

THE HINDE PAPERS.

IN the collections of John Hodgson Hinde, Esq., whence an estreate of the manor of Bearle was derived for our vol. i., p. 139, are several other materials for the history of the parish of Bywell. Some of these are here briefly noticed.

In 1476, we have a conveyance from David Lowre to Alexander Forster of the town of Bywell, comprising seven acres of land and meadow called Jakys Leyes in the field of Bywell, between the land of Thomas Liyll called Akshawe on the north, and land of the Lord of Bywell on the south. The deed, which bears date at Bywell, 1 Apr., 16 Edw. IV., and is witnessed by John Blakhos, the vicar of St. Andrew's of Bywell, and Robert Wright, chaplain, records an ordinary feoffment with livery of seisin, and is endorsed "Davide Lower, his *estaitte*, bargane, and conveiaunce." (See vol. i., p. 206.) In 1651 Sir Edward Radcliffe, of Dilston, Bart., sold the same "meadow close of 7 acres called Jakys Close, adjoining his [purchased] lands called Ackeshaw on the north, and Bywell on the south, late the property of Michael Forster of Bywell, and sometime the property of David Lowrey," to Anthony, son of Matthew Coulson of Newton Hall. In 1697 Anthony Coulson of New Ridley, and Matthew, his son and heir, mortgaged to Robert Forster of Whittonstal, and in 1700 Matthew sold it to Michael Spain of Corbridge, who, with Mary his wife, finally alienated it to William Hind of Stelling in 1718. The little field is still called Forster's Close, after its early owners.

The Hindes were, for many generations, the lessees of Stelling, a possession of the monastery of Hexham. ROWLAND HYND was lessee at the time of the Dissolution, and the Muster Roll of 1538, under "Stellyn and Acom," contains the names of Rolland Hyne and Thomas Hyne. Rowland had a son, WILLIAM HYND, the lessee of Bearl in 1560. This William was father of another WILLIAM HYND or Hine, a yeoman, of Bearle, who, from 1582 to 1616, is the leading spirit of the papers. In 1582, a singular and serious clerical error occurs in a lease for 21 years to him from Cuthbert Lord Ogle of Bothell. The whole description of the parcels demised is omitted, and we only know, by another portion of

the deed, that they were lying in Bearle. It is stipulated that "William Hynd shall repaier the tenement (tymber excepted) according to the custome of *the said* towne of Bearle *aforesaid*."

The Hindes appear to have been possessed of unusual spirit in agricultural enterprize. Besides holding the tenement at Bearle, we find William leasing land at Acomb, the Stelling, and Nafferton. At Acomb he took a fourth part of the tenement called Acom Hall tenement, in 1603, for 9 years, from John Dobson of Acom. Dobson had received 3*l.* 4*d.* and 4*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*, "and one qwy stirke to my wiff Ursula to be payed, wherfore, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for the fynne and gresson of the said fourth part; and the rest to be payed at or before Lent next." He held Stelling under the Swinburne family, who again held of the Fenwicks of Wallington, the owners of the monastery lands. In 1565 Thomas Swinburne of Haughton, co. Northumberland, fourth son of George Swinburne of Edlingham Castle, Esq., bequethed to his brother Gawyne Swinburne his farmhold of the Stelling,¹ and mentions his niece Annes Heron [daughter of his sister Marian, by George Heron of Chipchase.] In 1576 Gawyn Swinburne of Cheeseborough Grange, gent., gave his interest in the Stelling to one of his nephew John Hearon his sons of Chipchase, whom he himself should think good to bestow it upon, with 4 oxen to help to occupy that farmhold. (Test. Dunelm. Surt. Soc., 236, 409). In 1605, "William Heinne of the Stelling" pays to Peter Bell, collector for "The Right Worsheppfull Sir John Fenwick, kneght, of Wallinton," 26*s.* 8*d.* the "Whettayn sondaye rennt." A similar sum for the Martinmas rent of the Stelling, in the same year, was paid by Hynd "as in the behalf of Mrs. Annas Bowes," to Robert Jefferson, Sir John's then collector. In 1611 the Stelling was sold by Sir John Fenwick, Knt., to Anne Bowes of Newburn Hall, widow, and Cuthbert Heron of Chipchase, Esq. [her son.] The demesnes of Nafferton were also held under the Swinburnes. In 1613 Hynd was "fermor of the one half" of the same, under John Swinburne and Gilbert Lawe, at a rent of 45*l.*; and Mr. Swinburne seems to have drawn upon him for money in those bankless days, as his necessities called. Thus, in 1616, Lancelot Errington of "Fowerstones, within the Barranrie of Langlie," receives 20*s.* from William Hyne of Bearle, "for my mayster Mr. Swinburne of Edlingham, due unto me the said Lanslot at Penticost by past for my anuatie." Again we have the following "bill:"—"William, I pray yow lende me x*l.* of your Martinmas rent for my father's use, if

