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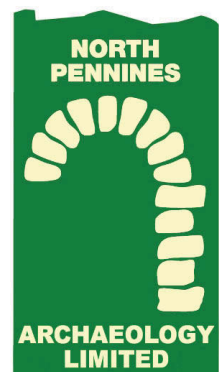
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## SUMMARY

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North Pennines Archaeology Ltd (NPA Ltd) were invited by Countryside Consultants to undertake a Level 3 Archaeological Building Survey prior to the demolition of a 19<sup>th</sup> century (or earlier) farmhouse, and erection of a new dwelling on the site, at High Scilly Hall, Alston, Cumbria (Planning Application No. 3/10/0491).

High Scilly Hall is shown on the First Edition Ordnance Survey map and therefore dates to at least the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century.

Due to the historic nature of the building a rapid desk-based assessment was undertaken in order to set High Scilly Hall into its historical context. Following this a Level 3 Archaeological Building Survey was undertaken prior to the demolition of the property.

The rapid desk-based assessment has revealed that there appears to have been a tenement known as '*Silly Hole*' since at least 1611, although it is not known if this refers to High Scilly Hall or Low Scilly Hall. The earliest reference to *Sillyhole* in Parish register entries dates to 1703, and the earliest reference to a property specifically named 'High Silly Hole' would appear to have been in 1729. It would appear from Census Records that High Scilly Hall formerly consisted of two dwellings, up until at least 1871. From these records it is also possible to note that the principal occupier of High Scilly Hall was a farmer, although the acreages of the farm appear to have changed over different years.

Information from the county Historic Environment Record (HER) database indicates that the historical characteristics of the area around High Scilly Hall was predominantly related to lime kilns, mining, and dwellings which are suggested to have been tower houses, or bastles or derivatives. These properties include Dryburn, located to the south-east of High Scilly Hall; 'Craig' or Crag, an apparent abandoned farmstead with a 'possible late bastle-like house' and 'Low Sillyhall' which is recorded as a possible tower house. It was therefore considered prior to the building survey, given the possible presence of examples of bastles houses in the area, that High Scilly Hall may incorporate characteristics of a defensive farmhouse.

The building survey has revealed that the present dwelling known as High Scilly Hall appears to contain at least three phases of development. The earliest phase appears to be the north-east end of the house, where there is evidence for earlier windows, and a former doorway, as well as a small loop window with possible lockers below. At some point possibly in the 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup> century, the house was extended (or part of the earlier building was removed and rebuilt) southwards with an outshut to house the stairs and scullery, and basement rooms. The third obvious phase of the development of the house was the reconstruction of the buildings against the north-west elevation following the fire in 1986.

It was considered prior to, and during the building survey, that the present house at High Scilly Hall may contain elements of a bastle or bastle derivative, due to the number of other examples known from the Alston and South Tyne valley areas. The building survey revealed no features which could positively suggest that the dwelling originated as a bastle, or fortified farmhouse, although the property is much altered and some characteristics may have been lost. It is possible that the earliest phase may have been a bastle-derivative, although there is also the possibility that it was simply an ordinary farmhouse or 17<sup>th</sup> or early 18<sup>th</sup> century date. It is hoped that some presently hidden features may be revealed during the removal of an internal block wall, and during demolition works.

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The building survey was undertaken by Fiona Wooler. The report was written, and the drawings were produced, by Fiona Wooler. The project was managed by Matt Town, Project Manager for NPA Ltd, who also edited the report.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

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- 1.1 North Pennines Archaeology Ltd (NPA Ltd) were invited by Countryside Consultants to undertake a Level 3 Archaeological Building Survey as described by English Heritage<sup>1</sup> prior to the demolition of a 19<sup>th</sup> century (or earlier) farmhouse at High Scilly Hall, Alston, Cumbria (NY 7227 4338), and the subsequent erection of a new dwelling on the site (Planning Application No. 3/10/0491).
- 1.2 High Scilly Hall is shown on the First Edition Ordnance Survey map and therefore dates to at least the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century. As a consequence of its historic nature, Jeremy Parsons, Historic Environment Officer, Cumbria County Council, has requested that a programme of archaeological works be undertaken prior to its demolition, in the form of a rapid desk-based assessment and Level 3 Building Survey<sup>2</sup>.
- 1.3 The archaeological building recording project was undertaken by Fiona Wooler on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

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<sup>1</sup> English Heritage, 2006

<sup>2</sup> Parsons, J, 2010

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## 2 METHODOLOGY

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### 2.1 PROJECT DESIGN

- 2.1.1 A project design outlining the scheme of archaeological works at High Scilly Hall was submitted by North Pennines Archaeology Ltd to Cumbria County Council Historic Environment Service prior to the commencement of the rapid desk-based assessment and Level 3 Building Survey<sup>3</sup>.
- 2.1.2 The project design was adhered to in full, and the work was consistent with the relevant standards and guidance of the Institute for Archaeologists (IfA) and generally accepted best practice<sup>4</sup>.

### 2.2 RAPID DESK-BASED ASSESSMENT

- 2.2.1 Prior to the commencement of the Level 3 Building Survey, a rapid desk-based assessment was undertaken in order to establish the historical context of the buildings and to provide details, where known, on the buildings' architects, builders, patrons and owners.
- 2.2.2 The rapid desk-based assessment involved the consultation of historical maps, unpublished material and published sources housed within the local studies section of Carlisle Library. Due to the present closure of Carlisle Record Office, it was not possible to assess a wider range of historical documentation, although some historical mapping was consulted there by kind permission of the staff. The county Historic Environment Record (HER), a database of known historical and archaeological sites within Cumbria (excluding the Lake District National Park) was also consulted for information on the location of listed buildings, previous archaeological work, HER sites, and any Scheduled Ancient Monuments within a 1km radius of the building, as well as an assessment of any aerial photographs which may have shown High Scilly Hall and its surroundings.
- 2.2.3 The rapid desk-based assessment was undertaken in accordance with the Institute for Archaeologist *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment*<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>3</sup> Town, M 2010

<sup>4</sup> IfA, 2008a and 2008b

<sup>5</sup> IfA, 2008a

## 2.3 BUILDING SURVEY

2.3.1 A Level 3 Building Survey of the farmhouse at High Scilly Hall was undertaken according to the standard and guidance set out by the Institute for Archaeologists<sup>6</sup> and English Heritage<sup>7</sup>. A Level 3 survey is an analytical record which comprises an introductory description followed by an account of the building's origins, development and use

2.3.2 The survey includes:

- a written description of the building, including its plan, form, function, age, development sequence and construction material. The landscape and historical context of the building will also be considered.
- a digital photographic record of the building and its relationship with other structures and the surrounding landscape. A selection of the digital photographs are included within this report for illustrative purposes.
- scaled floor plans of the building noting the location of features of archaeological or architectural significance.
- architect's scaled drawings of the main elevations of the building.

2.3.3 The results of the building survey have been combined with the findings of the rapid desk-based assessment in this report, in order to provide a narrative on the origins, form, use and development of the building.

## 2.4 THE ARCHIVE

2.4.1 An archive will be prepared in accordance with the recommendations in '*Archaeological Archives: A Guide to Best Practice in Creation, Compilation, Transfer and Curation*'<sup>8</sup> (Brown 2007). A final bound copy of the report will be deposited with Cumbria Historic Environment Record (HER) at Kendal, where viewing will be available on request.

2.4.2 North Pennines Archaeology Limited and Cumbria County Council Historic Environment Service support the **Online Access to the Index of archaeological investigationS (OASIS)** project. This project aims to provide an online index and access to the extensive and expanding body of grey literature created as a result of developer-funded archaeological fieldwork. As a result, details of the results of this study will be made available by

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<sup>6</sup> IfA, 2008b

<sup>7</sup> English Heritage, 2006

<sup>8</sup> Brown, D.H, 2007

North Pennines Archaeology, as a part of this national project. This project has the unique identifier of **northpen-82390**.

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### 3 SITE LOCATION

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- 3.1 High Scilly Hall is located approximately three kilometres to the south of the market town of Alston, which is situated towards the east side of Cumbria, close to the border with Northumberland (Figure 1).
- 3.2 The property is accessed from the B6277 road which leads from Alston in a southerly direction towards Middleton-in-Teesdale. High Scilly Hall is situated on the south side of a track which also provides access to Meadow Flatt and Low Scilly Hall. The former farmstead is located at a height of approximately 360m above mean sea level, on a steep valley side with the River South Tyne flowing in a southerly direction to the west of the property.
- 3.3 The farmhouse is orientated northeast to southwest and presently has a single storey farm building attached to its north-west elevation, running at a right angle to the house. There is a modern agricultural shed located to the north of the house (Figure 2).



## 4 HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

### 4.1 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD (HER)

4.1.1 The county HER was consulted in the first instance for any information on the character of the historic landscape, and recorded sites and buildings of historic or archaeological interest within a 1km radius of High Scilly Hall, Alston. The property known as High Scilly Hall is not presently recorded within the HER; however Low Scilly Hall is included under HER No. 5913, along with a building located just to the south-east of Low Scilly Hall, described as a cattle shelter, but which may have been related to the mining industry or a lime kiln site (HER No. 16792). The following table lists all the HER sites within a 1km radius of High Scilly Hall:

| HER No. | Site Name                       | Description   | Grid Ref             | General Period                   |
|---------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 4334    | Battle Green, Alston Moor       | Local tradition that a battle was fought here between the English and the Scots, or that it got its name from a fracas between miners who met to divide their ore   | E:373200<br>N:543400 | Unknown<br>(place name evidence) |
| 5913    | Low 'Sillyhall', Alston Moor    | Possible tower house incorporated within later structure  | E:371980<br>N:543350 | Post Medieval                    |
| 6236    | High Rotherhope Farm Enclosures | Pair of concentric oval enclosures noted from aerial photographs. Outer is a bank with internal ditch, inner same. Overlooks Dry Burn, near the modern road bridge [this feature is visible on modern satellite photography (Google Earth) to the east of High Rotherhope Farm]. Possible ridge and | E:372200<br>N:542400 | Unknown                          |

| HER No. | Site Name                               | Description   | Grid Ref             | General Period        |
|---------|---|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
|         |   | furrow east of the farm. Shafts (?bellpits) around High Dryburn   |                      |                       |
| 6241    | Dry Burn Ridge and Furrow, Disused Mine | Ridge and furrow and trackways north of Dryburn farm. A disused mine level can be seen in the valley of the Dry Burn. A ruined building, possibly associated with mining, is apparent on the bank of the South Tyne   | E:372400<br>N:542800 | Unknown/Post Medieval |
| 16745   | Low Flatt Hydraulic Ram                 | A hydraulic ram recorded by Tom Clare, still shown on current OS maps   | E:372233<br>N:543906 | Post Medieval         |
| 16792   | Low Silly Hall unclassified building    | A stone building presently used as a cattle shelter, appears to be related to the mining industry. It may have been converted from an earlier lime kiln or covered a mine shaft. It is shown on the 1865 First Ed OS map (6" scale) and 'old lead mines' are marked further to the east | E:372070<br>N:543310 | Post Medieval         |
| 19271   | Howgill Lime Kilns                      | According to A Robertson there are three lime kilns at NY 72915 43437, NY 72906 43394 and NY 72993 43435. One is said to be intact, one has collapsed, and one is buried under the road   | E:372915<br>N:543437 | Post Medieval         |

| HER No. | Site Name                  | Description   | Grid Ref             | General Period            |
|---------|----------------------------|---|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 19272   | Howgill Lime Kiln          | According to A Robertson the lime kiln at this grid ref is intact   | E:373839<br>N:543269 | Post Medieval             |
| 19273   | Howgill Lime Kiln          | According to A Robertson this lime kiln is intact   | E:373072<br>N:543228 | Post Medieval             |
| 19559   | Nest Wesleyan Chapel       | Now demolished but was situated in an attractive location, alongside the public bridleway/track to Bleagate from the B6277 Alston to Middleton road. Built in 1844 the chapel originally had 100 sittings, but now only a small patch of irregular round can be discerned | E:371900<br>N:544260 | Post Medieval (Victorian) |
| 40530   | Rice Head Iron Mine        | A group of three levels or adits cut into the slope to the SE. Each consists of a slight depression c1m diameter at the base of the slope and a trench across the field to the NW. A lead mine is shown at this location on the First Ed OS map [See Figure 7]            | E:372922<br>N:543595 | Post Medieval             |
| 42137   | <i>Craig</i> , Alston Moor | An abandoned farmstead. Described by Perriam and Robinson (1998) as a 'possible late bastle like house'. Could have been built as late as the mid-18 <sup>th</sup> century  | E:372750<br>N:542920 | Post Medieval (?Georgian) |
| 42139   | Dryburn                    | A range incorporating two bastle-derivative   | E:372310<br>N:542710 | Post Medieval             |

| HER No. | Site Name | Description   | Grid Ref | General Period |
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|         |           | houses, one with a good upper cruck roof that has some thicker walling, probably from an earlier bastle |          |                |

4.1.2 There is only one Listed Building recorded in the HER within a 1km radius of High Scilly Hall, and this is a milestone located on the east side of the B6277 close to the end of the track which leads to Ricehead. This milestone is one of several which were erected in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century for the Alston Turnpike Trust (HER No. 73100).

4.1.3 The only previous archaeological work, referred to in the HER as an archaeological 'event' to have taken place and to be recorded within the HER is a walkover survey and watching brief which was maintained by Oxford Archaeology North (OAN) in 2004. The watching brief took place between Nenthead at NY 7998 4325 and Alston NY 7246 4585, and was undertaken during the groundworks for a new utility pipeline across Alston Moor. The walkover survey identified 36 new sites which were subsequently added to the HER; these related mainly to mining and agricultural activities, and structures such as bridges. No archaeological features or artefacts were found due to earlier disturbance of the pipeline route (HER Ref: 3/04/1209).

4.1.4 There are several aerial photographs housed at the HER in Kendal which show sites of archaeological interest within a 1km radius of High Scilly Hall. None of these aerial photographs show High Scilly Hall itself, consequently no further information was gained regarding the topography immediately surrounding the property.

## 4.2 HISTORICAL MAPPING

4.2.1 The range of historical mapping that could be consulted as part of this rapid desk-based assessment was limited to what is housed within the local studies section of Carlisle Library. At present, Carlisle Record Office is close in readiness for relocation to Patteril Bank House; however the consultation of Alston Moor Enclosure Map 1820 and a Plan of Alston Moor (1778) was consulted by kind permission of the Record Office staff.

4.2.2 *John Speeds Map of Cumberland 1610 (Figure 3)*: this reproduction was the earliest map consulted, however several of the place names referred to here

are shown on Saxton's Map of 1576. Figure 3 shows that Alston is named as *Austermore*, and is accompanied by a small vignette of a church suggesting a parish or village was centred on this site. To the south of *Austermore* is the name *Emsaugh*, presumably referring to the modern Ameshaugh (located to the north of High Scilly Hall, on the west bank of the river), along with a small drawing of a house, suggesting there was a significant property at Ameshaugh at this date. Garrigill is labelled as *Gargil* accompanied by a vignette of a church, and to the east there are the names 'The Houses' and 'Esgill', which may refer to properties around the modern Middle House to the north of Garrigill, and Ashgill, to the south of Garrigill. No significant property is shown in the general location of High or Low Scilly Hall; however this does not mean that there were no buildings on these sites at this date. The scale of the map does not allow for all buildings to be shown, and it is possible that only significant buildings are annotated, or those whose owners subscribed to the production of this cartographic source.

- 4.2.3 ***Hodkinson and Donald's Map of Cumberland 1774 (surveyed 1770) (Figure 4)***: this map is also at a small scale, and consequently not all the existing properties may be shown. There is, however, a site annotated as 'Silly Hall', with 'Flat' and 'Bleagate' shown to the north, and 'How' and 'Low Crag' shown to the south. It is presumed that 'Flat' refers to the modern Meadow Flatt, located to the north of High Scilly Hall; Bleagate survives as a place name, and is located to the north-west of 'Sillyhall' as shown on Figure 1. 'How' appears to refer to Howhill, and Low Crag is presumably Crag located to the south of High Scilly Hall. Only one building appears to be shown at 'Silly Hall', and it is not known if this refers to High Scilly Hall or Low Scilly Hall; however it is necessary to be cautious with regards to this map as not all buildings may be shown.
- 4.2.4 ***Plan of Alston Moor 1778 (not reproduced)***: a photocopy of this plan is housed at Carlisle Record Office. Although this map does not show any buildings in the general location of High Scilly Hall, *Silly Hole Tenement* is labelled on the east side of the river, with a footbridge shown over the river below.
- 4.2.5 ***Alston Moor Enclosure Map 1820 (Figure 5)***: this Enclosure Map appears to show buildings in the location of High Scilly Hall, Low Scilly Hall and Meadow Flatt, accessed from the main road by a track labelled 'Sillyhole Bridle Road'. The land immediately to the east of the buildings is annotated 'Representatives of John Walton', possibly suggesting he may have been a landowner at *Sillyhole*.
- 4.2.6 ***Greenwood's Map of Cumberland 1823 (Figure 6)***: although still at a small scale, this map provides more information with regards to tracks leading to

properties, areas of woodland and the names of fells, as well as naming the various buildings along the South Tyne valley. This map appears to show a track leading in a westerly direction to the north side of 'Flat' heading towards Bleagate, then turning south-west. This track is not shown to extend as far as Bleagate on later mapping, except possibly as a footpath, and access to Bleagate now is from a separate track to the north. From the scale of this map it is difficult to assess how many buildings are shown at 'Silly Hall', there is possibly one in the location of High Scilly Hall and one at Low Scilly Hall, although they are not labelled separately.

4.2.7 **First Edition Ordnance Survey Map, Surveyed 1859, Published 1867 (6" to 1 mile scale) (Figure 7):** this is the earliest map consulted to show the buildings at 'High Sillyhall', although this is also at a small scale (there is no 25" sheet at Carlisle Library or Carlisle Record Office). High Scilly Hall is clearly shown to the south side of the access track which leads from the main road and passes High Plains, then leads towards 'Flat' and turns south towards 'Low Sillyhall'. Lead mines are shown close to the junction of the access track with the main road to Alston and to the south of High Scilly Hall at Crag where they are labelled as 'Old lead mine'. From the scale of this map it is difficult to assess the buildings at High Scilly Hall at this date, however they do appear to be shown as the farmhouse orientated northeast to southwest, with additional buildings (presumed to be agricultural in character) against the north-west elevation.

4.2.8 **Second Edition Ordnance Survey Map 1899 (25" to 1 mile scale) (Figure 8):** this map provides a clearer picture of the buildings at 'High Sillyhall' at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The house appears to be shown with the farm buildings against the north-west elevation, orientated north-west to south-east. Footpaths are shown leading away from the farmstead, in a southerly direction towards the river, to the north-west towards Flat, and to the south-east. The buildings at 'Flat' and 'Low Sillyhall' are also clearly visible, as is the small building to the south-east of Low Sillyhall recorded in the HER (No. 16792) as a cattle shed, but which may have originally related to mining or a lime kiln.

### 4.3 PUBLISHED AND UNPUBLISHED MATERIAL, INCLUDING CENSUS RETURNS AND PARISH RECORDS

4.3.1 **Place Name Evidence:** the place names High and Low Sillyhall are recorded as *Syllyehole* in documents relating to the Earls of Derwentwater in the possession of Greenwich Hospital dating to 1631, and as *Sillyhole* in parish records dating from 1703. High Sillyhole was seemingly first recorded in documents as a place name in 1726, and Low Sillyhole in 1753.

The name is suggested to have derived from *selja holh*, meaning 'willow hollow'<sup>9</sup>.

- 4.3.2 A brief history of the manor of Alston Moor, from the early 14<sup>th</sup> century, is provided in Parson and White, first published in 1829: *'By an inquisition taken in the 8<sup>th</sup> year of Edward II [c.1315] on the death of Nicholas de Vipont, it appears that he held "the capital messuage of Alston, 14 acres of arable land, 100 acres of meadow, 33 tenements at Gerard Gill [Garrigill], with 33 shieldings; 13 tenements at Amsteshalth [possibly Ameshaugh?]; 22 tenements at Nent and Corbrig-gate, with 22 shieldings, and a water corn mill, a fulling mill and 3000 acres of pasture in Aldston Moor"*<sup>10</sup>. This is of interest as it provides some information on the number of properties in the manor during the medieval period, as well as the number of 'shieldings', or shielings, which were temporary dwellings located on the summer grazing pastures, many of which later became permanent residences, often indicated by the element 'Shield' in place names, for example Shieldhill and Shield Hilltop located just to the north of Garrigill, and Lovelady Shield and Foreshield, to the north of Nenthead.
- 4.3.3 At Carlisle Library there is a small publication which refers to the lessees of the commons at Alston and Garrigill in 1611 and various years up to 1705. It mentions tenements at Annat Walls, 'Aimsaugh' [?Ameshaugh], Loaning, Bleagate, 'Flatt', Nest and 'Roderup' [?Rotherhope], as well as 'Sillie Hole' where there is a lease dated 1611, and a further lease in 1705 with the name Wm Bowman. It is not known if this 'Sillie Hole' refers to High or Low Scilly Hall, or both<sup>11</sup>.
- 4.3.4 Writing in 1687-88, Thomas Denton provided some information on the area of Alston Moor at the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. He described Alston Moor parish as *'formerly a great wast ground lying involved in the high mountains, onely South Tine creeps through the middle of its in many strait passages, whence it was so called by the Brittaines, for Tin in their language is to pen, or hem in, as Tine [Tyne] is here with streght and narrow banks. Mr Camden takes notice that it was famous for lead mines of incredible value, found out by Sir Francis Radcliffe [1624-1696], now earl of Derwent-water..the houses stand stragling all over the parish, as if they were afraid of one another'*<sup>12</sup>.
- 4.3.5 One characteristic of the buildings in and around Alston Moor is the number of properties which incorporated so-called bastle houses, or fortified farmhouses, dating to 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. This form of building is of interest in many ways: as fortified, or at least defensible farmhouses;

<sup>9</sup> Armstrong, A.M *et al.*, 1942-43, Page 179

<sup>10</sup> Parson, W and White, W, 1829, Page 455

<sup>11</sup> Anon, Undated

<sup>12</sup> Winchester, A.J.L., 2003, Page 343

as buildings once very common within and wholly peculiar to a very narrow strip of country; and as the only farmhouses in the British Isles, with a few exceptions, which in one building accommodated animals on the ground floor and human beings above in a manner not uncommon in the Alps<sup>13</sup>. There are several supposed examples of this type of buildings located within close proximity to High Scilly Hall :

- Perriam and Robinson include in their publication *The Medieval Fortified Buildings of Cumbria*, an entry relating to 'Silly Hall' (Grid Ref NY 720 433). The photograph in this entry is actually of High Scilly Hall, however the grid reference and description actually appears to relate to Low Scilly Hall: '*Possible bastle. Fairburn describes it as low, two storeyed, with steep gables (heather thatch?). It has chamfered window surrounds*'. Additional references are drawn from Peter Ryder's work: '*P Ryder writes: Ruinous house of 17<sup>th</sup> century date; the surviving part is almost square, but may not represent the whole building; as it seems only to have been of two storeys, it was probably a bastle rather than a tower*'<sup>14</sup>.
- *Low Nest: Bastle expanded into a farmhouse*<sup>15</sup>; *A complex farmhouse with a good four-centred basement door of bastle character, and what may be the upper door reset bearing a 1700 date. One of very few buildings in the Alston area to have been investigated and published*<sup>16</sup>.
- *Loaning Head, Garrigill: described by Palmer as a fortified farmhouse "perhaps the best example of the kind..the owners and the cattle were housed under the same roof"*<sup>17</sup>; *A Pennine hamlet with a range of three bastle derivative houses that have seen much 20<sup>th</sup> century alteration. There is a (re set) 1692 date stone*<sup>18</sup>.
- *Annat Walls: A hamlet to the south of Alston. The present farmhouse is a bastle-derivative house of 1735, much altered; attached to the south, now an outbuilding, is a mid-17<sup>th</sup> century bastle or bastle derivative house with two phases of late 17<sup>th</sup>/early 18<sup>th</sup> century extension. Detached to the north is a farm building incorporating a pair of bastles, the later eastern one being dated 1707*<sup>19</sup>.
- Other examples of fortified houses given by Perriam and Robinson include Bayles Hill House (NY 706 449), Blagill (NY 739 474),

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<sup>13</sup> Ramm, H.G *et al*, 1970, Page 61

<sup>14</sup> Perriam, D.R and Robinson, J, 1998, Page 42

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid*, Page 39

<sup>16</sup> Ryder, P, 2000-2002

<sup>17</sup> Perriam, D.R and Robinson, J, 1998, Page 38

<sup>18</sup> Ryder, P, 2000-2002

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid*



Bunkershill (NY 747 419), Clarghyll Hall (NY 725 493), Crag (NY 728 429), High Lovelady Shield (NY 759 461) and Middle Skelgill (NY 732 465).

- In his unpublished work *Defensible Buildings in Cumbria: A Survey*, a copy of which is housed at the County HER in Kendal, Peter Ryder includes Low Scilly Hall and describes it as: *'The abandoned farmstead of Low Scilly Hall (NY 720 433) lies a little above the east bank of the South Tyne c.4km south of Alston on the Pennine Way. It is included simply as Silly Hall by Perriam and Robinson who term it both a 'possible bastle' and a 'possible tower house'. The 19<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse remains roofed but derelict; attached to its north-west side is an earlier ruined building 7m square externally, with walls c.0.85m thick of roughly-coursed large rubble, with large and roughly shaped quoins'*. This survey contains a ground plan of Low Silly Hall.

It would appear that there has been some confusion regarding the different properties of Low Scilly Hall and High Scilly Hall. Perriam and Robinson include a photograph of High Scilly Hall; however their description refers to earlier observations of Low Scilly Hall. Consequently, it would appear that High Scilly Hall has not, as yet, been identified as a possible bastle site.

