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1. Letters patent.

Licence to William Smyth, John Skenyngton and William Bolte to give and assign to the Prior and Convent of Launde three messuages, one garden, 40 acres land, 20 acres meadow, 20 acres pasture with appurtenances in East Norton and Prisyby on the Wreake, Leics., extended at 36s.8d. per annum and not held from the Crown, and to the said Prior and Convent to receive and hold them, to be held to them and their heirs for ever in value of four marks a year, in part of satisfaction of 20 marks of land, tenements, rents, reversions, and services per annum. quotes letters patent, dated 6 March, 17 Edward IV, granting to Prior and Convent of Launde that they might acquire and put in mortmain lands, tenements, rents, reversions and services to the value of 20 marks a year, excepting those held in chief from the same late King, which grant he wishes to carry into effect.  
20 Nov. 14 Hen.VIII [1522]

Seal missing.

Annotated on fold: "Wylliam Robertes of Norton and Dekun of Prysby". [16th Cent.]

2. Bargain and sale.

1. Michael Dewick of Appleby, gent.
2. Robert Cholmeley of Burton, gent.

All that wood, pasture, wood soil and ground in Corby called Nordales, as it lies there in the West Field, containing by estimation 50 acres, sometime parcel of the possessions of Michael Colston of Corby, gent., deceased, with all appurtenances.

(1) covenants that premises shall at all times be acquitted and discharged from the dower and title of dower of Suzan, now wife of the said Michael and from all other charges and incumbrances.

11 June, 30 Eliz. [1568].

Consideration: £240.

Signature of (1) and seal (fragment).

3. Letter of attorney.

Elizabeth, Countess of Rutland, appoints Geoffrey Harper, yeoman, her attorney to enter and receive seisin of all that third part, pourparty, and portion of the whole wood, soil and ground called Ropesley Ryse, which Benjamin Lambert of Airton in Craven, Yorks., gent., by his feoffment of even date has conveyed to her and Roger, Earl of Rutland, seisin to be delivered by his attorneys Thomas Greene and Richard Collishawe.

5 Dec., 35 Eliz. [1592].

Signature and seal of Elizabeth.

Stamped "Grantham Museum D.N.2593. 27".

4. Lease for a year.

1. Robert Dawson of Hough upon the Hill, yeoman, and John Bee of the same, gent.
2. Edward Payne of Hough upon the Hill, esq.

Messuage or tenement with appurtenances and homesteads belonging in Hough upon the Hill in a place called Netherthorpe and seat on pew belonging to the said messuage in the chancel of the parish church of Hough.

14 Feb., 1693 [1/4].

Signatures and seals (arm.) of (1).

5,6. Right and left hand indentures of final concord.

John Stow, plaintiff.

John Collishaw and John Walker and Anne his wife, deforciant.

One messuage, one cottage, 3 acres pasture and common of pasture for all animals with appurtenances in Hough on the Hill.

From Trinity in three weeks, 9 Geo. [1723].

7. Assignment of mortgage.

1. John Cock of Great [Munden], Herts., gent.
2. Edward Pennyfather, now or late of Welches in par. Welwyn, Herts., gent., and Eleanor his wife.
3. Edward Green of Walketmje, co. Herts., gent.

(2) by mortgage of 25 June, 1711, made between (2) and (1), in consideration of £300, leased to (1) for 1000 years five fields or closes of arable land or pasture land lying together called Hempstalls (12 acres), Jennings Broome (8 acres), Heither Wood Feild (18 acres), Middle Wood Feild (22 acres), and Hartshall (11 acres), and 11 acres of wood ground lying in several pieces near the said grounds - all were lately parcel of a farm called Welches, lying in the parishes of Welwyn and Datchworth.

Condition that if £318 paid by (2) to (1) in a year, this to be void. The money was not paid.

Now, in consideration of £318 paid to (1) by (3), (1) assigns to (3) the said premises for remainder of the term; and (2), for the further sum of £32 paid to them by (3), grant, ratify and confirm premises to (3) for remainder of the term. Proviso that (2) shall pay to (3) £371 for redemption.

