1 The Hearth Tax

The Hearth Tax was introduced by Charles II in 1662 and finally repealed by William and Mary in 1689. Each liable householder was required to pay one shilling per hearth twice yearly, at Michaelmas and on Lady Day. The surviving records relate to the years when the tax was administered centrally, with records returned to the Exchequer. At other times the collection was by private collectors, who paid a fixed sum to the government in return for the right to collect the tax. Very few returns survive from these years.

Only people whose house was worth more than 20 shillings a year, and who contributed to local church and poor rates, were liable for the hearth tax. You were exempt also if your annual income was less than £100.

The only years with records surviving for Great Ayton and Little Ayton are 1662, 1664, 1670 and 1673.

Sources:
1662 Hearth Tax from E 179/215/451 National Archives, Kew, originally copied by Dan O'Sullivan.
1664 Hearth Tax from E 179/261/35 National Archives, Kew, originally copied by Dan O'Sullivan and also taken from *Cleveland Village*, Robert Kettlewell.
1670 Hearth Tax from E 179/216/461 National Archives, Kew, originally copied by Dan O'Sullivan.
1673 Hearth Tax from E 179/216/462 National Archives, Kew, originally copied by Dan O'Sullivan.

2 Great Ayton Hearth Tax Returns

Annyson, Elizabeth	1662 = 1			
Atkinson, John		1664 = NR		
Atkinson, William			1670 = 1	
Armstrong, Thomas		1664 = 2	1670 = 1	
Balmer, John	1662 = 1			
Bartram (or Barterman), Merrill			1670 = 1	1673 = 1
Bartram, Robert	1662 = 1	1664 = NR		
Bartram, Widdow	1662 = 1			
Batson, Laurence	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		
Beane, Elizabeth	1662 = 1			
Beane, Ellis			1670 = 1	1673 = 1
Beane, John	1662 = 1	1664 = 1	1670 = 1	1673 = 1
Beane, William	1662 = 1	1664 = 1	1670 = 1	1673 = 1
Blackburne, John		1664 = 1	1670 = 1	1673 = 1
Boyse, William		1664 = 1		
Calvert, Anne				1673 = 1
Calvert, Ellis				1673 = Disch
Calvert, George				1673 = Disch
Calvert, Mary	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		
Calvert, Robert				1673 = 1
Carter, John senior		1664 = NR	1670 = 2	1673 = 2
Carter, John junior	1662 = 2	1664 = 2	1670 = 2	1673 = 2
Carter, William		1664 = 1		
Cockburne, Mr			1670 = 2	1673 = 2
Coulson, John Esq	1662 = 6	1664 = 6	1670 = 7	1673 = 6
Cully, Christopher	1662 = 1	1664 = NR		
Carry, Christopher				1673 = 1
Day, Ralph			1670 = 1	

Name	1662	1664	1670	1673
Day, Richard				1673 = Disch
Fawcett, M?			1670 = 3	
Fawcett, Widdow		1664 = NR		
Foster, William	1662 = 1			
Gallon (or Gallant), Francis	1662 = 1	1664 = 2	1670 = 2	1673 = 1
Golding, John		1664 = 1	1670 = 1	
Gowland, Francis	1662 = 1			
Gowland, James				1673 = 1
Gray, Henry	1662 = 1			1673 = 1
Hardy, Widdow		1664 = NR		
Harleton, Widdow		1664 = NR		
Harrison, Robert		1664 = 1	1670 = 1	1673 = 1
Heaton (or Hutton), Francis			1670 = 1	1673 = 1
Heddon, Richard				1673 = 1
Hewison, William		1664 = NR		
Hutchinson, John		1664 = 2		
Jackson, Lawrence		1664 = NR	1670 = 1	1673 = 2
Jackson, Richard				1673 = Disch
Johnson, John				1673 = 1
Jolley, William				1673 = 1
Keirton, Arthur			1670 = 1	
Kerton (or Kearton), John	1662 = 2	1664 = 2	1670 = 3	
Kerton, John junior	1662 = 1			
King, Francis			1670 = 1	1673 = 1
Lawrence, Edward		1664 = 1	1670 = 1	1673 = Disch
Lawson, Widdow		1664 = NR		
Leavens, Elizabeth widow				1673 = Disch
Leveans (or Levens), Henry	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		1673 = 1
Leavens, Isabella widow				1673 = Disch
Leavens, Jane			1670 = 1	1673 = Disch
Leavens, Thomas	1662 = 1			
Leavens (or Levens), William		1664 = 1		
Langstaffe, Thomas				1673 = 1
Lowther, Sir John				1673 = 2
Lyalle, Robert				1673 = 1
Maisterman (or Masterman), John		1664 = NR		
Maisterman (or Masterman), Matthew	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		
Maisterman (or Masterman), Widdow		1664 = NR		
Maisterman (or Masterman), Widdow		1664 = NR		
Matteson, John				1673 = 1
Mattison, Richard		1664 = NR		
Mattison, Widdow		1664 = NR		
Maston, Anne				1673 = 1
Maston, Richard	1662 = 1			
Moone, Christopher			1670 = 1?	
Moone, Thomas				1673 = 1
Moone, William		1664 = 1		
Ogle, Henry		1664 = 1	1670 = 1	1673 = 1
Postgate (or Posgate), Christopher			1670 = 1	1673 = 1
Postgate, Christopher junior			1670 = 1	
Postgate (or Posgate), Margaret	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		1673 = 1
Postgate (or Posgate), Michael			1670 = 1	1673 = 1
Potter, Thomas				1673 = Disch

