THE TOWNSHIP PAPERS OF GREAT SANKEY, LANCASHIRE.

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A BRIEF account of the documents described below was read before the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire in November, 1932, by Mr. G. A. Dunlop, the Curator of the Warrington Museum. He handed his notes to me to determine what portions might be amplified for publication in the *Transactions*, and soon afterwards, while the matter was still under consideration, was taken ill, and died.

Whilst Mr. Dunlop had spent some time on the examination of this collection, he fully realized that much remained to be done before the materials were brought into a fit state for publication. A rapid comparison between the rough list of papers and books prepared for the Society's meeting and the originals speedily revealed that to deal adequately with the documents would require much time and would occupy more than the space then allotted in the *Transactions*. Rather than allow the printed account to be a mere catalogue of documents it was thought advisable to divide the material into two portions and to publish the first instalment in a form in which it would be of most value to students and more in accord with Mr. Dunlop's intentions than he was spared to accomplish. The second portion of the paper will be published in Volume 85 of the *Transactions*.

Great Sankey township contains about 1,900 acres and lies on the western outskirts of Warrington, and was, at the period covered by the documents described, in

Prescot parish in the Hundred of West Derby. Similar books and papers are not uncommon, but those preserved relating to Great Sankey are of some interest and importance, not only to local historians but to students of English local government.[1]

The township books and papers, contained in an oak chest, were for many years housed in the "Chapel House" Inn, Great Sankey, and later were removed to the School House, where the Parish Council met. The contents of the chest had been a subject of discussion for some time; finally it was decided to open the chest and see what its contents had to reveal. A special meeting of the Council was held on 20 February, 1930, to which the Vicar of Great Sankey and Mr. Dunlop, as Director of the Warrington Municipal Museum, were invited, when the chest was forced open by Mr. C. W. Galloway, Chairman of the Parish Council. By a further resolution of the Parish Council, 19 June, 1930, the chest and its contents passed into the possession of the Corporation of Warrington. At present the books and papers are housed in the Warrington Public Library, and the chest is preserved in the adjoining Municipal Museum.

The chest, in form a small chest of drawers, is built of oak, measures 4 feet 2 inches in length, 21 inches in width, and 30 inches high, and has two tiers of three drawers. Its age is unknown and but two references to it occur in the parish papers, the first in 1818, when 4*d.* is paid for "taking lock off Towns Chest," and 8*d.* for, presumably, a new key, and in 1836, where it is still the "Towns Chest."

The documents consist of bound books and loose papers.

A list of the bound books, with notes on the contents of three of them, is printed below, together with a selection

[1] The *Victoria County History of Lancashire*, III, states that Great Sankey is governed by a parish council of five members, but offers no further information on the subject.

from the loose papers. The remainder of the material, with a short discussion of the contents of the whole collection, will appear in the second part of this article.[1]

No attempt has been made to explain in detail or to copy fully the usual forms. For a somewhat fuller account of typical parish papers, see Rideout, " Poor Law Administration in North Meols in the Eighteenth Century," *Trans. Hist. Soc. Lancs. & Ches.*, **81**, 62 (1929), where full references to standard authorities will be found.

THE BOUND BOOKS.

Constables' and Overseers' Account Books.

MS. 1097—1725–1836.
1098—1778–1798.
1099—1813–1819.
1100—1819–1832.
1101—1832–1848.

Assessment Books.

Printed forms, containing assessments at the rate of *6d.* in the £ for Sankey.

MS. 1102—1828–1832. 8vo calf.
1103—1832–1837. do.
1105—1837–1847. ¼ bound, folio.
1106—1848–1850. ¼ bound, long fcp. folio, Schedule A, " Rate Books."
1107—1851–1855.

MS. 1104. " Sankey Highways." Accounts of the Surveyors of the Highways from 1821 to 1855 (8″ × 6½″).

MS. 1108. " Account of Money Received from the Fathers of Illegitimate Children, etc. Belonging to Great Sankey " (7″ × 4½″). Contains details of payments, etc. Eight cases, 1833–1844; two warrants attached.

MS. 1109A. " Vermin Book " (6″ × 4″). Recording payments for sparrows and rats, 1842–1846. One loose receipt, catching moles, 1818, £13 5*s.* One account, 1834, defective.

MS. 1110. " Book of Rules, . . . concerning . . . Parochial Affairs of Great Sankey." Quarto.

MS. 1111. " Survey of Great Sankey." 1820.

[1] *Transactions*, **85**,

MS. 1097. A parchment bound volume measuring 16″ × 6¼″ × 1¾″, without a title page or inscription on its cover. Apart from a few odd memoranda entered at either end of the book, it contains an alphabetical index of the names of Constables and Overseers of the Poor, and Supervisors or Surveyors of the Highways. There follows a set of Constables and Overseers from 1698 to 1832, sometimes with the name of the property for which they served; for example, in 1710 the entry is "Richard Cooper for his whole estate, and William Barnes for Seftons House". A similar list of Supervisors of the Highways is given from 1706 to 1819. These lists, down to 1779, are printed in the attached table.

The volume then gives an abstract of the accounts year by year, commencing only in 1725.

The first entry is "Richard Penketh Constable for John Burch for the Brookes bank House, and John Glover Constable for Fazakerley's House for ye year 1725."

"*Novbr.* 7th 1726.

The Accounts of Richard Penketh and John Glover being then taken are as follows:

	£	s.	d.
The said Richard Penketh chargeth himself with twelve fifteens which come to	14	7	5
And his disbursments	15	14	9
Out of purse	1	7	4
John Glover chargeth himself with the sum	18	18	8
And his Disbursments	16	16	7
Remains in his Hands	2	2	1
John Glover hath paid to Richard Penketh what he was out of purse	1	7	4
So that only Remains in his Hands		14	9

These accts seen and allowed by us

THOMAS BARROW.
RICHARD COOPER.
THOMAS SIXSMITH.
JOHN BURCH.
WM BARNES.
GILL THOMPSON."

On the next page are the accounts of the Supervisor of the Highways for 1726.

" Thomas Barrow oth green and William Barnes for the House where he Lives supervisors of the Highways for the year 1726

Dec. 22th 1726

The accts of Thomas Barrow oth green and William Barnes being then taken are as follows:

	£	s.	d.
Thomas Barrow chargeth himself with four fifteens which come to	4	17	11
and his Disbursments	4	11	8.2
Remains in his Hands		6	2.2
The said William Barnes chargeth himself with six fifteens which come to the sum of . . .	7	6	9.2
And his Disbursments	7	1	7
So there Remains in his Hands		5	2½

Both which sums we order them to pay to the succeeding officers.

And likewise Thomas Barrow is to Repay back to the town for stones on Sankey green if he make use thereof the sum of	0	9	0

These accots seen and allowed by us

THOMAS SIXSMITH.
RICHARD COOPER.
JOHN BURCH.
RICH. WRIGHT.
JOHN BARROW.
THOMAS BARROW.
WM. BARNES.
GILL THOMPSON."

Only *totals* of expenditure were included in the book, and certified. Two sheets with lists of details for the years 1732 and 1737 respectively have been found amongst the unbound papers [MS. 1113].

These are as follows:

" JOHN BURCH'S ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1732.

			£	s.	d.
I charge myself with having Recvd 24 fifteens which is			29	0	6
1731 disburst as followeth					
Impt.			£	s.	d.
Decr	28th	pd to the High Constable by Richd Cooper	1	7	6
Jan.	1st	Spent when we served a warrant .	0	1	0
	4th	pd Calab Lyon to make up the Land tax	0	1	2
		for making privy search . . .	0	0	4
	6th	for my journey to Childwel & presentment	0	1	10
		the same day pd to the High Constable	0	5	5
		pd for a Confirmation for the highway	0	4	0
	17th	for my journey to Wigan Sesions & presentment	0	1	8
March	15th	pd to the High Constable at Kirkby .	1	11	1
		for my journey to pay it and presentment to the assize . . .	0	1	10
	27th	pd Calab Lyon to make up the Land tax	0	1	2
		for making privy search . .	0	0	4
Apl	13	for my journey to Prescot Sessions & presentment	0	1	4
		for my journey to Darby Court turnpike and presentment	0	1	9
	28th	for a presentment & carr[y]ing the same to Ormskirk	0	0	8
May	15th	pd to the High Constable at Kirkby	1	0	5½
		for my journey to pay the same .	0	1	6
July	5th	pd Tho: Sixsmith for writting 4 duplicates	0	2	0
		for 2 warrants 2s a quarter book 4d paper 6d	0	2	10
		and for his journeys to Prescot twice	0	2	0
		for making privy search & conveing a hew and cry warrant . . .	0	0	8
July	4th	for my Journey to Childwell and presentment	0	1	10
		pd to make up Land tax . .	0	0	6
	17th	for my Journey to Ormskirk Sessions and presentment	0	1	8
Augt	10th	pd to the High Constable at Liverpool .	0	19	1
		for my Journey to pay it turnpike and presentment to the Assize . .	0	1	11
		for making privy Search . . .	0	0	4

Impt.			£	s.	d.
Sep^{t}	20	for my Journey to Prescot Sessions and presentment	0	1	4
		pd to make up the Land tax . .	0	0	6
Oct	9th	for presentment & carrying the same to Wigan	0	0	8
	25th	pd to the High Constable at Kirkby .	1	5	6½
		for my Journey to pay it. . .	0	1	6
		the charge of 6 books . . .	0	8	0
		Mary Sedons Leys unpaid. . .	0	1	0
			8	14	5
		On the other side	16	11	11½
		Disburst	25	6	4½
		His charge	29	0	6
			25	6	4½
		In his Hands	3	14	1½

DISBURST ON ACCOUNT OF THE POOR.