¹ The stock at Stelling at that time may be seen in Surtees ii., 281. The rent paid to the Fenwicks then and afterwards was 26*s.* 8*d.* half-yearly.

yow can spar it, and this bill shalbe your discharg : Your loving freind, MARGRATE SWINBURNE. To my loving freind, W. Hynde, dd."

William Hynde died in 1617, and the name of HENRY HYNDE, yeoman, follows from 1618 to 1659. Like his predecessor, he sometimes resided at Bearle, at others at Stelling. He continued William's leases, but was also an extensive lessee of tithes in the parish of Ovingham under the Addison family, impropiators there, and increased the Nafferton take, holding the whole "demaynes of Nafferton" under "William Swynborne of Capteton, Esq." for 50*l.* per aunum. We have rather a sharp letter from his landlord. "Henry: I wonder yow are so longe in paying me for the bowl of rye which yow said Cutbert Newton bought of yow. If yow pay me not presently, I will not crave it any more, but sew yow for it. Also give the heard of Nafferton warneing that he loke to the dikes at his perell now when they are made tenantable: Your freind, W. SWINBURN. To my loving freind Henry Hynd, dd." In 1657, there is a receipt on 21 Dec. by Matthew Bee for William Swinburne of Hallywell, Esq., from Henry Hinde of Stelling, of 20*l.* to be paid at Candlemas *next ensuing*.

The fourth of the tenement at Acomb was now in the name of Fenwick. In 1623 Henry Fenwicke of the Hugh, co. Northumb., gent., assigns it to Henry Hynde, its late tenant, for the residue of a term of 31 years, demised by the King, on 20 Nov., 21² anno regni, to Sir Henry Fane, knt., whose estate Fenwicke now enjoys. On the expiration of the term, the Fenwicks appear to have obtained a renewal of their lease, as in 1659 we find Hinde paying 2*l.* per annum to William Fenwick,³ for the fourth part, and in 1660 Oswald Hind paid the same.

In 1620, "Ann Bowes of Newborne, co. Nd., widowe, late wife of Henry Bowes, Esq.," conveyed her moiety of Stelling to her "son Cuthbert Heron of Chipchase, Esq.," the copurchaser signing "Anne Bowes," and sealing with the Heron crest. "Thomas Fyttz als. Fyttzherbert" is an attesting witness, in court-hand. "Geo. Collingwood" is another. A memorandum endorsed states that Mr. Heron had "redemised" the tenement unto Mrs. Ann Bowes for 40 years, if she should so long live. George Collingwood was husband of a grandniece of Gawen Swinburne, Jane, daughter of Thomas Swinburne of Edlingham, Esq., and there must have been a coexistent lease to her, for on Mr. Cuthbert Heron's sale of Stelling, in 1623, to Henry Hind, previously tenant,

² The assignment is dated 10 Nov. 21 Jac. There is, therefore, some discrepancy in the date.

³ In 1681 the Hindes were paying Robert Fenwick 2*l.* 10*s.* for his Martinmas rent.

such a lease is mentioned as held by "Mrs. Collingwood." Accordingly in 1625, George Collingwood of Dalden, "in right of his wife," received 17*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* of the rent of Stelling. In 1633 Henry Hinde paid this, and there are receipts in 1635. Mr. Hinde also purchased a freehold farm at Ovington, of John Belly, in 1635, and another freehold farm at the same place, of Thomas Harrison, in 1636.

