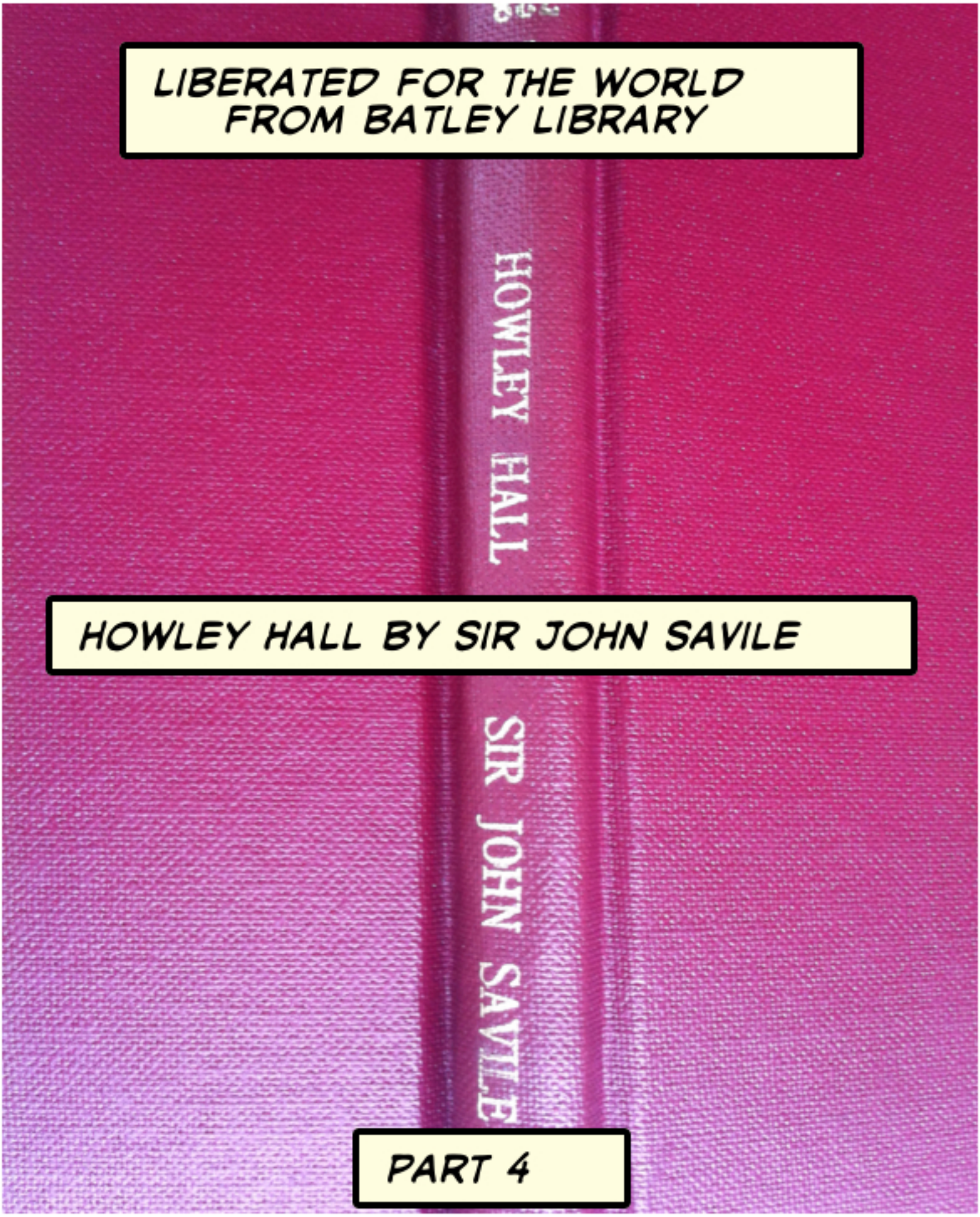
LIBERATED FOR THE WORLD
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HOWLEY HALL
HOWLEY HALL BY SIR JOHN SAVILE
SIR JOHN SAVILE
PART 4

