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LEAD ORE PRODUCTION IN THE HIGH PEAK 1832- 48

Part 1. Winster Liberty

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Introduction

During the early part of 1970 Mr J.H. Rieuwerts and the author had the opportunity of examining certain lead mining documents in the office of Mr John Mort, who holds, amongst others, the position of Barmaster of the Queens Field of the High Peak, of Derbyshire. Two of the documents examined which proved to be of particular interest were the Barmasters Books of General Records for the Liberties of the High Peak, 1832-44 and 1845-48. These books were found to contain detailed records of lead ore production during this period for the Liberties of Bradwell, Castleton & Chapel-en-le-Frith, Chelmorton, Flag, Monyash, Taddington & Upper Haddon, Hucklow, Peak Forest and Winster. In addition to this the books also contained duplicates from the Deputy Barmasters Books of Entries for the above liberties, relating largely to the freeing of meers, transfers of mines, and disputes heard in the Barmoot Courts.

The purpose of this series of articles is to set down in a convenient manner the lead ore production figures in these documents but no attempt will be made to interpret the figures as this is perhaps better left to persons with a more specialized knowledge of the Liberty concerned.

Winster Liberty

The data for the liberty of Winster is unique in these documents in that figures are not only given for the production of galena but also for the amount of Brown-ore, the material known as Brown Linnets or Mimetite, mined in the liberty.

Owing to the time available for the examination of these documents being somewhat limited, and also to the limitations of space for publication, no attempt has been made to break down the figures into the categories of Grove' ore, Hillock ore, and Belland, or to analyse the figures relating to the price of ore, the rate of Cope, or the proportion of Lott paid on the ore, although this data is available in the original books.

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LEAD ORE PRODUCTION IN THE HIGH PEAK 1832- 48

Table 1. Lead Ore Production (Loads-Dishes)

| Mine | 1832 | '33 | '34 | '35 | '36 | '37 | '38 | '39 | '40 |
|---------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|
| Arthur | | | | | 19-3 | 71-6 | 28-0 | | |
| Bankpasture Rake | | | | 0-3 | | | | | |
| Bellholes | | | | | | | | | |
| Blackstones | | | | | 0-7 | 0-8 | | | |
| Bluecoat | | | | 4-3 | 20-5 | 12-1 | | 1-2 | 4-6 |
| Briddon | | | | | | 0-6 | | 0-4 | |
| Brown Edge | | | 3-2 | 1-6 | 4-1 | 3-0 | | 1-0 | 10-1 |
| Buckdale | 4-1 | 3-5 | 5-4 | | | | | | |
| Creswells | | | 7-2 | 24-1 | 21-6 | 24-8 | 40-3 | 44-0 | 22-4 |
| Cripple | | | | | | | | | 5-1 |
| Drake | 4-4 | | 16-1 | 31-7 | 22-1 | 21-8 | | 3-1 | 2-0 |
| Dunkirk | | | | | | 1-6 | | | |
| Elder Stubbs | | | | | | | | | |
| Elder Tree | | 0-3 | 1-6 | 0-5 | 1-4 | | | | |
| Elton Cross | 0-8 | 0-7 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-5 | 3-6 | 2-3 | 8-5 | 8-1 |
| Grey Torr Level | | | | | | | | | 3-1 |
| Grissetts | 19-1 | | | | | | | | |
| Have At All | | | | | | | | 0-5 | 0-2 |
| Heyspots | | | | | | | | | |
| Hook & Lamb | 81-3 | 27-7 | 22-6 | | | | | | |
| Horsebuttock | 16-5 | 14-3 | 44-3 | 40-0 | 32-6 | 41-6 | 49-5 | 25-0 | 24-6 |
| Horsecroft | | | | | | | | | 24-5 |
| Keeling Close | | | | | | | | | |
| Keval | | | | | | | | | |
| Leadnames | | | | | 24-4 | 14-4 | | | |
| Lickpenny | 27-1 | 30-5 | 31-8 | 25-1 | 14-3 | 7-7 | | | |
| Long Looked For | | | | | | | 1-7 | | 0-8 |
| Longtor | 13-7 | 2-8 | 9-4 | 18-5 | 16-6 | 47-1 | 36-3 | 38-7 | 84-6 |
| Longtor New Title | | | 2-5 | 6-7 | 12-6 | | | | |
| Luck 'ith Lane | | 2-6 | | | | | | | 4-8 |
| Moor Scrin | | | | | | | | | |
| Mossy Meer | 2-8 | 13-8 | 13-4 | 16-3 | 12-0 | 6-4 | 3-2 | 4-6 | 9-2 |
| Nether Pitts | | | | | | | | 1-4 | 25-2 |
| Old Groove | | 9-2 | 6-7 | | | | | | |
| Old Horsebuttock | | | | | | | | | |
| Old Plackett | | | | | | | | | |
| Old Weston | | | | | 6-0 | | | | |
| Orchard | 41-1 | 48-1 | 65-2 | 78-6 | 71-1 | 28-8 | 22-1 | 20-5 | 28-8 |
| Paintersway | | | | | | | | | |
| Pitts | 81-7 | 70-8 | 78-6 | 67-3 | 55-1 | 60-7 | 72-2 | 60-7 | 81-6 |
| Plackett | 4-4 | 2-2 | 1-3 | 1-0 | 2-4 | 2-4 | 18-4 | 2-7 | 34-8 |
| Plackett New Takers | | | | | | | | | |
| Placketts Orchard | 204-1 | 88-4 | 9-5 | 60-4 | 91-2 | 35-3 | 76-5 | 137-2 | 31-2 |
| Portway | | | | | | 86-2 | 76-7 | 65-2 | 82-8 |
| Powell | | | | | | | | 2-4 | |

