

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 28 (ii), 29 (I), 29 (ii) and 30 (i). These presumably refer to the obverse and reverse of sheets. These follow on from those of Above the yoo. 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	Land	The Rents and Herriots there
<p>Alice Beale Now the wyffe of Edmonde Badman</p> <p>[1980s hand] 13 Oct 1550</p> <p>A ffardle of lande</p> <p>ffin' X li</p> <p>[later hand]</p>	<p>Holdeth by Coppy of Courte Rolle bearinge Date the XIIIth day of October In the IIIIth yeare of the Raigne of Kynge Edwarde the syxt one ffardle of Lande of olde Aster whereof</p> <p>A Messuage with a Curtillaige gardeyn and orcheyearde Conteyneth II acres</p> <p>And XV acres of Lande Meade and pasture In severall That ys to saye</p> <p>VI acres of pasture adioynyng in a Closse to the sayde messuage and IX acres of pasture In II Closes Lying in the sowthe syde of the sayde messuage</p> <p>And V acres of Meadowe In the Common meades there That ys to saye</p> <p>III acres In shortfurlonde I acre in myddle meade I acre In Croke hill and I acre in horse Leayes</p> <p>And also IIII acres of arable Lande In the Common feeldes there That ys to saye</p> <p>In syxt places Lyinge in the Common feelde Called Upfeelde betweene ffrowardes hill and Benneys gate</p>	<p>[1980s hand] messuage</p> <p>VII s and a pecke of wheate</p> <p>I H[eriot]</p>

<p>Mr Cole is ten.t</p>	<p>Wth Thapertenannces</p> <p>To holde to her and to John her sonne for tearme of theyr Lyves By the Rent of VIIIs I½ d and a peck of wheate and one herryot when it dothe Chance</p> <p>and payde the Lorde for a fyne X li</p>	
<p>Thomas Allsey</p> <p>An eight acre</p> <p>[1980s hand]</p> <p>2 eight acres 13 Jan 1545/6</p> <p>[later hand] Mr elkocke? Is ten.t</p> <p>ffin IIII li</p>	<p>Holdeth by Coppy of Courte Rolle bearinge Date the XIIIth day of January in the XXXVII yeare of the Raigne of Kynge henry the eight, two eight acres of olde aster whereof</p> <p>A messuage with a Curtillaige And two orcheyardes Conteyneth I acre</p> <p>And XVI acres of Lande Meade and pasture in Severall That ys to saye</p> <p>XI acres of pasture In V Closses adioynyng to the sayde Messuage IIII acres of Meadow In a Closse Called the west meade ½ acre of pasture in a Closse of Willyam Mores ½ acre of Meadow in a Closse Called Cade meade</p> <p>And I acre I pearche of Meadow In the Common meades theare That ys to saye</p> <p>I acre in Croke well and II Buttes in the West meade Conteyneth I pearche</p> <p>And also XI½ acres of arable Lande In the Comon feeldes theare That ys to saye</p> <p>IX½ acres Lyinge betweene Smallwayes and Hamhedge in eight places I acre of arable Lande and wood Lying in the Northe syde of Cadbery and I acre of arable Lande and wood Lying at Edley under Kynges wood with Thapertennances</p>	<p>[1980s hand] 1 messuage</p> <p>mess 1 pasture 11½ meadow 4½ " common 1</p> <p>Xs</p>

