

29 DEEDS RELATING TO THE COUNTIES OF DEVON, DORSET,
SOMERSET AND WILTSHIRE

DEVON	1597, 1657, 1673, 1706, 1816.
DORSET	1623, 1773, 1777, 1789, 1817, 1820, 1823, 1834, 1836, 1845, 1845, 1860, 1878.
SOMERSET	1575, 1667, 1750, 1756.
WILTSHIRE	1687, late 17 th century, 1730, 1739, 1760, 1776, 1782.

BARGAIN AND SALE WITH FEOFMENT

Bargain and Sale with Feofment by Robert Palmer of Kingston in the county of Devon yeoman of the one part and Thomas Shepherd of Kingston Gentleman of the other part ... WITNESSETH that the said Robert Palmer ... for and in consideration of £200 ... HATH given granted, bargained, sold &c... unto the said Thomas Shepherd... ALL that the tenement with the appurtenances called 'Yeomans', situated lying and being within the parish of Woodeleigh in the county aforesaid now or late in the occupation of Pascoe Luscombe ... AND ALSO the houses, edificies &c... whatsoever to the said tenement belonging.. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... unto the said Thomas Shepherd... forever ...

Signed: Robart Palmer.

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

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are James Watson and John Shephard.

ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE

Indenture dated 1657 BETWEEN John Dare of Wambroke in the county of Dorset, husbandman and Michael Frankpitt of Upl- woman in the county of Devon, yeoman of the one part and Nathaniel Pearse of Membury in the county of Devon yeoman of the other part ... WHEREAS John Paris of Chard in the county of Somerset gentleman by his deed indented ... dated 10th February 14 Charles I ... did demise ... and to farm let ALL that moiety and halfendeale of one close of pasture commonly called 'Loomecrofte', containing by estimation 8 acres of land, which is divided from the other moiety which is lying on the South part together with all that new erected messuage or dwelling house, barns, stable and outhouses belonging thereunto built by one Symon Haydon deceased, set lying and being in the parish of Wambrooke ... together with common of pasture upon 'Bewlie Downe' and 'Bickham Wood' for all manner of cattle and beasts which of right doth belong to the said demised premises ... with free liberty to ingress and regress, to dig and fetch marle in the four common marle pits in Wambrooke aforesaid... unto the said Humfry Warren ... from 10th February ... for the term of four score and nineteen years ... AND the said Humfry Warren by his deed poll dated 13th February 14 Charles I ... did ... set over unto Thomas Hody ... all, the right, title and term of years ... of and in the said premises ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... unto the said Thomas Hody his executors, administrators and assigns ... AND whereas the said Thomas Hody by his deed indented dated 20th April 23 Charles I ... did set over unto the said John Dare ... his interest in the said term of years ... AND whereas the said John Dare did by his deed indented dated 24th May 1649 ... set over unto John Frankpitt (now deceased) and the said Michael Frankpitt ... all ... the aforesaid premises ... together with all interest in the term of years... NOW THIS INDENTURE witnesses that the said John Dare and Michael Frankpitt ... for and in consideration of three score pounds ... paid by the said Nathaniel Pearse ... have granted ... and set over ... to him ... the said term of years ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD for the residue of the said term of years ...

Signed: John Dare Michael Frankpitt

Attached to the document are two seal tags. The first bears only the major portion of a seal, the impression being indistinct. The second carries a seal, in red wax, c 2.5cms dia, bearing a deep, fine impression of a heart.

The witnesses, whose names are given on the dorse, are Thomas Pitt, Thomas Pitts (sic) and Phillip Legg.

BARGAIN AND SALE WITH FEOFMENT

Indenture dated 3rd April 25 Charles II (1673) BETWEEN Nathaniel Pearse of Membury in the county of Devon, yeoman of the one part and John Pearse the second son of the said Nathaniel Pearse of Membury yeoman of the other part ... WITNESSETH that the said Nathaniel Pearse as well as for consideration of the natural love to his second son ... as well as for and towards his future livelyhood and preferment in time to come as also £50... HATH granted &c... ALL that moiety and 'halfendeale' of one close of land and pasture comenly called 'Loomecroft' ... containing by estimation 8 acres of land ... as also one half acre of land lying in the East side thereof lately enclosed upon diverse good considerations together with a new erected cottage, messuage or dwelling house and all outhouses &c ... to HAVE AND TO HOLD ... unto the said John Pearse his heirs and assigns forever...

Signed: Nathaniell Pearse

Attached to the document by its seal tag is a seal, paper on wax, c 3.75cms x 4.4cms, with a deep, central round impression, which is indistinct.

The witnesses, whose names are given on the dorse, are Elizabeth Pearse, Susanna Pearse, Ambrase Churchell, Richard Demmett, Elizabeth Austin and Thomas Lee.

CO. DEVON

1706

LEASE FOR ONE YEAR

Indenture dated 9th April 5 Anne (1706) BETWEEN Nicholas Ley of Barnstaple in the county of Devon clothier and Elizabeth his wife of the one part and John Christmas of Bristol merchant of the other part ... WITNESSETH that the said Nicholas and Elizabeth ... for and in consideration of 5/-.... HAVE bargained and sold ... unto the said John Christmas ... ALL that tenement courtlage and garden with the appurtenances situate lying and being in Smyth Street within the parish of Pilton in the county aforesaid, now in the possession of the said Nicholas Ley ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the said John Christmas ... for the term of one whole year ... YIELDING AND PAYING therefore one pepper corn if lawfully demanded ...

Signed: Nicholas Ley. Elizabeth Ley.

Attached to the two seal tags are two seals, both c 1 3/4 cms. x 2 cms., in red wax, bearing a full armorial device. The crest is a bird close and the arms are three bars and a canton charged with a (?).

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Mary Doubt, William Doubt and James (?) France.