4.3.6 Hutchinson's *History of the County of Cumberland 1794-1797* provides some interesting information on the industries in and around Alston in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, as well as comments on the buildings and topography, extracts of which are noted here<sup>20</sup>:

- *'[Alston is] a small market town, meanly built, situated on the declivity of a steep hill, inhabited by miners'*.
- *'Pent in a narrow valley, over which mountains frowned with a melancholy sterility and nakedness; the wind tempestuous, impending clouds stretching forth a dark and disconsolate curtain over the face of the morning, rain beating vehemently against the windows, which are not able to resist the storm'*.
- *'There are in this parish the richest lead mines in the north of England'*.
- *'Buildings: mostly of stone, covered with lime, and slated. Soil and produce: soil is a mixture of clay, moss and sand which affords good pasturage for milk cows and produces good hay; not above 12 acres of tillage in the whole parish. General appearance: the buildings are white and some of them have a few trees near them, the inclosures fenced with walls. Where the lands lie to the rivers, they look pleasant, but the wastes are dreary. Manners of the inhabitants: most of the men are miners, and by long continuance in the*

<sup>20</sup> Hutchinson, W, 1797-1797, Pages 213-216

*works they shew a simplicity of manners, rarely found among other labouring people; they are strong of limb, and when in liquor, a vice too frequent, they are quarrelsome, resolute and ferocious’.*

- *‘The inhabitants formerly built huts on the commons, to which they resorted in the summer season, with their herds and flocks, for the convenience of pasturage, where the commons are very extensive, and lay at a distance from their usual habitations. The Scotch still follow this practice – these huts they called shields or shieldings’*

4.3.7 Up until the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, access to Alston parish was noted to have been difficult due to the *‘rough and broken state of its roads’*. In 1823 an Act of Parliament was obtained for making new roads from the town of Alston to Penrith, Brampton and Hexham, whilst another was under construction in 1829 leading from Alston over Yad Moss to Greta Bridge, which was intended to form part of a new coach route between London and Glasgow. The principal landowners in Alston parish in 1829 were noted to have been Robert Hodgson of Melmerby Hall; George Elstob of Hexham; Joseph Dickinson of Lovelady Shield and Mr John Friend of Annet Walls<sup>21</sup>.

4.3.8 Census returns, trade directories and parish registers for Garrigill were consulted for any references to High Scilly Hall, or Silly Hole, from the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The following table lists all the entries found, along with the source. The list is in chronological order in an attempt to provide some clarity of the occupiers of High Scilly Hall over the past few centuries. One problem that became evident during this research was that High and Low Scilly Hall were not always named separately, instead the place name ‘Silly Hole’ is simply given, therefore it is not known which property these entries relate to, apart from when they can be related to other sources which specifically mention ‘High Silly Hole’. The table also includes extracts from deeds held in the possession of Mr and Mrs Routledge, which Mrs Routledge has kindly provided. Only those which specifically name *Silly Hole*, or a version of that name have been included, and some have been shortened, however the full list provided by Mrs Routledge is included within *Appendix 1*, although there are still further deeds to be consulted and this list is, as yet, not complete.

| Date            | Entry   | Source  | Notes |
|-----------------|---|---|-------|
| 11 June<br>1703 | Ephraim son of Reginald Walton of <i>Sillyhole</i> was bryd | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, Carlisle Library Ref M707 & |       |

<sup>21</sup> Parson, W and White, W, 1829, Page 455

| Date           | Entry  | Source   | Notes |
|----------------|--|--|-------|
|                |  | Extracts from Garrigill Registers 1699-1729, Carlisle Library Ref M845   |       |
| 11 May<br>1704 | Reginald Walton of <i>Sillyhole</i> was bryd                         | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, Carlisle Library Ref M707 & included within a volume Ref M845        |       |
| 23 Nov<br>1704 | Burial of William Bowman of <i>Sylly Hole</i>                        | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, Carlisle Library Ref M707  |       |
| 20 Aug<br>1706 | James the son of John Forster of <i>Sillyhole</i> was borne          | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, The Distinct Register for Non-Conformists, Carlisle Library Ref M707 |       |
| 21 Dec<br>1706 | Joseph son of John Forster of <i>Silly Hole</i> was buried           | Extracts from Garrigill Registers 1699-1729, Carlisle Library Ref M845   |       |
| 31 Oct<br>1710 | Joseph Forster the son of John Forster of <i>Sillyhole</i> was borne | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, The Distinct Register for Non-Conformists, Carlisle Library Ref M707 |       |
| 18 Apr<br>1711 | John son of John Forster of <i>Silly Hole</i> was buryd              | Extracts from Garrigill Registers 1699-1729, Carlisle Library Ref M845   |       |
| 14 May<br>1713 | Baptism of Anne daughter of William Bowman of <i>Silly hole</i>      | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, Carlisle Library Ref M707  |       |
| 6 Jan<br>1715  | Burial of ? son of John Walton of <i>Silliehole</i>                  | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, Carlisle Library Ref M707  |       |
| 3 Apr<br>1716  | Baptism of Frances daughter of William Bowman of <i>Silly hole</i>   | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, Carlisle Library Ref M707  |       |
| 27 Feb         | Baptism of Joseph son of Henry                                       | The Early Church   |       |

| Date            | Entry   | Source   | Notes |
|-----------------|---|--|-------|
| 1717            | Jackson of <i>Sillyhole</i>                                 | Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, Carlisle Library Ref M707   |       |
| 20 Mar<br>1718  | Ralph Metcalfe of <i>Sillyhole</i> was buryd                | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, Carlisle Library Ref M707 & Extracts from Garrigill Registers 1699-1729, Carlisle Library Ref M845   |       |
| 21 Sept<br>1718 | John Barber of <i>Sillyhole</i> was buryd                   | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, Carlisle Library Ref M707 and Extracts from Garrigill Registers 1699-1729, Carlisle Library Ref M845 |       |
| 13 Apr<br>1719  | Baptism of John son of William Bowman of <i>Silly hole</i>  | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, Carlisle Library Ref M707  |       |
| 14 Feb<br>1720  | Anne dau of James Schaeff of <i>Sillyhole</i> was buryd     | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, Carlisle Library Ref M707 & Extracts from Garrigill Registers 1699-1729, Carlisle Library Ref M845   |       |
| 21 Feb<br>1720  | Burial of Elizabeth Bowman of <i>Silliehole</i>             | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, Carlisle Library Ref M707  |       |
| ? Aug<br>1720   | Anne ye dau of James Schaef of <i>Sillyhole</i> was born    | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, The Distinct Register for Non-Conformists, Carlisle Library Ref M707                                 |       |
| 24 July<br>1721 | Baptism of William son of Henry Jackson of <i>Sillyhole</i> | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, Carlisle Library Ref M707  |       |
| 28 July<br>1721 | William son of Henry Jackson of <i>Sillyhole</i> was buryd  | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, Carlisle   |       |

| Date          | Entry   | Source   | Notes |
|---------------|---|--|-------|
|               |   | Library Ref M707 & Extracts from Garrigill Registers 1699-1729, Carlisle Library Ref M845  |       |
| 23 May 1722   | Baptism of William son of Wm Bowman of <i>Sillyhole</i>                         | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, Carlisle Library Ref M707  |       |
| 24 Nov 1722   | Burial of Francis daughter of William Bowman of <i>Silliehole</i>               | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, Carlisle Library Ref M707  |       |
| 8 June 1725   | Margaret and Mary daughters of William Bowman of <i>Sillyhole</i> were baptised | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, Carlisle Library Ref M707  |       |
| 17 April 1726 | William son of Joseph Little of <i>High Sillyhole</i> was borne                 | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, The Distinct Register for Non-Conformists, Carlisle Library Ref M707                               |       |
| 23 May 1726   | Elizabeth Archer of <i>Sillyhole</i> was buryd                                  | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, Carlisle Library Ref M707 & Extracts from Garrigill Registers 1699-1729, Carlisle Library Ref M845 |       |
| 7 July 1727   | John son of John Hutchinson of <i>Sillyhole</i> was baptised                    | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, Carlisle Library Ref M707  |       |
| 9 Oct 1727    | John son of John Hutchinson of <i>Sillyhole</i> was buryd                       | The Early Church Registers of Alston with Garrigill 1909, Carlisle Library Ref M707  |       |
| 7 Feb 1730/1  | Burial of Ann dau of John Walton of <i>Sile Hole</i>                            | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908)  |       |
| 13 Sept 1734  | Isaac son of Samuel White of the <i>Low Silly-hole</i> was baptised             | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908)  |       |
| 16 Feb        | William son of Richard  | The Register of St John  |       |

| Date                | Entry   | Source  | Notes |
|---------------------|---|---|-------|
| 1734/5              | Stephenson of <i>High Silly Hole</i> was baptised                 | Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908)                         |       |
| 31 Jan<br>1735/6    | Burial of ? Cowper, <i>Far Silly hole</i>                         | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 6 Sept<br>1736      | Sarah dau of Charles Nixon of <i>Low Silly Hole</i> was baptised  | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 20 Feb<br>1736/7    | Wm son of Wm Pattison of <i>High Sillyhole</i> was baptised       | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 12<br>April<br>1737 | John son of Geo Walton of <i>High Silly Hole</i> was baptised     | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 20 July<br>1737     | Jane dau of Wm Todd of <i>Low Silly Hole</i> was baptised         | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 12 Feb<br>1738/9    | Mary dau of Charles Nixon of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised            | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 8 Apr<br>1739       | Anne dau of William 'Paddison' of <i>High Silly Hole</i> baptised | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 18 Aug<br>1739      | Burial of Ann dau of William Paddison, <i>Sillyhole</i>           | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 22 Apr<br>1739      | Hannah dau of Wm Todd of <i>High Silly Hole</i>                   | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 2 Sept<br>1739      | Elizabeth dau of John Row of <i>High Silly Hole</i> baptised      | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 27 Oct<br>1739      | Richard son of Robert Walton of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised         | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 5 Oct<br>1740       | Mary dau of Wm Pattinson of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised             | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 18 Feb<br>1740/1    | Mary dau of William Railton of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised          | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 28 Feb              | Isabel dau of John Row of   | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds                    |       |

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| 1741/2              | <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised                                     | and Robinson 1908)  |       |
| 18 June<br>1741     | Burial of William Railton,<br><i>Sillyhole</i>                | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 2 Aug<br>1742       | William son of John Cleminson<br>of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 27 Oct<br>1742      | Hannah dau of Charles Nixon<br>of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised   | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 28 Dec<br>1742      | Robert son of Robert Walton of<br><i>Sillyhole</i> baptised   | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 3 Dec<br>1745       | Henry son of Robert Walton of<br><i>Sillyhole</i> baptised    | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 26 Aug<br>1746      | John son of John Barber of<br><i>Sillyhole</i> baptised       | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 7 Dec<br>1746       | John son of Joshua Green of<br><i>Sillyhole</i> baptised      | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 23 Jan<br>1747/8    | Burial of John son of Joshua<br>Green, <i>Sillyhole</i>       | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 22<br>March<br>1748 | Sarah dau of Robert Walton of<br><i>Sillyhole</i> baptised    | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 2 Jan<br>1748/9     | Joshua son of Joshua Green of<br><i>Sillyhole</i> baptised    | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 11 Oct<br>1748      | Burial of Master Bleamire, <i>High<br/>Silly Hole</i>         | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 18 Jan<br>1749/50   | Burial of Isabel, wife of Robert<br>Walton, <i>Sillyhole</i>  | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 18 Jan<br>1749/50   | Burial of Robert, son of Robert<br>Walton, <i>Sillyhole</i>   | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 27 Feb<br>1749/50   | Burial of Robert Walton,<br><i>Sillyhole</i>                  | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds                       |       |

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|                 |   | and Robinson 1908)  |       |
| 18 May<br>1749  | Sarah dau of John Barber of<br><i>Sillyhole</i>                         | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 29 Dec<br>1751  | Burial of Jane Railton, <i>Sillyhole</i>                                | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 31 Dec<br>1751  | Burial of ? John Barber, <i>Sillyhole</i>                               | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 22 June<br>1752 | Hannah dau of John Walton of<br><i>Low Silly Hole</i> baptised          | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 20 Aug<br>1752  | Burial of ? dau of John Walton,<br><i>Sillyhole</i>                     | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| ? Sept<br>1754  | John son of Nicholas Vipond of<br><i>Low Silly Hole</i> baptised        | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 13 May<br>1755  | ? dau of William Bowman of<br><i>Low Silly Hole</i> baptised            | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 12 Mar<br>1757  | Burial of Hannah dau of<br>Cuthbert Watson, <i>High Silly<br/>Hole</i>  | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 10 May<br>1757  | Elizabeth dau of William<br>Bowman of <i>Low Silly Hole</i><br>baptised | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 12 Feb<br>1758  | Ann dau of Nicholas Vipond of<br><i>Sillyhole</i> baptised              | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 11 Oct<br>1758  | Burial of Cuthbert Watson,<br><i>Sillyhole</i>                          | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 26 Dec<br>1759  | Susanna dau of William Walton<br>of <i>Low Silly Hole</i> baptised      | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 8 Aug<br>1760   | Isabel dau of John Barber of<br><i>Sillyhole</i> baptised               | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 18 Aug<br>1761  | John son of John Walton of<br><i>Sillyhole</i> baptised                 | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds                       |       |



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| 30 May<br>1761  | James son of Nicholas Vipond of <i>Low Sillyhole</i> baptised   | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 16 July<br>1762 | Burial of Edward Marshall, <i>Low Sillyhole</i>   | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 6 Feb<br>1763   | Margaret dau of John and Sarah Walton of <i>Silly Hole</i> baptised   | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 25 Dec<br>1765  | Joseph son of Nicholas Vipond of <i>Low Silly Hole</i> baptised   | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 13 Apr<br>1766  | Robert son of John Walton of <i>Silly Hole</i> baptised   | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 3 Mar<br>1767   | Robert son of Henry Walton of <i>Silly Hole</i> baptised  | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 5 Oct<br>1767   | Copy of Giles Raisleys Will<br><i>The last will and testament of me Giles Raisley of Aldston and County of Cumberland. As to the worldly estate wherewith God hath blessed me I will that the same shall go and be disposed of as followeth Imprimis I give unto my nephew Raisley Calvert all my half messuage and tenement at Sillyhole upon condition he pay my wife eight pounds yearly during her natural life at two payments viz on Mayday Martinmas to begin whether shall first happen after my decease ??</i> | Deeds held by Mr and Mrs Routledge                                  |       |
| 19 Jan<br>1768  | Sarah dau of Thomas Peart of <i>Low Sillyhole</i> baptised  | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 3 Apr<br>1768   | Thomas son of John Walton of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised  | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 3 May<br>1768   | Burial of John Shaw, <i>Sillyhole</i>   | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 30 Jan<br>1770  | Giles son of John Walton of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised   | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds                    |       |

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| 1 Feb<br>1770   | Burial of Giles son of John<br>Walton, <i>Sillyhole</i>              | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 31 Mar<br>1770  | Martha dau of Nicholas<br>Vipond of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised        | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 30 Dec<br>1770  | Susan dau of John Walton of<br><i>Sillyhole</i> baptised             | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 9 Mar<br>1771   | Isabel dau of Henry Walton of<br><i>Silly Hole</i> baptised          | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 27 Apr<br>1771  | Frances dau of William Dobson<br>of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised        | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 22 Sept<br>1771 | Rachel dau of Thomas Peart of<br><i>Low Silly Hole</i> baptised      | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 26 Dec<br>1772  | Burial of John Barber, <i>Silly Hole</i>                             | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 10 July<br>1773 | Isabel dau of John and Sarah<br>Walton of <i>Silly Hole</i> baptised | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 3 Jan<br>1773   | Burial of John Ritson, <i>Silly Hole</i>                             | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 13 Nov<br>1773  | Margaret dau of Jonathan<br>Nicholson of <i>Silly Hole</i> baptised  | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 15 May<br>1775  | William son of John and Sarah<br>Walton of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 16 Nov<br>1775  | Burial of Robert son of Henry<br>Walton, <i>Low Silly Hole</i>       | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 15 June<br>1776 | Nicholas son of Jonathan<br>Nicholson of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised   | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds<br>and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 24 Dec<br>1776  | Henry son of Henry Walton of<br><i>Sillyhole</i> baptised            | The Register of St John<br>Church, Garrigill (Dodds                       |       |

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| 29 Dec<br>1776  | Sarah dau of John and Sarah Walton of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 9 Mar<br>1777   | Burial of Sarah wife of John Walton, <i>Silly Hole</i>          | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 19 Dec<br>1778  | Ann dau of Jonathan Nicholson of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised      | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 2 Nov<br>1779   | Burial of Joseph Hutchinson, <i>Silly Hole</i>                  | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 6 Dec<br>1780   | Mary dau of Jonathan Nicholson of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised     | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 16 Dec<br>1780  | Burial of Mary dau of Jonathan Nicholson, <i>Sillyhole</i>      | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 20 July<br>1782 | Mary dau of James and Ann Darnley of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised  | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 29 May<br>1784  | Jonathan son of Jonathan Nicholson of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 7 Oct<br>1784   | Burial of James Darnley, <i>Sillyhole</i>                       | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 8 Dec<br>1784   | Burial of Mary dau of Ann Darnley, <i>Sillyhole</i>             | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 16 Oct<br>1785  | Ralph son of Thomas Watson of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised         | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 4 June<br>1786  | Burial of Hannah dau of Ann Darnley, ' <i>Sillyhole Poor</i> '  | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 12 Aug<br>1787  | Nancy dau of John Mason of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised            | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 27 Set<br>1788  | Ann dau of Thomas Watson of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised           | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds                    |       |

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| 13 Nov<br>1788  | Burial of Matt son of Thos Davidson, <i>Low Silly Hole</i>  | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 12 Mar<br>1789  | Burial of Ann dau of Thos Watson, <i>Low Sillyhole</i>  | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 3 Feb<br>1790   | Burial of Ann wide of Thos Watson, <i>Low Sillyhole</i>   | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 8 Apr<br>1790   | Burial of Jno son of Christopher Armstrong of <i>Low Sillyhole</i>  | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 14 Nov<br>1790  | Thos son of Christopher Armstrong of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised  | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 12 Dec<br>1790  | Burial of Jonathan Nicholson, <i>Low Silly-hole</i>   | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 3 Sept<br>1791  | Thos son of Christopher Armstrong of <i>Sillyhole</i> baptised  | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 3 Apr<br>1792   | Burial of Mary Nicholson of <i>Sillyhole</i>  | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 4 Dec<br>1793   | Burial of Mary Vipond, <i>Sillyhole</i>   | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 9 Dec<br>1793   | Burial of Isabel dau of John Walton, <i>Sillyhole</i>   | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 25 June<br>1795 | <i>Assignment of a leasehold estate called Sillyhole in the Parish of Alston His Grace the Duke of Norfolk to Mr William Calvert Indenture made 25<sup>th</sup> June in the 35<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of King George III in the year 1795. Between the most noble Charles Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshall of England and William Calvert, now of Newcastle upon Tyne (gentleman) The only brother and next of kin,</i> | Deeds held by Mr and Mrs Routledge                                  |       |

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|      | <p><i>executor of the last will and testament of Raisley Calvert, Keswick (Gentleman (deceased))</i></p> <p><i>Whereas Raisley Calvert late of Greystoke, Cumberland (Gentleman) deceased, the father of the said William Calvert.</i></p> <p><i>Raisley by last will and testament 12/01/1789 did give devise and bequeath unto the Duke of Norfolk and Henry Addison of Penrith (Gentleman) now since deceased.</i></p> <p><i>Assigned all his leasehold messuage etc. known by the name Sillyhole.</i></p> <p><i>Upon Trust for the use, benefit and behalf of the testators son, the said Raisley Calvert his executors....</i></p> <p><i>.....In case he attained his age of 21 years and should marry and have issue of his body.</i></p> <p><i>Duke of Norfolk and Henry Addison, Joint executors.</i></p> <p><i>The said Raisley Calvert, the father died 28/04/1791 and Raisley Calvert the son attained the age of 21 years 27/08/1794 and became fully entitled to.....</i></p> <p><i>And whereas Raisley Calvert the son by last will and testament dated 23/10/1794- bequeathed to his brother William Calvert ..... all Estate called Sillyhole</i></p> <p><i>To hold to him his executors administrators and assigns subject along with certain other estates and premises therein mentioned to the payment of a legacy of £900.00 therein to be given to <b>William Wordsworth.</b></i></p> <p><i>Raisley on or about the 9<sup>th</sup> January died without revoking his will.</i></p> <p><i>Said Henry Addison also died – legal estate and interest bequeathed by the father to Duke of Norfolk and Henry Addison now vested in the Duke of Norfolk.</i></p> <p><i>William Calvert applied to the Duke of Norfolk to ??messuage bequeathed to him and then subsequently agreed.</i></p> |        |       |

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|              | <i>Paid by the said William Calvert the sum of 10 shillings he then gave Sillyhole (heretofore one moeity or one half messuage and tenement..... situate lying and being at a place called Sillyhole or Upper Sillyhole in the chapelry of Garrigill..... and now in occupation of JOHN WALTON as farmer.<br/>Additional legacy mentioned legacy of £70.00 paid to one <b>Thomas Long</b><br/>NB Signed and sealed by Duke of Norfolk and William Calvert</i> |  |  |
| 4 June 1798  | Birth of Hannah Lee 1 <sup>st</sup> dau of Joseph Lee, <i>Low Sillyhole</i> , miner, notp bhm Hannah dau of Henry and Mary Ridley of Allendale  | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908)              | notp = native of this parish.<br>bhw = by his wife |
| 26 Oct 1798  | Birth of Isaac Armstrong 5 <sup>th</sup> son of Christopher Armstrong, <i>Low Sillyhole</i> , Miner, otp bhm Elizabeth dau of Thomas and Mary Vipond  | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908)              |  |
| 22 July 1800 | Birth of William Lee 5 <sup>th</sup> son of Joseph Lee of <i>Sillyhole</i> , miner, notp bhw Hannah dau of Henry Ridley of Whitfield  | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908)              |  |
| 17 Jan 1803  | Birth of Thomas Lee 6 <sup>th</sup> son of Joseph Lee of <i>Low Sillyhole</i> , miner bhw Hannah  | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908)              |  |
| 5 Mar 1804   | Burial of John Walton, <i>Sillyhole</i> , farmer, aged 67 years   | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908)              |  |
| 5 Mar 1804   | Gravestone reads: <i>'In memory of John Walton of Silly Hole who died March 5<sup>th</sup> 1804, aged 70 years'</i> . Footnote: John, the son of George Walton of <i>High Silly Hole</i> , baptised 12 April 1737   | Gravestone Index, Garrigill Churchyard, Compiled 1908, Carlisle Library Ref M845 |  |
| 10 Aug 1805  | Birth of William Walton 1 <sup>st</sup> son of Thomas Walton of <i>Sillyhole</i> , farmer, bhw Rachel, dau of Wm Hetherington   | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908)              |  |
| 2 Nov 1805   | Agreement for the purchase of High Silly Hole Estates<br>Dated the second day of November   | Deeds held by Mr and Mrs Routledge   |  |

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|              | <p>1805, Mr Calvert Esquire and Mr Thomas Walton</p> <p><i>Articles of agreement had made concluded and agreed upon the second day of November in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and five. Between William Calvert of Windybrow in the parish of Crosthwaite in the county of Cumberland Esquire of the one part and Thomas Walton of High Silly Hole in the parish of Alston, farmer of the other part as follow</i></p> |  |       |
| 21 Dec 1805  | <p>Birth of Betty Dodd 3<sup>rd</sup> dau of Edward Dodd of <i>Sillyhole</i>, miner, bhw Sarah dau of John Modlin</p>  | <p>The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908)</p> |       |
| 20 Feb 1806  | <p>William Calvert Esquire to Mr Thomas Walton</p> <p>Assignment of <i>Upper Silly Hole</i> Estate in the parish of Alston</p> <p><i>And after reciting that the said Thomas Walton had contracted and agreed with the said William Calvert for the absolute purchase of the said messuage..... called High Sillyhole or Upper Sillyhole .... At or for the price or sum of £1200.00</i></p>   | <p>Deeds held by Mr and Mrs Routledge</p>                                  |       |
| 23 June 1806 | <p>Burial of Sarah Dodd dau of Edward and Sarah, Low Sillyhole, aged 3yrs</p>  | <p>The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908)</p> |       |
| 6 Dec 1806   | <p>Birth of Robert Walton 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Thomas Walton of <i>Sillyhole</i>, miner, bhw Rachel dau of William Hetherington</p>   | <p>The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908)</p> |       |
| 30 Dec 1806  | <p>Deed of Exchange Between Mr Robert Hodgson of Alston and Mr Thomas Walton <i>High Sillyhole</i> Gentleman, of certain parcels of ground at <i>Sillyhole</i> in the parish of Alston</p> <p>RH set over to TW one third share/part of that incroachment pasture close of land called <i>Sillyhole</i> Pasture and also piece of ground part of <i>Sillyhole</i> tenement commonly called by the name of Stoney Piece</p>                 | <p>Deeds held by Mr and Mrs Routledge</p>                                  |       |