in Batley a little though stoutish made woman, called Betty Brook; everybody knew her from the fact of her nimbly walking with her short stick in hand over the hills and on the lanes of Batley, although she was then far above ninety years of age; this woman had been married to a person named William Brook, who after a while died and left Betty and their five children to delve for themselves in the world; there was no alternative, so she was compelled to go with her children to the poor house. These children as they grew old enough, were put or apprenticed out by the town's officers of Batley. One of them, whose name was John, was bound to a very cruel master, who, in addition to many other cruelties practised towards the boy (though only eight years old), took him into the middle of the wood and tied him to a tree (see our illustration) and left him there to die; but fortunately, the child attracted the attention of a man named John Mellor, of Hanging Heaton, who was going through the wood as pinder in search of stray cattle, who found and released him; this was on Easter Sunday in the year 1787, the boy being exactly eight years old that day: the tree to which he was tied measured two yards four inches, and was exactly one mile and a quarter from the door of the boy's master in Batley. As this circumstance happened in Soothill, the overseer of Soothill, whose name was Thomas Bromley, took possession of the boy and ordered his master to meet him the next day before Justice Rouch, at Sandall, which Justice committed the boy's master (whose name was Scott) three months to York Castle for the offence.

An interesting relic—a walking stick made from the same tree to which John Brook was tied, is in the possession of Mr. John Gibson, who now resides at one of the cottages at Howley Hills, and can be seen upon application to him.

The stick was cut in the year 1820, by his grandfather, John Gibson, whilst in the act of pilling the tree, which, he said, was the largest in the wood. This was the first year in which the trees in Soothill Wood were pared.

Another fact connected with this wood which shows it was once a place of importance is the remains of no less than three furnaces with their dams to hold water, one of these was situated at the bottom of the hill near Tingley Beck, the other near the footpath coming down from the Follingworth and the third towards the East end of the wood.

The late Mr. Swallow and his son in law, (Mr. Sykes) who lived in one of the cottages near the ruins, were some time ago at considerable trouble in exploring the remaining cellars. In the court yard they took up no less than 50 yards of lead piping with outlets at each end pointing towards the surface of the ground which had evidently been used for the purpose of supplying two fountains.

They affirm there are no less than four cellars yet to be cleared, three of these they entered by a narr

There is also what appears to have been a well, once covered with a kind of trap door. They say one of the larger bones occurred in the pile, but so very like with rust and age, the limit which the relic was fastened is also to be seen. One of the well were drawn up by means of a [illegible] of bones, supposed to have been human; these had been carefully covered with a quantity of lime and earth.

They also found a number of pipes, with long holes, the heads being about the size of a nutshell.

Surely if these are facts, there is something well worth exploring, and many things which are at present unknown would no doubt be brought to light.

THE END.

RECORDS
OF THE
PARISH
OF BATLEY

SHEARD

ntract for Rebuilding the Windmill on
Common.

ls to build a Smock Windmill at Brownhill, ne
e old mill meterials as under :—

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s at bottom outsides and 15 foots at top, thickn
rst floor summer trees 12 Inch sqr., gists 3 by
cond floor do. do. 11 Inch sqr., gists 3 by
hird floor do. do. 10 by 6, gists 3 by 4.
w corve, thickness 4 Inch 10 breadth.
oving corve 7 Inch sqr., with Iron rowler for
eerstrees 12 by 8. Road balk 14 sqr.
l shaft 23 Inch sqr., upwright do. 16 Inch sqr.
6 foots long 12 by 10.

ips 31 foot long. Clean barrs.
ng spindles for gray stones $2\frac{1}{2}$ sqr., bar iron.
aystone diameter 5 foots 4 inch.
ew stones diamiter 4 foots
eak weel 7 foots 9 inch diamiter, harms $4\frac{1}{4}$ by 12.
ur weel 5 foots 6 inch diamiter, harms $4\frac{1}{4}$ by 11.

e do hereby engage and agree to find and provide
place, and to build, finish, and complete Smock W
ill Common, Batley, in a workmanlike manner, on
y of August next, and to the approbation of such
es and lord of the manor of Batley shall appoint;
price of one hundred and ninety-five pounds, to be
ions as such Surveyor shall order or direct. And
yed on according to the dimentions above mentio
e hereto annexed, we being allowed the material
ill. As witness our hands this 4th day of March,

nesses:

Edw. Sykes
Wm. Rhodes

Geo. Scott
John Ake
John Wal

The Manor House.

