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The Peeling Back the Layers project is a project that focuses on the study of Whitle, a small area within the parish of Sheen, in Staffordshire, lying on the river Dove right on the boundary with Derbyshire. It has had a relatively long gestation with the interests of many local people in the history and development of the landscape within which they lived, and in the people who lived there before them, becoming focused initially in the Tudor Farming Interpretation Group (TFIG), but now in a much more ambitious formal project with funding and support from a number of local and national bodies, and in particular from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The project is multi-disciplinary marrying the skills of professional historians and archaeologists, but also incorporating the work and knowledge of the local community, so that the project is very much a ‘hands-on educational project’.

The funded element of the project is scheduled to run from 2015 to 2017, with three distinct stages resulting in this interim report, the archaeological work over the summer of 2016, and with a fuller final report to be submitted in September 2016. This interim report seeks to set out the progress made by the historian and those who have volunteered their time to work on the records in the archives (Derbyshire Record Office, Matlock (DRO), and Lichfield Record Office (LRO)).

## 1. The History of Whitle.

Whitle is an area of north-east Staffordshire within the ancient parish of Sheen. The area lies between the road from Sheen to Longnor that runs north west along the escarpment that includes Sheen Hill, and the river Dove, the river forming the Staffordshire county boundary with Derbyshire.

The history of the area has already been covered in quite an amount of detail by the *Victoria County History* volume devoted to Leek and the Moorlands, published in 1996, so that much of what follows merely builds upon the material found there.<sup>1</sup> However, some interesting material has emerged in the course of the initial stages of this project, that can lead us to evaluate the development of Sheen in general, and of the Whitle area in particular.

The earliest reference to Sheen can be found in the will of Wulfric Spot's endowment of Burton Abbey with one hide at *Sceon* amongst many other bequests, c. 1002-4.<sup>2</sup> At the time of the Conquest Sheen (also given as *Sceon*) was in the hands of one Alweard, and by 1086, in the hands of the king.<sup>3</sup> There then appears to have been a division of lordship, with the overlordship descending from the Verdun family eventually to the earls of Shrewsbury, who still held the lordship in the late nineteenth century. But there was also a manorial lordship of Sheen, which also originated with the Verduns, then descending to the Okeover family under whom it was divided. The manor was subsequently reunited by the de la Pole family, descendants of the Okeovers in the late fourteenth century. The de la Poles eventually sold the manor to the Crown in 1476, and it was administered as part of the duchy of Lancaster until at least 1698. Thereafter it was sold, being acquired by the Sleigh family by 1709, when they sold it to John Hayne of Ashbourne.

Under the de la Poles the manorial centre had originally been at Pool Hall (later Moat Hall) on the other side of the Dove in Derbyshire, in Hartington. By the eighteenth century, when the Sleigh family had acquired the manor, the manorial centre became Broadmeadow Hall.<sup>4</sup>

However, although much of what was the old township of Sheen seems to have been within the manor of Sheen, the history of Whitle seems to have been a little different, with part at least of Whitle being subject to an entirely different lordship. The very brief reference to Whitle in the *Victoria County History* volume amounts to three sentences, and simply states that the earliest reference to Whitle being settled is from the early fifteenth century, and that by the early eighteenth century there were two properties at Under and Upper Whitle respectively. The section then moves onto Broadmeadow Hall.<sup>5</sup> The members of the project team, having completed more detailed research work on the Whitle material have demonstrated that much, if not all Whitle, was not within the manor of Sheen at all, but was rather part of a much larger estate administered from Alstonefield. The descent of the lordship of Alstonefield is a rather complex affair following its division between the three co-heiresses of William Malbank in c.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Victoria History of the Counties of England: The History of the County of Stafford*, Vol. II, Leek and the Moorlands, ed. by M.W. Greenslade (Oxford, 1996). For the Sheen section, see pp. 240-50.

<sup>2</sup> *The Charters of Burton Abbey*, ed. by P.H. Sawyer (Oxford, 1979), p. 55.

<sup>3</sup> *Domesday Book: A Complete Editions*, ed. by Ann Williams, & G.H. Martin (1992), p. 674.

<sup>4</sup> For the discussion of the manorial descent, see *VCH*, VII, pp. 243-4.

<sup>5</sup> *VCH*, VII, p. 241.

1176. It would appear from the later manorial records that Whitle was in that part of the inheritance that went to Philippa Malbank, and descended through the Savage and Peshall families, until it came to the Blount of Kinlet family by 1530. In 1542 George Blount sold this inheritance to Vincent Mundy, who, jointly with his son, sold it to Richard Harpur of Swarkestone, Derbyshire, in 1569. Thereafter Whitle was administered as part of the Harpur Crewe of Calke Abbey estate, until the early nineteenth century, when Whitle appears to have been sold, for the Whitle lands are in the hands of four different owners by the time of the tithe survey of 1845.

The *Victoria County History* discussion of the Whitle area is necessarily brief. The more recent work by this project has enabled a more detailed and nuanced examination of the history of the Whitle area. The earliest reference to Whitle is indeed from the early fifteenth century. We are very fortunate for the survival of almost all of the medieval references to Whitle because in the later sixteenth century, probably when the Harpur family bought the Alstonefield estate, a detailed copy of all of the manor court rolls was produced in three books.<sup>6</sup> Although some of the original rolls do survive, those that make reference to Whitle, with one exception, have been lost.<sup>7</sup> From these later copies of the court rolls, we find that in 1404-5 a heriot was claimed from the estate of John Taylor who had died as tenant of two messuages in Whitle. Since this is at the death of the tenant, this allows us to take the history of Whitle back into the later fourteenth century, when Taylor must have taken possession of his two messuages.<sup>8</sup> This also shows that the existence of two properties in Whitle goes right back to the very earliest reference.

This earliest entry has important implications for our understanding of the origins of Whitle. The fourteenth century was not a century of expansion. Very little new land was brought into cultivation, since the pressures of population that had seen the rapid colonisation of new lands up to the early fourteenth century, had been brought to an abrupt close by the catastrophic famines of the period 1315-17, the even more devastating first visitation of the plague in 1349, and by the deterioration of the climate which has become known as ‘the Little Ice Age’, which saw the climate cool significantly from 1300 onwards. This being the case, it seems very likely that Whitle must have a much earlier origin, and that our knowledge of it is only limited by the lack of surviving administrative records before the late fourteenth century for the Alstonefield estate.

Following the first surviving reference to Whitle in the manorial court books, the two messuages (properties) are recorded at regular intervals up until the final reference in 1566. One of the properties appears to have had a more stable history, coming into the hands of the Horobin family in 1496-7 where it was to remain until the early nineteenth century – a remarkably long period for one farm to be in the hands of one tenant family.<sup>9</sup> The other property had a much more unstable history, passing through the hands of several tenants before finding its way to the Manifold family in the early sixteenth century. By 1581, that property had come into the hands

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<sup>6</sup> DRO D2375/M/1/1-3. For full translations of the relevant entries, see Appendix 1.

<sup>7</sup> For the earliest surviving original record of Whitle, see DRO D2375/M/1/6/18, dating to 1430.

<sup>8</sup> DRO D2375/M/1/1.

<sup>9</sup> DRO D2375/M/1/3.

of John Harrison, and it was to remain in that family's possession again until the early nineteenth century.<sup>10</sup>

The history of the two Whitle messuages is recorded in the numerous rentals that survive for the Harpur Crewe estate from the late sixteenth century until the early nineteenth century.<sup>11</sup> The rentals not only confirm the pretty constant tenure of the Harrisons and Horobins. They also give a little incidental information, as well as tracking the progressive increase in rent paid by the tenants. There are also a small number of surviving leases for the two properties between 1581 and 1680.<sup>12</sup> These also give further confirmation of the tenancy of the Harrisons and Horobins, and provide important genealogical information.

Some evidence can also be found in the Hearth Tax records. The Hearth Tax was levied in the period 1662 to 1689, and was levied on each householder according to the number of hearths in their residence. The tax is an important source, for not only does it give a good indication of the number of households in each place, it also provides a superficial impression of wealth, with the houses of the wealthier residents possessing greater numbers of hearths.<sup>13</sup> Both the Harrisons and Horobins are recorded in the tax. For William Horobin his property is recorded as having one hearth. For the property of John Harrison, three hearths are recorded, indicating a larger and more affluent residence and household.

By the time of the tithe survey in 1845, the whole pattern of landownership had changed. The Harpur Crewe estate had evidently sold the two Whitle properties, and instead the land was held by four separate landowners. In addition, the long tenancies of the Whitle lands enjoyed by the Harrison and Horobin families had come to an end, though both families continued to hold elsewhere in Sheen.<sup>14</sup>

However, other records relating to the chapel/parish of Sheen indicate that our understanding of Whitle may not be all that it seems. From a set of records known as Bishop's Transcripts, which were in reality copies of the entries from the parish registers (recording baptisms, marriages and burials) sent to the diocesan centre at Lichfield, we are able to see that in addition to the Horobins and Harrisons, there were quite a number of families living at Whitle at least from the mid eighteenth century. In a few cases these families seem to have been there for a considerable length of time. For example the Hickinbottoms are recorded from 1757 to 1815, the Sheldons from 1765 to 1820, and the Froggats from 1764 to 1810. In addition to these, there are another ten families recorded in the period 1733 to 1820. No doubt many of these families, who only seem to have had a fleeting presence at Whitle were labourers employed on the existing farms for short periods of time. In the case of the Sheldons, the long tenure might relate to a family of masons operating a business in Whitle, perhaps alongside a quarrying business. But this still

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<sup>10</sup> DRO D2375/M/1/3.

<sup>11</sup> See Appendix 5.

<sup>12</sup> See Appendix 2.

<sup>13</sup> For further information on the Hearth Tax, see the website for the Hearth Tax Online: <http://www.hearthtax.org.uk/index.html>. Several counties have been published online, though unfortunately Staffordshire has not. For an edition of part of the tax for Staffordshire tax, see *Collections for a History of Staffordshire*, 1925, pp. 155-242, 'Lay Subsidy 256/31 Hearth Tax. Totmonslow Hundred', and for the Sheen section, see pp. 203-4. The tax registers the presence of William Horobin and John Harrison, and also several families who would later have links with Whitle, and perhaps already did so.

<sup>14</sup> LRO B/A/15/656 & LRO B/A/15/276, the Sheen tithe award and map, of 1845, respectively.

leaves questions to be answered about where some of these families came from and where were they living? It is possible that Whitle was more extensive than the Harpur Crewe Estate, and that we have other settlement in Whitle, that we have only partly detected.

## 2. The Project Team.

The overall project management is being undertaken by **Dr Catherine Parker Heath**, an archaeologist and educator. Beyond her overall management of the project, her co-ordination of the research work of the project has been invaluable in bringing the historian and the volunteer researchers together.

The research work in the archives is being undertaken by **Dr Simon J. Harris**, a medieval historian, with extensive experience in working on medieval and early-modern records. Following initial exploratory work in the archives, he has begun more intensive archive work with the able assistance and support of the volunteer researchers.

**The Volunteers.** It was always the intention of the project to involve as many local people as possible in the work of the project. To this end research visits have been arranged to the DRO and LRO, and volunteers were invited to attend to aid in the analysis and recording of relevant material and evidence from documents and manuscripts held at the respective archives. These visits have been extraordinarily successful in the number of volunteers who have attended, the enthusiasm and commitment exhibited, and in the scale of the work that it has been possible to complete with their assistance. This is all the more remarkable since the volunteers have had only limited experience in working in archives, and have coped with a wide range of hands, some being quite difficult, and also with the language used in them, often being specialist in nature, with a few volunteers drawing on their sometimes rusty knowledge of Latin to cope with documents written in that language.

The volunteers: **Harry Ball, Hilary Brindley, Paul Burke, Carolyn Chambers, George Graham, Kay Gregory, Anna Heeley, Matthew Pitt, Leila Serougi, Alexandra Tomlinson, and Elspeth Walker.**





### **3. Record Offices Visited.**

There are four record offices that need to be visited to complete the primary archive work for this project, though it is possible that on completion of this work, further avenues of research may become evident, so that this list might expand. The record offices are the The National Archives (TNA), at Kew, Staffordshire Record Office (SRO) in Stafford, Derbyshire Record Office at Matlock (DRO), and Lichfield Record Office (LRO). By the time of the writing of this interim report, the research work has been focused on the DRO and LRO, and work has progressed well at both archives, so that only a little remains to be done at them. Work at SRO is intended to commence after Easter 2016, and at TNA hopefully in or after late May 2016.

After preliminary work undertaken by Dr Harris at DRO and LRO and through the interrogation of the online catalogues of both offices, in late 2015 and January 2016, the relevant material that required consultation was identified, and several research visits have been held to both offices by Dr Harris and the volunteers.

Following an initial visit to DRO in January 2016, two further visits were held to there on 1 and 15 February. Two visits have also been made to LRO on 2 and 16 February. The visits to DRO have been particularly well attended, with the volunteers taking over most of the search room.

### **The Records.**

#### **Derbyshire Record Office.**

##### **(i) Categories of documents.**

At first glance the need to visit the DRO is a strange one for Whitle, which, though lying right on the county boundary with Derbyshire, is firmly in Staffordshire. However, the DRO became the most important archive for research work for the project because the administrative estate within which it became apparent that the portion of the township of Sheen, which was the area of Whitle, lay is a larger estate focused on Alstonefield, which in its turn was part of a much wider estate that straddled the Staffordshire/Derbyshire boundary. The records of this estate eventually came to, and continued to be produced by the family of Harpur Crewe, whose main residence was at Calke Abbey in Derbyshire, so that when that family came to pass over their archives in the later twentieth century, it went to the DRO at Matlock.<sup>15</sup>

As such most of the work at DRO has focused on the Harpur Crewe records. Other collections at the DRO did contain material relating to Sheen, but none of this has so far proved to be relevant for the study of Whitle, though interesting in its own right. There have been three main kinds of records that have proved most useful for the project: manorial court records, leases, and rentals and associated records.

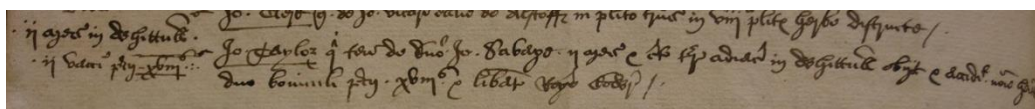
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<sup>15</sup> The records of the Harpur Crewes were initially deposited at the DRO in 1981 following the death of Charles Jenney, and the succession of his younger brother Henry, and shortly before the family transferred their principal residence at Calke Abbey to the National Trust (1984-5). A further 31 deposits were made up to 1985, and the entire collection was accepted by the government in lieu of inheritance tax, and allocated to the DRO in 2006. For fuller details, see <http://calmview.derbyshire.gov.uk/CalmView/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=D2375>

## Manorial Court Records.

The manorial history of Whitle is complicated. Although lying within the ancient parish and township of Sheen, Whitle did not, it would seem, lie within the manor of Sheen.<sup>16</sup> Instead the principal properties, two messuages, formed part of the estate administration centred on Alstonefield. The manorial records for that estate, cover quite a wide area in that part of Staffordshire, including Alstonefield itself, Warslow, Elkstone and Longnor. Although some of the original manorial court rolls, written in Latin, do survive for the estate, these are not that numerous, and are generally in a poor condition. We are fortunate, therefore, to have a copy of the rolls, made in three books, probably after the purchase of the estate by Richard Harpur of Swarkeston (Derbyshire) from Vincent Mundy, and his son, Edward, in 1569.<sup>17</sup> Although the transcriptions, again made in Latin, have not been made exactly as they appeared in the originals, the books have proved invaluable, providing the earliest dated reference to Whitle.

