



# BIOGRAPHIA HALIFAXIENSIS:

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\*.\* The Pages engraved on the Plates refer to "Watson's Halifax."



## INTRODUCTION.



**I**N this volume, the reader has presented before him one half of Mr. Watson's "Halifax," (that is the Biographical Portion), a book that is seldom found in the market, and fetches over four guineas when one is offered for sale. More than a hundred years have passed since the book was printed, and, as might be expected, many of the pedigrees require amplifying and correcting, and a large number of others, representing the leading families of the parish to-day,—the yeomanry of the past six centuries, demand admittance. Even some of Mr. Watson's "Worthies" require re-writing, as, for example, the Memoir of General Guest; and equally worthy "Worthies" have honoured the parish since his days, not to mention such as Capt. Hodgson, Bishop Horsfall, and others, that escaped the notice of our indefatigable historian. It was deemed just to leave Mr. Watson's collection as far as possible as he printed it, and thus build on his foundation. The Editor has promises of new pedigrees, revised ones, and original biographical sketches for the next volume, and respectfully solicits further assistance.

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[FROM WATSON'S "HALIFAX," 4TO, 1775, AND JACOB'S  
REPRINT (WITH ABRIDGEMENTS) OF THE SAME, 8VO.]

We\* shall now give some account of such tradesmens tokens as have been coined within this parish, and come to our knowledge.

First.—RICHARD DOLLIFFE. In the center a swan. Rev. round the edge, IN HALLIFAX. 1666. In the center, HIS HALFE PENNY. The Dolliffes were owners of the Swan inn, in Halifax, and if they had any arms this might belong to them.

Second,—EDWARD. NOVBLE. AT. YE. In the center, a Cock. Rev. IN. HALLIFAX. 1668. In the center, HIS HALFE PENY.

Third,—GABRIELL. LEAROYD. In the center, THEIR HALF PENY. Rev. HOLLIFAX. GL. 68. In the center, a full blown rose. These three were in the possession of the Rev. Mr. Watson, late rector of Stockport.†

Fourth,—On one side, JOHN. DEANE. 1667. In the center, IN. HALLIFAX. On the other side, GABRIELL. LEAROYD. In the center, THEIR HALF PENY. This belongs to Mr. Benjamin Bartlet, of London, late of Bradford, in Yorkshire, F. S. A.

\* Jacob's Edition, page 42. Mr. Watson writes, at page 70,—“I shall conclude this chapter with an account of such tradesmen's tokens as have been coined within this parish, and come to my knowledge.” Jacob ungraciously ignores Mr. Watson's labours, omits the Author's name from the title-page, hides himself invariably in the editorial “We,” and yet gives almost a literatim copy. He re-arranges some of the chapters, and omits the pedigrees and Latin sentences. He substitutes ‘says’ for ‘sais,’ ‘uncle’ for ‘unkle,’ ‘Eland’ for ‘Ealand.’

† These are in my possession, Watson.

Fifth,—JOHN. EXLEY. In the center, a crown over a cross patée. Rev. IN HALLIFAX. 1667. In the center, HIS HALFE PENNY.

Sixth,—JOHN. PARKER. 1667. In the center, on a shield, the Drapers arms. These two also belong to Mr. Bartlet.

Seventh,—TIMOTHY OLEAROID. In the center, A PENNY. Rev. OF HALLIFAX. 1670. In the center, a Dolphin.

Eighth,—HVGH. RAMSDEN IN. In the center, a full blown rose, seeded. Rev. STAINLAND. 1670. In the center, HIS PENNY.—These two last from copies in the hands of John Wilson, Esq; of Broomhead, in Yorkshire.

Ninth,—JOHN RHODES. In the center, a lion rampant. Rev. IN HALLIFAX. In the center, <sup>\*R\*</sup><sub>I.S.</sub> This, by its size, must have gone for a farthing. The lion rampart was probably part of a coat of arms, for Guillim, in his Heraldry, page 364. edit. 1724. says, "that Rodes of New Halifax, as he calls it, bore Argent on a cross engrailed between four lions rampant, gules five besants."

