


An Inventory of Furniture at Beauchief Hall. (1691).

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 THE following inventory of furniture, which is written in a bold engrossing hand on a roll of parchment about thirty feet long, will serve to show how a country squire's residence was furnished at the end of the seventeenth century. At the present day, when the style of furniture known as "Queen Anne" has become fashionable, a detailed list of all the household goods of a large country residence, and the quantity of furniture in each room, may prove of service. We are apt, now-a-days, to crowd our rooms with too great a profusion of all kinds of furniture. A perusal of this inventory will show that the various apartments of the house were by no means overcrowded. We may suppose that the furniture at Beauchief was of a simple, and tastefully decorated kind. In an account of Beauchief Hall, Brailsford, a Derbyshire antiquary, who lived at the beginning of the last century, says:—

"On the ground floor of the house are seventeen rooms. On the next floor, with the hall, parlour, and dining-room, are seven rooms; and in the dining-room is a pretty wrought chimney piece of alabaster; and between the pillars, on each side, supporting a canopy, is the effigies of an ancient man with a long beard, with a furred gown of half-sleeves, and upon a mantle thrown over his shoulders a collar of S. S. and

roses, a little book in his hand, a ruff up to his ears, and cap upon his head, like unto a judge's cap. On the outside of the said supporters or pillars is the arms of Pegge, quartering Strelley's. Above this floor of rooms is another story."

The inventory was taken shortly after the death of Strelley Pegge, Esq., Barrister-at-law, who died without issue.

A TRUE AND PERFECT INVENTORY OF ALL AND SINGULAR THE GOODS, CHATTLES AND CREDITTS OF STRELLEY PEGG LATE OF BEAUCHIEFFE IN THE COUNTY OF DARBY ESQ. DECD. TAKEN, VALLUED, AND APPRAIZED THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER ANNO DOMINI ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY ONE, BY THOMAS BURLEY,* JOHN ROTHERHAM, JUNR., GODFREY WEBSTER, AND CHARLES DIXON AS FOLLOWETH (VIZ)

Impris. his Purse and Apparrell £L

IN THE HALL.

Item one long table one pound five shillings. One square Table eight shillings. Two Side Tables Twelve shillings. Four Chairs, eight shillings, one Range six shillings iijl. xixs.

IN THE DINEING ROOME.

Item one Side Table and Carpett, ten shillings, one Couch Chaire, Twenty four Chaires and Covers, ten pounds. Six covered Stooles and two small ones one pound. One large Seeing Glass fifteen shillings. Range, fire shovell and Tongs seaven shillings xii. xiiis.

THE ANT HALL.

Item one green Coach [couch?] Chaire iiij.

THE PALLATT ROOME.

Item one Bed, bedsteed, Curtaines, Vallence, and Rodds. One feather Bed, one feather Bolster, two feather pillows. One pair of Blanketts, One other Blankett. One Bed hillung † and Stock Bed iiijl. xs.

* Thomas Burley, of Greenhill, in Norton, gent., an influential and respectable person. He married Elizabeth, dau., of Godfrey Froggatt of Staveley, gent. She died in 1699, æt. 33. He afterwards removed to Hagg Hall in the parish of Staveley, and then to Wooley, co. York. He appears to have been a joint-purchaser of Haselborough, formerly belonging to John, Lord Freschville. (*Yorkshire Diaries*, Surtees Society.)

† Bed-covering. There is a verb to hile.

"Thei *hiled* hem, I telle hit the
With leves of a fige tre." *Cursor Mundi*.

Item two Tin Coffee potts. One small tin plate. A pair of snuffers. One Tin Can. Two Extinguishers. One white possett pott.* Six tin patty pans. Six coffee dishes. Twelve glass bottles, eight earthen potts one glass cup, three shillings and sixpence vis. vid.

IN THE PANTRY.

