



East Overton Survey of First Earl of Pembroke 1567 (WRO 2057/3)

Introduction to Pembroke Surveys

- In 1534 William Herbert married Anne Parr daughter of Sir Thomas Parr of Kendal.
- On the 8th April William Herbert and Anne received a grant for their lives on the lands in Wiltshire which had belonged to the dissolved Abbey of Wilton with certain rents being reserved by the King.
- When Henry VIII married Katherine Parr, Anne became sister in law of the King.
- On 18th May 1543 William Herbert was knighted.
- On 14th January 1546 the lands were re granted to Sir William Herbert, Anne his wife and heirs in male body.
- On 27th April 1546 he was made Gentleman of the Privy Chamber, granted stewardship of Marlborough, Selkele and much of the King's property in the west.
- Lady Pembroke had two sons Henry and Lord Herbert who the present lords are descended.
- It was the practise of all the landed proprietors to have an accurate survey of the manor detailing the rights of the lord, fines, rentals and services to which he was entitled.
- On March 1st 1563 the Earl of Pembroke appointed Charles Vaughan and Robert Grove to be the Commissioner's. In December 1566 the survey was started and in April 1567 East and West Overton were surveyed.

Translation from the Latin of the 1567 Survey of East Overton by T H Baker.

An Inquiry held at that place on the day of Wednesday 23 April in the ninth year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth 1566, Queen of England and France and Ireland, defender of the faith and before Charles Vaughan and Robert Grove Gentlemen Commissioners before written as well by inspection of the Indentures copies of writings and examination of the Customary Tenants of inferior tithes and of the oaths who by their oaths say and make recognisance as the following appeareth viz:

Of the Customary Tenants in East Overton.

JOHN BINGER in right of Joan his wife late the daughter of Andrew Pears holds by copy dated 19th October. 1&2. Philip and Mary under a fine of £22. Two messauges, one virgate of land and 2 half virgates of land and 10 acres of land with appurtenances, of which of arable land in Southfielf 27 ½ acres, in Eastfield 29 acres in North field 13 acres one rood, one close called Uphouseclose containing half an acre, one close called Overhouseclose containing one rood, 2

other closes containing half an acre, and of meadows half an acre, common for 200 two teethers, eleven working beasts and 6 heifers and he shall do 6 days work in harvest for the farmer and shall pay as a herriot the best animal and 2s 6d and return (as sent) 26s 4d.

WILLIAM GODWYN and John the son of Phillip Godwyn hold but copy dated 14th April in the 3rd year of Elizabeth under a fine of £13 - 6 - 8 one messuage, one virgate of land and 2 half virgates of land of which in Southfield 18 ½ acres in Eastfield 14 acres in Northfield 10 acres one rood of meadow in two particulars one acre, one close called Cokkers Close containing one rood, one close called ? Lane Close containing one rood, pasture for 160 two teethers, 9 working beasts and 6 heifers and they shall do for the farmer 3 days work in harvest and shall give as a herriot the best animal and in pence for the aforesaid 2 half virgates of land 2s 6d and they return 20s.

ROBERT POPEJOYE holds for the term of his life by copy dated 20th October 28th year of the reign of King Henry VIII under a fine of 53s 4d and for the reversion thence belonging to Thomas and Robert his sons by copy dated 14th April 3rd year of Queen Elizabeth under a fine of £24 one messuage and one virgate of land and the toft of one messuage and half a virgate of land and one messuage and half a virgate of land with appurtenances of which in Southfield 12 ½ acres, in Baresfield 5 acres, in Eastfield 18 acres, in Northfield 19 acres, one close called Deanesclose containing 3 acres, one close called Wyllesclove containing one rood, in Broadmede half an acre common for 160 two teethers, 9 working beasts and 6 heifers and he shall do only one day in harvest because he is the greatest customary in the Page 16 of 100 Autumn and he shall give as a herriot one best animal and in pence 2s 6d and returns (in sent) 16 shillings.

