

## **Drying and bleaching clothes and webs**

Agnes Ormiston

“and the Witness being interrogated depones that since ever she minds the world she was in the habit of going to the Anna, and bleaching and drying clothes”

Daniel Henderson

It has been used for bleaching clothes and drying them, and I have seen it nearly all covered with clothes

Daniel Henderson

I had an Aunt who made the livelihood by washing and bleaching clothes – She washed them at home, but she sinded & bleached, and dried them on the Anna, and in this way she was employed for long, and many years

Elizabeth Lees or Henderson

I have always seen it used as a place used by the inhabitants for bleaching and drying clothes ... I have frequently seen Clothes bleaching and drying there

Elizabeth Lees or Henderson

I have seen Webs bleached there and have bleached them myself

William Whitworth Gardener at Hartrigge

I have observed clothes bleaching upon the Anna

William Whitworth Gardener at Hartrigge

I cannot tell whose the Clothes were I saw upon the Anna when I was a boy at school but I remember since I went to Hartrigge of going to the Anna to see my sister who was bleaching clothes there

Michael Waugh plasterer

At that time clothes were dried and bleached there every day, and sometimes during the night also – Webs were frequently bleached there too

Elizabeth Lees or Henderson

I remember of poles for drying Clothes being upon the Anna

Richard Waugh hind

I have frequently seen Clothes dried and bleached upon the Anna

Richard Waugh hind

I remember of the Anna being levelled down and cleaned up and poles put up for drying Clothes

John Telfer weaver

I have seen people bleaching and drying their clothes upon it

John Telfer weaver

I have sized and dried webs upon it ...I have seen others and assisted them in sizing and drying webs upon the Ana

Charles Rutherford

I have seen a great deal of bleaching and drying clothes on the Anna ever since I remember – I have also seen webs bleached there ... I have seen poles standing on the Anna used for drying Clothes

William Taylor former manager of gasworks

I have seen it used for the purpose of drying and bleaching clothes and yarn and webs belonging to Weavers in the Town

John Mather weaver

It was used for washing, drying and bleaching clothes ... I recollect of the Ana being levelled down and poles erected for drying clothes ... My family have dried their clothes on these poles, and also used the Ana for bleaching and drying their clothes before the poles were put up

John Mather weaver

[it was used] for weavers sizing and popping their webs and drying their yarns

Elizabeth Mather

After that I have often dried and bleached clothes upon it and have seen others do so

Christian Robson or Hobkirk

I used the Ana for bleaching and drying my clothes, and observed my neighbours use it in the same way

Christian Robson or Hobkirk

I recollect of the poles being put up for drying the clothes

Robert Miller spinner

I have seen people bleaching and drying their clothes, and weavers stretching their webs upon it.

### **Grazing, watering and exercising animals**

Daniel Henderson

people who had a Cow or a horse were in use to turn them upon it when there was any grass upon it

William Whitworth Gardener at Hartrigge

I have seen different peoples horses and Cows belonging to the Town grazing upon the Ana, having been taken down as I suppose to get a drink and allowed to remain upon it

Michael Waugh plasterer

The Town's people also pastured their Cows and horses on the Anna but I have seen them turned off by persons who had charge of clothes lying upon it

Michael Waugh plasterer

People used to water their horses below the Cauld going through the Anna

Michael Waugh plasterer

I have occasionally seen horses going across the Anna to the Water

Daniel Henderson

I have seen horses & cattle taken down to the Anna for Watering, and I have seen people exercising their horses upon it, and round and round it

Daniel Henderson

It was persons living at the foot of the town who turned out horses & Cows to graze

Michael Waugh plasterer

The towns people used to air and exercise their horses there

William Whitworth Gardener at Hartrigge

I have often seen horses and Cows pasturing upon Anna And also exercising upon it during the time I was at school

Elizabeth Lees or Henderson

I have frequently seen horses and Cattle pasturing in the Anna, and also taken to the Jed to water

Richard Waugh hind

have seen horses and cows pastured upon it and taken along it to the Jed to Water, I have often aired my fathers horses upon it in the Sunday afternoons

Richard Waugh hind

I have seen Cows and horses upon it pasturing

Charles Rutherford

I have seen horses exercised there and also pasturing – also horsebreakers breaking young horses ... I have also seen Cows pasture upon the Anna

William Taylor former manager of gasworks

I have seen horses belonging to persons living in the town exercised upon it ... [I have seen] Cows grazing ... Mr Craigies horse was exercised almost every night upon it

John Mather weaver

I have seen horses exercised upon it and cows grazed upon it

Elizabeth Mather

I have seen persons exercising horses upon the Ana and I have also seen them feeding these on Sundays I have seen George Scott and Thomas Robsons cows upon it

John Telfer weaver

I have seen lads exercising upon and cows grazed upon it

Christian Robson or Hobkirk

I have seen horses, Asses and Cows upon it, during the summer seasons

Robert Miller spinner

After I left the mill I was twelve months in the service of George Scott Gardener during which time I was also frequently upon the Ana . I used to take his horse and cows to the water by the Ana and sometimes herder them upon it

