

APPENDIX 7

PLACE NAMES

Bargh House	ON berg A hill or mountain.
Borrins	OE burgaesin A cairn or burial mound.
Catrigg Force	Catarige 1573 OE catt /ON katt + ON hyrggr (+ON fors) The waterfall by wild-cat ridge.
Feizor	Fegesargh 1265 OIr/ON personal name, Fech/Fiach +ON erg. Fech's/Fiach's upland pasture.
Goat Scar Lane	A corruption of Goosker derived from OE Gorse
Giggleswicke	Ghigelswic 1086 OE personal name, Gikel + OE wic. Gikel's farm.
Helwith Bridge	Helworthe Brigge 1590 ON hella + ON vath. The ford made of flat stones with the addition of Bridge in medieval times.
Horton in Ribblesdale	Hortune 1086 OE horu + OE tun. The farm on dirty land with the addition of 13 ^c . Ribblesdale to distinguish from Horton-in-Craven.
Langcliffe	OE lang + OE clif. The long cliff.
Neal's Ing	OIr personal name, Nele + ON eng. Nele's meadow or corruption of Nigel de Stainforde.
Pen-y-ghent	Br penno = hill, Br y = the (definite article), 'ghent' is of uncertain origin but may be Brigantine hill on the frontier, or less likely hill of the winds which is now thought to be a 19 th ^c invention.
Rains Barn	ON rein a boundary strip.
Reddings Barn	OE rydding a clearing.
Ribble, river	OE ripel. The boundary. The river formed the western boundary of Craven.
Ribblesdale	Rippel 710. OE ripel + ON dalr. The valley of the River Ribble.
Sannat Hall	Sandwath 13 ^c OE sand/ON sandr + ON vath. Sandy ford - the hall is near a former ford on the ancient route from Wharfedale to Ingleton.
Sherwood	OE scir + OE wudu the bright wood.
Silverdale	OE seolfor + ON dalr. The silver valley (this may relate to the limestone or the appearance of richness of the valley).

Smearsett	ON smjor + ON saetr. The butter seter (summer shieling).
Stackhouse	Stacuse 1086 ON stakkr + ON hus. A house (barn) for stacking hay.
Stainforth	Stainforde 1086. OE stan / ON steinn + OE ford. The stony ford.
Studfold	Stodefald 1379. OE stod-fold. An enclosure for horses.
Swarth Moor	OE swaert / ON svartr + OE/ON mor. The black moor.
Taitlands	Tadelandis 1280. OE tade + OE land. Land frequented by toads - or from ON tatha manured land; or Waitlands. OE wait. Wetlands.
Winskill	Wyndescale 1414. ON vinder + ON skali. The windswept shieling.

Key:

- OE Old English (5th to 11th Centuries Angles & Saxons)
- OIr Old Irish
- ON Old Norse (the forerunner of Modern Icelandic, Danish & Norwegian)
- Br British words of British or Celtic origin.

Many local names have Old Norse derivations from the Irish Norse settlers who had a preference for the high fells and upper valley heads for their scattered settlements. Old Norse words common in our area include: beck, dale, fell, force, gill, scale, laithe.