	£	s.	d.
pd Alice Appelton 19 weeks pay . . .	0	14	3
pd for the table of Alice Appelton for 26 weeks .	1	6	0
pd Jonathan Barrow house rent for Alice Appelton and Marg^{t} Howgreave	1	0	0
pd for 24 Baskets of Coals and Loading for Marg^{t} Howgreave	0	8	6
pd for the table of Anne Hatton and her two Grandaughters for one quarter . . .	1	18	0
pd for the half of Marg^{t} Hattons indentures .	0	1	3
spent at the sealing of them	0	1	6
pd towards her being put an apprentice . .	0	13	0
pd for Cloth and making for Anne Hattons 2 shifts .	0	3	1
pd half years table for Anne & Sarah Hatton .	2	12	0
pd for signing Marg^{t} Hatton's indentures . .	0	1	0
pd for pair of Showes for Sarah Hatton . .	0	2	0
pd for Woolin Cloth to be Anne & Sarah Hatton's Clothes	0	8	7
pd for making 15^{d} spent at the same time 2^{d} . .	0	1	5
Given to Anne Horrobin in her sickness . .	0	10	6
pd to persons to attend her at several times .	0	6	0
pd a years House rent for Anne Horrobin . .	0	8	0
pd for 30 Baskets of Coals & Loading for Ditto .	0	10	0

			£	s.	d.
pd for flitting Anne Horrobin			0	1	6
pd W^m^ Catteral for the cure of George Croutchly Leg			0	10	0
pd for Cloth to be John Hoults wench two shifts			0	2	7
pd 9 weeks table for Hoults wench			0	9	0
pd for mending her showes			0	0	6
spent at placing Hoults wench			0	1	0
pd towards Clothing her			0	10	0
pd half years table for Ditto			0	15	0
pd for 15 Baskets of Coals and Loading for Joshua Appelton			0	4	0½
pd George Barton for Ellen Lunt			0	10	0
pd Joseph Howgreaves House Rent			0	10	0
pd Ellen Lithgo for the Use of a Loann for Ditto			0	2	6
pd for John Lunts indentures 2/6 for signing them 2/–			0	4	6
pd for signing a certificate for W^m^ Smith			0	1	0
pd for a confirmation for the Overseers			0	4	0
1732.					
June	13th	Spent at Sanky Chapel when we mett to consult about a poor house	0	1	6
	16th	Spent at Farnworth for Ditto	0	1	3
	17	Spent at Sankey Chapel for Ditto	0	1	0
	22	Spent at Sankey Chapel for Ditto	0	3	6
Nov.	6th	pd Tho. Fazackerly Bill on account of Anne Horrobin	0	8	0
		pd for six weeks attendance	0	6	0
			16	11	11½

THE ACCOUNTS OF JOHN BURCH ONE OF THE CONSTABLES AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN GREAT SANKEY FOR THE YEAR 1737 ARE AS FOLLOWETH.

			£	s.	d.
I charge myself with 16 fifteens amounting to			19	11	0
Recd from James Hayes wt he had in his hands			0	2	2
			19	13	2
DISBURST the same as followeth:					
		paid to the Poor house at several times	9	10	0
Apl.	14th	paid for a confirmation for the Poor.	0	4	0
		paid Tho: Sixsmith for 4 Journeys to y^e^ poorhouse	0	2	0
		paid Rich^d^ Cooper for 3 Journeys to Ditto	0	1	6
		for myself 10 Journeys to Ditto	0	5	0
			10	2	6

CONSTABLE'S ACCOUNTS.

1736.			£	s.	d.
Nov.	11th	spent when the last Constables made their accounts	0	5	0
	20th	Spent at Laying Layes . . .	0	1	0
Dec.	2	pd Wm Barnes what he was out of pocket	0	6	0
	15th	pd Tho: Titleys Bill . . .	1	4	2
	27	pd to make up the Land tax . .	0	2	4½
		Spent at receiving Roger Duttons money	0	0	5
Jan.	8th	for making privy search and presentment	0	0	8
	17th	for the presentment to Quarter Sessions and carrying ye same . . .	0	0	8
March	9th	pd to the High Constable at Darby Chapel	1	19	3
		for my Journey turnpike and presentment to the Assize . . .	0	1	11
	17th	pd to make up the Land tax . .	0	2	4½
1737.					
Apl.	6th	for making privy search . . .	0	0	4
	14th	for my Journey to Prescot and presentment	0	1	4
	18th	for my Journey to Darby Court turnpike and presentment	0	1	9
	25th	for my Journey to Ormskirk Sessions and presentment	0	1	8
June	18th	pd the High Constable at the Lowhill	1	11	0
		for my Journey to pay it and turnpike	0	1	7
	20	for my Journey to Prescot to return Assessor for Land tax . . .	0	1	0
		for a warrant for Ditto 12d spent at assessing ditto 12d . . .	0	2	0
		The Charge of four Laybooks . .	0	4	8
		Tho: Titleys Layes unpaid . .	0	2	0
Nov.	7th	pd Five Years interest for 27 pound dow to the poor	2	14	0
		Expenses for this Day . . .	0	5	0
			19	12	8
		In his Hands	0	0	6

A comparison between the names entered in the first two lists and those presenting the accounts shows that in most instances the actual work appears to have been done by deputies, or acting officers. The names of the acting officers are entered in the attached table, together with their total annual receipts and expenditure, expressed for clarity and economy to the nearest pound only. The mode of entry in the volumes varies slightly; the accounts appear to have been presented annually at variable dates, and signed, it may be presumed, by such inhabitants as happened to be present at the meetings, before submission to the justices. Occasional minutes are recorded, all of which are printed below in chronological order:

1731. *Highways accounts.* John Callan, "Hired by the Town."

1768. *Highways accounts* include "the sum of Two pounds for serving the said office of the Surveyor of the Highways which being allowed by the town."

1775. *Nov. 23.* "It is agreed to appoint William Smart Overseer of the Poor and one of the Constables at the yearly Salary of Four pounds Four Shillings."

1776. "It is agreed that Wm. Smart shall be continued for the year Ensuing on the same terms as last year."

"*Nov.* 24th 1779. It is agreed at a Towns meeting then held that WILLIAM SMART shall be the Constable Overseer of the Poor, and Surveyor of the Highways for the Township of Great Sankey for the year 1779 at the Yearly Salary of Seven pounds seven shillings, And he shall conform to the directions given him by the following Committee for the year ensuing—JNO KERFOOT, BANCROFT WARBURTON, ROBT. PHYTHIAN, JNO. JACKSON, THOS. TAYLOR, THOS BROADHURST, SA^{L}. HAYES, JNO LEATHER, THOS FEARNHEAD, who are to meet at Sankey Turnpike the first Monday in Dec. 1779 the first Monday in April, May and June 1780 at nine oClock on each day

JNO LEATHER to be Constable to assist

JNO KERFOOT to be Surveyor likewise."

The Constable and Overseers' accounts revert to the right-hand page. A confirmation of the appointment continues at the foot of the accounts.

PERVISORS OF THE HIG

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Brookes Bank House	Widow
glane	Elizabe
Seftons House	Edmun
	Daniel
	John L
ldens House	Thos. N
	John B
Lane	John A
House	Nichola
Cow Lane House	Widow
ll Green	Mrs. Ra
	Winifre
	Fazack
skels House	John H

