



Glossary

Alienation – The transfer of property.

Appurtenances – Belonging to the property held.

Boon – A service in kind, or labour given by a tenant to his lord.

Capon – a hen.

Court Roll – The record of the transfers or grants of land.

Deed – A written document recording the rights appertaining to land.

Demysed (demise) – To convey a property by lease.

Easement – A right of way over adjoining property.

Egresse (egress) – The right of going out of a property.

Hearth Tax – A tax on each hearth in a property.

Heriot – Originally the return to his lord of the military apparel by an heir of a deceased tenant. Later, this became the gift of the best beast by the heir to the landlord and later still it became a money payment. In effect it had become a fee to take possession of the land.

Indenture – A legal document between two or more parties.

Ingresse (ingress) – The right of entrance to a property.

Lease or leaze – Meadow land, usually common.

Leasoes (leasow) – Grassland.

Liberty – (1) An area of land outside of a manor or borough over which the tenants had rights of pasture. (2) The jurisdiction over a number of estates and villages.

Manor – An estate held by a landlord. It may be just part of a parish, or contiguous with its boundaries, or spread over more than one parish. The landlord had jurisdiction over the manor court.

Manor Court – This enforced the customs of the manor. These included the rights of the tenants in the manor.

Messuage – A house and the ground around it.

Parish Registers – Records kept in the parish church of each marriage, christening and burial. Many of these are now in the County Record Offices.

Rental (Rent roll) – A register of rents due and paid.

Regresse (regress) – The right of return to a property.

Rood – 40 square rods, or one quarter of an acre.

Seisin – Possession of land rather than ownership.

Severalty – A portion of land(common) assigned for a period to a particular occupier.

Terrier – A register of landed property, usually with particulars of sites, rents etc.

Tithe – A local income tax usually paid for the upkeep of the parish church.