

Transcript of the 1567 survey of Congresbury

From photocopies provided by Chris Short, Congresbury

Conventions

1 Contractions such as barred ps, and terminal swirl for -es, have been expanded (all were obvious)

2 Dd (dimidi[o]) has been expanded to English ½ and use has been to use this, with no space between, after the whole number

3 Roman numerals have not been converted to arabic, but given in upper case to avoid constant confusion between 'I' the number and 'i' the letter (especially by the word processing software!) so modern 13½ acres will appear as XIII½. Terminal 'j' on a group of minimi representing a number has been rendered as I.

4 Upper and Lower cases have been preserved (although inevitably, transcriber or software will have made some mistakes). Checks reveal these to be <1%.

5 All written information, including pencil notes by a member of Dickie Broomhead's 1980s team have been included. These are headed by [square bracket] comments. This hand has also added the numbers 26 (I), 26 (ii), 27 (I), 27 (ii), 28 (i). These presumably refer to the obverse and reverse of sheets. These follow on from those of Middletowne. A [later hand] has made abbreviated comments. These are probably late[ish] 16th century, although there is insufficient data to be sure.

6 The 'stream of consciousness' style of the writing has been slightly altered in transcription. Groups of fields / tenements etc are separated from their stock phrases ('that is to say') by a single line. The fine line has also been separated for clarity.

7 Notes and comments in the first and third columns have been kept in the order in which they occur on the document, and spaced with some reference to the original (although this is not absolute due to the difficulty in preserving such spacing in copying). This appears to be in line with how the original is written.

8 Spaces between tenants or holdings are marked with a coloured line for clarity.

9 A 'cut down' version of the survey giving just the detail of the document will be produced in due course.

10 The descriptors for the tenancies ('A Bovier land', 'a fardle of land') are extremely unusual, and should be very helpful in plotting the tenancies.

11 I have reproduced bold text in the original with modern **bold** since this emphasises important clauses and summaries in the original

12 Areal measure in this document is using acres, perches and half perches. **This survey uses 'perch' to mean what is commonly called a 'rood', so the following applies in this survey only:**

1 acre = 4 perches

1 acre = 0.405 Ha

1 [Congresbury] perch = 1012m²

Normally, of course,

1 acre = 4 roods = 160 perches

13 Fiscal measure in this document uses 'imperial' measure

1 pound (£) = 20 shillings (s) = 240 pence (d)

Symbols used as derived from Latin:

'li' (librae) = pounds

's' (solidi) = shillings

'd' (denarii) = pence

1s = 5p 1p = 2.4d.

'ob' (obolus) = half of one penny

| The Manor of Congresbury | Above the Yoo | The Rents and Herriots there |
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| <p>John Twitt</p> <p>An eight acre</p> <p>[1980s hand]</p> <p>12 Oct 1545</p> <p>ffin' XXVIs VIIIId</p> <p>[later hand] Edmund [bakon?] is ten.t</p> | <p>Holdeth by Coppy of Courte Rolle bearinge Date The XIIith daye of October In the XXXVIIith yeare of the Rayne of Kynge henry the eight one eight acre of olde Aster whereof</p> <p>A Messuage with a Curtillage gardeyn and orcheyearde Conteyneth I acre</p> <p>And VI½ acre of Lande Meade and Pasture In severall That ys to saye</p> <p>I acre of pasture In a Closse adioynng to the sayde messuage ½ acre of pasture In a Closse Called Westcrofte I acre of meadowe in a Closse Called Costefurlonde II acres of medow In a Closse Called MonkeLande and II acres of meadowe In a Closse called Rodiatt</p> <p>And I½ acres of Meadowe In the Comon meades there That ys to saye</p> <p>½ acre in the half acres I acre in Swillmeade</p> <p>And also III acres I pearche of Arable Lande in the Comon feeldes there That ys to saye</p> | <p>[1980s hand]</p> <p>messuage</p> <p>IIIs VIId</p> |

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| | <p>II acres in sharp ham I acre in Roddiatte and I pearche in the Common feelde Called Lande</p> <p>Wth Thapurttenances</p> <p>To holde to hym and to his fyrst wyffe ffor tearme of theyr Lyves By the Rent of IIIs VIId and one heryot when it dothe Chance</p> <p>and payde the Lord foe a ffyne the Som of XXVIs VIIId</p> | <p>I Heri[ot]</p> |
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| <p>Wyllyam More</p> <p>II eight acres and One Cottage</p> <p>[1980s hand] 21 Jul 1547</p> <p>[later hand] Jno More is ten.t</p> | <p>Holdeth by Coppy of Courte Rolle bearings Date the XXith day of July In the fyrst year of the Raigne of Edwarde the syxt Two eight acres of olde Aster whereof</p> <p>A Messuage with a Curtillage gardeyn and Orcheyearde Conteyneth I acre</p> <p>And VII acres of Lande Meade and pasture in severall. That ys to say</p> <p>I acre of pasture In a Closse Called woolande ½ acre in a Closse of John Wardes 1 acre of meadow In a Closse Called litle pill ½ acre of pasture In a Closse Called Newcrofte I acre of Meadow at Lande in a Close of Thomas Allseyes I acre of Meadow in a Close Called Copethorn I acre in Allcombe III acres of pasture In a Closse Called Dunyshill and III acres of arable Lande and Underwood In a Closse Called Combe Closse</p> <p>And II½ acres of Meadowe In the Common Meades there That ys to saye</p> <p>half an acre in the half acres I acre in Wikemeade and I acre in Brode meade</p> | <p>[1980s hand] messuage</p> |

