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The Devonshire Domesday
The text of the Exeter "Domesday" done into English
1906 by Rev. Oswald J. Reichel 1906

Page 487. Walscin has a manor called OTRI [Ottery] which Alsi held T.R.E. and it paid geld for 5 hides. These 12 ploughs can till. Ludo holds them of W[alscin]. There of L[udo] has in demesne 1 Hide hide and 3 ploughs; and the villeins 4 hides and 7 ploughs. There L[udo] has 9 villeins, 9 bordars, 7 serfs, 1 swineherd paying 10 swine, 2 rouncey, 26 beasts, 30 swine, 100 sheep, 50 goats, 20 forest mares, 1 mill paying 10 shillings a year, 100 acres of wood (land), 20 acres of meadow, 150 acres of pasture. Worth 100 shillings a year; when W[alscin] received it 4 pounds.

Page 488 Walscin has a manor called LOVAPIT [Lufpit] Lovapit which Alsi held T.R.E. and it paid geld for 2 hides. These 6 ploughs can till. Ludo holds them of W[alscin]. There of L[udo] has in demesne 1 hide and 2 ploughs. There L[udo] has 3 villeins 1 bordar, 3 serfs, 26 beasts, 30 goats, 10 acres of coppice, 10 acres of meadow and 15 acres of pasture. Worth 20 shillings a year; when W[alscin] received it the same.

Walscin has a manor called GRENOWEIA Greenway (Greenway) which Alsi held T.R.E. and it paid geld for 1 hide. This 5 ploughs can till. Ludo holds it of W[alscin]. There of L[udo] has in demesne ½ hide and 3 ploughs; and the villeins ½ hide and 1 plough. There L[udo] has 3 villeins, 4 bordars, 4 serfs, 40 beasts, 12 swine, 60 sheep, 40 goats, 10 acres of coppice, 10 acres of meadow and 10 acres of pasture. Worth 40 shillings a year; when

W[alscin] received it 30 shillings.

Shapcombe To the aforesaid manor has been added another manor called ESCOBECOMA [Shapcombe] which in King E[dward's] time went with (jacuit in) Hamberia [Hembury], i.e. with Bristric's (Each Bristric's land, and it paid geld for 1 hide. This 4 ploughs can till. Ludo holds it of W[alscin] there of [Ludo] has in demesne 1 virgate, 1 ferding and 1 plough. There L[udo] has 3 villeins, 1 bordar, 1 serf, 20 acres of wood[land], 12 acres of meadow and 15 acres of pasture. Worth 20 shillings a year; when he received it the same.

Hide Note. Hide = denotes simply a unit of assessment.
Hide paid 2 shillings towards normal Kings geld.
Virgate = ¼ hide
Ferling = 1/16 " .

see below Hide = 80 acres. (Mr Charles Stuart-Evrson)

Grey Britt. A description of 'feudalism' appear in Encyclopaedia Brittanica VOL XIII P677 under "Land Tenure"

See also — 138-140 All land was vested in the King
He made grants to 'barons, knights, &
Unit of grant the 'manor' grantee -
Several tenant classes
'free tenants', villeins, serfs, cottars
'Free tenants' — 'yeomen' held their land on condition of liability to military service.
Serfs and cottars — occupiers of cottage & garden and perhaps 5 acres of arable land and grazing rights in the common fields

Hide "Hide of 120 acres" holding of free tenant
Villein — had a "yard land" of 30 acres
& Wotheringaceen — plow team for a "hide."

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Church Notes East of Devon

Davidson.
3rd Sept 1828.

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Page 105
1828

The Church of this parish is situated on an elevated spot on the north side of the village and overlooking it. The building presents but few architectural beauties, is large and is almost devoid of ornament within and without, it consists of a chancel 34 ft long by 17 ft wide, a nave 50 ft by 19.6 in: transepts 46.6 in in their whole length by 19.6 in with a tower at the western end 11 feet square opening to the nave by a lofty pointed arch and containing 4 bells. The eastern window has 4 lights with cinquefoil heads and the pointed arch is enriched with tracery - the N window of the N transept has 3 lights with lancet shaped cinquefoil heads, exhibiting a specimen of the style of the 13th century, the other windows are not remarkable. In the wall on the N side of the chancel is a low flat cusped arch beneath which in each side is a corbel head perhaps formerly a slab but for what purpose is only conjectural. At the bottom of the tower lie the remains of a beautiful stone screen which once crossed the south transept, it appears to have been of an early date, the arches equilateral and the lights with three foil heads

Chancel

Tower

Bells

N. window

Memorial

Screen
P63

side
Chapel
Carew
Bishop 1451
Oliver

For the endowment of St Nicholas chapel in the south aisle of Luppit church by Dame Elizabeth relict of Sir Thomas Carew "Baron of Carew" on 8 Feb. 29 Hen. VI. See fo. 490 of Bishop Lacey's Register.

