

Ye now Bailiffes shall repaire Syke troughs¹ upon Avenham and Spittle Mosse before ye 25th Mar[ch] next in paine of 6s. 8d.

James Townend, for sufferinge his hedge to lye downe next unto Mr. Pattens garden,² whereby ye swine hath much spoyled ye said garden, to pay for ye tyme past iij. s. iiij. d.

1. "The Syke," which supplied the troughs "upon Avenham" with water, had its rise in the elevated ground near where St. Saviour's Church now stands, and ran down Leeming-street, Shepherd-street, past the bottom of Syke Hill, behind Cannon-street Independent Chapel, the Grammar School, Sze., then across Winckley-square, along Garden-street, by the south end of the land on which the railway station stands, afterwards for some distance going south-west, and eventually flowing into the Ribble opposite the end of Taylor-street. The other trough or troughs would be at or near the north-west corner of Spittle Moss, adjacent to the top of Fylde-road.

Great Court Leet, held on April 19th, 1669, before Thomas Rishton (Mayor)¹, Thomas Winckley² and Lawrence Bostock (Bailiffs), and Edward Rigby (Steward of the Court).

Presentments:—

Richard Brookfield, of ye Meales,³ for forestalling our became Mayor; and in 1672, whilst still an Alderman, he died.

2. Thomas Winckley was a man of unquestionable local importance; but Winckley is not a very old name in the burgess annals. Edward Winckley—the first of this name mentioned in those annals—became a Preston stallenger, on payment of 35s., at the Guild in 1602; on the Roll for 1622 the name is continued; and so it goes on till 1668, when a descendant, directly or laterally, becomes a Bailiff. In 1669 Thomas Winckley was elected a member of the Council; in 1678 he was made an Alderman; in 1679 he became the Mayor of Preston; in 1682 he was a Guild Alderman; in 1688 and 1697 he was the Mayor; in 1702 he was appointed Clerk of the Recognisances; he was a Guild Steward in the same year; in 1705 he again became the Mayor; and in 1710, whilst still an Alderman, he died. Subsequently three or four persons, bearing the name of Winckley, were Bailiffs. The late Lady Shelley was a great granddaughter of the Thomas Winckley above named. Winckley-square Preston, with adjoining streets, was laid out by Mr. Thomas Winckley, in conjunction with Mr. William Cross, a lawyer and deputy prothonotary in the town, who afterwards acquired Red Scar and the Cottam Hall estates.

Inquisition taken on February 13th, 1679, before Thomas Winckley (Mayor), John Chorley and Jonathan Seed (Bailiffs), and Edward Rigby (Steward).

Presentments:—

John Ryding had swine graseing in ye Church yard, and ye pinders offring by our appoyntmt to take the same to ye pinfould Hee the said John Ryding or some by his appoyntmt rescued the same swine from ye said pinders, and therefore wee amerce him in ye sune of 1s. for his two swine their so being

graseing, and for his Rescue in ye further sune of iijs. iiijd.

The Bailiffes—that they make a new yate and a new Cuckstoole at ye Churchgate towne end before ye xxth of Aprill, upon paine of 13s. 4d.

The pinders of this towne—that they rake and gather the sticks and wrecke from of ye marsh and burne ye same, and spread ye Ashes, before ye xxth of Aprill next, upon paine of xiijs. iiijd.

Great Court Leet held before Lawrence Wall (Mayor) and

Lords day, and do amerce them in 13s. 4d.

Great Court Leet held on April 19th, 1706, before Thomas Winckley (Mayor) and Nicholas Starkie (Recorder).

Presentments:—

William Lorrimer for suffering his meat to corrupt in his shop, in the Shambles, being a nuisance to the neighbourhood, and do amerce him for the same in vjs. viijd.

Henry Rowbotham for suffering psons to Bowl on the Green,¹ on Sunday, and do amerce him in 13s. 4d.

The severall persons following² for not appearing at this Cort Leet, having been duly summoned and warned therto, and for such default do amerce them in six shillings eightpence apeice.

Thomas Whitehead was a barrister-at-law, of Preston, and Matshead, near Garstang. In 1718 he married Sarah, daughter of Thomas Winckley, gentleman, of Preston. The Corporation of Preston appointed him Recorder of the borough on the 19th of August, 1735, in place of Nicholas Starkie, who died five days before that date. He very seldom—not more than two or three times—presided at the Court Leet, and in 1742 he died.

Lancelot Butler, Mr. Thomas Woodcock, Mrs. Elizabeth Casson, Cuthbert Wade, Esquire, Mr. Nicholas Walmsley, Mr. Charles Gibson, Rigby Molyneux, Esq., John Winckley, Esqr., Thomas Jolley, Mr. James Chorley, Roger Hesketh, Esqr., Mr. William Prichard, Robert Abbatt, and John Cheetham for severally neglecting to Open and Scour the Ditch and Watercourse adjoining to the South End of the Orchards and Gardens in their respective possions [possessions],¹ by the neglect Whereof the Comon ffoot [way] leading from the Waterworks through the Closes called the Sykes is Annoyed and Obstructed, And if not done in twenty-one days after Notice We Amerce them in two Shillings Sixpence Each.

These orchards and gardens extended, east and west, from Mainsprit Weind to Winckley-square, and occupied in width more than half of the ground between Syko and Cross-streets and Fishergate. The waterworks were at the bottom of Glover's-court—occupying what afterwards

formed the north-west corner of the Gas Company's Glover-street works—and were for a long while derisively called "the Folly."

Nicholas Winckley, Esquire, and John Oram for not repairing a Street or Lane called the Turks head yard, and if not repaired within 42 days after notice we amerce them in £1 19s. 111d. Each.

Mr. Cross would be John Cross, of Preston and Cottam, who married Dorothea, daughter of Richard Assheton, of Preston. He was a Deputy-Prothonotary of the county. In 1799 he died, leaving an only son, William Cross. This son *was* for some time a Deputy-Prothonotary. Along with Thomas Winckley he laid out Winckley-square and certain adjoining streets, including Cross-street, which takes his surname. He built, about 1800, the first house in Winckley-square, at the north-east corner, where the Girls' High School is now situated; here he resided, having his office at the corner of Winckley-street, next to his house. Afterwards he purchased Red Scar and Cottam Hall, and he lived at the former.

Mr. Joseph Seaton Aspden *was* Seal Keeper for the County and a Clerk in Court for the Chancery of Lancashire. He was a Captain in the Royal Preston Volunteers raised in 1797. He built a house in Winckleysquare (the present No. 1), adjoining the north-west corner, and after living in it some time sold it to Mr. Henry Fielding, calico printer, Catterall, near Garstang. Mr. Seaton Aspden died on October 23rd, 1827. aged 71 years, and his remains were interred in front of the chancel of St. George's, Preston.