



MEMORIALS

OF



BRAM

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OF

THE GRANGE, HINDLEY.

“Knowledge groweth, judgement encreaseth, books are dispersed.”

—JOHN FOX.



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ABRAM having been formerly and for several generations the home of the family of the compiler of these Memorials, its history naturally excited his interest, and such waifs and strays as reached him from time to time he carefully preserved.

Three or four years ago he asked permission of the then governing body of the Township to examine the papers in the Town's Chest, and these gentlemen not only at once cordially assented to his wishes, but permitted him to take the papers to his own house, whereby he was enabled to give to them a more careful perusal, and to make larger extracts.

To Henry Jackson Whitley, Esq., of Biggleswade, Hants, he is indebted for permission to inspect the deeds of the Abram Hall estate; to Humphrey J. Walmsley, Esq., of Westwood, for the same privilege of those relating to Bamfurlong Hall; and to the Trustees of the late Abraham Ackers, Esq., for a similar liberality as regards Bickershaw Hall. To W. A. Abram, Esq., the historian of Blackburn, he desires also to express his obligations for aid in transcribing some of the ancient deeds it was necessary for him to investigate.

Researches will no doubt as time goes on supply missing links, correct errors, and bring to light additional facts, so as to render any similar attempt in the future easier and more complete.

Hindley, December, 1881.

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Introduction.

ABRAM is a township in the ancient Parish of Wigan, lying south-east of that town.¹ It contains 1,982 statute acres of land, which, until recently, have been entirely devoted to agriculture. The township is generally flat and low lying, the soil thin, and covering a thick bed of clay. It grows wheat well, and here and there are good pastures; but farming is backward, and practised for the most part unskillfully. There is little wood, and that not of large size, and even the little there is now being lessened by the various vapours emanating from neighbouring manufactories. The principal watercourse is the Hey, or Aye, or Eye Brook. This stream takes its rise at the foot of Tucker's Hill, at the boundary of the townships of Haigh and Blackrod. In its course through Hindley it is called Borsdane Brook; in Abram, as stated, Hey, or Aye, or Eye Brook. Further on it is known as Plank-lane Brook, Pennington Brook, and, finally, in Glazebrook, where it empties itself into the river Mersey at Hollins Green on the southerly side of Chat Moss, as Glazebrook River. The canal, connecting Liverpool with Manchester, and the North Union

(1) Speculation has been indulged in as to the meaning of the name of the township. It was first known as Adburgham, afterwards as Abraham, finally as Abram. Some persons have interpreted Adburgham to mean "the entrance to the town;" but if so it must have been applied to Abram as being the entrance to Wigan, a town distant three miles away, a surmise therefore manifestly improbable. Names of places were formerly given, and even still are, without any apparent reason; but if a name may have been at first bestowed with propriety, the lapse of time, and changes in spelling, render it difficult to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion of its origin.

Railway run through the township. The Wigan Junction Railway, of which the first sod was cut on the 27th of October, 1876, by the Right Honourable Sir R. A. Cross, will prove an important element in opening the valuable seams of coal lying underneath the surface. The late Mr. Abraham Ackers, of Bickershaw Hall, first commenced working coal a little more than thirty years ago, but it is only recently that mining operations have been prosecuted to any considerable extent. These operations have, however, been so far developed by the various coal companies that according to the returns made to the Overseers for the present year (1881) the value of the coal gotten amounts to £14,666. From this data it is assumed that 500,000 tons have been raised, and employment given to 1,800 men. Ecclesiastically, Abram is in the Rural Deanery of Wigan, the Archdeaconry of Warrington, and the Diocese of Liverpool. Politically, it is in the South-Western Division of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

The population in—

1801 amounted to	475	|	1851 amounted to	968
1811	502	|	1861	911
1821	504	|	1871	1065 ²
1831	511	|	1881	2638
1841	901	|		

The rateable value of the township in—

1840 was	£3,777	2	4	|	1878 was	£16,892	7	0	
1854	„	4,990	0	0	1881	„	19,588	0	0
1874	„	14,134	12	0					

The number of inhabited houses in—

1871 was	193		in 1881,	436
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The tithes have been commuted at £242.

From 1872 until 1880 the township was governed by a Parochial Committee acting under the Rural Sanitary Authority of the Wigan Union. Previously it was under

(2) Digest of English Census of 1871, by James Lewis. London: Edward Stanford, 1873.

the direct control of the ratepayers by Overseers. An Order of the Local Government Board, dated May 4th, 1880, constituted Abram into a Local Government District, application for the Order having been previously formally made by the ratepayers. The first meeting of the Board was held on Wednesday, the 21st of July following.

The notice given of Abram by Baines is concise and extends only to sixteen lines.³ "ABRAM.—This small "agricultural township, the parish originally called "Adburgham, and afterwards Abraham, gave name to "an ancient family of landowners, of whom was Richard "de Edburgham who held four bovates of land⁴ by gift "of Henry II., in fee farm, by a rent of four shillings; "and of those four bovates the third part was given in "alms.⁵ A descendant, Gilbert de Abram, about the "reign of Henry IV., had a daughter, Cecily, married to "Robert Hindeley, and John Abraham, of Abraham, "whose daughter and heiress married to James Holt, of "Grizzlehurst about the reign of Henry V.⁶ In the "proceedings of an inquisition taken at Wigan, March "28, 1627, before John Bridgman, Bishop of Chester, "and rector of Wigan, and other 'commissioners ad pios "usus,' it is found that 'diverse yeares since Mary "Abraham of Abraham in the parish of Wigan did lend "unto Miles Gerrard late of Ince, Esqre., the some of "Fowrescore Powndes, in trust for the use of a free "school to be erected in Hindly."⁷ There are in this "township several ancient houses. *Abram Hall*, once a "moated brick mansion, existing in the time of Henry

(3) Vol. 2, page 190. Routledge, 1870.

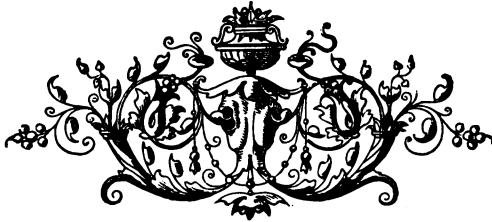
(4) "Bovata terræ, is as much as one Ox can Plough. Octo bovata terræ faciunt carucata terræ, octo carucata faciunt unum Feodum Militis. XVIII acrae faciunt Bovatam terræ. M.S. cum notis in statut." *Law Dictionary* by Thomas Blount, of the Inner Temple, Esqre., 1670. "Carucata terræ—'Skene says, it contains as great a Portion of Land as may be labored and tilled in a year and day by one Plough.'"—*Idem.*—(J. L.)

(5) Testa de Nevill fol. 406.

(6) Records as far as they are known do not confirm this marriage.—(J. L.)

(7) This School was superseded a few years ago by a new school at Hindley, endowed with £30 a year.

“VI.; Bamfurlong or Bromforlong, a wood, plaster, and brick building, of an age contemporaneous with it where formerly existed an ancient Catholic Chapel, long disused; *Bickershaw Hall*, until lately a moated massive brick house, with approach by a gateway and bridge. In pulling down the gateway some years since, three celts or ancient British war-weapons were discovered. The Episcopal Chapel of St. John the Baptist was erected in 1838. It is a vicarage of which the Rev. J. J. Dixon, B.A. (1839), is the present incumbent; patron, the rector of Wigan.”



Abram, Bamfurlong, and Bickershaw Halls.



HERE are three old Halls in Abram, all of them having been moated, and all of them the abodes of ancient families—Abram, Bamfurlong, and Bickershaw, notice of each of which I propose to make. If there be truth in a distich once well known, but now only remembered by persons in advanced life, the owners were all Catholics. The distich runs—“Ince, Brynn, and Bamfurlong, Abram and Lowe, Byrom and Lishaw, and Mozley old Hall, eight papist houses all in a row.” Another version is slightly different and casts an imputation upon the generosity of the several families. “There’s Ince, Brynn, and Bamfurlong, Abram and Lowe, Lishaw and Byrom and Moseley old Hall, eight papist houses all in a row, and never an alms to be given at them all.”

ABRAM HALL.

The owners of this mansion originally bore the ancient name of the township, which changed to Abraham with the township itself, and afterwards likewise to Abram. They were Lords of the Manor, but the lordship was not co-equal with the township. The existing records of the estate commence in the fortieth year of Elizabeth (1598) when it consisted of the Manor and Manor House, 10 messuages, 10 tofts, one Wynd Mill, 10 gardens, 10 orchards, 100 acres of lands, 20 acres of meadowe, 100 acres of pasture, 10 acres of wood, and 10 shillings rents; of a messuage or tenement in the holding of John Lythgoe of the yearly rent of 25s., and of another messuage in the tenure of Alexander Ashton of the yearly rent of 23s. 4d. So far as is known no pedigree of the Abram family exists, and it is only by incidental mention in various

documents that we can derive any information concerning them.¹

The Testa de Nevill, folio 406 (1216-72), is supposed to make the first mention of the family.² In this document it is stated that Richard de Edburgham held, by gift of Henry II., in fee farm four bovates of land, a third part of which he gave in alms and paying 4s. per annum to the King.³ We next find reference made to William de Abraham as a Juror on the Inquisition held after the death of Richard Atherton on March 2nd, 1387. The names of John de Adburgham and Alice his wife in 1407 (Lancashire Inquisitions, &c.) are found. Gilbert de Adburgham was living and held the estate 1399 to 1426.

This Gilbert was first Juror in the Inquisition held on the death of Richard Kighley, Knight, on the 28th of January, 1416. He had sons named John and William, and a daughter, Cicely, who married Robert Hindley, of Hindley Hall, and was mother of Hugh Hindley. The evidence of John and William being his sons is found in a writ issued by the Duchy Court to the Justices of the Peace in Lancashire, which sets forth that he had invaded the estate of Richard del Lache at Adburgham, and authorized public proclamation to be made that no person of any estate or condition go armed or lend an armed power, or do ought against the King's peace or the statute of Northampton, particularly in the case of Gilbert de Adburgham and his sons, John and William, and other armed malefactors who had entered the lands and tenements of Richard del Lache at Adburgham. John

(1) The arms of the old Abram family are not registered, but as given by Flower in his Lancashire Visitation of 1567 in connection with the pedigree of Holt of Gristlehurst, who is supposed to have married Isabel, daughter of John Abram of Abram, gent, are "*Argent a chevron Sable between three castles triple-towered Gules.*" In Gregson's "Fragments" they are given as: "*Azure a sun Or.*" The original hall was pulled down about a century ago, and a farmhouse of the better class erected in its place. A bridge of ancient date spans the moat, the greater portion of which is yet open, and the old gate-posts still rise on their old site.

(2) See communication in the *Manchester Guardian* of March 27th, 1876, by Mr. W. A. Abram.

(3) For many of the details in the following pages I am indebted to correspondents of the *Manchester Courier* and other papers.

succeeded to the estate at Adburgham, and was living about the middle of the 15th century. He married Margaret, sister and co-heir of Robert Boydell, of Doddleston, in the County of Chester.

William, it is supposed, became Vicar of Croston, although his name is not included in the list of Vicars. He died before A.D. 1436.

John had a son, named Gilbert, and a daughter, named Isabel. Whom Gilbert married is not known, but he had a daughter Constancia, who married Henry Byrom, of Byrom, Esq.

Thomas Abraham, son or grandson of Gilbert, was the last male representative of the family. In 1574, a gentleman of this name had to supply arms on the military levy for that year, and his name also appears assessed in the subsidy rolls in the sum of 8s., for his lands in Abram and Hindley. His wife's name was Mary, but of what family has not yet transpired. He left two daughters, as appears from an Indenture, dated December 10th, 1598, which permitted and suffered John Atherton and Thomas Tyldesley, Esquires, to recover the said manor, messuages, lands, &c., in a writ of entre in le poole to be pursued and brought by the said John Atherton and Thomas Tyldesley, against the said Thomas Abraham, Mary his wife, Phillip Langton, Mary his wife, and Henry Launce and Susan his wife, as Trustees, the object of which was to secure the estate to Mary, wife of the said Thomas Abraham, during her life, and the reversion to Henry Launce and Susan his wife, eldest daughter of Thomas Abraham, and their heirs; in default of issue of Susan Launce, to Philip Langton and Mary his wife, younger daughter of the said Thomas Abraham; and again, in default of issue of Mary Langton, to the right heirs of Thomas Abraham. The two daughters had each a son, to each of whom was given the Christian name of Abraham. Mary Abram, mother of the co-heiresses, gave £90 for the establishment of a Free School for Hindley and Abram, which, though insufficient for the building of it, still formed its origin. From this deed also we find

that the estate descended to the Launce family. Subsequently an Indenture, made July 31st, 1649, between Richard Harrison, Christopher Whittle, Thomas Acton, Elizabeth Acton, Purcevall Gore, Richard Gore, John Unsworth, Thomas Battersbie, John Battersbie, Randle Lythgoe, Roger Culshawe, William Asheton, William Hart, John Lythgoe, Richard flogg, and William Leyland, all of Abraham, states that these several persons are seized for life or lives of certain messuages, lands, &c., in Abraham, and that Abraham Launce covenants to pay to them the sum of £500 to enable him to suffer a common recoverie of the said messuages, lands, &c., at the next Assizes at Lancaster, and to surrender and yield them up. On the 1st of August, the day following the execution of the above deed, Abraham Launce signed a deed with covenants to enable him to levy a fine, and appointing William Gerrard, Esq., of Garswood, son and heir-apparent of Sir William Gerrard, of Bryn, Bart., receiver, for the use and behoof of the said Abraham Langton and Em. his wife, and any future wife he might have, and their heirs with remainder to the use of the said William Gerrard, Esq. It is not known whom Abraham Launce married, and the estate afterwards became the property of William Gerrard. A bond, signed by William Gerrard, dated November 1st, 1667, mentions that Abraham Launce died about seven years before, without male issue. On the 16th of September, 1667, William Gerrard, of Brynn, Esq., and Ann his wife, conveyed the estate to Richard Hilton, of Westleigh, yeoman, for the sum of £1,505. Some cottages were sold by them previously, and the estate had lessened, how is not known, as in this conveyance it is particularized to consist of "the close or parcel of land called Barn Hey, the close or parcel of land called the Spring, the close or parcel of land called the Lady Croft, the close or parcel of land called the Great Mill Hey, the close or parcel of land called Abraham Meadow, the close or parcel of land called the Little Horse Hey, the close or parcel of land called the Great Horse Hey, the close or parcel of land called the Great

Broad Hey, and the close or parcel of land called the Little Broad Hey, containing together 55 acres of land of large measure, 8 yards to the pole or rood; also all those two several messuages, farms, or tenements, with appurtenances, called Randal Lythgoe Farm and John Unsworth Farm, situate in Abram aforesaid, together with two seats or Pews in the Parish Church of Wigan anciently belonging to and usually enjoyed with the ancient Capital Messuage of Abraham Hall; and also all those yearly chief rents, yearly and other rents of what nature or kind soever, issuing, due, and payable out of the several messuages, tenements, and farms in Abraham aforesaid, hereafter particularly mentioned, that is to say—One yearly fee farm rent or other rent of 5s. by the year issuing, due, and payable out of a certain messuage or tenement in Abraham, now in the holding of William Leyland or his assignees; one other fee farm rent, or other rent of 3s. 4d. by the year due, &c., out of a messuage and tenement in the holding of John Anderton; one other fee farm rent of 11d. by the year for a messuage and tenement late the inheritance of Frances Dukenfield, Widow, deceased; one other fee farm rent of 13d. by the year for a messuage and tenement in the holding of Richard Occleshaw; one other fee farm rent 3s. 5d. yearly for a messuage and tenement in the holding of James Wreast; one other fee farm rent of 1s. 6d. by the year for a messuage and tenement in the holding of Thomas Holland; one other fee farm rent of 2d. yearly for a messuage and tenement in the holding of Roger Culcheth; and one other fee farm rent of one penny yearly for a messuage or tenement in the holding of John Lithgoe." The witnesses to this deed were John Battersbye, T. Croke, Rob. Mosse, Samuell Hilton, Peter Williamson, John Parr, and Ri. Dutton.

On the 20th of September, 1667, four days after the execution of the before-mentioned deed, another was signed by William Gerrard, covenanting with Richard Hilton, that Elizabeth Massey, wife of George Massey, gent., and formerly wife of Abraham Launce, shall enjoy

the Hall and demesne lands then in their possession for the term of her natural life. Richard Hilton therefore became the owner, subject however to the life interest of Mrs. Elizabeth Massey. The next step in the history of the estate is the settlement of it on the 18th of August, 1682, by Richard Hilton, on Nathaniel Mollineux, of Westhoughton, Gent., and John Greene, of Wigan, Gent., as Trustees for his own use, during his life, and for the use and behoof of such as by deed or will he may direct, and failing such direction, two full parts to be devoted to the use and behoof of his daughter Abigail, wife of Thomas Crook, of Hoole, in the County of Lancaster, Gentleman, during her life, and after her decease to Caleb Crook, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Crook, with remainders. The estate passed in this manner to the Crook family, and their name has become as much or even more identified with it than the original owners.⁴ Thomas Crook resided at the Hall probably from the decease of his father-in-law, Richard Hilton, to the period of his own death. He must have been a man of kindly disposition and feeling heart, or the poor of this and other townships would not have had the provision made for them which his will secures.⁵

Abigail Crook, his widow, originated the present Abram Charities by a gift of £12, the interest of which was to be applied to the poor. So forcible is example that her charity stimulated that of others, and has resulted in an annual income being secured of £46 16s. 11d. for the impotent poor, details of which will be found under the account of the charity. Their sons Caleb and Richard died without issue. Of his daughters, Lydia, the eldest, married John Clayton, of Little Harwood Hall. To whom his second daughter, Ann, married, or if she married at all, is not known. Margaret married John Percival, of

(4) For notices of the Crook family, see *Manchester Courier* of March 2nd, 1877 (W. S.); *Leigh Chronicle* of March 10th, 1877; *Manchester Courier* of May 4th, 1877 (Mr. W. A. Abram); June 28th, 1878 (Editor); July 12th, 1878 (Editor); July 19th, 1878 (Editor); and July 26th, 1878 (Mr. W. A. Abram).

(5) A copy of his Will will be found in the Appendix.

Liverpool and Allerton, merchant. Abigail married John Andrews, of Rivington and Bolton, attorney-at-law,⁶ and the destiny of Isabel, his youngest daughter, is, like that of Ann, unknown.

Richard Crook, the surviving son, inherited the estate. He married Martha, daughter of John Hollinshead, of Macclesfield, gentleman, by Joan, his wife, daughter of Thomas Mottershead, at Alderley Church, Cheshire, on the 20th of November, 1706. It would appear that he imbibed Presbyterian principles, as he built a chapel for that form of worship at Hindley in the year 1700, and conveyed it, with the land on which it stood and other buildings also standing on the same land, to a number of trustees in the year 1717.

The next owner of the estate was John Clayton, who, as has already been stated, married Lydia, eldest daughter of Thomas Crook. This gentleman married first Ellen Wilkinson on September 9th, 1684, who died in childbed of a daughter, and was buried August 9th, 1685. The child was baptised on the 7th August, 1685, by the name of Ellen, and died in infancy. His second marriage was to Lydia Crook about the year 1687. He had issue by her—John, baptised January 8th, 1687-8, buried April 17th, 1688; Thomas, baptised May 5th, 1689; William, born in 1697; Christopher, born in 1699; Edward, born in 1701; Nicholas, born in 1703; Samuel, born in 1705; a second John, born in 1707; and Stephen, born in 1711; a daughter, Susannah, born in 1690; Mary, born 1693; and Alice, born in 1695. Mr. John Clayton served as a Juror in the Jacobite trials at Manchester in 1694, and was governor of the Blackburn Grammar School from 1682 until his death in 1721. Thomas Clayton, his son, Doctor of Medicine, succeeded to the estate, and a Thomas Clayton, son probably of the Doctor of Medicine, sold it to Peter Arrowsmith in 1705 for £2,800. The last record we have to make of this very interesting estate is of the

(6) For marriage settlement between John Andrews and Abigail Crook, as given in the *Manchester Courier* of July 19th, 1878, and following wills, see Appendix.

sale of it from Mr. Peter Arrowsmith in 1828 to John Whitley, Esq., father of the present owner, Henry Jackson Whitley, Esq., of Biggleswade, Hants, for £4,200. It should be remembered, before passing on to other subjects, that the Parish Church of St. John stands on a part of the estate, the late Mr. John Whitley having generously given the land for the church and churchyard, with an adjoining plot as a site for a parsonage.

BAMFURLONG HALL.¹

The builders of Bamfurlong Hall were happy in their choice of a site. Abram is a remarkably flat township, and the three ridges of land on which Abram and Bamfurlong Halls and St. John Church stand, are the only elevated spots through its length and breadth. Bamfurlong Hall is placed on the west side of the township, fronting the west. The Leeds and Liverpool Canal passes at the foot of the ridge, and the Bamfurlong Hall Station of the North Union Railway is still nearer. Originally it was doubtless all built of timber and plaster, a small portion of which, albeit a very interesting portion, only now remains. The modern additions, or substitutions of apartments which may have become ruinous, are of brick, built wholly for utility, and in appearance contrast unfavourably with the ancient portion of the building. A bay-window is a notable feature in the timber and plaster work. This is judged to have been built by Thomas Ashton, from his initials being carved on the upper beam of the window with the date 1575. The woodwork of the entrance gable is evidently older. The moat is still open with the exception of a short length filled up for the convenience of a cartway.

A Roman Catholic Chapel was formerly here, and a stone is preserved at Westwood taken from the ancient altar. It is about a foot square, and is inscribed with the sacred

(1) *Ban* or *Bann* signifies a high place, *er* or *yr* is an article (placed between words occasionally forming the genitive), and it is probable that the last syllable ought to be *lonn* or *lonn*, which may be rendered "pleasant." The whole word meaning "the pleasant high place."

monogram. The inner hall forms part of the old building. Its dimensions may yet be traced, though now divided into more than one apartment. Strangely enough, the old oak dining table stands on or near its old place, but bearing evidence of rough usage. Many generations of men have passed to and fro and partaken of the good cheer with which it has been laden. Christmas guests have gathered round it in the olden time listening to the stories customary to the season; marriage parties have quaffed health to brides and bridegrooms from the flagons it has sustained; and it has borne in its turn meats, too, for funeral feasts.

In the Visitation of Lancashire by Richard St. George, A.D., 1613, the following short pedigree is given of the family, but the period when they first settled here remains in obscurity:—

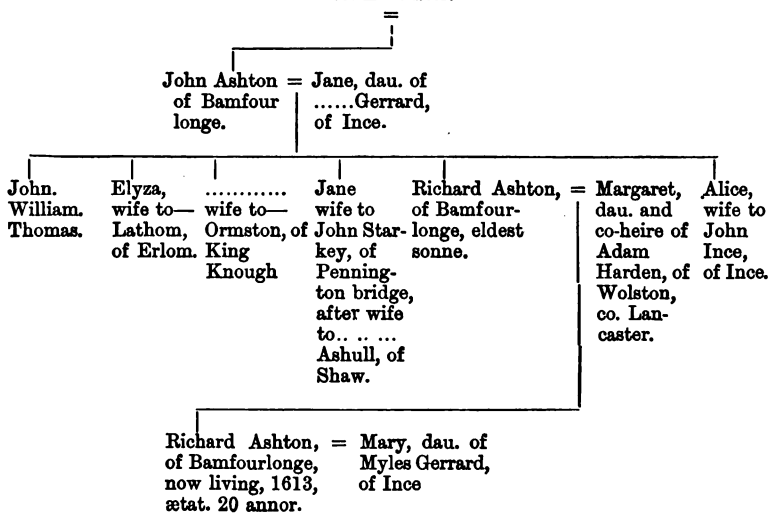
ASHTON.

(Harl. M.S. 1437, fo. 18.)

ARMS: Quarterly; 1, 4 *Argent*, a mullet *Sable*, in dexter chief a crescent; 2, 3 *Argent*, a fess nebulée between eight gouttes de poix.

Entred.

Ashton, of Bamfurlonge,
co. Lancaster.



(Signed) RICHARD ASHTOUN.

The signature of "John of Ashton of Banforlong gen." occurs as witness to a deed, dated December 6th, 1474, relative to a statement made by a certain Nicholas del Ryland in Leigh Church that he had never made feoffment of his lands in Westhoughton, as it was alleged he had done, nor had he given authority to his son William so to do.

The next we hear of the estate is from a deed preserved at Westwood, dated the 10th of October, 1673, from which it appears that Henry Gerrard was then residing at Bamfurlong, and apparently the owner, as he leased all that messuage called Taylor's House or Little Williams House, containing 12 acres of land of the largest measure in the tenure of Hugh, son of Alexander, and late in the tenure of Alexander Orrell, late father of Hugh Orrell, of Ashton, deceased, to Thomas Worthington, of Wigan, Doctor of Physic, for a term of twenty-one years for £50, and at a rent of 26s. 8d., after the decease of the natural lives of Hugh Orrell and Thomas Jameson, of Ashton, gent., nephew to Hugh Orrell. An endorsement on the deed states that Mr. Thomas Jameson died in the year 1690.

How the estate passed from the Richard Ashton who married Mary, daughter of Myles Gerrard of Ince, has not at present been ascertained. It may have been that no issue resulted from the marriage,² or that the wife survived her husband,³ or that the estate descended from her to the Henry Gerrard, a brother or nephew, named in the above deed.

Henry Gerrard, eldest son of Henry Gerrard, of Bamfurlong, deceased, by indentures of lease and release, dated 12th and 13th of August, 1681, settles his estates on feoffees in trust upon consideration of marriage, and for the several uses therein expressed. This deed was made between the Henry Gerrard, named above, of the first part, and Sir William Gerrard, of Bryn, Bart.,

(2) Richard, son of Richard Ashton, of Bamfurlong, was baptised at Wigan in 1614.

(3) Mary, wife of Richard Ashton, died in 1639, and was buried at Wigan.