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| 1841 | 1842 | 1843 | 1844 | 1845 | 1846 | 1847 | 1848 | Total Output |
|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------------|
| | | | 32-4 | 22-5 | 16-1 | 30-7 | 8-6 | 229-5 |
| | | | | | | | | 0-3 |
| | | | | | 0-2 | 2-2 | 8-1 | 10-5 |
| | | | | | | | | 1-6 |
| | | | 8-0 | | | | | 50-8 |
| | | | | | | | | 1-1 |
| 1-2 | 12-7 | | | 14-5 | 57-0 | 41-7 | 54-8 | 192-5 |
| | | | | | | | | 13-1 |
| 1-2 | 12-7 | | | | | | | 198-6 |
| 3-6 | | | | | | | | 8-7 |
| 39-1 | 49-0 | | 10-4 | 3-3 | 11-7 | 7-2 | 4-5 | 226-8 |
| | 0-6 | | | | | | | 0-6 |
| | | | | | | | | 1-6 |
| | | | | | | 4-1 | 4-6 | 12-7 |
| 1-0 | 0-5 | 2-4 | 4-6 | 8-2 | 6-0 | 49-0 | 85-1 | 183-8 |
| | | | | | | | | 3-1 |
| | | | | 1-8 | 14-5 | 2-4 | | 38-0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0-7 |
| | | 8-0 | | | 35-1 | 87-2 | 72-3 | 202-6 |
| | 2-2 | 1-3 | | 11-6 | 4-0 | | | 151-0 |
| 31-0 | 19-6 | 8-8 | 12-1 | | | | | 360-4 |
| 38-8 | 66-5 | 8-0 | 6-7 | 31-2 | 20-6 | 2-4 | 4-3 | 203-4 |
| | 11-4 | 21-7 | 43-5 | 72-0 | 54-4 | 67-1 | 48-3 | 318-6 |
| | | 0-4 | | | | | | 0-4 |
| | | | | | | | | 38-8 |
| 18-0 | 9-2 | 16-6 | 11-2 | 17-0 | 14-5 | | 0-7 | 224-2 |
| | | | | | | | | 2-6 |
| 23-3 | 36-8 | 22-3 | 16-2 | 6-7 | 2-2 | 34-7 | 40-3 | 451-1 |
| | | | | | | | | 22-0 |
| | | | | | | | | 7-5 |
| | 0-4 | | | 4-5 | 3-4 | 1-4 | 0-6 | 10-5 |
| 26-6 | 13-8 | | 21-4 | | | | | 144-2 |
| 108-1 | 129-5 | 98-2 | 73-3 | 72-6 | 76-3 | 31-3 | 79-7 | 696-0 |
| | | | | | | | | 16-0 |
| 33-3 | 69-3 | 82-0 | 56-0 | 57-6 | 39-6 | 39-2 | 19-3 | 396-5 |
| | | | | | 7-6 | | | 7-6 |
| | 1-5 | | | 92-4 | 80-8 | 98-7 | 59-4 | 339-1 |
| 23-7 | 20-7 | 29-8 | 8-7 | 0-7 | 5-3 | 54-5 | 33-7 | 582-3 |
| 23-7 | 5-3 | | | | | | 8-2 | 37-3 |
| 59-0 | 61-6 | 54-6 | 54-6 | 89-1 | 104-5 | 92-1 | 70-4 | 1215-4 |
| 30-6 | 36-7 | 11-5 | 10-2 | 1-5 | 4-7 | | | 165-5 |
| | | 3999-0 | 3425-1 | 1419-1 | 904-4 | 1138-3 | 505-8 | 11391-8 |
| 31-2 | 23-3 | 41-8 | | 49-1 | | | | 415-5 |
| 82-8 | 39-0 | 0-4 | | 0-5 | 3-6 | 1-0 | | 853-1 |
| | | | | | | | | 2-4 |

