GLOSSARY OF SELECTED FIELD NAMES

Presented sheet by sheet and identified by 1832 field number.
Field names based on unrecognised personal names have been omitted.

There are references to three books (with page numbers), two by the appropriately named John Field:

FD = John Field, English Field Names: A Dictionary, Alan Sutton, 1972
FH = John Field, A History of English Field-Names, Longman, 1993

SHEET 2

958/931  Pit meadow
         meadow with a pit (pond)
         Pick may be a corruption of Pit

959      World Ditch Close
         stream flowing out of the parish via the nearby 'dingle'
         Whole is a corruption of World

961      Dingle Close
         dingle - a dell or deep hollow
962, on sheet 6, was the 'dingle' hollow
         is the site of Dingle Farm

974      Judge's Close
         Wm. Philip Inge, Esq., of Thorpe Constantine,
         Mr Ing's land
         Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire

931      Cat Meadow
977/78   Cat Furlong
         land haunted by cats

981      Meg of the Hill
         Meg is the uncanny 'Will o' the Wisp', or Marsh Gas
         [see the note below, following 928-30, about Salt Street]

SHEET 3

892      Pig/Peg Park
         field on which pigs were kept

894      Hop-hedge Hill
         above Hoppage spinney (see sheet 7)

895/6    Gallows Hill
         site of gallows where executions took place
         [a gibbet was probably here at the side of Salt Street]

923      Bacchus Nook
         small piece land (nook) at the back of a house or hovel;
         the alternative 'bakehouse' seems unlikely here.

929/30   Mr Dawson's land
         Edward Dawson of Long Whatton, late C18 patron of
         Appleby Church

928-30   'Dingle'
         'Cat'
         see 962 sheet 6
         haunted by cats &c, see also sheet 2
This stretch of Salt Street, above No Mans Heath, must have had a grisly and spooky reputation, with executed bodies left hanging on a gibbet, cats haunting the area and the mysterious flickering will o' the wisp lights on 'meg of the hill'!

**SHEET 6**

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<td>Dullocks Meadow</td>
<td>prob. <em>duck-lake</em> [or stream]; C15 terrier has <em>dulloc</em></td>
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<td>Red Lion Inn &amp;c</td>
<td>C18 coaching inn, became <em>Appleby Fields</em> farmhouse</td>
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<td>Litch/ Sitch</td>
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<td>Tamworth way</td>
<td>) references to local main travel routes</td>
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<td>Muss- or musfurlong</td>
<td>mouse infested land [FH 75; FD 143]</td>
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<td>Rickstead</td>
<td>field containing a hay rick</td>
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<td>Little/ Big Barn Closes</td>
<td>field near or containing a barn</td>
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<td>Shallow Tussock</td>
<td>rough grass or rushes with no depth of soil</td>
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<td>Gelders Close</td>
<td>tax (geld) - gatherer's land (FH 195)</td>
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<td>Gibden Close</td>
<td><em>gibbe</em> = a hump (Medieval English, FH 43); <em>den</em> (or <em>dell</em>) = valley also ME, FD 269</td>
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<td>962</td>
<td>Dingle Hollow</td>
<td>this is the eponymous 'dingle', a dell or deep hollow: it gives its name to several fields in this area</td>
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<td>965</td>
<td>Debson/ Dibson Wall</td>
<td>with a deep (FD 63) outcrop (wall) of rock</td>
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<td>972</td>
<td>Turnpike Close</td>
<td>reference to the adjacent Ashby to Tamworth turnpike</td>
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<td>Redhill</td>
<td>land with red soil, from the underlying sandstone</td>
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<td>pinfold</td>
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<td>198</td>
<td>Parkers meadow</td>
<td>Parkers were an old Appleby family</td>
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<td>206</td>
<td>top yard</td>
<td>enclosure by farmhouse (215)</td>
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<td>meg's close</td>
<td><em>meg</em> - will o'th'wisp, or burning marsh gas</td>
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**206, 210**  pingle  small piece of land

**209**  pleasure grounds  recreational area for a large house  
(for 215 - now the Appleby Inn)

**244**  the two leys  probably two 'londs' here, - strips of meadow

**246**  nobs  probable variation of 'nabs' - hillocks (FD 144)

**253**  Anchor Inn  forerunner of the Moore Arms/Appleby Inn (215),  
but located on the other side of Atherstone road

**259**  Town House &c  became Appleby Hall soon after 1832

**260**  park  the Hall grounds

**824**  Hill Slade  damp drainage route (slade) [with 823, sheet 8] (FD  
206, 274)  
[distinct from Rushy/ Rushton slade,. sheets 8 & 12]

