

LANCASHIRE PLACE NAME SURVEY

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Work in Progress

Shown below is the tithe map for Bradford. The schedule has been transcribed and (at only 279 acres) the map was checked to see if all of the township was described. Bradford was indeed, very small but the Tithe Map revealed things that could not have guessed. The township lies to the east of Manchester centre and now holds the Manchester Velodrome. One boundary is the River Medlock (it was the 'broad ford' on that river that gave the township its name). The Manchester & Ashton under Lyne Canal was built through the township in order to serve the collieries there.

As the extract from the Tithe Map below demonstrates - in the 1840s Bradford was largely still open fields although Lady Hoghton (who is noted as the owner of most of Bradford) was leasing lands for development. (One of the lessees was the Grey Mare Building Club - presumably based in a local inn?)

The lands shown were leased to John Ryder who was also the valuer for the tithes (could he have been an employee of Lady Hoghton?). Bradford was particularly narrow at this point (the boundary is marked in dashes). It is assumed that the water feature from the north west was a spur of the Canal and was dug to serve the collieries. Perhaps someone who knows Bradford could comment?



(Lancashire Archives, DRM 1/21)

2015 Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held on Tuesday 27th October 2015 at Lancashire Archives.

Subsequent to the AGM (at about 19:00) Dr Fiona Edmond of Cambridge University will give the LPNS Annual Lecture when she will discuss:

Brittonic and Welsh influence in Lancashire: history and place-names

The Annual Lecture (for which there is a modest charge) is open to all.

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