

1 Oct 1649

[Note: Anonymous and undated, but this appears to be a later handwritten extract from the 1649 Parliamentary survey of Muggleswick and Edmundbyers. It is amongst other Lord Crewe Trustee papers on boundaries, dating from the later 18th century, (and possibly in the hand of their agent, Richard Wetherall), presumably because of Muggleswick's proximity to Blanchland.]

A Boundary of the Lordship and Mannor of Muggleswick as well of the Waste Moors and Commons as of the Inclosed Grounds, with the said Mannor.

Muggleswick is Bounded with the River Darwen to the North, and so down the River to Allensford haugh and so along upp Wharneyburn on the East to the North End of Bishop's Close and so Round the Bishop's Close parcell of the said Mannor to the Watergate, and so up Wharney burn, then called Rowley burn Southward. Running along the out bounds of the Grounds belonging to the WhiteHall, parcell of the said Mannor to the East from thence to the East Corner of White Hall Dike, from thence along the Common on the West corner of Allenheads, parcell of the Mannor of Lanchester from thence along the Fell Southward for Snowly Fell Currack a Land Mark of Stones so called, from thence to a place called the Birkey Tree in the Letches, from thence along the Fell up the Southermost Letch or Ditch to a heap of Stones called Oxenet low Currack, thence along the Fell to a heap of Stones called Broadsike Currack, so along the Fell Westward to Vasie Currack, so to the Northwest Corner of Wolsingham Park Wall, so along Westward to a place called Lodd Carrs, so thence Southward to the piece of Wall called the Salter, So Southward and West to Collier law Currack, from thence Westward along the Fell called Collier Lane to a place called Wisk in the Way (that is to say) Where several Ways meet, from thence to the Watch Currack near to a mountain called Horse Shoe, from thence West and by the North, to Dead Fryar Currack, from thence Northward to a place called Sandy ford thence North East to a place called Chophardy Currack, thence North East to College Currack, thence Eastward to the four Curracks - thence to Govin Currack, thence along the Berrybank gill Eastward thence to and along powell Dike to South burn and so Running Eastward to Sandy Crook where it Falls in Darwen River Eastward to a place call Shake dust lying on the Northside of the River Darwen containing about Two acres Demised by the late Dean and Chapter of Durham to John March being Parcell of the said Manor of Muggleswick thence down Darwen Eastward bounding Muggleswick Park to the North, thence Down Darwen to Thos. Readshaws Freehold thence along Darwen Eastward part of Mr. Middletons Freehold thence along Darwen Eastward to Cuthbert Richardsons Freehold, thence along Darwen Eastward to Allensford haugh head belonging to Thomas Maddisons part of the Copyhold Lands of the Mannor of Lanchester wherein the said Boundary began.

9 Feb 1771 Richard Wetherall

[Note: This account covers a set of earlier dates commencing with the July 1765 riding of the boundaries of Bulbeck Common. The boundary was established prior to the enclosure of the common, which lies between Hexhamshire to the west, Slaley to the east and Blanchland to the south. Some gaps are introduced in the text for legibility. Wetherall was agent for the Lord Crewe estate trustees, one of the principal landowners concerned, and in whose archive collection the document is now held. See also the Bulbeck common boundary riding ascribed to Thomas Wardell in August 1746, which also covers the Acton area (NRO ZCO VII/1.)]

Extracts from the Award made upon the Division of Bulbeck Common bearing Date the ninth day of February one Thousand seven hundred and seventy one executed by Samuel Marriot of Okerland in the County of Northumberland Gentleman Thomas Forster of the City of Durham Gentleman Ralph Hutchinson of Baxter Wood in the County of Durham Gentleman Thomas Gibson of Stonecroft in the said County of Northumberland Gentleman and Cuthbert Hunter of Medomsley in the said County of Durham Gentleman.

