

**A Terrier of all the lands belonging to the Rectory of Toft, lying in the fields of Toft. by Thomas Metcalfe**

Thos. Metcalfe was instituted 7<sup>th</sup> April 1715 at Ely House in London by William Fleetwood, Bishop of Ely in the first year of his translation from the Bishoprick of St. Asaph and was inducted the 19<sup>th</sup> April by Mr Williams, Rector of Kingston.

**First the West Field, or the field next Caldecot.**

Two lands containing  $\frac{1}{2}$  an acre abutting South against Parish Pit Mr Eversden West.

Two lands abutting South against West bank containing  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre Mr White West, formerly Mr Waite.

A Lay in West Meadow abutting South against the Brook Mr Day on both sides, formerly Mrs Baron.

Two lands – Headland and Fellow abutting West against Caldecot Hedges containing half-an-acre Mr Musgrave South

Eleven lands viz: nine lands and two Headlands at Smith Lanes End containing two acres or three half acres more or Less Mr Day South.

Two lands abutting North against Hardwick Wood containing  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre. Mr White West.

A land formerly Gifford East, now one Hedley, so I am told.

*The first two lands abutting South against Suttle Dean area about two or three lands on the East side of the Willows. The other two lands are on the West side of the Willows. There are two lands between the first and second two lands (this is an insert which he has added later)*

Two lands containing  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre abutting South against Suttle Dean – Mr White on both sides.

Two lands abutting South upon Suttle Dean Cont:  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre Mr Day or Mr White west Mr Musgrave East.

Two lands containing half-an-acre abutting North against Wood Way, Mr Day East *There are five or six lands from the Grass Ground on the North side.*

Two lands abutting East against Long Dean containing three roods, Mr Day North. *These two lands are the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> land from the grass Ground on the North Side. At the West End of one of them is a Land belonging to the Hardwick Parsonage.*

One land containing half-an-acre, abutting East upon Long Dean, a land of Hardwick Parsonage North, Mr Day South. The Hardwick Parsonage land was formerly two lands, they are now ploughed into one.

One land cont: a Rood abutting East upon Long Dean, Mr Eversden South, the East End near the Ford.

One land cont: a Rood abuts North against Mill Way. Rob<sup>t</sup> Moule formerly, now Mr Butler West and Mr Harradine East.

Two lands abutting South upon Mill Way containing half-an-acre large measure Mr Day West.

A Headland abutting South upon Mill Way cont: 1/1 acre on the West a land in the occupation of John Clements but I know not whether it is Mr White's or Mr Pedleys. The next three used to be called the Wid. Baseley's.

One land in the Middle Furlong abutting East against the Ham, the Reverend Mr Musgrave's Headland South, Mr White North – it contains a rood.

One land abutting North against Suttle Dean, containing ½ acre Mr Harradine West, Francis Everit formerly now purchased for the poor, occupied by Mr Harradine.

Two lands, abutting East upon the Close Ends containing half an acre Mr Day jun. on both sides.

The whole is 8 acres or eight acres and a half besides the Lay in West Meadow.

### **The Field next Comberton.**

Four lands abutting South against Nuns Pasture, the Lane a little on the West side of them

Two lands abut South almost against the West Corner of Nuns pasture, Mr Harradine West, Mr White East.

One land abutting South against Lot Way a Piece of Mr Whites West, a single land East and then another single land.

Two lands abutting South against Lot Way. A piece of Mr Day East. This piece lies West of the Mill Baulk and is next to it.

Two short lands on the West side of Duffus at Dove=house Dole.

A headland and Fellow lays West of them. The headland is Mr Days, the land next them Mr Harradines.

Two lands abutting South upon Comberton Willows a land of Mr Days West and then one of Mr Whites and then the Grass Ground or Leys.

Two lands a little North of these abutting North upon Moor Haven there are but three lands on the west betwixt them and the Leys.

A land abutting South upon Moro Haven, a land belonging to Hardwick Parsonage on the East side.

Two lands abutting West upon Graslock hedges, they lie next the Fallow Field, when Tof Middle field is fallow.

*Two lands from Handle Dean ...to Handle ....Haven. They are about 5 or 6 lands from the Fifth Field when the Middle Field is fallow. These two lands were overlooked when I made the Terrier.*

Two short lands abutting South upon Graslock Hedges. Mr Day Junior West, the heirs of the late Mr Eversden East.

These last four lands are in the Intercomon and are in Hardwick Tything.

The whole is seven acres.

## The Middle Field

Three lands abutting East upon the Broad Way Mr Day South, Mr White North. The end which abuts against Long Dean is almost directly against Suttle Dean rather more towards the North an acre

One land abuts West upon the Broad Way Mr Day South and Mrs (?) Day North. This land lyes not far from the Descent of the Hill in the Way to St. Ives.

One land abuts East upon Toft Way almost as far as the Intercommon. Two lands of Mr Days called Low and Big South. Peter Whittil North, it likewise joints against a land of Peter Whittils.

Six lands abutting West against Toft Way. The Grass Ground North.

One land abutting as before. Two lands of Mr White's South.

It is the seventh land South of the Six lands before mentioned.

Two lands abut as before, the two lands of Mr White before mentioned North of them; they are therefore the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> land South of the Six lands.

One land abutting as before. It is the Ninth and North of the Way that goes into Water Slade. Hardwick Parsonage South

Four lands near Roses Close. there are only two lands of the late Mr Eversden, betwixt them and the Hedge on the South Side.

