

Survey of the Manor of Idle, 1584

[Transcriber's Notes

This is a transcription of a manuscript held by the West Yorkshire Archive in Bradford, filed under 23D98/8/1. It is thought to be an original copy, made around the time of the Survey in 1584.

Some sections, including the map, are missing from this manuscript, but appear in The Bradford Antiquary, Vol 1, 1888. The latter was compiled from two sources: the earliest manuscript plus a later copy.

For completeness, I have included these sections, shaded in grey. However, sections pertaining to Idle, Thorpe, Thackley and Wrose have been left out because they have yet to be transcribed.

In those places where the original manuscript is damaged or illegible, some use has been made of The Bradford Antiquary's transcription, as well as an incomplete digitised transcription published online at <https://archive.org/details/bradfordantiquar01brad>.

The bulk of the manuscript appears to have been written by a professional scribe and is generally readable. Occasionally, words have been guessed from the context. In general, the original spelling, punctuation, abbreviations and capitalisation have been retained.

The file contains duplicate descriptions of certain holdings in Windhill, as well as letters, notes and figures. These appear to be copies that presumably were added at a later date. They are in two different hands, designated Copy 1 and Copy 2.

Copy 1 was easy to read but Copy 2 rather more difficult. This, together with the inclusion of Latin words and phrases, variable spelling and unusual place names has made the transcription challenging in places.

The terms 'di' (or 'dimi') and 'qr' are assumed to be short for dimidium and quarterium; they usually appear in the manuscript immediately after 'acre' or 'rood' to signify $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre or rood. However, the way they were written was not always consistent.

Here are some examples taken from the lists of Hugh Yewdall's holdings:

Scribe's hand:

'One close called new inge cont. 2 acres 1 rood di,'

Copy 1:

'One close called ~ New Ing ~ cont. ~ 2 Acre: 1 rood $\frac{1}{2}$ ~'

The Bradford Antiquary transcription:

'One close, called New Inge, conteyninge 2 ac i rod di'.'

Here are more examples, taken from the lists of Peter Bateson's holdings:

Scribe's hand:

'One close of woody ground called the highe Inge cont. 5 acres $3\frac{1}{2}$ roods'

Copy 1:

'One close woody ground called ~ the High Ing ~ cont. 5 Acre: 3 roods $\frac{1}{2}$ ~'

Copy 2:

'One close of woody ground called the high Inge cont. 5 acres 3 roods dimi'

The Bradford Antiquary transcription:

'One closse or woddie grounde called the Hie Inge conteyninge 5 ac, 3 rods di.'

I have adopted the format $n\frac{1}{2}$ acres/roods while retaining the Latin abbreviations.

Comments made by the Transcriber are enclosed in square brackets.
Text from The Bradford Antiquary transcription is shown shaded.]

MANNOR OR LORDSHIP OF IDLE, A.D., 1584.

A Survey of the Mannor of Idle made in the twentie-sixth year of Queen Elizabeth to the use of Anthony Thorald, Esq., and Anne his wife; and of William Reyner, Gentleman, and Cecilie his wife, coparceners and coheirs in the mannor aforesaid. Taken and sworn before a Jury in that behalf appointed.

Preamble

The Mannor of Idle sheweth to be an ancient mannor, and was sometime the lands of Sir Nigel de Plumpton, Knight, and from his heirs it hath descended by good and lawful conveyance. Two parts of four or a moiety of the said mannor is come unto the Right Honourable The Earl of Cumberland; the third part to Anthony Thorald, Esq., and Ann his wife; and the fourth and last part to William Reyner, Gent, and Cecilie his wife, coparceners and coheirs in the mannor aforesaid. The same is situated within the Lath or Wapentake of Morley, and in the Parish of Calverley, uppon the River of Ayre, and two miles distant from the markett towne of Bradford, and is holden as it seemeth of the Queen's Majestie as of the Castle or Honor of Pontefract, parcel of Her Majestie's Duchy of Lancaster; and there is yearly paid to the Castle or Honor of Pontefract aforesaid, out of the said mannor of Idle in consideration of all free rents, suits of Court, and other services as afterwards appeareth 6/8. The said Lordship of Idle for the more part is barren ground, wherein is great plenty of wood, and quarries of wall stones and slate, with cole-mines also, as it seemeth if they were diligently sought for, all which said Mannor or Lordship of Idle is included within the known limits and bounds following, viz:

Beginninge att the River of Aire something beneath Apperlay Bridge, where a litle Brooke or Syke called Pighell Becke falleth into the said River, and so ascending the saide Syke towards the south west and by south dividing the said Lordshippe of Idle and the Lordshippe of Eckleshill unto the place called Blackhill Tounge, and there leavinge the saide Syke and followinge the hedge there on the east side of the overmoor still dividing the saide Lordshippe unto the mouth or entry of the Streete called Boulton Outlanes, and then turning west and somethinge to the northwards along the hedges and ditches dividing Idle and Boulton unto Strobe Syke Head, and so descending the saide Syke towards the south west still dividing the saide Lordshipps of Idle and Boulton until the same falleth into the Brooke called Bradford Becke, and then turninge northwards and much to the northwards alonge the middle streame of the saide Brooke and after the right course of the same dividinge the Lordshipps of Heyton and Shiplaye from Idle untill the same fall into

the aforesaide River of Aire a little beneath Baildon Bridge, and so descending by the middle streame of the saide River of Ayre as the right course of the said River runneth or ought to run, first towards the north east and after south east and southwards deviding the saide Lordshipp of Idle and the Lordshipps of the Hamlets of Baildon, West Eshalte, and Eshalte, unto the place where Pighells Becke aforesaide falleth into the said River where this boundour first began, as by the annexed figure or platforme of the same more plainly appeareth.

Att the fall of this, the Lordshippe of Shiplay hath a parcell of ground within the boundour of Idle.

Mr. Thompson of Eshalte, hath likewise certain grounds, both arable, pasture and meadow, lying within the bounds as is said afterwards.

Within the precincts of the boundour aforesaid, are included the towns, villages, and hamletts hereafter mentioned, viz:

Idle, Wrose Thorpe, Windell.

The Mannor House there, now called Idle Hall, standeth in the town of Idle at the north east corner thereof, near unto the well springing in the east end of the town, the same is now greatly impaired and decayed, in respect, as it seemeth, to have been; and yet nevertheless is in convenient repair for the use of the Tenants that now inhabit and dwell therein.

The Demesne Lands that are now known to belong to the said Manor are of small quantity, as after appeareth and for the more part very Barren grounds; so as either the same hath been of long time let amongst the Tenants and so annexed or mingled with other tenements lands as cannot now conveniently be reduced, or else (according to the opinions of some) were given by the Lord of the said Manor to Eshalte Abbey, for that the Nuns there held certain good and fruitful ground upon the bank of the River Ayre, within the said boundary and nigh unto the said Abbey, which at the dissolution thereof were granted among other lands unto whose heirs do now occupy and enjoy the same accordingly.

The Lords of the said Mannor, and all they whose estate the Lord hath, have had and used to have and keep within the said Mannor, a Court Baron once a year, and also have had and now hath waves, estrayes and amersiments, due for assaults, ffrays and bloodshedds, and such like privileges incident and custom belonging to the said Mannor. And they have also the free

liberty of fishing and fowling, hunting and hawking, within the limits aforesaid. And there is within the said Lordship great and large coppice and springs very convenient for the breed of pheasants, of which by report in times past, there hath been great store, but now greatly wasted by default of such as have been the keepers of the said Woods.

There is not within the said Manor any Church, Chantry, or other spiritual provision at the Lord's Gift, save a little Chapel standing in the town of Idle, wherein the inhabitants in time past have used to hear service by a Curate at their own charges, for that they were two miles distant from their Parish Church, the same is now vacant and at the disposition of the lords of the said Manor.

There is within the said Lordship, and nigh unto the said town of Idle, one parcel of ground called the Park, containing 86 acres 3½ Roods, within which there standeth a pretty Lodge, wherein sometime the keeper dwelt, when deere was kept there. A great part of the said park is walled with stone, which wall for the more part is seven foot high; the residue hath been fenced with a pale, which is now greatly decayed. There is within the said park about 30 acres indifferently well set with Birch and some other underwoods, and every acre of the same one with another, is now worth presently to be sold 6s 8d the acre in toto £10

Note - If the poor men which are now farmers of the said park might be considered for their herbage in the spring, the which they alledge to have in consideration of their Rent, and that the same might be orderly used and kept, there would be woods for the quantity of the Ground in great abundance.

There is within the said Lordship two Great Woods adjoining together the one called the East Wood and the other the West Wood. The soyle with the woods therein are only proper to the Lords of the said Manor and reserved to their use or uses from time to time and they contain both 227 acres 3 ½ Roods, 12 perches att 7 yards the Rood & 20s 8d the acre. The woods therein now standing and growing are used as follows:~

vizt.