And Whereas the said George Baker and several of the Freeholders of the said Manor did by virtue and in pursuance of the said Act openly publicly and in the Day Time Ride and Perambulate the Boundaries of the said Manor and the common intended to be divided or claimed by him or them on the 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th & 13th Days of July in the year of our Lord 1765, Notice having been first given as in and by the said recited Act is directed in that behalf And Whereas the said Samuel Marriot Thomas Forster Ralph Hutchinson Thomas Gibson and John Brown by Virtue and in pursuance of and in obedience to the several Authorities Powers and Directions given in and by the said recited Act did before their acting as Commissioners in the Execution of the Powers thereby given respectively take and subscribe such Oath as is directed & prescribed in and by the said Act And Whereas the said Samuel Marriot Thomas Forster Ralph Hutchinson Thomas Gibson and John Brown did appoint their first and second Meetings to be holden relating to the said Division having first given such respective Notices thereof as were directed and required by the said Act And the said Samuel Marriot Thomas Forster Ralph Hutchinson and Thomas Gibson together with the said Cuthbert Hunter who was appointed a Commissioner instead of the said John Brown after his Death as hereinafter is mentioned did also appoint their third and every other Meeting to be held for putting the said Act in Execution having first given such respective Notices thereof as by the said Act are required.

And Whereas at the said first Meeting of the said Samuel Marriot Thomas Forster Ralph Hutchinson Thomas Gibson and John Brown held at the House of Mr John Gibson at the Sign of the Golden Lyon in Hexham in the said County of Northumberland on Tuesday the nineteenth day of November 1765 Richard Wetherell

of the City of Durham Gentleman as Agent for and on the behalf of the Revd Richard Stonhewer Doctor of Laws and Rector of Houghton le Spring in the County of Durham the Revd Richard Hutchins Doctor of Divinity and Rector of Lincoln College in Oxford the Revd John Sharp Doctor of Divinity and Archdeacon of Northumberland the Revd James Douglas Doctor of Divinity and Prebendary of Durham and the Revd David Gregory Doctor of Divinity and Dean of Christ's Church in Oxford Trustees appointed by or under the last Will and Testament of Nathanael late Lord Crewe and Lord Bishop of Durham deceased and Lords of the Manor or Lordship of Blanchland in the said County of Northumberland did in pursuance of the said Act give and deliver in Writing under his Hand to the said Samuel Marriot Thomas Forster Ralph Hutchinson Thos Gibson and John Brown a Claim to the Soil of that part of the Moor or Common then lately rode and perambulated by the said George Baker Esquire owner of the Soil and Inheritance and Royalties of the said Common Moor or Tract of Waste Land within the Barony or Manor of Bulbeck intended to be divided by the said Act or his Agents Bailiffs or Tenants, which lies within the Boundaries hereinafter mentioned (that is to say)

From a certain place called Embley or Emley Burnhead Eastward to a Place called Warlaw Pike and from thence Northeast to a place called Acton Cleugh, and from thence North West to a place called Acton Mouth, and from Acton Mouth to the West or South West by five ancient Currocks of Stones and from the Southernmost of the said Currocks in a direct Line Southwest to the said Emley Burnhead. And also of one other Parcel of the said Common lying within the Boundaries following Vizt. - From a place called Blackburn Head South East to a place called Rhedon Burnhead and from thence Northwest to Blackburn Head. And also of another Piece or Parcel of Ground at or near Baybridge in the County of Northumberland Bounding on Rhedon Burn on the North on Newbiggin Grounds on the West and on Blanchland Grounds on the East. Also of another Piece or Parcel of Ground there Bounding on the River Derwent on the North and East and on Allanshields Grounds on the South and West. And also of another Close or Parcel of Ground lying and being at Brunshieldhaugh in the said County of Northumberland, Bounding on Emley Burn on the North and East and on other Grounds at Burnshieldhaugh aforesaid on the South and West and particularly that part thereof whereon an Engine was lately erected by their Tenants there.