HE Manor House as it existed at the
Copley in 1716, and was leased to Rich
, consisted of two story buildings, a part
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on of the hall. The west front was con
further distance of 30 yards, and re
rds, forming a second court enclosed on
entre of the west side in this court, woul
nce leading into the large hall, usually
ions, and mentioned in the will of John

The west front was 60 yards long, the south front 20 yards, and the north front 30 yards, it was a timber framed and stone building, the southern portion erected probably in the 14th century, and the north end in 1461 by William Copley, half brother of Lionel Copley. The house being too small to accommodate Lady Copley and her son Lionel, the latter, on the 4th August, 1461, entered into an agreement with his brother William, to erect certain "chambris and house" at the north side of the hall, and to accept payment of the cost by instalments of £10 5s. per annum, Lionel assigning to him land and tenements at Thorpe Audley as security.

The buildings were only one room in width, with a corridor or gallery on the first floor, with windows looking into the quadrangle or court yard.

The Hall became dilapidated and unfit for occupation, the southern part of the mansion was taken down about the year 1750, by Christopher Scott who held a lease of the premises, and the remainder in 1861, on the erection of the present house.

Elizabeth (daughter of Sir John Harrington), second wife of Sir Richard Copley, knight, and mother of William Copley before mentioned, was allowed in the year 1465, to have an oratory in her manor house at Batley; probably in consequence of the great age of her ladyship, who had been a widow 31 years, and of the bad state of the road which then existed between the hall and the parish church.

John Copley, grandson of Sir Richard Copley, knight, by his will, proved in 1509, desires that: "on prest syng for me and myn elders, and all cristen soules on yere, and he to haue for hys wage xl[s] and his bowde," The next reference to the oratory or private chapel in Batley Hall, is in the will of John Copley, son and heir of the last mentioned John Copley, who died in 1543. He bequeaths "to Sir John Bowar, clerke, xx[s] and

further that the said Sir John Bower shall have his chamber with meite and drinke, convenyent in Batteley Hall beforesaide, to pray for my soull and sawles of all my wifs and predecessors."

"I give and bequeath to the saide Averey my sone, my chales of silver with all other ornaments, books, and vestiments belonginge to the altare and chapell at my saide house of Batley hall, and all other things necessary for the same nowe remaynynge in the same chapell, also I give and bequeath to the saide Averay my bage or scochen which Thomas Nodder nowe haith in kepinge, and I will that the aforsaides chales, books, vestiments, and other necessaries belonginge to my saide chapell, and also the saide baidge shall reman at my saide house called Batley Hall, as here lomes ther for ever."

The oratory was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and was endowed, according to the *Valor Ecclesiasticus*, with lands and tenements in Doncaster, Bentley, and Newton, of the annual value of 46*s.*, subject to certain payments, yielding 39*s.* 3*d.* net per annum.

The endowment of the oratory is described in the *Valor Ecclesiasticus* thus:

