

Westmorland Quarter Sessions

Kendal: Christmas 1729/30

ref. WQ/SR/12/2 - date: 27 December 1729

Recognizance of Lancelot Watters of Levens labourer, John Watters carpenter and Thomas Wright innkeeper both of Kendal for appearance of Lancelot.

Kendal: Easter 1733

ref. WQ/SR/38/4 [n.d.]

Petition of James Wilson of Levens, "old poor and infirm" for relief for self and wife - granted 1s. 6d. per week.

Kendal: Easter 1735

ref. WQ/SR/57/5 - date: 18 March [1755]

Recognizance of Ellin Dickinson and John Jackson yeoman both of Beathwaite Green [Levens] for appearance of Ellin.

Kendal: Michaelmas 1735

ref. WQ/SR/62/2 [n.d.]

Petition of James Wilson of Levens: desires additional relief - nil.

Kendal: Christmas [n.d.]

ref. WQ/SR/64/1 - date: 20 December 1735

Recognizance of John Bousfield husbandman, Christopher Cowperthwaite yeoman both of Levens, James Jackson of Preston Patrick, yeoman, for appearance - discharged.

Kendal: Easter:1738

ref. WQ/SR/89/6 [n.d.]

Presentment by inhabitants of Levens, Witherslack and Lyth of highway from Sizergh Fell Yeat to stone stile belonging to Henry Hanley in Helsington as in need of repair.

Kendal: Easter 1740

ref. WQ/SR/120/3 - date: 5 October 1739

Recognizance of Christopher and Anthony Pricket husbandmen of Wanegap, Levens and Thomas Pricket of Force Mill, Levens, maltster, for appearance of Christopher, father of bastard child of Elizabeth Ewen - discharged.

ref. WQ/SR/120/14 - date: 8 March [1740]

Maintenance order against Christopher Pricket of Wanegap, Levens, husbandman, father of Agnes bastard child of Elizabeth Ewen of Helsington singlewoman, born 3 February [1740] at 2 a.m. - quashed.

Kendal: Easter 1741

ref. WQ/SR/132/2 - date: 7 March [1741]

Recognizance of James Selby of Levens, husbandman, for appearance to prosecute - paid.

Kendal: Michaelmas 1741

ref. WQ/SR/139/6 - date: 21 September 1741

Recognizance of Edward Preston of Nether Hall, Mansergh, Thomas Hall of Hincaster and Richard Backhouse of Greenside, Levens, husbandmen, for appearance of Edward Preston charged by Edward Cook Dawson of Kendal gent. - discharged.

Kendal: Christmas 1741/42

ref. WQ/SR/142/14 - date: 21 December 1741

Removal orders John Leck, husbandman, wife Elizabeth and children Ann aged 5 and Sarah aged 2, to go from Hincaster to Levens - confirmed.

Kendal: Christmas 1742/3

ref. WQ/SR/160/5 - date: 14 December 1742

Examination of Eleanor Johnson widow of George Johnson who lately died on Crosthwaite Fell "through the rigour and severity of the weather": she is 50 years old, married to George 25 years ago but never knew his place of settlement, he told her he was born at sea and was the Queen's Trumpeter, she was born at the Hill, Walton in Cartmel, Lancashire and received relief there, was apprehended whilst begging at Beathwaite Green

ref. WQ/SR/160/6 - date: 14 December 1742

Removal order against Eleanor Johnson widow of George Johnson, apprehended at Levens as vagabond, to go from Levens to Walton, Cartmel, Lancashire.

ref. WQ/SR/160/7 - date: 14 December 1742

Pass to Constable of Levens for conveying Eleanor Johnson, vagabond from Levens to Walton, Cartmel, Lancashire her birthplace.

Kendal: Christmas: Returns of badgers drovers and maltsters – date: 1742/3

ref. WQ/SR/162 - Township: Levens; Badger: George Pricket(t); Constable: Richard Harrison

Kendal: Christmas 1744

ref. WQ/SR/178/3 - date: 17 August 1744

Recognizance of Thomas Johnson, husbandman, Christopher Stephenson yeoman and James Innman husbandman all of Nether Levens for appearance of Thomas, alleged father of bastard child of Mary Leavens widow. Respited till tomorrow.

ref. WQ/SR/178/9 - date: 1744

Affiliation order, 31 December 1744 against Thomas Johnson of Nether Levens, husbandman in respect of male bastard born to Mary Leavens on 14 November 1744 in Milnthorpe. To pay £2 and 8d. weekly Mary Leavens to pay 4d. weekly if she does not keep the said child. [See WQ/SR/178/3].

