

# ***The Old Houses of Hest Bank***

## ***Preface***

In 1845 when the first Tithe Map of Slyne-with Hest was produced there were only fourteen houses in the Hest Bank part of the township. After collecting information over the past three years, I can now say something about their origins and also sketch the history of their inhabitants. None of the houses in Hest Bank have date-stones bearing initials, and this makes their origins difficult to determine. However the Tithe Map includes an inventory of houses, farms and land and one can work backwards and forwards from this to find the original builders and follow the inhabitants in subsequent census records and village directories. The whole exercise bears resemblance to the fitting together of a giant jig-saw puzzle and any mistakes are entirely my fault.

There is a sketch map at the front of the book to help you locate the various buildings and there are also copies of recent photographs of those properties still standing. Rakes Head farm was situated opposite the end of Shady Lane and it was not possible to include it on the map. I have also included Hatlex House, Hatlex Farm and Hatlex Cottage even though they were at that time situated in the Parish of Bolton-le-Sands.

Most of the information in the book relates to the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. I have deliberately not included much detail from this century, partly because of limitations of space and partly to avoid any possible offence to living relatives. However if you do have more information on any of the people mentioned I would be delighted to hear from you.

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