WILLIAM STRETCHER holds by copy dated 24th day of September 38th year of the reign of King Henry VIII under a fine of 60 shillings and the reversion thence belonging to Thomas senior and Thomas junior his sons by another copy dated 3rd April 1st year of Queen Elizabeth under a fine of £30 one messuage, one virgate of land and one messuage and half a virgate of land, one cottage with curtilage adjoining containing half an acre called Syllebones and 9 acres of Bourdland lying in the Eastfield of Overton with their appurtenances of which of arable land in Southfield 17 ½ acres, in Eastfield 23 acres in Northfield 9 acres one rood, in Broadmede one acre of meadow, one close called Syleebones containing half an acre and another close containing 3 roods common for 120 two teethers, 7 working beasts and 5 heifers and he shall do 3 days work in harvest and give as a herriot best animal and 15 pence and render 18s 4d

THOMAS STRETCHER senior and Thomas junior tenants per copiam dated 19th October in the 1st and 2nd years of Phillip and Mary under a fine of £6 - 13 - 4 one messuage and half a virgate of land with appurtenances of which in Southfield 4 acres, in Eastfield 2 acres, in Northfield 4 acres, one close containing one rood, common for 40 two teethers, 3 working beasts and 2 heifers and he shall do one days working in harvest and pay 15 pence for a herriot and return 5 shillings.

THOMAS WEBBE and Katherine his daughter hold by copy dated 21st day of March in the second year of Queen Elizabeth under a fine of £20 one messuage one virgate and half of land with appurtenances of which in Southfield 12 acres, in Eastfield 18 ½ acres in Northfield 8 acres in Broadmede 2 half acres, 2 plots containing one rood one plec of meadow lying in Horsemede containing half an acre, one several close called Lane close containing one rood, common for 120 two teethers, 7 working beasts and 5 heifers and he pays for herriot best animal and 15 pence in pence and he returns 14 shillings.

EDITH THE WIFE of Andrew Flynte holds by copy dated 24th September in the 38th year of the reign of King Henry VIII under a fine of 8 pence the reversion thence being conceded to Andrew Flynte and Thomas Newman 31st March in the 5th year of Queen Elizabeth under a fine of 100 shillings, one messuage and half a virgate of land with appurtenances of which in Southfield 2 acres, in Eastfield 4 acres, in Northfield 6 acres and half common for 40 two teethers, 3 working beasts and 2 heifers and she shall do one days work in the harvest and pay for herriot 15 pence and returns 15 shillings.

ALICE the wife of Bartholomew Malowe holds by copy dated the last day of April in the 30th year of the reign of King Henry VIII under a fine of 40 shillings and the reversion then conceded to John and Roger sons of the said Bartholomew 31st march in the 5th year of our Queen Elizabeth under a fine of £13-6s-8d. One messuage, one virgate of land and the toft of one messuage and half a virgate of land with appurtances of arable land in Eastfield 15 acres, in Smithfield 12 ½ acres, in Northfield 8 acres and of meadow in the common 3 roods and in Broadmeade 1 plot, 1 several close adjoining the house containing 3 roods, common for 120 two teeths, 7 working beasts and 5 heiffers and he shall do 3 days work in harvest and pay heriot the best animal and 15 pence and returns 15s.

WILLIAM STEPHENS and Thomas his son hold by copy dated 5th November in the third year of the reign of King Edward VI under a fine of £6-13s-14d one messuage and 2 virgates of land with appurtances of which in Southfield 17 acres, in Eastfield 17 ½ acres, and in Northfield 7 acres and in severalty half an acre and of meadow 3 half acres, common for 162 teeths, 9 working beasts and 6 heiffers and they shall do 3 days work and in the harvest in the autumn and shall give as a heriot 2 best animals and return 12s and 3 bushels of wheat.

WILLIAM SMITH holds by copy dated 21st April in the 28th year of the reign of King Henry VIII under a fine of 20s and the reversion thence belonging to Richard Smith by copy dated 14th April in the 3rd year of Queen Elizabeth under a fine of £10 one messuage and half a virgate of land and the toft of one messuage and half a virgate with appurtances of which 4 acres in Southfield, 18 acres 1 rood in Eastfield in severalty in the eastern part of the said village one of meadow, 1 rood lying in sockridge and in the common meadow 3 half acres, in Broadmead half an acre common for four score 2 teeths, 5 working beasts and 3 heiffers and he shall do one day's work in the harvest in autumn and shall pay as heriot 2s 6d and returns 10s.

