

As for Michael Parker, he served on the panel of manorial jurors from June to September 1665, and may well be identified with the Michael Parker, clothier, of Dewsbury, who can be found in three property transactions concerning land in Earlsheaton, the last appearing to be a mortgage, as the surrender would be void if Parker paid Christopher Dixon, blacksmith, of Dewsbury £42 8s on 18 May 1666 (p. 91).

Christopher Kirke may have been another clothier, of Alverthorpe. The latter seems to have mortgaged a cottage in Alverthorpe, redeemable in increasing annual instalments rising to £6 4s on 10 November 1668 (pp. 43-4). Thomas Coates was another regular member of the jury panel, attending in December, January, March, June, August and September 1665. He also served on the leet panel for Wakefield in October 1664. Robert Mansfield served on the manorial panel in December, February, March, April, July, August and September. George Milner served in December (twice), February, May (twice), July, August and September. Robert Scott served on the jury in April, August and September 1665. Robert Dickinson served on the manorial jury from July to September 1665 and on the Wakefield court leet in October 1664.

This analysis shows that of the twelve jurors serving in August 1665 the majority had served in that capacity many times. Even in the case of Thomas Ramsden, who made only a single appearance that year on the jury, he had served seven times as 'lord's tenant' for land in the graveship of Sandal, being unusually given a territorial description 'of New - bigginhill'. As the property in one surrender was similarly described he was in every sense a neighbour. The man for whom he acted was the same George Hutchinson 'of Newbigginhill' with whom he served as juror in August. Hutchinson had served previously in this capacity in October and December 1664.

A comparison of the two panels suggests that while status and office might be relevant, experience as a juror counted also.

Surrenders of Land

The main business of the seventeenth century manorial court at Wakefield was to register changes in land

'ownership'. Each surrender represented a transfer of interest. The procedure has already been described. The motives for the transfer are not normally explicit.

In only two cases out of over two hundred is a sale admitted. In one **Richard Malinson, a Wakefield clothier**, paid John and Timothy Rawson, London trades-men, £11 for property in Westgate, Wakefield. In the other Thomas Senior of Hopton, gentleman, bought two separate roods of land in the west field of Horbury from Robert Jagger, husbandman, for £4. In twenty-three cases the transfer was to become void on a future payment of money, and so may be interpreted as either a mortgage or a pledge for performance. This is admitted on the dorse of one filed inden - ture - 'my surety for the 501 I am bound to Widow Cawthorne' (p. 40).

In thirty-five cases both parties to the transaction were kin and the effect of the transfer was to ensure descent of property, sometimes to a younger son or to safeguard the widow's interest. It may be noted that two wills were recorded, presumably because they indicated the intentions of the deceased. Prudence Parker required her husband to distribute £80 in legacies, and to this end Thomas Whiteakers, the deputy steward, surrendered into the lord's hands in court two closes in Earlsheaton to the use of the widower (pp. 57-8). (The final bequest was of 6d to every poor householder in the neighbourhood before the funeral.)

The second will was made by John Hall of Sandal Magna, yeoman, who seems to have had a poor opinion of his eldest son, William, to whom he left 5s 'in full satisfaction of all demands out of all or any of my estate reall or personall'. The purpose of the will was to balance property against cash. The second son John was to receive specified lands, as were Robert, Joseph and Thomas, but Thomas's share would be in land only if his two elder brothers failed to pay him £60 each within a year of his father's death. The fourth son Richard was left £80, as was the daughter Elizabeth, with a bonus of an extra £20 if she married with the approval of the executors (pp. 102-4).

Among unusual motives for surrenders, Edward Holdsworth of Horbury, waller, entrusted John Walker junior,

and then to the use of Anne Battie daughter of the said William Battie and her lawfully begotten heirs, for lack of whom to the use of Edward Battie and his heirs and assigns for ever. Agreed. Mary Battie paid an entry fine of 2s ¼d for her life term, and Anne Battie for entry when it befall paid 2¼d.

SOWERBY (18) Joseph Hargreaves of Lightcliffe, yeoman, lord's tenant, testified that James Mitchell of Crownest' in Lightcliffe in Yorks, yeoman, on 20 October last surrendered into the lord's hands personally a messuage called Milnebanke with all houses, barns, structures, gardens, crofts, and 6 closes of land meadow and pasture, with all ways, waters and watercourses appertenant now occupied by John Bates or his assigns and all other rights now held by Isaac Hopkinson and Mary Gawkroger or their assigns, situated in the graveship of Sowerby at a lord's rent of 2s 4d under composition: to the use of Alexander Bate of Cromwellbothome, clerk, his heirs and assigns for ever, provided that if James Mitchell or his attorney, heirs, executors or administrators shall pay to Alexander Bate or his certain attorney ... the sum of £130, viz £6 on 20 October 1665 and a further £6 on 20 October 1666, and similarly in 1667 and 1668 and the sum remaining of £106 to be repaid on 20 October 1669 in the residence of the said Alexander at Cromwellbothome without any fraud then the surrender to be null and void. If, however, there be any default the surrender shall remain in force. Agreed: entry fine of 7s.