Robert Dalton, of Thurshaw, Esq., George Leybourne, of Nateby, Esq., Jonathan Blackburn, of Orford, gent., of the other part, and witnesseth that, in contemplation of a marriage to be made between the said Henry Gerrard and Cecilia West, spinster, one of the daughters of Nathaniel West, late of Nether Levens, in Westmorland, Esq., deceased, and of the sum of £800 to be paid by the said Henry Gerrard unto the said Cecilia West, he the said Henry Gerrard conveys to the several trustees named, the lands and tenements of all that capital messuage or mansion house called Bamfurlong Hall, with the demesne lands belonging thereto, containing by estimation 100 acres of land, arable, meadow, and pasture, also two messuages or burgesses, and about 40 acres of land situate in Newton, and also singular messuages, &c., situate in Abram, Newton, Ince, or elsewhere, for the use of the said Henry Gerrard for the term of his natural life, and after his death for the use of the first son of the body of the said Henry Gerrard and his heirs male, with remainder in succession to the second, third, &c., and every other son in succession, and in default of such issue to the use and behoof of Ralph Gerrard, second son of Henry Gerrard, deceased, for life and his heirs, in default, to the use of the right heirs of the said Henry Gerrard with power to raise £800 after Henry Gerrard's death for the use of younger children.

From a deed (also at Westwood), dated November 5th, 1697, it would appear that no issue followed the marriage of Henry Gerrard with Cecilia West, as Ralph Gerrard, the tenant in tail of the deeds of the 12th and 13th of August, 1681, was then in possession of the estate, and leases the mansion house and lands to one Thomas Richardson, husbandman, for seven years at a rental of £101 per annum.

On the 29th of September, 1764, William Gerrard, Esq., son possibly of Ralph Gerrard, leased the estate for thirteen years from 2nd February, 1765, to Richard Unsworth, of Abram, husbandman, the rent for the two first years being £13, and for the eleven last years £135.

Mary, sister and co-heiress of William Gerrard, married John Walmesley, Esq., of Wigan, by which marriage the estate came into the possession of the Westwood family, with whom it still remains.

BICKERSHAW¹ HALL.

This house was formerly three-storied and brick-built, the windows being divided into compartments by brick mullions coated with plaster, fronting on all sides, and surrounded by a moat, crossed by a drawbridge at a brick gate-house. Fifty years ago or thereabouts the late Mr. Abraham Ackers modernised the house, pulled off the roof, reduced the upper storey in height, and demolished the old gate-house. The outer walls of the house remain on the old foundations. When the gateway was destroyed two flint spear-heads were found in the earth, one of which is now in the British Museum, the other was lately in the possession of Mrs. Perrin, of Abram. The old moat was cleared out at this period, and has remained open with the exception of a passage to the house until last year, when it was drained and planted with shrubs.²

Investigations into its history are carried no further back at the present date than to the time when Mrs. Frances Duckenfield was the owner, who purchased the estate from a Mr. Edward Bolton, on the 25th of December, 1671. In a note appended to Roger Lowe's Diary, printed in 1876, we find the following account of this lady:—"Mrs. Frances Duckenfield was the daughter of George

(1) Bickershaw is supposed to mean the "Higher or the Greater Wood."

(2) Of Bickershaw Hall, as of many other old houses, curious legends circulate. One of them avers that a stranger Knight in his journeyings came to the gate of the Hall. Holding parlance there with a maiden of the family, it gave umbrage to the lady's suitor, a Knight, who at once offered the stranger battle. The encounter took place on the drawbridge, and one of the twain fell wounded, and was carried to an adjoining farmhouse called Pocket Nook to die. The survivor escaped with the lady to Lowe Hall, and was at once united to her in marriage by a priest in the house. At times the slaughtered Knight may, it is said, be still seen riding furiously backwards and forwards in the direction of the drawbridge, where the fatal encounter took place. Inside the house also an aged lady of low stature with grey hair, dark eyes, and sallow complexion rumour says has been frequently seen, dressed in a gown largely figured, and muffled round the head with shawls. One bedroom oftener than any other is the scene of her visitations, so that if these stories can be relied upon Bickershaw Hall would appear to be veritably haunted.

“Preston, of Holker, near Cartmel, in Lancashire, Esq., and was married to Robert Duckenfield, of Duckenfield, near Stockport, Esq., the representative of the Duckenfields of Duckenfield. Her marriage settlements were dated 21 September, 1618. Her husband died and was buried at Stockport August 30, 1630, leaving by his wife, who survived him, a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters. The eldest son and heir was Colonel Robert Duckenfield, so well known in the Civil Wars, who carried on the Duckenfield descent; the second son was William, and third son James. Mrs. Duckenfield appears to have subsequently lived at Bickerstaffe,³ near Wigan where she died in June, 1663, and was succeeded in her estates there by her third son, James Duckenfield, Esq., who was the founder of the line of Duckenfields of Hindley.⁴ He was baptised at Ashton-under-Lyne, 2nd May, 1624, became an utter barrister of Grays Inn, is spoken of in 1664 as of Hindley Hall, near Wigan, and died in 1706, in which year his will, which is dated May 18, 1704, was proved. He married Radcliffe, daughter of Richard Bold, of Bold, Esq., by his wife Anne, daughter of Sir Peter Legh, of Lyme, Knight, and by her (who was born in 1632) he had issue James Duckenfield, born 1654, Anne Duckenfield, living 1704, and married to Nicholas Bold, of Widnes, gent., (marriage licence dated August 3, 1698), and five other daughters, Mary, Margaret, Elizabeth, Frances, and Martha, all living in 1704, and mentioned in their father's will.”

Roger Lowe, in his diary, relates that he was present at Mrs. Duckenfield's funeral, and makes of it the following mention:—“1663, June 4th. Thursday I went to the funeral of old Mrs. Duckenfield first to Bickershaw then to Wiggan. I thought I should have mett with Mr. Hayhurst and Mr. Downe, but they were not there. I came considering how one day houses lands goods and

(3) A misprint for Bickershaw.

(4) See Appendix for the Pedigree of the Duckenfields of Hindley.

“friends and all will leave us as I particularised to her “that was dead.”⁵

Mrs. Duckenfield was a benefactress to the neighbourhood, having given, by deed dated September 29th, 1662, to certain trustees, a rent charge secured on four closes of land forming part of her estates at Mobberley, in Cheshire, £2 10s. of which was to be paid to the minister of Hindley Chapel, on the condition that a pew was provided for her accommodation, her heirs and assigns; and, in the event of this not being done, to be devoted to the poor of Hindley and Abram, £4 to the poor of Hindley and Abram, and £1 to the Master of the Hindley Free School.⁶

James, her third son, succeeded to the Bickershaw estate. He died in 1706, and from his only son James, born in 1654, the estate passed to his cousin, Sir Robert Duckenfield, of Duckenfield, in the county of Chester, who died November 6th, 1729, at the age of 87. This Sir Robert, married Susannah, daughter of Robert Thomson, of London, Esq., who gave his daughter £2,500 for her marriage portion. In a deed dated July 20th, 1683, made between the said Sir Robert Duckenfield, Robert Thomson, and Joseph Thomson, merchants, Sir Robert grants to Robert Ashurst and John Green, Bickershaw Hall in trust for the use of his wife.

Robert Duckenfield, of Manchester, eldest son of Sir Robert Duckenfield, was the next possessor, and after him his son Samuel, of Hurst, in the county of Lancaster, who by his will, dated December 12th, 1758, devises the estates to his cousin, Sir Samuel Duckenfield, Bart., of the parish of St. George, Bloomsbury, Middlesex, and empowers his trustees, James Darbyshire, of Bolton-le-Moors, chapman, and Sir Samuel Duckenfield, to sell it.

Accordingly a lease and release were executed, dated respectively February 27th and 28th, 1760, conveying

(5) There is again another entry in the Diary in another place under the same date: “Old rich Mrs. Duckinfield of Bickershaw was buried, she was aged.”

(6) For a fuller account of this charity see “Memorials of Hindley,” page 88.

the estate to Richard Clayton, of Adlington, Esq., for the sum of £4,500. This included the manor, manor-house, and 90 acres of land of the large measure, also a messuage called Naylor's, in the occupation of John Naylor, 33 acres and 2 roods; a messuage, &c., called Chadwicks, 7 years in the occupation of James Green, 7 acres; a messuage, &c., called Bents, in the occupation of Edward Stephens, 4 acres; a messuage, &c., called Smiths, in the occupation of Samuel Smith, 10 acres 2 roods; a messuage, &c., called Lowes, in the occupation of James Isherwood, 14 acres 3 roods; also 1s. 6d. from Culcheth estate paid by Ann Walmesley, 6d. from Leylands estate paid by John Latham, 6d. from Greens estate paid by — Green, 6d. from Mathers estate paid by John Green, formerly Nicholas Mather, 12d. from Chaddocks owned by John Chadwick gentleman, 4d. in Hindley owned by Peter Davies deceased, 2d. from Hindley Chapel Trustees, total 4s. 6d. Also seats or pews and burial ground at Wigan Church and Hindley Chapel. All the above were possessed by Sir Robert Duckenfield, afterwards by Robert Duckenfield, deceased, and lastly by Samuel Duckenfield.

Summarized, the estate contained—7 messuages, 5 barns, 4 stables, 6 shippens, 3 gardens, 6 orchards, 70 acres, 40 acres meadow, 55 acres pasture, 4s. 6d. rents.

The conveyance was signed by Ann Duckenfield, widow, together with Sir Samuel Duckenfield, Exors. of the said Samuel Duckenfield, James Derbyshire, and Ann his wife, Isaac Worthington, of Manchester, chapman, and Elizabeth his wife, and James Andrews, of Bolton, chapman, and Susannah his wife, which said Ann Derbyshire, Elizabeth Worthington, and Susannah Andrews, are sisters and co-heirs of the said Samuel Duckenfield. Richard Clayton, who was Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas in Ireland, late of Adlington, devises his lands in Abraham and Hindley to his brother, Edward Clayton, and to his nephew, Richard Clayton, by his will, dated March 16th, 1770. Sir Richard Clayton, now or late of Adlington, surviving devisee in trust and executor of the above-named Richard Clayton, Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas

in Ireland, sold Bickershaw Hall to Edward Ackers, of Newton, surgeon and apothecary, for £3,500 on the 28th of April, 1790. The sale comprised the Larrish Leach Meadow, Bolton House Meadow, Lawrence Field, Black Hey, Long Meadow, Horse Hey, Further Cow Hey, Bickershaw Hey, Bickershaw Meadow, 5 Little Moss Meadows, Ash Grove, Great Moss Meadow, nearer Cow Hey, Gorses and Orchard Field, Gardener Meadow, 2 orchards now in one, Bottoms, Knowe, 5 acre, Green Field, Long Hey, Broad Hey, marled meadow, Hindley Hey, Barn Hey, and Hindley Meadow, containing 90 acres of 8 yards to the rod. Bolton House was purchased by the same Mr. Edward Ackers from a Mr. Stirrop, on the 30th August, 1783.

Edward Ackers, who died January 27th, 1810, by his will, dated the 8th of the same month, gave his real estate to Wilmot Street, senr., of Golborne, yeoman, the Rev. Thomas Hayes, of Westhoughton, clerk, and Thomas Street, of Golborne, yeoman, upon trust to accumulate the income for twenty-one years for the benefit of Edward Ackers, son of his cousin, John Ackers, for life and to his male descendants, then to the male heir of his cousin, John Ackers. By a codicil he leaves £200 a year from the Bickershaw estate to educate and support the said Edward Ackers, son of John Ackers, of the Holt, near Prescott. Edward Ackers, son of John, died intestate in December, 1818, unmarried, consequently Abraham Ackers, also son of John, came to the property by right of inheritance, and the trustees appointed by his will are the present owners.

A monument standing over the vault containing the remains of the last-named gentleman, in Abram Churchyard, bears the following inscription:—

Sacred
To the Memory of
ABRAHAM ACKERS, Esq.,
of Bickershaw Hall,
Abram.
Born August 24th, 1796.
Died January 15th, 1864.

Old Families.



THE old families resident in the township include the Culcheths, Chadwicks, and Leylands. Of these separate accounts are given, and besides many passing references will be found in other pages of these "Memorials."

THE CULCHETH FAMILY.

A branch of the family of Culcheth of Culcheth resided in Abram for nearly four centuries. Their pedigree is given at some length in Dugdale's Visitation of 1664-5, and evidences the family to have been resident here in the early part of the fourteenth century. A house still known as Culcheth House was probably their place of residence, but no property is now owned in the township by any of their descendants.

The land belonging to the Charity Trustees was bought from Thomas Culcheth, of Weston-subter-Wadeley, in the County of Warwick, gentleman, brother and heir of Roger Culcheth, late of Abram, and as the conveyance bears date the 21st of April, 1726, we may reasonably conclude that the family left the neighbourhood about the commencement of the eighteenth century. Their arms were the same as the Culcheths of Culcheth, with a cinquefoil in the centre of the shield for distinction. The pedigree in the annexed plate is that given in Sir William Dugdale's Visitation, 1664-5, with corrections and additions by Mr. J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A.*

THE CHADWICK FAMILY.

Miss Frances Elizabeth Chadwick, of Notting Hill, London, is the descendant, and, unfortunately, the only

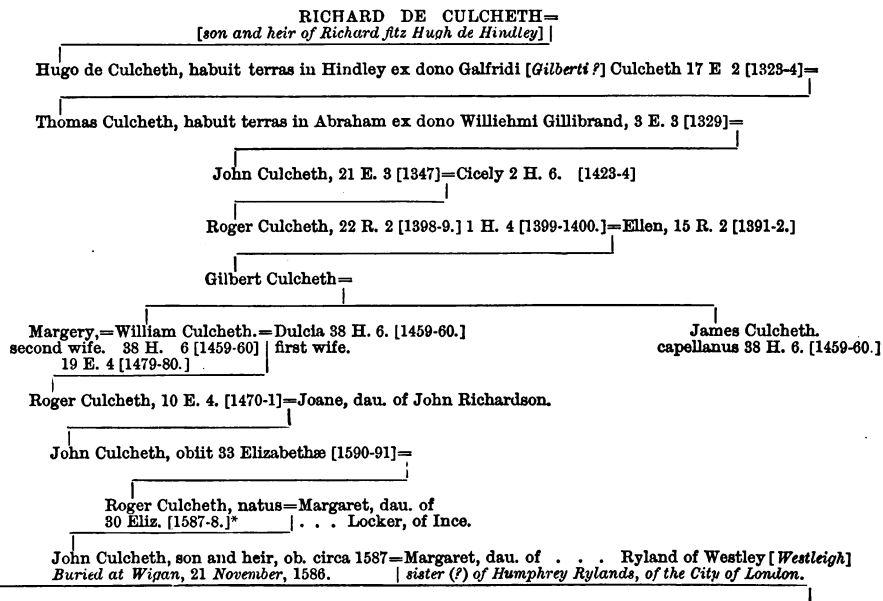
* The plate was originally published in vol. ii. of "Lancashire and Cheshire Genealogical and Historical Notes."

Pedigree of Culcheth, of Abram, co. Lancaster,

From the *Visitation of Lancashire* made by Sir William Dugdale in 1664-5, and signed *Geo. Culcheth, for my father. Ormskerke, 23 Sept., 1664*, with additions printed in italics.

ARMS: Quarterly, First, Argent an eagle with wings elevated sable, preying on a child proper, swaddled Gules banded Or [*Culcheth.*] Second, a griffin segreant, untingured [*Culcheth ancient?*] Third, as the second quarter [*Culcheth ancient?*] Fourth, Azure a hind statant [without horns] Argent [*Hindley.*] In the fesse point of the shield a cinquefoil Gules for difference.

CREST: On a cap of maintenance Gules, turned up Argent, a blackamoor proper, wreathed about the head, and holding in his dexter hand a dart point downwards, untingured. [From the drawing attached to the original pedigree in the College of Arms.]



Roger Culcheth, of Abram, son and heir, set 84 an. 1664. Born circa 1580. Tuition granted to Humphrey Rylands, of London, 20 June, 1598. Will dated 7 September, 1672, and proved at Chester, 7 Sept., 1675.

Margaret, dau. of George Norris, of Boulton, co. Lancaster. Married at Leigh, 14 January, 1608-7. Executrix to her husband 1675.

Elizabeth Culcheth, Administration of her property granted to Humphrey Rylands 21 June, 1598, to the use of her brother, Roger Culcheth.

John Culcheth son and heir slayne at Nubury in the battaile there, 20 Sept., 1643, or 27 Oct., 1644. Bapt. at Leigh 14 May, 1610.

William Culcheth slayne at Nubury in the battaile there. Bapt. at Leigh 29 December, 1612.

Thomas Culcheth son and heir, set. 44 an., 1664. Bapt. at Wigan 14 May, 1618. Dead in 1702.

Mary, dau. of . . . Taylor, of . . . Warr.

Roger Culcheth, slayne in Werrall, co. Cest. Bapt. at Leigh 18 June, 1624.

George Culcheth, of Abram, gent. Bapt. at Leigh 20 March, 1626-7. Executor to his father. Will dated 2 April, 1702, and proved at Chester 23 June, 1702.

Raphe Culcheth, of Abram, Yeoman. Bapt. at Wigan, 29 April, 1630. Dead in 1702. = Elizabeth, dau. of . . . Tonge of Tonge, in Prestwich. Married at Wigan 20 July, 1657, by Justice Standish.

Margaret Culcheth, living 1702.

[The Culchets of Abram, belonged to the King's army; and, like the Culchets of Culcheth, they were Roman Catholics.]

Alexander Culcheth, of Abram, yeoman, 1672. Inventory 19 Feb., and administration to his nephew, Ralph Bolton, 25 Feb., 1685-6.

Margaret, wife of William Crowchley, of . . . near Byrom, 1672. Bapt. at Leigh 28 February, 1607-8.

Elizabeth, wife of William Bolton, of Platt Bridge, in Ince, 1672. =

Anne, wife of Robert Hunt, . . . near Frodsham, co. Cest. 1672.

Ralph Bolton, of Hindley, heir to Alexander Culcheth.

Henry Bolton, executor to George Culcheth.

Roger Culcheth, of Abram, gent., sometime of Wottenbury, co. Warwick. Heir to his Uncle George. Married Isabel. Will dated 6 Dec., 1701, and proved at P.C.C. 29 July, 1725.

Thomas Culcheth, of Abram, gent., sometime of Weston subter Wadeley, co. Warwick (1726). In 1744 he was of Wigan, and then mortgaged Abram. A Roman Catholic. Dead in 1746. Of Studley, co. Warwick, tanner, in 1701. Executor to his brother Roger.

George Culcheth, of London, upholsterer. Will proved at P.C.C. 3 June, 1729.

William Culcheth, 1702.

Margaret, 1672-1701, wife of . . . Middlemore, of Bromagrove, co. Worcester (?) 1702.

Anne, 1701-1702, wife of . . . Reeve, of Sainberne (?)

Roger Culcheth, living 1735; dead 1746.

William Culcheth, of Abram. = Elizabeth, 1750. 1746-1750.

* This date (1587-8) evidently belongs to Roger Culcheth the grandson,

representative of the family whose name she bears, and who were once old and esteemed residents of Abram. She is the owner of considerable property in the township, and, although living far away, remembers that property has duties as well as rights. To her and to her late mother the friends of education in the township are indebted for the site of the new school built in 1873, besides the handsome subscription towards the cost of £210. This lady also gave the site for the new vicarage and £200 to the building fund, and her hand is ever ready to assist in any work of charity.

THE LEYLAND FAMILY.

The Leylands were a family resident in Abram from a very early period. They were owners of property in the township to a not inconsiderable extent, and in all the early records their name occurs again and again. Moreover, they were allied with other of the old Abram families—the Lythgoes, the Corlesses, the Chadwicks, and the Ashtons. About the year 1780 their connection with the township ceased. Only one male descendant of the family is now living—the compiler of these “Records.”



St. John's Church.¹



BRAM, as we have already said, is in the ancient parish of Wigan, and, considering that the centre of the township is about four miles distant from the Parish Church, and three from the nearest Episcopalian place of worship, it is matter of surprise that steps were not taken before some forty years ago to supply Church accommodation for the neighbourhood. Mrs. Bevan, of Laurel House, Lowton, a lady of considerable wealth, who died in 1833, realised the urgency of the case, and took practical steps to remedy it. By her will she bequeathed £500 towards the building of a church in the township and £200 towards the endowment, provided the church was erected within seven years of her decease. The latter clause possibly hastened on the work. Nevertheless, no steps were taken for nearly three years to carry out her desire. On the 21st of April, 1836, a first meeting was held to consider the advisability of commencing operations, which resulted in the foundation-stone being laid by the Rev. J. H. Gunning, the then Rector of Wigan, on the 9th of March, 1837. The building progressed so rapidly that it was opened by license from the Bishop of the Diocese by the Rector of Wigan on Sunday afternoon, the 8th of April, 1838, and was consecrated on the 9th of June following.

The site, half a statute acre in extent, was given by John Whitley, Esq., of Brookside, who also gave the same breadth of land adjoining, on which to erect a parsonage. Mr. John Palmer, of Manchester, was the architect, and Mr. Robert Garnett, of Altringham, the contractor. The patronage is vested in the Rector of Wigan.

The cost of the building was £1,022 11s. 2d. Interest and other charges afterwards increased the outlay. Mrs. Bevan's bequest was £500. Additional funds were provided by subscriptions.

(1) Singular to say there is no Dissenting place of worship in Abram.

The Chester Diocesan Society for Building	
Churches gave	£350
The Incorporated Society	200
Abraham Ackers, Esq.....	100
John Hodson Kearsley, Esq.	100
John Whitley, Esq.	100
Robert Worsley, Esq.	30
Ralph Peters, Esq.	25
Nicholas Robinson, Esq.	20
The Rev. J. H. Gunning	20
Peter Greenall, Esq.....	10
Henry Gaskell, Esq., Wigan	10
E. Conner, Esq., Abram	5
James Eckersley, Esq., Wigan	5

The collections on laying the foundation-stone amounted to £9 10s. Smaller sums were also obtained, and horse and manual labour and some materials were contributed. The overplus of the sums received for the building was invested towards the endowment.

The church stands pleasantly on rising ground, and, though small and without tower or spire and surmounted only by a belfry, may be seen from a considerable distance. It is built of brick in a sort of modern Gothic style, and on the whole presents a neat appearance. A stone tablet on the west wall of the interior has a record thus:—

THIS CHURCH
 WAS ERECTED IN THE YEAR
 ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVEN;
 IT CONTAINS FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOUR SITTINGS;
 AND IN CONSEQUENCE OF A GRANT
 FROM THE INCORPORATED SOCIETY
 FOR PROMOTING THE
 ENLARGEMENT, BUILDING, AND REPAIRING OF
 CHURCHES AND CHAPELS,
 TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOUR SITTINGS
 OF THAT NUMBER ARE HEREBY DECLARED TO BE
 FREE AND UNAPPROPRIATED FOR EVER.

JOHN JONES DIXON, B.A., MINISTER OF ABRAM.

ABRAHAM ACKERS, }
 JOSEPH DEAN, } CHURCHWARDENS OF ABRAM.

On a marble tablet fixed at the east end on the south side of the chancel, near to the vestry door, we read—

To Perpetuate
The Memory of
MRS. ELIZABETH BEVAN,
of Laurel House, Lowton.
A Lady
whose pious munificence
prompted her to bequeath
the sums of £500 towards
the Building,
and £200 towards
the endowment of this church,
This tablet was erected
by a few surviving friends.
She died 30th December, 1833,
Aged 81 years.
“Shew me thy faith without thy works,
and I will shew thee my faith
by my works.”

At the east end of the north aisle, there is a tablet inscribed—

In Memory of
ADAM CHADWICK, Esq.,
who died and was buried at Heavitree, near Exeter,
In the year 1834, in the 56th year of his age.
Also of
ADAM CHADWICK, Esq., M.D.,
Son of the above, who died at his residence,
Heathfield Greenheys, near Manchester,
In the year 1871, in the 68th year of his age,
and was Buried in the Cemetery at Ardwick.
This Tablet
Is erected to the memory of her Father and Brother
By Frances Elizabeth Chadwick.

The east window has been filled with stained glass in memory of Helen, wife of the Rev. John Jones Dixon. Figures of the evangelists fill the four compartments, under which are placed their respective emblems, viz. : The Angel for St. Matthew, the Lion for St. Mark, the Bull for St. Luke, and the Eagle for St. John. At the foot is inscribed—

In Memoriam Helenæ Dixon quæ obiit xx die Maiæ MDCCLVI anno ætatis suæ XLIV.