Of the three books, only two contain material relating to Whitle, but from these it has been possible to tentatively reconstruct the descent of the two messuages (properties) that lay in Whitle. The entries almost all relate to the surrender and taking up of the two messuages, the earliest reference being to 1404-5, when the recently deceased John Taylor was recorded as having held both properties, and the latest being when William Horobin, Margery his wife, and William their son, took one of the messuages, in 1566.<sup>18</sup>



DRO D2375/M/1/1, the earliest reference to Whitle, 1405-6, in a later copy of the manorial court roll.

## Leases.

Although records for Whitle within the Harpur Crewe records trace the existence of properties there back to 1404-5, and in many estate archives large numbers of leases survive, only five have so far been located at DRO for Whitle. In the manorial records the two properties were both either termed as ‘called Whitle’, or lying ‘in Whitle’. In the leases, and the earliest dates to 1581, both of the properties are termed as being ‘called Whitle Bank’, or lying ‘at Whitle Bank’. The leases, all of which were leases for three lives, record the letting of the two messuages to the Harrison and Horobin families over several generations, and provide interesting incidental information, especially the lease of the 10 December 1618, when William Mellor of Longnor Mill, the new husband of Agnes Horobin, the widow of William Horobin, took the lease of Whitle Bank, thus keeping that property in the hands of the Horobin family, they having held it since 1496-7.

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<sup>16</sup> See section 2.

<sup>17</sup> DRO D2375/M/1/1, 2 and 3.

<sup>18</sup> For calendars in English of the relevant entries, see Appendix 1.

## Rentals and Associated Records.

These records are by far the most voluminous of those consulted at the DRO. The records are predominantly rentals for the Alstonefield estate, and one section in most of them was devoted to Sheen. The Sheen section is very clearly constituted solely of the two Whitle/Whitle Bank properties, for the tenants are always Harrisons or Horobins, and the rents tally with those found in the leases, where there is an overlap. Many of the rentals also include valuable incidental notes. For instance, in 1768-9 William Horobin was noted as having cut down wood and sold it, whilst in a note dated to 14 November 1799, but within the rental for 1794-5, a lengthy note records a proposed exchange of land in Whitle.<sup>19</sup>

Sheen		56 10	56 10
Harrison Abram	6 1/4 + 13 10	a 13 10	
Horobins Wm	6 1/4 + 15	a 15	
L 28 10		28 10	

14 Nov 99 - for Mr Horobin -  
 Mr Baleman wishes to exchange  
 some lands with Mr H -  
 to take an Acre in a meadow  
 called Whitle Field  
 also a rood lying in Mr Baleman's  
 (Round) Meadow  
 also the new meadow (taken out  
 in 1799) of 9 Great Acre / full an acre  
 Mr Baleman to give up -  
 The Round Meadow - a rood on man  
 to Mr Horobin The Pikes - not an acre -  
 Robert - The White Mead<sup>10</sup> - rather more than an acre  
 Mr Horobin thinks these exchange might  
 be made without inconvenience on equal Terms

DRO D2375/E/R/5/118 (D2375/M/103/86) – The Sheen section of the rental for 1794-5, with a note made in 1799 concerning an exchange of land in Whitle.

<sup>19</sup> See Appendix 5.

In addition to rentals, further records detail the arrears of rent on the estate, whilst one particularly interesting book is the survey book of William Senior, dating to 1632-3, which gives the earliest detailed summary of the two Whitle properties.<sup>20</sup>

White banck <sup>m</sup> Sheene		Parish in Abraham harisons	
tenure			
Assured the feild garde & troffe	1-0-8		
Item the house & close	3-3-28		
Item the medow land barue	0-3-27		
Item long land	1-2-26		
Item the bank	2-2-0		
Item Meare Dole	3-3-20		
Item close under Mottreamb	3-2-24		
Item fish Dole	1-0-21		
Item 3 <sup>pl</sup> acres of Meare white hill	1-1-7		
Item East low flatt	1-2-12		
Item 2 Dole medow the in	0-3-36		
Item in Beare land	1-0-31		
Item in black are	1-1-16		
Item more in 2 <sup>pl</sup> acres of white hill	3-1-17		
Item birdshill bank	0-0-35		
Enlosure	17-2-13	} totall	28-2-28
Medow	0-3-36		
Molle	10-0-19		
William Mellor			
Assured house & 2 closes	4-2-16		
Item fish close	1-1-1		
Item Fairies medow	0-1-10		
Item wright	0-0-20		
Item long land	2-3-11		
Item the Bank	2-2-0		
Item other close	2-3-11		
Item Norwiche	1-1-37		
Item fish Dole	0-2-10		
Item 4 Dole of Arable in white hill	5-1-32		
Item Beare fish Dole	0-1-0		
Item 3 <sup>pl</sup> Dole in East low flatt	5-1-2		
Item beare land Dole	1-3-3		
Item black are Dole	1-1-18		
Item in Dale & close	0-0-33		
Item Ditch & fish Dole	1-0-20		
Enlosure	16-0-20	} totall	31-3-24
Medow	0-1-10		
Arable	15-1-28		
Totall of Sheene		60-2-12	

DRO D2375/E/S/1/1 (D2375/M/63/53) – The Sheen section of William Senior’s survey book for 1632-33.

<sup>20</sup> DRO D2375/E/S/1/1.

**(ii) Documents Consulted.**

The following table gives all of the material that needs to be consulted at the DRO. The items shown in bold have either not been seen in their entirety, need to be checked again, or some elements in the sequence have yet to be consulted.

<b>Call Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Interest</b>
D158/3/18	Copy of the will of Abel Corke	1720	Checked: Includes Sheen land in bequests. Not specific.
D231/M/E/459	Okeover Estate Rental	Early C15th	Checked: Includes Sheen. Not relevant.
D231/M/E/5104	Lease by the Wyther family of land in Sheen	1281	Checked: Not certain this is Sheen at all.
D231/M/M/1-45	Derbyshire and Staffordshire manorial court rolls for the Okeover Family	1422-1670	Checked: not relevant
D231/M/T/327-9	Deeds of the Okeover Family concerning Sheen.	Hen. III – Edw. I	Checked: Not detailed enough to be relevant.
D231/M/T/771-772	Lease of the Wardle family of Sheen of land in Sheen	1735	Checked: Sheen, but not relevant.
D239/M/E/242-3	Rental for a year's rent, including Sheen.	1734/5.	Checked: Sheen, but not relevant.
D247/ES/321	Auction of Farms in Sheen	1901	Checked: Interesting but not relevant.
D247/ES/409-413	Auction of Farms in Sheen	1904-30	Checked: Interesting but not relevant. Detailed plans.
D504/2/19	John Percival's Estate at Sheen, Staffs (Brittlebank Family of Winster Archive).	1814-33	Checked: Interesting detail about enclosure of Sheen Hill, and correspondence concerning the quarrying of stone from the common, but not relevant.
D504/2/19/2	Conditions of sale of an estate in Sheen.	1816	Checked: But not relevant.
D504/2/19/7 & 8	Map of High Sheen, and High Sheen Estate.	1814	Checked: Interesting plan, not relevant.
D504/43/14/11	Final concord between members of the Roe family concerning land in Sheen, Staffs.	1775	Checked: but not detailed enough.
D504/76/1/2	Final concord concerning land in Sheen.	1696/7	Checked: but not detailed enough.
D504/116/28	Sale particulars,	1876	Checked: interesting, with

	includes land at Sheen, with plan.		plans, but not relevant.
D650/A/PZ/3	Certified copy of the will of Joseph Holme of Hollington, includes land in Sheen	ND, 1767	Checked: Sheen, but doesn't seem relevant.
D2209/1/1-32	Title deeds concerning the Gould family and containing Sheen land.	C17th-C19th	Checked: Not relevant, erroneous description.
D2209/2/1-47	Gould of Pilsbury Grange, later Briggs family involving land at Sheen.	1609-1928.	Checked: Sheen, very interesting, but not relevant.
D2209/3/1-7	Two closes in Sheen	1649-80	Checked: Interesting relating to Crichlow family in Sheen manor, also a will, but not likely to be relevant.
D2209/4/1-2	Two closes in Sheen	1708	Checked: Interesting containing bargain and sales etc., but not relevant.
D2209/5/1-13	Lands in High Sheen	1814-1901	Checked: Interesting containing bargain and sales etc., but not relevant.
D2209/6/1-2	Legal papers concerning Ludwell Estate in Sheen	1876-1886	D2209/2/34 linked to this. Relates to the Briggs and Gould Families. Not relevant.
D2209/8/1-3	Copies of Court Roll, Manor of Sheen (chiefly Gould family).	C17th-C18th	Relates to the Ryley Family, and is a cottage with land. Not relevant.
D2209/9	Terrier of Low End Estate	C18th	Not relevant, but a nice example of a terrier.
D2375/A/C/1 (D2375/M/57/2)	Court Book for the manors of Alstonefield, Warslow and Longnor, ...	1674-1677	Done, interesting, but nothing apparently relating to Whitle.
D2375/A/S/1/1/5 (D2375/M/57/1)	Court book of the manor of Alstonefield and the barony of Warslow and Longnor	1594-1629	Done, interesting, but nothing apparently relating to Whitle.
<b>D2375/A/S/1/3/2 (D2375/M/174/1)</b>	<b>Court verdicts for the manor of Alstonefield</b>	<b>1697-1753</b>	<b>Still to do</b>
<b>D2375/A/S/1/3/2 (D2375/M/174/2)</b>	<b>Court verdicts for the manor of Alstonefield</b>	<b>1754-1800</b>	<b>Still to do</b>
<b>D2375/E/A/3/2/1 (D2375/M/202/19)</b>	<b>Staffordshire estates payments account book</b>	<b>1850-1868</b>	<b>Still to do</b>
<b>D2375/D/A/47 (D2375/M/282/7)</b>	<b>Abstract of conveyances from Sir Henry Crewe, including Sheen land.</b>	<b>1816-17</b>	<b>Abstracts and relate to the Harrisons and Horobins in Sheen, but not apparently Whitle. Look at again.</b>
D2375/D/S/1/2	Copy of a fine, Buxton	1676	Not very specific, but the

(D2375/M/161/2/6)	against Bagshaw & Titterton, includes Sheen land.		people are not familiar in relation to Whitle. Probably not relevant.
<b>D2375/D/S/14/1-4 (D2375/M/299/10 (item 2 in the other listing). D2375/M/299/20 (item 4 in the other listing. D2375/M/299/30 (item 3 in the other listing)).</b>	<b>Deeds for properties in Sheen</b>	<b>1793-1882</b>	<b>Interesting documents and includes land close to Whitle, but not apparently Whitle itself. Probably worth another look.</b>
D2375/E/C/5/2/1 & 2 (D2375/M/93/16, D2375/M/161/53)	Sale particulars, includes land at Sheen.	1815	Concerns various lots in Sheen, and gates onto Sheen Hill, but not apparently Whitle. Interesting but not relevant.
D2375/E/L/3/1/4 (D2375/M/103/64)	Memorandum concerning expiry of leases in Sheen and elsewhere.	1716	Concerns Sheen amongst others, and refers to John Harrison's lease giving acreages and rent.
<b>D2375/E/L/3/2/5 (D2375/M/189/14)</b>	<b>Indentures of leases, includes four for Whitle Bank</b>	<b>1581-60</b>	<b>Very important. Have images of all except one that needed conservation work. All need to be transcribed. Have images.</b>
<b>D2375/E/L/3/14/1 &amp; 2 (D2375/M/190/1/5 &amp; D2375/M/82/29)</b>	<b>Indentures of lease for Whitle Bank</b>	<b>1618 &amp; 1680</b>	<b>Volunteers have fully transcribed one, but the other also needs doing. Have images.</b>
D2375/E/Q/4/3/5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14 (D2375/M/171/30 & 33-38)	Particulars of Rent arrears for Alstonefield and other Staffordshire Estates	1687-1705	I have seen these, and they are important, but have no record from volunteers. Need to check.
D2375/E/R/1/2 (D/2375/M/105/27)	Rental for Derbyshire and Staffordshire Estates	1586-1621	Need to see.
D2375/E/R/5/6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30, 33, 38, 39, 42, 45, 46, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, 58, 59, 61 (D2375/M/63/27; D2375/M/103/1-5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14-24, 47-49, 51-62, 102; D2375/M/104/1-8; D2375/M/162/4 & 19;	Rental for estates at Alstonefield and elsewhere in Staffs.	1626-1737	Many have been checked but seem to be missing: 6-9, 12, 13, 18, 21, 23-25, 28, 30, 33, 42 & 58. If not outstanding from volunteers, then need to do

<b>D2375/M/171/22)</b>			
D2375/E/R/5/76, 79, 88, 92, 94, 111, 125, 131, 136, 138, 147 (D2375/M/171/1/1, 2, 8, 9,9-15, 22, 23, 30, 33-38, 48)	Rental for Staffordshire Estates of Sir Henry Harpur	1701-1809	Done
<b>D2375/E/R/5/99/6 (D2375/M/161/16)</b>	<b>List of tenants, acreages and annual rent for Sheen amongst others.</b>	<b>c. 1770-1774</b>	<b>Have to seen, but needs to be looked at in more detail.</b>
D2375/E/R/5/100/5 (D2375/M/103/66)	Rental for Sheen amongst others.	1774-1776	Done.
<b>D2375/E/R/5/101, 103-106, 109-111, 113, 114, 115, 117-126, 128-141, 143-153 (D2375/M/104/9-15; D2375/M/105/11, 13 &amp; 14; D2375/M/167/5)</b>	<b>Rental for Staffordshire Estates.</b>	<b>1775-1810</b>	<b>Missing: 106, 110, 111, 115, 117, 120, 122, 124, 125, 126, 131, 135, 136, 138, 147, 148, 149, 153. Perhaps some still to come from volunteers.</b>
D2375/E/R/5/118 (D2375/M/103/86)	Rental for the Staffordshire Estates and Wensley	1794-1795	Done
<b>D2375/E/R/5/135 (D2375/M/103/88)</b>	<b>Rental for the Staffordshire Estates and Wensley</b>	<b>1802-1803</b>	<b>Still to see.</b>
D2375/E/R/5/150-2 (D2375/M/160/19, 22 & 26)	Rent roll for Alstonefield, Warslow, Elkstone, Butterton, Onecote, Fawfieldhead, Heathilee, Quarnford, Hollinsclough, Longnor, Sheen and Wensley	1811-15	Done
D2375/E/R/5/153 (D2375/M/161/72)	Incomplete rent roll of Staffordshire Estates	c. 1810	Done
D2375/E/S/1/1 (D2375/M/63/53)	Survey Book of William Senior.	1632-1633	Done, have photo.
D2375/E/S/4/1/1 (D2375/M/161/34)	Valuation of Sheen amongst others	c.1610	Done, have photo.
<b>D2375/E/S/4/2/4 (D2375/M/103/101)</b>	<b>Annual valuation of all farms</b>	<b>early C17th</b>	<b>Have seen, but though there is a Sheen reference, but would be worth getting Elspeth to have a look at this.</b>
D2375/M/1/1	Alstonefield manor court book, including copies of court rolls and accounts	1372-1515	Done, have photos.



