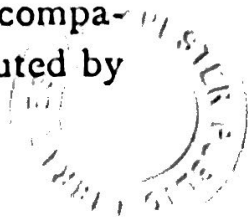


## THE DOMESDAY RECORD RESPECTING GOSBERTON.

**W**ILLIAM the Conqueror's register of all the lands in England, is now preserved in two volumes. one folio, the other quarto, in the Public Record Office, London. Formerly kept in the Chapter House at Westminster (whence it is said to derive its name, *i.e.* : from *Domus Dei*), the first volume is written on 382 double pages of vellum, in double columns, the second on 450 similar pages but of one column, and all in a very legible hand—a style much more readily deciphered than that of many later documents. Begun in 1080 it was not completed until 1085-6. The survey contains a list of all tenants *in capite*, or tenants in chief, who received their land directly from the king; a statement of the value and condition of the land in each manor; and notice of any religious house or church there. Northumberland and Durham are not mentioned while Lancashire, Cumberland and Westmoreland are only detailed in part.

There being no mention of a church in the record of Gosberton in the Domesday Book, we can only surmise that the Saxon one implied by the name *Gozeberde-chercha*, or *Goseb'techirche*, was at that time ruinous. The remembrance of the Saltpits herein mentioned was perpetuated in the reign of Edward III, when we meet with the name *Salten Ee* at Gosberton. The accompanying transcript with translation were contributed by



the late Vicar, the Rev. S. B. Sealy, M. A., to Lincolnshire Notes and Queries (II. iv. pp. 113-115).

*The omitted letters in the contracted original Latin are shewn by Italics.*

[Original.]

[Translation]

Terra Episcopi Lincolniensis  
f. 344 b. Manerium.

Land of the Bishop of Lincoln.  
f. 344 b. Manor.

IN Gozeberdechercha habebat Asli I carucatem terre et VI bouatas ad geldum. Terra ad I carucam et VI boues. Ibi habet Malgerus I carucatem et XII villanos et IX bordarios cum III carucis. Et I salina III denariorum. Et XII acras prati et I sochemanum de suo orto. Tempore Regis Edwardi ualebat VI libras. Modo IIII libras. Tailla XX solidi.

In Gozeberdechercha (Gosberton) Asli had one carucate of land and six oxgangs liable to be taxed. [There is] land for one plough and six oxen. Malger has there one carucate and twelve villeins and nine bordars with three ploughs. And [there is] one saltpit worth 3d. And [he has] twelve acres of meadow and one sokeman of his garden. In the time of King Edward it was worth 6*li*. Now [it is worth] 4*li*. It is tallaged at 20s.

Terra Alani Comitis.  
f. 348. b. Soke.

Land of Earl Alan.  
f. 348 b.

In Gosebertechirche Soca Draitone iii carucate terre et II bouate ad geldum. Terra ad III carucas et II boues. De hac Terra habet Ulbert VI bouatas. Ibi I carucata et II villani et X bordarii cum I caruca. Et VI acras prati. Et II. saline XII denariorum. Alie II carucate et IIII bouate sunt in Soca Draitone. Sex bouatas tenuit Adestan; et socam habuit \*(comes) Radulfus. Et be VI valuerunt tempore Regis Edwardi IIII solidos. Modo XL solidos.

In Gosebertechirche, in the Soke of Draiton [there are] three carucates of land and two oxgangs liable to be taxed. [There is] land for three ploughs and two oxen. Of this land Ulbert has six oxgangs. [There are] one carucate there and two villeins and ten bordars, with one plough, And [he has] six acres of meadow. And [there are] two saltpits worth 12d. Two other carucates and four oxgangs in the Soke of Draiton. Adestan held six oxgangs; and (Earl) Ralph had the soke. And these six were worth 4s. in the time of King Edward. Now [they are] worth 40s.

\* Written over Radulphus

# PAROCHIAL RECORDS.

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## THE PARISH REGISTERS.

