

1906

New Plantation in Boscoms Swindon  
Big pasture.

Dec 15th To cash paid to Geo Robinson  
for cutting stone for fence  
167½ hrs @ 6d £4. 3 9  
Cash paid to Wm Lund for  
walling 99½ hrs at 7d/2 17. 6

1907.

July 12. To Wm Lund for walling.  
140½ hrs at 7d/4 1. 11½

1908.

July 18th To cash paid to Wm Lund for  
leading throughs from  
Hambleton Hill to Swindon  
134 hrs at 6d £ 3. 7. 0

1909 To cash paid R<sup>d</sup> Lund for cutting  
June 23rd stones & throughs for fence  
47 hrs at 1/- £ 2. 7. -

July 30 To cash paid to Alram Garradice  
for walling  
34 rods at 9/- £ 15. 6. 0

1909  
Sept 17th To cash paid to Jas Watson  
for carting stones for fence  
10 Rows at 6d 5.0

Dec 4th To cash paid to Jas Watson for  
Rolling the plantation  
23 1/2 Rows at 6d 15.19.3

1910  
March 22 To cash paid to Newhouse &  
Blackley for planting trees at  
£ 2 8 6

March 26th To Trees - Little & Ballantynes  
500 Norway Spruce <sup>transplant</sup> 2 15.0  
150 Abies Douglasii 0 12.0  
400 Common Ash 1 8.0  
200 Beech 1 10.0  
100 Abies Monjivian 0 7.0  
500 Corsican Pine 2 10.0  
200 Japanese Larch 1 4.0  
8 4 6

1909 To 12 1/2 cart of lime at 10/- per ton 6.3

Oct 13th To cash paid to J Brown for stone setting

July 9th 55 cart loads at 1/3 £ 3 8 9

In August 1895 a months traffic census was carried out in Bracoe when the railway was being planned.

During that month the following road traffic passed through the village

1,250 laden carts.

232 waggons

234 omnibuses with three horses

624 " with two horses

213 " with one horse

225 riders on horse back

11,405 passengers.

### Bracoe Telephones 1932

No 1, Bracoe Ball Box

No 2, Helton Ball Box

No 3, Lt-Col Maude, The Fleets

No 4, Rev house, Ryestone

No 5, G Green, Farmer Threapland

No 6, R Carr, Farmer Monos House Ryestone

No 7, T. W. Irving, Ivy House Helton

No 8, Hebden, Butcher, Bracoe

No 9, L.M.S. Ryestone, Station

No 10, John Hammond, Bracoe House

No 11,

No 12, R Rymer, Valley View, Ryestone

No 13,

No 14, John Redman, Joiner, Helton

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In 1910 after several years of bad weather they hired a tent for during the sports, which apparently was a blessing for people to get out of the mud and rain.

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CRACOE FELL RACE

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Cracoe Fell Race, revived last summer after a lapse of nearly 50 years, was such a success. it is being run again on Saturday, 30th May. The start is at 12.45 p.m. instead of in the evening, as last year.

Competitors will again include the best of Northern fell runners. After winning last year, Kenny Stuart, of Threkeld, near Keswick, went on to become the season's top runner.

Starting from near the Devonshire Hotel, the runners have it easy across rising pastures, but then face a rapid and rough ascent to the 1,600 ft. crest on which Cracoe's war memorial stands.

It is one of the sternest tests fell runners face, and the trophies, which are presented on the hotel car park are hard earned.

Last year 60 started in the three groups - senior, under 17 and under 14.

Local runners expected to do well are Roger Gibson who has come from Cumbria to farm at the Fleets, and the Schindler brothers, John and David from Thorpe. John won the under 17 event last year and is still eligible for the group. David has a good chance in the Under 14 event.

Roger Ingham, the Skipton athlete (Tel: Skipton 60408) is organising the event assisted by local farmers headed by Donald Carlisle. Roger's wife Rebecca, comes from Cracoe and Roger was introduced to fell running by Norman Beck and trained by Billy Pickering. Both were Cracoe farmers.

'Dawes he went a-fishing  
He thought he'd catch a whale  
But when he thought about the dace,  
His thoughts they turned to ale.'

This little ditty was written by the late John Lord when our little friend (you know who) took up fishing almost 60 years ago. No doubt at this stage his excursion into 'the gentle art' was short lived; he probably found better fish to fry.

Well strange to say he has the fishing bug again; it all began with him seeing an odd fish or so returning to Hetton Beck and with an old Greenhart rod turning up on one of his many estates. So he enlisted the aid of two of his fishing pals to tackle up his rod regardless of cost and with his new found treasure complete with reel, hook, line and sinker - with half his garden turned over he found a tin full of fat juicy worms, he proudly set off to catch a fish. Well alas, he quickly hooked a fish, but in his excitement fell into the beck; the fish got off and he wandered home with his bag empty but his wellingtons full!!

Nothing daunted off he went again full of hope -benevolence and this time fortune smiled on him, a poor innocent little trout was gently taking the odd fly or other marine insects that came its way, when this very appetizing looking worm came floating past, the fish little knowing that a deadly hook was concealed in the worm, made a grab at it and of course was hooked. Our worthy angling friend with a great big heave, threw the poor fish clean out of the water yards into the field and so with his breakfast assured he returned home, dry footed, rather thirsty and very proud. Rumour has it that he was in the Angel that night taking orders for fresh caught trout from a pure crystal clear stream.

Well 'tight lines' little friend but please leave us a few wild, lusty trout in our little beck for future stock.

