



North Wiltshire Muster Roll Anno 30 Henry VIII (Year 1539)

In Tudor times each village was responsible for maintaining the necessary arms to defend themselves - this was known as the furnishing of harness. Muster commissioners would inspect the harness (which would include long bows, bills, salets (helmets), brigandines (torso armour) and gorgets (neck and shoulder protectors) and ensure each individual was also assessed with his quota of the cost. The muster roll records who owned the arms, along with value of land (valor terr et tent) or value of goods (valor bonorum) held by the other residents of the village who were liable to provide financial support if necessary. (These values have not been transcribed in the Wiltshire Roll)

There were two main arms used in this period. The bill had a point at one end and a blade at the side, so had a dual purpose in battle, while the bow was a long bow used for archery.

The Hundred of North Damerham The Parish of Christian Malford



Surname	Given Name	Status	Notes
Batten	Thomas		Archer
Beyson	Henry		Byllman
Bosse	John		Byllman
Boxe	Robert		Archer
Boxe	Thomas		Archer
Boxe	Thomas		Byllman
Budon	John		Byllman
Collman	George		Byllman
Coxe	Richard		Archer
Coxe	Robert		Byllman
Coxe	Thomas		Byllman
Coxe	Wylyam		Byllman

Crey	Nicholas		Archer
Dove	John		Archer
Emery	Robert		Byllman
Gale	Walter		Byllman
Gengyll	Thomas		Byllman
Hambrigge	Robert		Archer
Hatherell	Wylyyam		Archer
Herforde	John		Archer
Horwoode	Raff		Byllman
Hyll	John		Byllman
Jacobbe	Thomas		Byllman
Longe	Thomas		Byllman
Pallmer	Thomas		Byllman
Peck	John		Byllman
Pyrton	John		Byllman
Pyrton	Wylyyam		Archer
Pyttman	Thomas		Byllman
Russe	Richard		Archer
Rymell	Nicholas		Byllman
Rymell	Phyllipp		Byllman
Slade	John		Archer
Styllman	Richard		Byllman
Styllman	Thomas		Archer
Taylour	Carysshe		Byllman
Truman	Robart		Archer
Wastefeld	Thomas		Byllman
Wastefelde	Richard		Archer
Whyte	William		Archer
Woodeman	Wylyyam		Byllman
Woodwarde	Robert		Byllman

The whole Tything hath in redynes iij horses, vj harnes with other small wepyns.

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