

## The 1817 & 1836 Maps of Bramham

The originals of these two maps are kept by the West Yorkshire Archive Service , Sheepscar , Leeds ; they form part of the Lane Fox Papers , which contain much of the information available on Bramham for the years after 1700 . Both cover the whole parish , though what we have here is the parish in 1817 , with a key to who farmed the various marked fields , and what they were deemed to be worth . Also there is part of the 1836 map , showing the buildings in the village itself. Unfortunately , it is difficult but just possible to read details of who lived where in the village --- in some cases it can be worked out or guessed. Frustratingly , there is no key for the 1836 map.

Many villagers alive now believe that the Bramham Park Estate owned most of the parish , and much of the village , at this time , but that was certainly not the case . In fact , as can be seen from the 1817 map , two estates shared much of the ownership , with other , private owners holding small parcels of land . These latter included the Church in the forms of the Vicars of Bramham and Aberford , the Eamonson family [ who later owned the Old Hall ] , and half a dozen individuals who each owned a field down towards Oglethorpe , along Heygate [ Michael Maude, John Nelson , John Wright , Richard Smith , Thomas Wilson , and Mssrs. Hill and Allenby ]. The rest of the parish was divided evenly between the gentrified estates of Lord Headley and the Lane Fox family . As these maps belong to the latter , details of the Headley buildings in the village , and details of the fields , are not given.

It was only when the Headley Estate was broken up and sold off about 100 years ago , that the Bramham Park Estate was able to increase its holdings , buying up and retaining to this day most of the agricultural land it did not previously own . This included Headley Hall itself and the fields nearby ; these , in modern times , were initially rented, and eventually made over , to the University of Leeds for its Department of Agriculture . Similarly , many of the houses previously owned by the estates are now in individual private hands , though not the farms.

Many village houses were actually owned by Lord Headley before they were bought by the Bramham Park Estate . This is why older villagers will often say that their house originally was owned by the Lane Fox family , when , in fact , it may have been owned by either estate , or both.

The Lane Fox Papers at Sheepscar also contain a register of tenants of Lane Fox land and buildings ; in each case the list , in alphabetical order , gives the key number of the fields , the estimated annual value , and , in the case of homes , a description , often with a list of comments. These all follow the same pattern --- building materials , numbers and uses of rooms , condition , and outbuildings . **ALL THE BUILDINGS OWNED BY THE LANE FOX ESTATE ARE MARKED IN SOLID BLACK ON THE 1817 MAP [ SEE THE SMALL BLOW UP OF THE VILLAGE ON WHICH NUMBERS CAN USUALLY JUST ABOUT BE WORKED OUT.]**

There follows , in note form , this list of tenants and tenancies .  
Annual value is given under each tenant ' s name.

### **The Tenants of Bramham Park Estate 1817 - 8 .**

[ Field names , and numbers marked on 1817 map. ]

**John Bransby**            Fields over Windmill Hill and down Heygate.

£ 58            148 Little Barker Ing    149 & 150 Great Barker Ing

151 Barker Ing    152 - 171 Millfield Allotment

181 Homestead :

Stone & thatched house . 3 low rooms , back kitchen & cellar.

Old thatched barn . Old malt kiln on east side of fold yard.

[ This is probably the Old Malt Kiln , High Street.]

**Rev. Robert Bownas [ who built Bramham House in 1806 ]**

£ 2. 10. 0    184 Old stone thatched house plus fold yard , stone and  
slate barn , malt kiln & range of tiled & thatched stables .

**[ One down from Undercliffe on Town Hill.]**

**]Roger Bate**

£ 5            184 Good substantial building with 2 front rooms & lumber  
room behind . Upstairs 5 bedrooms . Cellar , pantry ,  
scullery , larder. All in good repair .

**[ Roger Bate was George Lane Fox 's agent  
and lived in Beech House.]**

**Widow Cundall**

£ 1.10.0     187 Stone & thatched cottage . 2 small low rooms & 2 bed chambers . In bad repair .

