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**Settlement Examination William Balkwill 1774**

Devon (to wit) The Examination of William Balkwill Labourer now residing in the parish of Bratton Clovelly in the said County of Devon taken upon Oath before us John Jago Clerk and Richard Vivian Willesford Esquire portreeve of the Borough of Tavistock in the said County Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Devon –

Who Upon his Oath saith that he was born in the Town of Penryn in the County of Cornwall, that he was Bound an Apprentice by the parish of Black Torrington in the said County of Devon to Jonas Parsons of the said parish of Black Torrington yeoman with whom he lived till February, 1773 that he then left his Master went into the parish of Thrushelton in the said County of Devon and Covenanted with William Martin of the said parish of Thrushelton for a year at the rate of Four pounds, and in the December following was on his own Complaint discharged from his Apprenticeship to the said Jonas Parsons by H. Stevens and J. Woollcombe Esquires Two of his Majesty's Justices for the said County of Devon [the mark of William Balkwill]

Taken and Sworn at Tavistock in the County of Devon the Eighteenth day of March 1774 before us [signed R. V. Willesford John Jago]

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