's at Ayton and returned in the evening (about 11) the Company were, old M<sup>r</sup> Scottowe & his Daughter, his Son, the Capt<sup>n</sup> & his Lady, & Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hastwell; Bro<sup>r</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson with their daughter Rachel who has only one Eye, were at Gisbro' in their Chariott to dinner.

Tuesday the Third; I spent all day at home;

Wednesday the Fourth; at six I mounted with John, breakfasted at M<sup>r</sup> Preston's at Stokesley, the young ^man^ went with us to Yarm, where M<sup>r</sup> Forster & his wife Executed their Conveyance to me of their share of Morley Carr, see Monday 26<sup>th</sup>.

ult<sup>o</sup>. dined at M<sup>r</sup> Dobbin's (sign of the Buck) and came away about five, came home by Stokesley & called at Ayton.

Thursday the Fifth; about twelve I set out for Ayton where I dined at old M<sup>r</sup> Scottowe's Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hastwell was there; Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson drank Tea there and we came away between six and seven.

Friday the Sixth; Bro<sup>r</sup>. Wilson's Tenants paying their Rents today I dined with them & returned in the evening.

Saturday the Seventh; I took John with me to Normanby with the Greyhounds but we did not see a Hare returned to Tea; James Mewburn in presence of his Father, & John (as above) paid me his last Mich'm's Rent at the Hall where had some high words. Will: carried Sis<sup>r</sup> Esther to Ayton, she came here Friday 30<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>.

Sunday the Eighth; I spent all day at home, except drinking Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Rudd's, this being silent Sunday; called so in the Town, from no service being performed on it as second Sunday of the Month (but at Upleatham) till M<sup>r</sup> Williamson got the Curacy at the death of Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hide, & now read evening prayers.

Monday the Ninth; my Normanby tenants came and paid me their last Mich'mas Rents.

M<sup>r</sup>. Preston & Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson ^dined^ and M<sup>rs</sup>. Harrison & Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne drank Tea; the latter laid here all night. M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd spent the evening.

Tuesday the Tenth; Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith & Wardell dined here, the former was sent for soon after, but the two latter laid here all night.

Wednesday the Eleventh; Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith & Wardell left us after breakfast. I spent the day at home.

Thursday the Twelfth; after dinner I went to Ayton, drank Tea. & returned with Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther.

Friday the Thirteenth, after dinner I went down to Normanby, paid my Men & returned.

Saturday the Fourteenth; Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther & I got to Ayton by nine, two of the Children not being well, M<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & I met at M<sup>r</sup>. Preston's Office at Stokesley his Tenant

W<sup>m</sup>. Pawlet, returned to dine at Ayton, Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther & I came home after Tea

Sunday The Fifteenth; I went to church in the forenoon & spent the afternoon at home.

Monday the Sixteenth; I walked into the Markett, after supper I went to Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>.

Williamson's and sat two hours with Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Hastwell & 2 or 3 Neighbours

Tuesday the Seventeenth; John & I met M<sup>r</sup>. Preston at M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Mewburn's of Eston

by appointment, where we took Eliz<sup>a</sup>. Mewburn's report of the accustomed method of payment of the Small Tythes of Eston, she is now in the 80<sup>th</sup> year of her Age; see Thursday

October 27<sup>th</sup> last, we dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Newburn's & parted at four, got home to Tea.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; I breakfasted at Bro<sup>r</sup>. Wilson's who went with me to

Stokesley to attend a meeting of the Subscribers to the Turnpike road from Gisbro, to

Thirsk, but there was none there but ourselves & M<sup>r</sup>. Lawson, (the Clerk) we dined; I

drank Tea at Ayton; found M<sup>r</sup>. Fox at our house on my return home in the evening,

who sat two hours with us.

Thursday the Nineteenth; I took a walk with my Gunn to Spring wood & Kemplar, and returned to dinner.

Friday the Twentieth; I rode to Marsk where I dined and laid all night at M<sup>r</sup>. Smith's, with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Wardell and Easterby; Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Langstaff & Capt<sup>n</sup>. Lascelles dined with us.

Saturday the Twenty First; after breakfasting at M<sup>r</sup>. Smith's I came home by Normanby, to dinner; Will<sup>m</sup>. carried Sist<sup>r</sup>. Esther to Ayton in the afternoon, see Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> inst.

Sunday the Twenty Second; we have had much snow last night, very calm; I went to Church in the forenoon; M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Harrison drank Tea with us.

Monday the Twenty Third; I walked into the Markett; & in the evening wrote much in my Books.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; I dined and laid all night at Capt<sup>n</sup>. Lascelles at Marsk, the Company consisted of Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Langstaff, & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith, Wardell, Easterby, Hird, Watson ^and^ Atkinson.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; I came home to breakfast; John went to Stockton for M<sup>r</sup>. Laidman of Darlington, who got here by Tea, & intends to stay with us sometime. I spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison's with Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. & Miss Williamson, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Jacksons Sen<sup>r</sup>. & Jun<sup>r</sup>. and their wives, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd and Sanders.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; Bro<sup>r</sup>. & Sist<sup>r</sup>. Wilson dined with us, I returned with them and laid all night at their house; their eldest Daughter (Hannah) was let blood this morning & had a blister laid on her left side this evening. Doctor Wayne fearing she is in Consumption, the rest of the Children are not well but have broke out in spots at their Eyes, Ears and Noses & etc. she will be 11 years old, if she live till next May.

Friday the Twenty Seventh; I took George (my Serv<sup>t</sup>.) with me from Ayton, rode to Thirsk, left my Horses there & went in post Chaise to York, ^where^ at seven I waited on Doctor Dealtry for his opinion on Niece Han<sup>a</sup>. Wilson's Case which her Father drew up



for the purpose last night; laid at York.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; After breakfasting with Cousin Ann Pybuss (who left Thirsk lately and now lodges with M<sup>r</sup>. Oldfield, Postmaster,) I waited on Doct<sup>r</sup>. Dealtry again, who gave me his opinion in writing with a Recipe for Niece Hannah Wilson, spent two hours with old M<sup>r</sup>. Bewley ^ ( the Archbishop's Steward) ^ on business about the Small Tythes from Eston & Normanby, dined at York, and laid at Thirsk, where Mess<sup>rs</sup>.

Routh & Dent spent the Evening with me.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; I mounted my Horse at eight, dined at Ayton, when I found Niece Hannah somewhat better, and after Tea came home.

Monday the Thirtieth; very stormy, after dinner I rode to Ayton, and laid all night there.

Tuesday the Thirty First and last day, Doctor Wayne dined at Ayton, Niece Hannah Wilson is apparently better, but her Blister is to be renewed this evening; I got home to Tea found my mother with M<sup>rs</sup>. Laidman, well.

## **FEBRUARY 1769**

Wednesday the First of ^February^; I spent the day at home and the evening at Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson's, with Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Hastwell, M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Harrison, and M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd.

Thursday the Second; I also spent this day at home; Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson, his wife, & Daughter, Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Hastwell & M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Harrison ^drank Tea &^ spent the evening with us, played at Cards.

Friday the Third; I went to Ayton after Dinner & returned in the evening; found Niece, Hannah somewhat better, Captain Scottowe, his wife & sister drank Tea at Bro<sup>r</sup>. Wilson's.

Saturday the Fourth; I went to Normanby after dinner, paid my workmen & returned; M<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd was this morning delivered of her second son, about 9 o'clock, afterwards Christened Bartholomew, I was Godfather.

Sunday the Fifth; I went to Church in the forenoon, & wrote letters in the afternoon.

Monday the Sixth; I walked upstreet, & after dinner spent two hours at the Cock with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith, Watson, ^drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson's.^

Tuesday the Seventh; after dinner I rode to Normanby and returned to Tea, when I found M<sup>r</sup>. Smith at our House, he laid all night with us.

(Ash) Wednesday the Eighth; M<sup>r</sup>. Carr of Sunderland breakfasted with us, soon after, M<sup>r</sup>. Smith & I set out for ^Sale^ of ^late^ M<sup>r</sup>. Geo: Duck's Stock of Horses, Cows etc, ^at Little Broughton.^ I called at Ayton where I dined, & then Bro<sup>r</sup>. Wilson went with me to the above Sale; drank Tea at Ayton and returned.

Thursday the Ninth; M<sup>r</sup>. Peter Lascelles & Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson dined with me; soon after Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith, Rudd and Harrison came, and spent the evening. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Lascelles & Smith laid all night; Mother not well.

Friday the Tenth; Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Lascelles & Smith went away after breakfast; my Mother and M<sup>rs</sup>. Laidman who have both been out of order are now better: I went to Ayton after dinner, drank Tea & returned, the Children there especially niece Hannah are better, see 26<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>.

Saturday the Eleventh; Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther came from Ayton dined & returned; after dinner I went to Normanby, paid my Workmen and returned, a bad day.

Sunday the Twelfth; being second Sunday in the Month no forenoon service was done at our Church, I read the Service of the day to my Mother (who is so well as got downstairs) & M<sup>rs</sup>. Laidman; after dinner I went to Ayton and drank tea & returned. M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Liddle & M<sup>r</sup>. Hastwell drank Tea there;^ the Children are better.^

Monday the Thirteenth; M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell of Boulby dined with us on his road to Elemore; I sat an hour at Walker Pulman's with Henry Wood, the Miller of this Town, to whom I paid seventeen Guineas & a half for a large bay Mare now rising four year's old; W<sup>m</sup>.

Child of Brotton was with us.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; I took John with me to Normanby, to be present with me on my Jas. Mewburn whether he intends to ~~stay on~~ ^leave^ my Farm; ~~or~~ ^and^ that I may, for myself, on incoming Tenant, plow the Wheat Stubbles, his answer was "No, I have no place to go to, and my Man is plowing today"; so John & I went into the Hall Garden where William the Gardener was taking up Oak Plants for Henry Wheetman's high Cow Howl, we assisted him and all came home together by about six o'clock.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; I dined at Bro<sup>r</sup>. Wilson's; waited upon old M<sup>r</sup>. Skottowe to know whether he would assign any right he may have as Lord of the Manor, to a Cott. House that Sarah & Margery Williamson's now live in; to which he assented; at three I met John Wilson, Butcher, with W<sup>m</sup>. Richardson at Joseph Laurence's by appointment, of whom, viz; of John Wilson ^I bought^ his Garth & Houses at West end of Ayton, for my Mother for 260£. got home about Nine.

Thursday the Sixteenth; I spent all day at home; my Mother & M<sup>rs</sup>. Laidman are better.

Friday the Seventeenth; I spent the forenoon at home & after dinner I went to Ayton, returned at six.

Saturday the Eighteenth; at six, John & William the Gardener, went with me to Normanby where we took up & dressed 3,000 Oak Plants, see last Tuesday, returned home in the evening.

Sunday the Nineteenth; M<sup>rs</sup>. Laidman & I went to Church in the forenoon; Ja<sup>s</sup>. Robson dined with us, then went to Ayton drank Tea & returned, Neice Hannah much the same

Monday the Twentieth; I walked into the Markett before dinner, and in the afternoon sat an hour at the Cock with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith, Rudd, Harrison, Redhead &<sup>c</sup>.

Tuesday the Twenty First; I spent the forenoon at home and after dinner went to Ayton, drank Tea and returned.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; I spent all day at home reading &<sup>c</sup>, very cold.

Thursday the Twenty Third. Doctor Wayne dined with us on his road from Whitby, I went with him to Ayton drank Tea, and returned, Niece Hannah's badly.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell having laid at our House last night on his road from Elmore, I rode with him to M<sup>r</sup>. Smith's at Marsk, I returned before dinner, & walked in the evening with M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; In the morning (about eleven o'clock) Doctor Dealtry of York called on me as he came from M<sup>rs</sup>. Chaloner, to whom he came last night. I got in his Chaise and we went to Ayton, where he stayed about half an hour on Niece Hannah Wilson's Case, for which I consulted him in Person on the 28<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. (see that day). Doctor Wayne who was there got into the Chaise with him (for Stokesley), I dined and drank tea, returned about six.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; M<sup>rs</sup>. Laidman & I went to Church in the forenoon. Sist<sup>r</sup>. Esther dined & drank Tea with us; Mother not well towards evening.

Monday the Twenty Seventh; Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Kitching, his Scholars Jack Pease, Ja<sup>s</sup>. & Fran. Robson & Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Longstaff dined with us; I spent ^several^ hours at the Cock, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith and W<sup>m</sup>. Richardson having this day settled a dispute between Ja<sup>s</sup>. Mewburn & me respecting the farm he has of me at Normanby.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth & last Day; after dinner I rode to Ayton, drank Tea, and returned.

### **MARCH 1769**

Wednesday the First; I rode to Normanby after dinner and returned at six.

Thursday the Second; I took John, George & William the Gardener with me to Normanby early, we spent the whole day there in taking up and ^dressing^ up 6,000 Oak

Plants out of my Garden, returned at six, my Mother not well.

Friday the Third; my mother continues out of order today; I dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Watson's at Up Leatham, & stayed till nine, with Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Williamson & Longstaff & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Chaloner, P. Lascelles, Smith, Thompson (of Shields), & Forster.

Saturday the Fourth; my Mother is better today, I went down to Normanby after dinner, paid my men & returned.

Sunday the Fifth; I went to Church on the forenoon with M<sup>rs</sup>. Laidman, Bro<sup>r</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson dined with my mother, but I dined at M<sup>r</sup>. P. Lascelles at Marsk, with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith, Watson, Jackson & Sanders, returned at eight.

Monday the Sixth; I walked into the Markett before dinner, Sist<sup>r</sup>. Esther dined & drank Tea with us. Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Hastwell & M<sup>r</sup>. Preston drank tea. I sat an hour at the Cock with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith, Hind & etc. Mr. Rudd's Child Geo: is very ill.

Tuesday the Seventh; I took ^my servant^ George ^Kirtley^ with me to Normanby early and returned to dinner; this day William Mills our Gardener finished planting 13,200 Oak & 160 Ash Plants ^(5 score to the hundred)^, 2 years old Seedlings in about 5 acres of the High Cow Howl in Henry Weetmans Farm at Normanby, he planted them 4 feet asunder by a Dibble that went a Foot into a hole ^which^ had been dug out and then filled up again; he could plant 2,000 each day; the labour of ^diging holes & planting^ has cost me about Eighteen Pounds for the five Acres.

Wednesday the Eighth; my mother being well, M<sup>rs</sup>. Laidman & I went to Ayton, dined, drank Tea & returned.

Thursday the Ninth; I went early in the morning to Boulby, but ^not^ finding M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell at home I returned immediately after dinner (by Brotton).& found Miss Chaloner at our house who drank Tea.

Friday the Tenth; after dinner I rode to Normanby & returned to Tea, when I found Henry

Peckit.

Saturday the Eleventh; M<sup>r</sup>. Smith breakfasted here; soon after , Messrs. Hind & Hewitt called; with whom we went to the late M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Greensides Farm at little Broughton, which we let to Ra: Greensides for 68£ p. annum ^for 4 years;^ dined there and returned by six, a very stormy evening with Snow.

Sunday the Twelfth; at seven I took Harry Peckit, (see Friday) with me to Brotton where after looking at my four year old mare, W<sup>m</sup>. Child having her Tail nicked, we returned; at twelve Capt<sup>n</sup>. Lascelles called on me with whom I dined at Bro<sup>r</sup>. Wilsons, he went forward to London. I returned home.

Monday the Thirteenth; at seven o'clock Henry Peckit (see last Friday) went away with a Chestnut Colt five years old, which I bought of Luke Seamour last year & now present her to my Bro<sup>r</sup>. Jackson, he is ^to be led^ from Easingwoud by Simon Ellerton; on foot. I walked into the Markett before dinner; Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther dined & drank Tea with us, M<sup>r</sup>. Preston drank Tea, a very stormy evening, with Rain, Wind south.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; I went to Normanby early in the morning, and with the Gardener finished planting Oaks there this year, returned about seven.

Wednesday the Fifteenth; Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson & I went to Stokesley (calling on B<sup>ro</sup>. Wilson) and attended a Meeting of Gentlemen on the Subject of ~~repairing~~ ^making^ the Turnpike Road from Gisbro' to Thirsk; I laid at Ayton all night. S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Foulis, M<sup>r</sup>. Mauleverer & Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne with us ^composed the Meeting.^

Thursday the Sixteenth; Jn<sup>o</sup>. Wilson & his Wife executed the Conveyance of (late) their yard etc. to my Mother, (see 15<sup>th</sup>. Ult) at Jos. Lawrences, I came home to dinner; Bro<sup>r</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wison, & Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne dined & drank Tea.

Friday the Seventeenth; I dined & laid all night at S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Foulis's, Bart; with Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne.

Saturday the Nin<sup>th</sup> Eighteenth; after breakfasting at Ingleby Manor (S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Foulis's) I got to Ayton before dinner; got home to Tea when I found M<sup>r</sup>. James of W<sup>l</sup>. Auckland, to stay a few days.

Sunday the Nineteenth; my Mother is much out of order today, has not been well of several days. M<sup>r</sup>. James & I went to church in the forenoon; Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther dined & drank Tea with us; M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Harrison also drank Tea.

Monday the Twentyeth; M<sup>r</sup>. Preston, Jun<sup>r</sup>. dined with us; after dinner M<sup>r</sup>. James & I went to the Cock where we spent two hours, with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith, Hird, Hewitt etc.

Tuesday the Twenty First; M<sup>r</sup>. James & I rode to Brotton, returned by Upleatham, reaching home by twelve. Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Langstaff & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Harrison,( Atty), Hird, Hewit & Watson dined & spent the Evening till two o'Cl<sup>o</sup>.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; M<sup>r</sup>. James & I dined & drank Tea at Ayton, returned in the evening.