Kendal: Michaelmas 1747  
ref. WQ/SR/197/10 - date: 1747  
Removal order, 22 August 1747, Sarah Rooke otherwise Makenny otherwise Makenzie, to go from Kendal to Levens.

Kendal: Christmas 1748  
ref. WQ/SR/206/8 [n.d.]  
Jury list, with signatures, and presentment of Levens bridge, the New bridge near Witherslack, Laverigg bridge, Sprint bridge, Boulston bridge and 300 ft. at each end of Pessa bridge near Crooklands, all county bridges, in decay.

Kendal: Midsummer 1754  
ref. WQ/SR/244/21 [n.d.]  
Petition, James Dowker of Kendal gent., coroner, for expenses for inquests [inter alia] at Levens on Richard Myres

Kendal: Christmas 1758  
ref. WQ/SR/274/9 - date: 7 May 1757  
Removal order Jane Stilling and children Jane 6, James 3 and Agnes 11 months to go from Levens to Crosthwaite and Lyth. Order confirmed.

Kendal: Michaelmas 1760  
ref. WQ/SR/285/11-12 - date: 15 July 1760  
Examination of Alexander Call, he and wife Elizabeth and children Hugh and William were all born in Scotland and have not gained any settlement in England and their sons Anthony 6 and John 3 were born at Grasewn about 3 miles from Cockermouth and their son Charles 1 was born at Levens.  
Pass, Alexander Call, wife Elizabeth and children Hugh and William apprehended at Levens to go to Penrith, Cumberland and thence to Scotland.

Appleby: Midsummer 1761  
ref. WQ/SR/290/14 - date: 22 August 1761  
A schedule of the real and personal estate of Joseph Hayes formerly of Worston in the parish of Whalley, Lancs. but late of Levens yeoman now a prisoner in execution in the county goal.

Appleby: Midsummer 1765  
ref. WQ/SR/318/38 - date: 25 May [1765]  
Recognizance William Pricket of Levens husbandman and Richard Pricket of Witherslack husbandman, for appearance of William alleged father of bastard child of Ann Atkinson single woman of Levens.

Kendal: Michaelmas 1765  
ref. WQ/SR/320/10 [n.d.]  
Recognizance, William Prickett and Richard Prickett of Levens yeomen for appearance

of William alleged father of bastard child of Ann Atkinson singlewoman. [see WQ/SR/318/38]

Kendal: Christmas 1765

ref. WQ/SR/322/7 - date: 17 November 1764

Recognizance William Todd of Low Houses, Levens husbandman, John Johnson of Force merchant and John Dixon of Watercrock, for appearance of William alleged father of bastard child of Esther Pearson of Levens.

Kendal: Easter 1766

ref. WQ/SR/324/9 - date: 18 January 1766

Removal order John Geldart, wife Agnes and children John 10, Thomas 9, and Robert 5 to go from Levens to Lower Allithwaite, Lancashire.

Kendal: Christmas 1766

ref. WQ/SR/329/4 - date: 9 November [1765]

Recognizance Miles Simpson and John Simpson of Levens husbandmen for appearance of Miles alleged father of bastard child of Francis Nicholson of Heversham singlewoman.

Kendal: Michaelmas 1775

ref. WQ/SR/389/8 - date: 1774-1775

Petition, James Dowker coroner, for expenses for inquests[inter alia] on 1 August 1775 on Alice Walker at Levens [no date] on John Walker at Levens,

Kendal: Christmas: 1777

ref. WQ/SR/405/5 - date: 9 November 1776

Recognizance Robert Fairfield of Levens and James Fairfield of the same for appearance of Robert alleged father of bastard child of Elizabeth Bowes of Kendal, [chargeable to Underbarrow and Bradleyfield] singlewoman.

Appleby: Midsummer 1778

ref. WQ/SR/408/17 - date: 1777-[1778]

Petition, James Dowker coroner for expenses for inquests [inter alia] on 13 May 1777 at Levens on James Danson

Kendal: Christmas 1778

ref. WQ/SR/412/7 - date: 17 June [1777]

Presentment, William Caton of Beathwaite green blacksmith on 17 June [1777] at Beathwaite Green assaulted John Kendal. True bill. Guilty, pleaded, fined 6d.

Kendal: Christmas 1779

ref. WQ/SR/419/9 - date: 3 December [1778]

Recognizance William Woof of Levens shoemaker and Robert Speight of Kendal cooper for appearance of William and good behaviour towards Elizabeth wife of Henry Teasdale of Levens.