Under Lady Cavendish, Mr. Hinde filled the office of bailiff for Newton Hall and Bearle. In 1624 he paid 56*s.* 8*d.* for the half year's rent of Bearle,⁴ to Francis Carnaby for Lady Catherine's use; in 1632 he paid 17*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* to William Carnaby, for the Martinmas half year's rent for Bearle and Newton Hall, and similar payments occur in November, 1633, May, 1634, November, 1635, and June, 1636. At Whitsuntide, 1633, 18*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* was paid, and Hinde is called "Bayliff for Newtonn Hale, and Bare." In June, 1636, Matfen is included with Bearle and Newton Hall in the 17*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* The rents were for the use of William Earl of Newcastle. In July, 1634, we have a bond from Henry Hind, George Coulson, William Moure, and Richard Coulson, all yeomen of Bearl, to Sir William Carnaby of Bothell, conditioned for payment of 15*l.* at Pentecost next. The form of the instrument is peculiar, for the binding and testing clause is repeated after the condition instead of the avoiding clause. In connection with Hinde's office, we have, in 1626, a letter from Francis Carnaby to William Rydly at Morale, commanding "yow, in my ladye's name, that yow and the rest of the tanens of Morale be redye, upon notyes given by the balef of Bearle, to brynge mylstones for Bottell mylne, and brynge thym to Bearle. Henry Hynde will dereck yow when and where yow shall receive thym." The same year gives us a receipt by John Gambling, deputy bailiff of the manor of Bywell, to Hinde for 25*s.*, "for the castle gard and corneage, as fee farme to the manner of Bywell, dew att the feast of St. Mychaell the arkangell."

Mr. Hinde, of course, shared the burdens of the heavy period in which he lived, and the following papers will show very clearly the mode in which they bore upon the middle ranks of society. The first item is a subsidy roll of a few years previous to the turning point of English history.

SUBSIDY ROLL FOR THE PARISHES OF BYWELL ST. PETER AND
BYWELL ST. ANDREW, A.D. 1627.

1627. BEARRERS TO THE FIVE SUBSIDIES [BYWELL ST. PETER.]

[ESPERSHIELDS, HEALEY, &c.]—Mr. Elleringtone, 5*s.*—Mr. Saundersonne, 5*s.*—John Swinburne, 12*d.*—Richard Suirties, 2*s.*—Robert Tees-

⁴ "And Newton Halle" *erased*.

daill, 2s.—Izaac Nicholsons, 4d.—Jaine Newtone, 4d.—Robert Hunter, 12d.—William Suinties, 6d.—John Usher, 4d.—Thomas March, 6d.—Thomas Andrewe, 4d.—Thomas Snawball, 4d.—Raphe Carr, 6d.—Christofor Newton, 4d.—John Wilkinsone, 12d.—*Summe*, 20s. 6d.

BROMLEY GREVESHIPP.—Robert Newton, 18d.—William Newton, 18d.—Peter Newton, 12d.—Edward Newton, 18d.—Uswold Usher, 12d.—Raphe Newton, 12d.—Christofor Farbrigg, 4d.—John Richardsons, 4d.—Robert Foster, 4d.—Thomas Palliser, 4d.—William Tailor, 12d.—Thomas Augood, 12d.—Thomas Sharpray, 6d.—William Anguish, 6d.—John Belly, 6d.—Mathew Birkes, 4d.—Edward Tailor, 6d.—George Hedley, 4d.—Thomas Lawsons, 4d.—Edward Thompsone, 4d.—*Summe*, 14s. 6d.

BYWELL GREVESHIPP.—George Winshipp, 18d.—Bart. Kentt, 12d.—Roger Newton, 12d.—John Nicholsons, 6d.—Cuthbert Newton, 6d.—William Dawson, 6d.—William Hume, 6d.—Edward Robinsonne, 4d.—John Malliburne, 8d.—George Tailor, 6d.—Michael Foster, 6d.—*Summe*, 7s. 6d.

