

Heriots etc 1401 – 1427

Heriots were fines paid by heirs when taking over their predecessors' property. Usually but not exclusively these were father to son successions. This makes them a useful source of genealogical material for a period beyond the span of parish registers as well as a useful source for local history in general.

The Northern Genealogist magazine, published around the turn of the C20th, started extracting "heriots, &c." from the Wakefield manorial rolls for publication. The intention seems to have been to publish material from 1401 to 1560. All of it was said to be ready for publication which started with the period 1500 – 1560. Publication of the earlier material started in volume 6. Unfortunately with the death of the editor publication ceased so that all that exists of the C15th is the material from that volume covering 1401 – 1427 and the year 1500 which is strictly speaking the last year of the C15th. In line with the original 1500 is included with the C16th.

The material published in the Northern Genealogist includes all parts of the manor identified only by graveship. The extracts here are all from the graveship of Holme which extended beyond Holmfirth. In some cases the location of the property is identified by township. Heriots would normally be paid on inheritance by the lord's tenants. This implies that only manorial tenants should appear here; tenants could and did sublet their holdings so they comprised only a part of the population of the manor. The "&c." part of the remit might include those who were not manorial tenants although there are likely to be very few mentioned who were not. Also, in some cases the tenant might reside outside the graveship or even outside the manor.

There are two instances where the printed version left an entry in Latin. The English translations of these have been added in square brackets. All other parenthetic notes are from the original publication.

1401	John Diconson of Fogheleston pays 5s. heriot on death of his father Richard Attecokson for 30 acres in Fogheleston.
1401	Adam de Brodehed and Johan ux. surrender to use of Thomas Tynker a moiety of a messuage and 8 acres in Scoles. Fine 18d..
1401	Geoffrey Wade pays 6s. 8d. heriot on death of his father Thomas for 18 acres in Carteworth.
1401	Adam de Wheighwall, brother and heir of Thurstan de Wheighwall, pays 8s. heriot on death of said Thurstan for 56 acres in Fogheleston.
1403	John de Hyncheclif surrenders to use of his son Robert i6 acres in Scoles. Fine 2s.
1403	Richard de Bromhill pays 6s. heriot on death of his father William for 24 acres in Carteworth.
1404	Thomas Jacson pays 6s. 8d. heriot on death of his father John for land in Hepworth.
1404	Roger de Morehous surrenders 16 acres in Fulghston to use of his son William and is fined 5s.; and also 4s. on surrender of 12 acres to use of his son Thomas.
1405	Thomas del Boothe pays 13s. 4d. heriot on death of his father Thomas for 4 acres in Alstanlay.

