

21 June 1758

Vincent Darley of Battens in Northill complained that Richard Luskey had too many animals on the common pasture on Twelve Men's Moor.

Richard Luskey said that Swete Nicholas Archer, Sheriff of the County, was biased because he himself owned the tenement of Middlewood, another of the ancient tenements, and so himself had common rights on the moor, and asked for an independent assessor .

It was agreed that one of the coroners, Simon Hendy, be appointed to measure the moor. He convened a jury of 12 men to conduct an inquisition of the moor.

Darley and Luskey agreed that "for so long time that the memory of man hath known to the contrary" that Twelve Men's Moor was a "large tract of mountainous, craggy and uncultivated pasture".

The court estimated that Twelve Men's Moor was about 8,000 acres and judged it could support 48 horses or mares, 48 bullocks and 2016 sheep in total. {20 sheep = 1 horse; 15 sheep = 1 bullock}.

Twelve Men's Moor, part of the Manor of Carnedon prior, was owned by the Crown but was annexed to the Duchy of Cornwall.

The yearly rent for the moor was 4 shillings, shared equally between the freeholders of the twelve tenements. This rent had not changed since 1284.

The common was also subject to the King's Reeve and the tenants of the King's Manor of Rillaton who had the right to impound stray animals.

The court decided that no asses, mules, swine or goats be allowed on the moor and that each twelfth share should be 4 horses, 4 bullocks, 2016 sheep. {20 sheep = 1 horse; 15 sheep = 1 bullock}.

Richard Luskey had two twelfths and his entitlement was 8 horses, 8 bullocks, 336 sheep.

The original complaint stated that he had 10 bullocks, 40 oxen, 70 cows with their calves, 30 horses, 20 mares with their colts, 60 rams, 500 whether sheep, 1000 ewes with their lambs, 40 he-goats, 300 she goats with their kids, 20 boars, 70 sows with their young, 10 he-asses, 30 she-asses with their foals, 700 geese with their goslings.

Richard Luskey agreed to abide by the court's ruling.

The stint [extent] of Twelve Men's Moor in the Parish of Northill in the County of Cornwall Appendant to Twelve Ancient Tenements whose yearly rent is four shillings.													
Tenements	Freeholders	Parts of the whole moor	Tenements and parts of a Tenement	Yearly rent	Horses	Bullocks	Sheep	arable land	meadow	pasture	wood	furze and heath	moor
10 of the 12 ancient tenements remained after some had been split and some had been joined													
Highhouse	Thomas Bewes Esq	1/12	1	4d	4	4	200						
Trelake	Thomas Bewes Esq	1/12	1	4d	4	4	200						
Kingbear	Thos Bewes Esq and Rebecca Reed	1/24	1/2	2d	2	2	100						
Kingbear	Francis Rodd Esq	1/24	1/2	2d	2	2	100						
Trewortha	Francis Rodd Esq	1/16	3/4	3d	3	3	150						
Trewortha	Francis Rodd Esq	1/48	1/4	1d	1	1	50						
North Bowda	Vincent Darley, Gentleman	1/12	1	4d	4	4	200						
South Bowda	Vincent Darley, Gentleman	1/12	1	4d	4	4	200	30	30	200	70	200	200
Odicraft, otherwise Alterio [now Addicroft]	Vincent Darley, Gentleman	1/12	1	4d	4	4	200						
North Calstock [now West Castick]	Richard Luskey, Gentleman	1/12	1	4d	4	4	200	20	20	100		100	
North Calstock [now West Castick]	Richard Luskey, Gentleman	1/12	1	4d	4	4	200						
South Calstock [now East Castick]	John Hodge Esq	1/12	1	4d	4	4	200						
Middlewood	The Heirs of William Archer Esq dec'd	1/12	1	4d	4	4	200						
Middlewood	John Lillick, Gentleman	1/12	1	4d	4	4	200						
Total		1	12	4 shillings	48	48	2400						