Thursday the Twenty Third; M<sup>r</sup>. James left us after breakfast; at a quarter before 4 this morning died George Rudd, at present the eldest Son of M<sup>r</sup>. Barth<sup>w</sup>. Rudd, this Child ^was born the^ 19<sup>th</sup>. July 1766, he has been long ill of a complication of disorders. I walked in the evening for an hour; Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther dined & we drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup>. Lincoln's

(Good) Friday the Twenty Fourth: I went to Church in the forenoon with M<sup>rs</sup>. Laidman, wrote some Letters by the Post; & walked into the Fields.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; In the forenoon I became sponsor with M<sup>r</sup>. Benj<sup>a</sup>. Neesum (of Thornaby) and M<sup>rs</sup>. Han<sup>a</sup>. Smith (of Marsk) for Bartholemew Rudd , now only living Child of my Neighbours M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd, dined there with Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr Williamson & M<sup>r</sup> Harrison (Atty.), and at three o'clock we set out with the Corps of George Rudd (see last Thursday) to Marsk, where the Child was buried in the Church yard, near the South west corner of the Church, we drank a glass of Wine at M<sup>r</sup>. Smith's & returned.

(Easter) Sunday the Twenty Sixth; I went to Church in the forenoon with M<sup>rs</sup>. Laidman, Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their Daughter Esther drank Tea with us.

(Easter) Monday the Twenty Seventh; I mounted my Horse at seven (taking Will: the Postillion with me) called at W<sup>m</sup>. Child's at Brotton where I got upon the large Bay Mare I have there (on her Tail nicking) rode to Boulby, after dining at M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell's, I returned by Six, leaving the mare at ^Brotton^

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; I spent all day at home; and the evening (till Eleven) at the Cock with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Richardson & Cuthbert of Newcastle, Wardal of Whitby, and Harrison of this Town, all Attorney's.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Ra: Robinson (S<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Ingleby Bart's Steward) & M<sup>r</sup> Preston Jun<sup>r</sup>. came here before breakfast, and paid my Mother 2,090£, due to her from S<sup>r</sup>. John, they went away about Eleven. I spent all day at home; having a pain in my back.

Thursday the Thirtyeth; M<sup>r</sup>. Richd Watson called here at six, after drinking a dish of Tea we set out for Yarm Fair. I returned home about six.

Friday the Thirty First; and last day. I spent all day at home, settling my Accounts &<sup>c</sup>.

#### APRIL 1769

Saturday the First; I went to Ayton before dinner, and returned in the evening.

Sunday the Second; M<sup>rs</sup>. Laidman & I went to Church in the forenoon, Bro<sup>r</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their Daughter Esther dined & drank Tea with us.

Monday the Third; M<sup>r</sup>. Smith dined here, Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Hastwell, & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Preston, Hewit, & Will<sup>m</sup>. Child came in after dinner and stayed till about seven.

Tuesday the Fourth; We had some Snow this morning, I spent the day at home; my Mother has not been well for several days, but gets downstairs.

Wednesday the Fifth; I set out early (taking my servant George) called at Stockton for half



an hour where I heard of the death of W<sup>m</sup>. Sutton Esq<sup>r</sup>. very suddenly yesterday morning, aged about 69, dined at Sedgfield and got to Elemore Hall before seven, where I laid all night.

Thursday the Sixth; after breakfast M<sup>r</sup>. Baker and I went in his Chaise to Durham & from there to Newcastle in a hack-Chaise & four, we went upon chaise and dined at the Mansion (or Mayor's) House. M<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Baker (the Mayor) dining at Walls-end but he returned at five, & after two hours conversation with him on the subject of Biddick Colliery, we returned to Durham, & thence to Elemore, as before.

Friday the Seventh; M<sup>r</sup>. Baker & I went to Durham where we met (at the house of M<sup>r</sup>. Knight, the Arbitrators, on Biddick Colliery, viz; Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Fawcitt, Gill & Watson, M<sup>r</sup>. Brown could not attend; M<sup>r</sup>. Nich<sup>s</sup>. Lambton & M<sup>r</sup>. Chas. Burn also met us; we dined and sat till about five; I got to M<sup>r</sup>. James at W<sup>l</sup>. Auckland by seven.

Saturday the Eighth; Doctor Dunn dined at M<sup>r</sup>. James's, old M<sup>rs</sup>. James & M<sup>rs</sup>. Page drank tea

Sunday the Ninth; after breakfast M<sup>r</sup>. James & I rode to Darlington, where I dined (at M<sup>r</sup>. Wilkinson's), I left them about two, called for half an hour at M<sup>r</sup>. Forster's at Yarm, and got home about seven.

Monday the Tenth; I dined at the Cock with Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Langstaff, Kitching & Turner, & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Linskill, Smith, Raisbeck, Grey, Lawson, Matthews Jnr., Hewit, Hird, Bowser, & Snowden, spent the evening too.

Tuesday the Eleventh; I spent the day at home writing Letters etc.; neither my Mother nor self well.

Wednesday the Twelfth; I kept house all day finding myself having a great cold; Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther dined and drank Tea with us, while at Tea Bro<sup>r</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson with their Boy came in the Chariot. the Child having both his hands swelled very suddenly, they returned at six.

Thursday the Thirteenth; tho' we have much Rain I ventured to Ayton which I think has increased my Cold; the Child (George) see yesterday, is better, so are the other Children, I dined & returned to Tea, my Mother having losted some blood in my absence is better.

Friday the Fourteenth; I kept House all day, except a walk in the Garden; my Mother better.

Saturday the Fifteenth; I am somewhat better today, after dinner I rode to Ayton drank Tea & returned.

Sunday the Sixteenth; breakfast being over M<sup>rs</sup>. Laidman & I rode to Ayton, dined, drank Tea, and returned; when we were there Doctor Wayne was sent for to George Wilson, who pronounced to be in a Putrid Fever, he has not been well for several days, see last

Wednesday, the swellings in his hands have disappeared.

Monday the Seventeenth; my cold with hoarsness continues, yet I walked up street; drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd's, with whom I took a walk in the evening.

Tuesday the Eighteenth; we hear from Ayton that George Wilson is better, after dinner I went to Brotton, spent half an hour at W<sup>m</sup>. Child's, & calling at Marsk on my return, drank (at M<sup>r</sup>. Smith's) & ret'd wth. M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd.

Wednesday the Nineteenth; I kept House all day being very much out of order;

John carried M<sup>rs</sup>. Laidman to Stockton, she having staid with us twelve weeks, that is since 25th. Jan<sup>y</sup>. last, she returned with John very unexpectedly, for she having heard of a person who she thought would suit my Mother for a HouseKeeper instead of M<sup>rs</sup>. Boagman (who is leaving her place), she came on purpose to recommend her, see next Friday.

Thursday the Twentieth; having a very bad night I sent for Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne who ordered me to be bled, he & Corner the Apothecary dined with us.

Sunday the Twenty Third; Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne dined with us, I rode with him to Ayton, returned to Tea.

Monday the Twenty Fourth; I rode out with my Mother in her Chaise, am somewhat

better.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth; I took Physick today, of course kept House, my Mother not

Friday the Twenty First; John carried M<sup>rs</sup>. Laidman to Stockton, see last Wednesday I took Physick this morning, Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson dined with us.

Saturday the Twenty-Second; I spent this day at home, Sis<sup>r</sup> Esther came in the morning and went to Ayton in the evening, I assisted her to make some Orange Wine; Doctr. Wayne drank Tea on his road ^to Boulby.^

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth; I went to Ayton after dinner, drank Tea & returned.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh; I took John with me to Normanby after dinner, where the Neighbours were working a Statute day's labour on the Highways, found Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther on my return who is come to stay.

Friday the Twenty Eighth; I spent this day at home,except a walk; my Mother lossed some blood today.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth; after breakfast I went with M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd to Ayriholm, & from thence I went to Ayton, & returned before dinner, my Mother is better today.

Sunday the Thirtieth and last Day; Sis<sup>r</sup> Esther went to Church, I rode out with my Mother before dinner; Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson, his Mother, Wife and Daughter, with M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Harrison drank Tea with us.

## **MAY 1769**

Monday the First; my Mother, Sis<sup>r</sup> Esther & self went to Ayton in the morning and returned at seven in the evening, this is the first time my Mother has been at Ayton this Spring; Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Hastwell & Doctr<sup>r</sup> Wayne dined at Ayton too, this being the birth day of Niece Esther Wilson who is now eight years old, her sisters tomorrow.

Tuesday the Second: Sister Wilson & all her Children spent the day at Gisbro', it being a Fair day, and the birthday of my Twin Nieces Han<sup>a</sup> & Rach<sup>l</sup>. Wilson, who are now Eleven years old; Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson & I went to Stokesley attending a Meeting of the Justices & Commissioners of the Land Tax; and of the Subscribers of the Turnpike road from hence to Thirsk, Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Lascelles & M<sup>r</sup>. Smith laid at our House.

Wednesday the Third; after breakfast Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Lascelles & Smith & I walked into the fields, when they went away I went with them to Skelton Ellers & there parted; I proceeded to Boulby where I dined with M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell, I got home by six.

Thursday the Fourth: I took John with me to Normanby after dinner, went so low as Appleton's Batts & returned home by Upsil Quarry.

Friday the Fifth: my Mother, Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esthr. & self dined & drank Tea at Ayton, & I returned by six.

Saturday the Sixth; After dinner I rode to Normanby and returned to tea.

Sunday the Seventh; Bro<sup>r</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their four Children came to breakfast; Sisters Wilson & Esther with myself went to Church in the forenoon, and after dinner we all walked to M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd's where we drank Tea; the Ayton family went home; and M<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd sat an hour with us in the evening.

Monday the Eighth: I dined ^and^ spent the evening at Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson's, with Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Hastwell & M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison, it being ^kept^ as the birth day of Master W<sup>m</sup>. Williamson, ^who was^ two year's old last Saturday; about five o'Clock I rode to the West end of Barnby Moor to fix with my Masons etc. about leading the Stones I shall use to make use of in Tho<sup>s</sup> Appleton's ^intended^ House.

Tuesday the Ninth: I took Will<sup>m</sup>. with me to Boulby where I dined with the Whitby Custom-House Officers who this day measured our Coal-Bags; the Collector was not there, returned by Graing and Brotton; found my Mother much out of order.

Wednesday the Tenth: M<sup>r</sup>. Easterby, M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Wardell, & M<sup>rs</sup>. Readhead dined with us: at three I set out with M<sup>rs</sup>. Readhead for Yarm, where we got to drink at M<sup>rs</sup>. Forster's whose Husband ( M<sup>r</sup>. George Forster) died yesterday morning between 8 & 9 ( aged 68 last January ) after a long and painful illness; at the Widow's request I read his Will etc. staid there till ten & laid at the Inn.

Thursday the Eleventh: I spent all day at Yarm looking into M<sup>r</sup>. Forster's Books etc.

Friday the Twelvth; I also spent this day at Yarm, attending the Funeral of late M<sup>r</sup>. Forster in the afternoon, being a Bearer with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Thos. R. Ward, Robt<sup>t</sup>. Wastell, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Cully, R<sup>d</sup>. Stonehouse & Readhead, M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Wastell as a Mourner went with M<sup>rs</sup>. Forster, Jos<sup>p</sup>. Reed with Cou<sup>s</sup>. Matty & M<sup>r</sup>. Forster's Nephew ( Robinson ) & Niece ( Fenwick ) – in the evening M<sup>r</sup>. Cully & I entered into the Accounts.

Saturday the Thirteenth: M<sup>r</sup>. Cully & I persevered in the business of the late M<sup>r</sup>. Forster's Books &<sup>c</sup> till seven o' Clock when I set out for home which I reached with my Servant George by ten, and found Miss Jebson of Highington with M<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Pease's Children on their road from Darlington to Whitby; my Mother not well, M<sup>rs</sup>. Boagman her late Housekeeper left her yesterday.

Wit. Sunday the Fourteenth: Miss Jebson & the little Pease's proceeded on their Journey and I went to Church in the forenoon:- John went to Stockton for M<sup>rs</sup>. Rebecca Fowler who returned with him in the evening, and entered on her place as my Mother's Housekeeper.

Wit. Monday the Fifteenth: my Mother is yet far from well; Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther went to Ayton in the morning, & returning early in the afternoon. I went to M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd's to see old M<sup>r</sup>. (W<sup>m</sup>.) Turner who got from Bath t'other day; drank Tea with him & ret'd.. M<sup>r</sup>. Pease laid here all night on his road to Whitby.

Wit. Tuesday the Sixteenth: being a Fair day I walked into the Market; M<sup>r</sup>. Pease proceeded on his journey after breakfast; Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne who is attending old M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>.

Jackson's Wife dined & drank tea with us, M<sup>r</sup>. Preston drank Tea too.

Wednesday the Seventeenth: I dined at Ayton and returned home to Tea, my Mother not well.

Thursday the Eighteenth: my Mother being somewhat better, I went to M<sup>r</sup>. Mauleverer's at Arncliffe after breakfast, where I found my Brother & Sister Wilson and their four Children, S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. & Lady Foulis, M<sup>r</sup>. Greg<sup>y</sup>. Elsley, & Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Drake we dined and drank Tea, and I got home by nine.

Friday the Nineteenth: Bro<sup>r</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their Children spent the day with us. M<sup>r</sup>. Pease, his three Girls & M<sup>rs</sup>. Baitman laid here on their road from Whitby to Darlington.

Saturday the Twentieth: after M<sup>r</sup>. Pease etc. went away, I went to Stokesley & there met M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup> Robinson (late M<sup>r</sup>. Forster's Nephew) by appointment, I dined at Ayton and found my Mother & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther there, my Mother felt so ill that we were obliged to call in Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne who immediately bled my Mother who was so much relieved by the loss of blood that she got home about seven o'Clock, Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne ^came^ home with us and laid all night.

Sunday the Twenty First: Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne breakfasted , and drank Tea with us in the afternoon, my Mother is much better today.

Monday the Twenty Second: my Mother is not so well today as yesterday; I spent the day at home; M<sup>rs</sup>. Rebecca Jackson (Wife of William Jackson Sn<sup>r</sup> of this Town) dyed this forenoon aged about 69.

Tuesday the Twenty Third: my Mother is so well as to ride out; I dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Smith's at Marsk, with Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Lascelles & Langstaff, Captain Lascelles & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd, Easterly, Wardell, & Harrison, I got home about eight o'Clock.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth: Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther went to Ayton to breakfast, and returned before dinner with my Brother & Sister Wilson and their four Children, they went away

after Tea; George Wilson is five years old today; my Mother is better.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth: I rode down to Normanby after dinner, and returned in the evening.

Friday the Twenty Sixth: my Mother being better Sister Esther went to Ayton where she stayed till the evening; I dined at Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Lascelles's at Marsk, with Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Langstaff, & M<sup>r</sup>. Smith, got home at nine.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh: I took John with me to Normanby after breakfast, where I marked out the ground for building a New House & conveniences for a Farm, for Tho<sup>s</sup>. Appleton, at the Forrest, viz: the ground adjoining the River; I got home by five and drank Tea with my Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther & Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne at Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson's; Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne laid at our House.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth: after breakfast I rode to Stokesley with Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne, with whom I dined and then went on to North Allerton, calling at my Farm at Brumpton (Duke Foggethwaite Tenant), I spent the evening at Richardson's, with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Deghton & Dawson.

Monday the Twenty Ninth: about nine my Sister Dorothy (wife of Jeffrey) Jackson our three niece Jacksons, M<sup>rs</sup>. Ward, & M<sup>rs</sup>. Fisher with her Son Ben: got to N<sup>o</sup>. Allerton on their road from London, after breakfast the three latter proceeded on their road to Darn'ton, on their road to West Auckland; my Sister, Nieces & self dined at Ayton; where we were met by my Sister Esther, with whom Sister Doro<sup>y</sup>. & self came to Gisbro', found my Mother but poorly.

Tuesday the Thirtieth: I spent all day at home; Niece Jacksons came to Gisbro' in the evening and Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne being in the Town laid all night here.

Wednesday the Thirty First: and last day. I am so sore with the Piles, that I cannot ride or should have been at Grainge to dine with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Lascelles's, Smith, Wardell,

Harrison, &<sup>c</sup>, &<sup>c</sup>, however I sent John & George with the cold victuals &<sup>c</sup>. Bro<sup>r</sup>.  
& Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson with their 4 Children spent the day with us; Capt<sup>n</sup> Wayne, his wife,  
& the Doct<sup>r</sup> drank Tea with us, my Mother poorly. M<sup>r</sup> Wardell came here in the  
evening and laid all night.

### JUNE 1769

Thursday the First: after breakfast Mr<sup>r</sup> Wardell & I set out for Yarm ( M<sup>r</sup>.  
Harrison accompanied us part of the way on his road to Stockton) we met M<sup>r</sup> Baker  
at Yarm by appointment, & dined with him, M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Reed Ward, M<sup>r</sup>. Fran<sup>s</sup>. Reed,  
with M<sup>r</sup> Conyers, at an Inn, and parted about six. I laid all night at Cousin Forster's  
where I met with Mr. Robt. Culley by appointment.

Friday the Second: I spent all day at Cous<sup>n</sup> Forster's with M<sup>r</sup>. Rob<sup>t</sup>. Culley assisting  
her in her late Husband's concerns, got home about nine.

