

THE FOLLOWING EXTRACTS ARE TAKEN FROM A MANUSCRIPT  
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HOUSE, GERRARD'S CROSS, INTITULED,

JOHN SANDERS, HIS BOOK, 1712.

THE ACCOUNT OF MY TRAVILS WITH MY MISTRESS.\*

Aug<sup>t</sup> ye 1. She went in y<sup>e</sup> Alsebury coach, and I on y<sup>e</sup> outside, we din'd at y<sup>e</sup> Crown at Uxbridg, & went that night to S<sup>r</sup> Richard Holford's† house in Lincoln's Inn Fields, whar we ware welcomely receivd, but found my Lady in aweful condision. we stayed thare til y<sup>e</sup> 11 of August, then my M<sup>rs</sup> went with S<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> & Lady in their coach, and I on y<sup>e</sup> outside for Avebury, we sat out on Tuesday, & din'd that day at M<sup>r</sup> Bolding's, at y<sup>e</sup> Crown at Slow one mile from Winsor, I saw y<sup>e</sup> Castle as I past y<sup>e</sup> road. I lay that night at y<sup>e</sup> Bare, at Reading, which is a large town, and four Churches in it, it is a good place for trade, y<sup>e</sup> river of Thames come to it, it is . . . . miles from Slow.

Y<sup>e</sup> 12 we din'd at M<sup>r</sup> Phillips at y<sup>e</sup> Bare in Spinumlands, in Nuberry parrish, whare was y<sup>e</sup> great fight in y<sup>e</sup> sivil wars, four noble Dukes thare killed and caried into that very house whare I dined, it is . . . . miles from Reading. As I first neare Nuberry I see y<sup>e</sup> feilds whare many brave English men weare killed, & much blood was spilt thare. We lay that night at M<sup>r</sup> Shropshiers at y<sup>e</sup> Angel in Malbourrow, it is a pretty Town, and a good market, 5 miles from Avebery. Thursday y<sup>e</sup> 13 about 10, we came to S<sup>r</sup> Rich. Holford's house in Avebery, it is a noble larg antient seat, built with whit larg stone, it did belong to Lord Stoil, y<sup>e</sup> late noble Lord Stoil‡ was born thare, and our Queen Anne dined thare. Avebery is compased about with a wall ditch, which was thrown up in wars they say 1000 years before Christ, thare is two large stons as ye enter y<sup>e</sup> Town, which they call gates,

\* Sarah, youngest daughter of Samuel Trotman, Esq., of Siston Court. Gloucestershire, and Bucknell, Oxon, who died 1684, wife of the Rev. Dr. Hickes, Rector of Whimple, Dorsetshire.

† Sir Richard Holford, married Susannah, third daughter of the above Samuel Trotman.

‡ John, second Lord Stawel of Somerton.

there is many larg stons standing up as big as those at Stone edge. One Sunday a coblar was mending of shoos under one of these great stons, y<sup>e</sup> minute he rose y<sup>e</sup> ston fell down, and broke in pices on y<sup>e</sup> very ground whare he sat, which made him see y<sup>e</sup> great providence of God in preserueing him alive, and so deter him from braking y<sup>e</sup> Sabbeth, for w<sup>h</sup> reason he never worked more on y<sup>e</sup> Sabbeth day. Thare lies thick on y<sup>e</sup> downs many larg stons w<sup>h</sup> they call gray wathers. About half a mile from Avebery is a round steepe green hill, under it is said a King fell, being killed in a dredfull bloody fight on those downs was buried thare, and his men threwe up y<sup>e</sup> ground on his grave so high as made this hill for a monument to keep his memory.