LEASE FOR A YEAR

Indenture dated 21st March 1816 BETWEEN John Yovatt of South Molton in the county of Devon yeoman of the one part and George Priscott of Newton Tracey in the said county yeoman of the other part... WITNESSETH that the said John Yovatt for and in consideration of 5/- ... HATH.. bargained and sold ... ALL THAT dwelling house shippen (now a walled gardn) and curtilage together with the orchard and four fields or closes of land partly adjoining thereto and lying immediately below the said dwelling house being a certain tenement called 'Cornwalls' with the appurtenances, containing by estimation 6 acres 1 rod and 34 perches... ALSO all those several closes pieces or parcels of land called 'Willow Plot', containing 3 rods and 16 perches, 'The Little Niddis' containing 1 acre, 2 rods and 36 perches, 'Westaway', containing 1 acre, 3 rods and 39 perches, 'The Broad Park', containing 5 acres, 3 rods and 13 perches, 'The Dunsell', containing 4 acres and 16 perches ... which said last five mentioned closes are part and parcel of a certain tenement called 'Chichester Tenement' otherwise 'Late Coplestones' and are now in the possession of John Adams, James Yovatt and others... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD... unto the said George Priscott ... for the term of one whole year... YIELDING AND PAYING therefore one pepper corn if lawfully demanded ...

Signed: John Jovatt

Attached to the seal fold of the document is a seal, c 2 cms x 2 cms., bearing the impression of a man's bust, facing the left.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Charles Roberts and John Harvies.

MARRIAGE SETTLEMENT

Indenture tripartite made 20th June 21 James I (1623) BETWEEN Thomas Broughton the elder of Shutte in the county of Devon Gentleman of the first part, Charles Broughton, the eldest son of the said Thomas Broughton of the second part and Thomas Broughton the younger, the second son of the said Thomas Broughton the elder of the third part ... WHEREAS the said Thomas Broughton the elder stands seised of an estate of inheritance in fee simple to him and his heirs forever of and in a messuage, lands and tenements hereunder mentioned, with the immediate reversion &c thereof by force of a conveyance thereof unto him made by Roger Warre Esquire, now deceased, Roger Warre Esquire, his eldest son, Thomas Warre Esquire and John Warre, two other sons of the said Roger, by indenture dated 9th September 8 James I (1610) ... NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that the said Thomas Broughton the elder for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which he beareth to his said sons and a marriage alledgedly had ... between the said Charles Broughton and Elinor now his wife, daughter of Nicholas Clegg and also for better preferment of his said sons and for the settling of his said lands &c... in his name, blood and kindred in such manner and form as is hereinafter mentioned HATH given granted &c... and assigned over ... unto the said Charles Broughton the estate of inheritance of him the said Thomas Broughton the elder of and in all that messuage, tenement and cottage with the appurtenances called 'Bremblecombe', situate lying and being in the parish of Dallewoode, county Dorset, now in the tenure or occupation of the said Thomas Broughton the elder and of one Tristram Parson and all the houses buildings &c. thereunto belonging... and all that close of land there near the said house called 'West-close', containing by estimation nine acres, and one close of land called 'hillheads', containing by estimation two acres, and one close of land called 'holmes', containing by estimation six acres, and one close of land called 'Lestres barres', containing... one and a half acres, and one close of land called 'Colepitt', containing ... one and a half acres, and one close of land called 'Battes', containing ... half an acre, and one close of land called 'holmelande', containing .. one acre, and one close of land called 'churchelande', containing .. two acres, and one close of land called 'Coniger', containing .. three and a half acres, and one close of land called 'Southewaye', containing .. three acres, and one close of land called 'the heathe', containing three acres, and one close of land called 'Ryelands', containing .. one and a half acres, and one close of land called 'weare', containing .. two acres, and one close of land called 'birchecleve', containing .. two and a half acres, and one close of land called 'cliffchay', containing .. half an acre, and one meadow called 'meadelake', containing .. one acre, and one meadow

called 'seawardes meade', containing .. one acre and one rod, and one meadow sometime lying in two pieces called 'longe meade' and 'More Meade', containing .. three and a half acres, and one meadow called 'Looghwood Meade', containing one and a half acres, and one parcel of ground called 'Rockhaye', containing one acre, and also 18 partes of all commons and wastes called 'Dallwood Downe', 'Dennyngeshill', 'Thorine Cleaves', 'Piersedowne', 'Twinehaies', 'Dickesmarshe', 'Dallewoodemarsh' and 'Dallewoode Green' and of all the other commons and wastes of or belonging to the manor of Dallwood ... in 433 parts to be accounted together ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said estate of inheritance in reversion and remainder of the said Thomas Broughton the father of and in the said messuage &c.... unto the said Charles Broughton and his heirs forever to the only uses &c... mentioned ... first to the use and behoof of the said Elinor, wife of the said Charles for term of her natural life, the remainder to the use and behoof of the said Charles Broughton and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten ... and for default of such issue then to the use and behoof of the said Thomas Broughton the son and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue then to the use and behoof of the second son of Thomas Richardson, late husband of Anne Broughton, sister of Thomas Broughton the elder ... and further the said Thomas Broughton the elder has assigned ... to Thomas Broughton his son the estate of inheritance.. in one messuage and tenement with the appurtenances in the village of Dallwood called 'Beere tenement' and all houses and buildings &c. thereunto belonging ... and all one close of land adjoining to the said orchard called 'Ley Close', containing by estimation one and a half acres, and one close of land called 'Ley Close within the barres', containing two acres, and one close of land called 'Pitt close', containing .. two and a half acres, and two little closes of land called 'the closes next Harners', containing.. two acres, and one meadow lying at 'the greenes end', containing one and a half acres ... all which are now or late were in the occupation of Elizabeth Norman widow or her assigns and also seven parts of all the said commons &c .. in 433 parts to be accounted ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD.. unto the said Thomas Broughton the son and his heirs forever..

Signed: Thomas Broughton

Attached to the seal tag is the major portion of a seal, in red wax, originally covered in material, as the imprint of the cloth is clearly evident on the wax. No impression of any device.

