

COOKE AND LEIGH DOCUMENTS

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Introduction

Some three years before he died my father asked Mallam's to auction some documents, which, as he told me, were 'nothing to do with the family'. At the time, and to my subsequent regret, I took little notice of this. After his death, in June 1999, I removed from his house in Beckley a mass of documents relating to the Cooke and Leigh families and consisting of wills, letters, ordination certificates, indentures, genealogies and other matter, but did nothing with them until the spring of 2001, when I began researching family history. As part of that research I e-mailed Dr. Jones asking for permission to view Balliol's collection of Theophilus Leigh's letters. He replied within the hour to say that he had recently acquired a collection of documents which he had noticed at a Mallam's auction. It quickly became clear that these were the documents my father had sold and that they were very relevant both to my family's history and to the history of Beckley.

In August of that year Dr. Jones very generously lent me the use of his room for a couple of weeks to go through these documents. Having had no experience of this sort of work I did not always find them easy to read nor their legal language easy to understand: it is a pity that I did not have at the beginning of the exercise even the modest facility I had acquired by the end. However, I muddled through and I think I extracted the essence from most of them.

The documents fall into two main groups. The smaller consists of leases on property around Exeter, with frequent references to the Ham family and the Lords Petre of Writtle. A member of the Ham family, Sarah Wyatt, a widow, married my ancestor, Rev George Cooke of Sidmouth, in 1749, a year after the death of his first wife, bringing with her some of the property mentioned in these documents. When George Cooke died, in 1795, the property passed to his only surviving child, Samuel Cooke, vicar of Great Bookham. These documents presumably accompanied the property.

The second group of documents relates mostly to property in the village of Beckley and its many owners. In the seventeenth century the owner was one John Izard, aka Shillingford. He seems to have got into financial difficulties and a complicated series of mortgages, leases, assignments and a few court judgements, see it pass eventually to the Duke of Bedford. Finally, in 1710, the property was purchased by Edward Bee, a painter-stainer of London, originally from Wendlebury. Edward Bee had only one child, Anne, and she married Theophilus Leigh, the Master of Balliol, in 1728. Edward Bee and Theophilus Leigh also seem to have had financial problems and in the middle decades of the century there is another complicated series of mortgages and assignments involving several members of the extensive Leigh family. In 1762 the property passed, under trust, to Theophilus Leigh's elder daughter Mary and her husband and cousin Thomas Leigh, the rector of Adlestrop. Thomas outlived his wife and, having no children, he bequeathed the Beckley property to Theophilus Leigh's younger daughter, Cassandra, who was married to Samuel Cooke of Great Bookham. Thus, in 1813 or shortly after, the two groups of documents were united. Thereafter, the Beckley documents continued to be augmented by further leasing agreements, by purchases, and by allocations of the enclosure commissioners.

There are traces of a third group of documents, which I have not separated from the Beckley ones, relating to property near Adlestrop, Gloucestershire (Broadwell, Longborough etc.). There are one or two of these at Balliol (1717) and a couple more in my possession (1604, 169x). I also have a description of eight such documents made by an archivist in 1970, most of which now seem to be missing (possibly they were among the few sold before Dr. Jones acquired the collection). These presumably date back to Theophilus Leigh of Adlestrop (father of the Master of Balliol) and his father and grandfather.

Cassandra Cooke moved to The Grove (now Grove House) in Beckley following the death of her husband in 1820. Three generations of Cookes lived there until my great uncle, George Hay Cooke, sold it, along with other Beckley property, in 1925. When he died, in 1926, the Beckley property passed to his younger brother's widow, my grandmother. On her death in 1973 what little remained of it passed to my father. The documents he had already acquired a few years earlier.

In describing and indexing the documents I have identified them by their dates, adding a letter where there is more than one with the same date (thus yyyy-mmm-dd-x). The dates are as they appear: I have not attempted to convert old style to new, though I have converted regnal years to AD where only the former are given. In quoting or paraphrasing the documents I have tended to use their spelling and capitalization and have added punctuation only sparingly; in the indexes I have generally modernized the spelling.

The first section just lists the documents in the order I found them. I was careful to retain this order although the collection would profit by being re-arranged. This is followed by descriptions of the Beckley and Devon documents. These descriptions are based entirely on the notes I took in August 2001: I have not had opportunity to check them against the original documents. There are, I fear, several instances where my notes are unclear or incomplete and I draw attention to some of these. After the descriptions are indexes of the personal and place names; again these are based solely on my notes and so are unlikely to be comprehensive as far as the documents themselves are concerned.

For completeness I include a section on the documents still in my possession since these complement the Balliol ones. A few of these, which are particularly relevant to those at Balliol, I have included in the descriptions. The two collections should be re-united and I plan, eventually, to give mine to Balliol College.

Although my main interest was initially genealogical, I have become increasingly fascinated by what the documents reveal about Beckley and its inhabitants. Following the indexes, therefore, I list the various properties mentioned in the documents and try to relate them to the modern village.

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Documents Ordered as Found

MISC235A/1

1. 1858-Sep-11: lease of Grove Farm by Mrs Anne Cooke to William Parrott
2. 1918-May-xx: executors's accounts concerning will of Rev George Theophilus Cooke
3. 1907-Oct-xx: executors' account for estate of Caroline Cassandra Cooke
4. 1830-Jul-07: conveyance of land by enclosure commissioner to Theophilus Leigh Cooke
5. 1768-Jun-11: marriage settlement for Rev Samuel Cooke and Cassandra Leigh
6. 1768-Jun-11-a: copy of previous
7. 1815-Oct-23: marriage settlement for Rev George Leigh Cooke & Ann Hay
8. 1779-Sep-23: will of Cassandra Wight
9. 1747-Nov-02: mortgage of Rectory of Broadwell to Drs Walker and Musgrave with note
10. 1762-Oct-07: indemnity by Dr Theophilus Leigh to Sir Edward Turner re Beckley estate
11. 1815-Oct-23-a: copy of (7) with later notes

MISC235A/2

1. 1765-May-01: lease of property at Beckley by Rev Thomas Leigh to Christopher Lipscombe
2. 1761-Jun-24: lease of property at Beckley by Edward Bee to Robert Carr
3. 1803-May-04: lease of property at Beckley by Rev Thomas Leigh to Thomas Busby
4. 1769-Feb-11: lease of property at Beckley by Rev Thomas Leigh to John Payne
5. 1692-Jun-06: lease of property at Beckley by John Izard to Thomas Izard
6. 1743-May-24: assignment of property at Beckley by William Price to Elizabeth Price
7. 1723-Nov-14: lease of land in Beckley by Edward Bee to Edward White
8. 1717-May-17: lease of property in Beckley by Edward Bee to William Miles
9. 1756-Jan-31: lease of property in Beckley by Edward Bee to Richard Busby
10. 1764-Oct-08: lease on property in Beckley by Thomas Leigh to Thomas Busby & W Lamball
11. 1761-Dec-16: lease of property in Beckley by Edward Bee to William Ledwell
12. 1763-Apr-16: lease of property in Beckley by Rev Thomas Leigh to John Carr
13. 1766-Sep-16: lease of property in Beckley by Rev Thomas Leigh to William Ledwell
14. 1756-Jan-31: lease on property in Beckley by Edward Bee to Richard Busby
15. 1722-Sep-01: lease of property in Beckley by Edward Bee to Thomas Bullford
16. 1778-Aug-13: lease of land on Turnpike Rd, Beckley, by Thomas Leigh to James Lamball
17. 1775-Jul-20: lease of land in Beckley by Rev Thomas Leigh to John Carter
18. 1800-Dec-26: lease of land in Beckley by Rev Thomas Leigh to Thomas Jessop
19. 1759-Jun-14: assignment of Manor of Beckley to Mary Waldo and other matters
20. 1736-May-20: assignment of lease on garden in Beckley by Thomas Bullford to Matthew Wiatt
21. 1732-Jul-22: lease on land in Beckley by Edward Bee to Robert Carr
22. 1670-Jun-01: assignment of moiety of Beckley by John Izard to Francis Hall
23. 1761-Apr-04: lease of messuage in Beckley by Edward Bee to John Gomm
24. 1761-Apr-04-a: copy of previous with note attached re new lease to John Gomm
25. 1762-Oct-16: lease of messuage in Beckley by Edward Bee to John Gomm with note
26. 1725-Dec-02: lease of property in Beckley by Edward Bee to Thomas Busby
27. 1766-Sep-16: lease of land in Beckley by Thomas Leigh to William Ledwell (2nd indenture on back)
28. 1761-Jun-24: lease on messuage in Beckley by Edward Bee to Robert Carr + note
29. 1683-Aug-15: assignment of moiety of Manor of Beckley to Elizabeth Howland
30. 1695-May-21: assignment of moiety of Manor of Beckley to trustees of Elizabeth Howland junior
31. 1769-Feb-11: lease of messuage in Beckley by Rev Thomas Leigh to John Payne senior
32. 1814-Apr-30: assignment of leasehold property in Beckley by Jonathan Cooper

33. 1724-Feb-20: lease of land in Beckley by Edward Bee to Robert Carr
34. 1813-Jun-27: mortgage of property in Beckley by Jonathan Cooper to Stephen Davis
35. 1757-Apr-11: assignment of judgment against Theophilus Leigh to W. Walker & J. Musgrave
36. 1785-Feb-14: lease of property at Beckley by Elizabeth Price to Robert Ashfield
37. 1724-Sep-02: lease of land at Beckley by Edward Bee to John Gomm
38. 1723-Oct-24: lease of messuage and garden at Beckley by Edward Bee to Thomas White
39. 1676-xxx-xx: lease of moiety of Manor of Beckley
40. 1683-Aug-15-a: judgements against John Izard assigned to trustee of John Foster
41. 1684-Aug-09: lease of cottage at Beckley by John Izard to Thomas Izard
42. 1720-Nov-10: lease of messuage at Beckley by Edward Bee to Richard Huggins
43. 1720-Nov-10-a: counterpart of previous
44. 1740-Sep-13: lease of messuage in Beckley by Edward Bee to Joseph Hieat
45. 1741-Feb-24: indenture concerning property at Beckley once leased to Joseph Hieat
46. 1775-Mar-23: re-assignment of lease on Beckley messuage from George Sanders to John Carter
47. 1690-Jan-10: assignment of Beckley estate to Richard March
48. 1809-xxx-xx: lease of property in Beckley by Rev Thomas Leigh to Rev Samuel Cooke
49. 1778-Aug-13: lease of land in Beckley by Rev Thomas Leigh to James Lamball
50. 1683-Aug-15-b: assignment of moiety of Manor of Beckley from Gregory Geering to John Foster
51. 1666-May-18: assignment of manor of Charlton-upon-Otmoor from John Izard to Francis Hall
52. 1710-Apr-26: assignment of moiety of Manor of Beckley by Duke of Bedford to Edward Bee
53. 1710-Apr-26-a: assignment of moiety of Manor of Beckley by Duke of Bedford to Edward Bee
54. 1817-Nov-03: assignment of Manor of Beckley to William Oddie in trust for Cassandra Cooke
55. 1729-Sep-01: assignment of judgement against John Izard by Edward Bee to Francis Seeley
56. 1708-Jan-08: sale by John Ange of interest in Beckley estate
57. 1670-Jun-01-a: assignment of moiety of Manor of Beckley by John Izard to Francis Hall
58. 1746-Feb-14: mortgage of Beckley estate by Edward Bee to Lewis Pryse
59. 1746-Feb-13: part of indenture between Edward Bee and Lewis Pryse concerning Beckley
60. 1683-Aug-15-c: assignment of moiety of the Manor of Beckley by Francis Hall to John Foster
61. 1683-Aug-15-d: indenture between John Foster, Richard March and Francis Hall re Beckley
62. 1816-Jun-25: assignment of Manor of Beckley by Cassandra Cooke to William Oddie in trust
63. 1674-Jul-25: decree concerning Lord Hatton and John Izard
64. 1710-xxx-xx: one skin of multi-skin document mentioning Duke of Bedford and Edward Bee
65. 1690-Jun-19: a page of Latin
66. 1702-Sep-07: assignment of Manor of Beckley to Philip Pledger in trust for John Ange
67. 1763-Apr-16: lease of ground in Beckley by Rev Thomas Leigh to John Carr
68. 1838-Sep-29: assignment of land in Beckley by Elizabeth Collett et al to T. L. Cooke

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The following are all Devon documents.

1. 1732-Oct-16 : indenture between Sir Robert Abdy and Thomas Clifton re property in Shute
2. 1727-Mar-24 : indenture between Hannah Smith, Richard Gillett and others
3. 1710-Mar-20: lease of property in Branscombe by Robert Lord Petre to Joseph Ham
4. 1622-xxx-xx: indenture between Joseph Ham of Branscombe and others
5. 1722-Mar-15: indenture between William Hoar and Joseph Ham re sale of property in Shute
6. 1679-Oct-04: lease of property by William Lord Petre to Joseph Ham of Branscombe
7. 1717-Mar-10: indenture between Nicholas & George Broughton of Shute and William Hallet
8. 1718-Dec-08: indenture between John Gillett and John Haynes re property in Shute
9. 1738-Mar-24 : indenture between Ham family members and others re property in Shute

10. 1722-Mar-15 : indenture between William Hoar and Joseph Ham re property in Shute
11. 1664-Oct-15 : lease of property in Shute by William Lord Petre to John Ham
12. 1753-Jan-19 : lease of Manor of Shute by Robert Edward Lord Petre to George Cooke
13. 1714-Jan-29: indenture between William Hoar, William Downing and Francis Smith re lease
14. 1718-May-14: lease of land in Shute by William Hallett to John Gillett
15. 1738-Mar-24: release of cottage in Shute by Joseph Ham to Sarah Wyatt
16. 1738-Mar-23: lease of cottage in Shute by Joseph Ham to Sarah Wyatt
17. 1710-Mar-20: copy of (3)
18. 1723-Jun-20: indenture between John Gillett and John Bond re lease on property in Shute

MISC235A/4

1. 1668-Jun-08: mortgage of Manor of Charlton-upon-Otmoor by John Izard to Mary Hatton
2. 1675-Sep-23: indenture between Christopher Hatton et al re property in Beckley & elsewhere
3. 1680-Jan-18: assignment of Manors of Charlton and Beckley by Christopher Hatton et al

MISC235A/5

1. 1685-Sep-15: Latin document "found amongst Dr Leigh's papers"
2. 1785-Feb-02: will of Rev William Price
3. 1794-May-05: mortgage of Rectory of Little Ilford by Rev Hugh Price to Charles Harris
4. 1717-Jan-17: assignment of property at Broadwell
5. 1758-Aug-17: partnership agreement between John Corn and Michael Cooke

MISC235B

1. undated-01: pedigree of Cookes of Goring & Hearne
2. 1816-Jun-24: assignment of Manor of Beckley by Cassandra Austen to Henry Jenkins on trust
3. 1772-Mar-02: marriage settlement for Samuel Cooke and Cassandra Leigh
4. 1762-Sep-22: deed poll assigning £800 from Theophilus Leigh to each of his daughters
5. 1762-Oct-07: settlement of money on Cassandra Leigh by Theophilus Leigh et al
6. 1804-Sep-29: lease of farmland in Devon (Wyatts) by Samuel Cooke to Thomas Weekes
7. 1834-Jan-31: release of Theophilus Leigh Cooke from trusteeship of Janetta Cooke's trust
8. 1801-Mar-28: assignment of messuage at Beckley from William Tipping et al to John Louch
9. 1802-May-12: assignment of property at Beckley from Robert Ashfield to John Mackaness
10. 1859-May-25: conveyance of land on Otmoor from Ann Cooke to George Theophilus Cooke
11. 1775-Jul-20: lease of premises at Beckley by Rev Thomas Leigh to John Carter
12. 1809-Apr-06: lease of ground at Beckley by Rev Thomas Leigh to Rev Samuel Cooke
13. 1686-Aug-10: mortgage by Francis Hall to John Foster
14. 1749-Mar-01: year lease on Manor of Beckley by Lewis Pryse and Edward Bee to Mary Waldo
15. 1817-Nov-03-a: assignment of property to William Oddie in trust (copy of MISC235A/2-54)
16. 1751-Dec-04: lease of two tenements in Devon by Sir Edward Smyth et al to George Cooke
17. 1732-Feb-01: assignment of lease on messuage in Beckley from T. Symonds to W. Middleton
18. 1857-Feb-19: appointment of Enclosure Commissioners
19. 1821-Mar-02: grant of right of way across Otmoor by Earl of Abingdon to Cassandra Cooke
20. 1832-Mar-25: assignment of cottages at Beckley by William Louch to Theophilus Leigh Cooke
21. 1822-Jul-22: feoffment of piece of land in Beckley from Richard Carr to T. L. Cooke
22. 1819-Jun-07: mortgage of messuage in Beckley by Samuel Cooke to Richard Smith
23. 1805-Jul-31: further loan by Stephen Davis to Jonathan Cooper on security of land at Beckley
24. 1810-Mar-23: assignment of messuage in Beckley by John Payne to Joseph Paine

