

## Baslow Shepherd's Book Made January 1777

At a meeting held at John Savage's, on Baslow Moor-Side, on Monday the 30th Day of November, 1772; the following Conditions were agreed to by those whose names are hereafter set down.

First, That a Meeting be held Annually at the aforesaid place on the 7th Day of July, then and there to inquire and inform each other of any Sheep that are lost or wanting by any Members of this Society, or that may be of the same.

Secondly, That each Person who shall enter into this Society, is required to attend at the Time and Place as above-mentioned, and bring his Book, or send Six-Pence.

Thirdly, That if any Person who belongs to his Society, shall find or know of any Sheep belonging to any other of this Society, that he or they shall let the Owner thereof know, either by word or writing the first Opportunity.

## Members of Baslow Sheep Marks

Henry White. Swallow-fork'd both ears, pitch'd with W the old sheep; the lambs W on the rump, the raddle mark is on the near side from the shoulder to the hip, thence down the flank.

John Savage. Whole eared, pitched on both sides with H. The raddle mark a race from shoulder to the rump, on the near side a race from that across the middle of the back and down the far side. Lambs the same

Thomas Gardom. Cropt on the far ear, and under-caled near, pitch'd T G on the near side, raddle spot on the rump, and bald down the near shoulder. Lambs pitch'd T G on the far side.

Samuel Froggatt. Swallow-fork'd on the near ear, and under-caled on the far; the old sheep pitch'd on both sides with F. Lambs pitch'd on the near side with the same.

William Marsden. Cropt on the near ear, pitch'd on near side with W M the old sheep; lambs pitch'd with M on the near side, the raddle mark a spot on the head, and a spot on the tail root.

Robert Marple. Cock-hill. Under-caled near ear, pitch'd with R M on the near side, a raddle spot on the head, raced over the loin down the far side, and a spot on the rump; lambs the same.

Elizabeth Bowler. Slit on the near ear, pitch'd B on each side, raddle mark a race over the back; lambs the same.

John Stafford. Cropt on the far ear, pitch'd J S on far side, lambs near side, raddle stroke over the loins, and a spot on the top of the shoulder.

John Matley. Slit on the near ear, a bit taken out on the under side far, pitch'd M on near side, raddle stroke down the far side shoulder., and a spot on the head; lambs pitch'd M on the far side.

Robert Penestone. Cropt on the far ear, pitch'd with R P on the far side, raddle stroke down the far shoulder, and a stroke down the near side of the tail; lambs the same.

John Grundy. Cropt on the near ear, pitch'd on both sides with J G, raddle mark a stroke down far hind leg, and a spot on the head, horned, burned with a small J G; lambs a single G on both sides.

Sampson Allsop. Swallow-fork'd on far ear, and pitch'd F A on both sides, raddle mark an I on near hip and a spot on the head; lambs pitch'd with A on near side.

Joseph Broomhead. Pitch'd with J B on the rump, raddle mark a stroke on each side the ribs; lambs the same.

William Kitchen of Bramley. Ear mark, cropt on the near ear, the far ear slit, and the upper part cut out, pitch'd on the near side the ribs, and on the far side the rump with a single K; lambs pitch'd on the near side the rump only; raddle mark over the loins down to each flank, a small spot in the forehead, and a spot behind the head on the neck, and a spot on the rump.

Members of Brampton also  
Members of Hathersage also  
Members of Corbar also  
Members of Holmesfield also  
Members of Barlow also

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*Note. This copy is taken from one printed "Chesterfield J Bradley, Printer 1789", and was loaned by, to me, G.H.B. Ward. "Maria Kay Robin Hood", and "Joseph Kay" are written on the printed booklet – last page.*

*Note There is another original in Derby Library*

**NOTE by David Dalrymple-Smith, 2007**

The following identifying marks are noted in the text. A local farmer has added some helpful comments

Ears Swallow-fork'd  
Slit  
Cropt  
Under caled  
Cut out

**Type of Mark**

One or two letters  
Spot  
Race  
Stroke

**Marks made by**

Raddle (mark)	a die make of red ocre
Pitch	tar
Burned	branded

**Sides**

Near side and Far side

**Areas**

Back	
Tail root	
Rump	hindquarters
Shoulder	neck to shoulder joint
Flank	side between ribs and hip
Loin	either side of the spinal column, between the false ribs and hipbone
Hip	