Autg y<sup>e</sup> 22 Jac Rose rid before my M<sup>rs</sup> and I caried her portemantow on Sir Rich : punch nag, we rid by Alcannons, that is 5 miles from Avebery and through y<sup>e</sup> Vicese Green w<sup>h</sup> is one mile from Alcannons, through Pottorn, it is one mile from y<sup>e</sup> Vicese Tuft. At Pottorn Towns end we see a hare cross y<sup>e</sup> road before my horse as we ware riding to y<sup>e</sup> 5 lanes, in y<sup>e</sup> next lane that turned towards Worton we came to a great depe myer a crosse y<sup>e</sup> lane, we had no way to ride by, so was forced to pass through it, my M<sup>rs</sup> got safe through it by God's great mercy, though with great dificulty to y<sup>e</sup> horse, and daineger to herself, I rid through after, but my horse flundred so very much that his tackel broke, and downe came y<sup>e</sup> portmantow, and I had a very daingous fall, but God preserved me that I had no hurt. then we rid through Worton, whare I met with a very sevil man w<sup>h</sup> put my tackle to rites. Worton is 1 mile from Pottorn, next we rid through Masson, it is one mile from Worton. Y<sup>e</sup> next town we rid through was Coultson, one mile from Masson. then to Tinhead is one mile. we came to Tinheags Court about 12, to M<sup>rs</sup> Wadman,\* whom I did hartily long to see, she rec'd us cherfully. and with a harty welcom. She has a goodly look tho undar a long confinement to her chamber by y<sup>e</sup> goute.

Aug y<sup>e</sup> 31. M<sup>r</sup> Justis Wadman fecht my M<sup>rs</sup> in his coach and I on y<sup>e</sup> outside to his house in Imber. Sunday we went to Church thare, in y<sup>e</sup> which is two noble antient

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\* Hannah, Second daughter of the above Samuel Trotman, and wife of Robert Wadman, Esq., of Imber, co. Wilts.

monuments lying cross legged like Knights Templers, under each is a stone sepulchre with y<sup>e</sup> bones of a body in each of them. We ware nobly entartained by M<sup>r</sup> Justis Wadman, and on Munday returned in his coach to Tinheads Court.

On Tusday y<sup>e</sup> 23 of September I waited on my M<sup>rs</sup> to Imber on y<sup>e</sup> Down, and returned at night. On Friday I was at Edington Church, whar I see M<sup>rs</sup> Hannah Wadman's Grave with this inscription writ undar her cotte of arms on her grave stone.

hear lyeth y<sup>e</sup> body of M<sup>rs</sup> Hannah Wadman, y<sup>e</sup> daughter of Robart Wadman of Imber, Esq<sup>r</sup>, by Hannah his wife, who was y<sup>e</sup> daughter of Samuel Trotman of Bucnell in y<sup>e</sup> County of Oxon Esq<sup>r</sup>, she had y<sup>e</sup> misfortuen to break one of y<sup>e</sup> panbones of her knees, and to dislocate y<sup>e</sup> other, which caused her to undergo both a long and a tedious confinement, and also to endure much pain and misery; wharfore when it should please God to release her, she being full of hope and trust in his mercy desired that the verse following might be engraved mpon her Tombstone; viz, thou shalt make me to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broaken may rejoyce. Psalm y<sup>e</sup> 51. ye 8 verse. She dyed on y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 1709 in y<sup>e</sup> 30th year of her age.

On friday y<sup>e</sup> 26 of September we went from Tinhead with y<sup>e</sup> Salsbyry Coach to Bath, whare Esquier Trotman's horses and man met us and brought us y<sup>e</sup> same night to Siston Court, about 9 a clock. Esq<sup>r</sup> Trotman's house thare is a very large hansom stately great seat, fitt for a noble man to reside in. Queen Ann, ye wife of King Jeames y<sup>e</sup> first was entertained and lodged thare, one of y<sup>e</sup> Chambers is still called y<sup>e</sup> Queens Chamber. It is adorned with a very large bowling green, pleasant walks, and butifull gardens. Y<sup>e</sup> house is well furnished and adorned with a bundance of pictures, sum of them very valuble, but that which plesed me best was y<sup>e</sup> noble house-keeping, we ware so luckey on y<sup>e</sup> 26 of September to come in in y<sup>e</sup> nick, as half a dozen gentilmen ware carring supper into y<sup>e</sup> parlar, they ushard my M<sup>rs</sup> into y<sup>e</sup> parlar, whare she found a great deal of good company and many kind freinds and relations, thar was y<sup>e</sup> honourd y<sup>e</sup> Lady