The witnesses, whose names are given on the dorse, are Barnard Fry, Tristram Parsons and James Collins.

CO. DORSET

1773

QUITCLAIM

Quitclaim by William Seaward of Whitestaunton in the county of Somerset yeoman... for diverse good causes and valuable considerations ... to Hugh Pavey of Wambrook in the county of Dorset tailor and Susanna his wife, administratrix of William Seaward, late of Wambrook yeoman deceased with his will annexed &c... from all actions &c... against Hugh Pavey and Susanna His wife

Dated: 30th July 13 George III (1773)

Signed: William Seaward, his mark.

Attached to this paper document is a seal, in red wax, bearing the fine impression of the bust of a bearded man, facing the left.

The witnesses are Thomas N. Palmer and John Staple.

LEASE FOR ONE YEAR

Indenture dated 25th March 1777 BETWEEN John Deane the elder of Tatworth in the parish of Chard, Co. Somerset, Gentleman (the nephew and devisee named in the last will and testament of Bridget Cornish, late of Horton in the said parish of Chard, widow, deceased, formerly called Bridget Deane who was the niece and devisee named in the last will and testament of Isaac Deane , formerly of Ridge in the parish of Chardstock in the county of Dorset, yeoman, deceased) and John Deane the younger of Trowbridge in the County of Wiltshire, broad clothier, only son and heir apparent of the said John Deane the elder of the one part and Hugh Pavey of Wambrook in the county of Dorset, tailor of the other part WITNESSETH that the said John Deane the elder and John Deane the younger for and in consideration of 5/- ... HAVE bargained and sold ... unto the said Hugh Pavey ... ALL that one messuage or dwelling house and two orchards and two enclosed pieces of land thereunto belonging, containing in the whole by estimation 4 acres ... situated ... in or near 'Loom Croft als Loomer Croft' in the parish of Wambrook ... all which said premises now are or heretofore were or were reputed to be the one moiety ... of a close of land or pasture commonly called 'Loom Croft', containing in the whole by estimation 8 acres of land ... and were anciently divided and have been for many years last past been enjoyed separated from the other half ... and heretofore in the possession of Nathaniel Pearse ... late of the said Isaac Deane his tenants or assigns, but now of the said Hugh Pavey as tenant thereof, with common of pasture on 'Baylie Down' and 'Bickham Wood' for all manner of beasts and cattle ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD... for the term of one whole year ... TIELDING AND PAYING therefore 1 pepper corn ... if lawfully demanded....

Signed: John Deane

Attached to the seal fold is a seal, in red wax, c 1.9cms. x 1.3cms., bearing the impression of a bearded man, facing the left.

Signed: John Deane junior

Seal as above, but of slightly larger proportion. The device used is the same and of the same size.

The witnesses, whose names are given on the dorse, are Rad. Clarke, Thomas Clarke junior and Henry Weure (?).

WAMBROOK

COPY OF LEASE FOR ONE YEAR, paper

Indenture dated 23rd September 29 George III (1789) BETWEEN Joseph Gillett of Bovey Tracey in the county of Devon Gentleman, Martha White now or late of Glastonbury in the county of Somerset (only child and heiress at law of Charles White, late of the same place cabinet maker deceased, who was the eldest son of Le Roy White, a devisee for years named in the last will and testament of Henry Gould citizen and skinner of London deceased and the said Charles dying in the lifetime of the said Le Roy White his father, the said Martha on the death of the said Le Roy White became his heiress at law and also executory devisee named in the said will of the said Henry Gould of the said messuage lands and hereditaments hereinafter mentioned, all the prior devisees thereof dying without issue), John Wheadon of Chart in the said county of Somerset of the one part and John Beviss of Wambrook in the county of Dorset Gentleman of the other part ... WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of 10/- ... they the said Joseph Gillett et al... HAVE bargained and sold ... ALL that messuage and tenement, lying and being in Wambrook in the said county of Dorset, with the several closes of lamnd meadow and pasture thereunto belonging ... viz ALL those seven pieces of meadow ground called 'Western Grounds', containing by estimation 43 acres, one meadow called 'Spittle', containing by estimation 3½ acres, one meadow called 'Long Meadow', containing by estimation 4 acres, one meadow called 'Furland', containing by estimation 7 acres, five pieces of arable land, containing by estimation 40 acres, one piece of arable land called 'Twelve Acres', containing by estimation 12 acres, one piece of ground called 'Great Hay' with 'Lilly Moore' and 'Rye Plot' inclosed there is 70 acres ... all which said premises are lying and being in Wambrook and were fmly.the lands and estate of the said Henry Gould Gentleman deceased, since of John Gould his son, also deceased, afterwards of Martha White, also deceased and since also of the said Le Roy White and are all now in the possession of William Thomas as tenant thereof.. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD .. for the term of one whole year... YIELDING AND PAYING therefore ..the rent of one pepper corn.. if lawfully demanded..

Signed: Joseph Gillet Martha White, her mark John Wheadon

The witnesses are J.R. Clarke, Nat Stickland, Bridget Clarke, W. Forward and Robert W. Pitcher.

MORTGAGE

Indenture dated 1st May 1817 BETWEEN William Vincent of Yetminster in the county of Dorset Esquire, a devisee in fee simple of all and singular the lamnds, hereditaments and premises hereinafter mentioned, named in and by the last will and testament of John Vincent, late of Yetminster Esquire, his late father deceased of the one part and John Hooper of Shitterton in the said county of Dorset Gentleman of the other part ... WITNESSETH that the said William Vincent ... for and in consideration of £1500 ... HATH granted, bargained sold ... and demised unto the said John Hooper ALL THAT AND ALL THOSE freehold messuage. or tenement, garden and later (?) grist mills with their appurtenances, situate lying and being in the parish of Stockwood in the said county of Dorset and also ALL that freehold farm called 'Stockwood Farm', situate lying and being at Stockwood, with the arable meadow and pasture ground thereunto belonging, comprising about 35 acres and for many years past in the occupation of William Edmunds as tenant thereof, under a lease nearly expiring, at a yearly rent of £50 clear of all deductions except the land tax... AND ALSO all that freehold estate and farm with the arable and pasture ground thereunto belonging, situate lying and being in Yetminster aforesaid called 'West Downs', now or late in the occupation of Farmer Galpine as tenant thereof from year to year at the clear yearly rent of £50 ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... for the full end and term of 1000 years ... YIELDING AND PAYING therefore one pepper corn... if lawfully demanded... SUBJECT nevert to the proviso for redemption...

