

Oaths and Taxes

Hearth and Poll Tax

The Poll Tax of 1667, and to a lesser extent the Hearth tax of 1664, give a snapshot of the Warburton population of Bowdon Parish.

The 1664 Hearth Tax includes the following:

Hale:

Henery Warburton – 1 hearth
John Warburton – 2 hearths

Bowdon:

Elizabeth Warburton – 1 hearth
John Warburton – 1 hearth

Partington:

Thomas Warburton, gent – 5 hearths
John Warburton – 1 hearth

There is also a Henery at a place with a 2-word name, possibly Northen Etchells with 2 hearths. There are none in Dunham or Mobberley.

The 1667 Poll Tax return for the Bucklow Hundred is remarkably complete and is effectively a census of the population. The following are the Warburton families found in the townships that form Bowdon parish, plus Mobberley and Partington.

Ashley:

William and Catherine, his wife

Bollington (now Little Bollington, not Bollington nr. Macclesfield):

John and his unnamed wife

Bowdon:

Elizabeth and 4 children: plus 1 servant (cannot remember if children named)

Dunham (includes Sinderland):

Henery, his wife Anne, and children Henery, Ann and Alice.

Hale:

John, his wife Margaret and children Thomas, John, George, Josiah, Enoch, Margaret and Deborah.

Henry, his wife Mary, sons Thomas and Henry, and Henry's wife Elizabeth

William, his wife Jane and daughters Ann and Mary

John, labourer

John, wheelwright, his wife Katherine, and sons William and John

Millington:

Mary – a servant

Mobberley:

Ellin – a servant in the Burgess household

Partington:

John, his unnamed wife, and son George
George

Neither Tabley (not in Bowdon parish):

Thomas (paid for his poll and 2 wages)

Timperley:

Ann – a servant

There were no Warburtons in Agden, Altrincham or Sale.

Norman Warburton says a Peter Warburton was in residence at Warburton Green (Hale) until 1673, but he is not included.

Where did Thomas of Partington, gent disappear to between 1664 and 1667?

Note the absence of a Warburton family in Mobberley. Warburton baptisms begin at Mobberley in 1671 and grow to a sizeable family over the next 100 years.

Grand Remonstrance 1642

The following Warburtons signed the Grand Remonstrance:

- Alexander (signed)
- George (mark) – possibly George of Pool Bank Farm
- George of Hale (signed) – this George assessed several inventories, including George (d 1639), but is otherwise not attested.

Oath of Allegiance 1723

The following Warburtons of Bowdon parish took the oath of Allegiance (out of 38 in Cheshire):

- Aaron – Dunham Massey
- Charles – Bollington
- Henry – Bollington
- James – Altrincham
- John – Hale
- John – Timperley
- John – Hale
- Josia – Timperley
- Josia – Bowdon
- Josua – Etchells
- Mary – Hale
- Samuel – Hale
- Thomas, yeoman – Dunham Massey