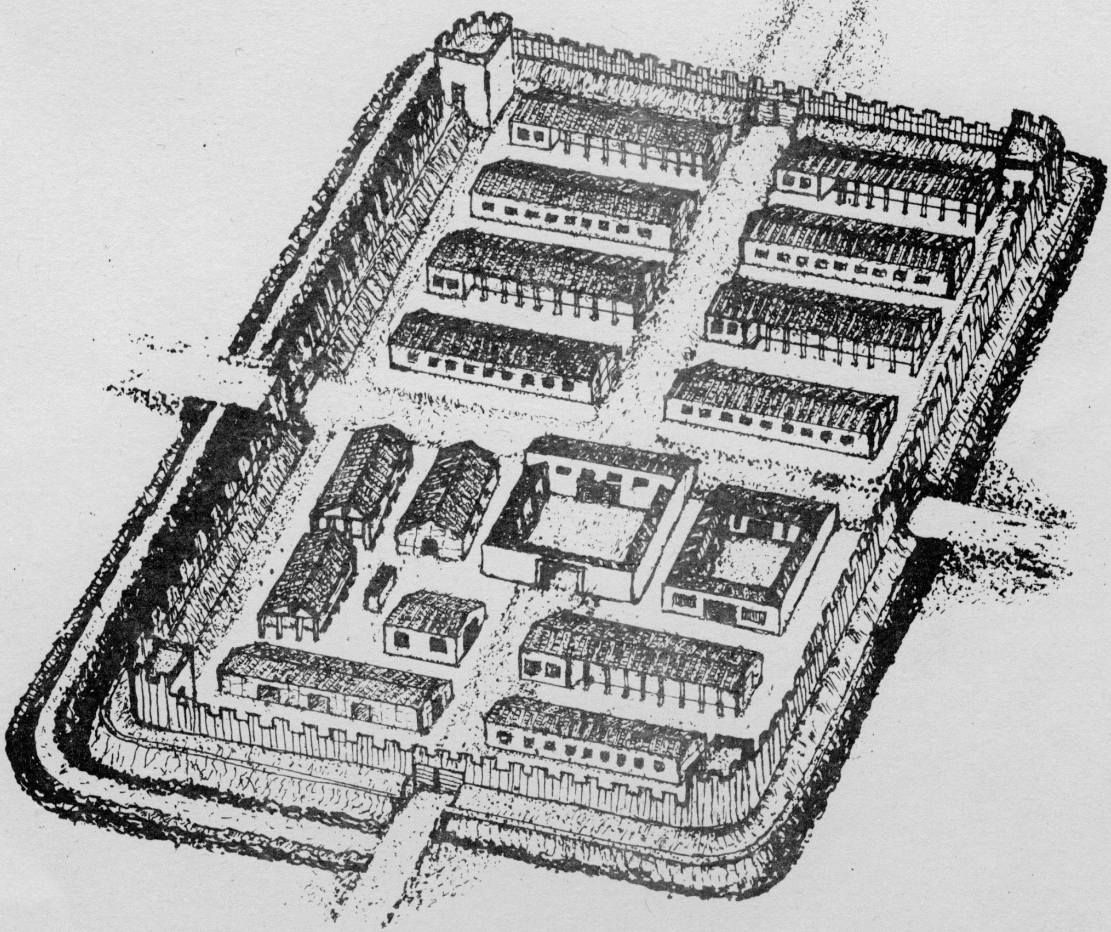


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THE ROMAN COINS OF SADDLEWORTH

Their distribution and Significance

Considering the fact that it has two Roman Forts and five miles of well-documented Roman road, it is surprising that Saddleworth has yielded only twelve Roman coins to date, plus three more from just outside the present boundary of the district (Fig. 1).

Distribution

1) Crow Knowl, Crompton

Found by Mr. G. Radford of Denshaw.

ANTONINVS PIVS (AD 138-161). Third Brass, illegible.

Was in the Tolson Museum, now lost (3).

2) Roman Forts at Castleshaw

Three silver coins were found at the forts in 1898, by F.W. Chadderton, Ammon Wrigley, Arthur Settle and Percy Winterbottom.

The coins were retained by Chadderton and are now in the Tolson Museum.

HADRIAN (AD 117-138). A.R. Denarius.

SABINA, wife of Hadrian (AD 117-138). A.R. Denarius.

LUCIVS VERVS (AD 161-169). A.R. Denarius. (3).

In May 1899 Ammon Wrigley contributed an article on Castleshaw to the Yorkshire Weekly Post in which he listed finds made up to that date.

Among these was another coin:

VESPASIAN (AD 69-79). A.R. Denarius. (2).

Castleshaw underwent extensive excavation at the beginning of the present century conducted by Samuel Andrew and Major William Lees. In their final report they gave the following list of coins:

DOSENVS L. RVBRIVS (c. 83 BC).

TRAJAN (AD 98-118). First Brass, illegible (2 off).

HADRIAN (AD 117-138). First Brass. (1).

In 1957 Manchester University began a series of excavations. Work finished in 1964 and a report was published by F.H. Thompson, in which two further coins were listed:

NERO (AD 63-68). A.R. Denarius.

REPUBLICAN Denarius - virtually illegible. (4).

Coins from the 1908-11 and the 1957-64 excavations are in the Manchester Museum.

3) Thornlee Hall, Grotton

Found in piggery by Mr. H.H. Potts c. 1875.

DOMITIAN (AD 81-96). Copper As.

Coin in private hands. (6).

4) Uppermill

Found near Ballgrove by Mr. J.F. Buckley c.1930.

PROBVS (AD 276-282). Billon Tetradrachm.

