1709 AD

01 BALDWIN, William (1677-1720) of Marsden, Lancashire
From March 1709
Matthews: Travel diary; Southern States and New England.

01 BYRD, William (1674-1744) of Westover, Virginia, plantation owner
a) February 1709 to September 1712
Private diary; a detailed daily record of the life of a prominent Virginian; his daily reading; meals; prayers; the routine of plantation life; slaves and servants; health; his wife, their quarrels and sexual relations; neighbours and social life; trade; politics and his relations with the Governor. A private and personal record, written in shorthand. Revealing and often fascinating if occasionally formulaic and rather dull.


b) 1717 to 1721
Personal diary in London, after the death of his first wife, kept in shorthand; meals, prayers, his unsuccessful efforts to find a rich second wife; an endless round of trivial pleasures and visiting; political and business affairs; his frequent sexual activities, in some detail, with very many women; health social life and business; his daughters; the return voyage to Virginia and resumption of his life there. A strange but unusual and compelling record of an interesting man. Also printed, with some omissions, are the narrative journals: "A History of the Dividing Line" of 1728 (but see below), "A Journey to the Land of Eden" of 1733, and "A Progress to the Mines" of 1732.
c) February to November 1728
Private journal "The Secret History of the Line"; running the dividing line between Virginia and North Carolina; the the basis for the later, more sober and literary account The History of the Dividing Line but much shorter and more concerned the internal squabbles and difficulties between members of the party.

d) August 10th. 1739 to August 31st. 1741
Private diary, transcribed from the shorthand; similar to the first diary but with little to disturb the even tenor of life at Westover with his second wife; social affairs, reading and exercise; slaves, servants and domestic matters; weather, visits and correspondence; the edge of his sexual appetite has been made less sharp with age. Matthews characterises the diary as "formal and rather dull" but it nevertheless presents a clear and often interesting, if personally superficial, picture of life on a Virginia plantation.


02 DUMMER, Jeremiah
From 1709
The Diary of Jeremiah Dummer in William and Mary Quarterly 1967.

02 ESPINOSA, Isidro Felix de
a) 1709
The Espinosa-Olivares-Aguirre Expedition of 1709 in Texas Catholic Historical Society Preliminary Studies 1930.
b) 1716
Ramón Expedition in Texas Catholic Historical Society Preliminary Studies 1930.

02 HAMILTON, David [Sir] (1663-1721) physician to Queen Anne
1709 to 1714