**832**  Great Stoney Way  stony way (path by stony land) 786 (sheet 11) ,832, &  
820/825

**835**  Nether Leys  lower meadow -'lower' with respect to the Hall grounds;  
laes (OE) meadow lands [FD125]

**837**  Park End  Appleby Hall parkland

Post-1772 enclosure amalgamations on West Hill were similar scale to those already carried out by  
that date on Lower Rectory land; see the area around Nos. 699-701 (sheet 16)

**243-5, 248-9,** 841pt-2,874-5  Hill Close  part of the Hall new landscape with  
amalgamation of older small fields

**844**  Brick Kiln Nook close  bricks were made here before fields were merged  
[with 849 sheet 8]

**841pt, 843-7**  West Hill Park (sheet 8), 873  part of the Hall's new landscape with  
amalgamation of older small fields

**885/6**  Hop Hedge  'hopping' land on which hops were grown [FD 108]  
hophynch and hophingeway occur in C15 terrier in  
'Le Feeld nygh Norton'.  
'Hopedge Spinney' on 1st edit. 1in OS map.  
'Hoppage Spinney' on later larger scale maps.

**900**  House &c  farm buildings on the hill which did not survive

**902**  Hop-hedge Gorse  gorsy valley (slade?) leading to Hoppage closes
Po(r)way an ancient road leading to a 'port' or market town

Wheele, see also 935 (wheel -ley) land with a stone circle (Old English hweol - FD 252)

Lincoln suggest 'ling + holme', heather meadow: (Old Norse, appropriate to Danegeld area)

Dingle a deep hollow; FD 63; 962 (sheet 6) is the eponymous dingle hollow

Mount Pleasant on a nice day! - could be ironic (FH 110 & 111)

Pingle small piece of land

Wheele, see 912/3 (wheel -ley) meadow with a stone circle (see 912/3)

Muddle Close perhaps muddy in wet conditions (FH 36)

SHEET 8

Norton's Nook corner piece in the Norton parish boundary

Rushten Slade prob. corruption of 'Rushy', see 817, 821 & 791-4

(sheet 12)

The Privetts The Pruelto (also on 6in OS map) may be a corruption

Great/ Little Foal House Close foals stabled here [see also 812-15] (NB horses)

Upper Blobb &c water-blobb is a dialect word for marsh marigold, [Mabey p 40], so the name also betrays wet ground

Race Ground Plantation evidence of earlier horse racing interest

Game Keeper's House being built 1830s

Hill Slade damp drainage route (slade) [with 824, sheet 7] [Hill slade is distinct from Rushy/ Rushton slade, sheet 12]

The Oat Hills on which oats were grown as feed for horses

The Blobbs marsh marigolds grew here, see 809

Brick Kiln Nook close bricks made for local use at Appleby Parva [with 844 sheet 7]

Hang Dog derogatory term - unproductive; hence trees planted
851-7  *Nortons Close & Hedge*  pieces of land at the Norton parish boundary

858  *Jack's Flatt*  unused or infertile land consigned to the devil (*Jack*)

**SHEET 9**

13 - 14  *Great Heath*  part of pre-enclosure heathland on Birds Hill

65  *Heath Close*  *with farmhouse &c*

another part of the pre-enclosure heathland

15  *white leys*  surface colour; *læs* (OE) meadow lands [FD125]

61  *stone pit*  quarried for highway repairs; sandstone subsoil

C18 *workhouse* was across the road (at 412, Sheet10)

66, 70  *flat leys*  part of open field; arable/pasture land (convertible)

69  *Appleby brickyard*  Appleby overseers' brickyard (near the *workhouse* 411, sheet 10)

71  *Syston*  possibly *syke* (the stream that forms the parish boundary at 13); *stone* (as at 61); (see 72)

72  *marlepit*  marl dug from 'pits' was used as fertiliser; *pits* or ponds were retained as water reservoirs

[Triassic subsoil: sandstone + bands of marl’]

73, 74  *hanging*  steep sloping field

C15 terrier of Church land: *hongnige*  

name given in * Le Cleyfeld juxta Bigging*  

[the Clayfield next to the Buildings]

