

"Rhodes, Rode or Road was another member of Astley (a berwick which contained five "hides" of land and belonged to the Abbot of Salop, the "Chapel of Estleya" was dependent upon Morville Church) and gave its name to a family who held therein under Salop Abbey. Of this family ALBINUS and WILLIAM occur in 1180, NICHOLAS 1199 and again in 1202 when he had been amerced for disseisin by Geoffry fitz Piers, Chief Justice of England. ALBINUS occurs in 1221 and towards the middle of the century he attests one deed as "DOMINUS ALBINUS" which probably shows him to have been a knight. RICHARD, WILLIAM and SIMON also attest deeds relating to Astley, or are mentioned therein. Some Albinus of this family will have given name to the tenement called "The Albynes" which in the 13th century had in turn given a surname "de Albynes" to a resident thereof.

"Rode was possibly one of the "berwicks" (village or hamlet) which comprised the berwick of Astley in Membrefelde (Morville) Manor in the center of the Hundred of Alnodestreu. Norman Earl Roger de Montgomery was the chief tenant palatine "in capite" in 1086.

A "hide" is 240 acres.

"Astley Abbots engrossed (this township) to itself at a very early period the manorial dignity of Morville as far as the interests of the Salop Abbey were concerned.

"When spoken of as a manor of 5 hides in 1255 it must be taken to involve a great proportion of the seventeen unnamed berwicks of "Domesday", Little Astley, Norley, Croft, Haughton, Kingsbow, Road, Stanley, Dunvall, Colemore, Severn Hall, Cantreyn, Rucroft and Bunewall are hamlets, messuages or tenements found at diverse periods as members of this manor and some 9 or 10 of them will have been the Domesday berwicks."