A terrier of all buildings, glebe, land tithes belonging to the Rector of Myddle, October 1699

The parson house containing four bays, the back house or kilne, the barn 5 bays, the stable and beast house 2 bays

Chappell yard of Hadnall, 1 bay of buildings

Chancell of Myddle and also seats therein belonging to the Rector

Garden of 1/2 acre

Fowl yard of 1/2 acre

Glebe orchard ½ acre

Yard ¼ acre

Yard one sixteenth acre

For the Chapel yard of Hadnall the Rector receives 1/- a year

<u>Tithes</u>

All tithes paid in kind one tenth part to the Rector

For Harmere Farm except the warehouse and garden, the Rector receives 5 /4

For Hall Marshe (piece of land) one shilling yearly

For lambs and pigs and geese, one in seven to the Rector

Taken from the original in the Parish Chest

Report of Dilapidation of the Parsonage and Buildings Myddle, late possession of Rev. Smith 1799

The whole slate covering of the house is in a bad state and must be entirely stripped and recovered – needed for this ½ new slates and new laths and must be well rendered; the underside of the dormant window and roof repaired; the coping of one of the stacks of chimney is blown off and lost; coping of other chimneys must be taken down about three feet and rebuilt; stone coping of the gable of the house taken off and revett; also brick coping of Brewhouse. The tile covering of the Brewhouse must be entirely stripped and recovered – about half new tiles. Stone steps at the front entrance must be taken up and revett with part new stone and under built with new brickwork. Front outer door and door case are decaying at the bottom and must be repaired. The brick floor of the Brewhouse and passage are entirely worn out and must be lain again. The whole of the stone flags in the hall and kitchen must be renewed. New door to the Brewhouse is needed and a window frame repaired with a new shutter, new stone sill and new step to the door. The back door of the house leading to the garden wants repair – new weather bonds and staled. Some repairs in bedrooms and library floor and window casing, some plastering.

In the store room – the whole of the stone coping to be taken off the walls; two new doors and door cases to the stables, two new doors to the hay loft, frames repaired, one new hay loft floor. Gable end of the stable is in a bad state – rebuilt; whole of Barn wall next to the street giving way so the roof must be propped. The whole must be taken down. Carthouse entirely new. Privy wants repair. Stone wall enclosing field against the street must be taken down and rebuilt with part new stone.

Total Expense to complete the above repairs £114-18-0

Signed Wm Green

(CRO Middle Manor)

1853 Terrier of all buildings, glebelands, tithe rent charges and profits belonging to the rectory

Rectory house – Brewhouse, 2 stables, coachhouse, cowhouse, piggeries Glebe land – piece of land formerly a meadow – 1 acre 1 rood 34 perches The site of the Rectory house and buildings and a garden – 1 acre 2 roods 19 perches Church yard – 3 roods 34 perches

Land received in exchange for Tithe contains 16 acres 3 roods 4 perches.

Numbers on the Tithe Commutation Map 1839 are 629, 630, 631, 631a, 632, 387, 633a, 634a, 635a. The tithes and Easter dues - £1100 from which must be deducted £9-12-6 the amount of tithe rent charge given to the trustees of the Duke of Bridgewater's estate in exchange for the land mentioned

Surplus fees received by the rector for

Christenings at Church,	nothing
Churchings	1/-
Publishing banns	1/-
For Marriage after Banns	5/-
For a marriage by license	10/-
For a burial	1/6
For a headstone	10/-

Parish Clerk received £6-6-0 annually being his dues plus

6d
6d
4d
4d
2d
2d

Every householder at Easter 1d or in eggs

Parish Clerk also receives

Wedding by licence	5/-
By banns	2/6
Churching	6d
Funeral	3/6
For publishing banns	6d

Acreage of Glebe 1883

578	Guest Croft	2	1	9
579	Hill Field	2	3	5
583	Plantation	1	0	12
582	Upper Arable		1	3
656	Lower Arable			39
575	School Field	3	0	21
576	Large field	6	3	29
564	Pleasur Galour	1	3	20
570	House and Garden	1	1	23

