

1 Description of the Demesne

1972 Bacon exhibit

The manorial extent is a written description of the quantity and location of land pertaining to the manor. In this example the land in demesne (that land owned and cultivated by the manorial lord) is measured and described in exceptional detail. It is difficult to establish from this extent whether the furlong, called Hoscus, is a separate entity entirely under the lord's cultivation, or is composed of a mixture of tenants' and demesne land. A furlong is traditionally interpreted by medieval historians to be a ploughing division in the "open fields."

*Terra arabilis ibidem in dominico*

A *Est ibidem in cultura vocatur Hosco subtus boscum domini in quinque wentis--xxv acras vj perticatas dimidiam j pedes dimidiam--unde super le Wente abuttant super Hosco v acras ij rodas iij perticatas iij quarteria ij pedes dimidiam super le Went ad capitem eiusdem vocatur Apeltonestede v acras iij rodas dimidiam xix perticatas j quarterium super le Wente vocatur Bertishedlond abuttant super le Lound ij acras ij rodas xxx perticatas dimidiam et sic super le Wente ex parte occidentali eiusdem vocatur Brounesgate viij acras iij rodas dimidiam xij perticatas j quarterium iij pedes*

Arable land here in demesne

There is here in the furlong called Hoscus under the lord's wood in 5 wentis--25 acres, 6 1/2 perches, and 1 1/2 feet--in which on the Went abutting upon Hoscus there are 5 acres 2 rods and 3 3/4 perches and 2 1/2 feet, at the head of the Went called Apeltonestede there are 5 acres and 3 rods and 18 1/2 perches, on the Went called Schortewodewong 1 acre and 3 1/3 rods and 19 1/4 perches, on the Went called Bertishedlond abutting on the Lound 2 acres and 2 rods and 30 1/3 perches, and on the western side of the Went called Brounesgate 8 acres and 3 1/2 rods and 14 1/4 perches and 3 feet.



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An extract of Lyndens



An extract of the manor of Lyndesley.