

History of Newton Chapelry in the ancient parish of Manchester Vol 1

Page 198, last paragraph and n page 199:

On Dec. 16, 1668, John Bowker of Newton, carpenter, leased from the Warden and Fellows of Manchester Collegiate Church, the tenement called Bowker's in Scotland within Newton {ptt Scotland was a sub parish in Newton} lately held by Robert Bowker, deed., father of said John, and four closes called Kiln Croft, Two Acres, Burnt Earth and Higher Barnfield ; estimated at four acres ; Rent &s *d. and a capon or hen.

On January 18, 1689, Peter Bowker of Newton², whitster, renewed the lease. Peter having died, his executor, John Martin of South warke, co. Surrey, innkeeper, on January 18, 1696, renewed the lease for the use of Peter's daughters, Anne and Mary, but in Feb., 1699-1700, the fields were included in a lease taken by Edward Wroe, jun., son and heir apparent of Edwd. Wroe of Newton, gent., and on Jan. 18, 1703, Anne and Mary Bowker¹, both of London, spinsters, took a lease of all their father had held.

In October, 1735, the lease was taken by Thos. Butterworth, gent, (see Axon's Manchester Annals, p. 82), at a rent of gs., and he was styled " of Manchester, Esq.," on October 29, 1742, when he renewed the lease. On May 14, 1757, the old lease was surrendered and a new one taken by Daniel Bayley of Manchester, Esq., who married Ann, daughter of Thos. Butterworth, and whose son Thos. Butterworth Bayley of Hope, Esq., renewed it in Dec., 1765, and Dec., 1772, at a rent of £ 1 3^s. 6d. and a capon or hen, and again in Dec., 1786, .at 2js. rent.

Note ¹:

Robert Illingworth, gent., had a son Thos., also described as gentleman, whose widow Elizabeth was described in her Will dated Dec. 14, 1759, as of Queen Square, Westminster, she desired to be buried in Westminster Abbey, near her daughter, Mary Illingworth. She also mentioned her grand-daughters Elizth. Bowker and Ann Bowker, her cousins, Mary Rigby of Cockermouth and daughter Mary, Wm. Lightbown of Twickenham and Ann his wife ; also her own daughter Zenobia Ann Bowker [wife of Peter Bowker of Newton², whitster], and also Thos., son of Thos. Illingworth, late Postmaster of Manchester, deceased ; and she left her lands in Newton and other places to Zenobia. The Will was proved at London, March 11, 1760, and on June 6, 1760, Zenobia Ann Bowker, of St. Margaret's, Westminster, made her Will which was proved at London, Nov. 29, 1762, and mentioned her daughters Ann, Elizth., and Maria, all apparently under age. Her daughter Ann, before Sept. 1780, had married Geo. Bolton, formerly of Park gate, co. Chester, but late of Younghall, co. Cork, and then of Manchester, Esq.

Note ²:

Paul TT:- I believe there was some confusion with the names, and should have been Benjamin and NOT Peter