

Where were Stubham Lodge and Stubham Hall? Were these two different names for the same house?

MAPS

- 1577 - Saxton - shows Stubham Park but no Middleton.
- 1711 - Sutton Nicholls - shows Stubham Park and no Middleton.
- 1720 - Owen-Bowen - shows Stubham but no park and no Middleton
- 1767 - Bowen - shows Stubham Lodge but no park and no Middleton
- 1772 - Jeffreys - shows Stubham Hall but no park but shows Middleton Lodge

A number of maps in between Saxton and Sutton Nicholls show Stubham Park but no Middleton most of them even show West Hall (Nesfield). Not all map makers made their own surveys but sometimes copied from previous maps.

- 1851 - O. S. - shows Middleton Lodge and Low Hall

INVENTORIES

- 1621 - Stubham Lodge - see Collyer - about 20 rooms - one described as "new"
- 1687 - Stubham Lodge - see class collection - 4 rooms - Francis Anderson
- 1732 - Stubham Hall - class collection - Abraham Atkinson - 10 rooms inc. garret.

As appraisers were only interested in goods they probably would not enumerate empty rooms.

REPAIRS TO STUBHAM LODGE - Y.A.S. collection MD 59/23

at Stubham Lodge
1619... make a stair case at the West side of the house/and a convenient stare to serve the great chamber and the garrets and shall likewise repayre and enlarge the roof of the house..... and make all the chymnies with double tunnells and make..... as they may serve for the rooms of the garrett and to raise them as they may avoyde smoake without annoyance above the roof and shall.....(unfinished).

HEARTH TAX FOR MIDDLETON and STOCKILL

- 1664 - one house with 18 hearths (Mr. John Middleton) and one with 21 hearths (Mrs. Kath. Middleton)
- 1672 - one house with 41 hearths (Mr. John Middleton)
- For comparison - Weston Hall 24 hearths. Denton Hall 28 hearths
Skipton Castle 60 hearths.

PARISH REGISTERS

Stubham Park

1641 Maria filia de G. Geale de Stubham Park bap.

Stubham Hall

- 1631 J. filius de J. Mawson de Stubham Hall bap.
- 1643 Robert Smith de Stubham Hall, sepult.
- 1682 Eliz. filia Wm. Robinson de Stubham Hall bap.
- 1703/4 Anna filia A. Atkinson de Stubham Hall, gent. bap. (This is Abraham)
- 1709 Ursula d. of Mr. Abraham Atkinson of Stubham Hall bap.

Evidence from Parish Registers continued.Stubham Hall

1725/26 Eliz. w. of Wm. Robinson, Stubham Hall (late tanner) sepult.
 1732 Abraham Atkinson of Stubham Hall, Farmer sepult.
 1736 Wm. Robinson, Stubham Hall, Farmer sepult.
 1741 Wm. Hudson, Stubham Hall dec'd.
 1763 Mrs. Isabel Hudson, Stubham wid. papist dec'd.
 1765 Joseph Cowper, Stubham Hall gent. dec'd.
 1784 Margaret Cowper (R.C.) wid. Jos. late of Stubham Hall gent. age 75
 1800 Wm. Davis Stubham Hall, farmer dec'd.
 1807 Thos. s. Thos. Alderson, Stubham Hall died aged 1 year
 1808 Marmaduke Hudson, Stubham Hall, farmer dec'd.
 1809 Jane d. Wm. Wright, Stubham Hall, farmer dec'd. aged 16.

Stubham Lodge

1712 Francis s. Francis Anderson Stubham Lodge, bap.
 1713 Eliz. d. Francis Anderson Stubham Lodge, bap.
 1712 Francis s. Francis Anderson Stubham Lodge, bur.
 1724/25 Francis Anderson, Stubham Lodge, farmer bur.

Middleton Low Hall

1786 Wm. Hudson, Middleton Low Hall, Yeo. Buried.

Middleton Lodge

1730/1 Henry Thackeray, Middleton Lodge bur.
 1735 Ann Wharton, Middleton Lodge wid. dec'd.
 1737 Ed. s Ed. Moor, Middleton Lodge, dec'd.
 1749 Eliz. Hodgson, Middleton Lodge Spinster dec'd.
 1792 John Watkinson, Romish Priest deid Middleton Lodge.
 1795 Mary d. Wm. Middleton Esq., and Clere his wife of Middleton Lodge bur.
 1813 Mr. Burgess of Middleton Lodge seems to have buried Wm. Hudson aged 5
 according to the rights of the Church of Room (sic)

ENUMERATORS' REPORTS 1841 - Census

In the "Lodge" (must mean Middleton)

Wm. Middleton, Independent	75
Geo. Smythe do	39
Nancy Kendal do	75
Thos. Constable, Solicitor	35
John Marsh, Catholic Priest	39
Thos. Crock, Organist	35
Eliz. Arbircck, servant	25
Jane Hudson do	46
Hannah Grady do	45
Mathias Hudson do	48
John Teal do	17
Thos. Teal do	15

ENUMERATORS' REPORTS 1841 - Census continued

Low Hall

First house	Jane Wright, farmer	81
	Wm. Wright do	57
	Nathan Wright do	43
	Eliz. Wright	49
	Ellin Wright	7
	Margaret Bland, Independent	60
	Thos. Daw, servant	19
Second house	Thos. Alderson, farmer	77
	Jos. Alderson, farmer	42
	Mary Hawkswort., se vant	19
	Jos. Teal, servant	15

No mention of Stubham. It is quite clear from this document that there are two houses at Low Hall.

Mr. Green, Ilkley Gazette, has a photograph which I think he may produce which should help us.

Can we equate Stubham Lodge with Middleton Lodge?

Middleton is not shown on any early map though Stubham and even West Hall (Newfield) are shown consistently. Stubham Lodge inventory dated 1621 was found at Middleton Lodge - Collyer. This suggestion might make some sense of "Repairs to Stubham Lodge"

Can we equate Stubham Hall with Low Hall?

The families of Wright and Alderson are known to be living at Stubham Hall in 1807 and 1809 respectively (P.R.'s) In 1841 families bearing these names are living in Low Hall - 2 houses. Is this too much of a coincidence

There is still the difficulty of the Hearth Tax.

Could one very large house in Middleton have disappeared? OR
Are we misinterpreting the Hearth Tax return? Could the Middletons have owned one very large house plus 2 or 3 in a group which were assessed as one house - at say Stubham Hall/Low Hall?

There are other possible lines of reasoning. For e.g. were Stubham Hall and Stubham Lodge the same building. In which case one would have to explain the silence concerning Middleton Lodge until 1730/1 (P.R) Also difficulty re garrets if one were to assume Stubham Lodge equals Stubham Hall which became Low Hall.

We must accept the evidence both from the P.R.'s and from Jeffreys' map that Middleton Lodge and Stubham Hall were different houses. The question seems to be was Middleton Lodge formerly Stubham Lodge and did Stubham Hall become Low Hall.

On the other hand the single reference to Middleton Low Hall in the parish registers in 1786 is followed by a number of entries for Stubham Hall.