D2375/M/1/2	Alstonefield Manor Court Book	1545-1556	Done, nothing relevant in book, but loose documents of interest. Have photos.
D2375/M/1/3	Alstonefield Manor Court Book	1498-1555	Done, have photos.
D2375/M/1/4 (D2375/A/S/1/1/4)	Alstonefield Manor Court Book	1569-1593	Done, the court is now for John Harpur, but the Whitle entries no longer appear.
D2375/M/1/6/1	Extent of Alstonefield	1392	Done, sadly nothing of interest
D2375/M/1/6/2 (D2375/A/S/1/2/1)	Alstonefield Manor Court Roll	1398-9	Done, but not complete and no Whitle refs. The originals to the books noted above.
D2375/M/1/6/3 (D2375/A/S/1/2/2)	Alstonefield Manor Court Roll	1400-1401	Done, but not complete and no Whitle refs. The originals to the books noted above.
D2375/M/1/6/4-25	Alstonefield Manor Court Roll	1405-1567	Done. This should hold the bulk of the Whitle refs found in the court books above. Sadly there is only patchy survival, and only one Whitle reference survives. This is exceptionally important because it is the oldest surviving manuscript reference to Whitle!
<b>D4899/86-89</b>	<b>Deeds and mortgages concerning property in Sheen</b>	<b>1750-1884</b>	<b>Still to do</b>
<b>D7676/BagC/3274 &amp; 3276</b>	<b>Bargain and sale, &amp; grant</b>	<b>1667 &amp; 1693.</b>	<b>Still to do - The Bagshawe Collection (Antiquarian).</b>
<b>Q/RI/102</b>	<b>Whitle map and award</b>	<b>1828</b>	<b>M720 is the plan, this is probably not the right Whitle.</b>

**Lichfield Record Office.**

**(i) Categories of documents.**

The primary interest of Lichfield Record Office for research for the project rests in the office's role as the repository for the majority of the records for the diocesan centre in the town for the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield. Sheen lay in the medieval diocese of the same name, and remains there today. As such the range of records was inevitably smaller than that for the DRO.

**Bishop's Transcripts**

The bishop's transcripts consist of rolls containing the baptisms, marriages and burials in individual parishes for each year, or for groups of years. As such they were an official record, copying the material that was entered into the parish registers, produced probably by the vicar, or by the church wardens. They are a useful check against the parish register, and it is possible that they might contain additional material when compared to the parish registers. A good, but incomplete, sequence survives for Sheen, dating from 1660-82. A summary of this material collected by the volunteer researchers forms Appendix 4.

**The Tithe Map and Award**

In the mid-nineteenth century, there was a concerted effort to evaluate the value of the tithes owed by landowners and tenants for ecclesiastical tithes, that is the payment of tenths on a variety of produce coming from the land, being either animal, vegetable or mineral. As a consequence of this, a very substantial portion of England and Wales was mapped in a high degree of detail, with an addition award document giving the land owners and tenants for the land contained in the maps, also giving acreages, and types of cultivation. These in many cases are the earliest detailed maps for much of the country, and this is the case for the parish and township of Sheen. For a preliminary analysis of the map and award, see Appendix 3.

LANDOWNERS.	OCCUPIERS.	Number referring to the Plan.	NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF LANDS AND PREMISES.	STATE OF CULTIVATION.	QUANTITIES OF STATUTE MEASURE.				Amount of Rent Charge payable in respect of the same.			
					A.	R.	P.	S.	£	s.	d.	q.
<i>Fanny Woods (contd)</i>	<i>Himself (contd)</i>	193	Plantation	Brought forward	10	-	-	-				
		199	Meadow		5	-	3					
		200	Plantation		1	3	0					
		201	Cow Croft	Pasture	1	3	52					
		202	Lower Croft	do	1	-	13					
		203	Plantation		1	-	13					
		204	Lower Meadow	Meadow	5	2	36					
		205	Homesland		1	1	12					
		207	Driveway Paths	Pasture	20	2	37					
		208	Plantation				9					
		209	Plantation				20					
		210	Plantation				36					
		211	Plantation				10					
		212	Plantation				7					
		213	Potato Ground	Pasture	14	2	26					
		214	Lower Drainfield	do	1	-	16					
		215	Corn field	do	2	1	69					
		216	Plantation				25					
		217	Corn field	Arable	2	3	5					
		218	Woad Field	Pasture	3	-	30					
221	Sheen Hill	Meadow	3	3	23							
222	Sheen Hill 2 <sup>nd</sup> pt	Pasture	5	1	33							
					3							
	<i>John Wood</i>	69	Woad Field	Meadow	14	-	14					
74		Rough Bank	Pasture	3	3	33						
72		Homesland				25						
73		Garden				16						
74		Woad Field	Pasture	14	-	3						
77		Histley Top	do	2	-	5						
73		Histley Top	do	2	-	6						
105		Rough Bank	do	1	2	25						

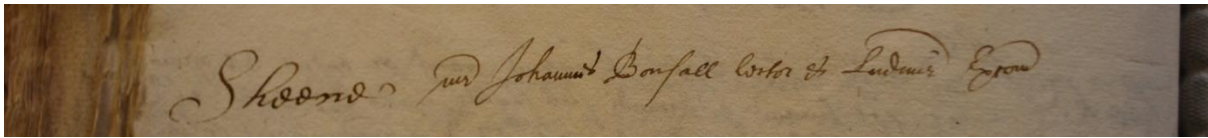


Portions from LRO B/A/15/656, Sheen title award, showing the section for Charles Finney in Whitle, and from LRO B/A/15/276, Sheen title map, showing the upper section of the Whitle area, 1845.

### **Archdeaconry of Stafford Visitation Act Book.**

The Act Books are very interesting books, providing brief insights into the more private lives of the people of individual parishes. The Act Books are concerned with offences against ecclesiastical law, and the failure to maintain the fabric of ecclesiastical property, principally the church buildings and vicarage themselves. The work on these records at the LRO, is likely to be


time consuming because the hands that the documents are written in are not always the easiest to read, and the entries themselves are in Latin in the main.



LRO B/V/7 – Entry concerning the excommunication of John Bonsall, a teacher, early C17th.

### **Testamentary Records**

A not inconsiderable amount of work has already been done on the testamentary evidence for this project, and the majority of the work that needs still to be done for the project, will take place at the SRO. However, the 'Gateway to the Past' online search system for LRO has indicated a number of records relating to Sheen of a testamentary nature that need to be checked. These seem to be copies of wills, and records produced as a consequence of a will, such as the guardianship of children, shown below.



Know all Men by these presents that we Joseph  
 Horobin Charles Horobin and Anne Horobin natural and lawfull  
 Children of Joseph Horobin late of the parish of Sheen in the County  
 of Middlesex Blacksmith deceased Legatee named in the last Will  
 and Testament of William Horobin late of Whitehall in the said  
 parish of Sheen our late Grandfather deceased being in our  
 respective Birthdays (to wit) above the Age of seven years but under  
 the Age of Twenty one year and therefore incapable of doing any  
 Actions Act in our own names or of receiving the Legacy given to us in  
 and by the last Will and Testament of our said late Grandfather  
 deceased Do hereby nominate and appoint Deborah Horobin Widow  
 our Honoured Mother to be our Guardian and Guardian to all Intents  
 and Purposes in the said Will whatsoever and more particularly to  
 receive all such sum or sums of Money Legacy or Legacies as are  
 or shall be due to us or any of us in and by the last Will and  
 Testament of the said William Horobin our said late Grandfather  
 deceased And to the End that our Election and Voice may the better  
 take Effect we and each and every of us do hereby severally nominate  
 and appoint George Street Publick Notary one of the Proctors of the  
 High Court of Chancery to be our Proctor for us and  
 in our Name to appear before the worthy full Richard Smallbridge  
 Doctor of Law Chancellor of the Diocese of Richfield and County  
 his Delegate or other competent Judge in this Behalf to hear and  
 receive this Election and Voice to be admitted and enacted and what  
 our said Proctor shall therein Lawfully do or cause to be done we and  
 each and every of us do hereby promise Oblige and confirm In Witness  
 whereof we have subscribed our Hands and seals this twenty fifth day of February in the year of  
 our said late Grandfather deceased seven hundred and Seventy seven

Signed and sealed by the said Joseph  
 Horobin Charles Horobin and Anne  
 Horobin being first Legally Assisted  
 in the presence of  
 R. Robinson

Joseph Horobin  
 Charles Horobin  
 Anne Horobin

LRO B/C/5/1769/102, appointment by Joseph, Charles and Anne Horobin, children of Joseph Horobin of Sheen, blacksmith deceased, of Deborah Horobin, widow, their mother, as their guardian. The children were grandchildren of William Horobin, late of Whitehall, parish of Sheen, 25 February 1770.

**(ii) Documents Consulted.**

The following table gives all of the material that needs to be consulted at the LRO. The items shown in bold both require further work.

Reference No.	Item.	Date	Notes and comments.
B/C/5/1681/7	Case type: Testamentary/ Account. Principal people: Chrichlow, Nicholas; Chrichlow, John, administrator	30 Sep 1681	Seen, interesting but not relevant.
B/C/5/1741/303	Case type: Testamentary/ Deposition. Principal people: Bennion, John, tamy weaver; Harris, Edward; Stanley, Henry; Avery, Richard; Sheen,Jo	24 Jan 1740	Seen, interesting but not relevant.
B/C/5/1757/135	Case type: Testamentary/ Deposition. Principal people: Smith, Joseph, wheelwright; Hall, John, yeoman deceased; Holmes, Thomas; Johnson, Thomas	25 May 1757	Seen, interesting but not relevant.
B/C/5/1761/104	Case type: Testamentary/ Inventory. Principal people: Percifall, John, yeoman deceased; case not stated	22 May 1761	Seen, interesting but not relevant.
B/A/3/539	Sheen (Staffordshire): Deeds for 1749, 1760, 1785, 1816, 1848, 1851, 1862.	1749-1862	Seen, but not relevant. Very interesting large seal appended to one deed.
B/A/13i/392	Sheen (Staffordshire): Dilapidations papers	1892-1905	Seen, interesting but not relevant.
<b>B/V/7</b>	<b>Sheen, Staffordshire: Bishop's transcripts: dates missing: part 1795-part 1800 (marriages and burials covered by printed records)</b>	<b>1660-1852</b>	<b>Seen, and data extracted. Needs to be checked to ensure all has been done. Printed or typed versions available: Marriages, 1682-Nov 1837 (BMSGH). Burials, 30 Mar 1792- 5 Mar 1801 (BMSGH).</b>
B/A/15/656	Sheen, Staffordshire, tithe award	1845	Seen, and full notes taken.
B/A/15/276	Sheen, Staffordshire: tithe map	1845	Seen, and full notes taken.

B/C/5/1769/102	Testamentary/guardianship proxy: Principal people: Joseph Horobin, minor, son Joseph; Joseph Horobin, blacksmith deceased; Charles Horobin; Anne Horobin	25 Feb 1769	See, relevant, and have photos.
B/C/5/1769/103	Testamentary/guardianship proxy: Principal people: Deborah Horobin, widow Joseph; Joseph Horobin, blacksmith deceased; Joseph Horobin; Charles Horobin Principal places: Sheen, Whitehall, Staffordshire	27 May 1769	See, relevant, and have photos.
<b>B/V/1/...</b>	<b>Archdeaconry of Stafford Visitation Act Books</b>		<b>A small number of these have been looked at by Kay Gregory. These are potentially very interesting, but it might not be a good use of time, to continue looking at these.</b>

#### **4) Questions Arising from the Research so far.**

##### **The complexities of Estates.**

The research has shown that Whitle, whilst being in the parish and township of Sheen, formed part of a large administrative estate centred nominally on Alstonefield, but including places around Sheen, such as Longnor. It seems clear that the manor of Sheen did not, therefore include Whitle. This poses some interesting but difficult questions.

Perhaps the most obvious of these focuses on the origin of the settlement of Whitle in the first place. The earliest reference we have to Whitle is in the copy of the manorial court roll for 1404-5, and since the contents of this concern the payment for a heriot for John Taylor, the then recently deceased tenant of both messuages in Whitle, we can be fairly secure in believing that Whitle's existence goes back probably well before 1400, and it is merely that the loss of the manorial court rolls before late in the reign of Richard II, that prevents us from taking its origin even further back. Having taken the origin of Whitle back to this point we enter the realm of speculation, unless we can trace earlier documentation elsewhere. However, bearing in mind that from about 1315 onwards the bringing of new land into cultivation becomes less and less common, following the famine years in Britain between 1315-17, and the arrival of the plague in 1349, it also seems likely that Whitle must, at the very least, originate in the thirteenth century, but can any documentary evidence be found to take the origins of Whitle back before 1404-5?

Linked to this question is why Whitle seems to have been part of a large estate focused on Alstonefield, and not on the manorial centre at Sheen. Since places such as Longnor were also part of the Alstonefield estate, it would perhaps suggest that Whitle was part of a colonisation of new land that came from the direction of Longnor, and not the centre in Sheen. With the presence of what appears to be an early motte and bailey castle at Pilsbury, perhaps that castle's presence led to the settlement of Whitle. An understanding of the complexities of early land tenure, and the lordships of Pilsbury and Alstonefield, may help shed light on the origins of Alstonefield.

##### **A Missing 'other' Whitle, or the development of Whitle.**

Another question again focuses on the origins of Whitle. The evidence we have allows us to trace Whitle through from the early fifteenth century to the early nineteenth century, as a possession of a fragmented estate eventually united in the hands of the Harpur Crewes of Swarkeston, and later of Calke Abbey in Derbyshire. However, at some point in the early nineteenth century the lands in Whitle were sold, and by the time of the tithe survey of 1845, the lands were in the hands of four separate landowners, and their respective tenants. Up until the sale the Whitle lands had always been two separate properties, one being held by a branch of the Horobin family from the late fifteenth century, and the other by the Harrison family from the mid sixteenth century. After the sale, not only did landownership change, but the tenure of the Horobins and Harrisons which had endured for such an inordinate time was also permanently terminated, though both families continued to hold land elsewhere within Sheen. But when one looks at the records of baptisms, marriages and burials, there are, at least from the mid eighteenth century, several other families living at Whitle. The families of Wood (1733), Frost (1734), Hickinbottom (1757-1815), Needham (1757), Milward (1763), Froggat (1764-1810), Goodwin (1774), Sheldon (1765-1820), Bradley (1777), Basset (1787), Rawlinson (1801), Bradbury (1801), and Waterhouse (1810), can all be found living in Whitle. So where had they come from, where were they living, and why do we have no record for them outside of the register of baptisms, marriages and burials?

The appearance of these other families in Whitle by the eighteenth century alongside the longstanding Horobin and Harrison tenancies is a little perplexing! It has been a slight concern that the detail obtained from the medieval manorial records, and the early modern leases and rentals which have only shown two



clear properties in Whitle, might have misled us into thinking that those were the only properties in Whitle. Is it possible that these other families existed on lands in Whitle which have an equally long, but now lost history, as the two Harpur Crewe properties? If so, are we merely handicapped by the loss of another, different, set of estate records, and in effect seduced by the bulk of Harpur Crewe records?

If this is not the case, then there are a number of other possible scenarios that might account for these other families living at Whitle, and which can perhaps be examined:

- Sub-tenants of the Horobins and Harrisons. The old tenant families were sub-letting part of their lands.
- Resident labourers for the two main farms. Of course part of the answer must lie in the need for any farm to have labour to allow it to keep running, and farms were obviously, in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, far more labour intensive than modern farms. This might well account for the number of families such as the Woods, Frosts and Needhams, that only appear briefly in Whitle in the records for baptisms, marriages and burials, they perhaps being semi-itinerant labourers.
- Colonisation of new land. Although there are no records for parliamentary enclosure in Sheen, it is evident from an analysis of modern maps and local place-names that there was a lot of moor and waste enclosure, probably in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Could these families be living on newly colonised land. This might perhaps account for those families that were in Whitle for a longer duration such as the Hickinbottoms, Froggats, and Sheldons.
- Were some of these families employed in occupations other than agriculture? The simple answer is for some of them, yes. In the baptisms, marriages and burials records, the two different members of the Sheldon family are termed as ‘masons’, so it seems that they might well have been involved in the quarrying and carving of stone in Whitle. Whether this could account for some of the other families is unclear.