25. 1831-Nov-06: release by Francis Edward Seymour et al of T. L. Cooke from a trusteeship
26. 1806-Sep-02: year lease on messuage in Beckley by John Mackaness to Samuel Cooke
27. 1760-Sep-15: lease of ground at Beckley by Edward Bee to William Ledwell
28. 1753-Jan-19: lease of tenement in Shute by Sir Edward Smyth to George Cooke
29. 1809-Jul-01: assignment of field in Great Barford by Samuel Cooke to George Leigh Cooke
30. 1805-Mar-02: assignment of messuage in Beckley by James Lay to John Louch
31. 1844-Aug-01: transfer of mortgage from Theophilus Leigh Cooke to Caroline Cassandra Cooke
32. 1841-Mar-19: mortgage of Great Rissington rectory by G. L. Cooke to Queen Ann's Bounty
33. 1749-Dec-23: lease of messuage in Beckley by Edward Bee to Robert Carr
34. 1731-Nov-13: lease of messuage in Beckley by Edward Bee to John Gomm
35. 1836-Jan-30: release re share in trust fund by Eleanor Goodwin to Theophilus Leigh Cooke
36. 1816-Jun-25-a: assignment of Manor of Beckley to William Oddie (copy of MISC235A/2-62)
37. 1738-Oct-13: lease of property in Beckley by Edward Bee to John Gomm
38. 1738-Oct-13-a: counterpart of previous
39. 1848-Aug-15: grant of piece of land in Stowood by commissioners of forests to G. L. Cooke
40. 1807-Oct-06: deed of covenant between Catherine Bailey and Hugh Bailey of Great Bookham
41. 1782-May-24: assignment of lease on messuage in Beckley by John Carter to Thomas Betts
42. 1800-Feb-05: assignment of lease on messuage in Beckley by Daniel Shilfox to James Lay
43. 1749-Dec-21: assignment of lease on messuage in Beckley by Thomas Huggins to Robert Carr
44. 1865-Feb-08: conveyance of land on Otmoor from Martha & Amy Butler to Anne Cooke
45. 1803-May-04-a: lease of cottage in Beckley to Thomas Busby (copy of MISC235A/2-3)
46. 1761-Dec-16-a: lease of ground in Beckley to William Ledwell (copy of MISC235A/2-11)
47. 1804-Aug-11: mortgage of property at Beckley by Charles Moore et al to Stephen Davis
48. 1758-Jan-21: lease of messuage in Beckley by Edward Bee to Thomas Busby et al
49. 1805-Apr-02: lease of messuage in Beckley by Thomas Leigh to John Payne Jun
50. 1854-Apr-27: mortgage of a farm in Winnick by Rev Samuel Hay Cooke to James Champion
51. 1812-Jun-27: further loan by Stephen Davis to J. Cooper on security of property in Beckley
52. 1846-Jul-30: lease of tenement (Wyatts) in Salcombe by George Leigh Cooke to George White
53. 1806-Sep-03: assignment of properties in Beckley by John Mackaness et al to Samuel Cooke
54. 1749-Mar-02: assignment of Beckley estate by Lewis Pryse & Edward Bee to Mary Waldo
55. 1780-Jan-26: lease of tenement in Beckley by Thomas Leigh to Sarah Lipscomb
56. 1723-Sep-28: indenture between John Haynes et al of Devon re payment of debt
57. 1761-May-09: termination of partnership between Michael Cooke and John Corne

Documents Relating to Beckley, Leighs and Cookes

Headings in italics indicate that the original document is missing but is recited in one or more later documents. Since I have not converted old style dates to new, some of the dates pre-1753 might seem to be out of sequence. I have included here descriptions of a few documents in my possession (RAC).

1591-Aug-27

Indenture made in the 34th year of Queen Elizabeth between (i) John Croke, homager of Studley, Esquier, (ii) Edmond Shellingford, also Izard, gent, son and heir of Alice Shellingford, widow, and William Shellingford, also Izard and (iii) Thomas Hore, gent, and Rowland Milton, yeoman.

A marriage is intended between ES and Gresswell Mewdigatt, the near kinswoman of John Croke. Edmond and Alice are to receive £300 as GM's marriage portion, of which eight score pounds have already been paid and the remaining seven score will be paid immediately before the marriage. Within forty days of the marriage ES undertakes to assign to Thomas Hore and Rowland Milton the Rectory and Parsonage of Beckley and all his lands in Beckley, which came to him by inheritance from his father (with the exception of one close or pasture called Raffes Close, seven and a half acres of meadow or pasture in Stanton St John, one yard of land called Macknoys, and three acres of land in Beckley, all these having been assigned by WS to his younger son, Jozias Shellingford). These premises are to be held for the use of ES during his life, then to GM for her life, and finally to ES's heirs.

Signed and sealed by Jo: Croke minor, and Edmund Shillingford. Names of five witnesses are difficult to read.
(RAC)

1666-May-18

On back: "Izards security to Hall at Hall's surrender".

Indenture between John Shillingford, alias Izard, of Beckley and Francis Hall of Noke, Oxon. For £1400 John Shillingford grants the manor of Charlton-upon-Otmoor, Moyety of Manor & Rectory of Beckley.
(MISC235A/2)

1666-Hilary

In Hillery term [January-Easter] of 18 & 19 Charles II Francis Hall obtained a judgement at the King's Bench against John Shillingford (also Izard) for £400 debt & 60 shillings damages which FH sustained by reason of the detaining of said debt.
(mentioned in 1690-Jan-10)

1667-Trinity

In Trinity Term [after Easter] Francis Hall obtained a judgement at the King's Bench for £400 against John Shillingford (also Izard).
(mentioned in 1683-Aug-15-a/d)

1668-Jun-08

On back: "Izard Mortgage to Hatton", "8 Jun 1668", "Manor of Charlton upon Otmoor Moiety of the Manor & of the Rectory of Beckley" (later hand).

Indenture between: (i) John Shillingford, also Izard, of Beckley, and (ii) Dame Mary Hatton, widow and relict of Sr Thomas Hatton of Long Stanton Cambridge, John Fontayne Esq, Sergeant att Law, Henry Wynne of the Inner Temple, Esq, & Sir John Coell of Lincoln's Inn, executor of Sir Thomas Hatton.

For £1500 John Shillingford assigns the Manor of Charlton-upon-Otmoor, Stowood Forest, Noke & Odington and the moiety manor of Beckley.
(MISC235A/4)

1670-Trinity

In Trinity Term Francis Hall obtained a further judgement at the King's Bench for £3000 against John Shillingford (also Izard).
(mentioned in 1683-Aug-15-a/d)

1670-Jun-01

Indenture between John Izard of Beckley, Esq., and Francis Hall of Hadnock, Monmouth, Esq. Witnesses that, for £1200, JI 'doth Grant Bargain Sell Betake unto ferme' the Moyety or Halfe of the Manor & Rectory or Parsonage of Beckley, now in the possession of Dorothy Izard, mother of JI, for 200 years from the death of Dorothy Izard, at a yearly rent of twelve pence. Detailed list of what is transferred includes 'Mansion or dwelling house' of the Rectory.

(MISC235A/2; photocopy with RAC)

1670-Jun-01-a

Copy of previous.

(MISC235A/2)

1673-Jul-25

On back: "No 10 – July 25 Ch^s 2^d [1673] The Decree L^d Hatton – Izard". Concerns John Shillingford also Izard. Not an indenture but very difficult to read.

(MISC235A/2)

1675-Sep-23

Indenture between: (i) Sir John Coell of Lincoln's Inn; (ii) Christopher Hatton of the Middle Temple, John Davis, Mary his wife, Richard Orlobar, and Jane his wife. Concerns leasing of property in Suffolk, Carnarvon and Northampton. Mentions land in Charlton-upon-Otmoor in the Moyety of the Manor and of the Rectory of Beckley leased to John Shillingford or Izard of Beckley who has paid to the parties ? pounds.

(MISC235A/4)

(In poor condition and difficult to read, especially part concerning Beckley.)

1676-Jan-25

Indenture between Sir Francis Hall and William Humble. For £450 FH assigns premises to WH for the residue of 200 years 'under proviso for making void the same on payment of money therein expressed'.

(recited in 1682-Jun-22, which was recited in 1710-Apr-26-a)

1676-xxx-xx

Indenture of lease mentioning Moiety or half part of Manor of Beckley.

(MISC235A/2)

(Document very faded and difficult to read – perhaps same as document 1676-Jan-25 mentioned in 1710-Apr-26-a.)

1677-Feb-08 &

1677-Feb-09

Indentures of lease and release. Francis Hall leases Rectory or parsonage of Dixon in Monmouthshire to William Humble for £600 under proviso.

(Recited in 1682-Jun-22, which was recited in 1710-Apr-26-a)

1680-Jan-18

On back: "from Hatton", "Assigning of the Manors of Charlton & Beckley". Tripartite indenture between: (i) Christopher Hatton of Thripton, Cambridgeshire, Esquire, John Davis of Goldington, Bedfordshire, Mary his wife, Richard Orlobar of Harrold, Bedfordshire, Esquire, and Jane his wife; (ii) William Boteler of Biddenham, Bedfordshire, Esquire, Thomas Buck of Westwick, Cambridgeshire, Esquire, executor of the will of Dame Mary Hatton of Long Stanton, Cambridgeshire, widow of Thomas Hatton, knight and baronet; (iii) Gregory Geering of Denthworth, Bedfordshire.

Mentions indenture of 8/June/1668 between (i) John Shillingford alias Izard of Beckley, Oxon, Gent. and (ii) Dame Mary Hatton, John Fontayne Esq, Sergeant at Law, Henry Wynne of the Inner Temple, London, Esq, and Sir John Coell of Lincoln's Inn, executor of will of Sir Thomas Hatton, whereby John Shillingford in consideration of the sum of £1500 paid to him did grant bargain sell and

demise all the Manor of Charlton-upon-Otmoor, Stowood Forest, Noke and Odington & the moiety of the manor of Beckley. (So far as I can make out JS mortgaged the property and then defaulted and Hatton etc. foreclosed. The rest of the indenture is concerned with contracts between the parties.)

(MISC235A/4)

1682-Jun-22

Indenture between: (i) Sir William Humble of Stratford Laughton, Essex, Baronett; (ii) Francis Hall of Hadnock, Monmouth, Esq, (iii) John Howland. Recites 1670-Jun-01, 1676-Jan-25, 1677-Feb-08, 1677-Feb-08/09.

(Recited in 1710-Apr-26-a)

1683-Aug-15

Recited Indenture tripartite between Gregory Geering, Francis Hall and John Foster the elder. Mentions: Moiety or half part of the Manor of Beckley and Rectory or Parsonage of Beckley in possession of Dorothy Izard; Duke of Bedford and Elizabeth Duchess of Bedford; a judgment against John Shillingford alias Izard; Elizabeth Howland; Richard March. The moiety of Beckley seems to go to Elizabeth Howland.

(MISC235A/2)

(This document is in a bad condition, splattered with whitewash, and difficult to read. It clearly goes with document 1695-May-21, which was found next to it.)

Note: Elizabeth Howland was daughter and heiress of John Howland of Streatham; in 1695 she married Wriothesley Russell, later 2nd Duke of Bedford, grandson of 1st Duke (Burke).

1683-Aug-15-a

Indenture between Francis Hall of Hadnott, Monmouthshire, Esq, John Foster of London, Esq, and Richard March of London, Merchant. Mentions judgment obtained in Trinity Term of 19 Charles II [1667] at the King's Bench by Francis Hall against John Shillingford, also Izard, Gent, for £400 besides costs. Mentions that in Trinity Term of 22 Charles II [1670] Francis Hall obtained another judgement for £3000 besides costs. For £1500 paid by John Foster these judgments now assigned to Richard March in Trust for John Foster.

(MISC235A/2)

1683-Aug-15-b

On back: "Mr. Gregory Geering to John Foster, Esq. Assignment of the Moyety of the Manor and Rectory of Beckley".

Dated 35 Charles II and 15/Aug/1683. Indenture between Gregory Geering, Francis Hall and John Foster.

Mentions indenture of 8/June/1668 between (i) John Shillingford, also Izard, and (ii) Dame Mary Hatton, John Fountayne Esq, Sergeant at Law, Henry Wynn Esq and S^r John [?], executor of Sir Thomas Hatton, whereby John Shillingford for £1500 did grant Bargain sell & demise to Mary Hatton, John Fountayne and Henry Wynn all the manor of Charlton-upon-Otmoor, the moyety of the Manor of Beckley.

(MISC235A/2)

1683-Aug-15-c

On back: "Francis Hall Esq to John Foster Esq. Assignment of the Moyety of the Manor & Rectory of Beckley."

Indenture between Francis Hall of Hadnock, Monmouth, Esq, and John Foster of London, Esq. Mentions indenture of 1/June/1670 in which John Izard of Beckley assigned the Moyety or half part of the Manor and Rectory or Parsonage of Beckley, then in the possession of his mother Dorothy Izard, to Francis Hall for 200 years on payment of £1200 and a yearly rent of £12.

"Now this Indenture witnesses that for £1050 paid by John Foster to Gregory Geering of Doncaster in the County of Berks Gent at the Request of the said Francis Hall in & by indentures Tripartite bearing date with these presents made between the said Gregory Geering of first part Francis Hall of second part & John Foster of third part purporting an assignment from Gregory Geering to John Foster of one other Moyety of the Mannor Rectory and premises herein mentioned the Receipt & payment

thereof Francis Hall acknowledges And also for £450 more to this said Francis Hall in hand paid by John Foster the receipt of which Francis Hall acknowledges Francis Hall assigns to John Foster the moyety of Beckley etc to have & to hold during the rest & residue now to come of 200 years Further Francis Hall now hath right to grant or bargain sell transfer to John Foster the moyety" (MISC235A/2)

1683-Aug-15-d

On back: "John Foster Esq & Mr Richard March to Francis Hall Esq", "Counterpart of D.... For payment of £45 16/Feb/1683 & of £1545 16/Aug/1684".

Indenture between John Foster of London, Esq, Richard March of London, Merchant, and Francis Hall of Hadnock, Monmouth.

Mentions indenture bearing date with these presents between Gregory Geering, Francis Hall and John Foster, whereby, in consideration of £1050 now paid by John Foster, John Foster receives Moyety of Beckley for the residue of the one thousand years in the same indenture mentioned.

Mentions another indenture of same date between Francis Hall & John Foster which, for £1050 & £450 paid by John Foster to Francis Hall, grants to John Foster that other Moyety of the Manor of Beckley for the residue of 200 years.

Mentions indenture of same date between Francis Hall, John Foster & Richard March, whereby Francis Hall transfers to Richard March, in trust for John Foster, a judgment for £400 besides costs obtained by Francis Hall against John Shillingford, also Izard, in the Court of Kings Bench in the Trinity Term of 19 Charles II [1667] and a further judgment against John Shillingford in the same court for £3000 besides costs in Trinity Term of 22 Charles II [1670].

It is agreed that the sums of £1050 & £450 with interest should be secured to John Foster out of the Moyety of the Manor Rectory and other premises assigned to him and Richard March. (MISC235A/2)

1684-Aug-09

Indenture between John Izard of Beckley and Thomas Izard of St. Margaretts in Hartfordshire, gent (his brother). JJ leases TJ a cottage or tenement in Beckley, with Barn, Stable, Orchard and 4 acres of arable land, for £43. (MISC235A/2)

Note: see recital in 1802-May-12 which describes the arable land as 'lying dispersed in the common fields of Beckley [...] to be part of a Yard Land called Mackness Yard Land & to have been in the occupation of Drucilla Meader for 1000 years'.