	£	s.	d.
Ralph Darlington, Esq., Wigan	10	0	0
Chas. Hoare, Esq., Hatfield	10	0	0
Sam. Hoare, Esq.	10	0	0
T. B. Horsfall, Esq., Bellamour Park	10	0	0
Mrs. Hull, The Knowle, Hazlewood.....	10	0	0
Archdeacon Thicknesse, Brackley Vicarage...	10	0	0
R. H. Wilson, Esq., Eaglescliffe	5	5	0
A Friend in Yorkshire	5	0	0
E. B. Wheatley Balme, Esq.....	5	0	0
R. P. Barrow, Esq., Blackheath	5	0	0
Mrs. Brooke, Honley	5	0	0
Jas. Darlington, Esq., Meriden Hall, Coventry	5	0	0
T. W. Evans, Esq., M.P., Allestree Hall, Derby	5	0	0
Mrs. Hague, Crow Nest, Derby	5	0	0
Rev. C. Hesketh, North Meols Rectory	5	0	0
Mrs. J. Hull, Eaglescliffe Rectory	5	0	0
Thos. Knowles, Esq., M.P., Darnhall Hall ...	5	0	0
Thos. Storey, Esq., Lancaster	5	0	0
Jas. Taylor, Esq., Whitley Hall	5	0	0
B. Bevan, Esq., Bury St. Edmunds	2	2	0
G. I. Bevan, Esq., Godmanchester	2	2	0
Miss Lister Kaye, Denby Grange.....	2	2	0
John Greg, Esq., Caton.....	2	0	0
Mrs. C. Hoare, Hatfield.....	2	0	0
Archdeacon Hornby, St. Michaels's-on-Wyre..	2	0	0
Miss S. W. Hull, Eaglescliffe Rectory	2	0	0
Rev. C. Evans, Solihull Rectory	1	1	0
Rev. E. Horley, Sephton Rectory.....	1	1	0
W. W. B. Hulton, Esq., Farington Lodge, Preston	1	1	0
R. C. Wilmot, Esq., Woolley	1	1	0
W. Cox, Esq., Brailsford Hall	1	0	0
Mrs. Hart, Dover	1	0	0
Mrs. Isaacson, Hampstead.....	1	0	0
Rev. A. G. Waldy, Eaglescliffe.....	1	0	0
Miss Winstanley, Chadsweell	1	0	0
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	£443	15	0

The appointment of Mr. Hull was unfortunate in more ways than one. Although, possibly, a worthy man, he had ritualistic tendencies, and on his appointment endeavoured to introduce changes in the services of the Church alien to the feelings of the people. Opposition naturally arose, and the man whose mission it was to promote peace and goodwill upon earth, was the means of engendering strife and ill feeling to so great an extent that even God's sanctuary was profaned by disorderly proceedings. After filling the office for less than a year he resigned. This gentleman was equally unfortunate in the steps he took for the erection of the Vicarage. At some period of his life, it is said, he had lived in a house built of concrete, and from that accident he, with charity funds entrusted to his administration, thought fit to speculate in a concrete building. Before the house was ready for occupation it began to give signs of decay. The walls bulged out, and the result was that a coating of brickwork had to be erected round the house at a cost of almost as much as would have built the entire house of the ordinary materials from the foundation, and it is much to be doubted even if this will prove effectual in arresting the evil. The concrete may cause so great a pressure upon the brickwork—not being tied in with the cross walls—that it may be unable to resist its force. The building was commenced late in the summer of 1875, and the brickwork casing a year afterwards. The site is ill-chosen. It lies low, and the flooring is only a few inches above the surrounding land. Mr. Whitley gave a site for a parsonage on the knoll, adjoining the church, which has been standing vacant ever since the church was built; and why a new and inferior site should have been chosen it is difficult to understand.


Faithful to the example set by Mr. Hull in ritual was Mr. Bailey, his successor. So objectionable did his ministrations ultimately become that for months before he resigned the living he was hooted by the populace when he returned to Wigan, where he resided, after his weekly Sunday services.

THE VICARS OF ABRAM.

Date of Institution.		Cause of Vacancy.
1838	John Jones Dixon.....	Resigned, 1875
1875	Robert Bevan Hull	Do., 1876
1877	James Bailey.....	Do., 1878
1878	Hewitt Linton	



The Charities.

HE history of the Charities may be conveniently prefaced by a copy of the report of the Commissioners for Inquiring into Public Charities,¹ dated 1825, so far as it relates to the township of Abram:—

“ Duckenfield’s Charity.

“ An account of this charity, in respect of which the overseer of Abram receives the yearly sum of £1 12s. 0d., will be found in a subsequent part of this Report, under the head of the township of Hindley.

“ This sum is laid out, with the other charities for this township, as hereafter stated.²

“ Thomas Crook’s Charity.

“ The history of this charity, with an abstract of the will of Thomas Crook, dated in 1688, will be found in our 11th report, p. 334. The yearly sum of £1, given by the testator to the poor of this township to be distributed by his two sons, their heirs and assigns, and by the overseers, every Easter-Eve, is received and carried to the same account, and disposed of in the same manner, as the produce of the other charities hereafter mentioned.

“ Charities of Abigail Crook and Others.

“ In the Parliamentary Returns of 1786, it is stated that Abigail Crook gave to the poor of Abram £12, and that Thomas Ince gave £40, and that several other persons gave sums amounting, with those above-mentioned, to £94 10s., which sum, with 10s. given by the township, was laid out in land.

(1) As printed by J. Hilton, Market Place, Wigan, 1830.

(2) For further particulars of this and Crook’s charity see “ Memorials of Hindley,” pages 88-90.

The only deeds produced to us relative to these charities were indentures of lease and release, bearing date 4th and 5th February, 1765, in which it is recited, that, by indenture of bargain and sale, bearing date 21st April, 1726, between Thomas Culcheth, the heir of Robert Culcheth, of the one part, and Thomas Richardson and three others, of the other part, the said Thomas Culcheth, in consideration of £95, conveyed to the said Thomas Richardson and others, and their heirs, a messuage and tenement in Abram, and the several closes thereto belonging, called the Further and the Nearer Croft, containing by estimation 1a. and 1r., upon trust, to dispose of the rents and profits thereof to the use of the impotent poor of Abram, the purchase money being made out of the several gifts and legacies to the use of the poor of Abram. It is also recited that there was endorsed upon the indenture of bargain and sale a schedule of the benefactions laid out in the above purchase, and a provision, that, upon the death of any two of the trustees, the survivors should convey to themselves and two other substantial inhabitants or freeholders of the township of Abram.

“ New trustees were appointed in 1797, of whom James Bevan is the only survivor. A new deed has been lately prepared for the conveyance of the said premises to Philip Newton, John Whitley, Richard Bevan, and Adam Chadwick, and their heirs. In this deed it is recited, that the wife of the said James Bevan had built upon part of the Further Croft a school-house; and the premises, comprising a messuage and tenement, with the two closes called the Further and the Nearer Croft; and a plot of land, part of the south side of the Nearer Croft, fronting the highway, and containing 128 square yards, some years ago demised by the trustees of John Dobb, for a long term of years, at the improved rent of 20s. per annum, and also the school and school-house, built as thereinbefore recited, are thereby conveyed, upon trust, to apply the rents and profits of all the said premises, except the said school and school-house, to the use of the impotent poor of Abram, and to use the said school and school-house

for the religious instruction of the poor children of the impotent poor of Abram in the principles of the Church of England.

“The premises belonging to the charity consist of—

“(1) Two cottages, now held by William Henry Webb at the yearly rent of £1.

“These cottages were built, about the year 1810, by John Dobb, who sold his interest to Mr. Webb, the present possessor.

“It does not appear whether any lease was granted to John Dobb, or what interest he had in the premises.

“If the terms of the agreement with Mr. Dobb cannot be ascertained, it seems right that the trustees should immediately take steps for determining the present tenancy, and granting to Mr. Webb, a lease of the premises for such a period, as with reference to the expense incurred in the buildings should appear reasonable. The value of the cottages is estimated at £8 a year.

“(2) Three small cottages let to three several yearly tenants, Joshua Dixon, Jane Oaks, and Richard Wilcocks, at the respective yearly rents of £1 2s. and £2 2s.

“(3) The school and dwelling-house, built on the charity estate in 1824, by Mrs. Bevan, of Lowton, at her own expense. These premises are occupied rent free by a person who is appointed by the township to teach school, and for the use thereof 10s. is paid yearly to the charity from the overseers' accounts.

“(4) About one acre and a quarter of land, including a garden let to John Livesey, as yearly tenant, at £11 10s. per annum.

“Except with regard to the premises first mentioned, these are considered as fair rents.

“The income derived from these rents, after the payment of any expenses incurred in repairs, is added to the produce of the other charities for this township, and a portion of Guest's Charity received from the rector, and the amount is laid out in the purchase of linen and blankets by Mr. Bevan, who distributes these articles, with the assistance of the overseers and other inhabitants,

at the school, on the first Thursday in March, amongst such poor persons of the township as are thought the most proper objects. No distinction is made, whether they receive parochial relief or not; 85 persons partook of this charity in March, 1828. The benefit thereof is sometimes extended to a greater number, by taking from the poor persons a small payment, in proportion to the price of the article delivered to them.

“In March, 1828, there was a balance in Mr. Bevan’s hands of £12 12s. 6d., out of which there was to be paid the expense of the New Trust Deed.

“*Newton’s Charity.*”

“In the Parliamentary returns of 1786, it is stated that William Newton, in 1724,³ bequeathed £10 for woollen cloth for the poor of this township. This legacy appears to have been lent to the trustees of the Woollen Stock Charity at Ashton, in the Parish of Winwick; 6s. 6d. is paid yearly by the above-mentioned trustees, as the interest thereof, and carried to the same account as the other charities above-mentioned.

“This township is also entitled to partake of the charities of John Guest, Edmund Molyneux, and Edward Holt, noticed under the head of the township of Wigan, and of Richardson’s Charity, noticed under the head of the township of Ince, in this parish.”

More exact details of the charities are obtained from the deeds in the possession of the trustees. On the 21st of April, 1726, the charity land, with the buildings then standing thereon, was purchased, as stated previously, from Thomas Culcheth, of Weston-subter-Wadeley, in the County of Warwick, for the sum of £95, made up out of several gifts, legacies, and bequests for the impotent poor of the township.

(3) William Newton died August 6th, 1725, in his 81st year, and was interred at the Parish Church of Winwick.

The first trustees appointed were—

Thomas Richardson, of Ashton, yeoman ;
James Leyland, of Abram, yeoman ;
Thomas Cheetham, of Abram, yeoman ; and
James Green, of Abram, yeoman.

The second Trust Deed bears date March 6th, 1745.
James Green was the survivor of the former body.

John Chaddock, of Abram, chapman ;
John Leyland (son of James Leyland, deceased),
of Abram, yeoman ; and
John Leyland, of Abram, whitesmith,
were the trustees then appointed.

The third Trust Deed was made February 5th, 1765.
John Leyland, yeoman, and John Leyland, whitesmith,
were the only representatives of the former body, and
they appointed—

James Green, of Lowton, gentleman ;
James Leyland, of Abram, yeoman ;
Robert Green, of Wigan, brazier ; and
Thomas Tickle, of Abram, yeoman.

From the fourth Trust Deed, dated April 15th, 1797,
we learn that the former trustees all died without
appointing successors. The two last survivors were
Robert Green and James Green, and their representatives
named—

Robert Bolton, of Wigan, brazier ;
James Bevan, of Abram, freeholder ;
Peter Arrowsmith, of Astley, merchant ; and
John Guest of Leigh, surgeon,
to the office.

The fifth Trust Deed is dated May 31st, 1828. James
Bevan was the only survivor of the former body, and
Philip Newton, of Pennington, Esquire ;
John Whitley, the younger, of Ashton, merchant ;
Richard Bevan, of Liverpool, merchant ; and
Adam Chadwick, of Ludlow, surgeon, were elected
to fill the vacancies.

The sixth Trust Deed bears date June 24th, 1847.

Richard Bevan and Adam Chadwick outlived their old colleagues, and

John Lord, of Standish Hall, Esquire, and

Abraham Ackers, of Bickershaw Hall, Esquire, were added to fill up the requisite number.

The seventh Trust Deed is dated December 24th, 1867. Of the former body Adam Chadwick was the only survivor, who was then desirous of being discharged from the trust, and

The Rev. John Jones Dixon, Incumbent of Abram ;

Samuel Banks, of Abram, farmer ;

Thurston Fairhurst, of Abram, farmer ; and

Charles Peter Ackers, of Abram, gentleman, were appointed to fill the office,

On the 28th of May, 1878, a scheme was issued by the Charity Commissioners for the management of the charity, a copy of which will be found in the Appendix. At this time Samuel Banks and Thurston Fairhurst were the continuing trustees from the old body, Charles Peter Ackers being dead, and the Rev. John Jones Dixon, having ceased to reside in or sufficiently near to Abram, was discharged. In addition to the two remaining trustees, the scheme appoints the Vicar, Churchwardens, and Guardians of the Poor of the Parish of Abram, in right and during tenure of their respective offices, and their respective successors, Vicars, Churchwardens, or Guardians of the Poor for the time being;

Jackson Abraham Ackers, of Brookside, Abram, gentleman ;

James Henry Johnson, of Southport, coal proprietor ;

John Leyland, of the Grange, Hindley, gentleman ;

Allen Burns Perrins, of Abram, coal merchant ;

Livesley Stock, of Plank Lane, Abram, glass manufacturer ; and

Egerton Leigh Wright, of Hartford, in the County of Chester, Esquire.

The gross income of the charity in 1878 amounted to £46 16s. 11d., exclusive of the income derived from the school and school-house built by Mrs. Bevan in 1824.

THE CHARITY ACCOUNTS.

The accounts of the charities commence in 1706, and continue up to the present time. An interesting book in the town's chest contains the accounts from 1706 to 1802. On the first page is written the heading as printed below :—

An Account of ye Charitable Gifts left by severall persons to the Town of Abram, Lancashire, 1706.

Imp ^s left by Mrs. Dukenfield y ^e sum of therty-	u	s	d
one shill every year arising of a certaine			
estate lying in Chesshire in y ^e County of			
Chesh ^e and in y ^e Township of Mobberley ...	01	11	00
Left by Mr. Gest y ^e sum of seven shill ^s every			
year Arising of a certaine Estate in Abram			
called by y ^e name of Boulton house	00	07	00
Left by Tho: Crook of Abram Gent ^e y ^e Twentyth			
part of y ^e yearly rent of a certaine Estate			
lying in Alston and Whittingham called by			
y ^e name of Shaw			
Left by William Hart of Abram and Mr.			
George Culchith in money y ^e s ^u m of Twelve			
pounds the intrest thereof every year	00	12	00
Left by Tho: Ince of Ince Gent ^e y ^e sum of tow			
pounds every year	02	00	00
Left by Mrs. Abigaill Crook y ^e sum of Twelve			
pounds the interest thereof every year	00	12	00
Jan ^y 30 th , 1710, Rec ^d Mr. Borrowes Gift interest			
thereof yearly	06	10	00
ffeb ^r 19 th , 1711, John Leylands Gift Rec ^d			
Interest thereof yearly.....	03	00	00
Jan ^y 5 th , 1713, Ellin Lythgoes Gift rec ^d	01	00	00
Same day rec ^d Ellin Leylands Gift.....	03	00	00

Succeeding the list of the donations come the accounts year by year. The extracts here given show at intervals the names of the recipients as well as of those of the Trustees who took part in the distribution.

An account of ye receipts of ye above said Charitable gifts yearly and also the particulars of ye disbursts.

In the year 1707 rec^d by John Chaddock y^o
 sume of 04 03 00

Disburst b y^o said John as apeires to These persons here
 sett down & y^o particular sumes.

	^s	^d		^s	^d
P ^d Will ^m Lythgoe...	05	00	P ^d Henry Livesey...	02	00
P ^d Edward Walkden	04	00	P ^d John Unsworth..	05	00
P ^d Will ^m Eves	10	00	P ^d Will ^m Corles.....	05	00
P ^d John Prescott ...	06	00	P ^d Will ^m Platt	02	00
P ^d Tho: Middlehurst	06	00	P ^d Jane Taylor	01	00
P ^d Ann Lethwat ...	04	00	P ^d Jane Ashton.....	02	00
P ^d Jane Harrison ...	04	00	P ^d Rich Occleshie...	02	00
P ^d Nicolas Corlos ...	02	00	P ^d John Whittle ...	02	00
P ^d Will ^m Ashton ...	04	00	P ^d Will Ralpson ...	02	00
P ^d Tho: Livesey ...	02	00	P ^d Ellin Allinson ...	02	00
P ^d Will ^m Allinson...	04	00	P ^d Peter Hodson ...	05	00
P ^d ould Tho: Livesey	02	00			
				<hr/>	
				04	03 00

Account of the Charitable Gifts to the poore in ye Township of Abram in ye year 1710 ; recd from severall persons.

List of y^o poore for y^o said year.

Imp ^m	^{li}	^s		^s	^d
Mrs. Duckenfield's			Peter Hodson	10	06
gift.....	01	11	Lamb ^t ffeilding.....	05	06
Mr. Ince's Gift	02	00	John Unsworth.....	08	06
Mr. Tho: Crook's Gift	00	10	Rob ^t Lythgoe	01	00
Mrs. Abigaill Crook's			John Lythgoe	02	00
Gift	00	12	Henry Livesey	01	00
Mr. George Culchith	00	06	Tho: Livesey.....	02	00
Will Harts Gift ...	00	06	John Livesey	02	00
James Bradshaws			Will Lythgoe	05	00
Gift as a lagacie..	00	10	Richard finch	02	00
	<hr/>		Tho: Thomason.....	10	06
	05	15	Hanna Prescott ...	10	06

	Tho: Middlehurst ...	s 08	d 06
	Edward Walkden...	04	06
Jan ^y 30 th , 1710, distributed	Will Platt	01	00
to these our neighbouring	Nicolas Corles	02	00
Inhabitants sett on y ^e right	Hanna Corles	02	06
hand and ye particulars; by	Ann Leathwat	04	06
us :	John Whittle	02	06
	Will Harrison	02	06
	Jane Harrison	05	00
	Will Hallowey	02	00
	Will Ashton	01	00
	Ellen Allenson	02	00
	Will Eives.....	05	00
	Will Allinson	05	00
	Hills children	04	06
	James Houghton ...	02	00
		<hr/>	
		05	15 00

15th of March, 1710, Rec^d 8
yards $\frac{1}{2}$ of Linen cloath
being
Guests gift for y^e said year :—

- Distributed
- To Nicolas Corles 2 yards & $\frac{1}{2}$
- To John Prescot 2 yards
- To M^{rs} Thomason 2 yards
- To Tho: Midelhurst 2 yards

On the page containing the accounts for the year 1711 there is the following memorandum :—

19th of febb, 1711—Then Rec^d from the Exo^{rs} of John Leyland the sume of Three pounds for ye use of The poore by us.

JOHN | H HART.
his lett^{er}
JOHN CHADOCK.
THOMES CHEETHAM.
THO: RICHARDSON.

The page containing the accounts for the year 1713 has the following memorandum :—

Memrand : it is agreed by severall of y^e Inhabitants y^t all y^e money all redy p^d & y^e sum of 5^{li} more being y^e Gift of John Chadwick late of Abram deceased & paid by The

p^rsent John Chadwick be aded to the former Gifts all amounting to y^o sum of 42^{li} 10^s being putt into one bond and the security Given to James Leyland & Adam Chadwick as trustees for y^o use of the poor and theirefore we y^o said James Leyland & Adam Chadwick doe acknowledge the said bond of 42^{li} 10^s dated Jan^r 26th 1713 to be taken in our name for y^o use of y^o poor as wittnes our hands.

In p^rsents of
JOHN CHEETHAM.
THO: RICHARDSON.

JAMES LEYLAND.
ADAM CHADWICK.

*Account of the poors money Distributed in the year 1720 ;
 In the Township of Abram, viz:—*

	^{li}	^s	^d																		
Imp ^{rs} Mist ^{rs} Duckenfield ...	1	11	0	Account of the cloath from Mr Gests gifte 7 ^{rs}	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>To Robert Lythgoe ...</td> <td>2½</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>To Thomas Midlhurst.</td> <td>2½</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>To Mary Hallowey ...</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"></td> <td style="border-top: 1px solid black;">7</td> </tr> </table>	To Robert Lythgoe ...	2½			To Thomas Midlhurst.	2½			To Mary Hallowey ...	2						7
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To Thomas Midlhurst.	2½																				
To Mary Hallowey ...	2																				
			7																		
Mr Tho: Ince	2	0	0																		
Mr Tho: Crook	0	12	0																		
M ^{rs} Abigall Crook ...	0	12	0																		
W ^m Hart & Wife ...	0	6	0																		
Mr Culcheth	0	6	0																		
Mr Ather Burron ...	0	6	6																		
John Leylande	0	10	0																		
John Chadwick	0	5	0																		
Mr Ralph Gerard ...	0	5	0																		
Totall.....	6	13	6																		
Tho: Midlehurst ...	^a	10	^d 00	John Marsh child ...	^a 05 ^d 00																
John Lythgoe	05	00		Mary Hallowey.....	04 06																
Ellin Allinson	03	00		John Smith	02 00																
Tho: Allinson	04	00		James Dixon.....	02 00																
W ^m Allinson	05	00		Hamblett Taylor ...	04 00																
Robert Lythgoe ...	05	00		John Hill	04 00																
John Livesey.....	10	00		Humprey Crouchley	04 00																
John Unsworth ...	03	00		Richard finch	02 00																
Doritha Chadwick..	02	00		Thomas Chadwick..	02 00																
Tho: Unsworth.....	05	00																			
W ^m Halloways child	07	06		Totall	406 13 06																

(4) The addition apparently should be £6 8s. 6d.

Margret Lythgoe ...	^s 04	^d 00	
W ^m Ralphson	03	00	Distributed by us
John Prescott	07	00	
Jane Harrison	05	00	JOHN CHADOCK.
Lambert ffielding ...	07	06	ROGER CULCHETH.
Peter Hodson	05	00	ADAM CHADOCK.
James Houghton ...	04	00	THO: RICHARDSON.
Hannah Corles	04	00	RICH: ASHTON.

February y^o 6th 1730.

Rec ^d M ^{rs} Duckenfields money	1	11	0
Cisley Smith's Rent	0	13	0
John Unsworths Rent	0	17	0
John Livesleys half years rent	0	11	3
for Crofts	2	7	6
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	5	19	9

Distributed y^o above said sum as followeth :—

John Lythgoe	^s 6	^d 0	John Prescot..	^s 4	^d 0
John Unsworth	6	0	Hamblet Taylor	5	0
Tho ^s Unsworth	6	0	Tho ^s Livesley	6	0
Cisceley Smith	5	0	Lambert Ffielding	5	0
Tho ^s Chadwick	4	0	Peter Hodson	7	0
Elizabeth Alison	5	0	Widdow Williamson ..	5	0
John Hill	8	0	Mary Low Widdow ...	6	0
John Livesley	5	0	Mary Crouchley	6	9
John Livesley Junior..	5	0	James Crouchley	3	0
John Unsworths child.	4	0	Tho ^s Adamson	4	0
John Finch	5	0	William Allens.....	3	0
George March	4	0	Margaret Spade	2	0
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	3	3	0	2	16
				9	

The above said sums Distributed by us—

February 10 th 1731	JAMES GREEN.
Rec ^d Alston rent being 18 ^s for y ^o	JOHN CHEETHAM.
use of y ^o poor of Abram for y ^o	RICHD. ASHTON.
year 1730.	JOHN LEYLAND.
	JEREMY SMETHURST.

The accounts for 1740 have either not been entered, or they are mixed up with those of the following year. The particulars are printed as they are given in the original.

An account of wt moneys hath been laid out on ye Poor house for 1740.

	s	d
Imp ^{rs} P ^d Richard Marsh for setting up a fire place	1	6
P ^d John Prescot for 3 roods of ditching and falling a hedge	2	10
for 4 hundred of Brick	4	0
for carting them	0	6
for straw and carting and pricks	2	4
for 3 boards.....	1	6
for thatching	0	8
for drawing and lime	1	0
for a fire grate	1	4
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Disburst this year	15	8
Rec ^d	15	0
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Out of pocket.....	0	8

for y^o year 1741 Rec^d 13^s towards repairs

	ll	s	d
Out of pocket y ^o last year	0	0	8
P ^d Richard Marsh for making an oven and other work	0	4	0
P ^d for Boards Carting and Measureing	1	6	6
P ^d for Drying	0	5	0
P ^d for repairing Windows	0	5	6
	<hr/>		
pade In all for Repars	2	1	8
Rec ^d In part	0	13	0
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Due to me to ballance	1	8	8
P ^d more.....	0	0	6
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Due to me.....	1	9	2

James Critchly Jun ^r	0 2 0	Rich ^d Duton	0 2 6
George Leivesly ...	0 3 0	Ann Grimshaw	0 2 0
John Smith	0 1 6	John Ryding.....	0 1 6
Mary Lygoe	0 2 0	Henry flitercroft	0 2 0
Rich ^d Hill	0 1 0	Rodger Holker	0 2 0
Marg ^t Spooode	0 2 0	Will Battersby.....	0 2 0
Widow Suthern ...	0 3 0		
Widow Wainwright	0 2 0		<u>1 8 6</u>
	<u>1 16 0</u>	John Lygoe one shirt	
	1 8 6	John Prescoat one Do	
	<u>3 4 6</u>	Tho ^s Unsworth one Do	

*feb 7th 1750 Account of what money is to be Recvd for
ye poore and from whom.*

	£	s.	d.
Recv ^d from M ^{rs} Duckenfield's gift	1	11	0
M ^r Culcheet	3	10	0
James Critchly	0	12	0
Ann Grimshaw	0	6	0
Ann filding.....	0	7	0
		<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
John Leivesley	0	17	0
		<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>
In John Leylands hands towards Repaires which was Left Last year as apeires on y ^e other side	1	3	6
		<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>
Disburst as apeires by Bill	2	0	5
		<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
Disburst amongst y ^e poore as on y ^e other side...	3	4	6
		<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
Remains in John Leyland Senior's Hands as below	3	1	7

Account of what is UnRecv^d and of whom

In M ^r Greens Hands	0	7	0
John Leivesly Debtor	0	17	0
James Critchly Debtor.....	0	12	0
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	1	16	0
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1750 feb 7th in John Leylands at this time ... 1. 5 7

18th feb 1760.—An account of the money the Trustees divided this day to the poor of Abram as Under.