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| 29 Nov<br>1807  | Birth of John Dodd 1 <sup>st</sup> son of Edward Dodd of <i>Sillyhole</i> , miner, bhw Sarah  | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 24 Jan<br>1808  | Birth of Isabella Walton 2 <sup>nd</sup> dau of Thomas Walton of <i>Sillyhole</i> , yeoman, hm Rachel dau of William Hetherington   | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 11 July<br>1808 | Birth of Hannah Kindred 2 <sup>nd</sup> dau of Leonard Kindred of <i>Sillyhole</i> , miner, bhw Elizabeth dau of Thomas Brown   | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 26 Jan<br>1811  | Birth of Betty Kindred 3 <sup>rd</sup> dau of Leonard and Elizabeth Kindred, <i>Sillyhole</i> , farmer  | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 3 Apr<br>1811   | Burial of Thomas Walton, <i>Sillyhole</i> , miner, aged 44 yrs  |   |       |
| 2 Apr<br>1811   | Will of Thomas Walton of <i>High Silly Hall</i> : <i>First I order and direct my brother in law John Little Esquire of the Raise House near Alstone, Mr Henry Walton of Crops Hall in Garrigill and Mr Thomas Walton in Alstone to be joint trustees and executors of this my last will empowering them to pay my just debts and funeral expenses as soon as conveniently may be after my decease my will also is that my executors be at liberty to sell as soon as convenient all my Allotments of Common Stock and Crop except three cowes which I give to my wife and husbandry geer together with my shares of Lead Mines except the Allotment under the Road leading from Alstone to Garrigill my Will further is that my trustees shall pay to my oldest son John Walton the sum of Three Hundred Pounds when he arrives at the age of twenty years also to my son Thomas Walton the sum of one Hundred and fifty pounds when at the age of Twenty and to my daughter Elizabeth Walton the sum of fifty pounds when she arrives at the age of twenty years. It is also my will that my trustees shall pay my dear wife Rachel Walton the sum of Ten Pounds per</i> | Deeds held by Mr and Mrs Routledge                                  |       |



| Date        | Entry  | Source  | Notes |
|-------------|--|---|-------|
|             | <p><i>year for each child for the support and maintenance of each of my children that may live with her if not my executors to support and maintain them together with my household furniture and such House and Out-houseing as may be pointed out by my executors and also the Homefield leading to the flat with the Cattle Gates in the pastures until my youngest children attain the age of fifteen years. It is also my Will at that period that my Estate at Silly Hall be sold by my Executors and the Money arising from that with the other accounts to be equally divided among any surviving children by my Executors as soon as conveniently except four hundred pounds which must rest upon my Estate at Silly Hall the legal interest of that Sum to be paid half yearly by Trustees unto my dear wife Rachel Walton during her life and as soon after her death as my Executors can conveniently divide the said Four Hundred Pounds equally amongst my surviving children my Will is that if my dear wife Rachel Walton should marry then and in such case the whole of her Annuities and Privileges to cease and determine and the whole of my property to come into the hands of my Executors for my surviving children. Lastly it is my Will that my Executors shall be at liberty to reimburse themselves all reasonable expenses which they may bear or expend relating the execution of this my Will</i></p> |   |       |
| 8 May 1812  | Birth of Sarah Graham 1 <sup>st</sup> dau of William and Eliz Graham, miner, <i>Sillyhole</i>  | The Register of St John Church, Garrigill (Dodds and Robinson 1908) |       |
| 30 May 1816 | Assignment of leasehold Estates called <i>Sillyhole</i> in the parish of Alston, Of three parts made between John Little Esq. of Raize House in the Parish of Alston Henry Walton of Crops Hall in Garrigill (Gentleman) Thomas Walton of Alston   | Deeds held by Mr and Mrs Routledge                                  |       |

| Date        | Entry   | Source                             | Notes |
|-------------|---|------------------------------------|-------|
|             | <p>(gentleman), (executors named and appointed in and by the last will and testament of Thomas Walton (Yeoman) late of Sillyhole..... deceased of the first part (died 03/04/1811)</p> <p><i>The executors Did bargain, sell over assign to the said John Walton all that the said messuage..... Called High Sillyhole consisting of two dwelling houses and outhouses and the several closes inclosures pieces of parcels of land and allotment and allotments of common thereunto belonging</i></p>   |                                    |       |
| 30 May 1817 | <p>Probate of Will: <i>Of the said John Walton (probate dated 15/10/1818) – whereby after giving unto his wife Hannah Walton his household furniture and implements of household plate watch china books and all his beds and bedding wearing apparel and linen and all the ready money and cash that should be in his dwelling house at the time of his decease, he gave devised and bequeathed unto his friends Richard Featherstonhaugh of Alston aforesaid (Innkeeper), William Bainbridge (gentleman) and George Wallis of the same place (yeoman). All his freehold dwelling house, outhouses and garden situate in Alston and all that his leasehold estate situate at a place called High Sillyhole ...And also all other his freehold and leasehold hereditaments ...whatsoever and wheresoever and also all money due to him from any person or persons whomsoever and all the other his real and personal estate effects ...not thereinfore given to his said wife</i></p> | Deeds held by Mr and Mrs Routledge |       |
| 27 Feb 1819 | <p>Sales particulars: <i>Conditions of selling by auction all that leasehold messuage and tenement situate at and called by the name of High Sillyhole ..... Consisting of two dwelling houses and outhouses and one hundred and forty two acres or thereabouts be the same more or less meadow and pasture land well fenced and divided with suitable inclosures of which</i></p>  | Deeds held by Mr and Mrs Routledge |       |

| Date       | Entry   | Source  | Notes  |
|------------|---|---|--|
|            | <i>upwards of eighty acre were lately part of the nearby enclosed common.</i>   |   |  |
| 1841       | <p><u>'Sillyhole'</u></p> <p>Adam Elliott, 40, yeoman<br/>Mary Elliott, wife, 40<br/>Hannah, 15; John, 13; Mary, 11;<br/>Rebecca, 8; Jane, 5 and ?, aged 15</p> <p><u>'Sillyhole'</u></p> <p>Thomas ?Moffat, 40 , lead miner<br/>Sarah Moffat, 20</p>   | Census Returns (microfiche at Carlisle Library) | This Census does not name High and Low Silly Hole separately   |
| 1847       | Adam Elliott, farmer, <i>High Silly Hall</i>  | Mannix and Whellan's Cumberland Directory       |  |
| 1851       | <p><u>'Silly Hall'</u></p> <p>Mary Elliott, 52, farmer and land proprietor, born at Alston<br/>Hannah, 29, farmers daughter, born at Garrigill<br/>John, 25, farmers son, born Stafford<br/>Mary Ann, 20, farmers daughter, born Stafford<br/>Rebecca, 17, dressmaker, born Alston<br/>Jane, 15, scholar, born Alston<br/>Robert Elliot, 12, visitor, born Alston</p> <p><u>'Silly Hall'</u></p> <p>Elizabeth Smith, 75, born Alston</p> <p><u>Low Silly Hole</u></p> | Census Returns (microfiche at Carlisle Library) | There would appear to be three entries relating to Silly Hall, 2 for Silly Hall and one for Low Silly Hall, suggesting that High Silly Hall may have housed 2 families |
| 9 May 1857 | Conveyance: <i>By way of mortgage of leasehold estates and hereditaments at High Sillyhole and High Plains From Mr John Elliott (Yeoman) and others to Messrs Mulcaster and Vickers. Stewards and treasurers of Garrigill Gate Friendly Society</i>   | Deeds held by Mr and Mrs Routledge              |  |

| Date       | Entry   | Source   | Notes   |
|------------|---|--|---|
| 1858       | John Elliott, farmer, <i>High Silly Hall</i>  | Post Office Directory of Westmoreland and Cumberland, Kelly & Co |   |
| 1861       | <u><i>High Silly Hole</i></u><br>John Elliot, 33, farmer of 80 acres, born Addingham<br>Ann his wife, 29<br>Robert, son, 6; Adam, son, 2;<br>Mary Lee, servant, 19<br><u><i>High Silly Hole</i></u><br>Jane Spark, lead miners wife, 46, born Ainstable; William Baverstock, son, 15, lead miner; Edward Baverstock, son, 14, lead miner; Joseph Baverstock, son, 12, lead miner; Eliz Spark, dau, 8, scholar | Census Returns (microfiche at Carlisle Library)                  | These returns do appear to suggest that High Silly Hall contained 2 separate dwellings at this date |
| 1871       | <u><i>High Silly Hole</i></u><br>John Robson, 50, farmer of 100 acres, born at Kirkhaugh<br>Lee Robson, son, 24, mason, born Alston; Sarah Robson, dau, 21, farmers daughter, born Alston; Mary Robson, dau, 17, farmers daughter, born Alston; Eliz Robson, dau, 8, scholar, born Alston<br><u><i>High Silly Hole</i></u><br>Mary Elliot, 72, born Alston  | Census Returns (microfiche at Carlisle Library)                  |   |
| 1881       | <u><i>High Silly Hole</i></u><br>Thomas Pickering, 40, farmer of 101 acres, born Alston; Mary, wife, 42, born Alston; George, son, 13, scholar, born Alston; Eliz, dau, 7, scholar, born Alston; Hannah, dau, 3, born Alston  | Census Returns (microfiche at Carlisle Library)                  | The second house or portion of the house is listed as uninhabited at this date                      |
| 8 Dec 1884 | <i>This indenture made 08/12/1884 between John Elliot of High Silly Hole (Yeoman) of the one part, And Thomas Smith of Park House in Alston (Yeoman) of the second part, Whereas by an indenture dated 09/05/1857 and</i>   | Deeds held by Mr and Mrs Routledge                               |   |

| Date        | Entry  | Source   | Notes |
|-------------|--|--|-------|
|             | <p>made between the said John Elliot of the first part and Joseph White and Hannah his wife and John Moffatt and Mary Ann his wife of the second part. Rebecca and Jane Elliot of the 3<sup>rd</sup> part Robert Elliot of the 4<sup>th</sup> part.. All leasehold messuage..... called High Silly Hole consisting of two dwelling houses and outhouses and several and several closes/inclosures/parcels of land and all allotments of common set out</p> |  |       |
| 1891        | <p><u>High Silly Hall</u></p> <p>John Elliot, 63, farmer, born Alston</p> <p>Ann, wife, 59, born Alston;<br/>Adam Elliot, son, 32,<br/>auctioneer, born Alston; Annie Mary, dau, 20; Jane Ann Wilkinson, 28, general servant domestic</p>  | Census Returns (microfiche at Carlisle Library)                |       |
| 1901        | <p><u>High Silly Hall</u></p> <p>Adam Elliot, 42, farmer and auctioneer, born Alston</p> <p>Jane, wife, 38, born Newcastle; Elizabeth ?Millican, 15, general servant, born Carlisle</p>  | Census Returns (microfiche at Carlisle Library)                |       |
| 1901        | <p>Adam Elliott, farmer, <i>High Silly Hall</i></p> <p>John Cousin, <i>Low Silly Hall</i></p>  | History, Topography and Directory of Cumberland, T Bulmer & Co |       |
| 25 Nov 1905 | Schedule of deeds and writings relating to the Title to premises at <i>Silly Hole</i> – belonging to Mr Adam Elliot and now in mortgage to Messrs William and Harrison Watson for securing £1800.00 and interest   | Deeds held by Mr and Mrs Routledge                             |       |
| 1910        | <p>John Cousin, farmer, <i>Low Silly Hole</i></p> <p>Thomas Smith, farmer, <i>High Silly Hole</i></p>  | Kelly's Directory of Cumberland and Westmorland                |       |
| 24 Nov 1924 | Mr John Watson and another to Mr Adam Elliot, Re-assignment of premises situate at <i>Silly Hole</i> Between John Watson of The Knock (Farmer) of The Knock in the   | Deeds held by Mr and Mrs Routledge                             |       |

| Date           | Entry   | Source                             | Notes |
|----------------|---|------------------------------------|-------|
|                | County of Westmorland<br>And Harrison Watson formerly of Riggside Harwood, Middleton in Teesdale Co Durham, but now of St Johns Chapel, Stanhope (Retired Farmer) And Adam Elliot (Retired Auctioneer) of Alston  |                                    |       |
| 24 Nov<br>1924 | <i>Indenture Between Adam Elliot of Alston (retired auctioneer) – the mortgagor, And Annie Watson of Middleton (Spinster) the mortgagee The mortgagee has agreed to lend to the mortgagor the sum of £1600.00 All that leasehold farm land and premises known as Silly Hole – consisting of a dwelling house, barn byers and other outbuildings and several closes of meadow and pasture land containing (according to the said ordinance plan of the said parish of Alston), fifty one acres, three roods and two perches or thereabouts on or towards the east by the main road leading from Alston to Garrigill on or towards the west by property belonging to the representatives of R H Horrocks deceased. On or towards the North partly by the parish road leading to Silly Hole aforesaid and partly by property formerly belonging to the mortgagor and now to Mary Rubina Longhurst and others and on or towards the south partly by property formerly belonging to Jane Guy and now to John Reed partly by property belonging to representatives of Jonathan Davidson deceased and partly by property now in the occupation of Edmund Raine</i> | Deeds held by Mr and Mrs Routledge |       |
| 1925           | Robert Egglestone, farmer,<br><i>High Silly Hole</i>  | Kelly's Directory of<br>Cumberland |       |
| 1928-<br>1931  | 22/03/1928 Will of Adam Elliot – appointed his wife Jane Ann Elliot and his nephew George Thompson Elliot and John Elliot Smith and executors<br>07/09/1929 Codicil to will which did not affect the appointment of trustees  | Deeds held by Mr and Mrs Routledge |       |

| Date        | Entry  | Source                             | Notes |
|-------------|--|------------------------------------|-------|
|             | 03/11/1930 Death of Adam Elliot<br>06/01/1931 Probate granted Carlisle district registry to Jane Ann Elliot and John Elliot Smith – power being reserved to the other executor<br>Memorandum: By an assent dated 20/11/1953 between John Elliot Smith of Williamstone Slaggyford and George Thompson Elliot of Alston – the leasehold property known as <i>Silly Hole Farm</i> ..... became invested in the said John Elliot Smith etc   |                                    |       |
| 1929        | Thos William Smith, farmer, <i>High Silly hole</i>   | Kelly's Directory of Cumberland    |       |
| 1938        | Jsp and Thomas Cousins, <i>Low Silly Hole</i> , farmers<br><br>Wm Lowe, farmer, <i>High Silly Hole</i>   | Kelly's Cumberland Directory       |       |
| 21 Mar 1931 | Fire Insurance Policy: Mrs Jane Ann Elliot of Grove Cottage, Alston<br>John Elliot Smith of Bleagate Alston – executors of Adam Elliot deceased, Fire Insurance of £400.00<br>Annual premium of £9.00<br>The building of the farm dwelling house at Alston known as <i>Silly Hole</i> .<br>The range of buildings comprised of barn, stable, cart house, byres and other farm buildings all under one roof or communicating situate adjoining the aforesaid farm dwellings and partly under the same line of roof.<br>The aforesaid buildings are all brick or stone built and slated or tiled | Deeds held by Mr and Mrs Routledge |       |
| 2 Sep 1966  | Assent relating to <i>Silly Hole</i> , Alston<br>John Elliott Smith late of Rainbow House, Alston formerly of Williamstone, Slaggyford died 21/09/1964<br>Margaret Smith (widow)<br>Thomas Stewart Smith of Williamstone, Slaggyford<br>Adam Douglas Smith, of The Nest,   | Deeds held by Mr and Mrs Routledge |       |

| Date        | Entry  | Source                             | Notes |
|-------------|--|------------------------------------|-------|
|             | Alston (Executors)<br>Vesting of <i>Silly Hole</i> to Thomas Stewart Smith<br>Consisting of dwelling house, (approx 51 acres) and allotment (approx 49 acres)  |                                    |       |
| 22 Apr 1982 | Assignment: Transfer of land from Lawrence Carl Wearmouth and Dorothy Wearmouth of Birch Bush Farm, Ettersgill Forest in Teesdale To Colin Smith of <i>High Silly Hall</i> High Plains<br>Consideration of £9300.00  | Deeds held by Mr and Mrs Routledge |       |
| 3 Dec 1996  | Deed of Gift Between Thomas Stewart Smith of Woodbrae, Nenthead, Alston To John Colin Smith (Son)<br>All those pieces or parcels of land situate at <i>Scilly Hole</i> otherwise known as <i>Silly Hole</i> , Alston | Deeds held by Mr and Mrs Routledge |       |
| 2 Nov 2009  | Completion of Registration: Title number CU226866<br>Lodged 28/10/2009<br>Title absolute<br>Edward Graham Routledge and Marie Colette Routledge<br><i>High Scilly Hall Farm</i> , Alston                             | Deeds held by Mr and Mrs Routledge |       |

4.3.9 In August 1986 the farm buildings at High Scilly Hall were severely damaged by fire. Reports of the fire appeared in local newspapers and these are reproduced in Plates 1 and 2 below. The occupier of High Scilly Hall at this time was Mr Colin Smith and his family, the acreage of the farm was 140 acres and economy of the farm was sheep and beef (See Plate 2). Following the fire, architect's plans and elevations were drawn up by Countryside Consultants for the renovation of the fire damaged farm buildings and associated works to the house. Copies of these drawings are to be included in the archive for this project. Photographs were also taken by Countryside Consultants following the fire and these are reproduced as Plates 3 and 4. These show the form of the farm buildings located to the north-west side of the house.





Plate 1: Extract from The Herald, 30<sup>th</sup> August 1986



Plate 2: Extract from Newspaper 1986

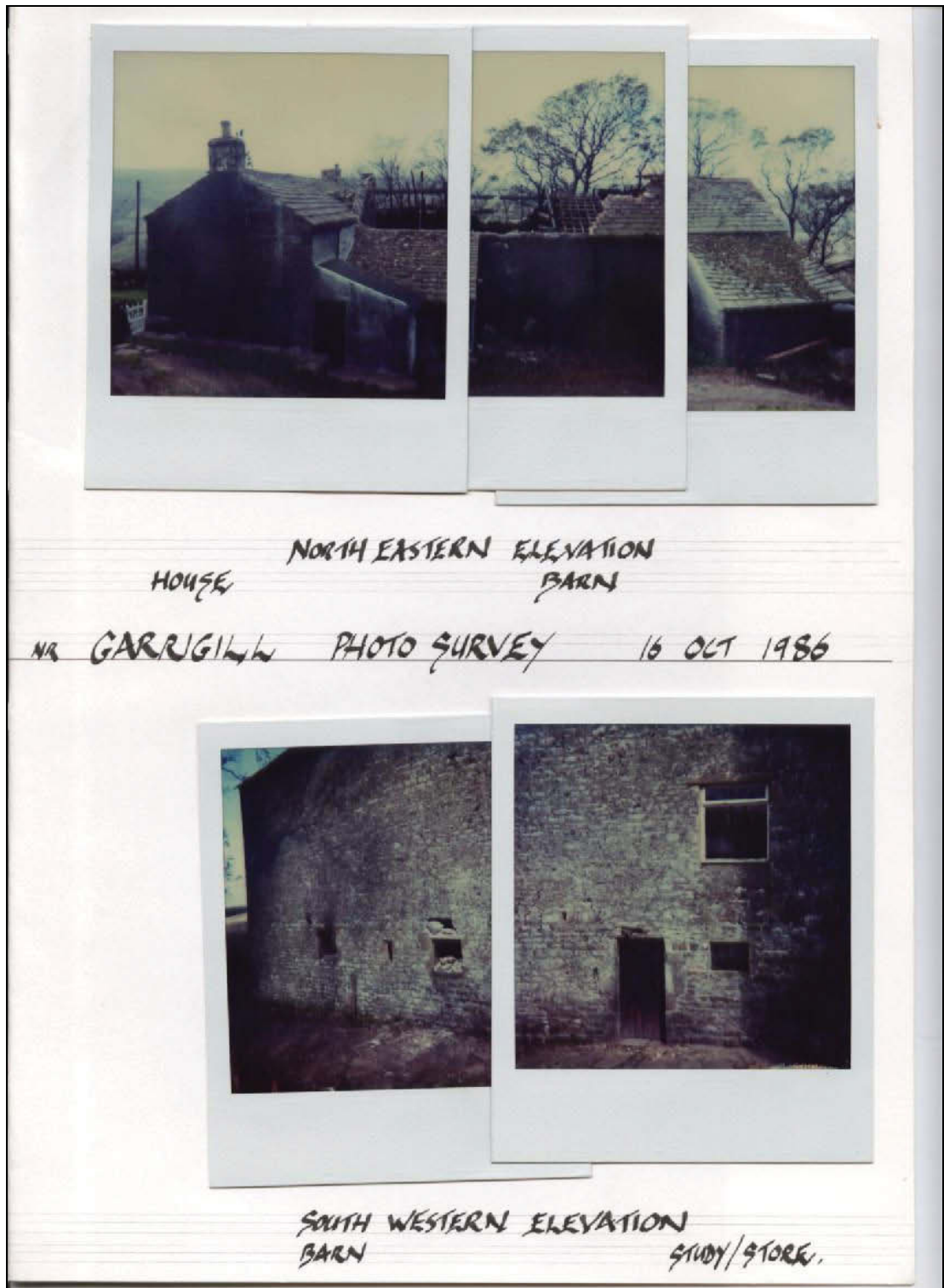


Plate 3: Photographs of High Scilly Hall, 16<sup>th</sup> October 1986 (courtesy of Countryside Consultants)



Plate 4: Photographs of High Scilly Hall, October 1986 (courtesy of Countryside Consultants)

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## 5 BUILDING SURVEY RESULTS

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### 5.1 INTRODUCTION

5.1.1 The Level 3 Building Survey was undertaken on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010 by Fiona Wooler. At the time of survey the property was being prepared for demolition, with all internal stud walls having been removed.

### 5.2 THE HOUSE EXTERIOR

5.2.1 The house at High Scilly Hall is essentially rectangular in plan, and is of two storeys, constructed of uncoursed rubble masonry, and is orientated north-east to south-west, with its north-west elevation facing towards the farm buildings and the property known as Meadow Flatt beyond (Plates 5 and 6). The site of High Scilly Hall is on the side of a steep slope which descends in a westerly direction towards the River South Tyne (Plates 6-8).

5.2.2 There are single-storey additions to the north-west and south-east elevations, all of which, including the main body of the house, have roofs laid in stone slates, apart from a small outshut against the north end of the north-west elevation which is laid in corrugated sheeting (Plates 5 and 8). The majority of the external walls of the house have been whitewashed, apart from the south-west elevations.

5.2.3 The north-east elevation of High Scilly Hall has evidence for several blocked openings, although these were more clearly discernible from within the interior. There is a blocked doorway at the base of the elevation which measures 1m in width. Set above this doorway is evidence for a former window (this is more easily seen from the interior), with another example located close to the line of the gable (Plates 10 and 11). The chimney stack at the apex of this gable is constructed of well-dressed, coursed masonry square blocks with a decorative cornice (Plate 12). This chimney stack has the same detailing as that at the south end of the property, indicating that these stacks are contemporary, although not necessarily original to the earliest phases of the house.

5.2.4 The south-east elevation of High Scilly Hall faces towards the garden (Plate 8). The northern end of this elevation, within the main body of the two-storey house, has two windows at ground level, and two at first floor level, however, none of which are the same size, suggesting several phases of alteration (Plate 13). There is a possible vertical construction break between the windows, which may indicate that the house was extended to the south, although it is also possible that this represents a former doorway;

- due to the whitewash it was difficult to assess externally (Plate 14). It was possible to note, however, that there is a blocked window located beneath the eaves, to the north of an existing first floor window (Plate 15); this was more clearly visible internally (see Plate 66).
- 5.2.5 Towards the southern end of this elevation is an outshut with stone tile roof (Plate 8), which has more latterly housed the staircase and a bathroom at ground floor level. This outshut appears to be visible on First Edition Ordnance Survey map of 1867 (Figure 6). There is a doorway in the north-east elevation of this outshut, and it was noticeable that there are alternating long and short tooled quoins in this elevation (Plate 17), a feature which is not present in the north-east gable already discussed, suggesting that the two may not be contemporary. In the south-east elevation of this outshut there are three windows (Plate 18), one large example set just below the eaves which now lights the staircase, and which originally appears to have been longer as shown by the vertical line in the masonry at its base (this was also more clearly visible internally, see Plate 47). To the south of this is a large window which appears to be a modern insertion, above which is a small opening which more latterly lit a first floor room. There is a possible blocked window to the south side of this elevation (Plate 19), which was also visible internally.
- 5.2.6 The south-west elevation of the property faces the steep drop in ground level which descends down to the River South Tyne to the west (Plates 20 and 21). There was no apparent vertical construction break between the main body of the house and the outshut against the south-east elevation, suggesting that the two are contemporary, i.e. they were built at the same time. At the base of this elevation there is a doorway which is now protected by a modern porch way constructed of modern concrete blocks. This doorway provides access to a basement, which has more latterly been used as a separate dwelling. The masonry surround for this which provides access to the basement has a chamfer around its inner edges, providing a hint of architectural detail (Plates 23 and 24).
- 5.2.7 There is a window also at ground floor level, which presently lights the basement, but which has been set in a former doorway as shown by the vertical blocks of masonry which made up the jambs (Plate 25). This former doorway has lost its lintel, presumably removed when the modern window was inserted, and there is some evidence for the masonry in this wall having been disturbed as shown by the change in mortar. At first floor, and second floor level of this elevation there is a single window which lights each floor, both of which are rectangular in form and contain modern frames. The vertical window shape began to appear at the higher vernacular levels towards the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century and continued until

the end of the vernacular tradition 200 years later<sup>22</sup>. There was no evidence in this elevation for earlier windows, unless this evidence was removed when some of the masonry was rebuilt as may be suggested by the change in mortar, consequently it is possible that this end of the property may date to some point between the 18<sup>th</sup> and mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, although without any architectural features it is difficult to provide a more approximate date range. The chimney stack at the apex of the gable in this elevation has already been noted to match that on the north-east elevation (Plate 26).

- 5.2.8 The north-west elevation of the main body of the house is largely obscured by three separate outshuts, two of which have roofs laid in stone slates, and the smaller at the north end has a roof laid in corrugated sheeting (Plate 27). All of these additions conceal any possible features within the north-west elevation of the main body of the house.
- 5.2.9 It is known from the newspaper articles and photographs from 1986 that the former farm buildings which extended from the north-west elevation in a northerly direction, burnt down in that year (see Plates 1-4). Prior to this fire the farm buildings joined onto the house (see Plate 3), consequently the two larger outshuts which are presently located against the north-west elevation of the house, are largely modern constructions, with the roofs having presumably being laid in stone slates which were removed from the former farm buildings. The southernmost outshut appears to incorporate some masonry, particularly the south-west elevation, of the former structures. The smaller outshut at the north end of the elevation, with the corrugated sheet roof, appears to have been in existence since at least 1986, as it is shown on the photographs of that date (Plate 3), however it is not visible on the Second Edition Ordnance Survey map of 1899 (Figure 8).
- 5.2.10 The only feature in the north-west elevation of the main body of the house which could be observed externally was a window towards the south end of the wall, but which appears to be a modern insertion (Plate 28).
- 5.2.11 The south-west elevation of the southernmost outshut against the north-west elevation of the main house was noted to have, at ground floor level, a blocked doorway with alternating masonry block surround, with a blocked window to its right-hand side (shown on the 1986 photograph, Plate 3). Above these blocked apertures there is a horizontal line in the masonry which may relate to rebuilding at some point (Plate 29). At the upper level of this elevation is a single modern window, which clearly was much larger at one point as shown by the vertical lines in the masonry at its base (Plate 30).

