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Dear Mrs. Hutton,

Thank you for your letter of 25 February.

The Dictionary of National Biography states that the second volume of Burton's Monasticon was never published and that before his death in 1771 he disposed of the unpublished source material to William Constable.

Sale catalogues in the Chichester-Constable family deposit at this Office include references to Burton's collections. A sale on 24 June 1889 at Sotheby, Wilkinson and Hodge includes much Burton material. Lot 100 (apart from some Pipe Rolls, apparently) turns up again as Lot 547 at a Sotheby's sale on 21 December 1937 (copy enclosed, ref. DDCC 150/205). I do not know the consequences of this 1937 sale. Perhaps Sotheby's would be forthcoming on this?

I also enclose a page from the June 1889 catalogue (ref. DDCC 150/187) which refers to Burton. I imagine, however, that the copies of and extracts from the charters (Lot 547 item o, 1937) are the items which interest you most.

A check was made in our topographical index to records under Horton in Ribblesdale, but there were no references to charters.

The DNB notes that in the King's Library, British Museum, the copy of the Monasticon has the first eight pages of an intended second volume, 'The Appendix, containing charters, grants....never published before, York, N. Nickson, 1759.

Yours sincerely,

*KD Holt*

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This matter is being dealt with by: Mr. R. White

24 May 1983

Dear Mrs. Hutton,

HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE

The majority of the sites plotted on these 6" maps are sites recognised by the former Ordnance Survey Archaeology Division. The numbers in circles and triangles (M = marginal or not accurately located) relate to their index cards - we have copies and you are welcome to consult these for further details.

Sites 3 and 4 form part of a very extensive settlement and field system, largely discovered through aerial photography. I enclose a listing of archaeological aerial photographs of Horton-in-Ribblesdale. We have recently acquired copies of many of these aerial photographs but have not yet plotted them; they are however easily accessible and it is easier to comment on the complex in relation to these photographs.

I return the maps; you are welcome to their use during your researches.

Yours sincerely,

Archaeology Section.

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11-5-1983

Dear Mr White,

Thankyou very much for the Horton-in-Ribblesdale sheets which you kindly copied for me, and which I now return. I have not been able to make as much of them as I had hoped, since there is no key to the symbols and numbers used. Can you therefore tell me what M in a triangle means, or a numeral in a triangle, and the significance of the numerals in a circle especially 3,4 and 7.

The most unexpected feature to me is a large layout running from 775771 to 775780 and eastwards from that line, incorporating what looks like a settlement at the south end, and including the ringed numerals 3 and 4. The alignments are remarkably regular and quite extensive although the land is steep and rocky with shallow soil. Can you comment on it?

I can only add a few scraps of information. There is what looks to me like a defended settlement in the field to the south of Stanaber barn at SD 817710, shown on Cambridge air photos nos C10-52 and BWE-036. Plough ridges ~~south~~ near South House, probably medieval, show up well on C10-63 and C10-65, SD 783744. I have also seen terracing at Harber, SD 807732, and near Brackenbottom at SD 818719. I will let you know if anything else turns up.

I return your maps with thanks, and shall be grateful for elucidation of the symbols.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara Hutton.

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This matter is being dealt with by: Mr. R. White

6 May 1983

Dear Mrs. Hutton,

HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE

... I enclose, on loan, copies of our marked-up Ordnance Survey 6" maps for Horton-in-Ribblesdale. Archaeological sites recognised by the former OS Archaeology Division are identified by a number in a circle. Some other sites are known from aerial photographs - these appear on the maps as faint black lines, generally annotated with an 'AP' and a number which refers to an index of aerial photographs. We have, however, recently acquired a number of aerial photographs of this area which contain much archaeological information but these have not yet been plotted.

I am not able to easily provide you with a list of archaeological sites, or of site details, for Horton-in-Ribblesdale, as it is an area which we have yet to process for our computerized record system. Our existing records are in a map and card index form and you are welcome to consult them at County Hall.

I would be interested in details of any other sites and finds of archaeological interest which you discover during your researches so that we can update our records and better protect the archaeological heritage.

Yours sincerely,

// County Planning Officer.

