

83 DEEDS RELATING TO THE COUNTY OF KENT

ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY BY PARISH OR PLACE

CANTERBURY	1631, 1634, 1638, 1665, 1682, 1694, 1698, 1705, 1727, 1732, 1737, 1744, 1753.
CHALLOCK	1662
CHELSEFIELD	1448, 1479, 1487, 1503, 1545, 1545, 1547, 1552, 1552, 1563, 1588, 1596, 1600, 1608, 1611, 1612, 1612, 1633, 1642, 1642, 1646, 1648, 1657, 1663, 1663, 1644, 1664, 1666, 1670, 1671, 1675, 1676, 1680, 1689, 1689, 1697, 1698, 1700, 1705, 1705, 1710, 1712, 1724, 1724, 1738, 1771, 1774.
HADLOW	1623, 1884.
HYPHE	1604
MILTON next Gravesend	1854
ORPINGTON	1584
PETHAM	1675, 1677
RIVER/BUCKLAND	1684, 1712, 1722, 1738.
ST MARY CRAY	1645.
SUNDRIDGE	1638.
WAREHORN	1685, 1685, 1685, 1685, 1685, 1702, 1775.
WINGHAM	1812.

CANTERBURY : PARISHES OF ST. MARY CASTLE AND ST. MILDRED

DEED TO LEAD TO THE USES OF A FINE

Indenture dated 1st June 7 Charles I (1631) BETWEEN Richard Stockden of the parish of St. Mary Bredman in the city of Canterbury fellmonger and Grace his wife and Rebecca Scott of the parish of St. Margaret in the city of Canterbury of the one part and Simon Howell of the parish of St. Mildred in the said city beerbrewer and Mathew Milles of the said parish of St. Margaret in the said city husbandman of the other part ... WITNESSETH that it is covenanted, concluded &c.. by the said parties ... that before the end of Trinity Term next ensuing ... they levy a fine OF ALL that South part of all that capital messuage with the appurtenances in the parish of St. Mary Castle and St. Mildred in the said city of Canterbury on the South side over against St. Mary Castle Churchyard abutting on the street there towards the North and East and to the garden late of Sir James Hales Knight towards the North and West, which said South part contained one shop, two lowe rooms, three chambers and the backside... containing by estimation in length 3 roods and in breadth 2 roods ... bounding on the lands of Thomas Dinckin towards the South and to lands of John Terry, one of the aldermen of the said city towards the West, with a way containing 5' leading from the said house to the well there... which said premises are now in the occupation of Daniel Amys and were lately granted and conveyed by the said Richard Stockden to the said Simon Howell and his heirs... AND also all those three messuages or tenements with the gardens and the moiety of a well &c... abutting to the King's street there towards the South, to the tenement of Simon Dixon towards the West, to lands of George Duke towards the North and to a tenement belonging to the hospital called 'Maynard's Spittle' towards the East and now or late were in the occupation of Stephen Adys, John Brooke and John Dekeere, which said premises last mentioned the said Mathew Milles late purchased of the said Rebecca Scott.

Signed: Richard Stockden Grace Stockden, her mark
 Rebecca Scott, her mark. Simon Howell

Attached to the four seal tags of the document are fragments of seals.

The first carried an impression, which is now indistinct. The second has a clearly discernible impression of a demi lion rampant. The third only carries a small fragment. All are in dark red wax. The fourth carries the major portion of a seal with the impression of an eagle displayed (?).

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are John Swire (?), Richard May and Daniel Chittenden.

CANTERBURY

DEED TO LEAD TO THE USES OF A FINE

Indenture quadripartite dated 18th April 9 Charles I (1634) BETWEEN Richard Scott of the city of Canterbury Gentleman and Rebecca his wife, John Plumley of Hackington in the county of Kent husbandman and Anne his wife, the daughter and heir of Isabell Charre late wife of Nicholas Charre of the said city of Canterbury yeoman and formerly the wife of Richard Philpot, late of the city of Canterbury husbandman deceased and Paul Wiggins of the parish of Saint Mary of Nortgate in the city of Canterbury bricklayer and Elizabeth his wife of the first part AND Thomas Richardson of the city of Canterbury Gentleman of the second part AND Symon Dixon of the said city of Canterbury fellmonger of the third part and Joyce Taylor of the parish of St. Mildred in the said city of Canterbury widow of the fourth part ... WITNESSETH that it is covenanted &c... THAT the said Richard Scott et al... shall and will before the end of Trinity Term next ensuing levy a fine unto the said Thomas Richardson, Symon Dixon and Joyce Taylor ... of one messuage or tenement now in the occupation of the said Richard Scott ... and also of one other messuage or tenement now or late in the occupation of John Blunck ... and also of one piece of ground, containing by estimation $\frac{1}{2}$ acre called 'Hawkes Garden' on which piece of ground the said messuage ... or one of them is built ... which are situate in the parish of St. Margaret in the city of Canterbury near a certain lane there leading unto 'Waterlocke' and were purchased by the said Thomas Richardson of Stephen Bygge Gentleman, brother and heir of Walter Bygge, late of Fordwich in the said county of Kent Gentleman deceased ... and also of one other messuage, now divided into two dwelling houses and one garden, now severed in two parts, situate in the said parish of St. Margarets in a street called 'Watling Street', near unto the place called 'The Waterlocke' and abutting to the said street there called 'Watling Street' to the South AND of one other messuage and garden .. situate in the parish of St. Mary Northgate.. which the aforesaid Joyce Taylor late purchased to her and her heirs of the said Paul Wiggins... which shall be by the name of four messuages and four gardens &c... and the said two mesuages and the said garden called 'Hawkes Garden' ... to the use of the said Thomas Richardson and his heirs and assigns forever ...AND the said other messuage divided into two dwellings &c... to the use of the said Symon Dixon and his heirs and asigns forever ... subject to a mortgage of £27 to be paid on 1st June 1635 at the dwellinghouse of the said Symon Dixon by John Plumley named 'The Three Maryners' in the parish of All Sainst in the city of Canterbury ...

Signed By all parties.

Attached to the seven seal tags are the major portions of five seals. The second and fourth lack a seal. All contained devices, but only the first is clearly discernible, an eagle displayed.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Peter Seylarde, Thomas Knocke, Edward Pyard, Edward Engeham, Godfrey Pyard and Edward Poore.

FEOFMENT

Feofment by Rebecca Sckott of the city of Canterbury in the county of Kent widow... for and in consideration of £45/10/0 ... to Mathew Milles of the city of Canterbury labourer, his heirs and assigns ... of all those three messuages or tenements with the gardens and one half well or fountain of water, together with the watercourse or passage for gutteredge &c... to them belonging ... now or late in the tenure or occupation of Stephen Adees, John Okernacte (?) tailor and John Deckeere wallone or their assigns.. situate together in the city of Canterbury within the parish of St. Margaret Virgin ... and do abutt on the King's street towards the South and the land and tenement of Symon Dyxson towards the West, to the lands of George Duke Gentleman and the house of office now pertaining unto the said Rebecca Sckott widow towards the North and to a tenement belonging to the hospital called 'Maynards Spittels' in the said city towards the East... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD... unto the said Mathew Milles... his heirs and assigns forever...

Dated: 25th June 14 Charles I (1638)

Signed: Rebecca Skott.

Attached to the document by its tag is a seal, c 2 3/4 cms dia., of irregular shape nevertheless, in red wax, bearing a deep, clear impression of the initials 'R.S.'.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Thomas Waterman, Thomas Richard son, John ----- (?) and John Brooke.

CANTERBURY : PARISHES OF ST. MARY BREDMAN AND ST. MARGARETS

ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE

Indenture dated 29th November 17 Charles II (1665) BETWEEN Richard Wells of the parish of Holy Cross and Westgate in the city of Canterbury yeoman of the one part and William Moys of Benenden in the said county tanner of the other part ... WHEREAS John Ladd of the said city of Canterbury then alderman by his indenture of demise dated 25th February 14 Charles I ... did bargain, sell... and demise unto Bartholemew Jancocke of the city of Canterbury tailor, father of John Johncocke ALL those six messuages and one stable with the backsides and garden spotts to the said messuages and stable belonging ... situate lying and being in Jury Lane .. in the parishes of St. Mary Bredman and St. Margarets... TO BE HAD AND HOLDEN unto the said Bartholemew Jancocke ... from the feast day of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary next coming... for and during the term of three score years next ensuing... under the yearly rent of £6... AND WHEREAS the said Bartholemew Jancocke by his indenture dated 1st September 13 Charles II for diverse good causes &c.. did grant, assigns and set over unto the said John Jancocke his executors and assigns all and singular the said messuages &c... TO BE HAD AND HOLDEN unto the said John Jancocke ... unto the full end and remainder of the said term of three score years... AND WHEREAS the said John Jancocke by indenture dated 11th March last past for the consideration therein mentioned did grant.... and set over unto the said Richard Mascall of the said city of Canterbury Gentleman all and singular the messuages &c... TO BE HAD AND HOLDEN unto the said Richard Mascall ... unto the full end and remainder of the term ... upon proviso of redemption of £125 at a day now past... AND WHEREAS the said Richard Mascall and John Jancocke by their indenture dated 28th November ... did bargain sell... and confirm unto the said Richard Wells all and singular the messuages &c... TO BE HAD AND HOLDEN unto the said Richard Wells &c... for the remainder of the said term... NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that the said Richard Wells.. for and in consideration of £50... HATH bargained sold... and set over ... unto the said William Moys... all and every the said messuages &c... unto the full end and term of the remainder of the said term.....

Signed: Richard Wells.

The original seal tag is attached to the document, but the seal is lacking.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Richard Ginder, John Strout and Henry Jancocke.

CO. KENT

1682

CANTERBURY : ST. MARGARET PARISH

RECEIPT

Receipt by Thomas Preston of Faversham in the county of Kent grocer having received this day of Paul Hubbard of the city of Canterbury carpenter the sum of £35 in full payment for a certain messuage and garden with the appurtenances situate lying and being in the parish of St. Margaret in the city of Canterbury, now in the tenure or occupation of John Smith or his assigns ... as per indentures of Lease and Release between him and Thomas Preston and Anne his wife...

Signed: Thomas Preston

Attached to the paper document is a seal, in dark red wax, c 1cm dia., bearing the impression of a heart pierced by two arrows.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Jo: Kennett, John Ludde and George Gilpin.

CO. KENT

1694

CANTERBURY

BARGAIN AND SALE WITH FEOFMENT

Bargain and Sale with Feofment by Judith le Keux of the city of Canterbury spinster, one of the daughters of John le Keux, late of the said city of Canterbury silkweaver deceased.. for and in consideration of £9/3/4 .. to Thomas Philipps of the said city of Canterbury innholder .. all that part share and purpart, ie one full third share of one quarter part of and in ALL those two messuages or tenements heretofore one messuage with the gardens backsides and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate and being at a place called 'Beer Cart Lane' in the parish of St. Margaret in the said city of Canterbury and now or late in the several tenures or occupations of Boanerges Agate and Jasper Clarke ... and also all the full and whole estate and premises &c... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the said Thomas Philipps ... forever ...

Dated: 24th September 6 William and Mary (1694).

Signed: Judith le Keux, her mark.

Attached to the seal tag is a seal, in red wax, c 1cm dia., bearing the impression of a bird upon its nest, carrying food in its beak (?).

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Samuel Despaigne, Gideon Despaigne and John Sawkins.

CO, KENT

1698

OBLIGATION

Obligation by Thomas Phillips of the city of Canterbury inholder .. to Judith Hunt of the same place widow ... in the sum of £30...

Dated: 12th January 10 William III (1698)

The condition of the obligation is such that if the said Thomas Phillips keeps certain covenants &c... mentioned in one indenture of mortgage of even date between the said Thomas Phillips of the one part and the said Judith Hunt of the other part ... then this obligation to be void...

Signed: Thomas Phillipps.

Attached to this paper document is a seal, in red wax, bearing the crude impression of a lion rampant.

The witnesses are Richard Anslow and John Sawkins.

CO. KENT

1705

CANTERBURY : ST. MARGARETS PARISH

COPY OF LEASE FOR ONE YEAR, on paper

Indenture dated 1st June 4 Anne (1705) BETWEEN Thomas Wood of the parish of Holy Cross Westgate near and without the walls of the city of Canterbury in the county of Kent tanner and Mary his wife of the one part and John Tassel of the said city Gentleman of the other part... WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of 5/-... they the said Thomas Wood and Mary his wife .. HAVE bargained and sold .. unto the said John Tassel.. ALL that messuage or tenement, now divided into two tenements with all chambers, rooms, lights, easements &c... and two gardens thereunto adjoining and with the same usually used, occupied and enjoyed heretofore called 'The New Built Houses', situate lying and being in the parish of St. Margarets in the said city.. in or near a certain street there called 'Watling Street', one of which said tenements is now or late was in the tenure or occupation of Isaac Pope.. and the other of James Goonbeere.. AND ALSO all that other messuage or tenement with the cellars, chambers, rooms &c... situate, standing, lying and being in the parish of St. Margarets.. and now or late in the tenure or occupation of Mary Kidham &c... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD... for the term of one whole year... YIELDING AND PAYING therefore one pepper corn if lawfully demanded...

CO. KENT

1727

CANTERBURY : ST. MARGARET PARISH

LEASE FOR ONE YEAR

Indenture dated 9th November 1 George II (1727) BETWEEN Ann Wren of the precincts of Christ Church Canterbury in the county of Kent widow of the one part and William Blogg of the city of Canterbury glazier of the other part ... WITNESSETH that the said Ann Wren...for and in consideration of 5/- ... HATH bargained and sold all the part share or purpart of her the said Ann Wren, ie ONE FULL third part (the whole in three parts to be divided) of and in ALL those three messuages or tenements with the buildings, yards, backsides, edifices &c... to the same belonging, situate and being in the parish of St. Margaret in the city of Canterbury, in or near a certain lane or street there called 'Watling Street' and now or late in the several tenures or occupations of Thomas Franck, William Cornelius and Thomas Hall ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD... the said part share &c... unto the said William Blogg for the term of one full year... YIELDING AND PAYING therefore one pepper corn if lawfully demanded....

Signed: Ann Wren

Attached to the seal fold of the document is a seal, in red wax, c 1¼ cms. dia., bearing the impression of a man's head, facing the right.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are John Knotte and John Sawkins.

APPRENTICESHIP INDENTURE

This indenture witnesseth that John French, the son of Robert French, deceased, late of Warhorn in the county of Kent, yeoman by and with the advice and consent of his unkle and Guardian James Turner of the Precincts of Christ Church Canterbury doth put himself apprentice to Thomas Clifford of Burgate within the City of Canterbury citizen and joyner to learn the Art, Trade, Mistery and business he now possesses... to serve from the feast of St. Michael the Archangel last past unto the full end and term of seven years from thence next ensuing and fully to be compleated and ended... AND the said master in consideration of £18 doth take...&c &c...

Dated: 1732 13 December 6 GEORGE II

Signed: John Ffrench

Attached to the document is a paper on wax seal bearing no discernible impression.

The witnesses are Elizabeth Turner and Mary Foreman.

The document is endorsed:

City of Canterbury December 23 1732
Memorandum John French the within named apprentice was inrolled in the chamber of the said city before Edward Jacob, Alderman and Chamberlain of the said city on the day and year above written and in the mayoralty of Charles Knowler Esq..

Signed: E. Jacob Chamberlain

The following has been added to the dorse in pencil:

George French, the son of John French was born 1750 and died 1836 leaving a son George French, born 1777 and died Nov 30 1850, leaving a son George French, born 1820.

John French (who signed) nephew of James Turner father of George Turner, who died 1828 age 73.

CO. KENT

1737

CANTERBURY

OBLIGATION

Obligation by William Rigden of the city of Canterbury brewer to Richard Stredwicke of the city aforesaid coachman in the sum of £100..

Dated: 28th June 11 George II (1737)

The condition of the obligation is such that if William Rigden keep the award, arbitration &c... of Thomas Bullocke of the city of Canterbury carpenter and one of the aldermen of the said city, Christopher Creed of the same city felmonger, Thomas Denne of the same city carpenter and Williams Collens of the same city bricklayer... the award &c.. to be made before 18th July next ensuing... but if arbitrators do not make such an award &c.. before the above given date ... then William Rigden to stand, to obey &c... the award &c... of William Botting the younger of the said city carpenter as umpire ... between the said parties ... of and concerning the premises ... to make the award before or on 1st August next ensuing...

Signed: William Rigden.

The witnesses are John Sawkins junior and Anne Sawkins.

Attached to the paper document is a seal, in red wax, c 1 cm dia., bearing the impression of a crown or coronet.

