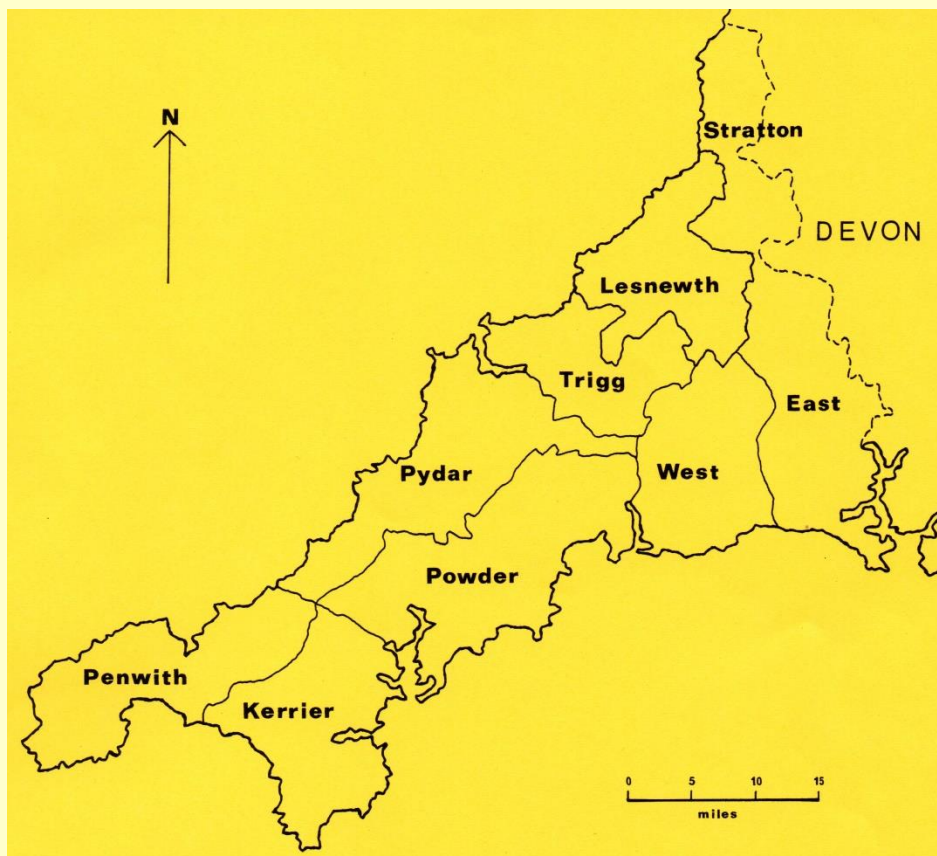


The Hundred of Lesnewth

Do we have anyone within OCS who could talk with authority about The Hundred of Lesnewth?



I am Archivist for Camelford and District OCS and Clerk to Lesnewth Parish Meeting. We know that in years gone by Lesnewth was a very important Hundred and it must have some very interesting history. As a matter of interest, Lesnewth now has a new 'Lord of the Manor'. The title has been conveyed to Mr M Versallion, from Lord Churston, whose family had held the title for over 300 years. A relative of Lord Churston lives in Lesnewth. This title actually goes back more than a thousand years.

Perhaps you would be kind enough to pass this inquiry on to anyone with an interest in the history of 'Hundreds'. With thanks, Sue Theobald.

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Wikipedia states:

Lesnewth Hundred is one of the former hundreds of Cornwall, Trigg was to the south-west and Stratton Hundred to the north-east. Tintagel, Camelford, Boscastle, and Altarnun were in the Hundred of Lesnewth as well as Lesnewth which is now only a hamlet but in Celtic times was the seat of a Celtic chieftain who ruled the whole of Trigg.

The division into hundreds is thought to date from the reign of King Athelstan and at the time of the Domesday Survey the internal order of manors in the Exeter Domesday Book for Cornwall is in most cases based on the hundreds to which they belonged (though the hundred names are not used). In the Geld Inquest of 1083 only seven hundreds are found, identified by the names of the chief manors: Connerton, Winnianton, Pawton, Tybesta, Stratton, Fawton and Rillaton. Here Stratton represents a single hundred including the later Stratton, Lesnewth and Trigg.