Kendal: Michaelmas 1780

ref. WQ/SR/424/14 - date: 4 October [1780]

Presentment [cancelled] Robert Washington and John Washington of Beathwaite Green yeomen on 4 October [1780] at Beathwaite Green assaulted George Squire. No bill.

Kendal: Christmas 1780

ref. WQ/SR/426/3 - date: 1778-1779

Petition James Dowker coroner for expenses for inquests at [inter alia] at Levens on 5 October [1779] on William Dixon

Kendal: Midsummer 1782

ref. WQ/SR/436/10 - date: 22 June [1782]

Recognizance Samuel Parrot yeoman for appearance to prefer a bill of indictment against Anne Preston of Beathwaite Green singlewoman for stealing goods worth 10d. Appeared, preferred bill.

ref. WQ/SR/436/12 - date: 22 June [1782]

Recognizance Richard Wilson of Beathwaite Green husbandman for appearance to give evidence [Samuel Parrat now described as of Deer Park, Heversham, quaker].

Kendal: Michaelmas 1783

ref. WQ/SR/446/9 - date: 15 January [1783]

Petition, James Dowker, coroner for expenses for inquests since 15 January [1783] [inter alia] to wit at Beathwaitgreen in Levens on Hat Sampool in Levens on an infant child unknown drowned in the river Kent.

Kendal Easter 1784

ref. WQ/SR/451/6 - date: 1783-1784

Petition, James Dowker, coroner for expenses for inquests [inter alia] on 22 February at Levens on John Hodgson and on 18 April at Levens on Mary Prickett an infant.

Kendal: Michaelmas:1784

ref. WQ/SR/454/7 [n.d.]

Presentment, Levens bridge, a county bridge in decay.

Kendal: Christmas 1785

ref. WQ/SR/464/11 - date: 23 May 1784

Petition, James Dowker, coroner for expenses for inquests since 23 May 1784 namely [inter alia] at Levens on Elizabeth Pricket

Kendal: Michaelmas 1787

ref. WQ/SR/476/4 - date: 20 September [1787]

Recognizance Miles Bateman of Witherslack yeoman and Abraham Garnet of Levens yeoman for appearance of Miles and good behaviour towards John Wallis of Witherslack yeoman.

ref. WQ/SR/476/5 - date: 20 September [1787]  
Recognizance Phillip Lewthwaite of Witherslack yeoman and Abraham Garnet of Levens yeoman for appearance of Phillip and good behaviour towards John Wallis of Witherslack yeoman.

Kendal: Christmas 1787  
ref. WQ/SR/477/26 - date: [1786]  
Memorandum of conviction, 2 December [1786] of George Haresnape of Hincaster house carpenter for poaching salmon in the Kent in Levens Park being the private fishery of Lady Mary Howard, otherwise known as Lady Viscountess Andover, on 22 November [1786].

Appleby: Midsummer 1789  
ref. WQ/SR/487/23 - date: 10 June [1789]  
Recognizance. John Harling of Sedgwick blacksmith and John Kemp of the same husbandman for appearance of John Harling and good behaviour towards Joseph Bamforth of Levens hammerman

Kendal: Michaelmas 1789  
ref. WQ/SR/489/5 - date: 8 October 1789  
Memorandum of conviction of Thomas Gildart day labourer, John Wilson husbandman Lancelot Dobson shoemaker and John Gildart husbandman all of Beathwaite Green, Heversham for breaking and pulling down the fences and spoiling the underwoods at Witherslack belonging to the Earl of Derby, this being the first offence.

Kendal: Christmas 1789  
ref. WQ/SR/491/11 - date: 29 January 1788  
Recognizance, Thomas Geldart of Beathwaite Green, Levens, husbandman and Thomas Taylor of the same yeoman for appearance of Thomas Geldart, alleged father of bastard child of Ann Preston of Preston Richard singlewoman.

Kendal: Easter: 1790  
ref. WQ/SR/493/11 - date: 2 February [1790]  
Recognizance, William Crewdson of Beathwaite Green husbandman and John Addison of the same shopkeeper for appearance of William and good behaviour towards James Harrison of Nether Levens husbandman.

Kendal: Epiphany 1791  
ref. WQ/SR/505/10 - date: 8 January 1791  
Recognizance George Airey of Kendal parks husbandman and Robert Airey of the same husbandman for appearance of George alleged father of bastard child of Agnes Stephenson singlewoman of Levens.