CANTERBURY

RELEASE

Indenture dated 23rd February 18 George II (1744) BETWEEN Thomas Gibbs of London apothecary, only son of Susanna Ludd, late wife of John Ludd late of the city of Canterbury ironmonger deceased, by Robert Gibbs her former husband deceased and also one of the two nephews and heirs at law of Thomas Gibbs late of Sole Street in the parish of Selling in the county of Kent Gentleman deceased and Henry Gibbs of Faversham in the said county Gentleman, the other nephew and heir at law of the said Thomas Gibbs deceased of the one party and Henry Terry of the city of Canterbury Gentleman of the other part... WHEREAS by indenture of lease and release dated 29th and 30th December 1715 the release being tripartite and made between the said Susanna Ludd by the name of Susanna Gibbs of the city of Canterbury widow, administratrix of all and singular the goods &c... of Robert Gibbs her late husband deceased of the first part, the said John Ludd of the second part and Henry Harrison of the city of Canterbury linnen draper, George Hughes of the same city and said Thomas Gibbs deceased, by the name of Thomas Gibbs of Faversham surgeon of the third part... the said Susanna Gibbs in consideration of a marriage then intended and afterward solemnized between John Ludd and the said Susanna Gibbs DID grant, bargain... release .. the messuages and premises hereinafter mentioned unto the said Henry Harrison, George Hughes and Thomas Gibbs deceased their heirs and assigns among other messuages and lands therein contained... ALL that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances situate and being in the parish of St. George the Martyre in the city of Canterbury, now in the tenure or occupation of her the said Susanna Gibbs.. and all other the messuages and tenements of her.. situate and being in the said parish of St. George...TO HOLD the same unto the said Henry Harrison et al...to the uses following.. AS FOR the said messuage in Canterbury.. to the use of the said John Ludd for his life.. and as to the rest of the messuages &c.. therein mentioned .. to the use of the said trustees and their heirs during the life of the said Susanna Gibbs in trust to pay the rents and profits unto her own hands.. and after her decease to the use of the said Henry Harrison et al...in trust that they or the survivor of them or the heirs of such survivor should after the death of the said Susanna convey... the said messuage &c... unto the said Thomas Gibbs party to these presents... or if she should be then dead without issue then unto Susanna Gibbs, daughter of the said Susanna Gibbs deceased and her heirs &c... AND WHEREAS the said Henry Harrison and George Hughes are both dead... AND WHEREAS the said John Ludd and the said Susanna Ludd his wife are both since dead... AND WHEREAS the said Henry Terry hath contracted and agreed... the absolute purchase of the said messuage &c... NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of

£175 to the said Thomas Gibbs paid by Henry Terry and 5/- paid to Henry Gibbs by the said Henry Terry... they the said Thomas and Henry Gibbs... HAVE granted... released... unto the said Henry Terry... ALL that messuage or tenement with the outhouses &c... situate lying and being in the parish of St. George the Martyre in the city of Canterbury... in a certain street there called 'St. George Street' and bounds to the same street towards the North, to a messuage sometime since of Peter de la Piere otherwise Peters and now of Peter Legrand towards the West and to a messuage heretofore in the occupation of Michael Terry Gentleman and now of Beata Skelton towards the East and was sometime since in the tenure or occupation of Thomas Jennings the elder and now in the tenure or occupation of John Dumarezq Gentleman and also the passage leading out of the

rd belonging to the said messuage into a certain lane called 'Sheep Shank Lane', together with the use of the pump belonging and near adjoining to the backside of the said messuage.. which said messuage &c... the said Susanna Gibbs purchased of the said Peter de la Piere als Peters... AND ALSO all that little slip or spot of ground whereon a hovell sometime since stood, containing 8' of assize in length and 5' of assize in breadth adjoining to and lying on the backside of the said messuage and adjoining to the West side of a messuage of John Rye now in the occupation of the said Beata Skelton and belong to the same.. situate lying and being in the said parish of St. George.. and is now in the tenure or occupation of the said John Dumaresq or his assigns, which said slip of ground the said Susanna Gibbs purchased of Sarah Rogers widow... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said messuage &c... unto the said Henry Terry his heirs and assigns forever.....

Signed: Thomas Gibbs.

Attached to the seal fold is a seal, in red wax, c lcm dia., bearing the impression of a lion rampant. Another seal is attached, although there is only one signature, and this bears the impression of an anchor.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Thomas Hanson and P (?) Harrison.

CO. KENT

1753

OBLIGATION

Obligation by Joseph Webb of the parish of St. Martin in or near the city of Canterbury fruiterer .. to William Rigden of the same city brewer ... in the sum of £60...

Dated: 4th August 27 George II (1753)

The condition of the obligation is such that if the said Joseph Webb pay to the said William Rigden ... the sum of £30 with interest at 4% per annum on 5th February next ... then this obligation to be void... an indenture of mortgage bearing even date was made between the above parties.. the said Joseph Webb being a devisee named in the last will and testament of John Jurden, late of the city of Canterbury lath cleaver deceased...

Signed: Joseph Webb

Attached to the paper document is a seal, in red wax, bearing the impression of a castle with four towers.

The witnesses are John Jekene and William Balderston.

CO. KENT

1662

CHALLOCK

QUIT CLAIM

Quitclaim by Thomas Cooke of Challock in the county of Kent yeoman.. to John Peirce the elder of Challock yeoman and his heirs forever... of ALL the right, title &c... in and to ALL those four pieces of arable and wood lands called... 'Chalkpit', 'Chalkpit Shawe', 'Nordane' and 'Nordane Shawe'.. with their appurtenances.. containing by estimation 14 acres ... which the said John Peirce purchased to him and his heirs of William Cooke late of Challock, his late father deceased..

Dated: 24th October 14 Charles II (1662).

Signed: Thomas Cooke.

Attached to the seal tag is the major portion of a seal, in red wax, no impression being discernible.

The witnesses, who are named on the dorse, are William Drury, his mark, and Andrew Hawkins (or Hawker ?)

FEOFMENT

Feofment by Alan Typon of Shellefeld in the county of Kent to Master William Patir, Philip atte Well, Nicholas Syhbyg and Simon Wodeward junior ... of all his lands and tenements, excepting one rod of land belonging to the Lord (or Lordship) of 'Le Hewette' .. to have and to hold ... with all their appurtenances .. unto the said William, Philip, Nicholas and Symon their heirs and assigns forever.. of the chief Lord of that fee by the rents and services there accustomed &c...

Dated at Chellesfeld aforesaid on the feast day of All Saints
27 Henry VI (1448)

The witnesses are William Cok, Thomas Cok, Thomas Getour,
William Bockes and John Wyghys and others...

Attached to the seal tag is a fragment of a seal, in red wax,
still bearing the impression of a rose.

FEOFMENT

Simon Wodward of Chelfield in the county of Kent ... to Richard Bonaventur, clerk and Alice Bray, widow and sister of the said Richard... of 1 messuage and 1 croft and 1 field of land to the same messuage adjoining called 'whete filde' existing and lying in the parish of Chelfield aforesaid... towit between the King's highway there to the South part and North part and lands called 'le hewet' on the East and lands of William Whitehede on the West part and also 1 croft of land called 'le Swerd' with a parcel of land adjoining called 'le wyche' and 1 croft of land called 'welle crofte' and 1 croft of land called 'Rigdownes hawe'... lying and being in the parish of Chelfield aforesaid... of which the said croft called 'le Swerd' and the said parcel of land called 'le wyche' lie between the land of the said William Whitehed on the South part and the King's highway there on the West part and land of William Buck and Simon Andrew and the King's highway on the North part and land of the said Simon Wodward called 'Whete felde' on the East part ... and one other croft called 'Welle Crofte' lies between the King's highway there on the South and West part and land of the said Simon Wodward on the North and East part... and one other croft of land called 'Rigdownyshawe' lies at Rigdownys Crosse between the King's highway there on the North West part and East part and land of the heirs of Henry Daunce called 'le Scullehawe' on the South part... all which said premises were late of William Petyr, Philip atte Welle and Nicholas Sibbyng, now deceased and the said Simon Wodward had together with them by the gift and feofment of Alan Typon, late of Chelfield while he lived... all except a field called 'Whetefilde, which Simon Wodward late purchased of Thomas Jetur senior, deceased... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said messuage &c... of the chief Lord of the fee ... forever...

Dated at Chelfelde 14th February 18 Edward IV (1479)

Attached to the seal tag is a seal, in red wax, c 2.2 cms dia., bearing, within an inner circle, the very worn impression of an armorial device (?) or a rose (?).

The witnesses are Thomas Jetour, Geoffrey Walys, Stephen Pettelegh, John Fletcher and William Bucke (?).

FEOFMENT

Feofment by Richard Bonaventur clerk and Alice Bray widow, sister of the said Richard... to John Jettor senior of Chelsfield in the county of Kent yeoman and Agnes his wife, Sir John Percivale Knight, citizen and alderman of London and John Bonaventur Esquire... of one messuage with one croft and one field to the same messuage adjoining called 'Whetfelde', lying and being in the parish of Chelsfield aforesaid, to wit between the King's highway there on the South and North parts... and land called 'le hewet' on the East part and land of William Whythede on the West part... also ... one croft of land called 'le Swere' with a parcel of land adjoining called 'le hucche' and one croft of land called 'Well crofte' and one croft of land called 'Rygdons hawe'... lying and being in the parish of Chelsfield aforesaid ... of which the said croft called 'le Swere' with the said parcel of land called 'le Hucche' lying between land of the said William Whythede on the South part and the King's highway on the West part and land of William Buk, Simon Andrewe and the King's highway there on the North part and the said croft called 'Whetfelde' on the East part ... the said croft of land called 'Well Crofte' lying between the King's highway there on the South and West parts and land late of Simon Woddwarde on the North and East part and one other croft of land aforesaid called 'Rygdons Hawe' lying at Rygdons Crosse between the King's highway there on the North West and East parts, lands of the heirs of Henry Dawnce called 'le Scull hawe' on the South pary... which said lands the said Richard Bonaventur and Alice Bray late jointly had forever by the gift, grant and charter of the said Simon Woddwarde... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... to the said John Jettor and Agnes his wife &c... forever ...

Dated at Chelsfield 2nd October 3 Henry VII (1487)

Attached to the two seal tags of the document are two seals, both in red wax, c 2½ cms. x 1½ cms., bearing the indistinct impression of two devices.

The witnesses are Richard Miller, Nicholas Hubberd, Alan Nasche, John Reeve, Walter Smale, Geoffrey Walesse, Stephen Petle and others.

FEOFMENT

Feofment by John Nettour of Chelsfeld in the county of Kent senior to John Beveryge of Chelfelde, Robert Marshall of Orpyngton in the said county and William Couper of Ferneburgh in the same county... of one mesuage with one croft and one field of land to the same message adjoining called 'Whetfeld', lying and being in the parish of Chelsfeld aforesaid, to wit between the King's highway there on the South and North parts and lands called 'le Hewet' on the East and land of William Whythede on the West ... and also one croft of land called 'le Swere' with a parcel of land adjoining called 'le hucche' and one croft of land called 'Well croft' and one croft of land called 'Rygdon's Hawe'.. lying and being in the parish of Chelsfeld aforesaid.. of which the croft called 'le Swere' with the parcel of land called 'le hucche' lying and being between the lands of the said William Whythede on the South part and the King's highway there on the West part and land of William Buk, Simon Andrewe and the King's highway there on the North part... and the said croft called 'Whetefeld' on the West part.. the said croft called 'Welle Croft' lying between the King's highway there on the South part and the West part and lands late of Simond Wodward on the North part and East part.. and the other croft of land called 'Rygdon's Hawe' lies at Rygdon's Crosse between the King's highway there on the North, West and East part and lands of the heirs of Henry Dawnce called 'le Scull Hawe' on the South part ... which said message &c... he had late of Robert Rede one of the justices of .. the Common Pleas... William Jeffray chaplain, Robert Patenson vicar of Orpington, Christopher Kendale, John Ware and William Wodegate as in a charter may appear... Furthermore he grants to the above.. 30 acres of land with the appurtenances in Chelsfeld lying in diverse parcels in the parish of Chelsfeld of which one is called 'Cistede', the other 'Colgates', the other 'Colgates Redyn' and the other 'Pocokkyscroft, excepting $\frac{1}{2}$ rod lying the said piece of land called 'Colgates'... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD... foreer... to the use of the said John Beveryge his heirs and assigns forever ...

Dated at Chelsfeld 20th February 18 Henry VII (1503)

Attached to the document by its original seal tag is a seal, c $3\frac{1}{2}$ cms x 3 cms., bearing a small, deep impression, centrally placed, which is not discernible.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are John Grannys (?), Martin Jetour, Robert Watt, Richard Cacott and Martin Bukk.

CONFIRMATION OF GRANT AND APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY

Confirmation of grant by William Beverege of Chevenynge in the county of Kent 'Rpyer' to Richard Braysyer of Chellesfeld in the county aforesaid 'pulter'... of two messuages and two gardens with certain lands, tenements, pastures &c... situated and being in the parish of Chellesfeld aforesaid ...which certain lands and tenements &c... the said Richard Brasyer recovered against the said William ... at Westminster at the court of Sir John Baldewyn Knight and his fellow justices ... in Easter Term 37 Henry VIII ... as may appear in Roll No 317 &c &c... and William Beverege appoints Richard Fletcher of Chellesfelde his attorney ... to deliver seizin of the said premises &c...

Dated: at Chellefeld 26th May 37 Henry VIII (1545)

Attached to the seal tag is a seal, in red wax, c 2 cms dia., bearing no distinguishable impression.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Nich Sybyll Esq., John Lendall, John Cacott, John Pratte, Rich Fletcher and Rich Rede and others.

CO. KENT

1545

QUITCLAIM

Quitclaim by William Beveredge of Chevenyng in the county of Kent 'Rypper' ... in consideration of £45 sterling... to Richard Brasyer of Chellesfeld in the county aforesaid yeoman of all those lands, tenements, orchards, gardens, meadows, pastures, woods and sub-woods with all and singular their appurtenances, situated, being and existing in the parish of Chellesfeld aforesaid...

Dated: 20th March 36 Henry VIII (1545)

Attached to the document by its seal tag is a seal, in red wax, c 2 cms dia., bearing an impression which is now indistinct.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Nicholas Sybyll, Rych Parmynger and Henry Sylband (?).

BARGAIN AND SALE WITH FEOFMENT

Bargain and Sale with Feofment by Nicholas Colegate of Bedyngton in the county of Surrey yeoman ... for and in consideration of £25 ... to Thomas Mannyngge of Seyntmarycray in the county of Kent yeoman... of asll that tenement with the garden situate lying and being in the parish of Chelsfylde in the said county of Kent... which certain tenement and garden were lying and abbuting on the East, West and South parts towards the King's highway leading from St. Mary Gray as far as Shoreham, and on the North part abbuting to land belonging to the rectory of Chelsfylde ...and also all those two parcels of land called 'Upper Bettes' and 'Nether Bettes', containing by estimation 8 acres of land ... situated and existing in the parish of Chelsfylde... which certain parcel of land lying and abbuting on the East part towards land of Thomas Petley called 'Howe Fylde' and on the West part towards the King's highway there and on the South part towards certain land called 'Comberland' and on the North part abbuting towards land of Richard Fletcher ... and two acres of wood called 'Myles Grove', situated and being in the parish of Shoreham in the said county of Kent which ...on the North part are lying and abbuting towards land of Perseval Harte Knight and on the South part towards certain wood called 'Pascel's' and on the East part towards wood called 'Holeways' and on the West part towards land called 'Comberland' and ... one garden lying at 'le Hewet', which certain garden lies towards the East part towards the King's highway and on the West part towards a parcel of land called 'Bechefylde' and on the North part towards land called 'Cacatts Crofte' and on the South part towards a garden called 'Rowe Garden' ... and all other lands, tenements, rents, reversions &c.... lying and being in the said parishes of Chelsfylde and Shoreham or elsewhere in the said county of Kent ... which the said Nicholas Colegate latenpurchased to him and his heirs and assigns forever ... by the gift and charter made by Thomas Alen and Richard Alen ... as by a certain charter dated 28th March 4 Edward VI... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... to the said Thomas Mannyngge his heirs and assigns forever ...

Dated 8th July 5 Edward VI (1552)

Attached to the document by its tag is a seal, in red wax, c 2 cms x 2 cms., bearing a worn impression of an eagle displayed (?) or a beast (?).

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Walter Staples, William Gate, Robert Colegate, Oliver Clay, William Knyght, William Dethe and others.

CO. KENT

1552

QUITCLAIM

Quitclaim by Nicholas Colgate of Bedyngton in the county of Surrey yeoman in consideration of £26 ... to Thomas Mannyng of Seynt Mary Cray in the county of Kent yeoman ... of all the premises &c... mentioned in the deed of Bargain and Sale with Feofment dated 8th July 5 Edward VI (1552)...

Dated: 12th July 5 Edward VI (1552)

Attached to the document by its tag is a seal, in red wax, c 2 cms x 2 cms, bearing a worn impression that is not discernible.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Walter Staple, William Gate, Robert Colegate, Oliver Cley, William Knight, William Dethe and many others.

CO. KENT

1563

QUITCLAIM

Quitclaim by Elizabeth Beveridge of Chevenyng in the county of Kent widow ... to Richard Brasyer of Chelsfield in the county of Kent yeoman... of two messuages, two gardens with certain lands, tenements, pastures &c... lying and being in Chelsfield aforesaid to the same messuages belonging... which were late of William Beveredge of Chevenyng aforesaid deceased...

Dated: 17th October 5 Elizabeth (1563)

The original seal tag is attached to the document, but the seal is lacking.