**SHEET 10**

75  *Plough Close*  land used for arable cultivation

80/83  *Finger Post Field*  direction sign at the cross-roads

94  *Corner Close*  *Golden Way*  

at the corner of three roads  

old name (oral) for Rectory Lane

*Goldherewey*  *Goldhordewey*  C15 terrier in * Le Cleyfeld juxta Bigging*  

C15 terrier in * Le Cleyfeld*

94/ 377  *Hay Furlong*  *Aycroft*  

enclosed by hedges, OE [Old English] *gehaeg* [FD 100]

C15 terrier in * Le Cleyfeld juxta Bigging*

96  *Parsonage House*  now the 'Old Rectory'

102/109  *Upper/ Lower Parks*  part of the Rectory 'park': see 112

104  *Dormers Hall Close*  

*The Butts*  site of Dormers Hall  

archery practised here by local militia c.1800  

during Napoleonic threat
Jobs Field earlier Open Field; later Rectory park land: see 102/9
149 Far Townsend Close one of Appleby's origin 'focuses' [also 170 Sheet11]
330 Herdsmans Croft herdsman's land
343 Malthouse malster / beer retailer here [current village shop site]
347 Pool Yard parsonage garden with fish pool [early parsonage on the (later) Almshouses site]
350 Farmhouse Duck Lake Farm: later developed as St Michael's Drive
369 Intake [by Rectory Lane] with pond: prob. water supply for potato ground [386]
378-80, 84 Brick Kiln/ Yard sizeable brickworks here using local clay
381 P(e)arsons Piece land for the parson's use
382 Fish Pit Close land with pond stocked with fish
386 Potato Ground later became the allotments
387 The Roods 1/4 acre (1 rood) land strips
403 Wade Bank where woad grew [OE wad, FD 246] used for blue dye C15 in Le Clefeld: Wadeflatt
404/7 Long Bleaklands bleak - cold exposed land [FD 23]
411 Workhouse Close C18 workhouse site [opposite stone pit 61 & brickyard 69, sheet 9]
422/4 Top/ Bottom Heath End end - settlement focus at the edge of the Great Heath
422pt Between Way Close between the roads to Measham and White House
425 Heath Ridge Way alongside the road up to the heath ridge
(421) Hethsychwey C15 Le Clefled ; a 'sych', or damp valley, draining the heath, crossed the road here
426/27/32 Malt House, & office brewing operations carried out here
508 Below the Irons hyrne - angle or corner [FD 112]; these angles are at the tops of Closes 507, 508, 618, 619 [sheet 11]
509 Greens Close (far & near) choice meadows like the adjacent Hooked Green (511)
510  *Home Leys*  *holme* (ON water meadow) + *læs* (OE) meadow lands [FD125]

511  *Hooked Green*  *hook-shaped green - fertile meadow*; by the stream bend

  *Grenege'r sty.*  C15 terrier 'In Campo juxta Snaresdon' triangular plot (*stycce*) of a portion (*gore*) of choice meadow (*grene*), all OE

512  *Meadow Brook Close*  the *meadow brook* is named after the *meadow* and the *close* (later enclosure) is named after the brook!

  'Meadow Brook', strictly the brook below the village, also gives its name to one of the eight *Open Fields*

### **SHEET 11**

170  *Far Townsend*  one of Appleby's origins or 'focuses' (see also 149, sheet 10)

278 -81  *The Flatts*  *flatt*: an arable *furlong* (strip), literally the *length* of a *furrow*; also a block of these, forming the division of an arable open field.

  *gas house*  two C19 coal gas retorts for Appleby Hall gas supply were here; the cottage is now called *Gascote*

287  *Baptist chapel house &c*  *Particular Baptists'* land

289  *Brooks End*  'end' - another of Appleby's focuses of origin

304/11/13  *Saint Helens*  early dedication of the *chapel* in Appleby Church

326  *Black Horse Inn*  surviving *hostelry*

451  *Blacksmith's Shop*  one of the village smithies

453  *Over Close*  as in *Over Town* (Appleby Parva)

456  *Cottage &c*  Samuel Hayward, *hangman*, lived here; his grave is in the corner of the cemetery by the oak tree

460/ 472  *The Ley*  untilled land [*læge* (OE) FD125]

463  *Lane*  Brooks End *field access* [see 289]

464  *Chapel Piece*  *Brooks End chapel* ground [see 287, 469]

466  *Nine Leys*  prob. nine *londs* of meadow; aerial view shows nine strips in a small enclosure today [see also 779 below]
**Rye Grass Close &c**