And Whereas at the third Meeting of the said Commissioners held at the House of Mr. John Gibson in Hexham aforesaid on Monday the 17th day of March 1766 the said George Baker did by Writing under his Hand pursuant to the said Act object to all and every the said Claims given in to the said Commissioners by the said Richard Wetherell as Agent for and on the behalf of the said Trustees of the said Nathanael Lord Crewe And did insist that all and every the Lands Grounds and Premises in and by the said Claims mentioned and claimed were severally within and Parts and Parcels of his said Manor of Bulbeck and did belong to him And Whereas the said Richard Wetherell did

persist in his said Claim and the said George Baker did persist in his said Objection and thereupon the said Samuel Marriot Ralph Hutchinson Thomas Gibson and Cuthbert Hunter by an Instrument in Writing under their Hands bearing Date the 9th day of January 1769 reciting the said Claim and Objection did by virtue and in pursuance of the said Act refer the said Claim and Objection unto the said Edward Collingwood Thomas Gyll Christopher Fawcett Ralph Hopper and William Wilson or any three of them finally to hear and determine the same - And Whereas the said Edward Collingwood Thomas Gyll Christopher Fawcett and William Wilson made and duly published their award in writing bearing Date the 25th day of May 1769 (which was afterwards inrolled pursuant to the Directions of the said Act) Reciting or taking Notice that they had been informed by the said Richard Wetherell the Agent of the said Trustees appointed by or under the last Will and Testament of the said Nathanael late Lord Crewe & Lord Bishop of Durham deceased and also by the said George Baker That they the said Trustees & the said George Baker had come to an Agreement touching the said Claim and Objection And that it was agreed by and between them That all that part of the Land and Ground within the said Boundery claimed by the said Trustees as aforesaid which lies on the North West part or side of a certain Bounder Line marked or Staked out by the said Commissioners some or one of them at the Request and with the Approbation of the said George Baker and Richard Wetherell should be considered and allowed as part of the said Common to be divided by Virtue of the said Act of Parliament and that all that part of the Land and Ground within the said Boundary claimed by the said Trustees as aforesaid which lies on the South East part or side of the said Bounder Line marked or staked out as aforesaid should be considered and allowed as the Soil of the said Trustees.

And that they the said George Baker and Richard Wetherell did request them to make an Award accordingly pursuant to the said Agreement They the said Arbitrators did therefore in pursuance of the said Request of the said George Baker & Richard Wetherell Award That all that part of the said Land and Ground within the said Boundery described in the said Claim delivered in to the said Commissioners as aforesaid which lies on the North West part or side of the said Bounder line marked or staked out as aforesaid was part of the said Common Moor or Tract of Waste Land intended to be divided by the said Act And that all that part of the Land and Ground within the said Boundary described in the aforesaid Claim which lies on the Southeast part or side of the said last mentioned Bounder Line was the Soil and Freehold of the said Trustees appointed by or under the last Will and Testament of the said Nathanael late Lord Crewe deceased And for the further and better explaining and describing the Land & Ground concerning which they made their said Award as aforesaid - They did to their said Award annex a Plan thereof

To Samuel Marriot, Thomas Forster Ralph Hutchinson Thomas Gibson and John Brown Gentlemen Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of Parliament made in the 5th year of the reign of his present Majesty King George the 3rd intituled an Act for dividing & inclosing a certain Common Moor or Tract of Waste Land within the Barony or Manor of Bulbeck in the County of Northumberland or any three or more of them

Take Notice that I Richd Wetherell of the City of Durham Gentleman as Agent for and on the behalf of the Revd Richd Stonhewer L L D and Rector of Houghton le Spring in the County of Durham the Revd Richd Hutchins D.D. and Rector of Lincoln College in Oxford the Revd John Sharp D.D. and Archdeacon of Northumberland the Revd James Douglas D.D. and Prebendary of Durham and the Revd David Gregory D.D. and Dean of Christ Church in Oxford Trustees appointed by or under the last Will & Testament of Nathanael late Lord Crewe and Lord Bishop of Durham deceased and Lords of the Manor or Lordship of Blanchland in the said County of Northumberland Do hereby claim the Soil of that part of the Moor or Common lately rode and perambulated by George Baker Esquire owner of the Soil and Inheritance and Royalties of the said Moor Common or Tract of Waste Land within the Barony or Manor of Bulbeck intended to be divided by the said Act or his Agents Bailiffs or Tenants which lies within the Boundaries hereinafter mentioned that is to say from a certain place called Embley or Emley Burn Head Eastward to a place called Warlaw Pike, and from thence North East to a place called Acton Cleugh and from thence North West to a place called Acton Mouth and from Acton Mouth to the West or South West by five ancient Currocks of Stones and from the Southernmost of the said Currocks in a direct line South West to the said Emley Burn Head.