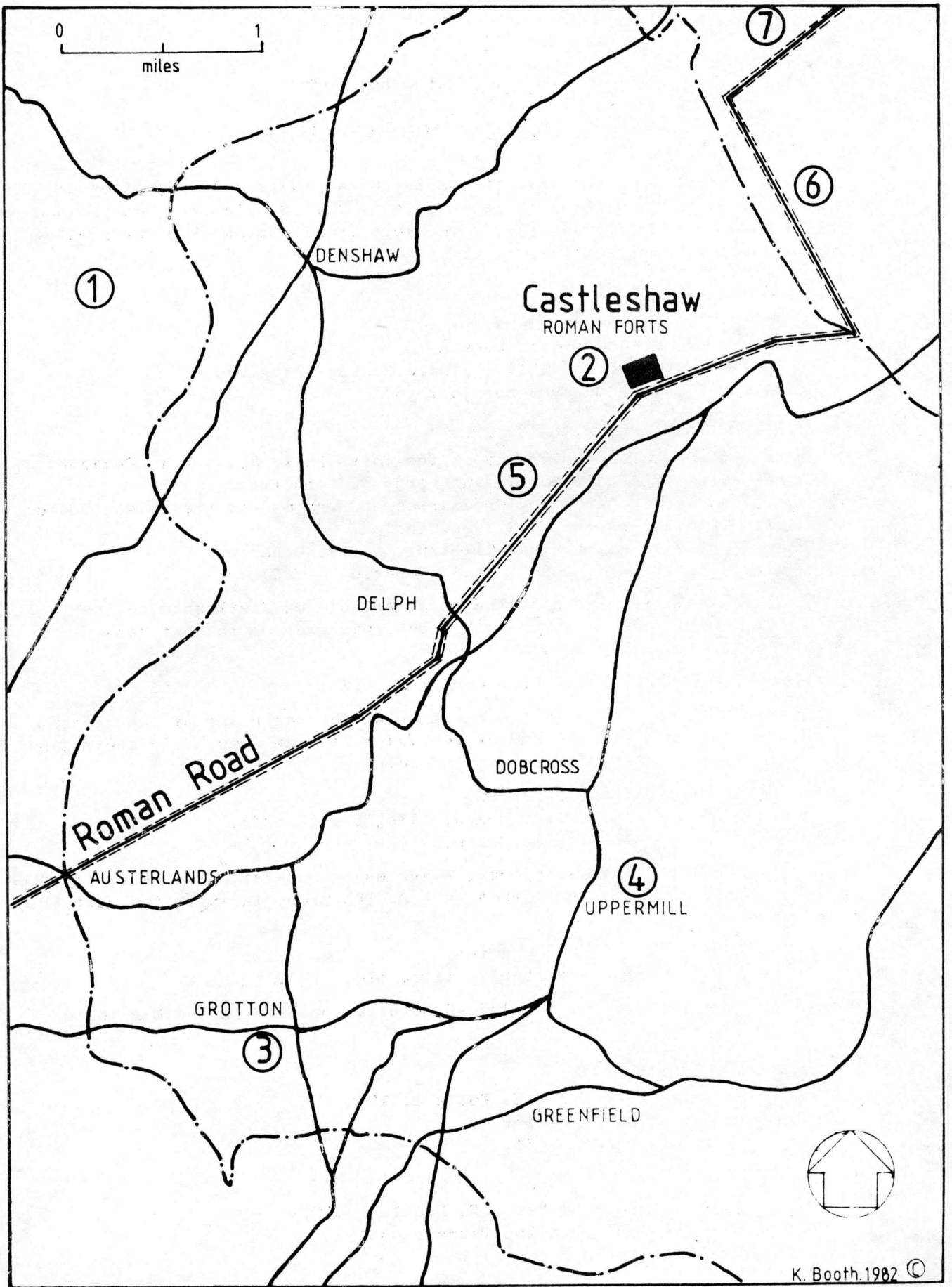
Coin in private hands.

5) Castleshaw Valley

DIOCLETIAN (AD 284-305).

Coin in the collection of the Local Interest Centre, Oldham (5).

6) Millstone Edge



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Roman Coin finds in Saddleworth.

Figure 1.

The find of a Roman coin is noted on the record sheets at Saddleworth Museum (5).

7) Lominot, Colne Valley

CARACALLA (AD 211-217). Denarius.

Coin in the Tolson Museum Collection (3).

Apart from the coins found at the forts, a number of coins have been found along the line of the Roman road from Chester to York, probably casual losses by the users of the road. The coins found at the fort generally fall into line with those found at its sister fort, Slack near Huddersfield.

Significance

The significance of the coins found along the line of the Roman road is self apparent. Those found on the site of the fort give assistance in dating and in comparison with adjacent sites. It is interesting to note that, whilst the coins found at the forts fall in generally with the presently accepted dates of occupation, three coins found at other sites in Saddleworth are of much later dates, and these might suggest casual incursions into the area long after the forts had been dismantled.

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RECENT ADDITIONS TO S.H.S. ARCHIVES

- a) Mr. P.G. Bradbury of Uppermill has kindly donated to the Society's archives a very good copy of F.A. Bruton's Second Interim Report, Excavation of the Roman Forts at Castleshaw by Samuel Andrew and Major William Lees, which was published by Manchester University in 1911.
 - b) Minutes and Account Books and other papers relating to Kiln Green School, Diggle.
 - c) Papers relating to the Saddleworth Geological Society (founded 1938).
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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

A) NEWSPAPER ITEMS CONCERNING SADDLEWORTH

GREENFIELD (or Bill's o' Jacks's) RESERVOIR (Oldham Chronicle, April 30, 1898).

... Just commenced construction to supplement Yeoman Hey Reservoir. The contract was let in 1897 to Messrs. Naylor Bros, estimated cost £39,000 - £40,000. 150 men are at work. Puddling clay has been found near Dovestone Wood. The clay for the reservoir in the course of construction in the Wessenden Valley, Marsden, is being fetched all the way from Micklehurst, and it is the same bed which has been found to extend to Dovestone Wood. A light railway is being laid along the valley to the clay bed ... 12 huts have been erected for the accommodation of the workmen who do not reside in Greenfield or the surrounding villages ... and a larger wooden building forms a Mission Room connected with the Navy Mission. Here Sunday Services and a School are held, and on week nights there is a free Reading Room. Messrs. Naylor built the place at their own expense, and gave a grant of £10 a year to the Mission ... At the present time a relay of men are engaged in laying a railway to the Binn Green Quarry, situated near to the entrance of the Waterworks Committee's land ... Two miles of narrow gauge railway expedite the carrying of material to the different points.

NEW BRIDGE AT UPPERMILL (Oldham Chronicle, Oct. 22, 1898).

The new bridge at Uppermill (near St. Chad's) has been opened by Mr. G.R. Shaw of St. Chad's. It replaces the old narrow arched bridge which had made such a bottle neck. Cost £1,400. The new bridge would also serve to alleviate the flood danger, such as that experienced in 1872.

(Oldham Chronicle, Jan. 28, 1899).

The capacity of the new bridge at Uppermill was fully tested last Saturday when there was such a heavy downpour of rain. The river rose to an alarming level and but for the new structure the upper parts of the district would have been flooded.

NEW PUBLIC HOUSE AT DELPH (Oldham Chronicle, Sept. 30, 1899).

Strong opposition to proposed new public house at Delph. Messrs. Gartside of Ashton want to build a new hotel between the Bell Arch and the Sound, and to give up licences to the Pack Horse and to the Preston Arms Inn, Diggle. Licence not granted.

DELPH FLOOD, 1886 (Oldham Express, July 31, 1886)

The weather which burst over the country of Sunday evening visited the top end of Saddleworth with almost unprecedented violence, the great flood of 1872 being an exception, as the water at Delph rose about 30 inches higher than that on the present occasion. Had the rain continued another hour great destruction of property would have resulted. Considering the brief time of the downfall, the rise of the stream from Denshaw was most extraordinary. At the Rose and Crown Inn the usual appliance for preventing water getting into the house could not be fixed, and to prevent the flood from wrecking the house the doors were closed, and a numerous company, many of whom were Irish harvesters, were put to great inconvenience. Barrels were floated from the stillages, and the water speedily extinguished the fires, reaching to the height of the top bars. The scene had its ludicrous aspect, as the company were standing on tables and chairs, but one individual opened the sash and got out on to the front flags, and, standing up to the

middle in water, he coolly stood there smoking with his head through the window, and told the Hibernians that they would sure to be drowned. The congregation at the Wesleyan Chapel and the Mission Church were also compelled to remain inside till the storm abated.

After the storm Mr. Charles Winterbottom discovered that his celebrated flat boat, "The Delph Will", had shifted its moorings, and was laid high and dry a considerable distance down the stream. For during building operations this boat had been sunk near the bridge and filled with stones, but, notwithstanding, was carried away. The houses at Sodom were all flooded to a considerable depth ... Below Delph, nearly as far as Tamewater, the meadows and the cricket field were submerged ... At Uppermill and Greenfield the water was confined within the banks of the River Tame.