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<sup>22</sup> Brunskill, R.W, 2000, Page 136

5.2.12 Plates 31 and 32 show what remains of the farm buildings located to the north-west side of the house. As already noted above, the farm buildings burnt down in 1986, and are shown on Plates 2 and 3. What survives today is the ground floor storey of these buildings.



*Plate 5: View looking south from the access track showing the north-east gable and the north-west elevation of High Scilly Hall*



*Plate 6: View looking south-east showing the farm buildings to the north-west side of the house at High Scilly Hall*



*Plate 7: View looking north-east showing High Scilly Hall as seen from the base of the slope to the south-west of the property*





*Plate 8: View looking north-west showing the south-east elevation of High Scilly Hall*



*Plate 9: North-east elevation of High Scilly Hall (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 10: Blocked doorway, north-east elevation (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 11: North-east elevation showing blocked window*



*Plate 12: Detail of the chimney stack, north-east elevation*



*Plate 13: North end of the south-east elevation*



*Plate 14: Possible vertical construction break in the south-east elevation or former doorway (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 15: Blocked window beneath the eaves, north end of the south-east elevation (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 16: View looking south-west showing the outshut against the south-east elevation (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 17: Detail of the quoins, north-east elevation of outshut*



*Plate 18: South-east elevation of outshut (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 19: Possible blocked window, south-east elevation of outshut*



*Plate 20: View of High Scilly Hall from the south showing the unpainted south-west elevation of the property*



*Plate 21: View looking north showing the south-west elevation of High Scilly Hall*



*Plate 22: Detail of the modern porch for the doorway in the south-west elevation*



*Plate 23: Detail of the door surround, south-west elevation*





*Plate 24: Detail of the chamfer in the door surround, south-west elevation*



*Plate 25: Modern window inserted into a former doorway, south-west elevation  
(Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 26: Detail of the chimney stack, south-west end of the house*



*Plate 27: Detail of the three outshuts against the north-west elevation of the main house (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 28: View looking south-east showing the modern window in the north-west elevation of the main body of the house, with one of the modern outshuts and single-storey farm buildings to left of photograph*



*Plate 29: View looking north-east showing blocked door and window in the south-west wall of the southern outshut (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 30: Detail of the upper window in the south-west elevation of one of the modern outshuts against the north-west elevation of the main house*



*Plate 31: The single-storey farm building (former byre) to the north-west side of the house*



*Plate 32: View looking south-east showing the stone-built farm buildings to the north-west side of the house*

### **5.3 THE HOUSE INTERIOR**

- 5.3.1 The interior of High Scilly Hall was accessed, at the time of survey, through either a doorway in the central outshut against the north-west elevation of the main body of the house (shown in Plate 27) or via the doorway in the outshut against the south-east elevation of the main house (see Plate 16). Both of these doorways provide access to the ground floor plan of the property, however the southern end of the house has a basement which is accessed via the doorway in the south-west elevations (see Plate 22).
- 5.3.2 The ground floor of the house has more latterly consisted of a kitchen, vestibule and store, all of which were housed in the outshuts against the north-west elevation; two reception rooms within the main body of the house, and a bathroom and staircase in the outshut against the south-east elevation (Figure 11).
- 5.3.2 Upon entering the former vestibule it was possible to note the scarring for a former roof line in the south-east wall of this space; this presumably relates to the former outshut which was against the north-east elevation of the former farm buildings, and is shown on Plate 2 (Plate 33). In the north-east

- wall of the vestibule modern concrete blocks were noted, presumably inserted to create the pitched roof for the present outshut (Plate 34).
- 5.3.3 The present kitchen area, also housed within an outshut, had been utilised as a study/store up until the fire in the farm buildings in 1986; this information was derived from plans and elevations supplied by Countryside Consultants as part of renovation works following the fire. The only feature of note within the kitchen was the window in the south-west elevation, which was noted externally to have been formerly much longer (Plate 35 and see Plate 30).
- 5.3.4 The first of the two reception rooms (Reception 1) is accessed from the kitchen, as well as via the doorway in the outshut which houses the staircase (Figure 11). At the south-west end of this room is a fireplace which has a surround consisting of two vertical masonry slabs and a single vertical masonry slab making up the lintel (Plate 36). Nothing survives of the grate within this fireplace. In the north-west wall of this room there is a former doorway, now blocked-up, which would have provided access into the former study/store (now kitchen) at some point (Plate 37), with a possible further former doorway located to the right-hand side, now truncated by the present doorway (Plate 38), although annotated plans of the property dating to 1986<sup>23</sup> (following the fire) indicate that there was a fireplace on the opposite side of this wall, therefore this vertical line may have related to that. In the south-east wall of this room there is a blocked-up aperture which may have been a former cupboard or shelf recess (Plate 39). The north-east wall of Reception Room 1 has, what appears to be, a large blocked fireplace, possibly for a cooking range (Plate 40).
- 5.3.5 The interior of Reception Room 2 has very little in the way of features that could be noted, this was due to the whole room having walls constructed of modern concrete blocks, inserted to the inside of the masonry walls of the main building, which leave a gap between the blockwork and the original stone external walls. This was seemingly done in the 1980s possibly due to problems with damp<sup>24</sup>. The distance between the internal face of the masonry and the internal face of the concrete blocks was noted to be 0.70m.
- 5.3.6 In the north-east wall of this space there is a now blocked opening, where the fireplace was located (Plate 41). Where some of the concrete blocks have been removed, to the left side of this former fireplace, it was possible to note a curious feature in the north-west wall of the hidden masonry. This feature consists of three niches, one on top of the other two, possibly used

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<sup>23</sup> Plans and elevations supplied by Countryside Consultants, copies of which will be included within the archive

<sup>24</sup> *Pers. Comm.* Mr Routledge

for storage (Plate 42). It was noticeable that this feature was located close to the present floor surface of Reception Room 2, and it has been considered that the original floor surface at this end of the building may have been lower. Peter Ryder has suggested that this feature may have been a 'blocked splayed loop [window] with two wall lockers directly beneath'. He has noted that these were a common feature in older houses in the Alston area, not just in bastles or bastle derivatives, and were particularly common in properties which had fairly thick walls<sup>25</sup>. (Peter Ryder notes that generally the walls of bastle houses were around 0.90-1.0m thick<sup>26</sup>). It is hoped that when the internal block wall within the room is removed, that it will be possible to re-visit the property and obtain a clearer view of this feature, along with any other exposed features of interest.

- 5.3.7 Within the interior of the former bathroom it was possible to note a former under stairs cupboard, which has subsequently been bricked-up (Plate 43). In the south-east wall of this room is a blocked feature which appears to retain masonry shelving (Plate 44). This is in the location of the possibly blocked window noted externally (see Plate 19) and may represent a former window which has at some point been blocked up externally and converted to a shelving unit. In the north-west wall of this room there is a vertical break in the masonry which may indicate that what may have been interpreted as a cupboard or shelving unit in Reception Room 1 may actually have been a former doorway (Plate 45).
- 5.3.8 The staircase to the first floor is located within the outshut against the south-east elevation of the property (Figure 11). The provision of an outshut to house the stairs and a service room (such as a scullery or dairy) was noted by Brunskill to have occurred from around the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> century until around 1820. He notes that they could be added to an existing house or could be incorporated into a new build<sup>27</sup>. The stairs are constructed of wood, and are dog-leg in form (Plate 46). The window which lights the staircase has already been noted externally to be smaller than an earlier example (see Plate 18); this was clearly visible from within the interior (Plate 47). At the top of the stairs there is a small room with little in the way of head height due to the roof of the outshut. There is little in the way of features of note within this room, although it was noted that some of the masonry in the south-west wall has been repointed (Plate 48). There was no evidence noted externally for any reconstruction of the masonry in this location.

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<sup>25</sup> *Pers. Comm.* Peter Ryder

<sup>26</sup> Ryder, P, 1996, Page 7

<sup>27</sup> Brunskill, R.W, 2002, Page 77

- 5.3.9 The main body of the house is divided into two separate rooms by a masonry cross wall, however more latterly it would appear to have consisted of three bedrooms created by stud walls which have since been removed (Figure 11). In the south-east wall of Bedroom 1 there is a recess for a cupboard or shelving (Plate 49). The south-west wall contains a window, with a fireplace to its right-hand side (Plate 50). This fireplace has been partly blocked-up to create an aperture for a smaller grate, however the stone surround still survives, which has a hint of architectural detail in the form of an inner roll moulding (Plates 51 and 52). The north-west wall of this room displays some evidence for disturbance in the masonry (Plate 53). This may represent a former doorway which would have provided access into the first floor of the farm buildings, or relates to reconstruction following the fire in 1986. The north-east wall of Bedroom 1 has a fireplace with its grate surviving (Plates 54-56). It is clear that this fireplace and chimney breast replace an earlier example as shown by the blackened masonry to either side (Plate 54). The grate itself is an example a hob grate, which had two plates either side of the coal basket to heat kettles. Fire grates such as this became popular from the second half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century as the use of coal as a fuel grew, largely due to improved transportation links<sup>28</sup>. The use of cast iron or polished steel for fixed grates, such as this at High Scilly Hall, revolutionised the way fireplaces looked, allowing for decorative designs as can be seen in this example (Plate 56). It is difficult to assess a date for this fireplace as fireplaces in houses at a vernacular level may have used certain styles for longer periods of times compared to higher status properties. It must also be noted that this fireplace may have been inserted at any time; however its presence at High Scilly Hall is a reminder of the evolution of the fireplace in domestic buildings.
- 5.3.10 There appears to have formerly been a ceiling over this space as shown by the eight horizontal wooden beams which extend across the width of the room. There are only two roof trusses which consist of principal rafters and collars, the ends of the rafters being bedded into the walls rather than sitting on wall plates (Plates 50 and 54). Due to the removal of the ceiling it was possible to note the underside of the stone flags which cover the roof. The flagstones were observed to be held in place by wooden pegs placed through holes at the top of the slates (Plate 57). Brunskill notes that sandstone flags were used extensively as a roofing material in the middle and upper Eden valley, where the local stone splits fairly easily to form thick and heavy but durable slabs. In the Pennines communities of the Alston district, millstone grit slabs of similar characteristics were used. The stone flags were generally laid in diminishing courses, as is the case at High

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<sup>28</sup> Yorke, T, 2005, Page 72



Scilly Hall, and gave a deeper texture and more massive scale to roofs compared to local or Welsh slate<sup>29</sup>.

- 5.3.11 Within Bedroom 1 there was no visible evidence for any earlier windows, suggesting that the north-eastern end of the property may be earlier, as it has already been noted that there are several blocked windows in this part of the house. There was also no evidence for a former floor at a different height to the one that exists today; this is significant as there is evidence for this in Bedroom 2 as will be discussed below. Another possible feature that may suggest the north-eastern end of the house is earlier is the change in floor level between Bedrooms 1 and 2; Bedroom 2 is set a slightly higher level.
- 5.3.12 Bedroom 2 is accessed from the larger space of Bedroom 1, although more latterly there has been a corridor which has separated each of the three bedrooms (see Figure 11). This bedroom is presently open to the roof, however surviving timber suggests that, certainly more latterly, there was a ceiling which followed the shape of the roof structures, i.e. it followed the angle of the rafters and the collar in the single roof truss (Plates 58 and 59), providing greater head height than a roof structure that contained tie-beams. Around the edges of this room, at floor level, is the line of concrete blockwork into which the timber floor has been inserted; this blockwork is that which has been noted at ground level (Plate 60).
- 5.3.13 In the north-east elevation of this room there is a large fireplace of which only the top is visible (Plate 61). The location of this fireplace clearly indicates that the present floor level is not the same as subsequent or original as shown by the horizontal scarring in the walls. The presence of this fireplace, large enough to house a cooking range, may also suggest that at some point the property was two separate dwellings, as the location of a possible further range has already been noted in Reception Room 1 (see Plate 40). A study of the Census Returns, which are provided in Section 4.3 above, appears to indicate that there was indeed two 'houses' listed at High Scilly Hall in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. To the left and right of this fireplace there are three blocked windows, one close to the apex of the gable, and the other two at a lower level. The positioning of these windows suggests that the upper window shown in Plate 63 is unlikely to have been in use at the same time as the two set lower down. There is also a blocked doorway to the left-hand side of the fireplace; this is the doorway noted externally and shown on Plate 10 (Plates 61-64). It was noted down the gap between the blockwork and the internal face of the masonry wall that the large fireplace

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<sup>29</sup> Brunskill, R.W, 2002, Page 162

was formerly for a room which had a basement or cellar below, as shown by a gap in the stone flagged floor (Plate 65).

- 5.3.14 The south-east elevation of Bedroom 2 has two blocked windows, one located just below the eaves as already noted externally (see Plate 15) and a further at a lower level, located at present floor height (Plates 66 and 67). The upper window may have been in use at the same time as the higher former window in the north-east elevation, whilst the lower window in the south-east elevation may have been in use at the same time as the large fireplace/range and doorway. This window is not fully blocked, and its splayed sides can easily be seen, parts of which still retain plaster (Plate 67). None of the blocked windows retain any visible evidence which may indicate a date of insertion, although their relatively small size may suggest an early date, possibly from between the 17<sup>th</sup> and mid-18<sup>th</sup> centuries. Brunskill notes that the characteristic window shape of this period was square compared to long horizontal runs of narrow mullioned windows from earlier periods, and the rectangular sash windows of later periods<sup>30</sup>. There is a further blocked window in the north-west wall, close to the doorway which leads back to the staircase, which may be contemporary with that shown in Plate 67, although it is set at a slightly higher level (Plate 68). This window, if it was a window rather than a recess in the wall, indicates that the outshuts against the north-west elevation are a later feature as they would have hidden this aperture.
- 5.3.15 The south-west elevation of Bedroom 2 is relatively featureless apart from the horizontal line which betrays the location of a former floor level, and the inserted door which now provides access into Bedroom 1 and the staircase (Plate 69); originally there may not have been a door in this location if the property was split into two dwellings as is suggested by Census Returns.
- 5.3.16 Located below the majority of the property is a basement which is accessed by the doorway in the south-west elevation (see Plate 22). This space has more latterly been used as separate accommodation, with a bathroom and utility room housed in the room entered from the external stairs, and a living area and bedroom housed within the two further spaces.
- 5.3.17 Upon entering the basement it was possible to note the remains of former stone shelves which appear to have been located against the south-east, south-west and north-west walls of Room 1 (Plates 70-72). Stone shelves such as what appear to have existed at High Scilly Hall are characteristic of a buttery (or larder or panty), where food would have been stored. Stone benches may have been used for salting meat, as well as for housing

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<sup>30</sup> Brunskill, R.W, 2000, Page 134

perishable products such as milk, butter, meat and cheese, as the coldness retained within the stone, would have provided the right conditions for food storage. The location of the basement at High Scilly Hall also allowed for a cool temperature to be retained, being partly subterranean.

- 5.3.18 The present doorway between Room 1 and Room 2 in the basement appears to be a later insertion, as it truncates the lines of the former shelves. If this is the case, then original access to the remainder of the basement was presumably through the doorway which has subsequently been blocked and a modern window inserted (see Plate 25). This may suggest that the remainder of the basement may have served a separate function.
- 5.3.19 Rooms 2 and 3 retain little in the way of features; the north-east wall of Room 3 has a corbel which supports the fireplace at ground floor level (Plate 73). The large opening between Rooms 2 and 3 appears to be a later feature as suggested by the change in the masonry to either side of the aperture, however it may have replaced an earlier doorway as no other access point into Room 3 was noted (Plate 74).
- 5.3.20 All the rooms in the basement have concrete floors laid on plastic sheeting, the walls are painted white and Room 3 has several courses of concrete blockwork around the walls presumably as a form of damp prevention (Plates 75 and 76).
- 5.3.21 There was formerly a further room on the same level as the basement, located beneath the present kitchen, which was accessed via the doorway in the south-west elevation shown on Plate 29. This room has been filled in with rubble, but it would appear that more latterly it had been used as a byre as shown on architect's plans and elevations following the fire in the farm buildings in 1986.



*Plate 33: Diagonal line of a former roof, as seen from within the interior of the vestibule against the north-west elevation of the house*



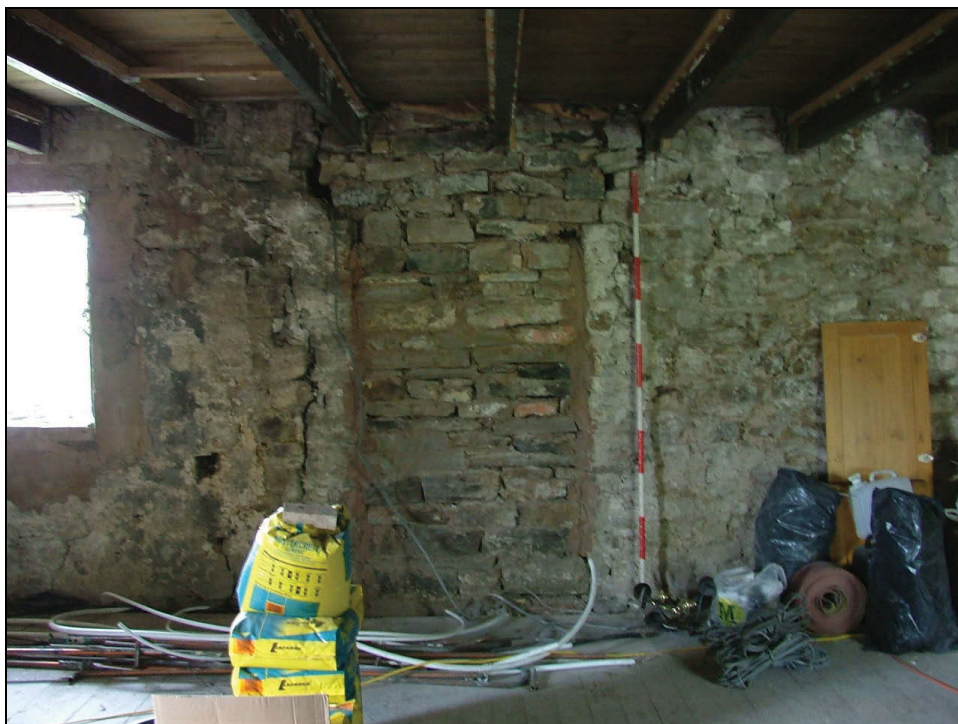
*Plate 34: Detail of modern blockwork used to create the pitched roof of the outshut which houses the vestibule*



*Plate 35: Blocked window in the south-west wall of the kitchen (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 36: Fireplace in the south-west wall of Reception Room 1, ground floor (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 37: Blocked doorway in the north-west wall of the Reception Room 1 (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 38: Possible former doorway, north-west wall of Reception Room 1 (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 39: Possible former cupboard or shelf recess, south-east wall of Reception Room 1 (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 40: View looking north-east showing possible former range in Reception 1 (Scale = 2m)*

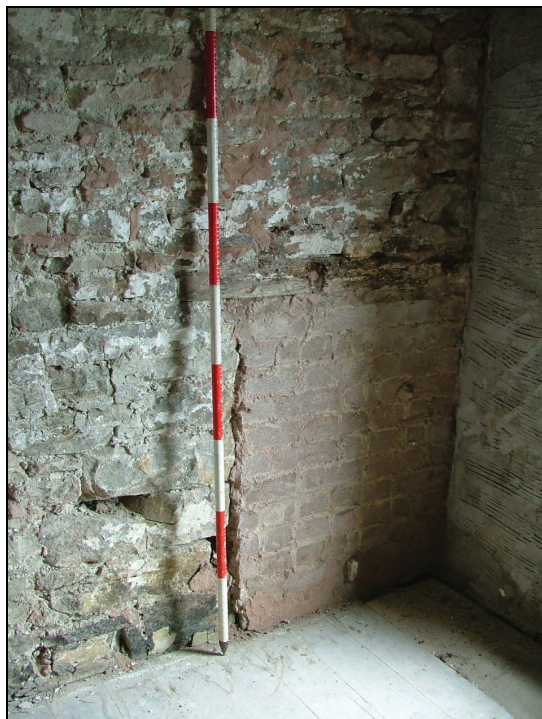


*Plate 41: North-east wall of Reception Room 2 showing the blocked-up fireplace  
(Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 42: Detail of hidden 'shelves' within the north-west wall of Reception  
Room 2*





*Plate 43: Bricked-up opening within the north-east wall of the former bathroom, ground floor*



*Plate 44: Blocked opening, possibly a former window, but which contains evidence for shelving, ground floor bathroom*



*Plate 45: North-west wall of the ground floor bathroom showing the possible vertical break of a former doorway (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 46: Staircase as seen from the ground floor*



*Plate 47: Base of the staircase window showing it was formerly a larger aperture*



*Plate 48: South-west wall of upper room in outshut showing changes in the masonry, possibly simply an area of repointing (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 49: South-east wall of Bedroom 1 showing the recess for a cupboard or shelving (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 50: South-west internal wall of Bedroom 1 (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 51: Detail of the fireplace in Bedroom 1*



*Plate 52: Detail of the subtle decorative surround of the fireplace in Bedroom 1*



*Plate 53: North-west wall of Bedroom 1 showing disturbance in the masonry  
(Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 54: North-east wall of Bedroom 1 showing the central fireplace and smoke-  
marked wall of a possible earlier flue (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 55: Detail of the fireplace in the north-east wall of Bedroom 1*



*Plate 56: Detail of the decoration on the fire grate, Bedroom 1*



*Plate 57: Detail of the underside of the stone slate roof showing the wooden pegs used to hold the slates in place*



*Plate 58: Detail of the roof truss over Bedroom 2*





*Plate 59: Detail of the timber work to which the former ceiling was fixed, Bedroom 2*



*Plate 60: Detail of the gap between the blockwork of the ground floor room and the inner face of the masonry wall, as seen from first floor Bedroom 2*



*Plate 61: North-east elevation of Bedroom 2 showing the top of a former fireplace, change in floor level and blocked up windows (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 62: Blocked window to the right of the fireplace, Bedroom 2 (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 63: Detail of two blocked windows to the left of the chimney breast, Bedroom 2*



*Plate 64: Blocked doorway to left hand side of chimney breast, as seen from Bedroom 2*



*Plate 65: View looking down the gap between the blockwork and masonry wall, as seen from Bedroom 2, showing a further room below that which was heated by the large fireplace shown on Plate 61*



*Plate 66: South-east wall of Bedroom 2 showing two blocked windows, one just below eaves level, and the other at present floor level (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 67: Detail of former window in south-east wall of Bedroom 2, showing the splayed reveals and remains of plaster (Scale = 1m)*



*Plate 68: Blocked window in the north-west wall of Bedroom 2*



*Plate 69: South-west elevation of Bedroom 2 showing the horizontal line of a former floor level and the inserted doorway (Scale = 2m)*



*Plate 70: North-west wall of Room 1 in the basement displaying evidence for former stone shelves (Scale = 1m)*



*Plate 71: North-east wall of Room 1 in the basement showing the remains of former stone shelves (Scale = 1m)*



*Plate 72: South-west wall of Room 1 in the basement with the remains of stone shelves visible in the corner (Scale = 1m)*



*Plate 73: North-east wall of Room 3 in the basement showing a corbel which supports the fireplace above (Scale = 1m)*



*Plate 74: View looking north-east showing the large doorway between Rooms 2 and 3 in the basement (Scale = 2m)*





*Plate 75: South-east wall of Room 3, basement (Scale = 1m)*



*Plate 76: View looking north-west from Room 3 to Room 2, basement*

## 5.4 LOW SCILLY HALL

- 5.4.1 Although it does not form part of the present survey, Low Scilly Hall is briefly noted here as part of the site may be contemporary with High Scilly Hall.
- 5.4.2 Low Scilly Hall is located at the base of the steep slope, compared to High Scilly Hole which sits close to the apex. The property is accessed via a trackway which passes the entrances to High Scilly Hall and Meadow Flatt, then turns down hill in a south-westerly direction towards the river.
- 5.4.3 The house at Low Scilly Hall has recently been renovated, however to its western side there are the remains of stone-built agricultural buildings, part of which appear to incorporate an earlier dwelling as shown by the surviving first floor windows with splayed reveals, stone mullion and vertical glazing bars (Plates 77-80). Low Scilly Hall, as noted above, is suggested to be a 19<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse [now renovated] with the remains of a 17<sup>th</sup> century dwelling. Ryder noted that: *'this is an intriguing little building, although it takes a degree of optimism to include it as a defensible structure. It is the square plan that has aroused interest, and prompted suggestions of this being a tower. However, there seems absolutely no evidence that the house was ever carried up beyond its present two rather low storeys. The walls are relatively substantial, but hardly enough to claim defensibility; the iron bars at the windows are probably no more than was standard at this period'*<sup>31</sup>.
- 5.4.4 Located to the south-east of Low Scilly Hall, and to the south-west of High Scilly Hall, is a stone-built structure with associated rectangular boundary walls (Plate 81). This building is recorded on the HER as an unclassified structure presently used as a cattle pen, but which appears to have related to the mining industry or possibly converted from a lime kiln. These suggestions are presumably due to the arched doorway in the north-west elevation, which is unusual purely for a cattle shed.