1685-Sep-15

Latin document on parchment (37th year of reign of Charles II?). Notes on back: "Found amongst Dr. Leigh's papers", "An ? at the request of William [Ch]adwell Esquire." (MISC235A/5)

1686-Aug-10

On back: "Francis Hall Esq to John Foster Esq", "Mortgage for £200 and interest". (MISC235B)

1687-Apr-08

Will of John Foster, proved 20/Feb/1690, in Oxford. Leaves to Mrs Sarah Foster (mother) 20 shillings to buy a ring; to Charles Foster (brother) 10 shillings to buy a ring; to Mary Foster (sister) rest of personal estate; to Sarah March (sister) after his mother's death the reversion of two houses in the Strand, near St Clement Danes church, left him by his father. Executrix: Mary Foster; witnesses: Giles Baggs, Deborah Baggs, Richard March. (RAC)

1690-Jun-19

One skin of Latin. On back: "19 Jun 2 W&M 1690 Mr Ange [?]" (MISC235A/2)

1690-Jan-10

Indenture between Francis Hall of Whit---, Glos, Esq, and Sir Richard March of London, Merchant. Mentions that in the Hillery term of 18 and 19 Charles II at the Kings Bench Francis Hall Beckley, Leigh and Documents

obtained a judgment against John Shillingford, alias Izard, for the sum of £400 debt and sixty shillings damages which he sustained by reason of detaining of the said debt and that he has since successfully sued at Oxford against possession. Property assigned to Richard March. (MISC235A/2)

1692-Jun-06

Indenture by which John Izard of Beckley grants 999-year lease on property in Beckley known as Millfor[th?] to Thomas Izard of Beckley. Witnessed by Elizabeth Greenaway and Sarah Izard.

(MISC235A/2)

Note: see description of 1785-Feb-14 which, in reciting this indenture, gives the name as Millfield and identifies it as lying along West side of land called Fininers Lane running up the Mill-yard gates; it also mentions Macknoys Yard.

Note: see also 1802-May-12 which, in reciting this indenture, describes property as 'all his sydling or parcel of Yelding Ground in the Common Field of Beckley known as Mill Field along west side of Lane called Tininey Lane winning up the Mill Yard Gates'.

Note: could this be Tinniver's? Tinniver was a local saint: there is meant to have been a Tinniver's spring in Beckley.

1692-Jun-15

Will of Thomas Izard. Bequeaths leasehold property in Beckley to his daughter, Elizabeth Price.

(mentioned in 1743-May-24)

1695-May-21

Tripartite Indenture between: (i) (a) Sir Josias Child of Wanstead, Essex, (b) Elizabeth Howland the elder, widow, daughter of Josias Child & relict & administrator of John Howland late of Streatham, Surrey, Esquire, (c) Elizabeth Howland the younger, daughter and heir of Elizabeth Howland the elder and John Howland; (ii) (a) Sir Thomas Willoughby of Wolaton, Notts, (b) John Hoskins of Hales Hall, Norfolk, Esquire; (iii) (a) William, Duke of Bedford, (b) Lady Rachel Russell, daughter and coheir of Thomas, late Earl of Southampton, & relict of William, late Lord Russell, deceased, (c) Wriothesley Russell, commonly called Marquis of Tavistock, heir apparent of Duke of Bedford and son of Lady Rachel Russell.

"Whereas a marriage is intended between Wriothesley Russell and Elizabeth Howland the younger And whereas by indenture dated 1/June/1671 [should be 1670? – see document of that date] between John Izard of Beckley Esquire and Francis Hall of Hednock Monmouth Esquire John Izard did bargain sell betake and to farm lett to Francis Hall All that one Moiety or one half of the Mannor and Rectory or Parsonage of Beckley in the possession of Dorothy Izard (mother of John Izard) with her part of the Mansion or dwelling house of the same with all other houses immediately from death of Dorothy Izard (since deceased) for two hundred years

"And whereas the said Estate for two hundred years came unto John Howland by way of mortgage for securing the payment of £2000 and later became his absolutely and on his death Elizabeth Howland enabled her father Josias Child to have the management and disposition of it and whereas there is much more money out upon the said mortgage estate than the said is worth to be sold".

Josias Child and Elizabeth Howland sell the moiety to Sir Thomas Willoughby and John Hoskins for ten shillings to have and to hold for the rest of the term of 200 years. Elizabeth Howland the younger and Wriothesley Russell to have on their marriage the rents and profits of the moiety and after them their then first son.

(MISC235A/2)

Note: 'William, late Lord Russell', son and heir of the Duke of Bedford, was executed in 1683 – Burke.

1702-Sep-07

Indenture between (i) (a) Richard March Senior of Enfield, Middlesex, Merchant, (b) Sarah his wife, one of the daughters and heiress of John Foster, Citizen & Merchant Taylor of London, & Sarah

his wife, and sister and one of the heiresses of John Foster, Gent, (c) Richard March junior, son & heir apparent of said Richard March; (ii) (a) John Ange of Vintners Hall, London, Gent, (b) Mary his wife, the other daughter & heiress of John & Sarah Foster and sister of John Foster Junior; (iii) Philip Pledger, citizen & Cloathworker of London.

Mentions that Sarah Foster was possessed of and interested in a considerable real and personal estate at Beckley (Manor, messuages etc), which she intended to bequeath on several trusts but dyed before the doing thereof, whereby the right title & interest belongs to Sarah March and Mary Ange. John Ange has paid the debts and funeral expenses at the request of Richard March and Sarah his wife and has paid £200 to Richard March towards putting himself and family in mourning.

It is agreed, inter alia, that the Manor of Beckley shall be assigned to Philip Pledger in trust for John Ange & his heirs, who will also administer the estate of Sarah Foster. (MISC235A/2)

1708-Jan-08

Indenture on seven skins between: (i) Wriothlesley, Duke of Bedford, and Elizabeth his wife; (ii) Philip Pledger, executor of Sarah Foster (who was executrix of John Foster), Richard March senior, Sarah his wife (eldest daughter of John Foster the elder), John Ange, Mary his wife (other daughter of John Foster the elder and executrix of John Foster the younger, son of aforementioned John Foster); (iii) Elizabeth Howland of Streatham, Surrey, widow, mother of Elizabeth, Duchess of Bedford; (iv) Thomas Holt of Wansted, Essex. Mentions indenture of 8/June/1668. For £875 paid to John Ange with consent and direction of Richard March, Sarah his wife and Philip Pledger, the latter renounces rights to Beckley property. (MISC235A/2)

1710-Apr-26

On back: "Duke of Bedford to Mr. Edward Bee. Assignment of Manor & Rectory of Beckley."

Indenture between: (i) Most Noble Wriothlesly, Duke and Earl of Bedford etc., Elizabeth, Duchess of Bedford, Elizabeth Howland of Streatham, widow, mother of said Duchess; (ii) Thomas Holt of Wanstead, Essex; (iii) Edward Bee, Citizen and Painter Steyner of London; (iv) Triamor Baldwin of Parish of St. Martins in the Field, Middlesex, Gent.

Mentions indenture of 8/Jan/1708 between: (i) Duke of Bedford and Elizabeth his wife, (ii) Philip Pledger, Citizen and Cloathworker of London, administrator of Sarah Foster, widow, late of St. Martin's in the Field, who was executrix of John Foster the elder, late of London, Esq., Richard March senior of Enfield, Middlesex, & his wife, the eldest daughter of John Foster, and John Ch---- of Vintners Hall in Lodon & Mary his wife, the other daughter [unreadable] & executrix of John Foster the younger; (iii) Elizabeth Howland, widow; (iv) Thomas Holt.

That indenture, in turn, recited indenture of 8/June/1668 between John Shillingford alias Izard of Beckley, Dame Mary Hatton, John Fountain, Esquire, sergeant at Law, Henry Wynn Esq. and Sir John Coell, executor of Sir Thomas Hatton, whereby John Shillingford for £1500 did grant sell & demise the Moyety of the Manor and of the Rectory of Beckley [document difficult to read].

Mentions Dorothy Izard and term of 200 years.

(MISC235A/2)

1710-Apr-26-a

On back: "An assignment of a Moyety of the Manor Rectory and Parsonage of Beckley by his Grace the Duke and Duchess of Bedford Sr Thomas Willoughby & others to Mr Edward Bee".

Indenture between: (i) Wriothlesley, Duke of Bedford etc., and Elizabeth, Duchess of Bedford (daughter & heir of John Howland of Streatham, Surrey, Esq, deceased); (ii) Elizabeth Howland of Streatham, Widow, Mother of the Duchess & administratrix of John Howland her husband who dyed intestate; (iii) Thomas Willoughby of Wolaton, Notts, Baronett and John Hoskins of Hales [?] Hall, Essex, Esq. (iv) Edward Bee, Citizen & Painter Stainer of London.

Mentions indenture of 22/June/1682 between Sr William Humble of Stratford Laughton, Essex, Baronett, Francis Hall of Hadnock, Monmouthshire, Esq., and John Howland, which, in turn, recites an indenture of 1/June of 22 Charles II [1670] between John Izard of Beckley and Francis Hall whereby JI did Bargain Sell Betake and to Farm lett to FH the Moiety or half part of the Manor and Rectory of

Parsonage of Beckley and all the Mansion thereto belonging with all other houses etc. for 200 years at yearly rent of 12 pence. The former indenture further recites an indenture of 25/Jan/1676 between Sir Francis Hall and William Humble whereby FH for £450 assigned the premises for the residue of the 200 years under proviso for making void the same on payment of money therein expressed and also indentures of lease and release of 8 and 9/Feb/1677 of the Rectory at Dixon in Monmouth by FH to WH for £600 under proviso.

Mentions indenture of 1695 between Sir Josias Child of Wansted, Essex, Elizabeth Howland & Duchess of Bedford. (MISC235A/2)

1710-xxx-xx

One skin from a multi-skin document. Mentions Duke of Bedford, Edward Bee and Triamor Baldwin. Year surmised. (MISC235A/2)

1717-May-17

Lease from Edward Bee of Beckley, Esq., to William Miles of Beckley, gent, for 500 years at a peppercorn rent, of a parcel of ground in Beckley (c. ¾ acre). Described as 'enclosed piece of pasture ground used as an orchard, abutting westward on the highway, northward upon a hill called Knole Hill, eastward upon part of said hill, and southward upon a Ley late in the possession of John Mortimer'. Property was formerly in the possession of Thomas Ledwell & then of William Miles. (MISC235A/2)

(My notes on this document are sparse and are here supplemented by my notes on 1804-Aug-11 & 1838-Sep-29, which recite it.)

1717-Jan-17

Tripartite indenture between: (i) Thomas Mauder of Toddenham, Glos, Gent, and Emanuel Allen of Oddington, Glos, yeoman; (ii) Katherine Barker, widow of John Barker of Broadwell, Gent, and John Wells of Broadwell, yeoman, nephew & executor of John Baker; (iii) John Bradshaw the younger of E_Loade [Evenlode?], Worcs, and Richard Hide of Oddington. Assignment of property at Broadwell. (MISC235A/5)

1718-Dec-22

500-year lease on cottage & garden.

(mentioned in 1832-Mar-25)

1718-Dec-24

Edward Bee leases a Messuage & Garden in Beckley to Joseph Kicatt (or Pieat?) of Beckley, Baker, consisting of c ½ acre shooting West towards the Street, North towards Richard Toms, & East & South towards John Pilboys. (mentioned in 1732-Feb-01 & 1740-Sep-13)

Note: this also recited in 1805-Mar-02 where my notes have Richard James & John Hilbeys and also mention that the site was in the occupation of Richard Matthews for 500 years.

Note: also recited in 1800-Feb-05, where my notes give the date as 4/Dec, the name as Hieat, and mention a 500-year lease at a peppercorn rent.

1720-Nov-10

Indenture between Edward Bee of Beckley and Richard Huggins of Beckley, carpenter. Surrender of existing lease and re-lease of mesuage in Beckley for 99 years on lives of Richard Huggins, his wife Jane, and Anne their daughter. RH makes his mark. (MISC235A/2)

1720-Nov-10-a

Counterpart of previous indenture. Signed by Edward Bee.

(MISC235A/2)

1721-Oct-12

Edward Bee grants 500-year lease on messuage in Beckley called the New Inn, with garden adjoining (c. 1 acre), to Robert Sutton, at a peppercorn rent. (recited in 1865-Feb-08)

1722-Sep-01

Indenture between Edward Bee of Beckley, Gent, and Thomas Bullford of Beckley, labourer. Lease for 195 years on property in Beckley. (MISC235A/2)

1722-Dec-01

Indenture between Edward Bee of Beckley, Gent, and Thomas Bullford. EB leases to TB 'All that his garden ground or Garden Plott in Length Six Poles or Perches and in Breadth four Poles or Perches shooting East and South towards the said Edward Bee's peece of Arable Land Westwards a Common called Wood Common North towards a Lane called Wood Lane together with all [etc]' for 125 years under yearly rent of one Pepper Corne. (recited in 1736-May-20)

1723-Oct-24

Indenture between Edward Bee and Thomas White of parish of Christ Church in city of London, yeoman. 99-year lease on mesuage with garden ground for lives of Thomas White and Elizabeth & Anne White his sisters. (MISC235A/2)

1723-Nov-14

On back: "Edward White's Counterpart of Lease to Mr Bee Nov.14.1723". Indenture between Edward Bee of Beckley & Edward White of Beckley, yeoman. Lease of land. (MISC235A/2)

Note: recited in 1749-Dec-23 where my notes record that lease was for lives of Edward White and Thomas & John, his sons. Recited in 1749-Dec-21 where my notes describe a messuage with garden (10 poles on N side, 5 on E, 10 on S & 4 on W).

1724-Sep-02

Indenture between Edward Bee and John Gomm of Beckley, shepherd. 99-year lease on a piece of ground for lives of John Gomm, Elizabeth his now wife, and Alice Carter of Stowood, spinster. (MISC235A/2)

1724-Feb-20

Indenture between Edward Bee of Beckley, gent, and Robert Carr of Beckley, butcher. Relet of piece of ground in Beckley on 99-year lease during lives of Robert Carr and Joan Carr & Mary Dyett. (MISC235A/2)

Note: recited in 1732-Jul-22 where my notes say that Joan Carr and Mary Dyett were spinsters.

1725-Dec-02

Indenture between Edward Bee and Thomas Busby of Beckly [sic], yeoman. Previous lease surrendered for £11:10s. New 99-year lease granted on existing property for lives of Thomas Busby, Elizabeth his wife and Richard their son, at a yearly rent of six pence. TB to maintain property etc. at his expense..... EB to leave him to enjoy..... (MISC235A/2)

1728-xxx-xx

Marriage settlement between Edward Bee, Ann Bee his daughter, and Theophilus Leigh.

(Mentioned in 1747-Nov-02)

1729-Sep-01

Indenture on five skins between (i) Edward Bee of Beckley, Gent; (ii) Allen Hollen of parish of St. Anne in the Liberty of Westminster, Esq, executor of Triomer Baldwin of St. Martins in the Fields, Gent; (iii) Francis Seely of University of Oxford, Barber; (iv) Edward Ryves of new Woodstock, Gent. Mentions indenture of 8/Jan/1708 between Wriothsley, Duke of Bedford, and others, as well as other

indentures and a judgement against John Shillingford. EB sells judgement against John Shillingford with option to buy back for £613/10/- by 2 June next.

On the back are two statements of 14/April/1752. The first concerns assigning the judgments to Thomas Leigh of Harding in trust for William Walker & William Musgrave; the second concerns Beckley. (MISC235A/2)

1729-Dec-01

Indenture between: Edward Bee; Allen Hollen of Westminster, executor of Triamer Baldwin of Martins in the Fields; Francis Seely of University of Oxford, barber; Edward Rybes of New Woodstock, Oxford. Manor of Beckley and all property in Beckley, Otmoor, Noke & Odington mortgaged to Francis Seely for securing £600 + interest. (Recited in 1747-Nov-02)

1731-Nov-13

Indenture between Edward Bee and John Gomm of Beckley, shepherd. Surrender of former lease (2/Sep/1724), which was for 99 years, determinable on several deceases of said John Gomm, Elizabeth his now wife, and Alice Carter of Stow Wood, spinster.