The East Wood contains 119 acres 2½ Roods & 8 perches. The oaks and other trees that are therein cannot very well be viewed by Reason of the Rocks and thickness of the Underwoods that are in the same, but by estimation there is in the said East Wood 1000 oaks, att six score the hundred and ten hundred to the thousand which are vallued at several prices as followeth:

vizt.

Oakes of the best sort - 100 vallued att 6s 8d the tree - £40
Oakes of the second sort - 100 vallued att 3s 4d the tree £20

Oakes of the third sort 100 vallued att 2s 6d the tree £15
Oakes and saplings of Oakes of the fourth sort} 700 vallued at 0s 6d the tree
£21

The Underwoods that are therein are about 18 years growth
two or three acres of the same lately sold which will
be well worth when the same reached to 20 years growth
(the odds excepted or allowed) 26s 8d the acre which doth
amount to £158 13s 4d and so the Great Wood and underwoods
amount in all to the total value of £254 13s 4d

Idle

The Westwoods vallued

The West Wood containeth by like measure aforesaid 100
Acres 1 Rood & 4 perches, the Oakes that be therein be of
small value in respect of the East Wood above said and not above
ten in an acre, which being vallued together with the
underwoods there which is about ten years growth, and will
be worth when the same cometh to twenty years groweth 26s 8d
Att to Acre in total £144 7s 4d

There is in Wrose fields adjoining to Strope Sykea
little spring, content 2½ acres well replenished with saplings
of oake and ash and other underwoods about seven years growth
which will be worth by estimation at 20 years Growth 30s to the acre which doth
amount to £3 15s

There is also in Idle fields in the Grounds called the
West Royds certain Underwoods containing abt 5 acres
well set with Saplings of oake and other woods the
underwoods are abt ten or twelve years growth and will be worth
by estimation at 20 years growth 26s 8d the acre in total £6 13s 4d

Woods in Eshing Cliffe vallued

The Woods called Eshing Cliffe in Idle Fields containeth
by estimation four acres, wherein are many old runt oakes
which are not of any great vallue, but being prized with the Underwoods & very
convenient with the same to be Sold and cutt
for the spring and so valued at 33s 4d to the acre doth amount to
£6 13s 4d

Apletree Wood

Apletree Wood in Wrose Fields, containeth by
estimation 10 acres the same is indifferently well set with Woods
and underwoods and were convenient to be made a spring if the
tennants might spare the herbage thereof which they have
always enjoyed as parcell of their tennements as by them is
alledged and the Woods therein now saleable is worth by
estimation £10

Woods vallued in divers places

There is also much other woods and underwoods in the said
Lordshipp dispersed here and there in divers places
and farms wherein the Lords might take benefit and leave
sufficient houseboote and hedgeboote for the tennants being
well and orderly used and the same is now presently worth by estimation £20

Sum total of all the woods

now vallued in the said Lordship £456 2s 4d

Notes concerning the Woods

Note that the soyle in the said Lordship is so apt to the spring and increase of Woods that there is almost no part of the same (The comons Moors and tilled lands excepted) but if it were fenced and orderly kept and preserved would in short time bring forth Woods of divers kinds in great abundance.

Note also that if the late cutt springs were at their full growth & that the residue might be well and orderly kept from cattle and other harms, There might be taken for Woods in the said Lordship every year, and notwithstanding maintained and kept in as good case and better than now they be £20 or 20 marks at the least one year with another

Comons & Wastes

There is also within the said Lordshippe of Idle four several parcells of comons or waste grounds vizt the Overmore Thackley, Wrose Browe, and Gawkliffe Cragge, The Overmore containeth by estimation 140 acres. The same is very barren ground, and lyeth playne and very cold wherein the inhabitants of Old Bolton have intercourse of comon poure cause de vicinage, They claime also to have Turbary there. Thackley lyeth near unto Idle and is indifferent good soyle the same is proper to the inhabitants of Idle and containeth by estimation 46 acres. Wrose Browe is a parcell of comon lyinge near unto the Town of Wrose, ye same ys likewise but barren ground and containeth by estimation twenty Acres ~ And Gawcliffe Cragg joineth unto the Iron Smithies and the Towne of Windell the same is full of stones and rocks and containeth by estimation thirty acres In toto the said Wastes containe 236 acres.