Saturday the Third: Sis<sup>r</sup> & three Niece Jacksons went to Ayton after breakfast, my  
Mother is very weak, Doc<sup>r</sup> Wayne dined, & then I went with him to Ayton, returned  
about six and observed (through my reflecting Telescope) the Transit of Venus over  
the Sun's Disk, she came on about four minutes after seven, & went down with  
the Sun. Sisters and Nieces came home about nine.

Sunday the Fourth: Brother & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson with their four Children spent the day  
here, we went to Church in the forenoon, they left us at six, my Mother gets down  
stairs, but badly.

Monday the Fifth: I dined at Stokesley with Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson, Sir Wm. Foulis,  
& Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Mauleverer, Burton, Fermer, Wilson & Lawson, on a Meeting for the Turnpike  
Road from Gisbro' to Thirsk, and hearing appeals for the Land Tax. I did not get  
home till eight; found my Mother ill.



Tuesday the Sixth: my Mother is better today; but falling sick in the afternoon, was obliged to go to bed; M<sup>r</sup>. & Miss Skottowe drank Tea with us , Sis<sup>r</sup>. Dor<sup>y</sup>. went home with Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their Children, who all drank Tea here.

Wednesday the Seventh: I went to Stockton where I dined with M<sup>r</sup>. Smith & M<sup>r</sup>. Hubbuck, at M<sup>r</sup>. Geo. Sutton's, returned at seven; my Mother continues weak.

Thursday the Eighth: I spent all day at home except drinking Tea at M<sup>rs</sup>. Lincolns with Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their four Children (who dined with us) Sisters Esther & Dorothy & three Niece ^Jacksons^; took a walk in the evening.

Friday the Ninth: I breakfasted at Ayton, and with my Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their Children heard the Visitation Sermon at Stokesley (by M<sup>r</sup>. Grant) I dined with the Arch. Deacon, Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Blackburn; and drank Tea at Ayton, where I found three Niece Jacksons who are to stay a few days there, returned home in the Chaise with Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther; my Mother continues poorly.

Saturday the Tenth: I went down to Normanby after breakfast, returned at seven, when I found my mother somewhat better. Sister Esther & Dorothy went to a Play at Ayton after dinner, and returned.

Sunday the Eleventh: Sister Esther & Dorothy in the Chaise, & myself on horse back, went to Yarm in the morning, dined & drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup>. Forsters & returned.

Monday the Twelfth: my Mother seems much reduced, but is relieved in Spirits; Niece Jacksons (see last Friday) came from Ayton, with them my Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sister Wilson, with their four children, who with M<sup>r</sup>. Preston dined, drank Tea, & returned, M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd drank Tea with us, I walked with Niece Jacksons in the evening.

Tuesday the Thirteenth: at six I went to Normanby with Tho<sup>s</sup>. Terry who helped me to measure off Tho<sup>s</sup>. Richardson & W<sup>m</sup>. Feaster's (Mason) work, they were present, so was John Price. Jun<sup>r</sup>. & his Son.

Wednesday the Fourteenth: Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson and their Children dined & drank Tea with us; my Mother sent her Chaise to Yarm for M<sup>rs</sup>. Ward, & M<sup>rs</sup>. Fisher & her Son Ben, who got here to dinner.

Thursday the Fifteenth: we spent the day at home ^save that Ben & I drank Tea at Ayton^; my Mother is somewhat easier today.

Friday the Sixteenth: Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson and their four Children breakfasted with us, and then we all (being 15, besides servants) went to Redcar where we dined and got home to Tea at six. Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson etc. went home; my Mother not so well.

Saturday the Seventeenth: M<sup>r</sup>. Pet<sup>r</sup>. Lascelles dined with us & stayed till near eight o'Clock.

Sunday the Eighteenth: Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson and their Children got here to Church, and spent the day; M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. James came in the afternoon.

Monday the Nineteenth: I walked with M<sup>r</sup>. James into the Markett, & spent all day at home save a walk in the evening.

Tuesday the Twentieth: we got an early dinner, and all went to Normanby, but Cousin James, Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their four Children met us at Appleton's (on the Batts) drank Tea at my^(Hall)^ House, & got home by seven, when we found my Mother had had a bad afternoon.

Wednesday the Twenty First: M<sup>rs</sup>. Ward, M<sup>rs</sup>. Fisher & her Son, Sis<sup>rs</sup>. Esther and Dolly & Niece Jacksons with M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. James dined at Ayton; Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson & his wife drank Tea there, with whom, & M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. James I returned about eight.

Thursday the Twenty Second: I spent the day at home with my Mother being very poorly, M<sup>r</sup>. John Pease of Darlington came in the evening.

Friday the Twenty Third: M<sup>r</sup>. James & I went to Boulby and dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell's with Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Oldfield, & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith, Easterby, McDonal, & Saunderson, Sen<sup>r</sup>. &

Jun<sup>r</sup>. it being Pay Day for the last half year; - on our return we called on M<sup>r</sup>. Pease at Skelton where we left him in the morning; - we found my Mother very ill on our return.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth: I sent for Sister Esther who got here by nine and returned in the evening to Ayton with M<sup>rs</sup>. Bella. Robson who came from Whitby today; Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Pease & James & I dined and drank Tea at Ayton & came home about seven when we found my Mother easier.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth: after breakfast Mess<sup>rs</sup>. James & Pease left us to return to their homes; I went to Church in the forenoon, and to Ayton after dinner, where I drank Tea, and walked till eight, then returned home.

Monday the Twenty Sixth: my Mother is somewhat better today, I walked into the Markett, M<sup>r</sup>. Preston drank Tea with us; with whom I rode to Ayton, where I found Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Johnson (of Stockton) his wife & Miss Close added to their family for two Days & M<sup>r</sup>. Garth being there I stayed till eight o' clock attending to their Musick.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh: I went down to Kirk Leatham before dinner to pay M<sup>r</sup>. Chas. Turner a morning visit, but he being gone to Stockton, I called on the Old Gentleman with whom I spent half an hour and returned home to dinner, my Mother very poorly; in the morning Mistress<sup>s</sup> Ward, Fisher, & her Son; Sister Esther and three Niece Jacksons came from Ayton.

Wednesday the Twenty Eigth: Sis<sup>r</sup>. Dor<sup>y</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Robson came from Ayton; Bro<sup>r</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their four Children with Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne dined and drank Tea with us, I rode with Ben: Fisher to the top of High Cliff Nab.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth: my Mother seems somewhat better today, we stayed at home.

Friday the Thirtyeth & last Day: we all except Cousin James, breakfasted at M<sup>r</sup>. Lascelles's at Marsk, where Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson came to us, we then proceeded on the Sands to Kirk Leatham, but there being a high sea, (wind at North) with full tide, the

Horses took fright, and on Cap<sup>t</sup> Lascelles being thrown from his horse we turned back and went to Kirk Leatham by the Lane road, and after viewing the Hospital we came home to dinner, Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson with Their Children ^went home in the evening^, we all walked to Mr. Chaloner's Allum Works before Tea.

### **JULY 1769**

Saturday the First: after breakfast Niece Elizabeth, Benj<sup>n</sup>. Fisher & I went by Wilton etc. to Normanby where we dined on cold victuals at the Hall, spent two hours at Thos. Appleton's on the Batts, where I have laid the foundation for a new Farm House & conveniences; got home to Tea, when we found my Mother very weakly.

Sunday the Second: Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their Children came to breakfast, they all went to bathe at Marsk, Ben<sup>a</sup>. Fisher & I went there to ask Cap<sup>t</sup> Lascelles (see last Friday) how he did, when we found him better, tho' much bruised, called at M<sup>r</sup>. Dundas's at Up Leatham on our return home to dinner, we all drank tea at Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson's.

Monday the Third: My Mother tho' rather more cheerfull today, continues very weak, lay in bed except to have it lightened up, and has for the last three days been carried downstairs & put into her Chaise, the exercise around two of the fields seems to be too much, but the air is reviving to her. I walked to the Markett after; and after Tea went to Ayton with Mistress<sup>es</sup>. Ward & Fisher & Benjamin, who had taken leave of my Mother to go (by Harrowgate) to London, they have been with us since Wednesday 14th. Ulto.. I returned, M<sup>rs</sup>. Ward taking Niece Esther Wilson to Harrogate to drink the Water & Bath.

Tuesday the Fourth: after breakfast I went to attend a Meeting at Stokesley, of the

Subscribers to the Turnpike Road from Gisbro' to Thirsk, when I paid five Pounds being in full of my Mothers & my Subscription (50£ jointly) & am the first that has so paid; the Company at dinner consisted of Gen<sup>l</sup>. Cary, Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Lascelles, Williamson, & Grant, & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Chas. Turner, Dundas, Chaloner, Mauleverer, Burton, Lawson, Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson & self, returned at 7.

Wednesday the Fifth: my Mother is somewhat easier today; after breakfast Mistress<sup>es</sup>. James (see 18th. Ulto.) & Robson left us, my Mothers Chaise carried them to Stockton; Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sister Wilson with their three children, Han<sup>ah</sup>. Rachel & George (Esther having gone to Harrowgate with M<sup>rs</sup>. Ward &<sup>c</sup>. see Monday last) spent the day with us, I took a walk with Niece Jacksons in the evening.

Thursday the Sixth: I went down to my Workmen building Tho<sup>s</sup>. Appleton's New House on Normanby Batts in the forenoon, and did not return till about eight in the evening.

Friday the Seventh: my Mother continues without much pain but seems weaker, after Tea in the evening, I took Niece Eliz<sup>b</sup>. Jackson with me to Normanby, & returned at eight, we began to cut or mow our Meadow today.

Saturday the Eighth: my Mother being easy today she would have my two Sisters, three Nieces & self to go to Ayton after breakfast, M<sup>r</sup>. Marwood & his Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Metcalf drank Tea there, we returned in the evening; M<sup>r</sup>. Wilson had his Busby Tenants to dinner, found M<sup>rs</sup>. Robson Jun<sup>r</sup>. on our return, see last Wednesday.

Sunday the Ninth: M<sup>rs</sup>. Robson Jun<sup>r</sup>. & her Niece Hannah Pease left us before dinner on their road to Whitby; Cous<sup>n</sup>. Martha Reed came before dinner to stay a few days; Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & Children spent the day.

Monday the Tenth: my Mother is visibly weaker today having had a vein opened yesterday for four ounces of blood; I spent all day at home having my Normanby

^Tenants^ to pay their Rents.

Tuesday the Eleventh: my three Niece Jacksons & self went with Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>.

Williamson, Miss Place & Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Hastwell to dine at Cha<sup>s</sup>. Turner's but he dining at his Father's we went with him & some Company he had; got home before eight.

Wednesday the Twelfth: my Mother is now so weak as with difficulty to be got up to have the Bed made, & by constantly laying on her left side that Ear is become very sore & painful; Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & Children spent the day with us; I walked two or three times into the Hayfield; fine weather.

Thursday the Thirteenth: I spent the day by my Mother (who is very weak), and in the Hay Field (where we have fine weather).

Friday the Fourteenth: I spent the forenoon in the Hay field, & then went to Ayton with my Sis<sup>r</sup>. Jeff<sup>y</sup>. Jackson & three Niece Jacksons, where we dined and drank Tea with M<sup>r</sup>. Cha<sup>s</sup>. Turner, Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Carr, Miss Gore & her Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wood.

Saturday the Fifteenth: my Mother is somewhat stronger today; I was most of the day in the Hay-field.

Sunday the Sixteenth: Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their Children spent the day with us; Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Williamson & Miss Place drank Tea; I went to Church in the forenoon with Niece Jacksons & Wilsons.

Monday the Seventeenth: my Mother is somewhat stronger to day to appearance, having sat up above an hour.

Tuesday the Eighteenth: Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their children spent the day with us.

I went with him to the Toll Booth where the Justices held the general Quarter Sessions of the Peace, we dined at the Cock with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Carey, Cha<sup>s</sup>. Turner, Dundas, Mauleverer, Boulby, Burton, Preston (Clerk of the Peace), (his Clerk)

Warter, Hancock & Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson; a New Comission of the Peace ^for this

North Riding<sup>a</sup> was read in the Court today. Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson & M<sup>r</sup>. Dundas took the Oath of Office to act as Justices; & I gave the Clerk of the Peace orders to take out my Dedimus; my Mother seems much weaker; we began to make a long Hay-Stack; M<sup>r</sup>. George Deighton of London came this evening & laid all night.

Wednesday the Ninteenth: M<sup>r</sup>. Deighton dined with us & then proceeded to Whitby; Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne too, dined with us & he laid all night tho' my Mother is more chearfull today than for several last past.

Thursday the Twentyeth: Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their Children spent the day with us, so did Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne they left us in the evening, my Mother is visibly weaker today & not <sup>in</sup> such Spirits.

Friday the Twenty First: my Mother is much as yesterday; I went to Ayton after Tea with Sister Dorothy & three Niece Jacksons they having taken leave of my Mother who was desirous of their so doing, as she is not expected to live many days, it is thought most advisable for my Sis<sup>r</sup>. Dolly, & two youngest Nieces (Catha<sup>n</sup>. & Eliz<sup>b</sup>) to go to Harrowgate to morrow morning, the two latter to set forward on Sunday morning from that place with M<sup>rs</sup>. Ward for London and Dolly then to return to Ayton with my Brother Wilson (who goes with her to morrow morning) & his little Girl Esther, who went with Mistress Ward, see Monday 3rd. inst; and Dolly & her niece Polly to stay at Ayton unknown to my Mother, Dolly & the Girls came down Monday 29th. May. Cous<sup>n</sup>. Forster of Yarm is come to stay a few days.

Saturday the Twenty Second: I went to Stokesley after breakfast, and returned to dine at Ayton, Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson came to see my Mother after dinner & stayed till seven, I set her to Pinchinthorp & then walked home, my Mother much the same.

Sunday the Twenty Third: Sister Wison & her Children dined here, Cous<sup>n</sup>. Forster went away about two, behind John. I went to Ayton with my Sistr. Wilson etc. to

Tea, & there found Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson, his little Girl Esther, & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Doro<sup>y</sup>. all from Harrogate today. I stayed till seven o'Clock; my Mother is weaker today.

Monday the Twenty Fourth: I walked into the Markett; M<sup>r</sup>. Preston Jun<sup>r</sup>. dined with us; my mother tho' weak had resolution to be carried down stairs into the Chaise, and rode into the ^Dewsike^ field.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth: I spent all day at home; my mother rode out as yesterday, but only to Pennock Hill.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth: my Mother having had a bad night appears much weaker today, & her Cough & Spitting very troublesome; I spent all day at home, Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their four Children were with us all day, we have nearly finished the Stack.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh: after dinner I went to Normanby & found my workmen had covered in the New House on the Forest for Tho<sup>s</sup>. Appleton's Farm yesterday.

Friday the Twenty Eighth: I spent at home all day, my Mother is very weak and ill today, M<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & family here, Cous<sup>n</sup>. Matty Reed came before dinner to stay some time.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth: My Mother tho' weak is easier today, & therefore I drank Tea at Ayton & returned in the evening.

Sunday the Thirtyeth: my Mother seems amazingly better today, Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their four Children spent the day with us.

Monday the Thirty First & last day: old W<sup>m</sup>. Richardson dined with us today & in the afternoon he & I settled a dispute between John Jackson (commonly called little Johney) of Lackenby & his Br<sup>o</sup>. in Law, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Wilson of Lazenby; my Mother seems better.

## AUGUST 1769



Tuesday the First: Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson with their Child, George, spent the day with us.

Wednesday the Second: my Mother being somewhat easier I took Will<sup>m</sup>. with me to Yarm Fair where I rece'd some Rents for her & me; on my return I drank Tea at Ayton with Sis<sup>r</sup>. Dolly & Niece Jackson, (see Friday 21st. Ulto.) M<sup>r</sup>. Logan & M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Morin were there.

Thursday the Third: I spent all day at home, Doctor Wayne dined & drank tea with us, my Mother is surprisingly better today.

Friday the Fourth: my Mother continues better, Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their Boy (Geo.) spent the day here; we finished our long Hay Stack today. Thatching it, ^see Friday 7th. ulto.^ (26 acres).

Saturday the Fifth: I went to Normanby and ^returned^ to dinner, my Mother is much as yesterday.

Sunday the Sixth; Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & Children spent the day here, we were at : Church in the forenoon; last night being very close & sultry my Mother not so well.

Monday the Seventh: there is a greater appearance of weakness in my Mother today than for several past; I drank Tea at Ayton in the afternoon.

Tuesday the Eighth: Br<sup>o</sup>.& Sis<sup>o</sup>. Wilson & Geo. Spent the day with us; my Mother seems weaker.

Wednesday the Ninth: my Mother seems now to decline much; and that wandering of her mind which she has had since last Saturday, is encreased today; I was all day home, save a walk in the evening, having finished the Copy<sup>g</sup>. of my Mother's Cash Book, of all the business since my late Uncle Ra: Ward dyed; which has engaged me several days.

Thursday the Tenth: I took a ride to Ayton before dinner (stayed but very little) to see Niece Mary Jackson who had a needle stuck fast in her throat yesterday evening,

which being providentially within reach of her finger, she had the courage to pull it out herself, the part was tore but she is now well, complaining only of a soreness; Br<sup>o</sup> & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson dined with us so did Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne & M<sup>r</sup> Wardell, my Mother is now so weak that we do not expect she can live many days.

Friday the Eleventh; my mother tho' weak seems somewhat better today, ^she was wheeled in her arm chair into the Red Chamber;^ I was at home all day.

Saturday the Twelfth: I spent at home all day except a walk in the evening; Br<sup>o</sup> & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson dined & drank Tea with us; my Mother much the same.

Sunday the Thirteenth: about ten this forenoon, & 5 of the Clock after noon, we expected my Mother would dye soon; she continues very weak this evening. Br<sup>o</sup> & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson & their four Children spent the day with us.

