



The History of Ewyas Lacy

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Photographs of the particulars of the Michaelchurch Court Estate set out in a survey with the surveyor's comments annotated. These include notes of chief rents, quit rents and heriots, field names, land use and crops planted, names of tenants and observations on the condition of the properties.

Properties include Michaelchurch Court, Goods Farm, Mapplwydd Farm, Cae Vatin or the Wlidersness, Firs Farm, Bank Farm, Dantlloyne Farm and Gworlod Vain Farm, Dukes Farm or Upper Llandraw, Forest Mill, Llandraw, Rhyd y Bach, Castle Farm, Tenant Farm, Michaelchurch Mill and Mill House.

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Summary

	Name of Farm	Quantity of acres	Land Tax	
1	Michaelchurch Court Estate	281 3 2	4 19 -	
2	Crook Farm	43 0 29	1 2 0	
3	Maughlyad Farm	" " "	" " "	
4	East Wakin or the Midernest	86 1 5	2 1 0	
5	Port Farm	174 1 1	3 14 4	Chief Rent 11?
6	The Bank Farm	123 - 19	2 5 4	
7	Donlough & Poorlod Farm	75 - 24	1 0 4	
8	Stakes Farm or Upper Landraun	97 1 3	2 5 4	
9	North Mill and Land	14 3 10	4 0	
10	Landraun	106 0 0	2 5 -	Quarry
11	Reynold & Bush	21 1 38	13 8	
12	The Castle Farm	62 1 33	1 16	
13	Trenant Farm	119 0 13	1 44	Chief Rent 1. 16. 0
14	Michaelchurch Mill & Land	11 3 18	19 4	
15	Cathryn Garden & Meadow	1 2 12	-	
16	Mission (Emma Schindon)	1 0 0	-	
17	Allotment on road side	16 0 0	-	
18	Arable Land marked B	2 0 0	-	
19	rough pasture - - C	3 0 0	-	
		1240 1 10		Exclusive of Timber

The Poor Rates and Taxes are moderate

The Manor which extends over a considerable tract of mountain
lands yields little or nothing in the way of tithes. It had been
let this year for that purpose & I believe the third preceding year.

The quit rents amount to between £44 & £50. annually but the person
who collects them will not inform me what premises is charged with
the sums gratuitously. There are some heriots of the second best heads
upon the death of certain tenants renting within the Manor but upon which
I cannot ascertain at least at present. The expense of collecting the
quit rents will reduce their amount, the person collecting having to visit the
parishes. There is some timber on the Estate but not fit to fell in any
amount. Some timber had been cut down for repairs.

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No in Plan	Name and Description of Property	State of Cultivation	Quantity in Statute Measures	Remarks
	An unenclosed allotment upon Mallbach Common marked A on the Map in the Township of Newtown in the Parish of Glodach			
A	Pasture	Pasture	16 0 0	This land is open on two sides and the neighbouring inhabitants' cattle & sheep are constantly trespassing & feeding thereon. In the state it is in the present it is not beneficially & well used. It is good rich land, if part were ploughed it would yield an abundant crop of corn. If a small house and shed were erected & enclosed it many persons would be glad to rent this property.
	A piece of land marked B on the plan in the occupation of James Mathews or his tenant, situated in Michaelchurch Parish			
B	An arable piece of land then to and occupied with land belonging to Mr Mathews	Arable	2 0 0	Clover
	A piece of land marked C on the plan in the Parish of Michaelchurch in the occupation of Thomas Williams			
C	A rough piece of pasture land	Pasture	3 0 0	

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*Particulars of an Estate called Michaelchurch Court with a
Gravel Hill, Mill House and Garden Farms Wood, a cottage
and Garden &c. situate in the several Parishes of Michael Church, Eschey,
Petrochurch, the Townships of Newton and Brasswall in the Parish of
Clodock in the County of Hereford*