1406	Roger de Rolay ferit finem cum dono de xld. pro licencia habenda Alicia que fuit ux. Thome del Boothe vidua dni in uxorem suam, etc. [Roger de Rolay makes fine and gves 40d for licence to make Alice who was the widow of Thomas del Boothe his wife]
1407	Agnes Wade pays 13s. 4d. heriot on death of her father Thomas for 30 acres.
1407	Thomas del Hoile pays 2s. heriot on death of his parents John and Alice for 7 acres in Wolvedale.
1407	William de Brodhed pays 6s. 8d. heriot on death of his father Adam for 24 acres in Woldall. Adam de Brodhed by William de Brodhed surrendered to John his son 8 acres in Woldall and is fined 3s.
1408	Wm. de Hyncheclif surrenders 6 acres in Overthwouge to the use of his son William and is fined 12d.
1408	John de Boothe pays 10s. heriot on the death of his brother Thomas del Boothe for 40 acres.
1408	John Tynker surrenders to the use of his son John a cottage and 15 acres in Hepworth and is fined 3s. 4d.
1409	Thomas Morehous surrenders 24 acres in Foghestan to use of his son William, and is fined 4s.
1409	Johes Denby posuit se in gratiam domini pro eo quod duxit in uxorem Johannam que fuit uxor. Johannis Tynker et abduxit extra dominium et admissus est ad finem finis iis. [John Denby puts himself at the mercy of the lord for taking as wife Johanna who had been the wife of John Tynker and taking her out of the demesne and is admitted and is fined 2s.]
1410	William, son of Isabella, que fuit ux., John Hynchecliff pays 3s. 4d. heriot on death of his mother for a moiety of a messuage and 16 acres in Scoles. Said William surrenders the same to use of John Hynchecliff, his father, for life, and then to Robert Hynchecliff, brother of said William, and is fined 2s. John Hynchecliff surrenders to use of Robert Hynchecliff, his son, a messuage and 32 acres in Scoles, whereof one moiety the said John purchased of Cecilia Margareta (sic.) daughter and heir of Cecilia del Roydes and the other moiety he holds for life, the said Robert to pay 12s. yearly to the said John for life; he is fined 2s.
1411	William Mathewman surrenders to use of his son John a messuage and 22 acres in Scoles, Fogheleston (Fulston) and Wolvedale, and is fined 6s. 8d.
1411	John, son and heir of John del Roydes, son of John del Roydes, pays 10s. heriot on death of his father for 30 acres in Hepworthmere wardship to (blank).
1411	Thomas Tynker on his death-bed surrenders unum messuagium vastatum vocatum Whyklaynder and 12 acres and 5 acres, and is fined 5s.
1412	Johan Mocow aet. 22 and upwards, daughter and coheir of John Moccock, surrenders a fourth part of a messuage and 11 acres in Alstonlay to the use of Thomas Welleburne and Johan ux., and is fined 12d. Johan, Johan (sic.) Alice and Margery daughters of John Mocok pay 18d. heriot for the same.
1413	Richard de Lytelwod, son and heir of John de Lytelwod, pays 5s. heriot for a messuage and 20 acres in Cartworth.
1415	William Howet is dead and Thomas, son of Giles de Hoglay, his cousin and heir, pays 2s. heriot for 32 acres in Cartwith.
1415	William Litillwod pays 3s. heriot on death of his father Richard of Alstonlay for 25 acres in Alstonlay
1415	John de Rodes pays 5s, heriot on death of his father John for 30 acres in Hepworth.

1415	John Bray pays 3s. 4d. heriot on death of his father John for a messuage called Brayhouse and 22 acres in Cartworth.
1416	John Hole pays 2s. heriot on death of his father Thomas for 15 acres in Fulston.
1416	Alice ux. John Bray, decd., complains against her son Thomas in an action of trespass
1416	Cecilia que fuit ux. Will. Otes, lying on her deathbed, surrenders 18 acres in Fulston to use of Robert Bevir, vicar of Byrton ; fine 5s.
1416	Robert Incheclyf pays 2s. 6d. heriot on death of his father Thomas for 12 acres in Cartworth.
1416	William de Bothe of Wolvendale pays 3s. 4d. heriot on death of his father John for 11½ acres in Wolvendale.
1417	William son of John Bothe surrenders to Peter Kay a messuage and 11 acres in Wolvendale ; fine 20d.
1417	John Barneslay, brother and heir of William Barneslay, pays 12d. heriot on death of sd. William for 3 acres in a close called Brerykerr in Fulston.
1417	John de Rodes, lying on his deathbed, surrenders a messuage and one half of 2 cottages and 32 acres in Hepworth to use of Agnes his wife for life, and then to son William ; fine 3s. 4d.
1417	John de Bothe surrenders to use of William, son of Thomas de Bothe, a messuage and 44 acres in Alstonlay ; fine 6s. 8d.
1417	Johan ux. John Swyft pays 4s. heriot on death of her father John de Dame for 16 acres in Cartworth.
1417	Agnes que fuit ux. Ric. Aynlay is dead, and Richard her son and heir pays 4s. heriot for 23 acres in Alstonlay.
1418	John Tynker pays 6s. 8d. heriot on death of his father Thomas for 26 acres in Scoles.
1418	Adam de Grene, son of John de Grene, pays 10s. heriot on death of his grandfather Adam de Grene, for 2 messuages and 54 acres in Cartworlh and Holme.
1418	Alice Cubbol pays 12d. heriot on death of John her father for 3 acres in Fulston.
1418	William Incheclyf pays 12d. heriot on death of Wm. his father for 15 acres in Twonge.
1418	Adam de Dene is dead and his cousin and heir Isabella dau. of Wm. Talliour, of Byrton, pays 3s. 4d. heriot for 12 acres in Scoles.
1418	Thomas Rogger pays 12d. heriot on death of his brother Wm. Rogger.
1420	The lord's corn water-mill let this year to Wm. Littlewode and John Berdishill for £4 13s. 4d.
1420	Wm. Jacson is dead, and John Chauylsworth his son and heir pays 2s. for a messuage called Helhyplatt and 7 acres in Wolvendale.
1420	John Bynethegate of Wolvendale is dead, and Adam Bynethegate his son and heir pays 8s. heriot for 2 messuages and 6 acres.
1420	Thomas Morehous and Wm. his son surrender i acre i rood called Brerykarr in Fulston to the use of Wm. Tynkerr of Snawegate ; fine 6d.
1420	Emma, widow of Wm. de Hole, is dead, and her dau. and heir Cecilia, wife of Thos. Otes, pays 6s. heriot for 18 acres 3 roods in Hepworth.
1420	Adam Thomlinson is dead, and his son Wm., son of Robt Atkynson, pays 6s. 8d. heriot for 22½ acres in Hepworth.

