

PARISH OF ADDINGHAM.*



CONTIGUOUS to Ilkley, on the north, is this diminutive parish, consisting only of the township of Addingham and part of Bethmesley.† Addingham, rejecting two redundant letters not unfrequent in the composition of local names in Craven and elsewhere, is the home or habitation of Addi, a personal appellative found in Bede. By a similar rejection, Girsington becomes Girsi or Girs Town, and Hartlington the town of Hartil, a name familiar in this country after the Conquest.

Odingehem, so mis-spelt in Domesday for Adingham, was one of the numerous Berewicks‡ dependent upon Bolton, and then in the hand of the king, as it had, before the Conquest, belonged to Earl Edwin. The township consisted of two carucates only (Bedinesleia, or Bethmesley, consisted of the same), and was then waste.

It belonged to the original fee of Skipton, under the lords of which the Vavasours held it as a mesne manor. We meet with them as the earliest patrons of the church upon record; and there is every reason to suppose them the founders. It is equally probable that the *manor* was granted to Mauger de Vavasour § by Robert de Romille about the end of the Conqueror's reign. ||

From the following catalogue of patrons and incumbents, the manor and advowson appear to have remained in this ancient family till after the year 1714, when the living was presented to as a Catholic benefice by the University of Cambridge. The manor now belongs to [Richard] Smith, but by what title I am not informed.

RECTORES DE ADDINGHAM.

Temp. Inst.	Rectores.	Patroni.	Vacat.
2 cal. Mar. 1279.	D's <i>Joh. Chaterton</i> , Subd. D's <i>Tho. Stokylde</i> , ¶	D's <i>Joh. le Vavasour</i> , mil.	
Kal. Dec. 1341.	D's <i>Rob. de Syderington</i> , Ac.	D's <i>Joh. Ryther</i> , mil.	per mort. per mort.

[* In the institution-books at York it is sometimes described as "Long Addingham."

ADDINGHAM.—In eadem villa sunt III car. terræ quæ tenentur de rege et domino castri (Skipton) et quælibet car. redd. per ann. ad finem prædictum III*d.* ob. q. ; unde summa est XI*d.* q.—Kirkby's "Inquest," A.D. 1284.

In the 31st Edward I. Dominus Willelmus le Vavasour held from the lord of Skipton Castle IIII carucates.—"Knights' Fees."

Domina le Vavasour was lady of the manor in 9th Edward II.—"Nomina Villarum."

[† Or Beamsley. The parish contains, according to the Ordnance Survey, in the wapontake of Staincliffe 3,197 a. 3r., and in Claro 317 a. 1r. 11 p. The population was, in 1871, 1,877 persons, living in 442 houses.]

‡ Berewic is very accurately defined by Sir Henry Spelman ("Gloss." *in voce*)—"manerium minus ad majus pertinens."

[A village or hamlet belonging to some town or manor.]

[§ In the 31st Henry VI., 1452-3, Henry Vavasour, Esq., had the manor of Adyngham and the advowson of the church, with Fryston manor.—Inq. *post mortem*.]

|| *Vide supra* in Malham *et infra* in Skipton.

[¶ In the 6th Edward II., 1312-13, an escheat shows that Wm. le Vavasour had the advowson of the church and one messuage in Adyngham.]

