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{in LONDON}  
taken  
memoriter

by  
W[illia]m Stukeley

{Animas sapientiores fieri  
quiescendo}

MEMOIRS  
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Royal Society

To

Maurice Johnson esq[ui]r[e] founder, & ~~per~~ {Pr.} ~~petual~~ secretary of the Gentlemans literary society, in Spalding Lincolnshire.

[{who recieved them by the Carryer with other Books from his Bookbinder 9 Mar[ch] 1749/50 & deliver[e]d them to Dr Green secretary who read the same to the Company at the Societys meetings as number[e]d and marked before them and in the minutes}]

For the entertainment of the company that meet weekly, at your Society, held in the old seat of the Hobsons my ancestors; I have transcribed my papers of what I recollect, by memory, after our entertainment, at Crane court. that entertainment, may truly be so call[e]d ! to persons of genius, & contemplation,

highly agreeable. & was indeed one of the inducements, that drew me to Town again; on the Duke of Montagu's invitation.

You, my friend, with a zeal never enough to be commended, very early in life, erected your Spalding Society: & brought the Muses, into our native country {Elloe Holland Lincolnshire}; which has the honor, to have been in old time, the cradle of the potent, Mercian kingdom.

for our great ancestor Hengist, built Stamford castle, & was the founder of Stamford. the Saxons were lovers of freedom, & the pastorial life. descending the incomparable meadows, upon the river, for the sake of pasturage: they naturally came into our Holland, across the fens.

charm[e]d with the richness, & security of the country; there the ancestors of the Mercian kings fix[e]d their seat, about Spalding {where they had a Castle on Rom[an] foundation}: till growing numerous & strong, they return[e]d to their original

X In domesday book, earl Algar possessed Tite, Lucton, Gadenea, Fleot, Holobech, & Spalling. king harold had Granham, Fulnodeby, Carleton, & all the Belvoir castle estate: uffington, Stamford: the earl of winchelseas estate by okeham: all the estate granted by the conqueror to the earl of Richmond. Tikencole, Ryhale, Caster, Peterborough, & very many more towns about Stamford belong[e]d to the mercian family royal, as descendants of Hengist. the like of cliff, colliweston & indeed all Rockingham forest, & quite to peterborough. ulf brother to king harold own[e]d ulfs oaks, now corruptly wulfox. wulsthorp near Stamford, & another near belvoir, belong[e]d to him: another in colsterworth parish S[i]r. Is[aac] newtons birthplace & estate.

Leak & Wrangle were king harolds, given to waltham abby.

original Stamford, in regal splendor: & carried with them the Mercian title, deriv[e]d from our Marsh country. X

These memoirs, which I send you, can only give a general notion of what passes at the Royal Society: preserve, & refresh a memory of their transactions: or serve as a kind of index; to find what we want, in its original: if we consult their minutes.

You must be very candid, to such a performance as this. which is merely the effect of memory; when I return home. there may be many blunders, & errors. imperfect if must needs be: the variety of one paper confounding the idea's of a foregoing. but I have found both use, & delight in this method. & I wish it may be any entertainment to your Society.

I was admitted in the year 1717. by our great country man S[i]r Isaac Newton. & when I left London in 1726, I regretted nothing so much, which I left behind, as the Royal Society.