DELPH CHRISTIANS (Oldham Chronicle, Sept. 4, 1886).

Letter to the Editor,

Are the inhabitants of Delph a worse set of Christians than those of other places? It would almost seem that they are, for Sunday after Sunday they are constantly being preached at by fiery spouters who have more zeal than discretion, and more noise on their tongues than wisdom in their minds or charity in their hearts. Last Sunday afternoon and evening the conduct of these fanatics was something shameful. They commenced their howlings in the main street of the village, and preached away at the top of their voices for hours, just as though people were deaf ... The Salvation Army I exclude because beyond their march-out, they confine their religious services indoors. But the teetotallers, and a new body of gospel-grinders from Manchester, known as the City Mission -- why, Sir, their conduct was simply a scandal and a disgrace. Three policemen had to be present to make way for respectable persons who wanted to go to Church or Chapel ... What have the people of Delph done -- what dreadful sins have they committed, over and beyond those of Uppermill and Dobcross, that they, every Sunday, should be howled at in such a disgraceful manner? ... Why ought these people to come missioning among us, just as if we were heather Africans from Timbuctoo?

An Indignant Ratepayer.

HIGHWAY ROBBERS (Manchester Guardian, Nov. 3, 1821)

A correspondent of the Leeds Mercury at Delph, Saddleworth, says ... There is scarcely a week passes but there are robberies committed upon Standedge (on the road from this town to Leeds). It is not for want, if the robbers are natives, as there is scarcely an individual but what is in full employment.

B) ITEM FROM HEWKIN COLLECTION (Mss 59)

Uppermill Library.

LOYALISTS AND CONSTITUTIONALISTS MEETING

On January 3rd, 1793. Saddleworth Church Loyal and Constitutional Meeting. A large attendance, upward of 100 persons were present, most of them were freeholders of the parish. Rev. Charles Zouch in the Chair, to consider the best method of manifesting our Loyalty and Affection for the King and Constitution of this Kingdom, to shew our abhorrence of the Inflammatory Doctrines of Levellers and Republicans insidiously circulated amongst us.

Many Resolutions were passed and a Committee of Gentlemen formed, viz:-

Rev. Charles Zouch, Saddleworth
Rev. John Buckley, Heights
Mr. James Harrop, Grasscroft

Rev. Thomas Seddon, Lydgate
Rev. Miles Wrigley, Dobcross
Mr. John Radcliffe, Stonebreaks

Mr. Henry Buckley, Grasscroft
Mr. Samuel Bottomley, Church
Mr. John Roberts, Linfitts
Mr. Thomas Shaw, New Barn
Mr. Buckley, Thurston Clough
Mr. George Bentley, Boarshurst
Mr. John Harrop, Dobsross

Mr. John Whitehead, Quick Edge
Mr. Giles Shaw, Jr., Fur Lane
Mr. James Buckley, Linfitts
Mr. John Mills, Millcroft
Mr. Harrop, Tamewater
Mr. Robert Buckley, Boarshurst

Resolved - That the Chairman returns personal thanks to the Rev. Noah Blackburne, the Minister of the Dissenting Meeting House at Delph, for the very unequivocal manner in which he has expressed the general Sentiment of himself and his Congregation by a Letter addressed to the Chairman of this meeting in favour of the Constitution of this Country, consisting of King, Lords and Commons. They afterwards adjourned to a Dinner when the following among other toasts were drunk:

"May the fingers of the Scribblers of Paine's principles be infected with a contagion of physical virulence. The impartial jury who were not to be influenced by the sublimest eloquence from doing justice to their country in finding Tom Paine guilty of a Libel on the Constitution. May the Republicans and Levellers who are driven back into their dens from the cry of loyalty throughout the Kingdom be snapped by their necks when they presume again to peep out of their holes".

Bernard Barnes.

C) ORAL INFORMATION

RIVER CROSSING IN UPPERMILL

With regard to the original crossing of the river in Uppermill before the first bridge was built, an old lady, Mrs. Schofield, who has lived here for 90 years, told me once that the original ford was at the end of School Street, which is the continuation of Moorgate. The site is now obscured by garages, but there used to be paving down to the water (c.1950). The road, no doubt, went on towards Carr Barn before the tipping occurred on the far bank.

Eric Watson.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

My attention was drawn to the existence of your Society by my father's cousin, Sam Seville.

My family, the Slaters, have been connected with Lower Tunstead Farm for many years. I have a family Will which refers to the land at Saddleworth in the early 1700s, and I have a friend, Alice Winterbottom, who used to live at Upper Tunstead Farm, who well remembers old Sam Slater who had only one eye and fell into the brook and was drowned near the mill wheel when he was in his eighties.

My direct ancestor, Moses Slater and his family, were based at Broad Carr Farm near Hartshead Pike, and were married into the Mayall family who owned the next farm, now the Collier's Arms, a very nice inn.

My grandmother was a Wood. Her grandfather was Joseph Wood who was for many years the chief coffin maker at Delph, and did much of the woodwork in Saddleworth Church, St. Chad's. He has a fine tomb in the Lower Yard, below the tower, as befits a coffin maker. His mother was Sallie Wood, but his father was not known. My grand mother told me the tale that Sallie was a barmaid at the Floating Light, and one cold winter's night a single traveller, who gave the name of Lord Wittington, came for rest and refreshment. He was claimed to be the father of Joseph.

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(Dr.) Lucy Joan Slater.

THE STUDY OF FIELD NAMES

Every field bears a name of its own, and many of these are of considerable antiquity. But compared with the names of settlements, there are fewer documents to provide convenient sources for their study. This partly accounts for field names being less permanent than place names. The study of field names has arisen partly out of an interest in the names for their own sakes, but more importantly for the sake of the conclusions that can be drawn from them. Many names indicate aspects of the agrarian part of the locality, crops grown centuries ago, changes in the use of the land, and, in certain parts of the country, the layout of former open fields. Field names have often provided on a more mundane level a supply of ready-made street names when the land was built on, a few local examples including Annisfield Avenue (Greenfield), Lee Street, Wellmeadow Lane and Springmeadow Lane (Uppermill) and Armit Road (Grasscroft).

As with place names, it cannot be repeated too often that modern forms of names are not a reliable basis for explanation: early forms must be hunted out. Most of the examples mentioned here are eighteenth century names or earlier, although a few early nineteenth century examples have been included, a major source of information being the Saddleworth references in the Registry of Deeds at Wakefield. The list given below is by no means exclusive - many more interesting and significant examples are likely to be discovered, while many self-explanatory names have been omitted.

The names can be grouped into several categories (1):

Size: e.g. little, great, etc.

Direction: e.g. at the door, below the house, tween, further, nearer, overthwart, higher, lower, middle, lowmost, etc.

Shape: e.g. long, round, crooked, broad, etc.

Type and colour of soil: e.g. black, clay, clod, etc.

Fertility and profitability of the land: e.g. stony, poverty, sour, etc.

Topographical features: e.g. knowl, scout, wham, carr, etc.

Type of cultivation, farming practices: e.g. dole, limed, marled, mean, intake, pasture, field, etc.

Crops: e.g. barley, rye, wheat, etc.

Wild plants, trees: e.g. rushy, bent, cranberry, gorse, hollins, etc.

Farm animals: e.g. bull, cow, calf, sheep, etc.

Wild Animals: e.g. badger, hare, etc.

Buildings: e.g. cote, hestead, etc.