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| <p>ffin' IIII li</p> | <p>And VI½ acres of arable lande In the Common feeldes theare That ys to saye</p> <p>half an acre in Rodiate II acres In Eldernstubb III pearches in greate Combe Lyinge in II places ½ acre in the little Combe Lyinge in II places I acre in Clayehill I acre at Tuckers hill I½ pearche at Watergripp Lying in II places ½ pearche Lyinge in yee ffurlonde ½ a pearche besyde Tuckers and ½ a pearche at Lubbyes batche</p> | <p>VIIs III[I]d</p> |
| <p>Allso the same Wylliam</p> <p>[1980s hand] 21 Jul 1547</p> <p>Newly graunted for III Lyves Anno 1571</p> | <p>Holdeth by the same Copsy The Tfote of one Cottage whereof</p> <p>A Curtillaige with an orcheyearde Conteyneth I pearche</p> <p>And II acres of Arable Lande Lyinge in the Common feeldes theare That ys to saye</p> <p>I acre Lyinge In the Northe syde of Rodiate and I acre of arable Lande and Underwood in Sharpham</p> <p>Wth Thapertenannces</p> <p>To holde to hym and to Ales his seconde wyffe for tearme of theyr Lyves by the Rent for the II eight acres VIIs IIIId and for the Cottage XXd and III herriottes when they do Chance</p> <p>And payde the Lorde for a fyne IIII li</p> | <p>[1980s hand] Toft of 1 Cottage</p> <p>XXd</p> <p>III H[erriots]</p> |
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| <p>Thomas Woodall</p> <p>[1980s hand] 31 Jan 1557/8</p> | <p>Holdeth by Copsy of Courte Rolle bearing Date the Last day of Ianuery In the IIIIth and Vth yeares Of the Raigne of Phillipp and Mary I eight acre of olde Aster, whereof</p> | <p>[1980s hand]</p> |

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| <p>An eight acre and a Cottaige</p> <p>[later hand] thomas woodall ten.t</p> | <p>A Messuage with a Curtillaige gardeyn and Orcheyearde Conteyneth ½ acre</p> <p>And III acres of Lande Meade and pasture in severall That ys to saye</p> <p>1½ acres of pasture in a parock adioynnge to the sayde Messuage and 1½ acres of pasture in a Closse Called Rodiate</p> <p>And III½ acres of arable Lande In the Common feeldes theare: That ys to saye</p> <p>½ acre in Roddiate III acres In Chassull and I acre In Watergrippe</p> <p>And also I acre of meadow In the Comon meade Called Swillmeade</p> <p>Wth Thapertenannces</p> | <p>messuage</p> |
| <p>Allso the Sayde Thomas</p> <p>ffin' VI li</p> | <p>Holdeth by the same Copsy one Cottage whereof</p> <p>A Messuage with a parock of pasture adioynng to the sayde Messuage Conteyning ½ acre</p> <p>And ½ acre of pasture in a Closse Called hill acre</p> <p>Wth Thapurtennances</p> <p>To holde to hym and to Allyce his wyffe ffor tearme of theyr Lyves by the Rent of VIs and one herryott when yt dothe Chance</p> <p>And payde the Lorde for a fyne VI li</p> | <p>[1980s hand] 1 messuage/cottage</p> <p>[VIs]</p> <p>[I heriot]</p> |
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| <p>John Champneys</p> <p>A Bovier Lande</p> <p>[1980s hand]</p> | <p>Holdeth by Copsy of Courte Rolle bearing Date The XXVIIIth day of Iannuary In the IIIth and IIIIthe yeares of the Raigne of Phillipp & Mary one Bovier Lande of olde Aster whereof</p> | <p>[quality of copy is poor]</p> <p>[1980s hand]</p> |

