## **ANALYSIS - NYCRO ZM9 - 1728**

Document Reference <sup>1</sup>	NYCRO ZM 9
When ? Date of document	Before Sept. 1728
Who? Names with occupation & place	Main parties: Edward Heseltine, yeoman of Kilnsey Matthias Weatherhead, Butcher of Giggleswick  Also mentioned: Mary Lawson, widow of Thoresby in Aysgarth  Witnesses:- Thomas Gelderd John Binns
Signatories	Edward Heseltine, Thomas Geldard, John Binns
Why? Purpose of document (eg. Apprenticeship, property transfer, promissory note, arrest warrant, etc) 2	Bastardy Settlement
Where? All place-names mentioned – even if only mentioned in passing: Include field- names, buildings, farms, as well as parishes, towns, etc. <sup>3</sup>	Kilnsey  Also mentioned: Thoresby nr Aysgarth Sawley-with-Tosside

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Achive Code : Document citation reference

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Do not use "Indenture" – this only gives a physical description of the document, not its specific purpose or function

 $<sup>^3</sup>$  If relevant, indicate type of place – eg. if a field is common land, or a new enclosure; or if a building is a barn, house, workshop, etc

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## What?

References to things, events, happenings, topics, etc which should be added to the project Subject Index.<sup>4</sup> Include here references to past events (such as previous property transfers)

Edward Heseltine sold household items to Mathias Weatherhead (including 2 bedsteads with bedding, 2 oak cupboards, one meal chest, 4 brass pans, a baking stone, 2 chairs), and farm items (a churn, 2 pales, 2 carts, a pair of wheels, and horse gear) to provide for Mary Lawson, a pregnant woman, should she become a charge on the poor rates of Sawley in Tosside.

However, the sale would be rendered null and void if her bastard child did not become a charge on the parish.

## Local Issues to note

Anything which should go into the project Timeline as of specific interest to Kilnsey's local history or which raises questions about local affairs<sup>5</sup>

## Query:

The sale seems extremely generous as a contribution towards Mary's upkeep by the parish.

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Where did Edward meet Mary? Was she working in Kilnsey?

How does this agreement relate to later agreements made after the child's birth? See NYCRO ZM-8 and ZM-10

Why is Mary of Thoresby a potential charge on Sawley parish?

# To add to Glossary

Ark

Meal chest

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Eq. Debts, women, agriculture, land use, rents, taxation, etc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Eg. Illustrating changes in population, changing property ownership, changing land use, local economy

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Mapping Data to be used for mapping exercise 6	Sawley in Tosside Thoresby nr Aysgarth Giggleswick
Research topics & Historical Context Topics with a broader regional or national context to help place Kilnsey in a wider context <sup>7</sup>	Poor Law c.1728 – settlement, removal and bastard child welfare  The role of parish officials – who were they? What were their duties?
Subject indexing	Illegitimacy / Bastardy Old Poor Law Poor relief Settlement and Removal Paternity / Bastardy Bonds Butchers Yeomen Widows Unmarried mothers Parish officials

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Eg. changes in property ownership, field names, changes in land use, references to structures such as new houses, repair of fences, ditches, etc

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Include here queries and questions such as "Why pay tenths to the king but no tithes?"