LEAD ORE PRODUCTION IN THE HIGH PEAK 1832- 48

Table 1. Lead Ore Production (Loads-Dishes) Continued

| Mine | 1832 | '33 | '34 | '35 | '36 | '37 | '38 | '39 | '40 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Ragman | | | | | 0-7 | 0-1 | 0-7 | | |
| Rowlands Turnup | | | | | 0-4 | 0-8 | | | |
| Thorn Tree | | | | | | | | 5-1 | 1-3 |
| Torr Vein | | | | | | | | | 12-4 |
| Town Close | | | 22.8 | 43-0 | 15-0 | 1-5 | 0-4 | 0-6 | |
| Valentine | | | | 0-4 | 1-7 | 4-1 | | 4-6 | 2-8 |
| Whitelow Rake | 22-4 | 7-0 | | 1-0 | | | | | |
| Willow | | | | | | 2-8 | | 5-6 | 5-1 |
| Wills Founder | | 21-0 | | | | | | | |
| Yatestoop | 10-7 | 0-3 | | | | | | | |
| Yatestoop Level | | | | | | | | | |

Table 2. Brown Ore Production. (Tons-Cwts)

| | 1832 | '33 | '34 | '35 | '36 | '37 | '38 | '39 | '40 |
|------------------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-------|
| Arthur | | | | | | | | | 2-10 |
| Buckdale | 1-11 | | | | | | | | |
| Creswells | | | | | 2-16 | 3-4 | | 2-8 | |
| Drake | | | | | | | | | |
| Elton Cross | | | | | | | | | |
| Heyspots | | | | | | | | | |
| Hook & Lamb | | 1-4 | | | | | | | |
| Horsebuttock | | 4-6 | 6-3 | 3-14 | 10-2 | 3-12 | | 2-8 | 9-15 |
| Lickpenny | 1-14 | 3-4 | 5-16 | 3-14 | 3-0 | 1-3 | | | |
| Longtor | | | | | 0-9 | 0-10 | 0-8 | 1-8 | 2-1 |
| Mossy Meer | | | | | 0-18 | 1-4 | | | |
| Old Groove | | | 2-0 | | | | | | |
| Old Horsebuttock | | | | | | | | | |
| Pitts | | | | | | | | | 27-12 |
| Plackett | | | | | | | | 0-7 | 0-17 |
| Portway | | 2-8 | | | | | 1-0 | | 1-4 |
| Thorn Tree | | | | | | | | | 2-8 |
| Town Close | | | | | 2-8 | | | 0-6 | |