ARBITRATION AWARD

Award ... George Smyth clerk, parson of Chellisfilde in the county of Kent, John Kickley of Northcraze, Robert Staple of Orpington and Thomas Staple of Saynt Mary Craye yeoman ... send greeting ... whereas ... various suits in law have been had ... between one John Palmer Esquire deceased and William Palmer Gentleman or one of them ... and Alice Brasier widow deceased, William Brasier and Nicholas Brasier or some of them ... concerning one obligation ... of the sum of £100 made by one Richard Brasier now deceased, father of the said William and Nicholas ... unto the said John and William Palmer for the only use and behoof of ... John Brasier eldest son of the said Richard Brasier deceased ... upon which obligation the said John and William Palmer ... have long before this time brought and presented one action of debt of the said sum of £100 against the said Alice Braysier, William and Nicholas Brasier ... as executors of the said Richard Brasier deceased ... and have judgement in the said action of the sum of £100 of costs and damages ... and the said William and Nicholas Brasier have submitted and bound themselves ... in the sum of £100 to stand to abide, perform &c... the award &c... of the said George Smyth et al... the said arbitrators judge...and do make this award ... in that the said William Brasier his executors and assigns shall in consideration of the release and discharge of the judgement costs above mentioned pay or cause to be paid to the said John Brasier his executors or assigns £9 ... in manner or form following... on the feast day of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist next after the date of this award £3 at or in the porch of Chellisfilde between the hours of nine and twelve of the clock in the forenoon of the same feast day and on the feast day of St. Mikhael the Archangel next ... other three pounds at the said place &c... and on the feast day of the birth of our Lord Christ next other £3 ... and we do further award that the said John Brasier shall... at the feast day of St. John the Baptist next procure or cause the said William Palmer his executors or administrators ... to oknowledge a satisfaction of the said debt and judgement of £100 and of the said costs and damages above mentioned ...and shall come ... before the same feast day to be delivered unto the said William Brasier ... a note in writing of the term and number roll where the said satisfaction shall be entered ... and also that the said John Brasier ... shall at all times hereafter discharge ... the said William Brasier and Nicholas Barsier... of all their lands, tenements, goods and chattells ... against the said William Palmer ... and also that the cost of writing and charges of this award shall be equally born by the said John Brasier and William Brasier ...

Dated: 24th March

32 Elizabeth (1588)

BARGAIN AND SALE WITH FEOFMENT

Bargain and Sale with Feofment by John Ive of Chellyfeilde in the county of Kent husbandman ... to William Brasyer of Chellyfeilde yeoman and John Dirlynge of the same place weaver... of all that messuage or tenement newly built, one barn, one garden and one orchard to the same messuage.. adjoining.. containing by estimation $\frac{1}{2}$ rod ... situate lying and being in Chellyfeilde... to wit to the King's highway there leading to Chellyfeilde as far as Wellhall towards the North, to an orchard late of William Fletcher towards the East and to an orchard of John Colegate of Chellyfeilde husbandman towards the West and South and now or late in the tenure or occupation of John Ive or his assigns... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said messuage &c... to the said William Brasyer and John Dirlynge their heirs and assigns forever... to the use and behoof of the said John Ive and Margaret his wife for the term of their natural lives &c...

Dated: 6th August 38 Elizabeth (1596)

Signed: John Ive

Attached to the seal tag of the document is the right hand portion of a seal, in red wax, the device being indistinct.

The witnesses are Nich Rolfe, John Colegate, Thomas Hareilly(?) and John Colegate. †

LEASE

Indenture dated 3rd November 42 Elizabeth (1600) BETWEEN William Wakelen the elder of Chelsfield in the county of Kent yeoman of the one party and Thomas Wakelen, son of the said William, of Chelsfield laborer of the other party WITNESSETH that the said William Wakelen in consideration of certain charges which the said Thomas hath bestowed on a tenement or messuage belonging to the said William ... hath demised granted and to farm letten ... unto the said Thomas Wakelen all his foresaid tenement or messuage with a barn and other edifices thereto appertaining and one garden, two orchards &c... and also eight parcels of ground called by the names of 'Cockes Croft', containing by estimation 2 acres, 'Little Newfield', containing by estimation 5 acres, 'Watsbroome', containing by estimation 8 acres of arable and woodground, 'Paynesland', containing by estimation 3 acres, 'Lords grove', containing by estimation 5 acres of woodground, and other three crofts lying together, ie 'Petfield', containing by estimation 1 acre, 'Sturgeons field', containing by estimation 3 acres and 'Courtcroft', containing by estimation 2 acres, with all and singular their appurtenances... now in the tenure or occupation of the said Thomas Wakelen (except to the said William Wakelen and his heirs and assigns allways reserved all woods, underwoods and trees now growing ... with free ingress ... to fell out &c... except also to William and his heirs the game of Conies in 'Watsbroome, Lordsgrove and Paynsland', with free ingress... to hunt, ferret, catch and carry away the same ... and lastly except to the said William and Elinor his now wife during the longest liver of them half the fruit which shall yearly grow on the pippin tree at the end of the barn aforesaid and on the Damzon tree in Watsbroom... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... unto the said Thomas... for the term of 31 years &c... yielding and paying therefore yearly £5... at the feasts of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Michael Archangel by even portions and moreover yielding and paying yearly during the first 21 years unto the said William and Elinor his wife £40....

Signed: William Wakelen

Attached to the document is its original seal tag, but the seal is lacking.

The names of the witnesses are Geo Smyth, parson of Chelsfield and John Sadler, his mark.

CHELSFIELD

RELEASE, ESTABLISHING A CHARITY FOR POOR PERSONS ETC.

Indenture dated 16th August 6 James I (1608) BETWEEN Johanna Collett widow, late the wife of Peter Collett, late citizen and merchant tailor of London of the one part and George Smyth the younger, son of George Smyth clerk, rector of the parish church of Chellysfelde in the county of Kent, William Braysier of Chellysfelde yeoman, John Allyn and Robert Allyn of Chellysfelde yeomen, William Wakelin of Chellysfelde yeoman and Thomas Wakelin his brother and George Wakelin, son of the said Thomas, Robert Wright the elder of Chellysfelde yeoman and Robert Wright the younger his son and John Colegate of Chellysfelde yeoman on the other part... WITNESSETH that the said Johanna Collett for diverse good causes &c... HATH granted &c... unto the said George Smyth et al... ALL that her messuage or tenement called 'Osbornes', situate and being in Chellysfelde.. to the King's highway leading from Chellysfelde to Shoreham --- (?) the messuage of John Colegate ... and one croft or parcel of land called 'Osbornes' to the same messuage or tenement adjoining.. containing by estimation 4 acres ... situate in Chellysfelde ... and one other piece of land called 'Furry Croft', containing by estimation 3 acres, lying in Shoreham in the said county of Kent.. and also one other piece of land called 'Long Croft', containing by estimation 2 acres, lying and being in Chellysfelde ... which said premises are now or late were in the occupation of William Manyng or his assigns and the widow.. the said John Collett late had and obtained to her heirs and assigns forever of the gift of Peter Collett deceased, as by his last will and testament dated in 4 James I.. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... unto the said George Smyth et al... forever.. AND THE SAID Johanna Collett doth publicly establish... by these presents that the rents, issues &c of the said messuage &c.. shall be .. employed forever hereafter in that good and charitable use as hereafter expressed .. that is to say ... that the issues, rents and profits of the said piece of land called 'Long Croft' shall hereafter .. four times in the year be bestowed and distributed to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Chellysfelde, with the consents of the parson or of his curate for the time being or the greater part of, whereof the parson or curate to be one, distributed to the poorest, aged, impotent and most decayed persons inhabiting and dwelling within the said parish of Chellysfelde from time to time and that the profits of the said messuage or tenement above mentioned and the two parcels of land called 'Osbornes' and 'Surrey Croft' and all other the premises above mentioned ... except for 'Long Croft'.. immediately after the decaese of the said Johanna Collett be by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor ...likewise in like manner ... bestowed in the necessary reparations of the chapel on the South side of the said church of Chellysfelde wherein above mentioned Peter Collett lies buried in a tomb and in case.. and in case the said chapel and tomb shall not stand in need of reparations.. then the said rents &c.. to be employed .. to the church and chancel.. if not needed there.. then to the poor &c.. in like manner ..&c

On paper, endorsed original copy.

BARGAIN AND SALE WITH FEOFMENT

Bargain and Sale with Feofment by William Wakelen and John Wakelen, two sons of William Wakelen, late of Chelsfield, yeoman, deceased, one of the sons of William Wakelen... for and in consideration of £30... to Thomas Wakelen of Chelsfield yeoman... of all those two parts of one third part of one messuage called 'Cox Croft House' and of and in two barns, one garden, two orchards and one croft of arable land called 'Coxcroft', adjoining to the same messuage, containing by estimation 2 acres and in 9 other pieces of arable land, pasture and wood called (as in deed prior to this date)... now in the tenure or occupation of the said Thomas Wakelen and Richard May... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... unto the said Thomas Wakelen his heirs and assigns forever...

Dated: 22nd September 8 James I (1611)

Signed: William Wakelen, his mark 'W'
John Wakelen

Attached to the document are its two original seal tags, but the seals are lacking.

The names of the witnesses are given on the seal fold. They are George Smyth, parson of Chelsfield, Jo Marshal, Robert Chapman and Thomas Bat.

The same witnesses are also named on the dorse as witnesses for the livery of seizin.

DEED TO LEAD TO THE USES OF A FINE

Indenture dated 1st April 9 James I (1612) BETWEEN John Wakelen the elder of Chelfield in the county of Kent yeoman, one of the sons of William Wakelen late of Chelfield yeoman deceased of the one part and Thomas Brasyer and James Style of Chelfield yeoman of the other part WITNESSETH ... that it is agreed between the said parties ... that the said John Wakelen shall ... before the feast of Pentecost next ... acknowledge and levy one fine ... unto the said Thomas Brasier and James Style OF ALL that his third part of and in one messuage or tenement called 'Coxe Crofte House' and of and in one garden, two orchards and eight pieces of land arable, pasture and wood-ground with the appurtenances, containing in the whole by estimation 31 acres... commonly called ... by the several names of 'Newefeilds', 'Sturgion feild', 'Courte Crofte', 'Pett feild', 'Paynts land', 'Watts broome feild', 'Watts broomewood' and 'Lords grove', situate lying and being within the parish of Chelfield ...AND of all that his one third part of and in one other messuage or tenement called 'the house at Newyeres wood gate'... AND of and in one barn, one orchard, one garden and one croft... containing by estimation $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres with the appurtenances in Chelfield... to the said messuage belonging ...

Signed: John Wakelen, his mark ^T_T Tho Brasier James Style


Attached to the document are its three original seal tags, but the seals are lacking for the first two. Only the third carries a seal, being in red wax, c 3 cms dia., bearing a deep impression of a 3 leaf clover (?).

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are ----- Petley (?), Nich Mace, his mark 'N' and Henrie S----- (?).

RELEASE

Indenture dated ----- (lacking) 10 James I (1612) BETWEEN
John Wakelen the elder of Chelsfield in the county of Kent yeoman
of the one part and Thomas Wakelen of Chelsfield aforesaid yeoman
of the other part ... WITNESSETH that the said John Wakelen for
and in consideration of £50 ... HATH given, granted &c... ALL that
his one third part of and in one messuage or tenement called
'Coxcrofte House', with one barn, a stable and other buildings there-
unto belonging and of and in one garden, two orchards and one little
croft called 'Cox Crofte' adjoining to the said orchard and ten parcels
of land arable, pasture and woodground ... containing in the whole
31 acres called by the several names of 'Newfields', 'Sturgion field',
'Courte Crofte', 'Pett field', 'Paints lande', 'Watts Broomefield',
'Watts broome Wood' and 'Lords Grove', situate lying and being in the
parish of Chelsfield and also all that his third part of and in one
other messuage or tenement called 'the howse at Newyears Woodgate'...
of and in one orchard, one garden and one croft of land called 'The
Lords Crofte', containing by estimation 1½ acres ... situated in Chelsfield
... all which said premises are now in the tenure or occupation of the
said Thomas Wakelen and one Richard Maye ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ...
unto the said Thomas Wakelen his heirs and assigns forever...

Signed: John Wakelen, his mark 

Attached to the seal tag is a seal, in red wax, c 3cms dia.,
its right edge lacking, bearing the fine impression of a cross. 

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are George Smith, Alex Ellys,
John marshal the younger and Thomas Batt.

QUITCLAIM

Quitclaim by Francis Brasier of Chelfield in the county of Kent yeoman, one of the sons and heirs of William Brasier, late of Chelfield aforesaid, deceased... for and in consideration of £50.... to John Brasier his natural brother of Chelfield yeoman ... to one capital messuage or tenement, one barn, one stable, two orchards... and three pieces... of arable land called 'Wheat Fieldes', containing by estimation 10 acres ... and two other pieces.. of arable land called 'Betses', containing by estimation 6 acres... lying and being in Chelfield and now in the tenure or occupation of John Brasier... Dated 20th August 9 Charles (1633).

Signed: The mark of Francis Brasier 'B'

Attached to the document is its original seal tag, but the seal is lacking.

The names of the witnesses are given on the dorse. They are Edward Fletcher (?) and William Mace, his mark 'M'.

MARRIAGE SETTLEMENT

Indenture dated 12th January 18 Charles I (1642) BETWEEN John Brazier of Chelsfielde in the county of Kent yeoman and Emme Brazier spinster, the only daughter of the said John of the one part AND Anthony Petley of Chelsfield aforesaid yeoman and Henry French of Wrotham in the said county yeoman of the other part ... WITNESSETH that the said John Brazier and Emme Brazier his daughter, for and in consideration of a marriage ... intended ... short time hereafter to be had .. between Francis French of Seale in the county of Kent yeoman and the said Emme... the said John Brazier and Emme his daughter HAVE granted, enfeoffed &c... unto the said Anthony Petley and Henry French their heirs and assigns ... ALL that capital messuage or tenement wherein the said John Brazier now dwelleth and the barns, stables, outhouses, edifices &c.... AND also all those several pieces.. of land called 'Betses', containing by estimation 6 acres of land, to the said messuage also belonging... situated in Chelsfielde... now in the tenure or occupation of John Brazier his assign or assignes... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD.. unto the said Anthony Petley and Henry French their heirs or assigns... to the only use of the said john Brazier and Emme his daughter and the heirs of the said Emme... until the said intended marriage be had ... and thereafter ... to the use of John Brazier for the term of his natural life and immediately after his decease ... to the only use of the said Francis French and Emme his intended wife for and during their two natural lives and the life of the longer liver and then to the heirs of the bodies of them and for want of such heirs to the right heirs of Emme...

Signed: John Brazier.

Emme Brazier, her mark

The document carries two seal tags. The first has no seal, but the second does, in red wax, c 2 cms dia., bearing a very worn impression of an armorial device.

The witnesses, whose names are given on the dorse, are William Wakelyn, his mark and George Hooper.

MARRIAGE SETTLEMENT

Indenture dated 7th September 18 Charles I (1642)... BETWEEN George Wyborne of St. Mary Cray in the county of Kent yeoman of the one part and George Burton of Otford in the said county of Kent taylor and Joan his wife of the other part... WITNESSETH ... that whereas the said George Burton has already espoused and taken to wife the said Joan, one of the daughters of the said George Wyborne, with whom he has as yet not received any competent marriage portion... he the said George Wyborne in consideration of the natural love and affection which he bears towards the said Joan &c &c he the said George Wyborne ... doth bargain sell &c... unto the said George Burton and Joan his wife ALL that his one piece or parcel of land called 'Dulley', containing by estimation 8 acres ... lying and being in the parish of Chelsfield ... adjoining to the lands of ----- Brewton Gentleman towards the North, the lands of Anthony Petley towards the East and to the lands belonging to the rectory of Chelsfield aforesaid towards the West and South and now in the tenure or occupation of ----- Brasyer widow ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD... forever ... to the said George Burton and Joan his wife and the heirs of their bodies &c...

Signed: George Wyburne

Attached to the document is its original seal tag, but the seal is lacking.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Hen King, John Brasier, his mark.

CO. KENT

1646

CHELSFIELD

ORIGINAL WILL OF JOHN BRASIER

Original Will of John Brasier of the parish of Cheilsfeild in the county of Kent yeoman, dated 14th February 1646....

touching worldly goods.... In primis to the poor people of the parish of Cheilsfeild at the day of his burial £2 to be paid at the discretion of his executor and executrix... Item. To his wife and joint executrix all his household stuff and implements of household. Item. To his wife all his horses and mares. Item. for all the residue of his goods and chattels he doth will and bequeath to be equally divided between his wife and Frances French his son in law, whom he ordains and makes his executor and executrix. Item. Concerning his lands and tenements he wills and bequeaths that his wife shall hold and enjoy the one moiety and half during her natural life and his son Francis French the other moiety and half. Item. To his wife and his son in law a debt being in the hands of George Nuland of Beckenham of the sum of £22 to be equally divided between his wife Margrete and his son in law Frances French. Item. For all his other debts owing unto him he gives and bequeaths them to his wife and he appoints his two beloved freinds... his brother Francis Brasier and his brother in law Abraham Fuller to be his overseers of his last will and testament...

Signed: With the testator's mark, 'B'.

Cut into the right hand lower margin is the seal, paper on wax, but the impression is not discernible. The document is of paper.

The witnesses are James Stile and Anthony Petley.