Distance from Aberystwyth 15 Hereford 16. and Hay 9 Miles

No on Plan	Name and Description of Property	State of Cultivation	Quantity in Statute Measures	Remarks
	Michael Church Court Wm. Prosser Tenant		a r p	
	Mansion house and Garden Farm house			
1	Garden Vard Barns & other out Buildings		5 - 24	
2	The Meadow below D ^o	Meadow	16 2 25	
3	Long Meadow	"	13 3 17	
4	Grass Field	Pasture	5 - 16	
5	Lower Pasture	Arable	8 2 21	Broken up some time ago (Oaks)
6	Eight Acres	Arable	4 3 30	Fallow
7	Long Grounds above Road	Pasture	6 3 18	
8	New Orchard	Pasture	3 1 0	The few Trees there are, are decayed & very old
9	Green D ^o	"	2 1 22	
10	Grass D ^o	Arable	1 3 34	Potatoes
11	Wood and Coppice with Road	Wood	15 - -	4 Road diverted thro' this wood
12	Long Ground and Road	Pasture	5 2 38	
13	Grass Field	Arable	9 2 -	Wheat & Oats
14				
15	Formerly in three pieces now in one	Arable	13 1 15	Fallow
16				
17		"	5 - 37	Oats
18				
19	These Fences have been altered in 2 places	"	13 2 3	clover & Oats
20				
39	Grass Pasture	Past	9 3 30	38 is now occupied with Meadows
40	D ^o	"	8 3 38	Coppice in one piece
41	Coppice and some Timber	Wood	8 2 20	Coppice has been neglected
42	Grass Field	Pasture	28 - 13	Part Planted
43		Arable	11 3 31	Oats
44		"	4 3 35	"
62	Grass Field	Wood	13 1 16	Coppice has been neglected
63	Grass and Coppice		1 - 27	
64	Roadway			
65	Pasture adjoining do	Pasture	6 2 24	
66	Orchard behind New Stables &c.	Past O.	2 2 27	Part Potatoes
67	Garden in Coppice	Garden	0 1 12	
68	The Twelve Acres	Ar. Oak	8 3 19	Wheat, Trussapples healthy
69	The Eight D ^o	Arable	5 1 5	Oats & Wheat
70	The Nine D ^o	"	5 - 27	Wheat
			250 - 33	

Learned over

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No. on Plan	Name and Description of Property	State of Cultivation	Quantity in Statute Measure	Remarks
	Brought over		250 0 33	
71	Piece beyond Sir Tra Meaden	Ar. Ord	3 - 28	Turnips
72	Sir Meaden	Mead	4 2 38	
73	Road to the House (formerly meadow)		3 34	
74	Fish pool meadow	Mead	12 2 20	
75	Fish pool	Oppice	1 2 24	formerly a fish pond, but yields very little water, only a few fish, and is now a grassy field.
76		Ar. Ord	5 1 20	Wheat
	Total of Michaelchurch Court Farm		281 3 2	

There are ornamental out buildings and in good repair, the House and Offices are undergoing repair.

Good's Farm in the Township of Brasswall in the Parish of Woodstock in the County of Oxford James Powell Tenant

No.	Name and Description of Property	State of Cultivation	Quantity in Statute Measure	Remarks
21		Arable	4 2 16	Fallow
22	Oppice Wood	Wood	8 3 19	Neglected
23	Meadow	Meadow	10 0 30	
24	Pasture	Pasture	2 1 28	
25	Small House Garden Ornamental Building		2 - 22	The house is occupied by a servant of the Tenant.
26	Piece adjoining Homestead	Pasture	2 - 33	
27	Meadow under 52	Meadow	5 3 23	
28	Arable	Ar. Ord	3 3 20	Part of Fallow
29	"	"	2 3 38	
	Total of Good's Farm		43 0 29	

The Roof of the Barn requires Repairing The House is in Tenurable Repair Indifferent Land, and wants manure