**[ This cottage was close to Greenhill Farm.]**

**George Dunnington**     Fields over to the west of the village.

£ 26     55 , 56 , 75 , 79 , 97 Westfields.

**James Fox**     This comprises Bramham Park & its grounds.

2 & 4 Wood in Dalby 's Close 17 Plantation 23 Fox Cover  
 29 House 36 West Woods Cover 77 Lane 84 Wood in  
 Tate's Close 89 91 93 104 107 Plantations 105 Lodge  
 106 Dawson Close 108 Plantation in Senior Bottom  
 109 Senior Bottom 110 Lindrick Hills 111 Wothersome Bottom  
 112 Lindrick Hills Bottom 113 Fox Cover 114 Lawn  
 115 Plantation near Terry Lug 116 Thorner West Moor  
 117 Pleasure Grounds 118 Hall , stables , outbuildings  
 119 Gardens 120 Obelisk Close 121 Well Hill Plantation  
 122 Well Hill 123 Monk Hey Spring 124 Rakes Plantation  
 125 Park 126 Quarry Plantation 127 Plantation 128 Shed &  
 Plantation 129 Fox Cover 130 Black Fen 131 Part of Open  
 Rakes 132 Plantation in Open Rakes 133 & 134 Plantations  
 on Moor 136 Road in the Moor.

**[ Bramham Park ]**

**George Fox**      Son of James Fox ; he lived at Bramham House  
from 1812

173 & 174 Hare Crofts 188 House , garden & plantation

189 & 190 Friar Hill Close.

### [ **Bramham House** ]

**Widow Hardy**      Cottage on High Street or Town Hill

£2            182 Straw & thatched cottage . 2 low rooms & back kitchen.  
2 chambers in tolerable repair except the stairs.

**Samuel Harrison**      Cottage on Low Way or High Street

£2 . 2 . 0      184 Stone & tiled cottage. 1 small room & chamber with  
small garden behind . In bad repair.

**Peter Higgins**      Cottage on Low Way or High Street

£2            184 Stone & tiled . 1 low room with back kitchen . 1 chamber.  
In tolerable repair.

**Joseph Kirby**      Cottage on Low Way or High Street

£3            184 Stone & tiled . 2 low rooms & back kitchen. 1 chamber  
" which might be parted "

**William Noon**      Cottage on Low Way or High Street

£2.10.0      184 Straw & tiled. 2 low rooms " with the window shutts in  
bad repair "

**Michael Maude** Fields between Low Mill and Oglethorpe

£31.9.2 154 & 165 Mill Field Allotment . 155 Sandforth.

156 Little Sandforth.

**[ As he was a corn miller -- 1821 Census --  
he probably occupied Low Mills Farm.]**

**Thomas & William Millthorpe** Extensive holdings near the Wharfe , near West Woods & behind the house on Wetherby Road

9 - 12 , 30 , 31, 50 - 53 West Woods Close.

32 Barn Close [ stone & thatched ] 33 ,33a , 37 - 9 Adjoining West Woods 40,43,44 Ox Close 41 Lane 42, 45 -6 Wetherby Lane Close [ including stone thatched barn on 45 ]

47 Whinny Close 48 , 49 Buntop Close 57 Part of West Field

71 ,72 Cow Close 78 , 54 West Field Close

99 ,100 Tenter Hill 102 Homestead :

Stone & tiled . 3 front rooms ; kitchen , pantry , cellar behind. The chamber story contains 3 front rooms and 1 back room. At the south end of the house is a brewhouse , 6 tub house , with chamber over and lumber room. On the north end is a stable with hay and corn chamber over it. On the west side of the fold yard is the barn [ straw & tiled ] , with a range of straw & tiled buildings on the north side of the fold yard used as stables. A close hovel is detached for stocks , with calf and cow house under it. Also a piggery at the west end of the fold.

**[ This is the property which became the  
Royal Oak Inn , or Milthorpe Farm.]**

**John Payler**                      Fields to the south of West Woods

£50.17.7                      73,74,81,82,94,94a,95,95a    Westfield

177 Garth 178 Housestead

Old stone & thatched building . 2 low rooms with kitchen & pantry. 3 chambers . In very bad repair. Stone & slate barn & stables in the fold yard built 5 years ago by the tenant .

