

## 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 3(i), 3 (ii) etc to 11(ii). These presumably refer to the obverse and reverse of sheets. A [later hand] has made abbreviated comments. These are probably late[ish] 16<sup>th</sup> 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' ['pearche'] 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 = 1012m<sup>2</sup>**

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, always transcribed ½d

The manor of Congresbury	Venny streate [Customary Tenautes theare] [First page only]	The Rents and Herriots theare
<p>John Sprudd</p> <p>An eight acre</p> <p><b>ffin LIII s IIII d</b></p> <p>in the handes of Jn his son</p> <p><b>4 L</b></p>	<p>Holdeth by Copsy of Cowrte Rolle bearing date the IIIth day of July In the XXXVIth yeare of the Raigne of Kynge Henry the eight, one eight acre of olde Aster Whereof A Messuage With a Curtillaige And one Close of pasture Called olde more adioynyng to the sayde Messuage Conteyneth <b>XII acres. And also I acre</b> of meade In a Close Called Blagbrydge yate with Thapertenannces</p> <p><b>To holde</b> to hym To John, Willyam, and Thomas his sonnes for tearme of theyr lyves by the Rent of <b>II s</b> and one herriott when yt dothe Channce</p> <p>and payde the Lorde for a fyne <b>LIII s IIII d</b></p>	<p><b>II s</b></p> <p><b>I Heri[ott]</b></p>
<p>The same John</p> <p>half a yearde lande and an eight acre</p> <p>in the handes of Johane sprud</p> <p>A ffardle of Lande And an eight acre</p>	<p>Holdeth by Copsy of Court Rolle bearing date the last day of january In the IIIIth and Vth yeares of the Raigne of Phillipp and Mary half a yearde Lande of olde Aster, and an eight acre of the same aster whereof A Messuaige with a Curtillaige gardeyn and two orcheyardes Conteyneth <b>I½ acres</b></p> <p>Allso the sayde John holdeth by an other Copsy of Courte Rolle bearing Date the XIIIth day of July In ye XXXVIth yeare of the Raigne of Kynge henry the eight One ffardle of Lande of olde aster and one eight acre of the same aster Joyning with the same Aster of the half yearde Land and the eight acre Whereof <b>XLVII acres III perches</b> of Lande and meade and pasture in severall <b>That</b> ys to saye</p> <p>XVIII½ acres of Lande meade and pasture In II Closes, adioynyng to the sayde messuage</p> <p>V acres of pasture In a Close Called V [Five] acres</p> <p>III acres of pasture In a Close at Urchen</p>	

**ffin XXVII li**

Wood  
II acres of pasture In a Crosse Called  
Coppe thorne  
II acres of pasture In a Crosse Called the  
hurst  
II acres of pasture In a Crosse at  
Maltlandes  
I acre In a Crosse of Congre Pooles  
II acres of pasture in a Crosse at  
Costefurlande  
II acres of pasture In a Crosse Called  
hurne  
II acres of pasture at Dolemoresyate  
II acres of pasture In a Crosse Called  
Leayes of the hedge  
II acres of pasture In a Close next unto  
horse leayes  
I acre at horstCrofte In a Close of John  
young  
½ acre in a Crosse lyinge In the sowthe  
syde of Dole more  
III pearches of Arable lande lying in a  
parocke above East meade and  
II acres In a Close Called Bradley

**And XII acres** of Meade In the Common  
meades theare **That** ys to saye

III acres In Ryding meade  
I acre at Bowebridge  
I acre at Beacons style  
I acre at Newbridge  
I acre at Swill meade  
III pearches In Pytmeade  
I pearche in morefurlande  
III acres In horse leayes and  
I acre In monkelande

**And also XXII acres** of Arable Lande In  
the Common ffeeldes theare **That** ys to  
saye

II acres at Lande  
II acres In the Common feelde Called the  
Castle  
I½ acre at wood well  
I acre at Watergripp  
III acres In the Combe  
II½ acres in whiteston