Mentions that John Gomm has recently built a messuage on land (10 pole by 5 pole), the house & garden now of Thomas Busby lying on North side, the common highway on East side, and Mead Close on South.

New lease for 99 years fully to be compleat and ended if the said John Gomm, Elizabeth his now wife, and Anne their daughter (c 7 years) or any or either of them shall so long live. (MISC235B)

1732-Jul-22

Indenture between Edward Bee and Robert Carr of Beckley, Butcher. Mentions former 99-year lease of 20/Feb/1724 determinable upon the several deceases of Robert Carr, Joan Carr and Mary Dyett, spinsters. Leases All his Plott or Piece of Ground in Beckley for 99 years or the lives of Robert Carr, Mary his wife and John their son aged about one year. (MISC235A/2)

1732/Feb-01

Indenture between: (i) Thomas Symonds of Oxon Victular; (ii) Thomas Matthews of Oxon Blacksmith, administrator of Richard Matthews late of Beckley Blacksmith; (iii) William Middleton of Beckley Yeoman.

Mentions indenture of 24/Dec/1718 whereby Edward Bee leased Messuage & Garden to Joseph Pieat [?] of Beckley, Baker, consisting of about ½ acre shooting West towards the Street, North towards Richard Toms, and East & West towards John Pilboys.

Thomas Symonds grants property to William Middleton for £32/14/0. (MISC235B)

1735-Sep-06

Eleanor Miles, widow & administratrix of William Miles, assigns piece of land with a malthouse erected by William Miles to Richard Gammon. (recited in 1804-Aug-11)

1735-Feb-07

Richard Gammon & his wife, Mary, assign piece of land with malthouse to Anthony Moore. (recited in 1804-Aug-11)

1736-May-08

Theophilus Leigh and William Leigh of Adhillthrop [sic] are bound to Henry Wise in penal sum of £720 conditioned on payment of £360 on 10 August next. (recited in 1757-Apr-11)

1736-May-20

Indenture between Thomas Bullford of Beckley, labourer, and Matthew Wiatt of Stanton St. John, Baker. "Whereas Edward Bee of Beckley Gentleman by his indenture of lease dated 1/Dec/1722 did

for the consideration therein mentioned demise grant and to farm Lett unto Thomas Bullford All that his garden ground or Garden Plott in Length Six Poles or Perches and in Breadth four Poles or Perches shooting East and South towards the said Edward Bee's peece of Arable Land Westwards a Common called Wood Common North towards a Lane called Wood Lane together with all being in Beckley aforesaid for 125 years under yearly rent of one Pepper Corne". TB assigns the garden plot to MW for £34. TB makes his mark. (MISC235A/2)

1736-Mar-xx

In Easter term of 1736, in the Court of Common Pleas at Westminster, Henry Wise recovered against Theophilus Leigh the sum of £720 debt and 50 shillings damages.

(mentioned in 1757-Apr-11)

1738-Oct-13

Indenture between Edward Bee and John Gomm of Beckley, shepherd. Surrender of former lease (13/Nov/1731), which was on lives of John Gomm, Elizabeth his then wife, and Anne their daughter, then aged 7. New lease is for 99 years or lives of John Gomm, Anne his daughter (c. 14) & John his son (c. 2 years).

Witnessed by Mary Waldo and Jos. Cooper.

(MISC235B)

1738-Oct-13-a

Counterpart of previous. John Gomm makes his mark.

(MISC235B)

1740-Sep-13

Three-part indenture between: (i) Robert Tawney of Binsey, Oxon, Yeoman, Thomas Pricket of Binsey, Yeoman, William ? of Oxford, Mercer; (ii) William Middleton of Beckley, yeoman; (iii) Richard Smith. Mentions indenture of 24/Dec/1718 between Edward Bee and Joseph Kicatt of Beckley, Baker, leasing mesuage in Beckley.

(MISC235A/2)

Note: my reading of Kicatt seems to be wrong: Heiat is given in 1800-Feb-05 and 1805-Mar-02.

1741-Feb-24

Indenture between Sir Charles Osbaldson of Oxford, Baronet, William Middleton of Beckley, yeoman, and Edward Doe of University of Oxford, Bookbinder. Mentions indenture between Edward Bee and Joseph Kicatt of 1718.

(MISC235A/2)

Note: see note to 1740-Sep-13.

1743-May-24

Tripartite indenture between: (i) William Price, Rector of Whitfield, Northton, and Elizabeth his wife; (ii) Elizabeth Price of Whitfield, spinster (eldest daughter of above); (iii) George Denton of Hillsden, Bucks, Esq. Whereas Thomas Izard, late of Beckley, was possessed of lease in Beckley, and whereas Thomas Izard by his will dated 15/June/1692 gave this leasehold to his daughter Elizabeth, wife of William Price, this indenture witnesses that WP and EP out of love & affection & in consideration of 5 shillings paid by George Denton to them assign the property to George Denton in trust for their daughter. Property was in possession of Mr. Jones, Fellow of Baliol, & is now possessed by [blank] Thompson, widow.

(MISC235A/2)

Note: recital in 1802-May-12 mentions that another part of property was in possession of Daniel Chapman & then William Smith.

1746-Feb-13

Part of indenture (cut vertically) between Edward Bee and Lewis Pryse concerning Beckley.

MISC235A/2)

Note: mentioned in next document as being a one year assignment of Beckley estate to Lewis Pryse for five shillings.

1746-Feb-14

Indenture between Edward Bee and Lewis Pryse. EB assigns the Manor of Beckley with the advowson of the church and all his property in Beckley, Otmoor, Noake and Oddington to LP for £570, redeemable on 15/August next following at £4/10/0 per £100. Sealed and delivered in presence of Mary Waldo and Ja^s Leigh.
(MISC235A/2; photocopy with RAC)

1746-Feb-14-a

Indenture between: (i) Theophilus Leigh of the University of Oxford, DD; (ii) Thomas Wise of the City of Oxford, executor of Henry Wise of said city; (iii) Edward Ryves of Woodstock, Esq; (iv) Lewis Pryse.

Declares that £570 is still outstanding and witnesses that, for payment of this amount plus 5 shillings by Edward Ryves to Thomas Wise, the obligation of Theophilus and William Leigh passes to Lewis Price in trust for Edward Ryves.
(recited in 1757-Apr-11 & 1759-Jun-14)

1747-Nov-02

Description on back: "Dr. Leigh's conveyance of ye Rectory of Broadwell to Dr. Walker & Dr. Musgrave in Trust for ye raising of 1600£".

Agreement (4 skins) between: (1) Theophilus Leigh and Anne his wife; (2) William Leigh of Adlestrop, Esq, brother of TL, and James Leigh, eldest son and heir apparent of WL; (3) Edward Bee of Oxford, Esq; and (4) William Walker of Oxford, Doctor of Laws and James Musgrave of Oxford, Doctor of Laws.

Mentions marriage settlement of 1728-Dec-02 between Theophilus Leigh, Edward Bee and Ann Bee. Mentions EB's wife Mary as now deceased. Mentions marriage portion of £3000 paid by EB to TL.

Mentions indenture of 1729-Dec-01 between Edward Bee, Allen Hollen of Westminster, executor of Triamer Baldwin of Martin's in the Fields, Francis Seely of the University of Oxford, Barber, and Edward Rybes of New Woodstock, Oxford, whereby the manor of Beckley and all property in Beckley, Otmoor, Noke and Odington are mortgaged to Francis Seely for securing the payment of £600 + interest to him, of which £500 is now outstanding.

Mentions indenture of 1746 whereby Edward Bee leases the Beckley estate to Lewis Pryse of New Woodstock for £570.

Enclosed between two of the skins is a piece of paper (undated, 18th century writing): "The Beckley Estate to be given up immediately in consideration of 1500£ to be settled upon Mr. Bee for his Life, & upon his Death to come to Miss Cass. But yt Mr. Bee may be no loser in his income by giving up Beckley, such an annuity shall be settled by Sr. E[dward]. T[urner]. upon Mr. Bee, as with the interest of the 1500£ shall make his income at least equal to ye income of ye Beckley Estate".
(MISC235A/1)

Note: the enclosed note refers to the transactions of 1762.

1748-Nov-12

Thomas Huggins mortgages messuage with garden in Beckley to Robert Carr.

(mentioned in 1749-Dec-21)

1749-Dec-21

On back: "Mr Huggins to Mr Carr", "Conveyance".

Indenture between Thomas Huggins of Beckley, Weaver, brother & executor of John Huggins, late of Beckley, Weaver, and Robert Carr of Beckley, Butcher.

Mentions indenture of 14/Nov/1723 between Edward Bee & Edward White of Beckley, yeoman (since deceased), whereby EB leased a messuage with garden (10 poles on North side, 5 on East, 10 on South & 4 on West), then in possession of Edward White, for 99 years or lives of Edward White and Thomas & John his sons, for one shilling per year.

By virtue of several assignments premises came to Thomas Huggins who assigned it (12/Nov/1748) to Robert Carr, subject to TH's right to redeem it for £120. The principal of £120 was not repaid and Robert Carr now purchases the lease for £40. (MISC235B)

1749-Dec-23

Indenture between Edward Bee of Beckley and Robert Carr of Beckley, Butcher.

Surrender of lease of 14/Nov/1723, whereby Edward Bee leased property to Edward White, yeoman (since deceased), for 99 years or lives of Edward White and Thomas & John, his sons.

New lease on Messuage with garden (10 pole on North side, 5 pole on East, 10 on South and 4 on West) now in possession of Robert Carr for 99 years or lives of Robert Carr and George and William, his sons.

Signed by Edward Bee in presence of Francis Simkins and Jn^o Beale.

(MISC235B)

1749/Mar/01

On back: "Lewis Pryse & Edward Bee to Mary Waldo", "Lease of Beckley for 1 year 1 March 1749".

"All that the Manor of Beckley & all that the Rectory or Parsonage of Beckley for five shillings". States that Lewis Pryse's interest in the Beckley estate has become absolute.

Sealed & Delivered by Lewis Pryse in presence of Mary Simmons & Ephraim Ward. Sealed & Delivered by Edward Bee in presence of Edwd. Ryves & Edw^d Ryves Jun. (MISC235B)

1749-Mar-02

On back: "Lewis Pryce & Edward Bee to Mary Waldo", "Mortgage of Beckley for 370£ since discharged".

Indenture witnesses that for £370 paid to Lewis Pryse by Mary Waldo at direction of Edward Bee Beckley property is assigned to Mary Waldo subject to redemption by Edward Bee. (MISC235B)

(The above two indentures of lease and release are recited in 1759-Jun-14, where my notes give more information.)

1752-Apr-14

Statement concerning assignment of judgement against John Shillingford to Thomas Leigh of Harding in trust for William Walker & William Musgrave. (on the back of 1729-Sep-01)

1756-Jan-31

On back: "Dated 31 January 1756", "Mr Bee to Mr. Busby", "Counterpart of Lease for three lives". Richard Busby of Islip, yeoman. Witnessed by Ann Leigh. (MISC235A/2)

1756-Jan-31-a

(See previous). Indenture between Edward Bee and Richard Busby of Islip, yeoman. Mentions former lease of 2/Dec/1725 granted by Edward Bee to Thomas Busby for 99 years or lives of Thomas Busby (since deceased), Elizabeth his wife and Richard Busby their son. 99-year lease or lives of Richard Busby, Thomas his son, aged c. 10, and Elizabeth his mother. (MISC235A/2)

1756-Nov-07

Attested copy of will of Sarah Price, made 7/Nov/1756, proved 19/Oct/1758 at Northampton. Leaves to Roger Price (brother) all her third part of property in Beckley and all her other Beckley property; to Catherine Burt (sister) all her third part of property in Woodend in the parish of Blakesley, Northampton, and all her other property in Woodend and Blakesley; to Elizabeth Price and Susanna Rushworth (sisters) twenty pounds each; to Philadelphia Fletcher (sister), one hundred pounds; to John Burt (nephew) one hundred pounds to be paid when he reaches twenty one, or earlier at his father's discretion, his father to receive the interest until then; residue to Catherine Burt. Executrix: Catherine Burt. (RAC)

1757-Apr-11

5-part indenture between: (i) Lewis Pryse of New Woodstock, Oxon, Esquire; (ii) Edward Ryves of New Woodstock, gentleman; (iii) Theophilus Leigh of University of Oxford, DD; (iv) Mary Waldo of City of Oxford, spinster; (v) William Walker of University of Oxford, DLL and James Musgrave of Chinnor, Oxon, DLL.

Mentions obligation of 8/May/1736 whereby Theophilus Leigh and William Leigh of Adhillthrop [sic], Glos, Esq, were bound to Henry Wise of City of Oxford, Mercer, deceased, in Penal Sum of £720 conditioned on payment of £360 to be paid on 10th August next.

Mentions that Henry Wise in the Easter term of 1736 did recover in the Court of Common Pleas at Westminster against Theophilus Leigh the sum of £720 debt and fifty shillings for damages.

Mentions indenture of 14/Feb/1746 between (i) Theophilus Leigh, (ii) Thomas Wise of City of Oxford, Mercer, executor of Henry Wise, (iii) Edward Ryves and (iv) Lewis Pryse, which declared that £570 was still outstanding and witnessed that for payment of this amount plus fifteen shillings by Edward Ryves the obligation of Theophilus and William Leigh passed to him.

Mentions indentures of Lease and Release of 13 & 14/Feb/1746 between Edward Bee, Citizen and Painter Stainer of London, and Lewis Pryse, whereby in consideration of £570 to be paid by Lewis Pryse to Edward Bee, Edward Bee assigned to Lewis Pryse the Manor of Beckley, the advowson of the church, and all messuages etc. in Beckley, Otmoor, Noake and Oddington belonging to the Manor of Beckley, subject to redemption on the payment of £570 plus interest.

Mentions that £200 was afterwards paid to Edward Ryves by William Walker in part payment of said £570. Mentions indentures of Lease and Release of 1 & 2/March/1749; the Release, tripartite between Lewis Pryse, Edward Ryves and Mary Waldo, stated that Lewis Pryse's interest in the Beckley premises had become absolute and that £370 was due, and witnessed that for considerations therein mentioned Lewis Pryse assigned the Manor of Beckley etc. to Mary Waldo subject to payment of the £370.

Mentions that the £370 plus interest has been paid to Mary Waldo by William Walker and that the obligation and judgement has passed from Lewis Pryse to William Walker and James Musgrave.

Sealed and delivered by Mary Waldo in the presence of Cassandra Leigh and James Leigh Perrot, by Lewis Pryse in the presence of Mary Simon and Ephraim Ward, and by Edward Ryves in the presence of James Leigh Perot [sic in my notes] and J^{no} Johnsohn [sic?]. (MISC235A/2)

1758-Jan-21

Indenture between: (i) Edward Bee and (ii) Thomas Busby of Noke, yeoman, and James Lamball of Lower Woods, Islip, yeoman, admins of Richard Busby of Islip, yeoman.

Lease of 31/Jan/1756 surrendered which granted property to Richard Busby for 99 years or lives of himself, Thomas Busby (his son) aged c. 10, and Elizabeth Busby (his mother).

Edward Bee now leases mesuage etc (11½ X 3 poles) now in possession of Elizabeth Busby to Thomas Busby and James Lamball for 99 years or lives of Elizabeth Busby, widow of said Richard Busby, and Thomas (11 years) & Benjamin (9), his sons. (MISC235B)

1758-Aug-17

On back: "Mr. John Corn and Mr. Michael Cooke", "Deed of Copartnership."

Indenture between John Corn of the Minorities, London, Haberdasher of Small Wares and hosier of one part and Michael Cooke of Saint Dunstan, Fleet Street, London, haberdasher of small wares and hosier of the other part.

Partnership agreement for 14 years subject to proviso that either may end partnership after 3, 7 or 10 years at 3 months notice. Business to be carried out in the shop of the dwelling house of John Corn. £1000, including existing stock, brought into partnership. A clause mentions rights of possible widows. Partnership started 19 June last.

Signed John Corne [sic] and Michael Cooke.

(MISC235A/5)

1759-Jun-14

Indenture between: (i) Mary Waldo of Oxford, spinster and (ii) William Walker of the University of Oxford, DLL, and James Musgrave also of the University of Oxford and now Rector of Chinnor, Oxford, DLL.