 569
 Orchard
 2
 8

 Total Glebe Land
 20
 2
 5

Document in the Ashridge Collection of Early Deeds relating to Shropshire

"This indenture, made between my very reverend Lady Alyne Lestrange, Lady of Knokyn, of the one part, and the Lord Lestrange, Sir John, her son, of the other part, witnesses that the said Sir John shall have board and lodging in the household of my said very reverend lady - that is to say, he himself, the Lady Maude Lestrange his spouse, one esquire, one lady (damoisele), two yeomen (valets), a nurse, and a page, for the date of the execution of this indenture until the completion of one full year following: rendering and paying to my said the very reverend lady for their lodging during the time aforesaid £50 of good money in her manor of Midle... And if the aforesaid lord, Sir John, the Lady Maude his spouse, or any of their retainers be away from the said house, during the time until their return there shall be abated of the said sum - for himself 7d a day, for the Lady Maude, his spouse after the same manner, for the esquire 4d a day and for the damoisele as much; for a yeoman 3d a day, the nurse likewise, and for the page 1d a day. And in case the household of my said very reverend Lady Lestrange be charged with the retainers of the said Lord, her son, the Lady Maude his spouse, or any of their followers aforesaid other than is contained in this indenture, that the said Sir John shall be obliged to pay for their dwelling (there) at the end of each quarter that is to say for a knight 8d a day, an esquire 6d, a yeoman3d, and a page 2d a day. And these retainers shall be accounted for the time being and one other (living) with the said Lord whom it shall please him to appoint."

(Provisions follow for collecting arrears of payment)

Written at Middle on the Feast of St. Katherine (November 25), Richard II (1383)

Pardon to the Tenants of Lord Lestrange 13th August 1403

"The King to all his Bailiffs and faithful men to whom, etc., greeting. Know ye that whereas, as We have heard, John Kynaston, Steward of Richard, Lord Lestrange, of the Lordship and Hundred of Ellesmere, in the Marches of Wales and of the Vills of Hampton, Culmere, and Hampton Wode, within the Lordship aforesaid, lately pressed the tenants of the aforesaid Richard, within the Lordship, Hundred and Vills aforesaid to set out to the same Lord Lestrange to come with Us, and brought them to a certain place called Mudle within the County of Salop, where the same Lord Lestrange had not come and the same tenants, considering the deception in the said John, wished to withdraw, but the same John would not allow them, but threatened to behead, and draw and hang them.

And so the aforesaid John brought the tenants aforesaid, they not knowing the purpose and intent of the same John, unto a place where Henry Peney was, and detained them there with force and arms against their will. We, of our special grace, have pardoned the same tenants the suit of our Peace which to Us pertains against them for the premises whereof they are indicated, accused or appealed, and also outlawries if any have been promulgated against them on these occasions, and We do grant to them our firm peace therein. Moreover, We have granted to the same tenants their lands, goods and chattels forfeited to Us on the occasion aforesaid.

In witness whereof, etc.

Witness the King, at York, the 13th day of August"

Extracted from Patent Rolls 4 Henry IV, part 2 m 12

Two extracts from Gough's History of Myddle concerning the parish roads in particular the bordering one from Alderton to Harmer Hill

"That part of the Road that leads from Wem to Shrewsbury through this part of the parish begins at the Brook in Oldfield Lane, and goes along the Oldfield Lane and over part of Harmer Hill called 'Shotton Bank' and in old times 'Broadway Bank and ends at the Leah Lane end."

In another place in describing the brooks in the parish, he writes of the brook already mentioned.

"This Brook passing a while through the land in Newton turns south east and for a short space parts lands belonging to Newton from the township of Alderton, and afterwards it parts Myddle parish and Broughton parish, leaving Myddle parish on the west; and passing over the lane called the Oldfield Lane, it has there got the name of the brook in the Oldfield Lane."

"Note that this lane from this Brook into Harmeare Heath is wholly in the parish of Myddle."

An agreement between the Countess of Bridgewater's agent and the Abraham Darby and Company of the City of Bristol giving them permission to mine copper or other minerals at Harmer Hill or Myddle Hill for 14 years.

Royalty to the Countess "the seaventh part of what ore or mines of what shall be taken out of Harmeare Hill or Middle Hill and to be parted when it is cleanely and finely Drest or Sorted."

Darby agreed to buy back the ore at a fair price settled by two indifferent persons 29th April 1710.

The agreement was signed by Alexander Duncombe (the agent), Abraham Darby and one of his Bristol partners.

The document shows that Darby did not relinquish his entire interest in the Bristol Brass works when he came to Coalbrookdale in 1708 (as is sometimes stated) but he had not as yet perfected his new method of iron smelting with coke instead of charcoal.