Monday the Fourteenth: my Mother having had an easy night appears somewhat better today, tho' very weak; Brother and Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson & their Son Geo. drank Tea with us; Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Wardell & Smith, sat two hours with me.

Tuesday the Fifteenth: my Mother is much as yesterday; Br<sup>o</sup> & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson & their four Children spent the day with us.

Wednesday the Sixteenth: my Mother grows weaker; Br<sup>o</sup> & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson , with their little Boy dined & drank Tea.

Thursday the Seventeenth: Br<sup>o</sup> & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson spent the day with us, my Mother much as yesterday.

Friday the Eighteenth: I breakfasted at Ayton , my Sister Dorothy not being very well; Br<sup>o</sup> & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson with George spent the day at Gisbro'; I came home to dinner, in the evening my Mother became very restless, was got up & expressed a wish to be out in her Chaise, but as we had some Rain she was got to bed, I lifted her into it, and about ten o'Clock she signified a wish that we should kneel upon the floor (on our

Knees) we did do so, and Cousin Martha read some occasional Prayers; my Sister Esther ^the said,^ Cous<sup>n</sup> Martha; self & Sarah Child present.

Saturday the Nineteenth: my Mother had a very uneasy night, at five in the morning she was got up, and the same about eight, I lifted her to bed this time, Sister Esther, Cous<sup>n</sup> M: Reed & self got our breakfasts, my Mother being very sensible & laying somewhat easier I walked into my low Freeledg Close, where John & Will<sup>m</sup> were about setting a Trough; a few minutes after Ten my Man George came for me in great distress, on which I made haste home, ran upstairs, and found my Mother expiring, she had been got up again about an hour before this, and seemed very sensible; she finished her well spent Life with great resignation from five to ten minutes after ten o'Clock this forenoon; my Mother being Seventy four year's old the 26th day of last June; she was therefore 74 years; 1 month; 26 days old the day of her death; Cousin Martha closed her Eyes, & having read some suitable Prayers we kneeling by the bed side, she with M<sup>rs</sup>. Lincoln, & old Ann Wilson laid out my Mother; Sister Esther retired with me into my Closet where I wrote several Letters one by John to Whitby, another to M<sup>r</sup>. Preston of Stokesley, and one to my Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson both which Will<sup>m</sup> carried, the letter he put into the Post at Darlington; George set off immeadiately after my Mothers death to Ayton, Brother & Sister Wilson & Sister Dorothy were here before twelve, the two former returned in the evening. This is a sorrowful day, to me in particular, at present I can write no more; M<sup>r</sup>. Preston, coming in the afternoon read my Mother's Will to Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson & my three Sisters (Esther, Rachel & Dorothy) & myself & ^laid here all night.^

Sunday the Twentyeth: Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson with Niece Mary Jackson, and the four little Wilsons came in the morning & stayed all day, Mary continued at Guisbrough; M<sup>r</sup>. Ja<sup>s</sup>. Pease from Whitby, & his Aunt M<sup>rs</sup>. Baitman from Darlington came to prepare

for the Funeral, M<sup>r</sup>. Pease & M<sup>r</sup>. Preston went away in the evening to their respective homes.

Monday the Twenty First: was spent in preparation for the Funeral, Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson &<sup>c</sup>. came & ret<sup>d</sup>.

Tuesday the Twenty Second: Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Pease & Preston with Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne dined with us, being the only Persons out of Town that were invited to the Funeral, which was at four o'Clock this afternoon, sorrowful indeed; Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson with their little Folks, M<sup>r</sup>. Ja<sup>s</sup>. Pease etc, went to their respect<sup>v</sup>. homes.

Wednesday the Twenty Third: M<sup>rs</sup>. Bateman went to Darlington, Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson & family spent the day here, the same on

Thursday the Twenty Fourth.

Friday the Twenty Fifth: I was much afflicted with Tooth ^ach^ & swelling in my Face all day.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson and family spent the day here, we waited dinner till four in the afternoon when Br<sup>o</sup>. George Jackson came here from London. M<sup>r</sup>. Preston laid here all night.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh: Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson being obliged to return shortly we sat down to business with M<sup>r</sup>. Preston.

Monday the Twenty Eighth: Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson & Family spent the day with us, M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell dined.

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth: we all viz; Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson, his Daughter Mary, Sisters Esther & Dorothy, Cous<sup>n</sup>. Matty Reed & self dined & drank Tea at Ayton.

Wednesday the Thirtyeth: Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson & Family spent the day with us at Gisbro'.

Thursday the Thirty First & last Day: after breakfasted Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson & I set out in the Chaise, called for half an hour at Yarm,^ from thence in hack Chaise,^ dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Wilkinson's at Darlington, drank Tea & laid at Mr. James at West Auckland.

## SEPTEMBER 1769

Friday the First: after breakfast Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson & I set out for Durham where we dined by appointment with M<sup>r</sup>. Nich<sup>s</sup>. Lambton, ^his frd.^ M<sup>r</sup>. Burn; M<sup>r</sup>. Baker & his friend M<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Baker ( Mayor of Newcastle) & Lawyers Gill & Fawcett two of the Arbitrators of our disputes on Biddick Colliery, the other two Arbitrators (Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Walton & Brown) were not present, we parted at five, - called at Sedgfield & got to Stockton by nine, spending the evening there with Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Johnson, Mess<sup>rs</sup>.G. Sutton &<sup>c</sup> in Club.

Saturday the Second: we got home to breakfast at Eleven, but the roads being bad, we walked on foot four miles. Brother Wilson & Family spent the day with us.

Sunday the Third: at six Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson, his Daughter Mary, & Sister Dorothy left Gisbro', I set them to Ayton, were we breakfasted at Brother Wilson's; at eight they set off for London, I returned home, and went to Church in the forenoon with Sister Esther & Cous<sup>n</sup>. M. Reed, a special Messenger came for the latter after dinner to go to M<sup>r</sup>. Readheads at Lofthouse, whose Son is not expected to live many hours having long had a complication of disorders,she went away at 4; Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Williamson & Miss Place drank Tea here.

Monday the Fourth: Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson & family came to breakfast,^he & I dined^ & spent most of the day at the Cock with the Justices at the Brewster Sessions, he acted as Justice, after Tea he & family left us, On this day I commenced Housekeeper.

Tuesday the Fifth: I walked out with my gun in the forenoon, Cous<sup>n</sup>. Forster of Yarm came before Tea & laid all night.

Wednesday the Sixth: spent this day at home, M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Harrison drank Tea with us.

Thursday the Seventh: Sister Wilson & her Children came to dinner & returned soon after; Cousin Forster, see Tuesday, went to Mr. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Readheads of Lofthouse after dinner, his only Son (about 20) dyed last Sunday ^noon about one o'Clock,^ see that

day, about three o'Clock I walked with my Gun in Hutton Locrass ^Estate,^ drank Tea at six, at home.

Friday the Eighth: I spent the day at home with my Sister (Esther), very rainy weather in general.

Saturday the Ninth: much Rain fell in the forenoon, after dinner I went to Stokesley where I spent an hour with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Prestons, giving them instructions for making me a fresh Will, drank tea at Ayton & returned home.

Sunday the Tenth: Sister (Esther) & myself went to Ayton Church in the forenoon, dined & drank Tea there, M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Harrison, & M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Augs<sup>t</sup>. Skottowe drank Tea there, on our return found Cous<sup>n</sup>. Ma<sup>y</sup>. Reed from Lofthouse, see last Sunday.

Monday the Eleventh: I walked into the Markett, Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Hastwell dined with us.

Tuesday the Twelfth: after breakfast I set out for Grainge, where I took the diversion of my Gunn and dined by appointment (at my Farm House there) with Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>.

Oldfield, & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith, Easterby & Harrison, (Att<sup>y</sup>), Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Saunderson & (Capt<sup>n</sup>)

Peacock came to us in the afternoon. I went to Boulby, & there laid (at M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell's)

Wednesday the Thirteenth: M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell called me up at three o'Clock to see a Comett which now rises to us in the South-East, it appeared very plain and had a long Tail, ('tis said to be 34 degrees), I got up again at eight, breakfasted & got to dine at M<sup>r</sup>. Pease's at Whitby, where I also laid.

Thursday the Fourteenth: after dinner I left Whitby, drank Tea at Skaling, & reached home about seven, when I found my Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their Children had been ^here^ two nights & bathed at Marsk.

Friday the Fifteenth: I spent all day at home.

Saturday the Sixteenth: I took John with me to Normanby, where I spent the day shooting,

brought home five brace of Partridg's of which Wm. Snowdon killed a Leash<sup>2</sup>.

Sunday the Seventeenth: Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sister Wilson & family with Mary Lythe spent the day here, going to Church in the forenoon; M<sup>r</sup>. Coomber preached.

Monday the Eighteenth: little or no Markett being here today on account of the Fair to be held next Wednesday, I took my Gunn ^after dinner^ (with John) to Margrove Park, returned before seven o'Clock.

Tuesday the Nineteenth: Sister Esther, Cousin Matty Reed & self with servants rode across Barnaby Moor to Normanby, where we were met by Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson, looked over my old House there, and in a great measure determined to remove it into a field in Henry Weetman's Farm, above the Lane, to which place M<sup>r</sup>. Wilson, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Price Jn<sup>r</sup>. & I walked; we dined & returned to our respective homes before Tea, found Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne & M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell at my House who laid all night.

Wednesday the Twentyeth: being a Fair at this place, comonly called latter Lady Fair, and the most crouded in the year, Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & Family with Molly Lythe spent the day here; I walked in the evening.

Thursday the Twenty First: I took Tho<sup>s</sup>. Terry, (Schoolmaster) with me to Normanby and there met Martin, & his Son William Hunter by appointment, whose Bricklayers work we begun to measure over; got home a little after six.

Friday the Twenty Second: I walked out with my Gun into Hutton Locrass Estate, with John and returned to dinner; M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison drank Tea with us. Geo: Air of Sedgfield, & one Collin a Neighbour of his sat an hour with me, the latter came to apply for a Farm.

Saturday the Twenty Third: I took Tho<sup>s</sup>. Terry with me to Normanby, and measured over all the work done by Mart: & W<sup>m</sup>. Hunter in the years 1767 & 1768; see last

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<sup>2</sup> i.e. three

Thursday; got home by seven & found Cous<sup>n</sup> Forster from Lofthouse, (see the 7th. inst.) she proposes to stay a few days.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth: my Sis<sup>r</sup> Esther, Cousins Forsters & Reed and myself went to Church in the forenoon, and after dinner we went to Ayton, drank Tea & returned. M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Liddle drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Wilson's. I read a Sermon in the evening.

Monday the Twenty Fifth: I walked into the Markett; we drank Tea at the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Williamson's.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth: after breakfast I took my Servant Geo: with me to Newton where the Horses were put up till about four o'Clock, which time I spent a Partridg Shooting and then to Ayton where I found my Sis<sup>r</sup> Esther & Cous<sup>n</sup> Forster & M. Reed who went from Gisbro' soon after me, we propose to stay two days.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh: spent all day in the House at Ayton, much rain falling.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth: after breakfast I took Cha<sup>s</sup> Johnson (the Ayton Barber) with me Shooting, but having ill success got in to dinner, Cousin Forster went home (to Yarm) today.

Friday the Twenty Ninth: I left Ayton, rode to Normanby where I spent some hours, & got home by seven, at which time my Sis<sup>r</sup> & Cousin got home; see Tuesday.

Saturday the Thirtyeth and last Day: M<sup>r</sup> Harrison & I went a Shooting in Margrave Park gro<sup>ds</sup>. we had bad success, got home to Tea, M<sup>r</sup> Lincoln here .

### **OCTOBER 1769**

Sunday the First: Br<sup>o</sup> & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson & Family spent the day here, so did M<sup>r</sup> Smith, who went to Church & received the Sacrament with us; Br<sup>o</sup> Wilson & I mean to Qualify to Act as Justices of the Peace next Tuesday, M<sup>r</sup> Smith & my Servant Geo. are our Witnesses of our Communicating, drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Lincoln's Mess<sup>rs</sup> T. Dundas & W. Chaloner recvd the



Sacrament with us.

Monday the Second: I had much business with my Tenants in the forenoon, after dinner my Sister ( Esther), Cous<sup>n</sup>. M. Reed.& self went to Ayton , they to stay there a day or two; Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & I proceeded to M<sup>r</sup>. Mauleverer's at Arncliffe, where stayed all night.

Tuesday the Third: after breakfast my Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson, M<sup>r</sup>. Mauleverer & myself went to Thirsk to attend the Quarter Sessions held there; the Justices that Qualified under the new Comission were my Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Dundas, W<sup>m</sup>. Chaloner, W<sup>m</sup>. Marwood, & myself, the old Justices were Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Henry Hewgill, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Maulever, J. Millbank, Sim<sup>o</sup>. Butterwick, Dav<sup>d</sup>. Burton, Tho<sup>s</sup>. Boulby, & Ra: Bell Jun<sup>r</sup>. after dinner M<sup>r</sup>. Mauleverer, Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson & self returned to Arncliffe.

Wednesday the Fourth: Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & self left M<sup>r</sup>. Mauleverer's ^about ten^; I ate a piece of cold meat ^at Ayton^ and got to Ayriholm where I met M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd by appointment, we ^spent^ some hours among his Pheasants in Cliverick but did not get one; at home at seven when I found my Sister & Cousin just come from Ayton.

Thursday the Fifth: being a rainy day I spent it at home, save that I drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd's with Sis<sup>r</sup>. & Cous<sup>n</sup>. M. Reed, M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Harrison were there.

Friday the Sixth: I spent this day at home too; in the morning I did the first Act of my Office as justice of the Peace, viz; on the application of Mary Watson ( servant to M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Cass of this Township,) I took her voluntary examination on Oath, of her being with Child to Jn<sup>o</sup>. Simms, one of M<sup>r</sup>. Chaloner's Allom work men & lodger at Geo. Holidays in the Township of Stangow, & Parish of Skelton; for the apprehending of whom I granted my Warrant on the application of W<sup>m</sup>. Oasburn one of the Overseers to the Poor of this Parish, but on the Constables search for him, found he run off last midnight.

Saturday the Seventh: I took John & the Greyhounds to Normanby, where I spent the day mostly in marking out Ground for New Hedges in Tho<sup>s</sup>. Dixon's & Ja<sup>s</sup>. Mewburn's Farms.

Sunday the Eighth: being silent or second Sunday in the Month, I spent the forenoon at home, and after dinner Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their family coming we all went to M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison's & drank tea. I read a Sermon to my Sis<sup>r</sup>. & Cous<sup>n</sup>. M. Reed as usual on Sunday evening.

Monday the Ninth: I spent the day at the Cock (as Justice of the Peace) with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Cha<sup>s</sup>. Turner, & Roger Beckwith, holding a Highway Session.

Tuesday the Tenth: my Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther & Cous<sup>n</sup>. M. Reed went to Ayton & returned. I took John with me a shooting in Hutton Locrass Grounds, got home before three, and attended the Interment of M<sup>r</sup>. Edw<sup>d</sup>. Mawer of the Town (aged 70). drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson's.

Wednesday the Eleventh: M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd, John & I went a shooting in Upsal Grounds, got home before six.

Thursday the Twelfth: after dinner my Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther & Cous<sup>n</sup>. M. Reed & self went to Ayton & from thence with my Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson & Family, to Capt<sup>n</sup>. Wayne's where we drank Tea, & then repaired to our respective homes, on our arrival at Gisbro' we found M<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Pease Jun<sup>r</sup>, his Daughter Eliz. & Aunt Bateman on their road to Whitby, they laid here.

Friday the Thirteenth; after ^breakfast^ M<sup>r</sup>. Pease, his Aunt & Daughter left us;- I dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Cha<sup>s</sup>. Turner's at Kirk Leatham; got home about seven.

Saturday the Fourteenth: Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Geo. Sutton (of Stockton), Smith, & Watson dined with me, & sat till seven when M<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Pease Jun<sup>r</sup> (see Thursday) came wIth his Son & Frank. Robson, laid all night; Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther & Cous<sup>n</sup>. Reed dined at Ayton; S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. & Lady Foulis being there.

Sunday the Fifteenth: M<sup>r</sup>. Pease etc. went for Darlington after breakfast; Sister, Cous<sup>n</sup>. &

self went to Church in the forenoon; Br<sup>o</sup> & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson & Family dined and and drank Tea with us. M<sup>r</sup> Rudd supt.

Monday the Sixteenth: I walked upstreet into the Markett, M<sup>r</sup> Matthews Att<sup>y</sup> at Law (of Stokesley) dined with me; he presented to me for my signing, <sup>^w<sup>ch</sup></sup> I did <sup>^</sup> a Petition to the King (Geo.3<sup>rd</sup>) from the Freeholders of the County of York, praying him to dissolve the present Parliament, the Majority of which during last Session voted M<sup>r</sup> Lutterel (an Irish Officer) duly elected for the County of Middlesex tho' he had but <sup>^about^</sup> 290 ~~odd~~ <sup>votes</sup> <sup>^</sup> votes<sup>^</sup>, and M<sup>r</sup> Wilkes had 1,143. <sup>^</sup>Br<sup>o</sup> Wilson had signed it.<sup>^</sup>

Tuesday the Seventeenth: after dinner I went to my workmen at Tho<sup>s</sup> Appleton's new House on the Forrest, below Normanby, got home to Tea.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; I went with M<sup>r</sup> Rudd & John ~~on~~ to Normanby Banks ashooting Woodcocks – we got a brace; I have much pain in a finger, which is much swelled, seemingly venomd.