NEWTON.—William Robinsons, 18d.—John Robinsonne, 18d.—Richard Herrisonne, 6d.—William Wilkinsone, 6d.—Henry Hind, 5s.—William Lawsons, 6d.—John Browne, 6d.—Anthony Hunter, 6d.—Widow Davison, 4d.—Ellexander Malliburn, 6d.—George Wilkinsone, 6d.—Cuthbert Ridley, 6d.—William Browne, 6d.—Mathew Cowston, 6d.—George Dobsone, 6d.—Henry Winshopp, 6d.—[*Summe*] 14s. 4d.
Summe of all, 56s. 10d.

1627. BYWELL ANDREWE RATE TO FIVE SUBSIDIES.

Mr. Mathew Newton, 5s.—John Foster, 2s. 6d.—John Ridley, 2s. 6d.—Robert Hunter, 2s.—Mr. John Hodshon, 2s.—Stiphorthe, 2s.—Bart. Richardsons, 6d.—George Farbrigge, 6d.—George Lumley, 6d.—John Tailor, 6d.—For Lumle Fermhould, 6d.—William Smith, 6d.—John Usher, *d.*⁵—Bar. Tailor, 12d.—George Usher, 6d.—Thomas Hudspith, 6d.—Shilforthe, 12d.—George Cowstone, 12d.—Thomas Jeninge, 8d.—William Hunter and his brother, 8d.—Peter Dridone, 12d.

Summe, 27s. 6d.

1639-40. March 16. 15 Car.—RECEIPT given by Lancelot Allgood to Henry Hynde of Stelling, collector of the assessment for the ship monies, for 13*l.*, viz. :—“Buywell towne, 3*l.*; Buywell Hall, 4*s.*; Acombe, 3*l.*; Newton, Bearle, and Stelling, 3*l.*; Newton Hall, 1*l.* 16*s.*; more for Buywell Peter rectorie, 1*l.* 5*s.*; for Buywell mylnes, 5*s.*; for personall estates of Mathew Colson of Newton Hall, and Cuthbert Ridley of Newton, each 5*s.*” An additional receipt for 4*s.* assessed upon Henry Winshopp of Acomb. [The writs for ship-money were dated 10 Nov. previously. Northumberland was to furnish one ship of 68 men and 168 tons. The county was in heavy arrears for former years, 700*l.* (out of 2100*l.*) for 1636, 900*l.* for 1637, and 700*l.* for 1638.]

⁵ This item looks like *vjjd.* changed into *xjjd.* Unless neither form is accurate the account is wrongly cast up. The other items amount to 1*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*, 2*s.* 2*d.*, being required to make up the sum total.

June the 16th, 1643.—Thes are to whome it may concerne, that the bearer hereof, John Grene, is entertained a horseman under the command of Captaine Raiph Errington, therfor I would desire all officers what soever not to molest nor trouble him, he behavinge himselfe like an honest man. Given under my hand the day and yeare above.

HEN. TROTTER, Liuetennant.

From my quarters at Topliffe.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF HENRY HINDE OF STELLING.

[1643.]—To the right honorable Sir Thomas Glemham, knight and barronett, his Majestie's Commander-in-Cheife for these northern counties, and to the rest of the Committee now assembled.

The humble petition of Henry Hinde of Stelling, in Northumberland, yeoman.

Humbly sheweth, That your petitioner was a souldiour under the Earle of Newcastle, and havinge a wife and a great charge, and none to loke to what he hath, hired a man in his place, and besides, to shew his affection for this present expedition, paid divers cessmentes and 40s. in particuler to Captaine Errington, and soe it is that he was assessed by the Committee 20*l.*, whereof he paid 10*l.* to Major Widdrington, and now he is much putt upon for the remainder thereof, although he is very unable to pay the same, because of late he had stolne from him twenty beastes, which was better worth than 60*l.*, and never got any of them againe, or ought for them, and hath had souldiours quartered with him for a long tyme.

May it therefore please your good honour and this Committee to consider of your petitioner's great losse, and of his cessmentes paid, and of the souldiours he hath quartered with him, and soe of his inability further to contribute, though very willing soe to doe if able; and to graunt him his discharge for the remainder of his cesse of 20*l.*

And he, his wife, and family, as in duty bound, shall ever pray, &c.