Mentions indentures of Lease and Release dated 13 & 14/Feb/1746 between Edward Bee, Citizen and Painter Stainer of London, and Lewis Pryse of new Woodstock, Oxford, whereby EB mortgaged the Manor of Beckley, the Rectory of Beckley, the advowson to the vicarage of Beckley church, and property in Beckley, Otmoor, Noak and Odington to LP for £570.

Mentions indentures of Lease and Release of 1 & 2/March/1749 whereby Mary Waldo takes over the mortgage on paying the outstanding loan of £370 to LP, subject to redemption by Edward Bee.

Mentions indenture of 14/Feb/1746 between Theophilus Leigh, Thomas Wise of Oxford (executor of Henry Wise of Oxford), Edward Ryves of Woodstock, Esquire and Lewis Pryse, whereby ER paid £570 to TW who assigned it to LP "being a person nominated by and in trust for the said ER".

Mentions a memorandum by ER on the last indenture acknowledging that he had received £200 from William Walker and £370 from Mary Waldo.

Indenture witnesses that the £370 was paid to MW out of the Trust money which came to William Walker by virtue of an indenture of 2/Nov/1747 between Theophilus Leigh & Ann his wife, William & James Leigh, both of Adlestrop, Edward Bee and William Walker & James Musgrave.

(MISC235A/2; full transcript with RAC)

1760-Sep-15

On back: "Mr Bee to W^m Ledwell Esq", "Counterpart of Lease of Ground at Beckley for 99 yrs & 3 lives".

Indenture between Edward Bee and William Ledwell of Cowley, Esq. Lease of 31/Oct/1738, granted by Edward Bee to John Gomm of Beckley, shepherd, surrendered on payment of 7/6. Ground now or late occupied by Thomas Busby.

"Piece of ground lately staked out containing 10 poles by 5 poles the house & garden now or late of Thomas Busby lying on North side thereof the common road or highway lying on the East side and Mead Close lying on the South West (on upper part of which said ground John Gomm lately built a messuage or tenement)".

Lease is for 99 years or the lives of William Ledwell, John Gomm (the father), aged about 70, & Anne his daughter, about 36.

(MISC235B)

1761-Apr-04

Indenture between Edward Bee and John Gomm of Beckley, shepherd. Surrender of previous lease for £4/4/0. 99-year lease granted on mesuages etc., in breadth on the West side 3½ poles, in length on the North side 11½ poles, in breadth on the East side 4 poles and in length on the South side 10 poles, for the lives of Ann Gomm, JG's wife, and Ann Soans & Mary Payne, his daughters, for a yearly rent of one shilling.

(MISC235A/2)

1761-Apr-04-a

Copy of previous. Attached to it, by an old pin, is a note: "A new Lease to be granted to Jn^o Gomm - Jn^o Payne to be put in in room of Ann Soans decdsd the other lives the same as in lease."

(MISC235A/2)

1761-May-09

Indenture between: (i) Michael Cooke of the Minories, London, Haberdasher of small wares and hosier; (ii) John Corne of the same place, Haberdasher & Hosier; (iii) Henry Cobb of Treversham, Kent, Shopkeeper.

Mentions indenture of 17/Aug/1758 (q.v.) whereby Michael Cooke and John Corne "did mutually promise and agree to become & continue Copartners and Joint Traders in the several Arts Trades and Misteries of Haberdashers of Small Wares and Hosiers".

Michael Cooke has given three calendar months notice before end of three year period of his wish to end partnership, but it is agreed that it is more convenient to end the partnership immediately. The

partnership shall end on day of this indenture; John Corne shall pay Michael Cooke £500 for his share and Michael Cooke shall assign to John Corne all stock, debts & monies due (except money owing from John Townley of Beston [Boston?], New England, which shall be divided between them); John Corne & Henry Cobb accept responsibility for all debts. (MISC235B)

1761-Jun-24

Indenture between Edward Bee of Oxford, gent, and Robert Carr of Beckley, butcher. RC surrenders former lease for £4/14/6 and receives another lease on messuage or tenement with garden ground of about ½ acre actually possessed by RC (the tenement built by one Richard Higgins) for 99 years or the lives of RC, William Carr and Ann Carr, his son and daughter. Rent 4/-. Witnessed by Stephen Wheatland & Tho: Leigh. (MISC235A/2)

1761-Jun-24-a

Copy of previous. Pinned to it is a note (on the inside of an envelope addressed to Mrs Leigh at the Lodgings at Balliol Coll): "The Rev^d Mr Tho: Leigh to be in the place of Mr Edw: Bee. Lease to be renewed in the name of Christopher Lipscombe of Beckley W^m Carr and Ann Carr. Premises in Poss. of John Watkins & Tho^s Busby." (MISC235A/2)

1761-Dec-16

On back: "Mr. Edw Bee to Wm. Ledwell Esq.", "Lease of a piece of ground at Beckley Com. for 99 years". Indenture between Edward Bee and William Ledwell of Cowley, Esq. Mentions former lease of 15/Sep/1760 to William Ledwell, John Gomm of Beckley, shepherd, aged about 70, and Ann his daughter, aged about 36, so long as they should live. Edward Bee's signature shaky. Witnessed by Ann Leigh, Mary Leigh. (MISC235A/2)

The reference to Beckley Common in the note on the back of this document might suggest that this piece of ground is not the same as that of the next document which clearly refers to land within the village. Perhaps the common was seen as extending that far east, or perhaps the note is inaccurate.

1761-Dec-16-a

Indenture between Edward Bee & William Ledwell of Cowley, Esq.

Surrender of previous lease of 15/Sep/1760 which leased ground to William Ledwell for 99 years or lives of himself, John Gomm (aged c. 70) and Ann his wife.

Parcel of ground lately staked out (10 X 15 poles), the house and garden of Thomas Busby lying on the North side, the common highway on the East side, and Mead Close on the South West (upon part of which said ground said John Gomm has lately built a messuage).

New lease is for 99 years or lives of William Ledwell, Edward Ledwell his brother aged c. 30, and John Gomm. (MISC235B)

I assume that this and the previous document are counterparts, but see my note to the latter. My notes also have 'Ann his wife' in the recitation of 1760-Sep-15, although in the description of the original document and in 1761-Dec-16 I have 'Ann his daughter aged about 36'. The Beckley Parish Registers show that John Gomm's second wife Ann was still living at this time, that Ann was his daughter by his first wife, and that she was baptised in 1724 (tallying with the age given). Either I or the clerk must have got it wrong here.

1762-Sep-22

On back: "No 2 Dated Sep^r 22^d 1762 Deed Poll whereby Dr. Leigh appoints 1600£ to be equally divided between his two daughters Mary & Cassandra, 800£ apiece".

Mentions indenture of 2/Nov/1747 between (i) Theophilus Leigh and Ann his wife; (ii) William Leigh and James Leigh; (iii) Edward Bee of Oxford, Esq; (iv) William Walker DLL and James Musgrave DLL. (MISC235B)

1762-Oct-07

Indenture of assignment between: (i) Edward Bee; (ii) Sir Edward Turner; (iii) Thomas Leigh of Harding, Oxon, clerk, and Jane, his wife; (iv) Mary Waldo of Oxford, spinster; (v) Theophilus Leigh and Ann, his wife; (vi) Mary Leigh; (vii) Thomas Leigh of the University of Oxford; (viii) Edward Cooper, DLL, and George Austen, Batchelor of Divinity.

At the request of Edward Bee, Theophilus Leigh, Ann Leigh, Mary Leigh and Thomas Leigh, Sir Edward Turner has assigned the Beckley estate to Edward Cooper and George Austen upon trust and has discharged the said sums of £570 & £500. Sir Edward Turner is to retain for his own use the £1600 in Old South Sea annuities transferred to him by Thomas and Jane Leigh of Harding.

(recited in 1762-Oct-07-b)

1762-Oct-07-a

On back: "No 4 Dated Oct 7th 1762 Indenture whereby 1070£ and 170£ consolidated Annuities are settled (after the life of Mr Bee of Dr Leigh of his wife) upon Cassandra youngest daughter of Dr Leigh but some part of both declared to be a security against all claims wch Dr Leighs Wife and Daughter Cassandra might have (by virtue of former settlements) upon Sr Edward Turner as Trustee or upon the Beckley Estate This 1070£ & 170£ (having been laid over in the purchase of 1452£ stock) was given up by Lady Turner (S^r Edward Turner's executrix) to Miss Cassandra upon her marriage with Mr Cooke & Miss Cassandra & Mr Cooke joined in a full discharge of all claims".

Indenture between: (i) Thomas Leigh, (ii) Theophilus Leigh and Ann his wife; (iii) Edward Bee, late of Beckley, now of Oxford; (iv) Mary Leigh spinster; (v) Cassandra Leigh spinster; (vi) Sir Edward Turner of Ambrosden.

Mentions forthcoming marriage between Thomas Leigh & Mary Leigh.

Sealed and delivered by Thomas Leigh of University of Oxford in presence of Abraham Chew of Ambrosden and William Crossby of Ditto, Footman. Sealed and delivered by Theophilus Leigh and Ann his wife in presence of Samuel Dugliss and Elizabeth Winterburn. Sealed and delivered by Edward Bee in presence of Anne Bee and Eliz Hussey. Sealed and delivered by Sir Edward Turner in presence of Abraham Chew of Ambrosden and William Crossby of Ditto Footman. (MISC235B)

1762-Oct-07-b

Note on back: "No 5 Dated Octr. 7th 1762. Bond frm. Dr. Leigh & Mrs Waldo to indemnify Sr Edwd. Turner & ye Beckley Estate against all claims wch Mrs. Leigh Wife of Dr. Leigh & his Daughter Cassandra might make on ye same. Mrs. Leigh having since deceased her claims (wch were only an annuity for life) are ceas'd And Cassandra ye Daughter being since come of age & married, she & her husband ye Revd. Mr. Samuel Cooke (upon 1452£ being given up to them upon their marriage) have given a full discharge of all her claims; wch. discharge is in ye possession of Lady Turner executrix of Sr. Edwd. Turner".

Theophilus Leigh of the University of Oxford and Mary Waldo of Oxford, spinster, bind themselves and their heirs to pay £800 to Sir Edward Turner of Ambrosden, otherwise Amorsdon.

Recites indenture of 1747-Nov-02 (see above) and mentions that the £1600 referred to in that was raised on the security of the manor of Beckley. Two sums of £570 & £500 were raised & £600 of Old South Sea annuities purchased.

Mentions the death, intestate, of William Walker and the appointment of his sister Jane, the wife of Thomas Leigh of Harding [Harpsden], as administratrix. Sir Edward Turner is to take on the trusteeship in place of James Musgrave: Thomas and Jane Leigh of Harding have transferred to him the £600 and the Old South Sea annuities.

Mentions that Theophilus and Anne Leigh have only two daughters, Mary and Cassandra (the latter still under twenty-one).

Mentions indenture of 22nd September last whereby Theophilus Leigh appoints that, after the death of himself and his wife, the £1600 be divided equally between his two daughters, subject to the payment of £40 a year to Edward Bee.

Recites indentures of even date (see above).

Sir Edward Turner and James Musgrave indemnified against any claims which might be made against them in respect of the Beckley property or the money mentioned herein.

Sealed & delivered by Theophilus Leigh & Mary Waldo in the presence of Tho^s Hawkins and James [?].
(MISC235A/1; transcript with RAC)

1762-Oct-16

Indenture between Edward Bee and John Gomm. Previous lease given up for 40 shillings and new lease granted on lives of Ann Gomm, Mary Payne and John Payne, her son. Attached to document, by an old pin, is a note: "4th Feb 1769. Lease from Rev^d Tho^s Leigh to John Payne Sen^r of Beckley. Lives to be put in the Lease are Mary Payne, wife of s^d John Payne, John Payne, Son of John Payne, and Tho^s Payne, Son of s^d John Payne the Elder. To be engrossed by Thursday Morn next."

(MISC235A/2)

1763-Apr-16

Indenture between Thomas Leigh, Rector of Broadwell, and John Carr of Beckley, Butcher. Previous lease surrendered and new 99-year lease granted for lives of Jno Carr, Eliz: his wife, and John their son, aged 9. Witnessed by Ann Leigh and Henry Deane.

(MISC235A/2)

1763-Apr-16-a

Copy of previous indenture.

(MISC235A/2)

1763-Aug-05

Will of Cassandra Wight with attached probate certificate granted by the Archbishop of Canterbury (23/Sep/1779). If she dies in Barking, Essex, or London she is to be buried at Barking. Bequests to: ten poor housekeepers of Barking; Mrs Giddes of Barking (friend); Henry Wight of Blakesley, Northampton, and his sister, Miss Wight; Mr James Martin (nephew) and Miss Shepherd (niece); Captain Hutchinson and his son, Julius; Rev Thomas Leigh (brother); Rev Charles Leigh (brother); Mr Hungerford Hoskins [sic] (nephew); Nelson (female cousin, over 80); Emma Waldo (niece); residue to Dr Theophilus Leigh (brother) and Ann, his wife. Executors: Dr Theophilus Leigh and Ann, his wife; witnesses: Mary Waldo, Ja: Gilpin. Her husband, Captain Wight, mentioned as deceased.

A codicil (9/July/1765) splits the bequest to Thomas Leigh (now deceased) between Cassandra Austen (her niece) and the residue. Witnessed by Mary Waldo.

A codicil of 19/July/177[5?] adds bequests to: ten poor housekeepers of Mary Magdelene, Oxford; the poor of Adlestrop; Sammy Arnold (nephew); Cassandra Arnold (niece); Martha North. Witnessed by Eliz Bishop.

(MISC235A/1)

Note: a contemporary copy of this will, along with receipts from beneficiaries, is owned by Robert Cooke.

1764-Oct-08

On back: "Rev. Mr. Leigh to Mr. Thomas Busby & Mr. James Lamball For lives of Tho Busby aged 29, Tho Busby aged 17, Benj Busby, aged 15", "Counterpart Lease". Indenture between Rev. Thomas Leigh, Rector of Broadwell and Thomas Busby of Buckley [sic], yeoman. Witnesses that in consideration of surrender of former lease dated 21/Jan/1758 granted by Edward Bee to Thomas Busby & James Lamball for 99 years if Elizabeth Busby (widow of Richard Busby), Thomas Busby then aged 11 or thereabouts and Benjamin Busby then 9 or thereabouts, sons of Elizabeth Busby, should so long live ... Lease for 99 years granted. Thomas Busby makes his mark; James Lamball signs.

(MISC235A/2)

1765-May-01

On back: "Sealed and Delivered (being first duly stampd) in the presence of [signed] Ann Leigh Cassandra Leigh", "The Revd Thos. Leigh to Christopher Lipscomb", "Counterpart Lease".

Indenture between Rev. Thomas Leigh of Adlestrop and Christopher Lipscomb of Beckley. CL gives up existing lease, pays 40/-, and receives lease on property currently possessed by John Watkins & Thomas Busby (c. ½ acre). CL makes his mark.

(MISC235A/2)

1765-Jul-09

Codicil to Cassandra Wight's will.