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| '41 | '42 | '43 | '44 | '45 | '46 | '47 | '48 | Total Output |
|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|--------------|
| | | | | | | | | 1-6 |
| | | | | | | | | 1-3 |
| | | | 10-1 | | | | | 10-5 |
| 29-1 | 41-4 | 180-1 | 4-1 | | 18-0 | 10-7 | 720-6 | 1022-6 |
| 9-4 | 22-8 | 1-6 | | | | | | 117-5 |
| | | | | | | | | 13-8 |
| | | | | | | 5-4 | 14-5 | 50-4 |
| | | | | | | | | 14-3 |
| | | | | 1-5 | | | | 22-5 |
| | | | | | | | | 11-1 |
| | | | | | | 1-0 | | 1-0 |
| '41 | '42 | '43 | '44 | '45 | '46 | '47 | '48 | Total Output |
| | | | | | | | | 2-10 |
| | | | | | | | | 1-11 |
| | 0-8 | | | | | | | 8-16 |
| | 0-18 | | | | | | | 0-18 |
| | | | | | | | 2-13 | 2-13 |
| | | | | | | | 1-6 | 1-6 |
| | | | | | | | | 1-4 |
| 23-4 | 1-0 | | | | | | | 64-4 |
| | | | 0-18 | 3-16 | 2-11 | | | 24-16 |
| | | | | | | | | 4-16 |
| | | | | | | | | 2-2 |
| | | | | | | | | 2-0 |
| 7-4 | 11-10 | 7-6 | 4-19 | 2-17 | 6-0 | 1-17 | 4-3 | 45-16 |
| 29-7 | 8-2 | 1-0 | 3-19 | 1-12 | | 6-18 | 6-0 | 84-10 |
| | | | | 0-15 | 6-13 | 7-18 | | 16-10 |
| | | | 0-8 | | | | | 5-0 |
| | | | | | | | | 2-8 |
| | | | | | | | | 2-14 |

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Table 3. Lead Ore Production for the Liberty

| Year | Lead Ore (Loads-Dishes) | No of Mines |
|------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1832 | 534-8 | 15 |
| 1833 | 344-0 | 18 |
| 1834 | 343-0 | 17 |
| 1835 | 422-0 | 19 |
| 1836 | 447-2 | 23 |
| 1837 | 481-1 | 24 |
| 1838 | 429-4 | 15 |
| 1839 | 433-5 | 21 |
| 1840 | 511-7 | 23 |
| 1841 | 565-7 | 20 |
| 1842 | 675-0 | 23 |
| 1843 | 4589-3 | 19 |
| 1844 | 3809-2 | 18 |
| 1845 | 1978-3 | 21 |
| 1846 | 1485-4 | 23 |
| 1847 | 1803-1 | 22 |
| 1848 | 1844-8 | 21 |

Table 4. Brown Ore Production for the Liberty

| Year | Brown-Ore (Tons-cwts) | No of Mines |
|------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 1832 | 3-5 | 4 |
| 1833 | 11-2 | 8 |
| 1834 | 13-19 | 6 |
| 1835 | 7-8 | 4 |
| 1836 | 19-13 | 12 |
| 1837 | 9-13 | 10 |
| 1838 | 1-8 | 4 |
| 1839 | 6-17 | 10 |
| 1840 | 46-7 | 14 |
| 1841 | 59-15 | 6 |
| 1842 | 21-18 | 10 |
| 1843 | 8-6 | 4 |
| 1844 | 10-4 | 8 |
| 1845 | 9-0 | 8 |
| 1846 | 15-4 | 6 |
| 1847 | 16-13 | 6 |
| 1848 | 14-2 | 8 |

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