Freeholds

There is not any free Rents or other services knowne to be due to the Lords of the said Mannor, Howbeit in times past and within Memory the Nuns of Eshalte Nunnery maybe their appeareance att the courts of Idle and did their suit and service there, which at the dissoluion of the said Abbey or Nunnery decayed, Neither is there within the said Limitts of the said Lordship any ffreehold land other than is spoken of in the Margent of the Bounder so .~

Boones payable to ye Lds Bailiffs

There is an ancient custome whch. hath been belonging to the Ld of the said Mannor as it seemeth namely that every husbandman should give a Boone day plowing & every Grasse man a boone day shearing which custome is now paid unto the Lord's officers there for the time being et valet communibus Annis.

[note in rt margin concerning the next two paragraphs: 'It is likely gt those are answered by entreats of court:']

Pawnage

Every inhabitant within the said Lordship that keepeth any swine doth yearly give to the Lord for every hogge he hath one penny & for every hoggett an halfpenny in consideration of which they claim to be ffree in the Woods in Pawnage time valet communibus Annis 3s 4d

Green ffine

Every husbandman inhabiting within the said Lordship doth yearly give to the Lord for ordinary trespass in greenwoods 2d and every Grassman One penny et valet communibus Annis 6s 8d

Windell

Windell is a hamlett within the Lorshippe of Idle & extant West from the same One Mile or Thereabts the grounds that belong to the said Towne are inclosed as is the ground of Idle & Thorpe aforesaid and are now divided into three several Tenemts besides the Iron Smythies & the cottages as followeth vizt.

- 1 Thomas Hill holdeth there One Messg. or Tenemt. one Barne & other Buildings with one Garth & a croft thereto adjoining cont. $\frac{1}{2}$ rood and one oxgange of land Meadow & pasture thereto belonging contained in the several parcells following vizt. One close called the High Close cont. 4 acres 1 rood, the further Lea Close cont. $3\frac{1}{2}$ acre 16 perches, the nearer Lea Close cont. 2 acres 1 rood, the middle close or Wheat Close cont. 3 acres $3\frac{1}{2}$ rood 14 perches, one close called Beckroyd cont. 1 acre 1 rood, one close called Harley well cont. 3 acres $1\frac{3}{4}$ rood diqr One close called Kidd Croft cont. 1 acre One close called Hall Inge cont. $5\frac{1}{2}$ acres di One close called the Leaz cont. $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres 14 perches One parcell of ground behind the the Barne called a day worke cont. 1 acre 10 perches and one close called the fall head cont. 2 acres 1 rood with comon of pasture to the same belonging & renteth per annum ad ffesta y scripta

15s 8d

Tenants in Windell

- 2 Hugh Udale holdeth thereby by assignmt. from Peter Gibson who had his Interest from Tho: Clifford Esqr. who held the same by vertue of one Indenture of Lease under the hands & Seals of Sir Ingramme Clifford Knight & Lady Anne his wife for divers yett enduringe & unexpired as by the severall conveyances thereof may appear, All that the Moyetye or halfe part of one Messuage or Tenemt called Windell with all Barnes and other Buildings to the same belonging And one oxgange & a halfe & a clea of Land meadows & pasture to the sd Moyetye contayned in the parcells following viz:
The Lathe Garth cont. 1 rood
The Hen banke cont. 2 roods,
the nether broad close cont. $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre di
The upper broad close cont. 3 acres 1 rood,
The East nether broad close cont. 2 acres 1 rood 4 perches,
one close called Laverack roid cont. 6 acres 1 rood 16 perches
one close called Coll Inge cont. 3 rood,
one close called new inge cont. 2 acres $1\frac{1}{2}$ rood di
one close called the Leaz cont. 3 acres $3\frac{1}{2}$ roods
one close called Lyllie Close - 2 acres 3 roods 14 perches
one close called Brear close cont. 2 acres $2\frac{1}{2}$ roods,
ffive several parcells called Broome closes cont. 14 acres $3\frac{1}{4}$ Roods
The great long carr cont. 4 acres $3\frac{1}{2}$ roods
the little long Carr cont. 2 acres 1 rood
the Birke roid being woody ground cont. $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres,
The close Glade Inge or the upper Inge Spott cont. cont. $1\frac{1}{2}$ rood,
and the nether Inge Spott cont. $1\frac{1}{2}$ rood
with comon of pasture to the same belonging & renteth per Annum att the ffeasts aforesd equally

16s 2d

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Clea is the fourth of an oxgange
tenants in Windell holden by Indenture

