

Rhodes

Rode, Road or

Astley contained "5 hides" of land.

Rhodes was another member of Astley (a ^{berwick} ~~manor~~ which belonged to the Abbot of Salop) the "Chapel of Estleya" was dependent upon Mowille Church) and gave name to a family who held therein under Salop Abbey. Of this family, Albinus and Wm occurs in 1180, Nicholas 1199, and again 1202 when he had been amerced for disseisin by Geoffry fitz Piers, Chief Justice of Eng. Albinus occurs in 1221, and towards the middle of the century. He attests one deed as "Dominus Albinus", which probably shows him to have been a Knight. Richard, William and Simon also attest deeds relating to Astley, or are mentioned therein. Some Albinus of this family will have given name to the tenement called the Albynes which in the 13th cent had in turn given a surname "de Albynes" to a resident there.

Rode was ^{possibly} probably one of the "berwicks" (village or hamlet) which comprised the berwick of Astley, in ^(Morbilly) Membrefelde manor in the center of the Hundred of Alno destren. Norman Earl Roger de Montgomerie was the ^{palatine} chief tenant "in capite" in 1086. a hide = 240 acres.

Astley Abbots - ^{this township} engrossed to itself at a very early period the manorial dignity of Mowille as far as the interests of the Salop Abbey were concerned.

When spoken of as a manor of 5 hides in 1255 it must be taken to involve a great proportion of the seventeen unnamed berwicks of "Domesday", Little Astley, Norley, Croft, Haughton, Kinglaw, Road, Stanley, Dunvall, Colemore, Severn Hall, Cantreyn, Rucroft & Burewall are hamlets, messuages or tenements found at diverse periods as members of this manor and some 9 or 10 of them will have been of the Domesday berwicks.