Robert Miller spinner

I have seen horses exercised upon the Ana and towns people walking upon it ... I have seen James Waugh with the horse and Thomas Robson with his cows upon the Ana. I have also seen John Duncan's asses upon it

### **Militia drilling**

Daniel Henderson

I have seen cavalry horses exercised upon the Anna

Daniel Henderson

I cannot swear whether the Cavalry from the Country did or did not exercise their horses in the Anna, but some of those in the Town did – I have seen them there both individually, and in bodies drilling

William Whitworth Gardener at Hartrigge

I have seen the Yeomanry exercising and I also recollect of a road through the Anna to the Bankend

Michael Waugh plasterer

Both the local Militia and the Volunteers were drilled there – I was one of them – I have seen the Yeomanry frequently drilled there both on foot and horse

Richard Waugh hind

I mind of the Militia, the Volunteers, and the Yeomanry being drilled upon it

Charles Rutherford

I have seen the yeomanry exercised there

### **Sports and playing games**

Daniel Henderson

It was a very common place for boys playing at ball & other games

William Whitworth Gardener at Hartrigge

I have seen sports and games of various kinds upon the Ana and I have joined in them myself almost daily during the time I was at school

William Whitworth Gardener at Hartrigge

I have seen quoiting putting the stone and jumping

Elizabeth Lees or Henderson

I have seen boys playing at Games and people walking on the Anna

Michael Waugh plasterer

When young I was often about the Anna which was our play ground

Michael Waugh plasterer

The school was attended chiefly by Town boys and also by Country boys We used to play at quoits there in the evening and I have seen men also doing so

Michael Waugh plasterer

I have seen men and boys playing upon the Anna at all kinds of Games

Richard Waugh hind

Boys and others playing themselves upon it and people walking

Richard Waugh hind

putting and jumping

John Mather weaver

I have also seen it used for all sorts of amusements by the people of the town such as jumping, wrestling, racing, pulling the stone, playing at quoits, in short its uses were endless

Charles Rutherford

And boys and men playing at games and walking upon it

William Taylor former manager of gasworks

I have seen boys and young men chiefly belonging to the Town playing at all sorts of games upon it year after year particularly in the summer seasons ... I myself have often been on the Ana when quoit playing and other games were being played

John Mather weaver

the inhabitants used to go to the Ana and walk up and down on it and take exercise, and I dare say I have done so myself – yes I have

Elizabeth Mather

I have often been upon the Ana playing at Games with other girls ... I have seen boys and young men playing at all sorts of amusement, jumping, pulling the stone, ball playing, shinty, and other games

John Telfer weaver

I know the Ana and used it to play upon it myself and saw others do so – All sorts of games used to be played

Christian Robson or Hobkirk

I have seen both men and boys upon it playing games – putting, jumping, and playing at quoits

Christian Robson or Hobkirk

I have seen women with children and others taking exercise upon it

Robert Miller spinner

I have seen a great many kinds of Games played upon the Ana by men and boys and I have often amused myself there along with others

### **Holding religious services**

Daniel Henderson

The Relief Congregation used the Anna for many years on the occasion of the Summer Sacrament

Daniel Henderson

When the Relief Meeting house was building, the members frequently met on the Anna for divine service but I cannot say how often

William Whitworth Gardener at Hartrigge

I have likewise been present at preachings on the Anna and I recollect of hearing a Jew preach there a good many years ago

Michael Waugh plasterer

I have frequently heard preaching there – Both the Relief Church and the Townhead Church used to have their Sacraments there in the summer time – The Relief people met there every Sunday during the time their meeting house was building, also at a previous time when their old Church was being repaired

Richard Waugh hind

I have also frequently attended preachings upon it

### **Shows, performances and exhibtions**

Daniel Henderson

I have seen Shows and Mountebanks there, but there were not so many of those long ago as now

Elizabeth Lees or Henderson

I have seen Tumblers on the Anna within the last seven years when a great crowd of people was collected from all quarters

William Whitworth Gardener at Hartrigge

During my residence at Hartrigge I have frequently seen sheep shows and horsemanship upon the Anna

William Whitworth Gardener at Hartrigge

The person who I have seen perform horsemanship upon the Anna was Mr Ord a stranger who comes to the Town at intervals to perform and a great many people both from Town and Country attended his exhibitions

Michael Waugh plasterer

Tumblers also used to go to Anna and perform there ...