Tenants in Windell

- 3 Peter Baytson holdeth theire by vertue of one
Indenture of Lease under the hands and Seales of Anthony
Thorold Esq and Anne his wife & of Wllm Reyner Gentl and
Cicelie his Wife for the Term of - ----- - years to
comence & take place the - ----- - as by the sd Indtre
dated the - ----- - day of Anno regni Elizabeth: Regine
- ----- - more plainly appeareth the other -
Moyety of the aforesd. Mess or Tenemt. called Windell with all -
Barns & other Buildings & 1 oxgange & a half & a clea of land -
Meadow & pasture to the said Moyety belonging conteyned in the
Severall parcels following vizt.
One close called the farther Old roide cont. 4 acres 2 rood
One close called the near Old roid cont. 4 acres 2 rood,
One close called the far hirst cont. 4 acres 1 rood
One close called Wood hirst being woody ground cont. 2 acres ½ Rood
the nearer hirst divided in two pts cont. 5 acres 1 rood,
One close of woody ground called the highe Inge cont. 5 acres 3½ roods
Two brome closes called Eshing Cliffes cont. 10 acres
One close arrable & Meadow called broad Inge cont. 5 acres 3 rood,
One close being called Mere fflatt holte cont. 1½ roods
The peas Lands & two Mare fflatts cont. 5 acres 1½ roode di
One close of Bushie & Wood ground called the Carr cont. 2 acres 2 rood 8
perches
& one close called Henbancke cont. 4 acres 2 rood
with comon of pasture & renteth per annum att the ffeasts aforesd

16s 2d

tenants in Windell holden by Indrte

Note: The sd 2 Last Tenmts. were both one but the Tennts. agreeing of the
division betwixt themselves the first parte hath been reputed as the
purport. of the Lo: Clifford and the latter of the other Lords & presentlie
are & of Long time have been so occupied:~

Tennts in Windell

- 4 Richarde Lyllye holdeth neare unto the Town
of Windell Two Iron Smithies standing upon the water called
Bradford Beck And all Dames Watercourses Wheels cogge
- *blank* - to the same Smithies belonging and also one Tenemt. or
Dwelling house adjoining unto the same Smithies with one
Orchard one Garden two Little crofts & other grounds cont.
in all 1 acre 1 rood with comon of pasture to the same tenmt.
belonging & renteth per Annum att the ffeasts aforesd.

14s 4d

The Iron Smithies
holden by Indre

The Moyety of the premises or rather all the premises were letten by Lease
by Sir Ingram Clifford Knight & the Ladie - *blank* - constable For divers
years yet to come & unexpired as by that Deed appeareth dated 23rd die
Jany Anno Regni Duo ure Eliz etc

The Terme was 21
years: quere when
the same to be place

Note that if the sd. Smithies were conveniently repaired & so maintained, And that there would be gotten Iron Stone within a Mile or Two of them (as it is thought) there might be - *blank* - - The Woods & Springs within the sd. Lordipp might be orderly & well kept for to maintaine the same with coales They would both yeild a great benefit to the Ld. & do the cuntry great pleasure: . ~

Cottages in Windell

Thomas Wales holdeth here one cottage & one -
Garden adjoining conteyninge - *blank* - & comon of pasture
To the same belonging and rentage per Annum 12d

Robert Swayne holdeth there one cottage one Garden and
Parke adjoining called the Intake cont. 1 acre 3½ roods with common
of pasture & renteth per annum 18d

Willm Thomas holdeth there one cottage & one croft
thereunto adjoining cont. 1 acre 1 rood with comon of pasture &
renteth per annum 2s 4d

Sum totall of the Rents in Windell
with the Iron Smithies per annum - £3 7s 2d

Sum Generall of all the Rents & yearly receipts
within the Lordship of Idle aforesd. beside perquisites of corse
now payable per annum £24 3s 4d
and deduct

The money due for free rent & other Services paid to
Pontefract Castle as aforesd. fo: 1: 6s 8d

And to the two bailiffs there for their ffees per Ann dund
bone p'lito 13s 4d

And fo:

Remayneth there to the Lord of the said -
Mannor vizt. to the sd Earle for his pt £11 11s 7½d and to Mr
Thorold & Mr Reyner for their partes £11 11s 7½d in tot. per annum
£23 3s 3d

Besides perquisites
of corse
pawnage &
cole mynes

A Breif collection and some of the contents of all the Lords
Lands within the whole Lordshipp of Idle both in demaynes -
Woods Wastes and tenants' Lands, as hereafter followeth, vizt.