1420	William Erenschagh is dead, and Wm. his son and heir pays 6s. 8d. heriot for 36 acres in Wolvendale.
1421	Robert Meltham, lying on his death-bed, surrendered 13 acres in Fulston mere called Merchom to the use of Agnes his wife and Johan his dau. ; fine 2s. 5d.
1421	John Tynker of Hepworth, by John Tynker of Scoles, surrenders to use of his son Thomas Tynker, 24 acres in Flep worth ; fine 5s.
1421	Byrton. Towm., 29 Oct., i Hen. 6, Jury : — Peter Kay, John Kay, Richard Kay, John Staynton, Wm. Litillwod, John Jesop, Henry Walker, Thos. Wortley, Richard Litillwod, Thomas Moreham, John Alot, and William Kytson.
1422	John Meltham and Margot his wife surrender, re-lease and quit claim to John, son of Robert Meltham 21 acres in Fulston ; fine 2s. 6d.
1422	Robert Meltham is dead, and John his son and heir pays 5s. heriot for 21 acres in Fulston.
1422	Hugh, son of William Tathewell, is dead, and John Tathewell his cousin and heir pays I2d. heriot for 3 acres.
1422	John Rodes sues Thomas Atkynson and John Cowper as to lands formerly (10 years ago) of his grand- father John Rodes.
1422	John Brodehed, by Robert Bevy, vicar of Byrton, surrenders 16 acres in Wolvendale to the use of himself for life, and then to his brother Adam in tail, with re-mainder to Robert Bevy, chaplain ; fine 2s.
1422	Wm. Moreham (son of Roger Moreham) and Cecilia his wife surrencier to John Otes.
1423	William Akirland is dead, and Marjory Schyluynghe his dau. and heir pays 8d. heriot for 2 acres.
1425	John Bredishill is dead, and Alice his dau. and heir pays i6d. heriot.
1426	William Cowper is dead, and John his son and heir pa3^s 2od. heriot for 18 acres in Fulston.
1427	Thomas Morehous, junior, is dead, and Alice his dau. pays 5s. heriot for 22 acres in Fulston. Wardship to John Smyth.
1427	John Bothe of Wolvendale is dead, and James son of Robert Bothe, brother of said John, æt. 4, pays i6d. heriot. Wardship to his mother Agnes 8d.
1427	William Robuk, senior, surrenders 24 acres in Cartworth to his grandchildren William, John, senior, John and Margaret, children of his son William Robuk.