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<sup>31</sup> Ryder, P, 2000



*Plate 77: View looking east showing the renovated house at Low Scilly Hall and the ruined farm buildings to the western side*



*Plate 78: Low Scilly Hall as seen from the south-west*



*Plate 79: Detail of first floor windows in the south-east wall of the ruined buildings at Low Scilly Hall*



*Plate 80: Detail of part of the ruined buildings at Low Scilly Hall, possible bastle or tower house*



*Plate 81: View looking south-east showing the well-built animal pen with boundary walls located to the south-west of High Scilly Hall*

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## 6 CONCLUSION

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- 6.1 The rapid desk-based assessment has revealed that there appears to have been a tenement known as ‘Silly Hole’ since at least 1611 as the place name appears in a list of leases of that date (see 4.3.3 above), although it is not known if this refers to High Scilly Hall or Low Scilly Hall. The earliest references to *Sillyhole* in Parish register entries dates to 1703, although this does not mean that properties did not exist there prior to this year; for a property to appear in these registers there would have needed to be a birth, marriage or death relating to a family who lived there. The earliest reference to a property specifically named ‘High Silly Hole’ would appear to have been in 1729, when the birth of William, the son of Joseph Little, was recorded (see table in 4.3.8).
- 6.2 The Parish Registers, Census records, and information provided by Mrs Routledge from Deeds for the property, provide a comprehensive list of the occupiers of properties at *Sillyhole* (whether that be High Scilly Hall or Low Scilly Hall) throughout the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, as provided in 4.3.8 above. It would appear from Census Records in particular that High Scilly Hall formerly consisted of two dwellings, up until at least 1871, as that is the latest year that the Census records two different families specifically living at High Silly Hole. From these records it is also possible to note that the principal occupier of High Scilly Hall was a farmer, although the acreages of the farm appear to have changed over different years.
- 6.3 Information from the county Historic Environment Record (HER) database indicates that the historical characteristics of the area around High Scilly Hall was predominantly related to lime kilns, mining, and dwellings which are suggested to have been tower houses, or bastles or derivatives. These properties include Dryburn, located to the south-east of High Scilly Hall; ‘Craig’ or Crag, an apparent abandoned farmstead with a ‘possible late bastle-like house’ and ‘Low Sillyhall’ which is recorded as a possible tower house. It was therefore considered prior to the building survey, given the possible presence of examples of bastles houses in the area, that High Scilly Hall may incorporate characteristics of a defensive farmhouse.
- 6.4 The building survey has revealed that the present dwelling known as High Scilly Hall appears to contain at least three phases of development. The earliest phase appears to be the north-east end of the house, where there is evidence for earlier windows, and a former doorway, as well as a small loop window with possible lockers below. None of these features contain architectural features which may have aided in dating; however the form of the blocked windows, including the splayed reveals, may suggest that the

earliest phase is broadly contemporary with the surviving elements of the supposed 17<sup>th</sup> century house at Low Scilly Hall. Houses of this period (possible 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> century), at a vernacular level, generally had square window openings with mullions<sup>32</sup>, although at High Scilly Hall there is no evidence for mullions due to most of the former windows now being blocked up.

- 6.5 There is evidence that the older part of the property was of three storeys at some point, as shown by the scarring of a former floor level in Bedroom 2, the location of the blocked doorway in the north-east elevation, and the presence of the possible small loop window with lockers below. It has already been noted that the small loop window with possible lockers below, observed hidden by the blockwork wall in Reception Room 2, is a feature that is found in, not only bastle houses, but other older properties within the area. It must be noted that one characteristic of a bastle house is wall thickness, generally of around 0.90-1.0 metres, necessary due to the defensive nature of such buildings. The wall thicknesses at High Scilly Hall, according to the architect's plans, appear to vary, with the north-east gable being thicker at around 1.0m, whilst the south-east elevation (at the northern end) is only 0.47m, and the northern end of the north-west elevation is 0.60m.
- 6.6 Another characteristic of a bastle house is the provision of a basement beneath the living quarters which was used for housing the animals in times of danger. Although there is evidence of a subterranean room at the north-east end of the house, presumably now partly infilled, there is no evidence to suggest that it was used in such a way, and instead this may simply have been provided due to the change in ground level (it is interesting to consider that topography may have had more to do with the provision of basements rather than being related to a defensive structure). The original entrance to this basement room has now been lost (unless the possible construction break in the south-east elevation is actually a blocked doorway), and it is possible that the original house extended much further southwards, but has been demolished and replaced by the remainder of the house in the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> century. That the southern end of the house dates to this period, and is not original, is suggested by the lack of visible earlier windows in any of its elevations, and the form of the windows themselves. The outshut containing the staircase and bathroom against the south-east elevation appears to be contemporary with this extension to the earlier house. Brunskill notes that the provision of an outshut to house a staircase

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<sup>32</sup> Examples are given in Brunskill 2002, Pages 64-73

- and dairy or scullery generally appears in small Cumbrian houses from the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> century until the early 19<sup>th</sup> century<sup>33</sup>.
- 6.7 The third obvious phase of the house was the reconstruction of the buildings against the north-west elevation of the house following the fire in 1986. The outshut which presently houses the kitchen was largely rebuilt, although it does incorporate earlier masonry, and the central outshut replaces an earlier version. The farm buildings which survive today are all that remains of a two-storey structure which housed a barn at an upper level, accessed from the ground level to its eastern side, with a byre below, accessed from the lower ground level to the west: another example of the use of topography to provide economical farm buildings. It is possible that some of the basement rooms towards the south-west end of the house, below Reception Room 1, were also utilised for housing animals, although it has already been noted that the room beneath the former bathroom appears to have been used as a pantry or dairy at some point, and did not have access into the rest of the basement rooms. The basement room which is now infilled with rubble (below the present kitchen) certainly appears to have been used as a byre.
- 6.8 In summary, the house at High Scilly Hall appears to incorporate at least part of a possible 17<sup>th</sup> or early 18<sup>th</sup> century dwelling at its north-east end, possibly three storeys in height. Although one of the walls measures approximately 1.0m in thickness, the remainder are much less, and there is no visible evidence that the earliest phase of the house was a bastle, or fortified farmhouse. It is hoped that once the internal blockwork is removed there may be other features revealed which may aid in the interpretation of the development of this end of the house. At some point in the 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup> century, the house appears to have been extended (or has had part of the earlier building removed and rebuilt) with an outshut and basements, to essentially create the plan form that exists today. The former farm buildings may have dated to this period as well. Following the fire in 1986 changes were made to two of the outshuts against the north-west elevation and the farm buildings were reduced in height.
- 6.9 High Scilly Hall is much altered and consequently it is difficult to assess its development. It is possible that features may come to light following the removal of the internal block wall and during the demolitions works. It would also be interesting to note if there is a date stone uncovered during this operation. There is, however, at present no evidence that this was formerly a bastle house. Ryder notes a class of buildings termed 'bastle-derivative house', dwellings which show some typical bastle features for

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<sup>33</sup> Brunskill, R.W, 2002, Page 77



example the non-domestic basement, thinner walls (around 0.75m) and larger windows than genuine bastles, and are often of three storeys, of which there are a considerable number around Alston and in the South Tyne valley<sup>34</sup>. From these characteristics it is possible that the earliest phase of High Scilly Hall may fit into this group, however it is equally possible that this was simply an ordinary small house of the 17<sup>th</sup> or early 18<sup>th</sup> century, which utilised the topography to provide basement rooms.

- 6.10 It must be noted that the entry in Perriam and Robinson's publication of 1998, despite containing a photograph of High Scilly Hall, actually refers to Low Scilly Hall.

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<sup>34</sup> Ryder, P, 1996, Page 10

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## APPENDIX 1: SUMMARY OF HIGH SCILLY HALL TITLE DEEDS

### 1700s Onward

| Date       | Document            | Notes   |
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| 16/11/1717 | Will                | <p>Will of William Raisley</p> <p><i>The last will and testament of William Raisley of Penrith, late of Garragill in the County of Cumberland, Yeoman.</i></p> <p><i>As to the worldly estate and whose with God hath ?? I Will that this ?? shall go and ?? as follows. I give and ?? to my daughter Mary Calvert... - need to get this deciphered</i></p>   |
| 05/10/1767 | Copy of Will        | <p>Copy of Giles Raisleys Will</p> <p><i>The last will and testament of me Giles Raisley of Aldston and County of Cumberland As to the worldly estate wherewith God hath blessed me I will that the same shall go and be disposed of as followeth Imprimis I give unto my nephew Raisley Calvert all my half messuage and tenement at Sillyhole upon condition he pay my wife eight pounds yearly during her natural life at two payments viz on Mayday Martinmas to begin whether shall first happen after my decease ?? I give to my niece Elizabeth Bowman or her children one hundred pounds to be paid twelve months after my decease ?? I give to the monthly meetings of the people called quakers known by the name of Allendale Monthly Mooting the sum of thirty pounds and to the particular mooting of the said people at Aldston the further sum of thirty pounds to be applied by the friends and brothers of each meeting as they think proper . All the rest of my goods and chattels whatsoever whither moveable or unmoveable, with my two closes of Meadow Ground and houses at Aldston , I give to and bequeath to my loving wife Hannah Raisley whom I make and so ordain my sole executrix of this my last will and testament revoking and making void all other will or wills made by me formerly made and do declare this to be my last.</i></p> <p><i>In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven Giles Raisley signed published and declared by the above named Giles Raisley to be his last will and testament in the presence of us John Reay, Josiah Westgarth, Thomas Reay</i></p> <p><i>Proved by Hannah Raisley the widow and executrix in the proper Ecclesiastical Court at Durham the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1771</i></p> |
| 25/06/1795 | Assignment (Vellum) | <p>Assignment of a leasehold estate called Sillyhole in the Parish of Alston His Grace the Duke of Norfolk to Mr William Calvert</p> <p>Indenture made 25<sup>th</sup> June in the 35<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of King George III in the year 1795.</p> <p>Between the most noble Charles Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshall of England and William Calvert, now of Newcastle upon Tyne (gentleman)</p> <p>The only brother and next of kin, executor of the last will and testament of Raisley Calvert, Keswick (Gentleman (deceased))</p> <p>Whereas Raisley Calvert late of Greystoke, Cumberland (Gentleman) deceased, the father of the said William Calvert.</p> <p>Raisley by last will and testament 12/01/1789 did give devise and bequeath unto the Duke of Norfolk and Henry Addison of Penrith (Gentleman) now since deceased.</p>  |

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|      |          | <p>Assigned all his leasehold messuage etc. known by the name Sillyhole. Upon Trust for the use, benefit and behalf of the testators son, the said Raisley Calvert his executors....</p> <p>.....In case he attained his age of 21 years and should marry and have issue of his body.<br/>Duke of Norfolk and Henry Addison, Joint executors.<br/>The said Raisley Calvert, the father died 28/04/1791 and Raisley Calvert the son attained the age of 21 years 27/08/1794 and became fully entitled to.....</p> <p>And whereas Raisley Calvert the son by last will and testament dated 23/10/1794- bequeathed to his brother William Calvert ..... all Estate called Sillyhole</p> <p>To hold to him his executors administrators and assigns subject along with certain other estates and premises therein mentioned to the payment of a legacy of £900.00 therein to be given to <b>William Wordsworth</b></p> <p>Raisley on or about the 09<sup>th</sup> January died without revoking his will. Said Henry Addison also died – legal estate and interest bequeathed by the father to Duke of Norfolk and Henry Addison now vested in the Duke of Norfolk.<br/>William Calvert applied to the Duke of Norfolk to ??messuage bequeathed to him and then subsequently agreed.</p> <p>Paid by the said William Calvert the sum of 10 shillings he then gave Sillyhole (heretofore one moeity or one half messuage and tenement..... situate lying and being at a place called Sillyhole or Upper Sillyhole in the chapelry of Garrigill..... and now in occupation of JOHN WALTON as farmer.</p> <p>Additional legacy mentioned legacy of £70.00 paid to one <b>Thomas Long</b><br/>NB Signed and sealed by Duke of Norfolk and William Calvert.</p> |

### 1800s Onwards

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| 02/11/1805 | Agreement for purchase (Paper original) | <p>Agreement for the purchase of High Silly Hole Estates (note enclosed is a list of the documents 1706 to 1795)<br/>Dated the second day of November 1805<br/>Mr Calvert Esquire<br/>And<br/>Mr Thomas Walton<br/><i>Articles of agreement had made concluded and agreed upon the second day of November in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and five. Between William Calvert of Windybrow in the parish of Crosthwaite in the county of</i></p> |

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|            |            | <p><i>Cumberland Esquire of the one part and Thomas Walton of High Silly Hole in the parish of Alston, farmer of the other part as follow.</i></p> <p><i>The said Thomas Walton having come to an agreement with the said William Calvert for the purchase of the leasehold messuage or tenement farm of land and premises hereinfor mentioned for the sum or price of one thousand two hundred pounds and on the terms and conditions hereinafter ???. The said William Calvert for himself..... Doth hereby .... Agree to..... shall and will on the first day of May now next coming..... shall effectively convey ...to the use of the said Thomas Walton ..... all that messuage and tenements ..... situated at and commonly called High Silly Hole .....and now in the possession of him the said Thomas Walton as tenant .....</i></p> <p><i>To hold the said Thomas Walton ..... from the said first day of may now next coming for and during and unto the full end ..... of a certain residue and remainder yet to come .... Of a certain term of one thousand years heretofore thereof granted by a former lord of the ?? thereof.</i></p> <p><i>And the said Thomas Walton doth hereby ..... Agree to ....with the said William Calvert ..... pay or cause to be paid the sum of £400.00 of lawful money of Great Britain</i></p> <p><i>And then the payment f a further sum of eight hundred pounds .....together with legal interest for the sum ... and which the two sums of four hundred pounds and eight hundred pounds make together the sum of twelve hundred pounds in full for the purchase of aforesaid.</i></p> <p><i>And lastly it is agreed that the said Thomas Walton shall enter into the compleat receipt of the rents and profits of the said premises .....</i></p> <p><i>To witness whereof the said parties have hereto set their hands the day and year first within written</i></p> <p><i>(Signatures of William Calvert and Thomas Walton witnessed by John Little 07/01/1806 received of Thomas Walton the sum of four hundred pounds</i></p> |
| 20/02/1806 | Assignment | <p>William Calvert Esquire to Mr Thomas Walton</p> <p>Assignment of Upper Silly Hole Estate in the parish of Alston Covenant from the Duke of Norfolk that he had done no act to incumber. Duly executed and attested.</p> <p>Made between the said William Calvert (therein described of Windybrow in the Parish of Crosthwaite) Esquire – only brother next of kin devisee and executor of the last will and testament of Raisley Calvert late of Keswick (Gentleman) deceased of the one part and Thomas Walton of High Sillyhole Alston (Gentleman) of the other part.</p> <p>Reciting the said last abstracted Indie?? Of the 25/06/1795..... reciting that the said William Calvert had since the making and execution of the recited Indie.....of assignment paid off and discharged the said two several legacies or sums of £900.00 and £70.00 so given in the ...will and codicil.... Of the said Raisley Calvert the son deceased to the said William Wordsworth and Thomas Long and had taken proper receipts and discharged for the same.</p> <p>And after reciting that the said Thomas Walton had contracted and agreed with the said William Calvert for the absolute purchase of the said messuage..... called High Sillyhole or Upper Sillyhole .... At or for the price or sum of £1200.00.</p> <p>It is witnessed that in consideration of the said sum of £1200.00 paid by Thomas Walton to the said William Calvert. Did grant assign..... To the</p>  |

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|            |                  | said Thomas Walton..... all the said abstracted premises together with all the houses and all the estate.....  |
| 22/02/1806 | Assignment       | <p>From Thomas Walton to Wm Calvert Esq.<br/> Of certain premises Sillyhole or Upper Sillyhole for the residue of a long term by way of mortgage to secure £800 plus interest<br/> Usual covenants from William Calvert duly executed and attested.<br/> Receipt for ?? and money endorsed.<br/> Made between Thomas Walton of the one part and William Calvert of the second part.<br/> It is witnessed that in consideration of £800.00 paid by the said William Calvert to the said Thomas Walton.<br/> Did grant assign..... and set over to the said William Calvert... all the abstracted premes?? Together will all houses.... And the Teversion??<br/> And all the estate to hold unto the said William Calvert..... for and during the residue and terms .... Of 999 years.... And other estate and interest as the said Thomas Walton had or was entitled to ...<br/> Proviso for redemption on payment of £800.00 and interest on the 22/02 then next. Usual mortgage covenants</p> |
| 27/03/1806 | ? rentals        | <p>?? list of rental values<br/> Sillyhole incroachment pasture land<br/> By the Flatt piece<br/> By Ground at field foot .....<br/> Total £43 – 7 - 5</p>   |
| 30/12/1806 | Deed of exchange | <p>Between Mr Robert Hodgson of Alston<br/> and Mr Thomas Walton High Sillyhole Gentleman<br/> Of certain parcels of ground at Sillyhole in the parish of Alston<br/> RH set over to TW one third share/part of that incroachment pasture close of land called Sillyhole Pasture and also piece of ground part of Sillyhole tenement commonly called by the name of Stoney Piece</p> <p>In exchange for 2 other pieces or parcels of land<br/> TH granted to RH<br/> In consideration of sale made to him – assigns parcel of land also part of Sillyhole Tenement known by the name of Flatts Piece – approximately 3 roods and 3 perches or thereabouts<br/> Deed witnessed by Robert Bainbridge</p>   |
| 13/05/1816 | Assignment       | <p>Little Esq. and others<br/> To Mr John Walton<br/> Assignment of leasehold Estates called Sillyhole in the parish of Alston<br/> Of three parts made between<br/> John Little Esq. of Raize House in the Parish of Alston<br/> Henry Walton of Crops Hall in Garrigill (Gentleman)<br/> Thomas Walton of Alston (gentleman)<br/> (executors named and appointed in and by the last will and testament of Thomas Walton (Yeoman) late of Sillyhole..... deceased of the first part (died 03/04/1811).<br/> The said William Calvert Esquire then of Greta Bank in the parish of Crosthwaite of the second part<br/> and John Walton (Gentleman) of Alston of the third part.</p>   |

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|            |          | <p>Reciting the abstracted Indre? Of mortgage of the 22/02/1806<br/> And reciting that payment of the said principal money and interest was not made on the day and that time in the said proviso mentioned and appointed for payment thereof whereby the estate and interest of the said William Calvert in the said premises became and then was absolute in law. And the said Principal Sum of £800.00 then remained due and owing to him in the said Mortgage.....</p> <p>And reciting that the said William Calvert having occasion for the money due and owing to him on the said recited mortgage applied to the said John Little, Henry Walton and Thomas Walton ..... to pay off and discharge the same which they being unable to do from and out of other personal estate and effects of the said Thomas Walton deceased they did on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January then last past did put up and expose to public sale the said leasehold messuage and tenement..... at which sale the said John Walton being the highest bidder was declared the purchaser thereof free from incumbrances at or for the price ..... of £2000.00<br/> It is witnesses that in consideration of £800.00 to the said William Calvert (at the request and by and with the direction and appointment of the said John Little, Henry Walton and Thomas Walton party thereto and paid by the said John Walton .....</p> <p>The executors Did bargain, sell over assign to the said John Walton all that the said messuage..... Called High Sillyhole consisting of two dwelling houses and outhouses and the several closes inclosures pieces of parcels of land and allotment and allotments of common thereunto belonging ..... together 142 acres or thereabouts situate ... within the chapelry of Garragill part of which said premises were then in the possession of Robert Featherstone as farmer thereof under a lease of which two years were unexpired at May-day then last and the remainder thereof were then or lately were in the possession of Rachel Walton widow as tenant at sufferance together with all or singular houses and all the estate.<br/> Duly executed and attested – consideration for receipt of monies indorsed</p> |
| 14/05/1816 | Mortgage | <p>Mortgage of leasehold premises at Silly hole in the Parish of Alston Mr John Walton to John Little Esq. and others<br/> By way of mortgage made between the said John Walton of Alston (gentleman) of the one part<br/> John Little of Raize House, Alston Esquire<br/> Henry Walton of Crops Hall Garrygill (Gentleman)<br/> and Thomas Walton (gentleman)<br/> (executors Thomas Walton yeoman late of Sillyhole deceased)<br/> It is witnessed that in consideration of £400 to the said John Walton paid by the said John Little Henry Walton and Thomas Walton.....<br/> Did .....assign ..... messuage and tenement called High Silly Hall Consists of two dwelling houses and outhouses and several inclosures..... 142 acres or thereabouts within chapelry of Garry Gill lately purchased by the said John Walton from the executors – now in the possession of Robert Featherstone and Rachel Walton as farmers unto the executors all the abstracted premises together with all and</p>  |



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|  |                                       | <p>singular houses and all the estates<br/>Assign £400 and interest on 14<sup>th</sup> May next usual covenants duly executed and attested receipt indorsed<br/>Witness William Bainbridge</p>   |
| <p>07/12/1706 to<br/>30/05/1817<br/>07/12/1706</p> | <p><i>Abstract<br/>Indenture</i></p>  | <p>Abstract of the title to a leasehold estate at High Sillyhole in the parish of Alston<br/>Indenture of assignment made between<br/>John Walton of Colchester (Taylor)<br/>Samuel Walton of Darlington (Haberdasher)<br/>And Isaac Walton of Upper Sillyhole in the chapelry of Garragill<br/>All sons of Reginald Walton – then late of Upper Sillyhole aforesaid of the one part<br/>and William Raizley of Carshield in the Parish of Allendale (Blacksmith) of the second part<br/>said John Walton, Samuel Walton and Isaac Walton – lawfully possessed of a moiety and one half of a messuage and tenement at Upper Sillyhole ... by virtue of an Admon had and taken of the goods and chattels of the said Reginald Walton their father in consideration of the sum of £230.00 to them paid by William Raisley.<br/>Did give..... unto the said William Raisley, his executors..... All that their said moiety and one half messuage and tenement .... Situate at Sillyhole aforesaid as the same was then divided from the other moiety which then belonged to <b>William Bowman</b>. And all those their closes and parcels of meadow and pasture ground..... Belonging to the said moiety and one half messuage..... Particularly mentioned one close of meadow called the High Field, one close of meadow called the Hott, one close called the Little Green, the Fflat piece, one parcel of pasture called the Close, one parcel of pasture ground called the Intack?? And one half of one Garth or Inclosure called open fold the south east part thereof<br/>The same inclosed or hedged or to be inclosed or hedged from the other moiety at the costs and charges of the said William Raizley and all other lands etc. belonging to the said moiety being of the annual rent of 13/4 – and then in the tenure and occupation of the said John Walton, Samuel Walton and Isaac Walton their farmer....<br/>To hold unto the said William Raizely his executors ..... for the remainder of the lease of 1000 years to come</p> |
| <p>16/11/1717</p>                                  | <p><i>Probate</i></p>                 |  |
| <p>05/10/1767</p>                                  | <p><i>Copy will</i></p>               |  |
| <p>25/06/1795</p>                                  | <p><i>Indenture of assignment</i></p> |  |
| <p>20/02/1806</p>                                  | <p><i>?? of Assignment</i></p>        |  |
| <p>See ref<br/>number xxxx</p>                     |                                       | <p>Probate of the will of William Raizely (probate dated 23/01/1723) whereby after giving a few pecuniary legacies which he did not charge on any of his premises) he gave and devised all the rest of his goods, chattels..... and personal estate..... To his son Giles Raizley.....whom he appointed sole executor.<br/>This will duly executed and attested and proved at York by the executor. See reference number XXXx<br/>Copy of the will of Giles Raizley of Alston..... Gave unto his nephew Raisley Calvert all his half messuage and tenement at Sillyhole. Subject to the payment of £8.00 yearly to his (the testators) wife, and after giving as therein ..... All the rest of his goods and chattels whatsoever and wheresoever he gave and bequeathed to his loving wife Hannah Raizely whom he made and ordained his sole executor.....</p>   |

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| 22/02/1806 | <i>Indre?? Of Assignment</i> | <p>This will was duly executed and attested – proved at Durham by the executrix on 17/10/1771.</p> <p>Made between the most noble Charles Howard, Duke of Norfolk and William Calvert, then of Newcastle upon Tyne.</p>   |
| 02/04/1811 | <i>Probate of will</i>       | <p>Covenant from the Duke of Norfolk that he had done no act to incumber. Duly executed and attested.</p> <p>Made between the said William Calvert (therein described of Windybrow in the Parish of Crosthwaite) Esquire – only brother next of kin devisee and executor of the last will and testament of Raisley Calvert late of Keswick (Gentleman) deceased of the one part and Thomas Walton of High Sillyhole Alston (Gentleman) of the other part.</p> <p>Reciting the said last abstracted Indie?? Of the 25/06/1795..... reciting that the said William Calvert had since the making and execution of the recited Indie....of assignment paid off and discharged the said two several legacies or sums of £900.00 and £70.00 so given in the ...will and codicil.... Of the said Raisley Calvert the son deceased to the said William Wordsworth and Thomas Long and had taken proper receipts and discharged for the same.</p> <p>And after reciting that the said Thomas Walton had contracted and agreed with the said William Calvert for the absolute purchase of the said message..... called High Sillyhole or Upper Sillyhole .... At or for the price or sum of £1200.00.</p> <p>It is witnessed that in consideration of the said sum of £1200.00 paid by Thomas Walton to the said William Calvert. Did grant assign..... To the said Thomas Walton..... all the said abstracted premises together with all the houses and all the estate.....</p> <p>Usual covenants from William Calvert duly executed and attested. Receipt for ?? and money endorsed.</p> <p>Made between Thomas Walton of the one part and William Calvert of the second part.</p> <p>It is witnessed that in consideration of £800.00 paid by the said William Calvert to the said Thomas Walton.</p> <p>Did grant assign..... and set over to the said William Calvert... all the abstracted premes?? Together will all houses.... And the Teversion?? And all the estate to hold unto the said William Calvert..... for and during the residue and terms .... Of 999 years.... And other estate and interest as the said Thomas Walton had or was entitled to ...</p> |
| 13/05/1816 | <i>Indre of Assignment</i>   | <p>Proviso for redemption on payment of £800.00 and interest on the 22/02 then next. Usual mortgage covenants – duly executed and attested – and receipt endorsed.</p> <p>Of said Thomas Walton (probate dated 11/03/1814). The will worded as follows:</p>   |
| 14/05/1816 | <i>Indres of assignment</i>  | <p><i>This is the last will and testament of me Thomas Walton of High Silly Hall in Garragill parish of Alstone and County of Cumberland.</i></p> <p><i>First I order and direct my brother in law John Little Esquire of the Raise House near Alstone, Mr Henry Walton of Crops Hall in Garragill and Mr Thomas Walton in Alstone to be joint trustees and executors of this my last will empowering them to pay my just debts and funeral expenses as soon as conveniently may be after my decease my will also is that my executors be at</i></p>  |