### **The Farming of Whitle.**

Although we have a lot of information about those living at Whitle, we know comparatively little about how Whitle was farmed, and how this changed over time. The one fixed point that we do have with detailed information about the way the land was used is the tithe survey of 1845. This shows that most of the land was pasture or meadow, with only small quantities of arable. However, the tithe map also shows the remains of some level of open field cultivation with the ghosts of arable strips, and the survey undertaken by Jim Rylatt reveals that the evidence for much more widespread arable strip cultivation is evident at Under Whitle.<sup>21</sup> This would suggest that Whitle in the medieval period was farmed predominantly as arable, and that this was eventually abandoned in favour of pastoral farming, with the inevitable upheaval as a system perhaps of co-operative open field arable was replaced by pastoral farming in severalty.

This would also link in with the previous point. If Whitle was indeed in its earliest form two farms, why do we have evidence of strip cultivation in open fields, or is this a misreading of the arable strip evidence?

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<sup>21</sup> Rylatt, J., *Under Whitle, Sheen, Staffordshire: Archaeological Field Survey for the Peak District Environmental Quality Mark Scheme* (2006).

## 5) Next Steps.

The following points set out what remains to be done for the project. Some of this clearly allows for an engagement by both the historian and volunteers, but careful consideration needs to be given to see where the volunteers can realistically make further contributions, where they are willing to do so.

(i) Complete research at the **DRO at Matlock**. This has received the bulk of the work of the volunteers, and would probably need no more than two further visits to consult all of the remaining material there. We would then have a relatively full picture of the history of the Harpur Crewe estate in Whitle. It would be good to have full transcripts of the remaining leases to place alongside the one already done by Alexandra Tomlinson and Kay Gregory.

(ii) Complete research at the **LRO**. The main work remaining there is the examination of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Act Books. The material in these is likely to be relatively small, so it might be that spending too much more time on this would not be an efficient use of time.

(iii) Commence work at the **SRO**. No work has been done on the records here at all, but there is a fair bit of material here to check. Paramount amongst these is the registers of baptisms, marriages and burials, which should complement and extend the information already recorded from the Bishop's Transcripts at Lichfield. The registers run earlier than the transcripts, so some additional information might be discovered. In addition, the registers might include material not in the transcripts.

One other area that will need to be looked at in great deal at the SRO is the testamentary evidence. Elspeth Walker already has a lengthy list of wills and testaments that relate to Sheen, and more particularly Whitle, and these will need to be looked at in detail. Although no guarantees can be made, the contents of these records quite often include a lot of personal information, in the form of the bequests of personal property. In addition, if any detailed inventories survive, not only might these give further detailed information about personal property, but they may also detail the properties then in Whitle. Testamentary evidence might well be the only way that we can get close to the people of Whitle.

(iv) A couple of days will need to be spent at **TNA**. The material here will probably be insubstantial, however we know that there were at least two legal cases heard in the sixteenth century involving the Horobins and Whitle, so there might be more. Also, parts of Sheen were in Crown hands in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and administered as part of the duchy of Lancaster, so the records of the duchy need to be checked to ensure that we have not missed other Whitle properties.

(v) There has been a wealth of material collected about the people living at Whitle from the Bishop's Transcripts, and this will be expanded from the examination of the registers, noted in (iii) above. However, many of the earlier entries do not specify where the individuals were from in Sheen, so that a thorough study of the data needs to be undertaken to produce genealogies of the families in Whitle, checking that already produced for the Horobins by an earlier project.

(vi) The final analysis of data.

(vii) Contextual reading. At the moment most of the focus has been on data collection, but a considerable amount of secondary reading will need to be undertaken to place what we have learned about Whitle in a proper context.

(viii) The writing of the final report.

### Appendices.

The following appendices attempt to present the majority of the evidence that has been collected by the historian and volunteer researchers. Because there is very little overlap between most of the sections, because the evidence has been collected in different ways, some appearing in summary calendars, and others in a tabulated form, and because some of the material, particularly that from the Bishop's transcripts, has yet to be fully processed and analysed, there has been no attempt to produce an overall chronology from the records. Instead the documents have been grouped into different appendices. Where possible the contents of the section has been listed chronologically.

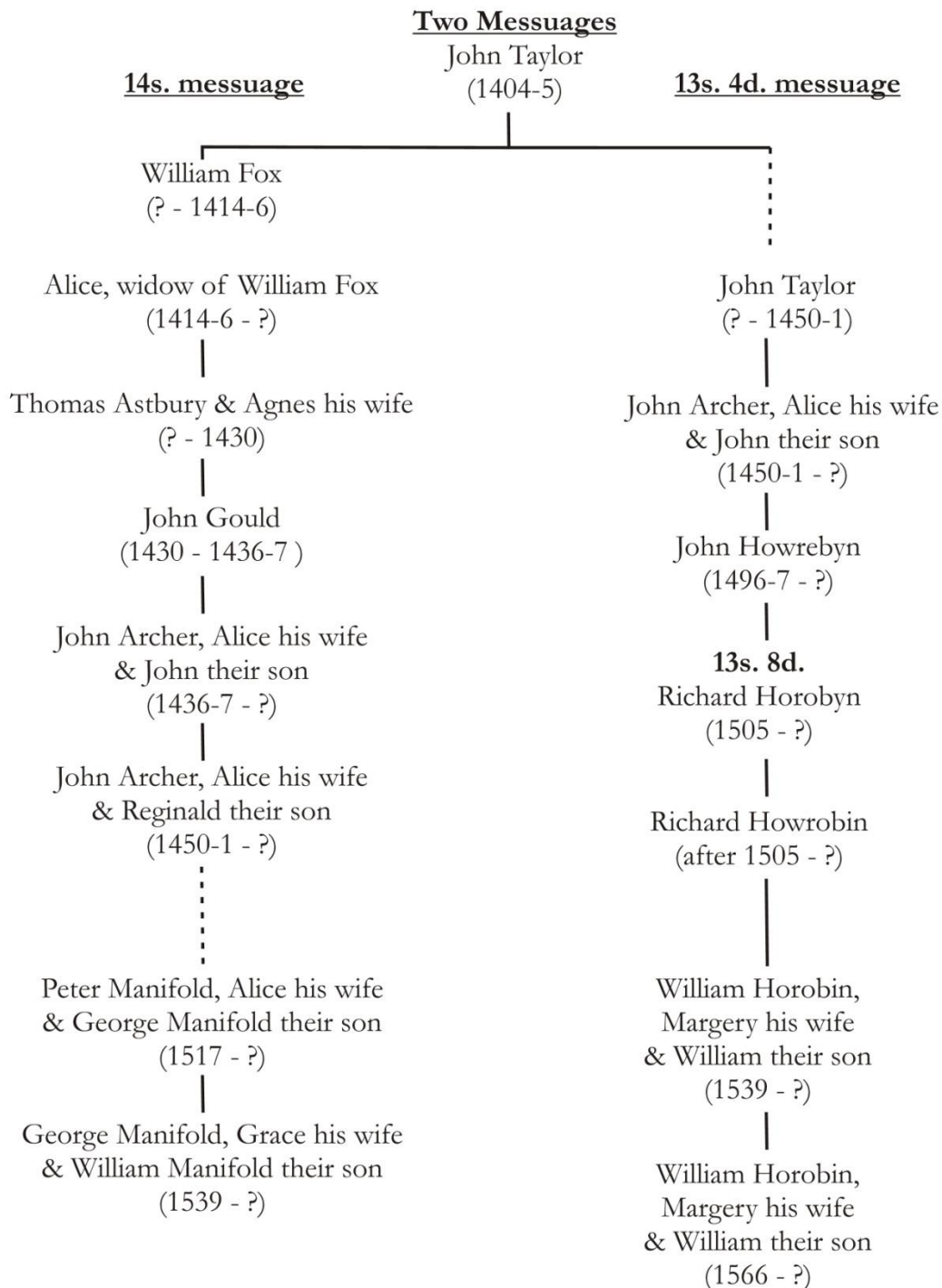
## Appendix 1.

### Manorial Court Records.

The manorial court records are for the manor of Alstonefield, and almost all are copies made into three books in the mid-sixteenth century, possibly on the sale of the Peshall interest to the Blunts. A few of the original rolls do survive, but only one includes one of the entries relating to Whitle, the rest having sadly been lost. It would seem that the entries copied into the book were not transcribed exactly as they would have appeared in the original rolls, with some re-arrangement of information.

The manorial records seem to indicate only two properties in Whitle, and tenurial descent of the property suggests that the properties were roughly similar in size, though there is only one reference to an acreage, and that is for 21 acres in 1414-16. The rent paid for one of the two properties was 14s., and for the other 13s. 4d., later increased to 13s. 8d. by 1505. It is probable that some entries are missing, or for some reason the full tenurial history was not entered onto the court rolls, for there are some improbably large gaps in the tenurial history of the two Whitle properties.

# Suggested Descent of the Two Whitle Messuages.



**DRO D2375/M/1/1.**

**1404-5, 6 Henry IV.**

**Two Messuages in *Whittall*:** John Taylor, who held from lord John Savage, two messuages and certain lands adjacent in *Whittall*, died and a heriot of two *boviculi* fell due, valued 18s. and were delivered to Roger Bowr.

**1414-16, 2 & 3 Hen. V.**

**Message at *Whittall*:** Alice, widow of William Fox, came into court and took from John Savage and Matilda his wife, one message and 21 acres of land at *Whittall*, which William her husband lately held, to hold to the same Alice according to the custom of the manor, for the term of her life, rendering the all the rents and services that are anciently owed in the form that Alice held it, no entry fine being paid.

**1429-30, 8 Henry VI, 5th court.**

**Message called *Quyttall*?** Memorandum that William Crychelow occupied a message with land adjacent called *Quyttall*, which is the land of John Savage, and rendering the rent and services that are due for that year. By the testimony of Nicholas Shene.

**14 December 1430, 9 Henry VI, 2nd court.**

**Message at *Whytyll* [Entry Savage, 13s. 4d.].** Thomas Astbury and Angnes his wife came into court and surrendered into the hands of John Savage, kt, one message with land adjacent at *Whittyll*, to the use of John Golde, who came into court and took seisin from the same John [Savage] for the term of his life, and giving at entry 13s. 4d., by the testament of Nicholas Shene. And the same John [Golde] wished and granted that if he alienated the message with land in his lifetime, then the same Thomas and Augnes his wife should have the same message and lands, paying to John [Golde] 20s., and making fine with John Savage for entry into the same tenement [This survives on the original manorial court roll for the court held on Thursday next after the conception of St Mary, 9 Hen. VI. The entry is badly faded, and the spelling here is *Whytill*. **D2375/M/1/6/12**].

**1436-7, 15 Henry VI, court 1.**

John Goulde came into court and surrendered into the hands of John Savage one message with land adjacent in *Quityll* late in the tenure of William Foxe. And upon this John Archer came into court and took the message and land, holding the same for the term of his life, according to the custom of the manor of Fryth. And after the decease of the same, the message and land is to remain to Alice his wife, holding for the term of her life, and after the death of John and Alice Archer, to remain wholly to John their son, for his life according to the custom of the manor of Frith, agreeing entry with John Savage, witness Nicholas Shene.

**1450-1, 29 Henry VI, court 2.**

**Message called *Whitthull*'.** At this court came John Archer and took from Richard Peshall, esquire, one message called *Whytthull*, to hold with Alice his wife, and Reginald his son, during their lives, rendering annually to Peshall 14s. at the usual terms, and the other due services, and giving to Peshal at entry 6s. 8d. [new entry below] At the same court came John Archer and took from the lord one message with appurtenances late in the tenure of John Taylor, to hold to him, Alice his wife, and John his son, during their lives, rendering annually to the lord 13s. 4d. at the usual terms, and the other services, and giving to the lord at entry 6s. 8d.

**DRO D2375/M/1/3.**

**1496-7, 12 Henry VII.**

**Message called *Whyttell*.** To this court came Richard son of John Howrebyn and took from Humfrey Peishall, esquire, in severalty one message with land adjacent in the parish of *Shene* called *Whyttell*, which rendered per annum at the usual terms 13s. 4d.; to hold to the same Richard for his life according to the custom etc, and giving at his entry just as agreed with the same Humfrey.

**13 October 1505, 21 Hen. VII.**

**Message called *Whytell*' [R' – 13s. 8d.].** To this court came Richard Horobyn and surrendered into the hands of the heir[s ?] of Humfrey Peshall (*Peyshall*), esquire, in severalty one message with land adjacent in the parish of *Shene* called *Whittell*, which rendered per annum at the usual terms there 13s. 8d. And upon this came the aforesaid Richard Horobyn and took from the same heir[s ?] the said message with the same land adjacent, to be held to him for the term of his life according to the customs of the manor of Fryth. Provided that after his death the message etc. premises should wholly remain to Richard Horobyn, son of the same Richard, to be held to him for the term etc., according etc. Provided that after his death the aforesaid message should remain to William Horobyn, son of the same Richard, to be held to him for the term etc., according to the custom etc. Giving to the lord the agreed entry fine.

**8 April 1517, 8 Hen. VIII (View of Frankpledge and great court).**

**Alstonfeilde, Whittle -:** To this court came Peter Manifold, Alice his wife, and George Manifold their son, and took from the heirs of Humphrey Peshall (*Pearsall*), esquire, of his severalty of one message in *Whittle* in the parish of *Sheene*, for the term of their lives, and gave etc.

**8 March 1539, 30 Hen. VIII, (View with Great court).**

**Whittell -** to this court came William Horobin, Margery his wife, and William son of the same William, and took from George Blount (*Blunt*), esquire, one message called *le Whittell* in the parish of Shene, for the term of their lives.

**Whittell** - to this court came George Manifold, Grace his wife, and William Manifold, the sone of the same, and took from George Blount (*Blunt*), esquire, one messuage called *le Whittell* etc. for the term of their lives.

**25 April 1566, 8 Elizabeth I (View with the great court of the lords in common of the same manor).**

**Whittell** - To this court came William Horobin, Margery his wife and William Horobin, son of the same, and took from V[incent] M[undy], esquire, from his severalty one messuage called *le Whittell* in the parish of *Shene*, to hold for the term of their lives, etc.



## Appendix 2.

### Leases.

Derbyshire Record Office, Harpur Crewe of Calke Abbey, D2375/E/L/3/2/5  
(D2375/M/189/14).

Counterpart lease indented, made between:

- (i) John Harpur of Swarkeston, Derbyshire, esquire; and,
- (ii) John Harrison of Hurdlow in the parish of Hartington, Derbyshire, yeoman;

witnessing that (i), in consideration of the sum of £40 to be paid to him, his executors, administrators or assigns, by (ii), his executors, administrators and assigns, at the mansion house of (i), at Swarkeston, namely £20 before the sealing and delivery of the lease, £5 at the feast of St Michael the Archangel next, £5 at the same feast following, £5 at the same feast 1583, and £5 on the same feast 1584, has let to (ii) all that messuage, farm or tenement, with their appurtenances, called *Whittell Bancke*, situated in Sheen, Staffordshire, and parcel of the manor or lordship of Alstonefield, Staffordshire, and now or late in the occupation of William Manifold, or his assigns.

To have and to hold the same messuage, farm or tenement, lands, meadows, pastures and other premises, with all their appurtenances, to (ii), his executors, administrators and assigns, from the day of these presents, during the term of 100 years, if (ii), Abraham Harrison and William Harrison, his sons, or any of them will live so long.

Yielding to (ii), his heirs and assigns, 30s. at the feasts of St Michael the Archangel, and the Annunciation of Our Lady St Mary the Virgin, by equal portions; and also two capons annually at the feast of Pentecost called Whit Sunday), with provisions for the payment of a heriot, and in case the rent falls into arrears.  
31 March 1581.

Signed and sealed.