Kendal: Easter 1792

ref. WQ/SR/508/9 - date: 24 January 1792

Recognizance John Harling of Sedgwick blacksmith and James Cornthwaite of Levens husbandmen for appearance of John and good behaviour to Solomon Shaw of Sedgwick husbandman.

ref. WQ/SR/508/10 - date: 24 January 1792

Recognizance John Harling of Sedgwick blacksmith and James Cornthwaite of Levens husbandman for appearance of John and good behaviour towards Mary Jackson of Sedgwick widow.

Kendal: Easter 1794

ref. WQ/SR/526/5 - date: 25 October 1793

Removal order James Stilling, wife Isabel, son John 11, daughter Ann 5 and son Daniel 2 to go from Crosthwaite and Lyth to Levens. Appealed against, confirmed

Kendal: Christmas [1794-]1795

ref. WQ/SR/531/10 - date: 1794-1795

Petition of Thomas Harrison, coroner, for expenses for inquests [inter alia] on 16 November 1794 on Martha Atkinson at Beathwaite Green

Kendal: Easter:1796

ref. WQ/SR/540/29 - date: 4 February 1796

Declarations as to making of corn returns, John Braithwaite of Levens dealer in grain

Kendal: Christmas 1796-1797

ref. WQ/SR/544/20 [n.d.]

Presentment, Levens Bridge, a county bridge, in decay. A true bill. Sundry respites, finally discharged.

Kendal: Midsummer 1798

ref. WQ/SR/552/11 - date: 27 April 1798

Removal order Christopher Nelson, wife Ellen and their children Rachel 11 Margaret 10 Ann 9 Betty 8 John 7 Jane 6 Mary 5 Ellen 3 and Christopher 3 months to go from Stainton to Levens. Appealed against, on hearing of Counsel quashed subject to opinion of Court of King's Bench; removants to pay to appellants £9 3d being money expended for maintenance of paupers since removal.

Kendal: Michaelmas 1798

ref. WQ/SR/554/14 [n.d.]

Presentment, Sampool otherwise New Bridge, Heversham, a county bridge, in decay and highway from Kirkby Lonsdale to Cartmel co. Lancaster called long Cawseway, otherwise Beathwaite Green Cawseway, Levens, in decay. Owners and occupiers of mossdales or turbary grounds in Levens Beathwaite Green mosses responsible.

Kendal: Michaelmas 1799

ref. WQ/SR/561/12-13 - date: 1799

Removal order, 10 August [1799] Margaret Pool singlewoman to go from Beetham to Levens. Order to be quashed, respondents to pay £5 5s costs.

Notice, 14 September 1799 of intention of Levens to appeal against removal. Service proved on 16 September last.

ref. WQ/SR/561/20 - date: 2 May [1799]

Recognizance James Harrison of Levens innkeeper and Richard Cornthwaite of same place weaver for appearance of James and good behaviour towards Thomas Beck of Levens shoe heel maker.

Kendal: Midsummer: 1800

ref. WQ/SR/565A/17 - date: 3 July 1800

Removal order George Dixon, Ann his wife and James, their son, aged two years, to be removed from Levens to Meathop. Order appealed against and quashed

ref. WQ/SR/565A/18 - date: 16 July 1800

Notice from the churchwardens of Levens to Thomas Barker, overseer of the poor of Meathop, for the same to produce the original indenture of apprenticeship of George Dixon, pauper, who was bound apprentice to Hugh Tebay, since deceased

Kendal: Epiphany [1803-]1804

ref. WQ/SR/592/4 - date: 15 December 1803

Bastardy bond Thomas Langhorn of Cartmel, Lancs., cooper and John Airey of Kendal, waller, for the appearance of Thomas Langhorn, alleged father of a bastard child to be born to Ann Clemment of Levens, singlewoman.

Kendal: Easter: 1806

ref. WQ/SR/609/16-20 - date: 8 March 1806

James Barrow, of Bowness, weaver, and Nathan Hutchinson, of Levens, husbandman, for James Barrow to appear and answer a bill of indictment for disobeying a justices' order.

Kendal: Michaelmas: 1806

ref. WQ/SR/612/15 - date: 9 October 1806

Examination of Mary Caton, a rogue and vagabond. Deposes that she is the widow of William Caton, blacksmith, who died about six years ago at Walton near Preston, Lancs., by whom she had five children. Soon after her husband's death she was moved with her children from Walton to Levens, her husband's lawful place of settlement. The overseer of Levens, after some time there, has recently refused to relieve her, and that she has along with her one daughter, Jenny, aged about 33 years and another, Margery, aged about 6 years.