Rye: a fodder crop, *loliwm perenne*

**First Brooks End**

Brook(s) End

see 289

**The Pingle**

small enclosure [FH 131]

**Near Way Close**

enclosure alongside Snarestone Way

**Hostage Close**

'hedged enclosure secured with a lock' - hasp-hedge - derived from Aspage (OE) [FD 8]

**Windle Hill & Little W.H.; Long & Short Windle H.; W.Hill & Walkers Close; The Windlings**

OE *windel streaw* = woven basket + straw [Chambers]

*windlestraw* or *crested dogs tail grass* was used for making bonnets [Mabey, 396]

*windle, dog-tail grass*; hardy crop for sheep [FD 255]

**Green Pit close**

perhaps refers to nearby 'Hooked Green' (511, sheet 10)

**Alley Close**

*alley - the lane* to Barns Heath; later Sandy Lane;

Middle English from Anglo-French, as in *aller* to go, or going; more usually used for a narrow urban passageway [see also 644/5, sheet 15]

**The Windmill**

Village windmill was at 739 - cottage later Old Hinges

**Woodcock close**

personal name [see also 781-4]

**Horse pasture**

*Berrill Hill*

[see 766 Sheet 12]

pasture for horses

*bere: two-row barley head* has lower protein and higher fermentable sugar content than six-row barley; it is traditionally used for brewing ale-style beers [FH 96]

**Sugar Candy**

sticky or brittle soil [FH 41; Appleby example given]

**Lane**

part of route to Upper Rectory farm

**Brook End**

a village origin 'focus' see 469

**Rye Croft**

where Rye was grown; Appleby C15 terrier

[this is quoted in FD 188]

**Five Leys Croft**

five consolidated londs [see also Nine Leys' Croft, 466]

**Woodcock's Rye Croft**

divisions of the original 'Rye Croft'

**Little Red Hill**

see 763/5
Stoneyway Meadow stones impeded cultivation; 'way' links 786, 832, & 820/825

Number Leys (unspecified, prob. large) number of londs
see 466,779

**SHEET 12**

Wintsey Close gorse: from hvin ON [FD 253]

Sale Gutter & Sale Stile [707, Sheet16] next to a stile on the parish boundary ditch [gutter] in which grew willow, probably salix viminalis, hence sale, which grows in ditches; used in basket making [Mabey 141]

The Minorca New enclosure post-1772: Topical C18th name of British Mediterranean island: lost to Spain 1756; regained 1763; lost 1782; retaken 1798; finally lost 1802

Farm House &c Upper Rectory Farm buildings (see also 754-5)

The Windmill see 730-40 sheet 11

Little Barn Close part of Upper Rectory farm site (see 716)

Linsey/ Lousey 'Lousey' - land with a pig-sty [FD 130]; 'Linsey' probably a corruption of 'Lousey'

Red Hill red soil [sandstone outcrops at Stretton & Nertherseal]

Broadlakes wide lake probably meaning stream; OE [FD 271]

Berrel Close bere: two-row barley head has lower protein and higher fermentable sugar content than 6-row barley; it is traditionally used for brewing ale-style beers

Big Footpath Close one of the routes from Appleby to Norton

Broad meadow 761/2: Little and Big Broad Meadow merged

Rushyl Rushton Slade Rushy earlier; Rushton a later corruption; a plant of poor water-logged ground (as a slade); [rush had/has many practical uses: see FD 188]

Short Broad Meadow length comparison with 'Broad Meadow'

Norton Close/ Hedge pieces of land all near the Norton parish boundary [see also 801-3, 851-7, Sheet 8]
SHEET 13

1-2   Moor  marshy land (near stream)

3 - 8 & 20, 21 Garner  personal name (rather than a storage barn)

17,31, 44-51 quarry piece &c Birds Hill appears to have been extensively quarried above Sidehollows farm

18/19 late gorse/ Birdhill Gorse recently gorse, a familiar plant on Birdhill

23/26 Coopers  personal name, Peter Cooper MD, surgeon (at Parva)

39 Sidehollows farm old quarrying hollows are evident on the hillside

54/55 Penny Hill land for rental of one penny

56/57 Healy perhaps sloping [OE helde slope; FD 100]

SHEET 14

514/2 Meadow Brook close: enclosure near the meadow by the brook 'Meadow Brook' = section of the brook below the village; also one of the eight Open fields

