

Houses Listed in the Inclosure of Chedworth Act 1803 by Michael Tovey

The influence of the 1803 Inclosure Act has had a lasting effect on Chedworth. Field walls, roads and paths were all established leaving behind the old medieval strips of land and open fields forever. The rich got richer and the poor lost ancient common rights. Farmers would become more efficient thus encouraging movement of people from rural to urban areas to populate the factories of Britain during the Industrial Revolution¹.

The Act of Inclosure

It is not recorded how many pre-Inclosure meetings took place in local Inns between land owners or how much consent was achieved but we do know that Lord John Howe of Chedworth² Lord of the Manors of Chedworth and Compton Abdale was the main architect of the petition to Parliament to pass an Act which was granted in 1803. Commissioners Joseph Pennington, Richard Richardson and John Davis together with surveyor Richard Wright Hall of Cirencester were duly appointed and sworn in on 3 July 1804. The detail of who owned what and how land was to be re-proportioned together with detailed maps took just under a year to complete.

Land Owners who Supported Chedworth Inclosure

Benjamin GRISDALE Vicar of Chedworth	Reverend John ALLEN of Northleach
Lord John HOWE of Chedworth	James PAYN Esquire of Maidenhead in the County of Berks
Joseph PITT Esquire of Cirencester	John BALLINGER Gentleman of Chalford.
Thomas CHILD Surgeon of Northleach	John KING Gentleman of Stapleton
William MASSEY Victualler of Chedworth (Foss Cross)	Thomas SMITH Yeoman of Chedworth
Robert SMITH Yeoman of Chedworth	Robert ROBINS Cordwainer of Chedworth
Peter GLOVER Baker of Chedworth	David TAYLOR Carpenter of Chedworth
William MIDWINTER Gardener of Chedworth	William DYER yeoman of Compton Abdale
Lawrence CHANDLER Yeoman of Naunton (Uncle and Guardian of Mary Ann CHANDLER of the same place Spinster - a Minor)	
Edward DURELL Usher and John Allen MASTER of the Northleach Free Grammar School	

Land Owners who objected to Chedworth Inclosure³

Whereas intimation has been given, of an intended application to Parliament for leave to bring in a Bill, to inclose the Common and Waste Lands, Woods and Downs within the parish of Chedworth in the County of Gloucester. Notice is hereby given, that we whose Names are hereto annexed are determined to oppose such Inclosure, as inimical to our interests in the said Commonable Lands. Dated this 25th day of September 1802.

John MORRIS	William WILSON	Joseph SLY
William MIDWINTER ⁴	William MASSEY	William SCRIVEN
John DICKINSON	Margaret WILSON	J. SMITH (mark)
Thomas ROBINS	Caleb SMITH	Nathaniel GLOVER
Robert ROBBINS	Richard GREEN	Charles LANE
Thomas BAYLEY	John TROTMAN	William ROBBIN
Charles BALLINGER	Wm SHERBORNE	John PEACHEY
Thomas COURTE	Simon WILSON	
John TOWNSEND	R. SMITH (mark)	

¹ By 1851 more people in England lived in an urban environment than a rural one.

² A recluse who died unmarried on n October 1804. He rarely visited Gloucestershire.

³ Printed in the Gloucester Standard Monday 11 October 1802

⁴ Not known if this is the same man who had supported Inclosure in the list above.

The following table is extracted from Chedworth Inclosure documentation which gives a reference number that can be found on the related maps to which I have added a modern house name for that property by using the online KYPwest resource⁵