Signed: William Vincent

Attached to the seal fold is a seal, in red wax, c 3 cms. x 3 cms., bearing a central impression of an interesting man's profile, facing the left.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Charles Oldfield Bartlett and John Gillingham.

LEASE

Indenture dated 5th April 1820 BETWEEN Nathaniel Dalton of Shanks House within the parish of Cucklington in the county of Somerset Esquire of the one part and John Knight and James Knight, both of Buckhorn Weston in the county of Dorset yeomen of the other part ... WITNESSETH that in consideration of the yearly rent hereinafter recited &c... the said Nathaniel Dalton HATH demised, leased and to farm let ALL THAT farm with the cowstalls and appurtenances to the same belonging and the several closes of arable meadow and pasture land particularized in the margin hereof, containing together 51 acres 26 perches.. situate lying and being in Buckthorn Weston and now or late in the tenure or occupation of Mary Knight as tenant thereof. except all manner of timber &c... and also all mines and minerals and quarries ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the said John Knight and James Knight.. from the date hereof ... for the term of 7 years ... YIELDING AND PAYING therefor £80 by four equal instalments on 5th July, 10th October, 5th January and 5th April, the first payment to begin 5th July next...

The particular referred to:

Gig Lane and common allotment	Pasture	14	1	15
Bakers Close	Pasture	5	1	38
Field	Pasture	2	3	34
Little French	Arable	2	1	18
Great French	Arable	6	1	8
Coneyer	Arable	2	1	2
Shave	Arable	2	3	6
Collycomb	Pasture	7	3	11
Collycomb	Pasture	3	2	3
Orchard	Pasture	3	3	33
Moor Mead	Meadow	3	2	18
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Signed: John Knight James Knight

Attached to the seal fold are two seals, in red wax, c 2 cms dia., bearing no impression.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are ----- Phelps (?),-----
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LEASE FOR ONE YEAR

Indenture dated 19th December 4 George IV (1823) BETWEEN James Joseph Whitchurch of Clifton in the county of Gloucester Esquire of the one part and William Frowd Seagram of Warminster in the county of Wiltshire surgeon of the other part ... WITNESSETH that the said James Whitchurch.... for and in consideration of 5/- ... HATH bargained and sold ... unto the said William F. Seagram ... ALL THAT messuage or tenement called 'Fords Tenement' and all lands meadows and pastures thereto belonging, formerly in the possession of Ann Stevens, afterwards of John Ford and now of John Herridge ... and comprising a messuage, cottage or dwelling house with a barn, yard, garden, orchard and close of pasture land thereunto adjoining containing by estimation 1 acre 3 roods and 16 perches... and two closes of pasture land called 'Oak Close' and 'Clover Ground', containing by estimation 4 acres 2 roods and 17 perches... also one close of arable ground called 'New Close', containing by estimation 4 acres ... and also one close of arable land called 'Long Lerry', containing by estimation 1 acre and 24 perches ... AND ALSO ALL THAT messuage cottage or tenement called 'Butts Cottage' with the yard, garden, orchard, meadow and lands thereunto belonging, containing in the whole 2 acres 3 roods and 20 perches, formerly in the possession of James Butt and now of Stephen Bealing as tenant for his life, which said messuage &c... are situate lying and being within and are part and parcel of the Manor and Tything of Milton upon Stower in the county of Dorset.. AND ALSO all the tythes, tenths and dues of certain lands, grounds &c... in the said Manor called 'Saddlebornes', formerly in the tenure of Edward Barnard as tenant, to ---- Grove and now of ---- as tenant to Grove.... and which are compounded for at the annual sum of £2/8/0... AND ALSO ALL that chief rent or rent charge of 3/- payable annually out of certain lands or grounds called 'Blackfords' ... AND ALSO all that chief rent or rent charge of 6d per annum issuing out of a certain tenement and lands situate ----- formerly in the possession of William Barter yeoman, late belonging to Mr. Mitchell of Minton and now of ----- together with all tythes, tenths &c... issuing out of the said messuage... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD... unto the said William Frowd Seagram... for the term of one whole year... YIELDING AND PAYING therefore one pepper corn if lawfully demanded...

Signed: James Joseph Whitechurch.

Attached to the seal fold is a seal, in red wax, c 1½ cms dia., bearing no impression.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are John B. Stanley W.D. Wasbrough and W (?) Wasbrough.

RELEASE

Indenture dated 12th February 1834 BETWEEN Waring Biddle of Longham in the parish of Hampreston in the county of Dorset Esquire of the first part, Samuel Soaper of Longham innkeeper of the second part and Henry Castleman of Wimborne Minster in the said county Gentleman of the third part... WITNESSETH that the said Waring Biddle .. for and in consideration of £38 ... paid to him by Samuel Soaper ... HATH granted &c... ALL that piece of land as the same is now marked and divided from the other lands of the said Waring Biddle, containing by estimation 4 acres, situate near the village of Longham in the parish of Hampreston aforesaid on the North side of the Turnpike Road passed in the 46th year of the reign of King George III for inclosing lands in the said parish of Hampreston by their award dated 11th September 1813 allotted unto the said Waring Biddle and his heirs ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said hereditaments ... unto the said Samuel Soaper his heirs and assigns ... to the use of the said Samuel Soaper and his assigns for his life and after the determination of that estate by any means in his lifetime to the use of the said Henry Castleman and his heirs during the life of the said Samuel Soaper in trust fpor the said Samuel Soaper forever ...

