

C15 leases

MS. at Huntroyde. Fifteenth-century leases of the vaccaries are recorded in Whitaker, *Whalley*, i, 353, 360. With Tunstead went 'the Settings' in Sow Clough. In a lease of Bacup Booth in 1418 it was stipulated that no wild beasts were to be destroyed; Kuerden MSS. iv, R 25.

The Abbot of Whalley in 1338 complained that various persons had trespassed on his grass at Tunstead in Rossendale; De Banco R. 313, m. 335. The abbot appears to have held it on lease; Q. R. Memo. R. 183, m. 237.

A number of disputes are recorded in the *Ducatus Lanc.* (Rec. Com.). Sir John Bridge was plaintiff in 1540–1 against George Birtwisle and Margaret his wife respecting lands

in Deadwencloough, &c.; *ibid.* i, 160.

Pasture called Half-a-Foot occurs in 1559; *ibid.* ii, 213. Copyholds in Bacup were in 1566 claimed by John Lort and Thomas Robertshaw in right of their wives, Joan and Alice daughters and heirs of Christopher Bridge, James Whitaker, greave of the forest, being defendant; *ibid.* ii, 328; iii, 83.

A messuage, lands and leasowe in Tunstead were claimed by Robert Duerden in 1574–6 against Francis Holt or his representatives; *ibid.* iii, 19, 42.

The capital messuage called Tunstead with lands called Shaw Clough, &c., was claimed by William Tattersall against John Tattersall in 1586; *ibid.* iii, 193.

In 1600 Ellis Chadwick claimed land in Wolfenden in right of his wife Margaret, next of kin and heir of Gilbert Birtwisle; *ibid.* iii, 415.

Lands in 'Rossendale' (perhaps in Brandwood) occur in the inquisitions, &c., of the Holts of Gristlehurst, but no details are given; *Lancs. Inq. p.m.* (Rec. Soc. Lancs. and Ches.), iii, 81, 372; Pal. of Lanc. Feet of F. bdl. 75, no. 37.

The following were the copyholders in 1527, from Duchy of Lanc. Rentals, bdl. 5, no. 12:

In Deadwencloough—Jordan Bridge, William Holt, Charles Nutto (Nuttall), Richard Whitworth, Charles Haworth, Edmund Pickup and

Thomas Crawshaw, paying £10 13s. 4*d.* in all.

Tunstead or Tunstall—John Pilling, John Tattersall, Henry Duerden, John Lawes, the wife of Christopher Kirshaw, Alice and Agnes Kirshaw; in all, £5 6s. 8*d.*

Wolfenden Booth—Charles Nuttall, James Pickup, Edmund Shaw, William Ashworth, the wife of James Taylor, Agnes and John Heap; £10 10s.

Sedges and Sowclough—John Pilling, John Tattersall, John Lawe, the wife of Christopher Nuttall, Agnes and Alice Nuttall; 5s. 4*d.*

Harley Head and Bacup Booth—Christopher Tattersall, James Lord, jun. and sen., John Lord, John Whitacre and John Bridge; £11.

To these may be added the Rossendale copyholders outside the parish, in Rochdale and Bury.

Rockcliffe Wood—Abbot of Whalley; 16s. 8*d.* Newhall Hey—John Nuttall, the wife of Christopher Nuttall, Otwell and Nicholas Ramsbottom, Thomas Crawshaw; £6 16s. 8*d.*

Over Lench and Hall Carr—Nicholas Towneley, John Nuttall and the wife of Christopher Nuttall; £5 3s. 4*d.* Balyden—James Haworth, 12*d.*

Musbury—Adam Haworth, Richard Duckworth, the wife of Peter Haworth, Geoffrey and Lawrence Taylor,

Otwell Bridge, William Crokeshagh; £13 1s. 8*d.* Ogden and Musden — Ellis Rothwell, Christopher Hargreaves; 15s. Alden—Reeve of Tottington, 16s.

Also the following:

Hudlesden and Newhey—the heirs of Thomas Radcliffe, £9 12s. 4*d.*; Thomas Grimshaw, 7s. 8*d.*; Thurstan Ramsbottom for Crawshaw Head, 2s.; in all £10 2s. Banastre Holme—Richard Hey, Edmund Ramsbottom, Nicholas Fenton; 11s. 6*d.* in all.