

EARMARKS

One of the most curious of the Riverhead Town Records is the booklet "A Copy, of the Record of Markes on the Ears of Cattle and Sheep River Head, Josep L'hommed". Within this booklet, reproduced on the following pages, are little drawings of the nicks and cuts which were made on ears of cattle and sheep to indicate a particular owner.

Earmarks are recorded in the printed Southampton Town Records, but they are given in verbal rather than pictorial form. Here are two examples from the Southampton records:

[1845] "Albert Squires gives his ear mark to be two half pennies over the right, a nick under it and hole in the left ear; also a slope under and two half pennies over each ear." (IV, p. 109.)

"[1846] Charles Howell gives his ear mark to be a slit in each ear, transferred from his grandfather Zebulon Howell." (IV, p. 114.)

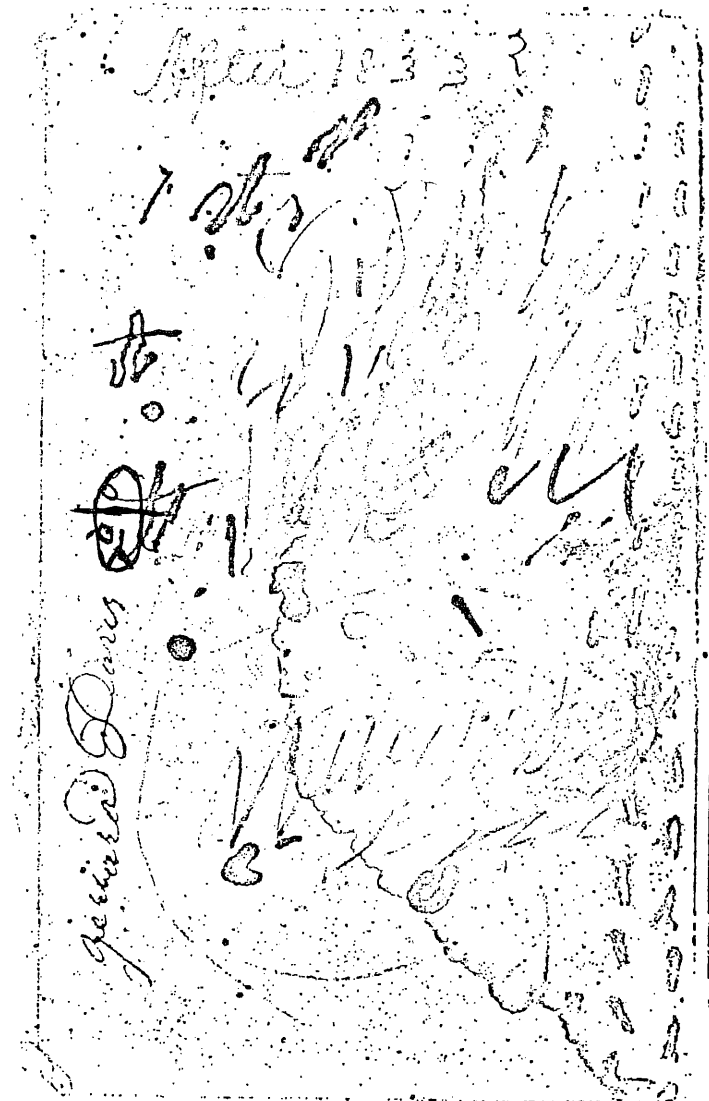
The Riverhead earmarks were entered into a homemade booklet, the cover of which formerly belonged to a child's "Reader". The following is printed on the cover:

COBB'S JUVENILE READER, NO. 1: CONTAINING INTERESTING, MORAL, AND INSTRUCTIVE READING LESSONS COMPOSED OF EASY WORDS OF ONE AND TWO SYLLABLES. DESIGNED FOR THE USE OF SMALL CHILDREN, IN FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS. BY LYMAN COBB, AUTHOR OF THE SPELLING-BOOK, AND SCHOOL DICTIONARY. OXFORD, N. Y. PRINTED AND PUBLISHED BY CHAPMAN & FLAGLER. STEREOTYPED BY JAMES CO[R—]JER, NEW YORK. 1833.

The cover dates the booklet to sometime after 1833. A preliminary study of the names on the list suggests the booklet was written between 1849 and December 1858. The writing in the booklet is in a blue ink similar to that which appears in the Riverhead Town Records in entries of March 30, 1858 (Liber A, p. 251ff) and April 6, 1858 (Liber B, pp. 204-208.) These entries in Libers A and B were written by Nathan Corwin, Town Clerk, whose handwriting is very similar, but not the same as that in the Earmark booklet, which was apparently written by Joseph L'Hommedieu.

The paper in the booklet is unlined and not watermarked, approximately 3½" w x 6" h.

The last page and the inside of the back cover have not been reproduced. On the last page there is a pencil notation "The 8 of November, the red sow went to boar" and (written by another hand) "Presented by Samuel S Hotchkiss Jan'y 3, 1905". Perhaps this is the date the booklet was given to the Suffolk County Historical Society where it is preserved.