**XXVI s X[½ d]**  
and half a B[usshill] of  
wheate

<p><b>5 L</b></p>	<p>I acre at Shipphowse parrock  II acres In ye breache  II acres In Brode leayes  I acre in Morefurlonde  II pearches In the east syde of the same furlonde  III pearches In Brode Lande  ½ acre In Urchynwood  half an acre at Eldernstubb and  ½ acre under cadbury</p> <p>with Thappertennaces</p> <p><b>To holde</b> to hym and Johane his wyffe and to Willyam, Thomas and Robart The Sonnes of the sayde John Sprudd for tearme of theyr lyves By the Rent of <b>XXVI s X½ d</b> and half a Busshill of Wheate</p> <p><b>That</b> ys to saye ffor the half yearde Lande XII s II½ d and half a Busshill of Wheate ffor the eight acre III s XI d ffor the ffarde of Lande VI s and for the other eight acre III s XI d and IIII herriottes when they do Channce</p> <p>&amp; payde the Lorde for a fyne <b>XXVII li</b></p>	<p><b>IIII Her[riotts]</b></p>
<p>John Kynge <sup>mort</sup>  A yearde Lande</p>	<p>Holdeth by Coppy of Courte Rolle bearinge Date the XIIIth day of October In the IIIIth yearde of the Raigne of Kynge Edwarde the syxt one yearde Lande of olde Aster whereof a Messuage with a Curtillaige gardeyn and orcheyearde Conteyneth <b>III acres And XL acres</b> of Lande, Meade and pasture In severall</p> <p><b>That</b> ys to saye</p> <p>VII acres of pasture In a Close adioynng to the sayde messuage  IIII acres of pasture In a Close Called Chollfyld  III acres In a Close at style howse  III acres in a Crosse Called Coper  XII acres of Lande and pasture In a Crosse at Cost furlande  VI acres at Chodbridge  III acres at Iwood Lying next to Conger</p>	

poolles orchearde  
I acre of Meadowe In a Close of John  
badmans Called the East meade  
I acre of meadowe In a Closse Called  
Chitterbridge and  
I acre of arrable Lande In a Close at  
Iwood

**ffin XXVI li XIII  
IIII d**

**And XIII acres** of Meadowe In the  
Comon meades theare **That** ys to saye

II acres in Monckland  
VI acres In horse leayes  
II acres in Bome Rode  
I acre in wryngtons Broode meade  
I½ acres in East Meade  
½ acre In Iones Meade

**And XX acres ½ pearche** of arrable  
Lande In the Common feeldes theare  
**That** ys to saye

III acres at Brode Path In the Common  
feelde Called Lande  
IIII acres In the east syde of frowerdes  
hill  
And In the same fieldes [?]  
III acres in the Comon feelde Called  
Pytchyn  
I acre at Cope thorne  
II acres III pearches at Brode Lande  
I acre In the Breache  
III acres In Morefurlonde lyinge in III  
places  
II acres at Urchyn Wood  
I pearche In Brode Leayes

**And also I acre** of wood and  
underwood In Kynges Wood

With Thappertennaces

[ ] handes of  
A[g]nnes kynges

**To holde** to hym To Agnes his wyffe and  
to theyr fyrst childe for tearme of theyr  
Lyves By the Rent of **XVI s IX d** and one  
Busshill of Wheate and one heryott When  
yt dothe Channce

**XVI s IX d** [and] A  
Busshil[l of] Wheate

**I Herio[t]**

**3 L**

and payde the Lorde for a fyne **XXVI li**

	<b>XIII s IV d</b>	
John Dale A half yearde Lande	<p>Holdeth by Coppy of Courte Rolle bearing date the eight day of October in the fyrst yeare of the Raigne of Queene Mary harlf a yearde Lande of olde Aster Whereof a Messuage with a Curtillaige gardeyn and two orcheyardes Conteyneth <b>I acre.</b> <b>And XXX½ acres</b> of Lande, Meade and pasture, In severall <b>That</b> ys to saye</p> <p>XII½ acres In VI Closes adioynng to the sayde Messuage IIII acres of pasture In a Close Called Loseley II acres at Coste furlande I acre of pasture at Bullock leayes In a Close of John Woodall II acres at Moncklonde IIII acres at Chodbridg Lyinge in II places III acres of pasture In the northe syde of horseleayes lying in III places II acres of meade In a Close of John hortess Called East meade</p> <p><b>And also III acres III pearches</b> of meadow In the Common meades theare <b>That</b> ys to saye</p> <p>I acre in horse leayes I acre in Rydinge meade III pearches In the North syde of Ridinge meade and I acre In easte meade</p> <p>with Thappertennaces</p> <p><b>To holde</b> to hym and to Johane his daughter for Terme of theyr lyves by the Rent of <b>IX s VI½ d</b> and half a Busshill of Wheate</p> <p>And payde the Lorde for a fyne <b>VI li XIIII s IIIII d</b></p>	<p><b>IX s [VI½ d]</b> and half [a Busshill] of whe[ate]</p> <p><b>I He[rriott]</b></p>
<p>ffin <b>VI s XIII s IIIII d</b></p> <p>in the handes of Wm king in the right of his wiffe</p> <p><b>2 L</b></p>		
John Beney <sup>mort</sup> An eight acre	<p>Holdeth by Coppy of Courte Rolle bearing date the XIIIth day of October In the IIIIth yeare of the Raigne of Edwarde the</p>	