Modern Name of Property	IM#	Owner SN	Owner FN + comment
Marsden Manor (in Rendcombe)	19	DURHAM	BISHOP OF
Woodlands Farm	48	WILBRAHAM	EDWARD ESQ WOODLANDS
Postcombe	64	SCRIVEN	WILLIAM
Demolished by 1843 - near Newport	87	ROBINS	THOMAS & GDN
Newports Farm	93	AGG	WILLIAM HSE
Hutnage (Hutton - Edge?)	103	HOWE	JOHN LORD CHEDWORTH
The Castle (was on WW2 airfield)	134	ROBINS	THOMAS
Keepers Cottage	140	HOWE	JOHN LORD CHEDWORTH
Woodside Cottage	145	HOWE	JOHN LORD CHEDWORTH
Coulsty Barn	146	BURFORD	JOHN
Hartshill	172	TROTMAN	GEORGE
demolished was NW of Hartshill	174	HOWE	JOHN LORD CHEDWORTH
Manor Farm	188	HOWE	JOHN LORD CHEDWORTH
St. Andrew's Church	189		Rev. Grisdale
Ashlin	190	HOWE	JOHN LORD CHEDWORTH
Pye & Long Cottages	191	HOWE	JOHN LORD CHEDWORTH
Cotswold Cottage	196	SMITH	THOMAS HSE & GDN
Laurel Cottage	198	TAYLOR	DAVID
Buttress House	199	TROTMAN	JOHN
Buttress House	200	PITT	JOSEPH
Corner Cottage	202	BALLINGER	DANIEL
Ford's Cottage	203	TAYLOR	JOHN
The Old Forge	204	ROBINS	THOMAS
The Forge	205	ROBINS	WILLIAM
1 Church Row	206	WILSON	BARTLEY
2 Church Row	207	TAYLOR	RICHARD
3 Church Row	208		(on map only)
Iolanthe	209	HOWE	JOHN LORD CHEDWORTH
Whitegates	226	BALLINGER	JOHN
The Greys	227	COATES	GILES HSE & GDN
Coombe Cottage	229	BRIDGES	EMANUEL
The Paddocks	230	RADWAY	MARY SNR
Glebe Cottage	231	NORTHLEACH	SCHOOL
The Old Vicarage	232	GRISEDAL	RENJAMIN REV
The 7 Tuns Inn	235	GLOVER	PETER
Bodkin Cottage	238	SMITH	MARY
Ivy Cottage	239	NEWMAN	NATHANIEL
Cartref now Lawrence Cottage	240	CURTIS	JOHN
Cartref now Lawrence Cottage	240	HAVILAND	RICHARD
Mole End	241	SMITH	MARY
Railway Cottage	242	LANE	CHARLES JUNIOR
Railway Cottage	243	ROBERSON	THOMAS
Laburnum Cottage	244	JOCHAMS	FNU

⁵ www.KYPWest.org

(demolished - under railway embankment)	245		(on map only)
Adam's Pool	246	SMITH	THOMAS
Adam's Bothy	247		(on map only)
Hill Farm	249	KING	JOHN
Armstrong Cottage	250	HARPER	BENJAMIN
Ballingers Row	251	BALLINGER	CHARLES
Field Cottage	252	GLOVER	NATHANIEL
Glover's Cottage	263	COURT	THOMAS
(demolished - under railway embankment)	264	GIBBONS	RICHARD HSE & GDN
(demolished - under railway embankment)	265	CHURCH	CHURCHWARDENS
Horseshoe Cottage	266	BALLINGER	JOHN
Brookvale	271	BALLINGER	JOHN on map only - not listed
Hawkes Lane House	272	SMITH	THOMAS
Clifden House	277	PITT	JOSEPH
Walnut Tree House (Horse & Wagon Inn)	278	JONES	WILLIAM
Cromwell House	279	RADWAY	JOHN
Adelaide	280	COURT	THOMAS
Old Village Stores	282	GREEN	RICHARD
Box Tree Cottage	283	GLOVER	DANIEL & STEPHEN
Windsor Cott & under railway	284	CHURCH	CHURCHWARDENS
Anstey's Cottage	285	PITT	JOSEPH
Kimberley Cottage	286	RANDALL	AARON
Melrose Cottage	287	ADAMS	GABRIEL
Laureston Cottage	288	BRIDGES	EMANUEL
demolished - on site of school?	298	BALLINGER	JOHN (not marked on map)
Smuggs Barn	293	GLOVER	DANIEL & STEPHEN
Homeside	294	DAVIS	WILLIAM
Not on map	296	BRIDGES	THOMAS
Cottage now demolished	318	BROAD	RICHARD HSE & GDN
Emma's Cottage	321	ROBINS	JOHN
Grange Cottage	322	LAWRENCE	WILLIAM HSE & GDN
Big House now Carriers Cottage	323	BARTON	CHARLES
The Cottage	325	SMITH	ROBERT
Ardmore House	326	DAVIS	WILLIAM HSE & GDN
Hartpury Farm	327		not listed prob Robt Smith
Swan's Nest	328	SIMMONS	THOMAS
Doveswell	329	HOWE	JOHN LORD CHEDWORTH
Bleakmor Cottage now Primrose Cott	329a	TROTMAN	GEORGE
The Crofts	330	PITT	JOSEPH PREV HAVILAND
Hill View now Absolem's Orchard	333	SHIREBOURNE	WILLIAM
Old Well Cottage	334	MILLER	WILLIAM SENIOR
Littlecot	335	TROTMAN	WILLIAM
Wookey's Tump	336	ROBINS	ROBERT
Rookery House	338	COLLETT	THOMAS HSE & ORCHARD
The Haven	339	TOWNSEND	WILLIAM
site of new house Willow Bank	342	HOWE	JOHN LORD CHEDWORTH
The Orchard	346	READ	THOMAS
Woolpack	351	ELLIS	RICHARD