And also of one other Parcel of the said Common lying within the Boundaries following vizt. from a place called Blackburn head South East to a place called Rhedon Burnhead & from thence North West to Blackburn head.

Also of another Piece of Parcel of Ground at or near Bay Bridge in the County of Northumberland bounding on Rhedon Burn on the North on Newbiggin Grounds on the West and on Blanchland Grounds on the East. Also of another Piece or Parcel of Ground there, bounding on the River Darwent on the North and East and on Allanshields Ground on the South and West.

And also of a certain Close or Parcel of Ground lying and being at Brunshieldhaugh in the said County of Northumberland bounding on Emley Burn on the North and East and on other Grounds at Brunshieldhaugh aforesaid on the South and West and particularly that part thereof whereon an Engine was lately erected by their Tenants there.

To the Commissioners named and appointed in and by an Act of Parliament passed the last sessions of Parliament for dividing and inclosing a certain Common Moor or Tract of Waste Land within the Barony or Manor of Bulbeck in the County of Northumberland.

[some text lost in LH margin, presumably 'Mr Ba']kers objection to [the Claim] 1766
Mar 16

Whereas at the first Meeting of you the said Commissioners for putting the said Act in Execution The Revd Richd Stonhewer L.L.D. & Rector of Houghton le Spring in the County of Durham The Revd Richd Hutchins D.D. & Rector of Lincoln College in Oxford The Revd John Sharp D.D. and Archdeacon of Northumberland The Revd James Douglas D.D. and Prebendary of Durham & the Revd David Gregory D.D. and Dean of Christ's Church in Oxford Trustees appointed by and under the last Will & Testament of Nathanael late Lord Crewe and Lord Bishop of Durham deceased and Lords of the Manor or Lordship of Blanchland in the said County of Northumberland Did give and deliver or cause to be given and delivered to you certain Claims in Writing under the Hand of Richd Wetherell of the City of Durham Gentleman their Agent in the Words or to the Effect following (that is to say) - To Samuel Marriot &c - here follows a copy of the Objections in the previous Page ending with the words - by there Tenants there, as in & by the said Claims reference being thereunto had may more fully appear.

Now I the said George Baker Lord of the said Manor of Bulbeck Do hereby object to all and every the said Claims and do insist that all and every the Land Grounds and Premises in and by the said Claims mentioned and claimed are severally within and Parts and Parcells of my said Manor of Bulbeck and do belong unto me Given under my hand this seventeenth day of March 1766
George Baker

Delivered to us the 17th March 1766 - our third Meeting
Saml Marriot Thos. Forster Ra: Hutchinson Thos. Gibson

[some text lost in LH margin] <...>ce of the Claim [on behalf] of the Trustees [1766]
March 17

I Richard Wetherell of the City of Durham as Agent for and on the behalf of the Trustees of Nathanael late Lord Crewe do persist in such Claims as were by me given in to the Commissioners named and appointed in and by an Act of Parliament made in the fifth year of the reign of his present Majesty King George the third intituled an Act for dividing and inclosing a certain Common Moor or Tract of Waste Land within the Barony or Manor of Bulbeck in the County of Northumberland at their first Meeting held in pursuance of the said Act. And I do hereby on the behalf of the said Trustees Consent that the said Commissioners shall and may refer such Claims so given in as

aforesaid with the Objections thereto unto the Arbitrators named and appointed in and by the said Act of Parliament finally to hear and determine the same in such Manner as in and by the said Act is directed Given under my Hand this seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord 1766 being the third Meeting of the said Commissioners.

