

## **AUSTWICK MANOR COURT BARON BOOKS INTRODUCTION**

These Court Baron Books are held on microfilm at the North Yorkshire County Record Office (NYCRO Z.1080/1 and Z.1080/2 mic 4328). They are transcripts from originals made in about 1820. North Craven Heritage Trust hold photocopies kept in Settle. The section dating from 1693 to 1783 has been typed by Michael Pearson and the section 1787 to 1839 has been typed by Sheila Gordon.

In the Yorkshire Historical and Archaeological Society Special Collection held at the Brotherton Library, University of Leeds, there is a Court Book for 1681 to 1714 (written on the back) (DD 91) which is accompanied by a second book for Feizor cum Lawkland (DD91) (Inglebye 1594 – 1688 on front). These are original records. The Austwick book is for ‘Mannor de Awstwick in com Ebor’ and pages are numbered in pencil and pen on the top of each page, both sides – obverse and verso, starting at number 7 (Chas II, 12 November 1681). Numbering finishes at 265 (16 August 1692) followed by about 41 unnumbered pages (c82 sides) finishing with 10 November 1714. The pages are also numbered at the bottom in pencil as 1 to 175 on the obverse only (so 350 sides).

The period for 1681 to 1693 needs to be photographed from DD91 and transcribed to add to these typed versions. Comparison also needs to be made with copied versions post 1693.

The book is tightly bound so it is impossible to obtain full clear images for transcription since text is out of view in the spine region.