

Farms and Agriculture

In 1724, the *lands, meadows, pasture grounds, Moor or Common* of Lowick Township were enclosed by the agreement of the six landowners: - Sir Carnaby Haggerston of Haggerston, Bart; Sir John Swinburn of Capheaton, Bart; Percival Clennell of Cornhill, Gent; Thomas Staward of Doddington, yeoman; Thomas Coulter and Edward Gibson of Lowick, yeoman.

The farms created as a result of the Agreement were named in the 1846/47 Tithe Map and Schedule as follows:

Northfield, Lowick South Steads [High Steads], Lowick South Moor, Lowick North Farm, Brownridge and Lowick East Farm, Lowick Town [Hall] Farm, Lowick Mill Farm, Hunting Hall, Lowick North Low Steads, Lowick South Low Steads, Lowick Forest and *land* forming what became the Black Bull Farm.

Despite the break up and/or amalgamation of the estates, many of the above farms are still recognisable today.

A database of information from newspapers, leases, probate accounts, wills, sales particulars, maps, field names, and photographs, is being created.