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WARRANT AGAINST ADAM BARKER 2ND MAY, 1692

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The warrant against Adam Barker was issued by the High Sheriff to the Overseers or the Parish of Grinton.

It reads:-

“Whereas information has been given to me by Ralph Elliot, of Healey, that Ann Barker, daughter of Adam Barker, of Level House, near the Old Gang was buried in Linen contrary to the statute in that case provided. These are therefore to will and require you to levey upon the goodes and chattles of the said Adam Barker the sum of Five Pounds, half whereof is to be distributed amongst the poor of the said Parish where she the said Ann Barker dyed, and the other half to be given to Ralph Elliott the informer. Faill not at your perill.

Given under my hand and seal the second day of May in the year of our Lord God, 1692.

JOHN HUTTON”

Note:

Adam Barker was brought from Derbyshire to the area as mine manager in about 1650. Eventually he went into partnership with Philip Swale at Old Gang. Ann Barker and her father Adam are buried in the aisle of Grinton Church.