THOMAS ANDREWES and John his son hold by copy dated 17th June in the first year of Queen Elizabeth under a fine of 53s 4d one cottage with appurtances of which in Southfield 3 half acres, in Northfield 3 1/2 acres common for one working beast and they return 3s 6d.

WILLIAM BROMESDON and Thomas his son hold by copy dated 25th March in the 2nd and 3rd of Philip and Mary under a fine of 41s one cottage with appurtances to which nothing pertains and they return 2s.

WILLIAM SMITH and Thomas his brother hold by copy dated 21st March in the 5th year of Queen Elizabeth under a fine of £20 one messuage, one virgate and a half of land with appurtances called Silborner of which in Southfield 17 acres and half in Eastfield 11 acres, 3 roods, in Northfield 7 acres and of meadow one acre lying at Sheldford, one acre of meadow

in Broadmead, one close called Sylbornes containing one rood and in severalty one rood, common for 120 two teeths, 7 working beasts and 5 heiffers and they shall do 3 days work in harvest in the autum and they pay as a heriot the best animal and for the said half virgate of land 15p in pence and return 17s 6d.

THOMAS GOODERD and Walter his brother hold by copy dated 5th April in the 36th year of King Henry VIII under a fine of 6s 8d one messuage and one cottage called Mawdyes with appurtances of which in Eastfield 5 acres, in Northfield 7 acres and in severalty half an acre, common for 3 working beats, 2 heiffers and 40 two teeths and they return 8s.

THE SAME THOMAS and WALTER hold by copy dated the same day and year one cottage with appurtances of which 2 curtilages in severalty are 3 roods and in the north part 2 acres arable, common for 2 working beats and they return 3s.

SUM OF THE CUSTOMARY TENANTS} £8-18-6
IN EAST OVERTON PER ANNUM}
OF THE TENANTS BY AGREEMENT IN EAST OVERTON.

RICHARD KINGESMYLL. Gentleman (who bears arms) holds by indenture dated 14th day of February in the 6th year of the reign of Kind Edward VI all that site of the manor of East Overton in the county of Wilts and all the buildings and houses standing and being in and upon the same site. Together with all lands, demenses, meadows, feedings, pastures, commons and pastures, hedges, ways and ditches pertaining or belonging to the same manor, or being parcels of the same manor with all and singular their appurtances late in the tenure and occupation of Thomas Wroughton, gentleman, all the works of all the customary tenants there not before noted and also the rectory of East Overton aforesaid with all glebe lands, fruits, oblations, amoluments and profits to the same rectory pertaining or belonging in as ample a manner and form as Thomas Gooderd before this held and occupied the same premises EXCEPT and always reserved to the Lord, his heirs and assigns the right of patronage and of the advowson of the vicarage of East Overton aforesaid and of the presentation of the same as often as it shall happen to be vacant during the present term. And the Lord hath conceded, devised and to farm delivered by these presents 3 acres of meadow lying and being in Patney in the count of wilts aforesaid in the meadow there called Broadmead and 4 acres of meadow in Patney aforesaid in a certain meadow there called Westmead. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all the aforesaid sit of the manor of East Overton and the aforesaid demesne lands and rectory, glebe lands and all other premises with all and singular their appurtances to Alice his wife late the wife of Thomas Wroughton deceased from the feast of St Michael the Archangel last passed before the date of the said indenture until the fulland term of 10 years if the same Alice and her first born boy between Thomas Wroughton and the said Alice lawfully begotten or either of them should so long live. TO RETURN thence annually to the Lord and his heirs during the same term £33 14s 11d of good and lawful English money at 2 terms of the year, viz at the feast of the annunciation of the Blessed Mary the Virgin and of St Michael the Archangel by equal payments. AND THE LORD hath conceded by the aforesaid indenture that the same Alice and her assigns shall have during her life sufficient house boote, heyboote, fyreboots and ploweboote in the wood of the Lord in the same place, by the right and delivery of the officers of the Lord, his heirs or assigns 25s 8d in money to be annually allowed for the same at their choice during the said term with divers clauses, agreements, conditions and articles in the said indenture specified as at large and verbatim appears in the register. AND THERE PERTAIN to the same of arable land viz in the Forehill