Name	1662	1664	1670	1673
Racketer, ?			1670 = 1	
Richardson, Christopher	1662 = 1	1664 = 3	1670 = 3	1673 = 3
Richardson, Elizabeth				1673 = 1
Richardson, John	1662 = 1	1664 = 2	1670 = 2	1673 = 4
Richardson, John junior	1662 = 1			
Richardson, Mary		1664 = 1		1673 = 1
Richardson, Mary widow				1673 = 1
Richardson, Phillip				1673 = 1
Richardson, Robert	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		1673 = 1
Richardson, Thomas		1664 = 1	1670 = 2	
Richardson, Widdow	1662 = 1			
Ricklson, William				1673 = Disch
Rigg, Robert			1670 = 1	
Ringston, Stephen			1670 = 1	
Ripley, Henry			1670 = 1?	1673 = 1
Ripley, Richard	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		
Ripley, Robert		1664 = 1		1673 = 1
Rountree, Thomas			1670 = 1	1673 = 1
Sands, Richard			1670 = 1	
Scarth (or Scarfe), John	1662 = 1?	1664 = 1		1673 = 1
Scarth, Robert	1662 = 1?			
Scarth, William			1670 = 1	1673 = 1
Scot, Thomas				1673 = 2
Sheels, James				1673 = 1
Sheels, Michael			1670 = 1	
Sheels, Robert			1670 = 1	1673 = 1
Shrawly (or Shrawley), William	1662 = 2	1664 = 2		
Smith, Robert		1664 = 1		
Spurnall, Robert		1664 = 1	1670 = 1	1673 = 1
Stockton, Mr James	1662 = 5	1664 = 5	1670 = 5	1673 = 5
Taylor, Christopher	1662 = 3	1664 = 3		
Taylor, Francis		1664 = 1	1670 = 1	1673 = 1
Taylor, Richard			1670 = 4	1673 = 5
Teasdale, Phillip				1673 = 1
Thompson, Anne	1662 = 1			
Thompson, Nicholas		1664 = NR		
Todd (or Tod), James	1662 = 1	1664 = 1	1670 = 1	1673 = 1
Topcliffe, Christopher			1670 = 1	
Topcliffe, Nicholas	1662 = 1		1670 = 1	
Turner, Anne			1670 = 1	1673 = 1
Unthank, Thomas	1662 = 1			
Walker, John	1662 = 1?			
Walker, John	1662 = 1?			
Walker, Richard	1662 = 1?	1664 = NR		1673 = 1
Waller, John		1664 = 2?		
Watson, Lawrence				1673 = 1
Williamson, Thomas			1670 = 2?	1673 = 2
Wilson, John				1673 = 1
Wilson, Thomas				1673 = 1
Woodman, Richard	1662 = 1?			
Young, Charles	1662 = 1	1664 = 1	1670 = 1	1673 = 1
Young, Christopher		1664 = NR		1673 = 1
Young, Henry		1664 = 1	1670 = 1	1673 = 1

Young, John		1664 = NR		1673 = 1
Young, William	1662 = 2	1664 = 2	1670 = 1	1673 = 4

3 Little Ayton

Alderson, Jane		1664 = NL		
Calvert, Anne				1673 = 1
Calvert, Justin	1662 = 1			
Calvert, Mauris		1664 = 1		
Calvert, Thomas	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		
Calvert, William	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		1673 = 1
Dobson, Thomas		1664 = 1		
Easby, Nicholas				1673 = 1
Fawcett (or Fawsitt), James	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		
Fawcett, William		1664 = NR		
Gallon (or Gallant), Francis	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		
Harrison, Christopher	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		1673 = 1
Harwood, Peter	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		
Jolley, Roger				1673 = 1
Jollie, Susan		1664 = 1		
King, Francis				1673 = 1
Lawson, Margrett		1664 = NL		
Maisterman (or Masterman), Robert	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		1673 = 1
Palmer, Robert				1673 = 2
Rathowson, Robert	1662 = 1			
Richardson, George				1673 = 1
Richardson, James				1673 = Disch
Richardson, Jane				1673 = 1
Richardson, Nicholas	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		1673 = 1
Richardson, Richard	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		1673 = Disch
Richardson, Robert		1664 = 1		
Richardson, Thomas	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		
Ridlay, Robert		1664 = 1		
Ripley, Elizabeth				1673 = 1
Robinson, Roger		1664 = 1		
Sowley, John	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		
Sowley, Robert				1673 = 1
Sowley, William	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		
Teasdale (or Teasdill), John	1662 = 2	1664 = 2		
Watson, Thomas	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		
Weatherill, Francis	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		1673 = 1
Whitton, Christopher	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		
Whitton, Jane		1664 = NL		
Winsper, Christopher	1662 = 1	1664 = 1		
Winspeare, Thomas				1673 = 1
Young, Cicely		1664 = NL		
Young, Thomas		1664 = NL		