Kendal: Epiphany 1807

ref. WQ/SR/614/21 - date: 1806

Account of Robinson Cartmell, coroner, for taking inquisitions [inter alia] on 29



December 1806 on Jane Knowles at Waterside, Levens, and on 3 January 1807 on Elizabeth Nicholson at Beathwaite Green with order for payment.

Appleby: Midsummer 1807

ref. WQ/SR/617/25 - date: 6 June 1807

Alehousekeeper's recognizance Thomas Hunt, of Kendal, spirit merchant, and John Blackburn, of Levens, bobbin turner, for Ann Wakefield to keep an alehouse at her house at Underbarrow. Testimonial attached.

Kendal: Easter: 1765

WQ/SR/317/4 - date: 1765

*Presentment, part of the highway from Hawkshead, Lancashire to Kirkby Lonsdale from the turnpike road leading down Sizergh Lane in the township of Helsington to Force Bridge for 500 yds in length and 8ft in breadth in decay. The inhabitants of Helsington responsible [sundry notes].*

Kendal: Michaelmas: 1765

WQ/SR/320/5-7 - date: 1765

*Account of expenses of Thomas Fell overseer of Helsington for Elizabeth Johnson a vagrant delivered of a male child in Sizergh Lane on 29 June 1765. examination 23 July 1765, of Elizabeth Johnson she was born in Manchester and lived there with her father Francis Baxter, a gardener, fifteen years then went to London and worked there always by the week till she was 23, then was married to John Johnson shoemaker who was born at Cork in Ireland and had no settlement in England, her said husband died at Newcastle, Northumberland on 25 April last past, and as she was going to Manchester with her daughter aged about 11 on Saturday morning the 29 June about 6 o'clock in Sizergh Lane she was delivered of a male child and has since been maintained by Thomas Fell overseer of Helsington.*

WQ/SR/533/9 - date: 13 August 1794

*Copy of mortgage, of manors of Sizergh and Natland, Sizergh Hall and manor of Sedbergh co. York for £3000 repayable by Thomas Strickland of Sizergh to Garnett Braithwaite of Kendal tanner, to pay legacies*

Kendal: Michaelmas: 1735

WQ/SR/60/7 - date: 1735

*Presentment of 2 miles of highway in Nethergraveship and Helsington leading from Sizergh Fell to Kendal as decayed, being responsibility of inhabitants of Nethergraveship and Helsington.*

Kendal: Michaelmas: 1749

WQ/SR/211/13 1749

*Petition, surveyor of the highways and inhabitants of Helsington, that the highway from Sizergh Tollgate to Stone Cross Barn otherwise Dodding Barn, needs widening.*

Appleby: Midsummer: 1751

WQ/SR/223/14 - date: 1750

*Petition, the jurors summoned and sworn upon account of widening the king's highway in the township of Helsington, that the road from Sizergh Fellgate to Dodding Barn presented as out of repair and too narrow, jury summoned to assess damages and compensation to owners of adjoining lands, and having made their calculations attended at Kendal sessions at Easter 1750 and several sessions since but as there was not a sufficient number of justices to make any further order their calculation was not taken. Desire that it may be taken and recompense ordered for trouble, expenses and loss of time. Return ordered to be suspended till the petitioners are paid.*

Kendal: Easter: 1779

WQ/SR/414/17 - date: 1778-1779

*Presentment, William Woofe of Sizergh Fellside innkeeper on 21 and 27 November [1778], assaulted Elizabeth Teasdale wife of Henry Teasdale. A true bill. 'Appeared and on the Motion of Mr. Richardson to have the Indictment quashed It is Ordered that the Motion stand over till next Sessions. Easter Sessions 1779 ordered to be quashed'.*

Kendal: Christmas: 1781

WQ/SR/433/16 - date: 2 July [1780]

*Traverse of indictment that Matthew Rodick of Kendal tea dealer on 2 July [1780] at Sizergh Fellside assaulted Edward Willan. Guilty, fined 1d.*

Kendal: Christmas:1739/40

WQ/SR/117/2 - date: 21 December 1728 [?]

*Petition of executors of will of Thomas Duly of Sizergh deceased: Thomas was charged with being puttative father of bastard of Eleanor Nicholson of Whinfell singlewoman and ordered to pay 10d. weekly as long as child was chargeable, said child now 12 years old and in service; desire said maintenance order to be discharged - granted.*

WQ/A/H/14 - date: 1859

*Consent of John Gandy, Gerard Gandy and Frederic Gandy, landowners, 23 February 1859; [to road widening scheme?]*