					Receipts. £	Expenses. £
1698	John Barrow oth Hale Green	Barrows House ith Cow Lane				
1699	Mrs Donbavand for Gouldens	Nathan Hesketh				
1700	Fazackerlyes House	Nathan Abrahams House				
1701	Thos. Taylor	John Minshall				
1702	Wilm Turner	Joseph Foard				
1703	Richd. Penketh	Farrers House				
1704	Thos. Barnes for the brooksbanke House	John Barrow Skinner				
1705	Thos Rothwell	Elizabeth Barrow				
1706	Thos. Barrow oth green	Heyes House				
1707	Saml. Gaskel	Henry Richardson				
1708	The Hall of Rixon	Wm. Richardsons				
1709	John Burch	Richd. Devis				
1710	Richd. Cooper for his whole estate	Wm. Barnes for Seftons House				
1711	Wm. Barnes for the Cow Lane House	and the Hall of Whitehill				
1712	Thos. Norman	Widow Crouchley				
1713	Wm Barton for Marshes	Daniel Barrow				
1714	Edmund Taylor	John Appleton				
1715	John Burch for the Long Lane House	Mrs. Ranson for Donbarands				
1716	William Barton	Lawrence Sixsmith				
1717	Thomas Barrow Long Lane	Widow Boardman				
1718	John Heyes	Wm. Barnes for the House where he lives				
1719	Mrs Ranson for Moorses	Widow Okele				
1720	Thos. Barrow for the Cow Lane House	John Barrow oth Hale Green				
1721	Mrs Ranson for Gouldens House	Ric. Cooper hired by the town				
1722	Thos. Taylor	Nathaniel Minshall				
1723	Widow Foard	Widow Turner				
1724	Thos Penketh	Farrers House				
1725	John Burch for the Brookes Bank House	Fazakerleyes House	John Glover	Ric. Penketh	33	34
1726	Widow Thompson	John Barrow mariner	Thos. Barrow	do.	25	25
1727	Thomas Barrow oth Green	Johnathan Barrow	do.	Wm. Parrs	34	37
1728	Thomas Barrow for Gaskells House	Benjamin Mather	do.	Hen. Barrow	39	41
1729	Henry Richardson	Lynch Cotton Esq.	Richd. Cooper	Ric. Penketh	34	36
1730	Lunts Estate	Widow Richardson	do.	do.	34	36
1731	John Burch the house where he lives	Widow Hele	John Burch	do.	34	31
1732	Richard Cooper for his whole estate	William Barnes Seftons House	Richd. Cooper	Wm. Barns	28	28
1733	Richard Wright	do. Cow Lane House	do.	do.	29	31
1734	Thomas Norman	Ralph Boardman	John Burch	Ric. Penketh	34	34
1735	Robert Barton Marshes	Saml. Barrow	Jas. Hayes	Wm. Barns	34	34
1736	William Parr Cow Lane	John Burch for Appletons	Wm. Parr	John Burch	29	29
1737	Joseph Birch for the Long Lane House	Mrs. Ranson for Donbarands	Thos. Norman	Thos. Sixsmith	29	33
1738	Robert Barton for the Ash	Thos. Sixsmith	do.	do.	33	36
1739	Thomas Blackbourn	Lawrence Sixsmith	do.	do.	43	45
1740	James Hayes	Wm. Barnes for the house where he lives	do.	do.	53	60
1741	William Hayes	Robt. Gwillyn Esq. for Moorses	do.	do.	61	65
1742	Allice Barrow Cow Lane	John Barrow oth Hale Green	do.	do.	60	67
1743	Mrs Joseph Percival for Gouldens	Mrs Edmund Taylor	Ric. Cooper	Peter Domville	57	57
1744	Peter Domville for his own estate	Thomas Knowles	Thos. Norman	do.	59	68
1745	Mrs. William Turner	Thos. Penketh	do.	do.	58	57
1746	Joseph Kendrick	Jos. Burch for Brooks Bank House	do.	John Kendrick	52	55
1747	Nicholas Fazakerley Esq	Gilbert Thompson	do.	John Ireland	71	73
1748	Mr. Joseph Percival for that estate formerly John Barrow mariner	Mary Barrow, widow	John Ireland	Peter Domville	56	56
1749	William Barrow	William Parr for Gaskells	Thos. Norman	do.	48	47
1750	John Boyer	John Kerfoot	do.	John Kirfoot	67	75
1751	Sir Lynch Cotton Brt.	Cornelius Tofft ..	Joseph Cook	Cornelius Tofft	75	77
1752	Thomas Armitt	John Burch where he lives	John Burch	Peter Domville	78	77
1753	Allice Smart widow	Richard Cooper for his whole estate	John Sale	Ric. Cooper	74	75
1754	Widow Wright for ye Whithill	Widow Barnes for Sephtons Hōse	Thos. Norman	Geo. Barton	48	44
1755	Widow Barnes for ye Cowlane Hōse	Thos. Norman for his own Estate	do.	—	70	73
1756	Ralph Boardman	Robert Barton for Marshes	do.	Ralph Boardman	49	54
1757	William Parr Cow Lane	Samuel Barrlows Exers	Jas. Barber	Peter Domville	52	54
1758	John Burch for Appletons	Joseph Burch for ye Longlane House	Thos. Norman	do.	43	43
1759	Robert Barton for the Ash House	William Taylor for his own estate	Thos. Taylor	do.	44	47
1760	Thomas Sixsmith for the house where he lives	Thomas Leigh	Wm. Hill	Thos. Sixsmith	43	46
1761	do. for Boardmans	James Cartwright	Jas. Cartwright	do.	44	44
1762	Dorathy Barnes	Sarah Hayes	Thos. Norman	Jas. Cartwright	52	52
1763	Mr. William Bissell	Richard Penketh	Adam Ouldfield	Peter Penketh	54	53
1764	Nathaniel Weaver for Hall Green	Mrs. Joseph Percival for Goldens	Thos. Norman	Peter Leigh	49	56
1765	Mr John Watkins	Peter Domvile	John Haslam	Peter Domville	47	50
1766	Thomas Knowles	James Smith for Turners	Jas. Smith	Thos. Fernhead	58	60
1767	Thomas Penketh	John Kenwright	Jas. Cartwright	John Kenwright	53	51
1768	Joseph Burch for Brook Bank Ho.	Thomas Fazakerley Esqr	Jas. Cartwright	Jno. Orford	50	49
1769	Mr. Joseph Percival for that estate formerly John Barrows	Thomas Boardman	Peter Leigh	Robt Battersbey	57	57
1770	Thomas Barrow	William Barrow	Thos. Barrow	Wm Barrow	68	71
1771	Thomas Taylor	John Boyer	Thos. Taylor	Jno. Newall	96	99
1772	John Kerfoot	William Maire	John Kerfoot	Wm. Maire	116	116
1773	Cornelius Tofft	Samuel Hayes for his own Estate	Cornelius Tofft	Saml. Hayes	106	107
1774	Thos. Rigby for Sarah Chorley for John Burch's estate	William Smart for his Mother	Thos. Rigby	Wm Smart	120	112
1775	William Smart Hir'd by the Town		William Smart	—	107	100
1776	do.		do.	—	104	105
1777	do.		do.	—	97	103
1778	do.		Wm. Penington	Thos. Fearnshaw	97	108
1779	do.		William Smart			