Also a small hovel for cows at the top end of the fold.

### **[ Probably Heygate Farm ]**

**Michael Wright**              Fields on Tenter Hill & along Thorner Road

£16.3.5      80 , 96 Westfield Close              103    Tenter Hill Close

183 Housestead :

Stone & slate . 2 low rooms & 2 chambers . In tolerable repair.

Back kitchen . Stone & thatched stable “ adjoining Mr. Bate ‘s garden “ with low house adjoining.

### **[ Estate Agent Bate lived in Beech House , so this was next door. ]**

**Daniel Slann**

£0.3sh      180 Stone & thatched house . 2 low rooms & 2 chambers .

Very clean & in tolerable repair --- “ worth £3 a year “.

### **[ Cottage on Aberford Road ]**

**William Sparling**

£4            180 Stone & thatched house . 2 low rooms , 2 chambers ,  
                  back kitchen , dairy , small stable & pig sty in fold yard.  
                  In bad repair.

**[ Another Aberford Road house ]**

**John Smith** Fields on west side of A1, south of the village , before  
                  Bramham crossroads.

£43.9.0 fields        135,135a ,135b,135c,137,138 Bramham Moor  
 £2.10.0 house        Allotment . 180 House.

                 Stone & tiled cottage. 1 low room & chamber . Pig sty.  
                  In tolerable repair.

**[ Cottage on Aberford Road ]**



**John Taite**

This is the Hope Hall complex

£102.8.11

58 Westfield Nook 59 Pasture Close 60 Ellen Close  
 61 Briery Close 62 Limekiln Close 63 Teazle Close  
 64 Great House Pasture 65 Homestead & Hope Hall  
 66 Stripe 67 & 68 Field behind house 69 Clover Garth  
 70 Pasture Close 83 Tate Cow House 85 -8 Cow Close  
 90 - 2 Bramham Field Close

Good substantial stone & slate building. 3 good front rooms , kitchen , dairy , pantry , and small lodging room. Chamber story contains 3 lodging rooms and 3 granaries all in good repair. Old stone & thatched barn nearly adjoining , doors of which are in bad repair. Another old stone & thatched building is on the west side of the fold , used as a beast house , in bad repair. Hovel on the south side , on pillars , roofed and covered in thatch.

## **[ Hope Hall ]**

**William Thackray**    Fields at bottom of Heygate , east of Clifford Mill.

£28.15.11            157 -- 163 Sandforths

Old irregular stone & slate building , formerly an old mansion.

Large kitchen , pantry and cellar. Lodging room on the east end , with staircase and best room on the west end.

Chambers on the west end used as granaries. East end contains 4 lodging rooms. The whole of the building is much delapidated and out of repair , and the roof is all ready to fall down.

Small building on the east end of the house , with chamber over it , used as a hen house. Large stone barn [ slate & tile ] on the north side of the fold yard , with stable on west end in bad repair. Another barn on the east side of the fold yard [ slate & thatch ] . Sundry hovels on east end used as cow houses.

**[ Oglethorpe Hall?]**

**Thomas Whitehouse** Two groups of fields . One situated north of  
 £76.3.6 West Woods on the Collingham parish border ; the  
 £112.6.7 other east of Oglethorpe and north towards Low Mill .

1 & 35 Westwood Close 3 Wood Close 18 Croft Close  
 19 Hut Close 20 Cow Hut Close 21 & 22 Fairfax Cover Close  
 24 Foxcover Close 25 & 26 Stack Garth Close 34 Burn Close

5 Stack Garth Close 6 Moor Close 7 Laith Close 8 House  
 Close 13 Water Slaken Close 14 Little ? Close 14a Pond  
 Close 15 Housestead 16 Close behind house  
 27 Lime Kiln Close 28 Hillside Close.

