

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE SUGGESTS APPARENTLY SCANT REGARD BY THE PARISH PRIEST (THOUGH THIS MAY BE UNFAIR) BUT IT DOES SUGGEST THAT THE CANON FROM WHOM IT APPARENTLY ORIGINATED WAS WELL UP IN ENLIGHTENMENT THINKING . THIS IS DEMONSTRATED BY THE NATURE OF SOME OF THE QUESTIONS FOR INSTANCE THOSE ABOUT THE QUARRIES AND SPRINGS.

Dennis Collinson..8th February 2012

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Names : Rinmore, Rinnere,Ridmer

Parish : 3 miles by one and a half miles

Bounded by (South) Sea ; (West) Kingston, (North and East) Bigbury

Names of Hamlets, Villages, Houses :

1. The Church
2. Marwell, NW part of parish : 3 houses
3. Renton : 2 Houses (might read '4' : George Grimshaw)
4. Langston : about 10 houses. This belonged to an ancient family of Froudes who had it for many centuries without enlarging or trimming it. Lately sold off. (George Grimshaw asks "What date ?")

Names and Situation of Manors and their Lords :

Mannor of Ringmore belongs to KIRKHAM containd at least 14 Farthings of land and another Manner belonged to Mr.Bewchier (?) Wrey(?) now sold partly to the tenants and the rest with the high rents to another person.

What mansion houses belong to them ? : Not answered

Any(?) Particular Customs, Tenures and Privileges of them ? : Not answered

In what manor or part of the Parish situated : There are 33Farthings of land in the parish besides the glebe. The Church is in Kirkham's Manor and about the centre.

At what distance from Exeter is the next market town ? 40 miles

The Glebe is 80 acres

Names of ruined chapels : There is an old house in the parish called Okenbury where there are remains of a chappel and a field by it called Chappel Park

Are there any Roman roads etc. etc. etc. found in the Parish ? No

Anything Danish/Saxon etc.etc.etc.? No

What Almshouses in the Parish ? None

Any gentlemen's seats and remarkable improvements in the Parish ? No

Any bridge, Roads or public walls (possibly 'walks') No

Any fairs or markets ? No

Any ancient sayings or proverbs referring to the Parish ? No

Face of the Parish ? Hilly

Open or enclosed ? Entirely enclosed

Colour of soil ? Thinner, darker than that at Auton Gifford

What proportion arable etc. ? Mostly arable

Isnel (this is in George Grimshaw's handwriting. He describes the word as unreadable) value per acre : 10s an acre (10s is a George guess from indecipherable script)

What grain ? With three(?) are 'senn' (?) but mostly wheat or barley.

What quantity of acres under orchard ? "But few"

What quantity of woodland is there in the parish ? Does it consist chiefly of timber trees or coppice? What sorts of trees are most common and thrive best ? What kinds of shrub, Plants are peculiar to or grow most commonly ? (To all of these questions, the answer is : 'None')

Rare Common plants ? None

Mineral or medical springs ? None

Are there any rare attested cures ? None

Are there any periodical springs ? Any springs that ebb/flow or that bury themselves underground? None

What depth are wells in different parts of Parish ? No wells. The water rising to the surface.

What rivers and rivulets rise in or run through the parish ? None

Details of floods etc. ? None

Special stone or soils ? None

Any impressions of land and sea animals or shells in quarries ? None

Any transparent stones ? None

Any special cattle bred chiefly in the parish ? None in particular

Air ? Clear – Dry – Wholesome

Anything remarkable about inhabitants ? None

Any trade or Manufacture in the Parish ? No

Any remarkable facts or History relating to the parish ? None particular

Any valuable metals – etc. etc. etc. ? No

Answers taken by me from ye mouth of the Rev. Mr. Hesketh, Rector of Auton Gifford and of Rinmore.....

The questionnaire originated from the Cathedral..a Canon named Newell