Expenses. £	SUPERVISORS OF THE HIGHWAYS.	[ACTING SURVEYORS.]		Receipts. £	Expenses. £
	Widow Turner	The Hall of Whitehill			
	Thos. Barnes for the Brookes Bank House	Widow Foard			
	Thos. Barrow Longlane	Elizabeth Barrow			
	William Barnes for Seftons House	Edmund Taylor			
	Widow Okell	Daniel Barrow			
	Thos. Rothwell	John Lunt			
	Mrs Ranson for Gouldens House	Thos. Norman			
	Lady Cotton	John Burch for the Long Lane House			
	Thos. Barrow Cow Lane	John Appleton			
	Wm. Barton Ash House	Nicholas Penketh			
	Wm. Barnes for the Cow Lane House	Widow Boardman			
	John Barrow oth Hall Green	Mrs. Ranson for Moorses House			
	Henry Richardson	Winifred Turner			
	Widow Fell	Fazackerleyes House			
	Thos. Barrow for Gaskels House	John Heyes for Slyneheads			
	Widow Richardson	James Grindsworth			
	Richd. Cooper	Mr. Thos. Taylor			
	Lawrence Sixsmith	John Barrow mariner			
	Mary Crouchley	Widow Barton			
34	John Burch	Widow Ranson	—	—	12	12
25	Thos. Barrow oth Green	Wm. Barnes for the house where he lives	Thos. Barrow	Wm. Barnes	12	12
37	Ric. Wright for the Hall of Whitehill	John Lithgo	Ric. Cooper	Hen: Lyon	16	16
41	John Burch for the Brook's bank House	Widow Turner	do.	John Burch	15	15
36	Joseph Ford	Thos. Blackbourn	do.	Hen. Lyon	22	23
36	Jonathan Barrow oth Green	William Barnes for Seftons House	Johnathan Barrow	Wm. Barnes	29	29
31	William Heyes	John Callan Hired by the Town	Thos. Sixsmith	John Callan	119	136
28	Widow Weston	Saml. Barrow	John Lidiard	John Barrow	49	52
31	Widow Thompson	Cornelius Tofft	Gilbert Thompson	Geo Barton	35	34
34	Mr Ranton for Gouldens House	Thos. Norman	Ric. Cooper	Thos. Sixsmith	31	37
34	Lynch Cotton Esq.	Joseph Burch for Long Lane House	Jos. Burch	John Callan	54	54
29	John Barrow Cow Lane	John Burch for Appletons	John Barrow	John Burch	49	50
33	Robert Barton for the Ash House	Thos. Penketh	Wm. Barns	Ric. Cooper	22	20
36	William Barnes Cow Lane House	Lawrence Sixsmith	Thos. Sixsmith	do.	41	43
45	John Barrow Oth Hall green	Mrs. Ranson for Moorses	John Barrow	do.	29	32
60	John Kirfoot	Banjamin Mather	do.	Edw. Penketh	29	25
65	John Barrow hired by ye Town for Morris Fitsimons	Nicholas Fazakerley Esq	do.	John Ireland	13	13
67	James Hayes	William Parr for Gaskells	Thos. Sixsmith	Thos. Norman	10	10
57	Widow Richardsons Execrs	Joseph Kendrick	Saml. Travers	John Kendrick	14	13
68	Richd. Cooper	Mr. Edmund Taylor	Ric. Cooper	John Barrow	21	21
57	Thos. Sixsmith	Mr. Joseph Percival's Execrs	Thos. Sixsmith	Ric. Lucas	19	17
55	Ralph Boardman	Robert Barton	Ralph Boardman	John Barrow	12	12
73	John Burch	Wm. Taylor	John Burch	Wm. Taylor	19	14
56	Mary Barrow widow	Wm. Barnes for the House he lives at	John Leigh	John Barrow	14	14
47	Widow Wright	Peter Domvile	Geo. Barton	Peter Domville	15	11
75	Joseph Burch for the Brook's Bank House	William Turner	Jos. Burch	Ralph Leigh	13	13
77	Thos. Knowls	Mr. Thomas Leigh	John Clayton	Wm. Hill	10	7
77	Wm Barrow	Widow Barnes for Sephtons House	John Burchall	John Barrow	12	10
75	Wm Hayes	John Barrow hired by the town	Henry Welsby	do.	2	2
44	Wm. Parr Cow Lane	Saml. Barrow	Wm. Ellison	Roger Hart	14	12
73	Thos. Boardman	Mr. Edmund Taylor for his publick House	John Barrow	Peter Cook	2	2
54	Cornelius Tofft	Joseph Percivals Esqr for Goldens	Cornelius Tofft	Peter Lee	10	11
54	Thomas Norman	Sr Lynch Cotton Brt	Thos. Norman	Joseph Cook	—	8/6
43	Joseph Burch for ye Longlane House	Richard Penketh	Jos. Burch	Chas. Penketh	5	2
47	John Burch for Appletons	Robert Barton for ye Ash House	John Burch	Saml. Hunt	2	1
46	Thos. Penketh	Dorothy Barnes for the Cowlane House	John Worrall	do.	11	8
44	Thos. Sixsmith for Boardmans	Nathaniel Weaver	Thos. Sixsmith	John Lyon	3	6
52	Mr. William Bissell	John Kirfoot	Adam Oldfield	John Kirfoot	10	9
53	John Boyer	Alice Smart	Saml Leather	Wm. Smart	5	5
56	Nicholas Fazakerley Esq.	James Cartwright	John Orford	Jas. Cartwright	5	4
60	William Parr	Thomas Armitt	Peter Hadack	Peter Domville	1	1
00	John Kenwright	Thos. Fearnhead	John Kenwright	Thos. Fearnhead	5	2
51	Mr John Watkins	Thos. Cooper	Geo. Haslem	Wm. Callwood	3	2
49	James Smith and Samuel Hunt both hired	by the Town	—	—	11	10
57	do. do.		—	—	9	10
	Peter Leigh	Ralph Boardman	—	—	11	11
71	Peter Domville	James Smith	—	—	7	7
09	Jas. Cartwright	Wm. Maire	—	—	7	7
16	Wm. Smart	Jas. Smith	—	—	8	8
07	Saml. Hunt	Jno. Kerfoot	—	—	16	16
12	Thos. Taylor	Thos. Roughsedge	—	—	38	28
00	John Jackson	Wm. Penington	—	—	28	24
05	Thos. Broadhurst	Jas. Bromelow	—	—	6	9
03	Thos. Norman	Thos. Fearnhead	—	—	34	26
08	Wm. Hayes	Robt. Phithyan	—	—	21	17

THE ACCOUNTS OF WILLIAM SMART

A. CONSTABLE AND OVERSEER OF THE POOR FROM NOVEMBER 24TH 1779, UNTIL THE TIME OF HIS DEATH JUNE 15, 1806

B. SURVEYOR OF THE HIGHWAYS

Year.	Receipts.	Expenses.	Receipts.	Expenses.
	£	£	£	£
1780	96	106	21	22
1781	122	122	18	17
1782	99	95	21	17
1783*	100	102	22	22
1784	96	94	18	15
1785	103	106	22	14
1786	113	106	20	19
1787	103	107	19	20
1788	137	134	23	25
1789	119	113	16	14
1790	103	103	18	17
1791	110	109	10	10
1792	95	95	45	46
1793	106	98	45	55
1794	100	86	60	62
1795	120	122	60	68
1796	128	123	59	68
1797	164	165	59	60
1798	124	136	59	60
1799	153	156	59	67
1800	156	165	59	78
1801	187	197	59	65
1802	155	168	59	45
1803	160	181	77	54
1804	151	160	53	61
1805	154	148	60	92

* [*Nov.* 20. 1783] . . . Agreed that Wm. Smart shall collect the Land Tax and Window Tax and House Tax for the Township aforesaid for the yearly salary of 10 Shillings to begin at next Quarter next ensuing the date hereof.

1806 July 3.

The accounts of William Smart Constable and Overseer of the Poor for the Township of Great Sankey since the 21st Nov. last are as follow:

Amount of 4 Assessments			£130	0 3½
Disburst	96	12 2¼		
Balance due fm. W. Smart . .	133	8 1		
			£130	0 3½

The above-mentioned Inhabitants have this day appointed James Lomax as Surveyor of the Highways and also as Con-

stable and Overseer of the Poor for the said Township of Great Sankey.

Witness I. SMART.

[*Note at Side*]

1806 July 8th. Jas. Lomax was sworn Constable before me

ED: FALKNER.

p. 163 has—

22 Nov. 1806. The Accounts of Wm Smart his Son and Jas. Lomax, Constables and Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Gt. Sankey, as below for the year last past. [*See next page.*]

* *1817. Sept. 22.* At a Meeting of the Ley-payers of Great Sankey it was

Resolved 1st—That all the officers of this Township (viz.) Surveyors of the Highways, Overseers of the Poor, and Constables, be elected from this Date to serve the respective Offices in rotation or by House-row.

Resolved 2nd—That Thomas Warburton and Peter Domville serve the Office of Surveyors of the Highways for the ensuing year.

Nov. 22nd.

Ordered 1st—That at a Meeting of the Inhabitants to settle James Lomax's Accounts in which he appears to have in His Hands, belonging to the Township the Sum of £6 : 13 : 3½ and which he his to pay over to the succeeding Overseers.

Ordered 2—That William Tinsley and James Norman do fill the Office of Constable and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.

Order'd 3—That John Leather is to be the Towns-clerk to keep the Accounts for the Overseer of the Poor, the Constable and Surveyors of the Highways; both for the present and succeeding Officers and to be paid for his trouble out of the Assessment.

The following odd memoranda are entered at either end of the volume:—

Att a meeting this day of the Inhabitants of the Township of Great Sankey its agreed that whatsoever person or persons in the aforesaid Township is impanelled by the Sherrif of the County to serve as a Jurior at the Assizes at Lancaster and Summoned by the Bailief of the Hundred and goes and serves upon the Jury at Lancaster afores'd shall have the sum of twenty shillings a piece allowed from the Town towards Defraying the charge of his or their Journeyes thither and likewise whatsoever person or

			Receipts. £	Expenses. £
1806	James Lomax	Wm Smart, junr.	162	141
1807	James Lomax	Constable and Overseer	213	256
1808		do.	186	212
1809		do.	193	225
1810		do.	217	293
1811		do.	255	271
1812		do.	247	257
1813		do.	317	323
1814		do.	282	310
1815		do.	372	340
1816		do.	284	301
1817*		do.	324	317
1818 }	James Norman O.P.	William Tinsley C.	512	493
1819 } 1820 }	Peter Domville O.P.	John Seed C.	543	417
1821 }	Thos. Norman O.P.	Thos. Warburton C.	382	309
1822	Ric. Broadhurst O.P.	John Wright. C.	350	358
1823	John Leather O.P.	Saml. Parsonage C.	367	342
1824	John Leather O.P. & C.		336	325
1825	John Leather O.P.	Peter Leigh. C.	376	352
1826	do.	John Grace. C.	389	372
1827	John Leather, O.P. & C.		386	333
1828	do.		328	320
1829	do.		318	303
1830	do.		377	368
1831	do.		392	321
1832	Richard Broadhurst, O.P. & C.		330	321
1833	do.		348	347
1834	Richard Broadhurst Samuel Broadhurst }	O.P. & Ric. Broadhurst C.	295	288
1835	do.	—	327	317

			Receipts. £	Expenses. £
James Lomax			61	68
			61	89
			91	89
			61	42
			60	62
			60	65
Jno. Leather	Jno. Ashley		60	81
	Thomas Warburton		60	80
			61	69
			61	63
			60	56
			61	67
			60	68
Peter Domville				
John Moston	Thos. Norman		60	55

* See note on opposite page.

persons in the afores'd Town*shpp* Impanelled and Sum̃oned to the generall Quarter Sessions of the peace and goes and serves upon the Grand Jury there shall have five shillings allowed from the Town towards Defraying the charge of their Journeys thither and also whatsoever person in the aforesaid Town*shpp* is Sum̃on'd to the Quarter Sessions and goes and serves only upon the Traver's Jurye's there shall have three shillings allowed from the Town towards the charge of their Journey's thither all which sum̃s before mentioned shall be paid by the Constable (to any of the persons aforesaid) as he payes other Leyes As witness our Hands——

[*Not signed, nor is the note dated. It was probably copied in the early eighteenth century.*]

Charities.