WAKEFIELD (19) John Peables, gen, lord's tenant, testified that John Rawson, citizen and merchant tailor of London, and Timothy Rawson, citizen and lorimer of London, in consideration of £11 paid to the said John Rawson and Timothy Rawson on 5 July past surrendered into the lord's hands personally that messuage with a barn and yard appertaining lying at Brookebancke in Westgate in Wakefeld at a lord's rent of 13d under composition: to the use of **Richard Malinson** of Wakefeld, clothier, his heirs and assigns forever. Agreed: entry fine of 8d.

OSSETT (20) Dorothy Liversedge, widow of Richard Liversedge senior, late of Birkhouse, deceased, sought before the lord's steward licence to have wardship and custody on payment of 12d of John Liversedge son and heir of Richard with the lands in the graveship of Ossett during his minority. Agreed: she making good and sufficient account when John comes of age.

OSSETT (21) Dorothy Liversedge, widow of Richard

BRIGHOUSE: View of frankpledge and court leet of the King, with tourn, held on 11 October 16 Charles II [1664].

Panel for the king Inquisition taken on the oath of Joshua Whitley, Henry Brighthouse, John Hanson, William Pannell, Robert Haigh, Nathan Crowther, John Stancliffe of Scoute, Richard Wade, Thomas Denton, Arthur Blackburne, Thomas Hileleigh, John Mallinson and John Botthomley, jurors, who said on oath that Joseph Goodall of Rastricke [blank] the house of Samuel Dyson of Rastricke 10s; John Ledgard of Dalton made an affray and drew blood from Robert Wood 10s; John Ledgard of Dalton made affray and drew blood from Grace, wife of Robert Wood 10s; John Ledgard of Dalton made affray and drew blood from John Wood 10s; Abraham Hemmingway of Lightcliffe made affray and drew blood from John Crosley 10s; Thomas Watson made affray and drew blood from Robert Fisher 10s; John Whitley of Northowrome made affray and drew blood from Thomas Richardson 10s
[membrane 22 dorse]

Hipperholme township sworn men present that Joseph Wright is elected constable this year and sworn.

Rastrick township sworn men present that William Garlicke is elected constable this year and sworn. They said that Samuel Dyson listened at the house of Joseph Goodheire in Rastricke 10s

Fixby township sworn men present that Thomas Oldfeild is elected constable this year and sworn.

Northowram township sworn men present that John Stancliffe is elected constable this year and sworn. They said that Jonathan Threapland did not [switch] his hedge between Godleybrigge and le Tillyholme according to a pain 3s 4d

Shelf township sworn men present that Antony Lee is elected constable this year and sworn.

Quarmby township sworn men present that Abraham Malinson is elected constable this year and sworn. They said that Joshua Morton made an affray and drew blood from Thomas Denton 10s; Joshua Morton made an affray on John Deate 3s 4d ['drew blood' deleted]

Dalton township sworn men present that John Horsfall is elected constable this year and sworn.

Hartshead township sworn men present that John Reyner is elected constable this year and sworn.

Clifton township sworn men present that Francis Drake is elected constable this year and sworn.

Stainland township sworn men present that John

Beecroft is elected constable this year and sworn. They said that Edward Dawson of Lee in Stainland lately built a cottage contrary to statute £10

Barkisland township sworn men present that Edmund Garside is elected constable this year and sworn. They said that Michael Lumme junior made an affray and drew blood from Judith Crosley 10s

Finally it is presented that all the above is true.

HIPPERHOLME (173) John Stancliffe, lord's tenant, testified that Sarah Northend and Susan Northend of Wilroid in Northowrome, spinsters (sisters and co-heiresses of John Northend lately of the same, deceased) on 23 July last surrendered into the lord's hands personally all those undivided 5 parts of a parcel of wooded ground estimated at 1½ acres adjoining the lands of Joshua Crowther of Staups to the south and somewhat to the west, the lands of Robert Hall to the east and north, and the lord's waste to the west in Northowrome, now occupied by the said Joshua Crowther or his assigns at a lord's rent of 1d under composition, with all their interest in the same: to the use of the said Joshua Crowther of Staups in Northowrome, clothier, his heirs Agreed: entry fine of 3d.

Sum -

[A¹] [In the draft roll the panel is followed by surrender (173)]

Hipperholme Richard Gucksmith, constable, John Gill of Hone Dyr, Richard Hanson of le Streete, Nathan Crosley and William Thorpe present Joseph Wright as constable - sworn

Rastrick Richard Ramsden, constable, Joseph Goodheire, John Stake, John Peele and Samuel Brooke, sworn men, present William Garlicke as constable - sworn

Fixby Brian Stones, constable, William Marsden and James Kay, sworn men, present Thomas Oldfeild as constable - sworn

Northowram Edward Pollard, constable, Gilbert Sturdie, Abraham Shawe, Jeremiah Baxter and Samuel Craven, sworn men, present John Stancliffe as constable - sworn

Shelf Samuel Brigge, constable, John Sunderland, John Appleyard, John Waterhouse and John Holmes, sworn men, present Anthony Lee as constable - sworn.