(added to 1763-Aug-05)

1766-Sep-16

Indenture between Rev. Thomas Leigh, Rector of Broadwell, and William Ledwell of Cowley, Esquire. Surrender, on payment of 7/6, of lease of 16/Dec/1761 granted by Edward Bee. New 99-year lease, at rent of 1/- a year, for lives of William Ledwell and Edward and James, his brothers, granted on piece of Ground lately staked out, containing in length 10 poles and in breadth 5 poles, in the Parish of Beckley, "the House and Garden now or late of Thomas Busby lying on the North side thereof The Common Highway lying on the East side and a Close called the Mead Close lying on the West side thereof (upon part of which said Ground the said John Gomm lately built a Messuage or tenement)". TL reserves right to remove timber. Within one year of death of any of the named lives the survivors have right, on payment of 7/6 and a fine, to a new lease with a new name. (MISC235A/2)

1766-Sept-16-a

Copy of previous, witnessed by The: Leigh and Jn^o Walker. There are several crossings out and amendments: (1) day and month crossed out and year changed to 1805; (2) reference to previous lease crossed out; (3) "upon which Ground John Gomm lately built a Messuage" changed to "upon which Ground is built a Messuage ... which premises are now occupied by Eliz ? and ? Wakefield widow"; (4) list of lives crossed out and names inserted: "Rev Saml Cooke [Saml Cooke then crossed out] George Leigh Cooke". On the back is another indenture dated 8/July/1805 between William Brydges Ledwell late of Bath and John Mackaness of the Middle Temple under which WBL gives up all claim to the ground at Beckley for £35 (WBL is described as son and executor of Ann Ledwell formerly of Woodperry and late of Bath, who was widow and executrix of William Ledwell). (MISC235A/2)

1768-Jun-11

Marriage settlement for Samuel Cooke and Cassandra Leigh made between (1) Rev. George Cooke, Rector of Saint Mary Clyst, Devon, (2) Rev. Samuel Cooke of Balliol College, M.A., (3) Rev. Theophilus Leigh, Doctor in Divinity, Master of Balliol, and (4) Cassandra Leigh. Trustees are Thomas Twistleton of Broughton, Rev. Thomas Leigh of Adlestrop and Michael Cooke of Lyons Inn, Middlesex. George Cooke is to pay to Samuel Cooke, immediately after the solemnization, £750 of capital stock and a bond of £2000 conditioned for the payment of £1000 within six months of his death. Samuel Cooke is to transfer £548 in 3% annuities 1751 to the trustees. Theophilus Leigh and Cassandra Leigh are to procure transfer to the trustees of £1452 capital stock, now in the name of Dame Cassandra Turner, to which they are entitled under a six-part agreement dated 7/Oct/1762. Security for sum of £5000 to which Cassandra Leigh is entitled under the will of Ann Berington of the City of Hereford is to be transferred to the trustees. The £2000 paid by Samuel Cooke and Theophilus Leigh is to be used to buy a leasehold estate for Samuel and Cassandra. After their death money in the trust is to be divided equally between their children. Sealed and delivered by George Cooke in the presence of Mary Cole and John Cooke. Sealed and delivered by Samuel Cooke, Theophilus Leigh and Cassandra Leigh in the presence of Cass: Wight and Mary Waldo. (MISC235A/1)

1768-Jun-11-a

Copy of above.

(MISC235A/1)

1769-Feb-11

Indenture between Rev. Thomas Leigh of Adlestrop and John Payne senior of Beckley, labourer. 99-year lease on messuage or tenement with the garden ground determinable on lives of Mary Payne, wife of John Payne, and John Payne and Thos. Payne, sons of John Payne, for forty shillings. (MISC235A/2)

1769-Feb-11-a

Copy of previous.

(MISC235A/2)

Beckley, Leigh and Documents

1769-Nov-07

Indenture of Lease: John Mackaness leases messuage in Beckley from Rev John & Susannah (née Price) Rusworth.
(mentioned in 1806-Sep-02)

1769-Nov-08

Indenture of Release: John Mackaness purchases messuage in Beckley from Rev John & Susannah (née Price) Rusworth.
(mentioned in 1806-Sep-02)

1772-Mar-02

On back: "Settlement in pursuance of Articles made previous to Marriage of Mr Cooke & Cassandra".

Indenture between: (i) Rev Samuel Cooke of Baliol College and Cassandra his wife; (ii) Thomas Leigh of Adlestrop and Thomas Twistleton of Broughton; (iii) Michael Cooke of Lyons Inn, Middlesex, Gent.

Mentions that Cassandra Cooke, before her marriage, possessed £1452 in the 3% Consolidated Bank Annuities and, under the will of Ann Berington of Hereford, also possessed £5000 subject to payment of several annuities.

Mentions articles of agreement of 11/June/1768, made previous to marriage, between (i) Rev George Cooke, Rector of Saint Mary Clyst, Devon, and Samuel Cooke and (ii) Theophilus Leigh and Cassandra Leigh. In this George Cooke covenanted to transfer to Samuel Cooke £750 capital stock and deliver a bond in the penal sum of £2000 conditioned on payment of £1000 within six months of his death and to pay interest for the same at 4%; Samuel Cooke covenanted to transfer £548 capital stock in the 3% annuities 1751 to Thomas Twistleton, Thomas Leigh and Michael Cooke; Theophilus Leigh and Cassandra Leigh agreed to procure and transfer to the same £1452 and the securities upon which the £5000 was placed.

Indenture witnesses that trustees will use money to buy a leasehold estate for Samuel and Cassandra Cooke.
(MISC235B)

1772-Dec-01

190-year lease on cottage & garden.
(mentioned in 1832-Mar-25)

1775-Mar-23

Indenture between: (i) (a) George Sanders of Cassington, Oxon, yeoman, (b) Mary his wife, late Mary Ward, otherwise Mary Carr (surviving administratrix of Mary Carr of Beckley); (ii) John Carter of Hedington. Mentions indenture of 23/Dec/1749 between Edward Bee and Robert Carr the elder leasing a mesuage in Beckley. Re-assignment of Lease from George Sanders to John Carter.
(MISC235A/2)

1775-Jul-19

Codicil to Cassandra Wight's will.
(see 1763-Aug-05)

1775-Jul-20

Indenture between Rev. Thomas Leigh of Adlestrop and John Carter of Hedington, yeoman. Mentions former lease of 23/Dec/1749 made by Edward Bee to Robert Carr of Beckley, butcher (since deceased) for 99 years or the lives of Robert Carr and George & William his sons. Property, a messuage or tenement with Garden Ground, now leased to John Carter for 99 years if John Carter, Hannah his wife and William his son or any or either of them live so long.
(MISC235A/2)

Note: this recited in 1782-May-24, where my notes say that John Carter was in possession in 1775.

1775-Jul-20-a

On back: "Rev Mr Leigh to Mr John Carter", "Fine £3 quit rent 2/6 at mich.", "Counterpart of lease for 3 lives of Premises at Beckley For lives of John Carter Hannah his wife & Will^m his son", "Betts afterwards bought this cottage of Carter".

1778-Aug-13

Indenture between Rev. Thomas Leigh of Adlestrop and James Lamball of Beckley, yeoman. Old lease surrendered and new lease granted on piece of ground taken out of the South East Corner of a certain Furlong called or known by the name of Sour Wood (Furlong opposite to the Fifty Second Mile Stone at the Turnpike Road leading from London to Worcester) in Beckley, containing in length Sixty Feet and in breadth Forty Feet as the same is now paled or mounded out, for 99 years or the lives of James Lamball, Mary his wife and Sarah their daughter. Yearly rent of five shillings paid by equal payments on the four most usual Feasts of the year, i.e. St. Michael the Archangel, the Nativity of Our Lord, the Annunciation of the BVM and Saint John the Baptist.

(MISC235A/2)

1778-Aug-13-a

Copy of previous.

(MISC235A/2)

1779-Sep-23

Probate certificate on will of Cassandra Wight.

(on will of 1763-Aug-05)

1780-Jan-26

On back: "Rev Thos Leigh to Sarah Lipscombe for 99 years determinable on lives of Henry Lipscombe, J. Lipscombe & Ann Carr", "Counterpart of Lease".

Indenture between Thomas Leigh and Sarah Lipscombe of Beckley, widow.

Surrender of former lease on ½ acre now or late in possession of John Watkins and Thomas Busby. Tenement hereby demised was built by Richard Huggins.

New lease for 99 years or lives of Henry and John Lipscomb, sons of Sarah Lipscomb, and Ann Carr, late of London and now of Wood Eaton, spinster.

Sarah Lipscomb makes her mark.

(MISC235B)

1782-May-24

Indenture between John Carter of Beckley, Carpenter & wheelwright, and Thomas Betts of St Giles, Servant.

Mentions indenture of 20/July/1775, whereby Thomas Lee [sic] of Adlestrop leased to John Carter of Heddington, Yeoman, a Messuage with garden (10 poles on North, 5 on East, 10 on South & 4 on West), late in possession of of Robert Carr & now of said John Carter, for 99 years and lives of John Carter, Hannah his wife, and William his son.

John Carter now assigns to Thomas Betts, for £70, the said messuage, & the shop lately erected & built next adjoining, for the residue of the 99 years.

(MISC235B)

1785-Feb-02

Will of Rev. William Price of Whitfield, Northamptonshire. My notes give date of 1733/4 but this looks unlikely. Canterbury probate certificate of 2/Feb/1785. £100 to wife Elizabeth Price plus personal estate and money for life; on her death this to be divided between six daughters, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary, Susannah, Philadelphia and Katherine, his four sons, Roger, Thomas, John and William, having already received ample portions. Will witnessed by William Cooper and Richard Cooper.

(MISC235A/5)

1785-Feb-14

Indenture between: (i) Elizabeth Price of Beckley, spinster (daughter and administratrix of William Price formerly Rector of Whitfield, Northants, who survived his wife Elizabeth, formerly Elizabeth Izard, spinster, and also the daughter & residual legatee of Thomas Izard, formerly of Beckley, Gent. & which said Elizabeth Price, party hereto, was granddaughter & administratrix of said Thomas Izard); (ii) Edward Pauncefort of Mowman Street in the Parish of St. Marylebone, Middlesex, Esquire, executor of Sir Charles Hardy who was executor of Constance Denton, who was the widow of Geroge

Denton, also George Chamberlayne, formerly of Hillsdon, Bucks, Esq; (iii) Robert Ashfield of the Parish of Saint Mary Magdalen in the city of Oxford.

Mentions indenture of Lease of 9/Aug/1684 whereby John Izard, formerly of Beckley, granted to Thomas Izard his Cottage, Tenement, Barn, Stable, Orchard and four acres of arable land. Mentions also indenture of 6/June/1692 which leased further land to Thomas Izard; Millfield lies along West side of land called Fininers Lane running up the Mill-yard gates; Macknoys Yard also mentioned.

Land now leased to Robert Ashfield with right of Elizabeth Price to live there. (MISC235A/2)

1794-May-05

Indenture between Rev. Hugh Price, Rector of Little Ilford, Essex, and Charles Harris Esq., of Camberwell, Surry. Concerns a mortgage on the Rectory property allowing for improvement. On the back are receipts for money received from Theophilus Leigh Cooke in 1804, 1805, 1809, 1810.

1800-Feb-05

(MISC235A/5)

On back: "Mr Daniel Shilfox (Administrator &c) to James Lay Esq", "Assignment of a messuage & orchard at Beckley".

Indenture between Daniel Shilfox of the Red-house in the parish of Saint Nicholas, Deptford, Kent, Armourer (admin of Martha Shilfox of Oxford St, Mdsx, his mother) and James Lay of Beckley, Esq.

Mentions indenture of 4/Dec/1718 [24?] between Edward Bee & Joseph Heat, Baker, of Beckley, whereby EB leased a messuage with orchard & garden plot (c. ½ acre), "shooting West towards the Street, North towards Richard Tones & East & South towards John Hilbey's", for 500 years for a peppercorn rent.

This became vested in Martha Shilfox and is now assigned to James Lay. (MISC235B)

1800-Dec-26

Indenture between Rev. Thomas Leigh, Rector of Adlestrop, and Thomas Jessop of Beckley, yeoman. TJ surrenders lease of 13/Aug/1778 granted by Thomas Leigh to James Lamball for 99 years or for lives therein mentioned. TL leases the South East corner of a certain furlong known as Sour Wood for 99 years if Thomas Jessop, Catherine his wife and Ann their daughter live so long.

(MISC235A/2)

1801-Mar-28

On back: "Mr William Tipping & Mr Moses Faulkner to Mr John Louch", "Assignment of Messuages with the appurts at Beckley", "Roberson Oxford".

Indenture between (i) (a) William Tipping of Beckley, Yeoman, administrator of Elizabeth Tipping his wife, the 2nd daughter of Susanna Hart & a legatee of Matthew Wyatt of Stanton Saint John, Baker and (b) Moses Faulkner of Beckley, Carpenter, child of Elizabeth Tipping by her former husband Daniel Faulkner; (ii) Elizabeth Baylis of Elsfield, spinster; (iii) John Louch, Butler, of New College.

Mentions indenture of lease of 1/Dec/1722 between Edward Bee of Beckley and Thomas Bullford, Labourer, of Beckley. (MISC235B)

1802-May-12

On back: "Mr Robert Ashfield to John Mackaness Esq", "Assignment of Leasehold Premises at Beckley Oxford".

Indenture between Robert Ashfield of Beckley Esq and John Mackaness of Middle Temple Esq.

Mentions indenture of lease of 9/Aug/1684 wherein John Izard granted cottage, with barn, stable & orchard, to Thomas Izard, as well as 4 acres of Arable land lying dispersed in the common fields of Beckley to be part of a Yard Land called Mackness Yard Land & to have been in the occupation of Drucilla Meade for 1000 years.

By indenture of 6/June/1692, John Izard granted to Thomas, for 999 years, all his sydling or parcel of Yelding Ground in the Common Field of Beckley, known as Mill Field, along west side of lane called Tininey Lane winning up the Mill Yard Gates.

Thomas Izard left these premises to his wife and after her death to his daughter, Elizabeth Izard, who afterwards married William Price, rector of Whitfield, Northants.

Mentions an indenture of 24/May/1743 between (i) William Price and Elizabeth his wife, (ii) Elizabeth Price of Beckley, spinster, their eldest daughter, and (iii) George Denton. This indenture mentioned part of land in possession of Rev Mr. Jones and then of [?] Thomson, widow, and another part in possession of Daniel Chapman and then William Smith.

Elizabeth Price assigned lands to Edward Painsfort who assigned them to Robert Ashfield.

(MISC235B)

1803-Feb-21

Will of Thomas Leigh of Adlestrop of Adlestrop.

Estate at Beckley, consisting of rectory impropriate of the church of Beckley and the advowson to the vicarage or curacy, goes to his sister-in-law Cassandra Cooke. This estate was settled on his wife Mary Leigh as part of their marriage settlement; there being no issue it is at his disposal.

There are many other bequests, in land and money, to members of his family.

Executrix is Elizabeth Leigh (sister).

A codicil of 21/May/1813 mentions his succession to the Stoneleigh Abbey estates. His late wife's manuscripts (except for her anecdotes of the Leigh family, designed for James Henry Leigh) go to Cassandra Leigh, as well as her paintings and Balliol papers. Elizabeth Leigh and James Henry Leigh are named as executors.

(RAC)

Note: this will is mentioned in 1816-Jun-24.

1803-May-04

Indenture between Rev. Thomas Leigh of Adlestrop and Thomas Busby of Beckley, yeoman. 99-year lease made on or about 8/Oct/1764 surrendered. New lease for lives of Thomas Busby, Thomas Busby the younger & Benjamin Busby. Witnessed by Elizabeth Leigh, Charles Bunting.

(MISC235A/2)

1803-May-04-a

Indenture between Thomas Leigh and Thomas Busby of Oxford, yeoman.

Surrender, for £15/15/0, of 99-year lease (8/Oct/1764) of a cottage, garden and orchard to Thomas Busby on lives of Thomas Busby, Thomas Busby the younger, and Benjamin Busby.

Lease renewed for 99 years on lives of Thomas Busby aged 69, John Hut aged 14, and James Hut aged 6, the sons of Robert & Francis Hut.

Thomas Busby makes his mark.

(MISC235B)

1804-Aug-07

Indenture of mortgage between Charles Moore, Jonathan Cooper & Stephen Davis. JC & CM assign land to Stephen Davis for £60 paid to JC, redeemable on payment of capital plus interest.

(recited in 1838-Sep-29)

This looks the same as 1804-Aug-11: maybe I misread the date in 1838-Sep-29.

1804-Aug-11

On back: "Mr Chas Moore by direction of Mr Jonathan Cooper & Mr Jonathan Cooper to Mr Stephen Davis", "Assignment by way of a Mortgage of an estate at Beckley for securing £60 + interest".

Indenture between: (i) Charles Moore of Horsepath, victualler, admin of Anthony Moore of Garsington, Blacksmith; (ii) Jonathan Cooper of Horsepath, Yeoman; (iii) Stephen Davis of Saint Aldate, Boatbuilder.

Mentions indenture of 17/May/1717 between Edward Bee & William Miles of Beckley, gent. whereby EB leased to WM an enclosed piece of pasture ground then used as an orchard (¾ acre) abutting westward on the highway, Northward on Knole Hill, Eastward on part of said hill & South upon a ley, then [late?] in possession of John Mortimer, then of Thomas Ledwell, & then of William Miles, for 500 years.