In demaynes -----86 acres ¾ rood
In Woods without the Tennts. estimate att 7
yards the Rood ----- 227 acres 3 rood di gr
In tennts. Land with the Wood ground in
the same estimated according to the measure
allowed by statute, beside a parcell of Wood in

Wrose called the Town Ing

994 acres 3 rood di qr

certain Wood grounds & other Wastes in the
fields of Wrose, which could not conveniently be
estimated, severally in the particulars of the
said Towne, containing by estimation 53 acres ½ rood
In common moores and waste there by estimation - 236 acres

Note that there is in the Demayne & Tennts. Lands aforesaid wood
estimated after the rate of seven yards to the to the rood so 52 acres 1 rood
as afore appeareth, for 3, 4, 5, so that there is of woods in all places
there besides hedgeRows & ffences 279 acres 1¼ Rood.

Remembrance

There hath been great spoile of Hollinge of late years
in the said Lordshipp namely for that the Bailiffs there appointed
to keep the said woods have either negligently or otherwise,
suffered them to be pilled in sumer for making of Birdlyme, a
thing very needfull to be equired of as well for trespasses
past as also to be provided for in time to come -----

The Tennts. within the said Lordship or Mannor of Idle,
are some of them holden by Indenture for years, some by Copie
of Court Rolle warrant or other assurance for Term of Life
and some do rest & remain for anything we have seen as Tennts.
att will in any of the Leases warrants or grants which were
made by Sir Ingram Clifford, Knight, uncle unto the afore
named Earle, and have possession of two parts of four of the said
Lordshipp have we seen But few or none was shewed unto us
made from the other Lords The Leases of the Demaynes of
Idle Mylnes & some of the Tenemts. in Windell excepted so as
we

could not

could not of certenty sett down what Leases Grants or other
Assurances have been made by the sd Mr Thorold & Mr Reyner
to the tenants there And To have given notice of all the Grants
made by Sir Ingram Clifford would both have taken much
labor and the expressing thereof in this Booke had been
to small purpose But if it stand with their Worsps. pleasures
to have knowledge what Leases warrants grants or other -
assurance they have made themselves then were it convenient
by their officer to make a vow at some court holden there
what Leases warrants etc have passed and the dates terms and
determinations of the same deeds in aid as conveniently sure
be entered in the void page Left onely in the latter end of this
Book for that purpose -----

There is in many tenements within the said Lordship
divers holts or hirsts of Woods and underwoods of which some have
been cutt down and springed to the Lords uses & some employed
otherwise by the tenants for their owne necessities Wherefore
it were very requisited if it so stood with the pleasure of the sd
Lord that your comissioners or officers should vowe the said
woods and such as they think fitt for the purpose aforesd to be
sett downe to Remaine as Springs & so to be preserved and such
as are not to be left for the tenants use for housebote hedgeboot
& other things needfull in & abt their tenemts. -----

There are also divers other things to be remembred
there as to provide that none of the Lords Tennts. to lett or sett
any of their Lands lying among the Lands of Mr. Thompson, the
Ld. of East Eshalte within the lymitts of the said Lordship as
afore appeareth both by the mapp & sub titulo manerii
without especial license of the Lds officers there And that the same
divisions may be entered in the court Rolle least that the same
being Lett for many years there might in continuance of time
some doubt arrise whether the same were in truthe Lands
belonging to Idle or to Eshalt, because some part thereof be so
mingled togeather as joynt occupations might because of
great controversies Also it were requisite That there should
order be sett downe that every Tennt. according to the quantity
of his Tenemt. shouldd yearly either wall with stone or sett -
with quickwood certain Roode of their ffence which would in
time both benefitt the Tennts. and the Ld. might the better cut
the Woods growing in their tenemts. for cole to the the Iron
Smithies if the same hereafter shall be had in proper use
with less damage to the poore Tennts. with many such like
things which are to be foreseen & provided for by the -
comissioners or officers of the Ld. both for the benefitt of
themselves & helpe of their poore Tennts. as to their good
discretion shall seem further meet & convenient: ~ ---

