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SALE OF A SHARE IN A LEAD MINE.

N.C. & M.R.S. RECORDS

November 15th. 1793

by John Maxfield of Greenhow Hill, miner who holds 1/16th. of a share in Galloways Ridge Mine in Dacre-with-Bewerley, leased in 1781. He now sells half of this 1/16th. share to George West, Coldstonefold, miner, for £70, to be paid over 10 years at £7 per year.

1st. September 1793

from: Taylor White of Walling Wells, and his eldest son and heir and Rev. Stephen White and John Gally Knight,

To: George Bardly of Grassington, gent.
William Morley of Boroughbridge, merchant.
William Bayne, Pateley Bridge, Innholder.
Michael Houseman of Heathfield, webster.
Jacob Bailey of Grassington, miner and
George Gouthwaite of Pateley Bridge, cordwainer of:-

All mines of lead ore in Black Riggs in Galloways, within these boundaries: stone post in wall S.W. side of Simpsons Pasture adjoining Knaresbrough Forest 120 yards from S.E. corner of pasture nearly E. along line by chain of stone posts in Greenhow Sike - S.E. along sike to corner of fence wall between ancient enclosures of Taylor White and Knaresborough Forest and West by boundaries of Forest to S.E. corner of Simpsons Pasture to start.

21 years, rent of peppercorn on old Xmas day,

Royalty of 1/6th of output to be delivered at Smelt Mill in Bewerley to be provided by the lessors.

Hushing only by licence of lessors.

Lessees to have access to mines by usual ways, may make watercourses, but without prejudicing other mines, may erect buildings, take stone within the mining ground, peat from Greenhow Common.

Lessees must compensate for surface damage.

Lessors reserve the right to drive levels through the leased ground for access to other mines, without interfering with lessees. Shared cost for joint use of any waygates.

Lessees to employ "sufficient number" of miners, giving preference to tenants of Taylor White; and to use most approved method of smelting. To pay their Labourers

and Miners in Pateley Bridge or Greenhow twice a year on Nov. 22nd and May.12th. or within 21 days of those dates.

Lessees to maintain main waygates, watergates and buildings; not knowingly to allow water to go into other old workings.

Lessees to make two new shafts at a convenient distance on the line of the vein now working and cross-cut from vein near present forfield Northwards to the boundaries of the allotment within 18 months, with 6 additional labourers, penalty for neglect £500.

If no work done for two months, unless from unavoidable causes, lease void.

Lessees may not assign lease without consent of lessors.

Lessors undertake to provide in some part of Bewerley most convenient to the lessees a smelting mill with bellows and all other necessary gear [16] and tackle.

Lessees to provide coals, wood and fuel, and to have use of mill only when smelting their own ore - others may have similar use, to have 2 years after end of lease to dress up ore. Disputes to be referred to arbitration.

DEED OF COPARTNERSHIP,1794 recites that George Bardley and five others took lease of Galloways Black Rigg Mine on behalf of the partnership, holding the following shares:-

George Bardley	1/10th.
William Morley	1/16th.
Elizabeth Fletcher, spinster of Grassington	1/12th.
Francis Richardson, mercer of Ripon	1/32nd.
John Morley, gent	1/32nd.
George West	1/32nd.
Robert Tennant, Esq.	1/36th.
William Moorhouse, surgeon of Skipton	1/36th.

and the remaining 1/16th. in trust for Richard Ward of Coldstonefold, Yeoman, and for the above parties, in the proportions aforesaid.

Partners to raise money as decided by a majority (in value), anyone not paying to loose share and rest to make up deficiency.

To employ an Agent. Meet at least once a year. Settle profit and loss at annual meeting.