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Mentions indenture of 6/Sep/1735 between Eleanor Miles of Oxford, widow & adminx of William Miles, and Richard Gammon of Clifton, Oxon, Yeoman, which recited that William Miles had since erected a Malthouse and that Eleanor Miles was assigning the land and the malthouse to Richard Gammon.

Mentions indenture of 7/Feb/1735 [ie 1736 new style] between Richard Gammon & Mary his wife & Anthony Moore in which Richard Gammon assigned land to Anthony Moore. (MISC235B)

Note: this indenture recited by 1805-Jul-31 (q.v. for further notes, including reference to William Fruin).

1804-Sep-29

Indenture between Rev Samuel Cooke & Thomas Weekes of Salcombe, Devon. Lease of mesuage & farmhouse called Wyatts for 14 years at yearly rent of £50. (MISC235B)

1805-Mar-02

On back: "James Lay Esq to Mr John Louch", "Assignment of a messuage at Beckley for remainder of Term of 500 years".

Indenture between James Lay, late of Beckley but now of Woodperry, and John Louch, butler, of new College.

Mentions indenture of 24/Dec/1718 between Edward Bee & Joseph Heat of Beckley, Baker, whereby EB granted a 500-year lease to JH on a messuage, garden plot & orchard (½ acre), "shooting West towards the street north towards Richard James & East & South towards John Hilbey's", then in occupation of Richard Matthews.

This property now vested in James Lay by divers assignments & other legal ways and means.

(MISC235B)

1805-Apr-02

On back: "Rev Thomas Leigh to John Payne Jun", "Counterpart Lease for 99 years Provided John Payne, Thomas Payne, Mary Payne, any or either of them shall so long live", "Rent 1s Fine 40s".

Indenture between Rev Thomas Leigh and John Payne the younger of Beckley, Labourer.

Surrender of previous lease of 11/Feb/1769 between Thomas Leigh & John Payne senior, then of Beckley, labourer. Messuage consists of 3½ poles on West, 11½ on North, 4 on East, and 10 on South. New 99-year lease granted on lives of John Payne (aged c. 52), Mary Payne (his daughter, aged c. 28), and Thomas Payne (brother, c. 49).

Sealed and delivered in presence of Edward Carr and Mary Carr. John Pain [sic] makes his mark.

(MISC235B)

1805-Jul-08

Indenture between William Brydges Ledwell, late of Bath, and John Mackaness of the Middle Temple, London, Esq. WBL is son and administrator of Ann Ledwell, formerly of Woodperry & late of Bath, deceased, who was the widow, relict & executrix of William Ledwell. For £35 WBL gives up all claim to the piece or parcel of ground in Beckley. (on back of 1766-Sep-16-a)

1805-Jul-31

On back: "Mr Jonathan Cooper to Mr Stephen Davis", "Deed of further charge for securing £40 & interest".

Indenture between Jonathan Cooper of Horsepath, Oxon, Yeoman, and Stephen Davis of Saint Aldates, Oxford, Boatbuilder.

Mentions indenture of 11/Aug/1804 between Charles Moore of Horsepath, Victualler, and Jonathan Cooper & Stephen Davis, whereby SD paid £60 to JC & 5/- to CM for an inclosed piece of pasture then used as an orchard with all manner of trees standing and also Malthouse lately erected on said piece of ground then in occupation of William Fruin.

Said ground to be a security unto Stephen Davis for £40 paid by him to Jonathan Cooper.

Signed by Jonathan Cooper; witnessed by Wm Marsh.

(MISC235B)

1806-Sep-02

On back: John Mackaness to Rev Samuel Cooke", "Lease for a year".

Indenture between John Mackaness of The Temple, London, Esq, only son & heir of John Mackaness late of Beckley Esq, who died intestate 'seized in fee of the hereditaments hereinafter described & intended to be bargained and sold', and Rev Samuel Cooke.

For five shillings JM bargains and sells to SC: the freehold messuage with the homestead formerly occupied by James Morris & now by Thomas Blake, his undertenants or assigns; the orchard belonging to this; the freehold close known as Oatmore Close (4-5 acres); the messuage cottage or tenement formerly occupied by Joseph Ward, afterwards by Richard Fisher, and now or late by John Budd, his undertenants or assigns.

These were purchased by John Mackaness, deceased, in 1769 and were, by indentures of Lease and Release of 7 & 8/Nov/1769 and by a fine sur conizante de droit levied in Hilary term of 10 George III [1770], leased to Rev John Rusworth & Susannah his wife, heretofore Susannah Price, spinster.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of Baker Morell Prinie [?] Jubb All [squiggle - sergeants?] at law. (MISC235B)

1806-Sep-03

On back: "John Mackaness to Revd Samuel Cooke", "Release of freehold and assignment of Leasehold heredit & premises in Beckley".

On back: "Mrs Eliz. Jane Humphreys to Dr Peter Dyncley [?] Esq a Trustee of Rev Samuel Cooke", "Assignment of a term of 1000 years in 2/3 of the freehold promised in trust to attend the inheritance".

Mentions indentures of 9/Aug/1684 and 6/June/1692 between John and Thomas Izard.

(MISC235B)

1807-Oct-06

On back: "Deed of Covenant between Mrs Catherine Bailey and Mr Hugh Bailey".

Indenture between Catherine Bailey of Great Bookham, widow of John Bailey, Grocer, and Hugh Bailey, Grocer (only child & heir at law of John Bailey). Refers to John Bailey's marriage settlement of which Samuel Cooke was trustee.

(MISC235B)

1809-Apr-06

Indenture between Rev. Thomas Leigh, Rector of Broadwell and Rev. Samuel Cooke of Great Bookham. Previous lease of 16/Sep/1766 granted by Thomas Leigh to William Ledwell of Cowley, Esq, surrendered on payment of £5 by Samuel Cooke to Thomas Leigh. The piece of ground was lately staked or laid out, containing in length 10 pole & in breadth 5 pole, in Beckley, The house or garden now or late of Thomas Busby lying on the North side, the common highway on the East side and a close called the Mead Close lying on the South West side, upon part of which ground is built a mesuage or tenement, which premises are now occupied by Elizabeth Morris and [blank] Wakefield, widow. 99-year lease granted for lives of Rev. George Leigh Cooke of Corpus Christi, Theophilus Leigh Cooke of Magdalen College and Chandos Leigh, son of James Henry Leigh of Addlestrop.

(MISC235A/2)

The document is unsigned and the day and month are left blank. The date is supplied by the next document.

1809-Apr-06-a

On back: "Dated April 6th 1809", "Rev Thos Leigh to Rev Sam^l Cooke", "Lease Piece of Ground at Beckley for three lives".

Same as the last document, except that George Leigh Cooke is described as 'of University of Oxford'. (MISC235B)

1809-Jul-01

Note on back: "The Rev Samuel Cooke Rector of Cottisford to Rev George Leigh Cooke", "Charge & Demise for securing £100 & Interest pursuant to a Power contained in Deddington & Barford Inclosure Act".

Indenture between: (i) Reverend Samuel Cooke, Rector of Cottisford, Oxon; (ii) The Provost of the College Royal of the Blessed Mary of Eton near Windsor Bucks [?], commonly called the Kings College of our Blessed Lady of Eton, and the same College, Patron of the said Rectory of Cottisford; (iii) Charles Lord Bishop of Oxford; (iv) Rev George Leigh Cooke, Fellow of Corpus Christi.

Mentions Act of Parliament of 47 George III for Inclosing of Land at Deddington & Great Barford.

Samuel Cooke assigns two several plots of field at Great Barford (otherwise Barford Saint Michael) to George Leigh Cooke for £100.
(MISC235B)

1810-Mar-23

On back: "Mr John Payne to his brother Mr Jos^h Paine [sic]", "Assignment".

Indenture between John Payne, formerly of Beckley, now of Stanton St John, and Joseph Paine of Crown Court, Charles Street, St Margarets, Westminster Green, Grocer. Mentions indenture of 2/April/1805 in which Thomas Leigh of Adlestrop leased messuage to John Payne. John Payne now assigns messuage to Joseph for £75.

Signed by Joseph Paine; John Payne makes his mark. Witnesses: John Haycock and James Rogers.

(MISC235B)

1812-Apr-06

Indenture between: (i) Charles Cooke; (ii) Christopher Lethbridge & George Mackenzie. Update to marriage settlement of Charles & Sarah Cooke.
(recited in 1837-Nov-06, qv for details)

1812-Jun-27

On back: "Mr Jonathan Cooper to Mr Stephen Davis", "Deed of further charge for £23".

Mentions indenture of 31/July/1805 between Jonathan Cooper and Stephen Davis. MISC235B)

1813-Jun-27

Indenture between Jonathan Cooper of Horsepath, Oxon, yeoman, and Stephen Davis of Oxford, Boat Builder. Mentions indentures of 27/June/1812 between same parties, of 31/July/1805, and of 11/August/1804 between Jonathan Cooper, Stephen Davis and Charles Moore of Horsepath. Mortgage on property in Beckley for £57 paid by Stephen Davis to Jonathan Cooper.
(MISC235A/2)

1814-Apr-30

On back: "Assignment of Leasehold Premises at Beckley subject to mortgage thereon. Dated 30th April 1814". Memorandum on back: "By indenture bearing date 19/Sep/1836 being settlement made on the marriage of Mr Christopher Legge with Mrs Elizabeth Goodliffe the said Elizabeth Goodliffe being entitled jointly with Mrs Elizabeth Collett to the within mentioned Lease for their joint lives with remainder to the survivor did assign her estate and interest therein to Trustees upon the Trusts in the said Indenture continued".

Jonathan Cooper leases property known as the Malthouse to William [.....], victualler of Beckley, for 500 years.
(MISC235A/2)

(Document in poor condition and splattered with whitewash; a corner, including part of date and name of second party, is missing. Recital in 1838-Sep-29 gives name as William Fruin, refers to land & malthouse, and says that property is subject to payment of £180 to Stephen Davis.)

1815-Oct-23

Marriage settlement for George Leigh Cooke and Ann Hay (7 skins) made between (1) Rev. Samuel Cooke, vicar of Great Bookham, (2) Rev. George Leigh Cooke, Sedleian Reader of Natural Philosophy at the University of Oxford & Rector of Wick Rissington, (3) William Hay of Russell

Square, Middlesex, (4) Ann Hay, one of his daughters, (5) Rev. Richard Yates, chaplain of Chelsea Hospital, (6) James Forsyth of Landsdown Place, Saint Pancras, (7) Rev. Theophilus Leigh Cooke, rector of Little Ilford, Essex, and (8) Rev. William Bishop, fellow of Oriel College. Trustees are Richard Yates, James Forsythe, Theophilus Leigh Cooke and William Bishop. William Hay to transfer £2,300 to the trustees and another £10,000 after the death of himself and his wife, Helen. Samuel Cooke to transfer to trustees Winnick Farm in Northampton & Huntingdon. Samuel Cooke's signature witnessed by John Leach & William Leach of Great Bookham.

On the back of the first skin is an indenture dated 14/May/1839 between Theophilus Leigh Cooke, William Bishop, George Leigh Cooke and Ann. This tidies up following deaths of Richard Yates, James Forsythe, William Hay & Helen Hay. Acknowledges that some money given to George Leigh Cooke has not been replaced.

(MISC235A/1)

1815-Oct-23-a

Copy of above with the following notes on the back:

"Dated the 14th May 1839. Appointment of John Irving Glennie Esquire to be a Trustee in the room of Richard Yates and James Forsyth (both deceased) (Endorsed on 2nd skin)".

"Dated the 28th June 1847. Appointment of The Reverend Edward Philip Cooper to be a Trustee in the room of Theophilus Leigh Cooke and William Bishop (both deceased) (endorsed on third skin)".

"Dated the 25th July 1862. Appointment of the Revd. George Theophilus Cooke to be a Trustee in the room of John Irving Glennie (deceased) and Release to Edward Philip Cooper and Mrs. Ann Glennie (Executrix of John Irving Glennie deceased) of £2000 consols part of the Trust funds (Endorsed on fourth skin)".

"Dated the 29th May 1869. Appointment of the Reverend Samuel Hay Cooke and the Misses Caroline Cassandra Cooke and Julia Cooke to be new trustees (with the Revd. G. T. Cooke) to fill up vacancies caused by death and covenant of Indemnity (endorsed on fifth skin)".

MISC235A/1)

1816-Jun-24

On back: "Mrs Cassandra Austen and the Reverend Sam^l Cooke and Cassandra his wife to The Rev^d Henry Jenkins", "Assignment of the Manor Rectory or Parsonage of Beckley in the County of Oxford and the messuages tithes advowsons and heredit thereto appertaining on the trusts herein mentioned".

Indenture between: (i) Cassandra Austen of Chawton, Hants (widow and sole executrix of George Austen formerly of University of Oxford who was the surviving trustee named in the settlement hereinafter recited); (ii) Rev Samuel Cooke and Cassandra; (iii) Rev Henry Jenkins of Magdelen College.

Mentions indenture of 8/June/1668 between John Shillingford, otherwise Izard, of Beckley and Dame Mary Hatton, John Fountain Esq, Henry Wynn Esq & Sir John Coell, whereby JS assigned the moiety of the Manor and of the Rectory of Beckley.

Mentions indenture of 1/June/1670 in which John Izard assigned one moiety or half part of the Manor or Rectory of Beckley, then in the possession of his mother Dorothy Izard, to Francis Hall of Hadnock, in consideration of £1200, for 200 years from the death of Dorothy Izard under yearly rent of twelve pence if demanded.

Mentions that in Hilary term of 18,19 Charles II [1666 os: Hilary starts 20/Jan] Francis Hall obtained a judgment in the Court of Kings Bench against John Shillingford for sum of £400 debt and £3 costs and in Trinity term of 22 Charles II [1670] a further judgment for £3000 debt and £40 costs; in 1683 Francis Hall entered into a recognizance in the nature of a Statute Staple whereby he became bound to John Foster in the sum of £3000.

The said several terms of one thousand years and 200 years, the two judgments and the sums of £3000 and £400 secured by those judgments & said statute staple for £3000 became the property of Edward Bee.

The two several terms and the said recognizance in the nature of a statute staple were afterwards assigned by Edward Bee to Sir Edward Turner upon the trusts of an indenture of 2/Nov/1747 (subject to redemption by Edward Bee on payment of certain sums which were afterwards paid off and discharged, the said two judgments and the sums of money for which the same were had and obtained being assigned to Thomas Leigh of Harding, Oxon, upon the same trusts).

Mentions an 8-part indenture of 7/Oct/1762 between (i) Edward Bee; (ii) Sir Edward Turner; (iii) Thomas Leigh of Harding [i.e. Harpsden] and Jane his wife; (iv) Mary Waldo, spinster; (v) Theophilus Leigh DD of Oxford and Ann his wife; (vi) Mary Leigh of Oxford spinster; (vii) Thomas Leigh of University of Oxford (afterwards of Adlestrop); (viii) Edward Cooper DLL of University of Oxford and George Austen BD. This recited that a marriage was intended between Thomas Leigh and Mary Leigh and witnessed that Edward Bee & Edward Turner did assign to Edward Cooper & George Austen the two moieties or half parts of the Manor Rectory or Parsonage of Beckley etc. for the residue of the several terms of 1000 and 200 years upon trust to permit Thomas Leigh to receive rents and profits for his life and then Mary Leigh and then to hold in trust for their issue and if no issue upon trust for the execution of Thomas Leigh.

The said Thomas Leigh by his will of 21/Feb/1803 left all the Beckley estates to Cassandra Cooke (executors Elizabeth Leigh since deceased & James Henry Leigh) for the remainder of the several terms.

Thomas Leigh died on or about 6/June/1813 and Elizabeth Leigh and John Henry Leigh proved his will. Edward Cooper is now dead; George Austen is dead, leaving his wife as executrix.

This indenture witnesses that Cassandra Austen assigns the two moieties to Henry Jenkins upon trust.

(MISC235B)

1816-Jun-25

On back: "The Reverend Samuel Cooke and Cassandra his wife to The Rev^d William Oddie", "Feoffment with a covenant to levy a fine to the user within mentioned".