This Book is examined &
is a true copy of the
survey

To all that are to see or heare this writing Robert of Whrington sendeth
greeting, know ye that I have demised and granted to John the sonne of Henry of
Eaton his ffree fishing throughout all my water of Idle as my Land extendeth
it selfe to witt from my milne of Eaton unto the Meares and bounders of Ordesale &
likewise have granted unto the said John the ffree fishing in my pooles near
to the house of Reynald the cordwainer and also in - *blank* - with sheves & netts
fitt for him to the aforesd. ffishing in the foresd places, fully to be exercised
to be holden and had to the same John and his heirs freely quietly & for inheritance
without any complaint, or hindrance of me & mine heirs for ever, reserving -----
notwithstanding to me and mine heirs fishing in the Dams of my Milnes & in the
pooles made upon my Dams in which pooles the aforesd. John or his heirs -
no fishing can have or claim unto themselves saving nevertheless that I --
Robert & my heirs in all the water of Idle aforesd. and in the other places aforesd.
as we have been accustomed, may fish att our pleasure and for this Graunt the
foresd. John hath given unto me 1 marke of silver, wherefore I & mine
heirs to the foresd. John & his heirs his foresd. ffree fishings against all -
people will warrant & least I or mine heirs against this graunt hereafter
shall be able to come the present writeing I have strengthened with the -
strength of my Seale these being witnesses Hughe son of Eaton, Malveisin
of Harsin Robt of Banckes Richard of Marchaf Adam of Heyton Alexander of
Dreyton - Robt of Hersyd Hughe of Thurmeton Nicholas sonne of Godfrey of
Ordesale - Godfrey sonne of Hughe of Thurmeton Thomas Whrington Walter
of Retford clerke & others: . ~

[many of the places mentioned in this stray description of fishing rights on the
Water of Idle are near Retford in Nottinghamshire]

[Additional pages follow]

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Windell

- 1 Thomas Hill holdeth there one messuage or temt: one Barne & other building vizt. one Garth & a Croft thereunto adjoining cont $\frac{1}{2}$ rood
And one Oxgange of land & meadow & pasture thereto belonging contained in ye parcells following vizt.
One close called ~ ye High Close ++ cont 4 Acres 1 rood
One close called ~ ye further Lea close ++ cont 3 Acres $\frac{1}{2}$ rood 16 perches
One close called ~ ye nearer (neather) Lea close ++ cont 2 Acres 1 rood ~
The ~ Middle close or Wheate close ++ cont 3 Acres 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ roods 14 perches
One close called ~ Beck Roid (10 6)++ cont 1 Acre 1 rood ~~
One close called ~ Harleys Well ++ cont 3 Acres 1 rood $\frac{3}{4}$ ~
One close called ~ Kid Croft ++ cont 1 Acre ~ ~
One close called ~ Hall Ing ++ cont 5 Acre $\frac{1}{2}$ ~
One close called ~ the Leaz ~ ~ cont 1 Acre $\frac{1}{2}$: 14 perches
One parcell of ground behind ye barns called A day work cont 1 Acre 10 perches
One close called ye Ffall Head cont 2 Acres 1 rood ~
with common thereto belonging And renteth y ann ~ ~

15s 8d

Wm Denby pays Mr Coates
for Beck roid paid 1s 0d

- 2 Hugh Yewdal holdeth there All that ye moietie of halfe part of One messuage or temt: called Windell with all Barnes and other buildings thereto belonging And One Oxgang $\frac{1}{2}$ & a clea of land meadow & pasture to the said Moietie belonging contained in the severall parcells following vizt. ~ ~ ~
The ~ ~ ~ Lathe Garthe ~ cont. ~ ~ 1 rode
The ~ ~ ~ Hen banke ~ cont. ~ ~ 2 rods
The ~ ~ ~ Nether broad close ~ cont. 1 Acre $\frac{1}{2}$ ~ ~
The ~ ~ ~ Upper broad close ~ cont. 3 Acre: 1 rode
The ~ ~ East Nether broad close ~ cont. 2 Acre: 1 rod 4 perches
One close called ~ ~ Laverack Roide ~ cont. 6 Acre: 1 rod: 16 perches
One close called ~ ~ Coll Ing ~ cont. ~ 3 rods ~ ~
One close called ~ New Ing ~ cont. ~ 2 Acre: 1 rod $\frac{1}{2}$ ~
One close called ~ the Leaz ~ cont. ~ 3 Acre: 3 rods $\frac{1}{2}$ ~
One close called ~ Lillys close ~ cont. ~ 3 Acre: 3 rods 14 perches
One close called ~ Brear close ~ cont. ~ 2 Acre: 2 rods $\frac{1}{2}$ ~
5 severall parcells called ~ Broome closes ~ 14 Acre 3 rods $\frac{1}{4}$ ~
The ~ ~ ~ Great Long carr ~ cont. 4 Acre 3 rods $\frac{1}{2}$ ~ ~
The ~ ~ ~ Little Long carr ~ cont. 2 Acre 1 rods ~
The ~ ~ Birk Roide being wooddye ground ~ cont. 7 Acre: $\frac{1}{2}$ ~ ~
The ~ ~ Cocke Glade Ing or ye Upper Ing Sp(ou)ott ~ cont. ~ ~ 1 rod $\frac{1}{2}$ ~
The ~ ~ ~ Nether Ing Sp(ou)ot ~ ~ cont. ~ 1 rod $\frac{1}{2}$ ~
with common of pasture thereto belonging & rentate y ann ~