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No on Plan	Name and Description of Property	State of Cultivation	Quantity in Achs & P			Remarks
	Mappurwydd Farm in the Township of Braddeston all in the Parish of Cleavok in the County of Shropshire		a	r	p	Hugh Phillips Tenant,
30	Oat & Groes	Arable	2	2	20	
31/32	Formerly in Two	Past.	7	2	0	
33	"	"	2	2	8	
34	"	"	4	1	0	
35	Lower Meadow	Mead.	4	2	30	
36	Upper Meadow, Barn & Bred House	"	6	1	24	
37	Pasture	Past.	3	3	38	
	Total		32	0	0	

This Farm is copyhold of Inheritance held under the Earl of Shergarney for the lives of 3 persons (granted to a former proprietor of Michaelchurch Estate) all of whom are dead. It is now let at rack rent by the Earl to the above Tenant. A Renewal may be obtained on payment of a certain fine to be named by the said Earl. I have not put any value upon it.

A Farm called Oat Vatir or the Wilderness in the Parish of Michaelchurch in the County of Shropshire

105	Great Pasture	Meadow	8	3	9	Mowed
106	Barn piece	"	8	3	15	
107	Lower Field	Arable	5	3	1	Barley & Oats
108	Pasture	Past.	6	1	18	
109	}	Arable	4	2	22	Fallow is some of the Tenants
110			1	0	23	are taken up & some altered
111			2	1	17	it is almost impossible
112			7	0	9	to ascertain the boundary
113	}	Past.	2	1	33	without measuring these pieces
114			3	-	28	
115	Meadow near the House	Mead.	7	-	2	
116	Piece behind the House	Past.	3	2	8	
117	Dwelling House Barn & outbuilding & garden				9	
118	Arable above the House	Arable	4	3	1	Oats
119	This was formerly pasture, Roadway	"	4	1	37	Oats (Broken up)
120						
121	Piece shooting to Cefn Road	Past.	15	2	13	Copyhold
	Total of Oat Vatir		86	1	5	

The Dwelling House and Buildings are in excellent repair and the land in Mr Williams tenure was well drained. The crops of Oats are strong and healthy. No 121 is copyhold of Inheritance under the Earl of Shergarney on a lease of 3 lives which is expired, but it is continued to be held with the Farm.

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No on Plan	Name and Description of Property	State of Cultivation	Quantity in Statute Measure	Remarks
The Five Farms in the Parish of Michaelchurch in the County of Hereford Robert Howard Tenant				
142	The Nine Acres	Arable	11 0 12	Wheat & other crops Fallow
3	The Cat Field	"	6 1 15	Cats
4	Meadow	Mead	6 2 19	"
5	Piece of pasture near the house	Arable	13 1 11	Cats This ought not to have been broken up & made into a meadow
6	Meadow under the Hemlock	Mead	6 - 30	"
7	Arable adjoining rough pasture	Arable	1 1 14	Wheat
8	Do do called Green Close	"	2 3 -	Spring Wheat & Barley
9	Do do	"	3 0 0	Do do
10	Top Piece	Arable	7 2 1	Cats
11	Do	"	6 2 1	Do
12	Pasture and underwood	Arable	2 0 0	Wants Draining
13	Arable	Arable	4 2 28	Fallow and Potatoes
14	"	"	4 3 12	Fallow
15	"	"	5 3 34	Do
16	Rough pasture and underwood	Arable	41 2 1	Wants Draining
17	Meadow	Mead	4 1 15	"
18	Part Meadow & part Wheat	Arable	3 - 37	Arable part sh ^d be laid down & ought not to be broken up
19	Part of Meadow	Mead	8 3 15	Roof of Barn wants repair
20	Meadow adjoining	"	4 2 12	"
21	Arable piece on the road	Arable	7 1 6	Wheat & Barley
22	Do adjoining Do	"	4 0 4	Fallow
23	Do do	"	5 1 16	"
24	Wood with Rough pasture	Arable	4 3 20	"
25	Two pastures leading to the house	Past	5 1 21	"
26	Pasture at the back of the house	"	2 0 25	"
27	Two Farms & House & Out Buildings	"	2 12	"
Total of the Five Farms			174 1 1	

