

**Terrior of All Saints Church Lands at Birchington : 1527**

[This terrier is entered in the early part of the first Churchwardens' Book, dated from 1531 – 1653, but the terrier was originally drawn up in 1527, as the first paragraph states. The acreage of the church land at this period was 13 acres and ½ rod.]

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The Church boylke of Birchyngton mayd be the churche wardens Thomas Pettet and Thomas Hokin. The yere of oure Lord M<sup>o</sup> CCCCC hunderyth & XXXi and the Xxii yere of the ranyng of Kyng Herry the VIII.

Itm in primo the reknyng of the churche lands<sup>1</sup> of Birchyngtons the XVIII yere [1527] of Kyng Herry the VIII and the VIIIth day of May by John Cryspe esquire, Robert Phyllipp, Thomas Pettet, Rychard Cantes, John Wygsell and Thomas Kokee.

\* The firste lieth at Bechehyll conteynet one yarde<sup>2</sup> lying between the land of Nycholas Corte south, the lande of Thorne east & north the Churche lande, the lands of Thorne & the lands of Thomas Pettet west.

\* The seconde pece at the sayd three yards, the land of Thorne sowyth, the church lands east, JohnWygsell northe, Kings hi way west.

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\* The third pese lyith at Partisdele conaynit half one aker, the lands of Thorne est, John Cantes the elder sowth, Robert Wigsell west and North.

\* The fourth pece contaynit half one akyre and lyieth at Kyenengs the heyres of Richard Seyrbere west, the hy way north (This next item was crossed out)

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<sup>1</sup> In Charles Seymour's *Survey of the County of Kent*, published in 1776, the following paragraph is included in the notes for Birchington.

'Ten acres and one half of land were given for the repairs of the Church here, or perhaps purchased with several legacies left to the Church fabric, of which one acre is left to the Churchwardens, to a poor man to be employed by them to keep the boys orderly at Church. The residue is let out and the rents applied to the use of the Church.'

<sup>2</sup> yarde = a rod, which is ¼ of an acre (from Parish and Shaw's Dictionary of Kentish Dialect)

*Robert Phylip east & payith be yere a pounde of waxe.*

\* The fifte pece contaynit III yards & lyith at Gorysend and called Seynt Katerynees land, the hi way north, the close of Rychard Feyerwares eyerys east and west,

Brokenan south.

\* The sixth pece half a akyre of the same land lieth at Paynet ys gate, the hyway south, Robert Phylippe east and west and Brokeman north.

\* The VIIth pece halfe an akyr called Holy breyd lands,<sup>3</sup> Robert Wygsell east, Robert Phylippe south and noryth and the lande of Thorne west.

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\* The VIIIth pece VII yards & a half of the seyde lands, the drove way east, the lands of Thorne north, Moreys Carllys south and west.

\* The IXth pece one akyre and lyith bethrene the buttys and the see, Brokeman north and south, Robert Phillippe east, Thomas Holden west.

\* The Xth pece half akyre of Seynt Katerynnys land lyith at Semans Crosse, the hyway south and east, the tenement of John Wigsoll north, the lands of Thorne west.

\* The XIth pece one akyre exchanged with Robert Phyllipe lying beside the buttys, John Cage noth, John Cantes the elder east, John Elkyntonne south, the hyway west and payith by the yere 1 l. li of waxe.

\* The XII pece a closse contaynit III yards the tenement of John Cantes the elder west, the hyway north, Robert Wigsoll est, Walyntyne Capenter south.

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\* The XIII pece lyith at Wardehouse III yards Morys Carllys, the see north, Brokeman south, the Kyngs land west.

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<sup>3</sup> Holy breyd lands: This was probably the money from the lands used to obtain the Holy Loaf. This loaf was brought into the Quire after Mass on Sunday and after being blessed (not consecrated) by the priest, it was cut up and distributed to the congregation to be consumed in token of friendly amilty.

See Cox, Churchwardens' Accounts. p. 58.

\* The XIIIth pece hath one akyre lyith at Cantestayre, John Cantes the elder east and west, the see north, Robert Phyllippe south.

\* The XVth pece one akyre of Romescot land at Seegate, Robert Wigsoll east, the menesse otherwysse a Comon sowth, Robert Phylpe north and west.

\* The XVIth pece one akyre of the same land in ----- the Kings hyway north, Brokeman south, the eyrs of Richard Feyrware south.

\* The XVIIth pece half one akyre at the Menese end, the Kyngs hy way north, Brokeman east, Robert Phyllippe west, the eyre of Richard Feyrware south.

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Md [Memorandum] that there ys one pound of waxe payit owthof II akarys and a half of Brokemans land lying at Paynet ys gate to the use of Birchyntone Church yerly.

Md. that the eyrys of John Cacherell payith be the yerely to the seyde church of Birchyntone IIIId

Md one piece lyith between the P[ar]sonage and bylders and payith yerely to the seyde churche of Birchyntonne IIIId.

MdItm one p[ar]cell of land lying at the south soyll, the kings hi way est, the land of John Feyld west, the land of the eyrs of Powyll Jonson noth and the tenement of thmas Coleman south.

Itm II akyres of land lying at Paynets closse and payith to the ke[ying] of the pascoll for ewyr to the weight of X li. of waxe.