**I**F any feature in the history of a church or parish can possess more interest to the older inhabitants or representatives of families long resident in the place, surely we should assign that position to the Parish Registers—to the record of all who have received at the same font the rite of baptism, of all the unions which have received their sanction in the same church, and of all those who have finished their course and who have finally been laid to rest in the same hallowed spot we look upon to-day. Sometimes we find such documents to possess a very wide-spread interest, reaching far beyond the parish to which they relate, by their quaint and curious allusions to passing events, casting side-lights upon our national history. This is not the case, however, here. The earliest Parish Registers in England commence in the year 1538, but not until 1597 was a stringent law enforced by Queen Elizabeth, whereby all records of this kind were to be kept in parchment books. The Civil War may possibly be responsible for the absence of any Registers at Gosberton prior to 1656, in which year the list of burials begins. The baptisms and marriages both commence three years later. These documents are preserved in an iron safe in the vestry and consist of thirteen parchment volumes. The earliest of these and the most attractive, is a

tall and narrow vellum-bound vol. of 218 folios : ending with the year 1747, the entries in which are principally made in a crabbed German text. The first page is headed thus: "A true Register of all y<sup>e</sup> births of children in Gosberkirke beginnige in y<sup>e</sup> yeare of o<sup>r</sup> Lord God 1659; "

We quote in full the entries for the first month or two in the Register.

BIRTHS, 1659.

- 19 Jan: Fortune dr: to John Armstrong & Abigail  
his wife.
- 12        Matthew sonne to Wm: Telforth & Bridget
- 24        William sonne to Willyam Story & Bridget

MARRIAGES.

- 24 Nov: Richard Audise of Surflete widower & Ellin  
Pell of Gosbirke widow
- 9 Dec: Thomas Clarke singleman & Eliz Mattison  
singlewoman
- 30 Jan: Matthew Burton of Longsutton Singleman &  
Margaret Guy of Spaldinge singlewoman  
were married.
- 31        Thomas Saul of Bridgend singleman & Lydia  
Thompson of Gosberkirke singlewoman

BURIALS, 1656.

- 24 Oct. Bettrice wife of Thomas Edward
- 26        Richard Segrave
- 1        Thomas Lad
- 3        John Anderson

- 6 Thomas Barnet
  - 9 John Chapman
  - 16 Joel Elward
  - 16 Henry Hutchinson
  - 26 Mary Carwood
- Joan wife to John Chapman was buried  
December, y<sup>e</sup> Last Day.

The following extracts will possess interest for  
some:—

BIRTHS.

- 1659 Feb: 19 George son of Robert Ashwell &  
Bridget his wife
- 1662 Mar 25 Wm. son of Rich: Ashwell of Quad-  
ringe
- 1164 June 26 Edw. son of Edw. & Eliz Ashwell
- 1697 Aug 11 Eliz. d. to Ed. & Eliz. Ashwell

[Marriage.]

- 1663 May: John Cust and Elizabeth Harriman were  
married y<sup>e</sup> 7th. day.
- 1664 May 25. Ann dau. to John and Elizabeth Cust
- 1665 June 5. John son to John and Elizabeth Cust
- 1667 William and Obed Gemini to John and Elizabeth  
Cust
- 1675 Aug: 16. Thomas son of John and Deborah  
Cust bap:
- 1659 Mar: 3. John son to Robt: Garner & Anne

1662	Mar 23	James son - of Robert &, Anne Garner
1665	Sep :8	Renata dau of Robert & Anne Garner
1659	Sep: 20	Eliz. dau: to Rich Ansell & Eliz:
1661	Nov: 14	Eliz: dau: to Wm. Ancell bapt <sup>d</sup>
1662	Jan 6	John son to Rich & Eliz, Ancell
1663	June 9	John son to Wm & Eliz. Ancell
1665	Mar 2	Joan dau. to Rich & Eliz. Ancell
1667	April 11	Sarah dau. to Rich & Eliz. Ancell

We have extracted the following details which may have interest for some:—

1659. Jan: Richard Cranwell, Jnr: was buried y<sup>e</sup> 29th day.

Robert Cranwell his Twin-Brother was buried y<sup>e</sup> same day.