Signed: Waring Biddle

Attached to the seal fold of the document is a seal, in red wax, c 1½ cms. dia., bearing a very worn impression of a man's bust, facing the right.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Robert Davey and Edwin Day, clerk to the said Robert Davey.

FURTHER CHARGE

Indenture dated 8th February 1836 BETWEEN Samuel Soaper of Longham in the county of Dorset innkeeper of the one part and Thomas Petty Tucker of the town and county of Poole master mariner of the other part... WHEREAS by an indenture of appointment and demise dated 15th December 1834 between Samuel Soaper of the one part and the said Thomas Petty Tucker of the other part ... ALL that piece of land ... as the same was then lately marked out ... from other lands of Waring Biddle, containing by admeasurement 4 acres situate near the village of Longham aforesaid on the North side of the Turnpike Road there leading from Poole to Ringwood, which said piece of land was part of two allotments numbered respectively 794 and 795 ... which were awarded on 11th September 1813 to the said Waring Biddle and his heirs ... AND ALSO ALL that messuage or dwelling house with the barn stables and other buildings then lately erected there as the same was then occupied by the said Samuel Soaper ... were in consideration of £150 paid by the said Thomas Petty Tucker .. appointed and demised to the said Thomas Petty Tucker ... for the term of 1000 years ...subject to a proviso of redemption on payment of £150, interest having been paid...NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that in consideration of £150 ... the said Samuel Soaper ... doth covenant &c... with the said Thomas Petty Tucker ... that the said premises shall remain charged with the total of £300 ... with lawful interest ...

Signed: Samuel Soaper.

Attached to the seal fold of the document is a seal, c 2cms x 3 cms, in dark red wax, bearing an armorial impression viz., for the crest a boar or bull (?) statant, for the arms, 1st and 4th quarters per cross, with a shield of pretence (?), 2nd quarter a pile, 3rd quarter a fess with three martlets (?).

One witness is named on the dorse. He is J.M. Phippard, clerk to ----- (?).

LEASE

Indenture dated 24th December 1845 BETWEEN Thomas Mitchell Gentleman and John Mitchell Relieving Officer, both of East Orchard in the county of Dorset of the one part and Robert Green Mitchell of Stower Provost in the same county yeoman of the other part WITNESSETH .. that they the said Thomas and John ... do lease &c... unto the said Robert Green Mitchell.. Firstly ALL that copyhold estate held by them of the Lords of the Manor of Stower Provost... for the lives of Mary Hunt and James Mitchell.. called 'Sweets', consisting of one messuage or cottage with the appurtenances together with 35 acres of arable land meadow and pasture formerly enclosed and 20 acres of meadow or pasture also formerly enclosed out of the common.. secondly ALL that estate also held by the said Thomas and John Mitchell of the Lords of the said Manor for the lives of the said Mary Hunt and James Mitchell.. called 'Bleedings', consisting of one tenement, garden, orchard and backside, containing by estimation $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, one close lately enclosed out of the common with a parrock containing by estimation $5\frac{1}{2}$ acres.. and also one other close heretofore enclosed, formerly James Whites, containing by estimation 15 acres ... all which said premises are within the manor of Stower Provost and are now in the occupation of the said Robert Green Mitchell ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD from 25th December next for the full end and term of 50 years... YIELDING AND PAYING therefore £120 yearly... payable every half year on 24th June and 25th December...

Signed: Thomas Mitchell Robert Green Mitchell John Mitchell

Attached to the seal fold are three seals, in red wax, c 2 cms dia., yet somewhat irregular in shape, bearing no impression.

The witness is named on the dorse. He is Thomas Edward Wills of Shaftesbury.

ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE

Indenture dated 24th December 1845 BETWEEN Thomas Mitchell Gentleman and John Mitchell Relieving Officer of East Orchard in the county of Dorset of the one part and Robert Green Mitchell of Stower Provost in the same county yeoman of the other part ... WITNESSETH that the said Thomas and John Mitchell... HAVE leased and to farm let .. unto the said Robert Green Mitchell ... ALL THAT messuage or dwelling house, orchard and garden with the appurtenances, containing by estimation 100 yards, one close called 'Benley', containing by estimation 2½ acres and one other close called 'Woodclose', containing by estimation 1½ acres... all which said premises are held by the said Thomas Mitchell and John Mitchell for the remainder of a term of 99 years.. granted by the Right Honble. George Lord Rivers by indenture of Lease dated 1st June 1803 determined on the lives of Daniel Mitchell and the said Robert Green Mitchell and situate, lying and being in the parish of Hinton Saint Mary in the county of Dorset and are now in the occupation of William Bleathman as tenant thereof,... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... for and until the full end of the term of 50 years from thence next ensuing ... YIELDING AND PAYING therefore the clear yearly rent of £15... in equal half yearly portions ...

Signed: Thomas Mitchell John Mitchell Robert Green Mitchell

Attached to the seal fold are three seals, all in red wax, of irregular shape, bearing no visible impressions.

The witness is named on the dorse. He is Thomas Edward Wills of Shaftesbury.