Note by Rev Geo. Oliver in his acct of Newn Abbey in the Western Times newspaper.

Roof

Boss

Font

The roof at the crossing of the nave & transepts is relieved with ribs of oak which at their central intersection are adorned with a boss carved in the representation of a savage human head and painted - The font situated close to the door is a curious specimen of Anglo-Norman sculpture, it is 2 ft square, having a circular leaden basin, and 2 ft 10 in high, its base is circular resting on a square

plinth - the sides of which (two only are visible as it is fixed in a corner) are rudely carved one of them apparently representing two monstrous animals the other has two whole length figures of men, one of them holding a stake or a large nail which seems resting on a human head below, and which is between the mens feet, the other figure is partially defaced but was perhaps in the act of striking the stake, but the whole is too loaded with successive coats of whitewash as almost to defy investigation.

Copy of paper in Vicarage oak chest.

Dated in pencil 8 July 1820

Page 29. 1820 Devon. For inquiring concerning Charities
Further report of the Commissioners (over page)
LUPPITT
Church Lands

See Vol III P 116 Charities

By indentures of Lease and release bearing date 16th and 17th July 1750 William Lee of Luppitt, surviving feoffee of the church lands in the parish of Luppitt, granted to Joseph Farrer, and eight others, a cottage or messuage and one close of land at Shelf in the parish of Luppitt; and also another messuage or dwelling house, and two closes of land formerly but one close, called Long Croft, situate in the same parish; with the appurtenances, upon trust to stand seised thereof to the only proper use and behoof of the parishoners of the said parish, and that the rents and profits thereof should be from time to time disposed of as they should direct.

Lee 1750 see page 65

Farrer

Long Croft

It is not known by what means, or at what time this property came into the hand of trustees for this parish, but the profits of it have been employed in the repairs of the Church. The first mentioned house which used to be inhabited by poor persons, was burnt down more than 20 years ago. The close at Shelf is called The Parish Plot and consists of about one acre. It was let at a rack-rent of 2l. 16s. per annum previous to the year 1818, when it was thought adviseable by the parishioners at a vestry meeting, in order to raise money to defray the expense of re-building the vestry room and of repairing the carriage of the Church bells, to grant a lease of the close for 99 years determinable on lives; and such lease, dated 22d August 1818,

Parish Plot

1818 Vestry m.

Bells

Feoffees

was accordingly granted by the feoffees to Phillip Bustard (being the highest bidder for the same) in consideration of a fine of 45l. at the yearly rent of 2s. At the time of our investigation this fine had not been laid out, but by the direction of the parishioners it remained in the hands of Edward Burracough

Churchwarden

a late churchwarden. The messuage and

Ch Lands

two closes described in the deed by the name of Long Croft, are now called Wind-whistle, and contain about an acre and half. They were granted by lease bearing

1778

date 21st March 1778, in consideration of a fine of 51l. for 99 years, determinable on three lives (two of whom are now living)

Ceiling Roof

at the rent of 1s. This fine was laid out in ceiling the church. The lease is now vested in James Burrough; it is rented of him by a tenant, together with other land at one joint rent, the proportion of which for these closes is calculated to be 2l-10s a year. The house is in bad repair, but notice has been given to the holder of

School Blake

the lease to repair it.

A complete copy of the above exists in the folder of Luppitt parish notes at Exeter City Reference Library.

1872

It also deals with Luppitt School stating that by deed dated 30th May 1872 and enrolled 12th October, George Potter Blake of Greenway, gave to ministers and churchwardens and their successors the land on which the school was built. The building and masters residence was leased to L.E.A. for a rent

1911

Dated 14th March 1911 and signed George G. Phillimore

Assistant Commissioner

Notes from folder in Exeter City Reference Library

LUPPITT.

