WILKINSON, William (*c*. 1818, Appleton Wiske, Yorkshire – )

Labourer, farmer, poundmaster

1818 *c*. Born Appleton Wiske, Yorkshire. (Ros Lumley)

1824 *c*. Born. (Emig. Certs in D of T 1851, nos 1-71)

1826.00.00 Wife Alice (Aley) Lumley b. Scagglethorpe, Yorkshire. (Ros Lumley)

1826 *c*. Wife Alice b. (Emig. Certs in D of T 1851, nos 1-71)

1850.10.07 Arrived on the *Haidee*, a labourer, with Alice. (*NI* 17.10.50). With wife came out on the *Haidee* as an indentured servant to Benjamin [s*ic*] Lund. (Hatt. *Nats*. Note p.73). He came from Borrowley\* near Thirsk, Yorkshire. (M’s field diary p.36)

1851.00.00 An agricultural labourer aged 27 of Borrowby\*, wife Alice aged 25. (Emig. Certs in D of T 1851, nos 1-71). [\* According to the *Gazetteer of Great Britain* there is a Borrowby in Yorkshire. Borrowley not found.]

1851.09.18 *Haidee* lands that changed hands. William Wilkinson’s land to William Lund. (*NI* 18.09.51)

1852.05.20 Letter written to his uncle published. States he worked for [William] Lund for 56 weeks [corrected to 25 weeks in next issue] and neither he nor his wife received a penny’s wages. He gave Lund £15 to be paid in instalments on condition of being released [from contract of employment]. (*NI* 20.05.52). Hattersley quotes from the letter extensively. (Hatt. *Nats*. Pges 73-74)

1852.05.21 An unclaimed letter addressed to Wilkinson at Dbn GPO. (*NT* 21.05.21)

1852.05.27 Benjamin Lund, writing to defend William Lund who is absent from the Colony, says that the real reason Lund and Wilkinson parted company was because of Wilkinson’s abusive language and misconduct. The contract was such that Lund would pay the passage of Wilkinson and his wife and Wilkinson would work for Lund for 3 years, to be paid at the end of each year. (*NI* 27.05.52)

1852.07.30 An unclaimed letter addressed to Wilkinson at Dbn GPO. (*NT* 30.07.52)

1852.12.29 Of Pietermaritzburg, he and Paul Anstie made a partnership agreement whereby they would farm the 21 acres on the Little Bushman’s River [the Umzindusi] leased by Anstie from the Pmb. municipality for 5 years. Anstie to provide a cart, plough, harrow and 8 oxen. While waiting for the first crop Anstie will pay Wilkinson 12/- weekly which will be deducted from the returns from the crop. Anstie is to keep the books while Wilkinson is to do the farming. Anstie under- takes to give Wilkinson some ground on Belvidere Mill on which to build a cottage for which Anstie will provide materials. The partnership is for 5 years and the returns to be divided equally after the initial repayment by Wilkinson. All implements and buildings to revert to Anstie at the end of the 5 years.

(RSC IV /18/12 no. 227)

1860*c*. A farmer at *Camperdown*, he had stood surety for the repayment of the passage money for Joseph Lumley 32, Elizabeth 30, Emma 6, Charles 4, Alice 2 and Thomas an infant, who arrived at Port Natal on the *Maritzburg* on 06.07.1863. (David Moon)

1864.01.00 Poundmaster *Camperdown*. (*NCPA* 15.01.64)

1876*c*. A lessor of part of *Camperdown*. (RSC IV/2/71 no. 28)

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