Tenth,—IOHN. CLAYTON. In the center, a swan. Rev. OF RIBONDIN. 1668. In the center, HIS HALF PENY. N.B. This John Clayton, was buried at Ripponden April 15, 1688, as appears by the register.

Eleventh,—ABRAHAM SLATER. In the center, a fleur de lis. Rev. OF EALAND. . . . In the center, HIS HALF PENY. These three\* last were in the possession of the late Rev. Mr. Watson aforesaid.

Snelling, in his View of the copper coin and coinage of England, page 27, in the list of places where he has found these tradesmens tokens to have been made, mentions Light-cliff, near Halifax, and at page 28, Stainland, in Yorkshire, both in this parish. At page 30, is the following coin engraved, ROBERT. WATMOVGH. 1667. In the center, A loaded horse. Rev. CARRIER FOR HALLYFAX. In center, HIS HALFE PENNY.

On the subject of these [*"nummorum famuli"* I] we shall only observe, that private persons, especially those in trade, found themselves under a necessity of assuming this power of coinage, owing to the want of copper money coined by authority; they first made their appearances about 1648,

\* These three are in my own possession, Watson.

and kept gradually increasing till 1672, when they were cried down by proclamation. [A few of the above (1, 3, 11,) are engraved by way of specimen in the Miscellaneous Plate. Watson.]

The town of Halifax has the honour to give title to the noble family of MONTAGU, of Horton, in the county of Northampton.—The first person on whom the dignity was conferred, was Charles Montagu, who, on the 4th of December, 1700, was made baron Halifax, in the county of York, with limitation of that honour to George Montagu, esq; eldest son and heir of Edward Montagu, esq; his eldest brother, and the heirs male of his body; the reasons for this royal act of favour are copied from the preamble to the patent in Collins's Peerage, Vol. III. page 694. and are such as reflect the highest lustre on his character. His merit employed the pens of the best writers of the time, amongst the rest, the author of a poem in the Spectator, Vol. VIII. No. 620. to this purport,

Whom shall the muse from out the shining throng  
 Select, to heighten, and adorn her song?  
 Thee, Halifax. To thy capacious mind,  
 O man approv'd, is Britain's wealth consign'd.  
 Her coin (while Nassau fought) debas'd and rude,  
 By thee in beauty, and in truth renew'd,  
 An arduous work! Again thy charge we see,  
 And thy own care once more returns to thee.  
 O! form'd in ev'ry scene to awe and please,  
 Mix wit with pomp, and dignity with ease:  
 Tho' call'd to shine aloft, thou wilt not scorn  
 To smile on arts thyself did once adorn:  
 For this thy name succeeding time shall praise,  
 And envy less thy garter,\* than thy bays.

\* *He was knight of the garter.*

October 26, 1714, he was advanced to the dignity of earl of Halifax and viscount Sunbury, with limitation of those honours to his nephew above-mentioned, who succeeded to them on the death of his uncle, May 19, 1715. Previous to this, the town had given title to George Savile, who, in the 10th year of the reign of Charles II. was created baron Savile of Eland, and Viscount Halifax; and in 1682, farther



advanced to the title of marquis of Halifax, which continued till August 31, 1700, when, at the death of William, son of the above George, without issue male, the title became extinct. [The Savile pedigree here follows in Watson's 4to History.]

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AN ACCOUNT OF THE  
CHARITABLE DONATIONS\*  
WITHIN THE  
VICARAGE OF HALIFAX.

—  
BENEFACTIONS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BARKISLAND.  
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EXTRACT FROM THE  
WILL OF THOMAS GLEDHILL,  
OF BARKISLAND,

*Dated March 23, 1656.*

— **I** GIVE and bequeath the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds, of lawful money of England, to be bestowed upon lands, to the uses following, that is to say, to and for the only use of a lawful preaching minister of the word of God at Ripponden Chapel, that shall be settled there from time to time; my will and mind is, that the profits of the same lands, from year to year, to succeeding ages, shall come and be paid to the hand of such Minister, or Ministers, for ever; which said sum of one hundred and twenty pounds I have given in my life time into the hands of my uncle, Joshua Horton, of Sowerby, in the said county, Esq; intreating him to bestow, or cause to be bestowed, the said moneys upon lands, in some convenient

\* Jacob, p. 98; Watson, p. 549.