1661. Thomas Modd, Seniou, was buried the thirteenth day of August. more certainly the fourteenth.(!)

1660 Dec; A daughter of John Pell, unbap: was buried y<sup>e</sup> 19th day.

[Probably interred on the north side of the church—the place assigned to heretics and suicides].

1661. Februarie. March. Isacke the Sonne of Alice Foster and of Isacke Barrett his reputed father, borne out of wedlocke, was baptized the 11th day.

[Cases of illegitimacy are numerous].

1661. June. Rachel the wife of George Lard drowned was buried the twentieth day.

- May. Mary Winckle daughter to Richard Winckle drowned was buried the 16th day.
- May. Thomas Fairebarne Sonne to Thomas Fairebarne and Jane his wife as they travel'd was buried the 19th day.
- 1665, August. William Tompson. a verie old man, was buried the 3rd day of August.
- John Plummer a poore man was buried the 21st day.
1679. Note y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> roll of year 1679 is upon record in y<sup>e</sup> office at Lyncoln.
1699. Mar: 1: Mary y<sup>e</sup> daughter of Wm. Taylor an anabaptist born.
- Aprill 29. A child of William Dow a presbiterian born.
- 1667, Aug: Ann, wife to John Collinge, Musicianer, was buried y<sup>e</sup> 30th day.
- [Possibly this man occupied a place with his trombone or violin, in the gallery which once existed at the west end of the church].
1688. Jan: Jane Smyth a lame girle was buried y<sup>e</sup> 28th day.
- Feb: Thomas Turnebull a towne prentice was buried y<sup>e</sup> 23.
- Nov: Richard Brinster a friende of John Callis was buried y<sup>e</sup> 3rd day.
1670. Apr: John Callis friend of John Callis was buried y<sup>e</sup> 14 day.
- [No entry similar to the last two occurs elsewhere in the Registers. It would appear that John Callis was a man given to hospitality].
1674. June 26. John son of John Callis bap:

1670. Nov: Edward Barker (a stranger) was buried  
y<sup>e</sup> 4 day.
1692. Theophilus Steed, a Londoner...Aug. 29.  
— John y<sup>e</sup> son of John Tunard & Mary his wife  
bap:
1661. June. William Woodheade and Isabel Legbie  
was married the eight day.
- [Although at this date the records are kept with scrupulous  
neatness, they are often woefully ungrammatical].
1690. Nov: 7: John son of Rich: Cawthrop & Mary  
his wife bap:
1701. Aug: A stranger child, a Scotchman, was burid  
20.
1712. [The entries are here marred by an ancient  
spill of ink].
1719. Aug: 18: A stranger supposed to be a Scotch-  
man bur:
- [It is unrecorded whether thistles flourished over this grave].
1722. Dec: 7: Bathia y<sup>e</sup> daughter of Fran: & Catharine  
Bosworth.
1738. Oct: 3: Damosine, Da<sup>r</sup> of Wm: Wyles.
- [A little variety in feminine names is found in these two  
entries, from the usual Mary, Elizabeth, Jane, Alice, and  
Catharine].
1734. Sept: 15: Ebenezer Hardy, an adult, Son af an  
Anabaptist Preacher in Gosberton, bap-  
tized.
1738. Oct: 3: A Tinker's child buried. [Name not men-  
tioned]
1740. Nov: Elizabeth Street, wid: aged 84, Starved  
to Death in a violent Storm of Wind and  
Snow on y<sup>e</sup> 1st, and was buried 3.



1743. July 29: Elize: Runton, Widow, Agd 98.
1737. [Several children born in "the Workhouse" baptized.]
1757. A Stranger, name and age unknown, bur:  
Jan: 23.
- May 11: John Orange, stranger, also — Frazier,  
a tinker, a stranger.
1760. Jan: 10: N.B. Matthew, son of the above  
John and Bridget Page was bapt<sup>d</sup> at Pinch-  
beck by the Rev. Mr. Townend, five years  
ago, and was five years old 15th of May last.
- 1740, 46, 149. No weddings recorded.