RELEASE

Indenture dated 6th August 23 Charles I (1647) BETWEEN John Wakeline of Chelsfield in the county of Kent yeoman of the one part and George Wakeline of Chelsfield yeoman, eldest brother of the said John of the other part... WITNESSETH that the said John Wakeline for and in consideration of £60 ... HATH granted, bargained, sold &c... ALL his part of the dwelling house called 'Cox Crofte' with an orchard thereunto belonging and one piece of land called 'Fiddlers Garden' and 'Little Kangell' and the two new fields, containing by estimation 6 acres and also one tenement with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging called 'Lord's Croft', situate lying and being in the parish of Chelsfield, late in the tenure or occupation of Thomas Mace and now in the tenure or occupation of George Wakeline... and also the one third part of that tenement with the appurtenances ... called ... 'Wallnutt Trees' in the parish of Chelsfield, now in the tenure or occupation of John Jackson and all other the lands, tenements and hereditaments whatsoever in Chelsfield ... which were heretofore conveyed and assured to be conveyed by Thomas Wakeline deceased, late father of the said parties ... unto him the said John Wakeline his heirs and assigns ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... unto the said George Wakeline his heirs and assigns forever...

Signed: The mark of John Wakeline 'I'

Endorsed: Enrolled in Hillary Term, vicesimo tercio in Banco Regis Roll 1482.

Attached to the document is its original seal tag, but the seal is lacking.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are John Wenterborne and Thomas Milles.

RELEASE

Indenture dated 4th July 24 Charles II ((1648)... BETWEEN George Wakelyn the younger of Chelsfield in the county of Kent husbandman and Sarah his wife of the one part and George Wakelyn the elder of Chelsfield yeoman of the other part ... WITNESSETH that the said George Wakelyn the younger and Sarah his wife ... for and in consideration of £19 ... HAVE granted, bargained, sold &c... unto the said George Wakelyn the elder his heirs and assigns ALL that the ninth part of and in all those several messuages or tenements and pieces .. of arable land, pasture and woodland hereafter mentioned, that is to say one messuage or tenement called 'Corks Crofte', with all edificies &c... and two pieces .. of land called 'Newfields', containing by estimation together 5 acres ... and three other pieces of land called by the several names of 'Sturgeons Crofte', 'Courte Crofte' and 'Petfield', containing by estimation in the whole 6 acres.. one other piece .. of land called 'Paynts land', containing by estimation 3 acres .. one other pice.. of land called 'Watts Broome', containing by estimation 3 acres ... one other piece .. of woodland called 'Watts Broom Wood', containing by estimation 6 acres ... one other piece .. of woodland called 'Lords Grove', containing by estimation 7 acres ... all which said premises are situate lying and being in the parish of Chelsfield ... and now in the tenure or occupation of the said George Wakelyn the elder ... and also one little messuage or tenement called 'Newyeeres Woodgate' with the orchard garden, yard and backside and one little croft .. of land thereunto belonging situated and being within the parish of Chelsfield and now in the tenure or occupation of one Dennys Mace widow or her assigns ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said ninth part &c... unto the said George Wakelyn the elder and his heirs and assigns forever ...

Signed: George Wakelyn the younger, his mark Sarah Wakelyn, her mark

Attached to the document are two seal tags, but the seals are lacking.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Thomas Coxe, 'I' his mark, James Stile and Henry King.

Indenture dated 23rd September 1657 BETWEEN George Wakelyne of Chelsfield in the county of Kent yeoman of the one part and John Cocke of Chelsfield yeoman and Henry Dunmoll the younger of Eynsford in the county aforesaid yeoman of the other part WITNESSETH ... the said George Wakelyne in consideration of a marriage shortly intended to be had between John Wakelyne eldest son of the said George Wakelyne and Margaret Dunmoll youngest daughter of the said Henry Dunmoll the elder of Eynsford aforesaid yeoman and sister of the said Henry Dunmoll the younger... with whom the said John is to receive a competent marriage portion to wit the sum of £100 ... AND for and in consideration of the natural love &c.... George WakelyneIT IS covenanted &c... between the said parties to these presents ... and the said George Wakelyne... covenants &c... that he shall be seised of and in ... his messuage or dwelling house commonly called 'Cocks Crofte' and all edifices &c... thereunto belonging, situate lying and being in Chelsfield ... now in the tenure or occupation of George Wakelyne ... ALL that his one piece.. of land to the same messuage adjoining called 'Fiddlers Garden', containing by estimation $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres ... ALL that other piece .. of land thereunto adjoining called 'Kangle', containing by estimation $\frac{1}{2}$ acre ... ALL those his two other pieces .. of land called 'Newfields' lying together, containing in the whole by estimation 6 acres ... ALL that other piece .. of land called 'Brome feild', containing by estimation 3 acres... ALL that piece .. of wood and woodground called 'Watts Brome Wood', containing by estimation 7 acres ... which said messuage or dwelling house and several pieces of land &c... are situate set lying and being in the parish of Chelsfield aforesaid ... and now in the tenure or occupation of George Wakelyne ... AND ALSO all those his three pieces of land as they are now separated and divided called ... by the several names of 'Court Crofte', 'Sturgeons Field' and 'Petfield', containing by estimation in the whole 7 acres ...which said three pieces .. of land ... are lying together in the parish of Chelsfield ... and are now in the tenure or occupation of Henry Staple ... to the use and behoof of George Wakelyne his heirs and assigns until the said marriage be had ... and immediately from and after the said marriage ... then ... to the use of him the said George Wakelyne and his heirs and assigns for and during the term of his natural life ... and immediately after his decease ... to the use and behbof of the said John Wakelyne and Margaret his wife ... and the heirs of the body of the said Margaret &c...

Signed: John Croft Henry Dunmoll 'H' his mark

Attached to the document by their tags are two seals, both in red wax, both c 2 cms dia., the first bearing the impression of a beast statant (?). The second bears the impression of a device.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Henry King and Henry Dunmoll.

CO. KENT

1663

RELEASE

Indenture dated 4th May 15 Charles II (1663) BETWEEN John Goodday of Grayes Inn in the county of Middlesex Gentleman of the one part and William Harris of Chelsfield in the county of Kent fruiterer of the other part WITNESSETH that the said John Goodday for and in consideration of £60 ... HATH granted, bargained, sold &c... ALL that cottage or tenement with the appurtenances and one barn thereunto belonging and one close or parcel of arable land thereunto belonging called 'Whiteheads als Widdow Hannings Croft'... containing by estimation 2 acres... all which said premises are lying and being in the parish of Chelsfield... and now in the tenure or occupation of Robert Dennis... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... to the use of William Harris his heirs and assigns forever...

Signed: John Goodday

Attached to the document by its original tag is a seal, in red wax, c 2½ x 3½ cms., no impression being discernible.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Thomas Denne (?), Robert Milles, John Hibben, 'H' his mark and Francis Maye.

CO. KENT

1663

RELEASE

Indenture dated 7th January 15 Charles II (1663) BETWEEN Thomas Borman of St, Mary Cray in the county of Kent, cordwayner of the one part and William Harris of Chelsfield in the county of Kent fruiterer of the other part... WITNESSETH that the said Thomas Borman for and in consideration of three score and one pounds ... HATH granted, given &c... ALL those two pieces of land arable and pasture called 'Dulleys', containing by etsimation 8 acres... situate and being in the parish of Chelsfield... and now in the tenure or occupation of John Brasier or his assigns and adjoining to the lands of John Boddenham Esquire towards the North and to lands of Robert Petley yeoman towards the East and lands of the rectory of Chelsfield aforesaid towards the West and South ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... unto the said William Harris his heirs and assigns forever...

Signed: Thomas Borman, his mark 'T'.

Attached to the document is its original seal tag, but the seal is lacking.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Robert Milles and George Barton.

RELEASE

Indenture dated 20th February 17 Charles II (1664) BETWEEN Samuel Overy of Sundrish in the county of Kent yeoman of the one part and Richard Jewell the younger of the parish of Cudham in the said county of Kent yeoman of the other part... WHEREAS Edward Petley, late of Eatonbridge in the said county, Gentleman, deceased in and by his last will and testament dated 24th February 1626 ... amongst other things ... devised ALL that messuage or tenement called 'Hewetts' with all the lands, meadows, pastures &c... thereunto belonging... lying in the parishes of Chelsfield and Shoreham in the said county of Kent unto Thomas Petley of Shoreham Gentleman and Michael Petley, son of the said Thomas Petley, James Overy of Sundrish yeoman and Edward Overy, son of the said James and to their heirs and assigns and that they the said Thomas, Michael, James and Edward and their heirs should stand and be seized to the several uses &c. therein limited &c... that is to say first for the payment of his legacies... and afterwards to the use of Thomas Petley his brother and the heirs of his body ... and their heirs forever.. but if the said Thomas Petley did happen to die without son or daughter ... then that his four friends above mentioned... their heirs and assigns shall have all the said messuage &c... unto them for the best value they may.. and the money made on the sale thereof to be employed to the uses in the said will mentioned ... and whereas all the said trustees ... are all dead, the last surviving trustees being the said Edward Overy... and whereas also the said Thomas Petley, brother of the said testator Edward Petley lately deceased without any issue ... and whereas the above mentioned Samuel Overy ... is the only brother eldest son and next immediate heir unto the said Edward Overy ... by reason whereof the full ... power to sell ... the aforesaid messuage &c... NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that the said Samuel Overy ... in consideration of the sum of £760 ... HATH granted, given &c... unto the said Richard Jewell the younger his heirs and assigns... ALL that messuage &c... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the said Richard Jewell his heirs and assigns forever...

Signed: Samuell Overy

Attached to the document by its seal tag is the fragment of a seal, in red wax.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Christopher Thomas, Richard Jewell senior, his mark, William Cowe, tenant of the premises, who attorned tenant to the said Richard Jewell the younger by the payment of £6 to him.

MARRIAGE SETTLEMENT

Indenture dated 17th October 18 Charles II (1666) BETWEEN Graveley Norton of Chelsfield in the county of Kent Gentleman of the one part and Nicholas Hughes of the parish of Bromley in the said county of Kent Gentleman of the other part ... WHEREAS the said Graveley Norton now stands seized of the manor of Chelsfield and Farnborough in the said county of mKent and of lands in the same county elsewhere of good and indefeasible estate ... AND WHEREAS by God's grace there is suddenly (sic) a marriage intended ... between the said Graveley Norton and Anne Hughes, eldest daughter of the said Nicholas Hughes ... NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that in consideration of the same marriage and for tender affection the said Graveley beareth towards the said Anne and for a competent jointure ... for the said Anne during her said natural life &c.... IT IS covenanted and agreed between the parties ... and the said Graveley doth for himself his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns covenant &c... with the said Nicholas Hughes ... that the said Graveley Norton and hisheirs shall and will stand seized of ALL those closes and parcels of arable land, pasture and wood ground... to wit two closes called 'Caughes', containing by estimation 15 acres ... two other closes called 'Crabcrofte', containing by estimation 15 acres and one barn built upon one of the said pieces of land called 'Crabcroft', one parcel of land called 'Hoggsland', containing by estimation 9 acres ... one other parcel of land called 'Gossen hill', containing by estimation 34 acres, one other parcel of land called 'Chelsfield hill', containing by estimation 50 acres, one other parcel of land called 'Wimble hill' als 'Windmill hill', containing by estimation 10 acres and also one wood called 'Knighton grove', containing by estimation 22 acres ... all which said premisesvare let by lease and in the possession and occupation of Abraham Dalton... and also one other close and parcel of land called 'Twenty croft acre', containing by estimation 22 acres and also all those three several pieces or parcels of land called 'Parnell Broomes', containing by estimation 42 acres... all which last mentioned parcels of land are let by lease and in the possession and occupation of one John Brasier ... all which said premises afore mentioned are situate lying and being in the parish of Chelsfield ... to the intent that after the said marriage shall be had the said Graveley Norton ... shall and will stand seized of the premises ... to the use of the said Graveley for and during the term of his natural life and after his decease to the use of the said Anne if she shall survive him &c &c...

Signed: Nicholas Hughes

Attached to the document is its original seal tag, but the seal is lacking.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are John Jonis, Humfrey Davies and Anthony Buggin.

CO. KENT

1664

OBLIGATION

Obligation by Samuel Overy of Sundrish in the county of Kent yeoman...
to Richard Jewell of Cudham in the county of Kent yeoman... in the
sum of £1500...

Dated 20th February 17 Charles II (1664)

Attached to the document by its tongue is a paper on wax seal, no
impression being discernible.

The witnesses are Christopher Thomas, Richard Jewell senior, William
Cowe and William Evee, his mark.

CO. KENT

1670

One pair of Fines - Trinity Term - 11 Charles II

Between William Harris quer and John Gooday and Ann his wife
defs... to one messuage, two acres of land with the appurtenances
in Chelsfield ... plea of covenant... &c...

Consideration: £41 Sterling.

CO. KENT

1671

CHELSEFIELD

RELEASE

Indenture dated 23rd August 21 Charles II BETWEEN George Burton of St. Mary Cray in the county of Kent tailor and Joane his wife of the one part and Thomas Bourman of St. Mary Cray corwainer of the other part... WITNESSETH that the said George Burton and Joane his wife .. for and in consideration of £45... HAVE given, granted ... unto the said Thomas Bourman... ALL those their two pieces of land called 'Dullies', containing by estimation 8 acres, lying and being within the parish of Chellesfield.. adjoining to the lands of ----- Brewton Gentleman toward the North, the lands of Anthony Petley towards the East and to the lands belonging to the rectory of Chellesfield towards the West and South and now in the tenure or occupation of ----- Brasier widow her assignee or assignees.. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD... the said two pieces of land.. unto the said Thomas Bourman his heirs and assigns.. forever...

Signed: George Burton Joanne Burton, her mark.

Attached to two seal tags are seals, in red wax, c 2.2 cms dia., are two devices within a circle c .7 cms dia., bearing an indistinct impression.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Henry King, George Pearcey (?) and Robert Petley.

COPY OF MARRIAGE SETTLEMENT

Indenture dated 28th July 20 Charles II (1675) BETWEEN Henry Staples of Crofton in the parish of Orpington in the county of Kent yeoman of the one part and Thomas Agar of Kingstone upon Thames in the county of Surrey apothecary and Joseph Staple of Orpington yeoman, one of the sons of the said Henry Staple of the other part ... WHEREAS there is a marriage agreed upon ... BETWEEN Francis Staples of Orpington tallow chandler, one of the sons of the said Henry Staples and Jane Agar of Kingstone upon Thames spinster, one of the daughters of the said Thomas Agar and to the end that a competent jointure, maintenance and means of livelehood may be raised &c... upon the said Jane and to the end also that some part of the estate of the said Henry Staples may be settled and conveyed upon the said Francis his son ... NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that for and in the consideration aforesaid as also for and in consideration of the said marriage and of a competent sum of money being the marriage portion of her the said Jane ... he the said Henry Staples HATH granted, bargained &c... ALL those his three messuages or tenements, barns, stables, edificies, buildings.. commonly called 'The Tan House'.. also one piece .. of meadow ground containing by estimation 2 acres, abutting to the King's highway there leading from Orpington to St. Mary Cray towards the West and on a pond called 'New Elme Pond' towards the North and on the lands of Sir Percivall Hart Knight towards the East and on the lands late of Robert Pettleys towards the South.. all which lands &c... are situate lying and being in the parish of Orpington ... and now or late in the tenure or occupation of Joh Huntley, Edward Lymbe and James White... and also those two pieces .. of arable or pasture lands commonly called ... 'Upper Mellands' and 'Lower Mellands' ... abutting on lands of Mr. Haddon towards the South and on lands of Mr. Lance and Sir Persivall Hart Knight towards the West and North and lands late of Robert Petleys towards the West and East and also all that other piece .. of arable or pasture land called 'Lambs Hole', containing by estimation 8 acres.. abutting on lands of the said Sir Persivall Hart Knight towards the South and West, lands of Michael Crowcher towards the North and on lands of the said Mr. Haddon towards the East... all which said three last mentioned pieces of land ... are lying and being in the several parishes of Orpington and Chelsfield and now in the tenure or occupation of James White... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD... unto the said Thomas Agar and Joseph Staples their heirs and assigns.. to the uses therein mentioned... to the use of Henry Staple for life.. after his decease to Jane Agar and after her decease to the use of Francis Staples and the heirs of his body...

Signed: Henry Staples

The witnesses are Richard Boggest, George Pike and Thomas Allen.

A true copy examined by Robert Watson.