Thursday the Nineteenth: I have greater pain in my finger today, but walked upstreet.

Friday the Twentieth: - being somewhat easier in my Finger today I took John & the Greyhounds with me to Normanby, & Tho<sup>s</sup> Prestwick being with us, went to shew <sup>^him^</sup> the Conveniences I have nearly finished <sup>^building^</sup> at Tho<sup>s</sup> Appleton's, near the Sea Banks, got home to Tea.

Saturday the Twenty First: Sis<sup>r</sup> Esther & Cous<sup>n</sup> M: Reed & self dined & drank Tea at Ayton; on our return found M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Culley who staid here all night.

Sunday the Twenty Second: M<sup>r</sup> Culley spent this day and night with me, he & I went to Church on the forenoon, my finger being much easier; Br<sup>o</sup> & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson & Family dined & drank Tea here

Monday the Twenty Third: M<sup>r</sup> Culley went away after breakfast, I walked into the

Markett; and in M<sup>r</sup>. Preston's room executed my Will, attested by Doct<sup>r</sup>. Cha<sup>s</sup>. Bissett (of Skelton) Rob<sup>t</sup>. Jackson (of Eston) & Jn<sup>o</sup>. Jackson (of Lackenby). Rob<sup>t</sup>. Jackson & M<sup>r</sup>. Preston dined with me.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth: I walked into Jos<sup>h</sup>. Agar's Farm & shott a Partridg.

Tho<sup>s</sup>. Prestwick being present; - Jn<sup>o</sup>. Price Jun<sup>r</sup>. came in the evening and we talked about a Plan for a New Ho<sup>s</sup>. at Normanby.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth: spent the whole day at home, being rainy.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth: took John a shooting with me into Hutton Locrass Grounds, saw several Woodcocks but did not shoot any; old Will<sup>m</sup>. Frankland came to me & desired in M<sup>r</sup>. Chaloner's name (as Gamekeeper to M<sup>r</sup>. Ra: Yoward of York) that I would not shoot in that Manor. I drank Tea at home about four when I found my Sis<sup>r</sup>. & Cous<sup>n</sup>. Matty gone to Ayton, I followed them & there found M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. & three Miss Mauleverer's.

Friday the Twenty Seventh: M<sup>r</sup>. Mauleverer &<sup>c</sup>. spent the day at Ayton, save Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Mauleverer, Wilson, W<sup>m</sup>. Richardson, Matt<sup>w</sup>. Masterman & self with Servants went to Ayriholm with Greyhounds, but the former & I soon left them & with Guns went to Cliverick where I shott a Pheasant, we got to Ayton to dinner.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth: M<sup>r</sup>. Mauleverer went home in the morning & returned to Ayton in the evening where all the rest spent the day.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth: Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & family with M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Mauleverer &<sup>c</sup> dined with me at Gisbro', they all went away after tea, except Sister Esther & Cous<sup>n</sup>. M: Reed; soon after, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. & W<sup>m</sup>. James & Doctor Dunn came to spend a few days.

Monday the Thirtieth; the three Gentlemen above spent the whole day with me – also on Tuesday the Thirty First & last day:we were not able to get out the weather being very

rainy.

## NOVEMBER 1769

Wednesday the First: the two M<sup>r</sup>. James's & Doct<sup>r</sup>. Dunn & self breakfasted at Ayton, (from thence to Stockton), & dined at Mr. Wilkinson's at Darlington, we reached M<sup>r</sup>. James at W<sup>l</sup>. Auckland about seven, where I laid, Doct<sup>r</sup>. Dunn went home.

Thursday the Second: stayed at M<sup>r</sup>. James all day, M<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Pease of Darn'ton dined there, & Doct<sup>r</sup>. Dunn spent 2 or 3 hours in the afternoon.

Friday the Third: the two M<sup>r</sup>. James's & I dined at Doct<sup>r</sup>. Dunn's at B'p. Auckland & sat till past Nine; was sober but drank too much.

Saturday the Fourth: between seven & eight, I left W<sup>l</sup>. Auckland, breakfasted again at M<sup>r</sup>. Peases (at Darn'ton) dined at Cous<sup>n</sup>. Forster's at Yarm, and got home to Tea, having had much Rain.

Sunday the Fifth: - my face being much swelled from the cold & Rain yesterday, I did not go to Church but read the Service of the day to my Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther & Cous<sup>n</sup>. Reed, Mr. Harrison sat an hour after Tea.

Monday the Sixth: I walked upstreet for a little time tho' my face continues swelled and a pain in my head; Sister Wilson & her Children dined & drank Tea with me.

Tuesday the Seventh: my Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson breakfasted here, and tho' my Face continues swelled I got into their Chariot with them (adding our pair of Horses) and went to Coatham Club at the New House M<sup>r</sup>. Cha<sup>s</sup>. Turner finished there this year, this was the second time the Club has been held, the Company were Lady Charlotte

Dundas, in the Chair, Mistresses Chaloner, Hale, ^Williamson ^ & Wilson, & Misses (Lady) Dorothy Fitzwilliam (Lady Charlott's Sister) & Chaloner; Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Cha<sup>s</sup>.

Turner, Hall, Dundas, Hale, Chaloner, (Cornet), ^Ja<sup>s</sup>.^ Chaloner, Scroop, Sleigh Sen<sup>r</sup>,

Williamson, Nelson, Wilson, an Italian Gentleman with M<sup>r</sup>. Hall, & myself, we come home to Tea & they went home (to Ayton) but all the rest of the Company took Beds at Kirk-Leatham according to invitation of M<sup>r</sup>. C. Turner.

Wednesday the Eighth: I spent all day at home having much pain in my Face, till eight o'Clock in the evening when it pleased God to give me ease (which was sudden) by bursting on the inside of my upper Lip, close under my Nose.

Thursday the Ninth: spent all day at home.

Friday the Tenth: - my Sis<sup>r</sup>. & Cous<sup>n</sup>. M. Reed & self breakfasted at Ayton, the Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson & I ^in the Chaise^ attended a Meeting at Stokesley, of the Subscribers to the Turnpike from Gisbro' to Thirsk, we dined, & broke up at five; the company consisted of Honourable Gen<sup>l</sup>. Cary, S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Foulis, Bart; Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Metcalf & Williamson, & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Mauleverer, & Marwood, Doct<sup>r</sup>. & Cap<sup>t</sup>. Wayne, M<sup>r</sup>. Hodshon (of N. Allerton), Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson & self; - laid at Ayton all night.

Saturday the Eleventh: spent the forenoon at Ayton, dined & returned home to Tea; Jn<sup>o</sup>. Price Jun<sup>r</sup>. came from Normanby, stayed all night.

Sunday the Twelfth: being silent Sunday I read the service of the day to my Sis<sup>r</sup>. & Cous<sup>n</sup>. & a sermon in the evening; Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson & Family spent the day here; Jn<sup>o</sup>. Price went away; M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Harrison drank Tea.

Monday the Thirteenth: - I spent the day at the Cock with my Brother Justices. viz. Cha<sup>s</sup>. Turner, Tho<sup>s</sup>. Dundas, & W<sup>m</sup>. Chaloner Es<sup>q</sup>. on the business of the Highways, adjourned from the 9<sup>th</sup>. ulto.

Tuesday the Fourteenth: - I spent all day at home, the weather being stormy.

Wednesday the Fifteenth: I took John with me to Stockton where I divided a Puncheon of Rum ^I^ lately received from M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. James of Liverpool containing 126 Gall<sup>s</sup>. – 59 of which I keep myself, send 58 as a present to M<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. James & Doct<sup>r</sup>.

Dunn, and 9 Gallons M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd is to pay me for, I dined at Stockton, and drank Tea at Cous<sup>n</sup>. Forsters at Yarm where I was met by Doct<sup>r</sup>. Pringle of Richmond, by appointment, to whom I told my Case, who said my Blood had been & is now much out of order which he would order me some Medicines for. M<sup>r</sup>. Rob<sup>t</sup>. Culley too was at Cous<sup>n</sup>. Forster's, where he & I laid.

Thursday the Sixteenth: I assisted Cousin Forster to receive 408£ from M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Robinson & Ann Fenwick (Nephew & Niece of the late M<sup>r</sup>. Geo: Forster) and to pay it to sundrys; Doct<sup>r</sup>. Pringle wrote for me and after dinner I came to Ayton, where I was met by Sis<sup>r</sup>. Est<sup>r</sup>. & Cous<sup>n</sup>. M. Reed, we laid there.

Friday the Seventeenth: Sister, Cousin & self dined at home with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith & Wardell, the latter laid here all night, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd, and Harrison spent the evening here.

Saturday the Eighteenth; M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell went away; M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd, Tho<sup>s</sup>. Terry & self measured off the Joiners, Masons, & Bricklayer's work at the New House & every other conveniecey for Tho<sup>s</sup>. Appleton's Farm at Normanby; got home about six.

Sunday the Nineteenth: Cous<sup>n</sup>. M: Reed went to M<sup>r</sup>. Readhead's at Lofthouse after dinner, Sister Esther & I went to Church in the forenoon; Tho<sup>s</sup>. Preswick spent the evening with us, I read a Sermon.

Monday the Twentyeth: my Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson and family dined with ^me^, M<sup>r</sup>. Preston drank Tea.

Tuesday the Twenty first: in the forenoon I setl<sup>d</sup>. with Martin & Tho<sup>s</sup>. Hunter, Bricklayers for work done at Normanby; Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson, his Wife, & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Jackson Sen<sup>r</sup>, & Sanders dined with me, the two former spent the evening.

Wednesday the Twenty Second: I went to Tho<sup>s</sup>. Appleton's at Normanby & finished measuring up Jn<sup>o</sup>. Price, the Joiner's work.

Thursday the Twenty Third: I took John with me upon Barnaby Moor where I met

W<sup>m</sup>. Richardson & Matt<sup>w</sup>. Masterman (of Ayton) by appointment with our Greyhounds we killed 5 Hares which were all we saw, I went to Ayton to dinner where I found my Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther, we laid there all night.

Friday the Twenty Fourth: we came from Ayton after breakfast, I spent an hour with M<sup>r</sup>. Dundas before dinner; the afternoon at home.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth: I rode to Normanby after breakfast, & spent the day with my Workmen planting Hedges, there till the evening.

Sunday the Twenty Sixth: Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther & self went to Church in the forenoon, read a Sermon in the evening.

Monday the Twenty Seventh: spent all day in the House, not being very well, but very busy.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth: Sis<sup>r</sup>. & self went to Ayton ^ (M<sup>r</sup>. Garth was there)^ in the Chaise, dined & returned, found on our return Cous<sup>n</sup>. Matty Reed from Loft<sup>h</sup>, see 19<sup>th</sup>. inst.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth: Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & Bairns, with Miss Skottowe dined and drank Tea with us.

Thursday the Thirtyeth & last Day; I took John with me among my Workmen Planting new Hedges with Quicks ^ at Normanby^, got home by four in the afternoon.

## DECEMBER 1769

Friday the First: I spent the day at home, being Post day, writing Letters &<sup>c</sup>.

Saturday the Second: after breakfast ^ John carried^ Cous<sup>n</sup>. M: Reed behind him to Yarm, she has been here ever since Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. July; save about a fortnight at M<sup>r</sup>.

Readhead's at Lofthouse; at twice, viz: a week each time (see Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. Sept<sup>r</sup>. &

Tuesday last 28<sup>th</sup>. Ult<sup>o</sup>. – I took George with me to Boulby, ^Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Oldfield there^



where I dined, called at Lofthouse & Grainge on my road thither, and at Brotton and Marsk on my way home, arrived at five.

Sunday the Third: Sister & I went to Church in the forenoon, Br<sup>o</sup>. & Wilson & their Children dined & drank Tea here, they spent an hour at Coll<sup>o</sup>. Hales's before dinner, I spent the evening at Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson's with M<sup>r</sup>. Cha<sup>s</sup>. Turner & M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd.

Monday the Fourth: I walked upstreet into the Market, M<sup>r</sup>. Preston drank Tea with us in the afternoon, we have fine fresh weather-

Tuesday the Fifth: I took John with me into Bowsdale, (with our Guns) but neither of us shott any thing, meeting with very little Game. Got home to dinner; spent the afternoon at home.

Wednesday the Sixth: - I spent at home.

Thursday the Seventh: John carried down two Beds to Normanby with bedding; I followed him after breakfast & after spending an hour with John Price the Joiner who, with his Men are now in my old House preparing it for me, to go in to at Spring; I went to Marsk where I dined & laid all night at Capt<sup>n</sup>. Lascelles's, the Company were Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup>. Nelson, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Cha<sup>s</sup>. Turner, Smith, Wardell, the two Lascelles's, & myself – sat up till two.

Friday the Eighth: M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell & I breakfasted with M<sup>r</sup>. Smith, (whose Sis<sup>r</sup>. Hann<sup>a</sup>. dyed last Wednesday), Wardell went ahunting with M<sup>r</sup>. Turners Hounds, but I came home to dinner, when I found Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & family, they went away after Tea, Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther laid at Ayton last night; M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd sat two hours in the evening.

Saturday the Ninth: after breakfast I took John with me to Normanby, where I went ashooting with W<sup>m</sup>. Snowdon by appointment, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Pearson of Normanby was with us; we eat some cold victuals at my Tenant Tho<sup>s</sup>. Dixon's, & got home about six.

Sunday the Tenth: I took Geo: with me, dined at M<sup>rs</sup>. Forsters at Yarm, and drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup>. Wilkinson's at Darn'ton, & laid there all night.

Monday the Eleventh: I breakfasted & dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Pease's, and about five my Br<sup>o</sup>.

Jackson came to M<sup>r</sup>. Wilkinson's (from London with his man Lee), where we drank Tea, and went forward to M<sup>r</sup>. James's at W<sup>t</sup>. Auckland, and we laid there.

Tuesday the Twelfth: after breakfast my Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson & I went to Durham, we dined there & laid all night; M<sup>r</sup>. Baker & M<sup>r</sup>. Pearson spent the evening with us,

Wednesday the Thirteenth: we breakfast at Elmore Hall, M<sup>r</sup>. Baker's, who went with us to M<sup>r</sup>. Nich<sup>s</sup>. Lambton's at Biddick, where we dined and after talking over our affair in that Colliery we went to Newcastle, where we laid.

Thursday the Fourteenth: we spent the day at Newcastle; Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Walton & Brown, Arbitrators in Biddick Colliery being with us, so was M<sup>r</sup>. Burn & Musgrove (from M<sup>r</sup>. Lambton) M<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Baker spent the evening with us at the Inn.

Friday the Fifteenth: after breakfast we called on M<sup>r</sup>. Fawcitt, (Lawyer) and left Newcastle at 12, we went in Chaise to M<sup>r</sup>. Walton's at Farn - acres, dined and stayed till 11 at night, & then went to Durham.

Saturday the Sixteenth: after breakfast Mr. Baker left us and we took Chaise to B<sup>p</sup> Auckland where we were met by M<sup>r</sup>. James & dined at Doct<sup>r</sup>. Dun's, went to M<sup>r</sup>. James's at W<sup>t</sup>. Auckland that night.

Sunday the Seventeenth: we spent at M<sup>r</sup>. James's; Doct<sup>r</sup>. Dunn, his wife, & M<sup>r</sup>. Fairless spent the afternoon.

Monday the Eighteenth: M<sup>r</sup>. James accompanied my Br<sup>o</sup>. & I to Ayton, breakfasted at Darnton, rode through the Ayslaby estate, dined at Yarm, & got to Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson's about six, where we found M<sup>r</sup>. Garth.

Tuesday the Nineteenth: Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson & I committed Geo: Moburn alias Mewburn, & Dun<sup>c</sup>. Unthank to York Castle for picking a Man's (Tho<sup>s</sup>. Scott) Pocket when he was in Bed of 8<sup>1/2</sup> Guineas, M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison dined at Ayton; we laid all night.

Wednesday the Twentyeth: Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson, Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther, ^M<sup>r</sup>. James^, & Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>.

Wilson & Family came with me to Gisbro', the latter returned in the evening.

Thursday the Twenty First: ^M<sup>r</sup>. James left us in the morning^, Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson, M<sup>r</sup>.

Rudd & I with Servants went out with the Greyhounds, returned to dinner, he & M<sup>r</sup>.

Harrison ^dined, and we, with Sis<sup>r</sup>. Est<sup>r</sup>. spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd's, M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison was here.

Friday the Twenty Second: we hunted with M<sup>r</sup>. Chaloner's Hounds at Barnaby side

&<sup>c</sup>, Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson met us there, he and Family dined here, & Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. ^& Miss^

Williamson, M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd & M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Harrison drank Tea & spent the evening here.

Saturday the Twenty Third: we hunted on Brotton Warsett with M<sup>r</sup>. Lascelles's

Hounds, were drove home by bad weather at two; Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Wardell & Watson came

home with us, M<sup>r</sup>. Smith came soon after they laid all night; Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd & Harrison dined and stayed till Eleven, M<sup>r</sup>. Danby sat an hour in the evening.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth: Bristowe Pease breakfasted here on his rode from

Darlington to Whitby; after breakfast Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith & Watson left us, M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell did not go away until after dinner; M<sup>r</sup>. Fox dined with us; we drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison's.

Monday the Twenty Fifth: (Christmas day) we went to Church in the forenoon, Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>.

Wilson & their Children dined here, after they went away we went to M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson's to Tea. Thomas Preswick spent some part of every ^day^ with us tho' he is far from well.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth: after breakfast my Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson took leave of Gisbro';

Esther & I went with him to Ayton, where we laid all night, we drank Tea at old M<sup>r</sup>. Scottowe's in the afternoon.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh: M<sup>r</sup>. Marwood, his two Sisters, Br<sup>o</sup>. & Miss Do<sup>y</sup>.