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Gerrard Davis

A Coppy, of
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of Markes on
the Ears of
Cattle
and Sheep
River Head.
Josep L'hommed

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of Markes on the Ears of
Cattle and Sheep
River Head Josep L'hommed

Aldrich,
Stephen

Aldrich Stephen

Albertson,
Richard

Albertson Richard

Albertson,
William

Albertson William

Benjamin,
Amasiah

Benjamin Amasiah

Benjamin,
Nathan

Benjamin Nathan

Brown,
Peter

Brown Peter

Brown,
Richard

Brown Richard

Brown,
Samuel

Brown Samuel

Brown,
Sylvenus

Brown Sylvenus

Brown,
Sylvenus

Brown Sylvenus

Charles
Corwinin

Charles Corwinin

Benjamin,
William

Benjamin William

Benjamin,
Nathan Jr

Benjamin Nathan Jr

Brown,
Abraham

Brown Abraham

Benjamin,
Jacob

Benjamin Jacob

Brown,
Absolom

Brown Absolom

Conkling,
John

Conkling John

Corwin,
Azra

Corwin Azra

Corwin,
Matthias

Corwin Matthias

Corwin,
Jacob

Corwin Jacob

Corwin,
Jonathan

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Corwin,
Jedediah

Corwin Jedediah

Corwin,
Nathan

Corwin Nathan

Conklin,
David

Conklin David

Cleavs,
Daniel

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Silas

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Richard

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Henry

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John Jur

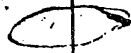
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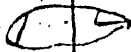
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Hanah

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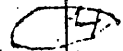
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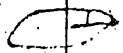
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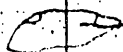
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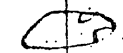
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David

Downs David

Dickerson,
William

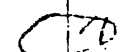
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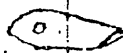
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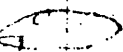
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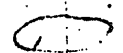
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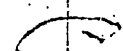
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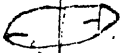
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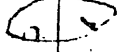
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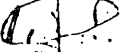
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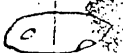
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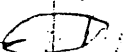
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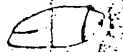
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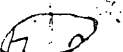
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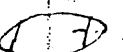
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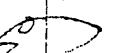
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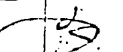
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John

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Samuel

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Samuel Jr

Griffing Samuel Jr —

Griffing,
William

Griffing William —

Horten,
Joseph

Horten Joseph —

Haliock,
Zachariah

Haliock Zachariah —

Huson,
Henry

Huson Henry —

Havens,
Nathaniel

Havens Nathaniel —

Hudson,
Samuel

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Hutcherson,
Benjamin

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Hutcherson,
Benjⁿ. JurHutcherson Benjⁿ Jur —Horten,
William

Horten William —

Halock,
Richard

Halock Richard —

Howel,
Israel

Howel Israel —

Hulse,
Jonah

Hulse Jonah —

Howell,
Joshua

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Parshell

Howell Parshell —

Henry
Herrick

Henry Herrick —

Halock,
William

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Silas

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Daniel, Widow

Howel Daniel, Widow —

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Henry Jur

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Hutcherson,
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Hutcherson,
Samuel

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Hudson,
Henry

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Halliock,
William

Halliock William —

Horten,
James

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Horten,
Benjamin

Horten Benjamin —

Halock,
Ezra

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Hudson,
Samuel Jur

Hudson Samuel Jur —

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Liscomb, John	Liscomb John —	○
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Liscomb, Isaac	Liscomb Isaac —	○
Lane, Timothy	Lane Timothy —	○
Mills, Zophar	Mills Zophar —	○
Mapes, Bejamin	Mapes Benjamin —	○
Mapes, Jonathan	Mapes Jonathan —	○
Mills, James	Mills James —	○
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William Griffing	William Griffing —	○
Owen, Micah	Owen Micah —	○
Osbern, Adonijah	Osbern Adonijah —	○
Osbern, David	Osbern David —	○
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Parsall, George	Parsall George —	○
Petty, Jeremiah	Petty Jeremiah —	○
Pain, John	Pain John —	○
Petty, Benjamin	Petty Benjamin —	○
Pain, Samuel	Pain Samuel —	○

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Tuthill, David	Tuthill David	— —	⊖
Terry, John Wading R.	Terry John Wading River	— —	⊖
Tuthill, Isaiah	Tuthill Isaiah	— —	⊖
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Wells, Joseph	Wells Joseph	— —	⊖
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Terry, Henry	Terry Henry	
Terry, Daniel	Terry Daniel	
Terry, Moses	Terry Moses	
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Wells, David	Wells David	
Waner, David	Waner David	
Wells, Jeremiah	Wells Jeremiah	

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Wells, Thomas	Wells Thomas	
Woodhull, Nathaniel	Woodhull Nathaniel	
Wells, Nathaniel	Wells Nathaniel	
Wells, David Jur	Wells David Jur	
Wells, Elijha	Wells Elijha	
Wells, Isack	Wells Isack	
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Woodhull, John	Woodhull John	
Youngs, Ruphas	Youngs Ruphas	

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Miller, Zopher	Miller Zopher	