Endorsed:

‘Sealed and delivered in the presence of us:

Gawyn Phillipps, Richard Smythe, Richard Sutton, William Jackson.’

‘Whittle Bancke

Per Johannem Harrison’.

Derbyshire Record Office, Harpur Crewe of Calke Abbey, D2375/E/L/3/2/5  
(D2375/M/189/14).

Counterpart lease indented, made between:

- (iii) Sir John Harpur of Swarkeston, Derbyshire, kt; and,
- (iv) William Horobin of *Whittle Bancke*, in the parish of Sheen, Staffordshire, husbandman;

witnessing that (i), in consideration of the sum of £54 paid to him by (ii), has let to (ii), all that messuage, farm or tenement with the appurtenances, wherein (ii) lives, with 28 acres of land, meadow and pasture, being at *Whittle Bancke* in the parish of Sheen, Staffordshire, with their appurtenances, and then in the tenure of (ii), or his assigns.

To have and to hold the messuage, farm or tenement, and 28 acres of land, meadow and pasture, and all the premises with their appurtenances, to (ii), his executors, administrators and assigns, from day of these present, for the term of 80 years, if (ii), John Horobin, brother of (ii), and Robert Archer, son of Richard Archer of Scropton, Derbyshire, shall live so long.

Yielding during the term to (i), during his life, and after his death to whomever has the reversion or remainder of all the premises, of the rent or sum of 28s., at the two feasts of the Annunciation of Our Lady St Mary the Virgin (25 March), and St Michael the Archangel (29 September), by equal portions; and also two fat capons annually at the feast of Pentecost), with provisions for the payment of a heriot, and in case the rent falls into arrears.

1 January 1611.

Signed and sealed.

Endorsed:

‘Sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Thomas Pomfrett, Richard Whinyats, Lyn Slekins, George Goodwyn’.

‘Sheene Whittle Bancke.

A lease to William Horobin of [a] messuage and xxviiij acres ther for lxxx years yf the s[aid] John Horobin his brother, and Robert Archer s[o lo]nge lyve primo Januarii 1610.

No. 500.’

**Derbyshire Record Office, Harpur Crewe of Calke Abbey, D2375/E/L/3/2/5  
(D2375/M/189/14).**

Counterpart lease indented, made between:

- (i) Sir John Harpur of Swarkeston, Derbyshire, kt; and,
- (ii) Abraham Harrison of *Whittle Bancke*, parish of Sheen, Staffordshire, yeoman;

witnessing that (i), in consideration of the sum of £20 paid to him by (ii), has let to (ii), all that messuage or tenement, with the appurtenances, in which (ii) lives, situated at *Whittle Bancke* in the parish of Sheen, Staffordshire, together with 30 acres of land, meadow and pasture.

To have and to hold the messuage or tenement, and 30 acres of land, meadow and pasture, and all the other premises, with the appurtenances, to (ii), his executors, administrators and assigns, from the date of these presents, for the term of 80 years, if (ii), Ellen now his wife, and Edmund Harrison, their son, or any of them shall live so long.

Yielding during the term of the lease to (i), during his life, and after his death to whomever has the reversion or remainder of all the premises, of the rent or sum of 30s. at the feasts of the Annunciation of Our Lady St Mary the Virgin (25 March), and St Michael the Archangel (29 September), by equal portions; and also two good capons annually at the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist (24 June), with provisions for the payment of a heriot, and in case the rent falls into arrears.

1 October 1611.

Signed and sealed.

Endorsed:

‘Sealed and delivered in the presence of:

William Harryson, John Gaw..., John Stevenson’.

‘Whittle Bancke.

A lease to Abraham Harrison of of a messuage and thirty Acres ther for lxxx years if he, Ellen his wiffe and Edmund their sonne so long lyve primo octobris 1611.

No. 499.’

Derbyshire Record Office, Harpur Crewe of Calke Abbey, D2375/E/L/3/14/1  
(D2375/M/190/1/5).

Counterpart lease indented, made between:

- (iii) Sir John Harpur of Swarkeston, Derbyshire, kt; and,
- (iv) William Mellor of Longnor Mill, the parish of Alstonefield, Staffordshire, miller;

witnessing that (i), in consideration of the sum of £56 paid to him by (ii), has let to (ii), his executors, administrators and assigns, all that messuage or tenement, with their appurtenances, in which Agnes Horobin, widow, lives, situated at *Whittle Bancke* in the parish of Sheen, Staffordshire, with 28 acres of land, meadow and pasture, by estimation, pertaining to the messuage or tenement, and now or late in the tenure, holding or occupation of the same Agnes Horobin or William Horobin, late her husband, deceased.

To have and to hold the messuage or tenements, and the 28 acres of land, meadow and pasture, to (ii), his executors, administrators and assigns, from the feast of All Saints (1 November) last past, for the term of 80 years next following, if (ii), the same Agnes Horobin, whom (ii) intends to marry, and William Horobin, her son, or any of them lives so long.

Yielding during the term to (i) during his life, and after his death, to whomever has the reversion or remainder of the premises, the rent of 30s. at the feasts of the Annunciation of Our Lady St Mary the Virgin (25 March), and St Michael the Archangel (29 September), by equal portions; and also two good capons annually at the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist (24 June), with provisions for the payment of a heriot, and in case the rent falls into arrears.

10 December 1618.

Signed and sealed.

Endorsed:

‘Sealed and Delivered unto George Goodwyn to the use and behove of the within Named Sir John Harpur, Knight, in the presence:

Nicholas Chapman, James Mellor, John Froste, George Froste and George Goodwyn.’

‘Whittle Bancke

A lease to William Mellor and his assigns of a messuage and xxviiij acres ther for lxxx years yf he, Agnes Horobin and William Horobin soe longe live. Dated x<sup>o</sup> Decembris 1618.’

**Derbyshire Record Office, Harpur Crewe of Calke Abbey, D2375/E/L/3/14/2 (D2375/M/82/29).**

Lease indented, made between:

- (v) Sir John Harpur of Calke, Derbyshire, baronet; and,
- (vi) William Horobin of the parish of Sheen, Staffordshire, husbandman;

witnessing that (i), in consideration of the surrender of a former lease made of the same messuage and tenement hereafter let, made by Sir John Harpur, late of Swarkestone, Derbyshire, kt, deceased, to William Mellor, late of Longnor Mill, in the parish of Alstonefield, Staffordshire, miller, deceased, for the term of 80 years, for the lives of William Mellor, Agnes his late wife, also deceased, and (ii) who is entitled to the remainder of the term, and also in consideration of the payment of £42 6s. by (ii) to (i), has let to (ii) all that messuage and tenement with appurtenances at or near the place called *Whitle Banck*, in the parish of Sheen, containing 32 acres of land by estimation, and formerly in the possession of the Horobins, and since in the possession of William Mellor, and now in the occupation of (ii).

To Have and to Hould the same to (ii), his executors, administrators and assigns, for the term of 99 years, if (ii), and William Horobin, his sone, or either of them lives so long.

Yielding yearly during the terme to (i), his heirs or assigns, the rent of 33s. at the feast days of St Michael the Archangel (29 September), and the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (25 March) by equall portions, with provisions for the payment of a heriot, and in case the rent falls into arrears.

25 September 1680.

Signed, sealed and endorsed.

**This Indenture** made the twenty fifth day of September in the twoe and thirtieth yeare of the raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the Seacond by the grace of god king of England, Scotland, France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. Annoque Domini 1680 Betweene Sir John Harpur of Caulke in the County of Derby, Barronett, upon thone parte, and William Howrobin of the Parish of Sheene in the County of Stafford husbandman upon thother parte; **witnesseth** that the said Sir John Harpur As well for and in Consideracion of the surrender of a former Indenture of lease heretofore made of the messuage and Tenement with thappurtances herein hereafter demysed by and from Sir John Harpur, late of Swarkston in the said county of Derby, knight, deceased, unto William Mellor, late of Longnor Milne within the Parish of Alstonfeild in the said County of Stafford, Milner, alsoe deceased, for the terme of Fower score yeares determinable with the lives of him the said William Mellor, Agnes his late wife, alsoe deceased, and of the said William Howrobin who as assignee of the said William Mellor or otherwise is now legally intytled or interessed of, in or unto the remainder of the terme aforesaid; As alsoe for and in consideracion of the summe of Forty twoe pounds and six shillings of lawfull money of England to him the said Sir John Harpur (party to these presents)] by the said William Howrobin already in hand paid att and before then sealing and delivery of these presents **hath** demysed and granted and in, and by these presents doth demyse and graunt unto the said William Howrobin, All that one messuage and Tenement with thappurtances scituate, lying and being att or near a place called Whitle Banck within the said Parish of Sheene, containeing by Common estimacion thirty twoe acres of land, meadowe or pasture or thereabouts according to the measure there used bee the same more or lesse formerly in the possession of the Howrobins since in the holding of the said William Mellor and now in the occupacion of the said William Howrobin, his assignee or assignes, Together with all and all manner of howses, edifices, buildings, yoads, orchards, gardens, lands, leasoos, meadowes, pastures, feedings, wayes, waters, watercourses, liberties, easements, proffits, Commons, Comodities and advantages whatsoever to the said messuage and tenement lying, belonging or in any wise appertaineing, or therewith or to or with the same

now or att any tyme or tymes heretofore dureing and within the terme, tyme and space of twenty yeares last past before the day of the date of these presents usually held, used, occupied, possessed or enjoyed or accepted, reputed, taken or knowne as parte, parcell or member thereof in any wise (All timber trees, mynes, quarries and delfs of tynne, Lead, Cole *saunell* stone or any other mettall or mineral thing now groweing and being or hereafter to bee found in or upon the said premisses or any parte thereof with free liberty of ingresse, egresse and regresse unto the said Sir John Harpur party to these presents his heires and assignes att all tymes and seasons of the year to felle, Cut downe, digge, take and carry away the same att his and their wills and pleasures alwaies Excepted and forprized. **To Have and to Hould** all and singular the said premisses before in and by these presents demysed and graunted, or mencioned or intended to bee demysed and graunted as aforesaid with their and every of their appurtances and every parte and parcell thereof (Except as is before Excepted) unto the said William Howrobin, his executors, administrators and assignes from the day next before the date of these present for and dureing the terme of Ninety nine yeares thence next Ensueing fully to bee compleate and Ended if hee the said William Howrobin and William Howrobin his sonne, or either of them soe long shall live To all tenantable uses, wast Excepted. **Yielding and Paying** therefore yearly dureing the said terme hereby graunted unto the said Sir John Harpur party to these presents, his heires or assignes the rent of thirty shillings of lawfull money of England upon every feast day of St Michaell tharchangell and the anuncacion of the blessed Virgin Mary by equall porcions and att the decease of him the said William Howrobin party to these presents and of every other person or persons dying tenant or tenants of the said premisses or any parte or parcell thereof either by virtue of this demyse, or as assignee for the whole terme hereby graunted his, hir or their best beast or other best goods, or three pounds, six shillings, eight pence in moneys in Liewe thereof for and in the name and nature of an heriot, **Provided** alwaies that if it shall happen the said yearly rent to bee behind and unpaid in parte or in all, or if the said Heriot or heriots shall be detained, Eloigned or Concealed or the moneys already in Liewe of such heriot or heriots remaine unsatisfyed by the space of tenne daies next after any of the daies and tymes att or on which the same ought to be respectively yelden paid or delivered as aforesaid, **or** if the said William Howrobin party to these presents, his Executors, Administrators or assignes being tenant or tenants of the said premisses, or any parte or parcell thereof shall Comitt any manner of treason, misprision of treason or felony Or shall doe, or suffer to bee done any manner of wast in or upon the said premisses or any parte thereof other then the digging and getting of **maile**, clay or stone for the building upon or bettering or improvement of the said premisses, or some parte thereof, Or shall demyse, graunt, alyen, assigne, sett, lett or Exchange the said before demysed premisses or any parte or parcell thereof unto or with any person or persons whatsoever other then to, or to the use, of the wife or some of the Children or grandchildren of him the said William Howrobin, party to these presents, without the speciall lycence and Consent of the said Sir John Harpur, party to these presents, his heires or assignes, first had and obtained under his, or their hand or hands in writeing That then and in all and every or any the Case or Cases aforesaid It shall and may bee lawfull to and for the said Sir John Harpur, party to these presents, his heires or assignes, into all and singular the said before herein and hereby demysed or mencioned to be demysed premisses with thappurtances to reenter, and the same to have againe, repossesse and Enjoy, as in his, or their first or former estate or estates, any thing in these presents Contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. **And** the said William Howrobin, party to these presents, for himselfe, his executors, administrators and assignes, and for every of them doth Covenante, promise and graunt to and with the said Sir John Harpur, party to these presents, his heires and assignes, and to and with everie of them by these presents that hee the same William Howrobin, party to these presents, his executors, administrators and assignes, shall and will att and upon his, their or some of their owne proper Costs and Chardges dureing the said terme hereby granted mainteyne and keep the said hereby demysed premisses in good sufficient and tenantable repairacion, and the same in such repaire at the end and Expiracion of the said hereby graunted terme quietly and peaceably yield, leave, surrender and deliver upp unto the said Sir John Harpur, party to these presents, his heires or assignes. **And** moreover that hee the same William

Howrobin (party to these presents[]), his Executors, Administrators and assignes, shall and will likewise upon his, their or some of thiere like proper Costs and Chardges, dischardge and pay all such out rents, taxes, impositions, duties and Chardges dureing the said terme hereby demysed shall bee, or become Issueing, due or payable Chardged or Chardgable for forth or in respect of the same premisses, or any parte or parcell thereof in any wise **and** shall and will likewise sett, place and spread, in or upon the said premisses, or some parte thereof, all such soyle, muck, dung, manure or compost as dureing the same terme shall bee thereupon had gotten or gathered in any wise and shall and will alsoe grind or cause to bee ground, all such corne mault or other graine as dureing the said terme shall bee spent or bestowed in howsekeeping in or upon the said premisses or any parte thereof, all, some or one of the milne or milnes of the said Sir John Harpur, party to these presents, his heires or assignes, within the Parish of Sheene aforesaid And shall and alsoe will doe and performe suite and service, to all and every the Court and Courts of the said Sir John Harpur party to these presents, his heires or assignes, when and as often as the same shall bee houlden within and for the mannour of Werslowe and Barony of Longnour, or either of them upon reasonable summons, notice or warning. And lastly that hee the said William Howrobin party to these presents, his Executors, Administrators and assignes or some of them shall and will att and upon his, thiere or some of thiere owne proper Costs and Chardges carefully, and well sufficiently mainteyne and keep for the said Sir John Harpur, his heires and assignes, one hound, hound whelpe, grey hound or spannell dureing the said terme hereby graunted or when and soe often as hee the same William, his Executors, administrators or assignes, shall bee by the same Sir John Harpur, his heires or assignes, or his or their bayliffe, agent or servant, baylives, agents or servants, ordered, willed, requested or appointed. **And** the said Sir John Harpur, party to these presents, for himselfe, his heires, Executors, Administrators and assignes, doth Covenant, promise and graunt to and with the said William Howrobin, party to these presents, his Executors, Administrators and assignes, by these presents That hee the same William Howrobin, his Executors, Administrators and assignes, shall or lawfully may, dureing the said terme hereby graunted under and upon the rent, boones, services, Covenants, Condictions and agreements before herein Comprized, mentioned and contained and according to the tenour and true meaning of these present, peaceably and quietly have, hold, use, occupy and Enjoy all and singular the said before herein and hereby demysed or mencioned to bee demysed premisses with thappurtances, and every parte thereof without any manner of lawfull lett, suite, stop, trouble, eviccion or incumbrance of him the same Sir John Harpur, his heires or assignes, or any other person or persons whatsoever lawfully Claimeing by, from or under him, them or any of them in any wise. **In witnes** whereof the parties abovesaid to these present indentures have interchandgably put their hands and seales the day and yeare first above written.