Duncombe of Whitechurch "gave permission to mine from 5th May. He gave free liberty at all times during that period. If the mines happens to be in any inclosed piece of land they shall have liberty to work there paying to the occupier of the said land sufficiently to satisfy him."

Letter from C. Goore to Mr Jenks in Whitchurch

November 26th 1751

Goore has previously made enquiries about Balderton Green.

"I have on the whole very good pre... to a right of that Common Green and am advised by a Gentleman of the law to have no recourse to, for such a convenience of a little clay that I want for making Brick and Tyle and as I have right to break the soil or not I shall take it a favour that you grant me liberty so to do as often as there is the occasion for the necessity of clay. I am not of a contentious disposition or I should have continued the suit my Uncle has begun. My privilege to the heritage is indisputable and according to the declaration of others it appears wholely to belong to my estate but it's not worth quarrelling for. I would be glad if you would give me your opinion what estates you think are entitled thereto for as people are going on it appears as if it would become a public Common.

Tho. Jenks, Whitchurch, December 2nd 1751

"No one during his Grace's Minority can fully determine the Duke's claim to Balderton Green, so undoubtedly you can take the best method at present to accommodate yourself by an acknowledgement. Next spring we will examine further into the matter – you shall be acquainted with evidence I receive in the mean time. By policy I will endeavour to prevent any other encroachments."

Date	Total	Male	Female	House –	Uninhabited	Families
				inhabited		
1801	779	383	396	152	3	156
1811	775	373	402	163	6	175
1831	807	402	405	172	4	175
1851	834					
1861	804	408	394	175		
1871	764	389	375	165	4	
1881	676	352	324	158	9	162
1891	690	364	326	149	9	151
1901	675					150
1911	744	386	358			162
1921	685					

	Families in Agriculture	In trade	Not employed, or other professions
1801 (people)	264	84	4
1811	92	69	14
1831	148	22	5

In 1811 it is the number of families supported by each occupation but in 1801 the actual number was given.

Four out of the five houses that were being built in 1811 were intended for the reception of as many families of cottagers who were resident in the parish and whose houses were to be taken down.

Two of the uninhabited houses were to be taken down, the late tenants having been removed to new house.

In 1861 the total population of 804 was a decrease of 30 since the last census.

The census of 1891 included two men who slept in an outhouse for the night.

1572	William son of Elisha Hanmer of Myddle, butcher and his wife, baptized 4 th May
1598	George Watson of Myddle, gent, buried 7 th June. He was drowned in Harmere.
1609	Thomas son of Thomas Atcherley of Marton, tanner, and his wife Elizabeth baptized 31 st December
1610	Samuel son of George Watson of Balderton husbandman and Ann his wife, baptized January 27 th
1612	Elizabeth wife of Thomas Atcherley of Marton, tanner, buried 15 th June William Hanmere son of Humphrey of Marton, gent, and Maria daughter of William Baker of Marton, Yeoman, married 20 th July Thomas Atcherley of Marton, tanner, and Jane Hinks of Burlton married 17 th November.
1616	Humphrey Onslow of Myddle husbandman buried 7 th February. John, son of John and Alice Downton of Alderton, gent baptized 15 th February
1628	Margaret, daughter of Richard Hanmer of Myddle Wood, labourer and Maria his wife baptized 8 th Feburary
1636	Alice daughter of Peter Ledsom curate of Myddle and Alice his wife baptized 28 th October.
1658	Thomas Mitton of Houlston labourer buried 4 th April

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Marriages

1755	3	1780	9	1805	3	1830	8
56	7	81	10	06	7	31	9
57	8	82	5	07	4	32	8
58	9	83	7	08	3	33	8
59	6	84	9	09	3	34	11
1760	8	1785	8	1810	2	1835	8
61	5	86	8	11	4	36	6
62	9	87	6	12	8		
63	7	88	5	13	9		
64	9	89	12	14	4		
1765	7	1790	14	1815	11		
66	2	91	6	16	8		
67	4	92	7	17	4		
68	5	93	7	18	3		
69	11	94	8	19	7		
1770	7	1795	3	1820	8		
71	3	96	3	21	9		
72	8	97	5	22	10		
73	4	98	6	23	15		
74	10	99	3	24	7		
1775	10	1800	4	1825	10		
76	6	01	8	26	6		
77	8	02	5	27	7		
78	7	03	6	28	15		
79	11	04	2	29	8		

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