CO. DORSET

1860

WAMBROOK

QUITCLAIM

Indenture dated 21st May 1860 BETWEEN William Davy Hussey of Stoke Abbott in the county of Dorset yeoman of the first part and Benjamin Beviss of Wambrook in the same county yeoman of the other part.. WHEREAS John Beviss, late of Wambrook, Gentleman deceased, in and by his last will and testament dated 6th March 1840 (after specifically appointing and devising certain hereditaments to his sons John Beviss and Abraham Beviss their heirs and assigns as tenants in common ... charged with certain legacies therein) by virtue and in pursuance of power and authority rested in him by the will of his father John Beviss, formerly of Wambrook deceased ... did limit direct and appoint give devise and bequeath unto his sons the said Benjamin Beviss and Thomas Beviss (since deceased) all and every other the tenements closes pieces of land cottages and hereditaments situated in the said parish of Wambrook, which was the estate of his said father.. TO HOLD unto and to the use of his son Benjamin Beviss and Thomas Bevis &c... the sum of £600 to his daughter Margaret Beviss with interest at the rate of 4% per annum ... AND WHEREAS the said John Beviss departed this life on 18th March 1840 without having revoked his said will ... AND WHEREAS by indenture of partition dated 4th October 1841 between Benjamin Beviss of the first part and the said Thomas Beviss (since deceased) of the second part and Arthur Tucker Gentleman of the third part .. all and singular the lands hereditaments and premises before mentioned ... were granted released and conveyed unto the said Arthur Tucker his heirs and assigns.. AND WHEREAS the said Margaret Beviss intermarried with the said William Davy Hussey on 18th August 1857 .. AND WHEREAS the said Margaret Hussey died on 28th July 1858 leaving the said William Davy Hussey her surviving, who on 9th April 1859 took outletters of administration to his said wife's estate in the district court of Blandford by virtue of the said will of John Beviss her father is now vested in the said William Davy Hussey ... NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH ... that for and in consideration of the sum of £600.. the said William Davy Hussey .. doth remise, release and quitclaim unto the said Benjamin Beviss all and singular the said tenements closes pieces of land &c... forever ...

Signed: Samuel Forward, solicitor, Chard.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are W. J. Govier, clerk to Messrs. Tucker and Forward, solicitors, Chard, Somerset.

CO. DORSET

1878

CONSTITUTION HILL, NEAR PARKSTONE

LEASE

Indenture dated 26th June 1878 BETWEEN Leadbetter Uppleby of Bournemouth in the county of Hampshire Esquire (hereinafter called the lessor) of the one part and Samuel Clarke of Bournemouth builder (hereinafter called the lessee) of the other part ... WITNESSETH that in consideration of the royalt or rent hereinafter reserved ... the lessor doth demise unto the lessee his executors administrators and assigns ALL THAT piece of land situate at Constitution Hill near Parkston in the county of Dorset near Simmonds Drove, containing on the North and South sides 210 ' and on the East and West 440' ... as the same is more particularly set out in the map or plan drawn in the margin of these presents ... and a right of way over and upon 12' of road way leading from Simmonds Drove way to the said premises ... and with liberty for the lessee ... to work and get from out of the said land so much clay and sand as he may require for the purpose of making and burning bricks but excepting and reserving out of this demise all mines and minerals ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... unto the lessee ... from 29th September 1878 for the term of 21 years ... YIELDING AND PAYING therefore for the clay and sand gotten ... 1/- for every 1000 bricks made on the said land... and covenants to burn at least 750000 bricks on the said premises every year during the said term

Signed: Leadbetter Uppleby.

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

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are William Fenwick, clerk to Messrs Lacey and Son, solicitors, Bournemouth.

LEASE

Indenture dated 12th December 18 Elizabeth (1575)
 BETWEEN Robert Kemys of Shauke within the parish of
 Cuckelyngton in the county of Somerset, Gentleman of
 the one part and Thomas Jacobbe of Stylewaye within
 the parish of Stoke Tryster in the said county, husband-
 man, Margery his wife and Agnes their daughter of the
 other part ... WITNESSETH that the said Robert for
 the sum of £13/6/8 ... hath demised, granted and to
 farm let ... unto the said Thomas et al... all that
 close of meadow, containing by estimation 3 acres ...
 called 'Blynde Lane' and being in the marsh within
 the parish of Wymaulton in the said county of Somerset,
 with the appurtenances and which was late in the tenure
 or occupation of Paule Thycke .. and which he lately
 in full court surrendered and yielded up in the hands
 .. of the said Robert Kemys... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD
 .. unto the said Thomas Jacobbe et al. for and during
 the term of his natural life and after his decease,
 the remainder ... unto the said Mary his wife... for
 the term of her natural life ... the remainder thereof
 to be to the said Agnes their daughter ... for the
 term of her natural life ... YIELDING AND paying therefor
 yearly ... unto the said Robert his heirs and assigns
 the annual rent of 6/- ... at the feast of the birth
 of our Lord God and St. Michael the Archangel and the
 annunciation of our Lady and the nativity of St. John
 the Baptist by even portions ... and it is also agreed
 that the said Thomas Jacobbe et al shall pay to the
 said Robert Kemys his heirs and assigns the sum of
 20/- ... for and in the name of heriot ... and shall
 also permit and allow the said Robert his heirs and
 assigns to have and use yearly and from time to time
 for the summer season one little water course for water
 to come through the said meadow for watering cattle
 in the grounds of the said Robert ... and the said
Thomas et al shall ... show at court ... anywhere in
 the parish of Wymaulton ... to be holden twice a year
 upon reasonable warning during the said terms of every
 of them ... and the said Robert hath ... appointed
 ... his well beloved friends Henry Glynne and William
Churcheaye ... his attorneys ... to deliver seisin
 in his name

Signed: Robert Kemys

Attached to the document by its tag is a seal, in red
 wax, c 2.3cms dia., the impression being too worn to
 decipher.

The witnesses, named on the dorse, are Roger Adyn,
John Harman and others.

Livery of seisin is endorsed as being granted on 7th
 January 1579.

The counterpart of the Lease is also present. It is identical in all respects other than that it is signed with the marks of Thomas, Margery and Agnes Jacobbe.

Attached to the document are three seal tags. The first carries a seal, or rather the major portion of a seal, identical to that of the second tag, which is complete. C. 1.5cms dia., in red wax, it bears the impression of a man's profile facing the right, possibly in classical attire? There appears to be an elongated object emanating from his mouth, too large and distorted to be a tongue.

The witnesses are the same as per the lease.