585/6 Big Meadow &c original large area of parish water meadows

523/29/30 Heath Close/Piece enclosures won from the Great Heath

531 The Flatts arable furlong (division of open field; see 279 sheet 11)

533 Charles's Close churl's (ie the serf's) close

534/561/2 Stone Pit close/piece enclosures in or near the former quarries

538/557 Little/Big Hall Gorse one of several coverts for game (see 543/4)

540 Feeding Close pasture for grazing (rearing) e.g. beef cattle

543/4 Upper/ N./ S. Gorses heath gorse retained as coverts for game (see 538/557)

555 Cuthberts close drained by deep furrows [FD 58]: low-lying by the Mease, cut (for drainage) + butt (short land or strip)

560 Green Slade or Little Slade green shallow damp valley small slade (alternative to green)

562 New Close newly enclosed land

563 Hall close hall referred to the nearby White House
564  Watering Piece  animal stock access to water (at River Mease)
565  Willow Bed  by the river, one of many sites where willows grew
566/8  Mill Green meadow  choice grazing by the mill
569  Skunnier Flatt  prob. skinnier ie poor land; flatt see 531
569/578  Flitton/ Flittem Flatt  flitteholm ON disputed land [FD 79]; fliten [FH 148]
570  Wetwood/ Netwoods  literally wet-, or a personal name; prob. corrupted to net-
575  Honey Furlong  sticky clay land (derogatory); possibly sweet land (complimentary); or land with bees (literal) [FD 107]
576  Woodcock Close  personal name; or poss. frequented by woodcock
580  Scotford Close  enclosure near a ford subject to 'scot' - a toll

SHEET 15

585, 600-03  Big Meadow &c  original large area of parish water meadows
                        [see also Sheet 14]
573/4  Holme Gap  water meadow gap
588, 590-3, 617pt  Hammer Leys  hamm (OE) riverside, laes (OE) meadow lands
                        [FD 96, 125]
592/94/613  Mould, Harris(on) &c  personal names
595, 612  Road Meadow  lane to Barns Heath farm
599,602-4  Barnsheath
599,602-4  Baronsheyth  present farm name
                       C15 terrier 'In Campo juxta Snareston'
                       the baron was probably Earl Ferrers
599, 645-9  marl pit  marl: natural fertiliser dug out, leaving pits for water
606  River Mease  adjacent stream (river)
616-7  Withyhurst  willow (withy) + copse (hurst) - used for
                       basket & hurdle making; corrupted to Widdeos;
                       The Widdeos, Wythurst
                       C15 terrier 'In Campo juxta Snareston'
625-6  Catch Pit  catch fish here (see 635) or catch crop grown [FD39]?
634  Kick Pit  var. of keck or queue? - cow parsley [Mabey, 283]
635/36  The Fish Pit Field  field pond with fish
& Fish Pond Close

Alley meadow/ close
Alymedow

alley: the lane to Barns Heath; later Sandy Lane
C15 terrier 'In Campo juxta Snaresston'

The Bush Close

land with a marker (?) bush

Strong Close

hard land?

Below the Ricks

next to (lower) hay ricks at Barns Heath

Lunch Close

lynch, or river terrace, on the inside corner of the river
[FD 125-6]

Snarestone Hill

a low hill on the Snarestone side of the parish

Till's Close

The Cottage Field

personal name
site of two cottages at Far Barns Heath

Snarestone Hill &

see 668

willow bed

at the Snarestone roadside, by the River Mease

Horse Close

land where horses were pastured

one of the new post-1772 enclosures into which
the Rectory Farms were radically realigned

Osier Bed

osier willows (salix viminalis) used for basket-making
[FD 156, Mabey 141]

Barn, Yard &c

Lower Rectory Farm being built here

'cors' [marsh] with 'well' [spring] fits the topography -
probably a meadow slade draining to the River Mease;
Celtic 'cors', marsh or bog, FH 135;
Modern Welsh has cors/-ydd (f) a bog or swamp
In the C15 Appleby terrier, the Campo juxta Snaresston
has: III landæs wtowi Crasse-Walgrene;

next to and associated with Crosswell Meadow (699)
699-701 look like the last relics of old marshy
enclosures, before radical realignment of the Rectory
farm enclosures

Wintsey Close

gorse: from hvin ON [FD 253]

Blake-lands

black- or possibly bleak-lands (see 404/7 sheet 10)
in C15 Campo juxta Snaresston
Sale Stile & Sale Gutter [708,SH 12] next to a stile on the parish boundary ditch [gutter] in which grew sale (willow), from salix viminalis; used for basket making [Mabey 141]

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