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| 30/05/1817 | Probate of the will | <p><i>liberty to sell as soon as convenient all my Allotments of Common Stock and Crop except three coves which I give to my wife and husbandry geer together with my shares of Lead Mines except the Allotment under the Road leading from Alstone to Garragill my Will further is that my trustees shall pay to my oldest son John Walton the sum of Three Hundred Pounds when he arrives at the age of twenty years also to my son Thomas Walton the sum of one Hundred and fifty pounds when at the age of Twenty and to my daughter Elizabeth Walton the sum of fifty pounds when she arrives at the age of twenty years. It is also my will that my trustees shall pay my dear wife Rachel Walton the sum of Ten Pounds per year for each child for the support and maintenance of each of my children that may live with her if not my executors to support and maintain them together with my household furniture and such House and Out-houseing as may be pointed out by my executors and also the Homefield leading to the flat with the Cattle Gates in the pastures until my youngest children attain the age of fifteen years. It is also my Will at that period that my Estate at Silly Hall be sold by my Executors and the Money arising from that with the other accounts to be equally divided among any surviving children Children by my Executors as soon as conveniently except four hundred pounds which must rest upon my Estate at Silly Hall the legal interest of that Sum to be paid half yearly by Trustees unto my dear wife Rachel Walton during her life and as soon after her death as my Executors can conveniently divide the said Four Hundred Pounds equally amongst my surviving children my Will is that if my dear wife Rachel Walton should marry then and in such case the whole of her Annuities and Privaleges to cease and determine and the whole of my property to come into the hands of my Executors for my surviving children. Lastly it is my Will that my Executors shall be at liberty to reimburse themselves all reasonable expenses which they may bear or expend relating the execution of this my Will .</i></p> <p>This Will was duly executed and attested and was proved at Durham by the Executors.</p> <p>Of three parts made between<br/> John Little Esq. of Raize House in the Parish of Alston<br/> Henry Walton of Crops Hall in Garrigill (Gentleman)<br/> Thomas Walton of Alston (gentleman)<br/> (executors named and appointed in and by the last will and testament of Thomas Walton (Yeoman) late of Sillyhole..... deceased of the first part (died 03/04/1811).</p> <p>By way of mortgage made between the said John Walton of the one part and the said John Little Henry Walton and Thomas Walton (executors Thomas Walton)<br/> It is witnessed that in consideration of £400 to the said John Walton paid by the said John Little Henry Walton and Thomas Walton.....<br/> Did .....assign ..... unto the executors all the abstracted premises together with all and singular houses and all the estates<br/> Assign £400 and interest on 14<sup>th</sup> May next usual covenants duly executed and attested receipt indorsed.</p> <p>Of the said John Walton (probate dated 15/10/1818) – wherebye after giving unto his wife Hannah Walton his household furniture and</p> |

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|   |                                | <p>implements of household plate watch china books and all his beds and bedding wearing apparel and linen and all the ready money and cash that should be in his dwellinghouse at the time of his decease, he gave devised and bequeathed unto his friends Richard Ffeatherstonhaugh of Alston aforesaid (Innkeeper), William Bainbridge (gentleman) and George Wallis of the same place (yeoman). All his freehold dwelling house, outhouses and garden situate in Alston and all that his leasehold estate situate at a place called High Sillyhole ..... And also all other his freehold and leasehold hereditaments ..... whatsoever and wheresoever and also all money due to him from any person or persons whomsoever and all the other his real and personal estate effects ..... not thereinfore given to his said wife.</p> <p>To hold the same unto and to the use of the said Richard Ffeatherstonehaugh, William Bainbridge, and George Wallis and assigns upon Trust that that his said trustees should and did as soon as they could see as convenient and proper after his decease absolutely sell ..... all his freehold and leasehold ..... either by public sale, private contract for the best price or prices that could be reasonably gotten ... and also call in and recover with all convenient speed all debts or money due to him from any person or persons ..... Andupon trust to apply and dispose the money to arise from such sale</p>  |
| <p>1812 – 1816<br/>03/02/1812</p> <p>12/03/1816</p> | <p>Copies of legal opinion</p> | <p>Copies of the Opinion of Mr Williamson and Mr Bentley - ?? title to Highsillyhole Estate</p> <p><i>The will of Thomas Walton dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1811 with a statement of his affairs (and that was a deficiency of ?? for payment of debts without reporting to the Sillyhole Estate was laid before Mr Recorder Williamson who gave the following opinion:</i></p> <p><i>The law imposes a duty upon upon executors to apply the ?? Afretts of the testator in payment of his debts and the testator himself cannot by any disposition made by his will defeat the right of his creditors to have the ??afretts so applied: In cases where the effects which a testator has by his will particularly appropriated for satisfying the demands of his creditors should either be insufficient for that purpose of from their actual circumstances incapable of being immediately converted and applied in payment of the debts of the testator it is the duty of Executors to report to the other personal ?? Afretts and they are warranted in doing so notwithstanding any specific request of the property so reported to. If therefore in the present case the effects which have been particularly appropriated by the testator for the satisfaction of the demands of his creditors are insufficient for the payment of all his debts including the mortgage debt. I see no objection to the executors proceeding to an immediate sale of the sillyhole estate and I think a purchaser under them would have a good title supposing the title of the testator himself is unobjectionable</i></p> <p>?? ReHopper Williamson<br/>Newcastle 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1812</p> <p>The mortgager of Sillyhole estate having called upon the executors of Thomas Walton the testator for payment of the mortgage of £800 and interest. The executors sold the estate by auction on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 1816 to Mr John Walton for £2000 - ?/ to the estate being conveyed to Mr Walton, the will of the testator (with a statement of the circumstances,</p> |

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|            |                     | <p>was laid before Mr Bentley for him to advise whether or not Mr Walton could have a safe title. Mr Bentley gave the following opinion:<br/> <i>The executors, who have I take it for granted proved the will within Diocese or province where the lands lie, together with the mortgage can without the concurrence of the widow, I apprehend very clearly make a good title to the testators term with above premises, yet unexpired for this the case of ?? Ewan ?? Corbet 2 Peese Way 148 appears to be a direct authority</i><br/> <i>Mich Bentley</i><br/> <i>Middle Temple</i><br/> <i>12 March 1816</i></p>  |
| 27/02/1819 | Sale particulars    | <p>At the house of Mr Richard Featherstonehaugh, Crown Inn Alston on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1819<br/> <i>Conditions of selling by auction all that leasehold messuage and tenement situate at and called by the name of High Sillyhole ..... Consisting of two dwelling houses and outhouses and one hundred and forty two acres or thereabouts be the same more or less meadow and pasture land well fenced and divided with suitable inclosures of which upwards of eighty acre were lately part of the nearby enclosed common.</i><br/> <i>The said premises are held under the commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital for the remainder of one thousand years at a ?? yearly lords rent and other payments duties and services and are now tenanted by John Dodd under a lease of which five ?? will be unoccupied at Mayday next at the yearly rent of one hundred pounds and are subject to such lease and the tenants and its tenants ?? in the said premises by virtue thereof</i></p> <p><i>The highest bidder to be the purchaser .....</i><br/> <i>The vendor reserves one bode to themselves to be given by William Bainbridge if they think it fir to give this bode</i><br/> <i>Memorandum that Robert Elliott of Nenthall (gentleman) was declared to be the highest bidder .... At one thousand and seven hundred and five pounds</i><br/> <i>Signed Robert Elliott, Richard Feathersonehaugh, Wm Bainbridge,</i><br/> <i>Geo Wallis</i><br/> <i>Witness John Wilson</i></p> |
| 01/05/1819 | Assignment (vellum) | <p>Of High Silly-hole Estate in Alston Moor<br/> Messrs Featherstonhough and others to<br/> Mr Robert Elliott</p> <p>Notes from the document:<br/> Indenture of 3 parts.<br/> Between John Little Esquire of Raize House Alston<br/> Who survived Henry Walton late of Crops Hall (gentleman) in Garrigill and<br/> Thomas Walton (gentleman) late of Alston in the same parish both deceased and the which said<br/> John Little Henry Walton and Thomas Walton were the executors named and appointed and acting under the probate of the last Will and testament of Thomas Walton late of Silly-Hole in the parish of Alston.</p> <p>Richard Featherstonhaugh of Alston (Innkeeper)<br/> William Bainbridge of the same place (Gentleman)<br/> And George Wallis of the same place (Yeoman)</p>  |

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|            |                     | <p>?? something about the executor of the last will and testament of John Walton, late of Alston (gentleman) deceased of the second part And Robert Elliott of Newhale in the parish of Alston aforesaid Yeoman of the 3<sup>rd</sup> part.</p> <p>Whereas in and by a certain indenture of assignment ?? in or about 13/05/1815 made between ?? and John Little and Henry Walton and Thomas Walton of Alston both deceased as such executors of aforesaid of the first part. William Calvert esquire (therein described as the second part and the said John Walton deceased and the 3<sup>rd</sup> part for the consideration therein mentioned.</p> <p>All that leasehold and tenement lands and premises called High Silly Hole and the allotment and allotments of?? , lately set and staked out or allotted in respect of said messuage, tenement lands and premises by the ?? applied in and by an act of parliament made to ?? in the 53<sup>rd</sup> year of his present majesty ??, for dividing, allotting and enclosing and otherwise improving several commons moors or wastes in the ? of Alston otherwise Alston Moor and Garrigill.</p> <p>And Whereas the said Henry Walton and Thomas Walton have both since departed this life leaving the said John Little the sole surviving executor of the Will and of the said Thomas Walton. And whereas the said John Walton duly made and executed his last Will and testament in writing – date on or about the 30/05/1817 – bequeathed certain freehold heriditaments been mentioned and also leasehold estate and premises called High Silly-Hole to the use of the said Richard Featheringstonhaugh, William Bainbridge and George Wallis.</p> <p>Sale and agreement complete sum of £1705.00 to Robert Elliott</p> |
| 09/05/1857 | Conveyance (Vellum) | <p>By way of mortgage of leasehold estates and heriditaments at High Sillyhole and High Plains<br/>From Mr John Elliott (Yeoman)<br/>and others to<br/>Messrs Mulcaster and Vickers. Stewards and treasurers of Garragill Gate Friendly Society<br/>References:<br/>Joseph White (Miner) High Plains<br/>His wife Hannah White<br/>John Moffatt (farmer) Low Sillyhole<br/>His wife Mary Anne Moffatt<br/>Rebecca Elliott (Spinster) High Plains<br/>Jane Elliott (Spinster) High Plains<br/>Robert Elliott (Gentleman) 236 Regent St. Middlesex<br/>Joshua Mulcaster Crossgill (farmer)<br/>Joseph Vickers (Miner) Nenthead (farmer) – both of Garigill Friendly Society</p> <p>Robert Elliott – late of Alston – in possession of certain leasehold estates commonly called High Sillyhole and High Plains.</p>  |

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|                       |            | <p>Bequeathed to his wife Jane Elliott, and his son, Robert Elliott.<br/>Will dated 11/01/1837.<br/>To pay to or permit his son Adam Elliott to recover the rents and profits.<br/>Robert died 14/01/1837.<br/>Adam Elliott inherited and died 04/04/1841 and left 5 children.<br/>John Elliott<br/>Hannah White (nee Elliott)<br/>Mary Anne Moffatt (nee Elliott)<br/>Rebecca Elliott<br/>Jane Elliott<br/>Robert Elliott died as a minor and pre-deceased his father</p>   |
| 08/05/1862            | Conveyance | <p>By way of Mortgage of Estates at High Silly Hole and High Plains subject to a prior mortgage plus interest<br/>Between Mr John Elliot and others<br/>To Mr Thomas Smith<br/>Conveyance by way of mortgage of Estates and Hereditaments at High Silly Hole and High Plains subject to a prior mortgage of £1000 plus interest</p>  |
| 08/12/1884<br>To 1905 | Deed       | <p>For charging the further sum of £480.00 on leasehold premises at Silly Hole and High Plains<br/>Mr John Elliot to<br/>Mr Thomas Smith<br/><i>This indenture made 08/12/1884 between John Elliot of High Silly Hole (Yeoman) of the one part<br/>And Thomas Smith of Park House in Alston (Yeoman) of the second part<br/>Wheras by an indenture dated 09/05/1857 and made between the said John Elliot of the first part and Joseph White and Hannah his wife and John Moffatt and Mary Ann his wife of the second part.<br/>Rebecca and Jane Elliot of the 3<sup>rd</sup> part<br/>Robert Elliot of the 4<sup>th</sup> part<br/>Joshua Mulcaster and Jonathan Vickers (stewards and treasurers of the Garrigill Gate Friendly Society) of the fifth part.<br/>All leasehold messuage..... called High Silly Hole consisting of two dwelling houses and outhouses and several and several closes/inclosures/parcels of land and all allotments of common set out .. awarded in respect thereof the commissioners acting under the authority of an Act of Parliament passed 43<sup>rd</sup> year of the reign of his late majesty King George third intituled "An act of dividing allotting inclosing or otherwise improving several commons or wastes within the manor of Alston otherwise Alston Moor and Garrigill...." (part of which Allotments have been improved and built upon and were commonly called High Plains)<br/>Estimation of 142 acres or thereabouts – then in the occupation of the said John Elliot and of Marry Elliot, Mary Moffatt and the said Joseph White as tenants together with the appurtenances were assigned and conveyed by the said John Elliot, Joseph White and Hannah his wife, John Moffatt and his wife Marry Ann, Rebecca Elliot, Jane Elliot and Robert Elliot unto the said Joshua Mulcaster .....</i><br/>Together to the sum of £900.00 of the the said Rebecca Elliott and Jane Elliott in and out of the same estates... to which they were entitled under virtue of the Will of Robert Elliot deceased</p> |

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|   |   | <p><i>Also subject to a proviso for redemption of the said estates and hereditaments by the said John Elliott unto the said Joshua Mulcaster and Jonathan Vickers as such stewards and treasurers.... Of the sum of £1000.00 with interest for the same at £4.00 per annum</i></p> <p><i>And whereas by another indenture 08/05/1862 between the said Jon Elliott of the first part</i></p> <p><i>The said Joshua Mulcaster and Rebecca his wife and Joseph Thomason and Jane his wife of the second part and the said Thomas Smith of the third part....</i></p> <p><i>Recited indenture dated</i></p> <p><i>Indenture made the 25<sup>th</sup> November 1905 between Joseph Smith of Gamblesly Co Cumberland (farmer) the surviving executor under the will approved at Carlisle on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1887 of the named Thomas Smith of the one part and Adam Elliot of Alston (auctioneer) to whom the leasehold hereditaments.....comprised within written indenture were bequeathed by the will of the within named John Elliot dated 12/01/1900 and proved at Carlisle 27/02/1903</i></p> <p><i>Witnesseth that in consideration of all principal moneys and interest secured by the within written indenture of mortgage and the indentures therein recited on the 09/11/1864 having been paid (the receipt whereof the said Joseph Smith hereby acknowledges) the said Joseph Smith as mortgagor hereby assigns unto the said Adam Elliot All the lands and hereditaments.....comprised within the written indenture .... Recited.</i></p>        |
| <p>05/04/1895</p> <p>18/10/1897</p> <p>01/02/1925</p> <p>13/05/1925</p> <p>03/02/1930</p> | <p>Abstract of the Title (typed 1934)</p> | <p>The representatives of Joseph Richardson deceased to leasehold land at The Rise, Alston</p> <p>The late <b>Mr Joseph Richardson</b> of South Shields became entitled to the above leaseholds when he became the first tenant in tail in possession on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 1855 of the freehold portions of the farm of Annatwalls under the Will dated the 28/10/1814 of <b>John Friend</b> of Annatwalls who died 06/06/1830</p> <p>By indenture of this date made between Charles Edward White (gentleman) of Wellington House, South Shields with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Margaret White</li> <li>• Mary Nicholson White</li> <li>• Emily White</li> <li>• Isabella Octavia White</li> <li>• Julia White</li> <li>• Eleonor Florence White all of the same place spinsters of the 2<sup>nd</sup> part and the said Mary Nicholson White of the 3<sup>rd</sup> part</li> </ul> <p>Joseph Richardsons will dated 19/10/1892 appointed Charles as trustee and executor. Died 22/10/1892</p> <p>Household effects to his 7 nieces</p> <p>Sell land if necessary, pay anything owing and share residue out.</p> <p>Recited Charles about to leave the country and reside in the Colony of Victoria and wished to be discharged from the role of Trustee- and t appoint in his place, Mary Nicholson White.</p> <p>Eleonor Florence White married Noel Henry Courtland Trotter</p> <p>Mary Nicholson White died at Wellington House, South Shields intestate a spinster</p> <p>Marys estate granted to Emily White, her sister</p> |



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|      |          | Deed of Appointment between Emily White and Isabella Octavia White (spinster) and Eleanor Florence Trotter- appointing Emily White as the new trustee |

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| 1982       | Series of Fire Insurance policies | 1965 – an addendum to state that “Silly Hole” – correct designation now “Silly Hall”<br>1971 – executors of J E Smith – interest in policy now with Thomas S Smith   |
| 25/11/1905 | Schedule of deeds                 | Schedule of deeds and writings relating to the Title to premises at Silly Hole – belonging to Mr Adam Elliot and now in mortgage to Messrs William and Harrison Watson for securing £1800.00 and interest  |
| 13/05/1816 | Indenture                         |  |
| 14/05/1816 | Indenture                         | Made between John Little, Henry Walton and Thomas Walton of the first part and William Calvert of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> part and John Walton of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> part   |
| 01/05/1819 | Indenture                         |  |
| 19/05/1857 | Indenture                         | Made between John Walton of the one part and John Little, Henry Walton and Thomas Walton   |
| 08/05/1862 | Indenture                         | Between John Little of the first part, Richard Featherstonhaugh, William Bainbridge and George Wallis of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> part and Robert Elliot of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> part  |
| 26/11/1864 | Indenture                         | Made between John Elliot of the first part, Joseph White and Hannah his wife of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> part, Rebecca Elliot and Jane Elliot of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> part, Robert Elliot of the 4 <sup>th</sup> part and Joshua Mulcaster and Jonathan Vickers of the 5 <sup>th</sup> part.           |
| 08/12/1884 | Indenture                         | Made between John Elliot of the 1 <sup>st</sup> part, Joshua Mulcaster and Rebecca his wife and Joseph Thomason and Jane his wife of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> part and Thomas Smith of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> part   |
| 25/11/1905 | Indenture                         | Made between Joshua Mulcaster and Jonathan Vickers of the 1 <sup>st</sup> part John ?Vipond and Robert Armstrong of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> part John Elliot of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> part and Thomas Smith of the 4 <sup>th</sup> part  |
| 25/11/1905 | Indenture                         | Made between John Elliot of the one part and Thomas Smith of the second part   |
|            |                                   | Made between Joseph Smith of the one part and Adam Elliot of the other part  |
|            |                                   | Made between Adam Elliot of the first part William Watson of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> part and Harrison Watson of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> part  |
|            |                                   | Twelve other ?? deeds and papers   |
|            |                                   | Acknowledgement of receipt 25/11/1905  |
|            |                                   | William Watson and Harrison Watson   |
| 25/11/1905 | Mortgage (parchment)              | Of a farm land and premises known as Silly Hole for securing the sum of £1800.00 and interest<br>Mr Adam Elliott to Messrs William Watson and Harrison Watson<br>Between Adam Elliott of Alston (Auctioneer) – the mortgagor<br>And William Watson of Riggsdale, Harwood – Middleton in Teesdale |

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|            |               | <p>Harrison Watson of the same place<br/>Whereas John Elliot (Yeoman) late of Silly Hole in the parish of Alston was in his lifetime and at the time of his decease possessed of ...the heriditaments and<br/>Subject to the Lords rent herein aforeto mentioned and also subject to a mortgage debt of £2480 and interest secured by an indenture dated 08/12/1884 and made between John Elliott (deceased) and Thomas Smith (deceased)<br/>And whereas the said John Elliot made and duly executed his will 12/01/1900 – he appointed his 2 sons:<br/>Robert Elliot and the mortgagor executors and wherebye he gave and bequeathed the hereditaments and premises.....<br/>And whereas the said John Elliot died 23/03/1900<br/>And whreas by an indenture .... And made between Joseph Smith, the surviving executor of the said Thomas Smith of the one part and the mortgager of the other part....<br/>The hereinfere recited \indenture of the 08/12/1884 recited having been paid the said Joseph Smith as Mortgagee therebye assigned the mortgagor all the lands and heriditaments ....<br/>And whereas the said William Watson and Harrison Watson have agreed to lend the mortgager £1800.00</p> |
| 24/11/1924 | Re-assignment | <p>Mr John Watson and another to Mr Adam Elliot<br/>Re-assignment of premises situate at Silly Hole<br/>Between John Watson of The Knock (Farmer) of The Knock in the County of Westmorland<br/>And Harrison Watson formerly of Riggside Harwood, Middleton in Teesdale Co Durham, but now of St Johns Chapel, Stanhope (Retired Farmer)<br/>And Adam Elliot (Retired Auctioneer) of Alston<br/>Supplemental to an indenture dated 20/11/1905 made between Adam Elliot, William Watson and Harrison Watson.<br/>Where the premises known as Silly Hole were assigned by Adam Elliot to William and Harrison Watson.... By way of mortgage to secure payment to the said William Watson of the sum of £1400 together with £400 to make the sum of £1800 with interest thereon.<br/>Whereas the said William Watson died on the 04/12/1923 intestate.....<br/>Administration of personal estate was granted to John Watson as brother and next of kin on 07/03/1924.<br/>Indenture witnesses that all of the principal money and interest having been paid.</p>   |
| 24/11/1924 | Indenture     | <p>Between Adam Elliot of Alston (retired auctioneer) – the mortgagor<br/>And Annie Watson of Middleton (Spinster) the mortgagee<br/>The mortgagee has agreed to lend to the mortgagor the sum of £1600.00<br/>All that leasehold farm land and premises known as Silly Hole – consisting of a dwelling house, barn byres and other outbuildings and several closes of meadow and pasture land containing (according to the said ordinance plan of the said parish of Alston, fifty one acres, three roods and two perches or thereabouts on or towards the east by the main road leading from Alston to Garrigill on or towards the</p>  |

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| 24/04/1941   | Memorandum          | <p>west by property belonging to the representatives of R H Horrocks deceased. On or towards the North partly by the parish road leading to Silly Hole aforesaid and partly by property formerly belonging to the mortgagor and now to Mary Rubina Longhurst and others and on or towards the south partly by property formerly belonging to Jane Guy and now to John Reed partly by property belonging to representatives of Jonathan Davidson deceased and partly by property now in the occupation of Edmund Raine.</p> <p>And secondly all that close or enclosure of allotment land situate near to Silly Hole aforesaid containing according to the said plan forty-nine acres and two roods or thereabouts bounded on or towards the north by an allotment in the occupation of the said Edmund Raine on or towards the east by an allotment now or late belonging to Mr Walton on ...the south by an allotment belonging to the lords of the admiralty ..... towards the west by a main road leading from Alston to Ashgill ..... all described upon a plan annexed to a certain indenture dated 20/11/1905 and thereon coloured with red.</p> <p>References – requirements to comply with 1000 year leasehold commenced in 1621 granted to a certain ancient tenement called Silly Hole by a former lord of the fee</p> <p>Signed by Adam Elliot and Annie Watson – witnessed by Harrison Watson</p> |
| 16/01/1954   | Memorandum          | <p>Assignment made between Jane Anne Elliot and John Elliot Smith (Vendors) of the first part<br/>Annie Watson (mortgagee)<br/>Florence Isobel Adamson (purchaser)<br/>Jane Ann Elliot and John Elliot Smith and personal representatives of Adam Elliot deceased.</p> <p>Annie Watson as mortgagee surrendered and released to Florence Isobel Adamson ... leasehold piece of land – approximately one quarter of an acre situate on the North east and south sides of the said purchasers present property situate at High Hundy Bridge Alston for residue now unexpired .... 100 years.... Granted by Henry Hilton commencing in or around the ninth day of September one thousand six hundred and twenty one</p> <p>I William Innes Watson of Spring Lodge Barnard Castle (Solicitor) the personal representative of the within named mortgagee whose Will I duly proved 26/05/1953 in the Principal Probate Registry having been made by John Elliott Smith of Williamstone, Slaggyford, Co Northumberland</p> <p>Acknowledgement of the receipt of £1600 plus interest</p>  |
| 1928 to 1931 | Additional abstract | <p>22/03/1928 Will of Adam Elliot – appointed his wife Jane Ann Elliot and his nephew George Thompson Elliot and John Elliot Smith and executors</p> <p>07/09/1929 Codicil to will which did not affect the appointment of trustees</p> <p>03/11/1930 Death of Adam Elliot</p>  |