Item Thirteen dozen of glass bottles one pound six shillings. A frame for bottles six shillings and eightpence. One square table three shillings. Six firr boxes and a desk three shillings Six pair of Bowles and Jack fifteen shillings, One stone mortar and pestle. One old bottle frame, five shillings, six earthen Venison potts. Two jugs, four small potts. A little mugge, one shilling and sixpence iijl. ijđ.

IN THE PANTRY BY THE HALL.

Item one little table, two old chairs, and a napkin press .. vis. viijđ.

IN THE WARDROBE CLOSETT.

Item two seled † presses fifteen shillings, one old Trunk fifteen shillings, Sixteen old boxes. A mop one shilling and sixpence. A dosen and halfe sett cushions one pound seven shillings. Five large Carpetts two pound. Two white Ruggs one pound ten. One coverlett, one cradle Rugg four blanketts twelve shillings. Five small feather pillows a green Carpett five shillings. A sett of green Curtaines and vallenge and two yellow Curtaines nine shillings. A child's chair one shilling vijl. vjđ.

IN THE NURSERY.

Item one bedsted, curtaines, vallenge, and Rodds. One feather Bed, one feather bolster, three feather pillows, three blanketts. A bed hilling. One sheet ijł. xs.
 Item one old Trunk, two boxes, an old Stoole. A reading desk.
 A Landiron ‡ iijš.

* Possett was a drink made of wine or treacle boiled with milk. A posset was usually taken before retiring to rest. See *Merry Wives of Windsor, Act v. Scene v.* This one was doubtless made of earthenware. In the possession of my own family is a posset pot inscribed "John and Sarah Oldall, 1761."

† See ante.

‡ Halliwell gives "landern," a North-country word meaning a fire grate.

IN THE RED CHAMBER.

Item one bedsted, curtaines and vallence and rods. One feather bed one feather Bolster two feather pillows, one blanket and one bed hilling two pound ten shillings. One little table, one stand, four chaires and a buffett stool eight shillings and sixpence

IN THE PURPLE CHAMBER.

Item one bedsteed, curtaines, vallence and Rods. One feather bed, one feather bolster, three blanketts, a bed hilling four pound. One little table, six Cane chairs. One little buffett, a paper Skreen. One Range two pound five shillings .. vj*l.* vs.

IN THE HALL CHAMBER.

Item three tables, one old chaire xivs. iiij*l.*

IN THE PARLOUR CHAMBER.

Item one bedsted, curtaines, vallence, and Rodds. One feather Bed, one feather bolster, one feather pillow, one pair of sheets, one pair of blanketts, one bed hilling four pound five shillings. One side table and carpet, four chaires and a cushion seaven shillings and sixpence. One seeing glass, one green Carpett four shillings Range and fire shovell .. v*l.* js. vj*l.*

IN THE LITTLE CHAMBER.

Item a bedsted, curtaines, two small feather beds, a feather bolster and one pillow, four blanketts, a pair of sheetts and bed hilling two pound. One side table, two chairs, a buffett and a small carpett. A close stool and pan a small hanging shelve two cushions ten shillings ij*l.* xs.

IN MRS. ANN'S * CHAMBER.

Item one bedsteed, Curtaines, vallence and Rodds and all the furniture belonging to it, six pounds. One side table and carpett, five shillings. One other little table four shillings. A chest of drawers one pound, five covered chaires, a skreene and two hanging shelves, five shillings, an old trunk, a seeing glass, range, fire shovell and tongs and an old stand seaven shillings viij*l.* is.

* Ann Pegge, eldest daughter of Edward Pegge of Beauchief, Esq., and sister of Strelley Pegge, the deceased, married Thomas Southby, of Birdsall, Co. York, Esq.

IN THE PASSAGE CHAMBER.

Item one bedsted, curtaines, valence and Rodds, two feather beds, four blanketts, a payer of sheets, and an old Rugg and quilt two pound ten shillings. A chest of drawers, one large chest, one trunk, four stooles, one old chaire, two boxes, one pound sixteen shillings iij*l.* vis.

IN THE YELLOW CHAMBER.