LEASE FOR A YEAR

Indenture dated 17th November 28 Charles II (1676) BETWEEN Richard Brooker of Brasted in the county of Kent yeoman of the one part and Robert Staple of Riverhead in the parish of Sevenocke in the county of Kent inholder of the other part ... WITNESSETH... that the said Richard Brooker for and in consideration of 5/-...HATH bargained and sold ... unto the said Robert Staple ALL THAT his messuage or tenement with the barn and other buildings whatsoever thereunto belonging with the garden, orchard, closes likewise thereunto belonging.. and one little croft of meadow land lying next to the orchard and adjoining to Brasted Charte there, containing by estimation 1½ acres ... and one other piece of pasture called 'The Hilly Field' next 'Housefield', containing by estimation 4 acres... and one other piece of arable and pasture called 'The Horselease', containing by estimation 4 acres ... and one other piece of arable and pasture land lying between the aforesaid parcel of land called 'Hillfield' and 'Horselase', containing by estimation 2 acres ... and one other piece of land called 'The Dentshare Wood', containing by estimation 3 acres ... and three otherpieces of arable and pasture land called 'Bethyfields', containing by estimation 20 acres... and one other piece of arable and pasture land called 'The Polenocke', containing byestimation 10 acres ... and two other pieces of arable pasture and woodland called 'Gamberlands', containing by estimation 3 acres... containing in the whole three score and ten acres ... and also one messuage, tenement and lyme kilne erected and built upon a parcel of land called 'Housefield' ... and also that part of the 'Housefield' and 2½ acres of arable or pasture land whereof is a hop garden to the same messuage belonging... and also one piece of land containing by estimation 1½ acres as it is now marked and set out and adjoining to a parcel of land called 'Bramley Croft' lying between Brasted Charte and the said Kilne and leading to the Clay Pitt and the bottom that leads up to 'Parsons Marke' ... and also three woods called 'Longslip Coppice' lying next to a parcel of woodland called 'Phlip and Charte', 'The Housefield Coppice' and 'The Six Acre Coppice' .. which said last mentioned parcels of land contain by estimation in the whole 30 acres... and are situate in Brasted and now in the tenure or occupation of Richard Brooker or his assigns... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... for the term of one whole year ... YIELDING AND PAYING therefore one pepper corn.. if lawfully demanded...

Signed: Richard Brooker

Attached to the document is its seal tag, but the seal is lacking.

The witnesses are namd on the dorse. They are John Ducke (?), his mark, Elizabeth Norton, her mark 'E' and John Collett.

LEASE

Indenture dated 3 May 32 Charles II (1680) BETWEEN Francis French of Bitchett in the parish of Stoke in the county of Kent Gentleman of the one part and William Walkelyn of the parish of Chelsfield in the county of Kent yeoman of the other part... WITNESSETH that the said Francis French for and in consideration of the rents and covenants hereinafter mentioned ... HATH demised granted and to farm let ... unto the said William Walkelyn ALL that one messuage or tenement wherein the said William Walkelyn now dwelleth with the barns stables &c... containing by estimation 16 acres ... situate, lying and being in the parish of Chelsfield and now in the tenure or occupation of the said William Walkelyn (excepting ... all manner of timber and timber trees now standing growing &c...) with free ingress for Francis French his heirs and assigns from the feast day of St. Michael the Archangel last past next before the date of these presents unto the full end and term of 21 years... YIELDING AND PAYING therefore yearly ... £14 at the two most usual feast days of payment of rent...

Signed: William Wakelyn, 'M' his mark

Attached to the document is the original seal tag, but the seal is lacking.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Robert Berrington and Anne Morgan, her mark.

LEASE FOR ONE YEAR

Indenture dated 8th November 1 William and Mary (1689) BETWEEN James Petley of Filstone in the parish of Shoreham in the county of Kent Gentleman of the one part and Richard Abbott of St. Mary Cray yeoman and Edmund Hodsoll of St. Mary Cray Gentleman of the other part.. WITNESSETH that the said James Petley for and in consideration of 5/- .. HATH granted, bargained and sold ... ALL that one piece.. of meadow land with the appurtenances, containing by estimation 3 acres heretofore taken out of the great meadow lying and being in Shoreham, sometime in the tenure or occupation of Robert Hills or his assigns and now in the occupation of Richard Carpenter or his assigns.. and also all that one messuage or tenement, stable, orchard and backside and appurtenances thereunto belonging, known by the name or sign of the 'red Lyon', situate lying and being in Shoreham Town ... sometime in the tenure or occupation of Robert Sanderson and now in the tenure or occupation of William Durling or his assigns.. and also all that one messuage or tenement wherein Nicholas King now dwelleth, one barn, one garden, one orchard and four parcels of land with their appurtenances, containing by estimation 9 acres, situate lying and being in Shoreham... and now in the tenure or occupation of Nicholas King or of his assigns... and also all that one messuage or tenement, one barn, one garden, one orchard and eight several pieces .. of land and woodground with their appurtenances, containing by estimation 30 acres, situate lying and being in the parishes of Orpington and Lullingstone ... at or near a certain place called 'Skeathill', heretofore in the occupation of Francis Fisher and now in the tenure or occupation of Phillip Bodenham Esquire and Thomas Boddenham Esquire ... and also all that one tenement or cottage, one garden, one orchard and backside with the appurtenances now in the occupation of William Ashdowne or his assigns, situate lying and being in Hasted ... together with all barns, stables &c... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto them the said Richard Abbott and Edmund Hodsoll their heirs assigns for the term of one whole year... yeilding and paying therefor one pepper corn.. if lawfully demanded...

Signed: James Petley

Attached to the seal tag of the document is a seal, in red wax, c 1 cm dia., bearing the impression of a full heraldic achievement, the crest being the tower of a castle (?)...



The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Elizabeth Hodsolt and Thomas Cooper.

RELEASE

Indenture dated 5th June .1689 BETWEEN John Swynocke of London merchant of the one part and James Petley of Shoreham in the county of Kent Gentleman of the other part ... WITNESSETH that the said John Swynocke for certain competent sums of money and diverse other valuable causes and considerations HATH given, granted &c... unto James Petley ... ALL that one piece .. of meadow land with the appurtenances, containing by estimation 3 acres heretofor taken out of the great meadow lying and being in Shoreham, sometime in the tenure or occupation of Robert Hills ... and now in the occupation of Richard Carpenter.. and also all that one messuage or tenement, stable, orchard and backside and appurtenances known by the sign of 'The Redd Lyon', situate lying and being in Shoreham Town... sometimes .. in the tenure or occupation of Robert Sanderson and now in the tenure or occupation of William Durling and also all that one messuage or tenement wherein Nicholas King now dwelleth, one barn, one garden, one orchard and four pieces of land... containing together by estimation 9 acres, situate lying and being in Shoreham.. now in the tenure or occupation of Nicholas King... and also all that one messuage or tenement, one barn, one garden, one orchard and eight sevtral pueces of land and woodground... containing by estimation together 30 acres, situate lying and being in the parishes of Orpington and Lullingstone ... at or near a certain place called 'Skeat Hill' heretofor in the occupation of Francis Fisher and now in the tenure or occupation of Phillipp Bodenham Esquire and Thomas Boddenham Esquire Gentlemen ... and also all that one tenement or cottage one garden, one orchard and backside ... now in the occupation of William Ashdowne, situate lying and being in Hasted... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... unto the said James Petley his heirs and assigns forever...

Signed: John Swynocke

Attached to the document by its original seal tag is a seal, in red wax, c 1 cm dia., bearing the impression of a full heraldic achievement. The crest is the tower of a castle (?) and the arms are thus:



The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are George Gifford, Edm Hodsoil and Edw Bolton.

RELEASE

Indenture dated 25th January 9 William and Mary (1697) BETWEEN William Hobbs of St. Margarets Westminster in the county of Middlesex mariner of the one part and William Browneing of Eatonbridge in the county of Kent husbandman of the other part... WITNESSETH that the said William Hobbs ... for and in consideration of the sum of £55 HATH granted, sold &c... unto the said William Browneing ALL that one messuage or tenement now divided into two dwellings wherein William Younge lately dweltt and all the yards, gardens, orchards and appurtenances to the said messuage belonging and all that one piece.. of land to the said messuage also belonging, containing by estimation 1½ acres and abutting to the said messuage towards the West ... all of which are situate lying and being at Westhill in the several parishes of Shoreham and Chelsfield or either of them... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... to the only use of the said William Browneing his heirs and assigns forever ...

SIGNED: William Hobbs

Attached to the seal tag of the document is a seal, in red wax, c 1.2 cms dia., bearing the impression of a heart, pierced by two arrows, surmounted by a coronet (?).

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Henry Streatfield and Henry Streatfield junior.

MORTGAGE

Indenture dated 25th April 10 William III (1698)... BETWEEN William Browneing of Eatonbridge in the county of Kent husbandman of the one part and Richard Woodgate of Chiddingstone in the county of Kent yeoman of the other part... WITNESSETH that the said William Browneing for and in consideration of £32... HATH granted bargained sold &c... and to farmlet... ALL that one messuage and tenement now divided into two dwellings wherein William Younge lately dwelt and all the yards, gardens &c... to the said messuage belonging... containing by estimation $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres and abutting to the said messuage... all which are situate ... at Westhill in the several parishes of Shoreham and Chelfield... now or late in the tenure or occupation of the said William Younge... and also all other the lands of the said William Browneing lying and being in the parishes of Shoreham and Chelsfield ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said messuage &c... to the said Richard, his executors, administrators and assigns from henceforth until the end of 2000 years ... yielding and paying therefore one pepper corn... PROVIDED always that if the said William Browneing... shall pay unto the said Richard Woddgate at the dwelling house of Henry Streatfield situate in Chiddingstone £33/18/0.. ie 19/- thereof on 25th October next and £32/19/0 on 25th April 1699..... then this present writing to be void...

Signed: The mark of William Browning

Attached to the seal tag of the document is a seal, in red wax, c 1.5 cms dia., bearing the impression of seven five pointed stars (?).

The witnesses, who are named on the dorse, are Thomas James and Henry Streatfield.

RELEASE

Indenture dated 25th March 12 William III (1700) BETWEEN John Wakelyn the elder of Westerham in the county of Kent yeoman and John Wakelyn the younger of Limpfield in the county of Surrey yeoman, son and heir apparent of John Wakelyn of Westerham of the one part and Thomas Wakelyn of Tatfield in the county of Surrey yeoman of the other part WITNESSETH that the said John Wakelyn the elder for and in consideration of 5/-... and the said John Wakelyn the younger for and in consideration of £100 ... HAVE ... granted, bargained and sold &c.... untyto the said Thomas Wakelyn ... ALL that one messuage or tenement ... called 'Cocks Crofte'... situate lying and being in Chelsfield and now in the tenure or occupation of Joseph Mace ... and also all those several pieces or parcels of land hereinafter mentioned ... all that one piece of land called 'Fidlers Garden', containing by estimation 1½ acres... all that one piece of land thereunto adjoining called 'Kangle', containing by estimation ½ acre and all those other two pieces of land called 'the New Fields' lying together and containing by estimation 6 acres and all that one other piece of land called 'Water Broomfield', containing by estimation 3 acres and all that piece of wood and wood ground called 'Watts Broom Wood', containing by estimation 7 acres... which are all situated in the parish of Chelsfield and now in the tenure or occupation of Joseph Mace... and all those three pieces of land now separated and divided called 'Court Crofte', 'Sturgeon's Field' and 'Petfield', containing by estimation 7 acres... lying and being in the parish of Chelsfield and are now in the tenure or occupation of John Dorton... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... unto the said Thomas Wakelyn his heirs and assigns forever...

Signed: John Wakelin senior, his mark 'I'

John Wakeling junior

Attached to the seal tags of the document are two seals, both in red wax, c 1 cm dia., both bearing the impression of three suns or three twelve pointed stars.

The names of the witnesses are given on the dorse. They are Henry Streatfield sen and Henry Streatfield jun..

lease for one year

Indenture dated 27th December 4 Anne (1705) BETWEEN Richard Brooker of Brasted in the county of Kent yeoman of the one part and William Cackott of Brasted yeoman of the other part WITNESSETH... that the said Richard Brooker ... for and in consideration of 5/- HATH bargained and sold ALL that the messuage or tenement with the barns and other buildings whatsoever thereunto belonging ... with the garden orchard and closes whatsoever likewise thereunto belonging.. and one croft of meadow land lying next the orchard and adjoining to Brasted Charte there, containing by estimation 1½ acres ... and one other piece of arable or pasture land called 'The Hillyfield' next adjoining to the yard or close there, containing by estimation 3 acres ... and other piece of arable or pasture land called 'The Horsefield', containing by estimation 4 acres ... and one other piece of arable or pasture land called 'The Horse Leese', containing by estimation 4 acres ... and one other piece of arable or pasture land lying between the foresaid parcel of land called 'Hillsfield' and 'Horselease', containing by estimation 2 acres ... and one other piece of land called 'The Dentshare Mead, containing by estimation 3 acres ... and three other pieces of arable or pasture land called 'The Beechyfields', containing by estimation 20 acres ... and one other piece of arable or pasture land called 'Bramlys Croft', containing by estimation 5 acres and two other pieces of arable or pasture land called 'Polenoke', containing by estimation 10 acres.. and two other pieces of arable or pasture and woodland called 'Everest Deane' and 'Everest Deane Coppice'... containing by estimation 12 acres.. and one other piece of arable or pasture and woodland called 'Gamberlands', containing by estimation 3 acres... and containing in the whole by estimation three score and ten acres .. and also one other piece of land called 'The Housefield' and one piece of arable or pasture land.. whereof part is or lately was a hopgarden, containing by estimation 6 acres .. and also one piece of land, containing by estimation 1½ acres.. as it is now marked out.. and adjoining to a parcel of land called 'Bramly Croft' and adjoining and lying to Brasted Charte and leading to Claypitt and the bottom that leads up to 'Parsons Marshe' and also three woods called 'long Slip Coppice' lying next to a parcel of woodland called 'Phillip and Charte', 'The Housefield Coppice' and 'The Six Acre Coppice' and converted into arable land, which said parcel contains in the whole by estimation 30 acres .. and also one other messuage or tenement now in two dwellings lately erected and set upon a parcel of land called 'Polenokes', with the buildings &c... thereunto belonging.. and also one cottage with the appurtenances, now standing empty and late in the occupation of Peter Cane... all which said premises are situated in the parish of Brasted ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... to the said William Cackott... for the term of one whole year...&c..

Signed: Richard Brooker.

Attached to the seal fold of the document is a seal, in red wax, c 2 cms dia., bearing the impression of a heart, pierced by two arrows from either side, facing downwards, surmounted by a crown or coronet.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Thomas Brooker and John Cowlands.

The Release is also available.

RELEASE

Indenture dated 28th December 4 Anne (1705) BETWEEN Richard Brooker of Brasted in the county of Kent yeoman of the one part and William Cackott of Brasted yeoman of the other part ... WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of four score pounds .. the said Richard Brooker doth exonerate, discharge &c... the said William Cackott his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.. and in consideration that the said William ... shall pay off and discharge the sum of £720 which is due for principal and interest to Thomas Staple of Riverhead in the parish of Sevenoaks in the county of Kent inholder, only son and executor of the last will and testament of Robert Staples his deceased father, for which the messuage, lands and premises hereinafter mentioned to be granted stand mortgaged and engaged to him and for diverse other good causes and considerations .. him the said Richard Brooker moving .. he HATH granted, bargained, sold &c... unto the said William Cackott his heirs and assigns ... ALL that his messuage or tenement with the barns and other buildings whatsoever thereunto belonging ... with the garden, orchard and closes likewise thereunto belonging and one croft or piece of meadow land lying next the orchard and adjoining to Brasted Charte ... containing by estimation 1½ acres and one other piece of arable or pasture land called 'Hilly Field' &c... (as per previous deed)... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... unto the said William Cackott his heirs and assigns forever...

Signed: Richard Brooker.

Attached to the seal tag of the document is a seal, in red wax, c 1.4 cms dia., bearing the impression of a heart, pierced by two arrows from either side, facing downwards, surmounted by a five pointed crown or coronet.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Thomas Brooker, John Cowland and Thomas Streatfield.

LEASE

Indenture dated 28th February 9 Anne (1710) BETWEEN John Guy and Charles Guy both of the parish of East Greenwich in the county of Kent Gentlemen surviving executors of the last will and testament of Elizabeth Staples, late of East Greenwich aforesaid, deceased and guardians to Elizabeth Staples a minor, sole surviving issue daughter and heir of the said Elizabeth and Francis Staples deceased of the one part and John Hullock of Orpington in the said county bricklayer of the other part... WITNESSETH that the said John Guy and Charles Guy in consideration of the rent and covenants hereinafter reserved... HAVE demised leased and to farm let... ALL that messuage or tenement with the yards, garden, backsides, buildings, outhouses and appurtenances thereunto belonging, late in the tenure or occupation of widow Adames or her assignes, situated in Orpington... together with the use of the well in common with other tenants of the said Elizabeth Staples... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said messuage or tenement and the free use of the well from the feast day of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary next for the term of 11 years... YIELDING AND PAYING therefore yearly the rent of £2/10/0 per annum at the feasts of St. Michael Archangel and the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in equal portions...

Attached to the seal tag is a seal, in red wax, c 2.25 cms dia., bearing the impression of a monogram, which is unclear and surrounded by a legend ' R.O. CO. KENT 1697'.

Signed: The mark of John Hullock 'T'

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are John Perch, Edward Everist, John Goldsmith and Robert Watson.