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|                          |                   | 06/01/1931 Probate granted Carlisle district registry to Jane Ann Elliot and John Elliot Smith – power being reserved to the other executor<br>Memorandum: By an assent dated 20/11/1953 between John Elliot Smith of Williamstone Slaggyford and George Thompson Elliot of Alston – the leasehold property known as Silly Hole Farm ..... became invested in the said John Elliot Smith etc.   |
| 21/12/1931               | Abstract of Title | NB document typed out 1962, but related events from 1931 onwards<br>Relating to High Plains, Alston<br>Between the vendors:   |
| 30/04/1923<br>09/08/1928 |                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Rubina Macgregor of The Grange, Grange Avenue, Benton (wife of Joseph MacGregor)</li> <li>• May Geddes Burns LCC Hospital, Southgate, London (Spinster)</li> <li>• Elizabeth Ada Burns County Bank House, Clitheroe, Lancaster (Spinster)</li> <li>• Margaret Henderson Burns Court House, Skipton (Spinster)</li> <li>• Alexander Burns Conquest, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (farm hand)</li> <li>• Rubina Burns The Grange, Grange Avenue (Spinster)</li> </ul> And the purchaser: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Arnott Christer High Plains, Alston (Colliery Surfacedman)</li> </ul> Documents |
| 22/12/1931               |                   | Assignment made between Adam Elliott and vendors – Mary Rubina Longhirst<br>Mary Rubina Longhirst married Joseph MacGregor  |
| 19/01/1933               |                   | Parcel of land described in plan annexed to a mortgage dated 25/11/1905 between Adam Elliott (owner of Silly Hole and Mary Anne Simpson   |
| 26/02/1933               |                   | Legal charge between John Arnott Christer (colliery surfacedman) of High Plains (Mortgager) and Alexander Burns of Conquest, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (Farm Hand) (Mortgagee)  |
| 01/12/1939               | Assignment        | Mortgagee agreed to lend sum of £200<br>Mortgage between John Arnott Christer and Mary Jane Nelson of 2 Lansdowne Terrace, Gosforth (Spinster) for the sum of £350.00   |
| 02/12/1939               |                   | Surrender and release made between Alexander Burns and John Arnott Christer<br>Vacating receipt endorsed on abstracted mortgage   |
| 19/03/1943               |                   | Assignment between John Arnott Christer (vendor) and  |
| 20/03/1943               |                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Jane Pattison</li> <li>• Priscilla Annie Pattison</li> <li>• Charles John Pattison – all of Acomb Buildings Farm, Hexham</li> </ul> Agreement for sale £630   |
| 27/04/1950               |                   | Mortgage made between Mary Jane, Priscilla Annie and Charles John Pattison – Hexham Permanent Benefit Building Soc  |
| 24/12/1953               |                   | Sum of £470.00<br>Vacating Receipt endorsed   |
| 24/12/1953               |                   | Sale of property to:  |
| 03/05/1954               |                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percy Ernest Millican (Railway Official)</li> <li>• Jane Millican (Wife) of 63 Hollywood Avenue, Gosforth</li> </ul> Sold at price £800.00   |

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|   |                                     | <p>Sold to Harold Moody 8 Lancaster Square, Conway (Newsagent and Tobacconist)</p> <p>Sold to Eric Cresswell of High Plains (farmer) and Rosalind Conway Cresswell (wife)</p> <p>Reciting seisin of the vendor</p> <p>Agreement of sale at the rice of £2000.00</p> <p>Mortgage with Rock Permanent Building Society – advance of £1,250.00</p> <p>Mortgage – sum of £400 Eric and Rosemary. 9 Longston Avenue, Cullercoats</p>   |
| 19/09/1934  |                                     | <p>Re The Rise</p> <p>Assignment of leasehold lands situated at The Rise</p> <p>Between Miss I O White, Mrs F Trotter to Mr P K Pickering and Wife</p>  |
| <p>19/09/1934</p> <p>25/01/1936</p> <p>??/08/1944</p> <p>16/02/1946</p> | <p>Additional abstract of title</p> | <p>Relating to leasehold land at the Rise, near Alston</p> <p>Made between <b>Isabella Octavia White</b> of Wellington House, Wellington Terrace South Shields, Co Durham (spinster)</p> <p>And <b>Eleanor Florence Trotter</b>, wife of Noel Henry Courtland Trotter (gentleman) of Frognal, Sunninghill in Berkshire (the vendors)</p> <p>Percy Kenneth Pickering (grocer) and Annie Pickering of Burnleigh House, Alston (the purchasers)</p> <p>Citing the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will and death of Joseph Richardson</li> <li>• Before abstracted deed of appointment 05/04/1895</li> <li>• Marriage of Eleonor White to Noel Trotter</li> <li>• Death of Mary Nicholson White</li> <li>• Estate granted to Emily White</li> <li>• Parcels of land situated at The Rise- apprx 18 and three quarters acres- recently in occupation of William Stobbs Walton</li> </ul> <p>Mortgage Percy Kenneth Pickering and Annie Pickering</p> <p>Mortgage paid</p> <p>Assignment from the Pickerings to Harold John Broad of Braemar Crabtree Rd., Stocksfield (Costs Clerk)</p> <p>Leashold of The Rise including dwelling house – premises in occupation by Frederick Cousin as tenant.</p> |
| 25/01/1936  | Mortgage                            | <p>Re The Rise</p> <p>P K Pickering</p>   |
| 21/03/1941  | Fire insurance policy               | <p>Mrs Jane Ann Elliot of Grove Cottage, Alston</p> <p>John Elliot Smith of Bleagate Alston – executors of Adam Elliot deceased</p> <p>Fire Insurance of £400.00</p> <p>Annual premium of £9.00</p> <p>The building of the farm dwellinghouse at Alston known as Silly Hole</p> <p>The range of buildings comprised of barn, stable, carthouse, byres and other farm buildings all under one roof or communicating situate adjoining the aforesaid farm dwellings and partly under the same line of roof.</p> <p>The aforesaid buildings are all brick or stone built and slated or tiled</p>   |
| 24/04/1941  | Assignment                          | <p>Of a piece of land situate at Alston in the County of Cumberland</p>   |

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|            |              | <p>Assignment between Jane Ann Elliot and John Elliot Smith of Alston (the vendors)<br/> Annie Watson of Mickleton (spinster) in the County of York (the mortgagee)<br/> And Florence Dobell Adamson wife of David Adamson of Hundy Bridge Alston (the purchaser)<br/> Whereas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adam Elliot late of Alston was at the date of his decease possessed of..... entitlements .... For a term of 1000 years being a term granted of a certain ancient tenement called Silly Hole by Henry Hilton a former Lord of the Fee thereof ... term commenced ..... 9<sup>th</sup> September 1621 subject to the payment of the Lords yearly rent...</li> <li>2. By a mortgage dated 24/11/1924 made between Adam Elliot and the mortgagee – sum of £1600.00</li> <li>3. The said Adam Elliot died 03/11/1930 – will dated 22/03/1928 – appointed the vendors and George Thompson Elliot to be executors. Will proved 06/01/1931 in Carlisle District Probate Registry</li> <li>4. Vendors have agreed to the purchase of land for £20.00 - one quarter of an acre situate on the north east and south side of the purchasers present property situate at Hundy Bridge, Alston (map enclosed)</li> <li>5. Agreed forthwith and at her own expense in a proper and workmanlike manner and to the satisfaction of the vendors erect a good and substantial wall or stock proof fence on all sides of the land</li> </ol> |
| 26/02/1945 | Assignment   | <p>Relating to The Rise<br/> Between Percy Kenneth Pickering of Town Head, Alston (Assistant Rating Officer) and Annie Pickering<br/> With Harold John Broad of Braemar, Crabtree Road, Stocksfield (Costs Clerk)<br/> NB There is also an additional abstract of title dated 1952 recording above transaction and subsequent mortgage</p>  |
| 16/02/1949 | Assignment   | <p>Re The Rise<br/> Between Harold John Broad and Ernest Wren (farmer) of Low Shield Hill, Garrigill<br/> Price £240.00</p>   |
| 31/07/1952 | Assignment   | <p>Relating to Leasehold land situate at The Rise<br/> Assignment between Ernest Wren of Low Shield Hill, Garrigill (vendor)<br/> Eric Cresswell of High Plains<br/> Agreement of sale at the price of £475.00<br/> Additional abstract of title dated 1954 detailing above transaction and mortgage</p>  |
| 31/07/1952 | Legal Charge | <p>Between Eric Cresswell of High Plains and Alston Permanent Benefit Building Soc<br/> Sum of £410 and 8 shillings</p>   |
| 1953       | Abstract of  | <p>Of the personal representatives of Adam Elliot deceased to a</p>   |

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|  | Title                                  | leasehold farm, land and premises situate and known as Silly Hole, Alston   |
| 20/11/1953                             | Assent                                 | Between John Elliott Smith, Farmer, Williamstone, Slaggyford (executor and beneficiary) and George Thompson Elliott of the Hundy, Alston (Executor) – retired Bank Manager<br>Adam Elliott late of Grove Cottage died 3/11/1930<br>Made will 22/03/1928 – appointing his wife Jane Anne Elliott and executors to be executors and trustees<br>Jane died 13/01/1945 at Grove Cottage<br>Will proved 23/11/1945 at Carlisle District Probate registry   |
| 1954                                   | Abstract of probate of the will        | Of Annie Watson (deceased) late of Mickleton in the North Riding of the County of York<br>05/04/1953 Death of Annie Watson then of Beech Avenue Mapperley Notts Spinster formerly of 6 Quebec Terrace, Mickleton<br>26/05/1953 Probate granted to William Innes Watson of Spring Lodge, Barnard Castle (Solicitor) the surviving executor named in the Will.  |
| 02/03/1954                             | List of documents                      | Documents delivered by Messrs WJ and HC Watson, Solicitors, Barnard Castle<br>To Messrs Chater and Atkinson, Solicitors, Alston   |
| 15/04/1954                             | Request for land search                | The Rise  |
| 22/11/1962                             | Assignment                             | Mr and Mrs E Cresswell and Mortgagee to Mrs S Bell<br>Eric Cresswell and Rosalind Conwy Cresswell of High Plains Alston<br>Selina Bell, Meadow Flatt (Widow)<br>Mortgagee – The Rock Building Society<br><b>Summary: Release of 2 parcels of land (High Plains and The Rise) to Selina Bell</b><br>The document references <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residue of terms of 1000 years created about 1621 – held of the commissioners of exercising the office of high admiral</li> <li>• Assignment dated 31/07/1952 between Ernest Wren and Eric Cresswell for residues of above</li> <li>• Assignment dated 24/12/1953 between Harold Moody and Mr and Mrs Cresswell as joint tenants for the residue of 1000 years of an ancient tenement called High Silly Hole</li> <li>• Apportioned Lords rent of 2 shillings and sixpence being a proportionate part of the Lords rent of 13 shillings and 4 pence- payable every 21 years – next payment falling in 1978</li> <li>• Details of mortgage with the Rock Society</li> <li>• Agreed sale of property to purchaser for £1,500</li> <li>• Releasing all 3 closes or parcels of land situated at The Rise near Alston (approx 18 and 3 quarter acres) together with messuage (now disused)</li> <li>• Release of farm land known as High Plains – several closes of land together with barn and byre</li> </ul> 2 parcels of land together with barn adjoining High Plains Dwelling House to Eric and Joan Miller<br>Part of field OS 1267 to Jane Elizabeth Thake<br>The Rise to Elliott Ridley |
| 30/12/1966<br>10/11/1975<br>25/10/1979 | Memorandum<br>Memorandum<br>Memorandum |   |

| Date                     | Document                           | Notes   |
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| 02/03/1962               | Requisition for an official search | All the farm land situated at High Plains, together with the farm land at the Rise  |
| 21/02/1963               | Mortgage                           | Mortgage of leasehold heridaments and premises<br>Between Midland Bank and Selina Bell (widow)<br>Leasehills land and buildings known as the Rise and High Plains   |
| 04/06/1963 to 26/07/1965 | Abstract of Title                  | 04/06/1963 Will of John Elliot Smith of Williamstone, Slaggyford – appointed Margaret Smith, Thomas Stewart Smith, Adam Douglas Smith and William Madison as Executors and trustees<br>21/09/1964 Death of John Elliot Smith at Rainbow House, Alston<br>26/07/1965 Probate of the Will of John Elliot Smith of Rainbow House, Alston – formerly of Williamstone Slaggyford – granted out of the Carlisle District Probate Registry to executors – Margaret Smith, Thomas Stewart Smith and Adam Douglas Smith – with William Madison having renounced probate thereof                    |
| 31/03/1964               | Conveyance (copy)                  | Between commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the UK and Eric Cresswell and Rosalinde Conwy Cresswell. 65 Elmfield Avenue, Aberdeen<br>Parcel of land (looks like High Plans dwelling)<br>References:<br>04/11/1611 Lease: on or about this date by Henry Hilton (Lessor) for a certain term of 1000 years of the whole of Sillyhole Tenement commencing on or about 09/09/1621  |
| 28/08/1964               | Abstract of Title                  | Relating to the Alston Estate, Cumberland and Northumberland<br>Conveyance between The Secretary of State for Defence acting in the execution of the Greenwich Hospital Acts 1865 to 1947 and the Defence (transfer of functions 1964) Vendors<br>And the Trustees for Roman Catholic Purposes Registered, 114 Mount Street, Westminster<br>Over 11,000 acres and properties listed in the document. Inc mining rights<br>Reverend Henry Keen and 15 other persons<br>Lessees of Sillyhole documented as:<br>J E Smith, Williamstone Farm, Slaggyburn<br>Mrs S Bell, Meadow Flatt, Alston |
| 20/07/1965               | Deed (copy)                        | Between Eric Cresswell (farmer) and Rosalinde Conwy Cresswell of Kenilworth, Gannock Road, Deganwy, North Wales (The vendors)<br>And Erik Miller 117 Darras Road, Ponteland (development chemist) and his wife Joan Alice Miller (The purchasers)<br>Sale agreed £1099<br>High Plains   |
| 02/09/1966               | Assent                             | Relating to Silly Hole, Alston<br>John Elliott Smith late of Rainbow House, Alston formerly of Williamstone, Slaggyford died 21/09/1964<br>Margaret Smith (widow)<br>Thomas Stewart Smith of Williamstone, Slaggyford<br>Adam Douglas Smith, of The Nest, Alston (Executors)<br>Vesting of SillyHole to Thomas Stewart Smith<br>Consisting of dwelling house, (approx 51 acres) and allotment (approx 49 acres)   |

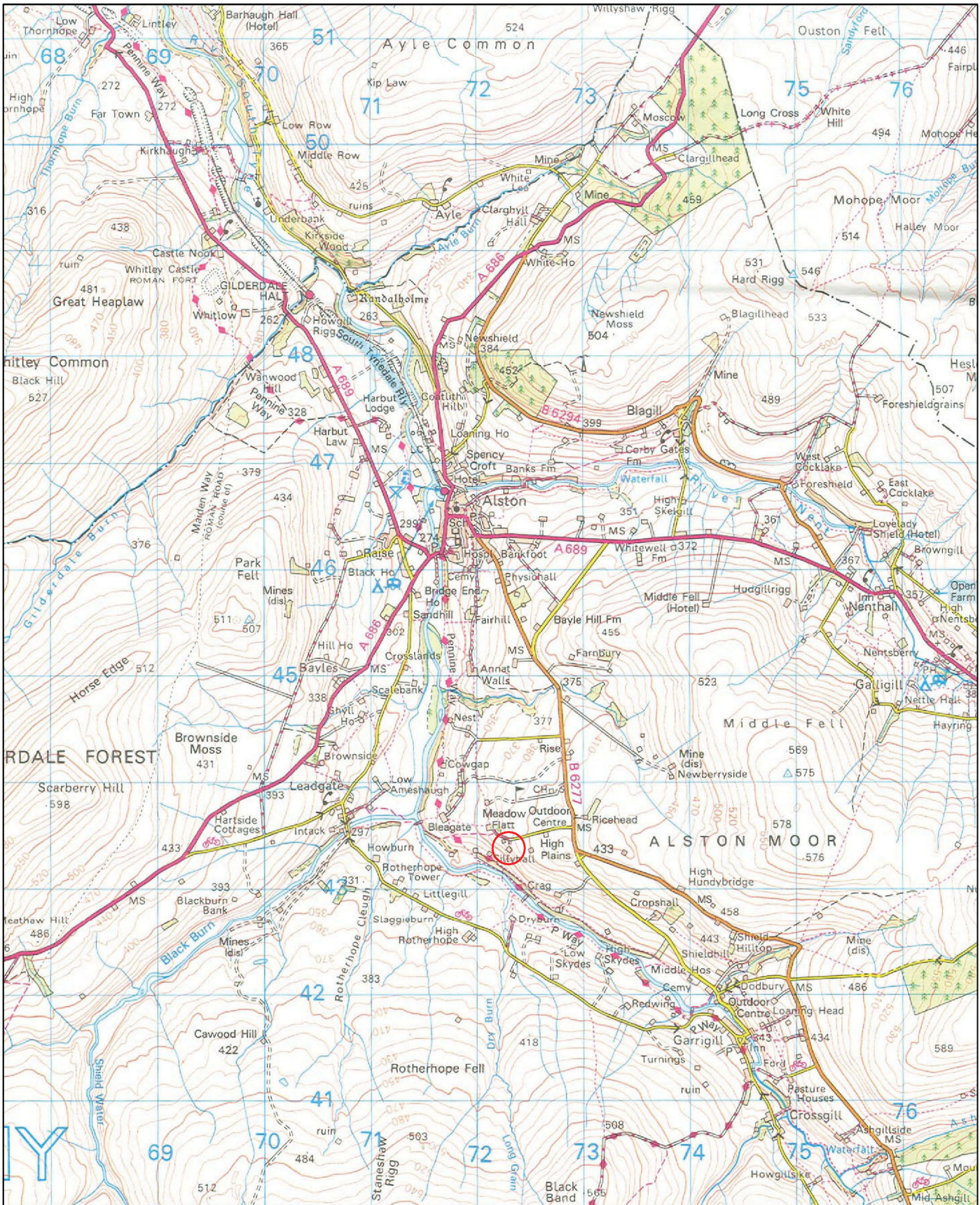


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| 19/06/1968                           | Conveyance<br>(copy)                      | Between The Secretary of State for Defence and Trustees for Roman Catholic Purposes registered, 114 Mount St, Westminster supplemental to a conveyance made on 28/08/1964 between the same parties (principal conveyance)<br>Conveyance of estate (details on plan blue and yellow)<br>NB trustee signing on behalf of the purchaser is TP Dunphy!<br>Contains list of leasehold and freehold lands subject to a annual rent charge   |
| 22/12/1969                           | Conveyance                                | Between Trustees of Roman Catholic Purposes (Registered) Thomas Stewart Smith of Williamstone, Slaggyford, Northumberland<br>In consideration of the sum of £21.13.04p<br>Convey to the purchaser all those pieces or parcels of lands situate at Silly Hole, Alston  |
| 10/11/1975                           | Assignment                                | Of property situate at The Rise (6.166 acres)<br>Selina Bell of Meadow Flatt, Alston<br>to Jane Elizabeth Thake of Melbourne, Wimbish Green, Saffron Waldon<br>In consideration of the sum of £2000   |
| 12/06/1979                           | Conveyance<br>(copy)                      | Between Trustees for Roman Catholic Purposes Registered – 114 Mount Street, Westminster (The Vendor)<br>And Dr. Erik Miller and Joan Miller (Purchasers)<br>Selling for £15 all the estate title and interest in conveyance dated 19/06/1968 made between the Secretary of State for Defence Estate Title High Plains Garrigill   |
| 30/07/1979<br><br>Copy<br>21/04/1979 | Conveyance<br>(copy)<br><br>Memorandum    | Between Erik Miller, 117 Darras Road Ponteland and Joan Alice Miller<br>To Wesley Weightman and Rev Graham Francis Revett, Trustees YMCA<br>Dwelling House and Land known as High Plains<br>References<br>conveyance dated 31/03/1964 between The Commissioners for executing the Office of the Lord High Admiral of the UK and Mr and Mrs Cresswell<br>conveyance dated 12/06/1979 made between trustees of Roman Catholic Purposes Registered<br><br>Deed of exchange and grant |
| 09/04/1981<br><br>21/04/1982         | Deed of Gift<br><br>Memo: Deed<br>of exch | From Selina Bell to Lawrence Carl Wearmouth and Dorothy Wearmouth (Birch Bush Farm, Ettersgill)<br>Note: Selinas address is Middleton in Teesdale<br>Summary: Deed of Gift of High Plains less the property mentioned in the 1962 assignment<br>In consideration of her love and affection<br>Parcel of land to Wesley Weightman and Rev Graham Revett (Council of Small Industries)  |
| 22/04/1982                           | Assignment                                | Of lands known as High Plains<br>From Mr and Mrs L.C. Wearmouth<br>To Colin Smith of High Silly Farm<br>High Plains field numbers: 1878, 1828, 1829 and 1837<br>References an ancient tenement called Low Silly Hole  |

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| 21/04/1982 | Deed of Exchange           | Small parcel of land to Trustees High Plains Lodge YMCA (see above)  |
| 22/04/1982 | Assignment                 | Transfer of land from<br>Lawrence Carl Wearmouth and Dorothy Wearmouth of Birch Bush Farm, Ettersgill Forest in Teesdale<br>To Colin Smith of High Silly Hall<br>High Plains<br>Consideration of £9300.00  |
| 03/12/1996 | Deed of Gift               | Between Thomas Stewart Smith of Woodbrae, Nenthead, Alston<br>To John Colin Smith (Son)<br>All those pieces or parcels of land situate at Scilly Hole otherwise known as Silly Hole, Alston.<br>Delineated on plan annexed to a conveyance dated 22/12/1969 made between Trustees for Roman Catholic Purposes Registered and the donor |
| 05/09/2007 | Document of wayleave       | From United Utilities enclosing a copy of wayleave document 65/7315  |
| 02/01/2008 | Transfer of Title          | Land at High Scilly Hall, Alston.<br>Approximately 50 acres part of the land comprised in a deed of gift dated 03/12/1996 made between Thomas Stewart Smith and Colin Smith<br>Tranferee: Sybil Mary Makepeace, Black House Farm, Park Lane  |
| 18/08/2009 | Management Agreement       | Pennine Dales Environmentally sensitive area<br>From DEFRA<br>To Mr John Wiper   |
| 02/11/2009 | Completion of Registration | Title number CU226866<br>Lodged 28/10/2009<br>Title absolute<br>Edward Graham Routledge and Marie Colette Routledge<br>High Scilly Hall Farm, Alston   |

## APPENDIX 2: FIGURES

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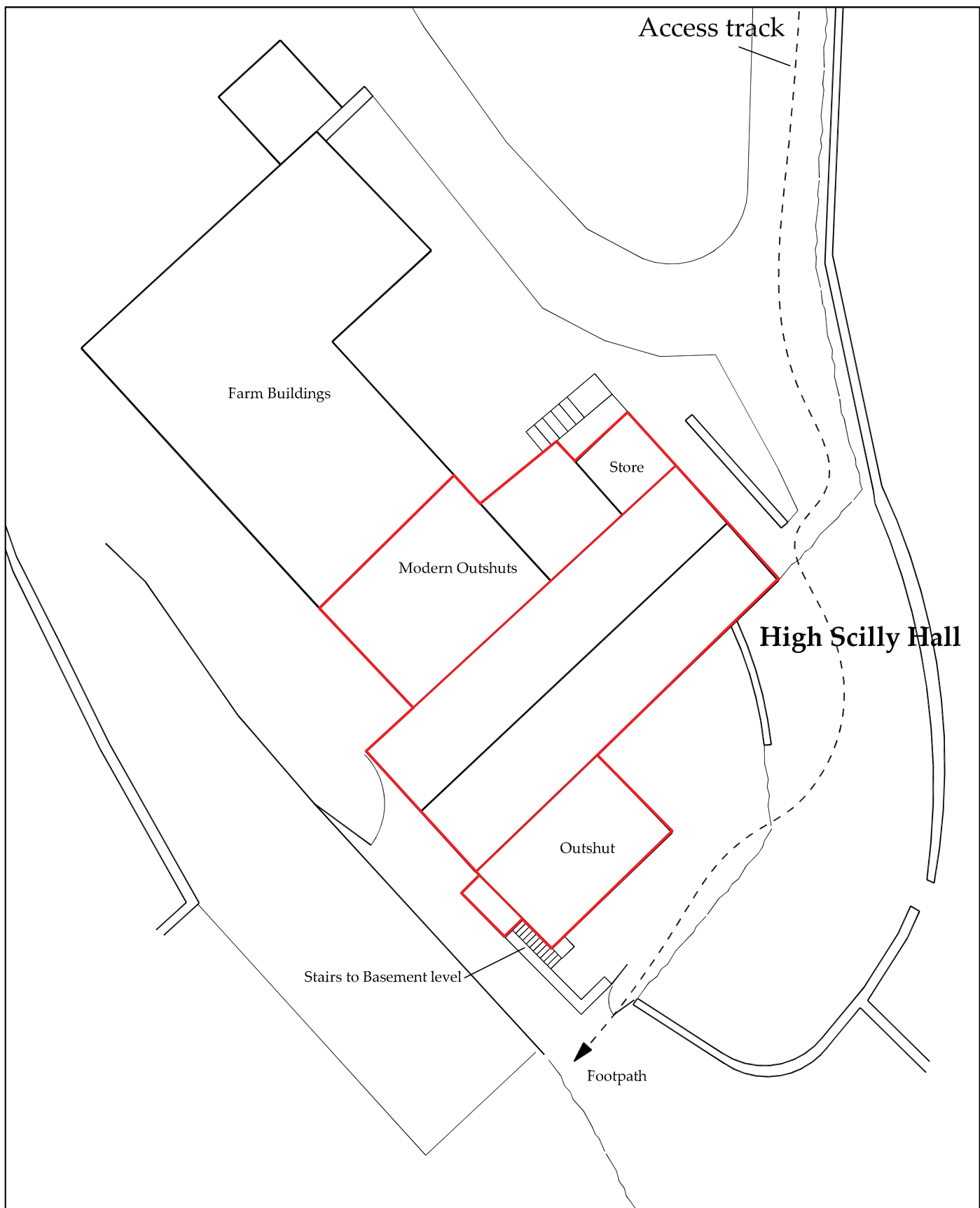
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Site Location