Cant' B'te Marie in Batley Hall.
Joh'es Bower incumb'.
Cantar' ib'm valet in

	s.	*d.*
Redd' & firm' terr' & teñt' in Doncaster xxxvj^{s}, Bentley viij^{s}, and Newton ij^{s}. In toto p annū	xlvj	
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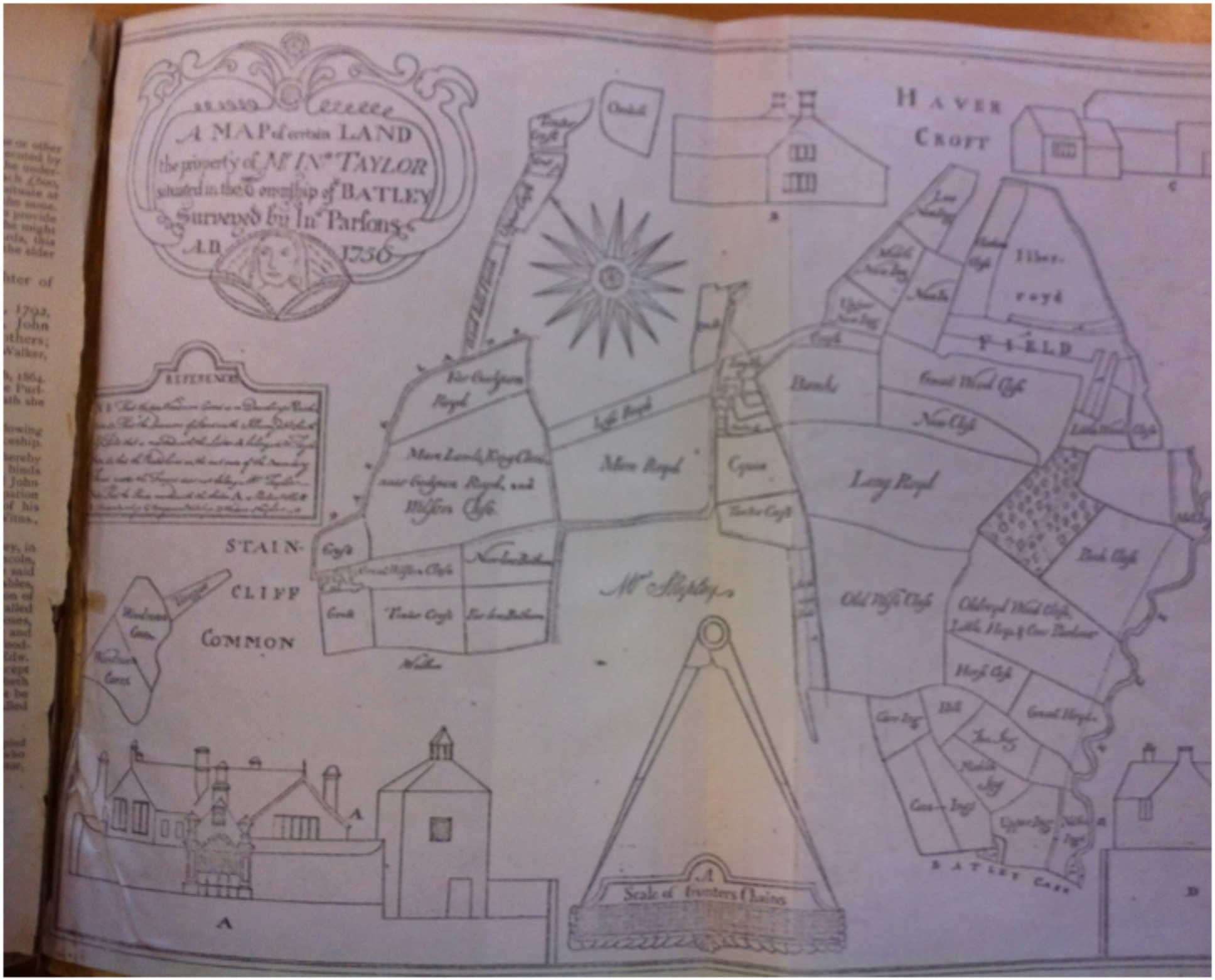
In toto p annū	vj	viij$^{ob'}$
Et valet clare	xxxix	iij$^{ob'}$
X^{ma} ps inde . . .	iij	xj$^{q'}$

Sir John Bower was the last priest. The chapel was disendowed, with the chantries, in the reign of Edw. VI., and no further mention is made of it in any of the Copley wills or documents I have met with.

On pulling down the last portion of the hall in 1861, part of an inscription was found cut in large letters on an oak board, as follows: "AVERAY · COPLAY · AND · GRACE · GOD · BLES · RVN · THAYR · RACE · AS · BECOMETH · MAN · AND · WYF."

Averay Coplay died in 1597, and if this formed part of an inscription to his memory in the private chapel at the hall, as it probably did, it almost proves that the chapel, if not used for service, must have been in its pre-reformation form in the early part of the 17th century, the memorial being probably erected by his son Edward, who succeeded him.