four score and eighteen acres and in Whitehill 30 acres and of pasture for sheep viz in Syphams 120 acres, 1 pasture called Dyllinge 31 acres, 1 close called Roddons Close containing 25 acres, one close called Pykkeldean 12 acres, 1 meadow called Northmead 5 acres, 1 pasture called ... with the tenants and in Broadmead 5 acres and in Pittneymeade 7 acres ...in the fields of Plyfeld 108 acres and 1 meadow called ...meade containing 3 acres ...croft upon the premises 600 ewe sheep and 800 fat sheep and there pertain to the said rectory all the ties of corn at East Overton, West Overton, Shawe and Phiphild and he has in the name of the farm one ...£33 14s 11d. Note in margin "See within for Roddon Cowdown which is pasture extremely good. Note that the measure here is 18ft to the perch."

THE SAME RICHARD KYNGESMYLL. Armiger holds by indenture dated 12th August in the 31st year of the reign of King Henry VIII one messuage and one virgate of land formally Ralph Smith and the toft of one messuage and one virgate of land called Lezdeane and one messuage and one virgate of land called Hylhouse with all other appurtances to the same pertaining in as ample a manner and form as Robert Stephens late servant there or anyone else before him held and occupied the same.

RESERVED to the Lord and his heirs all manner of waifes, stray cattle, goods and chattels of felons and other profits and suits pertaining to the courts, views of frank pledge viz of money for pannage and certain ranks. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD from the feast of St Michael the archangel next after the date of the said indenture unto the ...and term of 61 years thence next following. TO RETURN thence annually to the Lord and his heirs 20s at 2 terms viz at the feast of Easter and of St Michael the Archangel in equal payments and also to return and pay at every death or the quitting of each tenant which shall happen during the said term 26s 8d in the name of a fine and 20s in the name of a heriot with divers, other clauses, agreements, conditions and articles in the said indenture specified as at large appears verbatim in the register. AND THERE PERTAIN to the said 3 virgates of land of arable land in Southfield 13 acres, in Eastfield 33 acres, in Northfield 3 acres, in Conyesfield 11 ½ acres, at Wayland 1 acre of meadow, in Horsemeade 3 roods, 1 close in severalty called Deane close containing 2 acres, 1 close called West close containing 1 acre, 1 close called House close containing 1 acre, 1 close called Hyllec close containing half an acre. Common for 240 two teeths, 12 working beasts and 1 bull and 6 heiffers and he returns per annum 20s.

SUM OF THE AGREEMENT £34 – 14 - 11

Tenants in East Overton per annum

OF CERTAIN RENTS

THE TENANTS of East Overton return annually for a common fine viz. at the Feast of Easter 4 shillings and at the Feast of Michaelmas 4 shillings to be collected by the Tithingman at that place 8 shillings.

THE TENANTS of Phipheld return similarly annually for a common fine at the Feast of Easter 2 shillings and at the Feast of Michaelmas 2 shillings to be collected by the Tithingman there 4 shillings.

OF PANNAGE AND TALLAGE

THE TENANTS of East Overton return annually for pannage and tallage at the Feast of Michaelmas s much as 4 shillings.

THE TENANTS of Phipheld return annually for the like pannage and talage at the said Feast of Saint Michael 3 shillings.

DE LUZ CHURCHETTES

WILLIAM STRETCHER renders annually for his churchettes viz. 3 bushels of wheat of the price of 22 pence by the custom and one cock and one hen of the price of 2 pence each.

WILLIAM STEPHENS renders annually for his churchettes 3 bushels of wheat which is worth in common years as much as it can be sold for in the market.

