

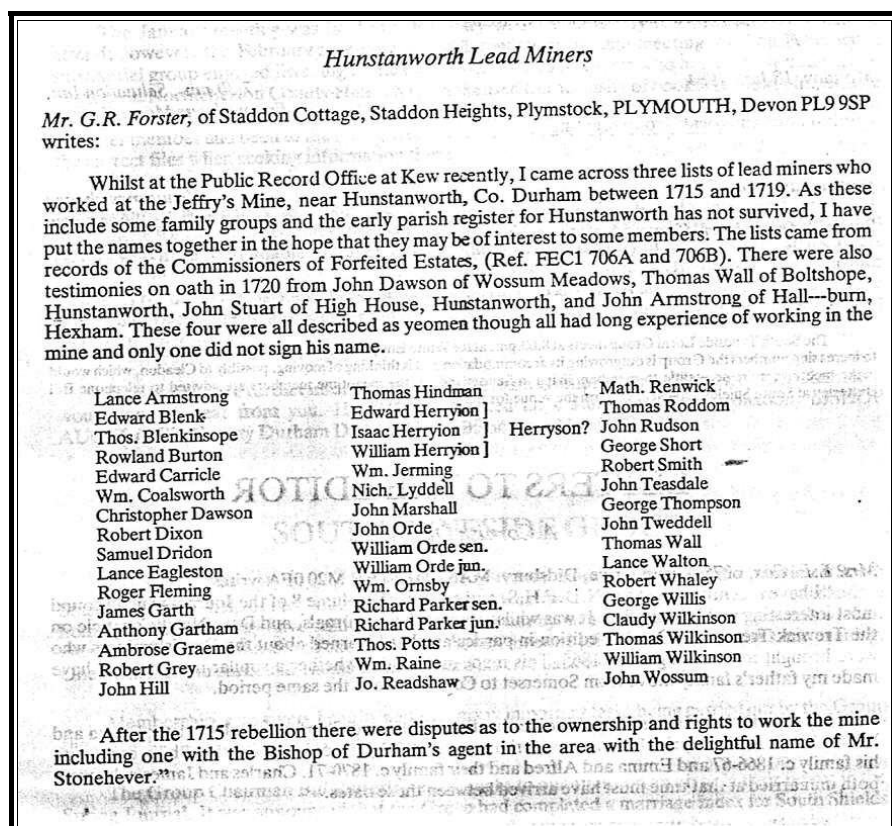
Hunstanworth Lead Miners

Mr G. R. Forster, of Staddon Cottage, Staddon Heights, Plymstock, PLYMOUTH, Devon PL9 9SP writes:

Whilst at the Public Record Office at Kew recently, I came across three lists of lead miners who worked at the Jeffry's Mine, near Hunstanworth, Co. Durham between 1715 and 1719. As these include some family groups and the early parish register for Hunstanworth has not survived, I have put the names together in the hope that they may be of interest to some members. The list came from records of the Commissioners of Forfeited Estates, (Ref. FEC1 706A and 706B). There were also testimonies on oath in 1720 from John Dawson of Wossum Meadows, Thomas Wall of Boltshope, Hunstanworth, John Stuart of High House, Hunstanworth, and John Armstrong of Hall---burn, Hexham. These four were all described as yeomen though all had long experience of working in the mine and only one did not sign his name.

Lance Armstrong	Thomas Hindman	Math. Renwick
Edward Blenk	Edward Herryion	Thomas Roddom
Thos, Blenkinsope	Isaac Herryion }Herryson?	John Rudson
Rowland Burton	William Herryion	George Short
Edward Carricle	Wm. Jerming	Robert Smith
Wm. Coalsworth	Nich. Lyddell	John Teasdale
Christopher Dawson	John Marshall	George Thompson
Robert Dixon	John Orde	John Tweddell
Samuel Dridon	William Orde sen.	Thomas Wall
Lance Eagleston	William Orde jun.	Lance Walton
Roger Fleming	Wm. Ornsby	Robert Whaley
James Garth	Richard Parker sen.	George Willis
Anthony Gartham	Richard Parker jun.	Claudy Wilkinson
Ambrose Graeme	Thos. Potts	Thomas Wilkinson
Robert Grey	Wm. Raine	William Wilkinson
John Hill	Jo. Readshaw	John Wossum

After the 1715 rebellion there were disputes as to the ownership and rights to work the mine including one with the Bishop of Durham's agent in the area with the delightful name of Mr Stonehever.



Left: the original image sent by Tony Murray in Australia, a descendant of Joseph Murray and Mary Smith, married in 1743 at St James' Church, Hunstanworth.