

Farming, and selected notes from Old Moor Diaries

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[At top of page: 1798 & 1799]

1799 – cold weather and floods

[After a description of the weather in the 1st half of 1799] “Very wet hay time. Remarkable flood – the water was 2 feet deep in the Resting Piece. Harvest very late, cold and heavy rains. About the middle of harvest was the largest flood that ever was known, our lands adjoining rivers where the corn was reaped it was taken away by the water, and the rest, spoiled. In consequence, corn began to rise in price and continued to rise until the May following. Best old wheat sold at £1 per bushel. Oats from £3.5.0 to £.10 per qr (quarter)? Sold wheat that years growth at £2.14.6. per load of 3 bushels. Very little wheat or barley was got into the barns till about the 10th October. Hay sold readily in Sheffield at 9 guineas per ton. Barley sold in the month of April following at £3.13.6 per quarter. Malt at £5 ? per quarter. Beans at £2.8 per load. There was the next year Barley sold at 3 guineas per quarter.” [page dated July 1849]

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“In the year 1812 in the month of August wheat sold for 25s per bushel in Wakefield.”

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“on 20th day of August 1856 it began to rain...There was the largest flood for a number of years – the water was more than a foot deep in the Resting piece.”

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“The cattle plague broke out in 1865 by which hundreds of thousands of beasts were destroyed, at one time no person could remove beast without a certificate from a magistrate by this and other restrictions it was stamped out by May 1866. I lost 18 head of cattle Dec 1865 G.B.

In November 1866 there was one of the largest floods almost ???? nearly the whole of the farm was covered with water and a large portion of the newly sown wheat was destroyed.”

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Death dates of male members of the Brooke family.

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Birth dates of various members of the Brooke family.

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BMD dates, Godfathers, Godmothers etc.

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“Waste Book”

Accounts

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“Journal” January 1840

Accounts

Both the Waste Book and the Journal date from 1840-1841 and seem to be the accounts of a merchant/lender/agent. The accounts are recorded at Brampton (presumably Brampton SW of Old Moor) for sugar, calico, linen, scarlet cloth, wines and spirits, etc.

[Note: The Bank of England inflation calculator <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/monetary-policy/inflation/inflation-calculator> estimates that £1 in 1840 is worth £80.63 in today's money. So on 1st January 1840, Henry Holmes owes 'him' £20,000]

[Note: "A waste book was one of the books traditionally used in bookkeeping. It consisted of a daily diary of all transactions in chronological order.[1] It differs from a daybook in that only a single waste book is kept, rather than a separate daybook for each of several categories. The waste book was intended for temporary use only; the information needed to be transcribed into a journal in order to begin to balance one's accounts.[2] The name of the book derives from the fact that, once its information was transferred to the journal, the waste book was unneeded."
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Waste_book]

Transcript from the Waste Book

Brampton 1st January 1840

Share in ready money £800.0.0
Bill receivable viz.
Edward Winter [Hinter?] no.107 due 1st March £350.0.0
Sugar 10 Hhds [Hogsheads?] each 12 cwt [Hundredweight] at £2.15s per cwt £330.0.0
Henry Holmes owes me £250.0.0

I owe as follows

To John Hindon £204.10.0
To Charles Chambers £125.10.0
Bills payable for my acceptance of F Freeby's ? Bill, due Feb 28th £400.0.0

Brampton 2nd January 1840

Bought for ready money 60 pieces of linen each 25 yards at 3s 4d per yard £250.0.0

3rd

Sold for ready money 4 Hhds of sugar each 12 cwt at £3. 3s per cwt. £151 4s

4th

Bought of Henry Holmes 12 pieces of cloth, each 25 yards at 13s 4d per yard £200.0.0

6th

Sold John Hindon, 25 pieces of Linen at £5 per piece £125.0.0

7th

Sold George Ramsey 9 pieces of cloth each 25 yards at 16s per yard £180.0.0
Received ready money in part £90.0.0
The rest to be paid in two months £90.0.0

Brampton January 8th 1840

Bought of James Johnson 80 pieces of calico, each 23 yards at 2s 9d per yard

for which I pay in ready money £100.0.0
the rest at two months £153.0.0

9th

sold John Jennings the following goods

10 pieces of linen at £5 5s per piece £52.10.0
One hhd of sugar Wt 12 cwt at £3 3s per cwt. £37.16.0
Three pieces of cloth 75 yards at 15s 6d per yard £58.2.6
received in part cash £63.0.0

A bill on Walton & Co. no. 375 due March 3rd £50.0.0

10th

Advanced to John Hindon, on account £104.10.0

Brampton January 11th 1840

Drawn upon George Ramsay for the balance of his account, at two months £90.0.0

13th

Received for the use of Henry Holmes, £2500 which I have remitted to him, deducting ½ per cent
for commission £12.10.0

14th

Bought of William Bell, the following goods, to pay at two months viz.