A MAP of certain LAND
the property of Mr Jn° TAYLOR
situated in the Township of BATLEY
Surveyed by Jn° Parsons
A.D. 1756
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CROFT
FIELD
STAIN-
CLIFF
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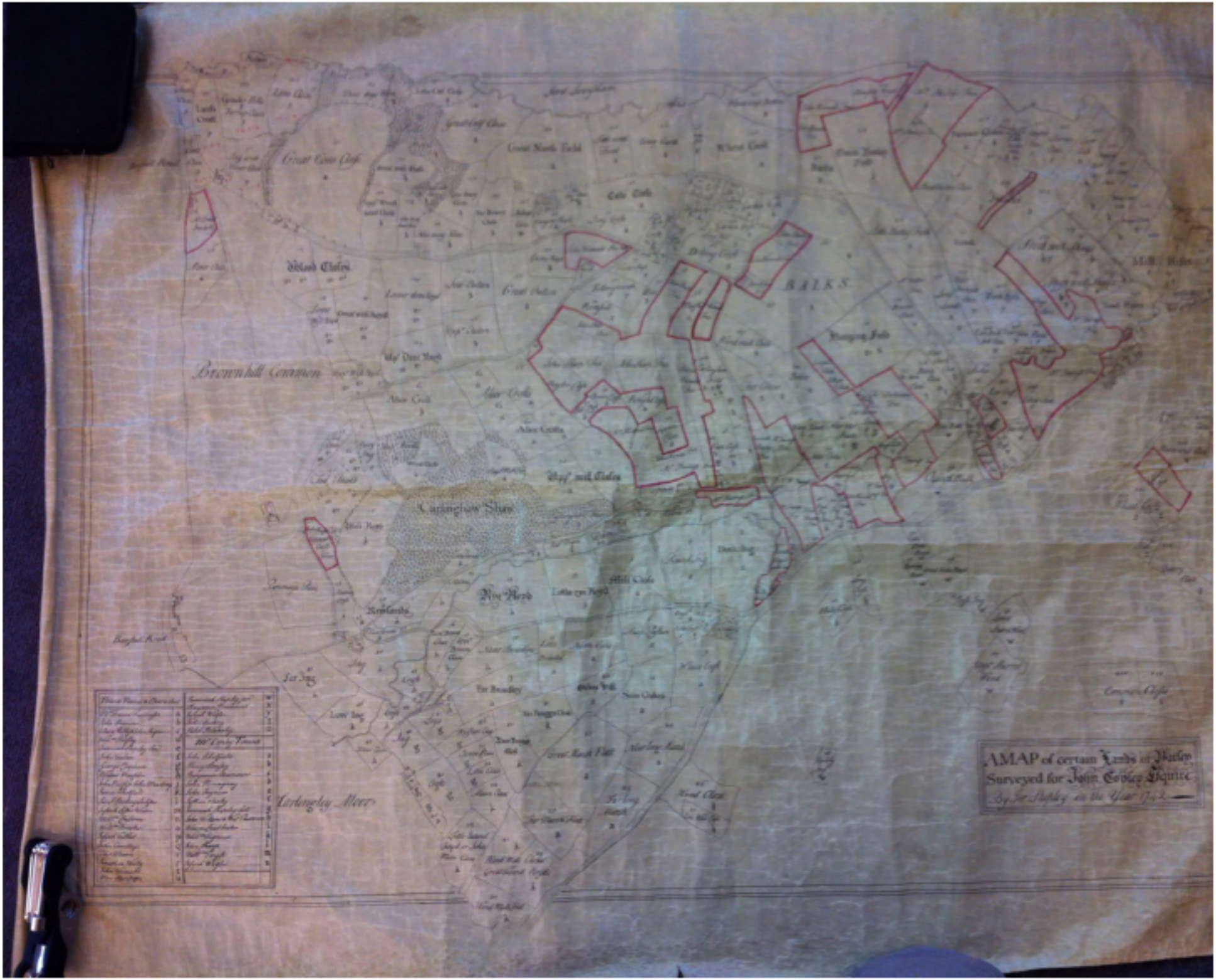
Remains of
Carlinghow
Hall.
Yorkshire.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Surveyed for John Copley Esquire
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Old Lab Closes
Great Cow Close
Great North Field
Cole Close
BALKS
Hanging Fields
Great Closes
Alder Close
Alder Coppice
Carlinglow Stubs
Hill Close
New Ground
Kenlands
Fox Inn
Fox Boundary
Great North Field
Darlingley Moor