	£	s.	d.	
Rent o'th the Poores Land in Abram	5	17	0	
M ^{rs} Duckenfields Rent	1	11	0	
Alstones Rent.....	0	19	0	A list of the
				<hr/> Poor of Abram
	8	7	0	that receives
Disburst ^{mts} etc of the poor Land				Guest Gift
in Abram.....	1	15	5	cloth
				<hr/> Jno Smith
	6	11	7	Ann Prescott
Distributed on the Poor.....	5	9	0	Roger Hali-
				<hr/> well
Remains in John Leylands hands				
Ball ^s of acc ^t and pad	1	2	7	

A List of the Poor that receives the above charities as Under :—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
M ^{rs} Occleshaw ...	0	3	0	Brought forward	4	7	6
Adam Richardsons				Ralph Birchall ...	0	2	6
Widw.....	0	3	0	Rob ^t Battersby			
Ann Prescott.....	0	6	0	Little	0	5	0
Widw Gregory ...	0	5	0	Jno Hills widw...	0	2	0
Jam ^s Critchley Sen ^r	0	5	0	Gilb ^t Unsworth...	0	5	0
Jam ^s Critchley Jun ^r	0	3	0	Ralph Prescott...	0	2	0
Geo Lievesly H.				Charles Hill	0	2	6
Cott	0	6	0	Jn ^o Oakes	0	2	6
Geo Lievesly Jun ^r	0	3	0				
Jn ^o Smith	0	2	6				
					<hr/> 5	9	0

	£	s.	d.	
Rich ^d Hill	0	4	0	
Marg ^t Spode	0	6	6	Distributed by us on the
Widw Tompson...	0	4	0	above dated
Roger Haliwell ...	0	7	0	
Jno Lievesly	0	3	0	JOHN LEYLAND.
Tho ^s Ingham	0	4	0	JOHN CHADWICK.
Isabel Prescott	0	3	0	JOHN LEYLAND.
W ^m Pemberton...	0	5	0	JAM ^s GREEN.
Rob ^t Battersby...	0	3	0	
Sam Battersby ...	0	3	0	feb ^r 23 1760 I p ^d Tho ^s
W ^m Yate	0	4	0	Haliwell 0 3 0
Jane Marsh	0	2	0	
Jam ^s Boardman...	0	2	6	
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Carried forward...	4	7	6	

1st March, 1770—Account of money this day Divided by the Trustees for the same as Under to the [sic] of Abram.

Rent o'th Poors Land for 1769	8	12	0
M ^{rs} Duckenfields Gift Issuing out of an Estate in Moberley Cheshire	1	11	0
Alstons Rent for 1769	0	19	6
Bond of Jam ^s Leyland last y ^{rs} Ballc ^o	2	9	4
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	£13	11	10

Disburst on the poors land by repairs and taxes on as by Bill to feb ^r 2 ^d	5	1	7½
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Ballance.....	£8	10	2½

	s.	£	s.	d.	
Jam. Battersby.....	7	Brought forward	6	12	0
Jn ^o Oakes	2	Jam ^s Pemberton ..	4		
Jane Harrison	6	W ^m Prescott	6		
Isabell Prescott	6	Wid: Hill	5		
Rob ^t Battersby Little..	3	Jam ^s Crouchley...	3		
Jam ^s Crouchley Sen ^r ...	9	<hr/>			
Rich ^d Hill	3	Disburst as above	7	10	0

	s.	£	s.	d.
Marg ^t Spode	10	Left in Mr Jam ^s		
Jam ^s Boardman.....	8	Leylands hands		
Gil ^t Unworth	6	next years re-		
Hen Unsworth ch ^d ...	2	pairs	1	0 2½
Peggy Lythgoe.....	3			
Wid: Haliwell	6			8 10 2½
Geo Leivesly Sen ^r	9	1 st March 1770		
Jn ^o Crouchley	7	Disburst by us Guest Linen		
Jn ^o Leivesley.....	8	Cloath as Under about 7 ^{yds}		
Rob ^t Battersby.....	4	Rich ^d Hill—Shirt Cloath		
Geo Leivesly Jun ^r	8	Isabel Prescot do.		
Tho ^s Leivesly	8	Marg ^t Spode do.		
Charles Hill	8	JAMES GREEN.		
Ann Winterbottom ...	4	ROBERT GREEN.		
Jn ^o Roughley.....	5	JAM ^s LEYLAND.		
Carried forward... £6 12 0		his mark		
		THO ^s J TICKLE.		

9th March 1780—Account of the money divided this day to the poor of Abram whose names are written on this page.

Rents as Und^r

	£	s.	d.
By John Leivesley rent for 1779	6	10	0
By Tho ^s Leivesley do.	1	10	0
By Tho ^s Winterbottom do.	0	12	0
By Ja ^s Alred do.	1	5	0
By M ^{rs} Duckenfield do.	1	12	0
			Rich ^d Boardman.
			Grace Unsworth.
	11	9	0
			Mary Haliwell.
Disburstments	0	17	0
	10	12	0
Deduct the money Lent on the			
other side.....	2	2	0
	8	10	0

	£	s.		£	s.
Guilbert Unsworth ...	1	8			
Michael Roper.....	0	6			
Tho ^s Livesly Widow..	0	11	Left in Jam ^s Leylands		
Rob ^t Oakes	0	6	hands towards repairs	1	9
John Livesly.....	0	11			
Tho ^s Livesly	0	8	Distributed by us Trustees		
Jn ^o Alred.....	0	6	whose names are under		
Rich ^d Boardman	0	11	written.		
Betty Livesly	0	6			
Widow Livesly	0	6	ROBERT GREEN.		
Geo Livesly.....	0	5	JAM ^s GREEN.		
Jam ^s Crouchley	0	5	his mark or Letter		
Tho ^s Winterbottom...	0	6	THO ^s T TICKLE.		
Will ^m Boardman	0	6	JAM ^s LEYLAND.		
Geo Oakes	0	6			
Grace Unsworth.....	0	5			
Rob ^t Battersby.....	0	5			
Mary Alred	0	4			
	7	1			

1790 4 Mar :—Account of money Received and Disburst to the poor of Abram, whose names are underwritten, by the Trustees.

Geo. Livesly's rent	6	10	0
John Orretts do.	1	19	0
Rob ^t Oakes do.	1	11	0
Sarah Winterbottom	0	12	0
Mobberly rent.....	1	12	0
	£12	4	0
Disburst from May 1789 to May 1790.....	0	18	10½
	£11	5	1½
	6	19	0
	4	6	1½

The above sum given to Mr. R. Green.

Jn° Hart	6	0	Brought ford....	5	11	0
Geo Livesly	4	0 x T. T.	Geo Oakes Dau ^{tr}	0	5	0
Widow Uns-			W ^m Boardman..	0	8	0 x
worth.....	10	0 J. G.	Jas Boardman...	0	5	0
Jn° Ingham	6	0				
Mich ^l Roper ...	3	0 J. G.		6	9	0
Thos Livesly's			Jn° Rosbottom...	0	10	0
Widow	4	0 R. G.				
Thos Livesly ...	5	0 x		6	19	0
Betty Livesly...	8	0 J. G.				
W ^m Livesly's						
Widow	5	0 J. G.				
Geo Livesly son						
Thos	5	0	Guest cloth			
Jas Crouchley...	5	0 x	Betty Livesly	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	
Sam ^l Battersby.	4	0	Rob: Oakes...	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	
Widow Oaks ...	4	0				
John Heys.....	5	0 R. G.				5y ^d
Peter Battersby	4	0				
Jn° Livesly Jun ^r	7	0				
Jn° Orritt	2	6				
M Roughleys			Disb ^t by us			
child	4	0				
Jas Winter-			ROBERT GREEN.			
bottom	7	0	THO ^s T TICKLE.			
Rob Oakes.....	2	6	his mark.			
Jn° Sandman ...	10	0 J. G.	JOHN GREEN.			
			CHARLES WORSLEY.			
Carried ford. £5	11	0				

1790

4 Mar: Lett Geo: Livesly
the Estate where he Lives
for one year Rent £7

J. Green—present

1802 March 4—An account of Money Received and Disburst
to the Poor of Abram whose names are here under written.

	£	s.	d.
Alston & Whittingham Rent not rec ^d	0	0	0
Rec ^d from M ^r Crouchson 1 year from Bolton House	0	7	0

	£	s.	d.
Mobberly Rent.....	1	12	0
Crofts Top of Brow Humphrey Roby.....	3	0	0
Balance in Mr. Peter Gerards hands	3	15	2
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	£8	14	2

Money Disburst by Mr. Peter Gerrard to paupers in 1801	1	16	0
D ^o paid for repairing Window at Poor houses..	0	10	1
To a Balance paid Mr. Cha ^s Gerrard as per settlement of account in the year 1799	0	14	1½
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	£3	0	2½

1802 Mar. 4 Money given to the Poor this Day	5	13	11½
	5	13	11½
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One years Rent due from Alston & Whittingham
not rec^d 20s.

A distribution of the annex'd money was this Day made
by us.

JAS. BEVAN.
ROBERT BOLTON.
GERVAS CLOUGH.
JOHN DOBB.
HUMP'H ROBY.

x Thos Livesley.	0	4	0	Brought forward...	3	9	0
P. G. Betty Livesley	0	4	0	P. G. Widow Scotson	0	3	0
x Joseph Unsworth.	0	2	0	P. G. Jas Oakes ...	0	2	0
x Thos Scotson.....	0	4	0	x Jno: Aldreds Wife	0	2	0
x Jas Crouchley ...	0	5	0	P. G. Ann Chisnalls child	0	2	0
P. G. Widow Batters- bys Dau ^t	0	2	0	P. G. Thos Hesketh	0	4	0
x Jas Winterbottom	0	2	0	x Josh Dearden ...	0	2	0
P. G. W ^m Boardman	0	2	0	J. B. x Jno: Harts child	0	4	0
P. G. Widow Slater	0	4	0	x W ^m Mason.....	0	2	0
P. G. Jno: Ingham..	0	4	0	P. G Rob ^r Scotson...	0	3	0
P. G. Widow Hunter	0	2	0				

x Timothy Mason... 0 3 0	P. G. W ^m Jenkinson 0 3 0
P. G. Joseph Rough- ley 0 3 0	P. G. Jas Livesley .. 0 4 0
x Rich ^d Unsworth... 0 2 0	J. B. x Mary Livesley 0 4 0
J. B. x Jno: Sander- son..... 0 5 0	x Jno Roughley ... 0 4 0
P. G. Jno. Rosbottom 0 5 0	x Jno Roanes 0 3 0
P. G. Widow Stirrup 0 4 0	x Betty Fielding ... 0 2 0
P. G. Sarah Winter- bottom 0 5 0	To Unsworth..... 11½
Mary Holleshead ... 0 2 0	(x) to be considered next year.
R. B. x Jas Roper... 0 2 0	Ja Tabernacle to re- ceive next year.
x Peter Hart 0 3 0	
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Carried forward ... 3 9 0	£5 13 11½

The income of the Charities is now (1881) increased, as will be seen from the table below, and was, until the promulgation of the new scheme, distributed to the poor twice in the year, viz., in March and September:—

	£	s.	d.
House and land rented by Thomas Farrimond...	9	10	0
Cottage do. Joseph Southworth..	5	4	0
„ do. Jane Sanders	5	4	0
„ do. Thomas Kelshaw ...	5	4	0
„ do. Mary Hart	5	4	0
Chief Rent paid by Samuel Banks	6	0	0
do. James Neville	2	15	11
do. George Sanders	2	17	6
do. James Rigby.....	1	5	0
Mrs. Frances Duckenfield's Charity	1	12	0
Mr. Thomas Crook's do.	1	0	0
„ John Guest's do.	0	14	0
„ William Newton's do.	0	6	6
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	£46	16	11

It will be remembered that in the Parliamentary report already quoted, it is recorded that Mrs. Bevan built a school-house and cottage adjoining in 1824, which, up to 1873, was used both as a day and Sunday School. This lady before her death purchased £166 13s. 4d. in Consols in order to produce an income of £5 a year for keeping these buildings in repair for ever. The school built by Mrs. Bevan becoming too small for the wants of the township, a new school was projected in 1873, and Miss Chadwick, conjointly with her mother, gave a site and £210 towards the erection of the building. The remainder of the cost, £140, was raised by subscription. The Trustees of the new school are :—

The Rev^d John Jones Dixon ;
The Hon. and Rev. G. T. O. Bridgeman ;
Thomas Knowles, Esq., M.P. ;
George Caldwell, Esq. ; and
Ralph Darlington, Esq^{re}.



Valuations and Surveys.



HE early Assessments are interesting, inasmuch as they preserve the names of the residents at the time they were made. A few of these I reproduce.

November ye 8th 1700.

A Ley Laid and Taxed for ye Relief of ye Poore of Abram.

Mrs. Crook	00	19	01	ob
William Lowe.....	00	03	00	
Henry Lowe	00	02	05	
Garrord Nelor.....	00	01	10	ob
Gilbert Ashton	00	03	00	
Widow Mather	00	03	00	
Geferay Richardson	00	05	07	ob
Lithshaw Medows	00	03	09	
James Richardson	00	06	00	
Mosley Demaine.....	00	16	06	
Arrowsmith ground	00	04	06	
Roger Addamson	00	07	06	
Widow Tomson	00	04	10	ob
John Wansworth	00	01	06	
John Leyland	00	07	10	ob
Thomas Chaatam	00	05	07	ob
Robert Lygoe	00	02	03	
John Chaddock Senior	00	06	00	
for Harrison hous	00	04	06	
for Plats hous.....	00	01	06	
for Heatons house	00	04	06	
John Chaddock Junior	00	02	07	
Bunstar hous With others.....	00	03	00	
Banforlong	01	01	09	
John Heys	00	03	00	
Richard Ashton	00	01	06	
Mr. Roger Culshaw	00	09	00	
Thomas Occleshaw.....	00	04	06	
Bryers Grounds	00	02	03	
Mr. George Culshaw	00	01	06	

James Green	00	03	09	
Joseph Richardson	00	09	09	
Mr. Byrom	00	06	00	
Bicershaw Domane	01	12	07	ob
Elizebeth Mather	00	00	09	
Benjamin Smetherst	00	06	09	
Samuell Smith	00	01	10	ob
William Peters	00	02	03	
Cith.....	00	09	00	

By us JEREME SMETHURST,
Overseer of the poor.

ABM. LANCE.

JOHN LEYLAND.

THOMAS CHEETHAM.

GU WAY. X

JOHN J H HARTT.

his mark.

[Endorsed]

RICHDRD ASHTON.

8th of November 1700 signed and allowed by us

BERTIE ENTWISTLE.

EDWARD HERLE.¹

County Lanc^{tr} *A True Assessment*

made by y^e pownd rate of 4s. in y^e pound of the Town-
shipp of Abram rated and taxed & Assesed by Virtue of
an actt of Parliament given for hir Magisty's occation
taxed and Assesed y^e 12 of May, 1707.

Mr Samuell Demnes for £100	01	04	00
Mis Abygall Crook for £100	01	04	00
Mr. Richard Crook for his Land	04	03	00
Sir Rob ^{tt} Duckenfield	07	03	00
Mr Yats.....	00	15	00
Mr John Heys	00	15	06
Mr John Woorsley	01	07	00
Roger Adamson.....	00	18	06
Tho: Cheetham	01	01	00
John Leyland	01	06	00

(1) This Edward Herle was the son of the Rev. Charles Herle, Rector of Winwick, whose name is so well known in connection with the controversies raised by the Great Rebellion.

John Chadock Junier	03	08	09
Tyth of Abram	02	01	00
James Greene	01	02	00
Jane Low	00	16	00
Roger Chadock for mather's house	00	15	06
Roger Chadock for Harison house	00	16	06
Nathaniell Jencison for Smethurst	01	01	00
Samuell Smith	00	09	00
John Arrowsmith	00	10	06
Widow Peterson	00	11	00
John Hill	00	03	00
John Richardson for Banerhey.....	00	15	06
Jefree Richardson	00	15	10
Mosley Demeane	02	07	00
Part Lishshaw Demeane	00	13	00
Mr. Roger Culcheath	03	17	00
Mr Gaerard for Bamferlong	06	11	00
Will: Newton	00	15	01
Elizabeth Mathers	00	11	00
Allexander Tomson	01	01	00
John Lythgoe	00	09	00
Widow Downall for Ashton Land	00	10	06
Richard Ashton.....	00	06	06
Widow Naler.....	00	08	06

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Collectors Alex^r Tomson
Natheniell Jencisson

Assesed by us

JCN. LEYLAND.

THOMAS CHEETHAM.

[Endorsed.]

Seen & allowed by us
14th May, 1707

R. BRADSHAIGH.²
EDWARD HERLE.
JO: WALMISLEY.
JOHN OWEN.

(2) Roger Bradshaigh, of Haigh.

A Single fifteen ffor Abram.

October 20th, 1715.

	^s	^d		^s	^d
Imp ^r Rich ^d Crook Gent	0	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	ffor Lows.....	0	2
S ^r Rob ^t Duckenfield	1	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	Alex ^r Tompson...	0	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
ffor Hoyles.....	0	1	John Unsworth...	0	1
ffor Occleshies ...	0	3	Rog ^r Adamson ...	0	5
ffor Unsworths ...	0	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	John Arrowsmith	0	3
Tho ^s Yates Gent..	0	3	Mosley Demean...	0	11
Tho ^s Hayes Gent.	0	2	John Richardson.	0	4
Rog ^r CulchethGent	0	7	Jeffrey Richards..	0	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Banferlong.....	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Widd: Hill:	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
John Chadwick...	0	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	E. Wasther	0	8
Heatons.....	0	1	Widd: Peter	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Plats house	0	1	Rog Chadwick ...	0	3
Dunsters	0	1	Lishaw Medows...	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sheift [Theift ?]			James Mather ...	0	2
Crofts	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ralph Achton ...	0	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Seven Acre	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	William Newton..	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Briers Land	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Rich ^d Ashton.....	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
ffor Naylor's	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	James Green.....	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Adam Chadwick..	0	4	Byroms Estate ...	0	4
Tho: Cheetham...	0	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	Boulton House ...	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
James Leyland ...	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ralph Smith.....	0	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
Widd Leyland ...	0	3 $\frac{1}{4}$			
James Leyland ...	0	2			
				11	11 $\frac{3}{4}$

A Survey of the Estates ffor Souldiers 1715: Oct. 19th.

Those wth are to pay to Hindley.

	^{li}	^s	^d		^{li}	^s	^d
Mr Tho: Heyes .	03	10	00	ffor Dunstrs.....	01	00	00
Widd: Hills .	00	10	00	ffor Swiffes Croffs	00	10	00
Widd: Peter-				ffor Plats.....	01	00	00
son.....	03	00	00	ffor Mullens Land	02	00	00
James Green	03	10	00	ffor Neylors			
Nicholas				ground.....	00	10	00
Mather ...	02	05	00	Adam Chadwick	06	00	00
Mr Byroms				Roger Chadwick	03	00	00
Estate ...	06	00	00				
Richarh					50	03	04
Ashton ...	01	00	00				

Jeffrey		Jeremy	
Richardson	01 05 00	Smethurst ...	09 06 08
	<hr/>	Widd: Leyland	04 10 00
	21 00 00	James Leyland	02 10 00
	<hr/>	ffor Harts	02 00 00
Bickershaw		ffor p ^{rt} of Ashtons	01 10 00
Hall post		Alex ^r Tompson	03 00 00
Rated ...	41 08 00	ffor p ^{rt} of	
Ralph Smith	01 08 00	Whittles	01 10 00
Tho Cheet-		Mr Burrous.....	05 00 00
ham	06 00 00	ffor p ^{rt} of	
Mr Crook ffor		Whittles	03 00 00
Uns ^s	01 04 00	John Arrow-	
	<hr/>	smith	02 05 00
	50 00 00	John Unsworth	00 15 00
	<hr/>	Mr Tho: Yates	03 00 00
Mr Rog ^r Cul-		James Mather...	03 10 00
cheth	10 13 04	William Newton	02 10 00
ffor Boultons	01 00 00	Ralph Ashton...	03 16 04
Mr Crook ffor		James Leyland	
Abrs	16 00 00	ffor Lyth.....	02 00 00
ffor Hoyles...	01 10 00		
ffor Occleshies	04 00 00		
John Chadwick	02 00 00		<hr/>
ffor Heatons ...	01 00 00		49 13 00
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A paper dated 1729 shows the number of Windows in the township on which tax was paid.

		Windows.	
x10	James Leigh	28	20
x 3	Jon Whittle	19	6
x10	Vicarshaw Hall	27	20
x15	Banforlong Hall	30	30
	3 George Birchall	17	6
	1 Rich ^d Allins	09	2
	3 Thos ^s Occleshie	19	6
	1 James Banks	09	2
x 3	Jon Cheetham	16	6
x 1	Wm Allins	09	2
x 3	James Leyland	17	6

	Windows.		
3 Alex ^r Tompson	17	.....	6
x 1 Roger Adamson	09	.....	2
x 3 Hen: Smith.....	13	.....	6
x 3 James Crouchley	16	.....	6
x 3 Geo: Livesley	14	.....	6
x 3 Ralph Platt.....	15	.....	6
x 1 Tho ^s Taylor.....	09	.....	2
x 1 Jon Leyland	09	.....	2
x 3 Rich ^d Ashton	14	.....	6
x 3 Roger Unsworth.....	17	.....	6
x 1 Tho ^s Prescott.....	09	.....	2
x 3 James Green	17	.....	6
Jon Naylor	09	.....	2
x 1 John Marsh.....	09	.....	2
x 3 Nicho ^s Mather.....	18	.....	6
x 3 Boulton house.....	16	.....	6
x 1 Jon Roper	09	.....	2
1 Mary Lythgoe.....	09	2
Rich ^d ffinch			
Hump ^o Crouchley } poor			
Peter Lythgoe }			
x 3 Peter Bromelow	14	6
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4 14 0 Totall sum Charged.			9 8

Tho^s Richardson Coll^r Abram Window Tax in 1729
 23rd Jany, 1729. Seen and allowed by us
 J. BLACKBURNE.
 J. WALMESLEY.

Lays Laid for Poor of Abram and Severall matters charged on the Town May 3rd, 1729.

	£	s.	d.
Imp ^s Abram hall and others	0	19	6
ffor Vicarshaw	1	3	7½
ffor Lower house	0	9	0
Nicho ^s Mather	0	0	9
James Green	0	3	9
Tho ^s Culcheth	0	6	0

	£	s.	d.
ffor higher house	0	3	0
Richard Ashton.....	0	3	0
Mr Peters	0	2	3
Banforlong Estate	1	1	9
Hills Tenem ^t	0	0	9
Dunsters & Twiss Crofts	0	2	3
Richard Haslome	0	4	1½
Mr Tho ^s Potter	0	3	0
Mr Tho ^s Yeats	0	3	0
Corles Land	0	1	6
Adam Richardson	0	4	1½
Lishaw Medwos.....	0	3	9
John Richardson	0	6	0
Jo ^s Willmott	0	16	6
John Leyland.....	0	2	3
Arrowsmith ground	0	4	8
Rog ^r Adamson	0	7	8
Unsworth Tenem ^t	0	3	4½
Alex ^r Tomson	0	4	10½
James Leyland	0	10	10½
Lythgoes Tenem ^t	0	2	3
John Cheetham	0	5	7½
Geo: Birchall	1	1	4½
ffor Ty th	0	9	0
John Marsh	0	6	0
John Birchall.....	0	4	1½
Jeremy Smethurst.....	0	3	4½
Ralph Smith	0	1	10½

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Laid by us
 June 10th fifth booke Laid
 Augst 14th Sixt booke Laid

JAMES LEYLAND. •

JOHN LEYLAND.

Seen and allow'd

By us

RO. BRADSHAIGH JUNR
 J. WALMESLEY.

*A True Coppy of the Survey and Value of the Township of
Abram as it was survey'd before any alterations was made.*

[Copied probably about 1756 from a document of an
earlier date.]

	Acres	Roods	Perches	£	s.	d.
Will ^m Gerrard Esqre for Bam- ferlong	85	1	14	102	13	6
Dunsters	9	3	17	13	15	6
John Hills.....	2	1	18	5	2	0
Richard Ashtons Tenements ...	14	0	23	24	18	9
Harrison House or Mr. Chad- wicks Tenem ^t	17	2	38	22	16	3
John Clayton Esqre for Abram Hall	45	3	25	54	5	6
Occleshaus	30	2	4	30	4	6
Lancelot Slacks Tenement	14	1	17	18	17	0
John Leylands Tenement	10	2	29	16	4	0
Captain Duckenfield Esqre for Bickershaw	82	1	0	88	18	0
John Naylor's	32	1	20	40	2	6
Samuel Smiths Tenement	8	2	0	11	7	6
Edward Stephens.....	4	0	0	5	18	0
Mad ^m Walmsley's	23	2	20	35	11	6
Do. Higher House	10	1	20	16	3	6
Mr Chadwick for James Dixon's	20	1	0	31	10	6
Bryers Land	9	0	12	14	13	6
Thomas Prescotts.....	8	1	0	12	2	6
Tythes of Abram	0	0	0	48	0	0
Captain Dewhurst	20	1	20	31	5	6
Mr James Green the older	13	3	0	20	2	6
Mr James Green the younger for Kenions	11	2	0	19	0	6
Little Wills	12	2	0	20	3	0
Eaton House.....	6	1	0	9	13	6
Bolton House	30	0	20	41	12	0
Mr Rob: Cash	22	2	20	33	17	6
Mr John Latham	16	3	0	27	6	9
Nicholas Matther	6	3	0	10	12	6

	Acres	Roods	Perches	£	s.	d.
Thomas Tickel	18	0	0	24	6	0
Mr Bowman	25	0	0	28	14	6
Henery Worstley.....	15	2	0	17	0	6
Mossly Demesne	67	0	0	81	14	9
Edward Smith	24	2	0	28	8	6
Adam Richardsons Tenement ...	16	1	20	21	7	6
Do Corles Land	8	0	0	9	1	9
Chappel Land	12	0	0	15	14	6
Lishaw Meadows	12	0	0	17	11	9
Doctor Tatlocks	13	3	20	17	12	6
Rob ^t Green for Dover House ...	13	2	0	21	7	6
Henery Clayton's.....	12	3	0	22	13	6
John Leyland's.....	10	1	30	19	0	9
Dover Ale House	0	0	10	4	0	0
Richard Ashton's Land	4	0	31	7	1	6
Mr Peters Land	11	0	0	14	5	0
The Poors Land	1	1	20	5	12	6

A True Coppy of the Survey and Value of the Township of Abram Delivered into Court at Ormskirk May the 4th 1756.

This is the Survey we go by and assess by.

