

University Farm , Headley

The University Farm consists of three original farms ,Headley Hall, Wise Warren , and Spen. Headley Hall was the seat of Lord Headley , who owned a large part of the parish until 1903 , when the Headley family sold all their holdings in Bramham parish .It was then that Headley Hall , Wise Warren and the Manor Farm joined the Biggin and other farms , property and land which had been sold earlier , to become part of the Bramham Park Estate and to be let to new tenants . Spen alone remained independent.

When , after WW2 , the University of Leeds was looking for fresh land for use by its Department of Agriculture , it bought Spen Farm and rented Headley and Wise Warren from the Estate . Within a few years renting became ownership --- thus inadvertently causing the problems which have arisen during the last years of the C20.

The story of Headley Hall has been researched and told by Jean Hardy , a local historian ; her booklet forms the latter part of this volume. She also has something to say about the airfield which occupied part of the Headley lands for a few years at the time of WW1. Fortunately , a nationally involved figure in the history of aviation , Paul Leaman of Crag Cottage , Bramham , has been able to augment this story . We are therefore fortunate to have available the results of such knowledge and research , reproduced here.



Wise Warren Farm

Open Farm





Headley Hall Farm [See book p.99 , and the history of the Hall which follows this section.] The old airfield originally had more than the one remaining [listed] hangar.