[*Signed*] John Harpur

[*Endorsed*]

Sealled, signed and delivered In the presence of

Hendison

Henry Harpur

Showed at Boosly May 13: 1706

This Lease Expired the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 1733 by the death of William Horobin the son - within mentioned which was the Last Surviving Life.

Lease to Mellor

**Transcribed by Alex Tomlinson and Kay Gregory; Revised by Simon Harris.**

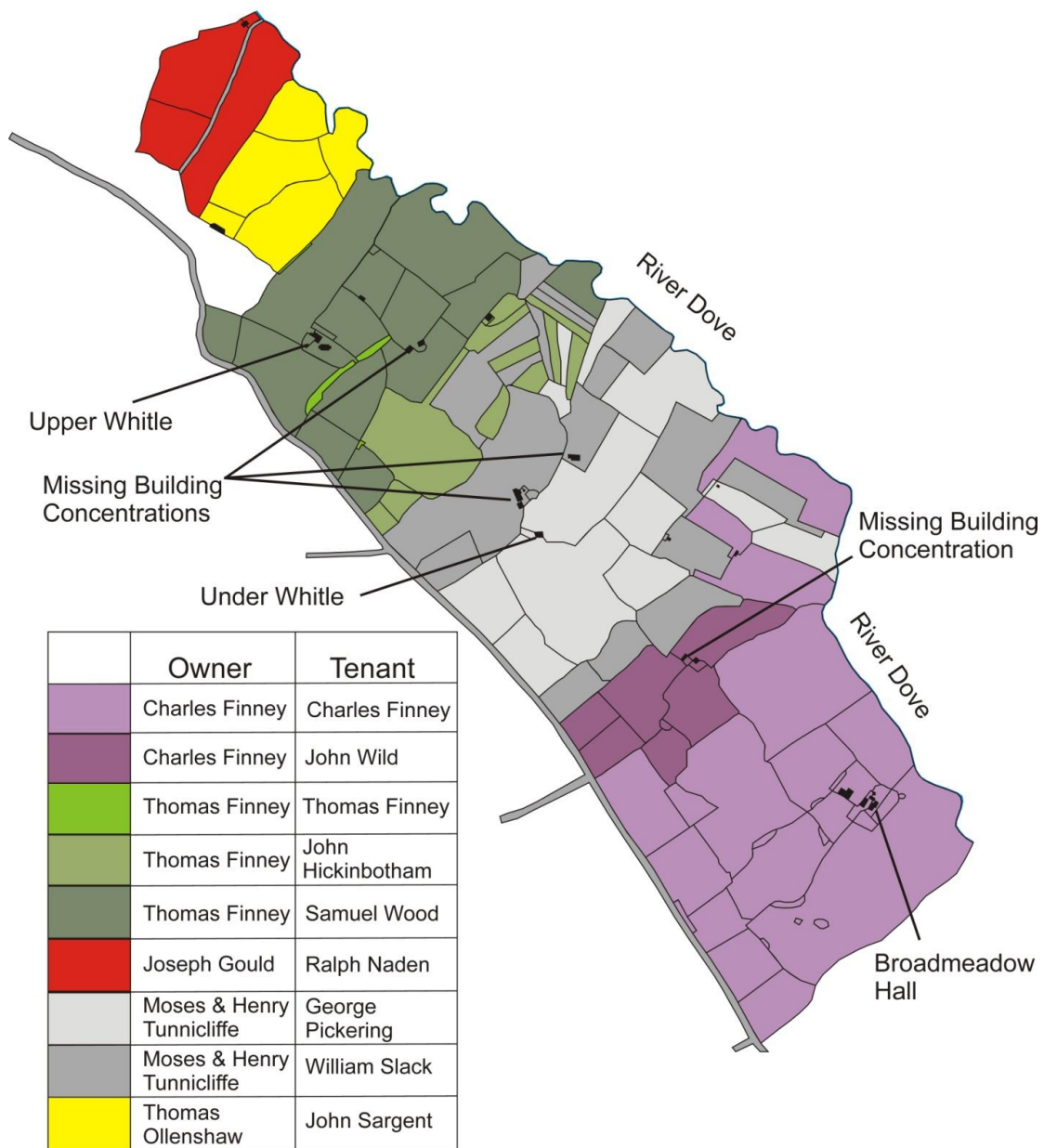


**Appendix 3.**

**The Tithe Survey.**

This appendix is a representation of the patterns of landholding extracted from LRO B/A/15/656 & LRO B/A/15/276, the Sheen tithe award and map, of 1845, respectively. The fields from the tithe map have been fitted to the present OS field boundaries, and the patterns of land ownership and tenancy represented by different colours. The map shows there to be four main landowners, and by this time the lands no longer were Harpur Crewe land, and the tenants, the Harrisons and Horobins, who had held the land from the sixteenth and fifteenth centuries respectively, were no longer tenants in White.

**The Whitle Area: Tithe Map to OS.**



#### Appendix 4.

#### Staffordshire Record Office, Lichfield: Bishops' Transcripts B/V/7.

Data extracted by George Graham, and Hilary Brindley from the copies of baptisms, marriages and burials, submitted for the parish of Sheen to the diocesan authorities at Lichfield.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Surname, Forename</b>	<b>Births, Marriages, Deaths</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>1679 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Thomas Harrison Father John Harrison Mother Grace Harrison	Birth	
<b>1680 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Dorothy Mellor John Mellor Elizabeth Mellor	Birth	
<b>1682 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Robert Mellor John Mellor Martha Mellor	Birth	
<b>1684 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	Elizabeth Mellor John Mellor Martha Mellor	Birth	
<b>1696 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Thomas Harrison Abraham Harrison Ellaine Harrison	Birth	
<b>1693 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Ralph Mellor John Mellor Martha Mellor	Birth	
<b>1694 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Thomas Harrison Thomas Harrison Maria Harrison	Birth	
<b>1694 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Alice Mellor	Death	Widow
<b>1695 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Thomas Mellor John Mellor Maria Mellor	Birth	
<b>1695 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Richard Slack Samuel Slack Elizabeth Slack	Birth	
<b>1695 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Samuel Slack	Death	
<b>1698 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Abraham Harrison	Death	
<b>1698 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Elizabeth Slack	Death	
<b>1699 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Elizabeth Mellor	Death	
<b>1699 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	John Mellor	Death	
<b>1701</b>	William Horrobin		Church Warden
<b>1707 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Samuel Slack Henry Slack Maria Slack	Birth	
<b>1707 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	John Mellor Maria Mellor	Marriage	
<b>1707 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Richard Slack	Death	

<b>1709 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Henry Slack	Death	(father Deceased)
<b>1709 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Henry Slack Henry Slack Mary Slack	Birth	
<b>1708-1710</b>	Ralph Slack		Church Warden
<b>1711 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	John Mellor	Death	
<b>1713 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Alice Horrobin	Death	
<b>1713 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Ellen Slack	Death	
<b>1715 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Abraham Harrison John Harrison Hanna Harrison	Birth	
<b>1718 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Anna Slack William Slack Anna Slack	Birth	
<b>1718 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	John Slack Elizabeth Lomas	Marriage	
<b>1721 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Joseph Slack Joseph Slack Anna Slack	Birth	
<b>1722 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Joseph Slack	Death	
<b>1723 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Hanna Slack John Slack Hanna Slack	Birth	
<b>1724 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	William Horrobin William Horrobin Anna Horrobin	Birth	
<b>1725 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Ellena Horrobin	Death	Wife of William Horrobin
<b>1725 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Ellen Sheldon William Sheldon Anna Sheldon	Birth	
<b>1726 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Mary Horrobin William Horrobin Hanna Horrobin	Birth	
<b>1726 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Hanna Slack	Death	Wife of John Slack
<b>1726 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	William Harrison William Harrison Anne Harrison	Birth	
<b>1727 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Thomas Slack		Alstonefield
<b>1727 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Joseph Horrobin William Horrobin Anne Horrobin	Birth	
<b>1729 8<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Jerimiah Slack Jerimiah Slack Elizabeth Slack	Birth	
<b>1730 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	George Horrobin William Horrobin Hanna Horrobin	Birth	
<b>1730 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Maria Mellor	Death	John Mellor's Wife
<b>1730 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Anna Harrison Widow	Death	Pauper
<b>1732 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Anne Slack	Death	Wife of thomas Slack

<b>1733 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	William Horrobin William Horrobin Hanna Horobin	Birth	Of Whitle
<b>1733 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	William Horrobin (senior)	Death	Of Whitle
<b>1733 26<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Hanna Horrobin	Death	Of Whitle
<b>1733 28<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Joseph Wood	Death	Of Whitle
<b>1733 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	John Mellor	Death	Stone Pit Hill
<b>1733 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Martha Frost George Frost Elizabeth Frost	Birth	Of Whitle
<b>1734 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Mary Mellor John Mellor Anne Mellor	Birth	Sheen
<b>1734 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Mary Mellor	Death	Sheen
<b>1735 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Sarah Mellor John Mellor Ann Mellor	Birth	
<b>1735 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Sarah Slack	Birth	Alstonfield no Mother or Father
<b>1737 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	John Slack	Death	Son of Elizabeth Slack Widow
<b>1737 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Joseph Slack	Death	Son of Elizabeth Slack Widow
<b>1738 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Thomas Slack	Death	Son of John Slack
<b>1735-38</b>	William Horrobin		Church Warden
<b>1738 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	John Slack	Death	Low End
<b>1741 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	William Mellor John Mellor Wife	Birth	Alstonfield
<b>1741 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Richard Froggot Mary Slack	Marriage	Hartington Sheen
<b>1742 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Dorothy Slack	Death	Widow
<b>1743 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Joseph Horrobin Nathanial Horrobin wife	Birth	
<b>1743 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Hanna Harrison Abraham Harrison wife	Birth	
<b>1743 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Mary Goodwin	Death	Widow
<b>1746 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Abraham Harrison Abraham Harrison Wife	Birth	
<b>1746 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Mary Mellor Ann Mellor	Birth	No father
<b>1746 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	William Slack Nathanial Slack Wife	Birth	
<b>1747 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Dorothy Slack	Death	
<b>1747 30<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Ralph Harrison	Birth	

	Abraham Harrison wife		
<b>1748 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Henry Slack	Death	
<b>1748 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Joseph Goodwin Richard Goodwin wife	Birth	
<b>1748 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Nathanial Horrobin	Death	
<b>1748 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Richard Froggot Richard Froggot wife	Birth	
<b>1748 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Hanna Horrobin Saraha Horrobin- widow	Birth	
<b>1749 29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Ellen Harrison Abraham Harrison Wife	Birth	
<b>1749 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	William Horrobin William Horrobin wife	Birth	
<b>1750 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	John Percival Sarah Horrobin	Marriage	
<b>1751 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Hanna Horrobin William Horrobin wife	Birth	
<b>1752 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	William Wood	Death	
<b>1752 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Ann Froggot Mr Richard Froggot Wife	Birth	University Education?
<b>1753 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	John Hickinbottom Thomas Hickinbottom wife	Birth	
<b>1753 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Samuel Harrison Abraham Harrison wife	Birth	
<b>1753 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Thomas Slack	Death	
<b>1753 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Joseph Horrobin Joseph Horrobin Wife	Birth	
<b>1754 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Abraham Harrison	Death	
<b>1754 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	William Harrison	Death	
<b>1754 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	William Horrobin Joseph Horrobin wife	Birth	
<b>1754 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Mary Sheldon Thomas Sheldon wife	Birth	
<b>1755 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Elizabeth Hickinbottom Thoms Hickinbottom Wife	Birth	
<b>1755 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Ann Harrison	Death	Wife Of John Harrison

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DATE	NAME	OCCUPATION	LOCATION	BAPTISM
1733				
11 November	<b>Horobin, William</b>		Of Whitle	Son of <b>William and Hannah Horobin</b>
1734				
20 January	<b>Frost, Martha</b>		Of Whitle	Daughter of <b>George and Elizabeth Frost</b>
1735 - 38				No relevant entries but <b>William Horobin</b> Church Warden
1743				
27 March	<b>Horobin, Joseph</b>			Son of <b>Nathaniel Horobin</b> and his wife
1743				
27 November	<b>Harrison, Hannah</b>			Daughter of <b>Abraham Harrison</b> and his wife
1746				
5 January	<b>Harrison, Abraham</b>			Son of <b>Abraham Harrison</b>
1746				
15 May	<b>Horobin, William</b>			Son of <b>Nathaniel Horobin</b>
1749				
21 March	<b>Horobin, Hannah</b>			Daughter of <b>Sarah Horobin</b> , widow
1749				
29 November	<b>Horobin, William</b>			Son of <b>William Horobin</b> and his wife
1751				
? 11 June	<b>Horobin, Hannah</b>			Daughter of <b>William Horobin</b> and his wife
1753				
? 30 August	<b>Horobin, Joseph</b>			Son of <b>Joseph Horobin</b> and his wife
1754				
27 October	<b>Horobin, William</b>			Son of <b>Joseph Horobin</b> and his wife
1755				
	<b>Horobin, Joseph</b>		Under Whitle	Son of <b>William Horobin</b> and

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2 November				his wife
1757	<b>Hickinbottom, Samuel</b>		Under Whitle	Son of <b>Thomas Hickinbottom</b> and his wife
3 July				
1757	<b>Needham, John</b>		Under Whitle	Son of <b>John Needham</b> and his wife
5 July				
1758	<b>Hickinbottom, Isaac</b>		Of Whitle	Son of <b>Thomas Hickinbottom</b>
14 June				
1763	<b>Milward, Sarah</b>		Of Whitle	Daughter of <b>Joseph</b> and <b>Alice Milward</b>
20 March				
1763	<b>Higginbottom, Sarah</b>		Of Whitle	Daughter of <b>Thomas</b> and <b>Jane Higginbottom</b>
20 July				
1763	<b>Horobin, James</b>		Of Sheen	Son of <b>Joseph</b> and <b>Deborah Horobin</b>
27 November				
1764	<b>Froggat, James</b>		Of Whitle	Son of <b>James</b> and <b>Mary Froggat</b>
5 August				
1764	<b>Horobin, John</b>		Of Whitle	Son of <b>William</b> and <b>Elizabeth Horobin</b>
31 December				
1765	<b>Higginbottom, Mary</b>		Of Whitle	Daughter of <b>Thomas</b> and <b>Jane Higginbottom</b>
22 December				
1766	<b>Horobin, William</b>		Of Sheen	Son of <b>Joseph</b> and <b>Deborah Horobin</b>
11 January				
1768	<b>Harrison, Abraham</b>		Of Whitle	Son of <b>Abraham</b> and <b>Martha Harrison</b>
27 November				
1770	<b>Harrison, Ralph</b>		Of Whitle	Son of <b>Abraham</b> and <b>Martha Harrison</b>
29 April				
1770	<b>Horobin, Sarah</b>		Of Sheen	Daughter of <b>William</b> and <b>Sarah Horobin</b>
12 August				