RELEASE

Indenture dated 21st May 19 Charles II (1667) BETWEEN Aaron Smyth, late of Combe St. Nicholas in the county of Somerset and now of Knowstone in the county of Devon, Gentleman of the first part and Nathaniel Pearse of Membury in the county of Devon, Gentleman of the other part WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of £20 ... the aforesaid Aaron Smyth ... HATH granted, bargained &c. ... unto the said Nathaniel Pearse his heirs and assigns ALL that moiety and 'halfendeale' of one close of land and pasture commonly called ... 'Looe Crofte', containing by estimation in the whole 8 acres of land, which said moiety was ancietyly divided from the other half part and is lying in together with a new erected cottage, messuage or dwelling house ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... unto the said Nathaniel Pearse his heirs and assigns for evermore ...

Signed: Aaron Smith

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 Hen Plukeneth, Chris. Rsattenbuley (?), Richard Ffreke, John Warry, William Deane, Anthony Freke, Henry Staple, William Doling, William Seaward and Joane Pym.

CO. SOMERSET

1750

Mitford IN THE PARISH OF CHARTERHOUSE

LEASE FOR ONE YEAR

Indenture dated 4th October 24 George II (1750) BETWEEN Robert Flower of Mitford in the parish of Charterhouse in the county of Somerset victualler of the one part and Martha Longworth of the parish of Walcott in the county of Somerset widow of the other part.. WITNESSETH that in consideration of 5/-.. the said Robert Flower HATH bargained and sold unto the said Martha Longworth.. ALL that messuage tenement or dwellinghouse called by the sign of 'The Signe of the Fox', together with the brewhouse, cellar, garden and backside to the same adjoining and belonging over against a new built house lately erected by one James Merchant called 'The New Inn'... AND ALSO all that new built messuage, tenement or dwelling house .. and stable lately erected and built by the said Robert Flower adjoining to the said messuage called 'The Fox'.. all which said premises are situate lying and being in Mitford.. and are now in the tenure or occupation of the said Robert Flower...

Signed: Robert Flower.

Attached to the seal fold is a seal, in red wax, c 3 cms. dia., bearing the impression of a woman's profile, facing the left.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are thomas Scudamore and T. Scudamore junior.

LEASE FOR ONE YEAR

Indenture dated 17th August 30 George III (1756) BETWEEN John Tudway of the parish of St. Martins in the Fields within the liberty and city of Westminster, tinman of the first part and William Ekinspeirs of Wookey in the county of Somerset of the other part WITNESSETH ... that the said John Tudway... for and in consideration of 5/- ... HATH bargained and sold ... unto the said William Ekinspeirs ALL that messuage with the curtilage and one fardell of land of Old Auster in Burcott in the manor of Wells in the county of Somerset, being two old Austers, with all commons and appurtenances thereto belonging, late in the tenure of Edward Jones of Cohlcester in the county of Essex, merchant, deceased, but now of the said John Tudway... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD for the term of one whole year...

Attached to the seal fold of the document is a seal, in red wax c. 1.75 cms. x 1.5 cms., bearing a worn impression that is indistinct.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Robert Holloway and Simon Witherek (?).

Indenture dated 28th December 3 James II (1687) BETWEEN William Norbourne the elder of Chute in the county of Wiltshire Esquire and Humphrey Norbourne of the Inner Temple, London, Gentleman of the other part and Henry Jacob of Collingbourne Kingston in the county of Wiltshire, clerk and Mary his wife, daughter of the said William Norbourne of the other part... WHEREAS by indenture dated 9th August 33 Charles II (1681) BETWEEN the said William Norbourne, the said Humphrey Norbourne and William Norbourne the younger and the said Mary, by the name of Mary Norbourne of the one part, John Smith and Francis Stonehouse Esquire of the other part... the said William Norbourne the elder et al... did grant, release... and confirm ... unto the said John Smith et al... and their heirs ... ALL that the capital messuage, farme &c... called 'Studly', set, lying and being in the parish of Calne in the county of Wiltshire and other lands, tenements and hereditaments therein particularly mentioned ... to the use of the said William Norbourne the elder for the term of four score and nineteen years ... and afterwards, after the determination thereof, to the use of Mary Norbourne her executors, administrators and assigns for the term of 500 years ... which indenture contained the proviso that it shall be lawful for the said William Norbourne the elder and Humphrey Norbourne during their joint lives (the said Humphrey paying unto the said Mary £400 within one month after her marriage) by their deed ... to revoke all and every the trusts and estates of the premises ... by the said recited indenture limited AND WHEREAS the said Mary hath sincem ... by and with the consent of the said William the elder intermarried with the said Henry Jacob.. and the said Humphrey hath ... within one month of the marriage paid the full sum of £400 to the said Henry Jacob and Mary his wife ... NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that the said William the elder and the said Humphrey ... have revoked and made void .. all the trusts and estates in and by the said recited indenture mentioned, limited and declared...

Signed: Will Norbourne
Hum Norbourne

Hen Jacob
Mary Jacob

Attached to the document were originally two parchment seal tags. The left hand one is lacking, but the right hand one exists and has two seals, one above the other.

The upper carries the arms of the Jacobs of Wiltshire, viz., 'A canton, a tiger's head erased' and the crest 'A tiger passant'. The lower seal carries the full achievement of the family of Norbourne.

The witnesses are Martha Staples and Amb. Smith.

CO. WILTSHIRE

late 17th century ?

Slip of paper, pasted on paper, probably taken from an album, c 12cms x 8.5cms..

' I doe beleive Mr. Thomas Jacob of the fforrest of Braydon in the parish of Cricklade St. Sampson to be a person capable to have a license to practise chiuergerie.

Robt. Jenner. '

LEASE FOR ONE YEAR

Indenture dated 12th April 12 George II (1739) BETWEEN John Kinnett otherwise Skinner of Purton in the county of Wiltshire yeoman and Mary his wife of the one part and Samuel Bayley of the parish of St. Peter and Paul the Apostles in Marlborough in the county of Wiltshire brewer of the other part ... WITNESSETH that the said John Kinnett and Mary his wife ... for and in consideration of 5/- ... HAVE bargained and sold ... unto the said Samuel Bayley ... ALL that cottage and dwelling house with the garden and orchard thereunto belonging situate lying and being in the parish of Purton in the county of Wiltshire... and also all that close of pasture thereunto adjoining or belonging called 'the House Close', containing by estimation 3 acres ... and also all that share or portion of pasture ground, containing by estimation 2 acres, lately all assigned unto the said John Kinnett ... in lieu of common of pasture for one beast and half a beast in the commons of Purton ... all which said premises are situated in the parish of Purton. ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... unto the said Samuel Bayley ... for the term of one whole year ... YIELDING AND PAYING therefore one pepper corn if lawfully demanded ...