Richd Wetherell

16 Jul 1793 Thomas Adams to George Wood

Sir

I am confined upstairs and unable to stir out, when I dare venture abroad is hard to say

I have sent a precept herewith - the places which appeared at the last Count 6th July 1785 for the Book is before me

Leaseholders in Blanchland	Cottagers in D[itt]o
in Birkside	in D[itt]o
in Baybridge	in D[itt]o
in Cote House	in D[itt]o
in Shildon	in D[itt]o
in Cowbyer	in D[itt]o
in Acton	in D[itt]o
in Burntsheelhaugh	in D[itt]o
in Hadderyburn	
in Westermeadows	
in Newckton	in D[itt]o
in Jeffreys rake	in D[itt]o
in Allen sheels	in D[itt]o
in Buckshot	in D[itt]o
in Styford	in D[itt]o

I suppose that there were no Cottagers in Hadderyburn and Westermeadows - and no one appeared for Styford which was sold about the q2 1768 to the Bacon Family

As to the Court - Edward Blenk should give the people afo[resaid] notice of the Court day, I see that the places have been taken in 1785 from the places in four copies of old Court Rolls near 100 years ago - if the Tenants are not at home a writing to this Effect may be left with each of their Wives or Servants.

You are required to take notice that the Court Baron of the Lords of the Manor of Blanchland in the County of Northumberland will be held at the usual places within the said Manor on Friday the 2d day of August next Witness my hand the day of July 1793

To Mr Deputy Bailiff of the said Manor

As to the Boundary riding - you see that the advertizemt is made as short as possible - it is an odd day to have a riding of Boundaries Vizt the busiest day in the Northl'd assize week and 7 o clock in the morning was as early as any one could ride - there should be flags prepared - musick - Gingerbread almonds and raizens - I cannot write this myself and am obliged to make another do it

Mr Mowbrays Lre [letter] was a general one referring me to yours

A copy of the Notice should be fixed or Notice given of it in each of the Parish Churches in which the Lands to be ridden or perambulated do lye

I am Dr Sir yrs sincerely

T. Adams

Alnwick 16 July

I very much doubt whether I shall be able to attend considering my present situation

In strickt Compliance with the old advertizemt in 1768 the Hour of begining is not mentioned - but I have some thoughts of adding it by tomorrow nights post - 'to begin at 7 oclock in the morning'. All they who or whose Fathers were at the Former riding should attend this

[on outer side:]

George Wood Esq

Durham

[and annotated:] Blanchland Boundary riding & Court

17 Jul 1793 Thomas Adams to George Wood

Sir

I have this evening read your Letter - you will easily recollect that Wednesday the 31st July or Thursday the 1st Augt. were the precise days fixed and settled for riding the Boundaries and Engagements made by the Trustees accordingly.

The precept for holding the Courts is usually directed to the principal Bailiff (at Bamburgh to Mr.Dinning and Geo: Hall or Edwd Todd Summonses the Tenants) Edward Blenk can easily tell the Tenants of the different places mentioned in my last Letter on Monday or Tuesday next to attend at the Court on Friday 2d August next - we will not trouble him with Notices in writing, they are usually done when the Bailiff goes to Estates not belonging to the Lords, but all these Estates I fancy belong to Ld Crewes Trustees, for as to Styford it was in the Old Court Roll and kept in but they were not Summoned and there is no great occasion to Summon them now

I have inclosed a Letter for Edward Blenk tho I know not where he lives, pop the Warrant into it and you can easily add at the bottom tho it is not usual but can do no harm or to Edward Blenk - Deputy Bailiff of the said Manor jointly or severally.

