

Tithe Award – Introductory Text: officially stamped on 18th May 1844

Apportionment of the Rent-charge in lieu of Tithes in the Parish of Abbots Langley in the County of Hertford

Whereas an Agreement for the COMMUTATION of TITHES in the Parish of Abbots Langley in the County of Hertford was, on the Twenty-ninth day of July in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-One, confirmed by the Tithe Commissioners for England and Wales, of which Agreement, with the Schedules therein comprised and thereunto annexed, the following is a copy.

A Provisional Agreement for the commutation of Tithes of the Parish of **Abbots Langley** in the County of **Hertford** pursuant to the Act for the Commutation of Tithes in England and Wales made at a Parochial Meeting of the Landowners and Titheowners duly called and holden in the said Parish and holden by adjournment on the **Eighth day of July**, One Thousand eight hundred and thirty nine and since perfected **By and Between** the several Bodies Politic and Corporate and Persons owners of the Tithes of Corn Grain and Hay within the said parish and the Interest of which Titheowners in the said Tithes of the said Parish is not less than two thirds of the said Tithes of Corn Grain and Hay of the said Parish by whom or by whose Agents duly authorised in that behalf this Agreement is executed of the first part, **The Reverend William Lewis** of Abbots Langley aforesaid the Patron or person entitled to the next presentation of the Vicarage of Abbots Langley and also the Vicar of the said parish and as such Vicar the owner of all the small tithes of the said parish of the second part, and the several Bodies Politic and Corporate and Persons Landowners and substitutes according to the provisions of the said Act for Landowners within the said parish by whom or by whose Agents duly authorised in that behalf this Agreement is executed and the interest of which Landowners in the lands of the said parish is not less than two thirds of the lands of the parish subject to tithes of the third part.

The whole parish contains by admeasurement **Five thousand two hundred and eleven acres three roods and thirty perches** the whole of which lands (excepting the Woodlands) is subject to the payment of tithes both Great and Small.

There is an Ancient Mill in the parish called **Hunton Bridge Mill**

... which by prescription is exempt from the payment of tithes.

The woodland in the said parish is absolutely exempt from the payment of all tithes by prescription and contains by admeasurement Three hundred and Sixty four acres and ten perches or thereabouts.

The true quantity in Statute measure of lands subject to tithes within the said Parish which is now cultivated as Arable Meadow or pasture land Common land or however otherwise is as follows, videlicet

.....	A	r	p
Arable Land	3762	3	38
Meadows and Pastures	768	1	26
Homesteads Cottages & Gardens	195	2	11
Land covered with Water belonging to the			
- Grand Junction Canal	20	1	19
Roads and Wastes	63	1	32
Railway	37	—	14
-	4847	3	20

The several persons named in the Schedule hereunder written are the owners of the Great tithes of all the Titheable lands of the said parish in which Schedule are specified the names of the owners and occupiers and the descriptions of the lands titheable to each of the said several persons respectively.

And such of the said several persons who are next hereinafter named and whose lands and tithes are described in the said Schedule being respectively lawfully seized of an estate in fee simple in possession of the great tithes issuing from or arising upon the several lands next hereinafter mentioned or referred to being part and parcel of the said lands described in the said Schedule do hereby respectively declare it to be their will and intent that the said tithes shall be absolutely merged and extinguished in the freehold and inheritance of the said lands respectively according to the provisions of the said Act.

	Quantity of Land described in the Schedule		
	A	r	p
Grover Matthew	2	1	4
Hemmings Richard	54	3	30
Lewis Reverend William	185		15
Mure James Esquire	11		

	Quantity of Land described in the Schedule		
	A	r	p
Parsley John Esquire	17	3	33
Priest John	5	1	9
Salter Samuel	2	0	12
Verulam Earl of	7	3	30
Ditto	126	3	15
Ditto	0	3	13
Whittingstall Edmund Fearnley Esquire	80	3	9
Ditto	516	3	33
Ditto	4	0	38
Ditto Cottages and Gardens			
Briggs Harry and George Henry Pettigrew / Trustees of the Will of Joseph Hearn deceased	2	0	3

And it is hereby agreed that the following annual sums by way of Rentcharges subject to the provisions of the said Act shall be paid to the following persons instead of the Great tithes of the lands in the said Schedule mentioned subject to the payment of Great tithes to them respectively.