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replied, thanks 18-12-84  
✓ Dear Mrs Hutton,

6th December, 1984

Many thanks for your interesting letter and enquiry. I know your name well from the titles of your published works, though I cannot confess to having read them — one is increasingly aware these days that cuts in the universities are preventing me from doing anything else except teaching and administration, and that includes reading. And I must apologize most sincerely for my delayed reply: we have a large number of enquiries, not all of them as interesting as yours, and sometimes I get very, very far behind with replies. This sounds like a most feeble excuse, but I feel that you will understand.

I suspect that J.T. Smith gave you my name because he heard a paper which I gave on dispersed settlement in some Dean parishes. I enclose a copy. I was very interested to read in your ~~paper~~ <sup>letter</sup> that your isolated ~~hamlets~~ <sup>farms</sup> in Harton were one, in the early sixteenth century, little hamlets. Dismantling of hamlets to isolated farms is a very common process in areas of dispersed settlement, but often can be picked up only through documentary sources — thus confounding the currently fashionable school of landscape "historians" who think that the landscape provides all of the questions and all of the answers. In Dean I find that the later Middle Ages, as one might expect, was one period of dismantling; relatively modern farm improvements and repressing saw further decline of the hamlet, often as late as the 18th and 19th. I suspect, since you say that a dissolution survey mentions your hamlets, that you too are working in an area where the modern agrarian history of your parish would provide much evidence for a dismantling settlement pattern — and for its causes.

But how old, you ask, is the dispersed pattern? I never make studies of the landscape history of a parish unless I know in advance that there are very good documentary sources — again, one is esopetated by the "modern" approach which considers that the



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entries for Norton, I know that you will not assume that all of the village farms which it mentions were in the church settlement of Norton itself - Hoskins in his paper 'The highland zone on Downside, Brink' (in Provincial England) has told us not to expect as much and, although totally incorrect in detail, the principles which he is expounding are sound.

In your letter you write of 'air-photo evidence of other dwellings near the present farmstead(s)' Are these the black dots on the 1", perhaps field barns? The whole question of field barns in the North is very fascinating. I do not think that one should always assume that they were once dwellings, though my experience in Devon suggests that <sup>some</sup> dwellings sites could decline to become mere barns.

I hope that all of this is of some use, although I suspect that you may have progressed far beyond what I say since the very distant date of your letter!

Apologies again.

Yours sincerely,

Harriet Fox

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27-2-1984

Dear Dr Fox,

Your name was given to me by J.T. Smith as one interested in areas of dispersed upland settlement. I am at present studying such an area: Horton in Ribblesdale in the historic West Riding of Yorkshire.

The chief difficulty I am finding is that I have a strong feeling the area has always had dispersed settlement but cannot bring any evidence to prove it. Prehistoric settlement evidences on the ground are plentiful, but undatable and so perhaps consecutive. History begins in the late 12th century when the Scots withdrew from the region and it was divided among four monastic houses, with perhaps a few other holdings in different hands. Two of the granges developed into monastic manors, one still surviving. At the Dissolution the survey of this manor shows dispersed settlement in the form of nine hamlets, most of them now isolated farms sometimes with air-photo evidence of other dwellings near the present farmstead. These represent lodges for stock-farming, but may have been established on sites already occupied. The likelihood is that the whole parish of some 17,000 acres was similarly settled, because a large number of the hamlet and farm names were already in existence in the 16th century. How long before this they came into being is another matter, and I don't know what evidence I can look for to find out.

I should be very interested in any comments and suggestions you are able to offer. In return, if my experience can be of any use to you, I will gladly send you a draft paper on the late medieval history of Horton, which will show you what sources there are and how I have interpreted them.

I have also found so far no fewer than ten enclosure agreements or awards dating between 1758 and 1847/7, bringing the common grazing into severalty. My students are now mapping these, and I believe there is still some common grazing in the township. In 1863 there were 55 farms, now ~~32~~ 24!

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara Hutton.

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Dear Mrs Hutton,

In the process of moving offices I have found your letter of 29/4/83 lodged between the wall and the back of my desk. I remember receiving it but it must have hidden itself soon afterwards and become lost to my sight and my mind. Please accept my apologies. The person J.T. Smith referred to is Dr Harold Fox of the Department of English Local History, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester. He has studied several areas of dispersed upland settlement in

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