	£	s.	d.
Will ^m Gerrard Esqre for Bamforlong	51	6	9
Dunsters	6	17	9
John Hills	2	11	0
Richard Ashtons Tenements 2 Inclusive	12	9	10½
Harrison House or Mr Chadwicks Tenement..	11	8	1½
John Clayton Esqre for Abram Hall.....	27	2	9
Occleshaus	15	2	3
Lancelot Slacks Tenement.....	9	0	0
John Leylands Tenement	8	2	0
Captain Duckenfield Esqre for Bickershaw ...	44	9	0
John Naylor's	20	1	3
Samuel Smiths Tenement	5	13	9
Edward Stephens	2	19	0
Madm Walmesley's	17	15	9
Do. Higher House	8	1	9

	£	s.	d.
Mr Chadwick for James Dixon's	15	15	0
Bryers Land	7	6	9
Thomas Prescotts	6	1	3
Tythes of Abram	24	0	0
Captain Dewhurst	15	12	9
Mr James Green the older	10	13	4½
Mr James Green the younger for Kenions ...	9	0	3
Do for little Wills	10	1	6
Eaton House	4	6	9
Bolton House	20	16	0
Mr Robt Cash.....	16	0	0
Mr John Latham	13	3	6
Nicholas Matther	5	6	4½
Thomas Tickel	12	3	0
Mr Bourran.....	14	7	3
Henery Worstley	7	18	9
Mossly Demesne	40	17	4½
Edward Smith	14	9	3
Adam Richardsons Tenement	10	13	9
Do Corles Land	4	10	10½
Chappel Land.....	8	2	10½
Lishaw Meadous.....	8	15	10½
Doctor Tatlocks	8	16	3
Robt Green for Dover House	10	13	9
Henery Clayton's	11	13	9
John Leylands... ..	9	10	4½
Dover Ale House	2	0	0
Richard Ashtons' Land	3	10	9
Mr Peter's Land.....	7	2	6
The Poors Land	2	16	3

(sic) ½ the value of ye Town ... 554 15 1½

The Township Accounts.

THE accounts of the township commence in 1693, and for the greater part of a century were written on loose sheets of paper, some being afterwards stitched together, others remaining loose. Some were covered with brown paper, others had no covering. Many of the sheets were nearly worn away by neglect; many doubtless are lost. All that remain have, however, recently been carefully repaired, classified, arranged in chronological order, and bound up in eleven volumes.

I give here a considerable number of extracts from these accounts, selected with a view of showing the usages of the times at various periods, and the prices of labour and commodities.

1693.	£	s.	d.
Spent at toune meting.....	0	1	6
Pead Willam Allsion one daye work	0	0	10
Pead Willam Love, man 2 days	0	1	8
Pead for 2 loode of stones and leding.....	0	2	4
pead 9 passingers for lodginge all night.....	0	3	0
pead 8 passingerse lodging all night	0	2	8

1694.	£	s.	d.
pd to a lame woman for lodging and bringing to ye constable	0	0	10
pd to two passengers at ye sight of their petition and five smale children which sustained great loss amounting to nine hundred pounds and upwards	0	2	0
pd unto six passengers at ye sight of their passe	0	1	0
pd to a lame man at ye sight of his pass had sustained great loss	0	0	6

	£	s.	d.
pd for lodging a souldier two nights and one day	0	1	0
pd Ralph Banks Sparing us from carting of souldiers away	0	3	0
pd to Robet Batezby Burley man for serving that office	0	2	0
pd to Will Low for carting of Soulders	0	14	0
pd to Mr. Langton for a Horse and man for going with Will Low when hee went with soulders	0	3	0

To the accounts of 1694 the following names are appended :—

Signed and allowed by us

RALPH GERARD.
GEO: CULCHETH.
JAMES RICHARDSON.
JOHN LEYLAND.
JOHN TOMSON.
THOMAS CEETHEM.
JOHN CHADOCK.
JOHN CHADOCK.
ROGER CHADOCKE.

1695-6.

Spent at Leigh upon the Croners quest	0	2	1
pd to Mr. Duckworth for writing Duplicates for Weddings Berths and funeralls.....	0	3	0

1696.

paid for goeing and quartering of soulders.....	0	11	0
paid to Rich Ashton about Berths and Burialls	0	2	0
Paid at dover and wigan about ye Capitulation Act	0	5	10
paid that was spent at dover at a towns meeting	0	3	7
paid to Jeremia Smethurst for ye Kings mony	0	4	0
paid to Jeremia Smethurst for his expenses at Newton	0	1	3
and for more spences and paper	0	0	9
paid to Raph Banks for writing ye duplecats of Bearth and Buryalls.....	0	2	0

	£	s.	d.
paid to Ralph Ellison for ye repare of Low Scole ¹	0	2	8
paid to Will Harison for sarving Burlyman ...	0	2	0
paid about Burying and tending of pickering wife	0	11	6

1698.

pd To Peter Hodson for 2 months reliefe for february and March 23 int	0	6	0
pd To Peter Hodson for 2 months for April and May 1	0	6	0
pd Mone to Edward Kits two months reliefe by order of ye towne 1st June.....	0	2	6
pd to Jon Chaddock for coals and Leading them for Will Corless 15 Sep.....	0	4	0
paid to William Harrisson in full of his Last years wages for highe wayes and for ditching at sid of the high ways when I ² came into offic 1 Oct.	1	3	6
Paid to William Corlis for Reliefe the 5 of October	0	3	4
pd to Gilbert Tayleor for Reliefe the 5 of October	0	4	0
pd for a pair of cards for Mary Harrington the 28 November.....	0	1	0
pd to Peter Hodson his monthly relief ye 5 of Jan ^y	0	3	0
pd to Jon Chaddock Senir Gilbert Taylor house rent for 98 ye 2 feb ^r	0	16	0
pd to Mary Livesey for reliefe when sick the 11 of february.....	0	8	0
pd To Hen: Boulton William Lygoes hous rent for 98 the 25 february	1	0	0
pd to Master of the house of correction for Katharn Corlis ye 27 October.....	1	0	0
pd for a conformation for highwayes the 2 of Januery	0	2	0

(1) The expenses of the Hindley and Abram Grammar School, formerly called the Lowe School, appear to have been paid for a long period out of the Public Rates of the two townships, Abram paying eightpence to Hindley thirteence, or a little less than 40 per cent for Abram and a little over 60 for Hindley.

(2) Roger Chaddock was constable this year.

	£	s.	d.
pd for a warrant for fathering pole the 6 of Jan ^y	0	1	0
pd for a warrant for gathering window money the 6 of Jan ^y	0	1	0
pd To church wardens four Church Leys the 7 of Jan ^y	2	5	8
pd to Alex ^r Tompson for writing two Dublicates for pble ye 21 feb	0	0	6
pd for an approbation for poor the 18 of April	0	2	0
pd To Mr. Walmsley and Mr. Blackburne clarks to speake about Alice Grunday two shil- lings and spent with them 6d in all the 26 of April	0	2	6

1698-9.

pd for watching a month the 17 of April	0	5	0
pd for a warrant for births and burials	0	1	0
pd for writing 2 Dublicates for births and burials	0	1	0
pd for writing 2 dublicates for Land Tax	0	1	0
pd To Jon Chaddock for Leading Sand 2 days with a cart the 22 of May	0	4	0
pd to Thos Cheetham for Leading sand a day and a half the 22 of May	0	3	0
pd To 3 passingers at sight of there pass the 19 of November	0	0	10
pd to 8 passingers at sight of there pass the 28 of Nov ^r	0	0	10
pd for Lodging two passingers two nights the 4 and 5 february	0	2	6
pd To two pasingers at sight of there pass the 28 March	0	0	4
pd To a woman and 2 smale children 6d and for bringing them a way 6d	0	1	0
Spent at William Harrison the 11 of October..	0	0	11
Spt at Wigan about sessing second ye ley pole ye 3 January	0	2	0
Spt. at Sessions at Newton the 4 Jan.	0	1	0
Spt. at Wigan the 6 of Jany	0	4	10

	£	s.	d.
Spt. at dover at a townes meeting the 21 Dec- ember	0	2	6
Spt. at Newton with the Sessors of ye winddows	0	3	9
Spt. at Wigan the 7 of february.....	0	3	0
Spt. at dover at a townes meeting the 9 of february	0	5	6
Spt. at Ashton about ould Kits the 11 of february	0	1	0
Spt. at dover at a townes meeting concering ould Kits 23 feb	0	4	0
Spt. at dover the 16 of April	0	1	6
Spt. at dover at a Towne meeting the 26 of July	0	3	0
Pd to Jon Chaddock for a windle of male for Will ^m Corless 28 June.....	0	6	8

1699

Pd To Thos. Pickering collector for Births and burialls for Birth of Gilbert Taylors child 2s. for registering it 6d. the 1 of July ...	0	2	6
pd to High Constable for Repairing of Ribble Bridge : Ashcroft and Siss bridge and for master of ye House of Correction and for takeing presentments to the Sise the 28 of March.....	0	10	7½
pd To High Constable for repair of Golburn and Newton Bridge 6 May	0	5	11
pd to Mr. George Sorocold High Constable for reliefe of the prison ^m at Lanc ^r and repair of Lanc ^r Castle the 23 of May	0	3	1½
pd to High Constable for repair of Hurst Mill Plat the 23 June	0	1	6
pd to High Constable for reliefe of prisoners at Lanc ^r ye 12 Septembr	0	1	1
pd to High Constable for repair of Crossford bridg the 20 Septemb	0	6	0
Paid to James Cheetham Abrams proportio- nable part for Repair of the Low Schoole and a new cook stool the 8 of April	1	0	8

	£	s.	d.
pd To the Cronner for a warrant when Rowland Meddows child was drownd the 7th of May	0	1	0
pd for a warrant for gathering the pole the 8 of August	0	1	0
Pd to Roger Chaddock for 2 dayes with a cart in ye lain 28 June	0	4	0
pd To William Harrison his half-years wages the 12 of July.....	0	15	0
pd to Hen: Dames for paving twelve roods in the plank lain and for mending in this lain the 7 of September.....	0	13	6
Paid to 2 Soulders at sight of their pass the 7 of March.....	0	0	4
pd to Margret Harrisson for lodging one Souldier the 17 of April	0	0	8

October the first

These accounts Examined and allowed by us whose names are subscribed.

JOHN CHADOCK.	JOHN LEYLAND.
THOS. CHEETHAM.	JOHN TOMSON.
JON J H HARTS mark	BENJAMIN SMITH.
JAMES RICHARDSON.	JOHN RUSHWORTH.
JAMES GREENE.	HENRY LOWE.
JOHN CHADOCK.	

1700.

Octr. 29 paid to the High Constable	0	3	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
Novr. 8 pd to the High Constable	0	2	2
16 pd to the High Constable.....	0	8	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
paid for ye repare of Low Scole.....	0	2	0

1701.

The accounts for 1701-2 are subscribed:—Seene and allow'd by us whose names are subscribed.

RICHARD CROOK.	JOHN CHADOCK.
JOHN LEYLAND.	RICHARD ASHTON.
ALEXANDER TOMPSON.	ROGER R ADAMSON
JOHN CHADOCK.	his mark.
JOHN J H HART	BENJAMIN SMITH.
his marke.	SAMUEL SMITH.
THO: CHEETHAM.	JOHN RUSWORTH.

1703.

	£	s.	d.
Paid to Roger Adamson for two Burialls	0	8	0
Spent at Dover to in the disposing of Gilber Tolors childeren	0	2	0
Spent at a townes meeting at Platbridge in Christmas	0	5	0
Pd for 4 yeards of linen cloath for Hamlet Tolor	0	3	2
Pd for one pare Stokings for William Ashton	0	0	9
Pd for one pare of Clogs for William Ashton	0	0	6

1704.

Spent at a meeting in Hindeley about going to Prescod	0	1	0
pd for putting Muskets in order	0	2	7
pd for A new Scabberd and other things for swrd.....	0	2	8
Spent of ye Corroners jury in Hindley.....	0	2	6
pd for a coffin	0	4	6
pd for bringing ye bear	0	1	0

1707-8.

Paid for Hamlit Taylors Indentures.....	0	2	0
Spent in Leigh three times in binding Jane Tolor	0	3	2
paid for William Ashton Cloges	0	0	6

1708-9.

To Nichs Corles House Rent $\frac{1}{2}$ year	0	5	0
To John Yates for a Load of Coals and Leading of Ann Leithwaits use	0	1	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
To John Chadwick for a Load of Coals and Leading for Ann Leithwait	0	2	1
To Ann Leithwait 1s. and to a pair of shoos...	0	2	6
To Ann Corles for 20 Baskets of Coals and leading.....	0	4	2
To John Chadwick for Ann Leithwait a peck of meal.....	0	1	6

1709-10.		£	s.	d.
Pd for A Coat and breeches for Will ^m Ashton	0	4	6	
Pd for loging of a poor man	0	0	6	
Pd for a peer of Shues for Ann Prescott	0	2	6	
Pd M ^e Tomason bedstockes	0	4	6	
Pd for fliting M ^e Tomason	0	1	0	
Pd for fliting Ann Corlis	0	1	6	
Pd John Prescott for A pare of Shues	0	3	6	
Pd to Edward Walkden doughter in sicknes	0	1	6	
Pd for A Cofin for her	0	4	0	
Pd for church dules and spenses	0	6	6	
Spent at ye Towens meeting.....	0	11	4	
Pd at A sessions at Warrington	0	8	0	
Spent At Carters in Wigan	0	1	6	
Spent At Ashton At A Seshons	0	1	4	
Spent At the quarter Seshons Two dayes Atending.....	0	8	0	
Spent At ye Plat Brige At twis	0	2	6	
Spent At Leigh	0	0	3	
Spent At dover At Twise	0	1	0	
Spent in Sertching Twise	0	1	0	
Spent at A privat Seshons at Wigan	0	1	0	
Pd for church Layes	2	19	2	
Spent At Wigan in Masons	0	0	6	
Pd for A warant and spent About the Land Takxs	0	1	0	
Paid for Paving and Spent	0	15	4	
Pd for Riting of Two dublicates	0	1	0	
And spent At Ashton ye same day	0	2	0	
Pd for writing of two dublicates for the windows	0	1	0	
Spent At Carlers that day	0	2	0	
Spent At Glovers At A privat Seshons	0	1	6	
Spent At Wigan About flitcraft	0	0	6	
Spent in Hindley About flitcraft	0	0	11	
Spent in Inse At the Juery	0	4	0	
Spent At Leigh	0	0	6	
Spent at Sesons at Newton	0	1	0	
The Disbursements for this year amount to £54 3s. 1d.				

1710-11.

The accounts for the year 1710-11 commence with particulars of money spent, but as similar entries have already been frequently given they need not again be quoted.

pd for 32 baskets of Coles and leading for Prescott wife	0	6	4
pd James Dam for paveing by Dover one day and his man	0	1	8
pd for a load of stones	0	1	4
pd a Cart half a day leading sand to pave w th Dec ^r 3 pd for Cloath for tow Shifts thrid and makeing for William Ashton.....	0	4	0
pd for repaireing windows att Low Schoole...	0	2	3
pd Tho Cheetham his expenses Serving for Surveying windows	0	3	8

1712.

pd Nicolas Corles in Sickness	0	2	0
pd for a yard $\frac{1}{2}$ Cloath to be a paire a briches for Nicolas	0	3	3
pd William platts Table for whole year 16 ^a and 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ quart ^r	3	5	0
Given John Unsworth towards binding his son apprentis	0	10	0

1712.

Account of what is paid concerning Will Ashton.

20th Oct ^r pd for Cloath and triming and tow Shifts	0	16	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Given to him in money	0	1	0
Nov ^r ye 10th pd Grimshaw for making the Cloathes	0	3	6
pd for paire of Stocking.....	0	1	6
18th of March pd Grimshaw for his token ...	0	10	0
& pd for mending his shoes	0	0	6
July ye 19th pd for a paire Shooes	0	3	4

	£	s.	d.
pd for a hatt	0	2	4
pd for 2 paire of clogges.....	0	0	8
pd for 4 horses going with Souldiers to Warington	0	5	8
pd towards Stony lane bridge	0	17	8½

1713.

Spent upon Jury men being warned of Crowners Quest in to Hindley	0	2	6
Paid Mr Boyer as charitable towards repaire of a Church.....	0	5	0
Account of the Charge pd for Will: Ashton in Moneys and Cloaths in the whole.....	2	9	5½
To Jon Grimshaw 10 ^s 2 ^d shifts and makeing 5 ^s 4 ^d Cloath thrid and butt 10 ^s 4 ^d mending shoos and stocking 2 ^s 4 ^d thrid and mo haire and skin for polk 1 ^d for mending shoes and clogs: 10 ^d tow cravats: 2 ^d mending shoes 4 makeing Cloaths 2 ^s 9 ^d a paire new shoes 3 ^s 8 ^d tow Shifts and making 5 ^s 8 ^d in other necessary uses 1 ^s 8 ^d mending shoes 11 ^d att another tyme 5 ^d a paire a clogs 4½ ^d a paire Stockings 1 ^s 6 ^d .			

1714-5.

pd for a Coffin for Prescottts Lad and dues ...	0	5	6
Account of What Money hath been p ^d by me Tho: Richardson conserning Souldiers as Malitia in ye year 1715-6.			
Impr ^o Octob ^r 7th Spent at Platt bridge att a meeting to consult about them	00	03	06
pd Jonathan Johnson Gun Smith for clensing and repaireing ffire Locks and Swords...	00	07	10
pd three shill: as Lifting Money	00	03	00
pd three Men Tow days pay att Newton.....	00	10	06
My journey and spences same day	00	02	06
Nov ^o 3rd pd three men Tow days pay att Wigan 10 ^s 6 ^d my journey and expenses att Platt bridge and att Wigan attending 2 dayes	00	15	00

	£	s.	d
pd 1 ^s to Peter Lythgoe as Lifting Money ...	00	01	00
pd him for goeing to Holland to be sworne...	00	01	06
pd att Wigan three days pay	00	15	09
My journey to Wigan attending of them	00	02	00
pd then at Wigan Novr ye 11th four days ...	01	01	00
My journey and expences attending of them...	00	02	00
pd them att Walton five days pay	01	06	03
pd My journey and expences going to Walton w th Souldiers pay in all.....	00	04	00
pd to Hindley ffor p ^{rt} of a souldiers pay	00	17	06
pd Peter Green for Stocking one ffire lock ...	00	03	06
pd Tho: Unsworth ffor mending one ffire lock	00	00	08
feb ^e ye first pd ffor three Catridg boxes	00	09	00
		07	14
pd Must ^r Mastr ^r at Newton	00	01	06
		07	16

Account of Highways s^d year.

Octob ^r Ellis Cheetham and Adam Richardson either one day getting stoops and copping in ye high waye	00	01	04
Nov ^e 17th pd Henry Dam and his son ffor paveing in Highways and tow men attend- ing of them.....	00	04	00
pd Ellis Cheetham and Adam Richardson either 3 days and a half Leviling in highways.....	00	04	8
pd Ellis Chitham 4 days and $\frac{1}{2}$ Adam Richard- son 6 days and $\frac{1}{2}$ James Crouchley 5 days $\frac{1}{2}$ in all sixteen days $\frac{1}{2}$ ffilling earth and Levilling	00	11	0
My Cart $6\frac{1}{2}$ and Crouchleys $1\frac{1}{2}$ eight days ...	00	16	0
pd Will Harrison ffor 10 days in highways...	00	06	8
pd Henry Dam for paveing 140 yrds at $1\frac{1}{2}$...	00	17	6
My cart one day and $\frac{1}{2}$ loading stones and sand in highways	00	03	0
pd Tho: Cheetham ffor a Load of stones	00	01	6

	£	s.	d.
pd James Corles for a Load of stones	00	01	6
pd ffor ffour Load of Stones Ed Low and Mathew Ralphs	00	04	0
pd Henry And ^{ton} ffor 9 Load stones	00	04	6
pd three carts ffor ffetching ye same.....	00	09	0
pd ffor a Confirmation ffor highways	00	02	0
pd John Yeats ffor repaireing bourhey Meadow Lane	00	10	0
pd John Prescott ffor tow days in highway Levilling at 8 ^d per day	0	1	4

1714.

Spent at platt Bridge w th Hindley men	0	2	6
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1714-15.

pd Churchwarden as by receipt apears.....	04	11	05½
pd Balife of Hund ^r Towards opening the ways in Hindley and Pemberton as by receipt	05	05	06

1720.

pd Church Lays to Church warden	5	14	2
pd Mary Hallewey her children being sick of small pox in all	0	3	2
pd Charges at Burying her child in dues coffin and Expences in all	0	7	6
and for goeing through town.....	0	0	4
pd for a sheet for her when child was sick ...	0	1	10

1722.

July 18th pd Expenses at Ashton returning p ^r Tentm ^t of the vallew of papist Estates	0	2	3
Dec ^r 5 paid for Jane Harrison's Coffin church dues and offidavy and for bringing Beer in all	0	8	6
pd for drink at her burying att dov ^r	0	2	8
At wool Pack	0	7	2
June 9 drawing papist names and going to return it at Ashton	0	1	0

At the end of the accounts for this year (1722) is written :

The s^d Account Examined and perused by us Sept^r 29th, 1722.

JOHN CHADOCK.	RICHD. ASHTON.
THO CHEETHEM.	JOHN LEYLAND.
ROGER CULCHETH.	RA ASHTON.
JAMES LEYLAND.	JOHN ARROWSMITH.
JAMES GREEN.	

1722.

Dec ^r 8th pd expense at a meeting at Dov ^r about Jane Harrison's goods	0	2	8
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1723.

Jan ^y 9 pd Prescotts Lad for going through Town at bureing of Jane Harrison	0	0	4
pd Mary Croughley for dressing Jane Har- rison's Leggs and Savle	0	7	6
pd Tho Turton for 10 baskets Coles and Leading for Jane Harison	0	2	6

1724.

pd charges buring Mary Hallewey Coffin 5 ^s 6 ^d church dues 1 ^s 1 ^d in drink at house and Winwick 5 ^s 6 ^d in bread butter and cheese 1 ^s 10 ^d for drawing her and fetching hearst 4 ^s 6 ^d	0	18	5
pd for Linn Cloath for Shifts for Childer 7 y ^d ..	0	5	3
pd for makeing four Shifts and thread	0	0	10
pd for two paire of shoes and stockins	0	5	7
pd for six yards of Linen and woolen for them	0	8	0
pd James Ralphs for wakeing and atendance of Mary Hallewey in her sicknesse	0	3	0
pd John Greenhough for wakeing and his wife for atendance in her sickness and for keeping childer two weeks	0	5	0

	£	s.	d.
pd Elizabeth Cook for atendance	0	0	6
pd Will: Taylor his cart going to Warrington with Souldiers.....	0	16	0

1730.

Sept. 29 Expencc at Hind about Low Schoole	0	1	0
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1732.

5 Jan. Pd for Repairs of Low School and Dictionary	0	17	0
pd Martha Fillding Skoole wages for Lows wench	0	1	6

The accounts for 1732 are signed:—

JAM^s LEYLAND.
JOHN CHEETHAM.
GEO: BIRCHALL.
JAMES GREEN.
RICHD ASHTON.
JOHN NAYLOR.

1733.

October pd Lambard Fillding wife Skoole wages for Lowes childern	0	3	0
Desember pd Lambard fillding Skoole wages for Lows wench	0	1	6

1734.

March pd Lambard Fillding wife Skoole wages for Lows cheldern	0	3	0
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1733.

Desember given to a man with a breefe	0	0	8
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1734.

february Given to a man with a pass wife and 5 childern	0	0	6
July Given to a man for Loss by fire by breefe	0	0	6
Given to a poor disabled Soulder with a pass	0	0	6

1736.		&	s.	d.
December 30	Expencis at Removing Towns			
	Chist	0	0	4
	Expenses in seeking vagabonds.....	0	0	6

1737.				
July 7	for Towns staf and trunchon.....	0	6	0
	paid docter Claton	2	14	0
	paid docter Cheetham	1	19	0
	Spent att the meeting of Low Skoole	0	1	0
Octob ^r 3	To Lamb ^t Fielding for keeping the Muskitt	0	3	0
7	To John Lowe a Hatt two shirts Brichis Stokins Shoes	0	6	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
18	To John Filding for keeping a Muskitt ...	0	3	0
21	To a Bible for John Lowe.....	0	2	0
7	To John Lowe a Hatt two shirts Brichis Stockins Shoes	0	6	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
10	To a Letter Haseldingdon	0	0	2
	To Making 2 shirts and thried for John Lowe	0	0	5
Nov ^r 6	To Lambert Fieldings Funerall	1	1	0
Jan 12	To Mary Lygoes Funeral	1	0	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	To pasingers for Loss by fire.....	0	1	0
April 8	To Ms ^r Green for Muskitt	0	1	0

1738.				
Octob ^r 12	To new Locks for Towns Chest ...	0	2	0
	To setting them on.....	0	0	6
	att same time spent	0	0	8

1739.				
Jan ^y 3	To making Privy search.....	0	0	6
May 19	To John Lygoe for 4 Quarter of Coals.	0	6	0
Novb ^r 5	To a Bonfire att Lodge	0	1	0
Jan ^y 2	To John Fielding for Cleaning Muskits	0	5	0
Sep ^r 26	To Repairs att Low Schooll	0	2	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sept 8	To John Finch for a Malitia Man 14 years	0	14	0

1741.

	£	s.	d.
Sept 30 to Ould Betty Godsendns 12 mounths			
pay at 5s. $\frac{3}{4}$	3	0	0
Feb ^y 2 to her House Rent.....	0	13	0

1742.

May 2 to sealf for Remoufing her	0	1	6
Aug ^t 20 to Coles and Keanell for her	0	15	0
Sept 1 to Cloathing John Leivesly's famely...	0	15	2
Feb ^y 4 to his Rent	0	17	0
March 1 to Doctor Leyland for fizeck and Vizets	0	7	0
Sept to Doctor Leyland for Elin Unsworth...	0	10	0
Dec ^r 18 to Mr. Malt for Repairing ye Lowe Skoole	0	15	4

The accounts for 1742 were signed by—

JAMES LEYLAND.
 JOHN LEYLAND.
 JAMES GREEN.
 RICHD. ASHTON.