Hills Farm	353	PITT	JOSEPH PREV ROBBINS
Greenhill Farm	364	RADWAY	FRANCIS HSE & YARD
Green Lane Cottage	366	ELLIS	RICHARD
Brook Cottage	373	SCOTFORD	JOHN
Old Farm	379	BALLINGER	JOHN
Well Hill	380	BAILEY	THOMAS
Meadowside	382		on map not listed prob J. Pitt
Blakemor	386	RADWAY	FRANCIS
Peach Tree Cottage	389	GREEN	RICHARD
Janes Cottage (prev The Homestead)	390	BIDDLE	NATHANIAL
Old Oak Cottage	392	PEACHEY	JOHN
Blakemoor Cottage	393	SLY	DANIEL
Green Mead original demolished	397	PITT	JOSEPH
now demolished SW of Greenhill Farm	400	TROTMAN	GEORGE
Stowell Mill	433	HOWE	JOHN LORD CHEDWORTH
Elm Ridge & The Brew House	475	BROAD	RICHARD
Oxbyre	479	HOWE	JOHN LORD CHEDWORTH
Denfurlong	480	WILSON	JOSHUA
Bliss's Cottage	483	PITT	JOSEPH
now dismantled in USA Rose Cottage	484	SMITH	STEPHEN
Hillview or Hill House (part of)	488	SMITH	LAWRENCE
Hillview or Hill House (part of)	489	RADWAY	MARY JNR
The Old Manse	491	PHILLIPS	REV HSE & GDN
Grove View (part of)	492	DICKENSON	JOHN
Grove View (part of)	493	BARNES	TIMOTHY
Jude Amphlett	494	WILSON	MARGARET
Shrove Cottage	496	RADWAY	JOHN
Amphlett House	497	RADWAY	JOHN
Pancake Cottage	498	PEACHEY	THOMAS
Amphlett House (part of)	499	PEACHEY	THOMAS
Silverspring (old cott demolished)	500	WILSON	CALEB
Congregational Chapel	501	WILSON	WILLIAM
Gilgal	504	WILSON	JOHN
Old Pastures (part of)	508	PITT	JOSEPH
Old Pastures (part of)	509	BAILEY	THOMAS
York Cottage	510	BROAD	THOMAS
Denfurlong Cottage	516	RADWAY	JOHN
demolished cottages Hedgley Botm	530	RADWAY	JOHN
West Meadow	537	SLY	JOSHUA
Orchard Cottage	538	TURNER	WILLIAM
Badger Cottage	539	RANDALL	JEFFREY HSE & GDN
Sweet Briar Cottage	541	GREEN	FNU
Box Bush Cottage	542	WILSON	WILLIAM
Hayward Cottage	543	WILSON	WILLIAM
Elm Villa	552	ELTOME	WILLIAM HSE & GDN
Raybrook Cottage	557	MORRIS	JOHN HSE & CLOSE
The Old Forge	558	ELTOME	RICHARD HSE & GDN
Fossbridge Inn (Lord Chedworth)	577	HOWE	JOHN LORD CHEDWORTH
The Farmhouse (part of)	578	TURK	CHARLES HSE & GDN

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Turnpike now demolished	585	HOWE	JOHN LORD CHEDWORTH
Pike House	586	TURK	WILLIAM
Laines Farm	597	SMITH	CALEB
Wolds Cottage (part of)	598	THAIR	RICHARD
Wolds Cottage (part of)	599	MILLER	WILLIAM SENIOR
The Millers	600	MILLER	WILLIAM JUNIOR
Highfield House	602	PAYN	JAMES ESQ
Pinkwell	629		Northleach School
Cloverfield Cottage	671	WILSON	DANIEL
Fields Farm	673	WILSON	WILLIAM
Long Furlong	684	STEPHENS	THOMAS SENIOR
Cherry Orchard	692	MIDWINTER	WILLIAM
Hare & Hounds (aka The Stump)	695	MASSEY	WILLIAM

NOTES

Inclosure and consolidation of land in Chedworth was an ongoing activity in the 18th century. The excellent Victorian County History <https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/glos/vol7/pp163-174> gives some details of these activities and provides a pre-Inclosure map of the parish (just imagine those huge open fields).

Britain was at war with France in 1803 so farmers were enjoying good prices for their produce and were using land that had previously been of marginal value.

Joseph Pitt (1759-1842), a man from humble origins who became a member of parliament, lawyer, banker and very large landowner (see <https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1820-1832/member/pitt-joseph-1759-1842>) had bought several packages of property in Chedworth prior to Inclosure and so it is no surprise that he had pushed for the Act to take place along with John Howe the Lord of Chedworth. Between them they owned about half of the parish land.

Northleach School owned some property in Chedworth thanks to a 17th century legacy from Hugh Westwood whose name lives on in the Northleach Medical Centre to this day.