



THE INQUISITION AFTER THE DEATH OF ADAM DE CHARLTON OF TYNDALE.

THIS Adam de Charlton, who deceased on the Saturday before the 6th of May, 1303, is the same individual who figures in the *Iter of Wark* in 1279, as the successful opponent of William de Bellingham relative to two hundred acres of land and meadow at Hesleyside.

The mode of spelling Bellingham, Beddyncham, shows that the "gh" was pronounced soft, as at present, and accords with the singular orthography "Belingjam" in the *Iter of Wark*.

Hutred or Huchtred—an old Saxon or Danish name—is found taking his name from Brerygg, now Brieridge, a farm adjoining the grounds at Hesleyside.

The name Cornehyrde is curious; it may have been misspelt for Cowhyrde, but perhaps there were guardians of the corn as well as of the cattle in those days.

It will be observed that William is here given as the son of Ed' or Edie, as the common abbreviation of Adam—even at this day.

The wood of Charlton, through which the Border Counties Railway is to pass, still exists, and is probably not much changed.

The mill that Adam de Charlton held is no doubt the old picturesque mill opposite to Charlton, now called Hesleyside Mill, or Walk Mill, and till lately the residence of a well known character, old James Turnbull.

The house in the Huntland was probably the Auld-Man-Shield, adjoining the mill. Was not the huntland the chase land belonging to these properties? It is repeatedly mentioned in connection with various possessions in the *Iter of Wark*, and elsewhere.

All these properties, with the exception of Charlton, which was sold about a hundred years ago, are still in the hands of the family of Charlton.

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Inquisitio de terris et tenementis quæ fuerunt Adæ de Charlton in Tyndale, die quo obiit, facta apud Beddyncham die Sabati proxima post festum Sancti Johannis ante Portam Latinam, anno regni Regis Edwardi tricesimo primo, per sacramentum Hutred de Brerygg, Johannis Cornehyrd, Willielmi filii Ed', &c.

Qui dicunt, super sacramentum suum, quod Adam de Charleton tenuit manerium de Charlton, in dominico suo ut de feodo, die quo obiit, per servitium vicesimæ partis unius feodi militis, de manerio de Tirset in Tyndale, quod est in manu domini regis per forisfacturam Johannis Comyn de Badenagh.

Et dicunt quod est ibidem quoddam capitale messuagium, quod valet per annum xii^d. Item sunt ibidem quadraginta acra terræ arabilis in dominico, quarum quælibet acra valet per annum viii^d. Item sunt ibi septem acræ prati, quarum quælibet acra valet per annum ii^{ss}. Item est ibi quidem boscus, qui valeret per annum iiiii^{ss}. in venditione sub-bosci, si emptor inveniretur. Item est ibi quoddam molendinum aquaticum, quod valet per annum xiii^{ss}. iiiii^d. Item sunt ibi sexaginta acræ terræ hushandorum, quarum quælibet acra valet per annum xii^d. Item est ibi quodam mansio in le Hunteland, quæ vocatur le Scele, quæ valet per annum iiiii^s.

Summa omnium particularum in hâc inquisitione contentarum viⁿ. iii^s.

Dicunt etiam quod Willielmus, filius prædicti Adæ, est propinquior hæres ejusdem, et dicunt quod erit ætatis viginti et duorum annorum ad festum Sancti Laurentii proximo futurum.