LEASE FOR A YEAR

Indenture dated 24th March 12 Anne (1712) BETWEEN Elizabeth Staples of the parish of East Greenwich in the county of Kent spinster, only surviving issue and heiress of Francis Staples heretofore of the parish of Orpington in the county of Kent tallow chandler deceased, one of the sons of Henry Staples of Crofton in the said parish of Orpington yeoman of the one part and John Goldsmith of the said parish of Orpington house carpenter of the other part... WITNESSETH that the said Elizabeth Staples... for and in consideration of 5/-... HATH granted bargained and sold... ALL that messuage or tenement with the yards, gardens, backsides, orchards, outhouses and all other the appurtenances thereunto belonging now in the neture or occupation of John Lullock bricklayer bounded on the North and East by the lands of Roger Pack of Southwork grocer in the occupation of Little Groome Kitly on the South, by the lands of Richard Staples of Woolwich carpenter in the occupation of Thomas Dennis husbandman and on the West by the highway there leading from Orpington to St. Mary Cray and also all that other messuage or tenement with the yards, gardens &c... thereunto belonging, now in the tenure or occupation of Jasper Lee husbandman, bounded on the North and East by lands of Thomas Payne of Deptford bricklayer in the occupation of Anthony Abby gardiner on the West by Broomeshill Common and on the South by the highway there leading into the town and parish of Orpington... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD... unto the said John Goldsmith... for the term of one whole year ... YIELDING AND PAYING therefore one pepper corn if lawfully demanded...

Signed: Elizabeth Staples

Attached to the seal tag of the document is a seal, in red wax, c 2.25 cms dia., bearing the impression of a monogram, surrounded by the legend '1697 R O CO KENT'.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Edward Everist, John Guy, Robert Watson, Mary Gilbourne and William Radley.

CO. KENT

1724

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Memorandum dated 7th October 1724 in which it is concluded and agreed between Thomas Wakeline of Westerham in the county of Kent yeoman and Thomas Norton of Chancery Lane, London Gentleman as follows...

the said Thomas Wakeline doth covenant and agree with the said Thomas Norton his heirs and assigns that he the said Thomas Wakeline together with Mary his wife will ... convey ... to the said Thomas Norton and his heirs on or before the 21st December next in consideration of £400 ALL that messuage or tenement with the lands thereto belonging now in the several tenures and occupations of Thomas Mace and Abraham Dalton, situated ... in the parish of Chelsfield in the county of Kent, by whatever names &c... they are kn own...

Signed: Thomas Wakelin

Thomas Norton

Attached to the paper document are two seals, both in red wax and c 1.25 cms dia, bearing the following impression.



The witnesses are Thomas Sherman and Thomas Railton, servant to Mr. Wooldridge.

LEASE

Indenture dated 16th October 1724 (11 George I) BETWEEN Thomas Wakelin of Tatfield in the county of Surrey yeoman of the one part and Abraham Dalton of Chelsfield in the county of Kent yeoman of the other part... WITNESSETH that the said Thomas Wakelin in consideration of the yearly rent hereinafter referred to... HATH demised and to farm let ... unto the said Abraham Dalton ALL those three several closes or parcels of land heretofor called ... 'Surgeons fields' and since called 'Geeters Crofts', containing together in the whole by estimation 6 acres, lying and being in the parish of Chelsfield and bounding to certain lands of Mr. Norton and Mr. Petley excepting... to Thomas Wakelin all timbers &c... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said demised premises ... unto the said Abraham Dalton from the feast day of St. Michael the Archangel now last past for the term of 21 years ... YIELDING AND PAYING therefore yearly 50/- at the feast day of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Michael the Archangel...

Signed: Abraham Dalton.

The document is of paper and attached is the fragment of a seal in red wax.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Edward Hoath and Thomas Mace.

RELEASE AND MORTGAGE

Indenture dated 29th March 11 George II (1738) BETWEEN William Chapman of Brasted in the county of Kent yeoman and Sarah his wife (only daughter and heir of William Cackett, late of Brasted yeoman deceased) of the one part and John Whittacker of Wrotham in the same county Gentleman of the other part ... WHEREAS by indenture tripartite dated 15th October 1730 BETWEEN the said William Chapman and Sarah his wife of the first part, Thomas Freebody of Westerham in the said county of Kent Gentleman of the second part and Anthony Benn of the Inner Temple London Gentleman of the third part ... and by fine levied in Michaelmas Term 4 George II ... wherein the said Thomas Freebody was plaintiff and the said William Chapman and Sarah his wife were deforciant.. and by common recovery suffered in the same term .. in which the said Anthony Benn was demandant and the said Thomas Freebody tenant who vouched the said William and Sarah, who vouched the common vouchee ... ALL that messuage or tenement called .. 'The Vynes'.. with the barns, stables &c... and one small croft or parcel of land adjoining to the yard there, containing by estimation $\frac{1}{2}$ acre ... and all that one piece of arable or pasture land called 'Hilly Field' next adjoining to the said yard or close , containing by estimation 5 acres.. being formerly two pieces ... and all that one other piece of arable land called 'The Further Housefield', containing by estimation 6 acres... being formerly two pieces... and also all that one piece of arable or pasture land called 'The Horselease Field', containing by estimation $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres ... and also one other piece of arable or pasture land called 'The Hither Horsefield', containing by estimation 4 acres ... and also one other piece or parcel of meadow called 'The Denshare Mead', containing by estimation 3 acres ... and also three other pieces of arable or pasture land called 'Beethy Fields', containing by estimation 20 acres ... and also one other piece of arable and pasture land called 'Brambly Croft', containing by estimation 7 acres, formerly two pieces... and also two other pieces of arable or pasture land commonly called 'Pole Noak', being divided into two pieces, containing together by estimation 10 acres... and also two other pieces of arable or pasture and woodland called 'Everest Deane', 'Everest Deane Coppice' and 'Gamberlands', containing together by estimation 15a acres ... all which said lands and premises contain together by estimation 75 acres ... and also that part of the said field called 'Horsefield' whereon a messuage or tenement formerly stood, containing by estimation 2 acres... and which is now part of 'Six Acre Coppice' hereinafter mentioned to be grubbed... and also one other piece of arable land called 'The Long Hopparden', containing by estimation $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres... and also all those three woods called by the name of 'Long Slipp Coppice', lying next to a piece of woodland called 'Philip and Chart', 'The Housefield Coppice' and 'The Six Acre Coppice', which said 'Six Acre Coppice' is grubbed and converted into arable land ... all, which said last mentioned premises contain together by estimation 25 acres ... and all which said premises are situate, lying and being in the parish of Brasted

and late were in the tenure or occupation of the said William Cackett and are now in the tenure or occupation of the said William Chapman ... and also all that one messuage or tenement in Brasted aforesaid, now in two dwellings, being erected and built on the said piece of land called 'Pole Noak', with the yards, gardens &c... thereunto belonging... and now in the tenure or occupation of John Rapley and Robert Martin... and also all that one cottage or tenement with the yard &c... thereunto belonging in Brasted ... and now in the tenure or occupation of Thomas Palmer ... and all other the lands of them the said William Chapman and Sarah his wife ... which the said William Cackett formerly purchased of one Richard Brooker, late of Brasted, yeoman deceased ... TO THE USE ...of such persons &c... as they the said William and Sarah should jointly from time to time ... during their joint lives ... by any deed &c... raise, limit, declare &c... then TO THE USE of the said William and Sarah and the survivor of them and during the term of their two natural lives &c... TO THE USE of the heirs of the body of the said Sarah by William &c.... AND WHEREAS the said William and Sarah have desired John Whittaker to advance and lend them the sum of £600 on security of the aforesaid premises... NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of £600 (by the order and direction of William Chapman and Sarah his wife paid to Richard Glover of Woolingham in the county of Surrey yeoman, being the sum of £540/16/0 consideration money meant to be paid by John Whittaker to the said Richard Glover in and by one indenture quadrupartite of assignment dated of even date made between the said Richard Glover of the first part, the said William Chapman and Sarah his wife of the second part, the said John Whittaker of the third part and Edward Whittaker of Wrotham Gentleman of the fourth part... and also for and in consideration of a further sum of £59/4/0 to the said William Chapman and Sarah paid by the said John Whittaker (making together the entire sum of £600) ... they the said William Chapman and Sarah his wife ... HAVE granted, bargained, sold &c... unto the said.... ALL and singular the premises before mentioned ... unto the said John Whittaker... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... forever... SUBJECT to the proviso for redemption.. &c &c...

Signed: William Chapman

Sarah Chapman

Attached to the seal fold of the document are two seals, both in red wax, c 1.2 cms dia., one bearing the impression of a stag statant, facing the left; the other bears the impression of a swan statant, facing the right.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Robert Martin and William Roffe.

DEED OF COVENANT TO PRODUCE EVIDENCES ...

Indenture dated 2nd July 11 George III (1771) BETWEEN Ann Dyke of Burwash in the county of Sussex widow, relict and devisee named in the last will and testament of Richard Still Dyke, late of Burwash aforesaid Esquire deceased of the one part and William Price of Sundrish in the county of Kent Gentleman of the other part... WHEREAS by indenture of Leas and Release dated 1st and 2nd July inst., the Release to be made between the said Ann Dyke and Robert Streatfield of Brasted aforesaid Gentleman of the one part and William Price of the other part... IT IS WITNESSED that for and in considerations therein mentioned the said Ann Dyke and Robert Streatfield DID grant bargain sell &c... unto the said William Price and his heirs amongst and together with other lands, tenements and hereditaments ALL that piece of woodland, containing by estimation 8 acres .. AND ALSO all those four several pieces of land, arable, meadow or pasture, now or heretofore called 'Quernden', lying and adjoining together .. containing by estimation 16 acres, situate lying and being in Brasted in the county of Kent, heretofore in the tenure or occupation of Thomas Bagfield and now or late in the tenure or occupation of Thomas Snashall and ----- Palmer (sic) and their assigns or undertenants TO HOLD the same to the said William Price his heirs and assigns forever ... NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that in pursuance of the said agreement ... she the said Ann Dyke for herself her heirs and assigns ... doth covenant &c... unto the said William Price his heirs and assigns that the said Ann ... shall and will from time to time ... produce and shew forth... unto the said William Price ... the several deeds, evidences and writings particularly mentioned in the hereunder written schedule..

The Schedule:

1755 21st and 22nd November

Indenture of Lease and Release made between the above named Richard Still Dyke of the first part, John Hall of St. Bridges London of the second part and Robert Streatfield of Burwash Esquire of the third part purporting to be a deed to lead to the uses of a recovery of (amongst other lands) the said several pieces of land &c.. so sold and conveyed to the said William Price as aforesaid.. the use whereof is there declared to be to the said Richard Still Dyke his heirs and assigns forever...

Signed: Anne Dyke

Attached to the fold of the document is a seal, in red wax, c 2cms x 3¼ cms, bearing the very worn and indistinct impression of a full armorial achievement.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Mary Jordan of Burwash s;pinster, James Philcox att at Burwash.

CHELSFIELD

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

Articles of agreement made 25th June 14 George III (1774) BETWEEN Katherine Saunders of the parish of St. Mary le Now in the city of London widow of the one part and Mary Fuller of the parish of Orpington in the county of Kent widow of the other part.... WHEREAS by indentures of lease and release, the lease made between Katherine Saunders (the niece and a devisee named in the last will and testament of Thomas Norton, late of Clifford's Inn, London, Gentleman deceased) of the one part and the said Mary Fuller of the other part... where in consideration of £4200... a certain messuage, tenement or farm and several pieces of land thereto belonging, containing by estimation 19 acres, situate lying and being in the parish of Chelsfield, now or late in the occupation of John Graves... and also several pieces of land, containing together by estimation 156 acres, also situate lying and being in the parish of Chelsfield, now or late in the occupation of William Chapman... also several pieces of land, containing together 63 acres, now or late occupied by Thomas Mace, also situate in the parish of Chelsfield... were granted and conveyed by the said Katherine Saunders to the said Mary Fuller her heirs and assigns forever... NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that the said Katherine Saunders for herself and her heirs doth covenant... that the said Mary Fuller.. at every reasonable request.. shew forth.. all deeds, writings &c...to wit a certain bargain and sale inrolled in Chancery 8th May 1657.. and made between John Clerke Esquire, son and heir of John Clerke serjeant at law deceased of the one part and Thomas Norton of London Gentleman of the other party, purporting to be a release and conveyance.. of the manor of Chelsfield and other hereditaments... and also an indenture of fine levied in Trinity Term 1657 between Thomas Norton pl. and John Clerke Esquire and Judith his wife defs. of the manor of Chelsfield and other hereditaments.. also the exemplification of a recovery suffered in Michaelmas Term 1657 between Thomas Millis dem., Thomas Norton ten. and John Clerke Esquire vouvchee... also one other indenture of bargain and sale dated 21st June 1658 inrolled in Chancery and made between Henry King of the one part and Thomas Norton of the other part, purporting to be a feofment and conveyance from the said Henry King to the said Thomas Norton of lands in the parish of Chelsfield.. also a certain other indenture dated 17th October 1666 made between Graveley Norton of Chelsfield Gentleman of the one part and Nicholas Hughes of the other part, being a marriage settlement of the said Graveley Norton with Ann, daughter of the said Nicholas Hughes.. of lands and hereditaments.. in Chelsfield... Also certain indentures of lease and release, the release made between Ann Norton widow and relict of Graveley Norton Gentleman deceased, Thomas Norton of Clifford's Inn London Gentleman, Graveley Norton

of the same place and William Norton of King's College in Cambridge Gentleman of the first part, Prudence Nurse widow and Elizabeth Nurse spinster, one of the daughters of the said Prudence Nurse of the second part and John Mayhew citizen and haberdasher of London and Smallwood ship chandler of the third part.. purporting to be a marriage settlement of the said Thomas Norton with the said Elizabeth Nurse.. of the manor of Chelsfield and diverse other lands.. also an indenture of fine levied in Michaelmas Term 6 Queen Anne between John Mayhew and John Smallwood plts. and Ann Norton widow, Thomas Norton, Graveley Norton and William Norton defs... of the manor of Chelsfield and other hereditaments...

Signed: Katherine Saunders

Attached to the seal fold of the document is a seal, in red wax, c 2¼ cms. x 2 cms, bearing the impression of a full heraldic achievement. The crest: an elephant's head. The arms: A chevron, 3 lions' or tigers' heads.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Thomas Saunders and Thomas Williams.

CO. KENT

1623

HADLOW

OBLIGATION

Obligation by John Welles of Hadlow in the county of Kent .. to Robert Boardman of Tonbridge in the said county of Kent blacksmith in the sum of £20...

Dated: 29th September 21 James I (1623).

Signed: John Welles.

The witnesses are Edward Lawe, his mark, William Walter and John Hooper.

Attached to the tongue of the document is the major portion of a seal, in red wax, bearing the impression of a sheaf of corn, with a sickle either side.

The condition of the obligation is such that whereas ... the said John Welles granted an annuity or annual rent of 40/- to the said Robert Boardman ... to be taken out of ALL that messuage or tenement wherein the said John now dwells and all the barns, stables, outhouses, closes, yards, gardens, orchards and lands, arable, meadow and pasture and woodlands thereunto belonging... containing by estimation in the whole 30 acres.. situate lying and being in Hadlowe ... and also of and in all other the lands &c... of the said John ... to be payable to the said Robert .. upon the feasts of St. John the Baptist and St. Michael the Archangel.. by equal portions .. during the whole tenure of Agnes Johnson, now the wife of Richard Johnson of Tonbridge yeoman... if the annuity is paid and other covenants (named) performed, then this obligation to be void...

HADLOW

CONVEYANCE

Indenture dated 16th October 1884 BETWEEN John Sills Charlton of Tonbridge in the county of Kent miller and Denny West of No. 49 Anwell Street in the city of London Gentleman of the one part and Edward Wheatley of Tonbridge builder of the other part ... WHEREAS Alicia Amy West, late of Tonbridge spinster was at the time of her death hereinafter recited absolutely seized of the piece of land and hereditaments hereinafter mentioned... AND WHEREAS the said Alicia Amy West made and executed her last will dated 14th March 1883 and thereby... devised all her real estate (except estate vested in her by way of mortgage or upon trust) unto her cousin Sir Anchitel Ashburnham Bart. and the said John Sills Charlton and her nephew the said Denny West... upon trust for sale and conversion into money and the said testatrix appointed the said Sir Anchitel Ashburnham, John Sills Charlton and Denny West executors of her will... AND WHEREAS the said Alicia Amy West died on 10th September 1883... and whereas by deed poll dated 22nd July 1884... it is witnessed that the said Sir A. Ashburnham declared he had from the time of the decease of the said Alicia refused to act as trustee or executor of the said will and renounced the said office and all interest in and power over the said real and personal estate &c... but subject to the proviso that such renunciation should not affect the beneficial interest of the said Sir A. Ashburnham under the said will... NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that in consideration of £732/6/0 ... they the said John Sills Charlton and Denny West.. do grant and convey unto the said Edward Wheatley ALL THAT piece of land, part of a farm known as 'The Stair Farm' in the parish of Hadlow in the county of Kent, containing by estimation 8 acres 1 rood and 15 perches, which said piece of land with the abuttals.. is more particularly delineated.. in the map or plan thereof drawn in the margin hereof.. to hold unto the said Edward Wheatley his heirs and assigns in fee simple...

The Schedule:

15th August 1862

Indenture between Revd James John West clerk, William Ashburnham West Esq. and John Eldridge West Esq of first part, James Taylor, Augustus Mason and Robert Taylor of second part and Alicia Amy West of third part.

2nd November 1877

Indenture between Alicia Amy West of first part and Fredrick Monkton of other part.

20th November 1883

Indenture between Frederick Martin of first part and John Sills Charlton and Denny West of other part.

22nd July 1884

Deed Poll under the hand and seal of Sir Anchitel Ashburnham Bart.

Signed: John Sills Charlton Denny West .

