

THE RENTAL FOR THE EARL OF WESTMERLAND'S LORDSHIP OF BIWELL IN 1526.¹

BIWELL WITH ITS MEMBERS.

A Rental of the lord's lands and tenements within the same, renewed the Tenth day of February, in the 16th year of the reign of King Henry VIII. [1525-6] before Thomas Grice, counsellor at law, and Matthew Thompson, the lord's auditor.

*Free Rents.*²

CUTHBERT Radclyffe, Esq., a free rent issuing out of his lands in Ferle [Fairlemay], 9s. and one pound of pepper; for Newlands, 3*l.* 13s. 4*d.*; 4*l.* 2s. 4*d.* and 1*lb.* pepper.—From the same, an ancient free rent out of his lands in Bromlegh, 1*lb.* of pepper.—Cuthbert Newton, an ancient free rent out of the township of Eltringham, 2*l.* and 6 hens.—Robert Lewyn, a free rent out of his lands in Bromlegh, 1*lb.* pepper.—Thomas Fenwick, the like out of his lands in Miklee, 1*lb.* pepper.—John Lawson, the like out of his lands in Biwell, 1s. 1*d.*—Ancient free rent out of lands and tenements of the Chantry of Biwell, 1s. 4*d.*—Free rent payable by Robert Erle, 8*d.*—Free rent payable by Thomas Nevyll, 8*d.*

[Total, 6*l.* 6s. 1*d.* and 4*lb.* pepper.]

Moore-silver.

William Lisle, Knt., for a certain custom issuing out of "lee Sheldon Moore," called More-silver, 3s.—The township of Weldon [Welton], for the Moore-silver, 13s. 4*d.*—The township of Halton Sheles for the custom aforesaid called More-silver, 13s. 4*d.*

[Total, 1*l.* 9s. 8*d.*]

Rents at the will of the lord.

Rent of a close there called Eddersley close, in two payments, at Whitsuntide and Martinmass, 13s. 4*d.*—Rent of a little garth [*gardini*] there, called "lee Halgarth," in the like payments, 2s.—Rent of another close of meadow there called Nykke's Medowe, in the like payments, 3s.—Rent of a tenement within the lordship there called Minstre-acres, in the tenure of Richard Swynborne, 1*l.* 13s. 4*d.*—Rent of a place or grange within the lordship there called Acom, in the tenure of Richard Welden, 2*l.*—Rent of a grange or place within the lordship

¹ The original in Latin is among the records removed from the Chapter House, Westminster, and now in the custody of the Master of the Rolls. A copy was communicated by the subscribers to the Hodgson Fund.

² The sums throughout are annual.

therè called Stiford, in the tenure of John Swynborne, 13*l.*—Rent of the lord's water-mills at Biwell and Ridlee, in the tenure of Thomas Baytes, 10*l.*—Rent of the ferry across the water of Tyne at Biwell, in the tenure of Robert Kent, 3*s.* 4*d.*—The rent or profit of the fishery in the Tyne within the lordship, *quantum accidit.*—Thomas Baytes took of the lord a quarry of milnestones within the lordship, for 24 years from Feby. 2, 16 Henry VIII. [1525-6]; the said Thomas also to find millstones for the lord's mills at Biwell and Ridlee, when necessary, 13*s.* 4*d.*—John Stamp, clerk, vicar of the church of St. Andrew the Apostle there, took of the lord three parts of a husband-land, late in the occupation of his predecessor, containing by estimation 15 acres, for the above term, 8*s.* 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.*—Robert Kent took of the lord a cottage with a garth there, and three rigs of land in Biwell, for the above term, 2*s.* 8*d.*—John and Cuthbert Robynson took of the lord a messuage, late in the tenure of Robert Belley, for the above term, 12*s.* 11*d.*—Richard Horsley took a tenement and land called "Half-a-land," 8*s.* 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*—Nichs. Skelton took a tenement called Baytes'-house, late in the tenure of John Skelton, 1*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*—David Loksmyth took a cottage, late in the tenure of James Loksmyth, 2*s.* 8*d.*—John Nicholson took half a husband-land, 5*s.* 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*—Wm. Lesshaman took a cottage and one quarter of a husband-land, 4*s.* 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*—Robert Nicholson took the like, 6*s.*—George Hyne took a tenement and two husband-lands, late in the tenure of Thomas Hyne, his father, 1*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*—Nichs. Lawson took a tenement and one husband-land, late in the tenure of Lawrence Hyne, 12*s.* 11*d.*—John Giles took half a husband-land, 5*s.* 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*—Alexander Hewme took half a husband-land, late John Browne's, 5*s.* 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*—John Hewme took a cottage, late John Hunt's, 2*s.* 2*d.*—Philip Hewme took one husband-land, 10*s.* 9*d.*—Marion, relict of Thomas Newton, took one cottage, 2*s.* 2*d.*—Elizabeth, relict of John Jennyn, took one cottage, 3*s.* 4*d.*—Simon Horsley took a cottage, 2*s.* 1*d.*—John Fewler took a cottage, late John Browne's, 2*s.*—Matthew Davyson took a cottage and one husband-land, late Lionel Forster's, 13*s.* 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*—Agnes, relict of William Taillour, took three quarters of a husband-land, late in the tenure of the same William, 8*s.* 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.*—Henry Foderley took one quarter of a husband-land, late Robert Robynson's, 2*s.* 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*—William Dawson took a tenement and one husband-land, late William Baytes', 14*s.*—Robert Taillour took a cottage, and three parts of a husband-land, 10*s.* 9*d.*—John Forster, chaplain, Isabel relict of Thomas Forster, and John Forster, took a cottage and land to the same appertaining, which the same Isabel held before; and also a parcel of meadowe called Greffe's Medowe, 11*s.* 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*—Nicholas Newton and Roger Newton jointly took that part of the Halgarth, previously in the tenure of the same Nicholas, 1*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*—Cuthbert Newton took a close appertaining to the tenure of Halgarth, now in his tenure, 5*s.*—The price of 28 bolls and 1 bushel of oats, 11*s.* 8*d.*—The like of 31 hens, 3*s.*—Thomas Todd, chaplain, took a cottage, late in the tenure of Edward Gresden, chaplain, 10*d.*

