

**The Court Rolls of Baslow, Derbyshire,
Commencing Anno 13 Ed. II. (1319=20).**

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*(By the kind permission of His Grace the Duke of Rutland,
Lord of the Manor.)*



WHETHER any earlier rolls for this Manor ever existed it is impossible to say, but if this roll is the earliest, it commences, as we might naturally expect, with a list of the Tenants with their respective holdings and their obligations.

- Of Richard de *Ryele* for j mess. & j bov. of land xiiij^s . . .
by foreign service . . .
- Of the same Rich^d for j mess. iij and a half acres of the gift
of Richard son of Rich^d de Vernon iij^s . . . foreign
service & suit of court.
- Of the same Richard for ij parcels in Depedale clife which he
holds at will, iij^d . . . ?
- Of William de Boterhales for j mess. & j bovate of land iij^s and
one iron shoe p cartam dñi Willm F^{nceis}.
- Of Will. de Calvore for divers tenements xij^s.
- Of Rob. de Calvore for ij bovates of land i^d. He holds by
charter for foreign service & suit of court.
- Of Roger North for j mess. & j bovate of land vj^s. He holds
by suit of court & mill duty & by foreign service.

- Of the same Roger for the liberty of having quit claim of lord Richard son of lord William de Vernon ij^d.
- Of Thomas Swan for j mess. & j bovate of land v^s; of which iiij. s. at the Feast of Mich., and xij^d at the Annunciation.
- Of the heirs of William Wyne for j mess. & j bovate of land v^s. He holds by suit of court & mill duty.
- Of Galfrid le Leche for j mess. & j bovate of land vij^s. He holds by suit of court & mill duty, by homage & foreign service, by charter of Richard son of lord Rich. Vernon.
- Of William del Hawe for j mess. & half a virgate of land in Boterhales iiij^s iiij^d, measuring or mete-ing for one day at the great price with . . . He will grind to the xvjth grain.* He holds by charter of lord Richard (*sic*) of Richard de Vernon the father of Richard who died.
- Of William le Leche for j mess. containing iiij acres of land which Geoffrey Maycer held for xij^d for all things save foreign service.
- Of the same William who holds at will ij acres of land in Bronlleie &c., ij places of meadow near Tozeshurst v^s vj^d.
- Of the same William who holds at will viij acres of land in divers places.
- Of William le Leche for a proportion of the wood of Tozerhurst, land & meadow within the bounds of the same wood, with j acre which once Ralph Brun held, with five acres of land upon Bronile, with a portion of a certain place of land which is called '*The Grene*' in Basselowe lying between Olveston and the vill of Basselowe vij^s iiij^d. He holds by charter of Richard son of lord Richard de Vernon, doing suit to the mill to the xxth grain,† & suit of court. He holds by foreign service.
- Of.....for a portion of a certain place of land and meadow called '*Gryseclif*' between the bounds of the aforesaid place of Gryseclif iiij^s v^d for all things.

* The toll to consist of a sixteenth of the whole.

† The toll to form $\frac{1}{20}$ of the corn brought to the ground.

Of Robert le Leche for one mess. lying between the water (*sic*) xij^d. He holds by charter of lord Richard de Vernon.

“*Hawis del Shawe & Robertus de Fryggecote & . . . his wife*”—(written above the following entry)—

Adam del Shawe for j mess. & vj acres of land in ffroggecote ij^s iiij^d, & suit of the mill. He holds by charter of lord Richard de Vernon Knight, & by foreign service.

The Inquest said that Gattescroft is outside the bounds of Grisecloufeld, and that thirteen acres of land and one rood are in Bromley, of which two acres & j rood of land Richard de Ruley claimed to hold by charter: and one acre of ground lies . . . and that one acre of land is in Pippe grenis and the Buttes at the Boles. They said also that four acres of land are outside the wood of Corshurst which Philip le Leche claimed to hold by charter. They said also that one acre of land is at the entrance to Torhurst lying near the meadow. They said also that Richard de Ruley holds at will two acres of land in Depedale clif (*see first entry*). Mem^d that ij acres are upon the mulnehull & $\frac{1}{2}$ acre beyond j acre near Oskelmedewe side. The above-mentioned acre Philip le Leche claimed by a charter which makes no mention of them. If he claims to hold v acres of land in Bromlei no mention is made of Overby . . . nor of Nether Bromley, of which in Bromley-overe & Offechere are xij acres & j rood, of which the same Philip claims v acres by charter as his, & Richard de Ruyle claims to hold ij acres & j rood. And Philip & William his father claim to hold the whole of the remainder.

(*The particulars of this inquest are written in another and a larger hand. The following is by the former scribe*):—

Richard de Vernon who last died gave to William le Leche & his heirs all my portion of a certain wood which is called Tozeshurst, and all my land and my meadow, four measures of the same wood with j acre of land which Ralph Brun once held in Bobenhull, lying between the Stone cross (“*cruce[m] lapideam*”) upon Astly fege in length on one part, and the tenement of John de Calvore on the other.

And in breadth between Rymeles on one part and the land of the said John de Calvore. I have given and granted to the same William five acres of land upon Brumleie together with part of a certain place of land called the "*Grene*" in Basselowe, lying between Olveston & the vill of Basselowe. Holding to him & to his heirs of the same & his heirs for ever by the service of vij^s & iij^d for all things save foreign service, suits of court and multure.

Richard de Vernon son of William de Vernon gave to William son of Hugo de Stokis, this Hugo was father of Richard de Ruyle, for homage and his service the whole of Mutland with toft and croft in the vill and territory of Bobenhull,—that viz. which Jordan son of Matthew de Stanedon once held with the appurts. and w^t the assart which Roger de Griseclif once held in divers places in the two Bromeleies and in Pipegrenes holding of me & my heirs to himself & his heirs by the accustomed services, paying iij^d for all things, foreign service excepted.

It is agreed by Matilda de Vernon that none of her tenants shall leave her manor without any intimation of the same under penalty of half a mark for each desertion.

Rental of Baslow.

Temp. Edwd. II.

Richard de Riley did fealty—a free-tenant.

Will de Boterhales holds by fealty j mess. & j bovate of land by the service of iij^d per ann. paying at Michaelmas. He has a charter of lord Gilbert Franceys and renders one pair of iron horse shoes.

Will de Calvour holds divers tenements by payment of xii^s per ann. by equal portions, and he holds a mess. and a bovate by the service of v^s per ann. with suit of court and of mill.

Roger North did fealty & holds j mess. & j bovate of land by the service v^s per ann., suit of court and of mill.

- Robert de Calvour holds two bovates by the service of i^d at Michaelmas, with suit of court, homage, & fealty, and by foreign service.
- Thomas Swan did fealty ; & holds a mess. and one bovat of land by the service of v^s per ann. at Michaelmas and xij^d at the Feast of the B. Mary.
- John le Wyne (*this name covers the name of John de Cordē burgh*) holds a free tenement formerly held by Will le Wyne. He holds a mess. & a bovat for a term of years, and pays v^s per ann., with suit of court and of mill.
- Elias son of Rich^d le Fox of Basselow a "native" (*a son of the soil and alienable with it*) resides near Clerkenwelle and is named there "Elias the Mele-maker." He is a 'native.'
- Geoffry le Leche holds a mess & a bov. of land by vij^s and suit of court and mill. He did not render fealty. He has a charter of lord Richard son of lord Will de Vernon ; & holds by homage, & fealty, & foreign service.
- Philip le Leche holds a mess. & a bov. of land by the service of iij^s iiij^d p^r ann. by equal portions.
- Hugh de Piwewrthe holds a mess. & half a bov. of land by the service of v^s per ann. and j^d, and suit of court and mill. He holds also j mess. & iij acres of land by the service of xij^d halfpenny, with suit of court and mill.
- William son of Geoffry le Leche did fealty and holds i mess. & iij acres of land by xij^d per ann., with suit of court and mill.
- Robert le Leche did fealty, & holds a mess. by the service of xij^d per ann.
- Robert le Froggote did fealty, and holds a certain place of land in the Linleye by the service of a farthing per ann. at Michaelmas.
- Rob. de Froggote and Avice his wife (*Adam del Shawe is here inserted, as though her second husband*) holds j mess. & vj acres of land by the service of ii^s iiij^d, and by homage & fealty, multure of mill, and foreign service.