Attached to the seal fold of the document are two seals, c 1 3/4
cms. dia., in red wax, bearing the impression of the letter 'S'.

The witness is George Stenning, solicitor, Tonbridge.

QUITCLAIM

Quitclaim by Christopher Jeffery of the town and port of Hethe in the county of Kent, fisherman... to Arthur Blechenden of the town and port aforesaid ... all his right &c. in and to three pieces or parcels of pasture with the appurtenances called or known by the name of Calvegate meadow... containing by estimation 5 acres... situated and being within the liberty, town and port aforesaid... to wit to lands of John Ffrancklyn gent nthere towards the East, towards the King's highway there towards the South, to lands of Charles Hales Esq. towards the West and to lands of Thomas Turney gent there towards the North...

Signed: Christopher Jepherie

Dated : 8th March 1 James I (1604)

The names of the witnesses, given on the dorse, are: John Browning, John Hales, Edmonde Ffrenche, George Brown (?) and Thomas Ffrenynche.

Attchaed to the seal tag is a seal, in red wax, c 1.75 cms x 1.75 cms., bearing the impression of a bird (a swan ?)

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CO. KENT

1854

MILTON NEXT GRAVESEND

RELEASE

Indenture dated 17th June 1854 BETWEEN Edward Lacey of Gravesend in the county of Kent Esquire of the one part and Joseph Almond Cropper of Grays Inn in the county of Middlesex Esquire of the other part... WHEREAS by an indenture of release dated 21st August 1841 between George Frederick Cobham of Camden Place, Camberwell in the county of Surrey builder and William Burt Wright of Camden Place builder of first part, John Bond Dixon of Basinghall Street, in the city of London Gentleman and John Nichols the younger of Seething Lane in the same city Gentleman of the second part, the said Edward Lacey therein described as of St. Paul's churchyard in the city of London bookseller of the third part and Robert Cole of No. 14 Tokenhouse yard in the same city Gentleman of the fourth part... the plot or piece of land with two messuages erected thereon... hereinafter more particularly described... to the use of the said Robert Cole... during the life of the said Edward Lacey... NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that in consideration of £600... the said Edward Lacey.. DOTH grant, release &c... ALL that piece of land .. called 'Echo Grove', situated in the parish of Milton next Gravesend in the county of Kent and bounded on the North by land belonging to the said Joseph Almond Cropper (whose name is erroneously given in the hereinbefore recited indenture as Thomas Cropper) on the East, by a public carriage road called 'Parrock Lane', leading from Gravesend to Cobham and to the old turnpike road from London to Rochester on the South, by a carriage road leading from the said Parrock Lane and from and by the works of the Milton and Gravesend Waterworks Company to certain cottages and premises now or lately belonging to William Harvey and on the West by land belonging to the said Joseph Almond Cropper and was sold by him to Richard Tunstall, which piece of land intended to be hereby conveyed and the last above mentioned to be contiguous thereto on the North and West are an Eastern part of a close of land which was called 'South Hill Field' and contains 6 acres 2 rods and 5 perches, the same piece of land with the messuage thereon.. having been formerly in the occupation of the said Joseph Almond Cropper and ----- Holderness, since of successive tenants of the said Edward Lacey.. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the use of the said Joseph Almond Cropper his heirs and assigns forever...

Signed: Edward Lacey Joseph Almond Cropper

Attached to the seal fold are two seals, in red wax, c 2½ cms. dia., bearing a device incorporating the letter 'C'.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Thomas Cheeseman solicitor, Gravesend.

FEOFMENT

Feofment by Richard Clarke of Darteforde in the County of Kent, yeoman... for and in consideration of £10... to Anselm Beckett, citizen and haberdasher of London... of one piece of wood or woodland, containing by estimation one and a half acres and seven perches, together with the appurtenances, lying and being in Orpington in the aforesaid county of Kent, to wit, to the lands of the said Anselm to the East, South and North and to a certain common there to the West... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said piece of wood or woodland... to the said Anselm his heirs and assigns forever... of the chief Lord of the fee...

Dated: 11th December 27 Elizabeth (1584)

Signed: Rycharde Clarke

Attached to the document by its original parchment tag is a seal, in red wax, c 3cms. x 2½ cms., bearing the impression of the letters R.C., surmounted by a cross.

The names of the witnesses are given on the dorse of the document. They are: William Death, William Beckett, John Humfrey, Thomas Death and Robert Lymeborne.

CO. KENT

1677

PETHAM

RECEIPT AND ACQUITTANCE

Receipt &c.. by Edward Gurney of Petham in the said county of Kent yeoman, youngest son of Edward Gurney, late of the parish of St. John the Baptist in the Isle of Thanet yeoman deceased.. stating that he has received of his brother John Gurney of the same parish yeoman the full sum of £200 .. being the legacy given granted and bequeathd to him by his said father in and by his last will and testament dated 23rd September 1659 .. of which the said sum he does acquitt and discharge him his said brother and his heirs and his and their messuages, lands and tenements bequeathed to him by his said father ...

Dated: 16th October 29 Charles II (1677)

Signed: Edward Gurney

The witnesss are Thomas Best junior and Thomas Jull.

CO. KENT

1675

PETHAM

RECEIPT

Receipt &c.. of John Gurney my natural brother at and before the day of the date hereof the sum of £30.. for the interest for one year and a half of £200 now in the hands of the said John Gurney and which was given and bequeathed to me by the last will and testament of my father Edward Gurney.

Signed: Edward Gurney.

Dated: 18th November 1675

RIVER / BUCKLAND

ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE

Indenture dated 20th September 1684 31 Charles II BETWEEN Sir Abraham Jacob of the city of London Knight of the first part, Thomas Marsh of the parish of River in the county of Kent yeoman of the second part and John Stokes of the town and port of Dover in the said county of Kent Gentleman of the third part.. WHEREAS the said Thomas Marsh by his indenture of lease dated 10th January 1656 made between him and the said Thomas Marsh and Benjamin Jacklin of the town and port of Dover aforesaid merchant for and in consideration of £120 ... did bargain and sell &c... and to farm let unto the said Benjamin Jacklin ALL that his messuage or tenement, barn, stable, edifices, buildings, orchard, garden, yard or place with the appurtenances, containing by estimation 1 acre, situate in the parish of River.. and also one close of arable land to the said messuage belonging and adjoining, containing by estimation 4 acres in the parish of River aforesaid.. and also one meadow, containing by estimation 3 acres with the appurtenances in the parish of Buckland.. bounding to the river there towards the North... TO BE HOLDEN unto the said Benjamin Jacklin .. unto THE FULL END AND TERM OF £) YEARS ... UNDER THE YEARLY RENT OF ONE PEPPER CORN ... AND UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS OF REDEMPTION... OF THE PAYMENT OF SEVERAL SUMS OF MONEY... AND OF THE PAYMENT OF £123/12/0 upon 12th January 1659... and also of the payment of £30 more borrowed by the said Thomas Marsh of the said Benjamin Jacklin upon security of the premisses with interest for the same as by an endorsement ... doth appear ... AND WHEREAS the said Thomas Marsh by his indenture of lease dated 27th March 33 Charles II for the consideration therein mentioned did bargain and sell.. and to farm let to William Stratfold, late of Dover Gentleman deceased ALL that his messuage &c... and also all those his six pieces of land arable, pasture, meadow and downland, containing by estimation 43 acres.. situate and being in the parish of River and in the parish of Buckland next Dover.. and all other the lands of him the said Thomas Marsh in the said parishes of River and Buckland.. TO BE HAD AND HOLDEN unto the said William Stratfold.. unto the full end and term of 500 years under the yearly rent of one pepper corn ... and under a certain proviso ... of the payment of 30/- and £5/10/0 at several days ... specified ... and long since past.. and which said sums ... amounting in the whole to £200 ... were not paid according to the form and effect of the said indentures of lease... AND WHEREAS the said indentures ... did come by means of assignment into the hands of Alice Hollingbourne of Dover widow, executrix of the last will and testament of Richard Hollingbourne her late husband deceased... AND WHEREAS ... by an indenture of assignment tripartite dated 29th September 29 Charles II (1677)

made between her and William Stratfold of the first part, the said Thomas Marsh of the second part and the said Sir Abraham Jacob of London knight of the third part... for and in consideration of £200... she the said Alice Hollingbourne did grant... set over and assign unto the said Abraham Jacob .. the said recited indenture of lease... TO BE HOLDEN unto the said Abraham Jacob ... for and during the residue of the term of 500 years... NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that the said Abraham Jacob for and in consideration of £238/16/0 ... HATH granted... and set over unto the said John Stokes ... the said recited indentures of lease and assignment... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD for and durign the said several terms of years mentioned in the said indenture of lease yet to come...

Signed: Abraham Jacob Thomas Marsh

Attached to the seal tags are two seals, paper on wax, the impressions being indistinct.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Samuel Bates, Jo Welland and John Gibbons.

LEASE FOR ONE YEAR

Indenture dated 5th December 11 Anne (1712) BETWEEN John White of the town and port of Dover in the county of Kent, malster of the one part and Edward Warry of the said town and port of Dover, fellmonger of the other part... WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of 5/-... the said John White HATH bargained and sold unto the said Edward Warry the reversion in fee (expectant upon or after the death of Mary now wife of John Hammond of the parish of Buckland next Dover aforesaid blacksmith and mother of the said John White) ... of and in ALL THAT messuage and tenement, malthouse, barn, stable, outhouses, edifices, buildings, orchards, garden, yard or place and several pieces or parcels of land arable, meadow, pasture and downe land, containing in the whole by estimation 48 acres, situate, lying and being in the several parishes of River and Buckland aforesaid, now in the occupation of John Hammond, all which said premises Thomas White, late father of the said John, purchased to him and his heirs forever of Thomas Marsh and William Richards... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD... for the term of one whole year... YIELDING AND PAYING therefor one pepper corn if lawfully demanded...

Signed: John White

Attached to the document on its seal fold is a seal, in red wax, c. 1.3 cms dia., bearing the impression of a swan statant facing the right.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Mary Broome and Mark Bills.

LEASE FOR A YEAR

Indenture dated 10th September 9 George I (1722) BETWEEN Edward Warry of the town and port of Dover in the county of Kent, Gentleman and Sarah his wife of the one part and John Taylor of the said town and port Gentleman of the other part ... WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of the sum of 5/- ... the said Edward HATH bargained and sold unto the said John Taylor ALL THAT messuage or tenement, malt-house, barn, stable, outhouses, edifices, buildings, orchards, garden, yard or place and several pieces or parcels of land arable, meadow, pasture and downe, containing in the whole by estimation 48 acres, situate lying and being in the several parishes of River and Buckland and now in the occupation of John Hamond... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD... for the term of one whole year... YIELDING AND PAYING therefor one pepper corn if lawfully demanded...

Signed: Edward Warry Sarah Warry

Attached to the seal fold of the document are two seals., both in red wax, c 1.25cms dia.. The first bears the coarse impression of what could be an eight pointed star. The second that of a rose (?).

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Thomas Larkins and William Lambe, notary public.

ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE

Indenture made 23rd December 12 George II (1738) ...
BETWEEN Charles Wellard of Lincoln's Inn, county Middlesex Gentleman of the one part and Elizabeth Cheater of the town and port of Dover in the county of Kent, widow of the other part ... WHEREAS the most Reverend Father in God William, late Archbishop of Canterbury by his indenture of lease dated 24th May 1735 ... did demise grant ... and to farm let unto the said Charles Wellard ALL THAT parcel of wood known by the name of 'priory wood', lying and being in Barham in the county of Kent, containing by estimation 12 acres and then in the occupation of Charles Wellard adjoining to a great wood of the said Archbishop called 'Covert Wood South' and to the woodlands then or then late of James Collins towards the West and to the woodlands of the heirs of Whittingham Wood towards the East and North... and one parcel of meadow or pasture ground lying and being in Buchland next Dover aforesaid adjoining to the river there South and West and to the lands then or then late of one Mr. Richards towards the East... and also one parcel of arable land containing by estimation 6 acres lying and being in Buckland aforesaid in a field then of Robert Hattons, then late of John Smitheat and abutting to the land of Robert Hatton towards the East, West, North and South and then late in the occupation of the widow White of Dover, which said two pieces or parcels of land in Buckland are now in the tenure or occupation of Mr. William Pilcher of Dover TO BE HAD HOLDEN... unto the said Charles Wellard his executors, administrators and assigns ... for the term of 21 years ... under the yearly rent of 4d for the woodlands, 2/- for the said meadow and platts and 8/- for said arable land by equal quarterly payments ... AND WHEREAS the said Charles Wellard hath agreed for the sale of the said two pieces of land in Buckland ... and to keep the said 12 acres of wood in Barham to his own use ... NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of £60 ... the said Charles Wellard... HATH bargained sold assigned and set over ... the said two pieces of land ... to have and to hold ... IN TRUST nevertheless to the only use and behoof of Rebecca Lymbery of Dover aforesaid, an infant of about 14 years ... for all the residue of the term of 14 years ... and it is covenanted between the said parties (inter alia) that the said lease shall be surrendered and renewed when the same shall be thought necessary ... in the name of Charles Wellard ...

Signed: Charles Wellard

Attached to the document by its tag is a seal, in red wax, being the major portion, bearing the impression of a device incorporating the initials 'C.W.'.

The witnesses, whose names are given on the dorse, are Robert Wellard and Richard Andrews.

CO. KENT

1645

ST. MARY CRAY

OBLIGATION

Obligation by George Burton of Cray le Marie in the county of Kent tailor to Thomas Bourman of Cray le Marir cordwainer.. in the sum of £90...

Dated: 23rd August 1645 21 Charles I

Signed: George Burtton.

The witnesses are Henry King and George Pearson (?).

Attached to the tongue of the document is a seal, in red wax, c 1½ cms dia., bearing the impression of an eagle displayed (?).

The condition of the obligation are such that.. if George Burton and his heirs &c... observe, perform &c... covenants contained in one pair of indentures of Bargain and Sale of even date.. between the said George Burton and Joan his wife of the first part and Thomas Bourman of the other ... then this obligation to be void...

BARGAIN AND SALE WITH FEOFMENT

Bargain and Sale with Feofment... being an Indenture dated 3rd November 14 Charles I (1638) BETWEEN Thomas Holinden of ----- in the county of Kent Gentleman of the one part and Edward Lampard of Sevenoke in the said county yeoman of the other part ... WITNESSETH that the said Thomas Holinden for and in consideration of £225 ... HATH granted, bargained, sold &c... unto the said Edward Lampard ... ALL that messuage or tenement with the barn, stable, edifice, building, garden, orchard, meadow, pasture, wood &c... unto the said messuage belonging ... containing in the whole by estimation 20 acres and are situate, lying and being in Sunderishe in the county of Kent and now are in the tenure or occupation of Thomas ----- abutting as followeth... to the lands of Henry Lampard towards the South and West, towards the lands of the said Edward Lampard towards the South and East, to the lane there leading from the highway there leading from Sunderish to London towards the North... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... the said messuage &c... unto the said Edward Lampard his heirs and assigns forever...

Signed: Thomas Holinden

Attached to the document is its original seal tag, but the seal is lacking.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Charles Lambe, Thomas Nidd, Robert Allen and George Lampard.

LEASE FOR ONE YEAR

Indenture dated 12th June 1685 BETWEEN Thomas Whetenhall of East Peckham in the county of Kent Esquire of the one part and Joseph Hodges of Warehorne in the county of Kent yeoman of the other part ... WITNESSETH that the said Thomas Whetenhall for and in consideration of 10/-... HATH granted bargained and sold ... unto the said Joseph Hodges his executors administrators and assigns ALL that one messuage or tenement and 2½ acres of fresh marsh land with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situated lying and being in the parish of Warehorne aforesaid within the liberty of Romney Marsh in the said county of Kent, now or late in the tenure or occupation of Thomas Hodges or his assigns and abutting to the lands now or late of ----- Plomer Gentleman towards the South, to the lands now or late of William Curteis Gentleman towards the West and North and to the King's highway leading from Snargate Church to Warehorne towards the East... AND also all those 4 pieces of fresh marsh with the appurtenances lying and being together in the said parish of Warehorne ... containing by estimation 50 acres ... now or late in the tenure or occupation of Thomas Hodges or his assigns abutting to the lands of Sir Charles Sedley Bart. towards the South and West, to the lands now or late of ----- Manouth towards the South, to the lands of ----- Tilden Gentleman towards the South and East , to the King's highway leading from Snargate Church to Ham Mill Greene towards the East, to the lands now or late of William Whittall towards the East and North, to the lands now late of John Holman Gentleman and the lands now or late of John Finch Gentleman towards the North, to the lands of Thomas Hodges towards the North and West and to the King's highway leading from Snargate Church to Warehorne towards the West ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the said messuage &c... for and during the term of one whole year from thence next ensuing ... YIELDING AND PAYING therefore one pepper corn if the same shall be lawfully demanded ...

Signed: Tho Whetenhal

Attached to the seal tag is a seal, paper on red wax, c 3.75cms x 3.75cms, bearing a poor impression of armorial bearings. These are indistinct.

The witnesses, whose names are given on the dorse, are John Tonge and William Bing.

