

ART. XXII.—*Townfields at Threlkeld, Mardale, Wet Sleddale and Langdale.* By MISS GERTRUDE M. SIMPSON.

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THRELKELD.

THE Townfields of Threlkeld lie between the village and river Glenderamakin. They cover about 14 acres of land and are in long narrow strips of varying size. Some of the strips are over 3 acres and others only $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre.

According to the Tithe Award of 1849 there were eleven divisions held by five different owners. Two of these were described as arable and the others meadow.

The divisions are now fenced and have been enclosed for the last 70 years, but are still held by a number of owners.

MARDALE.

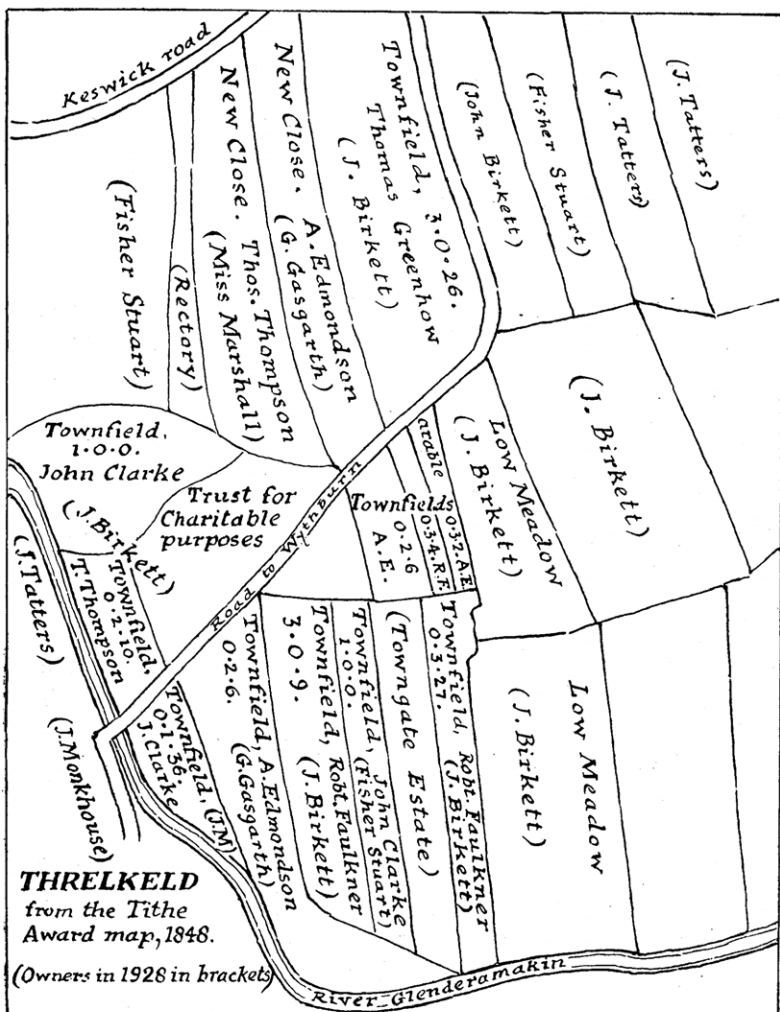
At Mardale the Common field—called the Mardale Field—was about 10 acres in extent and situated on both sides of the river at the head of the Lake.

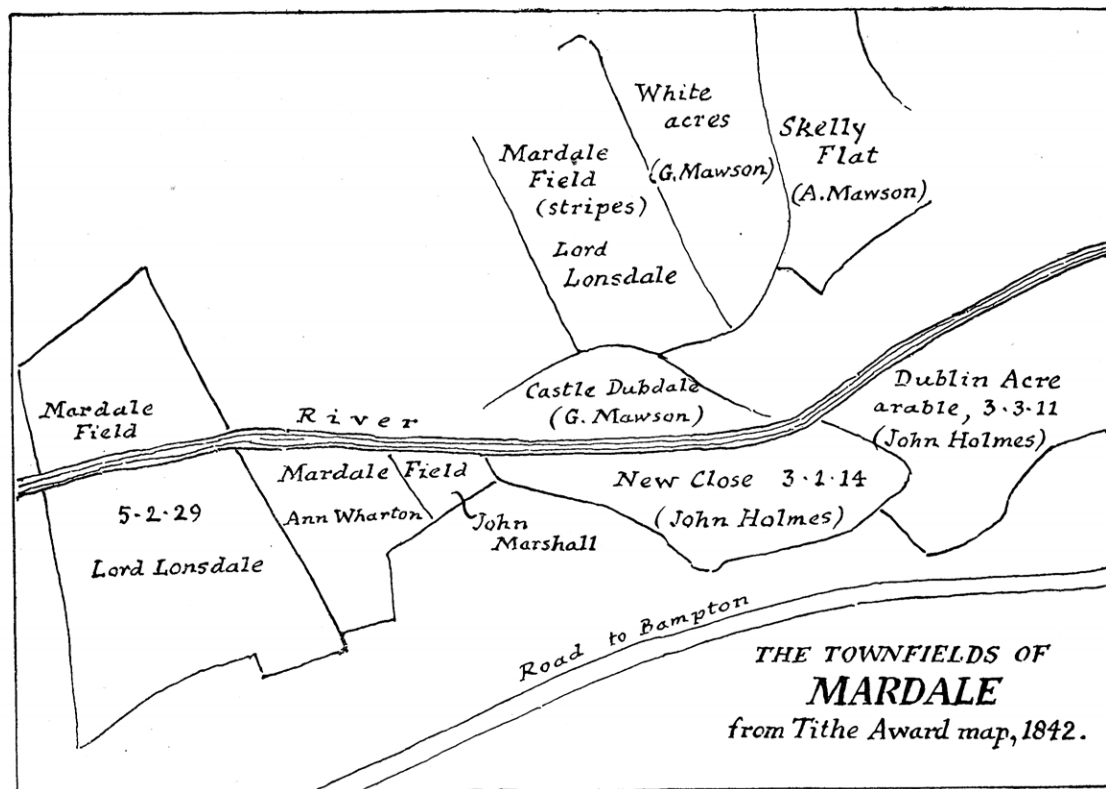
In 1842 there were four owners, Lord Lonsdale holding more than half of it; by the time the land passed to the Manchester Corporation it belonged to only two.

Mr. Bowman kindly let me look at the Tithe Awards of these two places, and Dr. Goodchild of Threlkeld has given me some help, for which I am obliged.

WET SLEDDALE.

In the Tithe Award of Wet Sleddale I found there were three owners of Bow Fields, the fields lying together and described as Arable.





GREAT LANGDALE.

There were two Common fields in Great Langdale, one now called Mickle Ing in the flat of the valley near Side House, and another nearer Middle Fell.

About 6 acres of Mickle Ing now go with Millbeck farm, $1\frac{1}{4}$ with Raw Head and a narrow strip with Dale End farm in Little Langdale.

A holding in the Common field went with High Close farm at least $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles away.