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| <p>28 Jan 1556/7</p> <p>[ffin' XX li]</p> <p>[later hand] Said is tent.</p> | <p>A Messuage with a Curtillaige gardeyn and orcheyearde Conteyneth ½ acre</p> <p>And XIII½ acres of Lande Meade and Pasture In severall That ys to saye</p> <p>II½ acres of pasture in a Closse adioynng to the sayde Messuage IIII acres of Medow Lying In II Closes Called Tuckers meade 1½ acres of Meadow In a Closse Called Longecrofte II acres of pasture In a Closse Called WestCrofte [½?] acre of pasture In a Closse Called Newcrofte [½?] acre of pasture In a Closse Called Brodeleigh II acres of Arable Lande In a Closse Called Pytchen fyld I acre of Arable Lande In a Closse Called Rodiate</p> <p>And the Vth parte of hemshorde meade Walle</p> <p>And Also IIII acres of Arable Lande iIn the Common feeldes theare. That ys to saye</p> <p>III pearches In Whitestone ½ acre In Clayehill pit I pearche In Watergripp ½ acre In honestytche ½ acre in Black Lande ½ acre in the same feeld Called Crabtree acre and I acre in the Comon feeld Called the Lyme Kill</p> <p>Wth Thapertenannces</p> <p>To holde to hym for tearme of his lyffe only by the Rent of IIIs IIIId and one heriott</p> <p>and payde the Lorde for a fyne XX li</p> | <p>messuage</p> <p>[IIIIs IIIId]</p> <p>[I heriot]</p> |
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| <p>The same John</p> | <p>Holdeth by Copy of Corte Rolle bearing</p> | |

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| <p>An eight acre</p> <p>[1980s hand] 31 Jan 1557/8</p> <p>ffin V li</p> <p>[later hand] the same is ten.t</p> <p>I L[ife]</p> | <p>Date the Last day of January In the IIIIth & [Vth] yeares of the Raigne of Phillipp and Mary one eight acre of olde Aster Whereof</p> <p>A Messuage with a Curtillaige gardeyn and orcheyearde Conteyneth [I] acre</p> <p>And III½ acres of Lande Meade and Pasture in severall That ys to saye</p> <p>I acre of Meadowe In a Closse Called Monckelande ½ acre of Meadowe In a Closse Lying on the east syde of Robart Bryants howse I acre of Meade In a Closse Called Cley hill pitt and I acre of arable Lande in a Closse Called Edley parroke</p> <p>And I½ acres of Meadowe In the Comon meades theare. That ys to saye</p> <p>I acre in Swill meade half an acre in the half acres</p> <p>And Also V acres of arable Londe In the Common feeldes theare That is to saye</p> <p>III acres In Allcombe I acre in Blackelonde and one acre in Watergripp</p> <p>With Thapertenannces</p> <p>To hold To hym for tearme of his lyffe onely by the Rent of IIs IXd and one heryot when yt dothe Chance</p> <p>And payde the Lorde for a fyne V li</p> | <p>[1980s hand] messuage</p> <p>[IIs IXd]</p> |
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| <p>The sayde John</p> <p>The thyrde parte of a yearde lande Called Beneys</p> <p>[1980s hand]</p> | <p>Holdeth by the sayde Coppy the thirde parte of one yearde Lande of olde Aster Called Beneys</p> <p>And XXV acre I pearche of Land Meade and pasture in severall That ys to saye</p> <p>II acres I pearche of pasture in a Closse</p> | <p>[1980s hand] land only</p> |

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| <p>31 Jan 1557/8</p> <p>ffin V li</p> <p>[later hand] The same is ten.t</p> | <p>Called Beney's haye III acres of Meade In a Crosse Lying in the West syde of smyth meade XIII acres of pasture In a Crosse Called the greate Leyes and VI acres of pasture In a Crosse Called the West Leayes</p> <p>And IIII acres III pearches of Meadow in the Common meades theare. That ys to saye</p> <p>II acres in Uppers meade II acres in hare Crofte and III pearches in Smith meade</p> <p>And also The Thirde parte of Waterslande Waye</p> <p>Wth Thapertennances</p> <p>To holde to hym for tearme of his lyffe onely By the Rente of IIII's IId and one Herriott when yt dothe Chance</p> <p>and payde the Lorde for a fyne V li</p> | <p>IIII's</p> |
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| <p>Johan Phelps Now the Wyffe of Robart Will[m]ot</p> <p>Two eight acres</p> <p>[1980s hand] 10 Oct 1555</p> <p>ffin' Xs</p> | <p>Holdeth by Coppy of Courte rolle bearinge Date the Xth day of October In the IIIth and IIIIth yeares of the Raigne of Phillipp and Mary Two eight acres of olde Aster whereof</p> <p>A Messuage with a Curtillage gardeyn and Orcheyearde Conteyneth I pearche</p> <p>And IX½ acres of Lande Meade and pasture in severall. That ys to saye</p> <p>II acres of pasture In a Crosse Called the hurst IIII acres of pasture In a Crosse Called Muncklande I½ acres of pasture In a Crosse Called Longledg I acre of arable Lande In a Crosse Called Sharpham and I acre of pasture In a Crosse Called the Come</p> | <p>[1980s hand]</p> <p>messuage mess – 1+1 pasture 9 meadow (common) 3 arable 3</p> <p>12 2 <u>3 0</u> 15 2</p> <p>Vs</p> |

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