25 June, 11 Anne [1712].

Signatures and seals (imperfect) of all parties.

8. Bundle of deeds re. Redbourn, Herts.

1. Copy of court roll.  
View of frankpledge and court baron of Harbottle Grimston, bt., Master of the Rolls in Chancery, manor of Redbourn. Admission of Josias Rosse and Anne his wife to the reversion and remainder after the death of John Kneavitt in one piece of land lying in Rye-Croft Common (1 acre), which Thomas Hoare had surrendered to the use of Josias Rosse for his life and after his death to the use of Anne his wife and her heirs for ever.  
25 March, 13 Chas. II. [1661].

2. Copy of court roll.  
Court baron of Harbottle Grimston, bt., Master of the Rolls in Chancery, manor of Redbourn.  
Surrender by John Strudder junior and Mary his wife of moiety of close of arable land called Bournes Close (2½ acres), to the use of Josias Rosse, his heirs and assigns for ever, and admission of Josias Rosse.  
9 July, 14 Chas. II [1662].

3. Copy of court roll.  
View of frankpledge with court baron of Samuel Grimston, bt., manor of Redbourn, Herts.  
Surrender by Jonathan Rose the elder of all the customary messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments which he held by copy of court roll to such uses as he by his last will and testament should appoint.  
25 Oct., 10 William III [1698].

4. Copy of court roll.  
Court baron of Samuel Grimston, esq., manor of Redbourn, Herts.  
Admission of Jonathan Rose and Charity his wife to arable land called Horse Close als. Hoares Close (3 acres), and arable land called Lower Beech Feild (2½ acres), arable land called Upper Beech feild (2½ acres), arable land called Little Beech Feild (1 acre), piece of land lying in Rye Croft common with a headland (1 acre).  
Surrender by Jonathan and Charity of these lands and of all other their land in Redbourn, to the use of Charles Barrat of Redbourn, innholder, his heirs and assigns, and admission of Charles.

Recovery - Edward Neale v. Jonathan Rose.  
Tenant to the precipe, Charles Barrett.

Admission of Edward Neale to premises, by virtue of the recovery.  
Surrender by Edward Neale, Charles Barrett, Jonathan Rose and William Lines of said premises so recovered, to the use of Jonathan Rose and Charity his wife.  
Admission of Jonathan and Charity.

- 8(cont). 4 Surrender by Jonathan and Charity of all  
(cont)said premises to the use of Godman Jenkyn  
of Harpenden, Herts., esq., his heirs and  
assigns for ever, on condition that if  
they should pay him £25 on 23 Sept., 1733,  
then this surrender to be void.  
22 Sept., 1732.
5. Attested copy of surrender, being a mortgage.  
Manor of Redbourn.  
Surrender by Charity Rose, widow, one of  
the customary tenants of the manor, of close  
of arable land called Horse Close otherwise  
Hoares Close (3 acres), in par. Redbourn,  
and close of arable land called Upper Beech  
Feild (2½ acres), close of arable land  
called Little Beech Field (1 acre), and piece  
of arable land lying in Rye Croft Common  
with a headland adjoining (1 acre), and  
messuage or tenement lately erected upon  
some part of the premises, with the appur-  
tenances, and all other copyhold lands and  
tenements of Charity Rose, to the use of  
Godman Jenkyn of Harpenden, esq., his heirs  
and assigns for ever, but provided that if  
she should pay him £70 on 4 Feb., 1738,  
then the surrender to be void.  
3 Feb. 1737[1/8].
6. Copy of court roll.  
Manor of Redbourn.  
Admission of Thomas Howard to a copyhold  
close of land lying near Ley Common called  
Whoares Close (1½ acres), as brother and  
heir at law of Eignon Howard.  
22 May, 1749.  
Surrender by Thomas Howard of said close to  
the use of Josiah Rose of Redbourn, yeoman,  
his heirs and assigns for ever.  
Admission of Josiah Rose.  
13 June, 1750.
7. Copy of court roll.  
Court baron of James, Viscount Grimston,  
manor of Redbourn.  
Admission of Josiah Rose to close of arable  
land called Horse or Hoares Close (3 acres),  
close of land called Lower Beech field  
(2½ acres), close of arable land called  
Upper Beech Feild (2½ acres), close of land  
called Little Beech field (1 acre), a piece  
of land in Rye Croft common (½ acre), which  
Charity Rose, widow, by her will and  
testament of 18 Oct., 1757, devised to him.  
20 April, 7 Geo. III [1767].  
Stamped: "Grantham Museum,  
D.N.2953. 18".
8. Copy of court roll.  
Court baron of James, Viscount Grimston,  
manor of Redbourn.  
Admission of Jonathan Rose to premises as  
in 7, which Josiah Rose, his brother,  
devised to him by his will.  
3 Sept., 1787.

