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BLI, BRA, BRI, BUT, DEA, EAG, GRE, LOR, LOW, SET, WHI	2	1530-1549	33	Manors of the earls of Northumberland. 'Henry , sixth earl ...wasted a considerable oart of his estate and gave the rest to King Hen. 8 [1531 – dd]. Which gift was confirmed by act of parliament.' Thomas, seventh earl .. married Anne daughter of the earl of Worcester Unti this Thomas queen Mary gave back the estate thus described [1549 – dd]: All that honour, park and forest of Cockermouth; and all those denesnes, manors, lands, tenements, and townships of the five towns, ...Allerdale, Setmurtho, Lorton, Coldale, Rogersett, Mokerkyne, Braythayte, Buttermere, Darwenfell, ... , Dene, Whinfield [but these two Wharton manors had been granted away by sixth earl in 1530, and not regained until 1738– dd]... ; and the forest of Derwent fells ... ; and the office of bailiff and bailiwick between Eyne and Derwent, ... and all messuages and tenements and other heriditaments between the said rivers, ... and the fishery of salmon in the river Derwent; and the advowson of the rectories of ... Deane(†) (†) Other parts of the estate had been granted away by king Henry the eighth and by his queen before, and some also of the estates in this grant mentioned; as to which, this posterior grant would of course be void.'	The sixth earl briefly regained these estates from 1535-7 -dd	
DEA	1	1777	57	Dean parish comprises villages, Dean, Dean Scales, Pardsey, Ullock and Branthwaite, 136 families.		
DEA	3	1777	57	' There is plenty of limestone at Dean, Deab Scales and Pardsey; quarries of white freestone at Branthwaite, and of red on the common called the Edge; on which common are also some coal pits. And at Branthwaite are pits of black stone called Cat-scalps, much used in the iron furnaces at Clifton and Seaton.'		
DEA	2	1100-1777	58	Descent of manor dscribed, though Whahartons. 'The customary tenants ... pay a ten penny fine by virtue of a decree in chancery.'		
DEA	5		58	'The church at Dean is rectoral, .. St Oswald, valued in the king's books at 19/ 3s 1½d; certified at 74/ 9s, viz. Parsonage house, garden, churchyard and glebe 50/; prescription for tithe corn, and small tithes, let for 25/ 10s; surplice fees 1l. ... It is now worth about 150/ a year. In 1447, the church being newly built, a commission was issued to the bishop of Dromore to consecrate it. In 1426, Henry Percy .. presented to it. In 1679, Philip lord Wharton presented a rector ... The late Philip Duke of Wharton granted the advowson to his steward Matthew Smales Esquire; from whom, after several mesne conveyances, it came to the present incumbent the reverend Miles Tarn.'		
DEA	4	1777	58	' ... a school founded by John Fox of London goldsmith, and endowed by him at 10/ a year (as certified in 1723) clear value of land purchased with money left by him to the goldsmiths company, the master and wardens of which are governors and nominate the schoolmaster. He is commonly recommended by the minister and some of the principal inhabitants. The schoolmaster hath also the interest on 61l., which is secured by the churchwardens.'		
DEA	2	1100-1777	58-59	Branthwaite & Ullock. ' Branthwaite ... given by Alan son of the said Waldeve ... to a person who took the name de Branthwaite; the heiress ... was married to Skelton; many ... generations... . 35 Hen. 8. ... by inquisition ... John Skelton held the manor of Branthwaite of the king by knights service, as of his manor of Dean; rendering for the same 24s cornage, suit of court at Dean, homage and fealty, and witnessman within the five towns. ... h held a moiety of the vill of Ullaike of the king as of the manor of Dean ... And John Thompson held the other moiety. The late general Skelton, who died in 1757, devised Branthwaite by will to captain Jones; whose son Arnoldus Jones esquire (...since ... Skelton), the present owner of Branthwaite hall, is now an officer		

				in the guards. The customary tenants of this manor purchased their estates to freehold of Henry Skelton esquire, having paid eighty years purchase for their enfranchisement. The demesne is worth about 200/ a year.'	
DEA	2	1777	59	Pardshaw 'By the aforementioned inquisition of Knights fees in Cumberland in the 35 Hen. 8. It is found that Thomas Salkeld of Corkby then held Pardishow of the king as of his manor of Dean, ...'	
DEA	3	1777	59	Dean Scales '... on the side of what was formerly a common, being a place for sheltering the cattle. The common hath since been inclosed, and granted into tenancies.'	