Temp.	Inst.	Rectores.	Patroni.	Vacat.
27 Nov.	1349.	D's <i>Wil. de Walthero</i> , Cap.	D's <i>Joh. Ryther</i> , mil.	per mort.
27 Sept.	1352.	D's <i>Tho. Burgham</i> , Cap.	Idem.	{ per resig. pro Ecc. } <i>Burgham, Karl.</i> Dioc.
27 Apr.	1353.	D's <i>Rob. de Wolsley</i> , Cap.	Idem.	{ per resig. pro Ecc. } de <i>Settrington</i> .
		D's <i>Wm. Loundres</i> , Cap.		
7 Jan.	1383.	Mr. <i>Tho. de Eston</i> . D's <i>Rob. de Pokelyngton</i> .	<i>Eliz. Rel. Wil. Vavasour</i> .	per resig.
16 Apr.	1414.	D's <i>Wm. Blase</i> , Cap.	<i>Marg. Rel. H. le Vavasour</i> , mil.	per mort.
18 Mar.	1446.	D's <i>Wm. Milford</i> , Cap.	Feof. Dn. <i>Hen. Vavasour</i> , mil.	per mort.
28 Jan.	1449.	D's <i>Ric. de More</i> , pr. ob. 1477. D's <i>Tho. Langto'</i> .	Feof. Dn. <i>Hen. Vavasour</i> , mil.	per mort.
29 Oct.	1483.	Mr. <i>Leonard Vavasour</i> . <i>Joh'es Medhope</i> .	D's <i>Hen. Vavasour</i> , mil.	per mort.
13 Nov.	1572.	Mr. <i>Hen. More</i> , Cl. L.B.	<i>Joh. Vavasour</i> , ar.	per mort.
27 Nov.	1590.	<i>Rog. Wetherall</i> , Cl.	Idem.	per mort.
19 Maii,	1611.	<i>Wm Webster</i> , Cl. A.M. <i>Tho. Boyer</i> , or <i>Bouyer</i> .	Assig. <i>Joh. Vavasour</i> .	per mort.
11 Maii,	1665.	<i>Alex. Kyppax</i> , A.M.	<i>Tobie Wictham</i> , Cl.	per mort.
21 Dec.	1674.	<i>Guil. Coltherst</i> , Cl. A.B.	<i>Edm. Barker</i> and <i>Wm Bolton</i> .	per mort.
8 Jan.	1679.	<i>Henry Wright</i> .	Sir <i>Walter Vavasour</i> , Bart.	per mort.
15 Jan.	1710.	<i>William Crofts</i> . <i>Robert Allott</i> .	Idem. <i>Cambridge University</i> .	per non resid.
17 March	1720.	<i>James Carr</i> , A.B.*	The King.	per mort.
26 Nov.	1745.	<i>William Thompson</i> .	Sir <i>John Ingleby</i> , Bart.	per resig.
15 July	1782.	<i>William Thompson</i> , Jun., Cl.	Pet. ips.	per mort.
27 Nov.	1790.	<i>John Coates</i> .	<i>John Cunliffe</i> , Esq., of <i>Addingham</i> .	per mort.
19 May,	1830.	<i>Timothy Brayshaw</i> , A.B.	Mrs. <i>Mary Cunliffe</i> .	per mort.
	1840.	<i>William Thompson</i> .	Eadem.	

The rectory of Addingham, dedicated to St. Peter, is a discharged living; valued in the King's Books at 9*l.* 7*s.* 8½*d.*, and by the last survey at 40*l.* 4*s.* clear.

The church, like many others of this district, together with the antique parsonage-house, stands at an agreeable distance from the village, on a lingula of land, between the Wharf and the deep channel of a brook which unites with it immediately beneath.

The church is one of the neatest in Craven, having been completely repaired and beautified in the year 1757, at a time when churchwardens and parishioners were modestly content to retain the form and outline of their ancient churches. At present, either nothing is done, or too much; and no alternative seems to be left but total neglect or total demolition.†

[* Decimo Septimo die Martii, 1720, Jacobus Carr, A.B., Clericus Admissus et Institutus fuit ad Rectoriam de Adingham, in Comit. et Diac. Ebor. per non Residentiam Roberti Allott (Secundum Statutum Parliamenti anno primo Gul. et Mar., intitulat, An Act for vesting in the two Universities the Presentation of Benefices belonging to Papists) ultimi Incumbentis ibidem, legitime vacante. Præsentatus per Sup. Dñu nřus Georgium, Mag. Brit. &c. Regem de ver et indubitatum dicta Rectoriæ per lapsum temporis pro hęc vice (ut assevitur) Patronum.—Institution Book in York Registry.]

† The church, dedicated to St. Peter, consists of nave, north aisle, chancel, west tower, and south porch. The north aisle, with the arcade of three arches, and one bay in chancel, are original; the windows are square-headed, and of three lights. The chancel arch is also original. The east end of the aisle would seem to have been a chapel. Upon the cap of one of the nave piers is carved a shield with the arms of Vavasour a fess dancetty The tower was rebuilt,

At Addingham the Norman arch of the original church between the nave and choir now remains. It has no south aisle; and the columns and arches of the north aisle, adorned with the arms of the Vavasours, and of the age of Henry VII. or VIII., are unusually light and elegant.

The house of Fairfield, built from a plan of Lord Burlington, is a beautiful piece of architecture, which some persons may not like the worse because all the members of it are what is now called heavy—that is, have projection enough to produce effect. A part, however, of the ponderous blocking course might have been spared. [It is now the property of J. Cunliffe Kay, Esq.]

[The registers commence in 1612.]

and most execrable circular-headed windows and projecting quoins to the south wall of nave inserted in 1757 (the faculty for rebuilding is dated 1st September, 1756). The chancel was rebuilt, and a sacristy erected, in 1858. There is not anything of interest in the building, and it is amusing to read Dr. Whitaker's remark as to its having been "repaired and beautified in the year 1757, at a time when churchwardens and parishioners were modestly content to retain the form and outline of their ancient churches," when it is notorious that about that period no churches were ever *restored*, but always altered and spoilt, much in the manner in which this at Addingham has been entirely ruined for all archaeological purposes.]