A MAP of certain Lands in Harley
Surveyed for John Copley Esquire
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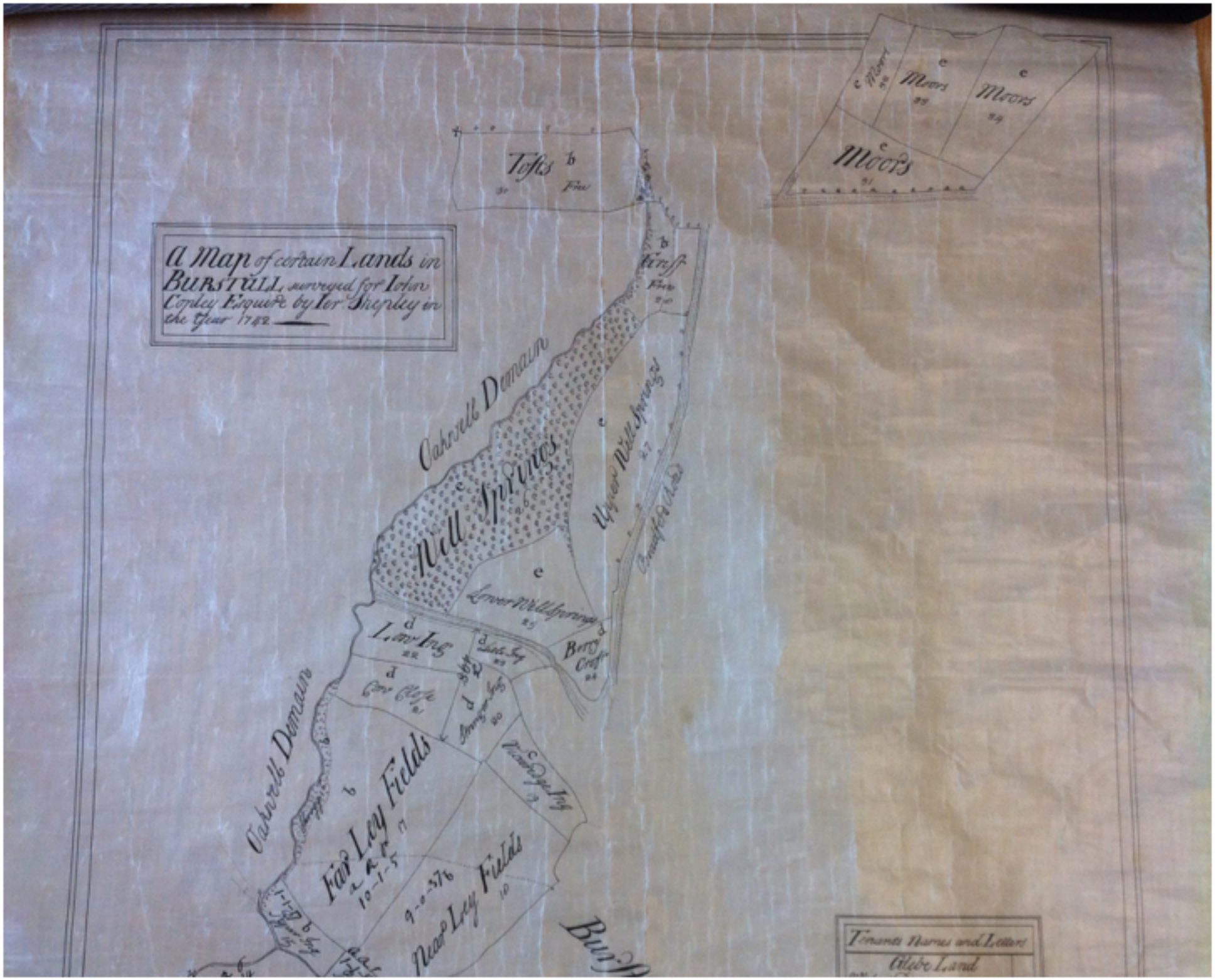
Great North Field
Old Closes
BALKS
Brownhill Common
Carlinghow Shaw
Hill Close
Nor Head
Carlinghow Moor


