

THE STATE PAPERS

The English Royal Court kept a good account of life and times from its earliest days and the Stockden name was often mentioned. References were found in the 'Calendar of State Papers - Domestic'

Ward Stockton or Stockden 335, 678 (1), 1547 - 1580 AD.

" Vol CXLII 1580 Sept: No:34 Certificate of the general musters of all persons, furnished and unfurnished, within the several wards of Darlington, STOCKDEN, Chester and Eastington, in the County Palatine of Durham"

It would appear that even then they were not sure if it was Stockton or Stockden and so you can also see that County Durham was probably somewhat larger than it is today, the object of this paper was to serve the government with some idea of available men-at-arms, with or without their own weapons. Later STOCKDEN became 'Stockton-on-Tees'.

1635 AD

'One STOCKDEN, sometime an attorney (as he said) went clerk to the company'.

This suggests that a Stockden of dubious repute went to the colonies as a clerk to the owners of a plantation, probably in Virginia. (A Tymothy STOCKDEN was in Virginia in 1638 although we know nothing of him or Edward STOCKDON who was there a little later).

1635 AD April 30.

'Acts of the Court of High Commission: " Lewis was but Mr STOCKDEN's curate" - Some odd-carry-on at the "White Horse Inn, Arundel, Sussex".

1644 - 1645 AD

'For the uplifting of taxes and excise in Hartlepool and STOCKDEN'

1645 - 1646 AD

'Stockden is the name for Stockton-on-Tees' Charles I Vol DX Jul 12 No:8.

1650 AD Council of State Proceedings

Thomas Stockden 490 (1) Dec 31 Vol XI.

15. 'To write Wm White, Thomas STOCKDEN and Thos Dickenson, justices of the peace for county YORK, etc, etc.,'

1660 AD

'Stocden, co YORK, June 22 letter'. No more, no less!!! But it must have had meaning to the clerk who wrote it.

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Footnote:

(1). These references 335, 490, 678 are the articles list numbers within the Volumes.

**In the Colonies**

I found a brief reference to a Stockden that was sent to Antigua in the West Indies. Perhaps he died there as no further reference to him was found.

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