Northumberland, 29^o die Novembris, 1643.

It is ordered this daie by the Committee, that the withinnamed petitioner beinge assessed 20*l.* for contribution money, whereof hee hath paid 12*l.*⁶ to Major Widdrington, which, his estate considered, wee conceive to be sufficient, and doe order that hee shalbe freed of the other eight poundes.—GILBERT SWINHOE, JOHN DELAVAL, NICH. TEMPEST, CUTHBERT HERON, RAPH CARNABY, MARK ERRINGTON.

A TRUE COPY OF GOODES TAKEN FROM MEE HENRY HINDE of the Stelling, in the parish of Bywell Peter, in the county of Northumberland, Anno 1643 [4.]

At their leager on Tine-Water.

Imprimis. Artillery Regiment tooke from mee 7 stacks of rye, 12 boules in every stack, 52*l.* 8*s.* Seaven stacks of otes, 12 boules in every stacke, taken by the army, 25*l.* 4*s.* One stack of bigge, conteyning 10 boules, 5*l.* One and thirty beastes taken by Caseell's regiment, 46*l.* 10*s.*

⁶ Altered from 10*l.* The 12*l.* includes the 40*s.* paid to Errington.



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60 sheepe, 15*l*. Five swine, 1*l*. 5*s*. 40 fother of hay, 20*l*. 3 horses, 6*l*. 3 iron harrowes, 10*s*. 2 short waines, 2*l*. 2 long waines, 2*l*. 9 yokes, 9*s*. In linning and woollen clothes, 3*l*. 20 boules of winnowed otes, 6*l*. 4 boules of winnowed rye, 2*l*. 8*s*. 3 bushells of malt, 1*l*. 5 quarters of beefe, 1*l*. Paid for releeseing of some beastes by the Scotts, 18*s*. In pewter, brass, bedding, and other house stuffe, 20*l*. Axes, wimbles, and other iron worke, 1*l*. *A Bible, a Testament, and other bookes*, 13*s*.—Summe, 215*l*. 5*s*.

Paid to Major Houston, in cess and bilet, 3*l*. 8*s*. Paid to Capt. Sterling, in Edenbrough regiment, in mony and other provision, 1*l*. 11*s*. Quartering 3 men and 3 horses 9 daies, belonging to Capt. Casenes, 1*l*. 7*s*.; to Capt. Ogle and Capt. Burton, 11*s*.—Summe, 6*l*. 17*s*.

The whole together is 222*l* 2*s*.

THE PETITION OF THE INHABITANTES OF NUETON HALL.

To the Right Worshippfull Commissioners to the high and mighty Court of Parliament. The humble petition of Henry Hinde, William Browne, Anthony Hunter, Mathew Colestone, tenants to *Baron Radcliffe* of Dilstone, for the whole hamlett of Nueton Hall, in the county of Northumberland, 1644.

Humbly sheweth that, whereas some of us have been a long time tenants and inhabitants there, and farmed that land of him: And all of us conditioned with him that he was to undergoe (in his rent) all and all manner of ceasementes, the ceasementes laid on the church only excepted: And now the rent of the said land is demanded of us by Mr. Booteflower,⁷ which wee did not expect should be required, neyther of the landlord nor any others, in regard that at Candlemas last our hay, corne, horses, sheepe, and beastes, were violently taken from us by the Scottish army, the traine of Artillery lay in our poore steede five dayes and six nightes, the which our losses wee made partly to appere in our scedells given in lately at Hexam, and the charge of continuall biliting and ceasementes both before that and ever since, soe that the whole rent (for some yeares to come) will not countervaille our great losses and charge imposed upon that land, and the which wee are unable to pay and to releve our families, all which wee leave to your pious consideracion. And lumbly take our leaves.

The truth hereof wee are ready to bee deposed, and wee have some officers' hand to a note in parte hereof.

1650. Mar. 3. RECEIPT from Ralph Anderson to Henry Hynde of Stelling, for 4*s*., "being the sesse of 6*s*. on the pound, ancient rent."