Drake,\* y<sup>e</sup> honourd and very rich Lady Read† with her two eldest daughters who are fine Ladys and vast fortunes and heirss, and y<sup>e</sup> worshipfull M<sup>r</sup> Dashwood‡ who is thought will soone marry y<sup>e</sup> eldest M<sup>rs</sup> Read, he is y<sup>e</sup> eldest son of Sir Robart Dashwood of Norbrook he has a vast estate. Thare was like wise y<sup>e</sup> Lady Holford and Esq<sup>r</sup> Trotman's daughter,§ and Esquier Samuel Trotman|| of Bucknell, and as soon as Esq<sup>r</sup> Trotman of Siston heard my Misstress was thar, he came into y<sup>e</sup> paller, they ware all very glad to see my Misstress among them and made her exstrordinary welcom. For my part I was conducted by y<sup>e</sup> Servants into their hall, and I suped with them, about 40 of us, our tables ware plentiful covered, and all y<sup>e</sup> Servants ware very kind, and took a great deale of care of me, and I lived in great plenty every day thare was a noble large ox killed, beside muton and lam and pigs, and of all sorts of fowls both tame and wilde, with these the slaughter-house and wet larder ware plentifully furnisshed, beside red dear and fat dow, and a bundance of sort of fish from sea and freshwater, and of all these I had my shear. On Sunday thare went 6 coach fulls of gentry to Church out of this famely, besides 30 or mo Servants on foot. On y<sup>e</sup> 4th of October M<sup>r</sup> Edwerd Trotman\*\* came to Siston from Bucknell, on Thursday y<sup>e</sup> 9 of y<sup>e</sup> same instant M<sup>rs</sup> Trotman of Bucnell came to Siston.

On Thursday y<sup>e</sup> 16 of October 1712 I had the Honour to see M<sup>rs</sup> Dorothea, y<sup>e</sup> only cheild of Esq<sup>r</sup> Trotman of Siston married to Samuel Trotman Esq<sup>r</sup>, the eldest Son of Lenthall Trotman Esq<sup>r</sup> of Bucnell, they ware married by

\* Elizabeth, daughter of Lord Chief Baron Montague, widow of Sir William Drake, of Shardeloes, and second wife of Samuel Trotman, of Siston, (eldest son of the above Samuel Trotman) and consequently step-mother to the bride.

† Widow of Sir James Read of Brockett Hall, Herts, Bart.

‡ He *did* marry Dorothea daughter and co-heiress of Sir J. Read, Bart. He died in his father's life-time, at Paris in 1728, his son James succeeded as second Baronet in 1734.

§ The Bride, daughter and heiress of Samuel Trotman of Siston Court, by his first wife Dorothy, daughter of Robert Dring of Isleworth, Esq.

|| The Bridegroom, eldest son and heir of Lenthall Trotman of Bucknell, who died 1691, by Mary, daughter of Thomas Philips, of Ickford, co. Bucks, Esq. Lenthall Trotman was second son of the first named Samuel Trotman, and uncle to the bride.

\*\* Third son of Lenthall Trotman of Bucknell. He married Mary, daughter and co-heiress of Thomas Filmer of Amwell Bury, co. Herts, Esq., by Susannah, sister and co-heiress of Lawrence Fiennes, Fifth Viscount Saye and Sele. His son Fiennes Trotman, who died in 1782 S. P., eventually inherited the properties of Siston Court and Bucknell, and was succeeded by his nephew, Fiennes Trotman, father of the late Fiennes Trotman, Esq.