To Samuel Reynolds Solly Esquire instead of the Great tithes belonging to him arising from the lands specified in the said Schedule belonging to John Field, Thomas Cromack, John Dyson, Christopher Thomas Tower, Samuel Harris, Mrs Aubrey, John Dickinson Esquire and instead of the Great tithes of High Barnes Farm and North End Farm belonging to him the said Samuel Reynolds Solly and the Great tithes of the Grand Junction Canal, which lands altogether (exclusive of the Grand Junction Canal) contain by admeasurement as specified in the said Schedule five hundred and thirty-nine acres two roods and twenty perches, the annual sum of One hundred and sixty-two pounds, ten shillings.

To the said Samuel Reynolds Solly for the Great tithes of the several other lands specified in the said Schedule of which he is the owner of the land as well as the tithes the annual sum of Fifty-nine pounds twelve shillings and six pence.

To the Right Honorable The Earl of Clarendon instead of the Great tithes belonging to him arising from the lands called Little West Wood Farm the ...

... property of Septimus Richard Moate specified in the said Schedule containing by measurement sixty seven acres and thirty four perches the annual sum of Eleven pounds fifteen shillings.

To the said Earl of Clarendon for the Great tithes of the several other lands specified in the said Schedule (of which he is the owner of the lands as well as the tithes) the sum of Seventy pounds seventeen shillings and six pence.

To John Dickinson Esquire instead of the Great tithes belonging to him arising from the lands belonging to the Manor House specified in the said Schedule containing by measurement sixty acres two roods and eleven perches the annual sum of Twelve pounds sixteen shillings.

To the said John Dickinson instead of the Great tithes of the several other lands specified in the said Schedule of which he is the owner of the lands as well as of the tithes the annual sum of Forty two pounds fifteen shillings.

To Mrs Sarah Smith instead of the Great tithes belonging to her arising from the lands called Tanners Farm the property of Frederick Greenhill Esquire and Trinity College Oxford and Sydney College Cambridge specified in the said Schedule containing by measurement forty three acres three roods and twenty four perches the annual sum of Twelve pounds.

To the said Mrs. Sarah Smith for the Great tithes of the several other lands specified in the said Schedule (of which she is the owner of the lands as well as of the tithes) the annual sum of Twenty one pounds twelve shillings.

To John Field instead of the Great tithes belonging to him of the part of a field called Great Deans Browns the property of Samuel Reynolds Solly Esquire specified in the said Schedule containing by measurement two acres the annual sum of Seven shillings.

To the said John Field for the Great tithes of the several other lands specified in the said Schedule of which he is the owner of the lands as well as the tithes, the annual sum of Sixteen pounds eight shillings and six pence.

To Ann Hawkins Widow instead of the Great tithes of the King's Head Orchard and premises the property of the Trustees of Samuel Salter Esquire specified in the said Schedule containing by measurement two acres two roods and twenty six perches, the annual sum of Seven shillings and six pence.

And to the several other persons hereinafter named instead of the Great tithes of the several lands specified in the said Schedule of which they are respectively the owners of the lands as well as the tithes the several annual sums following.

	Quantity of land described in the schedule			Rentcharge	£	s	d
Atkinson Robert Hall	128	0	31	Thirty two pounds	32	0	0
Burton	3	0	2	Twelve shillings		12	0
Bagot William Esquire	35	1	37	Seven pounds seventeen shillings and six pence	7	17	6
Bisney Mark	4	0	4	Sixteen shillings		16	0
Campbell Robert Esquire	233	2	22	Forty six pounds twelve shillings	46	12	0
Grand Junction Canal	2	0	0	Eight shillings		8	0
Coombs Charity		3	28	Three shillings		3	0
College	10	3	24	Two pounds fifteen shillings	2	15	0
Clutterbuck Thomas Esquire	1	1	5	Four shillings		4	0
Drew Michael	4	2	8	Sixteen shillings		16	0
Dickinson William	11	0	10	Two pounds nine shillings and six pence	2	9	6
Dyson John	3	2	20	Twelve shillings		12	0
Dickinson Richard Friend	1	1	11	Four shillings		4	0
Essex Earl of	284	2	11	Seventy one pounds	71	0	0
Ellingham Arthur	4	0	39	Sixteen shillings		16	0
Foskett Captain	31	1	25	Seven pounds	7	0	0
Friend Jeremiah	24	0	35	Five pounds eight shillings	5	8	0
Gulston William		2	19	Two shillings		2	0
Gulston Daniel		3	6	Three shillings		3	0
Goodwin John	6	2	12	One pound four shillings	1	4	0
Gambier Esquire Charles Samuel	71	1	13	Fourteen pounds four shillings	14	4	0
Greenhill Frederick Equire, Trinity College Oxford & Sydney College Cambridge	81	0	1	Eighteen pounds four shillings and six pence	18	4	6
How James	11	1	15	Two pounds fourteen shillings	2	14	0
Jackson Mrs	20	0	36	Four pounds ten shillings	4	10	0
Lewis Reverend William	6	1	25	One pound seven shillings	1	7	0
Moate Septimus Richard		3	30	Three shillings		3	0