⁷ A name frequent in the district. In 1617 George Bowtflower of Apperley, co. Nd., gent., bought from Henry Robson of Hyndeley, co. Nd., yeoman, a messuage or free tenement of the ancient rent of 5*s*. in Hyndeley, to hold of the chief lord by the rent and services accustomed. Robson signs by an H, and seals the bond with the device of a boar passant, in the presence of "Petter Newton, William Boutflower, John Boutflower, meique Johannis More." Another bond of 1619 is witnessed by "Edmunde Knolles, clarke, and Christopher Gill." (Deeds communicated by the Rev. E. H. Adamson.)

1651. July 26. RECEIPT from the same to the same for 12s. 6*d.*, "being the sesse of thre pounds and seven shillings of the pound, for Stelling: after the new Booke of Raites: for the use of this arney for this Commonwealth."

PETITION of Henry Hynde of Stelling to the Justices of the Peace for Northumberland. He recites that he "was charged in the last new Booke of Rates at the yearly valew of 16*l.* for Stelling, and that upon due examination, and hath continued the payment for the same according to that value." He is "now charged after the valew of 30*l.* by warrant issued foorth for payment of the monethlie sesse, whereby your petitioner and his posteritie are likely hereby to be impoverished and undone if ease be not herein had." He prays "such redresse as may stand with equity and your good worships' pleasures."

1651. Feb. 20. RECEIPT from Ralph Anderson to Henry Hinde of Stelling, for 2*s.*, "for the cess of 20*s.* per pound for the use of Captaine Doffinby."

1652. Oct. 12. RECEIPT from Richard Newton to "Hendry Hynde," for 5*s.* 2*d.*, being "the ses of 2*l.* 11*s.* on the pound for six months ses towards the mantinance of the armes [armies] in England, Ireland, and Scotland"; and also for 2*s.* "for Capten Ogell who is to save harmeles this cuntie from felonious stelling of goods by mostroopers and others." Another receipt for 2*s.*, "being the ses of 20*s.* on the pound for Capten Ogell for keeping this cuntie," is dated June 8, 1653.

The name of OSWOLD HIND occurs in 1660, but we need not follow the details of the papers at a later date. To the latter half of the 17th century the handwriting of the following charm may be ascribed:—

"By this High and Mighty power and name Tetragrammaton and In the name of the Blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I Charge and Command the Devil and unclean Spirits, to go forth of his Chamber, and to depart from me in peace, and not to molest or troble me any more."

We conclude with a dispute in 1756, about the tithe of new inclosures on Shildon Common, in Northumberland.

In 1754 George Smith of Burn Hall had received from Oswald Hind of the Stelling 6*s.* 8*d.*, "for prescription money, and for all tyths whatsoever due for the Stelling at Easter day." But in 1756 he writes to the then Mr. Hind that he understood from Mr. H.'s son that his father refused to pay the tithes of his share of Shildon Common, and, with the hint of a law suit, he annexes an opinion he had taken, which was this:—"I am of opinion that the antient modus or prescript rent cannot extend to more lands than those for which they have been antiently

and immemorially paid, but that all new enclosures and allotments will be liable to the payment of tiths in kind.—N. FAZAKERLEY” The controversy seems to have lingered, for in 1764, William Archer writes, from Durham, to his honored father, that he had tendered the modus to Mrs. Smith. He had told her that it was in lieu of all tythes due for the Stelling. She refused to receive it except as for the old inclosures only. “I asked her why she gave me such a note to send you, and told her I thought she use you very ill by given you so much trouble, and would not receive the modius when it was tendered to her. She said Mr. Shuttleworth had a share with her, and if he was willing to take it she was very agreeable, but could not without his consent. . . . I went and wated upon him, and his answer was, that before he would take it any otherwise then for the old inclosures only, he would have the opinion of a court, so I did not think proper to pay it.” The Hindes seem to have won the day, for in 1801 and following years, annual receipts for 6s. 8d. “for prescription money and for all tithes whatsoever due for the Stelling at Easter,” are given to Mr. George Hind by the steward of the Silvertops.

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