The house is of straw & slate. 2 low rooms and 2 chambers.  
 Small cellar. Small stone & tiled barn . Hovels at each side.  
 “ This farm is too small , and Dalby ‘s ought to be laid to it ,  
 and Dalby ‘s barn removed to these premises.”

**John Dalby ‘s premises** were also described :

Stone & tiled barn . Hovel on north side of fold yard .

“ In the centre of lands surrounded with woods , and  
 abounding with game , and ought to be taken , or a cottage  
 built for some person to reside in ... at present is a roosting  
 place for pheasants in the winter , and very convenient for  
 poachers to shelter in , to follow this vile practice.”

**[ This House must have lain beyond Oglethorpe. ]**

**William Wilks**

£12

185a House

186a House &amp; yard

Range of buildings , part slated & part thatched. East end occupied by Mr. Wilks Jnr. 1 low room and kitchen with 2 lodging rooms over . 1 other occupied by Mr. Wilks Snr. In good repair. The old house contains 2 low rooms , kitchen , cellar , 2 lodging rooms . In bad repair and unoccupied. West end occupied as plumber and glazier 's shop by Thomas Wilks -- 1 low room. On the east side of the fold yard is a range of buildings used as barn , stable , cowhouse , pig sty and cart shed. In tolerable repair . Thatched , slated and tiled. West side of fold yard is a small building occupied by Thomas Wilks.

**[ Undercliff , Town Hill ]**

**Charles Wright**      Fields along Toulston Lane & Headley Lane  
 £70.19.2            139 & 140 Headley Field Allotment 143 & 144 York  
                          Lane Allotment 141 & 142 , 145 - 7 York Lane Close  
                          172 Bustard Croft 179 Homestead & Garth

Old irregular building , stone & thatched. 2 low rooms in front,  
 1 small room with kitchen and dairy behind . 1 bedroom and  
 2 others used as granaries overhead.

Part let off to Mr. Smith : 2 low rooms , lodging rooms over.  
 North side of fold yard , a barn , stone & thatched in good  
 repair. On the east side a range of buildings -- sheds for  
 cattle , pig styes , coal house , cart shed with dove cote over it.  
 Stable , cow house , with granary over part of north end.

### [ Laurel Farm , High Street ]

**Mary Watson**    184 Small cottage probably on Town Hill  
 £1.10            1 low room and chamber with small back room. Let to Ralph  
                          Wilkes for 30 / - , and sublet to Mary Watson for 2 / 2 a year  
                          “ by order of Mr. Fox , as she is a very old and infirm widow.”

**Richard Varley**      96a Boulderstone Close [ strip up Wetherby Rd.]  
    187a Garth

[ These two lay close to Undercliff , Town Hill. ]

**Joseph Wilde** 2 strips up Wetherby Road ; 1 on Tenter Hill

£21.1.10

76 West Field Allotment	98 Boulderstones Close
101 Tenter Hill Close	185 & 186 House & Gardens

Range of buildings , stone & slated , part thatched , containing a grocer ' s shop , with 4 rooms in front , a good cellar , and back kitchen . Chambers story has 3 lodging rooms , one open to the thatch. Brick & tiled stable is adjoining the roadside , built by the tenant last year. Range of old thatched buildings on the north side of the fold yard , used as carpenter shop and barn.

Cottage , stone & slate , built 30 years ago by the tenant . 2 low rooms and 2 chambers. A passage on the east side “ which ought to be taken into the parlour , and is at present used as a public passage through the fold yard.”

Old stone & thatched cottage on the east end of this garth is let to Thomas Robinson : 2 low rooms and 2 chambers in bad repair and part fallen down.

**[ Joseph Wilde was a grocer and draper ; these properties constitute the old post office and the cottages adjoining. ]**

## Value of the Bramham Park Estate Property in 1817/8

The Tenancy Book gives the total values as follows :

Total Contents	£ 1531
Total Annual Value	£ 785
Lettings Income in 1818	£ 772

James Fox of Bramham Park also owned land and property in other places . The Tenancy Book gives the details for his Barwick in Elmet holdings in 1817 / 8 , where the figure for contents was £413.