

Trerice manor boundaries, 1049

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Smaller estates are also detectable within these larger ones; for example part of the curving boundary of an area including Treviscoe, Kernick and possibly Trethosa is visible in the north-west part of St Stephen-in-Brannel (see map 5) This appears to pre-date Trerice to the north whose bounds were recorded in a charter of 1049 which includes valuable details of local pre-Norman topography: "first up from Faele (River Fal) from Hyrt-ar-thugan (Retew) along the highway to the lane. Thence up the old dike to the heathfield. So along the way to Trefotcere (Treviscoe) dike corner. So west to the heathfield to the old dike. So to the Stone Row (Anglo-Saxon Stanraewe). Thence straight to Faele. Upstream again to Retew. And be the enclosures and the barleyland and the mill and the outleap common" (Finberg 1962, 27). Here then, in 1049, was a landscape with roads which could be distinguished between highway (St Enoder and Fraddon to St Dennis?) and lane, with dikes, presumably major boundaries (as Treviscoe dike), some of them already "old", with fields which could be qualified according to land use ("heathfield". "barlevland"). with commons and a mill, a landscape which would not have been out of place in the later medieval period.