The out Buildings have lately been put in Tenantable repair but the Chamber floor of the House (ought, for this size Farm) to be altered & made more convenient for the Tenant. Part of the Roof requires some repair with a little expense laid judiciously in Draining, this may be made a serviceable Farm. There is too much tillage ground in proportion to the Meadows and pastures, either the present or former Tenant having broken up some of the pasture. Part of the arable ought to be laid down.

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No in Area	Name and Description of Property	State of Cultivation	Quantity in Acre Meadow	Remarks
	The Bank Farm in the parish of Michaelchurch Esley in the County of Hereford Mrs Sarah Prosser Tenant			
82	One Curple	Pasture	3 1 1	
83	One Gof idon	"	8 1 24	
84	Meadow	Meadow	3 3 1	
85	Coppice Wood with some pine timbered	Wood	6 0 13	
86	Pasture	Pasture	10 0 0	
87				
88	Three pieces of Pasture now in one	Pasture	14 3 19	
90				
89	Formerly pasture, ploughed some wheat & corn		6 0 2	Wheat good
91	Plantation in old road-way	Pasture	1 2 2	
92	Part Meadow	Meadow	3 2 -	
93	Wool-cod River	Arable	6 2 34	
94	3 Fallow	Arable	13 0 14	
96. 97	Arable	"	6 1 21	2097 Formerly pasture ploughed into 2 fallows
98. 99	Piece above the house	"	6 0 20	Turnips & Barley
100	Horsetead		1 0 26	
101	Meadow below the house	Meadow	9 2 34	
102	Spring Meadow	"	6 0 26	
103	Coppice Wood	Wood	8 1 24	
104	Long pasture	Pasture	6 0 13	
	Total of Bank Farm		123 0 19	

The Dwelling House and out Buildings are in Tenable
repair. The Farm I consider the best on the estate & would
be considerably improved by draining. I don't think there has been
some pasture broken up on this farm, but there is still a
sufficient proportion of Meadow & Pasture Land.

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No. of Acre	Name and Description of Property	Date of Antient Measure	Quantity in Acre and Roods	Remarks
	Dant Boyne Farm and Gworlod Vain Farm in the Township Grasswall in the Parish of Clodock, and the Parish of Michaelchurch in the County of Shropshire. Samuel Phillips Proprietor			
1	Cottage and Garden		22	
2	Potato piece	ara	29	Potatoes
3	Fallow piece	"	1 1 10	Fallow
4	Pasture	Pasture	2 1 27	
5	do	"	1 1 24	
6	Rough pasture	"	3 0 25	
7	Fallow	ara	2 1 20	Fallow
8	Oats	"	1 2 11	Oats
9	Wheat	"	4 2 3	Very poor crop
10	Rough Pasture	Pasth	2 3 10	19.3.26 Dant Boyne
11	Upper piece	ara	6 1 34	Wheat (in one)
12	Piece above pasture	"	3 3 35	Oats
13	Rough Pasture	Pasth	3 1 15	
14	Swelling Bank & Outbuilding		2 - 26	
15	Piece adjoining D ^o	ara	3 20	Oats
16	Oat piece	"	5 3 9	Formerly pasture
17	Rough pasture	Pasth	1 0 11	
18	do	"	1 2 5	
19	Fallow	Arable	6 3 7	Formerly two pieces
20	Meadow	Mead	8 3 15	
21	Meadow adjoining D ^o	"	3 3 24	
22	Pasture	Pasture	3 2 23	
23	do	"	3 0 27	
24	do	"	3 2 30	55.1.1 Gworlod Vain
Total of both Farms			45 0 27	

The Buildings are in Tenantable repair The Farms are
badly managed; the Tenant either not having the means or
the inclination to haul lime and manure