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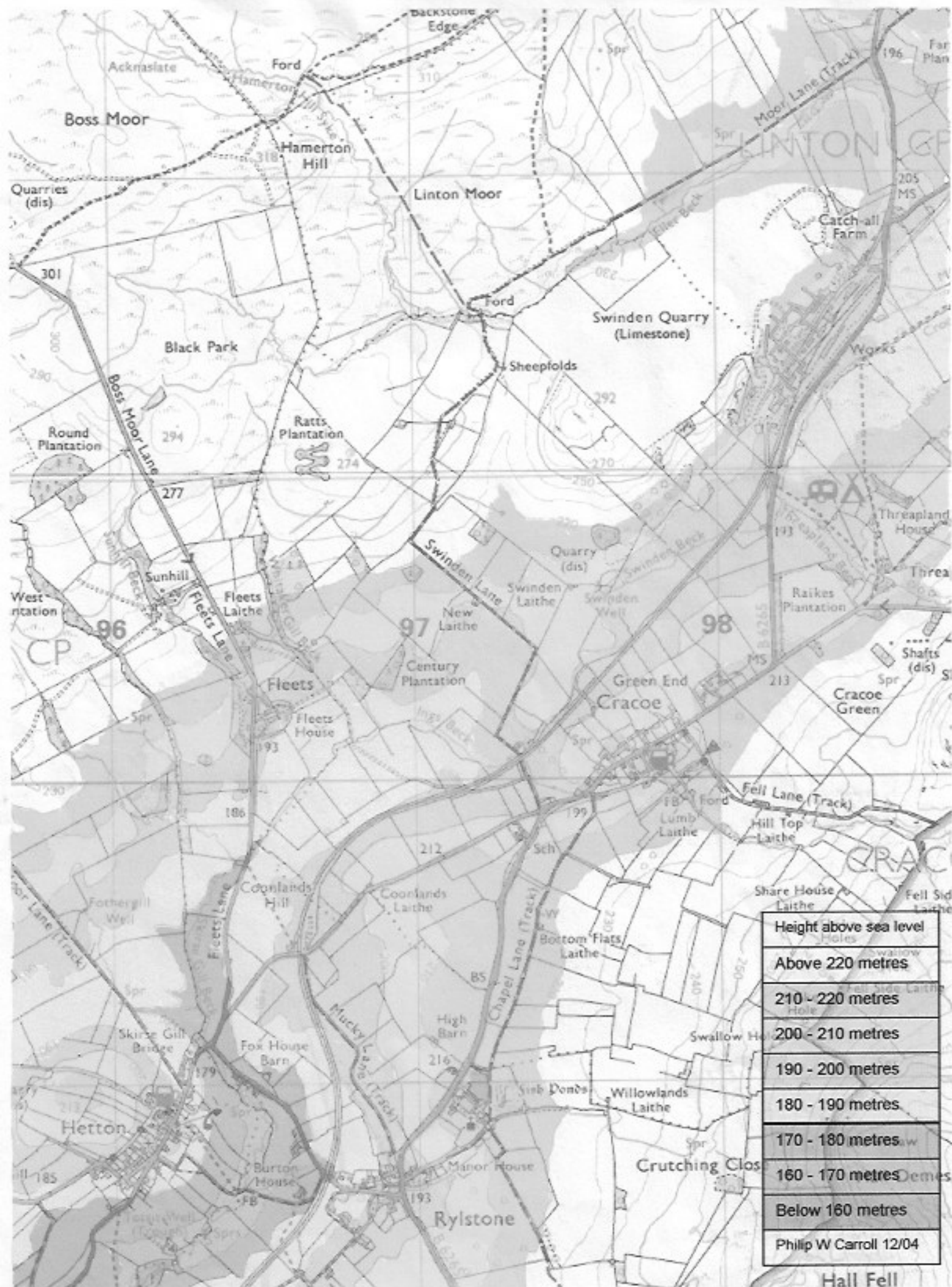
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### Cracoe Boundary

The true division in the east between  
Threapland and Thorpe, and north  
between Brakhow, Linton and Threapfield

"by the height of Uretmore (or  
Vine more) as the water divides in the  
Torrent (stream) of Brakbeck. Then  
descending Brakbeck to the dam or pool  
(gurgitum) to the cold spring (frigidu  
fontis) then ascending above the dam  
to the head of the spring on the east,  
by the place where the stags play  
in Swindon Scholby, then across the  
hill descending to the stream of Elberbeck  
... to the end of Swargill

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Place names and field names can often tell us of the landscape.

There are many Anglian names for clearings in woodland, yet despite the soil which looks at least in part, as if it could support large trees, there are few field names which suggest this.

In Cracoe, Swinden means "swine valley", which would imply woodland, as pigs were fattened on fallen acorns and nuts. In Rylstone, there was a "Howden or Holden" wood meaning deep valley. We do not know where this was, though an early description of the boundary of Cracoe puts it on the Cracoe - Rylstone boundary. Apart from Bordley itself, few names for wood or clearing such as foul furth in Cracoe, calf fall, hagg laithe (the barn where the trees were felled) and Brand Rake (a place cleared by burning) have survived and the only tree names again suggest light scrub. "Thorns" in Danderthorn, Thornleys, Coldthornes, and Lantern Holes, whose earlier form was Lambthorn. Burtree (Elder tree) and Birchbank do not suggest either more than a scrubby woodland, yet there is a tradition that Bordley was so thickly wooded that the Proctors could carry a naked light from Lainger House to Bordley Hall without it being extinguished.

Where were these pre conquest villages? It is most likely that their hut foundations (the huts were probably wood, wattle, daub and thatch) are under present house foundations. Although village houses were sometimes moved (as Halton East), if the Lord of the Manor did not like them too close to his hall, they just as frequently rebuilt time after time on the same site, the "loft" with it's croft behind it.

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