The Tumblers have performed there within the last few years and I have also seen sheep shows there

Richard Waugh hind

I have seen tumblers upon it

John Mather weaver

The Ana was also used by tumblers and for horsemanship from about the year seventeen hundred and ninety eight till I left Jedburgh

Charles Rutherford

I have often been on the Anna and seen Shews and Mountebanks upon it and soldiers drilled there

William Taylor former manager of gasworks

I have seen exhibitions upon it of tumbling boys

William Taylor former manager of gasworks

Mr Ord the Equestrian has been frequently upon it

John Telfer weaver

I have seen tumbling boys upon it

Christian Robson or Hobkirk

I have seen Ord the Equestrian upon it and also another whose name I don't know

### **Dumping of rubbish, middens and carcasses**

Daniel Henderson

There was a Loch at the bottom of the Anna which was filled up by Rubbish led from the town

Daniel Henderson

I have often seen the Carcasses of dead horses lying there

Michael Waugh plasterer

The towns people used to take rubbish there

Elizabeth Lees or Henderson  
I have seen rubbish lying at the side of the Anna

Richard Waugh hind  
I have led rubbish through the Anna and put it into the water both above and below the Cauld

Charles Rutherford  
I have also seen swine feeding upon dead horses lying near the foot of the Anna

Charles Rutherford  
I have seen rubbish laid down upon the Anna and have myself carted a good deal of it to it

William Taylor former manager of gasworks  
I have seen rubbish deposited upon it, the rubbish having been brought from buildings erecting in the Town

John Mather weaver  
I have seen Cartloads of rubbish deposited on the east side of the Ana on the top of the water bank

John Mather weaver  
I have seen the town's middings upon it

John Telfer weaver  
I have seen rubbish lying on the Ana.

Christian Robson or Hobkirk  
I have seen Cartfulls of rubbish brought from the town and laid down on different parts of the Ana

### **Sawing and storing wood**

Michael Waugh plasterer  
Wood was also laid down and blocked out and sawn there – I worked at the erection of several new houses in Jedburgh the wood for which was blocked out and dressed there, there being two pairs of Saws employed

Michael Waugh plasterer  
I myself have had wood laid down there, and any other of the inhabitants who required it ... The wood I had lying upon the Anna was purchased by me at a Sale at Ancrum and I laid it on the Anna without objection – After lying for about twelve months I sold it

Michael Waugh plasterer  
The wood for repairing the parish Church was laid on the Anna and blocked out there and sawn

John Mather weaver

I recollect of there being a saw pit in the Ana when wood was laid upon it

### **Steeping lint**

Michael Waugh plasterer

I cannot say if Lint was steeped in that Loch but it was steeped in the Jed and spread on the Anna

### **Washing and drying seeds**

Michael Waugh plasterer

I have often seen bakers washing and drying their blacked wheat in the Anna and have also seen Mr Renwick, drying his seeds there

Michael Waugh plasterer

I have see Hooks of Corn and Lint standing there and Turnip seed dried and stoked there

### **Drying skins and wool**

Michael Waugh plasterer

I have seen skins and wool dried there

John Mather weaver

I have seen Mr Dryden dry his wool upon it and I think I have also seen his skins upon it

Robert Miller spinner

I have seen Peter Marshall drying his yarn upon the poles on the Ana, and I have seen Sutherland, a Skinner, drying his skins there.

### **Breaking stones for sand and making roads**

Michael Waugh plasterer

The Road people brought stones from the water and broke them on the Anna and afterwards carted them to the public Roads

Michael Waugh plasterer

Sand used to be taken from the Anna for building houses and I myself have taken it but I cannot say that such sand was ever used for building other houses than those in the town – I have also collected it from the sides of the Jed and deposited it in a Corner of the Anna till I required it.

Elizabeth Lees or Henderson

I have seen broken stones lying on the Anna

Richard Waugh hind

I have seen stones broken upon the Anna and lying there for a long time for the use of the Roads

Christian Robson or Hobkirk

I have myself broken sand stones upon it and carried home the sand

### **Drawing water from the well**

Michael Waugh plasterer

I remember of a Well at the foot of the Anna – It was frequently used in my father's family, and it was generally used by the people about the Townfoot

Elizabeth Lees or Henderson

There was a well at the foot of the Anna from which I have seen people take water

William Taylor former manager of gasworks

I have seen people going with pitchers to a well at the bottom of the Ana and returning from it, and this frequently during the summer season

Elizabeth Mather

I have often crossed the Ana to get water from the well at the foot of it for the use of our family

Christian Robson or Hobkirk

I have sent my children along the Ana to bring water from the well at the foot of it and have seen them do so

Robert Miller spinner

I have seen people go along the Ana to the well at the bottom of it

### **Digging clay**

Michael Waugh plasterer

At one time people began to dig clay in the Anna

### **Gypsies/travellers camping**

Michael Waugh plasterer

I have seen Muggers and Tinkers encamped on the Anna all night and their horses going upon it ... I have seen women watching clothes turn off their horses as well as those belonging to others – That was to protect the Clothes lying there

Richard Waugh hind

I have seen Muggars not belonging to the Town with their horses upon the Anna

### **Carting through the Anna**

Richard Waugh hind

I have often driven stones from the Water through the Anna but not within the last eight years. This was to the man who was paving the streets of the Burgh

Richard Waugh hind

The last time I carted rubbish through the Anna was when the Latin school was repaired about three or four years ago

Richard Waugh hind

I recollect when carting the rubbish of holding up the ropes and clothes to prevent these being dirtied by the Cart passing

### **Curling pond**

Richard Waugh hind

I have seen a Pond in the Anna made by the Curling club

William Taylor former manager of gasworks

There was a Curling pond upon it when I came first here but I never saw it used having seen it once tried but it failed as it did not hold the water properly in