2 puncheons of rum at £50 each £100.0.0
12 Hhds British spirits at £45 per Hhd £540.0.0
1 pipe of port wine £75

Shipped the above goods on board the Sally, Henry Hunter, Master, for Hamburg, for the account
and risk of Thomas Martin, merchant there, as per invoice rendered

Amount of goods £715.0.0
Charges of Shipping etc. £23.10.0
Commission at 2 ½ per cent £18.9.3

Brampton January 15th 1840

Received a legacy of £100

16th

Paid Will Bell his debt £715.0.0
for which he allowed me two months discount at 5 per cent £5.19.2

17th

Sold for ready money, 30 pieces of calico at £3.12s per piece £108.0.0

20th

Sold James Johnson 3 hhds of sugar, wt ? 36 cwt at £3.8s per cwt £123.0.0

22nd

Lost a bank note of £20 £20.0.0

Brampton January 23rd 1840

Received per the Mermaid, from Hamburg, 4 pipes of Olive Oil, to sell for the account of Thomas Martin

Sold John Hindon 2 pipes £68.0.0

Sold the other two pipes for ready money £64.10.0

Commission on do. At 2 ½ per cent £3.6.3.

Charges paid at landing £22.10.0

*I owe Thomas Martin for nett proceeds of the Olive Oil, as per account sales, rendered this day
£106.13.9*

24th

Sold Charles Chambers 30 pieces of Calico, at £4 per piece £120.0.0

Sold Charles Chambers 1 Hhd of sugar, Wt 12 cwt at £3 3s 4d per cwt £38.0.0

Brampton January 27th 1840

Sold for ready money 20 pieces of calico at £4 per piece £80.0.0

28th

Sold James Johnson 20 pieces of linen, 500 yards at 4s per yard £100.0.0

29th

Discounted E Winters bill £350.0.0

Discount allowed by me £1.9.2

30th

Received by this day's post from Hamburg, a bill of exchange on Raymond & Co. for the account of Thomas Martin, due March 4th £965.10.0

30th

I have taken my bill drawn in favour of T Truby [?], of £400.0.0

Discount allowed by him £1.16.8

31st

Paid sundry charges this month for rent £72.10.6

Brampton February 2nd 1840

Discounted at the bank Thomas Martin's bill due March 4th £965.10.0

Discount for 34 days at 5 per cent £4.10.0

3rd

Bought of Thomas Fairman of Manchester the following goods

no.1 56 pieces of dimities [It is a strong cotton cloth with various stripes and illustrations...] each 56 yards at 1s 8d per yard £261.6.8

no.2 35 pieces of muslinets, each 55 yards at 1s 6d per yard £144.7.6

no.3 28 pieces of quiltings [?] each 35 yard at 3s 6d per yard £171.10.0

5th

Received from Manchester sundry goods to sell for account of Thomas Fairman, amounting as per bill of parcels to £500.0.0 for which I charge him 2 ½ per cent commission £12.10.0

6th

Bought of James Johnson 10 bags of cotton, amounting as per broker's bill £354.10.10

Brampton February 7th 1840

Sent by the canal to Manchester the said cottons directed to Thomas Fairman for his account amounting as follows

merchandise £354.10.0
cash for charges £4.10.0
commission at 2 per cent £7.3.7

9th

James Johnson has drawn on me at two months in favour of Charles Manini [?] for the balance of his account being £284.10.0

11th

Shipped on board the Triton, Hugh Evans, Master, for Hamburg, sundry goods received the 5th from Thomas Fairman, and consigned to Thomas Martin, for his account and risk

merchandise per B.P. £500.0.0
charges £3.10.10
commission at 2 ½ per cent £12.11.9