1743.

for Graveling a Rode to ye Lowe Skoole	0	3	6
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1745.

to Repareing Lowe Scoole	0	7	7
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1747.

Sept ^r To Thos Simkins Board 7 weicks at 1 ^s 3 ^d	0	8	9
to Shaveing him	0	0	6
to Mr Mort in proportion to Hindley	1	5	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
to cleanig a musket	0	1	0

1751.

July 24 to a Croner warant to a child Drowned on Ince Moss	0	2	8
26 to a Croners warant of a man kiled at Stone pit Green Colpit	0	2	8
Sept 18 pd Tho: Prescot for standing God-father for weainrights child	0	1	0
Nov 5 to Ale to Loge	0	2	6

	£	s.	d.
to Rich ^d Marsh for worke Don at Low Scoole as by bill.....	1	10	1
Dec ^r 30 to Jon Naylor for worke at Lowe Scoole	0	12	0

1753.

June 8 To Thomas Hallewell's Child a Pair of stays and 2 yards of Plain Cloath for a gown	0	4	0
Octo ^r 27 Paid to Jas Rigby a Travelling Brief	0	2	6
Novem ^r 2 To Salve for Old Sarah Winter- bothams Legg.....	0	0	2
To 1 yard of Linnen Cloath for old Sarah and Thread.....	0	0	10
5 To 2 Baskets of Coales and carrying 10 ^d and $\frac{1}{2}$ Pound of Powder 8 ^d ale 2 ^s 6 ^d	0	4	0

1754.

January 17 To Will ^m Yeats Wife for 5 Plaisters for her breast	0	1	8
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The accounts for the year ending in 1754 are signed by

JOHN LEYLAND.
JOHN CHADWICK.
JAMES GREEN.
JAM^s GREEN.
RICHARD ASHTON.
JOHN ROPER.
COPT. CAILL.

1755.

April 21 Paid for a Quear of Paper for the Towns Use	0	0	8
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1756.

Nov ^r 5 Paid for Coles for Boonfire 10 ^d for Half a Pound of Powder 8 ^d for Drink at Dover 2 ^s 6 ^d In all	0	4	0
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1757.		£	s.	d.
Jan ^r 13	Paid for Repering Low School.....	0	7	7
March 17	Paid Lambert Fildings Rent for 4 weeks and a half at 1 ^s $\frac{3}{4}$ week	0	4	6
	Paid to Midwife for Lambert Fildings Wife...	0	2	6
	Reliv'd Lamber fildings Wife	0	2	6
	Paid for a Pear of Stays for her (Lambert Fildings Wife) child	0	0	8
do	Paid for Churching Her.....	0	1	0
do	Paid for Sope for Her	0	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
23	Paid to Mr. Hawkshead for Surveying the Township of Abram	8	19	0
24	Bought Lambert fildings Wife a Pint of Wine in Her Illness	0	1	0
	Relivd Lambert Fildings Wife	0	3	0
March 24	Paid to William Yeats for Going a Pressing	0	1	0
April 1	Paid Samuel Lees for Serving the ofes of A Sides Man at Wiggen Church	0	10	0
August 15	for Repairs at Low School	0	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Octo ^r 3	to Derby Court	0	3	0
Novem ^r 5	for 2 Baskets of Coales and fetching for Drink at Dover.....	0	0	10
	for Powder	0	2	6
	for Powder	0	0	8
Decem ^r 30	Spent in Choosing a New School Master.....	0	3	6

1758.

March 17	to Samuel Lee as Sidesman	0	10	0
May 8	Pd to the Lowe School	1	11	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Nov ^r 16	Spent at looking into the town's Chest	0	0	4
March 29	Pd to the Lowe School.....	0	2	8
June 30	to John Hill when he went a Bathing	0	7	6
Novem ^r 11	For Footing Old Sarah's Stockins and Stuff	0	0	2

1760.

Feb ^r 19	Spent at Candlemas meeting	0	0	8
March 27	To a Bill for repairing Low School	0	1	11

1761.

	£	s.	d.
June 5 pd to the Churchwardens at Wigan for Sickfield lane	2	17	1
June 9 Bought a pair of cards for Ann Grimshaw	0	2	8

1762.

Sept ^r 9 For mee Going to Newton to meake a Return of the Ale houses in Abram	0	1	0
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1762.

Sept ^t 20 pd fore Jurors for Ale Consarning y ^e Scotsman That was Hanged at James Hope in Abram	0	1	4
Nov ^r 5 pd for a horse Load of Coals for a Boonfier	0	0	10
and for Halfe a pound of powder	0	0	8
and for Ale at the Boonfier	0	2	0
Octo ^r 29 Paid for Sixteene Baskits of Coals at Pit for Isabell Prescot	0	2	8
pd Joshua Dixon for Laiding them	0	2	6

1763.

Jan ^r 3 to Brindle work house Rent	0	18	0
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The accounts for the year ending 4th Apr^{ll} are signed by

HUGH STIRRUP.
ROBERT GREEN.
JAM^s GREEN.
JAMES LEYLAND.

Nov ^r 3 to Mr. Marsh School Master at Loo School Being Abram Shere for the Repere of the School	0	16	8
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1764.

June 8 pd James Crouchly 7 weeks pay with Tho ^s Ashton	0	2	4
pd for Sweet Soap and quicksilver to clean him	0	0	6

1765.

	£	s.	d.
June 8 pd to a Man and Woman with a pass	0	0	2
28 pd churchwarden for 2 briefs	0	4	0
Nov ^r 7 pd for a pair of Cards for Bety Rigby	0	2	6

1766.

Jan ^r 1 pd at Brindle Workhouse	0	18	0
Expences going to Brindle	0	2	0

1767.

Oct ^r 23 pd Abrams Share of £2 10s. 0d. for Low School.....	0	19	0
Dec ^r 31 pd Gov ^r of Brindle Workhouse for John Smith's washing and tobacco	0	1	9
pd Years rent at Brindle	0	17	6
Expences going to Brindle	0	2	0

1766.

Aug st 6 Expences at Setting Stocks at Dover	0	3	0
Dec ^r 5 pd Abrams share of 8 ^s 6 ^d for repairing road to Low School	0	3	2½

1770.

August 19 pd to Low Scool	0	8	0
May 7 pd 5 Months Balance for Pemberton Workhouse	1	14	8
my Jorney and Spences to D ^o	0	1	6
August 1 pd Pemberton Workhouse Bill.....	2	2	7

1771.

April 25 pd to Lowe School	0	2	0
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1772.

Octobe ^r 20 Pead for Weadding of Thomas Astley			
Pead dues at winwick and sixpence for axing at Wigan.....	0	4	2
Pead to Thomas Asley	2	7	0
for Spences	0	2	0
Pead to Pege Thorp for drink when Agree- ment mead	0	4	9

1774.		£	s.	d.
July 9 pd to John Pennington for Brick				
Seting and Compare	1	6	4	
my Expences to Ashon with John Pennington	0	0	6	
Aug st 30 for Leding 20 Messers of Lime for				
the School	0	2	6	
R ^d of Jams Gregson for oulers	0	9	0	

1775.

January 27 pd to Dpy Gaoler at Lancaster at				
Livering Richard Anderton into Cassel..	0	1	0	

1774.

April 18 My Jorey to Ormskerk to Seshons				
with Henre Marock pd for Lousing and				
Binding	0	4	6	
my Expences and Henres	0	2	6	
Mear and my Self	0	2	6	

April 18 pd to Thomas Teckel for is Journey				
to Oarmskerk Seshons with Henry Marock	0	2	6	
July 18 My Journey to Ormskerk to Seshons				
with Henre Marock	0	2	6	
Detto Henre Expences that day	0	1	2	

1775.

January 16 My Journey to Wagon Seshons				
with Henery Marock	0	1	6	
Seckend Day with Henre Marock.....	0	1	6	
for one par of New Shous for Henre Marock	0	5	6	
for Garnesh Mone at Lancaster.....	0	2	6	
for pocket mone to Henre Marock	0	4	0	
May 1 My Journey to Ormskerk Seshons about				
Henre Marock a fare	0	2	9	
Thoams Tekel is Journey to Ormskerk Seshons				
about Henere Marock.....	0	2	9	
May 2 Detto Joshua Dixson one day more ...	0	1	9	
Detto Thoams Teckel one Day more.....	0	1	9	
May 2 for hee for hoarses	0	1	4	

	£	s.	d.
for Coarn for hoarses	0	1	0
for the Hire of the Hoarses 2 ^s each	0	4	0
to Osler and Chambermaid	0	0	8
Thoams Teekel one 1 ^s Shelin at Wagon Seshons that he spent	0	1	0
Jan ^y 17 pd for Pouch when Henere Marock was Levered to Me ^r Dain at Seshons at Wagon.....	0	2	6
Oct ^r 27 Pd to Thoams Brendel for Ail and Gen and Sum Norishments that Docter oardred	0	2	0
19 My Jorne to Neweton Seshons Retorning the Shperviser of hi weas	0	1	0

1776.

Sep ^r 12 th Returning Ale Houses	0	1	0
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1776.

Oct ^r 16 th To 12 Bask. of Coals at the rejoicing of taking long Iland in America	0	2	0
leading.....	0	1	0
To D ^o for ale	0	2	0

1777.

April 3 P. to peter Hart for sarving Sidsman for three years 10 ^s per year	1	10	0
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1779.

June 18 to the Low school by bill	0	8	0
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1780.

Feb ^y 22 Pd by bill to Low School.....	0	10	6
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1781.

July 5 Paid for Repeating Windows at Low School	0	4	11
Aug st 2 Expences at Low School about arrect- ing of a School Master	0	4	6
18 Expences at Low School	0	2	0
Nov ^r 3 Pd towards a Boonfire	0	2	6

1784.

	£	s.	d.
Aug st 14 pd W ^m Hatton for 5 days at 1 ^s 4 ^d Ⓕ	0	6	8
June 10 Peter Gerrard 2½ at 1 ^s 6 ^d Ⓕ	0	3	9
horse 2½ days at 1 ^s 4 ^d Ⓕ.....	0	3	4
6 pd for the Highway Ley Book being signed and red up in the church	0	2	6
July 10 pd Rob ^t Scotson for 13 days of his horse at 1 ^s 4 ^d Ⓕ	0	17	4
himself 12½ Days at 1 ^s 6 ^d Ⓕ	0	18	9
pd Tho ^s Chadwick for 2 Days at 1 ^s 4 ^d Ⓕ	0	2	8
April 28 Relieved Margry Ward	0	3	0
May 10 Paid by bill to Tho ^s Laithwait for Bedstocks and Beding and other neces- saries when she was sick	1	9	1½
21.....	0	5	0
June 11	0	6	0
28 pd to Mr. Toping Margry Wards Rent by Bill	0	18	0
to Margry Ward when she was Married	4	4	0
Expenses of horse and self to Holland	0	2	6
Aug st 11 6 Weeks at 10 ^d Ⓕ Week for her child	0	5	0
Sept ^r 15 5 Weeks D ^o	0	4	2
28 2 D ^o	0	1	8
Nov ^r 9 6 Weeks D ^o	0	5	0
Dec ^r 28 7 Weeks D ^o	0	5	10

1785.

Feb ^r 5 Relived Margry's Child	0	3	0
March 3 ^d Relived D ^o	0	4	0
Oct ^r 22 Expenses of Trustees Concerning Low School	0	2	0
Nov ^r 17 Expences of Trustees Concerning Low School.....	0	1	0

1786.

April 14 My Salary	8	8	0
March 20 Paid for repairing of Low School by bill E. Clarke.....	3	3	7½
Oct ^r 13 paid for repairing of Low School.....	0	11	2½

1788.

	£	s.	d.
Feb ^y 29 Paid Mr. Clerk by Bill for George Oaks Children going to School	0	3	0
For my Salary	7	7	0
June 20 paid Mrs Arrowsmith Scholwage for Child Widow Battersbys	0	3	0
Dec ^r 29 Scholl wage to Dame Arrowsmith ...	0	3	0

1789.

June 24 paid for School Wage for son (of Widow Battersby)	0	3	0
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1790.

Feb ^y 18 paid to Mr. Clerk for Repairs of Low School by Bill.....	0	18	2½
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1789.

Nov ^r 5 at Towns meeting	0	3	6
paid for Bunfire and Powder.....	0	2	6
April 30 th Paid Doctor Ackers by Bill	2	5	0

1791.

April 14 Spent at Meeting of the Highway Acc ^t	0	7	3
pd to Clerk of Wigan for the Meeting being read up in Church	0	0	6

1790.

Sept ^r 16 pd for Coffin and Church dues (for Widow Unsworth).....	0	11	0
for Bread and drink at buring	0	5	0
pd Man from Prescot for letting me know that she was dead	0	1	6
July 14 pd for Books to Write Wils out in...	0	2	2
Aug st 28 pd to W ^m Chisnall Clerk of Hindley Chapel by Bill for writeing out Frances Duckenfield Will and Tho ^s Crooks	}	0	10
6			
Nov ^r 5 pd for Bunfire at Dover.....	0	2	6

1791.

	£	s.	d.
May 16 pd for Bread and Drink at Burying of her (one of George Oakes children) and Church Dues	0	8	0
pd for takeing care of her in Sickness	0	2	0

1792.

Jan ^r 16 pd for Bread and Drink at Buring of her (Anno Livsly)	0	8	0
Church Dues	0	3	10½

1791.

June 20 My Journey and Expences of going to Wigan Conserving Alston's and Whitting- tons Rent	0	1	4
Oct ^r 21 pd Mr. Clark for repairs done at Low School	0	14	3

1792.

Sept ^r 7 pd to 4 Jurimen for going over a Man that was drowned in Golbourn	0	4	0
Oct ^r 26 pd 4 D ^o for going upon Jury for Man that was cild in Abram	0	4	0
April 3 pd 4 D ^o over D ^o that was cild at Colepit in Golbourn	0	4	0

1793.

May 2n ^d pd Mr. Charles Worsley for going to Lancaster Sises	1	1	0
Oct ^r 22 pd John Robinson for attending at Ormskirk Sessions and upon Jury	0	5	0

1794.

Jan ^r 14 pd John Dobb for attending at Orms- kirk Sessions and upon Jury.....	0	5	0
pd John Smith for D ^o	0	5	0
April 6 Betty Turton pair of Shoes	0	5	0
pd for Lin Cloth for her.....	0	7	1½
11 pd for warrand for W ^m Shepard	0	4	0
my Journey to Wigan with her and Expenses..	0	1	6

	£	s.	d.
14 Hired W ^m Shepard upon Stamp when married	3	0	0
Stamp	0	0	6
pd Constable Ashton by Bill.....	1	1	0
pd for Dinners and Liquor.....	0	4	2
pd Person going to Smithy Brook for her Fathers consent being married	0	2	0
15 pd W ^m Gorse for assistance	0	2	6
My Journey and Expences 2 days.....	0	4	0
Expenses when married.....	0	2	0

1793.

Oct ^r 24 Paid for Pottatoes for John Rosbottom Family 25 measures at 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^d $\frac{3}{4}$ measure and carting	1	12	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
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1795.

Aug st 12 pd Enoch Clark by Bill for repairs for Low School	2	8	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
March 8 pd Rich ^d Farthlew for a Coffin for him (Rob ^t Winterbottom) by bill.....	0	13	6
pd for bread and Liquor, &c., do	0	11	6
Sept ^r 9 pd to Martha Darbershire for to go to whitworth Docters when she was sick...	0	10	6
Nov ^r 16 pd do.	1	1	0
pd to Edward Dauber to pay her Board and Docters	1	17	6

1796.

March 28 pd Edward Dauber 2 ^s 6 ^d $\frac{3}{4}$ week for her 19 weeks	2	7	6
April 9 pd for a pair of Looms for Joseph Roughley to Looms maker in Bedford ...	1	18	0

1797.

Feb ^y 1 st pd for Coffin for her (Widow Wilcock) Church Dues Bread and Liquor at buring	1	2	6
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1796.

	£	s.	d.
Aug st 30 Expences gethering shop keepers weights together and takeing them to Warrington to have them tryed by standard	0	5	0
paid for haveing them weighed.....	0	2	0

1797.

Jan ^y 23 To Warrington Drawing Lots Militia pd for them.....	0	3	0
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1796.

June 24 pd for cilling mad Dog	0	2	6
June 12 pd for Lathe for John Traverse	0	4	0

1797.

Feb ^y 9 pd upon Militia Acc ^t besides subscrip- tion Mony			
	£	s.	d.
for 5 Men and Expenses...	44	5	0
Subscription mony	25	4	0
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	19	1	0

My Journy to Warrington Exchangeing a Man and Expenes of them	0	4	6
Journeys to Different places and Expences about Nevy Man.....	0	4	0

1796.

May 12 pd for Spinning Wheel	1	17	0
June 26 Expences binding (James Winterbottom) prentice.....	0	2	0

1797.

April 28 pd towards a Wheel	0	7	0
Dec ^r 1 My Journy to Wigan and Expences binding Jos ^h Winterbottom Prentice but did not bind him	0	1	6

	£	s.	d.
6 pd to John Thomason by Bill for Cloths for Jos ^h Winterbottom.....	0	17	3
6 for Lin Cloth	0	5	0
do Stockings	0	0	10
Makeing Shirts	0	1	2
15 My Journey to Wigan binding him prentice pd to W ^m Talbot Ashton his consideration Mony and the Receipt is at back of the Indenture	0	1	6
Expences binding him	1	1	0
30 pd for Shoes and Hat	0	2	0
	0	7	10

1798.

Jan ^r 17 pd to Justies Clark for sineing the Indentures	0	2	0
My Journey to Warrington and Expences ...	0	2	6

1797.

May 16 pd to Charles Gerrard Sen ^r for hire of a pair of Looms	0	6	0
July 14 Getting the Lay Book signed by the Justices and haveing it published in the parish Church of Wigan	0	2	6
Oct ^r 6 pd for Letters Conserving Clocks and Watches	0	0	3
10 for Sessing the Clocks and Watches and other Taxes.....	0	4	0
12 pd for Instructions and Duplicptes for Clocks and Watches	0	4	0

1798.

Jan ^r 15 my Journey to Leigh to have Mr Gorse advice conserving the Navy Men..	0	1	0
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1797.

April 23 pd clerk of Wigan Church for the Overseers of the Poor being red up	0	0	6
Sept ^r 2 pd Mr. Clarke for repairs done at Low School—by bill—and survaying the new howses.....	1	14	9

	£	s.	d.
May 14 pd for 2 Letters concerning Cavarly	0	0	6½
18 Journey to Warrington when Cavarly Men was sworn in and Expenses	0	2	6
24 pd for 2 Letters.....	0	0	4½
Journy to Leigh Chowbent and Westhoughton giveing them notice to attend at Wigan to lern their Decipline	0	3	6
25 Journy to Wigan with Militia men and Expenses of them	0	2	6
May 21 pd for 1 pair of Loomes for Tho ^s Heskith to Tho ^s Mather by bill	2	1	5
Nov ^r 26 pd Clerk of Hindley Chapel to warn a towns Meeting.....	0	0	4

1798.

John Gerrards Wife and Child 2 ^s 3 Week while he is serving the Supplimentary Militia			
April 19 2 Weeks	0	4	0
May 31 6 do	0	12	0
June 12 for numbering the Supplimentary Militia	0	3	0
24 for Writeing 2 Lists of the D ^o and Journey to Hindly Chapel putting it upon the Door	0	3	0
28 my Journey to Warrington returning D ^o	0	2	6
pd Mr Bradford with List	0	1	0
Sept 20 To Newton Sessissions to return the Innkeepers	0	1	6
May 16 pd Mr Alsor for drawing a form for numbering the Men betwixt the ages of fifteen and Sixty years and children.....	0	1	0
14 for numbering the same	0	4	0
pd Peter Gerrard for Assistance	0	1	6
for Writeing 2 Lists	0	3	0
16 My Journey to Warrington returning the same	0	2	6
16 pd Bounty Mony for a Man to serve for Tho ^s Rosbottom in the Supplimentary Militia.....	6	12	0

	£	s.	d.
Expenses when hired.....	0	2	6
Journey to Warrington with him.....	0	2	6
Oct ^r 14 for writeing Notice for Towns meeting and Clerk at Hindley Chapel for warn- ing it	0	1	0

1799.

Nov ^r 14 Paid for 2 pair second hand waist- coat and breeches	0	7	0
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1800.

Jan ^y 3 Paid Ma ^w Lowe for 2 Loads Coals and Carting	0	14	6
Paid for 4 Measures potatoes	0	9	0

1799.

July 15 Paid Mr. Worsley for loom hire for Widow Travers	0	6	0
Sept ^r 19 To Newton Sessions to return the Inn Keepers	0	1	6
24 for writing 2 Lists of the Freeholders and putting the same on Hindley Chap. Door	0	1	6
27 To Wigan to return the same	0	1	6
Paid for being swore to them and the High Constable taking the same to Sessions...	0	2	0
Nov ^r 6 Pd for Bonfire	0	2	6
April 30 Deb ^r for a pair looms bought at James Bordman's Sale	2	2	0
Spinning Wheel.....	0	7	0

1800.

Jan ^y 3 My Jorney to Chewbent Binding W ^m Valentine Prentice.....	0	2	0
March 3 Paid Mr Clark Abrams share for repairs of school for the years '97 and and '99 by bill	2	11	6

1799.
 Oct^r 5 Pd Tim^r Mason Quarter and half school wages for Jn^o Valantine..... £ 0 3 0

1800.
 Jan^r 8 Pd Timothy Mason Quarters school-wage Baring out and fire money 0 3 3
 Feb^r 25 Paid for cock penny..... 0 0 6
 April 1 Pd T. Mason Quarters school wage... 0 2 0

1799.
 Jan^r 1. Paid for 1 Quire Writting Paper for sundry uses..... 0 1 0

1800.
 May 30 Given 1^s to Ja^s Oakes for gaiting a Pair of Looms..... 0 1 0
 June 6 Journey to Wigan with Peter Ingram on account of W^m Valentine bein bound an apprentice 0 2 0
 13 Paid Mr. Baron for Indentures for binding w^m Valentine apprentice to Peter Ingram 0 8 0
 Same time gave Peter Ingram towards two suits of cloths workday and Holiday for W^m Valentine..... 1 7 0

1808.
 Sept^r 1 Paid Peter Gerrard for the loan of a Pair of Looms..... 0 5 0
 May 5 Paid for one Quire of Writeing Peaper 0 1 6

1800.
 June 13 Also my Journey and expense to Wigan Signing Ind^s 0 2 0
 26 Paid Peter Ingram 5 weeks for Boarding Jn^o Valentine 0 17 6

	£	s.	d.
Same time paid one Quarter's Schoolwages for D°... ..	0	2	0
Also 3 yds of cloth at 1s. 7 ^d 1½ yds of Gladden at 1s. 4d.	0	5	0
July 1 Journey and expence to Chewbent to Ja ^s Prestwick on account of an Apprentice Fee promised for W ^m Valen°.....	0	2	6
Sept ^r 18 To 12 weeks Boardwages at 3 ^s 6 ^d 7 ^d for Jn° Valentine	2	2	0
Oct ^r 1 Paid a Quarter's Schoolwages 2 ^s Fire-money 1 ^s for D°	0	3	0

1801.

Jan ^y 1 Paid to 15 weeks Board at 3s 6d 7 ^d to Peter Ingram for D°	2	12	6
To a pair of clogs 1s 9d 2 yds of Blue plain Cloth 1s 4d 7 ^d	0	4	5
likewise a pair of stockings 10d.....	0	0	10
3 Paid Schoolwages and Christmas penny for D°	0	2	6
March 5 To 9 weeks pay at 3s 6d 7 ^d for D° to Peter Ingram	1	11	6
April 1 Paid School wages for Jn° Valentine to Timy Mason	0	2	0
20 Also paid for a Pair of Looms (for James Oakes).....	1	11	6
likewise a pair of Bedsteads	0	4	0
24 Paid to the Overseer of Atherton for Charlson's wife for him servg. in the Supplimentary Malitio 14 weeks at 1s 7 ^d	0	14	0

1801.

March 28 Paid W ^m Collier for 19 Tubs of Coals and Carting (for Samuel Battersby)	0	12	4½
Jan ^y 24 Paid Peter Gerrard for hire of a weavers Loom for D° (John Sanderson)..	0	6	0
March 10 Paid for Fire and Powder 5 th Nov ^r at Dover	0	2	6

1800.		£	s.	d.
April 17	Paid Edward Dawber for Ale at Easter Meeting	0	10	10
May 25	Paid Postage for a Letter to Leyland cong. the Money at Alston	0	0	3
June 30	Paid Charles Gerrard for the use of a pair of Looms for John Livsey at the Brow	0	6	0
July 14	Paid Postage for a Letter from Manchester.....	0	0	5
Aug st 2	Reliev'd a Sailor with a pass	0	0	4
Nov ^r 17	Paid postage for two Letters from Warrington.....	0	0	10
March 5	Paid for Ale at the Meeting the first Thursday in March.....	0	2	3
26	Spent at a Town's Meeting cong. a new officer	0	2	0
Same time	paid Gervis Clough and self for going over the Town Numbering the People 4s each 6d spent.....	0	8	6
April 3	Paid Gervis Clough as due to him when leaving office the last year £7 19s. 10½d. being out of pocket	7	19	10½
To my salary	for this year past.....	10	10	0

1809.

July 13	Ann Cleaton 20 Sparrows heds	0	0	10
Aug st 8	Thomas Scotson 24 Sparrows heads...	0	1	0

1814.

July 14	John Hardman 37 D°	0	1	6½
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1818.

June 2	James Wood 50 Sparrows heads	0	2	1
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EXTRACTS FROM DOCTORS' BILLS.