Smelt, Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne, & M<sup>r</sup>. Preston dined at Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson's; Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Hastwell, &

August<sup>s</sup>. Scottowe spent the evening.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; - Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson, Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson , Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther & self  
dined at S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Foulis's – and got to Ayton again by four.

Friday the Twenty Ninth: after breakfast Brother Jackson took his leave of us, went  
to Thirsk in a Post Chaise; I dined at home, and then went to K: Leatham, where I laid  
all night, M<sup>r</sup>. Turner & I having business as Justices of the Peace, some Smuglers  
being brought before us.

Saturday the Thirtyeth: I spent the day at Kirk Leatham, and returned about six, when  
I found my Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther from Ayton.

Sunday the Thirty First , & last Day: I went to Church twice, Sis<sup>r</sup>. went in the forenoon,  
Tho<sup>s</sup>. Preswick sat an hour with us, he continues very poorly.

### **JANUARY 1770**

Monday the First: I took my Sister's Servant (Will) with me to Normanby after breakfast,  
returned to Tea.

Tuesday the Second: spent this day at home; M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd smoaked a pipe here in the evening.

Wednesday the Third: - after breakfast my Sister & I with two servants went to Normanby,  
dined there on cold Victuals, and after some talk with Jn<sup>o</sup>. Price Jun<sup>r</sup>. who is in the House  
with his workmen ( Joiners) we came home to Tea; Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Husband smoaked a Pipe with  
me in the evening.

Thursday the Fourth: M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Harrison drank Tea & spent the evening with us,  
M<sup>r</sup>. Sanders supt & smoaked a pipe; Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson and Family, dined and  
returned soon after.

Friday the Fifth: Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther & I dined at Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson's at Ayton (^his^ Busby  
Tenants paying their Rents), we had a very stormy evening home.

Saturday the Sixth: - I spent at home.

Sunday the Seventh: being a very stormy day, with much Snow, neither Sister nor myself went to Church; I read the Service of the day at home.

Monday the Eighth: the weather continues boisterous, my Normanby Tenants paid me their Rent.

Tuesday the Ninth: we having thawing weather, M<sup>r</sup>. Preston Jun<sup>r</sup>. of Stokesley came in the afternoon, to spend a few days ~~arrang~~<sup>^</sup> to schedule<sup>^</sup> my writings.

Wednesday the Tenth: I spent the forenoon at M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison's, settling a dispute between Rog<sup>r</sup>. Jolley Master & Enoch Carter his apprentice; the weather is uncommonly bad, a high wind from the North, and much downfall of Sleet, Snow etc. M<sup>r</sup>. Preston staid here all day and night.

Thursday the Eleventh; M<sup>r</sup>. Preston & I spent all day & the evening among my Titles.

Friday the Twelfth; M<sup>r</sup>. Preston went away about twelve, (see last Tuesday) Sister & I dined and spent the evening till Ten at Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson's, M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Harrison were there.

Saturday the Thirteenth: I took Geo: with me to Normanby after breakfast and returned to Tea; the Snow is almost gone.

Sunday the Fourteenth: being Silent Sunday at Gisbro' viz: no divine Service, but at Upleatham; Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther & I went to Ayton in the Caise dined & returned; I read the Service of the day.

Monday the Fifteenth: my Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson dined here; after Tea I went down to Normanby, my Servant John Peirson also went down, he on foot, & I on my old Bay Galloway, to stay all the ensuing <sup>^</sup>week<sup>^</sup>, having John Price the Joiner in the House, & several Men in the Garden.

Tuesday the Sixteenth; - I spent all day with my workmen as

Wednesday the Seventeenth; I took W<sup>m</sup>. Lamb with me and measured off the New

Hedges he has planted this year; called at Appleton's.

Thursday the Eighteenth; being a very hard frost I took John down with me to the Forest, with our Guns, but we did not shoot any thing. dined at Tho<sup>s</sup>. Appleton's, & returned to the Hall soon after; Rob<sup>t</sup>. Jackson, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Elgie, W<sup>m</sup>. Snowdon and Jn<sup>o</sup>. Price, supt & smoaked a Pipe with me till Ten.

Friday the Nineteenth; - being a Thaw the men got into the Garden, and I walked with my Gun up Cow Howl, & down Page Howl, but did not shoot any thing.

Saturday the Twentyeth. I spent the day with my workmen in the Garden, and about four John & I left Normanby; I got home to Tea.

Sunday the Twenty first, ^M<sup>r</sup>. Jos: Robson (of Sunderland) breakfasted with us^ my Sis<sup>r</sup>. & I went to Church in the forenoon, Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & family dined & drank Tea here; M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd spent the evening with us; Tho<sup>s</sup>. Preswick sat two hours.

Monday the Twenty Second; I walked upstreet several times; W<sup>m</sup>. Preston drank Tea with us.

Tuesday the Twenty Third; my Sister & I dined drank Tea & spent the evening with Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup>. & Miss Williamson at M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison's, a fine day.

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth. my Sis<sup>r</sup>. and I dined & drank Tea at Ayton.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth; I dined at home, then rode down to Normanby, where I laid all night.

Friday the Twenty Sixth; I spent all day at Normanby among my workmen in the Hall & Gardens, and laid there all night.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh; I spent this day as yesterday; returned home in the evening.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth; my Sister & I went to Church in the forenoon, read a Sermon in the evening.

Monday the Twenty Ninth; - I spent at home having much business as a Justice of

the Peace, Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson ^& family^ dined & drank Tea here.

Tuesday the Thirtyeth; I was up on horseback at six, at Lofthouse at eight, & after drinking a dish of Tea there with M<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Crawford (S<sup>r</sup>. Laur: Dundas's Agent) we went to view my Winny Bank at Grainge, which I have offered to ^give in ^exchange to S<sup>r</sup>. Laurence on his giving me an equivalent in Land, adjoining to any other part of my Estate in that Township; the Rabbits he encourages doing me much damage in that Bank, which said Crawford ^a dirty Fellow^ has promised to write to S<sup>r</sup>. Laurence about; we parted at Ten, and soon after I met Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Lascelles with their Hounds near Brotton, by appointment; we hunted till three, and then repaired to M<sup>r</sup>. Lascelles's at Marsk where I dined & lay all night; the Company were Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Longstaff, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith, Wardell, Easterby Sen<sup>r</sup>, & Jun<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>c</sup>Donald, Rich<sup>d</sup>. Watson, & Tho<sup>s</sup>. Watson, (a Surveyor in Nottinghamshire staying with M<sup>r</sup>. Lascelles) and myself.

Wednesday the Thirty ffirst & last Day: after breakfasting at M<sup>r</sup>. Lascelles's, I came home to dinner.

## **FEBRUARY 1770**

Thursday the First. after breakfast M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd, John & I went a shooting to Bowsdale &<sup>c</sup>. and got home (after bad success) by four.

Friday the Second; I went up on Skelton Rocks after breakfast a hunting with M<sup>r</sup>. Lascelles's Hounds which afforded good diversion, we repaired to my House to dinner, Supper &<sup>c</sup>. my Company were, Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Lascelles, & his Br<sup>o</sup>. Peter; ^with them M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Watson (see Tuesday)^, Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Williamson, Hastwell & Mawer, & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Harrison, Easterby, Wardell, M<sup>c</sup>Donnald, Rich<sup>d</sup>. Watson, Sanders, & Danby we made up seven spare beds in this House.

Saturday the Third; after breakfast the Gentlemen left us; I spent the day at home.

Sunday the Fourth; I went to Church twice, my Sis<sup>r</sup> in the forenoon; I read a Sermon in the evening.

Monday the Fifth; Br<sup>o</sup> & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson & Family spent the day with me, & Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Logan dined with me.

Tuesday the Sixth; my Sister & I went to Ayton after breakfast, when we found Esther Wilson in great pain in her Hip joint; Cap<sup>t</sup> Lascelles with his Daughter on their road to London soon followed us, they staid dinner, M<sup>rs</sup> Chaloner sat an hour before dinner; Br<sup>o</sup> & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson determined to go to York for Doct<sup>r</sup> Dealtry's opinion about their little Girl & set out after Dinner, so did M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles & his Child to lay at M<sup>r</sup> Mauleverer's, I came home in the evening, ^ (found old Jn<sup>o</sup> Price) ^ leaving Sis<sup>r</sup> Esther.

Wednesday the Seventh; I took ^my Servant ^ John with me to Normanby, where we spent the day.

Thursday the Eighth; I rode to Ayton to dinner & found Br<sup>o</sup> & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson just got from York, the Child is better; I came home in the evening.

Friday the Ninth; I got up early and went to dine at Boulby, called for two hours at Grainge on my road, returned at five, when I found my Sis<sup>r</sup> Esther, the Child at Ayton continues better.

Saturday the Tenth;- I rode down to Normanby after dinner, paid my Men, & returned to Tea.

Sunday the Eleventh; being silent Sunday at Gisbro', my Sis<sup>r</sup> Esther & I spent the day at Ayton, went to that Church in the afternoon, & returned in the evening.

Monday the Twelfth; S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Foulis. Bart: came to dinner, and laid all night here, so did M<sup>r</sup> Preston, Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Williamson & M<sup>r</sup> Rudd spent the evening.

Tuesday the Thirteenth;-S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Foulis left me after breakfast, but M<sup>r</sup> Preston staid all day among my Writings etc. & slept here again.



Wednesday the Fourteenth; after breakfast M<sup>r</sup>. Preston & I went down to Normanby, John went a little before us, after spending an hour at my House there with Tho<sup>s</sup>. Dixon, we ( M<sup>r</sup>. Preston, Jn<sup>o</sup>. & myself) went down to Ja<sup>s</sup>. Mewburn's House to demand possession of the Farm he has of me, but he was gone out, - we dined on cold Victuals at the Hall, & then I sent John with a letter to Ja<sup>s</sup>. Mewburn, directed to his Father's at Ormsby, he was denied to be there; I then sent another by Jn<sup>o</sup>. & Tho<sup>s</sup>. Stubs Directed to Ja<sup>s</sup>. Mewburn at his own House asking possession of the Farm, but his Father (Geo: Mewburn) being there would not allow any Letter to be delivered, nor the Bearers to come within 15 yards of the House; it was now five o'Clock, we therefore came home, (M<sup>r</sup>. Preston ^went^ to his at Stokesley)

Thursday the Fifteenth; after breakfast my Sister Esther & I (with Geo: & Will:) set out for Whitby we dined at Scaling, and drank Tea & laid at M<sup>r</sup>. Pease's.

Friday the Sixteenth; we staid at Whitby all day; and the same on

Saturday the Seventeenth; drinking Tea at M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Boulby's, with M<sup>rs</sup>. Robson.

Sunday the Eighteenth; after breakfasting with our friends at Whitby we left them (M<sup>rs</sup>. Robson setting us into Lythe fields) dined at Boulby; in coming down Skiningrove Bank, the horse on which my Sister & her Servant Will<sup>m</sup>. rode, fell, being very weak with the Epidemical Cough, all Horses have this at home, happily they rece'd no harm, however we walked to M<sup>r</sup>. Easterby's & drank Tea; from thence got to Willy Child's at Brotton, (walking great part of the way) who lent us a double Horse, got home before eight, a cold Snowy day.

Monday the Nineteenth; spent at home M<sup>r</sup>. Wilson dining with us; M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd played a Game of Cards with us in the evening; Harry Peckitt my late Father's Servant (now of Easingwold) came to see us.

Tuesday the Twentieth: Harry Peckitt rode with me to Normanby, where we by

accident saw Ja<sup>s</sup>. Mewburn (see last Wednesday) who told me he would not resolve me, whether he should quit my farm this year ^or not^ :- dined at the Hall & got home by six.

Wednesday the Twenty First: Harry Peckitt went with me to Stokesley ( & there left me) where was a meeting of the Subscribers to the Turnpike Road from Thirsk to Gisbro', the Company consisted only of Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Mauleverer, Wilson, (Cap<sup>t</sup>) Wayne & myself 1 we parted before six, called on my Sister Esther at Ayton, (she going there in the morning), who came home with me.

Thursday the Twenty Second; after dinner I went to Normanby and laid all night.

Friday the Twenty Third; John ~~went~~ ^walked^ with me to order Tho<sup>s</sup>. Dixon to plow (for me) Ja<sup>s</sup>. Mewburn's Beam Stubbles, but happening to see James with his Father, (Geo:) Ra: Jackson, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Hymers, and a Man Servant, he told me he intends to hold over my Farm another year (see Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup>. inst) Tho<sup>s</sup>. Dixon's plowing became needless – I spent all day & night at Normanby.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; spent all day at Normanby , & came home about six o'Clock.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; my Sister Esther & I dined & drank Tea at Ayton; I read a Sermon in the evening as usual; (old Jn<sup>o</sup>. Price being here).

Monday the Twenty Sixth; I walked into the Markett; Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith & Hewitt dined with me, I sat 1 an hour at the Cock with them in the afternoon; M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd supt & played a game of Cards in the evening.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd & I with John walked into Bowsdale & Newton Wood with our Guns, only shott one WoodCock; my sister & I supt & played at Cards at M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd's.

Ash Wednesday the Twenty Eighth & last Day; I sat an hour with M<sup>r</sup>. Fox in the forenoon, & spent the afternoon at home, being a Rainy day.

### MARCH 1770

Thursday the First; Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their Son (Geo:) and Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Williamson, Nelson & Hastwell, & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd, Harrison, Hewit, & Atkinson dined, played at Cards & supt with me, save M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Wilson etc.

Friday the Second; John & I went down to Normanby after dinner & returned in the evening.

Saturday the Third; M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd & I went down to M<sup>r</sup>. Smith's at Marsk where we dined & staid all night (with other Company), Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Lascelles, Langstaff, & Robson & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Watson, & Raisbeck with us.

Sunday the Fourth; M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd & I came ^home^ before twelve, I went to Church with my Sister in the afternoon, we drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd's.

Monday the Fifth; - I walked into the Markett, and after dinner went to Normanby to stay the ensuing week.

Tuesday the Sixth; I began to Plant ^little^ Cow Howl (^late^ in the Occupation of Henry Weetman at Normanby) containing about 3 acres, 3 roods with Oaks having pulled down the Hedge between this field & that above it which I planted with Oaks last year.

Wednesday the Seventh; I found myself out of order having been wet to the Skin yesterday, but to appointment I dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Lascelles's at Marsk with much other Company and laid all night.

Thursday the Eighth; finding myself very Chilly & Feverish I durst not return to Normanby as I intended, but calling at Gisbro' for two hours I proceeded to Ayton where I found my Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther who went there last Monday - went to bed soon.

Friday the Ninth; I continued at Ayton all day, had M<sup>r</sup>. Hubbuck a Stokesley

Apothecary who attempted to bleed me but as he miscarried did not venture again, -  
went to bed & Sweat.

Saturday the Tenth; an exceeding stormy day; I was better, stayed all day and night.  
the low Cow howl was finished planting, see 6 inst.

Sunday the Eleventh; I was much better, stayed all day & night at Ayton again.

Monday the Twelfth; I came home (to Gisbro') M<sup>r</sup>. Preston dined with me, I returned to  
Ayton in the evening.

Tuesday the Thirteenth; I drank ^Tea^ at M<sup>r</sup>. Preston's at Stokesley, with Br<sup>o</sup>. &  
Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & Sister Esther.

Wednesday the Fourteenth; Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson & self went to Normanby dined on cold  
Victuals & returned to Ayton, we drank Tea at old M<sup>r</sup>. Scottow's.

Thursday the Fifteenth; spent all day at Ayton.

Friday the Sixteenth; Sister Esther & I came home to dinner, M<sup>rs</sup>. Lincoln drank Tea  
with us.

Saturday the Seventeenth: Notwithstanding we had so fine a day yesterday, we have  
today a very great fall of Snow, stay'd at home all day; M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd spent the evening.

Sunday the Eighteenth; we now have much Snow on the Ground, & stormy,  
neither Sis<sup>r</sup>. nor myself went to Church, I read a Sermon.

Monday the Nineteenth; Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Lascelles & his Fn<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Watson breakfasted with  
me on their road Southward; I walked into the Markett.

Tuesday the Twentyeth; I spent all day at home among my Books of Acc<sup>s</sup>, & with  
my Sister.

Wednesday the Twenty First; I spent as yesterday; - the Snow dissolves, being ^a^ mild air.

Thursday the Twenty Second; I dined at Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson's with Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>.

Nelson, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Hird, Hewitt, & Atkinson of K: Leatham, M<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Crawford of Up.

Leatham, & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd & Harrison of this Town, and with the two ^latter^ I supt & spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson's

Friday the Twenty Third; being a fine frosty morning I walked a mile or two in the forenoon; and walked the same with M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd in the evening; much Snow still lays upon the Ground.

Saturday the Twenty Fourth; M<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Flounders the Quaker of Crathorn dined with us, I rode with him (soon after) to Ayton, sat an hour with 1 Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson, & returned to drink Tea with Sister Esther.

Sunday the Twenty Fifth; Sister & I went to Church in the forenoon, but not after dinner the day being exceeding cold with some Snow from the North, M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell came from Boulby & laid all night on his road to York Assizes; M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison sat an hour.