May 4 1727.

Memorandum.

Here followeth an Accot of the money which is a part of the Stock for the Poor belonging to the Township of Great Sankey

Imprms.	Left by Ralph and William Barnes .	£17	10	0
Item	by money from Farnworth	2	0	0
Item	by money from Marsh Hall . . .	2	0	0
		21	10	0

Which said sum of Twenty-one pound ten shillings is secured as followeth viz :—the sum of Ten pounds for which Richard Readish and Mother hath given security by bond to John Burch and William Barnes Junior and the remainder in the Hands of the Executors of William Barnes Senior.

Memorandum.

March 4th 1735.

Then borrowed by the Townshipp of Great Sankey of the Poors Stock the sum of twenty seaven pound which Said sum the Townshipp aforesaid is to pay Interest for till repaid back again

March 4th 1737

Paid two years Interest £2 14 0

March 4th 1739.

Paid two years Interest more £2 14 0

[*Another hand.*] Recd in the year 1766 for the Excrs of Thomas Sixsmith leat of Great Sankey Deceased By the Overseers poor

for the Township aforesaid the full sum of Five Pound which was Left by the said Thomas Sixsmith and Belongs to the poor thereof and for which Interest is to be paid and becom Due every Twentysixt Day of December for the use and Benefit of the Poor therof as witness we the Principal Inhabitants Do here Subscribe our names——[*Not given.*]

[*Another hand.*] *N.B.*—The above £5 is in the Hands of Thos. Norman under a Promissory Note. J. L.

[*Another hand*] *February* 1, 1838.

I have this day received four shillings and sixpence a years Interest for the above Five pounds from Thos. Norman

SAMUEL BROADHURST, *Overseer of Sankey.*

GREAT SANKEY, 2 *Feb*^{y} 1811.

MEMORANDM.

Be it remembered that the late John Kerfoot the younger of Great Sankey bequeathed at his Death the sum of ten pounds the Interest of which was intended for the Benefit of the Industrious Poor of G^{t} Sankey aforesaid, the said principal Sum was lodged in the Hands of Walter Kerfoot Esq but by an insolvency in the said W. Kerfoots affairs after his Death only £7 . 10 . 0 has been received for the said £10 which has been carried to the Towns Account for which said sum of £7 . 10. the Township will hereafter be accountable.

JAS. LOMAX, *Overseer of the Poor.*

Aug. 1832. Recd. from Mr. John Ashton a final dividend of 4^{d} in the pound on a sum of Ten Pounds invested in the late Walter Kerfoots Lands an insolvent which 10£ was part of the Poors Stock called Dole Money . . . 3/4

23 *Nov.* 1816. At a public Meeting this day held it was resolved that the Constable shall take in no Sparrow Heads at any time of the year except from the yearly Meeting to the 25th of March following during which Time he may allow 2^{d} p. Head for the same

JNO. LEIGH.
THOS. WARBURTON.
WM. TINSLEY.
JAS. LOMAX.
JAS. LOMAX.[1]

[1] All the "signatures" are in the same hand, so this repetition is probably an error.

MS. 1098. "GREAT SANKEY, 1778 TO 1798. POOR AND CONSTABLE."

Bound in limp boards, 12″ × 8″. Contains detailed accounts of William Smart, Overseer of the Poor [1] from 1778 to 1798; total expenditure on Constable's account from 1784 to 1798, and detailed Constable's accounts for the years 1796, 1797, and 1798.

The first account, for the year ending 21 April, 1778, is defective; the remaining accounts are complete. From the style of the writing throughout it appears that these are the final accounts, not entered day by day, but entered up perhaps from various notes each year in time for the audit. Until 1786, the accounts signed by William Smart are "seen and allowed" and signed by four or more, up to eleven, inhabitants at the end of March or in April in each year. They are then verified upon oath of the Overseer before two or more Justices of the Peace in April or May. After 1786 the accounts are seen and allowed by the inhabitants in the latter part of November, from 17th to 24th, but they still await signatures by the Justices until the following spring.

Comparison of the figures for total expenditure and total receipts for the period 1784 to 1798 shows a general agreement with those entered in MS. 1097. For this period also it is possible to discover the proportional expenditure on Constable's and on Overseers' accounts. For the earlier period, from 1778 to 1783, the figures by no means agree. A possible explanation may lie in the inclusion of Constable's expenses in MS. 1097 totals. Again the totals are given to the nearest pound.

[1] Excepting the year 1779, when T. Fearnhead and Wm Penington acted as Overseers and Constable.

Year.	Overseer of Poor Disburst.	Constable Disburst.	Receipts.
	£	£	£
1777	90	—	89
1778	82	—	76
1779	81	—	76
1780	87	—	77
1781	95	—	96
1782	76	—	80
1783	75	—	74
1784	94	22	96
1785	106	29	103
1786	106	22	113
1787	107	23	103
1788	134	44	137
1789	113	32	119
1790	103	33	103
1791	109	45	110
1792	95	31	94
1793	98	50	106
1794	86	38	100
1795	122	69	120
1796	123	71	128
1797	165	100	164
1798	136	72	124

For if the balance of income and expenditure be examined, the amount is precisely the same in both books, thus indicating the omission of a sum of money from both accounts, in amount roughly corresponding to that expended on Constable's account after 1784.

The Overseers' accounts do not present any unusual features. Relief was given in kind, for coal, clothing, sundry payments were made for doctors' bills, burials, education of children and for their apprenticing. Casual payments in cash direct were numerous and varied, and, in some instances, sums up to 3*s*. a week were regularly paid to certain families, in addition very often to payment of rent and other expenses. It is to be noted that the

number of families relieved was not great, most of the expenses indeed being due to a few families settled in the township. When the high cost of some of these families is considered it is not remarkable that strenuous efforts were taken in such parishes to prevent possible paupers from gaining a settlement, even the 1*s.* "given a sick man to Persuade him to go on his Road" in 1786.

The administration expenses incidental to the Overseer's account were small in proportion to the amount expended on relief. An allowance of £4 4*s.* a year for serving the office could hardly even in those days be regarded as excessive. There are occasional charges for journeys about the overseers' business, sundry legal fees, and small items for signing Lay Books at 8*d.* each, for books and paper never amounting to more than a few shillings a year.

On the other hand, the Constable's activities were more varied. He was responsible for collecting the Church Lays due to Prescot and Farnworth, attending upon and paying the High Constable. He attended the Quarter Sessions at Ormskirk, and Wigan, Prescot and twice a year at (West) "Darby Court." When a poor man was found dead on the road in 1796, he summoned the Coroner, attended the inquest, and attended to the burial of the body (5*s.* 6*d.* found in the dead man's pocket was balanced against £1 14*s.* 6*d.* incurred in these proceedings). He supervised collection of window taxes, prepared militia list, list of freeholders—in fact, performed all the various duties of a civil township not comprehended under the head of Poor Law or Highways.

MS. 1110. "BOOK OF RULES, LAWS, ORDERS, MINUTES, STATISTICS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO AND GENERALLY CONCERNING THE MANAGING AND CONDUCTING OF THE PAROCHIAL AFFAIRS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREAT SANKEY." $\frac{1}{4}$ bound boards, $9\frac{1}{4}'' \times 7\frac{1}{2}''$.

Though hardly so ambitious as the title would indicate, this volume contains many items of considerable value in interpreting the accounts and papers of the township. The main portion of the book contains in effect the minutes of township meetings from 1833 to 1851. Also there appear copies of sundry returns, submitted to the House of Commons by the township officers, dealing with poor law expenses and education returns; a detailed account year by year of moneys paid out of Dutton's Charity; and two references to a Court Baron of the Lord of Great Sankey.

The latter are reproduced below; commentary on the remaining contents of the volume will be dealt with in the general discussion.[1]

At the Court Baron of the Right Honourable Thomas Atherton, Lord Lilford, Lord of the Manor of Great Sankey, with its appurtenances in the County of Lancaster held in and for the said Manor the 25th day of November 1833, the following persons were appointed to the respective offices undermentioned, viz.:

Richard Broadhurst, reappointed Peter Leigh do. Mathew Prior	*Constables.*
Peter Leigh Samuel Parsonage	*Carr Meadow Lookers.*
John Leather Edward James Pemberton	*Birlaw Men.*
Thomas Norman Edward James Pemberton	*Common Lookers.*
John Leather	*Pound Keeper.*
Hugh Clare Nehemiah Kelsall	*Ale Tasters.*

[1] See Volume **85,** where the second part of the paper will appear.

