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The manor of BREWOOD (Breude) and Associated Families - continued

Brewood Hall then appears to have descended along with the Fowke share of the manor of Engleton for a period. However, research has not progressed sufficiently to document this accurately as yet. The Hon Edward Monckton purchased **Brewood Hall** from the Fowke family but that date is also yet to be established. A further record indicates that **Brewood Hall** was then sold to Major R. F. P. Monckton.

From 1743 to 1930 it is still unclear as to who or which families were in residence at **Brewood Hall** but apart from the Moncktons who possibly owned and occupied **Brewood Hall** at various times during this whole period, other 'residents' whose names appear from time to time in documents and history notes are likely to have been tenants only. From 1834 to 1924 **Brewood Hall** seems to have also been occupied by various tenants including members of the Monckton family.

In 1930 Major Monckton sold **Brewood Hall** to Mr C. O. Langley who was steward of the manor of Brewood and deputy-steward of the manor of Deanery which was a parcel of land of the manor of Brewood owned by the Deans of Lichfield until 1868 when, on the death of Dean Howard, the ownership became vested in the Ecclesiastical Commissioners who in 1904 conveyed some acres to various other people and organisations. Mr C. O. Langley was living at **Brewood Hall** in 1956.

Members (locations) of the manor of Brewood and Associated Families

Over the centuries the manor of Brewood had been subjected to a large number of divisions due to land title, messuage and capital messuage trading. So as to understand all the implications such changes made to the Fowke family and other families involved in the region, the following information is an important ingredient when reading all the records. You will note many family surnames with whom the Fowke family were associated by marriage.

In 1473 the following 'members' (locations) of the manor of Brewood were recorded: **Brewood, Horsebrook, Engleton, Somerford, Gunstone, Hyde, Broom Hill, and Chillington**. Further data still needs to be located to establish the actual date (or year at least) in which each of these 'members' were created.

Horsebrook contained 30 houses circa 1680.

Engleton contained 5 or 6 houses circa 1680. Alan de Withyfield (Lord Engleton) and his wife, Joan, conveyed what was called '**the manor**' (**Engleton**) to Roger Fowke (born about 1425) and his wife, Elizabeth (nee Wybaston), for their lives in 1446, at a rent of 25 shillings. (*This may have been only a portion of the manor - see references to 'the other half' later in this explanation*).

Roger Fowke (1558-1594), descendant of Roger Fowke, was described as 'lord of the manor' between 1582 and 1594, while his son, **Thomas Fowke** (1582-1652), and Thomas' son, **Ferrers Fowke** (1612/3-1682), together made a settlement of the manor in 1641. Thomas Fowke died in 1652 and in 1682 Ferrers Fowke with his younger son, **Thomas Fowke** (1640-1692), made a further settlement. By 1691 the manor had passed to **Phineas Fowke** (1638-1710), second cousin of Ferrers Fowke, and Phineas Fowke succeeded in 1711 by his nephew Fowke Hussey who was holding the manor in 1724. Phineas Hussey, son of Fowke Hussey, held the manor in 1734, and in 1767 he conveyed it to Thomas Plimley who made a settlement of it in 1778. Plimley conveyed the manor in 1785 to the Hon Edward Monckton who was living at **Engleton Hall** in 1817, and whose son, Edward Monckton (c.1841) owned the land there, most of which, including **Engleton Hall**, was in the hands of tenants. The estate seems then to have descended with the **manor of Somerford**, and in 1929 Major R F P Monckton sold **Engleton Hall** to the tenant, R. M. Walley, whose son, Mr W. Walley, succeeded (c.1953) and still lived there in 1957. Major R. F. P. Monckton however, still owned some land in the manor in 1956.

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