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Figure 1: Site Location



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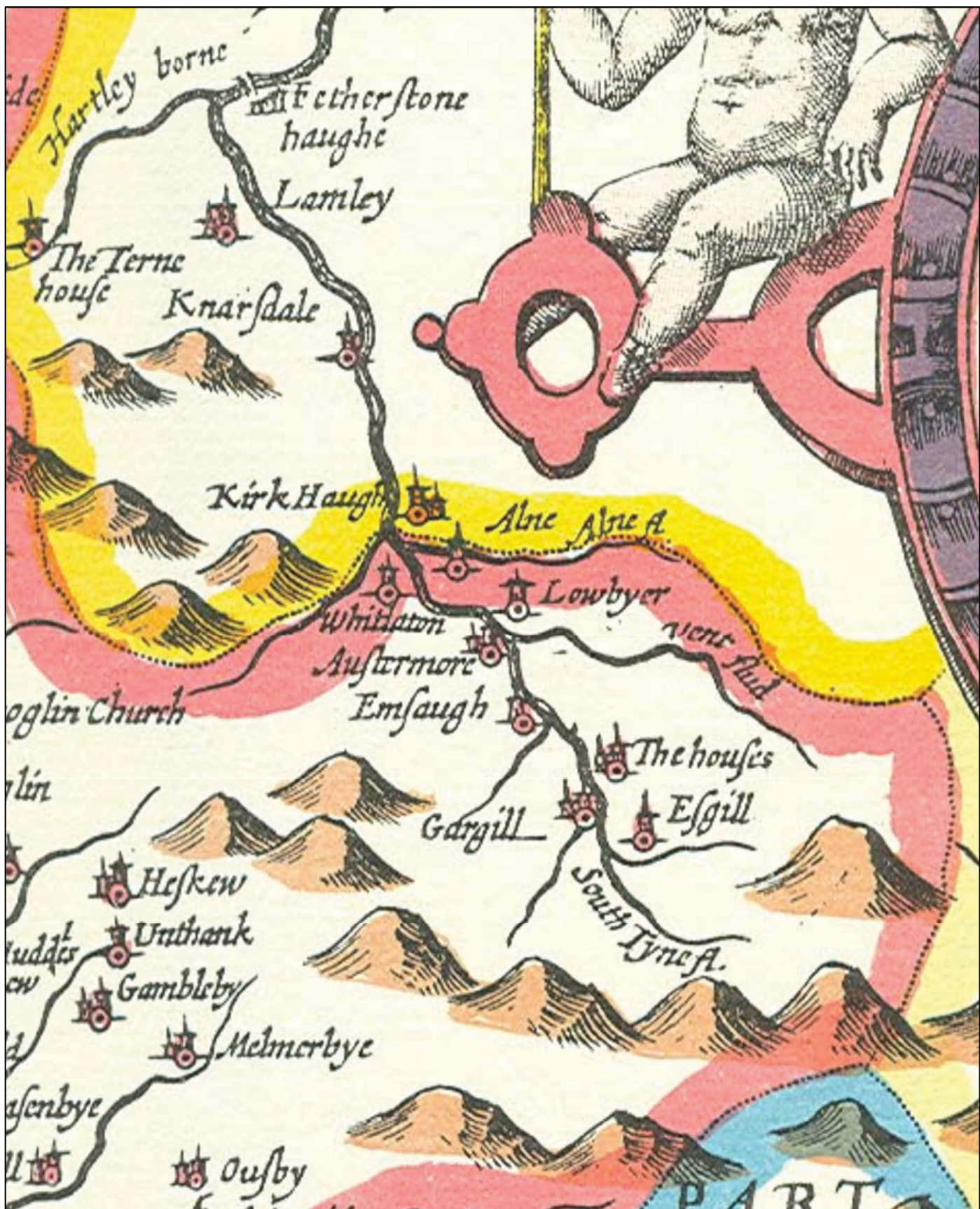
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Figure 2: Site Plan



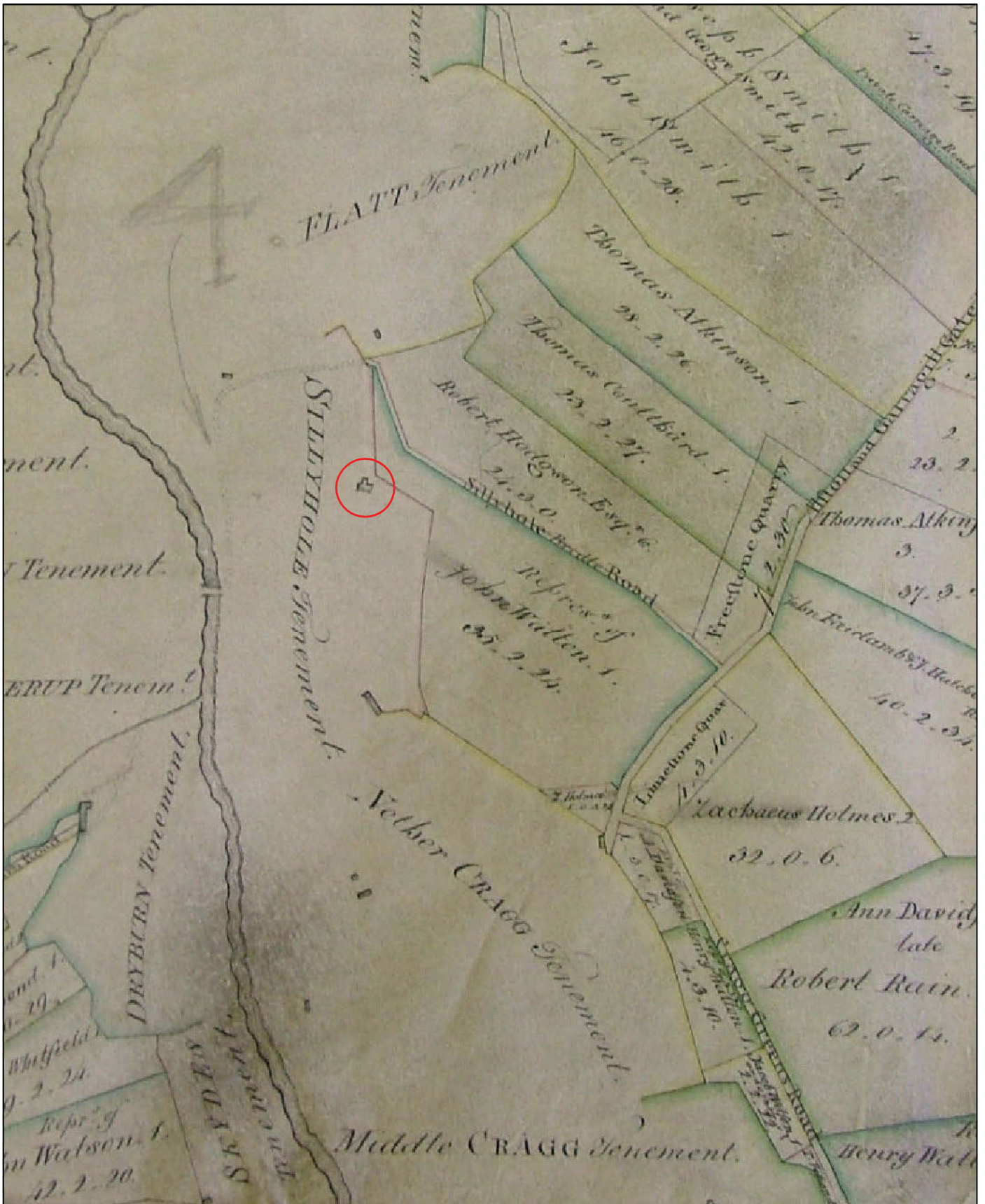
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Figure 3: Extract from John Speed's Map of Cumberland 1610








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Figure 5: Extract From Alston Moor Enclosure Map 1820





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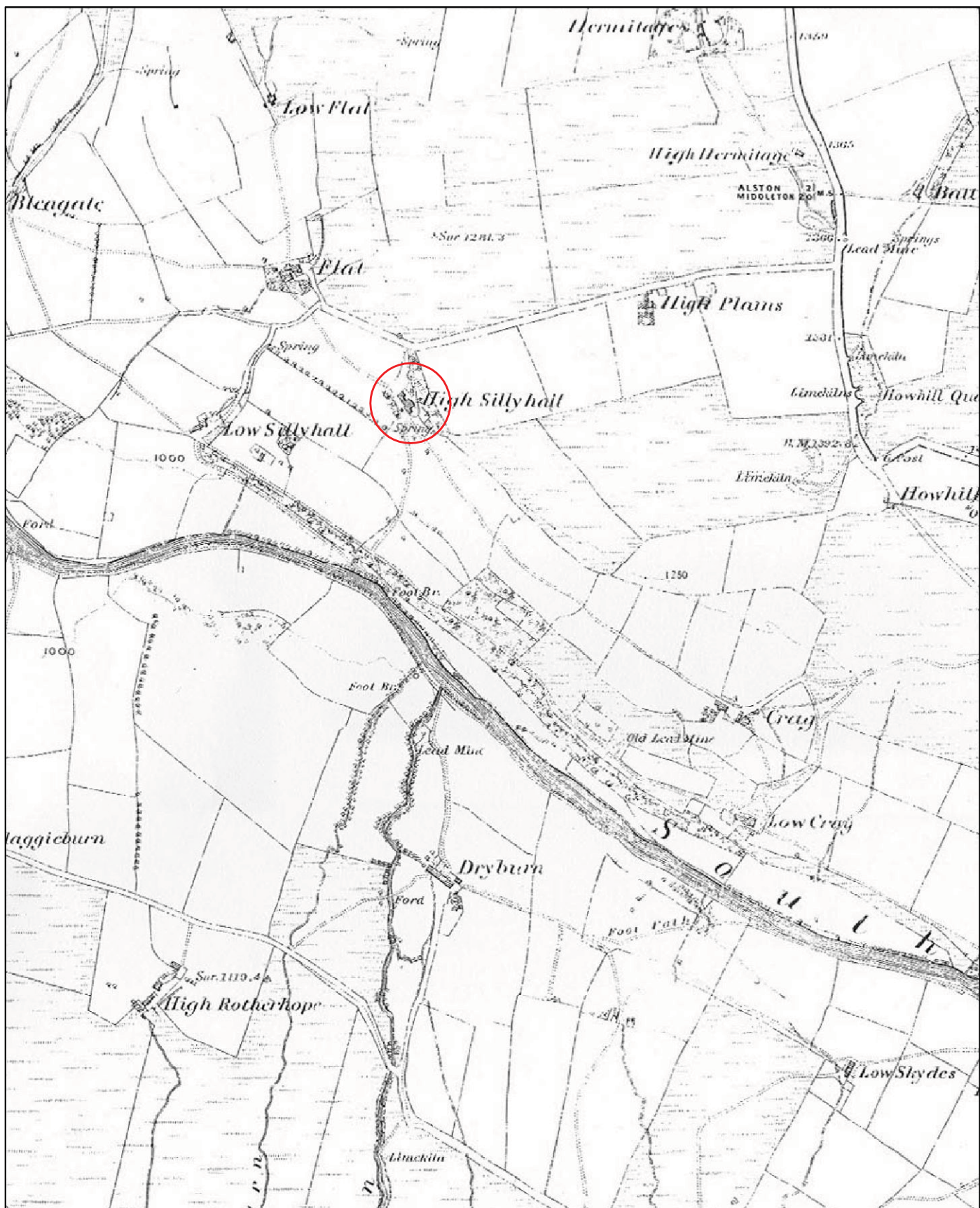
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Figure 6: Extract from Greenwood's Map of Cumberland 1823



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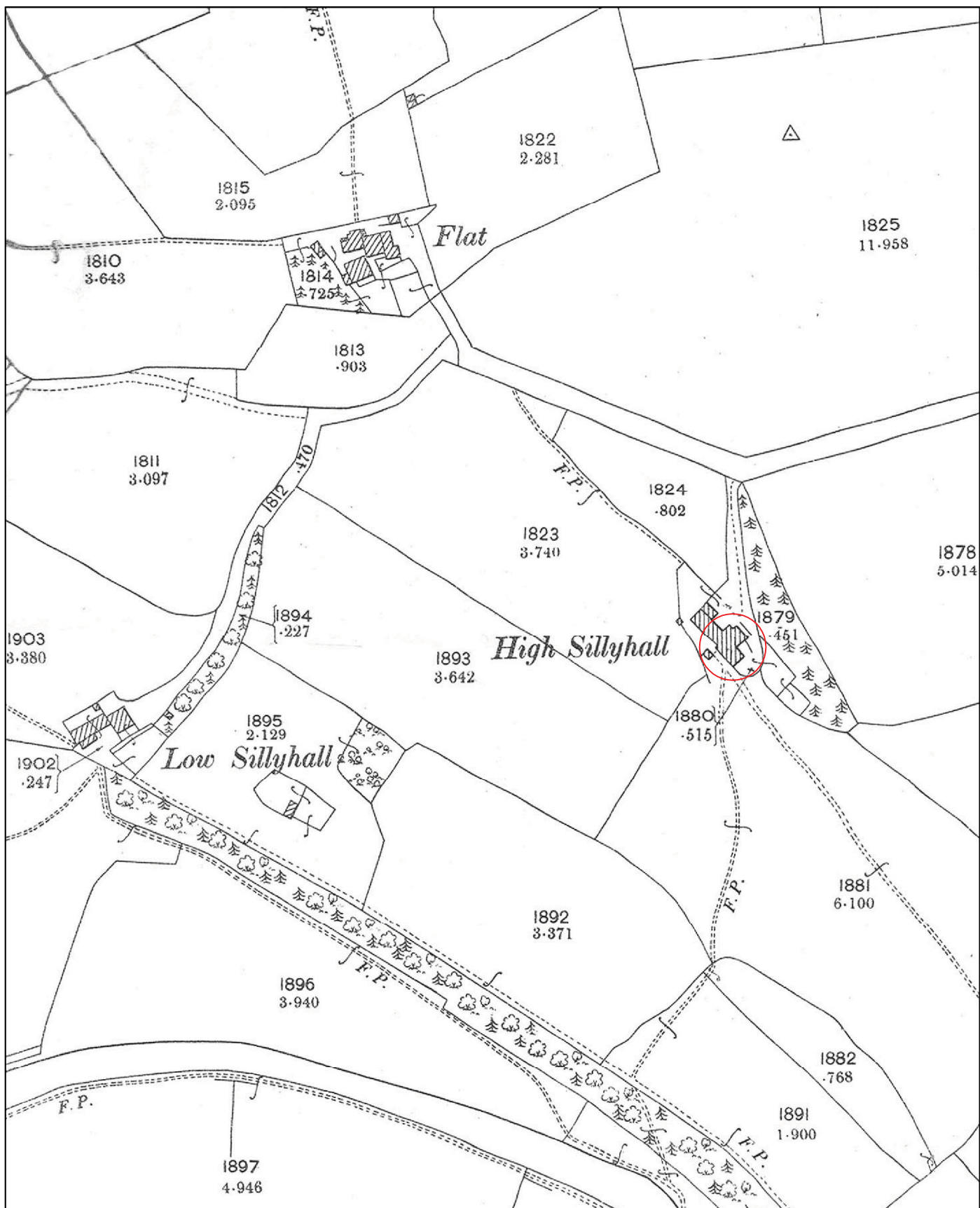
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Figure 7: First Edition Ordnance Survey Map 1867, 6" to 1 mile scale






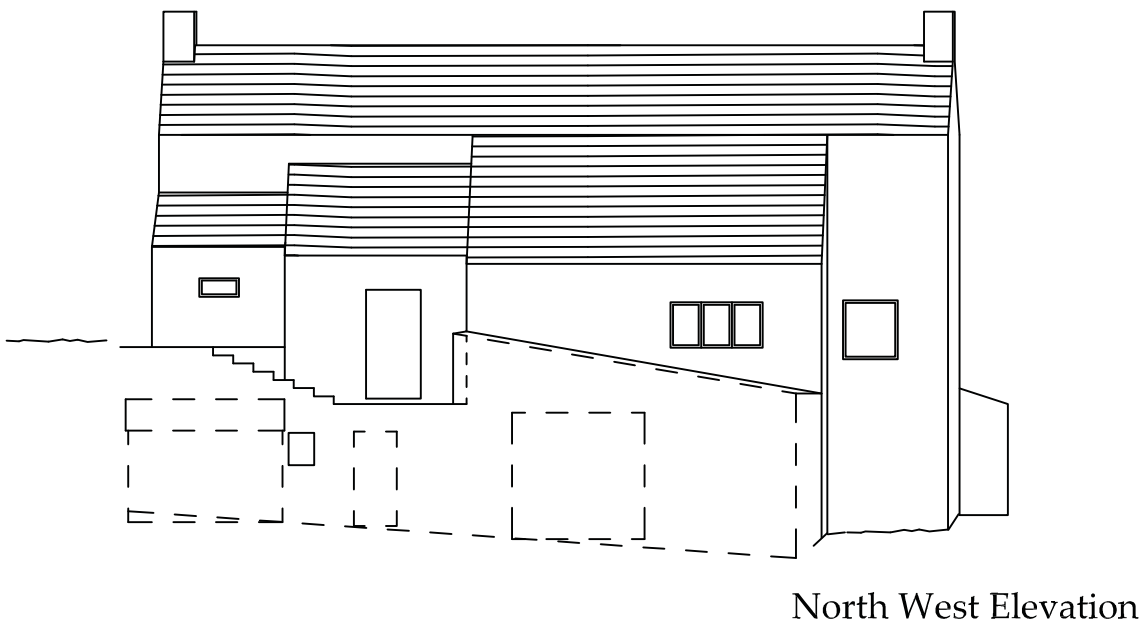
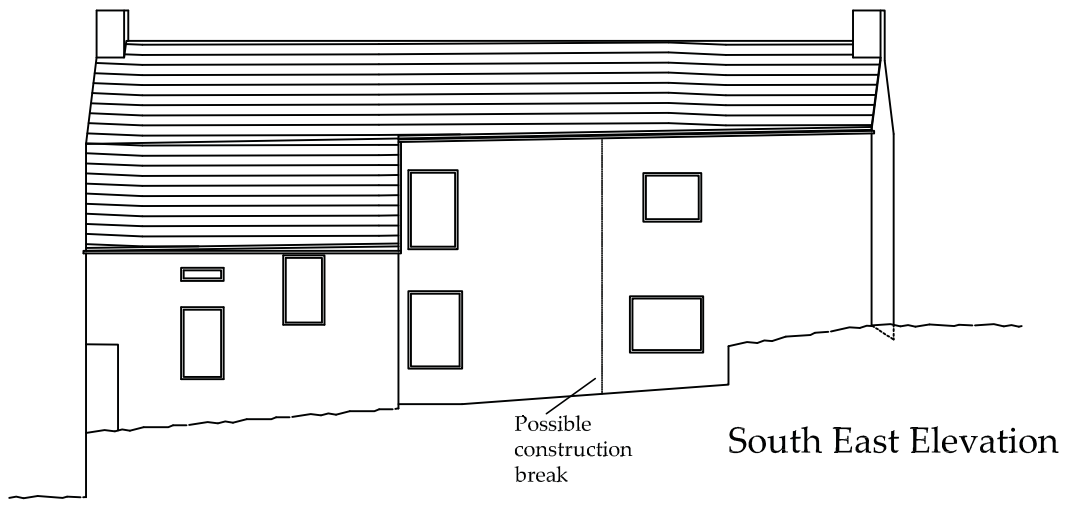
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Figure 8: Second Edition Ordnance Survey Map 1899, 25" to 1 mile scale



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Figure 9: South-East and North-West Elevations of High Scilly Hall

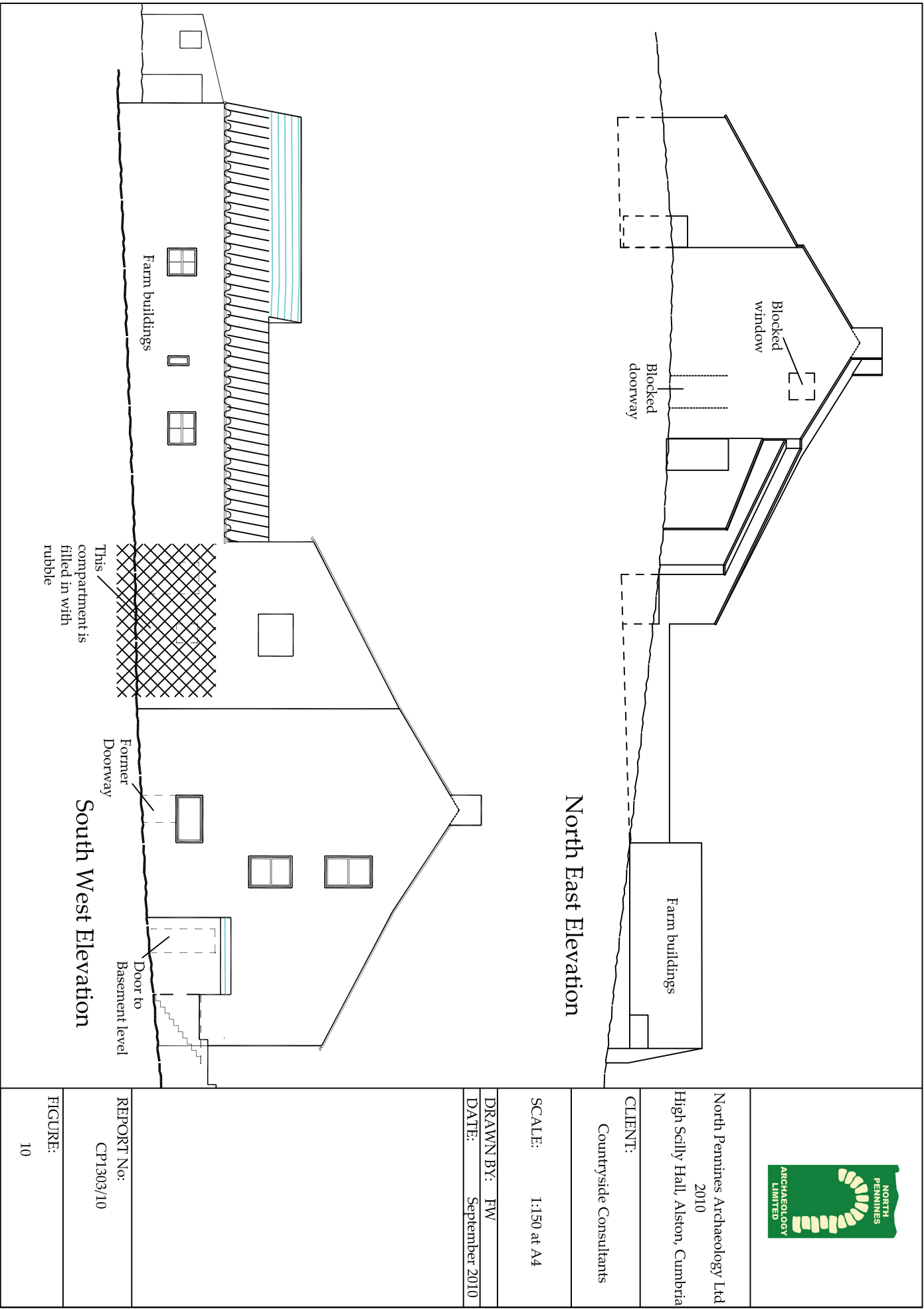


Figure 10: North-East and South-West Elevations



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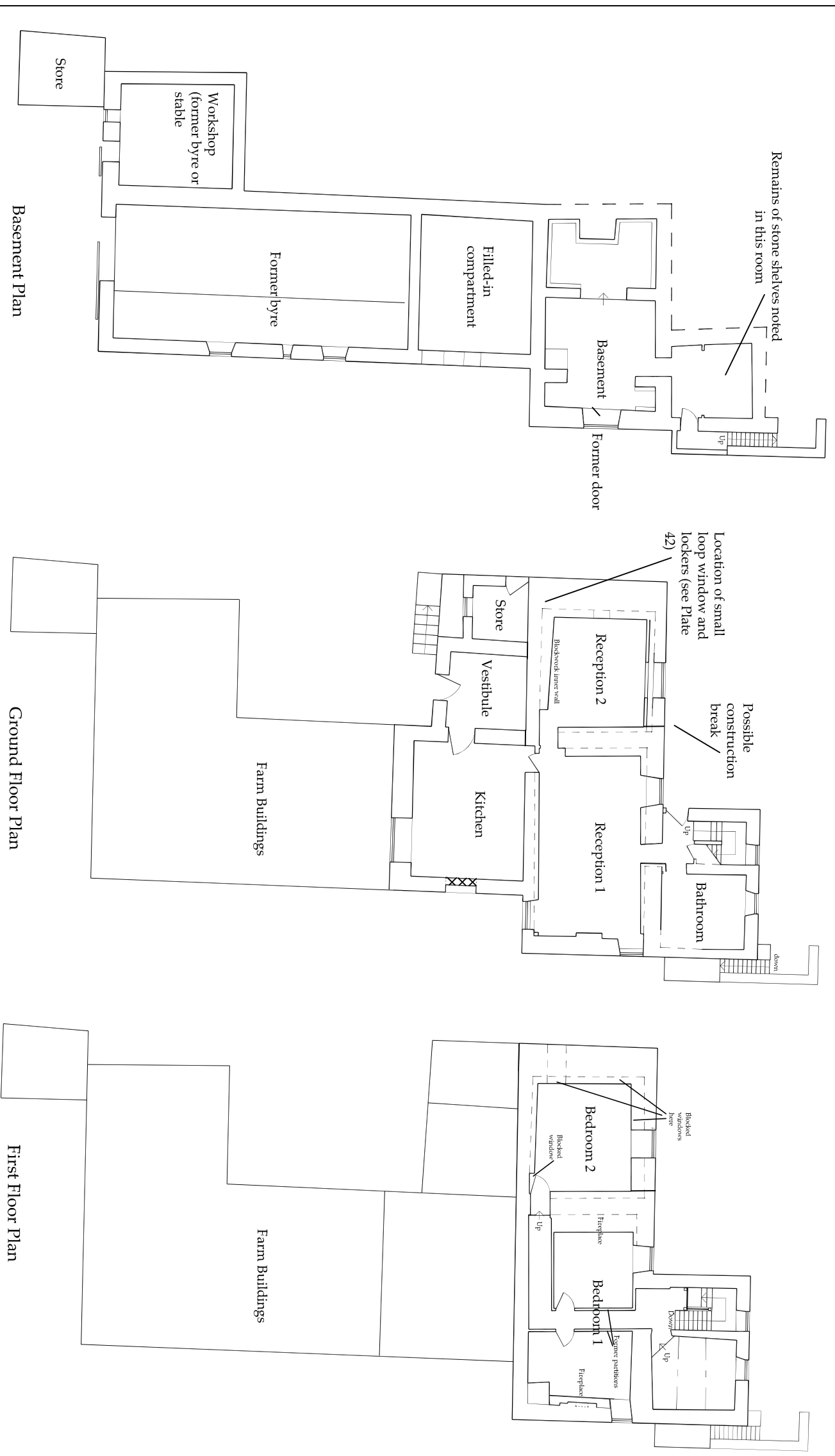


Figure 11: Floor Plans of High Scilly Hall