	<p>To holde to hym To his fyrst wyffe and to his fyrst Childe for tearme of theyr lyves by the Rent of Xs and Vis VIIIId In the name of II Herriottes when they do Chance</p> <p>and payde the Lorde for a fyne IIII li</p>	<p>Vis VIIIId</p> <p>in name [of two] Herriotes</p>
<p>John, late the Wyfe of Wilyam Swayne deceased and Henry her sonne</p> <p>An eight acre</p> <p>[1980s hand] 3 July 1544</p> <p>John Swayne ys Tenannte & II others after hym the XVIIIth day of Maye 1573</p> <p>ffin IIII li</p> <p>[later hand] Jn swayne tent.</p> <p>3 L[ives]</p>	<p>Holdeth joyntly by Coppy of Courte Rolle bearing date the IIIth [sic] day of July in the XXXVI yeare of the Raigne of henry the eight one eight acre of olde aster whereof</p> <p>a Messuage with a Curtilige gardeyn and orcheyearde Conteyneth I acre</p> <p>And VI½ acres of Lande meade and pasture in severall That ys to saye</p> <p>II½ acres of pasture Lyinge in the sowthe syde of the sayde messuaige III acres of pasture In a Closse Lyinge in the Northe syde of the sayde Messu. IIII acres of Meadow in a Closse Lyinge in the northe syde of Northe more</p> <p>And I acre of meadowe In the Comon meadow Called Crokewill</p> <p>And also I acre of arable Lande Lyinge In the sowthe syde of ffrowards hill</p> <p>Wth Thapertenances</p> <p>To holde to them Joyntly and to the fyrste Childe of the sayde henry for tearme of theyr lyves by the rente of IIIIIs & IIIId, and one heryott when it dothe Chance</p> <p>And payde the Lorde for a fyne IIII li</p>	<p>[1980s hand] messuage</p> <p>IIIIIs I[II d]</p> <p>I her[riot]</p>
<p>Isabell Beney [mort] and John Benney her Sonne</p> <p>An eight acre & the thurde parte</p>	<p>Holdeth Joyntly by Coppy of Courte Rolle bearing date The XIIIth day of October In the IIIIth yeare of ye Raigne of Edwarde the syxte one eight acre of olde aster whereof</p>	<p>[My birthday, hooray! VR]</p> <p>[1980s hand] messuage</p>

<p>of a yearde Lande Called Beneys</p> <p>[1980s hand] 13 October 1550</p> <p>Newly graunted for III Lyves Anno 1571</p>	<p>a Messuage with a Curtillaige gardeyn & orcheyerd Conteyneth ½ acre</p> <p>And VIII acres of Meade and pasture In II Closses adioynyng to the same Messe.</p> <p>And II acres I pearche of Meadow In the Comon meades theare That ys to saye</p> <p>I acre in mydle meade I acre In Crokewill and I pearche Lyinge In the west meade In III parcells theare</p> <p>And also III acres of arable Lande in upfielde Lyinge betweene ffrowares hill and hamhedge</p> <p>Wth Thapertenannces</p>	
<p>Allso the same Isabell and John ffin XII li</p> <p>[1980s hand] 13 Oct 1550</p> <p>Newly graunted for III Lyves 1571</p> <p>[later hand] Jno Beny tent. 3 L[ives]</p>	<p>Holdeth by the same Coppy one Tofte Conteynyng the thurde parte of a yearde Lande Called Beneys</p> <p>And XXV½ acres of Meadow and pasture In three Closses adioynyng to the sayde Tofte</p> <p>And IIII acres of Meadow in the Co[mon m]eades theare That ys to saye</p> <p>I½ acre [] smyth meade II acres in upwardes meade and ½ acre In ye Comon meadow called the west meade</p> <p>And also the thirde parte of ½ acre of meadowe Called Waterlandes waye Lyinge in II places</p> <p>wth Thapertenannces</p> <p>To holde To them for tearme of theyr Lyves and after they Decease To Willyam and Thomas Sonnes of the sayde John for tearme of theyr Lyves by the Rente of VIIs IXd and two heryotes when they do Chance</p>	<p>[VIIs Ixd]</p> <p>[II heryotes]</p>

	And payde the Lord for a fyne XII li	
Isabell late the Wyfe of Edmonde Cawdwell Deceased and now the wyffe of Robart Bryant	Holdeth by Copsy of Courte Rolle bearinge date The XIIIth day of October In the IIIIth yere of the Raigne of Edwarde the sixte one eight acre of olde Aster whereof	[1980s hand] message
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An eight acre	And IX acres of Lande Meade and pasture In severall That ys to saye	
	VI acres of pasture Lyinge in II Closses adioynng to the sayde Messuage ½ acre of pasture Lyinge in the borthe syde of the sayde Messuage and II½ acres of arable lande In an other Close Lyinge in ye Northe syde of ye sayde Meassuage	
[later hand] [] in the right of his []	And also I acre III perche Of Arable Lande Lyinge In the Comon ffeeldes theare That ys to saye	
ffin IIII li	I acre in the Common feelde Called Bealles Corner and III pearches In the Comon feelde Lyinge in the West syde of ffrowardes hill	IIs Vid
A Lycence to Marry and dwell away	with Thapertenances	I heriott
	To holde to her for tearme of her lyffe onely By the rent of IIs Vid and one herryott when yt dothe Chance	
	And payde the Lorde for a fyne IIII li	
	HERE ENDS LANDE	