<p><b>ffin IIII li X s</b></p> <p>Newly graunted for III Lyves Ann. 1571</p>	<p>VIth one eight acre Whereof A Messuage with a Curtillage gardeyn &amp; orcheyearde Conteyneth <b>I acre And VIII acres</b> of Lande Meade &amp; pasture In severall <b>That</b> ys to saye</p> <p>I½ acres In a parock adioynyng to the sayde Messuage III acres of pasture In a Close of John Woodall and I acre of Meadowe In a Close of Henry at will Lying at hemshorde</p> <p><b>And III acres</b> of Meadowe In the Comon meades theare <b>That</b> ys to saye</p> <p>I acre In smallehurst I acre In Mores Meade and one acre In Cope thorne</p> <p><b>And also II acres ½ pearche</b> of arable Lande In the Common feeldes theare <b>That</b> ys to saye</p> <p>I acre at Rodiatt I acre at the Lyme Kill and half a pearche In more ffurlonde</p> <p>with Thappertennaces</p> <p><b>To holde</b> to hym and Willyam his Brother for tearme of theyr Lyves by the Rent of <b>IIII s V d</b> and one herriott when yt Dothe Channce</p> <p>And payde the Lorde for a fyne <b>IIII li X s</b></p>	<p><b>IIII s V d</b></p> <p><b>I H[erriott]</b></p>
<p>Thomas Cowmer mort</p> <p>An eight acre</p>	<p>Holdeth by Copsy of Courte Rolle bearing Date the Ixth day of Aprill In the XXXIIIIth year of the Raigne of Kynge Henry the eight One eight acre of Olde Aster Whereof a Messuage with a Curtillaige gardeyn and two orcheyeardes Conteyneth <b>I acre And IX½ acres</b> of Lande Meade and pasture In severall <b>That</b> ys to saye</p> <p>VI acres of Lande meade and pasture In III Closes adioynyng to the sayde</p>	



<p><b>ffin V li</b></p> <p>Newly graunted for III Lyves 1571</p> <p>In the handes of Jno Comer</p> <p><b>1 L</b></p>	<p>Messuage II acres of pasture in a Closse under Kynges Wood and I½ acre of meade In a Closse Called horse Crofte</p> <p><b>And II acres</b> of meade lyinge In the Common meades theare <b>That</b> ys to saye</p> <p>I acre In horseleayes and I acre In easte meade</p> <p><b>And also I½ acres</b> of Arable Lande Lyinge In the feeldes theare <b>That</b> ys to saye</p> <p>I acre In Brode Crofte and ½ and acre In the Common feelde Called Lande</p> <p>with Thappertennaces</p> <p><b>To holde</b> to hym and to John his Brother for tearme of theyr Lyves By the Rent of <b>III s VII d</b> and one Herriott when yt dothe Channce</p> <p>And payde the Lorde for a fyne <b>V li</b></p>	<p><b>III s VII d</b></p> <p><b>I herriott</b></p>
<p>Isabell late wyffe of Thomas Hagget</p> <p>A halfe yearde Lande</p>	<p>Holdeth by Coppy of Courte Rolle bearinge date the XXIIIth day of Aprill In the XXXIIIth yeare of the Raigne of Kynge Henry the eight, half a yearde Lande of olde Aster Whereof a Messuage with a Curtillage gardeyn and orcheyearde Conteyneth <b>I acre And XXXV½ acres</b> of Lande Meade and pasture in severall <b>That</b> ys to saye</p> <p>IIII acres of pasture adioynyng to the sayde Messuage in a Close I acre of pasture In a Close at GodCrofte IIII acres of pasture In great Stubhurst II acres of pasture In litle Stubhurst II acres of pasture In Costefurlonde I acre of pasture in a Close lyinge in the same furlande V acres of pasture In a Closse Called Brode leayes</p>	

**ffin XV li**

II acres of pasture In a Closse at  
Chodbridge  
II acres at horseCrofte  
I½ acres of pasture lying in the west  
syde of Small Waye  
IIII acres in short meade  
VI acres of pasture Lying In a Closse  
above short meade and  
I acre of pasture lying next to the howse  
of John Beacon

**And IIII acres I pearche** of Meadowe  
In the Common meades theare **That** ys to  
saye

III pearches in horseleayes  
½ acre In the west syde of hemshorde  
meade and  
III acres In hemshorde meade

**And also III acres** of arable Lande In  
the Common feeldes theare That ys to  
saye

½ acre in the Breache  
I acre uppon ffrowardes hill  
½ acre lying on the west syde of the  
same hill and  
I acre Lyinge under ham hadge

with Thappertenannces

**To holde** to her and to Bartlemew her  
sonne for tearme of theyr lyves By the  
Rent of **IXs I½ d** and half a Busshill of  
Wheate and one herriott when yt dothe  
Channce

And payde the Lorde for a fyne **XV li**

**IX s I½ d** [and]  
halff a Bu[shill] of  
Wheate

in the handes of  
bartholomew  
hagget

**2 L**

**I Her[riot]**