- 8(cont). 9. Copy of admission.  
Court baron as above. Admission of Jonathan Rose, brother and heir at law of Josiah Rose, deceased, to copyhold close of land called Whores Close (1½ acres).  
23 April, 1790.
10. Counterpart of lease for three years.  
1. Jonathan Rose, senior, of par. Redbourn, Herts., yeoman.  
2. David Salter of Redbourn, Herts., tanner.  
All those his closes of land, i.e., three closes of arable land called Beech Fields, and one close called Hores Close, and a piece of land lying in Rye Croft Common with a slipe and the lane and four lands that is a headland joining to a piece of ground of Robert Marks, and a close of land called Downe Field (12 acres).  
Rent: £12 10s. per annum.  
22 Jan., 1710/11.

9. Deed of authorization of an enclosure by freeholders.

The freeholders and landowners of the separate freeholds and lands lying on Fulbeck Heath or High Feild, having a stinted common for sheep there appurtenant to the said lands, give power and authority to William Breyerhurst of Fulbeck, yeoman, to enclose his plot of arable land (2 acres), lying on Fulbeck Heath, in consideration of his relinquishing his right to any stinted sheep commons which he might claim on any of their freeholds.

Signatures of freeholders: "Fran: Fane, Wm. Beresford, Richard Shaw, Richard Barker, Joshua Issaack, Mary Catlin, John Crossley, Robert Isaac, Robert Dawson, John Metheringham, Robert Langworth, Christopher Tray, Ralph Clarke, Thomas Jenkinson, John Catlin".  
5 Feb., 1721[1/2].

10. Documents from the records of Grantham Corporation.

1. Counterpart of deed of gift (give, grant, and confirm).  
(1) Umfrey Ducker, Alderman of the borough and soke of Grantham, George Atkynson, Roger Johnson, Robert Wright, Robert Gibbon, John Taylyoure, Simon Hansan, Gabriell Beste, John Brotherton, Edward Morton, John Peyke, Thomas Sympson and Thomas Tylson, free burgesses of Grantham.  
(2) Arthur Hall of Grantham, esq.

Six selions of land with appurtenances lying in the fields and territories of Hareby, whereof one lies on a furlong in field short howsholdes, another lies on

- 10(cont). 1. longhowsholdes, and two lie on Herreby Bekes, another selion lies on the north part of le Miln Balke, and the other lies in a close of the said Arthur Hall now in the tenure of John Peyke, and late in the tenure or occupation of Richard Blacke. To be held by (2) in exchange for 9 selions of land in the fields of Gonerby and Manthorpe, of which three selions lye on a furlong called Lang Byardes, and one headland lies at Dedemans Busshe, and five selions lie on Short Byardes, which 9 selions they had by the gift and feoffment of the said Arthur Hall.

26 March, 7 Eliz. [1565].

Signature of (2). Seal on tag, fragment only.

2. Feoffment.  
(1) Stephen Primit, gent., Alderman of the vill and soke of Grantham, and the burgesses of the same town.  
(2) Thomas Hickson of Grantham, carpenter.

One tenement in Grantham in a lane called Walkergate. Consideration: £15.

18 Oct., 14 Jas. [1616].

Signature and seal cut off.

Endorsement: memo. of livery of seisin.