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1771				
17 November	<b>Horobin, William</b>		Whitle	Son of <b>William</b> and <b>Ann Horobin</b>
1772				
15 March	<b>Harrison, Hannah</b>		Of Whitle	Daughter of <b>Abraham</b> and <b>Martha Harrison</b>
1772				
27 December	<b>Horobin, John</b>		Of Brund	Son of <b>William</b> and <b>Sarsh Horobin</b>
1774				
2 January	<b>Horobin, Benjamin</b>		Whitle	Son of <b>William</b> and <b>Ann Horobin</b>
1774				
26 March	<b>Goodwin, William</b>		Whitle	Son of <b>Joseph</b> and <b>Hannah Goodwin</b>
1775				
22 January	<b>Horobin, Hannah</b>		Of Brund	Daughter of <b>William</b> and <b>Sarah Horobin</b>
1776				
24 March	<b>Harrison, Martha</b>		Whitle	Daughter of <b>Abraham</b> and <b>Martha Harrison</b>
1776				
20 or 30 June	'Daughter of'		Of Whitle	Daughter of <b>Matthew</b> and <b>Mary Sheldon</b>
1778				
22 February	<b>Sheldon, Hannah</b>		Whitelow	Daughter of <b>Matthew</b> and <b>Mary Sheldon</b>
1779				
9 May	<b>Horobin, John</b>			Son of <b>William</b> and <b>Ann Horobin</b>
1779				
25 December	<b>Goodwin, John</b>		Whitelow	Son of <b>Joseph</b> and <b>Hannah Goodwin</b>
1781				
21 January	<b>Horobin, Ann</b>		Whitelow	Daughter of <b>William</b> and <b>Ann Horobin</b>
1781				
25 March	<b>Sheldon, Thomas</b>		Whitelow	Son of <b>Benjamin</b> and <b>Ann Sheldon</b>
1781				
1781	<b>Harrison, Ann</b>		Whitelow	Daughter of <b>Abraham</b> and <b>Martha Horobin</b>



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8 July				
1787				
22 April	<b>Horobin, Hannah</b>		Of Sheen Moor Race	Daughter of <b>William</b> and <b>Ann Horobin</b>
1787				
6 May	<b>Basset, Joseph</b>		Of Whitle	Son of <b>Tomas</b> and ? <b>Casandrian Basset</b>
1787				
29 July	<b>Horobin, Dinah</b>		Of Sheen	Daughter of <b>William</b> and <b>Dinah Horobin</b>
1787				
19 August	<b>Hickinbottom, Hannah</b>		Of Whitle	Daughter of <b>Isaac</b> and <b>Alice Hickinbottom</b>
1789				
29 March	<b>Sheldon, Joseph</b>		Of Whitle	Son of <b>Matthew</b> and <b>Mary Sheldon</b>
1789				
29 November	<b>Hickinbottom, Susanah</b>			Illegitimate daughter of <b>Sarah Hickinbottom</b>
1790				
16 May	<b>Goodwin, Hannah</b>		Of Whitle	Daughter of <b>Joseph</b> and <b>Hannah Goodwin</b>
1790				
25 July	<b>Hickinbottom, Mary</b>		Of Whitle	Daughter of <b>Isaac</b> and <b>Alice Hickinbottom</b>
1791				
23 January	<b>Sheldon, Ann</b>		Of Whitle	Daughter of <b>Matthew</b> and <b>Mary Sheldon</b>
1791				
1 May	<b>Hickinbottom, Samuel</b>		Of Whitle	Illegitimate son of <b>Sarah Hickinbottom</b>
1791				
22 May	<b>Froggatt, Mary</b>		Of Whittle	Daughter of <b>James</b> and <b>Hannah Froggatt</b>
1793				
2 June	<b>Higginbottom, John</b>			Son of <b>Isaac</b> and <b>Alice Higginbottom</b>
1794				
26 January	<b>Horobin, William</b>			Son of <b>John</b> and <b>Mary Horobin</b>

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1794				
12 May	<b>Froggat, John</b>		Whitle	Son of <b>James</b> and <b>Hannah Froggat</b>
1795				
26 April	<b>Horobin, Benjamin</b>			Son of <b>William Horobin</b>
1795				
14 June	<b>Harrison, Martha</b>			Daughter of <b>Abraham</b> and <b>Sarah Harrison</b>
1801				
26 April	<b>Hickinbottom, Isaac</b>		Whitelow	Son of <b>Isaac</b> and <b>Alice Hickinbottom</b>
1801				
24 May	<b>Bradbury, Abraham</b>		Whitelow	Son of <b>John</b> and <b>Martha Bradbury</b>
1801				
24 May	<b>Slack, Abraham</b>		Whitelow	Son of <b>William</b> and <b>Ann Slack</b>
1801				
24 May	<b>Rawlinson, Ann</b>		Whitelow	Daughter of <b>Charles</b> and <b>Alice Rawlinson</b>
1801				
15 November	<b>Hickinbottom, Ann</b>			Illegitimate daughter of <b>Sarah Hickinbottom</b>
1802				
28 March	<b>Harrison, Abraham</b>		Of Sheen	Son of <b>Abraham</b> and <b>Sarah Harrison</b>
1802				
8 August	<b>Horobin, Mary</b>			Daughter of <b>John</b> and <b>Mary Horobin</b>
1802				
28 November	<b>Needham, Tomasin</b>		Of the Sprink	Daughter of <b>Joseph</b> and <b>Betty Needham</b>
1803				
25 September	<b>Hickinbottom, Joseph</b>			Son of <b>Isaac</b> and <b>Alice Hickinbottom</b>
1804				
19 February	<b>Horobin, James</b>			Son of <b>John</b> and <b>Mary Horobin</b>
1805				
	<b>Harrison, Hannah</b>			Daughter of <b>Abraham</b> and <b>Sarah Harrison</b>

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20 January				
1805				
6 or 7 July	<b>Horobin, Sarah</b>			Daughter of <b>John</b> and <b>Mary Horobin</b>
1805				
11 August	<b>Horobin, William</b>			Son of <b>John</b> and <b>Elizabeth Horobin</b>
1806				
10 August	<b>Horobin, Henry</b>		Whitlow	Son of <b>John</b> and <b>Mary Horobin</b>
1806				
16 November	<b>Horobin, Thomas</b>		Sheen Moor Race	Son of <b>John</b> and <b>Elizabeth Horobin</b>
1808				
15 May	<b>Horrobin, ? Samuel</b>			Son of <b>John</b> and <b>Mary Horobin</b>
1808				
11 December	<b>Horobin, William</b>			Son of <b>John</b> and <b>Mary Horobin</b>
1810				
7 January	<b>Horobin, Sarah Ann</b>		Under Whitle	Daughter of <b>John</b> and <b>Mary Horobin</b>
1810				
23 May	<b>Froggot, Judith</b>		Under Whitle	Daughter of <b>Hannah Froggot</b>
1810				
22 July	<b>Salt, Mary Ann</b>		Under Whitle	Daughter of <b>George salt</b>
1811				
20 January	<b>Horobin, Edward</b>		Sheen Moor	Son of <b>John Horobin</b>
1811				
20 January	<b>Horobin, Richard</b>		Under Whitle	Son of <b>John</b> and <b>Mary Horobin</b>
1811				
23 February	<b>Hickinbottom, Mary</b>		Under Whitle	Daughter of <b>Thomas Hickinbottom</b>

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1733	<b>Horobin, William</b>			
23 December	senior		Of Whitle	
1733				
26 December	<b>Horobin, Hannah</b>			<b>Wife of William Horobin junior</b>
			Of Whitle	
1733				
28 December	<b>Wood, Joseph</b>		Of Whitle	
1748				
4 November	<b>Horobin, Nathaniel</b>			
1757				
17 July	<b>Hickinbottom, Samuel</b>		Under Whitle	Son of <b>Thomas Hickinbottom</b> and his wife
1765				
5 July	<b>Sheldon, Sampson</b>		Of Whitle	Son of <b>Thomas</b> and <b>Elizabeth Sheldon</b>
1766				
3 May	<b>Horobin, William</b>		Of Sheen	Son of <b>Joseph</b> and <b>Deborah Horobin</b>
1768				
23 June	<b>Harrison, Hellen</b>		Late of Whitle	
1776				
14 April	<b>Horobin, Joseph</b>		Whitle	
1778				
23 April	<b>Horobin, Sarah</b>		Townend	<b>Wife of William Horobin</b>
1777				
24 February	<b>Horobin, Hannah</b>		Sheen	Daughter of <b>William</b> and <b>Sarah Horobin</b>
1777				
19 March	<b>Bradley Ann</b>		Whitelow	
1786				
30 December	<b>Mellor, Ann</b>		Of Sheen Moor Race	'Poper'

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1788				
11 February	<b>Sheldon, Benjamin</b>		Of Whitle	
1788				
17 November	<b>Sheldon, Ann</b>		Of Whitle	<b>Wife of Benjamin Sheldon</b>
1789				
22 January	<b>Sheldon, Thomas</b>		Of Whitle	
1791				
3 May	<b>Horobin, Daniel</b>		Of Crowdy Cote	
1791				
22 May	<b>Harrison, Hannah</b>		Of Whitle	
1792				
30 march	<b>Higginbottom, Jane</b>			<b>Wife of Thomas Higginbottom</b>
1793				
26 October	<b>Harrison, Ellen</b>			Daughter of <b>Abraham</b> and <b>Martha Harrison</b>
1794				
14 May	<b>Horobin, William</b>			
1795				
11 February	<b>Horobin, Hannah</b>			
1802				
2 June	<b>Needham, Elizabeth</b>			Widow, aged 81 years
1803				
27 May	<b>Horrobin, George</b>		Of Crowdicote	
1805				
4 November	<b>Horobin, William</b>			Son of <b>John</b> and <b>Elizabeth Horobin</b>
1807				
27 September	<b>Horobin, Sarah</b>			Daughter of <b>John</b> and <b>Mary Horobin</b>

DATE	NAME	OCCUPATION	LOCATION	BURIALS
1807				
30 September	<b>Horrobin, Elizabeth</b>			Widow
1810				
19 June	<b>Harrison, Martha</b>		Under Whitle	74 years. <b>Wife of Abraham Harrison</b>
1812				
4 November	<b>Hickinbottom</b>		Under Whitle	51 years

DATE	NAME	LOCATION	MARRIAGES
1750	<b>Percival, John</b>		
30 September	Married		
	<b>Horobin, Sarah</b>		
1793	<b>Harrison, Ralph</b>	of the parish of Hartington	
24 January	Married		
	<b>Carr, Martha</b>		
1793	<b>Horobin, John</b>	of the parish of Alstonfield	
25 July	Married		
	<b>Wheeldon, Mary</b>		
1794	<b>Harrison, Abraham</b>	of this parish	
3 December	Married		
	<b>Belfit, Sarah</b>	of this parish	
1794	<b>Mellor, John</b>	of this parish	
18 December	Married		
	<b>Poyser, Ellen</b>		
1800	<b>Slack, William</b>	of this parish	
29 December	Married		
	<b>Harrison, Ann</b>	of this parish	
1800	<b>Bradbury, John</b>	of this parish	
29 December	Married		
	<b>Harrison, Martha</b>	of this parish	

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION FROM THE TRANSCRIPTS NOT COVERED ABOVE

**1741** At the end of the Transcript 'A true account of all the lands and dues belonging to the Curacy of Sheen:

'Item One half of the tythe of a Tenement **under Whiteall** now in the occupation of **John Harrison** for which he pays the Curate yearly two shillings two pence halfpenny pretending to a modus'.

**1773 August.** A true Terrier of the Lands and Other Dues belonging to the Parish Church of Sheen:

'Also one half of the Tythe of a farm **under Whitle**, now in the Tenour of **Abraham Harrison** for which he pays yearly two shillings and two pence halfpenny as a modus.'



## Appendix 5.

### Rentals and Related Records.

Rentals and related material found predominantly in the D2375/E/R/5 class of the Harpur Crewe of Calke Abbey, Derbyshire, held at the Derbyshire Record Office, Matlock.

Record Ref.	Record Type	Date(s)	Details	Notes	
D2375/E/R/5/14 (D2375/M/162/19)	Half year rental for the manor of Alstonefield, Butterton, Cawdry, Sheene, Longnor, Low and High Friths, Hollinsclough, Warslow, Lower Elkstone and Quarnford	Michaelmas 1687 - Lady Day 1688	Sheene M L Mr Chambers 00-15-00 00-15-00 for a tenement in lease 2 capons.  Will. Horobin 00-15-00 00-15-00 for a tenement in lease		
D2375/E/R/5/15 (D2375/M/162/4)	Half year rental for the manor of Alstonefield, Butterton, Cawdry, Sheene, Longnor, Low and High Friths, Hollinsclough, Warslow, Lower Elkstone and Quarnford	Michaelmas 1688 - Lady Day 1689	Sheene M L Mr Chambers 00-15-00 00-15-00 for a tenement in lease 2 capons.  Will. Horobin 00-15-00 00-15-00 for a tenement in lease		
D2375/E/R/5/22 (D2375/M/103/63)	Rental for the manor of Alstonefield and other property in Staffordshire	Michaelmas 1702 - Lady Day 1703	Sheene Rents William Horobin in lease John Harryson 1:12:0 1:10:0 Sheene Hay Rents	0:15:0 0:15:0 0:17:0 0:15:0 1:12:0 1:10:0 1:12:0 1:10:0	'For the Mannor of Alstonefield in the County of Stafford and Divers lands in Staffordshire Belonging to Sir John Harpur Baron. Being one whole years Rent in two Collum. One for

				Michaelmas and the other for Lady Day.'
D2375/E/R/5/26 (D2375M/171/23)	Rental of Sir John Harpur's estates in Staffordshire	Michaelmas 1706 - Lady Day 1707	Michaelmas 1706 John Harrison, a tenement at Whitle 15/- and two capons 2/- William Horabin for a tenement there 15/- Lady Day 1707 John Harrison for a tenement at Whitle 15/- William Horobin for a tenement there 15/-	Both by lease.
D2375/E/R/5/38 (D2375/M/103/102)	Rental of the Staffordshire estates	Michaelmas 1712 - Lady Day 1713	Michaelmas 1712 John Harrison, a tenement at Whitle 15/- and two capons 2/-. Total 17/- William Horobin for a tenement there 15/-. Total 15/- Lady Day 1713 John Harrison for a tenement at Whitle 15/-. Total 15/- William Horobin for a tenement there 15/-. Total 15/-	
D2375/E/R/5/39 (D2375/M/103/12)	Rental for estates at Alstonefield above Archford Bridge and elsewhere in Staffordshire	Michaelmas 1713 - Lady Day 1714	Michaelmas 1713 John Harrison, a tenement at Whitle 15/- and two capons 2/- William Horobin for a tenement there 15/- Lady Day 1714 John Harrison for a tenement at Whitle 15/- William Horobin for a tenement there 15/-	
D2375/E/L/3/1/4 (D2375/M/103/64)	Memorandum	1 January 1716	Memorandum in Mr Wardlows Collection. Sheene – John Harrisons lease expired. The rent was under the lease 1:10 per annum and 2 for 2 Capons. In the survey it is mentioned to be 28a:02w:28 valued at 15:06s:06 per annum. Lett this be reviewed by Mr Fisher.	
D2375/E/R/5/45 (D2375/M/103/14)	Rental for estates at Alstonefield above Archford	Michaelmas 1719 - Lady Day 1720	Sheen M LD Harrison, Abraham, A tenement at Whitle £5 £5 Horrobin, William for a tenement there 15/ 15/	