Monday the Twenty Sixth; M<sup>r</sup>. Readhead of Lofthouse called on M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell after breakfast in a Post Chaise, M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell got in between Nine & Ten; the Snow continues to lay upon the Ground; I walked into the Markett; M<sup>r</sup>. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Watson dined with me, I sat till six or Seven o'Clock at the Cock with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith, Watson, Scarth &<sup>c</sup>.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh; I spent the day at home, save a walk in the evening; Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther went to Ayton ^after^ Tea.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth; I went to Normanby in the morning, dined on cold victuals, and with George went to Ayton to Tea, where I laid all night my Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson being gone to York Assizes, on our comitment of Geo: Mewburn & Dan<sup>l</sup>. Unthank, see Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup>.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth; old W<sup>m</sup>. Richardson called on me at six, with whom I went to Yarm Fair, where 1 I received my Br<sup>o</sup>. Geo: Jackson's & my own Rents & return'd to Tea at Ayton, laid there all night, my Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson being come from York

where the two men were found Guilty; a very high wind.

Friday the Thirtyeth; we had some Rain last night, I went from Ayton to Normanby & spent the day there, came home in the evening.

Saturday the Thirty First, and last Day. we now have a thorough Thaw much Rain having fallen last night, by which the waters are out the Sun only having wasted some of the Snow that fell the 17<sup>th</sup>. inst.. I drank Tea at Ayton, Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther returned with me.

#### APRIL 1770

Sunday the First; Sister Esther & I went to Church in the forenoon and received the Sacrament; Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their two younger Children dined and drank Tea with us; M<sup>r</sup>. Pease Jun<sup>r</sup>. laid here on his road from Whitby.

Monday the Second; M<sup>r</sup>. Pease went away at four o'Clock this morning; I walked upstreet into the Market, M<sup>r</sup>. Preston drank Tea with us, M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd spent the evening.

Tuesday the Third; we have had a great fall of Snow in last night, and all this day it wastes rapidly, I spent all day ~~all night~~<sup>^</sup> at home<sup>^</sup> writing some Letters by the Post &<sup>c</sup>.

Wednesday the Fourth; - Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson with their two eldest Children (Twins) dined here; Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther & I drank Tea with them at M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd's, they went home in the evening, & I took a walk;

Thursday the Fifth: - Sister Esther & I drank Tea at Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson's; we have most uncommon weather for this Season, seldom more than an hour fair together, every morning we have a thick Snow on the ground, which mostly dissolves in the day with the sleety Rain that falls in the day.

Friday the Sixth; I spent all day at home with Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther; writing to M<sup>r</sup>. Baker, M<sup>r</sup>. Pearson of Durham, etc, etc, - much such weather as yesterday.

Saturday the Seventh; great falls of Snow we have yet, which dissolves in the vales

in the day, but it is apprehended that the Snow lays very thick on the Moors; fother is very scarce; I have employed some parts of several days past, making a stock of Horse Medicines to carry with me to Normanby.

Sunday the Eighth; - Sister Esther & I went to Ayton ~~Church~~ in the Chaise, & returned in the evening, ^we^ went to ^their^ Church in the forenoon.

Monday the Ninth; was a busy day receiving Money on Acco<sup>s</sup>. of my Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson; M<sup>r</sup>. Preston dined with us; M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd drank Tea with us, he and I took a walk after.

Tuesday the Tenth; after writing by the Post till two, I went to Normanby (took Geo:), spent an hour at Rob<sup>t</sup>. Jackson's ^at Eston^ and came home in the evening.

Wednesday the Eleventh; Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson with Nieces Han<sup>a</sup>. & Rachel & Son George dined with me, and we all drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison's; I walked in the evening.

Thursday the Twelfth; - M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd & I went to Stockton bought many Things at the Tin Shops, etc. dined ^drank Tea^ at M<sup>r</sup>. Benj<sup>a</sup>. Neesum's at Barwick, and came home about seven, having had a very stormy day.

Good Friday the Thirteenth; my Sister & I went to Church in the forenoon, and drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd's in the afternoon, with whom I took a walk after.

Saturday the Fourteenth; I took John with me to Normanby (calling at Jn<sup>o</sup>. Patton's at Lackenby on our road) where we spent the day working in the Garden, and returned by seven in the evening.

(Easter) Sunday the Fifteenth; I went to Church twice, Sister only the forenoon; M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd & M<sup>r</sup>. Fox drank Tea & spent the afternoon with us, the two Gentlemen walked in the evening; I read a Sermon as usual.

(Easter) Monday the Sixteenth; after breakfast I took Geo: with me to ~~Norma~~

^Boulby^ dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell's w<sup>th</sup>. Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Oldfield; returned to Tea about five.

(Easter) Tuesday the Seventeenth; Sister Esther and I spent the day at Ayton, (M<sup>r</sup> Morin, dancing-Master was there) returned in the evening; we rode in the Chaise late my Honoured Mother's, which ^with a pair of Horses^ I presented to her soon after the death of my late good Uncle Ra: Ward; on her death my Br<sup>o</sup> Geo; Jackson (whose property it became) gave it ^ & them^ to me, and this evening I gave ^it^ to my Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson, promising to send it tomorrow morning. I give one of the Coach Horses (Poppet) to my Sis<sup>r</sup> Esther.

Wednesday the Eighteenth. This morning my Sister's Servant (Will;) carried the Chaise, see yesterday, to Ayton, the three Maids went in it, & walk home in the evening; I spent the day at home, except a walk after Tea; Jn<sup>o</sup> Price Sen<sup>r</sup> & Jun<sup>r</sup> came in the evening.

Thursday the Nineteenth; spent all day at home with the two John Prices, preparing for my removal.

Friday the Twentieth, pulled down all the Shelves etc. in my Closet, on which my Books stood and further prepared for my removal, Br<sup>o</sup> & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson & their Son Geo: dined & drank Tea with me.

Saturday the Twenty First; after Breakfast I went to Grainge where I met M<sup>r</sup> Wardell, & Tho<sup>s</sup> Duck by appointment ^ M<sup>r</sup> Wardell having discharged^ the latter from being House Clerk, at Boulby which I agreed to this day, got home by two.

Sunday the Twenty Second; I went to Church in the forenoon with Sister; we drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Lincoln's in the afternoon; read a Sermon in the evening.

Monday the Twenty Third; I was kept busy all day with Justice business &<sup>c</sup>. till about four in the after noon when M<sup>r</sup> Preston called, & drank Tea, I went to Ayton with him & found M<sup>r</sup> Garth at Br<sup>o</sup> Wilson's; laid there all night.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; before six Br<sup>o</sup> Wilson & I set out for Thirsk where we



attended the Quarter Sessions as Justices of the ~~Bench~~ ^Peace^, the Bench consisted of Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Hugill, & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Crow, Elsley, Butterwick, Bell Sen<sup>r</sup>, Consett, & ourselves (8 in all) dined at Cass's, & the day proving very Rainy Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson & I took Chaise and got to Ayton about Ten.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; I left Ayton after breakfast, & on my return home began to pack for my removal, Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Husband drank Tea.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; I spent the day at home, and in the evening my Neighbours Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Harrison, ^(Atty)^, Danby ^(shopkeeper)^; Corney (Apothecary), Robson (Publican), & Watson of Upleatham; M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell being in Town, he supt with me, also M<sup>r</sup>. Harle, the Exiseman; I asked Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson, & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd & Jn<sup>o</sup>. Sanders, the two former were not well, & the latter was out of Town. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Danby, Watson, & Robson did not go away near five

Friday the Twenty Seventh; I spent this day at home, writing by the Post, packing up &<sup>c</sup>.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; I went to Normanby to bespeak Carts etc. for my removal on Monday next, got home about five.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; my Sister & I breakfasted, dined, & drank Tea at Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson's & returned to Gisbro' in the evening, I went to Ayton Church in the afternoon.

Monday the Thirtyeth and last Day; my Tenants Tho<sup>s</sup>. Appleton, Jos: Cornforth, Tho<sup>s</sup>. Dixon, Henry Weetman, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Thomas, W<sup>m</sup>. Robinson (all of Normanby) & W<sup>m</sup>. Garbutt (of Upsall) came to Gisbro' with their Carts, and took away most of the Furniture, Books; Cellars etc. I followed them to Normanby and after their Carts were unladen, I returned to Gisbro' at night.

**MAY 1770**

Tuesday, May, the First; being a Fair day at Gisbro' I walked upstreet, Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their two eldest Daughters (Esther continues very ill) & their Son (Geo;) dined with me for the last time at Gisbro', Sis<sup>r</sup> Esther & I drank Tea & spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd's.

Wednesday the Second; I had four Carts loaden at Gisbro', after supping a bason of Broth at Tho<sup>s</sup>. Prestwick's, (about two) took my leave as an Inhabitant of Gisbro', and with my four Servants, John Peirson, Geo: Kirtley, Sarah Child, & Jane Lindsley came to Normanby ^ Sister Esther went to Ayton^ ;

Thursday the Third; I spent all day among my Workmen, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Price Jun<sup>r</sup> &<sup>c</sup>. &<sup>c</sup>.

Friday the Fourth; after breakfast I rode to Gisbro' stayed about an hour, proceeded to Ayton where I dined and drank Tea, found Niece Esther Wilson better, came home to Normanby in the evening.

Saturday the Fifth; I spent the day among my Workmen seting ^up^ my Furniture, - in my Cellars &<sup>c</sup>. &<sup>c</sup>.

Sunday the Sixth; I read the morning service of the day and a Sermon to Jn<sup>o</sup>. Price Jun<sup>r</sup>. who dined with me; as did my Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther who came from Ayton, & ~~went home~~ ^return'd there^ after Tea.

Monday the Seventh; I went to Gisbro' after dinner, & after doing business with M<sup>r</sup>. Preston, drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd's, & returned home to Normanby.

Tuesday the Eighth; I called at Ayton on my road to Stokesley to which place Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson went with me to meet S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Foulis, & Justices Mauleverer & Burton on the Militia business, after dining there I came to Ayton & drank Tea, Sister Esther came home with me to stay a few days.

Wednesday the Ninth; I spent all day at home.

Thursday the Tenth; I spent all this day too among my Workmen at home.

Friday the Eleventh; I attended my Workmen at home; M<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Elgie drank Tea with us, ^Sister went home to Ayton^.

Saturday the Twelfth; I attended at Gisbro' as a Justice of the Peace appointing new overseers of the poor, collectors of the Land Tax & Window Money for ensuing year, with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Dundas, & Beckwith & Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson, with the last I went to Ayton in the evening & laid all night.

Sunday the Thirteenth; I came home to dinner, & set out for Eston Chapel, ~~for~~ in the afternoon, but it coming on to violent Rain ^I^ turned back, the evening being fine I walked to Rob<sup>t</sup>. Jackson's for an hour.

Monday the Fourteenth; ^I dined at the Cock at Gisbro' and did some business as a Justice of the Peace with Tho<sup>s</sup>. Dundas and Roger Beckwith Esq<sup>rs</sup>. as well as some business on my own private Account, sat an hour with M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Preswick and got home about eight.^

Tuesday the Fifteenth; I got up early and with my Man George went to Stockton, where I did business & breakfasted with M<sup>r</sup>. Sutton, got home to dinner.

Wednesday the Sixteenth; I spent all day at home with my Workmen in the House.

Thursday the Seventeenth; John being at Gisbro' ^today^ with some Carts to bring the odd things that were left, I went to him, dined at M<sup>rs</sup>. Lincoln with M<sup>r</sup>. Preswick his Nephew Chr<sup>r</sup>. was there; got home to Tea.

Friday the Eighteenth: there being a Statute days work wrought upon the Highways in the Township today, I attended much, tho' very cold.

Saturday the Nineteenth; we had much Rain in the afternoon I rode to Eston Bank with Tho<sup>s</sup>. & Rob<sup>t</sup>. Whitehead to look after the ^sledging^ down some stone Posts for Gates, home to Tea.

Sunday the Twentyeth; John Price dined with me, and ^ after^ went with him to Eston Chappelle, the place of worship for this Township & ^said to be^ in the Parish of Ormsby, Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Pennyman Conset is now Curate under Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Tench ^ (of Enfield)^ the Vicar of Ormsby, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Price drank Tea & supt with me and then I read a Sermon to him & his Son John ( now about 6 years of Age).

Monday the Twenty First; I dined at Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson's at Ayton with S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Foulis & M<sup>r</sup>. Mauleverer on Militia business , after they went away I walked to my Sister Esther's at the Green for the first time since she got into her House which is yet a littered place, I laid at M<sup>r</sup>. Wilson's as did M<sup>r</sup>. Garth, the Music Master.

Tuesday the Twenty Second; I dined at home.

Wednesday the Twenty Third; having had some exceeding cold & hazy days I got cold, & tho' I attended the Labourer's on the Highways, am far from well.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth; am much out of order, & therefore kept the House all day.

Friday the Twenty Fifth; am much better today, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith & Wardell dined with me, the former went away in the evening, the latter staid all night.

Saturday the Twenty Sixth; after breakfast I rode with M<sup>r</sup>. Wardell beyond Wilton on his road home; I spent the afternoon out of doors among my Workmen, M<sup>r</sup>.Rudd called in the evening, I eat a little supper, & sat for an hour after.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh; I dined at my Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson's at Ayton, went to that Church in the afternoon, & drank Tea at Sister's (on the Green) with Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson & family, M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Harrison, Doct<sup>r</sup>. Wayne & M<sup>r</sup>. Preston, came home in the evening.

Monday the Twenty Eighth; I walked into my West or Page Howl Wood, now two years old; and among my Workmen building the Cow House & Stable at home.

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth; I set off early, and breakfasting at M<sup>r</sup>. Smith's at Marsk,

he went with me to Upton (near ^Lofthouse^ Grainge) where we met with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wardell & Easterby two other Trustees for rebuilding Easington Church, Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Oldfield the Curate, & M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison our Clerk in this business; we dined & parted before six; on my getting home , I found M<sup>r</sup>. James & Capt<sup>n</sup>. Hilton come to spend a few days.

Wednesday the Thirtyeth; M<sup>r</sup>. James, Capt<sup>n</sup>. Hilton & self rode to the River before dinner and in the evening walked to see the Stock on M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Mewburn's farm, who is come with us, supt & stayed till about Eleven.

Thursday the Thirty First & last Day; M<sup>r</sup>. James, Capt<sup>n</sup>. Hilton & self dined & drank Tea at Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson's at Ayton, and returned home about seven to supper.

### **JUNE 1770**

Friday the First; after breakfast M<sup>r</sup>. James & Capt<sup>n</sup>. Hilton left me, after being here since last Thursday, much rain fell in the day, I spent all day at home.

Saturday the Second; Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson called on me in the morning, and with him I went to see old M<sup>r</sup>. (W<sup>m</sup>.) Turner; we rode to Coatham before dinner; and after dining with s<sup>d</sup>. Mr Turner (at Kirk leatham) we drank Tea at Normanby.

Sunday the Third; I went to Eston Chapell in the afternoon; after which M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Mewburn with M<sup>r</sup>. Parker their visitor, drank Tea with me.

Monday the Fourth; I spent the forenoon in examining the Conduit that conveys the water out of my Cellar into the deep Ditich behind the Orchard; & after dinner M<sup>r</sup>. Rob<sup>t</sup>. Culley of Denton came to see me we walked to Appleton's at the Forest; Rob<sup>t</sup>. Jackson spent the evening with us till about eleven.

Tuesday the Fifth; M<sup>r</sup>. Preston came about nine & at that time came also James Mewburn to pay his last Lady day Rent which after many deductions I ~~made~~

^had^ made to me out of the Bill he brought me in we at last got settled, I went to Gisbro' Fair with M<sup>r</sup>. Preston, dined and came home in the evening.

Wednesday the Sixth; ^ I went down to Coudgate Fleet with Jn<sup>o</sup>. Price & some others Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Nelson, & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smith, Hewitt & Atkinson dined & sat till eight with me.

Thursday the Seventh; ^M<sup>r</sup>.^ Tho<sup>s</sup>. Preswick came before dinner to see me, he dined, and about four o'Clock I set him half way home, returned by Ormsby Hall; Willy Child drank Tea with me.

Friday the Eighth; I rode to Ayton & from thence went to Stokesley where there was a meeting of the Commission of the Land Tax, to hear Appeals, Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Clayton dined with us; I drank Tea at Ayton , & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther came home with me.

Saturday the Ninth; Sister Esther & I spent the day going about my House, taking dimensions & Memorandums of my Household wants at London & Borrowbridg Fair, for which places we propose to set out next Sunday; I walked to pay my workmen ^in^ the evening.

Sunday the Tenth; after breakfast I rode with my Sister Esther to Ayton, dined at Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson's, drank Tea with her, & I got home at eight.

Monday the Eleventh; I took John with to Gisbro' very early, I spent the forenoon with some Men setting a large Water Trough in my low ^or Jones's^ freehold close there, I dined at the Cock with M<sup>r</sup>. Smith & M<sup>r</sup>. Sanderson; M<sup>r</sup>. Dundas went away before dinner, this day was appointed for Appeals for the Land Tax, but we had no business, I drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup>. Lincoln's & got home after nine.

Tuesday the Twelfth; I took a walk into my young woods, the men ^are weeding^ them; the rest of the day at home.

Wednesday the Thirteenth; having got some cold last Monday, I spent the day at home, much Rain fell.

Thursday the Fourteenth; I went to Tho<sup>s</sup>. Dixon's Farm & there measured off 200 Roods of new Quick Hedges I planted last year; Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Pennyman Consett (of this place) & Rob<sup>t</sup>. Jackson & W<sup>m</sup>. Sunley of Eston, dined & supt with me, they stayd till about Ten.

Friday the Fifteenth; after dinner I rode to Ayton, Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson where gone to dine at M<sup>r</sup>. Mauleverer's, I drank Tea with Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther & the 2 youngest Wilson's, at home about eight.