The above persons are respectively appointed for the year ensuing, the following is a list of the other officers (viz.):

Elected at Easter last	Thomas Pennington	*Chapel Warden.*
do.	Edward Jas. Pemberton	*Sidesman.*
25 March	Richard Broadhurst	*Overseers of the Poor and Collectors of Taxes.*
do.	John Wright	
22 October	Thomas Pennington Edward Jas. Pemberton	*Surveyors of Highways.*
Appointed 8th April	Richard Broadhurst	*Assessors of Land and Assessed Taxes.*
,,	John Leather	
—	John Leather	*Master of Sunday School.*
—	George Travis	*Clerk of the Chapel.*
—	James Appleton	*Sexton.*

A later Court Baron is recorded, December 4th, 1837, as held "at the *Sloop* Sankey Bridges and by adjournment at the Bowling Green Inn" when the following were appointed:

Samuel Broadhurst Peter Leigh Hugh Clare	*Constables.*
Peter Leigh E. J. Pemberton	*Birlaw men.*
Thomas Norman	*Common Looker.*
Hugh Clare Nehemiah Kelsall	*Ale Tasters.*
Abel Penington	*Pound Keeper.*

GREAT SANKEY PAPERS.

MS. 1113.

Settlement Papers.

Certificates.

1723. *18th Sept.* William Rylands, Elizabeth his wife, and their children, certified to be Inhabitants Legally Settled in our s^d^ town of Warrington, and acknowledged by the churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of Warrington. . . . " Who for better employment and more convenient way of Living are Desirous for some time to reside and Dwell in ye s^d^ townsp of Great Sankey. (Seede & allowed 5 *Oct.* 1723.)

1730. *10th July.* " Jonathan Foster together with Elizabeth his wife, Rachell and Lettice their children for their better conveniency of Living are desirous to dwell and reside in the said township of Bold " . . . certified as settled in the Parish of Liverpoole.

Foster Cunliffe. Bryan Blundell.

1734. *9th Nov.* John Jackson, Mary his wife, and Joseph their son legally settled in the township of Nether Knutsford.

Examinations.

*Johnson. 7 Oct. 1758.
Oldfield. 1802 ? or 9.
Fisher. 1841–
Pickering. 1842.
Goulden. 1844.—sent to Lunatic Asylum Chester, ord^d^ by Mollington, ack^d^ by Standish.
Gleave. 1844.
Standish. 1843. Sutton, Lancs.
Langley. 1843. Refused.

* John Johnson—examined Warrington 7 Oct. 1758. Born Buckstead, Sussex, bound apprentice by his father at 15 yrs. to John Cripps, Buckstead, Mason for 7 years ; afterwards went to Westminster, worked there 14–15 yrs.—never hired for a year. Then came into (Whitby) Yorkshire, 2 or 3 yrs. never hired for a year, nor rented a tenant of £10 p.a. or p^d^ Leys or Taxes, nor served any parish offices.

Removal Orders.

Date.	Complaint by Overseers of	Against.	Removed to
30 Oct. 1704	Great Sankey	William Hill, Hired Servant, his wife and 5 children	Clifton, Cheshire.
23 Feb. 1725	Over Whittley, Ches.	Martha Stubbs, Single woman	Great Sankey.
18 April, 1735	Rixton-cum-Glazebrook	Peter Cartwright, and his wife	Appleton, Ches.
29 April, 1745	Great Sankey	Ralph Morris, his wife and daughter	Penketh.
6 Dec. 1781	Lathom	Mary Ellison	Great Sankey.
20 Sept. 1789	Warrington	Mary Gillman	Great Sankey.
6 Jan. 1796	Great Sankey	Thomas Pennington	Rixton-cum-Glazbrook.
19 May, 1810	Sunderland-by-the-Sea, Durham	Jane Holt, wife of Peter Holt (late belonging to the 2d Royal Lancashire Militia and at this time a private of the 103d Regt of Foot) and their child Elizabeth aged 3 years. Note on back of the order saying that £2 2/– was advanced by the Overseers of Great Sankey "to carry her back."	Great Sankey.
1 April, 1838	Rainhill	Thomas Houghton, husbandman, his wife and three children. [Appealed against, but document giving result of appeal missing. All other statements in the case attached.]	Great Sankey.
21 June, 1838	Liverpool	Betty Whitfield, labourer's widow and her 3 children	Great Sankey.
27 May, 1839	Warrington	Samuel Bowden, his wife and 3 children	Great Sankey.
21 Dec. 1842	Great Sankey	Margaret Hall, cotton spinner's widow. Removed to Great Bolton Workhouse, stayed there 3 days, and then went into service. Statements attached	Great Bolton.
16 Feb. 1843	Worsley	Benjamin Brooks, his wife and 4 children Statement attached	Great Sankey.
5 June, 1843	Great Sankey	Edwin Ellison Welch, wheelwright, his wife and six children. Removal suspended owing to Edwin Welch's sickness. . . . Edwin E. Welch removed to Warrington and ordered to Newton Workhouse, and his wife and family to Warrington Workhouse. Statement attached.	Warrington.
4 Nov. 1844	Great Sankey	James Pye and other 5 children of James Pye, boat carpenter, a prisoner under warrant of confinement in the House of Correction at Kirkdale. Examinations, Marriage Certificate, Copy of Indenture attached.	Warrington.
19 Jan. 1844	Hindley	John Holt, spinner, and his child. Removal suspended owing to sickness of the child. Statements attached.	Great Sankey.

2. Overseers a/c 1776.
1. Returned letter & form concerning payment for child 1832.
1. Recpt. for ? 1826.

CONSTABLES' PAPERS.

7. *Freeholders.* 21–70 *yrs.* £10 *p. an.* 1803–09–
5. Notice of Licence day :—

1806–1838	Eliz Powell	Wheat Sheaf	Sankey Chapel
	Ann Pickering	Sloop	Sankey Bridge

1. A Presentment. Nil for 1808. Lancaster Assize.
2. Leys for Chapel and School of Farnworth. 1824 & 5.
15. Var. *Relief Papers.* 1823–60.
18. Bastardy Papers. 1726–1828.

APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS. [7 pp.]

1. J.P.s Prescot appointing :—

Wm Smart.	Wm Pinnington.	O.P.	2 Apl. 1799.
Jas. Lomax	,, *e* ,,	O.P.	14 Apl. 1807.
,,	,, ,, ,,		3 May 1808.
,,	,, ,, ,,	,;	18 Apl. 1809.
Edw. Jas. Pemberton	Thos. Norman [1]	O.P.	28 Mar. 1839.

[1] Jas. Norman. G.S. Farmer. nominated by John Wright. 25 Mar. 39.
Samuel Broadhurst. ,, ,, ,, ,, Thos. Penington. 25 Mar. 40.

OVERSEERS' RECEIPTS.

16. Receipts from High Constable 1817–1840. For Tolls and Charges for County Treasurer, Lunatic Asylum, Preston & Lpool, Kirdale Ho of Correction, Bridges and Riot Warrants.
1. From Thos Robinson & Thos Owen for £24 12*s.* 6*d.* balance of a/c £28 for surveying the Township of G.S. & making a new valuation.
12. From Warrington Union for Poor Relief. 1839–46.

WORKHOUSE RECEIPTS—53.

From 1819–1825.

Receipts from Grappenhall united Workhouse for various sums paid for maintenance of persons in the Workhouse, at the rate of $4\frac{1}{2}^{d}$ to 5^{d} per day.

Overleaf of Jan. 1825. Receipt for 2.14.9, rent due to Grappenhale Workhouse up to the time of breaking up the House."

REGISTER OF PARISH APPRENTICES

PREFACED BY AN ABSTRACT OF AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT, *Passed*

No.	Date of Indenture.	Name of Apprentice.	Sex.	Age.	His or her Parents' Names.	Their Residence.	Name of Persons to whom bound or Assigned.
1	1st May 1804	Benjamin Birtles	Boy	Ten	Both dead	—	William Geddes
2	3rd Sept. 1810	John Newhall	Boy	Ten	„ „	—	John Leigh
3	1 April 1814	Mary Lewes	Girl	13	„ „	—	James Miller
4	1 May, 1816	John Kilshall	Boy	9	Father dead Sarah Kilshall	Burton wood	John Kilshall
5	15th May 1816	John Golding	Boy	12	Samuel Golding Jane Golding	Great Sankey	Robert Jones
6	16th Jan. 1822	Isc Kelsall	do.	11	Sarah Kelsall	do.	Saml Kelsall
7	27th Feby „	Wm Leyland	do.	11	Thos Leyland	Warrington	Thos Worsley
8	20th March 1826	Wm Tushingham	do.	11	Saml Tushingham	do.	Thos Warburton
9	20 Sept.	Peter Leyland	do.	9	Thos Leyland	do.	Thos Worsley
10	2d April 1833	William Prescot	Male	Eleven	Alice Prescot	Great Sankey	Edward James Pemberton
11	3d January 1837	James Goulden	Male	13	James Goulden deceased	—	Richard Wrigley and William Rockcliffe

OF GREAT SANKEY, 1804–1837.

May 7, 1802, for the REGISTERING PARISH APPRENTICES.

