

## Heybarne (in Lillingstone Dayrell)

The manor or grange of Heybarne lay in the detached part of Lillingstone Dayrell parish, now the north-eastern part of Lillingstone Lovell.

The origins of Heybarne appear to lie in a carucate of ancient assart which Simon de Patishulle held of Ralph Dayrell, lord of Lillingstone Dayrell, in 1279. This was presumably land which had been cleared from the woods which Simon held at le Heybarne, and in which he was found to have hunted illegally in 1250 when the forest justices reached Buckingham in 1255.

In 1369 Henry Green, knight, died in possession of the manor of Heybarne, which he held of Roger Dayrell. The manor lay partly in Buckinghamshire and partly in Northamptonshire. The part lying in Buckinghamshire was valued at just 3s. 4d. a year 'because it lies in the forest of Whittlewood and is destroyed by the king's deer'. A similar excuse was used to explain the low valuation (6s. 8d.) of the part lying in Northamptonshire.

Heybarne was inherited by Thomas Green who died in 1391. At this time the part of the manor lying in Northamptonshire was said to lie 'uncultivated under Whittlewood Forest and is destroyed by the king's deer'. On the death of Thomas Green's son, also called Thomas, in 1418, Heybarne was no longer described as a manor. Instead it was reported that Thomas held a toft and carucate called 'Heybernefeld' in his demesne in Lillingstone Dayrell of John Dayrell. The land was probably used as rough pasture.

By the end of the 16th century Heybarne had passed to Peter Wentworth, lord of the manor of Lillingstone Lovell. On Peter's death in 1597 it was described as a cottage in the tenure of George Westlye and four closes in Lillingstone Dayrell called 'Heybarne feylde'. In 1550 a close of pasture called 'Heyburnefelde' in Lillingstone Dayrell was leased by Nicholas Baker of Whittlebury to an Abthorpe tanner.

The location of Heybarne is recorded in a woodland survey of 1651. The lands of Peter Wentworth called 'Heyb[arne] Feilde' were said to lie to the south of Cartwell Hill Coppice, a situation which is also depicted on the Whittlewood Forest map of c.1608.



Figure 1: The location of Heybarne shown on the Whittlewood Forest map of c.1608 (Northamptonshire Record Office, Map 4210)