A Map of certain Lands in BURSTALL, surveyed for John Copley Esquire by Ter. Shepley in the Year 1742
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Far Ley Fields
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Cabrell Demain
Tenants Names and Letters
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CROSS BAN
Coal Pit Lane
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NORTH BANK ROAD
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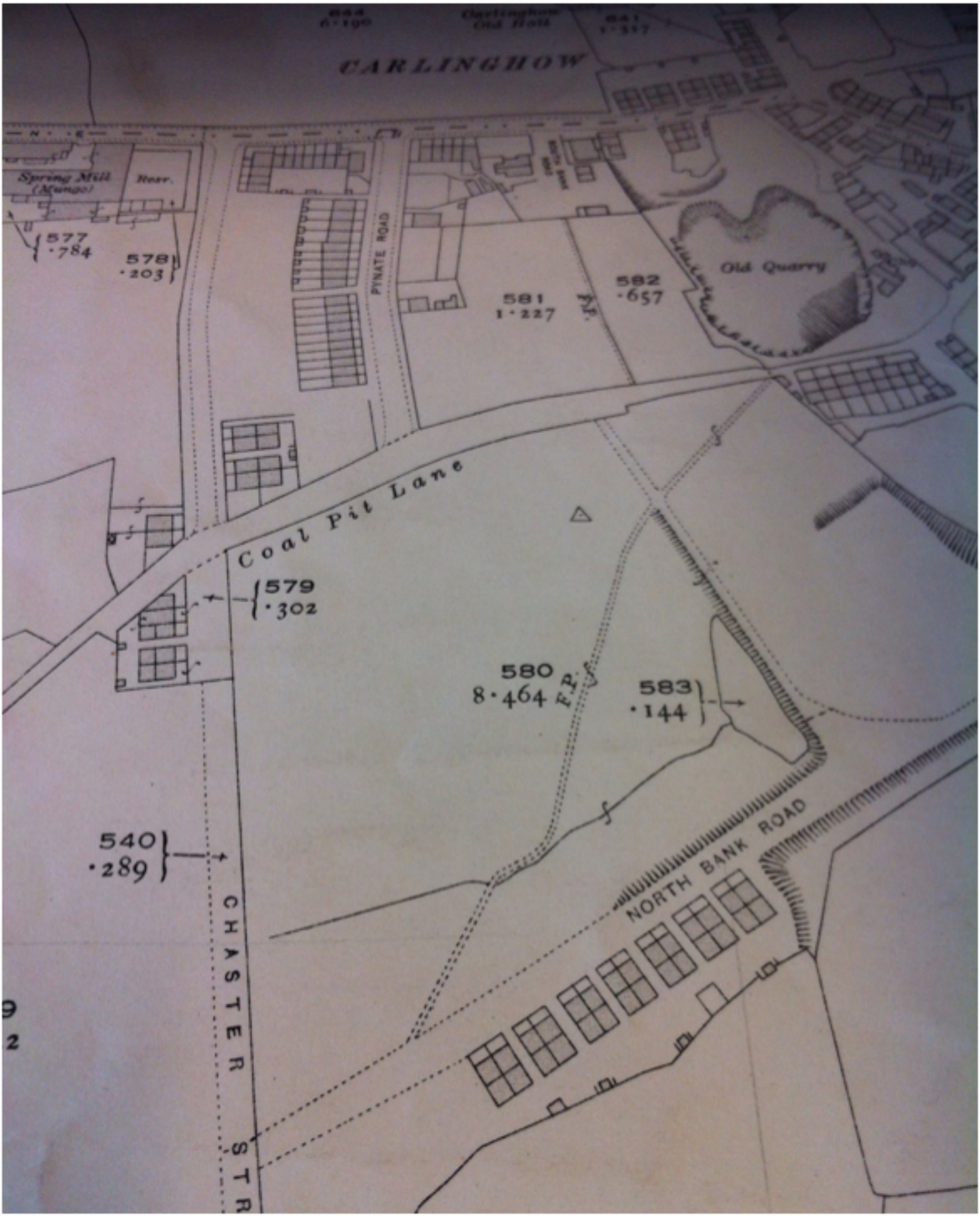
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