His or her Trade.	His or her Residence.	Term of the Apprentice-ship or Assignment.	Apprentice or Assignment Fee. £ s. d.	Overseers Parties to the Indenture or Assignment.	Magistrates assenting to be signed by themselves.
Glass Manufacturer	Warrington	11 years	3 3 0	William Pennington { Churchwarden and Overseer William Smart, Overseer	Isᶜ Blackburne J. A. Borron
Farmer	Great Sankey	7 years	2 2 0	William Pennington Thos. Warburton James Lomax } Do.	Mich. Hughes Ed. Falkner
Butcher	Warrington	7 years	2 10 0	William Pennington, Chapel Warden Thos. Warburton James Lomax } Overseers	Thoˢ Lyon Isᶜ Blackburne
Yeoman	Burton wood	7 years	—	Thomas Warburton James Lomax } Overseers John Leather, Chapel Warden	Richᵈ Gwllym Isᶜ Blackburne
Whitesmith	Warrington	8 years	—	Thomas Warburton James Lomax } Overseers John Leather, Chapel Warden	Richᵈ Gwllym Isᶜ Blackburne
Farmer	Burton wood	7 yrs.	—	John Leather, Ch. Warden Jno. Leather John Moston } Overseers	Thoˢ Blackburne Isᶜ Blackburne
Chimney Sweep	Warrington	5 years	—	Same	Thoˢ Blackburne Thoˢ Lyon
Farmer	Great Sankey	7 yrs.	None	Same	Thoˢ Blackburne Thos. Lyon
Chimney Sweep	Warrington	until 16	do	John Leather John Grace } Overseers	James J. Hornby Thoˢ Lyon
Farmer	Great Sankey	three years	None	Edward James Pemberton, Churchwarden Richard Broadhurst and John Wright, Overseers	Thomas B. Birch Samuel Taylor
Millwrights	Liverpool	7 years	None	Thomas Pennington, Churchwarden Joseph Simm and John Roughsedge, Overseers	Gw. Williams Thos. B. Birch

APPRENTICE INDENTURES—8.

	To	*Apprentice*	*Fee*	*Term*
2 May 1715.	Gilbert Chaddock, Little Sankey	Thomas Dowson, Husbandman	£4	8 yrs.
20 Dec. 1727.	Wm Donbavand, Gorstage, Chester	John Johnson, Husbandman	30/-	9 yrs.
27 Jan. 1734.	John Ellison, Penketh	Sarah Hatton, Breadbaker	£3.	5.
20 Dec. 1743.	Edw. Byron, Prescot.	Anne Cooper, Housewife.	£1/5/0	5.
1 May 1756.	Saml Bowker, Warrington	John Haddock 11, Painter & Plaisterer	£1 : 15 : 0.	7.
Aug. 1786.	Jos. Ellams, Chester—Tailor. do. do. dup.	Ric Houlding, Tailor.	£2 . 2.	4.
4 Oct. 1787.	Jas. Foster, Warrington	John Brookes. 10. Shoemaker.	£3 . 3.	7.

Bundle.

Voting papers named, and result of Election of a Guardian March 29, 1838.

E. J. Pemberton 23
Jas. Norman 52

Bundle of Receipts various mainly 19th cent.

Bundle. Highway Receipts. 1833–54.

Gt. Sankey Property Tax for 1806. Written on backs of two bills advertising :—

FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF FRUIT.

There will be a shew of GOOSEBERRIES at the house of Mrs. Linscott, the *Red Lion Inn*, In Penketh on Friday the 9th day of August, 1805, when the heaviest Berry of any colour shall receive Ten Shillings and sixpence.

[Schedule for Red, Yellow, Green, White, prizes 5, 4, 3, 2/6.]

No person but the grower will be allowed to enter Fruit at this meeting except he enters them in the grower's name, & proves the same upon oath, if required ; if ever hereafter proved the contrary, he shall be excluded this meeting for ever. And those only who are subscribers of 5/- on or before the day of meeting, for entrance, dinner, &c.

No person will be admitted into the room who is not a subscriber of 2/6. The winning berries to be the property of the Landlady.

To meet precisely at one o'clock and the berries to be delivered in by 2 of the same day.

Free for any part of England.

* There was last year some unfair play practised by one of the weighers having got berries from other growers, who had not subscribed to the meeting, which caused great murmuring amongst the subscribers, but if the like be again practised, he will not only be excluded the meeting for ever, but steps will be took to recover all the false prizes won by him or any other person.

ECCLESIASTICAL—10.

Leys on Great Sankey for Prescot parish—Farnworth Chapelry 1817–1839.

PRINTED PAPERS—3.

1. 1807. Notice 43 Geo. III, of Lists of Assessed Taxes to be put up *not filled in.*
2. Notice. 1837. Of Election of Guardian of Poor for Great Sankey signed by O. P.
3. Sale notice land & bldgs. at Rainhill & St. Helens. Apl. 1833.

RENT RECEIPTS—13. (1776–1837.)

One of 1785 is actually of more interest since it is written on the back of a Salt Office Permit, May 1785. For Northwich. Receipts for rent paid in full or in part by the overseers for cottages occupied by various paupers.

19. DOCTORS' ACCOUNTS.

3 pp. 1818, 1825, 1831.

GAME CERTIFICATES.

1. Letter from Jas. Anker, Surveyor, 18 Brunswick Rd. Lpool, 1834 20 Feb. to Broadhurst Coll^{r} Taxes Great Sankey re game & dues.

4 Sheets, printed 1808, 1809. Notice of, and instruction to Coll^{rs} of Game duties.

1. JURORS LISTS.

23 *Aug.* 1806. A List of all the Psons residing in the Parish between the ages of 21 & 70 years liable to serve as Jurors at the Assizes and Q^{r} Sessions of the Peace to be held within the county.

16 names.

No. on Sched. B list.[1] 14; 75; 55; 42, 51, 52, 47, 58, 40.

Following not on ditto.

Rich Jackson.	58.	G.S.	Yeoman.
Jas Lomax	57	,,	Constable.
Thos Norman	57	,,	Yeom.
W^{m} Penington	68	,,	,,
Thos Roughsedge	58	,,	,,
Jas Smart	26	,,	,,
Thos Taylor	—	,,	,,
Jas Turner	61	,,	,,

2. Another list of 11 names. 8 Sept. 1808.

omits Jas Cartwright. 33.
W^{m} Penington.
Jas Smart.
Thos Taylor.
Jas Turner.

who are on 1.

[1] See Transactions **85** for full list.

Inventory of a Farm Sale.

" An Inventory of the goods, cattles, and chattels of Elizabeth Sharples late wife of John Kelsall Taken and Appraised by William Newton and Peter Domville the 18th day of February 1752 is as follows vizt.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis A cow called Cheshire	4	4	0
Do called Brownsides	2	10	0
Do called Pye	3	3	0
Do called Tidey	3	0	0
A stirk, a year-old calf and a rearing calf	3	0	0
A cow called Broady	3	3	0
An old Mare	1	15	0
A young Mare	3	10	0
A colt	1	15	0
A Harrow	0	6	0
A plough	0	3	6
A Wheel Barrow	0	1	6
A muck cart	0	10	6
A Spade, fork, and coal rake	0	2	6
A clock	2	15	0
A pair of Tankards	0	5	0
A chest	0	14	0
A grate and iron things about it	0	10	0
A Large chair	0	2	0
An old man's Dº	0	1	6
A Fall table	0	1	6
Three Bulrush chairs	0	3	0
The rest in the house	0	5	0
A Hog Turnel	0	12	0
A Sifting Tub	0	5	0
A Churn	0	3	6
A Spinning Wheel	0	5	0
A cheese press	0	5	0
The other things in the Buttery	0	5	0
Some things in the Milkhouse	0	2	6
Two pewter Dishes	0	3	0
A little Sauce pan, caldron and a candlestick	0	7	3
A Smoothing iron	0	2	0
Things in the nook	0	1	0
Three augurs	0	1	0
A Saddle	0	3	0

	£	s.	d.
A pilch	0	3	0
A pillion	0	3	6
A bed with a red rug	0	15	0
Another bed in the same room	1	6	0
Another bed and bedding	0	10	0
A coffer	0	1	6
An Iron boiler	0	4	0
The rest of the Things in the kitchen	0	7	6
A Swine tub	0	2	0
Old Iron	0	5	0
A sack and a bag	0	1	0
A half measure	0	3	0
Corn vizt			
20 Measures of oats Sold	1	5	0
Wheat Sold	5	18	0
Barley	2	10	0
90 Measures of Oats	5	12	6
E. Sharples' wearing apparel	3	0	0
	57	3	3

To be deducted						
For rent p[d] W. Heys, Landlord	27	0	0			
To Dr. Markland p[d]	0	4	0			
To Mary Rigby p[d]	0	4	0			
To Threshing the corn	0	15	0	33	3	3
To paying for the Tyth of corn	1	8	9			
To William Newton, cash etc.	0	6	0			
To the charges of the burial of E. Sharples	3	5	6			
Remains of Personal Estate neat which by an Act of parliament for the Distribution of Intestate's Effects is to be divided $\frac{1}{3}$ to the widow $\frac{2}{3}$ to the children of the Intestate."				24	0	0

" I John Kelsall of Great Sankey, husbandman, do hereby promise to pay on the Twelfth day of June next coming to Joseph Cook and Cornelius Toft both of Great Sankey afores[d] Yeomen (Overseers of the poor of Great Sankey afd) or the one of them or one of their order Sixteen pounds of Lawful British money being two Third parts of the Clear Estate due to the children of my late wife Elizabeth (as the account is settled on the other side of this paper) to and for their use ; as the said children are now become the charge of Great Sankey afd, They

the s[d] Joseph Cook and Cornelius Toft giving me a Sufficient and prop[er] discharge from all claim and demand to be made by the said children or any other person on their account on payment of the said Sixteen pounds at the time above s[d]. In witness whereof I the said John Kelsall have hereunto set my hand the Twelfth day of March 1752.

his
JOHN R KELSALL
Mark.