16s 2d

- 3 Peter Baitson holdeth the other moiety of ye aforesaid messuage or temt. called Windell with all Barnes & other buildings And One Oxgang $\frac{1}{2}$ & a clea of land meadow & pasture to ye said moiety belonging contained in ye parcells following
One close called ~ the farther Old Roide ~ cont. 4 Acre: 2 rods ~
One close called ~ the nearer Old Roide ~ cont. 4 Acre: 2 rods ~
One close called ~ the ffar Hirst ~ ~ cont. 4 Acre: 1 rood ~

One close wooddy ground called ~ Wood Hirst ~ cont. 2 Acre: ½ rood ~
 The ~ ~ Nearer Hirst ~ divided in 2 pts ~ cont. 5 Acre: 1 rood ~
 One close wooddy ground called ~ the High Ing ~ cont. 5 Acre: 3 rood ½ ~
 Two broome closes called ~ Eshing Cliffs ~ cont. 10 Acre ~ ~
 One close arr & meadow called ~ Broad Ing ~ cont. 5 Acre: 1 roods ~
 One close called ~ Meare fflatt holte ~ cont. ~ ~ 1 rood ½ ~
 The pease Lands & Two Meare fflatts ~ ~ cont. 5 Acre 1 rood ½ ~
 One close bushy & wood ground called ~ ye Carr ~ cont: 2 Acre: 2 rood: 8
 perches
 & One close called ~ Hen bancke ~ cont 4 Acre: 2 roods ~
 with common of pasture & renteth per annum ~ ~ ~

16s 2d

Thomas Wales holdeth here One cottage & one Garden
 adjoyning with common thereto belonging and rentage per ann 1s

Robt Swayne holdeth there one cottage one garden & a
 little parke adjoyning called the Intake cont. 1 acre 3 roods with common
 of pasture & renteth per ann 1s 6d

Willm Thomas holdeth there one cottage & one croft adjoyning
 cont. 1 acre 1 rood with common of pasture & renteth per ann 2s 4d

[this page, in the Copy 2 hand, was possibly a title page - the top of the page has a 4 word phrase repeated twice, apparently with signatures appended]

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Tenants in Windell

Peter Baytson holdeth - by
vertue of one Indenture of Lease under
the handes and Seales of Anthony Thorold
Esquire and Anne his wife and of Wllm
Reyner gentleman and Cecilia his wife for the
terme of ---- yeares to comence
and take place the -----
as by the said Indenture dated the -----
day of Anno Regin Elizabeth Regine
more plainly appeareth
The other Moyety of the aforesd.
messuage or tenement called windell with all
Barns & other Buildings & 1 oxgange and a half and a clea of land
meadow & pasture to the said moyety
belonging contayned in the severall parcellis following
viz: One close called the farther old roide
cont 4 acres 2 rood One close called the
near old roid cont 4 acres 2 roods One
close called the far hirst cont 4 acres 1 rood
One close called Wood hirst being woody
ground cont 2 acres demi rood The nearer
hirst divided in two ptes cont 5 acres 1 rood
One close of woody ground called the high
Inge cont: 5 acres 3 roods dimi Two brome
closes called Eshing Cliffes cont 10 acres One
close arrable & meadowe called broad inge
cont 5 acres 3 roods One close beinge
called mere flatt holte cont 1 rood demi
The peas lands and two meare fflatts
cont 5 acres 1 roode demi One close of
Bushie and wood ground called the carr
cont 2 acres 2 rood 8 perches And one close
called henbanke cont 4 acres 2 roodes with
comon of pasture and renteth y annum
at the ffeasts aforesaide

16s 2d

Note: The sd Two last Tennts. were both one but the
Tennts agreeing of the division betwixt them selves
The first hath been reputed as the purp ente of the
Lo: Clifford and the latter of the other Lords and
presentlie are and of longe time have been so occupied