Brampton February 12th 1840

Sold John Jennings the following Manchester goods

20 pieces of dimities, 1120 yards at 2s per yard £112.0.0
12 ditto muslinets, 660 yards at 1s 10d per yard £60.10.0
12 ditto quiltings, 420 yards at 4s per yard £84.0.0

14th

Sold for ready money the following Manchester goods

36 pieces of dimities, 2016 yards at 2s per yard £201.12.0
23 ditto muslinets, 1265 yards at 1s 10d per yard £115.19.2
16 ditto quiltings, 560 yards at 4s per yard £112.0.0

Brampton February 15th 1840

Bought on the quay for ready money, 7 pipes of port at 70 guineas per pipe £514.10.0

17th

Bought of Henry Smith, of Stroud, three trusses of scarlet cloth, containing as follows

no.1 6 pieces superfine, each 40 yards 9/4 at £1 4s per yard £288.0.0
no.2 ditto second, each 40 yards 8/4 at 15s per yard £180.0.3
no.3 6 ditto cloakings, each 40 yards 7/4, at 9s 6d per yard £114.0.0

18th

Bought for ready money, three bags of cochineal, each 150 lbs, at 1s 4d per lb. £540.0.0
which I have sent to Henry Smith, charging 2 ½ per cent commission £13.10.0

Brampton February 21st 1840

Sold scarlet cloth, for ready money, viz., 3 pieces superfine each 40 yards at £1 8s per yard
£168.0.0
3 ditto second, at 17s 6d per yd £105.0.0
3 do. cloakings, at 11s 6d per yd £69.0.0

22nd

John Hindon being declared insolvent. And his creditors having agreed to a composition of 15s in the pound, I have this day received my dividend on his debt of £93 amounting to £69.15.0

24th

Drawn on Charles Chambers, at one month, for the balance of his account being £32.10.0

27th

Sold Henry Rivington 5 pipes of port wine, at 80 guineas per pipe, for which he has given me a bill on the claim read due May 1st of £300, and his own acceptance for the remainder at three months.
£420.0.0

Brampton February 28th 1840

Accepted two bills of £200 each drawn by Thomas Fairman, one at two months and the other at three months £400.0.0

28th

Paid sundry expenses this month for rent, taxes, house expenses etc. not charged to any other account £48.12.0

[End of 'Waste Book' entries – marked with a horizontal line on the page]

Transcript of Journal :

Brampton 1st January 1840

Sundries Dis. to stock
For the amount of my effects
Cash £800
Bills Receivable on E Hinter [Winter?] £350
Sugar 10 Hhds [Hogsheads] each 12 cwt [Hundredweight] at £2.15 per cwt £330
Henry Holmes £250

[Total] £1730

- do.-

Stock Dr [?] To Sundries
For the amount of what I owe
To John Hindon £204.10.0
To Charles Chambers 125.10.0
To bills payable for Tomas Truby's [?] bill, accepted by me, due Feb 28th £400.0.0

[Total] £730

Brampton January 2nd 1840

Linen Dr to cash

For 60 pieces each 25 yards at 3s 4d per yard £250.0.0

3rd

Cash Dr to sugar

For 4 Hhds 48 cwt at £3.3 per cwt £151.4.0

4th

Cloth Dr to Henry Holmes

For 12 pieces each 25 yds at 13s 4d per yard £200.0.0

6th

John Hindon Dr to linen

For 25 pieces at £5 per piece £125.0.0

7th

Sundries Drs to cloth

For 9 pieces each 25 yds at 16s per yard £180.0.0

Cash for one half £90.0.0

George Ramsey for the rest £90.0.0

[Etc...The journal presents the same information, with fewer details, in a slightly different format.]

List of names in 'Waste book'

- Edward Winter [Hinter /]
- Henry Holmes
- John Hindon
- Charles Chambers
- George Ramsey
- James Johnson
- John Jennings
- Walton & Co.
- William Bell
- Henry Hunter (ship's master)
- Thomas Martin
- Raymond & Co.
- T Truby [?]
- Thomas Fairman (of Manchester)
- Charles Manini [?]
- Hugh Evans (ship's master)
- Henry Smith (of Stroud)
- *Henry Rivington*

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Regimental orders and letters late 1830's - 1855 – Lord Wharncliffe