RELEASE

Indenture dated 13th June 1 James II (1685) BETWEEN Thomas Whetenhall of East Peckham in the county of Kent Esquire of the one part and Joseph Hodges of Warehorne yeoman of the other part... WITNESSETH that the said Thomas Whetenhall for and in consideration of £560... HATH granted bargained sold &c... unto the said Joseph Hodges ... ALL that one messuage or tenement and 2 acres and a half of fresh marsh land with the appurtenances thereunto adjoining and belonging, situated lying and being in the parish of Warehorne within the liberty of Romney Marsh in the said county of Kent, now or late in the tenure or occupation of Thomas Hodges or his assigns and in an indenture of lease for one year more particularly bounden mentioned and described... AND ALSO all those 4 pieces of fresh marsh with the appurtenances lying and being in the same parish of Warehorne... containing by estimation 50 acres, now or late also in the tenure or occupation of Thomas Hodges or his assigns... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said messuage &c. unto the said Joseph Hodges his heirs and assigns forever... (among one of the covenants of the deed is mentioned Anglesea, the wife of Thomas Whetenhall)

Signed: Tho Whetenhal

Attached to the original seal tag is a seal, paper on red wax, c 4.5cms x 3.75cms., bearing no visible impression.

The witnesses, whose names are given on the dorse, are John Tonge and William Bing.

CO. KENT

1685

RECEIPT OF CONSIDERATION MONEY

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Whetenhall of East Peckham in the county of Kent Esquire ... have received ... of Joseph Hodges of Warehorne in the county of Kent aforesaid yeoman the sum of £560 ... being the consideration money mentioned to be paid unto me in one indenture of Release bearing date with these presents ... the receipt of which I acknowledge...

Signed: Tho Whetenhal

Dated: 13th June 1685

Attached to the document is a seal, paper on red wax. It bears no impression.

The witnesses are John Jonge and William Bing.

INVENTORY

A true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods chattells and creditts of Thomas Parkins als Parins late of Wearhorne in the county of Kent, yeoman, deceased, taken and valued and appraised on the 8th day of June in the year of our Lord god 1702 by Samuel Petter and William Hollands as followeth viz Att Mrs. Hodges att Wearhorne

Imprimis his purse Gardle wearing apparell and ready money	£10
Item one womans petty coate, one pillion cloath, two brushes	2/6
Item A box of child bed linnen and 5 blanketts	£1
Item 2 silver bodkins, 2 silver thimbles and other small things	£1/10/0
Item 22 silver spoons	£9
Item 6 gold rings	£3/1/6
Item In Old money	£1/16/0
Item A small box of ribbons	1/6
Item 48 pieces of old gold	£37/6/0
Item A silver tankard, 2 silver bowles, 1 silver currall, 1 pott with silver lidd	£14
Item 15 paire of fflaxen sheete	£8/5/0
Item 5 paire and a sheet of fine linnen	£5
Item 8 table cloths	£2/8/0
Item 8 dozen and 3 napkins	£6/3/9
Item 19 pillow beers and 6 towells	£1/17/6
Item 15 course napkins and 8 towells	5/0
Item 3 course tablecloths, 3 course cupboard cloathes	4/0
Item 4 paire of course sheetes	12/0
Item 3 fine sheetes	14/6
Item Some small linnen and some gloves	10/6
Item 10 paire of course sheetes	£2
Item 7 course tablecloths	10/6
Item 1 dozen and a half of course napkins	18/0
Item 28 small peeces of linnen	3/4
Item 2 pillowbeers	2/6

Att Samuel Petters att Bodiham

Item 3 paire of andirons, fforx, pair of tonges, 2 fire shovells, 1 fire slice, 1 range, five spitts	£1/7/6
Item 1 iron trevitt, 1 ffreying pann, 1 iron back	9/0
Item 2 tables, 1 carpett, 7 joynt stooles, 2 standes	£1/1/6
Item 7 chaires, 1 trunke, 2 boxes, 1 chest	7/6
Item 1 flockbed, 1 flock bolster, 1 rugg, 1 coverlid, 4 blanketts	15/6
Item 3 ffeatherbeds, three ffeather bolsters, 1 paire of curtains, 5 pillowes	£4/2/0
Item 1 brass furnace, 6 iron potts, 3 brass kettles	£2/11/6
Item 3 dozen of bottles, 4 glass some stone	6/0
Item 3 bedstedles, 1 matt, one cord	15/0
Item 5 Leathern baggs	10/0
Item Some old lumber	15/0
Item One grindstone, 1 fforke, 3 leaden weights	5/2
Item One mare, one colt, one sadle and bridle	£10/10/0
Item One mortgage upon land	£300
Item One mortgage upon land	£66/15/0
Item Money due upon bond	£10/18/0
Item debts esteemed good	£80
Item things unseen and forgot	£1/5/0
Summe totall of this inventory	£610/10/5

This inventory was exhibited 26 day of June 1702 by Master Thomas Rouf procurate pro Admin. of the will &c. and is a full and true inventory &c.

Signed: Tho Welliam Reg. Dep.

Item	A box of glasses and earthen ware	7/6
Item	a silke gowne petticoate and scarfe	£1/13/0
Item	3 pillowes	12/0
Item	One old jack, 2 weights, 1 muskett, 2 fowling peeces	£1
Item	8 pewter candle sticks, 1 still, 30 small pieces of pewter	17/6
Item	32 pewter dishes great and small	3/4
Item	1 brass chafing dish, 2 pair of brass scales and weights	3/0
Item	2 brass kettles, 3 brass skimmers, 4 brass candle sticks, 7 brass skilletts	£1/11/8
Item	One warming pann, 1 mortar and pestle, 2 iron dripping panns	10/6
Item	1 deske with small things in itt	£1/1/6
Item	6 chests, 1 trunke, 1 box	£1/3/0
Item	Some bookes	£1
Item	1 wheat ski--, 2 sives	5/0

Att Thomas Coopers att Northiham

Item	One plough and wheeles, two old harrow, one Gearne rack and old ox yoakes	10/0
Item	4 old chests, 3 barrells, 4 old tubbs, 3 old kielers, 1 little table, 1 beame, 1 paire of scales	7/6

Att Stephen Hatches

Item	1 bedstedle and att Dixters 1 malt ski-y and 2 barrells	10/6
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Att Richard Heaths att Hawkhurst

Item	2 ffeatherbeds, 2 ffeather bolsters, 1 pillow, 2 blanketts, one rugg, one stedle, curtains and Vallance, one matt and cord, one joynt chest	£5/3/6
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LEASE FOR ONE YEAR

Indenture dated 12th June 1685 BETWEEN Thomas Whetenhall of East Peckham in the county of Kent Esquire of the one part and Joseph Hodges of Warehorne in the county of Kent yeoman of the other part ... WITNESSETH that the said Thomas Whetenhall for and in consideration of 10/-... HATH granted bargained and sold ... unto the said Joseph Hodges his executors administrators and assigns ALL that one messuage or tenement and 2½ acres of fresh marsh land with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situated lying and being in the parish of Warehorne aforesaid within the liberty of Romney Marsh in the said county of Kent, now or late in the tenure or occupation of Thomas Hodges or his assigns and abutting to the lands now or late of ----- Plomer Gentleman towards the South, to the lands now or late of William Curteis Gentleman towards the West and North and to the King's highway leading from Snargate Church to Warehorne towards the East... AND also all those 4 pieces of fresh marsh with the appurtenances lying and being together in the said parish of Warehorne ... containing by estimation 50 acres ... now or late in the tenure or occupation of Thomas Hodges or his assigns abutting to the lands of Sir Charles Sedley Bart. towards the South and West, to the lands now or late of ----- Manouth towards the South, to the lands of ----- Tilden Gentleman towards the South and East, to the King's highway leading from Snargate Church to Ham Mill Greene towards the East, to the lands now or late of William Whittall towards the East and North, to the lands now late of John Holman Gentleman and the lands now or late of John Finch Gentleman towards the North, to the lands of Thomas Hodges towards the North and West and to the King's highway leading from Snargate Church to Warehorne towards the West ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the said messuage &c... for and during the term of one whole year from thence next ensuing ... YIELDING AND PAYING therefore one pepper corn if the same shall be lawfully demanded ...

Signed: Tho Whetenhal

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The witnesses, whose names are given on the dorse, are John Tonge and William Bing.

RELEASE

Indenture dated 13th June 1 James II (1685) BETWEEN Thomas Whetenhall of East Peckham in the county of Kent Esquire of the one part and Joseph Hodges of Warehorne yeoman of the other part... WITNESSETH that the said Thomas Whetenhall for and in consideration of £560... HATH granted bargained sold &c... unto the said Joseph Hodges ... ALL that one messuage or tenement and 2 acres and a half of fresh marsh land with the appurtenances thereunto adjoining and belonging, situated lying and being in the parish of Warehorne within the liberty of Romney Marsh in the said county of Kent, now or late in the tenure or occupation of Thomas Hodges or his assigns and in an indenture of lease for one year more particularly bounden mentioned and described... AND ALSO all those 4 pieces of fresh marsh with the appurtenances lying and being in the same parish of Warehorne... containing by estimation 50 acres, now or late also in the tenure or occupation of Thomas Hodges or his assigns... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said messuage &c. unto the said Joseph Hodges his heirs and assigns forever... (among one of the covenants of the deed is mentioned Anglesea, the wife of Thomas Whetenhall)

Signed: Tho Whetenhal

Attached to the original seal tag is a seal, paper on red wax, c 4.5cms x 3.75cms., bearing no visible impression.

The witnesses, whose names are given on the dorse, are John Tonge and William Bing.

CO. KENT

1685

RECEIPT OF CONSIDERATION MONEY

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Whetenhall of East Peckham in the county of Kent Esquire ... have received ... of Joseph Hodges of Warehorne in the county of Kent aforesaid yeoman the sum of £560 ... being the consideration money mentioned to be paid unto me in one indenture of Release bearing date with these presents ... the receipt of which I acknowledge...

Signed: Tho Whetenhal

Dated: 13th June 1685

Attached to the document is a seal, paper on red wax. It bears no impression.

The witnesses are John Jonge and William Bing.

ASSIGNMENT OF MORTGAGE

Indenture of four parts dated 5th April 15 George III (1775) BETWEEN William Elliott of the Town and Port of New Romney in the county of Kent Officer of His Majesty's Customs of the first part Finch John Durant, late of the parish of Midley, but now of Warehorn in the said county of Kent yeoman and Elizabeth his wife of the second part John Bourne of the parish of Snargate in the county of Kent grazier of the third part and James Bourne of the Town and Port of New Romney grazier of the fourth part... WHEREAS in and by certain indentures of lease and release dated 27th and 28th October 1774, the release being of four parts ... made between Finch John Durant and Elizabeth his wife of the first part, George Jemmett Gentleman of the second part Charles Rolfe Gentleman of the third part and the said William Elliott of the fourth part... and also a recovery suffered ... Michaelmas Term .. last past .. the piece of land hereinafter mentioned .. was settled and limited to the use of the said William Elliott .. for the term of 500 years .. subject to a proviso for redemption .. AND WHEREAS there is now due and owing unto the said William Elliott .. the principal sum of £40 and all interest thereon having been paid.. AND WHEREAS the said John Bourne has agreed with the said Finch John Durant for the purchase of the fee simple and inheritance of the said piece of land ... for the price of £430 ... NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of the sum of £40 paid to the said William Elliott by the said John Bourne .. and also 5/- paid to the said William Elliott by the said John Bourne .. HE the said William Elliott ... HATH bargained, sold ... transferred and set over ... unto the said James Bourne ... ALL THAT piece of arable or pasture land, containing by estimation 16 acres, lying and being in the parish of Warehorn in the county of Kent and now in the tenure or occupation of John Bourne TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... unto the said James Bourne for the remainder of the term of 500 years ... IN TRUST ... for the use and behoof of the said John Bourne...

Signed: William Elliott Finch John Durant, his mark
 Elizabeth Durant, her mark 'X' James Bourne

Five seals, all in red wax, are attached to the seal fold of the document. Only two bear the very worn impression of a man's bust, facing the left.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Thomas Pollett, J. Rolfe, Mathew Lester, Edward Thomson and Rose Feaver.

CO. KENT

1812

WINGHAM

RELEASE

Indenture of five parts dated 2nd January 52 George III (1812)
BETWEEN Sarah Baker of the parish of Brompton in the county of Kent
spinster of the first part, John Rose Baker of Chart in the county
of Kent yeoman, William Brown of the same place yeoman and Samuel
Hazard of Gravesend in the county of Kent yeoman (the devisees in
trust and executors named and appointed in the last will and testament
of Thomas Baker, formerly of Chart, but late of Welling in the county
of Kent yeoman deceased and which said Thomas Baker was the only son
and heir at law and also the sole devisee in fee and executor named
in the last will and testament of Edward Baker heretofore of Borden
in the said county of Kent Gentleman deceased) of the second part,
William Baker of Clerkenwell in the county of Middlesex Gentleman
and Edward Baker of Salisbury Square in the city of London Gentleman
(two younger sons of the said Thomas Baker deceased and respectively
entitled to clear surplus of the monies arising from the sale of his
residuary estates as hereinafter mentioned) of the third part, Henry
Hoile Whitmarsh of the parish of Ickham in the county of Kent malster
of the fourth part and Stephen Elgar of the parish of Wingham in the
county of Kent Gentleman of the fifth part,... WHEREAS by indenture
dated 28th September 1759 between the said Edward Baker deceased of
the one part and Gibbon Hawker of Sittingbourne in the county of Kent
Gentleman of the other part.. IT WAS WITNESSED that in consideration
of the love and affection the said Edward Baker had towards his sister
Sarah Baker then of Wingham.. and for the better preferment of her
&c... AND ALSO in consideration of 10/- paid to the said Edward Baker
deceased by the said Gibbon Hawker... he did thereby agree &c... with
the said Gibbon Hawker his heirs and assigns that he.. and all other
persons who might be seized of and in ... ALL THAT the said message
or tenement with the buildings lands hereditaments hereinafter described...
should at all times forever... stand and be seized of and in the said
message &c... to the use of the said Edward Baker deceased... during
the life of Mary Baker widow now also deceased, mother of the said
Edward Baker... and after determination of that estate... to the use
of the said Sarah Baker and her assigns for her life and after her
decease to the use of Gibbon Hawker and his heirs during the natural
life of the said Sarah Baker.. IN TRUST only to preserve the contingent
remainders therein after limited... and after the decease of the said
Sarah Baker to the use of all the children... of the body of the said
Sarah Baker... to be lawfully begotten... to be equally divided between
them... and for default of such issue to the use of the said Edward
Baker his heirs and assigns forever... AND WHEREAS the said Edward
Baker deceased made and published his last will and testament dated
20th June 1795... and devised... all his estates, lands and premises
&c... anywhere in Great Britain to his only son Thomas Baker... AND
WHEREAS the said Thomas Baker only made his last will and testament
on 23rd January 1809 whereby.. after directing the docveyance of a
freehold estate in the said county of Kent... to Nicholas Gillver
Esquire to and for the benefit of his three sons... he the said

testator gave all his freehold estates (except those of which he was only a trustee or mortgagor) unto and to the use of his son the said John Rose Baker and his friends the said William Brown and Samuel Hazard their heirs and assigns forever... IN TRUST to carry the contracts which he had... for the sale of any part of the said last mentioned real estates into execution &c... in trust to sell and dispose of all the residue of his said real estate... and the said testator declared that the receipts of the said John Rose Baker, William Brown and Samuel Hazard and the survivor of them and the heirs and assigns of such survivor should be a good and sufficient discharge to the purchasor &c... and the said testator declared that the said John Rose Baker et al... be possessed of all the money which should arise from such a sale of his said real estate &c... AND WHEREAS the said Sarah Baker has never been married and being now of the age of 71 years there is not probability of her having any children... AND WHEREAS the said Sarah Baker and also the said John Rose Baker et al... as such trustees for the sale... have lately entered into a contract with the said Henry Hoile Whitmarsh for the absolute sale in fee simple of the inheritance... AND WHEREAS since their contract of agreement has been made, the said Henry Hoile Whitmarsh hath contracted with the said Stephen Elgar for the absolute sale to him of the fee simple and possession in inheritance of and in the said mesuage &c... NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that in consideration of £550... they the said John Rose Baker et al.. HAVE bargained, sold, &c... and the said William Baker and Edward Baker... HAVE bargained, sold &c... unto the said Stephen Elgar... ALL THAT messuage or tenement commonly called 'The Eight Bells' with the barns, stables, outhouses, buildings, backsides and two acres of land arable and pasture to the same messuage belonging.. situate in the parish of Wingham.. at or near a certain place there called 'Wingham Wells', heretofore in the tenure or occupation of John Holness or his assigns, late in the several tenures of ---- Patteson, Richard Wanstall and the said Henry Hoile Whitmarsh, abutting to the lands formerly of the heirs of David Attwell and now of George Harris there towards the North and East and to the King's highway there towards the South and West... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD... the said messuage &c... to the use of the said Stephen Elgar his heirs and assigns forever...

Signed: Sarah Baker J.R. Baker William Brown
Sam Hazard H H Whitmarsh William Baker
Edward Baker Stephen Elgar

Attached to the seal fold are eight seals, in red wax, bearing no impression.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are John William Evans, Francis Southgate, Mary Ann Beaumont, Thomas Starr, attorney, Canterbury, Stacey Grimaldi, Thomas Harrison, Gate Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields.