

## Hearth Tax – Seaton Ross 1672-73

The asterix after a name indicates that the name does indeed appear twice in the records.

All household have one hearth, unless otherwise stated.

(D) denotes 'Discharge by legall certificate' meaning their circumstances made them exempt from hearth tax

1. Geo. Atkinson
2. Robt. Atkinson (2)
3. Mich. Atkinson
4. John Barker
5. John Barker \*
6. Peter Batman (2)
7. Wm Batt
8. John Battman (4)
9. John Belgrave
10. **Mary Belgrave (D)**
11. Wm Bell
12. **Mary Bird (D)**
13. **Mary Blanshard (D)**
14. Rich Blanshard
15. Rich Blanshard \*
16. Mr Blontt (5)
17. Rich Boothell
18. **Issabell Brags**
19. **Widd Branton**
20. Rogr Browne
21. John Buttell
22. John Buttell \*
23. John Butts
24. Wm Champley
25. Chr Clarke
26. John Clarke (2)
27. Wm Clarke
28. Marm. Clary
29. **Mary Clary**
30. **Issabell Cobb**
31. Mich Craine
32. **Widd Crundall**
33. Tho. Darbyshire
34. Tho. Darbyshire \* (empty)
35. John Derbyshire
36. Robt. Dixon junnr (2)
37. Hugh Edon
38. Rich Fewler
39. **Ellin Foster (D)**
40. Marm Gibson
41. Marm. Gibson \*
42. Maxamillian Goodwood (D)
43. **Jane Goodyear (D)**
44. Wm Halliday
45. Jo. Headley(2)
46. Peternell Ibison
47. Robt Ibittson
48. Wm Kempe
49. Wm Michael
50. Mich Pearson
51. John Pligg
52. John Proud fellow
53. Jo Reynald (2)
54. **Widd Reynald**
55. Edw Risdall
56. **Mary Rochester (D)**
57. **Widd Rochester**
58. **Alice Smith**
59. Mr Tho. Sotheram (3)
60. **Widd. Sotheram**
61. **Widd Sovill**
62. Tho. Stainley
63. Tho. Stainton
64. Antho. Stell
65. John Stell junnr
66. John Stell (2)
67. Wm Stell
68. James Sunman
69. **Eliz. Tayler (2)**
70. **Ann Thompson**
71. Robt Todd
72. **Ann Walker**
73. Robt Walker
74. John Wharltton
75. Tho. Wharton sennr
76. Tho. Wharton junnr
77. John Younge

Of the 77 properties assessed for hearth tax, 19 (25%) were held by women (shown in pink). They would either be unmarried women or widows (Widd), the latter of which were often exempt ('discharged by legall certificate')

Properties exempt hearth tax include those dwellings with an annual rent of £1 or below, a household wealth of under £10 or where the inhabitants were too poor to contribute to the church or poor rate (or be in receipt of either). Records are patchy and unreliable but indicate that about 30% fell into this category – possibly suggesting that the seven exemptions shown in this list are an under-estimate.

It's also to be noted that, like all tax records, hearth tax returns were not perfect, probably showing fewer households than actually existed.

This information is taken from "Yorkshire, East Riding and Hull Hearth Tax 1672-3" edited by David Neave, Susan Neave, Catherine Ferguson and Elizabeth Parkinson. Pub.: British Record Society, 2015.

Frances Green, whose direct – Bat(e)man - forebears left Seaton Ross in 1755, after being there for at least 165 years