Saturday the Sixteenth; I spent the forenoon among my Workmen, dined at one, write this before two, & hope to be ready within half an hour to set out for London. at three I left my own House at Normanby, ^ taking my Servant Geo: Kirtley with me (to London) ^ and drank Tea at Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson's at Ayton, where I laid all night.

Sunday the Seventeenth; about eight Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson took Sister Esther & self into their Coatch and set us to Bessy Bell's at Ingleby Cross, they returned but Esther & ^I^ proceeded, dined at North Allerton, drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup>. Stainer's at Rippon, I sat an hour (about seven o'Clock) with Doctor Wanley;- Sister Esther laid at M<sup>rs</sup>. Staines's, I laid at the Inn.

Monday the Eighteenth; I got up early, & breakfasted at Borrowbridg where I bought many Household Utensils at the Fair, with some Nails etc. Sister Est<sup>r</sup> came to me about nine, & M<sup>r</sup>. & Misses Sally & Nanny Mauleverer coming to the Town; soon after we all got into two Chaises, changed at Weatherby & dined at Ferrybridg, changed Chaises at Doncaster, & all laid at Bawtry.

Tuesday the Nineteenth; Sister Esther & I ^with Geo:^ set out at six from Bawtree (a very Rainy morning) leaving M<sup>r</sup>. Mauleverer & his Daughters to proceed on their journey to Gainsboro' in Lincolnshire where M<sup>rs</sup>. Mauleverer now is with her Father M<sup>r</sup>. Wilberfoss; we breakfasted at Scarthing Moor, dined at Coltsworth & laid

all night at Huntingdon, Cous<sup>n</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Stephenson (late of Darlington) spent the evening with us at the Inn.

Wednesday the Twentyeth; we breakfasted at Cambridg'. changed Chaise at Chesterford, Bishop Stortford, & Epping Place and reached Sister Dorothy's at Woodford Bridg' about one , having had a most Rainy Journey, particularly this day; Brother Jeffery came from London before we sat down to dinner.

Thursday the Twenty First; we all dined on board the Speke, Indiaman, at Deptford from China, (Br<sup>o</sup>. Jeffery's Ship) where we first met our Nieces Mary & Catherine, (Elizabeth is nursing M<sup>rs</sup>. Ward at Beckingham, who is ill of the Gout) also M<sup>rs</sup>. Fisher & her Son Benj<sup>a</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Terry & Miss Wells of Darlington also dined on board, ^Esther & I ^ came to Woodford Bridg in the evening, so did B: Fisher.

Friday the Twenty Second; every body went to London but Ben: Fisher & myself, with whom I walked into the Neighbouring Fields, till dinner that my Br<sup>o</sup>. Geo: Jackson with the rest came down, I went to Bishop Stortford in the evening with my Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson, laid at M<sup>r</sup>. Adderley's there.

Saturday the Twenty Third; walked on the Banks of my Brother's Navigation, the Stort, all the forenoon; eat, drank, & laid all night at M<sup>r</sup>. Adderleys.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth; Brother & I got to Woodford Bridg' to dinner where we found M<sup>rs</sup>. Fisher ^& Niece Bessy^ who staid all night also.

Monday the Twenty Fifth; Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson & his Daughter Bessy went to London before breakfast, Capt<sup>n</sup>. Jackson, Ben: Fisher & I dined on board the Speke at Deptford and returned to Woodford Bridg' in the evening.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth; Capt<sup>n</sup>. Jackson & I carryed M<sup>rs</sup>. Fisher home, with whom we dined, I called on M<sup>r</sup>. Core etc. & came to Woodford Bridg in the evening.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh; all the Servants of Capt<sup>n</sup>. Jackson, (Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson, M<sup>rs</sup>.



Fisher & Ward) &<sup>c</sup>. dining on board the Speke today, we cooked dinner for ourselves, Aunt Edwards unexpectedly came to Woodford Bridg' dined & went away about seven in the afternoon.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth; we all went to my Brother Jackson's in the old Palace yard Westminster to stay a few days, M<sup>rs</sup>. Fisher & M<sup>r</sup>. Allen dined, & with M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Spencer drank tea & spent the evening.

Friday the Twenty Ninth; Brother Jackson left home without much as once saying to me where he was going nor when he should return; all the rest of us shopped in London, dined & spent the evening at M<sup>rs</sup>. Fisher's.

Saturday the Thirtyeth & last Day; - we all (save B<sup>ro</sup>. G.J.) spent the day at M<sup>rs</sup>. Ward's at Beckingham breakfasting with M<sup>rs</sup>. Page at Greenwich as we went, returned to old Palace yard about 9, Br<sup>o</sup>. not at home.

### **JULY 1770**

Sunday, July, the First; we all went to Westminster Abby & heard divine service, M<sup>rs</sup>. Fisher, M<sup>rs</sup>. Allen & her Daughter dined & drank Tea with us, my Brother Jackson returned to his own House (see Friday) in ^the^ evening.

Monday the Second; M<sup>rs</sup>. Pybuss Jun<sup>r</sup>. breakfasted at old Palace yard; soon after she went away; Sisters & Niece Polly went with me to the Cabinet Maker's; Paper Ware house etc., dined in old Palace yard.

Tuesday the Third; M<sup>r</sup>. Pybuss, & his Aunt ( ~~late~~—Cous<sup>n</sup>. Pybuss ^late^ of Thirsk) ^breakfasted^ & dined in old Palace yard, I went upon Chainge, dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Cores; and drank Tea with all the rest (save M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Pybuss) at Aunt Edward's; Brothers Jackson & Jeffery sat ^with me^ till ten at M<sup>r</sup>. Masterman's.

Wednesday the Fourth; I called on M<sup>r</sup>. Core in the morning; & dined at M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>.

Masterman's, all the rest of the Family dined on board the Speke.

Thursday the Fifth; I executed several Small commissions in London, M<sup>rs</sup>. Ward, Niece Bessy, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Masterman, Preston (of Stokesley) & Allen dined at my Brothers in old Palace, they went away, & we went down to Woodford Bridg'.

Friday the Sixth; Capt<sup>n</sup>. Jackson went to London, I stayed at home not very well.

Saturday the Seventh: Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Masterman & Preston breakfasted at Woodford bridg' then I got into a Chaise with ^them^ & going to Harlow Bridg' we found my Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Adderley, Pitkin etc. with whom we got into a small Barge, in which we were drawn up ^by a Horse^ to Bishop Stortford, on the ~~River~~ Stort, the River ^that^ my Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson, M<sup>r</sup>. Masterman & c. have made navigable lately, we dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Adderley's also supt & laid there, drinking Tea at M<sup>rs</sup>. Baines's.

Sunday the Eighth; after breakfasting at Bishop Stortford my Br<sup>o</sup>, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Masterman, Preston & self came to W<sup>d</sup>. ford Bridg' to Dinner, ^They all went away^, I stay'd all night.

Monday the Ninth; Capt<sup>n</sup>. Jackson went to London, I staid at W<sup>d</sup>. f<sup>d</sup>. Bridg'.

Tuesday the Tenth; Capt<sup>n</sup>. Jackson, my Sister's Doro<sup>y</sup>. & Esther & I went to M<sup>rs</sup>. Fisher's on Tower Hill, to stay a few days with her.

Wednesday the Eleventh; M<sup>rs</sup>. Fisher & I went shopping, my two Sisters went down to W<sup>d</sup>. f<sup>d</sup>. Bridg' & returned; Capt<sup>n</sup>. Jackson's Ship ^the Speke^ was taken up & stationed to day for Coast & Bay, in the East India's.

Thursday the Twelfth; I wrote several Letters in the forenoon, we all went to a Turtle Feast at the S<sup>t</sup>. Albans Tavern, the Company was very large.

Friday the Thirteenth; Capt<sup>n</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Do: Jackson Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther, & Niece Jacksons with myself, went to M<sup>rs</sup>. Ward's at Beckingham to stay a few days.

Saturday the Fourteenth; I spent the day Fishing in M<sup>rs</sup>. Ward's Ponds.

Sunday the Fifteenth; we all went to Beckingham church, M<sup>r</sup>. Hicks & family drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup>. Ward's.

Monday the Sixteenth; M<sup>rs</sup>. Fisher & my two Sisters went to Lamaby, to see M<sup>rs</sup>. Dingley; I fished all day.

Tuesday the Seventeenth; M<sup>rs</sup>. Fisher, Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther & I drank Tea with old M<sup>rs</sup> Page of Greenwich, and on our return to Beckingham called on M<sup>r</sup>. Hicks's at Southend where M<sup>rs</sup>. Ward &<sup>c</sup>. &<sup>c</sup>. drank Tea.

Wednesday the Eighteenth; we all went to London to stay a day or two with my Brother Jackson, M<sup>rs</sup>. Ward with us.

Thursday the Nineteenth; I saw the Parliament prorogued, dined at Capt<sup>n</sup>. Lascelles's & went to Woodford Bridg' in the evening where found M<sup>rs</sup>. Ward & all the Ladies to stay a few days.

Friday the Twentieth; Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther & I went to London, dined at M<sup>rs</sup>. Fisher's, saw the Tower, and returned to Woodford Bridg' in the evening.

Saturday the Twenty First; we dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Birches at Low Luton, M<sup>rs</sup>. Ward & Eliz<sup>a</sup>. stay'd at home.

Sunday the Twenty Second; the Pybusses & Lascelles's, Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson & W<sup>m</sup>. Allen dined at W<sup>d</sup>.f<sup>d</sup>. Bridg.

Monday the Twenty Third; we all dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Pybusses at Greenhill Grove, met my Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson there.

Tuesday the Twenty Fourth; we all set out from Woodford Bridg' after dinner and went to Vauxhall in the evening, where we met M<sup>r</sup>. Birch & Family, we laid at my Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson's in the old Palace yard.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth; we spent all day in London, dining at my Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson's who went down to Woodford-bridg' with us in the evening.

Thursday the Twenty Sixth; my Br<sup>o</sup>. Jackson left Woodford-bridg' ( this is the last time I saw him this Journey to London) all the rest of the Family dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Spencer's at Horn-Church; & returned.

Friday the Twenty Seventh; Capt<sup>n</sup>. Jackson, Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther & I went to London, I was to have seen my Bro. Jackson at Mr. James's the Limner, but he could not stay till I got there, Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther & ~~^stayed at~~ and ^ M<sup>rs</sup>. Fisher's ^went to W<sup>d</sup>. F<sup>d</sup>. bridg' in Chaise^ Capt<sup>n</sup>. Jackson & I went home in the Stage. ^M<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Pease of Whitby dyed aged 74^.

Saturday the Twenty Eighth; Capt<sup>n</sup>. Jackson went to the India Club at Deptford; all the rest of us stayed at home, M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Jackson (Br<sup>o</sup>. to the Capt<sup>n</sup>.) came in the evening.

Sunday the Twenty Ninth; at six Sister Esther & I took leave of our friends at Woodford bridg'; breakfasted at Bishop Stortford, dined at Cambridg' and laid at Stamford. ^see Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>. June last.^

Monday the Thirtyeth; breakfasted at Grantham, dined at Barnby Moor; laid at Ferry Bridg'; a Turnpike Barr man followed us about 40 miles for Pay, Geo: to blame.

Tuesday the Thirty First & last Day; breakfasted at Weatherby & dined at Thirsk where we spent four hours, in that time drinking Tea at Mrs. Dent's, we arrived at Ayton at half an hour after seven; found Cous<sup>n</sup>. Dolly Reed & M<sup>rs</sup>. Morin at Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson's.

## AUGUST 1770

August Wednesday the First; after breakfast I waited on M<sup>r</sup>. Peirson of Stokesley to know his Terms for the Sale of his Estate at Upsal; dined at Ayton and came to my own House at Normanby to Tea, having been absent since Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>. June last.

Thursday the Second; I took Geo: with me to Yarm Fair where I rece'd Rents, & came home to Tea.

Friday the Third; my Servant John began to lead Hay today; I met Tho<sup>s</sup>. Weatherill  
M<sup>r</sup>. Peirson's Agent by appointment & looked over the Upsal Estate, see last Wednesday.

Saturday the Fourth; after a very bad night, I found so great a Rheumatick pain in  
my Shoulders & breast that I cou'd scarce move at first, however I rode to Ayton,  
where I dined at Sister Esther's and laid at Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson's.

Sunday the Fifth; spent all day at Ayton.

Monday the Sixth; breakfasted at M<sup>r</sup>. Peirson's of whom I bought Upsal Estate for  
5,125£, see last Friday & Wednesday, sat an hour at Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson's before I returned  
home to dinner.

Tuesday the Seventh; W<sup>m</sup>. White paid me his last Lady day Rent for my Grainge  
Farm, he dined with me, and then I took a ride with him to Tho<sup>s</sup>. Appleton's; Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>.  
Consett spent the evening.

Wednesday the Eighth; I rode to Tho<sup>s</sup>. Appleton's in the morning, on my return met  
Doct<sup>r</sup>. Kerton of Yarm, who with Thos<sup>s</sup>. Preswick dined with me; I set Tho<sup>s</sup>. Preswick  
near to his home (Gisbro') in the evening.

Thursday the Ninth; spent the morning at home, after dinner I ~~walk~~ went to Coudgat  
Fleet where I found some Goods ~~come~~ ^brought^ from London, Thos. Appleton  
brought them up to my House in the evening.

Friday the Tenth; I got some more Goods from London (by Sea) I rode to Tho<sup>s</sup>.  
Appleton's in the afternoon; Rece'd ~~more~~ some rents in the morning.

Saturday the Eleventh; unpacked my Household Goods; my sister Esther's  
Servant Will: came, I returned with him after dinner, drank Tea ^with Doct<sup>r</sup>. Kerton^  
at Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther's, & laid at Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson's.

Sunday the Twelfth; came home before twelve, Tho<sup>s</sup>. Dixon, Jos: Cornforth, & Tho<sup>s</sup>.  
Appleton dined with me; Jn<sup>o</sup>. Price walked with me into the Woods.

Monday the Thirteenth; I took a ride to Gisbro' Markett, dined at the ordinary;  
home to Tea.

Tuesday the Fourteenth; we had a very busy day leading Hay (second day).

Wednesday the Fifteenth; I sent Geo: to Ayton who brought Cous<sup>n</sup>. Do: Reed behind  
him, Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esther also came ^to dinner^, they went away after Tea, M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd  
drank Tea with us.

Thursday the Sixteenth: I walked upon Barnaby Moor with my Gun, with W<sup>m</sup>.  
Snowdon, & my man John, the former killed a Moor Cock.

Friday the Seventeenth; I dined & laid at Br<sup>o</sup>. Wilson's, but drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup>.  
Peirson's to whom I paid 200£, in part for Upsal.

Saturday the Eighteenth; after breakfasting at Sister Esther's, Tho<sup>s</sup>. Weatherill  
went with me to the Upsal Tenants who all Attorned to me, he dined with me, & we  
rode to Tho<sup>s</sup>. Appleton's after.

Sunday the Nineteenth; Henry Weetman & Rob<sup>t</sup>. Thomas dined with me, I went to  
Church with them in the afternoon, M<sup>r</sup>. Sober Hall (who goes 1<sup>st</sup>. Mate with Br<sup>o</sup>.  
Jeffery) laid all night with me.

Monday the Twentyeth; I went to Gisbro' in the morning, dined & returned.

Tuesday the Twenty First; I spent the day among my Joiners & Upholsterers  
putting up my Furniture.

Wednesday the Twenty Second; I breakfasted with M<sup>r</sup>. Smith, who went with me to  
Easington Church where we met Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Wardell, & Saunderson (Trustees for  
rebuilding thet Church) & M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison by appointment, dined at my Tenants at Upsal  
^Upton^, where we had some words with the Churchwardens; I drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup>.  
Smith's on my return home in the evening.

Thursday the Twenty Third; Rev<sup>d</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Williamson & Miss Place, M<sup>r</sup>. &

M<sup>rs</sup>. Harrison, Br<sup>o</sup>. & Sis<sup>r</sup>. Wilson & their Son Geo: ^dined & ^ drank Tea with me.

Friday the Twenty Fourth; I spent the forenoon walking among my Workmen; I rode to Tho<sup>s</sup>. Appleton's in the afternoon.

Saturday the Twenty Fifth; I rode to Appleton's ( Feaster, the Mason being at work there), I walked upon Barnaby Moor in the afternoon & killed a brace of Moorgame; (the first I ever killed in my Life).

Sunday the Twenty Sixth; W<sup>m</sup>. Robinson, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Laverick, & W<sup>m</sup>. Garbutt dined with me, I went to Ayton in the evening , laid all night.

Monday the Twenty Seventh; I breakfasted with M<sup>r</sup>. Peirson paying him 300£, the second payment for Upsal; I then rode with W<sup>m</sup>. Richardson to some Grounds of M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Masterman's in little Ayton; dined with him at Sis<sup>r</sup>. Esthers, then came home and walked in the evening.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth; I went to Gisbro' Fair after breakfast, then to Coatham Club to dinner with M<sup>r</sup>. Turner, S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. & Lady Foulis, the Chaloner;s &<sup>c</sup> to 25 in number; I rode to Tho<sup>s</sup>. Appleton's in the evening with Rob<sup>t</sup>. Jackson & W<sup>m</sup>. Sunley, who supt & spent the evening with me.

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth; rode to Appleton's before dinner, & walked to Page Howl Wood in the evening.

Thursday the Thirtyeth; found myself out of order, took something to sweat on ~~in~~ ~~the evening~~ ^ last night^ ~~but~~ and finding myself easier today took a walk to Page Howl Wood, went to Ayton in the morning.

Friday the Thirty First & last Day; being much out of order I stayed all day & night at Ayton.