The Doctors' bills, extracts from which follow, are amusing in their details :—

(From R. Guest's Bill.)

1765.

April 30 Twelve Mercurial Powders	0	1	0
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(From John Smith's Bill.)

1769.

Nov ^r 12 Turners Cerate of Basilicon	0	0	8
16 Journey	0	1	0

(From R. Guest's Bill.)

1771.

Sept ^r 10 Cure of a Tumor in the Hand, Ch ^r Hills Daug ^r	0	2	6
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1773.

Mar 6 A Visit John Rulfleys Wife.....	0	1	0
An Anodine Julip.....	0	1	6

(From Thos. Hawarden's Bill.)

1775.

Mar 4 A Julap	0	1	6
12 Chamomile Flowers	0	0	2
April 3 Bleeding in y ^o foot	0	0	6

(From R. Guest's Bill.)

1777.

Sep 4 A Vomit.....	0	0	6
A Box of Stomatic Pills	0	1	6
A Stomatic Mixture	0	1	6
14 A Balsamic Mixture	0	1	6
June 16 Glaubers Salts	0	0	6

1778.			
Jan 19	A Visit	0	1 0
Feb 14	Volatile Drops	0	0 6
Aug st 1	Frankinsence & Volatile Drops	0	1 2
1777.			
Aug st 3	A Nervous Mixture	0	1 6
Dec ^r 13	Nervous Tincture	0	0 6
1778.			
Mar 25	Sena.....	0	0 2
June 16	Cure of Girls face	0	1 0
	Digestive Ointment	0	0 3
April 2	Bleeding	0	0 2
	16 A Blister	0	0 6
1780.			
Feb 20	Brimstone & Cream of Tarter.....	0	0 3
1782.			
April 24	A Pectoral Linctus	0	1 6
1787.			
May 15	Twelve Refriger Powders	0	2 0
1788.			
Jan ^y 26	Cure of George Livesly's Child	0	5 0
Sept ^r 25	A Visit P. Bridge Marg ^t . Travice ...	0	2 0
<i>(From R. & J. Guest's Bill.)</i>			
1790.			
May 22	Turners Cerat	0	0 8
1790.			
Sept ^r 12	A Visit	0	2 0
1792.			
Nov ^r 16	A Vermifuge Powder.....	0	0 3
1794.			
Sep 6	Specific Ointment for y ^e Itch	0	2 2
1795.			
July 25	Corroborant Ingredients	0	1 0

1796.

Sept^r 12 The Refrigerant Powders 0 2 0

1795.

Dec^r 15 Tincture of Soot 0 1 0

DUES AT FUNERALS.

Church Dues and Funeral Expenses in the last century, as entered in the accounts, present a curious contrast to those paid now.

June 29, 1757

Passing Peal	0	4
Tolling.....	0	6
Curate's dues and Clerk's attendance	0	7
for Grave.....	0	9
for Bier and Laying Grave Stone	0	10

29 th June 1757 Then Rec ^d the Contents by me	—	
Ger ^d Bancks	3	0

Passing Peal quart ^r of an Hour.....	0	4
Tolling Curate's dues & Clerk's attendance	1	1
for Grave and Laying flags & Bier	2	1

18 th Sept ^r 1757 Then Rec ^d the Contents of this	—	
Bill ꝑ me Ger ^d Bancks	3	6

December 21, 1757

To the Funeral of Lambert Philding's Child

To the Parrish Church	0	9
To the searpell Dues	0	5
To the Clark attending	0	4
To the Toulung	0	6
To the Grave Making.....	0	4

August 22, 1775

Dues at Winwick

to the Clark	1	6
to the Grave	1	6
to Takeing up the Body Ston and putting the same down again.....	1	0
to Toling up the Corps	0	6
to the Carrige going out of Parish	1	0
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Rec ^d by me Peter Smith Sexton	5	6

Passing Peal Quarter of one Hour	0	4
Tolling Curate's dues & Clerk's attendance	1	1
for Grave Extraordinary	1	3
for Bier	0	4

4 th July, 1777 Rec ^d the Contents of me	<hr/>	
Ger ^d Bancks	3	0

Aug 4, 1778

Rec^d of Charles Gerrard overseer of Abram the sum of ten shillings for a Coffin for John Ruffley's wife By me Tho^s Gregory

The same Day Rec^d of Charles Gerrard the sum of two shilling & tenpence for Dues at Hindley Chapel for Do. By me
 Matthew O Battersby
 his mark

Miscellaneous Township Papers.



AMONG the papers belonging to the Parish which may be thought worthy of preservation are the following:—

A list of those persons who are above eighteen years and under forty-five:—[The date of this document will probably be about 1755.]

John Leyland Junr.
William Leyland.
Richard Turner.
Tom^s Sutton.
Thomas Scotson.
Robert Scotson.
William Hirst.
Jn^o Hurst.
Ralph Smith.
Thomas Green.
Michal Roper.
Abner Tickle.
John Prescott.
Thomas Taylor.
John Morrice.
Ralph Allin.
Jam^s Baxendale.
John Hirst, junr.
John Roper.
John Saunderson.
Henry Saunderson.
John Roughly.

James Muncks.
James Dickenson.
William Darwell.
John Tyrer.
John Penkeman.
James Prescott.
William Hope.
James Hope.
John Lievesley.
Edward Litterland.
Edward Marsh.
Richard Ashton, junr.
Thomas Lievesley, Johns son.
Thomas Lievesley Junr.,
Georges son
William Thrope.
James Unsworth.
William Halt.
John Wawole, *alias* Flintor.
Peter Wood.
John Wood.
Joshua Dixon.

*Copy of an Order of the High Constable of West Derby
Hundred, 1726.*

Com. Lanc. Ss.,

By vertue of a Warrant to me directed These are to require you to make diligent search within your Liberties for y^e finding & apprehending all Rogues Vagabonds wandring & idle persons and such to bring before such of his Majesty's Justices of y^e Peace as shall be present at y^e house of William Dickinson Inkeeper in Upholland in y^e s^d County upon Wednesday y^e 4th day of January next by ten a clock in y^e Forenoon of that day to be dealt with according to Law at which time & place you are to present to y^e s^d Justices all riots routs & unlawful assemblies together with y^e names of all persons who keep guns, greyhounds, & setting dogs, nets or other engines for destroying y^e Game. And also to give notice to all y^e Inhabitants within your Township to meet together at their parish Church upon Monday 26th of December Instant then & there with y^e consent of y^e present Incumbent to elect two or more sufficient persons to be surveyors of y^e Highways for y^e year ensuing who are to appear at y^e same place & time to take their confirmations. And likewise y^e present Surveyors are to appear at y^e same place to give in their Accompts relating to their office. And you are also to give notice to y^e Overseers of y^e poor within your Township to make their presentments as usual.

And by vertue of a Roll to me directed under y^e hands and seals of his Majesty's Justices of y^e Peace & Quorum from their Session holden at Preston y^e 6th of October last past you are required to levy & assess y^e sum of £1 7 2 being your proportionable part of £63 0 11 charged upon this Hundred of West Derby for repairing Ribble Bridge which s^d sum you are to bring to me at y^e house of William Ashton Inkeeper in Upholland on Saturday 14th of January next by ten a clock in y^e Forenoon.

And you are to give notice to y^o collectors to pay their Land-Tax at y^o same place on y^o s^d 14th of January.

Herein fail not at your peril.

Given under my hand December 14th 1726.

HENRY FISHER,

High Constable.

The Roll	£1	7	2
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To y^o Constables of Hindley
& Abraham—

Hind	16	10
Abram	10	6

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Letter from Mr. John Green, High Constable of the Hundred, to the Constables of Abram.

LANCASTER } By vertue of a Warrant to me directed you
TO WIT. } are hereby required to return unto such
Deputy Lieutenants as shall be present at the house of
John Mathias at the Eagle and Child in Warrington on
Wednesday the fifth day of January next at Ten of the
clock in the forenoon of that day a fair perfect and true
list in Writing by you Subscribed of all men usiall and
now dwelling within your Township between the age
of eighteen & forty five years distinguishing their
respective Ranks and occupations and where the names
of such persons cannot be procured the common appella-
tion of such person shall be sufficient and you are to
distinguish which of the person so returned labour under
any Infirmities incapacitating them from serving as
Malitia men And you are further hereby required not
to return any Peer of the Realm nor one who shall serve
as a Commission officer in any Regement Troop or Com-

pany in his Majestyes other forces or any of his castles or forts nor a non commission officer or private man serving in any of his Majestyes forces nor any Commission serving or who has served four years in the Malitia nor any person being a member of either the Universities nor any clergyman or licensed preacher of any seperate congregation nor any Constable or other such peace officer nor any Articled Clerk apprentice seaman or seafairing man nor any person mustred trained and doing duty in any of his Majestyes docks for the service thereof nor any person being free of the Company of Watermen of the river Thames nor any Poor man who has three children born in Wedlock shall be compelled to serve personally or provide a substitute to serve in the Malitia, and that no person having served personally or by substitute three years in the Malitia shall be obliged to serve again untill by Rotation it comes to his turn, And you are to return the said severall persons not liable to serve in the Malitia and distinguish them in such list accordingly. And you are further required to fix a true copy of such on the Door of the church or chapell belonging to your Township or place and if your place shall have no church or chapell belonging thereto then upon the Door of some church or chapell of some parish or place thereto adjoining on some Sunday morning before you shall make such return which Sunday shall be three days at the least before such meeting and you are also to give notice in writing at the bottom of such list of the day & place of meeting and that all persons who shall think themselves aggrieved may then appeal and that no appeal will afterwards be received and on the day and at the place so appointed you are then and there to appear before the Deputy Lieutenants in your own proper person to verify the said return upon Oath. Herein fail not at your perill Given under my hand at Bedford this 19th day of November 1762.

JOHN GREEN

H. Constable.

To the Constables of Abram These.

Letter from Edward Rigg High Constable to the Constables of Hindley and Abram.

LANCASHIRE } By virtue of an order to me directed you
 TO WIT. } are hereby required to make true returns
 and Lists wrote distinctly and plainly in a fair legible
 hand of the names and places of abode of all Persons
 within your respective districts, with their Titles and
 additions, between Twenty one & Seventy Years of Age
 who have in their own names or in trust for them within
 the same County Ten Pounds by the year at least above
 reprises of Freehold or Copyhold Lands or Tenements or
 of Lands or Tenements of Antient Demesne or in Rents
 or in all or any of the said Lands Tenements or Rents in
 Fee Simple Fee Tail or for the life of themselves or some
 other Persons; Or who have any Estate in Possession in
 Lands in their own right of the Yearly Value of Twenty
 Pounds or upwards over and above the reserved Rent
 payable Thereout; such Lands being held by Lease or
 Leases for the absolute Term of Five Hundred Years or
 more or for Ninety Nine Years or any other Term on one
 or more Life or Lives in order they may serve as Jurors
 at the Assizes and Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be
 held within this County. You are also to fix upon the
 Door of the Church, Chapel, and every other publick
 place of religious worship within your respective districts
 upon one or more Sundays at least Twenty Days before
 the Feast of Saint Michael next, a true and exact List
 wrote Distinctly and plainly of such Persons intended to
 be so returned, and leave at same time a Duplicate of
 such List with the Church Warden, Chapel Warden, or
 Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish or place, And to
 Subscribe and attest upon Oath such List in y^e presence
 of one or more Justices assign'd to keep the Peace in the
 said County (who is to sign the same with the day &
 year the same is so subscribed & attested) after which
 you are to deliver such List to me before the first Day of
 the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be
 holden by adjournment at Wigan in and for this County.

EDWARD RIGG,

High Constable

Golborne 22nd Aug^t 1769

WIGAN, *5th July*, 1811.

SIR,

His Majesty's Deputy Lieutenants having ordered a Ballot for two Men to serve in the Wigan Reg^t of Local Militia for the Township of Abram, who are to be sworn & enrolled forthwith, I will trouble you to inform me on or before Tuesday next, if you intend to raise such Men yourselves, or to forward me the Money for that purpose which will be Four Guineas.

Each Recruit must be between 16 & 30 years of Age and five feet four inches high.

I am

Y^r. m^t ob^t. Serv^t.

J. G. BAGSHAW

Captⁿ. & Adj^t.



Concluding Observations.

THE primitive simplicity of the old inhabitants of Abram is clearly limned in the foregoing papers, and the inference may likewise be as unmistakably drawn that their habits were highly social.

The frequent entries of monies "spent" in the accounts evidence that no public opportunities were lost for the meeting of neighbours, and for partaking of good homes-brewed in each others company.

A town's-meeting, a journey to Platt Bridge, to Wigan, Newton, or elsewhere, nay, even the burial of one who died, to quote Hood's words, "in poverty, hunger, and dirt," formed a sufficient excuse for these friendly gatherings.

Independently, however, of the official meetings, we may suppose that the old Dover Inn* has seen the Nestors of the Township assemble oftener than the accounts record. They were yet prudent and considerate men in their generation. For the destitute they provided implements of trade in order that they might be able to earn their daily bread, and to keep them from being a constant charge upon the ratepayers. Cards were given to some, looms and spinning wheels to others. Of the education of the children of the poor they were mindful. Towards the expenses of the Lowe School they gave their quota, paid school wages, and even the customary cockpenny and Christmas penny, and when the lads were of sufficient age they apprenticed them.

Once it is recorded that they gave a Bible to an old man named John Lowe, and we read also that they paid a Thomas Prescott for standing godfather to a child.

Contributions towards marriage expenses were made, and for churchings of women. Payments to the marriage

* This house is now formed into two cottages, and stands opposite the old stocks.

ceremony may have been dictated by policy rather than charity, as they possibly relieved the Township from the liability of the maintenance of the wife. A homely but genuine charity was still eminent in all they did. Lodgings were provided for the wandering poor; clothes, provisions, and coal for those in need. Even a plaster for the breast, or salve for a sore leg were forthcoming.

Without undue eulogy may I not add—

“Thus would I double my life’s fading space,
For he that runs it well, twice runs his race.”

Loyalty, too, was cherished. A new scabbard and other things for the sword were bought; muskets and firelocks were cleaned, bonfires and powder for the 5th of November supplied.

In 1737 6s. were expended on a Town’s staff and Truncheon. On what occasions these ensigns of authority were used I am unable to say. There was then no church, nor was there for a hundred years afterwards; therefore they could not be used for bestowing official sanction to Public Worship. I can only suppose that they must have been borne before the overseers—the only dignitaries of the Township—at the annual Morris Dance, and at the bonfire at the Lodge on the 5th of November.

An event occurred in 1775 which doubtless greatly disturbed the repose of the inhabitants. This was no less than the perpetration of a foul murder one night in Bickershaw Lane. The body of the murdered man was

found next morning under a platt, as it is called—that is, a covered watercourse—crossing Bickershaw Lane a little westward of Brookside House, and known as “Jacks Platt” at the present time.

The person accused of the crime was named Richard Anderton. The Christian name of the murdered man was John, his surname, I have been told, was Anderton also, and, if so, the alleged murderer and his victim may have been kinsmen. Richard Anderton lived at the Three Lane Ends in Hindley, and a tradition is handed down that after the commission of the crime he went immediately home, entered the house of a neighbour and asked for a pinch of snuff, for the purpose, it was supposed, of showing that he was distant at that hour from the scene of the offence. Suspicion, however, fell upon him; he was arrested and tried at the Lancaster Assizes the same year, but whether condemned or acquitted I am unable to say.

Among the papers of the Township the bill is preserved of the Law Charges attending the prosecution. The amount is £19 0s. 4d., and it was paid on the 29th of September, 1775.

A plot of land in Park Lane, 20 yards long by 16 wide, is fenced round and known as the Morris Dancers' ground. The enclosure was originally taken from the waste, and the generally received opinion in the neighbourhood is that if Morris Dancing be not celebrated once

in twenty years, the right to the land lapses. To this belief the custom probably owes its preservation. Occasionally only is the dance celebrated, as fourteen years had been allowed to pass last year (1880) since the custom was kept up. A successful attempt was, however, made for its revival in the spring of that year, and in the month of June the festival was celebrated, extending over several days, and losing none of its ancient popularity. One of these days, the dancers visited the writer's residence, and enabled him to observe the manner it was conducted, which was said to be in strict conformity with traditional usage. On the day in question, they marched in procession to the front of the Grange, preceded by a Band of Music, and, on arriving, ranged themselves in a circle, the musicians falling to one side. The dancers were young men of about twenty years of age, fourteen in number, and were dressed in dark trousers, white tunics, with blue sashes edged with pink, worn crossways, and fastened by a rosette of the same colours. Low-crowned straw hats were their head gear. Besides the dancers there were a King and Queen, a Jester, and a personator of Robin Hood. When the circle was formed the King and Queen passed to the centre, bearing a pole six or seven feet long, to represent the ancient May Pole. The top of the pole was pear-shaped and decorated with ribbons, and from it were suspended Teapots and Cream-jugs, apparently of silver. The music then struck up a slow and measured air, and the dancers commenced a series of quiet and graceful evolutions. Each dancer carried in either hand a white handkerchief, which at intervals of the dance, and at certain strains of the music, he threw round. Altogether it was a curious and picturesque sight.

Abram has hitherto been an essentially agricultural district. The absence of leading thoroughfares through it has preserved its privacy, and kept, until recently, the active impulses of the last half century from altering its normal character. The working of the mines has already wrought a change in its outward aspect. Buildings for the workmen engaged in them have been erected in various localities, and the population has in the last decade largely increased. Whether the quiet of bygone years may return when the coal seams are exhausted, or whether a new development of industry may arise, time only can solve.

If the highways are circuitous, there are many direct and pleasant footpaths. Often in times past I have traversed these still and lonely ways, enjoying in the season the perfume of the wild rose and honeysuckle, and the music of the feathered songsters arising from every hedge row. The notes of the cuckoo were familiar there in spring time, and, later in the season, there was a perfect chorus of harmony from thrush, blackbird, linnet, lark, and many other "little nimble musicians of the air," as Izaak Walton calls them, "that warble forth their curious ditties, with which nature has furnished them to the shame of art." Among them none were more numerous than the lapwing, circling round and round overhead, with its shrill cry, and passing close to the unwelcome intruder on its haunts to prevent the discovery of its nest. These footways are not now as silent as they were wont to be, and the agencies at work will doubtless lessen year by year, anyhow for a time, the enjoyment of the pedestrian from these sweetest of all minstrels.

FINIS.

ADDENDA.

BICKERSHAW SCHOOLS.

COMMODIOUS SCHOOLS were erected in Bickershaw Lane last year (1880) a few hundred yards eastwards of Bickershaw Hall by Messrs. Hayes and Johnson, the proprietors of the Abram Coal Company, who are working the mines under the Bickershaw estate. The front of the building bears the inscription—

ABRAM COLLIERY SCHOOLS,

A.D. 1880.

They contain four class-rooms and provide accommodation for about 400 children.

A license having been obtained from the Bishop of the Diocese for the celebration of Divine Worship therein, public service was held for the first time on the evening of Sunday, November 6th, of the present year (1881), and has been continued on every succeeding Sunday evening since. Sunday Schools were opened in the morning and afternoon of the same day. Arrangements will shortly be made for the opening also of Day Schools.

It is painful to have to record at the very moment of sending these sheets to press, that an explosion of gas occurred on the 19th inst. (December) in the Yard Mine of the Abram Coal Company's Collieries, which has resulted in the loss of from 40 to 50 valuable lives.

LICENSED PUBLIC HOUSES.

There are four licensed houses in Abram. The oldest, known as the Old Dover Inn, was for generations the only Inn in the township. It stood opposite where the old stocks are placed in the centre of Dover hamlet. About 50 years since the license was removed to a new house erected on the canal bank, not many yards distant from the public road, in the expectation, it is presumed, that the new site would extend the business.

Soon after the building of the church, Mr. Whitley erected a house on land adjoining the churchyard, to which a license was obtained, and is known as the Whitley Arms.

In the course of a year or two afterwards, Mr. Abraham Ackers built a house in Bickershaw Lane, for which he too obtained a license, and which bears the name of the Foresters' Arms.

The Britannia Inn, in Plank Lane, has since then been admitted into the fraternity of Licensed Victuallers.

APPENDIX.

Extract from a letter written by Mr. Recorder Fleetwood to Lord Burghley dated July 18th 1583.

Hit was my chaunse to examine a matter in the Court holden at Bridwell. I have ben complayned of to the Counsel Bord. I was sent for. Mr. Secretary received my Answer, and told the Compleynaunts that they had deserved to be hanged. And this is the case. Abraham of Abraham, a gentilman of an hundred pound land in Com. Lanc. put his daughter and heire unto my Lady Gerrerd of the Brenne. Sir Thomas and my lady being here in London, one Dwelles a fenser nere Cicell howse, and his wiff, by indirect meanes, being of kyn to the girle dyd invite all my Lady's Children and gentilwomen unto a breakfast. They cam thether, and at there commyng the yewthes and serving men were carried up to the ffers skolle. My Lady's dowhters and gentilwomen must nedes play at the cardes, will they nill they. The girle Abraham by the wiff of the howse, was conveyghed into a chamber and shut the dowre after her and there left her. The girl found in the chamber iiij or v tall men. She knew theym not. And ymediatlie the girl fell into a great feare seying them to compasse her about. Then began an old priest to read upon a booke his words she understood not, saving these words "I Henry take the Suzane to my wedded wiff" &c. This done they charged the wenche never to discover this to anybody lyving: and so sent her downe tu her fellowes. And dyner being dun the wenche told to her fellowes very lamentably what had been donne; and they over to Sr. Tho. and my La. And upon complaynt I sent for the ffensers wiff, who wold confesse nothyng.

I went with her myself to Bridwell, where there was a full Court, and thether cam Sir Thomas with the wenche, and there we bolted out the wholl matter and dyd no more. The ffensers wiff is returned to the Counter. The wenche is with my La: Gerrerd. She was never in Bridwell, as the ffenser and one Poolwhele dyd avouch to some of my Lords. The wenche was there to accuse the ffensers wiff in open court.

My Lo: this being the fact and the trew case thereof. I find the same to be ffelonie by ac. 3st. 7 ca. 2ⁿ. And therefore me thinketh

such companyons as the fenser and his wiff are, owght not to be allowed to deface suche poore men as I am, in suche order before the Lords.

[From "Original Letters illustrative of English History," Edited by Sir Henry Ellis. Vol. ii, pp 292-3.]

Copy of the Will of Thomas Crook.

In the Name of God Amen the ninth day of July in the fourth year of the Reign of our most gracious Sovereign Lord James the Second over England &c and in the year of our Lord God 1688. I Thomas Crooke of Abram in the County of Lancaster Gentleman being somewhat indisposed in Body but of sound and disposing Mind and Memory praised be Almighty God for the same do ordain and make this my last Will and Testament in Manner and Form following that is to say first I commend my Soul to God and the riches of his grace through the Mediator Jesus Christ and my Body to Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Exors herein hereafter named my Desire being to be interred with my dear Mother and Brother in the Parish Church of Standish if it shall be thought convenient and as for my lands Goods Cattles Chattels and temporal Estate I will and devise as followeth

First that my Debts and funeral Expenses be paid and discharged forth and out of the same then I give and bequeath unto Abigail my wife for and during the term of her Natural Life one Messuage in Bretherton in the said County of Lancaster with what lands I have in my own present Possession in the said Township of Bretherton and in Much Hoole in the said County. Also I give devise and bequeath to my Son Cabel Crooke his Heirs and Assigns for ever all that my Manor of Much Hoole in the said County of Lancaster with its rights Members and Appurtenances together with all my Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in Possession Reversion or Remainder in Hoole and Bretherton aforesaid and in Mawdesley Walton in the Dale and Billinge in the said County of Lancaster (the premises limited to the said Abigail my wife during the term of her natural Life excepted and foreprized). Also I give devise and bequeath to my younger Son Richard Crooke his Heirs and Assigns for ever all my Messuages Cottages Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments with their and every of their appurtenances in Euxton Ulves Walton Leyland and Farrington in the said County of Lancaster and all and every my Estate Right Title Interest use Possession Reversion and Remainder therein. Also I give and bequeath unto Lydia Crooke the sum of Six hundred pounds (being my eldest daughter) forth and out of my personal Estate and further my Mind and Will is that my said Daughter Lydia shall have forth and out of my said personal Estate the sum of Two hundred Pounds in Lieu and full Satisfaction of two hundred Pounds given and bequeathed unto her in and by the last Will and Testament of Margaret Green my late Mother deceased or otherwise howsoever the said several sums of six hundred pounds and two hundred pounds to be paid unto my said Daughter Lydia when she shall attain the Age of one and twenty years and that reasonable Improvement

which shall be made of the same be for the good Education and Maintenance of the said Lydia my daughter and the Increase of her portion.

Also I give and bequeath unto Ann Crooke my Second Daughter forth and out of the said personal Estate the full and just sum of seven hundred pounds to be paid her when she shall attain the age of one and twenty years and that reasonable Improvement which shall be made of the same be for the good Education and Maintenance of the said Ann my Daughter and the Increase of the said sum of seven hundred pounds so given and bequeathed as aforesaid.

