

## WARNOT AND WARLOT.<sup>1</sup>

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Local names for the various divisions of land, or for lands held by ancient tenures now obscure or forgotten have not hitherto received from antiquaries the attention which they deserve, I trust therefore that I may not be thought trivial or intrusive now, that I draw attention to lands called Warnot or Warlot. The terms seem to be pretty nearly confined to a district near the Humber and the lower parts of the Ouse and Trent. I have taken some pains to discover their meaning, but have not been able to make out anything satisfactory. Similarity of sound or spelling is, as we are all now aware—though our forefathers were not—but a slight reason for believing words to be related in meaning or even that they have a common origin. Until however some evidence is produced to the contrary it may be advisable to treat Warnot and Warlot as the same.

I first became acquainted with Warnot in reading a survey of the manor of Kirton-in-Lindsey taken in the year, 1616, by John Norden, John Thorpe, and John Norden, junior; a contemporary transcript of this valuable record is preserved in the Public Library of the University of Cambridge.<sup>2</sup>

The great manor of Kirton-in-Lindsey included the whole or a part of upwards of forty townships in the North Eastern part of Lincolnshire. From an early period this franchise had been parcel of the possessions of the Dukes of Cornwall. Charles Prince of Wales, afterwards Charles the First was the Lord of the Manor when this survey was made. Warnot occurs in the following passages.

HELMESWELL "There are 8 Oxganges of land called warneot, rented vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>"

HOSPITALIS SUPER Stratu "Fine oxganges of Lande, warneot, held ad voluntatē dñi, rented iij<sup>s</sup>. vj<sup>d</sup>. p annū in toto."

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<sup>2</sup> The Press-mark is Ff—4—30.

- NORTHORPE "There is certaine warneot Lande which is coñionlie helde at the will of the prince, likewise conceiled, of the yearlie rent of iiij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>."
- WALKERETH "Certain Lande called warneot, which kinde of Lande is in most townships and coñionly helde at the Lordes will, rented here x<sup>d</sup>; who hath now this lande will not be reuceyled"
- BOTTESFORDE "2 oxganges of Lande called warneot, which kinde of Land is dispersed through the Soke, auntientlie held at the will of the Lorde; this beinge rented x<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>"
- WINTERTON "There was also vj<sup>d</sup> rent for 6 hens, payable at the feaste of Christes natiuitic, and iiij<sup>d</sup> p ann<sup>o</sup> for warneot Lande"

In a Charter of Richard the first, to the Priory of Thornton on Humber, dated 3rd of July, in the first year of his reign [1109], we find "j bovatom terrae in eadem villa [Halton], et praeterela pratum quod vocatur Warlotes." <sup>1</sup>

And in an undated Charter, granted by Gilbert, son of Robert de Ormesby, to the Nunnery of North Ormesby, there occurs "totum feudum meum de Warlotes, apud, Barebrane juxta campum de Covenham, a campo Parvae Grimesby." <sup>2</sup>

My friend, the Rev. J. T. Fowler, F.S.A., has found the following passage in one of the Selby Charters: "iiij per-ticatas prati in Warlothes de Kyrkedailles."

The following instances of the word occur in the "Valor Ecclesiasticus" of Henry the Eighth:—

- CANTARIA DE SPYTTILL "Dns Johes Hamonde custos hospital' de Spy Hill in the Strete. . . . xij<sup>d</sup> p warnot rent" Vol. iv. p. 133.
- MARTON "Val' in reddit' voc' warnott rent ilm p annu xij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>" Vol. iv. p. 137.
- GAYNESBURGH, NORTH "De cert<sup>o</sup> terr<sup>o</sup> Bottisford xxix<sup>s</sup> vi<sup>d</sup> & ad dict<sup>o</sup> maner<sup>o</sup> p quodm reddit<sup>o</sup> vocal<sup>o</sup> warnott rent x<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>"

As late as the year 1767 there was land in South Kelsey, a parish a few miles south-east of Brigg, called Warlots Close. <sup>3</sup>

The foregoing are all the instances of the word I can at present call to mind, but I am under the impression that I have met with one or two others.

In most if not all the above named places the names Warnot or Warlot are forgotten, indeed after long continued enquiries I cannot ascertain that their memory has anywhere survived.

<sup>1</sup> Monast. Anglic., vol. vj. p. 327.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, vol. vij. p. 963.

<sup>3</sup> Notes and Queries vi. series, vol. iv., p. 424.