

## **Victoria County History of Cumbria Project. Draft parish/township histories**

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# **GAMBLESBY<sup>1</sup>**

## **LOCAL GOVERNEMENT**

### **Manorial Government**

Gamblesby was administered as part of the honour of Penrith by at least 1500. Court records for the honour survive from 1701 through to 1947. These reveal that Gamblesby manor court was held annually in June at the Pack Horse Inn at least until the late 1820s.<sup>2</sup> By the 1850s, the courts were more commonly held in Penrith.<sup>3</sup> As well as dealing with surrenders and admittances, the courts also made a perambulation of the boundaries. In 1805, those present at the perambulation included the steward of the manor, William Atkinson, the bailiff of the honour of Penrith and Forest of Inglewood, Thomas Lewis, as well as representative from key tenant families, like the Bensons, Mortons, Falders and Westgarths.<sup>4</sup>

### **Township Government**

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<sup>2</sup> CAS (C), DMBS 4/49-51, 60, 61.

<sup>3</sup> CAS (C), DMBS 4/53. One exception was in 1862 when the court baron was 'held at the house of William Sisson, Inn Keeper at Gamblesby'.

<sup>4</sup> CAS (C), DMBS/60.

No records of Gamblesby's township officers are known to survive from before 1834, from which time the township became part of Penrith Poor Law Union. The role of the constable in keeping the peace was aided by the stocks on the village green, which were still there c.1955.<sup>5</sup> In 1934, Gamblesby was absorbed into Glassonby civil parish<sup>6</sup> and has since been administered by Glassonby Parish Council.

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<sup>5</sup> CAS (C), DX 483/3/6.

<sup>6</sup> Cumberland Review Order, 1934