Also I give and bequeath forth and out of my said personal Estate to my three youngest Daughters (that is to say) to Abigail my third Daughter the full and just sum of six hundred pounds to Margaret my fourth Daughter the like sum of six hundred pounds and to Izabel my fifth Daughter the like sum of six hundred pounds and to be paid them severally as they shall respectively attain the age of one and twenty years and that Improvement which shall be made of the aforesaid several sums of six hundred pounds be for the good Education and Maintenance of the said Abigail Margaret and Izabel my three daughters respectively and for the Increase of the said several sums so given and bequeathed unto them respectively as aforesaid. Also I give unto my Father in Law Mr. Richard Hilton the sum of forty shillings to buy him a Ring. Also I give to my son said Cabel Crooke in Monies the sum of fifty pounds. Also I give to Joseph Keighley the sum of three pounds. Also I give to Alice Hampson the sum of forty shillings. Also I will give grant and devise all that my Messuage Tenement Lands and Hereditiments with the Appurtenances situate lying and being in Aulston and Whittingham in the said County of Lancaster called Shaw unto my said two Sons Cabel Crooke and Richard Crooke their Heirs and Assigns for ever nevertheless upon special Trust and Confidence that they the said Cabel Crooke and Richard Crooke their Heirs and Assigns and some of them shall and will yearly and every years for ever hereafter out of the clear yearly rents Issues and Profits of the said last mentioned Messuage Tenement Lands and Hereditiments pay or cause to be paid the several and respective yearly Sums to such uses Intents and purposes as are herein hereafter mentioned and expressed that is to say To the poor of the Parish called Olives Jury in London before the fire was the yearly sum of forty shillings to be distributed to them by the Aldermen of the ward common Council and the Overseers of the poor of the said Parish for the time being at and upon every Easter Eve. To the preaching protestant Minister of Hindley Chapel in the said County of Lancaster for the time being the yearly sum of Twenty shillings at and upon every Easter Eve. To the Poor of Abram aforesaid the yearly sum of twenty shillings the same to be distributed unto them at the discretion of my said two sons their Heirs and Assigns and the Overseers of the Poor of the same Township for the time being at and upon every Easter Eve. To the poor of Mawdesley in the said County of Lancaster the yearly sum of forty shillings the same to be distributed unto them at the dis-

cretion of my said two sons their Heirs and Assigns and the overseers of the poor of the said Township of Mawdesley for the time being at and upon every Shrove Tuesday or thereabouts. To the School Master for the time being of the little School in Mawdesley aforesaid the sum of forty shillings at and upon every Shrove Tuesday or thereabouts provided the said Schoolmaster be a protestant and not otherwise. To the poor of Preston in the said County of Lancaster the yearly sum of four pounds the said to be distributed unto them at the Discretion of my said two Sons their Heirs and Assigns and the Overseers of the poor of the said Town of Preston for the Time being and some other head people of the said Town at and upon every Shrove Tuesday or thereabouts. To the preaching protestant Minister for the time being of Low church in Walton in the Dale in the said County of Lancaster the yearly sum of forty shillings at and upon every first day of May or thereabouts. To the poor of the said town of Walton in the Dale the yearly sum of forty shillings to be distributed unto them at the Discretion of my said two sons their Heirs and Assigns and the overseers of the poor of the said Township of Walton for the time being and some other substantial Neighbours in the said Township being then present at and upon every Shrove Tuesday or thereabouts. To the School Master for the time being of Walton in the Dale aforesaid the yearly sum of forty shillings at and upon every first Day of May or thereabouts provided the said Schoolmaster be a protestant and not otherwise. To the Schoolmaster for the time being of Low School in Hindley in the said County of Lancaster the yearly sum of twenty shillings at and upon every first Day of May or thereabouts provided the said Schoolmaster be a protestant and not otherwise, and to the preaching protestant Minister for the time being of Houghton Chapel in Westhoughton in the said County of Lancaster the yearly sum of twenty shillings at and upon every first Day of May or thereabouts. And further my mind and Will is that my said Sons their Heirs and Assigns nor any of them shall not at any time or times hereafter be inforced or compelled to pay the aforesaid yearly sum of forty shillings to the aforesaid Alderman Common Council and overseers of the poor of Olives Jury aforesaid at any other place than at the Hall of Abram in Abram aforesaid nor without they give to my said Sons their Heirs and Assigns a sufficient Discharge for the same yearly either by themselves or some one by them lawfully authorized so to do And further my mind and Will is that so many of my Debtors by speciality which shall pay in their Monies to my Exors without suit in Law shall have half a years Interest abated them provided the Debts be above five years standing and not otherwise and all the rest residue and remainder of my personal Estate I give and bequeath unto Abigail my said wife and my aforementioned seven children to be equally divided amongst them and I do hereby revoke and make void all former Will and Wills by me made and lastly I do nominate ordain and appoint the said Abigail my loving wife and Richard my son Exors of this my last Will and Testament hoping they will faithfully perform the same as my Trust is in them reposed. In witness whereof I the said Thomas

Crooke have hereunto put my Hand and Seal the day and year first above written

Sealed published and declared to be
the last Will and Testament of the
within-named Thomas Crooke in
the presence of us. } THOMAS [Seal] CROOK.

RICH HULTON
ALICE HAMPSON
THO. BANCKS

*Marriage Settlement between John Andrews and Abigail Crooke.**

This Indenture dated 29th April 1707, between Abigail Crooke of Abram, spinster, of the first part; John Darbshire of Warrington Gent. and Anne his wife; Samuel Danvers of Liverpool, Gent. and Isabel his wife of the second part; John Andrews son and heir apparent of John Andrews of Little Lever Esq. of the third part; Richard Crooke of Abram aforesaid gent. Jeremy Aldred of the Parish of Eccles, Clerk, Robert Andrews of Liverpool aforesaid, Licentiate in Physic and George Leigh son of George Leigh of Oughtrington Co. Chester gent. of the fourth part (which said Anne, Abigail and Isabel are daughters and also executrices of the last will of Abigail Crooke, late of Abram aforesaid deceased.) Whereas the said Abigail Crooke, party to these presents by virtue of the said will and of the will of her late father is possessed of several obligations or writings and the money payable on the same which were allotted to her sole use viz : One obligation dated 29th December 1703 whereby Thomas Yates Junior of Dearnford Co., Salop, gent. by the name of Thomas Yates junior of Alkington in the said County is bound in the sum of £200—for payment of £100 and interest; One other obligation dated 28th December 1703, whereby Samuel Aspinwall of Liverpool Merchant, is bound in £100; another obligation dated 7 Sep. 1705 whereby the said Samuel Aspinwall is bound in the sum of £200; Another obligation dated 28 August 1691 whereby Ralph Leigh of Atherton Co. Lanc. yeoman is bound in the sum of £40; Another obligation bearing date 12 August 1692 whereby James Horrocks of Toxteth Park Co. Lanc. watchmaker, Adam Banks of Wigan, pewterer, Thomas Banks of Wigan gent. and Thomas Acton of Wigan, blacksmith are bound in the sum of £90; Another obligation dated 26 January 1696 whereby Thomas Penketh of Kenyon Co. Lanc. yeoman and John Cooper of Atherton, yeoman, are bound in the sum of £40; Another obligation dated 17 May 1699 whereby James Rigby of Pemberton Co. Lanc. nailor, and Thomas Rigby of Pemberton, nailor, are bound in the sum of £100; Another obligation dated 20 Nov 1694 whereby John Leigh of Westhoughton, Co. Lanc. chapman, and Ralph Leigh, of West-

*From the *Manchester Courier* of July 19th, 1878.

houghton, chapman, were bound in the sum of £40, and another obligation dated 8 Nov 1703, whereby John Brown, of Pynnyngton, Co. Lanc. salter, was bound in the sum of £40.—And whereas a Marriage is intended between him the said John Andrews, the son, and her the said Abigail Crooke, the daughter. Now this indenture witnesseth that the said Abigail Crooke for due considerations has granted and assigned to the said Richard Crooke, Jeremy Aldred, Robert Andrews, and George Leigh, in trust that they may dispose of the said sums of money owing by the said obligations, amounting in the whole to £400 of principal money and to pay the interest to the use of the said Abigail Crooke, until she be married, and after her marriage to the use of the said John Andrews for his life, and after his decease to the said Abigail for her life, and after her decease to their children as the said John and Abigail shall devise by writing or by will &c.

[Signed and Sealed] ABIGAIL CROOK, JOHN DARBISHIRE, ANNE DARBISHIRE, SAMUEL DANVERS, ISABEL DANVERS, JOHN ANDREWS.

Will of John Andrew, 1709.

I, John Andrew, of Bolton le Moors, Co. Lanc. Esquire.—My body to be interred at the discretion of my executrix. And as regards my lands, &c in Little Lever, Rivington, Aulezarke, and Radcliffe in the said County, these are already settled upon my eldest son John in his marriage settlement with Abigail his now wife. And whereas my father in law Robert Mort deceased hath already settled a sum of £800 upon certain trustees as well upon his daughter Anna my loving wife as also upon Robert, Mary, and Anna, her younger children by me the said John Andrew and forasmuch as the said money was laid out in the purchase of lands in Bolton I do confirm the same. And in consideration of £100 secured to me by my said son Robert a conveyance hath been made to him of that my messuage and dwelling-house in Bolton aforesaid heretofore the inheritance of my grandfather Robert Lever, gent. deceased, I do confirm the same. Certain money settled upon my wife and younger children by my late brother in law Peter Finch, deceased, I do confirm the same. I appoint Anna my loving wife sole executrix. Dated 22 October 1709.

Witnesses : [Signed] JOHN ANDREW
 ROBERT ANDREW
 ELIZ. MARSDEN
 MARY MARSDEN

Seal—Arms : quarterly 1 and 4 . . . a saltire . . . charged with another . . . (Andrew). 2 and 3 . . . two bendlets, the upper one engrailed, the lower plain . . . (Lever). Crest : A man's head coupéd at the neck. Helm and mantling.

This will does not appear to have been proved.

Will of Anna Andrews, Widow, 1738.

I, Anna Andrews, of Bolton in the Moors Co Lanc widow, being aged, &c. My body to be buried at the discretion of my executors. I would have no pall used at my funeral. To my son John Andrews and my grandson Joseph Andrews their executors &c, a sum of £40 upon trust for the maintenance and education of my grandsons Edward Walmesley and George Walmesley; and after they attain the age of 21 years the remainder of the said £40 not expended shall be given to them. And if both should happen to die then to my grandsons John Walmesley, David Walmesley and Thomas Walmesley and unto my niece Hannah Walmesley equally between them. And to each of my grandchildren 20s. And to Hannah Andrews wife of my said grandson Joseph Andrews 20s. To Jane Latham, who was formerly my servant 10s. To the poor of Rivington 40s. To the poor of Bolton 40s. After payment of funeral expenses the residue of my goods to my said son John Andrews. I nominate my said son John Andrews and my grandson Joseph Andrews executors.

Dated 8 April 1738.

[Signed]

ANNA ANDREWS

Seal: The same as her husband's.

Witnesses :

ROBERT BROWNE,
HENRY LATHAM,
ALICE NIELD.

This will does not appear to have been proved.

Will of John Andrews, 1743.

I, John Andrews of Bolton le Moors Co. Lanc. Gent. As regards my lands in Little Lever, I bequeath the Mines of Coal there to my son in law Joseph Wilson and my nephew Joseph Andrews upon Trust for the term of 21 years if my grandson John Andrews Wilson shall so long live, to pay my just debts &c. And after the payment thereof I bequeath the said lands to my wife, Abigail Andrews for her life, and after her death to the said Joseph Wilson and Joseph Andrews upon Trust until my grand-daughter Lydia Wilson shall attain the age of 21 years, one half for the education of the said Lydia, and the other for the education of my grandson, John Andrews Wilson, till he attains the age of 21 years, and then I bequeath the same to the said John Andrews Wilson and his heirs, and in default of such to my grand-daughter Lydia Wilson and her heirs, and in default of such to my right heirs.—And as regards the Messuage &c, in Little Lever, late the inheritance of Alice Barlow, widow deceased, and exempted from the above bequests, I bequeath the same to my Son-in-Law Joseph Wilson for his life, and after his

decease to John Andrews Wilson and his heirs.—My lands at Rivington to be charged with the payment of 20s to my Cousins Robert Andrews, James Andrews, and Hannah Dorning, and to the two daughters of my late brother-in-law John Sharples, deceased, and then the said lands to my son-in-law, Joseph Wilson &c., as before. As regards my lands in Bolton-le-Moors I declare the same to be limited in the Marriage settlement of my son in law Joseph Wilson with my daughter Abigail Andrews deceased, and so confirm the same as also my lands in Mawdesley and West Leigh according to the said marriage settlement. And whereas I am entitled to a considerable sum of money by a deed made to me by the late Thomas Heys, Clerk, deceased, and by Isabel, his wife, I bequeath the same for payment of my debts, and of £5 to each of my servants John, Martha, and Alice and the residue to my said son-in law Joseph Wilson, my said nephew Joseph Andrews, to my cousin Hannah Walmesley and to my cousins Edward and George Walmesley equally to be divided between them. I appoint the said Joseph Wilson, and Joseph Andrews executors Dated 16 March 1742.

Signed

JOHN ANDREWS

Taken from a copy of the will only, on which is endorsed that he died 11 Sept 1743.

Pedigree of the Duckinfield family of Hindley, as given by Dugdale in his visitation of Lancashire, 1664-5.

DUCKINFIELD OF HINDLEY

[Arms : Argent, a cross pointed and voided sable.]

Robert Dukenfeild of Dukenfeild, = Frances, dau. of George Preston
Co. Cest., esq. of Holkar, Co. Lancaster, esq.

James Duckenfield of Hindley, = Ratcliffe, youngest dau. of
Co. Lancaster, an utter barrister Richard Bolde of Bolde, Co.
of Gray's Inne. Æt 40 an. 11 Lancaster, Esq.
March 1664.

James Duckenfield 1. Anne 2. Mary 3. Francesca 4. Elizabeth
æt. 10 an.

11 March, 1664.

Manchester, 11 March, 1664

*Copy of Scheme for the Government of the Abram Charities, dated
May 28th, 1878.*

CHARITY COMMISSION.

In the matter of the Charities of Abigail Crook, Thomas Ince, and others, for the benefit of the Poor of Abram, in the Parish of Wigan, in the County of Lancaster, and of Mrs. Elizabeth's Bevan's Educational Charity for the Schoolhouse, and Schoolmaster of Abram aforesaid; and

In the matter of "The Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1869."—

The Board of Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, having considered an application in writing made to them on the 6th day of December 1877, in the matter of the above-mentioned Charities, by

Samuel Banks, of Abram, Gentleman;

Thurston Fairhurst, of Golborne, Farmer;

and

Charles Peter Ackers, Esquire (since deceased);

who with The Rev. John Jones Dixon;

are the present Trustees of the said Charities for the appointment of Trustees and for the establishment of a Scheme accompanied by certain recommendations relating thereto;

And it appearing to the said Board, that the endowments of the said Charities consist of the particulars mentioned in the first Schedule hereto;

And that the gross annual income of the said Charities does not in the case of any one of them amount to £50;

And that the said

Charles Peter Ackers has died since the date of the application;

And that it is desirable that the said Reverend John Jones Dixon, who having ceased to reside in or sufficiently near to Abram, to be able to attend to the duties of the Trust, should be discharged from being a Trustee of the said Charities:

And that new Trustees thereof should be appointed:

And that a Scheme should be established for the future regulation of the said Charities:

And that the legal Estate in the real property belonging thereto should be vested in Trust for the said Charities in manner herein-after mentioned:

And upon notice of the intention of the said Board to make an Order for the foregoing objects having been given by the affixing of the same, according to the direction of the said Board, to or near a principal outer door of the Parish Church of Abram, on the 8th day of March 1878, being more than one calendar month previously to the date hereof; and notice having been sent through the Post, under the like direction

unto the said Reverend John Jones Dixon at his last known place of abode in England:

And upon considering all suggestions and objections made to them with reference to the proposed Order:

Do hereby order, That the said

Reverend John Jones Dixon,

be and he is hereby discharged from being a Trustee of the said Charities:

And that

The present Vicar, Churchwardens, and Guardians of the Poor of the Parish of Abram, in right and during tenure of their respective offices, and their respective successors, Vicars, Churchwardens, or Guardians of the Poor for the time being;

Jackson Abraham Ackers, of Brookside, Abram, Gentleman;

James Henry Johnson, of Southport, Coal Proprietor;

John Leyland, of the Grange, Hindley, Gentleman;

Allen Burns Perrins, of Abram, Coal Merchant;

Livesley Stock, of Plank Lane, Abram, Glass Manufacturer; and

Egerton Leigh Wright, of Hartford, in the County of Chester, Esquire;

(who have respectively signified in writing to the said Commissioners their willingness to accept and act in the Trust) be appointed to be Trustees for the administration of the said Charities, in addition to, and jointly with, the said

Samuel Banks, and

Thurston Fairhurst,

the surviving and continuing Trustees thereof.

And the said Board do further order, That the right to sue for, recover, and receive, and to give receipts and discharges for all sums of money, rents in arrear, and choses in action, due to or recoverable for the benefit of the said charities, Do vest in the said Trustees hereby appointed, jointly with the said surviving and continuing Trustees, their executors, administrators, and assigns, in trust for the said Charities:

And that the land and other hereditaments mentioned in the said first Schedule hereto, and all other real estate and hereditaments (if any) belonging to or held in trust for the said Charities, and all term and estate therein, not being copyhold, together with the appurtenances, Do vest in "The Official Trustee of Charity Lands," and his successors in trust for the said Charities:

And the said Board do further order, That the Scheme set forth in the second Schedule hereto be approved and established as the Scheme for the future regulation of the said Charities.

SCHEME—FIRST SCHEDULE.

A free messuage and tenement situate in Abram, and the land thereunto belonging, formerly part of two closes commonly called or known by the name of the Further Croft and the Nearer Croft, containing 7,663 square yards or thereabouts, which said premises are in the occupation of Thomas Farrimond, as a tenant from year to year, at a rent of £9 : 10 : 0.

A freehold Cottage and tenement built on part of the close called the Nearer Croft, now in the occupation of Joseph Southworth, as tenant from year to year at a rent of £5 : 4.

A freehold Cottage and tenement built on part of the close called the Nearer Croft, now in the occupation of William Boden, as tenant from year to year, at a rent of £5 : 4.

A freehold Cottage and tenement built on part of the close called the Nearer Croft, now in the occupation of Thomas Kilshaw, as tenant from year to year, at a rent of £5 : 4.

A freehold Cottage and tenement built on part of the close called the Nearer Croft, now in the occupation of Mary Hart, as tenant from year to year, at a rent of £5 : 4.

A parcel of land, part of the South side of the said close, called the Nearer Croft, fronting to the highway in Abram, and containing 128 square yards, let on a lease for 999 years at a ground rent of £1 : 5, and now in the occupation of James Rigby.

A parcel of land, part of the Further Croft, containing 882 square yards, let on a lease for 999 years at a ground rent of £2 : 17 : 11 and now in the occupation of James Neville.

A plot of land, part of the Further Croft, containing 720 square yards, let on a lease for 991 years at a ground rent of £6, and now in the occupation of Samuel Bankes.

A parcel of land, part of the Further Croft, containing 920 square yards, let on a lease for 999 years at a ground rent of £2 : 18 : 8, and now in the occupation of John Saunders.

The school-house and other buildings belonging thereto with the site, containing in the whole 100 square yards of land or thereabouts.

SECOND SCHEDULE—SCHEME.

1. The clear yearly income of the Charities, other than that of Mrs. Elizabeth Bevan, shall, after providing for all repairs in the Charity property and expenses of management, be applied by the said Trustees for the benefit of the poor, being inhabitants of the Township of Abram, in the following ways, or such of them as the Trustees in their discretion shall consider to be most for the benefit of such poor inhabitants, viz :—

(a) In assisting and encouraging them to make deposits in a Savings Bank, or to provide and make the annual contributions required for the purchase of deferred annuities receivable by them in advanced years, or to become members of well regulated provident associations.

(b) In obtaining for them accommodation in case of sickness in a Cottage or convalescent hospital.

(c) In the case of the aged and necessitous persons of not less than 60 years of age residing in the said Township, in gifts of clothing, bedding, fuel, or other assistance in cases of emergency, but so that the funds of the charity shall in no case be applied directly or indirectly to the relief of the poor rates of the said Parish.

Annual gifts or doles habitually received by aged and poor inhabitants of the Township up to the date of this Scheme may, at the discretion of the Trustees, be for the present continued if need be, but no such periodical gifts or doles shall be distributed to any other than those already receiving the same.

(d) In the promoting the education of the children of the poor in the said Township by providing prizes or rewards for boys and girls of the said Township, being more than nine years of age who have made not less than 300 attendances at a Public Elementary School during the preceding year, or to so many of them as the Trustees shall select, who have made the greatest number of such attendances, not less than 300, at such Public Elementary Schools; or in returning or repaying the School fees which may have been paid by them during the year.

(e) Assisting the best Scholars, distinguished as aforesaid, in enabling them to become Pupil Teachers or Monitors, or, where practicable, in obtaining further and higher education; or instead of conferring scholarships, bursaries, or other reward or pecuniary aid for such purpose, the Trustees may, in cases of special merit, accumulate for the benefit of any such boy or girl, by deposit in the Post Office Savings Bank, or otherwise, the whole or any part of the sum so made applicable for his or her use.

(f) Providing, or aiding in the provision of a reading-room or reading-rooms for adults, and evening classes or lectures for young persons of the poorer classes of the said Township in any School or Schools, in combination with neighbouring Schools or otherwise.

(g) Providing historical and chronological tables, maps, and charts, drawing and scientific apparatus, and the like articles for the use of such schools, classes, or lectures.

(h) Providing aids to industrial instruction, such as tools and a carpenter's shed, field gardens for boys, or a kitchen or laundry for girls; and

(i) Providing a suitable outfit or premium in the way of apprenticeship, or other mode of advancement for such children, boys or girls,

distinguished and selected as aforesaid from the said Public Elementary Schools, to assist them in entering on the occupations and duties in life.

2. The clear yearly income of Mrs. Elizabeth Bevan's Charity shall be applied, as directed by the deed of Declaration of Trust thereof, dated 23rd January 1841, for the repair of the School-house, and for the use of the Master of the School therein mentioned, or in such other way as may be directed by Scheme to be established by the order of the Board of Charity Commissioners.

3. If any Trustee of the Charity shall become bankrupt or incapacitated to act, or shall cease to be resident in the said Parish of Abram, or within a convenient distance therefrom, or shall not attend any meeting of the Trustees during a consecutive period of two years, the Trustees shall cause a record of the fact to be entered in their books, and the Trustee to whom it applies shall thereupon immediately cease to be a Trustee; and thereupon, or upon the death or resignation of any Non-official Trustee, a new Trustee, qualified as aforesaid as to residence, shall be appointed by the other Trustees at a meeting to be held after an interval of not less than one calendar month, by a resolution to be forthwith notified by them, with all proper information, to the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, at their office in London; but no such appointment shall be valid until it has been approved by the said Commissioners, and their approval certified under their official Seal.

Provided nevertheless, that until any vacancy or vacancies amongst the Trustees shall be filled up, the surviving and continuing Trustees for the time being shall have full power to act for all purposes in the administration of the Charities.

Sealed by Order of the Board this 28th day of May 1878

(Signed) HENRY M. VANE

L.S.

Secretary

*Copy of Scheme for the Government of the Abram Charities dated
May 4th, 1880*

CHARITY COMMISSION.

In the matter of the Charity of Abigail Crook and others, and of the Charity of Mrs. Elizabeth Bevan for the Schoolhouse and Schoolmaster at Abram, in the Parish of Wigan, in the County of Lancaster; and

In the Matter of "The Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1869."

Whereas by the second section of the Scheme established by the order of the Board dated the 28th day of May 1878 and made in the matter of the Charities of Abigail Crook and others, and also of the said

Charity of Mrs. Elizabeth Bevan, it was directed that the yearly income of Mrs. Elizabeth Bevan's Charity for the repair of the Schoolhouse therein mentioned, and for the use of the Master thereof, should be applied as provided by the deed of Declaration of Trust thereof, dated the 23rd day of January 1841, or in such other way as might be directed by Scheme to be established by the Order of The Board of Charity Commissioners for England and Wales :

And whereas an application in writing was made to the said Board, on the 30th day of October 1879, in the matter of the above-mentioned Charities, by

James Henry Johnson, of Southport, Coal Proprietor, and Poor Law Guardian of Abram ;

Livesley Stock, of Plank Lane, Abram, Glass Manufacturer ;

Thurston Fairhurst, of Golborne, Farmer ;

Jackson Abram Ackers, of Brookside, Abram, Gentleman ;

John Leyland, of the Grange, Hindley, Gentleman ;

The Revd Hewett Linton ; Vicar of the above-mentioned Parish of Abram ; and

John Smith, Churchwarden of the same Parish ;

who with

Allen Burns Perrins, of Abram, Coal Merchant ;

were then the surviving Trustees of the said Charities appointed by the order of the said Board dated the 28th day of May 1878 :

And whereas the endowment of the said Charity consists of the particulars mentioned in the first Schedule hereto ; And the gross annual income of the said Charity does not amount to £50. :

And whereas it is desirable that a Scheme should be established for the future regulation of the said Charities :

And whereas notice of the intention of the said Board to make an Order for the foregoing objects has been published by the affixing of the same, according to the direction of the said Board, to or near a principal outer door of the Parish Church of Abram on the 22nd day of February 1880, being more than one calendar month previously to the date hereof, and has been also sent through the Post under the like direction unto the said Mr. Allen Burns Perrin, at his last known place of abode in Great Britain on the 24th day of April 1880 :

And whereas no notice of any objection to the said proposed order has been received by the said Board :

Now the said Board do hereby Order, That the scheme set forth in the second Schedule hereto be approved and established as the Scheme for the future regulation of the said Charities.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

A piece or parcel of land belonging to the said Charity of Abigail Crook, with the building thereon forming two cottages, erected in or about the year 1824 by Mrs. Elizabeth Bevan, the one cottage heretofore used as a Day and Sunday School, and the other as a residence for the Master of the said Day School.

A sum of £166 : 13 : 4 Consolidated £3 per cent. Annuities mentioned in the said Deed of Declaration of Trust, dated the 23rd day of January 1841, and standing in the name of "The Official Trustees of Charitable Funds."

SECOND SCHEDULE.—SCHEME.

The Trustees of the above-mentioned Charities shall be at liberty to let that part of the said building which was formerly used as a residence by the Master of the School, and to apply the rent thereof in the payment of the salary of the Master or Mistress of any Day School conducted as a Public Elementary School in connection with St. John's Church, Abram, the other part of the said building being used as a Schoolhouse for the Infant School in connexion with the said Church.

Sealed by Order of the Board this 4th day of May 1880.

(Signed) HENRY M VANE
Secretary.

L.S.