BRI	5	1256-1777	59-60	'... it fell to coheirs. For in the 40 Hen.3 [1256-7]. Beatrice de Lowther and Thomas de Huthwaite gave their part of the rectory of Brigham to Isabel countess of Albemarle widow of William de Fortibus the third, then lady paramount of Allerdale; who in the 7 Ed. 1. [1280-1] Impleaded Robert de Yenwith and Alice his wife for the rectory. ... they agreed, by fine levied, that the countess and the heirs of Isabel, wife of Walter Twinham daughter of the sais Alice wife of Robert de Yenwith should present by turns. ... The church of Brigham is vicarial, and dedicated to St Bridget. It is valued in the king's books at 20/ 16s ½d, and was returned to governors of queen Anne's bounty at 44/ 15s 11d; viz. Glebe lands 25/; pension out of the rectory 20/, surplice fees 1s. ... This church was appropriated to the collegiate church of Staindrop in the dioces of Durham in the year 1439. In 1544, the master or warden, chaplains and others of the said college presented to it. In 1579, the Bishop of Carlisle was patron. In 1618 Sir Richard Fletcher and Mr Hudson were patrons. The present patron and impropiator is Sir James Lowther baronet.	
BRI	2	1279-1777	59-60	... 8 Ed. 1.[1279-80] Gilbert Huthwaite held a moiety of the manor of Brigham, ... after ... the Swinburns enjoyed that moiety. ... other descended from Walter Twinham to Alan Twinham his son, who died seised thereof in 35 Ed. 1. [1307] And Walter, son of Adam Twinham granted the rectory by fine to John Harcla and his heirs in the 13. Ed. 2. [1320-1] And by the attainder of Andrew Harcla, earl of Carlisle, th rectory was seised for the king, though Andrew stood seised only in trust for Henrt harcla son of the said John. But Twinham's moiety of the manor was given to a chantry in the church of Brigham, which after the dissolution of chantries came to the Fletchers of Moresby, and William Fletcher esquire enfranchised te tenants for 80 years purchase. But Swinburn tenants are still customary, and pay arbitrary fines. In 35 Hen. 8. [1544-5] ... John Swyneburn then held a moiety of the vill of Brigham of the king, as of the honour of Cockermouth ... And that he also held the land of Huthwaite by homage and witnessman in Darwent fells; and two inclosures called Dunthwait and Brunthwait by the service of one pair of gilt spurs ... And that the free chantry of Brigham held the other moiety of the vill of Brigham of the king ...	
EAG	2	1327-1777	60	' ... gave its name to the Eglesfields an ancient family here, and lords of the manor. Of this family was Robert Eglesfield, rector of Brough in Westmorland, confessor to Philippa queen consort of king Edward the third, and founder of Queen's college in Oxford.'	
LOW	2	1100-1777	60-61	Descent given to 'the present owner Sir Gilfred Lawson baronet.' Here is no demesne, and the tenants pay only a two penny fine; for on some disputes arising about the uncertainty of fines in the reign of king James the first, who fomented those disputes throughout both counties, but chiefly with an eye to his own particular manors, the lord and tenants agreed, by indenture bearing the date Oct. 16, 1619, that in consideration of 27 years ancient rent paid to the lord, they should afterwards only pay two years rent for a fine.	Nothing on Mockerkin - dd
LOW	2, 5	1100-1777	61	'Lweswater ... is a chapelry within the parish of St. Bees, though distant eleven miles from the parish church, and pays yearly by way of acknowledgement 3s 8d to St. Bees. ... After the dissolution of the monasteries, certain of these possessions [of the priory of St. Bees] were granted to William Graye lord Graye of Wilton and John Bannister esquire; and in 3 Ed. 6. [1550-1]	

				There is a licence to then to alienate unto Richard Robinson clerk a cottage called Kirkstall and two little close called Kirkcroft and Milnehow in Loweswater, and pasture for 300 sheep on Loweswater moor, late parcel of the possessions of the cell of St. Bees, belonging to the Abbey of St. Mary's York. In like manor, John Robinson in the 3 and 4 Ph. and M. [1556-8] Conveyed the same to Thomas Stanley esquire.'	
LOW	5	1723-1777	61	'This chapel was certified at 4/ 11s; part of it being the interest of money given by will of several persons, and the rest made up by the inhabitants; which stock was lodged in the hands of twelve inhabitants, who paid the curate by turns. It was augmented by lot with 200l. in 1723.'	
LOR	3	1777	62	'The mountains also sustain large flocks of sheep, to the no small profit of the inhabitants.'	
LOR	4	1777	62	There is a small school at Lorton, endowed with the interest of 100l. given by several persons.'	
LOR	2	1544	62	'The manor was early broken into severalties. In the 35 Hen. 8. [1544-5] Richard Winder held one third part of the vill of Lorton of the king as of his honour of Cockermonth ... 3s 4d free rent ... witnessman in Derwent fells. William Sandes another third part, and William Huddleston the third ...' 'The dean and chapter of Carlisle have also a manor here. And in nthe reign of king Richard the first, one Radulphus de Lindesay gave to the church of Carlisle lands in Lorton, with a miln there ... Here the dean and chapter sometimes hold courts The customary tenants pay a four-penny fine upon change of tenant by death or alienation; but thye lord never dies. And the tenants are entitled to all the wood on their respective customary estates.'	