	Bridge and elsewhere in Staffordshire		Total	£5 15/	£5 15/	
D2375/E/Q/2/3/13 (D2375M/171/1/9)	Account of William Wardle for the rents in his collection, due to Sir John Harpur	Lady Day 1725	Sheene Harrison, John	£5		
D2375/E/R/5/51 (D2375/M/103/17)	Rental for estates at Alstonefield above Archford Bridge and elsewhere in Staffordshire	Michaelmas 1725 - Lady Day 1726	Sheen Harrison, Abraham, A tenement at Whitle Horrobin, William for a tenement there	M £5 15/	LD £5 15/	In the collection of William Wardle.
			Total	£5 15/	£5 15/	
D2375/E/R/5/52 (D2375/M/103/18)	Rental for estates at Alstonefield above Archford Bridge and elsewhere in Staffordshire	Michaelmas 1727 - Lady Day 1728	Sheen Harrison, Abraham, A tenement at Whitle Horrobin, William for a tenement there	M £5 15/	LD £5 15/	In the collection of William Wardle.
			Total	£5 15/	£5 15/	
D2375/E/R/5/53 (D2375/M/103/19)	Rental for estates at Alstonefield above Archford Bridge and elsewhere in Staffordshire	Michaelmas 1728 - Lady Day 1729	Sheen Harrison, Abraham, A tenement at Whitle Horrobin, William for a tenement there	M £5 15/	LD £5 15/	In the collection of William Wardle.
			Total	£5 15/	£5 15/	
D2375/E/R/5/54 (D2375/M/103/20)	Rental for estates at Alstonefield above Archford Bridge and elsewhere in Staffordshire	Michaelmas 1729 - Lady Day 1730	John Harrison, a tenement at Whitle £5 William Horobin, a tenement there 15/- John Harrison for a tenement at Whitle £5 William Horobin, a tenement there 15/-			John Harrison's rent increased sometime after 1725 (from other records)
D2375/E/R/5/55 (D2375/M/103/21)	Rental for estates at Alstonefield	Michaelmas 1730 - Lady Day	John Harrison, a tenement at Whitle £5 William Horobin, a tenement			

	above Archford Bridge and elsewhere in Staffordshire	1731	there 15/- John Harrison, a tenement at Whitle £5 William Horobin, a tenement there 15/-	
D2375/E/R/5/56 (D2375/M/103/22)	Rental for estates at Alstonefield above Archford Bridge and elsewhere in Staffordshire	Michaelmas 1731 - Lady Day 1732	John Harrison, a tenement at Whitle £5 William Horobin, a tenement there 15/- John Harrison, a tenement at Whitle £5 William Horobin, a tenement there 15/-	
D2375/E/R/5/59 (D2375/M/103/23)	Rental for estates at Alstonefield above Archford Bridge and elsewhere in Staffordshire	Michaelmas 1734 - Lady Day 1735	John Harrison, a tenement at Whitle £5 William Horobin, a tenement there 15/- John Harrison, a tenement at Whitle £5 William Horobin, a tenement there 15/-	At the end of the rent roll there is a note 'William Horobin increase in rent £4-5-0' but no explanation.
D2375/E/R/5/61 (D2375/M/103/24)	Rental for estates at Alstonefield above Archford Bridge and elsewhere in Staffordshire	Michaelmas 1736 - Lady Day 1737	John Harrison, a tenement at Whitle £5 William Horobin, a tenement there 15/- John Harrison, a tenement at Whitle £5 William Horobin, a tenement there 15/-	
D2375/E/R/5/76 (D2375/M/171/4)	Rental for estates of Sir John Harpur in Alstonefield above Archford Bridge and other places in Staffordshire	Michaelmas 1759-Lady Day 1760	For a tenement at Whittle in Sheen M L Harrison, widow 5.0.0 5.0.0 in trust for Ab. Harrison	
D2375/E/R/5/79 (D2375/M/171/5)	Rental of estates of Sir Henry Harpur in Alstonefield above Archford Bridge, with rents from	Michaelmas 1760-Lady Day 1761	For a tenement in Sheen Horrobbin, William 5.0.0 5.0.0  M L Harrison, widow 5.0.0 5.0.0 in trust for Abraham Harrison  Horrobbin, William 5.0.0 5.0.0	

several other  
places

D2375/E/R/5/88 (D2375/M/171/6)	Rental of estates of Sir Henry Harpur in Alstonefield above Archford Bridge	Michaelmas 1768 - Lady Day 1769	Sheen Harrison, Abraham Horobbin, William	M £5 £5	LD £5 £5	A note states: 'Wm Horobbin cut down wood and sold it'.
D2375/E/R/5/92 (D2375/M/171/7)	Rental of estates of Sir Henry Harpur in Alstonefield above Archford Bridge	Michaelmas 1770 - Lady Day 1771	M Harrison, Abraham Horobbin, William	LD £5 £5		
D2375/E/R/5/94 (D2375/M/171/8)	Rental of estates of Sir Henry Harpur in Alstonefield above Archford Bridge	Michaelmas 1771 - Lady Day 1772	M Harrison, Abraham Horobbin, William	LD £5 £5		
D2375/E/R/5/100/5 (D2375/M/103/66)	Rental for Lower Elkstone, Butterton, Onecote, Sheen and chief rents	Michaelmas 1775 - Lady Day 1776	Sheen Harrison, Abraham Horobbin, William Not Advanced [both]	M £5 £5	LD £5 £5	Not clear what 'Not advanced' means.
D2375/E/R/5/101 (D2375/M/167/5)	Rental for Staffordshire estates: For liberties of Heathylee or the High Frith, Fawfieldhead or the Low Frith, Hollinsclough, the manors of Warslow and Longnor, Lower Elkstone, and Quarnford,	Michaelmas 1775 - Lady Day 1776	M Harrison, Abraham Horobbin, William  M Harrison, Abraham Horobbin, William	LD £10 £10  LD £5 £5		To Check: not sure why the rent is different here. HB seems to have two entries for this with different sums.  Also notes: 'Butterton and Sheen are not advanced this year'.  'Sheen – This estate is not raised'.

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Archford  
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Butterton,  
parish of  
Mayfield,  
Cawdry at  
Onecote,  
parish of Leek,  
and Sheen

D2375/E/R/5/125 (D2375/M/171/10)	Rental of Staffordshire estates of Sir Henry Harpur	Michaelmas 1778 & Lady Day 1779	M LD Harrison Abram Horrobbin William	13.10 15.0	13.10 15.0
D2375/E/R/5/103, p. 27 (D2375/M/103/47)	Rental of the Staffordshire Estates	Michaelmas 1779 & Lady Day 1780	Sheen at Will Harrison Abraham Horobbin William (Total)	M 5.0 5.0 10.0	LD 5.0 5.0 10.0
D2375/E/R/5/104 (D2375/M/103/48)	Rental of the Staffordshire Estates (Alstonefield Rent Roll)	Michaelmas 1781 & Lady Day 1782	Harrison Abraham Horobbin William 10.0 10.0	5.0 5.0	5.0 5.0
D2375/M/103/49 p. 28 ?	Rent Roll	Lady Day 1782	Sheen at Will Harrison Abraham Horrobbin William (Total)	M 5.0 5.0 10.0	LD 5.0 5.0 10.0
D2375/E/R/5/105 (D2375/M/105/11)	Rental of Staffordshire estates	Michaelmas 1782 - Lady Day 1783	Sheen at Will Harrison Abraham Horrobbin William 10.0 10.0	M 5.0 5.0	LD 5.0 5.0
D2375/E/R/5/112 (D2375/M/103/50)	Rental of the Staffordshire estates and Wensley: Sir Henry Harpur's Estates	Lady Day 1791- 4 (1790)	Sheen Harrison Abram Horrobbin William 28.10 28.10	M 13.10 15.0	LD 13.10 15.0
D2375/E/R/5/109 (D2375/M/103/51 & 52)	Rental of the Staffordshire estates with draft. Sir Henry	Lady Day 1791	Sheen at will Harrison Abram Horrobbin William 28.10 28.10	M 13.10 15.0	LD 13.10 15.0

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D2375/E/R/5/111 (D2375/M/171/9)	Rental of Staffordshire estates of Sir Henry Harpur	Michaelmas 1791 - Lady Day 1792	M LD Harrison Abraham Horobbin William	13.10 15.0	13.10 15.0	
D2375/E/R/5/114 (D2375/M/103/53)	Rental of the Staffordshire estates. Sir Henry Harpur's Estate	Michaelmas 1792 - Lady Day 1793	Sheen at will Harrison Abram Horrobbin William	M LD 13.10 15.0 28.10	LD 13.10 15.0 28.10	
D2375/E/R/5/119 (D2375/M/103/54)	Rental of the Staffordshire estates. Sir Henry Harpur's Estate	Michaelmas 1794 - Lady Day 1795	Sheen at will Harrison Abram Horrobbin William	M LD 13.10 15.0 28.10	LD 13.10 15.0 28.10	
D2375/E/R/5/118 (D2375/M/103/86)	Rental for the Staffordshire estates and Wensley	Michaelmas 1794 - Lady Day 1795	Harrison Abraham Horrobbin John late William	13.10 15.0 28.10	13.10 15.0 28.10	Marked to 1799. Note on opposite page dated 14 November 1799 from John Horrobbin:  'Mr Bateman wishes to exchange some land with Sir Henry Harpur. (In Horrobbin property) Mr Bateman to take an acre in a ?....meadow called Whitle Field also a Rood lying in Mr Batemans Barn Meadow – (Harrison) also the new meadow / taken out of Great Sitch/ full an acre. Mr Bateman to give (to Horrobbin) of the roundmeadow – a Rood or more –

The Pikes – not an acre.  
 (To Harrison) The White Meadow – rather more than an acre.

Mr Horrobbin thinks these exchanges might be made without inconvenience on equal terms.  
 Henry Harpur has 7 acres on Sheen Hill  
 Mr Palfreyman is the largest property  
 Mr Bateman next to him

D2375/E/R/5/121 (D2375/M/103/55)	Rental of the Staffordshire Estates	Michaelmas 1795 - Lady Day 1796	Sheen at will Harrison Abram Horrobbin William	M 13.10 15.0	LD 13.10 15.0	
			28.10 28.10			
D2375/E/R/5/123 (D2375/M/103/56 & 7)	Rental of the Staffordshire estates, with draft	Michaelmas 1796 - Lady Day 1797	Sheen at will Harrison Abraham Horrobbin William	M 13.10 15.0	LD 13.10 15.0	
			28.10 28.10			
D2375/E/R/5/129 (D2375/M/103/58)	Draft rental of the Staffordshire estates. Sir Henry Harpur's Estate	Michaelmas 1799 - Lady Day 1800	Sheen at will Harrison Abraham Horrobbin William	M 13.10 15.0	LD 13.10 15.0	For another rental for the same terms, see D2375/E/R/1/46 (D2375/M/106/6)
			28.10 28.10			
D2375/E/R/5/130 (D2375/M/104/12, p. 39)	Rental of Staffordshire estates	Michaelmas 1800 - Lady Day 1801	Sheen at will Harrison Abraham Horrobbin John late William	M 13.10 15.0	LD 13.10 15.0	
			28.10 28.10			
D2375/E/R/5/133 (D2375/M/103/59)	Rental of the Staffordshire estates	Michaelmas 1801 - Lady Day 1802	Sheen at will Harrison Abraham Horrobbin John late William	M 13.10 15.0	LD 13.10 15.0	For another rental for the same terms, see D2375/E/R/5/132 (D2375/M/106/7)
			28.10 28.10			
D2375/E/R/5/134	Rental of	Michaelmas	Sheen at will	M	LD	For another rental



(D2375/M/104/13, p. 40)	Staffordshire estates	1802 - Lady Day 1803	Harrison Abraham Horrobin John late William 28.10 28.10	13.10 15.0 28.10	13.10 15.0 28.10	for the same dates, giving the same rents, see D2375/E/R/5/136 (D2375/M/171/13)
D2375/E/R/5/137 (D2375/M/104/14, p. 39)	Rental of Staffordshire estates	Michaelmas 1803 - Lady Day 1804	Sheen at will Harrison Abraham Horrobin John late William 28.10 28.10	M 13.10 15.0 28.10	LD 13.10 15.0 28.10	
D2375/E/R/5/149 (D2375/M/104/15, p. 39)	Rental of Staffordshire estates	Michaelmas 1803 - Lady Day 1804	Sheen at will Harrison Abraham Horrobin John late William 34.10 34.10	M 16.10 18.0 34.10	LD 16.10 18.0 34.10	See also the following entry.
D2375/E/R/5/138 (D2375/M/171/14)	Rental of Staffordshire estates of Sir Henry Harpur	Michaelmas 1803 - Lady Day 1804	M LD Harrison Abraham Horrobin John late William	13.10 15.0	13.10 15.0	Landlords property tax allowed at 1/in the pound. For Harrison 1-7-0 Horrobin 1-10-0
D2375/E/R/5/139 (D2375/M/103/60)	Rental of the Staffordshire estates	Michaelmas 1804 - Lady Day 1805	Sheen at will Harrison Abraham Horrobin John late William 28.10 28.10	M 13.10 15.0 28.10	LD 13.10 15.0 28.10	Landlords Property Tax allowed at a shilling in the pound. Harrison Abraham £1.7s Horrobin John £1.10s late William
D2375/E/R/5/141 (D2375/M/103/61)	Rental of the Staffordshire estates. Sir Henry Harpur's Estate.	Michaelmas 1805 - Lady Day 1806	Sheen at will Harrison Abraham Horrobin John late William 28.10 28.10	M 13.10 15.0 28.10	LD 13.10 15.0 28.10	For another rental for the same terms, see D2375/E/R/5/140 (D2375/M/106/8)
D2375/E/R/5/143 (D2375/M/103/62)	Rental of the Staffordshire estates. Sir Henry Harpur's Estate.	Michaelmas 1806 - Lady Day 1807	Sheen at will Harrison Abraham Horrobin John late William 28.10 28.10	M 13.10 15.0 28.10	LD 13.10 15.0 28.10	For another rental for the same terms, see D2375/E/R/5/142 (D2375/M/171/48)
D2375/E/R/5/145 (D2375/M/105/14)	Rental of Staffordshire estates	Michaelmas 1807 - Lady Day 1808	Sheen Harrison Abraham, Horrobin John late William, a tenement £28.10 £28.10	M 13.10 15.0 £28.10	LD 13.10 15.0 £28.10	For another account for the same terms, see D2375/E/R/5/144 (D2375/M/106/9)

D2375/E/R/5/147 (D2375/M/171/15)	Rental of Staffordshire estates of Sir Henry Harpur	Michaelmas 1808 - Lady Day 1809	M LD Harrison Abraham, 13.10 Horrobbin John late 15.00 William	13.10 15.00	
D2375/E/R/5/128 (D2375/M/106/6)	Rental for Staffordshire estates	Michaelmas 1809 - Lady Day 1810	Sheen at will Harrison, Abraham, A tenement at Whitle Horrobbin, William for a tenement there Total	M LD £16.10 £16.10 £18.00 £18.00 £34.10 £34.10	For another account for the same terms, see D2375/E/R/5/146 (D2375/M/106/10)
D2375/E/R/5/153 (D2375/M/161/72)	Incomplete rent roll of Staffordshire	c. 1810	Harrison Abraham Horrobbin John	27.0.0 30.0.0	Harrison's acreage – 50a 2r. Valuation £32 (then giving £33, which seems to be the new rent). Horrobbin's acreage – 52a 1r. Valuation £34 16s. (then giving £36, which seems to be the new rent).
D2375/E/R/5/150 (D2375/M/160/19)	Rent roll for Alstonefield, Warslow, Elkstone, Butterton, Onecote, Fawfieldhead, Heathilee, Quarnford, Hollinsclough, Longnor, Sheen and Wensley	Lady Day 1811 - Lady Day 1812	Sheen Harrison Abraham Horrobbin John	33.0.0 36.0.0	
D2375/E/R/5/151 (D2375/M/160/22)	Rent roll for Alstonefield, Warslow, Elkstone, Butterton, Onecote, Fawfieldhead, Heathilee, Hollinsclough, Quarnford,	Michaelmas 1812	Sheen Harrison Abraham Horrobbin John	33.0.0 36.0.0	

Longnor,  
Sheen and  
Wensley

D2375/E/R/5/152 (D2375/M/160/26)	Rent roll for Alstonefield, Warslow, Elkstone, Butterton, Onecote, Fawfieldhead, Heathilee, Quarnford, Hollinsclough, Longnor, Sheen and Wensley	Lady Day 1813 to Lady Day 1815	Sheen Harrison Abraham Horobin John	33.0.0 36.0.0
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