Reverrend Mr Jonathan Loveingham rector of that Church. The 2 M<sup>rs</sup> Reads were bride maids, Mr Dashwood, Mr Edward Trotman were bride men. Esq<sup>r</sup> Trotman the bride's father gave her in marridg, and y<sup>e</sup> bridegroom endowed her with a very rich large gold purs full of gold of several quines. thare ware 8 coach fulls of near relations went out of this family to Church at y<sup>e</sup> weding, Lady Read Lady Holford and my Mistress rod in y<sup>e</sup> first coach, they three being the bride's own Aunts, in the next coach rod Esq<sup>r</sup> Trotman of Siston, Lady Drake and M<sup>rs</sup> Trotman of bucknell, thay being parants to the bridegroom and bride. in the next coach the Bride and her maids, in the next the Bridegroom and his men, the other 4 brought the rest of y<sup>e</sup> company except the foot Servants. the Sollemnity at Church being over, all returned in the same manner as they went.

As the Bride and Bridegroom entered the hall door, 4 gentilmen held a larg damesk cloth over the Bride and Bridegroom's head whilst there was a noble large cake broak over their heeds, a set of musissiners being placed in a gallarri over the great stayers welcomed the bride and bridegroom home in the best manner they could, and played up the dinner, which was very splended and great, so much to be partickularly named. thare was 24 dishes on the Table at the first course besides y<sup>e</sup> pasty venision and roast beafe on the side board, besides y<sup>e</sup> changes of fish in the plase of crawfish soup, and red dear in the plase of rich soupe at the lower end. The second course had the same number of dishes as the first, containing great rarities all costly drest. The third course had three large perimids of the finest and best sorts of dride sweetmeats, and besides them 16 large chainy dishes of wet sweetmeats and gellys and fruits and other things which made y<sup>e</sup> desart as noble as y<sup>e</sup> dinner. which beeing ended the hall was soon filled with dancers and the pallear with several sets of card players, al made up out of our own famely, no naibours being thare that day, it being called a priviate weding. Supper time being come the other devirtions ware laide a side to go to that which was as good as the dinner and 2 rich sackposets in noble large silver basans and a riche large bride cake garnished on the top with fine dried sweetmeats stuck very thick on it.

All the family ware presented with fafours from the bride, and I had the honour to have one among the rest.

We concluded the evening with danceing and card plying, ringing of bells and drinking helth and joy to the bride and bridegrowm. thus ended the weding day.

On friday the 17. in the morning every chamber window ware surranaded with musick to call us all up. Some of the naibouring gentry came in to joyn in joy and feasting and danceing and carde playing, which passed that day away. M<sup>rs</sup> Wadman likewise sent a mesenger to congratulate the happy nuptuals, the musick playing us all to sleep.

On Saturday the 18. the musick againe waking us, we got up and spent the day in feasting and jollity. the poor labourars feasted that day with us, which made up our numbar at dinner of 115. besides 50 poore served at y<sup>e</sup> door, we ware mery and jovyal, some at cards, others danceing, I made one of them, when quite tierd with that we went to bed. all being surfited with the noys of musick night and day, the musissions ware then Discharged.

On Sunday the 19 the forane man cook who had been hear to assist Lady Drake's cook the three grand festifal days returned home. On the same day our useual numbour went to Church, that is 6 coachfulls of gentry besides a great number of Servants on foot. M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Loveinghame preached a weding Sermon to us, his text was in the 5 Chapter of proverbs and the 18 & 19 verses. Several naibouring gentry came in to dine, two great tabells full in y<sup>e</sup> Servants' hall.

October the 20 on Monday the rich Lady Read, her two rich daughters and M<sup>r</sup> Dashwood went from Siston, they went in the Honourd Lady Drake's coach and 6 horses, then in the Lady Read's mourning coach and her 4 horses with two of Lady Drake's aded to them went the Lady Read's waiting gentilwomen, they all went to Sir Robart Dashwood's house in Norbrooke, and as they went up Hinton hill, the Lady Read's mourning coach being infirm, the perch broke, the gentilwomen had been left in the dirt, but they sent to Badmenton to the Duke of Buford for his calash, and so got well to Siseter by 9 a clocke at night. Sir Allexsandr Comens dined hear that day.

On Tuesday 21. many more contry gentry came in to diner, the dromers came also, to sallute the bride and bridegrowm with their sound.