William Pope did fealty, & holds one mess. by reason of a bovate & ij acres of land, by the service of viij xj^d and j "bonepenny," and other services, as suit of mill to the xvjth grain. He makes suit to court and also to the mill.

William le Marescall did fealty for one mess. by reason of a bovate of land held by service of vj^s viij^d & other services.

Ralph Pras did fealty for a messuage and half a bovate; to plough by service of iij^s iij^d; with j bonepenny p. ann. & other services.

Will. Jekc did fealty. He holds a mess. & a bov. of land by service of vj^s viij^d and bonepenny, & other services.

Robert in the Wro did fealty. He holds a mess. & a half, and a bov. and a half of land by serv. of xij^s ix^d, & bonepenny & other services.

William son of Geoffry le Leche did fealty and holds a moiety of a mess., and half a bovate of land by serv. of vij^s iij^d per ann. w^t bonepenny & other services.

John Wryat did fealty. He holds a mess. & a bovate & one heriot — land by xij^s ix^d p. a. & bonepenny & other services.

Roger le Leche did fealty and holds xvij^s in rental. j mess. & a half, and a bovate & a half, by serv. of xiiij^s, by reason of another half bovate & bonepenny p.a. & other services.

Richard son of Henry holds a mess. & a bovate & in rents xij^d vij^s vj^d & bonepenny & other services.

Robert le Leche did fealty, and holds half a bovate at a rental of iij^s iij^d by the service of iij^s vj^d p. a. and bonepenny & other services.

John de Boterhales did fealty. He holds vj^s ix^d in rental, and a mess. & half a bovate of land by the service of iij^s & bonepenny p. a., & other services.

Geoffry, son of Geoffry le Leche did fealty, and holds a mess. & half a bovate of land by the service of iij^s p. a. & bonepenny.

William Cademan did fealty, and holds a mess. & half a bovate of land by the service of ij^s vj^d & bonepenny & other services.

Robert Atteford did fealty, & holds a mess. & vj acres of land by the service of xxj^d halfpenny, and bonepenny & other services.

Will del Hache did fealty, & holds a mess. & half a bov. of land by the service of ij^s vj^d ob. & bonepenny and other services.

William le Tasker did fealty, & holds a mess. & two acres of land by serv. of xv^d & bonepenny & other services.

Will le Tasker	} did fealty, and hold one mess. "togeder"
Will del Le	

Henry son of Alan did fealty, & holds a message & four acres of land by the service of ij^s vj^d.

Robert Hayward (*erased*) "William Tagler in his place" (*written above*) holds one mess. & ij acres & a half by the service of ij^s vj^d per ann.

John le Writhe (junior) holds a mess. & ij acres & j rood by the service of xxj^d & bonepenny & other services.

Agnes le Mason holds a mess. & an acre & a rood.

sic. { Richard de Vernon who last died gave to William le Boole & his heirs the whole of his part of a certain wood which is called "Corpshurste," and the whole of my land & meadow within the bounds of the same wood, with one acre of land which Ralph Brun once held lying between the stone cross (*crucem lapideam*) upon Lachynegge (*the Chine Edge*) in length on one part: and the tenement of John de Calvere on the other part: and in breadth between Runeles on one part, and the land of the said John on the other. I have given & granted to the same

William five acres of land upon Bromele ("he hath the same vij acres"—*written above*) with my portion of a certain place of land which is called 'Le Grene' in Basselowe lying between

Olveston & the vill of Basselowe, Holding to him and his heirs, paying thence per annum vij^s iij^d and suit of court, and of mill to the xxⁱⁱⁱ (sixtieth) grain, & suit of court, and foreign service. Given on Wednesday next before the feast of S^t Dionis in the 4th year of the reign of K. Edward II. Foreign service excepted."

Richard de Vernon who last died gave to William le Leche the whole apportion of a certain place of land (Philip le Leche is tenant) and meadow which is called "Brise-clif," in length and breadth between the bounds of the aforesaid place of Brise-clif (it is outside the bounds of Brise-clyf) paying per annum iij^s & v pence for all services.

Richard de Vernon son of Gilbert Frances (Philip is tenant) gave to William (Tite?) one of those said bovates of land which Nicholas de Boterhales held, paying thence yearly four shillings, and suit of court, and foreign service.

Richard de Vernon son of Gilbert Frances (Philip is tenant) gave to William (Tite or Tice) one mess. and an acre and a rood of land which Robert son of Nicholas held, (paying yearly fourteen pence, and suit of court,) by foreign service.

Richard le Crouder did fealty. He holds one acre by the service of ix^d per ann. & bonepenny, & does other services.

Henry son of Richard did fealty. He holds a cot and land at 11^d p. a. and bonepenny.

Robert son of Richard did fealty. He holds a mess. & a bovate of land, & ij acres by the service of ix^s p. a., & bonepenny, & other services.

Peter Flote did fealty, & holds a mess. & a bovate of land by the service of ix^s and bonepenny, & other services.

John Flote did fealty. He holds a mess. & a bovate & ij acres of land by the serv: of ix^s p. a., & bonepenny, & other services.

William de Begeley ("Rich. Flote" written above) did fealty & holds a mess. & a bovate & ij acres of land by the service of ix & bonepenny, & other services.

Richard Flote did fealty & holds a cot & a croft at xvj^d p. a. with bonepenny, & other services.

John de Ry(?)burgh did fealty, & holds a cot & a croft at ix^d & ij^d p. a. with bonepenny, & other services.

Joan de Cast : (? *Caster* ? *Chester*) did fealty, & holds a place & half a bovate of land, & pays iiij^s p. a. & other services.

William Eliot of Bobenhull holds a mess. & half a bovate of land and renders iiij^s p. a. with other services.

William Gregori did fealty. He holds a mess. and half a rood of land at xii p. a. & bonepenny, & other services.

Peter Flote holds a garden & renders x^d p. a. and other services.

William le Leche (not yet paid for his ingress) holds at will three places of meadow, ij acres of land in Bromlei near Tozerhurst & renders v^s vj^d.

The same William holds at will viij acres of land in divers places, & pays ij^s. : he has not paid for his ingress.

Philip le Leche holds a part of Vernon meadow of the Old & pays ij^d. He holds at will.

Richard de Ruyle says that he holds at will ij parcels of land in Depedale clif but he knows not how much land lies there. He pays iiij^d p. annum.

Md. That ij acres of land lie above Basselowe Barre which was accustomed to yield vj^d per ann. It is in the hands of the lord.

Richard de Vernon who last died alienated to Richard de Ruyle & Margaret his wife & their heirs and assigns one messuage with the croft adjacent, and ij acres of land & one acre of meadow which is called *Le Presteffloke* in Bobenhull holding to himself & his heirs of him & his heirs for ever by the service of iii^s to the end of the statute for all things except foreign service, suit of court, & mill.

The jury said that the lady had in her hands one place of land formerly enclosed containing j bovate of land called *Vernoneslege*

The jury said that the lady had after the death after the church, and if not had, j beast due between the lady & holy church by lot.*

They said that the lady ought of a certain place of land which is called *Pegcroftleg* which Geoffry del Hakemon of Chatsworth holds.

They said that a certain place of land which is called Gotescroft which Philip le Leche holds of the feofment of William de which R. Vernon who last died demised.

Robert le Leche exhibited a charter of one messuage (held) by feofment of lord Richard Vernon *between the waters (sic)* at xij^d per ann.

Adam del Schawe exhibited a charter of Rich. de Vernon Knight for one mess. & six acres of land in Froggot by the service of xxviiij^d per ann. & for common multure, except foreign service, & for suit of mill.

Roger North exhibited a charter made by Richard son of William de Vernon holding by the service of v^s one messuage & a bovate of land for only, foreign service, and multure to the sixteenth grain : and he has Warranty.

The said Roger North exhibited a Quit claim of William de Vernon made to Roger Blund of all kinds of services (the services of natives) and made him free—paying thence yearly to himself & his heirs one penny for ever.

William le Leche of Basselowe exhibited a charter of Richard de Vernon of a moiety of land which Geoffry Martel held, paying thence yearly xii^d for all things foreign service excepted.

William del Hache shewed a charter of Richard de Vernon (leasing?) land in Boterhales which Walkelin Pellipar held at the rent of xv^s & four pence half penny except once in fowling at the great price, and to the mill to the sixteenth grain. And the said William agreed to one price each year for xx years.

* NOTE.—The meaning of this defective passage seems to be : That after the death of a tenant, the lady had the choice of a heriot after the church, but if there was only one beast, then it should fall to the lady or holy church by lot.

(At this point there is a gap in the Baslow Rolls from 1320 to 1346—i.e., 26 years.)

Baslow Court held Wednesday the Feast of the Conception of the B. V. Mary Dec. 8. Anno 20 Ed. III. (1346).

Jury:—Rog. de Boterales	John Bagard
Will. de Ffalowe	Will. le Webster
John Oforpins	Will. le Milner
Nich. Dawson	John Taillour of Quord-
Hen. Taillows	burgh
Will. de Ffryth	Will Pope
John Grymbald	

Ralph le Leach or Lech appears somewhat litigious.

The case of Rob. Labbot plaintiff & John Taillows defend^t was deferred until the next court, for free tenants do not owe suit, neither did the plaintiff nor defendant appear.

John de Penyston had been summoned to respond to Ralph le Lech *Alderman of the Guild of the Blessed V. Mary* (of Baslow) on the plea of debt.

The land which John de Malthus held—now in the tenure of Richard le Taillows—has deteriorated by ij shill.

The house formerly Richard Wastells has been well repaired by John del Malecam.

Baslow Court, Wednesday next after S. Hilary same year.

Ralph le Lech, *Alderman of the Guild of the B. V. Mary, of Baslow* plaintiff against John Taillows of Quordbourough on the plea of debt.

John de Penyston junior, for detention of vj^s viij^d belonging to Ralph le Lech (in mercy). Robert de Boler also owed Ralph xvij^d (in mercy).

The Bailiff complained that he had not (in his custody) John de Penyston senior to respond to the same Ralph on the plea of debt. Ordered to make further distraint.

John de Grymball was another debtor; in mercy.

Will. le Clerke &c., plaintiffs against Will. le Milner & John son of Henry le Taillows on the plea of debt; also against Rob Cudy; also against John North & Hen. le Taillows.

Baslow Court, Wednesday next after the Feast of Purification, 20 Edw. III. 1345-6.

Magota Basset (her absence was excused at the last court), now she is not present (in mercy).

Will. le Milner, John Taillovs of Querdburg, Nich. Dawson, Thom Habbeson, John Grymbold, Rich Habbeson, Will. del Froe, Will. de Chynley & John del Maldane all owe suit.

Baslow Court, Wednesday, Feast of S. Cedde Ep. Mar. 2, 20 Ed. III.

John Taillovs of Quedburgh was presented for detaining iiiij^s v^d belonging to the Guild of the B. V. Mary. In mercy.

The Bailiff was in mercy because he had not William Milner to respond to Will le Clerk & John le Taillovs present in court, on the plea of debt. Ordered to make further distraint.

John Taillovs of Bubbenhall plaintiff against Ralph Tybboson for detaining his cattle.

(Hiatus of 8 years. Rolls lost.)

Great Court of Baslow held Wed. next after the Invention of the Holy Cross (May 3). Anno 28 Ed. III. (1354)

Jury:—Geoffry Leche	Ric. le Leche
Steph Cudy	Will. Elyot
Ralph Leche	John de Sheladon
Rob: Note	Will. fil. Roger
Geoffry le Bolar	John le Brughe
Ric. Swan	Will. Spakeman*

The above named jury said on their oath that John de Edensoure by William de Blithe his workman had turned a separate water course of the lord's unto a certain *fulling mill* held by the same John. Wherefore it was ordered to be filled up, and that the said John & William be attached to answer to the lord for their transgression.

The miller presented that Will. le Brenner had withdrawn his suit from the (corn) mill. In mercy.

* The same name undoubtedly as Spateman, Spademan, and sometimes Spadman. The mother of John Flamstead, the Astronomer Royal, who was born at Denby in 1646, was Mary Spateman.

Great Court of Baslow held Tuesday on the Feast (Oct. 28) of the Apostles Ss. Simon & Jude. anno 28 . . . Edw. III.

Excused—William son of Rog. Leche for non appearance.

Robert de Hethcote concerning a case.

Roger North, John Ugas, Giles Leche, John Wright,
John Atteyate.

William Leche complained that Geoffry Bolar with his dog had killed his pig worth xl^d.

Tenants of the Manor of Baslow, A.D. 1355.

Court of Baslow held Wednesday on the Morrow of the Ascension anno 29 Edward III. 1355.

Roger North did fealty, and acknowledged himself to hold a mess. & a bovate by homage & fealty, and for the service of iiij^s vj^d; and one mess. & a bovate of land by fealty & by the service of providing a pair of shoes of iij^d: and ij acres of land, & iij parcels of meadow at will, by the service of iij^s viij^d.

Alice, the dau. of Robert the son of Thomas, did fealty, and acknowledged she held iiij ac. of land which Roger North held & concerning which she had a charter by . . . Dionis son of Will. Leche. John de Edinshour nearest uncle acknowledged that he held one messuage & half a bovate of land, and one bovate of land called Tornshust by the service of vj^s x^d.

Giles son of John did fealty & owned that he held of the lord one place of land called Wychefeld, by the service of xv^d and vij acres of land at will for the service of ij^s.

Stephen Smt^h did fealty, & owned he held j mess. & j bov. of land by charter, by homage & by the service of v^s and also j mess. & half a bov. of land by the service of iij^s iiij^d ob.

Richard le Leche did fealty, and owned that he held by charter j mess. & j bovate by the service of vij^s: and j mess. and half a bovate at will, by the service of ij^s vj^d ob. and j^d for bone silver. (*i.e.*, boon silver; a sort of present to the lord.)

Ralph son of Isabel did fealty, and owned that he held by charter one mess. & $\frac{1}{2}$ a bov. of land by the service of ij^s ij^d and ij^d for multure, and iij acres of land at will by the service of xij^d, and it is called 'Hogfeld.'

Lord (*Dns.*) Will de Ruyley did fealty and acknowledged that he held by charter a mess. and a bovate of land, and ij acres and a rood & a half by the service of v^s ij^d.

William son of Robert le Leche did fealty, and owned that he held iij messuages and other certain tenements by the service of xvij^d.

Richard Swan did fealty and owned that he held by charter one mess. and a bovate of land by the service of v^s.

Roger de Boterhal did fealty, and confessed that he held by charter one mess. & iij acres of land by the service of xij^d *ob.*

William Wyne Knight (*chr.*) acknowledged that he held of the lord j mess. and j bovate of land by charter, by the service of v^s. And John son of Robert de Sheldon held the said tenement of the aforesaid William.

Emma de Calvar & Joan de Reyleye free tenants came not; and Robert son of Roger le Leche came not.

John Pope acknowledged that he held a messuage & a bovate of land by the service of viij^s & vj^d and j^d (*bone penny*).

Agnes, dau. of Roger did fealty, & owned she held j mess. & half a bov. of land & j acre, by service of vj^s iij^d and j. bone penny.

Ralph Leche owned that he held of the said bovate iij acres & half a rood by the service of ij^s iij^d.

William son of Robert le Leche did fealty & owned that he held a mess. & a bovate of land by the service of viij^s vj^d and j^d and held a mess. & half a bov. of land by the service of xxj^d *ob.* and j^d.

Ric. le Ruscher did fealty & confessed that he owned i mess. & j bovate of land by viij^s vj^d, and j^d.

John de Wrigth holds i cottage & j acre of meadow which was John Machor's, by the service of ij^s, & that he held half a bovate of land by the service of iij^s iij^d p ann.

Robert Eliot did fealty, & owned that he held j mess. & half a bovate of land by the service of iij^s iij^d, and i^d. And Geoffry le Boler holds another half bovate of land by the service of iij^s iij^d.

The same Geoffry holds a mess. & a bovate of land for viij^s vj^d and i^d, and a cottage which was Richard le Crowder's for ix^d and i^d and a piece of land for vj^d. And he gave for fine xij^s iij^d.

Geoffry de Leche did fealty. He holds a mess. and a bovate of land by the service of viij^s vj^d and i^d.

Richard de Derleye and Alice le Boler did fealty, and owned that they held a mess. & a bovate of land by the service of viij^s vj^d and i^d.

Henry le Hostil & Ralph le Leche (apparently tenants).

William Spakemon did fealty, and acknowledged one cottage & iij acres of land by the service of ij^s vj^d and i^d.

Robert le Webster acknowledged j cott. and ij acres of land and a half by the service of ij^s vj^d and i^d.

Richard Wastel acknowledged j cotage by the services of ij^d and i^d.

Henry de Couplond holds j cottag. & ij acres of land by the service of xij^d and j^d. (*Died 10 Ric. II.—C. K.*)

Rob. Pye holds a mess. & half a bov. of land by the service of ij^s vj^d and i^d.

Robert Note holds a mess. & a bov. of land by the service of ix^s and i^d.

Margaret in the Lane.

Robert le Taylour j mess. & half a bovate of land by the service of v^s and i^d.

Nicholas Henry owned that he held the other half bovate by the service of iij^s and also a cottage by the serv. of xij^d and j^d.

William Elot holds a mess. and half a bovate of land by the service of iij^s vj^d and he holds a cottage at xv^d and i^d.

Robert son of Walter (le Hond) holds a cottage & j mess. and half a bovate of land by the service of viij^s vj^d and i^d.

. . . de Derley holds a mess. & half a bovate by the service of vij^s.

At an inquest the jury said that Rob. de Hethcote came not. That Will. de Eliot had not repaired his house. That Roger le North had brewed & sold ale contrary to the assize.

Rent Roll of the Manor of Haddon

taken at the Court held there on Wednesday the morrow of the Ascension of our Lord Anno 29 Edward III. (1355).

Ralph de Fremon did fealty, and he held of the lord a moiety of a messuage and half a bovate of land by the service of xvij^d, and suit of Court.

John de Haddon did fealty, and owned that he held of the lord j place being a certain part of one bovate of land : and he and others held for ij parts ; paying yearly j lb of pepper at the feast of S. Martin, and j lb of cummin.

Richard son of Philip did fealty, and owned that he held i mess. & i bovate of land by the service of x^s.

Rich^d. de la Hel. and Robert Somer.

Geoffry Somer held a cottage by the service of xij^d.

Roger Colyn held a mess. & a bovate by the serv. of x^s.

William de Beley held iij acres & a half & a rood of land by the serv. of iij^s & v^d.

Hugh son of Geoffry held and j bov. of land by the serv. of x^s.

Robert Knyte held i mess. & iij acres of land by the service of iij^s.

Stephen son of William held j mess. & j bov. of land by the service of x^s.

Will. Fithel held i cott. by the serv. of ij^s and he made a heriot, worth xij^d.

Tilla wife of Ralph holds a cott. & pays xij^d.

Ralph de Waistowe holds j toft and pays viij^d.

Roger Scot holds a cott. by the service of ij^s.

Thomas Turnour holds a cottage by serv. of xij^d.

Hugh le Boler holds a cottage by the serv. of xiiij^d.

Robert White holds a certain tenement at xxvij^s per ann.

Robert son of Marg. holds a cott. paying xij^d ob. p. ann.

Robert Altus (*High* or *Heugh*) holds a place of land and a pasture called Helleker (*Hillcarr*) paying iij^s while he holds it.

Geoffry de Haddon holds a mess. and a bovate of land by the service of x^s.

The inquest jury said that Henry le Pole owed xij^d rent ; vj^d for a place of land called "*The Held*" and vj^d for the Ox-lese. They said that John le Lindop and Rob. de la Croft agisted their sheep in the lord's pasture: in mercy. Item that Will. le Hoke made a way in the meadows of the lord's tenants through the middle of his garden making egress and ingress.

Sum of the Rents of Haddon xvij^s vij^d.

Basselow Court, Wednesday in the Vigil of SS. Simon and Jude, Anno R.R. 30 Edw. III. (1356).

Excused:—Will. de Ruyle, Rob. Pye.

John Fox, plaintiff, against Will. Leche on the plea of trespass.

He said that W. Leche had depastured his beasts in his growing corn, who was ordered to recuperate Fox with 10 sheaves of corn. Richard Wastel complained that Henry de Coupland had committed the like offence. Coupland was ordered to compensate Wastel by giving him xxiiij sheaves.

Henry de Hostelar had trespassed with his pigs in the corn of Walter de Leche, doing injury to the am^t of vj^s viij^d.

Inqusion taken on the oaths of Rog. North, Will. fil Rob., Giles de Leche, John de Endessore, Ralph le Leche, John le Wright, Geoffry le Leche, Ric. fil Rob., Ric. Swan, John fil Robert, Rob. Taylour, Will. Eliott, who said that Rob.

son of Rog. le Leche who held of the lord half a mess. & another tenement did not come to do fealty. That Rob. de Hethcote made default of court. In mercy.

✠ That John de Couston who held an open field called 'Dylfeld' by military service, and a bovate in 'Grystlyffeld,' is dead,* and is dau. Emma is under age, whereupon the land is assumed by the lord in the name of guardian.

✠ William de Calvour who held of the lord a mess. & a bovate of land called Stonhall by military service is dead, and his dau. Cecily is under age, wherefore the land is now in the hands of the lord as guardian.

Presented that a place of land called 'Pengersleye' contains ij acres, parcel of the manor. It is arranged that Alan Foliaumb shall have it at the rent of iij^d per ann.

✠ Geoffry atte Wode who held of the lord one mess. & a bovate & a half of land, and a cottage, is dead, by whose death the lord had a moiety of a vessel—"vase" value ij^s. Whereupon Alice wife of the said Geoffry sought one third part of the said tenement, according to the custom of the manor, & the said cottage and a moiety of a bovate (*i.e.*, $\frac{1}{3}$ of the whole) was assigned to her.

Ralph le Leche came and took up the mess. and the bovate which Geoffry at Wode formerly held, by the service due & accustomed, and gave xx^s for his admission, and did fealty, and pledged himself to keep the same in good repair, by Richard son of Robert and William son of Robert. Alice, wife of Geoffry atte Wode paid a fine of iij^d for brewing the following year.

(This license seems to have been allowed to widows to form further provision for their support.)

Roger de Wynfeld & John de Crech (*probably old neighbours and quarrymen from S. Wingsfield and Crich*) came and took the quarry this year paying lxvj^s viij^d at the feasts of S. James and S. Mark by equal portions.

* In a subsequent entry this tenant is termed *Nicholas de Songston*, and his daughter 'Emma' as here.

On a strip attached to the margin of this roll is the following :—

“Memorand. That Richard de Vernon Kt. lord of Basselow, granted to Robert de Hethcote the custody of the lands and the heir of William de Calvour, viz: of Cecily daughter of the said William, and one bovate of land w^t the appurts. in Basselowe, having & holding the same until the lawful age of the said heir, save the services due unto the lord. In testimony of which the aforesaid lord has placed his seal to this letter. Given at Haddon on Wednesday next before the feast of Palm Sunday, Anno xxx Edward III.

(Seal strip left, but Seal lost.)

Richard le Leche came & took up one cottage in Cordborgh formerly Legger le Hunte's: held according to the custom of the manor.

John le Skynner came & took up a cottage called 'Holweyrede' in Baslow which Will. le Boller formerly held, & did fealty.

Presented that William le Leche unjustly detained his rent of ix^d for a field called 'Horseleye'—also he unjustly kept back vj^d of the rent for dame Susanna Feld, and distrained for the rent of two back years. His arrearage amounts to xij^d. It is ordered to be paid.

Presented that Will. le Leche and John his brother made an assault with a sword and other arms, and with words, upon Roger Barstow clerk to the lord.

Presented that Giles son of John, and Roger North cut down the lord's wood without licence.

It. Stephen de Ruyler fished the lord's waters with a "Law-sper."*

It. William son of Robert le Leche injured five houses at the Ford to the damage of xx^s. Ordered to be distrained until he pay for the waste.

* (*Law spear. Law=lake. Law-sper=Lake spear.*)

Margaret de Ruyle came and made satisfaction to the lord for the custody of Joan her daughter who is within age for j messuage held of the lord, and iij acres lying in Bubnell : and she gave to the lord vj^s viij^d for the wardship of the said Joan. Pledge Richard le Leche. To be paid at Pentecost.

It was granted by the lord that a cottage upon Baslow Green which Geoffry Boler formerly held should be held by the Brethren of Saint Mary's Guild of Saint Mary of Basselowe celebrated in the church, holding the same at will to the lord at the yearly rent of xij^d, and she did fealty according to custom, and it was accustomed to pay x^d p ann.

Robert de Hethcote gave to the lord for the marriage and wardship of Cecily daughter & heir of William de Calvour until the full age of the said Cecily, xiiij^s iiij^d by pledge of Roger North paying the same at Pentecost next.

In dorso. (Apparently a draft deed.)

Know ye all that we Thomas Symonde of Tamworth, Burgess, and John Symonds of the same are chiefly held and by this present writing are firmly bound to Richard Vernon of Harlaston Knight, in the sum of twenty pounds of good & lawful money—Paying to the same Richard or to his true attorney on the feast of ——— without any delay, in regard to that we are bound to pay, doing faithfully and well as we are engaged by these presents, we, our heirs, and our executors. In testimony of which, to this present writing we have affixed our seals.

[The rolls of the next two courts are of paper, about 12 ribs or waves to the inch. The water-mark consists of two circles arranged one above the other and a little apart, with the single stem of a cross passing through the centre of each but terminating at the base of the lower circle. Both sheets are in an almost disintegrated condition ; and no wonder, for they have existed 541 years. The cross is quite plain]

Great Court of Baslow held Wednesday next before the Feast of S. Barnabas the Apostle. Anno 31 Edm. III.

ESSONA	Richard Wastell	Rob. de Hethcote
	John de Endesore	
JURY.	Ralph Leche	John le Wrighte
	John son of Rob.	Hen. Hosteler
	Roger Boterhales	Rich ^d le Leche
	Will. Eliott	Rob. Taillour
	Giles son of John	Ric. Swan
	Will Spakemon	John Elott

They said Rob. son of Roger le Lech made default.

Presented that the water was stopped from its right course to the mill.

A place of land called 'Pengerlee' was formerly held of the lord, and now, no rent is paid for it, although it is occupied by Alan Fuliaumbe. It is ordered to be taken again into the hands of the lord.

Will. de Stafford trespassed with his cattle on the Moor without licence. Agnes del Dale has ij horses there. Richard Clerk has ij "stirkes" there. Stephen of the meadow trespassed with his sheep in the corn, placed his calves at Depedale, and cut down the lord's wood. John Michel did likewise, John de Dylron damaged the fences there to the value of xx^s and Will. de Pilleslee, Will. son of John, Thomas de Hele, & Agnes his mother, and John de Wyches did similarly.—They are all in Mercy.

Court held at Haddon by Henry de Applebyon Thursday next after the Feast of Corpus Christi in the 32nd year of Edward III. (1358).

Ralph Ffremon free. John Deweler, Ric. del Hull, Geoffry Senior of Rouleslie, Hugh son of Isold, Ric. son of Philip, Will Walshe, John Hert.

Rob le White, Will Chiel, Rob. Kyte of Alleport, Roger Beumaner, Rog. Colyn, Hugh Gonryg, Will. Bele, Geoff. de Haddon, Matilda Glabour of Haddon, did fealty to the lord.

The jury said that a footpath at the Dedelone was stopped up by Henry de la Pole to the injury of the tenants. John de Waystowe agisted his sheep in the lord's pasture. Rich. Wilmeracre trespassed with his sheep in the same. John Hert one of the lord's natives staid away beyond his time from the lordship, but it was not known where he tarried. Rich. Bergen & Will. de Hull fished in preserved waters. In mercy. Roger Beumanor brewed twice and sold ale contrary to the assize.

Court of the lord Richard le Vernon Knight held at Baslow on Wednesday next after the Feast of the Assumption S. V. Mary. Anno 33 Edw. III. (1359).

The tax collectors (*taxatores*) Will. Helot & Ric. le Rischer presented that Will Spakemon had brewed five times and sold contrary to the assize. In mercy:—x^d. Numerous others were fined for a similar offence, and charged ij^d for each brewing or delinquency, but the wife of Roger North was forgiven.

Ralph Leche to repair his house under penalty of xl^d.

Surety Rog. North.

Henry de Couplond to repair his by next court under pain of iij^s iiij^d. Surety Will. Leche.

John le Taillour of Cordeburg took up a cottage and half a rood in Cordeburg. Paid xij^d for his ingress.

The wife of Rich^d de Gryndilford agisted iiij animals upon the moor. In mercy.

John le Briche of Midilton cut down the lord's wood in the 'Hawe' in 'Hynechose.'

Richard son of Robert agisted xx animals upon the moor of Cordeburg without licence of the bailiff. In mercy.

Court of Haddon held there on Wednesday on the Morrow of the Assumption S. V. Mary the same year.

Hugh de Boler excused.

William Colyn took up a bovate at the yearly rent of x^s and he paid xij^d for his ingress.

The same William brewed, and sold ale contrary to the assize, iiij^d. Roger Bomar do. ij^d. Rob Chelon iiij^d. John Dawson j^d. John de Haddon.

Baslow Court, Wednesday next after S. Wistan* King.
Anno R. R. 36 Ed. III.

John de Molnere to be distrained to do fealty for the tenement he held in right of his wife.

Will. de Beñtleye took up a cottage formerly John le Glover's. Ingress ij^s. Pledges—Rich. Wastel, and John Pope, for the sustentation of his cottage.

Nicholas Coterell paid vj^d yearly for the Fuller's Mill.

John & William Spakemon came & took up a cottage formerly William Spakeman's. Ingress xx^s. Tenants at will.

Geoffry de Leche took up a messuage & a bovate. Tenants at will. Ingress xiiij^s iiij^d. Fealty, &c.

Baslow Court, Thursday in Feast of S. Cedde Bp.
(Mar. 2) Anno 37 Ed. III. (1362-3).

JURY:—Will. le Legh	Ric. Wastell
John de Edensore	John son Robert de
Steph Cuydy	Curburg
Will Eliot	Ric. Swan
Rich. son of Robert	Nich. Hervy
John Wrighte	Ric. de Derleie
Geoffry Leche	

They said that Emmota de Calvour John son of Giles le Legh Joan dau of Nicholas, & Rob. son of Roger Lech ought to appear, & came not. In mercy.

Robert le Taillour de Curburgh 4^d, John Taillour 4^d, Robert son of Walter 4^d, and Marg^t wife of John Retahunt 4^d, owed suit of mill. In mercy.

* S. Wistan does not occur in Butler's Lives of the Saints. His festival was held on June 1st according to the old English Calendar:—"Nor shall my history be wanting in thy praise, Wistan, blessed youth, son of Wimund, son of Withlaf, king of the Mercians, and of Elfreda daughter of Ceolwulf who was the uncle of Kenelm; I will not pass over thee in silence whom Berfert thy relation so atrociously murdered.—A pillar of light sent down from Heaven piercing the sable robe of night revealed the wickedness of the deep cavern and brought to view the crime of the murderer." His body was interred at Repton (*Malmesbury*). Ingulf says Berfert slew S. Wistan on the vigil of Pentecost with the sanction of K. Bertulph his father. I mention this because I am much inclined to believe that Wessington, anciently "Wistan-ton" or Wistan's-town, was either the birthplace or property of this S. Wistan.—

Agnes dau. of Roger surrendered i mess. & a moiety of bovate and j acre of the other part of the same bovate, upon which John of Crynne servant of Rog. North came & took it up at the will of the lord paying vj^s iiij^d yearly, *and a penny called Bonepenny as ancient rent.* Ingress fine ij^s, Roger North being pledge.

Nicholas Hervy gave xx pullets that he might not be elected provost. Richard Rush was removed from that office and William Spakeman was elected in his place, and took the oath.

Robert Taillour, Richard de Derleie, and Will Eliot were elected to the office of Woodward, & took their oath.

The following persons to build & sustain their houses before S. John Baptist's Day, under the several penalties annexed, Will Eliot, xx^s. Robert le Taillour, xxvj^s viij^d. Margery wife of John, xl^s.

**Great Court, Baslow. Wednesday, morrow of S. Andrew.
Anno. 37 Edmd. III. (1363).**

John Taillour surrendered a cottage &c. in Corburgh formerly Roger Hunt's. John Chapman took up the same. Fine of admission xvij^d.

John son of Ric. le Russher took up a cottage formerly Will. de Bentley's.

John de Ruyle, John and Richard Mulner of Midelton, Walter Bosan of Midelton, & Walter Wareyn fished in the preserved waters, and Rob. Taillour had withdrawn his suit to the mill.

John Chapman took up 'Hoggefeld' in the hands of the lord by the grant of Will de Heleye tenant at will; and did fealty.

John Spateman surrendered a cottage & lands adjacent, & William Spateman took them up, paying 3^s 4^d for ingress. A heriot will fall when he dies.

John Webster gave xvij^d that he might not be provost this year.

Great Court of Baslow. Thursday next before S. Nicholas Day. Anno 38 Ed. III. (1364).

William de Burgh to be distrained for the water course to the Fulling Mill.

Ralph le Leche surrendered iiij acres & j rood of native-land of a bovate formerly Will. Boterhale's, whereupon Henry Ostyler took up the said native holding at the lord's will, with the remainder of the bovate by the services first due and accustomed, and gave v^s for his ingress, & did fealty.

Ralph le Leche surrendered into the hands of the lord part of a moiety of a bovate of native-land formerly William Gekyn's; whereupon John of Hervynne took up of the lord the aforesaid part of the moiety of the bovate of land, holding the 'native-land' at the will of the lord, with the rest of the said bovate. He paid iiij^s for his fine. Roger North and Stephen Cuydy being his pledges.

The open field called 'Dilfeld' ought to pay i^d per ann. and this payment is in arrears for 15 years past, and the bone-penny for 'Gristlyffeld' has not been paid for the last 15 years.

Alan Ffuliambe holds a waste piece of land of the lord's called 'Pewgereslye' without rent, and without the lord's licence.

John de Sheladon surrendered a messuage & a bovate of native-land formerly held by John Note senior, whereupon Robert Note took up the said mess. & bovate holding of the lord as a native, at the lord's will, by the accustomed services. Fine of ingress x^s. Will. Note and Stephen Cuydy pledges.

Great Court at Baslow. held Thursday next after Corpus Christi. 39 Ed. III. (1365).

Will. Eliot came & paid a fine to dwell where he pleased in Corburg for x years next future. To sustain the houses upon the holding formerly Will de Bele's in as good

condition or better than when he first took it, & to the satisfaction of the lord & to pay a heriot if he should die within the term of x years. And for the observance of these terms he found Stephen Cuydy, Will. Leche, Roger North, & William Spakeman, to be his pledges. Ingress v^s.

Baslow Court (Thursday. Feast of S. Edward King. same year).

Presented that a certain Grange at Basselowe called Tythebern is parcel of the holding which Rich^d Leche alienated by Robert Leche his father, of free land. Wherefore it is commanded to distrain the tenement of the Grange for more defaults of court, & for fealty and for his service acknowledged. (See next court.)

Three Lydyates at Baslow are not repaired.

Great Court of Baslow. Wednesday next before the Feast of S. Dunstan. Anno. 40 Edm. III. (1366).

It is commanded to distrain the tenement of a certain Grange called Tythebern of Baslow for default of suit of court & for fealty and service, and to ascertain what the nature of the ingress is in the said grange. The said Grange is parcel of the holding of Robert le Leche of free land, and was alienated to John de Melburn Canon of the Cathedral Church of Lichfield, his heirs & assigns,—as is said.

The servants of Godfrey Foliaumb made trespass in Hakewode throwing down the trees there without licence.

Alice formerly wife of William le Boler held of the lord a moiety of a bovate at the will of the lord formerly Richard Bond's. She is now married to Rich^d Russher a tenant at will of another bovate of land. Wherefore the moiety of the aforesaid bovate of land was seised into the hands of the lord according to the custom, because she ought not to hold of the lord any tenement without his licence.

Upon this came John Cuydy and took up the aforesaid moiety of a bovate, holding the same at the will of the lord by the services, &c. Ingress xi^s. And he paid the whole rent for this year & did fealty.

Baslow Court. Thursday next after S. Andrew's Day.
40 Ed. III. (1366).

✠ John le Wright who held a mess. and a bovate & a half of land & a cottage died since last court, and an ox was due for a heriot, but there was no cattle. Alice dau. of the said John took up the said holding and gave x^s, and afterwards her father's cottage formerly John Machams was granted to her until another tenant should come to take the said cottage to dwell therein.

Baslow Court. Wednesday in the Feast of S. Dunstan
(1366).

The twelve jurymen presented that Thomas de Womwell, Godfrey ffoliambe, Cecilia dau. of Will de Calvour, John son of Giles le Leche, the heirs of William Wyn were defaulters at the court.

That Lord Thomas de Metham* held a place called Halle-place near the Bridge of Bobenhull of Lord Richard de Vernon, but by what service they knew not. Wherefore it was commanded to distrain the said Thomas to do fealty, and to acknowledge his service.

* NOTE.—This Thomas de Metham succeeded his father Thomas in his estates on his death, anno 29 Ed. III., when Walter de Montgomery was ordered to accept security for the payment of his 'relief,' and to deliver to him the whole land of the Hay (*i.e.*, the enclosed or *fenced* land) of Wallay in Sherwood Forest, which he held *in capite* by the service of £10 a year. The Metham estates lay, however, chiefly in Yorks. See *Inquis. P. Mort.* II. 19^{2b}.

Anno 36 Ed. III., the K. permitted Thom de Metham to give the "Haye of Walleye" in Sherwood to the Carthusian Priory of Beauvale which was founded by Nicholas de Cantelupe, the said land being held at a yearly rent of £10; but the convent was to hold the same at the increased rent of £13. In another entry dated 47 Ed. III., we are informed that Elizab., wife of Sir Thom. Metham, was one of the sisters and heirs of Thomas de Stapleton.—[EDITOR.]

Baslow Great Court, Tuesday next before S^s. Simon & Jude's Day, 41 Ed. III. (1367).

Margery formerly wife of John Pete held a house—ruinous—in Corborough. To be amended by S. James' day.
"Depedale clyf" occurs.

Baslow Court, Wednesday before S. John Baptist, 42 Ed. III. (1368).

Sir William Wyn Kt. held an estate and was succeeded by Thomas Wenteneslew in Corbourg.

Will. Spakeman for not repairing a tenement xl^d; & unless repaired by S. Martin's Day vj^s viij^d.

Amongst the fifteen fined for pasturing their cattle on the moor without licence is one "Ralph Jakkeknave"—(*probably a nickname descriptive of character*).

Roger North, Thom. de Womwell, Philip Chaplain, Will. Leche, Steph. Cuydy, broke the attachment of the bailiff at Tythebern. (See 40, Ed. III., *ante*.)

David de Dereham, Henry Sotheron and John Mitchell, butchers, sold meat contrary to the assize. They were all presented for blocking up the lord's ground against his will with a table called a "fflesbord"—(*clearly a meat stall*).

Hugh son of Richard Wastell *alias* Hewet took up a cot.^s an acre & a rood formerly John Machon's & previously held by Alice wife of John Wright. Ingress xv^d. House to be rebuilt this year. He gave now a "Hersive" (*a hair seive*) for the lord's use. Pledges R. Wastell, Hen. Hostiler.

Here follows a rather suspicious entry.

Stephen Cuydy gave to the lord four horseshoes for his best horse to obtain consideration of the court concerning a certain way stopped up by John del Stones between the s^d Stephen & the s^d John, to determine whether the said John could legally do this or not, and a day was assigned.

✠ Will Eliot who held land under two lords—the lord of Baslow, and Thomas de Metham, died this year. A heriot was incident to each holding, and there were two beasts, one, an ox of burden, and the other a cow. The respective bailiffs settled the assignments of the two heriots by lot.

In the accounts of John Cuydy, provost of Baslow from Mich., anno 41 & 42 Ed. III., 1368-9, we have—

Of the rent of Thoresthurst which was occupied by Godfrey ffoliambe & Thomas de Womwell, iij^s vj^d.

For a hoop round a millstone, and for the repairs of a spindle, & for the carpenter ij^s.

Robert Ogle (or Cole) bailiff of Haddon.

For a "shroud" for the same mill ij^s (*probably the wooden cover for the millstones*).

Baslow Great Court, Wednesday next before Ss. Simon and Jude's Day, 42 Ed. III. (A.D. 1368).

The tenants of Middleton & Eyam ordered to be distrained for pasturing their cattle on the moor.

"Medowefurlong."

The tenants of Pillesley distrained for cutting & carrying the heath on the moor.

Great Court of John de Gremas, Nich. Seynper, Nich. Inyugh & John de Blaston, held at Baslow on Wednesday next before S. George's Day anno 43 Edm. III. (1369).

(*Court probably held during the minority of one of the Vernons.*)

✠ John Spakeman tenant of a cotage & ij acres of land at the rent of xv^d and a bone penny, died since last court. A cow was taken for the heriot. Johanna his widow succeeded her husband & paid ij^s for the Relief.

Baslow Great Court, Saturday next after S. Paul's Day, anno 44 Ed. III. (A.D. 1370).

✠ Geoffry le Leche who held 1 mess. 1 toft, ij half virgates at will is dead. Heriot j ox.

- ✠ Richard de Derleie who held 1 mess and half a bovate is dead. Heriot a cow.
- ✠ Robert Webster who held a cottage & 3 acres at will is dead. Heriot a cow.
- ✠ William le Leche who held a cottage & iiij acres freely, & a toft & j bovate of land at will, died, by which a calf fell to the lord for a heriot. The free land was given to his wife as in ancient time.
- ✠ Margery wife of John Perkin who held a mess. & a bovate at will is dead, by whose death the moiety of a calf valued at xx^d fell to the lord, and the other moiety belongs to the church.
- ✠ Thomas son of Rob. le Leche who held a mess. & a bovate and half a bovate is dead. He resides outside the lordship. His widow was ordered to be distrained to account for the heriot & for the custody of the heir, or for relief.
- ✠ John son of Giles who held half a bovate has no chattels for a heriot. His heir to be distrained to do homage, & fealty, & to pay his Relief.
- ✠ John son of Ric. Russher who held a cottage is dead. He has no chattels for a heriot.

Bondage Tenure of Harleston.—Staffs.

(circa xxxi. Edw^d. III.)

Except the details of the Bondage Tenure of the serfs of the Manor of Shillington, related in the Chartulary of Ramsey Abbey, Vol. III., I have seen but few similar accounts: they are somewhat rare. Although it is not our custom to illustrate the records of other counties, the editor feels justified in publishing this account of the Bondage Tenure of Harleston, because it was part of the estate of the Vernons of Haddon, and because the original paper document is in the last stage of tenacity.

“John Ywar came and acknowledged that he held of Sir Richard Vernon Knight son of Gilbert Fraunceys one mess. & one virgate of ‘Native’ land in Bondage and paid ij^s vij^d per annum for it; viz: viij^d at the feast of S. Martin, vij^d at the Purific. of B. V. Mary & viij^d at the Nativ. of S. John Baptist, and ij loaves at Xmas.—price i^d, and ij hens, price . . . at the same time. He will plough with the lord with one plough at the winter seeding when his lord desires, for one day, without food and drink. And the work of the same plough is worth vi^d. And he will harrow half an acre of land when the lord wills at the said season to the value of i^d. He will also plough with the lord at the Lent or spring sowing with one plough for one day without food & drink (*i.e., he must provide food, &c., for himself*) the value of his ploughing to be vi^d. He will harrow half an acre of land at the said season when the lord wills, and shall receive i^d. And he will plough (“*Et arrabit War’tabit & rebinabit.*” “*Warectare*” = *to plough up land designed for wheat in the spring, in order to let it lie fallow for better improvement.* “*Rebinare,*”—*to give a second stirring or ploughing to arable land that lay fallow, to prepare it for sowing wheat, or to plough the ground a third time for that purpose.*” *Jacob, Law Dic.*) warectate or rebinate with the lord upon the lord’s lands with his plough when the lord wills, just as often as may be necessary at the will of the lord or his bailiffs, having one meal every day at his lord’s expense. He will hoe (*or weed*) the lord’s corn with one man for ii days without meat or drink in the summer, one day with the hand and another day with the hoe, at the rate of i^d for each day: and if there be *no* need to plough with his plough, to harrow the seed winter & spring as above said: and to weed with the hand & with the hoe; then he shall give to the lord the price for the work (not done) as above. And he shall mow (*falcabit*) the Brode-madowe and Sondhul until all is cut with the assistance of other natives, and the value of the mowing of the said John reckoned by itself shall be vj^d. And (sparget h’bas) spread herbs (? making hay) in the said

meadow, and turn & cock & load hay in the aforesaid meadows until all shall be carried with the aid of the cattle of the natives, and the work shall be valued at ij^d each. And the lord shall give to the aforesaid natives xvij^d for the aforesaid mowing called 'Mathale' ('*Math*'=*mowing*, & '*ale*') "excurialitate." And he shall carry the whole hay of the said meadow unto the grange of the manor until all shall be carried with the help of the aforesaid natives, the carts of the lord assisting. And he shall 'pick' the whole of the said hay on to the stack at the grange or elsewhere at the will of the bailiffs, the other natives assisting. And he shall mow the lord's meadow in Goseholm, and a piece of Bolandesmedewe with the aid of the other natives: and the lord shall give the mowers iij^s for their mowing, because the said meadow of Goseholm is outside the manor of Horlaston. And he shall carry the whole of the aforesaid hay of Goseholm unto the manor of Horlaston with the aid of the other natives, with the help of the lord's carts. And he shall with the other natives mow all the meadows which the lord will have for store at the manor of Herlaston, as well within the demesne as without, for a satisfactory and reasonable reward. And he shall measure (*meter*) the whole growing corn of the lord of the manor of Herlaston with the assistance of the other natives *without meat or drink* at one price, called the Metebene (? meat-boon). Assigned to each dish shall be ij loaves price i^d and 3 white herrings price one halfpenny and *sisezam* to drink: and the work of each shall be estimated at ij^s vj. And he shall bind together the whole of the straw or corn blade with the aid of the natives into sheaves, and shall stack the said sheaves in the field—and he will carry with the help of the natives until all is gathered in during summer, the lord's carts assisting. And he shall fork the blade* upon

* Blade—The straw having the corn in the ear

"Sunt *segetes*, dum seminantur;

messes, dum metuntur;

fruges, dum fruuntur;

blada dum in horreis tritulantur. (Lindewode.)

Certe apud priscos Saxones *blada* seu *blæda* omnem fructum significat etiam arborum et vitis. (*Spelman.*)

the stack while at the grange or elsewhere, and place it at the will of the lord or his bailiff. And he shall carry with other natives of the neighbourhood the whole of the timber, stones, trusses, hearths, for all edifices rebuilt, & for all old ones repaired, and make fences to the said manor. With his other neighbours he shall make the pond and the dam head of the water mill of Herlaston of earth-work as often as it shall be necessary. And he shall grind to the xvijth grain, and do 'averagium' (*an ancient service done by natives of carrying the corn crops of the lord for one day*) from Lilleborn, Shyrleye, & Appleby unto Herlaston, and to carry to Lylleborn Appulby & Schyrleye unthreshed corn (*bladum*) and malt for the advantage or profit of the lord as for themselves, & the assistance of the families at the aforesaid manors And he finds loaves for (the use) of strangers coming & lodging for the night at the manor; and it is worth vj^d per annum. And the same John and other of his neighbours of the same tenure and condition shall give to the lord from the feast of S. Michael vj to xij^s iij^d, which is called *Le Stouth*,* viz. it is at will (*I suppose at the will of the lord*) whether the serf shall give to the lord 'manus' or 'munus' † And he shall give marchetum for the marriage of his daughter or for the crowning (*sic.*) of his son. And if his daughter commit fornication he shall give *leyrwyf*; viz. v^s & a half penny "p j alb" emend' p dcis denar' imponend'" (may this be interpreted "for the repairs of an *alb* for the imposition of the said penny" as though the church should be entitled to some portion of the fine for the *moral* offence?).

* "Le Stouth." I cannot discover any solution of this term. Du Cange has the following:—

"Stouth-eres: Among the East-Angles they were so called who were distinguished for *courage*. These they marked from childhood: They were accustomed to place their youths upon the straw roofs of their houses, and he who sat there timidly, or cried out lest he should fall, they pronounced to be of timid disposition; but he who laid hold of the straw quickly, so as to sustain himself bravely, was taken with great applause and acclaimed a future 'Stouther.' Our modern word '*stout*' for '*brave*' or '*strong*' is obviously allied to this early form."

† *i.e.*, labour or money.

Here follow the names of 35 Bondage Tenants, *e.g.* :—

Rich^d Wold holds a mess. & a virgate of land in bondage, and performs so much service.

Nicholas Maynard the smith holds a messuage & half a virgate of land in bondage and does so much service according to the quantity of his tenure.

&c. &c. &c.

John Swan, Jordan Milner & Milicent de Horsley ordered to repair their houses.

Will. Son of Roger de Alfreton cut off a helve of birch in the lord's wood : in mercy.

Ralph de Leche & Adam de Lymebrenner came and took up a moiety of the quarry for this year, paying thence lx^s at the usual times, being pledges for each other—at this rate the whole quarry was leased for John Ffrere. Ingress 100^s.

Baslow Court held Wednesday S. Margaret's Day. Anno 2 Ric. II. (A. D. 1378).

Milicent de Horsley for license for an agreement with Matilda le Leche. In mercy.

✠ Will Spakeman who held a mess., a bovate, & half a cott. & two acres, died ; &c. whence a cow as a heriot fell to the lord. John Perkykson sold it for vij^s. His widow became tenant. Relief 13^s 4^d.

Great Court of John Wolf & his fellows (probably trustee & during a minority) held at Baslow Thursday next after the Feast of S. Mark Evan. Anno R. R. 2 Ric. II. (1379).

Will. le Chinley fined x^d for not carrying on his suit against Thomas de Shatton.

Will Spakeman ordered to amend his house by Easter.

The Ale Taster presented that the foll. persons had broken the assize : Matilda Leche in vi brewings ^{12d} Thomas de Shatton in iiij, ^{8d} Henry Taillour in iiij, ^{8d} James North in ij, ^{4d} Will Spateman in j, ^{2d} Robert son of Will j, ^{2d} Robert Eliot j, ^{2d} Will Eliot j, ^{2d} Nicholas Hervy ij, ^{4d}.

Milicent de Horsley, John Bagard Rog. de Boterhales & Henry de Couplond had to repair their houses under various penalties.

John Grymbald took up a place of land called 'Lynlegh.'

It was agreed in the Court of Thomas de Metham Kt. that Stephen del Medow, Thom. Son of Will., Alex. de Pillesley had cut wood, as well brushwood as timber, and taken it away.

Baslow Great Court of John Wolf and his fellows Thursday in the Vigil of Ss. Simon & Jude. 4^o R. R. 3 Ric. II. (G. D. 1380).

It is ordered that the brewers sell with other measures than the "Lagina" & "Pitalfus" (*the latter is the greater lagina*).*

John de Crich & Adam Lymbrenner carried (lime?) outside the demesne.

Jordan son of John de Wright took up a mess. and half a bovate. Ingress v^s.

It is agreed by the inquest in the Court of Sir Thom de Metham, Will that de Huklow ^{xiiid} for unsteady driving—in mercy.

Walter Bosonson for fishing without a license: in mercy.

Elias del Dome for throwing down an oak: in m̄.

Ric. de Litton, Steph Hikton, John Wass of Grundelford for iii cows. Thom Amot for his horse and sheep. Robert Sklatter, do.

Ralph serv^t of Ric. de Shropshire do. Rog. de Shirley for his horse. Margery de Roucliff for one cow, Thom de Wolley for 3 sheep, Benedict le Chapman for 2 sheep,

* Lagena, a kind of measure among the English, thus described in the assize of weights and measures of David, King of Scotland.

"The lagena ought to contain 12 lbs. of water; viz. 4 lbs. of sea water, 4 lbs. of lake or pond water, and 4 lbs. of clear spring water. It ought to be 6 pollices (thumbs) and a half in depth. In the lower breadth (? diameter) it should be 8 pollices & a half, and with thickness of wood in both parts. The upper part should be 27 pollices round, and the lower 23. (*Du Cange* gloss.) I suppose the breadth of the thumb may be taken for one inch."

See 'Lagen' in Jacob's L.D. Compare 'Lag'—the stave of a barrel.

Margery Driver do., John de Burton do., Ralph de Gryndelford, do. Will Walweyn for 3 sheep—all in mercy for trespass on the demesne pasture.

Henry Ragged for rooting up heath on the moor.

The wife of Alex. de Bradshagh for the same—in mercy.

The Great Court of John Wolf & his fellows. Baslow. Thursday next before SS. Simon & Jude. 4^o 4 Rich. II. (G.D. 1381).

Thom. de Wombwell & Cecil his dau. absent. Cecil wife Henry Ostiler who held a third part of a mess. burnt a mess. and the straw and corn of Roger de Boterhales by making (? too large) a fire in her own house. The said Cecily was attached by proclamation to make satisfaction to the lord. She appears to have had a chest, 3 sheets, one pot of rice, and a carpet. She broke the attachment by carrying them away.

It was presented by the miller that Roger de Boterhales, John le Taillour, John Cudy, John Bagard, John le Taillour junior, Will. le Chinley, Will. le Boterhales, Will. le Machin, John of Herynne, John Pope & Thom. le Milner had a day appointed to do the millpond of their two mills here, and they have lodgings whilst they do their work. In mercy.

Baslow Court: Wednesday next before SS. Philip and James Day, 5 Rich. II. (1382).

JURY. Rog. de Boterhales	Hen. le Tailleur
Ric. Hikdon	John of Herymne
Will. Pope	Rob. Eliot
Will. Webster	Thom. de Maleus
Will. Pope	John North
Ric. Swan	John Taillour

Henry servant of Ric. de Shropshire took up a mess. and and half a bovate in Bobenhull, which Roger similarly held. Ingr. iij^s.

Thom de Wollow took up a cottage with appurts. in Cordburg which Yvo Tynker formerly held, paying yearly xi^d and i^d bonepenny. Ingr. vj^d.

Milicent de Horsley has a ruinous house and not repaired it. To be done by St. John Bap. Day next, under a pain of xl^d.

Baslow: Court of John Wolf and his fellows. Thursday next before S. Luke's Day. Co. 5 Ric. II. (1382).

Felicia wife of Thom. de Milner is a common scold against the peace of the neighbourhood.

John and Will. Pope, John Bagard, Joan Swan, Nich Walker will not close their gaps by which the tenants receive much injury: in mercy. Stephen & Robert Cudy ought to enclose their field at Boterhales and have not. John del Brough dug turves on the moor; in mercy.

Baslow Court. Thursday next after S. James' Day. Co. 6 Ric. III. (Q. D. 1383).

Adam del Hull for licence to carry millstones over the moor during the past year. In mercy.

Court of John de Herlaston & his companions. Baslow. Tuesday, S. Luke's Day. Co. 8 Ric. II. (Q. D. 1384).

Thomas de la Grik gave a fine to carry over the moor with his heifer vj^d.

Benedict de Chapman surrendered a mess. & a bovate in Corburg.

✠ Will Eliot who held a cottage & a croft in Cordburg is dead. Heriot an ox valued at viij^s. It remains unsold. Roger son of Walter became tenant, & paid xij^d for his ingress.

✠ Nich. Waller who held a mess. & a bovate in Baslow died since last court. His ox of burden taken for his heriot, val. iiij^s. John Couper succeeded & paid vj^s viij^d for ingress.

John de Ryley & Milicent de Horsley ordered to repair their houses.

The tenants of Pillesley committed destruction in Hakkedwod —to be distrained.

Thurstan del Boure* occupied the ground of the lord yet had no right of common.

Baslow Court, Wednesday before S. Valentine's Day, Co. 8 Ric. II. (A.D. 1384-5).

✠ John Pope who held a mess. & a bovate died since last court. Heriot an ox value x^s. Isabel his widow took up the land and gave vj^s viij^d for admission.

✠ John Swan held i cott. 2 acres i rod at her death when her cow became due for a heriot. John Basset became tenant.

Roger Burgon cut an oak in Walclif.

Baslow Court, Wednesday next after the quindene of Easter (fortnight after) Co. 8 Ric. II. (A.D. 1385).

Elena dau. of Will. de Tidd took up a cottage which Yvo de Tynker held, & gave vj pullets for admission.

To this court came John de Criche & Adam Lymebrenner and took up the quarry for stone and millstones of Lady Juliana Vernon at Baslow from this court day until the feast of S. Martin next following, paying yearly 100^s in equal portions at the feast of S. James & S. Martin. And the said Lady granted for herself and heirs that i. it so happened that the said John & Adam were not able to carry away their millstones then made before

* Thurstan del Boure, a wealthy yeoman of Tideswell, worked numerous lead-mines about this period in the Peak. Very much information may be found about him in the Belvoir archives.

the feast of S. Martin outside her demesne of Baslow, that then it should be lawful for them to have xxiiij pairs of millstones standing in the said quarry for them to carry away & make their profit within the following year without blame or detriment from the said lady or her bailiffs.

(To be continued.)