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			a	r	p	
	Duke's Farm or Upper D and part in the Township of Bradwall in the Parish of Glodock in the County of Hereford Mr Simmonds Tenant					
42	Pasture	Past	7	3	2	
43		Past	12	1	10	
44		"	2	3	12	do many alterations have been
45		"	2	1	13	made with this for a bound
46		"	2	6	6	take them up without the church
47		"	3	1	34	It is nearly the same quality as
48		"	2	5	5	land at 2 acres Ploughed
49	Farm House Barns and Buildings		2	-	16	
50	Backboyn	Arable	4	1	16	
51		"	2	1	34	
52	Meadow below the House	Mead	3	1		
53	Meadow	"	13	2	28	
54	Rough Pasture and underwood	Rough	11	2	35	
55	Pasture	Past	4	2	32	
56	Do	"	5	0	0	
57	Arable	Arable	3	3	13	Cuts
58	Pasture with underwood	Rough	9	1		
59	Piece adjoining the Road	"	5	2	24	
			97	1	3	
The Barn stable &c. have been repaired The House requires Reparation which is to be done so I am informed						
The following lands being attached to and occupied with the Forest Mill situated in the Township of Bradwall in the occupation of the above Tenant Mr Simmonds						
138	Meadow	Mead	5	2	35	
139	Do	"	4	0	27	
140	The House formerly known by the name of the Golden Lion Public, now occupied as a public house by the Powell as laborer, the Mill now in ruins Mill stream		1	1	3	There is a water wheel & horse power of the Mill machinery the mill is now open, any cattle &c may enter at last been sadly neglected
141	Mill Meadow	Mead	1	1	17	
142	Do	"	3	3	38	
143	Rough Pasture	Pasture	1	1	10	
			14	3	10	

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No or Plan	Name and Description of Property	State of Alienation	Quantity in Avalots Measures	Remarks
1	Landraw Farm in the Township of Hereford			James Lord Tenants
2	Farm House & outbuildings there to		2 30	
3	Meadow below the House	Meas.	9 1 18	
4	Do adjoining Do	"	9 0 3	
5	Do Tumple	"	7 15	
6	Meadows	"	2 2 10	
7	Quarry piece	Stall. Wood	12 0 23	There is a quarry of head & paving stones
8	Pasture	Past.	1 2 33	
9	Do	"	5 1 26	
10	Arable	Ar.	10 - 31	Spring wheat
11	Pasture	Past.	1 3 16	
12	"	"		
13	" with Brackwood	Wood	18 - 19	
14 & 15	Fallow in one field	Ar.	6 1 15	
16 & 17	" " "	"	9 0 25	Fallow
18	" " "	"	4 2 28	Barley
19	" " "	"	4 0 38	"
38	Coe Meadow	"	3 1 30	Formerly held with the Court Farm part of the same was taken from the Court Farm field (part taken belongs to Drapell's Farm)
Total Landraw Farm			106 0 0	

There is a quarry of excellent paving & head stones valued to James Lord at the sum of £20. The dwelling house has been repaired, the roof of the barn and outbuildings require repair.

Rhyd-y-Bach Farm in the Parish of Michaelchurch Selby The Millers Tenants				
1	Arable Piece	Ar.	3 2 10	Wheat
2	Pasture adjoining Do over the Brook	Past.	1 2 35	
3	Meadow Do	Meas.	3 1 12	
4	Wheat	Wheat	2 0 8	Wheat
5	Meadow	Meas.	3 3 13	
6	Barn Meadow	"	4 3 0	
7	House & outbuildings & field		2 1 0	
			21 1 38	

The outbuildings are in tenantable repair, but the dwelling house is in a most wretched state. I am of opinion it ought to come down & rebuild.