It will be proper for Mr. Mowbray to go to Blanchland some day next week and get 3 or 4 or 6 &c people who were at the last Boundary riding or who know the Boundaries to be in Readiness on the Wednesday Morning with the Principal Tenants and a flag should be prepared with the Coat of Arms of the Trustees which is impracticable or Lord Crewes Coat of Arms which probably cannot be had or a White or Red flag, or a White and Red stript flag - Victuals vizt Cold Beef Hams Chickens Tongues &c &c &c should be prepared and such other things as mentioned in my last Letter a Fidler or 2 should be in readiness, and 2 or 3 active clever young men dressed in white and may be decorated with Ribbons like a white plough man to carry the flags and if a Drum or French Horn could be had so much the better, but surely Mr Mowbray knows what is usual on these occasions better than you or I do.

Wine Ale Victuals Porter Spirits &c and a Horse or two with panyers to Carry the same should be all ready People who have ridden or know the Boundary carriers of the Flag Musick &c

If two Flags could be got so much the better

I am D[ear] S[ir]. yrs ass'y T Adams

Alnwick 17 July 93.

I may write to you by tomorrow nights post - my ancles are swelled to a great degree yet

7 Aug 1793 Arthur Mowbray

7 Augt 1793

Discharge given by Arthur Mowbray to the Lord of the Manor of Hexham &c as to the Riding in of the Herbage of the Commons of Hathery Burn Westfield Nook & Wester Meadows

<pres.t> Edw: Blenk

95 Feb 7 2nd copy sent to Mr. Adams

1793 Augt 7th

Arthur Mowbray as Agent to and on behalf of Lord Crewe's Trustees attended the Perambulation of the Boundaries of the Commons, Moors or Tracts of Waste Lands, within the Regality or Manor of Hexham, the same having previously been advertised in the Newcastle Papers.

At eleven in the Morning A: Mowbray went to Staplesgate near Dukesfield Smelt Mill - where he found Mr. Fryer, (with several others) one of the Commissioners appointed by an Act of Parliament passed in the 32d year of the Reign of his present Majesty for enclosing stinting &c &c &c the said Commons when he asked Mr. Fryer if

they meant to ride in a certain Tract of Land in three Farms which he understood Mr. Fryer surveyed, called Wester Meadows, Westfield Nook and Hathery Burn - he said he really could not say, but Mr. Bell probably could tell - soon after Mr. Bell came up when A: Mowbray asked him - he spoke crossly and said yes &&c

A: Mowbray attended at the foot of Norum Burn, about four in the Afternoon - when the runners came up, he desired them to stop - Addressed himself to Mr. Bell and said he attended on behalf of Lord Crewe's Trustees to discharge the Lord of the Manor and Commissioners (on Account of the Herbage) from riding in a Parcel of Ground to the Southwards being the property of Lord Crewe's Trustees bounded, beginning there at Norum Burn Foot and continuing up the said Burn Southwards to the Head, from thence to the Sheriffs Stone - from the said Sheriffs Stone South Westward by seven Stones to the Waterfall - from thence Northwards along the Ridge or Waterfall to Heney Burn Head - then South Eastward down the said Burn to Beldon Burn Head and from thence Eastward down the said Burn to the place where they then stood - vizt Norum Burn Foot, the Soil and Herbage whereof were the property of Lord Crewe's Trustees, - Except an undivided Moiety of a parcel of Ground called the Middle Ridge which was the property of Mr. Clavering who he understood was from Home, but he would take the Liberty to give a discharge on Mr. Clavering's Account also. Mr. Bell desired the Runners to proceed and said to A: Mowbray there was a Man in Hexhamshire who could prove the Stinting of these Grounds.

Mr. Bell asked A: M: to Dine, at the Sheriffs Stone, who thanked him and returned to Blanchland.

Stinting by the Trustees' Tenants.

N.B. Ann Ord of Lilswood near Dukesfield Widow of Christr Ord who lived at Westfield Nook 49 years ago.

Richard Hutchinson of the Hope also can speak to the Stinting for a certain Number of years.

Ann Whaley of Redburnhope can also say something.

Edward Blenk is desired to call upon these people and hear what they can say - and also to make further inquiries immediately and forward them to A: M: or to Mr. Wood.