Item one bedsteed, curtaines, valence and Rods, one feather bed, one feather bolster, four blanketts, two Ruggs, two pounds. Two small presses. One chest fifteen shillings. A closet stoole and pan, one range, six shillings and eight pence. One chest at stayer head four shillings .. iij*l.* vs. viij*l.*

IN THE MAIDE'S CHAMBER.

Item one halfe headed bedsteed. One feather bed and matteris. Two feather bolsters, one feather pillow, three blanketts, two coverlids one pound fifteen shillings. A trundle bedsteed, a little cubboard, an old Trunk and little andiron * eight shillings iij*l.* ijs.

IN THE GALLERY.

Item one table, one livery Cubbord, one presse, and some loose wood i*l.* vis. viij*l.*

IN MR. LEE'S CHAMBER.

Item one halfe headed bed, one feather bed, one feather bolster, four blanketts, a pair of Sheets and a coverlid one pound fifteen shillings. Two side Tables, one Carpett, one chaire, a buffett, a Seeing glass, range and fire shovell seven shillings iij*l.* ijs.

IN THE FURTHER JOYNER'S CHAMBER.

Item five long plankes and fourteen boards, three worke boards and certaine other loose wood iij*l.*

THE NEER JOYNER'S CHAMBER.

Item one halfe headed bedsteed, one feather bolster, a blankett and an old Rugg six shillings and eightpence. One old skreen, one old Chest, three old trunks two shillings and sixpence ixs. iij*l.*

* Andirons are properly the ornamental irons on each side of the hearth in old houses, which were accompanied with small rests for the ends of the logs. The latter were sometimes called *dogs*, but the term andiron frequently includes both, as in the proverb recorded by Howell, "Bands and attorneyes, like andyrans, the one holds the sticks the other clients, till they consume."

IN THE ALE CELLER.

Item three hogsheads and one barrell. One dozen and halfe of
glass bottles xiiij^s.

IN THE BEERE CELLER.

Item Three hogsheads and tressells ix^s.

IN THE LANDRY.

Item one long table, a little table, and old couch chaire, a
limbeck* and two stills. A horse to dry cloathes ii^l. xs.

IN THE OUTWARD DAIRY.

Item one Range, one cheese press vj^s.

THE MEN'S LODGING ROOM.

Item two halfe headed bedsteeds, two feather bedds, two flock
bolsters, one feather bolster, two pair sheets, two pair of
blankets, two bed hillings three pounds. One old Chest
and an old trunk two shillings liij^l. ijs.

IN THE HINDS' † HALL.

Item one Longe Table, three formes xs.

THE LINNEN.

Item In Madam Pegg's drawers, one pair of holland sheets.
One holland pillow beer, two diaper table cloathes, two
dozen and eleven diaper napkins, two diaper side board
cloaths, three diaper towells v^l. ijs. vjd.

Item two pair of Linnen sheets, one flaxen sheet, one course
sheet, and five pillow beers xix^s. vjd.

Item fourteen pair of Linnen sheets, twelve pillow beers, six
linnen side board cloaths iiij^l. xiijs. iiij^l.

Item two dozen and ten fine Hagabuck napkins. One large
Hagabuck table cloath, one side board cloath, one little
table cloath ij^l.

Item fourteen course Hagabuck napkins and one course table
cloath viijs.

Item four dozen and nine dyaper napkins, three dyaper table
cloathes, and three dyaper towells xiiij^s.

Item six flaxen table cloathes vjs.

Item eleven calico table cloathes, and twelve course towells ii^l. ijs.

* An alembic.

† Servants or bailiffs in husbandry. It may be that the table in this hall was the one which stood in the refectory of the abbey, for in the inventory taken at the dissolution is: Bords iij, forms iij, tressyls vj.

IN THE BREW HOUSE.

Item two flasketts,* one cheese Tub, and two old barrills ..	vs.
Item one Lead	ijl.

IN THE DRY LARDER.