Quariby John Hirst, constable, Nicholas Hirst, John Haigh, Edward Brooke and James Wilson, sworn men, present **Abraham Mallinson** as constable - sworn

Pannell and Nathan Gleadhill fined 7s 6d for their remainder.

SCAMMONDEN (206) George Walker, lord's tenant, testified that William Denton of Whitelee in Scammonden, yeoman, on 17 April surrendered into the lord's hands personally a close of land and meadow commonly called Stirckhouse Inge, estimated at 2½ acres, with a messuage in Scammonden called Whitelee now occupied by the said William or his assigns, and all ways passages waters watercourses liberties and easements at a lord's rent of 10d under composition: to the use of Michael Carter of Lingardwood in Marsden, clothier, his heirs ..., provided that if the said William Denton, his heirs, executors ... shall pay the said Michael Carter or his certain attorney ... the sum of £42 on 16 April next after the date of the surrender at the residence of the said Michael at Lingardwood in Marsden without fraud the surrender shall be deemed void. Agreed: entry fine of 2s 6d.

Sum -

[In the draft the constabulary juries are followed by surrenders (205-6)]

Hipperholme Joseph Wright, constable, Thomas Sugden, Andrew Gill, Nathan Crosley and Charles Farrer, sworn.

Rastrick William Garlicke, constable, Samuel Brooke, Thomas Marsden, Joseph Boothroid, Thomas Thornhilley, sworn.

Fixby Thomas Oldfeild, constable, James Kay and John Shepley, sworn. Joseph Deane sworn constable for the coming half-year.

Northowram John Stancliffe, constable, Joshua Crowther, Jeremy Bairstowe, John Wilby and John Longbothome, sworn.

Shelf Anthony Lee, constable, George Hoyle, Samuel Starkie, Samuel Brigge and Isaac Maude, sworn.

Quarmby Abraham Mallinson, constable, Hugh Ramsden, Nicholas Hirst, Thomas Denton and William Denton, sworn.

Dalton John Horsfall, constable, Edmund Spivie, Robert Wood and Richard Milnes, sworn.

Hartshead John Reyner, constable, Edward Hepworth and Richard Walker, sworn.

Clifton Francis Drake, constable, Michael Grave and Edward Barnett, sworn.

Stainland John Beecroft, constable, John Gleidhill, John Prestley, George Gleidhill and Jo Hey, sworn.

Barkisland Edmund Garside, constable, John Harrison,

to Michaell Wodhead at or before the 24 of June next upon payne of every of them the sum of ten shillings.

Also we lay in paine Michaell Wodhead that he amend and repayre one way leading from the Northfeild yate *or new intake* [inserted] unto the yate on the north syde of the said Michael Wodhead house at or before the 24th of June next upon payne of the som of ten shillings

Also we payne the occupiers of the lands of James Ellison and Joseph Fournes that they amend and repaire one way caled Crose Lane leading from John Sunderland unto Jager Grant at or before the 24th of June next upon payne of every of them the sum of ten shillings

Also we payne John Stocks that he amend and repaire one way caled Soper Lane at or before the 24th of June next upon payne of ten shillings

Shelfe

[G] Quarmby Bill Aprill the 18th daye Anno 1665
of paynes layde by the Constable and the foure men presenters

Item wee laye in payne that noe person or persons doe turne any water in the Towne lane belonginge unto Nether Linley to the annoyance of the heigh waye in payne of everye tyme soe offendinge 1s 0d

Item wee laye in payne that noe person or persons doe make any waye in Quarmby Hall crofte in payne of everye tyme soe offendinge 1s 0d

Item wee laye in payne that noe person or persons doe make any waye over the grounds belonginge unto Henry Smyth from the Haighhouse unto the Broadcarr in payne of everye soe offendinge 2s 0d

Abraham [mark] Mallinson Nicholas Hirste

constable Thomas Denton

[signed] Henry Brighouse William.[mark] Denton

Samuel Lister / Thomas Hilileigh Hugh Ramsden

/ John Kirshawe

Quarmby

[endorsed] Item wee laye in payne that John Fairebanck and Abraham Beamount doe keepe their water for overflowinge the ground' in occupacion of Hugh Ramsden in payne of everye tyme soe offendinge 3s 4d

[H] Dalton Bill

Aprill the 18th day in the yeare of our lord 1665

We lay paine that Mr Henery Hirst, vicar of Hoddersfeild, doe sett his steeles betwixt this and the first day of November in ten shillings in the