LOR	5	1777	62	'The chapel is dedicated to St. Cuthbert; and was certified at 7l per year, paid by the impropiator. There are four townships within the chapelry ... Lorton ... Brackenthwaite ... Wythop ... Buttermere. The impropiators and patrons were for a long time the Fletchers of Hutton; who sold their right about the year 1762 to Sir James Lowther baronet.'	
BRA	2	1530-1777	63	Outline descent to Henry 8. 'From the crown it [estate, not manor? - dd] came to the lord Grey and John Bannister esquire; for in the 3 Ed. 6. [1550-1] There is a licence to William Greye knight lord Grey of Wilton and John Bannister esquire to alienate to Richard Robinson, clerk, all the several possessions late in the tenure of Peter Mirehouse, Thomas Wilkinson, Christopher Stanger, John Robinson, John Newton and John Stubb, and all those lands called Dalehowes and Thwaite, in Brackenthwaite, late parcel of the possessions of Henry late earl of Norhumberland; and all lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services and herediraments whatsoever in Brackenthwaite aforesaid, and in the office or collection of the steward of Brackenthwaite aforesaid. There is a like licence in the 4 & 5 Ph. and Mary [1557-8], to John Robinson to alienate the same to Thomas Stanley esquire. And the Stanleys conveyed to the Fishers, in whose family it remains dispersed in several branches.'	
WHT	2	1195-1777	63-4	Descent repeats John Denton down to 1610 and Sir Richard Fletcher, and simply adds his posterity. 'Here there is a small demesne and an ancient house called Wythop Hall, and divers customary tenants who pay arbitrary fines and heriots.'	
WHT	5	1777	64	The chapel of Wythop was certified at 2l 7s; part paid by the inhabitants out of their estates by voluntary agreement, and part of it being interest of money given by the will of several persons. ... It was also certified that both this [Buttermere] and Wythop were served by readers, except that the curate of Lorton officiated at each of them three or four times a year'	
BUT	5	1777	64	'Buttermere ... chapely ... certified at 1l, paid by the inhabitants by voluntary assessments upon their lands. It was also certified that both this and Wythop were served by readers, except that the curate of Lorton officiated at each of them three or four times a year.'	
BUT	3	1777	64	'Here are also two great lakes or meers, and in them the char is found, and excellent trout little inferior to char.'	

BUT	2	1777	64		The text on the manors and estates has not been transcribed because it is confused and inaccurate. This is because the township was part in Derwentfells, including the lakes, and part, between Warnscale Beck and Sour Milk Gill, in the manor of Loweswater - dd
WHI	2	1544-1777	64	'In the 35 Hen. 8. It was in the hands of coparceners, namely Christopher Curwen, John Eglesfield and Ambrose Middleton, who held the same (together with divers tenements in Setmorthow) of the king as of the honour of Cockermouth It appears to have been afterwards [it had been in the Wharton family since 1530 - dd] in the Wharton family, and was sold by the late duke of Wharton to the late duke of Somerset ...'	
MOS	2	1544-1777	64-65	'In the 35 Hen. 8. Thomas Salkeld of Corkby held the manor of Mosergh of the king as of his castle of Egremont, ... 13s 4d cornage ..., it was afterwards purchased to freehold.'	
MOS	5	1548-1777	65	'Many of the inhabitants are quakers, being so approximate neighbours to Pardsey Cragg, a most famous place for quakers, [though not discussed under Dean parish - dd] being far from any church. But before the dissolution of the religious houses, there seems to have been a chantry or chapel here, which was pretty largely endowed; for king Edward the sixth, [in 1548] granted to Thomas Brende of London, scrivener, the chantry of Moser, otherwise Mosargh, together with divers messuages and tenements late in the tenure of Henry Robinson, John Mirehouse, John Watson, John Williamson, and Anthony Fletcher, ..., late belonging to the said chantry, and also ... one water mill ...'	
SET	2	1777	67	'Hughthwait ... a small hamlet in this parish [Brigham], and a little manor of Mr. John Swinburn's; whose great ancestor married the daughter and heir of Hughthwaite.'	
SET	5	XXXX-1777	67	'The chapel thereof was certified to the governors of queen Anne's bounty at 40s per year, being the interest of 40/ raised by the inhabitants out of their estates for a reader.'	
EMB	2	XXXX-1777	67	Descent given in outline to Orme of Ireby. 'This Orme of Ireby was seated at High Ireby which Gospatric his father gave him, of which place his issue and posterity took surname.'	
EMB	5	1777	67	'The chapel is dedicated to St. Cuthbert. It was certified at 8l 5s per annum, viz. 5/ paid by the impropiator, 2/4s rent of land, 1/ is from ancient stock in several hands.'	