Two lands abutting West against the Moor, they are the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Land on the South side of the Moor Baulk.

Two lands next Moor Baulk on the South side of it.

Two lands in Ivy Yard. They are the eighth and ninth Land on the North side of Moor Baulk.

One little land in Water Slade. Mr Day South, Mr White North.

One land abutting East at Handle Deens End. Mr Richard Papworth North, which land of Mr Papworth is the Outside of the field and next to the Intercomon.

Three lands abutting as before, they are at present next the Leys which are South of them.

Five lands in Black meadow, Mr Day on both sides.

Two lands abutting South against Foxholes: they are the fourth and fifth land from St. Ives Way on the North side of it.

One land abutting South upon Foxholes, it is the second land from a headland of Mr Whites, which lies on the North Side of it.

One land which is the Second Land on the South Side of that Baulk which is the Way from Wood Way to Foxholes.

Two lands abutting West upon Wood Way, one of them goes down into Long Deen. Six lands of Mr Day are on the south Side.

One very short land abutting South against Long Deen, it joints against a Land which I think belongs to Mr Day, it is second on the North side of Metcalfs Baulk.

There are eight lands in Hardwick Field, four at Top and eight at Bottom which abut South on Red Dean.

The three fields are called Thirty Acres

## Reverend T. Metcalfe 1752

The Intercommon is the Middle Field begins at two lands of Mr Whites in the occupation of John Clibborn, they abut East against Toft Way, South upon Foxholes. Then it goes up a Headland abutting East upon Foxholes, which Headland is the ninth land on the North Side of St. Ives Way, then it goes up another Headland to St. Ives Bush. This Headland is the seventh on the North Side of St. Ives Way. The Tyth of these two lands above mentioned and the Tyth of the two Headlands belong wholly to the Rectory of Toft. Two thirds of all the Tyth on the North side of the two lands first mentioned to the Baulk which divides Hardwick Field from the Intercommon, belong to the Rectory of Toft and one third to the Rectory of Hardwick. And the Tyth of all the lands on the North Side of the two Headlands from Fox Holes between Red Deen on one side and St. Ives Way on the other side is divided in the same manner that is two thirds to the Rector of Toft and one Third to the Rector of Hardwick.

NB Five lands belonging to Robert Cole which he bought of Peter Whittil are on the North side of the two lands where the Intercommon begins.

There are no Modus's I think in this Parish except for milk, four pence for a new Milch Cow, and two pence for one that is called a Guess Cow. I usually had nine pence for a calf but if a calf was sold to wean and sold for less than seven shillings and six pence, an abatement was made. This case happened sometimes, but very seldom. If coves departed in another Parish which was the case of one Farmer particularly (*turn over 10 pages of the book*) or if a cow was bought in with calf, an abatement in proportion to the time she had been with calf before she came into the Parish was insisted upon and allowed. I used to sell the Tyth Lambs (while I kept the small Tyths in my hands) every year. Sometimes for 2s:8, sometimes for 2:9, sometimes for 2:10 and sometimes three shillings.

I did the same for wool but as I had frequent disputes about sheep which were bought in and sold out to put an end to all such disputes, I agreed to take a penny of the Principal Farmers for every sheep common they had in lieu of the Tyth of Wool. This appears by the Hands of the Principal Farmers to the papers hereto attached.

We whose names are here subscribed di hereby agree to pay a penny for every sheep Common we have instead of the wool as long as Mr [M.....](#) holds the Tyths himself. The money to be due on Sheer Day.

Wm. Butler June 20 1728

Attached to this paper:

Many years ago I lett all the Principal Farmers their small Tyths and all who did not hire their small Tyths paid me three half pence a fleece Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 1750 T. Metcalfe.

I have for several years lett all the small Tyths to the Principal Farmers everyone their own. Those few who have a little wool, I always endeavour to make them give me an account of their wool and if they cannot I take something more than after the Rate of a penny a Sheep Common.

I frequently took Pigs in kind. I have sold a Pig for six pence and I have sold for 1:6 and for 2s but generally for a shilling. I generally took apple sin kind, that is I either sold them every year or took the apples.

I believe I always took Pigeosn in kind unless a person promised to give me a tenth of what he sold.

Eggs on Good Friday, three for a Cock, two a hen; the same for Ducks, a Turkey Cock 2 ½ a hen 1 ½ . Walnuts in kind or sold.

NB My small Tyths are lett too cheap. I am confident when I lett my Tyths to Mr Butler, he made more of the small Tyths by four pounds that I do; but I could not keep them up to his price. My parishioners pretended he was a contentious man and the Tyths were too dear. It was always a Rule with me to be on good terms with my Parish if possible; so I lett the small Tyths contrary to my judgement. My Glebe is likewise lett too cheap but I had a particular season reason for it. So my successor may do as he pleases.

*In another place:*

In the year 1720 I agreed with Wm. Butler to take a peny for every sheep Common whether stockt or not instead of Tyth wool: This Bargain I made because I found it troublesome many times to find out exactly what time sheep were brought in, and sold out, and to be paid in proportion for the Time they were in the Parish. All the Parish is now willing to come into this Agreement.

NB If any sheep are fed in the Inclosed Grounds they are not included in this Bargain.

June

29<sup>th</sup> 1730 T. Metcalfe.

The walnut trees in the churchyard were planted with the trees in the Church Orchard in 1692