3 bushels of wheat of the value of 3s

SUM OF THE CERTAIN RENTS

Of Pannage and Tallage and the Churchettes 21s 2d 3 bushels of wheat

SUM OF THE TOTAL ANNUAL £52 13 pence 3 bushels of wheat

VALUE OF THE MANOR AFORESAID

Free tenants 20 shillings

Customary £15 – 5 shillings

Of which from The farm of the lands £34 – 14 – 11

Churchettes and other things 21s 2d

And 3 bushels of wheat to the value of 3s

REPAID annually by the vicar at that place for his pension as of old 38 shillings 9 pence.

And paid to the farmer annually for his livery 6s 8d and for fuel 20 shillings as appears by his indentures annually 26s 8d.

AND REMAINS CLEAR £48 15 – 8 3 bushels of wheat.

EAST OVERTON

THOMAS APJEAN alias Johnson Clerk of the age of 70 years, now vicar at the Vicarage at Overton holds his vicarage of the patronage of the lord and is worth per annum £10 clear yearly value and there pertains to the said vicarage 3 virgates of land of which 10 acres are lying in Southfield, 13 ½ acres in Eastfield, 17 acres in Northfield and one plot and in the fields of Phiphelde viz in Northfield 15 acres, in Ryelands 3 acres and he shall have pasturage with the farmer upon the Hackpen for 100 two teethers and common for 12 working beasts and one bull and 2 heifers with the flocks of the tenants in East Overton and he shall receive annually from the lord for his pension issuing from this rectory 38s 9d and he shall have no tithes from the lords farmer for wool hay lambs nor for other things and he returns to the lord per annum , nothing

THERE IS PERTAINING AT THE SAME PLACE the tithes of East Overton in the north part a comon down called Hackpen Down which certain ? the farm and the tennants hold for their working beasts annually from the feast of the annunciation of the blessed Mary the virgin until the feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle and then remains to the farmer until the annunciation of Mary. Nevertheless the

farmer shall enter the the same place at the feast of St Martin with 600 sheep and it cotains by estimation 4 score acres. THERE IS AT THE SAME PLACE one other hill called Rodden Cowedown which the farmer and the tennants hold from Hockday until the feast of St Michael the Archangel with their working beasts and at the said feast of michael the said hill remains to the farmer and also as quickly as the corn of one part of the north field in Autumn is amoured? The tenants aforesaid shall enter the same place with cattle and their working beasts as well in the meadow as in the stubble and shall depasture in that place until the feast of Saint Dionysus? And then they shall remove to the hill of Hackpen and the field shall remain to the farmer and the foresaid hill of Radden contains by estimation 60 acres.

THERE IS IN THE SAME PLACE a common pasture called Priors Ball Full Ridge and Hursley which pertains to the tenants for the whole year and it contains by estimation 100 acres.

AND ONE HILL called Brode Downe containing by estimation 33 acres and one hill called Sitte? Downe containing by estimation 8 acres they pertain to the tenants for their sheep and contain in the hole 42 acres.

AND ONE PIECE of land called Stoneydene contaning 2 acres and one piece of land containing one acre called Horesmead and the whole Drove behind Westclose they pertain to the tenants and contain by estimation 3 acres.

AND IT IS TO BE NOTED that the aforesaid tenants intercommon in Baresfield in the western part and fron Old Berye as far as Stony Deane and in Connyfelde.

AND THE TENANTS aforesaid present that there are within East Overton aforesaid two common springs called Comon Wells which are for the use of the inhabitants.

AND THAT there is situated in East Overton one coppice called Sythe Wood
THE WOODS in planted with very small oaks and hazel and is the age of 12 years and contains by
East Overton estimation 16 acres.

AND ONE COPICE called Wolles Grove similarly planted with very small oaks
and hazel and is of the age of 6 years and contains by estimation 40 acres.

AND BE IT KNOWN that the custom is that every tenant who does harvest work in the Autumn for the farmer shall bring with him his breakfast and afterwards he shall have drink at the farmers cost and one loaf of the value of one penny and as much meat as is worth one penny.

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