1907

Note from Letter to Society of Antiquaries 13th June 1907

Perrott Brass

This brass was found by the Rev W.T. Perrott the Vicar of Luppitt, when digging holes for posts for a fowl house, on the north side of the hedge which separates the churchyard from his glebe. This hedge is about 60' 0" from the north wall of the Church and seems to consist of old building material and debris from the Church and may contain the rest of this brass.

Luppitt Church

To the Editor of the Exeter and Plymouth Gazette.

Sir, In the report of the discussion on the Ashburton urn at the Devon Association meeting last week it was stated — "The Rev W Grainger said several small urns, like the Ashburton specimen had been found in the walls of Honiton Church." What I did say was that two such urns of a smaller size had been accidently discovered in the north wall of the Chancel of Luppitt Church.

Jars

Showcase

Restoration

It is quite possible that when the restoration is completed others will be found. About £800 have already been paid out in the restoration of the Church, and about £300 is required for its completion. May I therefore take this opportunity of saying how much we feel indebted to any kind friends and neighbours who may be disposed to give their donations for the completion of this ancient and interesting Church.

Yours truly,
G. Watts Grainger

Grainger 1876 Restoration

Luppitt Vicarage July 2nd 1876

Restoration commenced 30-7-23

1885 The Church underwent restoration in 1885-90 at a cost of £1,280. D & E. Gazette.

1905 West Country Notes 17-3-05.

Tower Lightning

Many people will regret to hear of the extensive damage which was sustained by the old parish church at Luppitt during the great storm. The church is an ancient cruciform building of

Roof

stone, and has a very fine cradle roof of oak, supported at the intersection of the transepts by massive ribs of oak, which crossing the nave

Boss

diagonally, meet in a fine boss in the centre, and form two horse shoe arches. In rebuilding the

Jars

chancel, earthen jars, said to be for accoustic purposes, and commonly placed in buildings between the 13th and 15th centuries were found in

Piscina

the walls. Remains of an early Norman piscina were also met with.

In Bodleian Library 1755 See P 212

Luppitt (Miss Breswell's typescript) Miller's Parochial Collections Circa 1755

This is built in the shape of a cross, like the church of West Teignmouth, with a broad nave

Tower Bells

and a high square tower at the west end with 5 bells. There is a gothic arch under one of the

Carew memorial

windows in the chancel but no figure or monument under it.

The entrance to the south cross is taken

Screen

up by a very curious stone monument, richly carved. On a raised tomb under a Gothic arch on a black marble stone were the figures

See VOL IV P 45 & 126

of a man and woman in brass. The body of the tomb, and the ends of it are adorned with Gothic niches in which there have been statues of saints. The Cornish (sic) above the arch is enriched with carving of vine leaves, and in

Coats of arms

the corners above ye spring of ye arch are coats of arms. That on the east side 3 lyons passant, ye arms of Carew, empaling quarterly 1st & 4th 3 creascents, 2nd & 3rd 6 mullets pierce, Bonville. On the western coat the 6 mullets empaling Carew. On the back side of the monument

corresponding to these two coats the arms of Carew in two separate shields. On the body of the tomb at the east side is a shield the coat of which is almost defaced, it seems to be ye Mohuns.

(The accompanying drawing is copied from Milles Collections, and represents the monument described. It evidently formed a stone screen accross the south transept. Portions of the vine cornice still remain in a fragmentary condition in the church. To this monument belonged the "Luppitt Brass" of which only a fragment of the lady's figure exists.)

Screen

Brass

A micro-film of Milles Parochial Collection is at D.C. Library H.Q. at Exeter. Above drawing seen 22-7-60.

See also page 212

90 D.C.C. H.Q. Exeter

1922 Newspaper cutting 20-X-22

LUPPITT

Vicars / King — The "London Gazette" contains an Order in Council which states that the King has approved the scheme of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for effecting a transfer of the ownership of the

Advowson — advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the church and cure of Luppitt

Bishop — By the scheme the right of patronage is transferred to the Bishop of Exeter for the time being.

The Church Ramble

The participants were divided into groups

Aged 1–3 years Pramblers

4–10 " Scramblers

11–65 " Ramblers

65–90 " Amblers

90 and over Gamblers