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<i>The Castle Farm in the Township of Naden in the Parish of Clodock R. Williams Tenant</i>				
1	Homestead		2 9	
2	Meadow below	Meadow	5 1 11	
3	Road piece	Path	3 2 6	
4	Adjoining Homestead	"	1 3 8 7	
5	Above do.	Arable	2 3 14	Wheat
6	North Field	"	2 2 33	Oats
7	South Field	"	3 1 34	Wheat
8	East Field	"	3 - 11	Oats
9	Fallow	"	2 2 12	Fallow
10	Wood & Rough Pasture	Woods	8 1 13	Coppice neglected
11	Piece beyond the Wood	Arable	1 2 13	Wheat
12	Piece behind the Wood	"	7 2 10	Wheat Fallow Potatoes
13	Path do.	"	4 3 5	Fallow and Potatoes
14	Rough Ground	Woods	2 2 2	
15	Meadow below	Meadow	4 0 39	
16	Adjoining Brook	Pasture	2 0 0	
17	Piece Above S.	"	5 1 24	
Total of the Castle Farm			62 1 33	

The House and all the outbuildings have been put in substantial repair and some new ones on the Farm

<i>Tenant Farm situated in the Parish of Peterchurch in the County of Hereford William Maddock Tenant</i>				
1	Farm House, outbuildings, garden		1 2 36	
2	Adjoining do.	Mead	1 2 18	
3	Orchard	Orch	4 3 16	Wheat
4	Clover Piece	Ar	6 1 14	Wheat
5	Small Meadow	Mead	1 0 28	Four trees with an abundant crop
6 & 7	Meadow in one	"	7 1 26	
8	Rough Pasture Barn & Bees House	Woods	2 3 36	Barn &c in Tenantable repair
9	Coppice	Woods	3 1 18	Neglected
10	Twelve Acres	Ar	8 3 24	Four Vetches & Wheat
11	Pasture	Past	6 1 34	
12	Carefree	"	6 1 18	A few Apple Trees
13	Pasture	"	1 1 20	
14	The Ten Acres	Ar	8 2 26	Oats
Grand total			61 0 34	

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	Brought over		64 0 34	
15	The Four Acres	Past	3 - 7	
16	Wood	Wood	4 - 36	
17	1749 in one	Arable	8 1 38	Old wheat & barley
18	Meadow	Mead	3 - 12	
20	Wheat Field with small Brook	Arable	11 2 38	Wheat
21	Mead by Brook	Mead	3 3 18	
22	Out Field	Arable	6 - 36	Cuts
23	Meadow adjoining	Mead	2 2 38	
24 & 25	Small piece (in one)	Arable	8 2 26	Wheat & turnips
26	Adjoining D.	"	5 3 10	Fallow
	Total of Michaelchurch Farm		119 0 13	
This I consider the best Farm belonging to the Michaelchurch Estate. The Dwelling House and the Out Buildings are in good Tenantable repair and may be kept so at a moderate expense annually.				
Michaelchurch Mill, Mill House, and the following pieces of Land in the Parish of Michaelchurch, Thomas Gwiliam Tenant				
79	Little Orchard next to Mill	Pasture	1 1 1	
80	Grass Garden Mill, Mill House & Blacksmith Shop		2 1 1	Blacksmith Shop adjoining to and occupied with the mill not used as a smithy
74	Upper piece	Pasture	2 3 38	
78	Piece between Mill House & Brook	"	2 3 35	
81	Mill Meadow	Mead	2 3 34	
82	Meadow called on Plan Maddy's Acre	"	1 0 13	There was formerly a cottage on this field but it is down
	Total Mill and Land		11 3 18	
A new mill House &c. has been built on a fresh site and the mill put in good working order with Piggeries now erecting				
Cottage Garden and Meadow in Michaelchurch Parish William Williams Tenant				
24	Cottage Garden and Fold		1 35	
25	Meadow	Mead	1 0 14	
			1 2 12	
A piece of Meadow Land adjoining the Road to Longtown in Michaelchurch Parish Joanna Johnson Tenant				
80	Meadow	Mead	1 0 0	



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