

Bishop Nicholson's visit 1704.

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KIRK ANDREWS ON EDEN. Jun. 29. The Church here is quite Demolish'd. The Parishioners bury their Dead in the Churchyard, and the late Rector (Mr. Hume) lyes bury'd sub Dio in ye Quire; but the Divine Service is at Beaumont about half a mile off. The Parsonage House is a long Row of low buildings of Clay, improved by the last Incumbent; who also was at about 10 li Charges in walling in an Orchard. The Gleab is about four Acres of good Land. The Value of this and Beaumont (joyntly) not above 30 li. I mov'd the parishioners here to a compliance with the men of Beaumont, rather than run the hazard of being put upon the Expense of Repairing their own Church: Offering, that, towards the making up of all things the more easy to them, the old Timber in that Church should be brought for ye Improvement of ye Parsonage-House here. They seem'd to like the proposal well; and I believe will peaceably comply. They have a Tradition that the three little Neighbouring Churches (of this Town, Beaumont and Grinsdale) were built by three Sisters; who, I must say, were not too generous in subsisting their Chaplains. I rather thik they have been (originally) small Oratories, supply'd by ye Religious of Carlile. How ye Revenues of Grinsdale came into Lay hands I know not: but they all pay prescriptions instead of Tythes in kind.

Kirk Andrews Church ceased to be a place of worship 1692 but the inhabitants still bury their dead in the old Church yard. ~~the present building was built by the late Rector Hume's wall was built of cobbles stones commencing at South side of door also in burial ground & runs under with the lawn crossing the drive for a full 50 yds. When this wall was removed, well it has not been recorded. But as the wall dividing the burial ground & the vicar's lawn is of cobbles stones it may have been at the time of erection of present Rector 1849. Well 18 inches below surface of lawn 24 inches wide 24 inches deep. W. Osborn present Rector took a picture before falling in Feb 1893. P.S. In digging I found much pottery but it would be 17 cent. W.R. Day, March 1973.~~

P.S. I did not dig up the vicar's lawn to find this wall or rather foundation it was discovered by a hawthorn twig. October 1974 I have found the vanished Church of Kirk Andrews on Eden, or rather the foundations 18 inches below ground level. This again by digging Overall length 30ft Nave 20ft chancel 10ft square North of cubic chancel facing