Roads, bridges: e.g. lane, gate, etc.

Name of owner: e.g. Bradshaw Lands (Wellihole)

Trade of owner: none so far found in Saddleworth.

Person maintained by field: e.g. nun, priest.

Value: none so far identified in Saddleworth.

Possible archaeological feature: e.g. low.

Arbitrary name: many possibilities.

Land on boundary: butt, etc.

Industrial use: e.g. salt, tenter, mill, kiln, stonepit, millstone, etc.

A LIST OF SOME SADDLEWORTH FIELD NAMES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Possible meaning</u> (OE = Anglo-Saxon ON = Scandinavian ME = Middle English)	<u>Example</u> (name of estate)
Acker	a plot of arable land (OE aecer, ON akr)	Deanhead, Hollingreave, Wallhill, Saddleworth Fold
Annis	personal name ?	Boarshurst

Armetroide (Armitroyd)	ME ermite (hermit)	Grasscroft
Artwark (Artwart)	OE royd (clearing in a wood)	
Backstone	See overthwart	
	field where shale for bake- stones dug, or where bakestones made	Harrop Green, Delph.
Badger		Delph.
Baiting	a pasture (ON beiting) (summer pasture?)	Castleshaw (later corrupted to Bedding).
Bardsley Wives		Saddleworth Fold.
Barley	?	Wellihole, Lee Cross, Old Tame, Whitelee, Cloughbottom, Boarshurst, Quickwood, Lanehead.
Bauk (Bouk or Balk)	unploughed boundary land (possibly in an open field)	Broadhead, Wallhill, Tamewater, Wood, Harrop Green, Knott Hill.
Bent	land on which bent grass grew	Cloughbottom, Lydgate, Grotton Head, Clerks, Shaw Hall, Thurstone, Knott Hill, Quick, Grasscroft, Boars- hurst, Standedge Foot.
Binn	?manger or stall (OE binn) ?hollow (OE bing)	Fur Lane
Birches	land on which birch trees grew	Frenches, Woolroad, Cross
Black (Blake)	black land or land with dark soils or vegetation	Linfitts, Brun, Stonebreaks, Newhouses, Delph, Castleshaw, Bcars- hurst, Bridgehouse.
Boult		Whitelee.
Bradshaw	name of owner	Wellihole.
Brier	land on which briers grew	Knarr.
Brink	edge of bank (ME brinke)	Knowle.
Broom	land on which broom grew	Fur Lane.
Brown		Stonebreaks, Shaw Hall.
Bull		Denshaw, Burnedge.
Burn	brown (OE brun)	Gatehead.
Butt (Butts)	generally land forming irregularly-shaped end piece of common field; a few may be land used for archery	Broadmeadow, Deanhead. Warrock Hill, Brimmy Croft, Carrcote, Thurstone, Wall Hill, Davids Smithy, Yew Tree, Hollin Bank, Old Tame, Saddleworth Fold, Tamewater, Gatehead.
By-Flood		Quickwood.
Calf	land on which calves were kept	Quick, Knarr, Stones, Cloughbottom, Hawk- yard, Hollingreave, Denshaw, Shaws,

Carpet		Harrop, Lydgate, Shaw Hall, Sunfield
Carr	wet ground where brushwood grows (ON knarr)	Roebucklow Pinfold, Lanehead, Arthurs, Tye Top
Carrier Lowe	Carrier ? Lowe see below	Waterhead
Church		Cloughbottom, Clerks Deanhead, Yewtree, Hollin Bank, New Tame, Stones.
Clay	land with clayey soil	Summerhill (Denshaw)
Cloath's Hedge	hedge where cloth spread to dry	Crowshawbent, Summerhill, Tamewater, Hill End, Marshlands, Lanehead, Shaw Hall
Clod	lump of earth i.e. land with lumpy soil (OE clodd)	Boarshurst, Phillips Hollins, Quick, Knowl Top
Clough	steep sided valley (OE cloh)	Cloughbottom
Cock	? woodcock territory	Knott Hill
Coiting	? hut (OE cot)	
Coll	? coal (OE col) ? cool (OE col) ? hollow (OE cole)	Claytons
Coppy (Copy)	? hill top (OE cop)	Quick
Cork		Brun, Lydgate, Delph, New Tame, Cloughbottom, Knott Hill, Bank Gap, Lanehead, Linfitts, Old Tame, Wall Hill, White Lee, Harrop, Knowl Top, Woolroad
Cote	land with or near a cottage (OE cot)	Lanehead, Grange, Linfitts, Doctor House
Cow		Gatehead (Crindal Carr)
Crindal	? a circle (bend in river) (ON kringla) ? twisted, crooked (ON cringol)	Very common
Croft	small enclosed field (cultivated by hand and not by plough)	
Cranberry	field where cranberries grew	Delph Slack, Saddleworth Fold, Yew Tree, Newhouses Halls (Daft Royd)
Daft	possibly a complimentary name since original sense of word was mild, gentle (OE)	
Dagger	?	Grotton Head
Dairy		Carr
Dan	?	Shaws (Dan Royd)
Daub	?	Boarshurst, Linfitts, Crompton Cottage
Day	?	Castleshaw
Deanish	? valley (OE denu)	Knott Hill
Dial	? see dole	Cross Keys (Uppermill)
Dickey	?	Grotton Head
Dock		Cloughbottom (Dockcroft)
Dodge	?	Wellihole (Dodgehole)
Dole	share of common land (ME)	Furlane, Gatehead, Shaws, Saddleworth Fold
Eller	land where alders grew (ME eller)	Shaw Hall.
Ermetroyd	See Armetroide	Grasscroft

Eye	? river (OE ea) ? island or well watered land (OE eġ)	Shaws (Eye Bridge)
Falgh (Faugh, Fough)	ploughed land (OE falg) later fallow land	Linfitts, Yew Tree, Rye Top, Hr. Kinders, Midgreave, Phillips Sandbed (Fearnly Bent)
Fearnly	land covered with ferns (OE)	Knott Hill
Fearnley	? as fearnly	Stonebreaks, Runninghill.
Fir	land with fir trees	Castleshaw, Yewtree, Shaw Hall, Brownhill
Flatt	level piece of ground or land enclosed from a division of common field (ON)	
Fleak	?	Summerhill, Grange
Free Will		Wickens
Frosty		Boarshurst
Fryer	? belonging to the monks	Thurstone (Fryer Ing)
Furr	? land on which gorse grew (OE fyrs)	Stones, Woodhouse
Garth	enclosure (usually beside a house) (ON)	Brun
Geld	tax, payment (OE geld)	Wallhill (The Geldroyd)
Gell	?? narrow ravine or narrow lane (ON geil)	Thurnstons (Gellfield)
Gib	?	Quickwood (Gib Knowl)
Gindle	?	Pinfold
Gorsey	land abounding in gorse (OE gorst)	Hollingreave, Quick Edge, Wall Hill, Warlow Clough, Wickens, Wood Hill Top (Gratis Intake)
Gratis	? free (Latin)	Gatehead
Greave	grove, copse (OE graefe)	Deanhead, Denshaw, Quickwood, Old Tame, Wellihole
Haddon (Haddens)	heather hill (OE haed) (OE dun)	Grasscroft
Haigh	hedge, enclosure (OE haga) (or see Hough)	Castleshaw
Hall		Harrop Green
Harry		(Harry Lee)
Hare		Bridgehouse, Shaws
Hen		Cloughbottom, Shaw Whitelee Hall. New Tame, Old Tame
Hoarest (Horest)	?	
Hodge	?	Stonebreaks (Hodge Bank)
Hollins (Hollin, Hollings)	land on which holly grew (OE holegn)	New Tame, Old Tame, Gatehead, Knott Hill, Boarshurst, Cloughbottom
Hollow		Lanehead
Holme	higher dry ground amid marsh or water meadow (ON holmr)	Bank Gap, Garners, Linfitts, Gatehead, Woolroad, Boarshurst, Denshaw, Carr Cote, New Tame, Holling Hey, Tamewater
Holt	land with or near a small wood or thicket (OE holt)	Bank Gap