Signed in the presence of
GILBERT THOMPSON.
[*The above on a sheet dble. fcp.*]

MILITIA.

From MS. 1098.

		£	s.	d.
1796.	To Making and Going to Warrington to swear to a Return of Malitia . . .		2	6
	Paid Belman Warning the want of a Malitia Man		1	0
	Paid Clark warning A meeting for subscribing			4
	Given the first man that was hired at making Bargain		1	0
	Paid Doctor Hankinson Examining him & Medicines		3	0
	Given the Lad subsistance money Before he was to be swore		7	0
	Given Second man at Hiring . . .		2	0
	Expences concerning Both men . .		8	8½
	May. Paid Edward Cataral Preston a Weaver to serve 5 year as a Militia man . .	10	10	0
	To my Trouble Going Round to Collect subscription money		2	0
	To my Trouble Looking Out and Hiring a substitute		2	0
	17 Nov. To Making and Bringing In a Return of Militia		2	6
[1797⁄8].	4 Dec. Expences at a Meeting Concerning Navy		2	6
	11[th]. Expences at a Meeting concerning fixing what the Town would pay Towards the Militia		5	0
	Paid Clark for warning three meetings .		1	0

		£	s.	d.
	Paid Doctor Examining Two Men . .		2	0
	To Making a Return of Malitia . .		2	6
	To My Journey to Prescot to swear to the same		1	6
1797.	Jan. 2. Settled Navy Business with Sutton and Rainford	18	4	9
	Paid Mr Maire Attending Sessions Concerning Malitia	1	1	0
	To my Journey to Prescot Concerning same		1	6
	25 Apl. My Journey to Prescot to get Certificates for Malitia		1	6
	To Making and Bringing in a Return of Malitia		2	6
1798.	20 Feb. Expences concerning Malitia .			3
	To warning a Meeting for subscribing for a substitute			4
	My Journey to Prescot at swearing Malitia .		1	6
	Paid for a Malitia man and Expences .	3	19	6½
	Paid for warning a Meeting Concerning Dundassis Plan			4
	? Paid James Lomax for assisting me to make a Return by Order of Government .		2	0
	To myself for the same		2	0
	Expences Concerning same . . .		2	5
	Paid James Lomax Making a Coppy of same		1	0
	To my Journey Taking the Return to Prescot		1	6
	Given three Malitia men for Expences .		2	3
	Paid John Roughsedge for Giving Malitia man Notice Twice		3	0
	Paid for Expences Concerning same . .		1	6
	My Journey to Preston & Expences with the Malitia men at the further end . .		15	0
	3d June. To a Meeting by Government Orders		5	0
	Clark warning the same			4
	10 July. To my Journey to Prescot Concerning Malitia		1	6
	? Given John Fiendley to Carry him to Preston		3	0
	17th. My Journey to Prescot Concerning Malitia		1	6
	Expences at Fifth of Novr Rejoicing for Good News		10	0
	To Making & Taking in a Return of Malitia to Prescot		2	6

[*Militia Receipts.*]	£	s.	d.
1796. Rec[d] from the Malitia Subscripshan . .	6	16	0
1798. Rec[d] Malitia subscripshan after Deducting the Expences at Meeting to subscribe .	2	10	0
	[£9	6	0]

MILITIA PAPERS—4.

From MS. 1113.

At a Meeting for Subscribing fo . . . . . ire a Militia Man for the supplimentary Militia, the following subscribers agree to subscribe each 2/– and be exempted—W[m] Smart undertaking to indemnify them for the same

SANKEY *March 7th*, 1798.

	s.		s.
Jno Roughsedge	2	Jas Domville	2
Peter do	2	Adam Mason	2
Jno Leather	2	Adam Ashley	2
Charles Taylor	2	Jno Anderton	2
Thos. Appleton	2	W[m] Bate	2
Jno Powel	2	W[m] Ashley	2
Jn[o] Worth	2	Leigh Pennington	2
Thos. Fairclough	2	Shadrach French	2
Jn[o] Abbott	2	John Lyon	2
Josh. Leigh	2		
Josh Harrison	2		
Thos Warburton	2		
Jas do	2		
Jno do	2		
Charles Woodward	2		

Absent—

Jno Jackson	
Richd. Travers	2
Geo Whitfield	2
Thos Woods	
Jno Hill Husbandman.	2
Saml Hart	
W[m] Bertles	
Thos Warburton Hood Lane	
Jno Robinson Farmer	2
Jas Robinson Weaver	

Absent—

Jno Owen	2 . 0
Peter Darbyshire	
Mathias Daniel	2 . 0
Jno Leicester Black Book	

Expences at meeting to be Deducted out of the amount . . . . . 10 : 0.

Nov^r 14^th^, 1802.—A Return made by the Constable of Great Sankey of all the Male Persons betwixt the age of Eighteen and Forty-five Liable to serve as Militiamen for the Township aforesaid

No.			
1.	David Claughton	Steward	
2.	John Burrow	Husbandman	* Infirm as under
3.	Charles Woodward	do.	George Fiern-
4.	James Wood	do.	head Lame
5.	John Hill	Servant	Thos. Broad-
6.	John Spencer	Ropemaker	hurst Weakly
7.	John Powel	Inkeeper	
8.	Adam Mason	Husbandman	* I am to pay for
9.	Thomas Seed	do.	* W^m^ Owen to be
10.	W^m^ Ashley	do.	Entr^d^
11.	John Crouchley	do.	
12.	John Broadhurst	do.	* I am to pay for
13.	John Clare		
14.	Thomas Clare	Clark	
15.	W^m^ Crouchley	do.	
16.	Peter Roughsedge	Husbandman	
17.	John Cowens	do.	* To pay for
18.	John Kelsall	do.	
19.	Samuel Kelsall	do.	
20.	Thomas Garnett	Watchmaker	* Will subscribe I
21.	Robert Garnett	do.	am to pay
22.	Thomas Norman	Husbandman	
23.	James Woods	do. (at Normans*)	
24.	Thomas Warburton	do.	
25.	Thomas Leigh	do.	
26.	W^m^ Warburton	do.	
27.	James Cartwright	do.	
28.	John Hill	do.	
29.	Thomas Appleton	do.	

* Added later.

No. 30.	James Appleton	Husbandman
† 31.	Peter Domville	Carpinter
* 32.	Peter Ashley	Husbandman
† 33.	Samuel Golden	Weaver
† 34.	James Garratt	Watchmaker
† 35.	Samuel Garrat	Weaver
† 34.	John Bennett	Husbandman Bewsey Fields.

If any Person or Persons find themselves agreived at Being Returned as above may appeal at the House of John Hoults the Legs of Man In Prescot on Thursday the Eighteenth day of Nov^{r} after that day no Appeals will Be Received.

WM SMART, *Constable.*

Mathias Daniel Not Entered Millwright.
Wm Ackers at Alice Bertlesis.

* Added later. † Deleted.

1. Printed from Order for the maintenance of family (Elizabeth, wife, & son John 13 mos.), of James Gerrard "a substitute serving in the Militia for G.S. overseers of which who have refused relief, & have not shown cause why relief sh^{d} not be granted—2/8 weekly bill for Orders.

JOSEPH BIRCH
The Hastes (Lancs.) 10 *July* 1807."

A RETURN OF THE PERSONS INHABITING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GREAT SANKEY LIABLE TO SERVE AS MALITIAMEN OR HIRE A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE TOWNSHIP AFORESAID.

1.	Wm Domville	Carpinter
2.	Wm Appleton	Husbandman
3.	John Leather	Weaver
4.	James Gaskell	Husbandman
5.	John Owen	do.
6.	James Briers	do.
7.	Thos. Whittle	do.
8.	Wm Taylor	Carpinter
9.	John Fiernhead	Husbandman
10.	John Robinson	do.
11.	Wm Bate	Clark
12.	Wm Darbyshire	Flatman
13.	James Richardson	Husbandman
14.	Thos. Abbott	Inkeeper
15.	Wm Ashley	Husbandman

16.	Thos. Whitefield	Husbandman
17.	John Sampson	Blacksmith
18.	John Jackson	Husbandman
19.	James Lomax	Weaver
20.	Rich^{d} Travers	Shoemaker
21.	John Warburton	Husbandman
22.	Thos. Warburton	do.
23.	James Warburton	do.
24.	James Hart	do.
25.	James Fazekerley	do.
26.	John Barker	do.
27.	Culbert Blundell	do.
28.	John Hill	do.
29.	James Holdin	do.

Dec^{r} 9th, 1790,

WM SMART, *Constable.*

(*To be concluded.*)