	Quantity of land described in the schedule			Rentcharge	£	s	d
Mure James the Younger Esquire	125	2	11	Twenty eight pounds two shillings and six pence	28	2	6
Merceron Joseph Esquire	179	2	0	Thirty five pounds sixteen shillings	35	16	0
Nares Francis Manners Esquire and others (owners of Hyde Farm)	301	1	32	Sixty pounds	60	0	0
Nicholl Thomas	1	3	8	Five shillings		5	0
Parton John Esquire		2	23	Two shillings		2	0
Sherwood Elizabeth	180	3	12	Forty five pounds	45	0	0
Saunders Samuel	8	2	37	One pound twelve shillings	1	12	0
Salter Samuel Trustees of	3	0	12	Twelve shillings		12	0
Smith John Esquire	80	2	15	Eighteen pounds	18	0	0
Statham Charles and Sarah his wife in the right of the said Sarah	39	3	13	Eight pounds fifteen and six pence	8	15	6
Toovey Thomas	28	3	20	Seven pounds	7	0	0
Whittingstall Edmund Fearnley Esquire (Hunters Farm)	82	0	32	Eighteen pounds nine shillings	18	9	0

And it is hereby further agreed that the annual sum of Three hundred and fifteen pounds by way of Rentcharge (subject to the provisions of the said Act) shall be paid to the said William Lewis as Vicar of the said Parish and to his successors instead of all the Vicarial tithes of the said parish.

And it is further agreed that the expenses of preparing these presents and of getting the same executed and completed and of the preliminary proceedings shall be paid by the Landowners and Titheowners in such ratable proportions as the Valuer or Valuers appointed or to be appointed for the purpose of the Apportionment of the said Rentcharges shall fix and which the said parties hereby agree to pay accordingly.

And it is further agreed that the lands included in this Agreement shall be ...

... discharged from the payment of Tithe from the first day of October preceding the confirmation of the Apportionment of the Rentcharges hereinbefore agreed upon. And that the first payment of such rentcharges shall be made or shall be recoverable on the expiration of Six calendar months from the time from which the said lands are discharged from the payment of tithes.

In Witness whereof the said parties to this Agreement or their Agents duly authorised in their names and on their behalf have hereunto subscribed and set their respective hands and seals.

----- The Schedule above referred to -----

*... continues in the "**TitheLands**" spreadsheet [covering the actual Tithe Award book from page 7 to page 13].*

The text below is from page 14 to page 18 of the original Tithe Award:

And Whereas a Separate Award by way of Supplement to the foregoing Agreement was on the thirtieth day of April in the Year one thousand eight hundred and forty four confirmed by the said Tithe Commissioners of which said Separate Award the following is a Copy

To all to whom these Presents shall come I George Hammond Whalley Barrister at Law Send Greeting

..... Whereas an Agreement commuting the tithes of the Parish of **Abbots Langley** in the County of **Hertford** for the several Rentcharges in the said Agreement specified has been confirmed by the Tithe Commissioners for England and Wales but the Apportionment of the said Rentcharges has not been confirmed

.... And whereas it has been represented to the said Tithe Commissioners that there are certain errors in the said Agreement which if known before the said Agreement had been confirmed they would have declined to confirm the same ...

..... And whereas I the said George Hammond Whalley have been duly appointed and sworn an Assistant Tithe Commissioner according to the provisions of the act for the commutation of Tithes in England and Wales and have been also appointed to enquire into the said alleged errors and if necessary to make a separate award in correction of the same

..... Now know ye that I the said George Hammond Whalley having made due enquiries into the said alleged errors Do hereby find and award as follows that is to say

..... That the Great tithes of certain lands containing Eighty one acres and one perch in the said Agreement set forth as the property of Frederick Greenhill Esquire and Trinity College Oxford and Sidney College Cambridge are not the property of the said parties as so therein stated and that the Rentcharge of Eighteen pounds four shillings and six pence agreed to be paid to them in respect of such Great tithes is an error

..... And that instead of the said sum of Eighteen pounds four shillings and six pence the sum of Two pounds fifteen shillings and three pence shall be payable to the said Frederick Greenhill and Trinity College Oxford and Sidney College Cambridge in lieu of the Great tithes of certain lands containing Fourteen acres three roods and fifteen perches their property and well known by metes and bounds and being ...