Item one table, a little desk, and an old chest, a Doshen† and Cheese fflat	vis. viijl.
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IN THE BEETING HOUSE.

Item one Large Arke	il.
Item one old Arke and chest .. .	xs.
Item a beeting chest, kneading Trough, and two temses ‡ ..	xs.

ATT STRAWBERRY LEE.

Item seaven score weathers and seaventy five ewes ..	liii. xs.
Item hey there	iiij. vjs. viijl.
Item one Cow In calv'd	ii. xs.

IN THE ABBY FLATT.

Item nineteen fat weathers and six ewes ..	viiij. vs.
Item one Oxe, two Segges § and a bull ..	xvj.
Item three heiffers	xl.
Item four oxen	xixl.
Item two heiffers	il. xvij.
Item one hundred thirty seaven more Store Sheep att three shillings and six pence a peice	xxiiij. ix. v.
Item one bay mare and Gelding	xvj.
Item two little grey horses	vj.
Item one old white mare and a black horse ..	ij. xs.
Item three asses and a foale	ij.

IN THE LOWER STABLE.

Item three Teames, two pair of waine bucks, two pair of Iron horses gayres two pair plow buckles, three sling yoakes, two Copp yoakes,** and gang of felkes ††	il. ix. ixl.
Item chopt Barke	vj. vs.

* A sort of basket fixed to the spigot inside the brewing vat as a sieve to prevent the hops from coming through.

† A tub to hold bread. Not in Halliwell with this meaning.

‡ Sieves.

§ According to Halliwell this word means a castrated bull. It is now said to mean an old sow, but the former meaning seems to apply here.

|| Either the body of a wagon, or the iron to which the horses are tied.

** Query.

†† Felkes are the fellows of a wheel.

IN THE OVER STABLE.

Item four saddles, three bridles, one case of pistols and holsters *l. xvij. viijd.*

IN THE CORNE CHAMBER.

Item one peece of sheet lead *l.*
 Item one pith pan* and marke, one waine Rope and two strikes *vjs. viijd.*
 Item Blend corne in the garner *xvjs.*
 Item one hack, one mattock, one axe, † one spade and two forkes *iijs. iiijd.*

IN THE COACH HOUSE.

Item one Iron plow, two other plows, one oxe harrow, two
 horse harrows and an old Coach *l. xs.*
 Item two long planks *vjs.*

IN THE WAINÉ HOUSE.

Item two ladders, two Cart waines, one Corne waine body, two
 old waine bodies, a ladder hose *iiij. xs.*

IN THE FOULD.

Item maynor and two old Standheeks ‡ *ijl.*

CORNE IN THE BARNE.

Item wheate ten pounds, Barley two pound Ten Shillings, Oates
 and pease Twelve pounds *xxiiijl. xs.*
 Item wheate sowen upon ground *iijl. xvijjs.*
 Item hay in the barnes and stack *xl.*
 Item twenty seaven stone of Wool at seven shillings six pence
 p' stone *xl. ijs. vjd.*

AT THE CORNE MILL.

Item one great Mooter § Arke, three little arkes, ten shillings,
 six boards, two sives, one hairecloth, one ffan, one pound
 five shillings eight pence tweve (*sic*) paper hammers, one
 dusting sive and pickes three shillings and fourpence. Two
 horses there one pound *ii. xixs.*

* A pitch-pan, for pitch used in marking sheep.

† A strong pick-axe or hoe.

‡ Racks for cattle to eat from.

§ From *multura*. The chest which receives the flour when ground.

Item Offall Wood and certaine Haslements il.

Suma totalis hujus inventerii ccccxcixl. vs. iiijl.

Exhibitum fuit . . . inventerium duodecimo die mensis Martii Anno Domini 1691 (Stilo Angliæ) per Magistrum Robertum Bargrave notarium publicum procuratorem pro executore, pro vero, pleno, et perfecto inventerio, sub protestatione tamen de addendo &c.

THO: WILLIAM REG'