Hough (Haugh)	? nook of land or piece piece of riverside land (OE halh) ? spur (OE hoh) ? see Haigh	Loadhill, Thurstons, Lane
Horsefall How	? hill, mound (e.g. burial mound (ON haugr) ? see Hough	Lanehead (The Horsefall) Castleshaw, Shaw Hall, Grasscroft
Hull	?	Grange
Hurst	hillock, copse, woody hillock (OE hyrst)	Claytons, Lanehead
Hustead	house site (OE hus OE stede)	Husteads, Quick, Claytons
Inkle	?	Quick (Inklebottom)
Intake (Intack)	land taken in or enclosed	Very common
John Wife of Green		Lee Cross (John Wife of Green Intake)
Jumble	?	Wickens
Kenworthy		Quick, Lydgate
Kiln	corn drying? lime?	Castleshaw, Tamewater, Boarshurst, Halls, Knarr, Brownhill, Quick- wood, Sunfield, Harrop, Shelderslow, Woolroad, Grotton Road, Dobcross Shaws, Slackhead, Castleshaw, Thorns's, Saddleworth Fold Brownhill, Runninghill Lanehead Knarr Sandbed
Laighton	?	Tamewater
Lamb		Hollins (Leybutts)
Langfield	long field (OE lang)	Crowshawbent, Brimmy
Last Shift		Croft, Quickwood, Ramsclough, Brun, Carr, Cabin, Old Hey, Newhouses, Summerhill, Grasscroft, Midgreave
Laughter	? complimentary name for productive land	Waterhead, (Carrier Lowe) Grasscroft (Pikelow) Linfitts (Round Lowks)
Laighton	?	
Ley	untilled land (OE)	
Limed	land to which lime has been applied (to neutralise acidity)	
Lowe (Low)	mound, hill, (especially burial mound) (OE hlaw)	
Lowks (Louke)	? gatherer of stones (dialect)	
Mag	?	Tamewater, Wallhill (Maghey)
Margaret		Gibbs
Marled	land on which marl was spread (marl consists of calcareous clay and was spread on sandy or acid soils)	Very common in forms Marled Earth, Marl Hole, Marled Pit Earth, Marlfield.
Marsh		Diglee
Mean	land held in common (OE gemaene)	Diglee, Boarshurst, Low Bank, New Tame, Wood Newhouses
Mearstone	boundary stone (OE)	Bentleys, Knowle
Meat		Common, but occurs as Middings (Linfitts), Midlings (Denshaw), Middlemost (Greenfield)
Mid (Middle)		

Milking		Standedge Foot, Midgreave, Strines, Carr, Lowbrook Manns, Uppermill Phillips Mytholm
Mill		
Millstone		
Mincey (Minsey)	? land owned by nuns (OE myncen)	
Moses		Cloughbottom (Moses Meadow)
Nab	projecting hill (ON nabbr)	Ambroses
Nettle		Ridge, Harrop Cote
New	land newly taken into cultivation or newly enclosed	Brimmy Croft, Broadhead, Intake, Brun, Grasscroft, Lanehead, Quickwood Denshaw, Lee Cross Diglee (Nunn Ing), (Nun Ing, Nun Head)
Nunn	? land owned or used by a religious community of women (OE nunne)	
Nut	land with nut trees (OE hnuta)	Hollins
Oak		Gatehead
Oliver		Sunfield
Ormer	? personal name (ON)	Old Hey (Ormer Bank)
Overnow	? intake (dialect ovenam)	Hill Top
Overthwart (Othwart, Outhward, Artwark, Artwart)	field lying at right angles to another (OE, ON athwart, overwart)	Bridgehouse, Boars- hurst, Saddleworth Fold
Owlers	land on which alder trees grew (OE alor)	Shaw Hall, Garners, Knott Hill, Davids Smithy, Bank Top, Arthurs
Oxspittle	?	Delph
Panstail	? pan shaped (OE panne)	Moorcroft Wood
Parchmouth	?	Manns
Park		Cloughbottom, Diglee, Grasscroft
Pepper	?? reference to nominal rent or plant name (field pepperwort)	Wall Hill (Pepper Butt)
Pickhill	small piece of land (ME pichel)	Thorns's, Uppermill
Pike	pointed piece of land (OE pic)	Knarr (Calf Pickle)
Pike	pointed piece of land (OE pic)	Grasscroft, (Pikelow)
Pilling		Dungebooth (Pilling Field)
Pingle (Pingot, Pingard Pingold)	small piece of land (ME Pingel)	Denshaw, Holling Hey, Moorcroft, Slackhead, Sandbed, Boarshurst, Bridgehouse, Claytons, Sunfield, Delph, Saddleworth Fold, Wall Hill.
Pophas	?	Greenfield
Poverty		Burnedge Bent
Priest	land owned by a priest	Wall Hill
Push Plowed	land from which the turf was pared and burnt	Denshaw (Push Plowed Field)
Quick Row	hawthorn hedge (OE cwic)	Thorns's
Rake		Woolroad
Rails	?	Heathfields

Ramsbottom		Halls
Rawgreaves		Shaw Hall
Reap	?	White Lee
Redmires	mire, bog (ON myrr)	Clerks, Denshaw
Ridd	? as Ridding	Knarr, Tamewater
Ridding	cleared land (OE ryding)	Broadhead, Grange,
(Riddings)		Lanehead, New Tame,
		Woodhouse, Denshaw,
		Thurstons, Shaw Hall,
		Grasscroft
Rindle	? small ring (OE hringel)	Lowbrook
Roan	? thicket (ME rone)	Grange
(Roans)		
Rood	land having an area of	Grotton Head, Tamewater
	about $\frac{1}{4}$ acre (OE rod)	Hollingsgreave
Rovings	?	Grotton Head
Royd	clearing in a wood	Boarshurst (Snipe Road),
(Road)	(dialect of OE rod)	Cross (Button Road),
		Lanehead (Wood Road),
		Shaws (Dan Road), Harrop
		Green (Strike Road)
		Wellihole (Smart Road)
		Tamewater (Rumble Carr)
Rumble	? empty or unoccupied land	
	(OE rum)	
Rushy	land abounding in rushes	Shelderslow, Marled Earth
	(put to various domestic	Nook, Peters, Sandbed,
	uses, e.g. illumination,	Kinders, Uppermill, Stone-
	floor coverings, chair	breaks, Frenches, Roundhill,
	seats etc)	Warrock Hill Foot,
		Cloughbottom, Arthurs
		Furlane, Cherry Clough,
Rye		Delph, Tamewater, Shaw
		Hall, Rye Top, Hollin-
		greave, Warrock Hill
		Grasscroft, Hanson House
		Old Tame
		Lydgate
Salterbinns	? salt hollow (OE bing)	Shaw Hall Bank
Scout	cliff (ON skuti)	Broadhead, Deanhead,
Sevenacre		Marslands
Shawl	? as Shore	Delph, Lane, Uppermill,
Sheep		Wellihole, Woolroad,
		Back o' th' Lee
Shore	? river bank (OE scor)	Quick
	? small wood (OE sceaga)	Boarshurst, Halls,
		Hawkyard, Linfitts,
Shortley	?	Uppermill, New Barn,
Shrogg	brushwood (ME shrogg)	Quickwood, Hollins,
		Lanehead
		Tamewater (The Shutt),
Shutt	?? name alluding to the shot	Claytons (Far Long Shutt
	or block of strips or selions	& Near Long Shutt),
	constituting the main division	Lanehead (Hollin Shutt)
	of field under open-field	
	system.	
Slack	small shallow valley or marshy	Primrose, Crowshawbent,
	hollow (ON slakki)	Stones, Grotton Head,
		Longhouse
Slade	land in a (marshy) valley	Cross, Quick, Bridgehouse,
	(OE slaed)	Sandbed, Wallhill
Slate		Brownhill, Newhouses

Smart		Wellihole (Smart Road)
Smithy		Stones (Smithy Croft)
Snape	? marshy land (OE snaep) ? pasture (winter pasture?) (ME snaep)	Scouthead
Snipe	? as Snape	Boarshurst (Snipe Road)
Solts	?	Delph (Great Solts & Solts Clough)
Sour		Lanehead (Sour Field)
Sown		Platt Lane (Sown Field)
Sparr	? spar, rafter (reference to wooded land? (OE spearr))	Lanehead
Spout	? gutter (ME spout) ? small piece of land (OE spott, ON spotti)	Brown Rough, Knarr, Yew Tree, Old Tame, Newhouses (Cranberry Spout)
Stannery	? stoney land	Furlane, Greenfield
Steel	?	Yewtree (Steel Butts)
Stirk		New Tame (Stirkhey)
Stone		Claytons, Bridgehouse, Gatehead, Slackhead (Stoney Laighton), Brownhill
(Stoney)		
Stonepit		Midgreave, Harrop Cote, Ridge, Shaw Hall, Warrock Hill Foot
Stork	? drained land (ON stork)	Thurstons
Stove		Quick
Strike	?	Harrop Green (Strike Road)
Stubbing	land with tree stumps (OE stubb)	Quickwood, Knowl Top
Sun	land facing the sun	Saddleworth Fold (The Sunbarn)
Tailor		Boarshurst, Old Tame, Newhouses
Tenter	field with tenter frames for stretching cloth	Very common. e.g. Castleshaw, Grasscroft, Woolroad, Sandbed, Ridge, Marslands, Haddens, Harrop, Kinders, Quickwood, Shaw Hall, Delph, Abels, Arthurs, Wellihole, Frenches, Boarshurst
Thick Three Lands	?	Quickwood
Thistle		Cloughbottom, Butterhouse
Thorp	? farm, croft (ON)	Lydgate (The Thorp)
Tolish	?	Knott Hill (Tolish Meadow)
Tongue Sharp	? projecting piece of land (OE tang)	Thurstons
Trimble	?	Lowbrook (Trimble Hill), Gatehead (Trimble Carr)
Turfpit	land containing or near to peat beds (OE turf)	Brimmycroft, Cherry Clough, Ramsclough, Lanehead

Turn	circular piece of land (OE trun)	Delph (Turn Field)
Turney Bank	? as Turn	Linfitts
Tween	land between	Strines (Tween Field)
Walker	?? land on which fulling took place	Clerks (Walker Croft)
Wall		Grange, Gatehead, Lanehead
Warth	streamside land (OE waroa)	Hill End, Wellihole, Harrop Green
Watered		Lydgate (Watered Meadow)
Well	land by or with a well or spring (OE wella)	Runninghill, Newhouses Brown Rough, Grange, Lanehead, New Tame, Saddleworth Fold
Wet		Cross (Wet Earth)
Whams (Wams)	small valley or marshy hollow (ON hvammr)	Grotton Head, Bank Top, Primrose
Wheat		Denshaw, Lanehead, Wood, Gibbs, Halls, Grasscroft
Wheels	?	Arthurs
White		Lydgate, Denshaw
Whorestones	?	Diglee
Wicken	land with rowan trees (OE cwicen)	White Lee, Shaws, Runninghill
Wife		Phillips (Old Wives Field)
Wimberlee	?	Knowle
Widow	? dower land	Grotton Head
Will	?	Hollingreave, Rye Top
Wool Wall	field containing wall on which wool or cloth dried	Thurstons
Worth	See Warth	Wellihole

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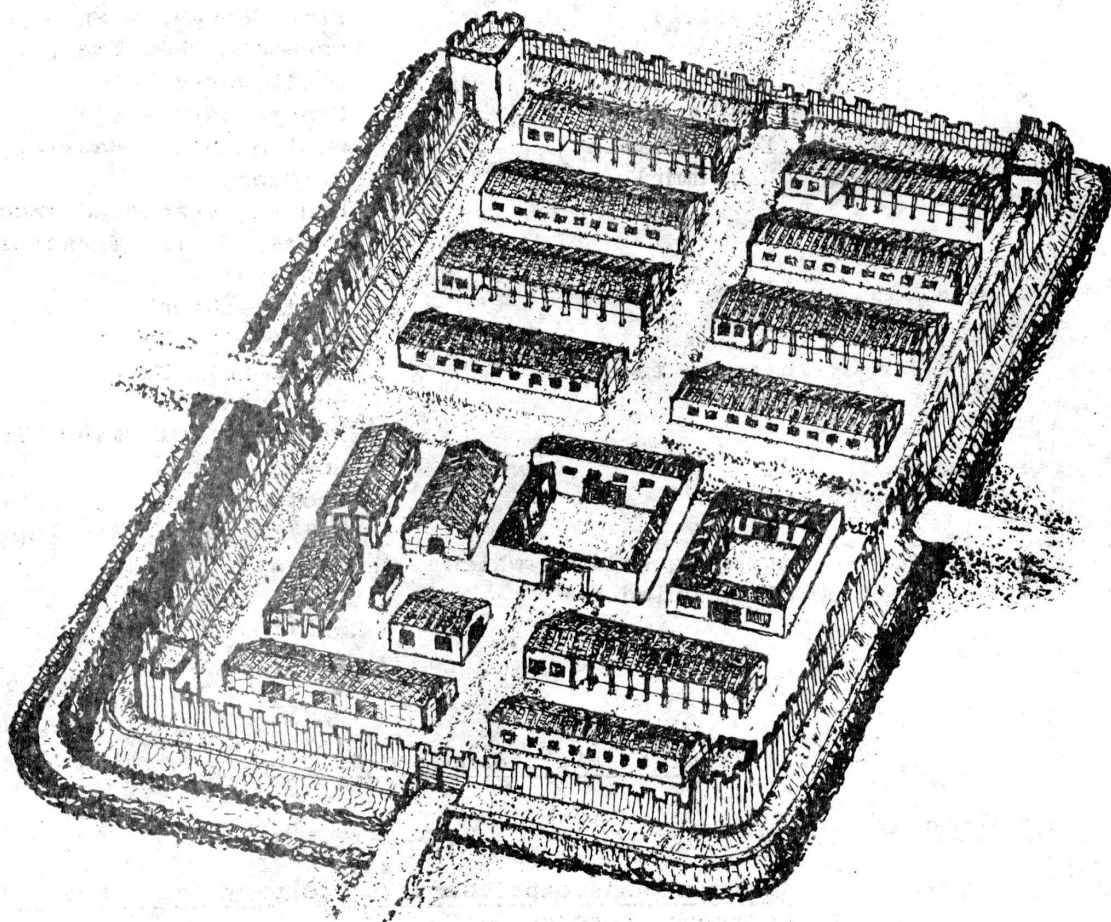
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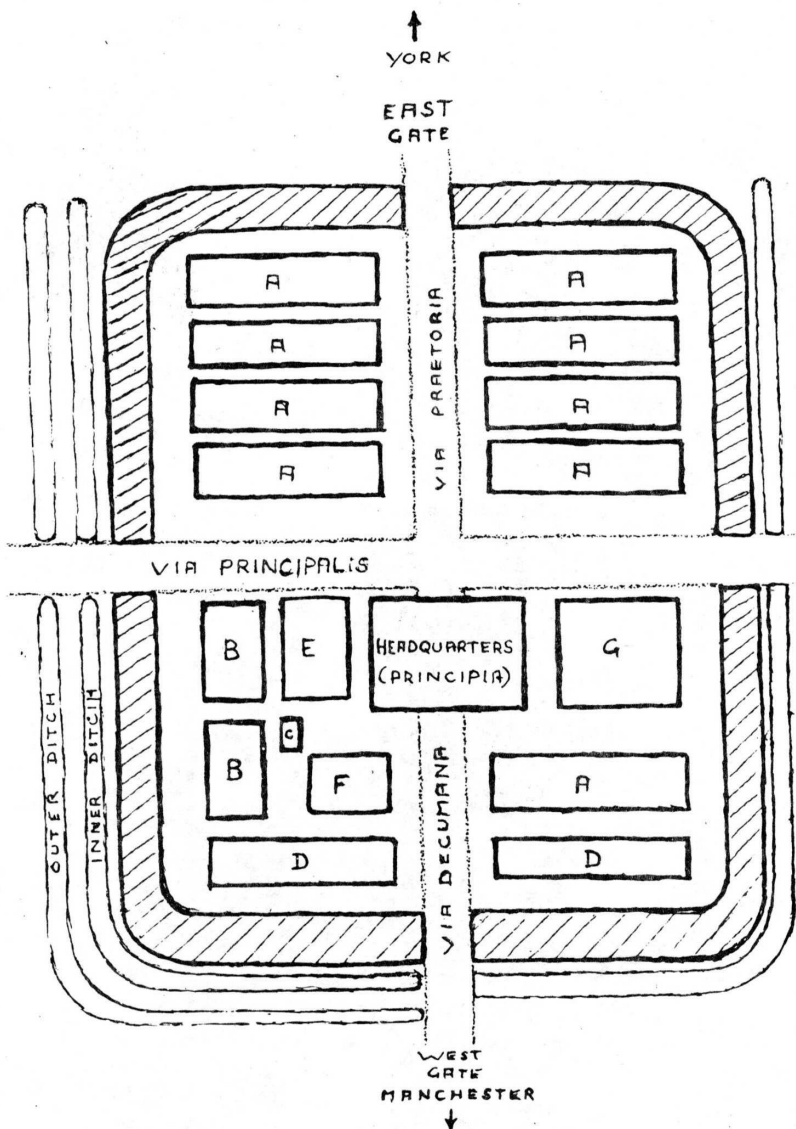
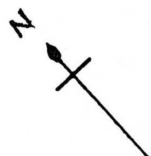
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The Roman fort at Castleshaw as it may have appeared in AD 85 - a conjectural reconstruction based on excavations carried out by F.H. Thompson and others, 1957-64.

Situated on the edge of the Standedge Moors, it is an auxiliary fort of Agricola's foundation, approximately 2½ acres in size. The ramparts were built from turf and the buildings appeared to be almost entirely of timber construction which would probably be dismantled when the fort was abandoned soon after AD 90 (possibly because of the advance into Scotland). The fort was capable of holding a garrison of 500 auxiliary soldiers. This may have been a Cohors Equitata (infantry with cavalry attached). About the year AD 100 a second but much smaller fort was built on the same site.



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|-----|-------------------------|----------------|
| KEY | A -- Barracks | B -- Granaries |
| | C -- Well | D -- Stables |
| | E -- Stores | F -- Workshop |
| | G -- Commandant's House | |

Ditches: two V-shaped ditches were located on the north-west, a single ditch on the south-west. There was no evidence of a ditch on the north-east side, possibly because of the marshy nature of the ground.

Cohors Equitata: a cohort comprising six centuries of 60 men and four turmae of 30 cavalry, making a total strength of 480.

A selection of flint artefacts from the H.S. Bacon Collection
(Saddleworth Museum)

All found on local moorlands. Drawn at actual size.

Fig. 1 Barbed and tanged arrowheads; Bronze Age. Exact provenance unknown.

Fig. 2 Flint saw (fragment); Mesolithic. Found on Standedge, 1963.

Fig. 3 Leaf-shaped arrowheads; Neolithic. Exact provenance unknown.

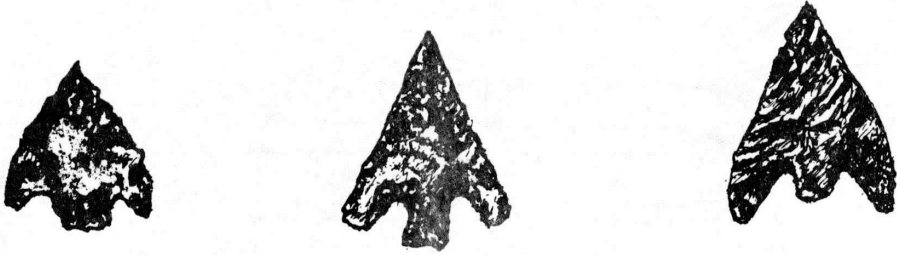


Fig. 1



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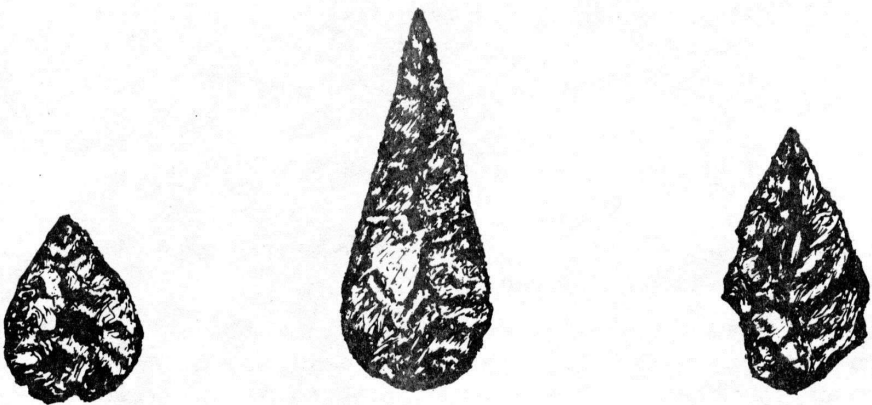


Fig. 3

Alec Schofield

OLD SADDLEWORTH

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HOLLIN HALL

Grid Reference: SD 981041

Location: Set in grounds on south side of railway line, with entrance on Armit Road, Grasscroft. Also has bridge across railway (occupation road). 530 feet above sea level.

Description: The original Hollin Hall was taken down when the railway was constructed in 1849. The present building is a typical Victorian, stone-built mansion, with stables, coach-house, outbuildings.

History:

1724 May 31. Timothy son of James Shaw clothier and Ann his wife of Hollin Hall christened. Their daughter Martha was christened Apr. 24 1728 (Registers).

1735 Sept. 4 James Shaw junior, clothier of Hollin Hall married Mary Buckley of Shaw Hall. Their daughter Ann was christened Nov. 28 1735 and buried Nov 30 1735; James Shaw of Quick died 3 Sept. 1789 aged 79 and Mary died 16 Apr. 1755 aged 45 (Registers).

1738 June 22 James Kenworthy of Hob Hole husbandman married Mary Shaw of Hollinghall. (Registers).

1739 Sept.11 John Kenworthy clothier of Shelderslow married Ann Shaw of Hollin hall (Registers).

1744 July 15 James son of Alice Shaw of Holling-hall spinster by Aaron Ackroyd sojourner in Saddleworth christened. April 20 1745 Aaron Ackroyd sojourner married Alice Shaw of the same. Feb. 1 1747 Anne daughter of Aaron Ackroyd clothier and Alice his wife of Holling-hall christened. Mar. 12 1749 Mally daughter of Aaron Akeroyd clothier and Alice his wife of Grasscroft christened. Apr. 28 1751 Hannah daughter of Aaron Akeroyd and Alice his wife of Hills christened. (Registers).

1747 June 26 James Shaw husbandman of Hollin Hall buried. (Registers).

1758 Jan. 3 Lucy daughter of Joshua Roberts cloth dresser and Mary his wife of Hollin-hall christened (Registers).

1779 Edmund Whitaker of Hollin-hall was a churchwarden of Saddleworth Church (Registers).

1782 Edmund Whitaker of Hollin Hall referred to in Grasscroft deeds.

1783 Jan. 2 John Thorp of Kinders married Mary Beswick of Hollin Hall (Registers).

1794 James Whitaker clothier of Hollin Hall referred to in Grasscroft Deeds. Mar. 9 1794 Edmund Whitaker of Hollin Hall died aged 75; Mary his wife died 1 Apr. 1783 aged 63 (Registers).

1803 Apr. 11 Admin. of James Whitaker of Hollin Hall, widower, granted to his daughter Mary Whitaker of Hollin Hall. (Lancs. Record Office, Preston).

1805 Robert Brooks of Hollin hall was a churchwarden of Saddleworth Church (Registers).

1835 Occupier of house, land, barn and smithy at Hollin Hall was John Winterbottom; owner John Taylor (Church Rate Book)

1841 The Census records under Hollin Hall: Cornelius Wright (aged 52), a woollen dyer, his wife Ann (47), and their four children, James (20), a woollen dyer, William (18) a cotton spinner, Mary (28) and Ann (15).

- 1851 The Census records Cornelius Wright (62), woollen cloth dyer (born in Derbyshire), Ann his wife (57) (born in Saddleworth), James (29), woollen flock dealer, and Margaret A. Wrigley (7) their grand-daughter.
- 1852 Owner of Hollin Hall John Kenworthy; occupier Cornelius Wright (Church Rate Book).
- 1861 The Census recorded Cornelius Wright (72) dyer, his wife Ann (67), their son James (41), woollen flock manufacturer.
- 1875-80 Worrall's Directories include Mr. James Wright of Hollin Hall.
- 1889 Oct. 4 Mortgage: 1) Edward Buckley Kenworthy of 28 Bold St., Hulme, gent. 2) George Griffin of Tamworth watch maker, concerning 3 closes formerly held with GROVE (now pulled down) and in the possession of James Wright, containing 3a 1r 32p; parcels of land formerly held with RED HALL (now pulled down) and called Part of Lower Wood Meadow, 3r, Wood and Upper Croft (now together) 3a 4p, Lower Croft 1a 3r 17p, Broad Meadow 2a 23p, Part of Upper Croft on NW side of turnpike 1r 10p, occupation road on SW side of Broad Meadow, total 8a 37p, in occupation of James Wright; a parcel of land containing 3587 sq.yds., part of close called Wood Meadow, fenced off from the other part of the said close and having the remaining part of the said close on its E side and N end thereof and a certain brook running by Red Hall on or towards the W end thereof. (Wakefield, Registry of Deeds, 1889/32/470).
- 1900 Nov. 12 Indenture of release and assignment: 1) John Kenworthy Tempest of Brookside, Hale, gent. and Louisa Tempest of the same place spinster 2) Louisa Tempest 3) Mary Tempest of the same place spinster and Eliza Mary Woodhead widow of Leonard Woodhead of 7 Hollingswell Hill, Clayton, Bradford, schoolmaster 4) said John K. Tempest concerning freehold and leasehold premises in Saddleworth bequeathed by the Will of Edward Buckley Kenworthy dated 16 Aug. 1900 late of Brookside Hall, gent. and including: a) 3 closes of land formerly held with messuage now pulled down called THE GROVE in the possession of James Wright and containing 3a 1r 32p b) parcel of land near Grasscroft formerly held with messuage now pulled down called RED HALL and called Part of the Lower Wood Meadow containing 3r, Wood and Upper Croft (now together) containing 3a 4p and Lower Croft containing 1a 3r 17p, now in the occupation of James Wright. c) parcel of land containing 3587 sq.yds (as above in 1889 deed). d) parcel of land formerly in occupation of R. R. Whitehead, J. H. Whitehead and J. D. Whitehead and formerly in occupation of George Bramall and which now forms part of a close called Hollingreave, part of the Hollin Hall Estate and is bounded on SW and NW sides by said close, on NE by stone fence dividing the said close from other lands belonging to Whiteheads and forming the Reservoir bank, and on the SW side by the L&NW Railway and containing 3595 sq.yds. (ref. to Indenture dated Apr. 23 1852 between Whiteheads and John Kenworthy) and the erection now thereon (save part conveyed to L&NW Railway Co. by John Kenworthy by Indenture dated 20 June 1848). e) messuage called HOLLIN HALL, barn, shippon and outbuildings together with closes on the south side of the turnpike road - Meadow below the House, Wood or Woodcroft, Garden, Lane and Hollingreave, containing 6 acres, formerly in the occupation of Cornelius Wright and now of James Wright, and a close formerly part of the Broad Meadow or Oak Tree Meadow and separated from the other part thereof by and lying on the SE side of the turnpike and on the other parts surrounded by land of the said

George Bramall and containing 1r 24p and formerly in the occupation of James Scholefield and now or late of James Wright (the said closes were by Indenture dated 12 May 1704 demised to John Buckley for 2000 years) together with the erections and buildings on the said plot (save for parts assigned to L&NW Railway Co. by John Kenworthy by Ind. 20 June 1848 and 5 plots conveyed by Ind. 23 Apr. 1852 between John Kenworthy and Whiteheads).

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The Society would welcome any further information on the houses and hamlets mentioned here, and also on any other property of possible interest in Saddleworth. The Gazetteer will also encompass turnpike roads, canals, bridges, railways, etc.

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