... part of the said Eighty one acres and one perch in the said Agreement specified

..... And further I do hereby find and award that the Great tithes of a certain parcel of land containing Five acres one rood and thirty nine perches in the Schedule described as being the property of John Dickinson Esquire is not the property of the said John Dickinson but of Samuel Reynolds Solly Esquire and as such is included with the lands in respect of which a Rentcharge is by the said Agreement specified to be henceforth paid to the said Samuel Reynolds Solly

..... And further I do find and award that the Great tithes of a certain parcel of land containing four acres and thirty eight perches in the Schedule to the said Agreement set forth as being the property of Edmund Fearnley Whittingstall Esquire are not his property but as to three acres and twenty four perches part thereof is the property of the Right Honorable the Earl of Essex and as such included in the Rentcharge by the said Agreement specified to be henceforth payable to the said Earl of Essex and as to One acre and thirteen perches the residue thereof is the property of Charles Samuel Gambier Esquire and as such is included in the Rentcharge by the said Agreement specified to be paid to the said Charles Samuel Gambier Esquire

..... In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of April One thousand eight hundred and forty four

(signed)

G. Hd. Whalley

..... Now we William Roberts of Hemel Hempstead and Henry Sedgwick of Rickmansworth in the County of Hertford having been duly appointed Valuers to apportion the total sum agreed and awarded to be paid by way of Rentcharge in lieu of Tithes amongst the several lands of the said parish of Abbots Langley

..... Do hereby apportion the Rentcharge as follows

..... Gross Rentcharge payable to the Titheowners in lieu of tithes for the Parish of Abbots Langley in the County of Hertford

..... One thousand one hundred and fifty six pounds ten shillings and three pence viz

	£	s	d	£	s	d
To the Vicar				315	0	0
..... Impropiators viz.						
Samuel Reynolds Solly	162	10	0			
	59	12	6			
				222	2	6
Earl of Clarendon	11	15	0			
	70	17	6			
				82	12	6
John Dickinson	12	16	0			
	42	15	0			
				55	11	0
Sarah Smith	12	0	0			
	21	12	0			
				33	12	0
John Field	0	7	0			
	16	8	6			
				16	15	6
Ann Hawkins				0	7	6
Robert Hall Atkinson				32	0	0
Carried forward				758	1	0

	£	s	d			
Brought Forward	758	1	0			
Ann Burton	0	12	0			
William Bagot	7	17	6			
Mark Bisney	0	16	0			
Robert Campbell	46	12	0			
Grand Junction Canal	0	8	0			
Coombs Charity	0	3	0			
College	2	15	0			
Thomas Clutterbuck	0	4	0			
Michael Drew	0	16	0			
William Dickinson	2	9	6			
John Dyson	0	12	0			
Richard Friend Dickinson	0	4	0			
Earl of Essex	71	0	0			
Arthur Ellingham	0	16	0			
Captain Foskett	7	0	0			
Jeremiah Friend	5	8	0			
William Gulston	0	2	0			
Daniel Gulston	0	3	0			
John Goodwin	1	4	0			
Charles Samuel Gambier	14	4	0			
Frederick Greenhill and Trinity College Oxford and Sidney College Cambridge	2	15	3			
James How	2	14	0			
Mary Jackson	4	10	0			
Reverend William Lewis	1	7	0			
Septimus Richard Moate	0	3	0			
James Mure the Younger	28	2	6			
Joseph Merceron	35	16	0			
Francis Manners Nare and others Owners of the Hyde Farm	60	0	0			
Carried Forward	105 6	14	9			

	£	s	d			
Brought Forward	105 6	14	9			
Thomas Nichol	0	5	0			
John Parton	0	2	0			
Elizabeth Sherwood	45	0	0			
Samuel Saunders	1	12	0			
Trustees of Samuel Salter	0	12	0			
John Smith	18	0	0			
Charles Statham and Sarah his wife in the right of the said Sarah	8	15	6			
Thomas Toovey	7	0	0			
Whittingstall Edmund Fearnley Esquire Hunters Farm	18	9	0			
	115 6	10	3			

Value in Imperial Bushels and Decimal parts of an Imperial Bushel of Wheat Barley and Oats

	Price per Bushel	Bushels and Decimal parts
	s - d	
Wheat	7 – 0 ¼	1098.17211
Barley	3 – 11 ½	1947.81053
Oats	2 - 9	2803.66666