



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 The (Parish or Tithing) of



Surname	Given Name	Status	Notes
Allwaye	Thomas		Archer
Baker	John		Archer
Bense	Phyllyppe		Byllman
Bolton	Ambrose		Archer
Bullocke	Robert		Byllman
Busshell	Robert		Archer
Coggiswell	John		Byllman
Coggiswell	William		Byllman
Edwards	Edward		Byllman
Gefford	Thomas		Archer
Goselade	John		Byllman
Goselade	Thomas		Byllman

Gregory	Edward		Archer
Gregory	Willyam		Archer
Harrys	Wyllyam		Archer
Hodeman	John		Byllman
Humfrey	Phillipp		Byllman
Hulier	Willyam		Byllman
Noett	Robert		Byllman
Norwaye	Richard		Archer
Osseborne	Nicholas		Byllman
Rede	Robert		Byllman
Rogeres	Henry		Byllman
Smart	John		Byllman
Smyth	Henry		Archer
Smyth	Nicholas		Byllman
Smyth	Robert		Byllman
Tymson	Robert		Archer
Wastefelld	Richard		Byllman

The whole Tything hath yn a redynes , i horse, iiij harnes with other small wepyns.

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