3. 1-3. Documents from Quarter Sessions Files of the borough of Grantham. ✓

1. Examinations and recognizances from a file of the Court of Quarter Sessions.

Examination of Robert Gill before Mr. Dixon and Mr. Thomas Archar, justices. Concerning a theft of malt from the mill, and concerning toll wheat.  
n.d. [c. 1608].

Examination of Robert Gyll of Grantham, miller, taken 2 May, 1608, before William Coddington, gent., Alderman of Grantham, Robert Parkins and Thomas Archer, gent., Justices of the Peace within the town and soke of Grantham. Concerning malt and corn delivered.

Examination of Dorothe Mylls, wife of William Mylls of Grantham, glover, taken 2 May, 1608, before William Coddington, gent., Alderman, Robert Parkins, Thomas Archer and Edw: Marrowe, gent., Justices of the Peace in the said town and soke. She received malt, but no corn from Gyll.

Examination of the wife of Thomas Mylls, and of the wife of Henry Spedye concerning same affair.

10. 3. 1. Examination of William Hipworthe, late of  
(cont). Grantham, miller, taken 2 May, 1608,  
before William Coddington, gent., Alderman,  
Robert Parkins, Thomas Archer and Edward  
Marrowe, gents., Justices of the Peace.  
Concerning sales of malt by Robert Gyll.

Memo. that 12 May, 6 Jas., [1608], Thomas Mylls of Grantham, shoemaker, and John Ulllyott of same, shoemaker, came before three of the Justices of the town and soke and were mainpledges for William Hipworthe of Grantham, miller, that he should personally appear before them at Grantham to answer concerning certain felonies, viz., they were pledged in £40 each, and Hipworthe in £80.  
Signatures of Justices and marks of Mylls, Ulllyott and Hipworthe.

Memo. that 7 May, 6 Jas., [1608], Henry Northe of Syston, tailor, Thomas Mylls of Grantham, shoemaker, and John Oxman of Grantham, blacksmith, came before three justices of the town and soke and were mainpledges for Robert Gyll of Grantham, miller, for his personal appearance at the next general sessions of the peace at Grantham etc., viz., they were pledged in £40 each, and Gyll in £80.  
Signatures of justices and marks of Northe, Mylls and Gyll.

2. Indictment. Joseph Marshall, late of South Stoke, labourer, on 6 Oct., 1618, by force of arms at South Stoke feloniously took and carried away four white ewes of the goods and chattels of John Wyllson. Endorsed: "billa vera".  
n.d. [1618 or after].

3. Presentments made at the Session of [the Peace and] general gaol delivery held at Grantham, 16 Dec., 5 Jas., [1607]. Presentments for affray, for buying corn and selling contrary to the statute, for gelding of kidneys of muttuns and killing calves and weanlings contrary to the statute, for breaking the assize of ale and using unlawful games.

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11. Lease for twenty-one years.

1. William Coddington, Alderman of the borough of Grantham, and the burgesses of the same.
2. Thomas Styll of the same town, tanner.

Part or parcel of ground with a parlour and an entry between the said parlour and the hall house of the said Thomas Stylls built upon parcel of the said ground, with a little house set on the south wall of the said ground in Grantham, in a street called Castlegait (details of limits and measurements of property).

Rent: 13s.4d.

Mark of W. Coddington.

Seal missing.

8 July, 29 Eliz. (1587).

12. Letter from the heralds (Clarenceux, Somerset, York, Windsor, Chester and Richmond), to the Earl of Shrewsbury, Lord High Marshall of England. They commend unto him the bearer hereof, Rouge Dragon, as honest and fully sufficient for the place of Lancaster herald, which is at the disposal of the Lord High Marshall.  
2 April,  
Labelled in a modern hand, "1585".

13. Letter from George Blincoe to Viscount Lisle at the court; from Chichester. Seeks the speedy payment by his lordship of the £100 due on his bond which the writer's failure to pay last term has wrought him much danger.  
15 June, 1606.

14. Warrant from the Earl of Bath to Sir Thomas Vernon to pay to the Earl's servant, Edward Bull, £750 upon a debenture for the same sum.  
19 Nov., 1677.