The remarkable increase in the number of burials in the year of the Great Plague is worthy of note.

Among the families of frequent occurrence during the earlier years of the Register are:—Galliard, Tilson, Elwood, Spraggin, farbridge, Jakes, Jeffrie, Cawood, Russell, Kirke, Reinolds, Tunnard, Chapman, Boothbie, Noble, Devil, Norrice, Pell, Muson, Sharpe, Elsey, Hill, Lister, and Crosby. The Dethes and Calverleys appear to have left us before our present register was kept.

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TENTATIVE LIST OF CHURCHWARDENS

*(Extracted chiefly from the Parish Registers).*

1619. Edmund Angel and Thamas Peil.  
1647. (?) Obed Cust & Hugh Turver.  
1648. Hugh Turver & Thomas Jeffery  
1661. Francis Richardson • John Everitt

1666. John Frank.  
 1683. Henry Melsonby - John Everitt  
 1685. Henry Harvey - Henry Usher  
 1686. John Armstead - Thos: Carter  
 1687. John Armstead - Thos: Carter  
 1688. Samuel Pickwell - Richard Sharpe.  
 1692. Richard Calthrope - John Lambert  
 1694. Willi: Towers - Willia Aylofffe  
 1695. Willi: Towers - Willia Aylofffe  
 1697. Henry Brown y<sup>o</sup> Churchwarden  
 1708. Edmond Noble - Edward Bell.  
 1709. Seth Hall - Thos. Tunnard  
 1710. Thos. Lord.  
 1719. William Carter  
 1720. John Calthrop - Thomas Towell  
 1722. John Calthorp - Willm. Ladd.  
 1723. Robt: Bell.  
 1725. Ed: Torner - Will: Vessey.  
 1726. William Longland - Will: Vessey.  
 1727. Sam Cawood. - Rob: Millington.  
 1732. John Smith - Richd: Charles.  
 1733. Wm: Bell - Tho: Parkinson.  
 1734. Wm. Bett - Tho: Parkinson.  
 1735. Robert Torry - William Slater.  
 1736. Francis Mercer - Thomas Holmes.  
 1737. Edward Noble - Bell Roberts  
 1738. Ben Everitt - Bell Robards  
 1739. Ben Everitt.  
 1742. Geo: Sharpe.  
 1743. Antho: Coy - Richard Sorby

1751. Richard Calthrop - J. Turver  
 1752. Richard Calthrop - J. Turver  
 1753. Richard Calthrop  
 1754. Richard Calthrop  
 1755. Richard Calthrop  
 1756. Richard Calthrop.  
 1757. Richd. Calthrop - J. Turver  
 1758. Richard Calthrop - J. Turver  
 1759. Richard Calthrop  
 1761. J. Turver  
 1762. Jno. Pacey - Robt : Allen  
 1763. Jno. Pacey - Robt : Allen  
 1764. Jno. Pacey - Robt : Allen  
 1782. Robt. Robinson. Richd. Blanchar  
 1783. Robt. Robinson - Richd. Blanchar  
 1784. J. G. Calthrop - William Dodd.  
 1785. J. G. Calthrop - Willm. Dodd.  
 1786. J. G. Calthrop - Wm. Dodd  
 1787. J. G. Calthrop - Willm. Dodd  
 1788. J. G. Calthrop - Edwd. Hare  
 1789. J. G. Calthrop - Edwd. Hare  
 1791. J. G. Calthrop.  
 1792. J. G. Calthrop.  
 1793. Edwd. Hare  
 1794. J. G. Calthrop  
 1795. W. Dodd  
 1796. W. Dodd  
 1797. W. Dodd.  
 1806. Thomas Cox  
 1807. Thomas Cox  
 1809. Thomas Cox.

The Present Churchwardens are Messrs. Thomas Smith & Reuben Bevis.