Signed: John Kinnett otherwise Skinner. Mary Kinnett Samuel Bayley

Attached to the seal fold of the document are three seals. The first and second are identical, in red wax, bearing the impression of an heraldic achievement. The crest is a tree, a palm tree possibly; the arms are four beasts, possibly a hare being chased by three hounds.

The third seal is the bust of a man, facing to the right, wearing a long wig. A legend surrounds, but is indistinct. Again, in red wax.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are William Cripps, Bryan Rumbell and J. Hilliard.

ASSIGNMENT OF MORTGAGE

Indenture tripartite dated 25th April 33 George II (1760) BETWEEN Samuel Higham of Marlborough in the county of Wiltshire salesman, executor of the last will and testament of John Higham, late of Marlborough salesman deceased of the first part, William Edwards of Liddington Wick in the said county of Wiltshire yeoman of the second part and Robert Harding of Wanborough in the said county of Wiltshire yeoman of the third part ... WITNESSETH that the said Samuel Higham.. in consideration of £32/1/0 paid to him by William Edwards... and 10/- paid to him by the said Robert Higham ... HATH (at the request and direction of the said William Edwards) assigned &c... unto the said Robert Harding ALL that messuage or tenement, together with the garden and orchard thereunto belonging, common of pasture for two beasts called 'Holy Rood Leazes', to go feed and depasture in the common places of and belonging to the West side of Wanborough in the county of Wiltshire in such manner as the leaseholders and copyholders of the said messuage ... usually hold ...and enjoyed ... and also commons for fifteen sheep ... all which said premises are situate lying and being in Wanborough ... heretofore in the tenure or occupation of John Shefford, afterwards of Henry Phillips, his tenant or tenants and since of Humphrey Carter and Michael Herring and Michael Herring his son and late in the possession of Richard Haines and now of Mary Haines ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the said Robert Harding his executors administrators and assigns... subject to an indenture of mortgage dated 21st December 1750... to the said John Higham by the said Mary Haines ... for a term of 500 years ... at the yearly rent of one pepper corn ... there now being due £32/1/0 principal and interest ...

Signed: Samuel Higham Robert Harding

Attached to the seal fold are two seals, in red wax, c 1½ cms x 2 cms., bearing the impression of a crest, being an angel, plucking a heart from a tree; a legend surrounds, which is indistinct.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Ann Higham, William Parsons, Elizabeth Bungey (?) and William Gibbons.

LEASE FOR ONE YEAR

Indenture dated 2nd August 16 George III (1776) BETWEEN Thomas Warner of Marlborough in the county of Wiltshire surgeon, James Jones of Stadham in the county of Oxford Gentleman and William Maskelyne of Cricklade in the said county of Wiltshire Gentleman of the one part and Christopher Saunders of Cricklade baker of the other part... WITNESSETH that the said Thomas Warner et al... for and in consideration of 5/- .. HAVE bargained and sold ... unto the said Christopher Saunders ... ALL those two closes of meadow or pasture ground called 'The Bransiers and Kites Close', with their appurtenances, situate lying and being in the parish of Cricklade Saint Sampsons in the county of Wiltshire ... containing by estimation 9 acres and 36 perches... now in the tenure or occupation of John Harrison as tenant or farmer thereof... at the yearly rent of £14.. AND ALSO all that piece of meadow or pasture ground called 'Barretts' with its appurtenances, situate lying and being in the parish of Cricklade Saint Sampson, containing by estimation 6 acres and 12 perches ... and are now also in the tenure or occupation of John Harrison as tenant... at the yearly rent of £10... AND ALSO one alternate reeve or turn for recovering in North Mead, lying and being in the parish of Cricklade Saint Sampson, belonging to the last mentioned piece of meadow... to have and to hold... unto the said Christopher Saunders his heirs and assigns... for the term of one whole year... YIELDING AND PAYING therefore one pepper corn if lawfully demanded ...

Signed: Thomas Warner James Jones William Maskelyne

Attached to the seal fold of the document are three seals, somewhat fragmented, but the impression of a monogram is still visible.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are W. (?) Vincent and William Parson.

LEASE FOR ONE YEAR

Indenture dated 4th April 22 George III (1782) BETWEEN Francis Saunders of Purton Stoke parish in the county of Wiltshire grocer of the one part and Jonathan White of Cricklade Saint Sampsons in the county of Wiltshire yeoman of the other part ... WITNESSETH that the said Francis Saunders for and in consideration of 5/-.. HATH bargained and sold unto the said Jonathan White ... ALL that close of pasture lying and being in Chelworth in the said parish of Cricklade St. Sampson commonly called 'Plants', containing by estimation 9 acres, heretofore in the occupation of Thomas Trinder the elder, since of Joseph Trinder and now of William Waine... and also the messuage or tenement, dwelling house, barn, stables and other outhouses in and upon the same premises erected and built ... all which said premises were heretofore part of the lands and inheritance of one David Trinder afterwards of the said Joseph Trinder, and then of William Martin Trinder, Eleanor Trinder and William Green or some of them ... and were bought among other lands ... by the said Francis Saunders ... TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ... for the term of one whole year ... YIELDING AND PAYING therefore ... one whole pepper corn if lawfully demanded ...

Attached to the seal fold of the document is a seal, in red wax, c 2 cms x 1 3/4 cms., bearing the small central impression of a male bust, somewhat worn.

The witnesses are named on the dorse. They are Edward Brewer and W (or H) Vincent.