[Total, 40*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.*]

The close late in the tenure of John Hopper, at the rent of 16*d.* per annum lies waste, and no profit is derived therefrom, as is said.

OVINGTON.

Thomas Burrell, senior, and Thomas Burrell, junior, jointly took 35 ridges of arable land and meadow within the field there, 7s. 8*d.*—George Belley, and Wm. Belley his son, jointly took a messuage, with a garth and land thereto appertaining, 17s. 7*d.*—John Forster took a messuage and the tenure in Ovington which he previously held, 11s. 6*d.*—Agnes, relict of John Belley; and Robert Belley, jointly took one tenement which they previously held, 15s. 4*d.*—William Dykerawe took one tenement which he previously held, 15s. 4*d.*—The relict of Cuthbert Grenacres, and Edward Grenacres, took a cottage and 4 ridges, 3s. 10*d.*—John Harryson and Robert Harryson jointly took a tenement lately Robert Harryson's, 15s. 4*d.*—Richard Belley took one tenement previously in his tenure, 15s. 4*d.*—William Etyll and Isabella Etyll, his mother, took one tenement, 15s. 4*d.*—Roland Watson holds certain lands, 6s. 7*d.*—William Hyne took a tenement, 12s. 2*d.*—George Lomley holds another tenement, 15s. 4*d.*—John Robynson holds another tenement, 7s. 8*d.*—John Redehede took a tenement lately in his tenure, 2s. 4*d.*

[Total 8*l.* 1s. 4*d.*]

Free Rents.

From the heirs of George Carr a free rent issuing out of their lands there, 3s.—An ancient free rent issuing from land there called Chauntrie land, lately in the tenure of John Den, now of Thomas Baytes, 1s. 2*d.*—From Cuthbert Newton, an ancient free rent issuing from a close there, 1s.

[Total, 5s. 2*d.*]

SHOTLEGH.

William Comyn took a parcel of a tenure, late in the tenure of John Comyn, 11s. 1½*d.*—Thomas Smyth took another parcel of the above tenure, 5s. 6½*d.*— Andrewe took one tenement, late in the tenure of Cuthbert Andrewe, 16s.—Matthew Kyrkehouse took one tenement, 15s. 4*d.*—Robert Layburn took a tenement, 6s. 8*d.*—Cuthbert Pottes took a tenement, late in the tenure of Thomas Kirkhouse, 14s. 4*d.*—John Swynborne took a tenement late Roland Hopper's, 12s. 4*d.*—The relict of Thomas Redeshawe holds one tenement, late in the tenure of her said husband, 14s., with 8*d.* for the moiety of the rent of a close there, 14s. 8*d.*—Robert Comyn took a cottage, 1s.

[Total, 4*l.* 17s.]

New Rent.

The same Robert took a parcel of land lately enclosed from the lord's waste, and 3 acres of waste, 1s. 8*d.*

*Still SHOTLEGH CUM BIRKYSIDE.**Free Rents.*

The Abbot of Blancheland, a free rent issuing from a tenement in Birkinsyde, in the tenure of the widow of Christopher Snawball, 2s. 6*d.*—John Comyn, 3s.—John Warde, 1s. 6*d.*—Heirs of George Lawson, 3s. 4*d.*—The same heirs, for the rent of a new improvement, 2s.—Christopher Hopper, 5s.—John Andrewe, 5s.—John Heron, for lands,

late of Middleton, called Willage, Mosseford, and Hoolrawe, *1l. 16s.*—The same, for a parcel of the lord's land there called Yole Landes, *3s. 4d.*—Rent issuing out of a mill there called Buysshop Milne, *1s.*

[Total, *3l. 0s. 10d.*]

SHOTLEE FEILDE.

Robert Walker and Cuthbert Walker his son, jointly took a tenement and arable land thereto appertaining, with *3s. 4d.* increase of rent, *6s. 8d.*—Robert Buck took a tenement, with *3s. 4d.* increase, *6s. 8d.*—Christopher Walker took a tenement with *3s. 4d.* increase, *6s. 8d.*—Anthony Walker took a tenement, with *3s. 4d.* increase, *6s. 8d.*

[Total, *1l. 6s. 8d.*]

SHELFORD.

Gilbert Carnabe holds a tenement and land thereto belonging, *1l. 17s.*

BROMEHALGH.

Edward Wilkynson holds a tenement, *1l. 1s. 3½d.*—Philip Ussher and John Ussher, junior, took a tenement, *14s. 9½d.*—John Ussher took a tenement, lately in the tenure of John Wales, *6s. 4d.*—William Horseley took a tenement, *7s. 7d.*—Richard Fyrbek holds a tenement, late in the tenure of Thomas Short, *11s. 3d.*—John Huddespeth holds a tenement, lately in the tenure of Thomas Horde, *11s. 10d.*

[Total, *3l. 13s. 1d.*]

RIDDINGE.

Thomas Lomley took one tenement, lately in his tenure, *17s.*—John Lomley took the like, *17s.*—Nich. Anderson took a tenement, lately in his tenure, *7s. 2d.*—Edward Armstrong took a tenement, late in the tenure of Wm. Donnyng, *10s. 8d.*—John Pareman took a messuage and 7 acres of arable land, late in the tenure of Wm. Ussher, *11s.*—The rent of Riddyng Water Mill, in the tenure of John Burne, *1l.*

Total, *4l. 2s. 10d.*]

MIRLEGH.

A free rent from the Earl of Northumberland, issuing out of land in Edgewell, *8d.*—The like from Edward Watson, *1½d.*—The like from George Horseley, *1s. 0½d.*—The like from George Fenwyk, *1s.*—From the heirs of Thomas Swynborne, *1s. 2d.*—Richard Snawball took one messuage and certain lands thereto appertaining, *1l. 6s.*—Philip Swarlow took the like, *9s. 5d.*—The relict of Edward Eltringham took a messuage and lands thereto appertaining, and a cottage late in the tenure of John Grene, *17s. 9d.*—Edward Newton took a messuage and land there, late in the tenure of John Doddes, *15s.*—Robert Brown took a cottage and 6 acres of land, late in the tenure of Thomas Horseley, *5s. 8d.*—The township of Mikley, for a parcel of the lord's waste lately enclosed, *7s.*

[Total, *3l. 14s. 10d.*]

SLAVELEY.

John Swynborne the bailiff, and George Teisdale, jointly took a messuage, and land to the same appertaining, 10s.—Richard Parthus took the like, 11s.—John Blakelok, junior, took a messuage, and 4 acres of arable land thereto appertaining, 6s.—The above John Swynborne the bailiff took the demesne lands, 1*l.*—George Horde took a tenement and land called Stelehall, late in the tenure of Thomas Horde, 1*l.* 3s. 4*d.*—The tenants of Newbigging took the whole place of Newbigging, 1*l.* 10s. The Abbot of Blancheland for a parcel of moore called Sissinghop, 6s. 8*d.*—The relict of William Ferbek, of Dewkesfield, and William Carre her son, jointly took a moiety of a tenement, late in the tenure of Thomas Dover, 8s.—The relict of William Ferbek, of Slaley, took the other moiety, 8s.—John Hidwyn took a tenement called lez Sheles, 14s.
 [Total, 6*l.* 17s.]

Free Rents.

The same John for an ancient free rent issuing out of his lands and tenements there, 3s.—Robert Johnson holds land there appertaining to to the chantry of Slalee, at 2s. 6*d.*

[Total, 5s. 6*d.*]

New Rent.

The tenants of the town of Slaveley hold a parcel of the waste there at 2s.

BROMELEGH.

John Fyrbek, senior, took a tenement, late in his tenure, 12s.—Thomas Firbek took half of a tenement and of a cottage, late in the tenure of his father, Robert Firbek, 8s. 7*d.*—John Fyrbek, junior, took the other half tenement, 8s. 7*d.*—Nicholas Colstayne took a tenement and three husband-lands, late Robert Colstayne's, 1*l.* 3s. 9*d.*—Cuthbert Wilkynson took a tenement, 8s.—Robert Sharpeharowe took a tenement, late in the tenure of William Sharpeharowe his father, 15s. 4*d.*—Thomas Baytes took a tenement, late John Wardale's, 8s.—Cuthbert Radelyff, Esq., for a free rent out of his land, late the property of John Cartington, 9*d.*

[Total, 4*l.* 5s.]

NEWTON.

Joan, relict of Christopher Robynson, and William Robynson, jointly took a tenement and certain lands thereto appertaining, 1*l.* 8s. 4*d.*—Isabella, relict of John Harryson, and Richard Harryson, took half a tenement, 14s. 2*d.*—Joan, relict of Robert Dawson, and Anthony Dawson, took half a tenement, 14s. 2*d.*—George Moland took half a tenement, 14s. 2*d.*—William Wilkynson took half a tenement, 14s. 2*d.*—John Maland took half a tenement, 14s. 2*d.*—Margaret, relict of Thomas Redehede, took half a tenement, 14s. 2*d.*

[Total, 5*l.* 13s. 4*d.*]

LEE.

John Dobson took one tenement, late in his tenure, 15s.—William Stobberd took another tenement, 11s.—Edward Smyth took another

tenement, late in his tenure, 7s.—John Anderson took a tenement, 5s. 3d.—Isabella Dobson took the like, 7s.—John Forster took the like, 5s. 3d.

[Total, 2l. 10s. 6d.]

[SUMMARY.]

Bywell cum Membris: Free Rents, 6l. 6s. 1d.; Moor Silver, 1l. 9s. 8d.; Rents at the will of the lord, 40l. 19s. [48l. 14s. 9d.]—*Ovington*: Rents at will, 8l. 1s. 4d.; Free Rents, 5s. 2d. [8l. 6s. 6d.]—*Shotley with Birkenstide*: Rents at will, 4l. 17s.; New Rent, 1s. 8d.; Free Rents, 3s. 0s. 10d. [7l. 19s. 6d.]—*Shotley Field*: 1l. 6s. 8d.—*Shelford*: 1l. 17s.—*Broomhaugh*: 3l. 13s. 1d.—*Ryding*: 4l. 2s. 10s.—*Mickley*: 3l. 14s. 10d.—*Slaley*: Rents at will, 6l. 17s.; Free Rents, 5s. 6d.; New Rent, 2s. [7l. 4s. 6d.]—*Bromley*: 4l. 5s.—*Newton*: 5l. 13s. 4d.—*Lee*: 2l. 10s. 6d.]

Sum total of the rental of the Lordship of Bywell, besides the profits of the Fisheries there, and 4lb. of pepper, 99l. 8s. 6d.

ELLINGTON.

The demise of the lord's lands and tenements there [parcel of the Barony of Bivell], made the 14th day of February, in the 16th year of the reign of King Henry VIII. [1525-6.]

John Wilkynson and Alice his wife, and Robert Wilkinson son of the same John, jointly took a capital messuage, three husband-lands (at 10s. each) and certain parcels of the demesne lands worth 20s., for a term of 24 years, from the 2nd of February last, at the ancient rent of 2l. 10s.—Roger Atkynson took a messuage and lands, arable and meadow, thereto appertaining, late in the tenure of John Singleton, 1l. 10s.—Henry Turnbull took a messuage and lands, arable and meadow, thereto appertaining, late John Leng's, 1l. 5s. 4d.—Launcelot Horsebrek took a messuage and lands, arable and meadow, thereto appertaining, late Robert Milner's,³ 1l. 5s. 5d.—The third part of the free rent of Richard Atkynson, for his land, for the lord's part, besides the other two thirds payable to his coparceners, 2s.—The free rent of John Yevars, for his lands, 1lb. of pepper.—The third part of the rent of the water mill, of which the other two thirds are payable to the coparceners of the lord, 1l.—The third part of the house beside the mill, called the Milne House, 1s. 4d.—The lord's tenants, for the farm of one husband-land amongst them, by ancient occupation, 10s.

Total, including 2s. the price of 1lb. of pepper, 8l. 6s. 1d.

Out of which is payable to the king by the hands of the sheriff of Northumberland, 2s. 1d.

JOHN HODGSON HINDE.

Acton House.

³ To each of the above five items a "grissum" or fine is prefixed: the sums vary in their proportions to the rents, and afford no certain data.