Indenture between: (i) Samuel Cooke and Cassandra his wife granddaughter & heiress at Law of Edward Bee heretofore of Beckley and afterwards of the City of Oxford & also heiress at law of her sister Mary the wife of Rev Thomas Leigh formerly of the same city and afterwards of Adlestrop which said Mary was coheir with Cassandra of their mother Ann wife of Theophilus Leigh which Anne was only child of Edward Bee; (ii) Rev Theophilus Leigh Cooke of Magdalen College BD, Rev George Leigh Cooke of University of Oxford, clerk, and Mary Cooke; (iii) Rev William Oddie of Headington, clerk; (iv) Rev Thomas Lowndes clerk of Magdalen College and Francis Morgan of Percy Street, St Pancras, Middlesex, Esq; (v) Rev John Johnson, Fellow of Magdalen, and Rev William Bishop, Fellow of Oriel.

"Witnesses that Samuel & Cassandra Cooke have granted enfeoffed to William Oddie All the Manor or Rectory of Beckley [etc] & his heirs upon trust and Samuel & Cassandra covenant with William Oddie that they will in the present Trinity Term or some subsequent term acknowledge & levy before His Majesty's Justices of the Court of Common Pleas at Westminster one or more fine or fines sur recognizance de droit".

After deaths of Samuel and Cassandra the property is to be passed on by [usual rules of primogeniture]. Thomas Roberson appointed trustee.

Also mentions property for use of Thomas Lowndes and Francis Morgan during lifetime of Samuel Cooke, Theophilus Leigh Cooke and George Leigh Cooke.

Note on back: "Be it remembered that on the Day and year first within written peaceable and quiet possession and full seisin of the Manor Rectory Advowson Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments mentioned to be granted and enfeoffed to the within named William Oddie and his heirs were openly had and taken by the within named Thomas Roberson and by him in the name of and for

the within named Samuel Cooke delivered to the said William Oddie to hold the same unto the said William Oddie & his heirs to the uses upon the trusts and for the intents & purposes limited expressed or declared of and concerning the same by the within written indenture in the presence of us whose names are hereunto subscribed Henry Lewis of Beckley, Farmer William Auga [?] of Horton, Mason".
(MISC235A/2)

1816-Jun-25-a

Copy of previous.

(MISC235B)

1817-Nov-03

On back: "Delivered [?] by from & According to the form of the statute".

Final agreement made in the Court of our Sovereign Lord the King at Westminster on the morrow of All Souls in the 57th year of George III between William Oddie, clerk, and Samuel Cooke and Cassandra his wife. Beckley property granted to William Oddie on payment of £660. Property consists of "the Manor of Beckley with the appurts, And two Messuages, ten Cottages, two Dovehouses, four Barns, four Stables, twelve Gardens, six Orchards, one hundred acres of Land, thirty acres of Meadow, seventy acres of pasture, ten acres of Wood, two hundred acres of Furze Heath, five hundred acres of Moor, twenty acres of land covered with Water, common of pasture for all manner of Cattle, View of Frankpledge, Courts Leet, Courts Baron, Goods, Chattels of Felons, Felons of themselves, Fugitives, Estrays, Deodands, Customs, Franchises, Liberties, Privileges with the appurts in the parish of Beckley And of the Rectory of Beckley with the appurts And all manner of Tythes whatsoever to the s^d rectory belonging or appertaining And also the Advowson of the Church of Beckley".

(MISC235A/2; photocopy with RAC)

Note: see document 1816-Jun-25, which makes it clear that William Oddie has the property on trust.

1817-Nov-03-a

Copy of last document.

(MISC235B)

1818-Nov-14

Executors [whose?] assign land & malthouse to Elizabeth Shayer and Elizabeth Shayler her daughter.
(mentioned in 1838-Sep-29)

1819-Jun-07

On back: "Revd Samuel Cooke to Mr Richard Smith", "Mortgage by way of demise & assignment of messuages Lands & Hereditaments at Beckley for securing 500£ & Int".

Indenture between Rev Samuel Cooke and Richard Smith of Oxford, Printseller. £500 paid by RS to SC. Concerns 'freehold mesuage or Tenement with homestead and appurtenances formerly in occupation of James Morris late in occupation of Thomas Blake and now of James Blake plus orchards Also freehold Close piece of Land commonly called Oatmore Close of between four and five acres with same occupamcy Also messuage cottage or Tenement formerly in occupation of Joseph Ward and afterwards of Richard Fisher and now or late of John Budd'.

Mentions indentures of 9/Aug/1684 between John Izard & Thomas Izard, of 6/June/1692 between the same, and of 16/Sep/1766 between Thomas Leigh & William Ledwell.

5% interest (£12:10:00) to be paid on 7/Dec next; principle of £500 + £12:10:00 interest to be paid on 7/June next (1820).

Signed by S. Cooke; witnessed by Joseph Edw Simmons, schoolmaster, of Gt Bookham, and Edmund Prim [?], Grocer, of Gt Bookham.
(MISC235B)

1821-Mar-02

On back: "Earl of Abingdon to Mrs Cassandra Cooke W^d", "Grant of Right of Road from Beckley Parsonage to Lands on Otmoor".

Indenture between (i) Montague, Earl of Abingdon, Lord Norreys & Baron Rycote, Oxon, and (ii) Cassandra Cooke of the County of Oxford, Widow.

Mentions an Act of Parliament of 55 George III [1814-5] entitled 'An Act for dividing and draining a Moor called Otmoor in the County of Oxford'. Under that act Montague, as Lord of the Manor of Beckley, and Cassandra Cooke, as impropiator of the Rectory of Beckley, became entitled to allotments of land, which should be as close as possible to land already owned by them.

Mentions that the Commissioners had already sold a 14-acre piece of land called Moor Leys to Cassandra Cooke, or her son Reverend Theophilus Leigh Cooke on her behalf, and that she therefore had a right to a further allotment adjoining that, particularly since that would give her a convenient access from her lands in Beckley. Montague, however, also wanted this piece of land and proposed that, if Cassandra Cooke would consent to receiving an allotment more to the West, he would grant her right of road across his land. Cassandra Cooke agreed to this.

A marginal map shows the intended right of road and contains the following names: Otmoor Closes, Greenaway Corner, Greenaway Lane, Horse Hades, The Gully Pieces, Blind Dean, Sandy Yards, Red Lands Furlong, Middle Furlong, Knowl Hill, Malthouse Hill, Lower Stert, Upper Stert, Common Mere, Wood Furlong, Beckley Field.

(MISC235B; photocopy of marginal map and transcript of agreement with RAC)

1821-Dec-12

Indenture between: (i) Janetta Cooke of New King Street, Bath, Spinster; (ii) Theophilus Leigh Cooke, John King Lethbridge & Robert Lethbridge. JC transfers £1600 in the 3% Consolidated Bank Annuities to TLC, JKL & RL in trust for herself during her life; if she dies without issue this to be divided between her two sisters & brother, Elizabeth (wife of Francis Edward Seymour), Sarah Cooke & John Cooke.

(recited in 1834-Jan-31)

1822-Jul-22

On back: "Mr Richard Carr to Rev Theophilus Leigh Cooke", "Feoffment of a Piece of land in Beckley".

Indenture between Richard Carr, Yeoman, of Beckley and Theophilus Leigh Cooke. Assignment to TLC, for £50, of a piece of land of one acre & one rood allocated to RC by Inclosure commissioners in lieu of RC's Right of Common, being part of Otmoor, bounded on East by allotment belonging to Earl of Abingdon, on North by allotment of Ralph Buller, and on South & West by allotment of TLC.

Signed by Richard Carr and witnessed by Henry Lewin and Richard Collett. (MISC235B)

1822-Nov-13

Will of Stephen Davis who died same day. Appoints as executors Martha Roberson (wife of William Roberson), David Willam(son) Dean, John Archer and John Parker.

(mentioned in 1838-Sep-29)

1823-Nov-15

Indenture between: (i) Sarah Cooke, widow of Charles Cooke; (ii) Christopher Lethbridge & Theophilus Leigh Cooke; (iii) George Mackenzie. Theophilus Leigh Cooke appointed trustee of Sarah Cooke's marriage settlement in place of George Mackenzie who wishes to be discharged. Terms of trust restated for benefit of Sarah Cooke & her children.

(recited in 1837-Nov-06, qv)

1827-Mar-25

Will of William Fruin (date unknown) proved by Elizabeth Collett. (mentioned in 1838-Sep-29)

1827-Oct-13

Marriage articles agreed between Elizabeth Shayler, John Collett & Thomas Mallam. Lease on property in Beckley assigned to Thomas Mallam upon trust.

(mentioned in 1838-Sep-29)

1829-Apr-15

Grant by Inclosure Commissioner of land on Otmoor to Ralph Butler. (recited in 1865-Feb-08, qv)

1830-Jul-07

Conveyance of waste land by the Commissioner of the Beckley Inclosure Act (Thomas James Tatham) to Theophilus Leigh Cooke for £2943. An attached map shows the location of the three pieces of land: (1) a triangular piece to the north of Beckley Common Road with the base line on the road opposite Folly Farm and Stow Wood, (2) a square piece to the West of the Roman Road running across Otmoor within the danger area of the rifle range, (3) a rectangular piece (part of 'Holland field') running NW to SE between the rifle range and West Hill Farm (names, except for 'Holland field', taken from the 1997 OS map). On the map 'The Grove', the house just South of the church, appears as 'Rectory'. A pencil note on the map reads: "The land mentioned in this deed in Holland field was exchanged with Lord Abingdon for land in Beckley at the inclosure". (MISC235A/1)

Note: the locations of the pieces of land were determined by comparing the map on the document with a modern OS map and are unlikely to be out by more than a few hundred metres or considerably less in the case of (1). The grid references for the centre of each piece of land thus located are SP 554 111, 570 139 and 581 128. A photocopy of the OS map with the pieces of land marked is with RAC.

1831-Jan-29

Inclosure commissioners make awards to Theophilus Leigh Cooke. (recorded in 1844-Aug-01)

1832-Mar-25

On back: "Mr William Louch to The Revd T. L. Cooke", "Assignment of Cottages & gardens at Beckley for the residue of long term of years".

Indenture between William Louch of Chieveley, Berks, Yeoman, and Theophilus Leigh Cooke of Beckley.

"Whereas John Louch late Butler of New College being possessed of several cottages & tenements gardens Ground & hereditaments at Beckley some part whereof he held for residue of 500 years granted by indenture of 22/Dec/1718 & the other part for unexpired term of 190 years granted in indenture of 1/Dec/1772 died in December 1830 with will of 4/May/1830 which bequeathed after some pecuniary legacies the residue of his estate to William Louch his brother in law (William Louch & William Perry of St Giles, now dead, executors)."

Indenture witnesses that William Louch has contracted with Theophilus Leigh Cooke for absolute sale to him of several leasehold cottages etc for £425.

Signed William Louch and TL Cooke.

Schedule: Five several Cottages with Gardens & Grounds, (i) one cottage or tenement with a piece of Garden ground & appurtenances now or late in occupation of William Scragg, (ii) one cottage etc in occupation of Catherine Jessops, (iii) one cottage etc in occupation of William Field, (iv) one cottage etc in occupation of Thomas Smith, (v) cottage or tenement with a Bakehouse & piece of Garden ground & appurtenances now or late in occupation of William Green. (MISC235B)

1834-Jan-31

On back: "Messrs John Cooke & Francis Edward Seymour & Miss Sarah Cooke to Messrs Theophilus Leigh Cooke John King Lethbridge & Rob^t Lethbridge", "Release & Indemnity from the Trusts of an Indenture dated 12/December/1821".

Indenture between (i) (a) John Cooke of Scarne in Borough of Launceston in Cornwall, a Lieutenant in His Majesty's Royal Navy, (b) Francis Edward Seymour of Bampton, Devon, a Captain in the said Navy, (c) Sarah Cooke of the same place, spinster; (ii) (a) Reverend Theophilus Leigh Cooke of Bickley [sic], (b) John King Lethbridge of Tregeare in the Parish of Laneast, Cornwall, Esq- (c) Robert Lethbridge formerly of Number 8 Grays Inn Square, Middlesex, but now of New South Wales, Gent.

Mentions indenture of 12/Dec/1821 between Janettha Cooke (therein described as of New King Street in the city of Bath Spinster) of the one part and the said Theophilus Leigh Cooke, John King Lethbridge and Robert Lethbridge of the other. This recited that Janettha Cooke had then £1600 in the 3% Consolidated Bank Annuities & that she transferred this to the above on Trust for her benefit during life and, if she died without surviving issue, it was to be divided between her two sisters & brother, i.e. Elizabeth, wife of Francis Edward Seymour, Sarah Cooke & John Cooke.

Janetta Cooke died 27/July/1832.

Robert Lethbridge, having gone to reside beyond the seas, executed Power of Attorney to the other two trustees.

The trustees having sold stock and divided proceeds equally to Elizabeth Seymour, Sarah Cooke and John Cooke, the latter discharge them.

(MISC235B)

1836-Jan-30

On back: "Miss Eleanor Goodwin to Rev T. L. Cooke", "Release in respect of her share of the Trust funds under will of Mrs Trinder".

Indenture between Eleanor Goodwin of Rowley Green in parish of Henley, Herts, spinster, and Theophilus Leigh Cooke. Mentions Trust set up under will of Elizabeth Trinder with John Foster of Lincolns Inn and TLC.

(MISC235B)

1836-Sep-19

Marriage settlement for Mr Christopher Legge and Mrs Elizabeth Goodliffe. Mrs Elizabeth Goodliffe and Mrs Elizabeth Collett assign their leasehold interest in The Malthouse to trustees.

(memorandum on back of 1814-Apr-30)

1837-Nov-06

On back: "Francis Edward Seymour Esq and others to Rev Theophilus Leigh Cooke", "Release of all actions on account of certain monies vested in Theophilus Leigh Cooke as trustee".

Indenture between: (i) (a) Francis Edward Seymour of Bampton, Devon, a Captain in the Royal Navy, (b) Elizabeth, his wife, (c) Sarah Cooke of Heavitree near Exeter, (d) John Cooke of Scarne, Cornwall, a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy; (ii) Reverend Theophilus Leigh Cooke of Beckley.

Mentions indenture of 15/Nov/1823 between (i) Sarah Cooke, widow of Charles Cooke, (ii) Christopher Lethbridge and Theophilus Leigh Cooke, (iii) George Mackenzie.

This indenture mentions, in turn, indenture of 6/April/1812 between (i) Charles Cooke and (ii) Christopher Lethbridge and George Mackenzie. This indenture recited that: upon marriage of Charles Cooke and Sarah the sum of £1000 in the 3% reduced Bank annuities was transferred to Rev John Cooke & Christopher Lethbridge who were trustees for Charles & Sarah Cooke and their issue; in 1792 £1500 more of stock was transferred to said trustees; in 1796 £700 of 3% consolidated Bank annuities was transferred; in 1798 John Cooke died & John Gay Bret was made trustee; in 1803 £1800 more of Consolidated Bank Annuities was transferred to trustees; and in 1811 John Gay Brett died and Charles and Sarah Cooke appointed George Mackenzie trustee.

The indenture of 15/Nov/1823 mentioned that Sarah Cooke, having survived her husband, appointed Theophilus Leigh Cooke in room of George Mackenzie, who wished to be discharged, and restated terms of trust for benefit of her and her children.

Back to the present indenture: Christopher Lethbridge died on 15/Oct/1830 and Sarah Cooke on 5/May/1837, leaving Elizabeth, wife of Francis Edward Seymour, Sarah Cooke (party hereto) and John Cooke as her only surviving children, all of whom are over 21. The said trusts, on the death of Sarah Cooke, are fully executed; the assets of the trust have been paid over and the trustees discharged.

Signed, sealed and delivered by Sarah Cooke & John Cooke in presence of Charles Parrey [?] of Launceston; SS&D by Francis Edward Seymour & Elizabeth Seymour in presence of Thomas Langdon, Surgeon, of Bampton, Devon.

(MISC235B)

1838-Sep-29

On back: "Appointments and assignments of certain premises situate in Beckley".

Indenture between: (i) John Archer of Oxford, Brewer, and John Parker the elder of Botley, Berks, wheelwright (surviving executors of Stephen Davis of parish of St Aldate, Oxford, Boat Builder); (ii) Elizabeth Collett, wife of John Collett of Kings Road, Chelsea, Middlesex, Gent; (iii) The said John Collett; (iv) Thomas Mallam of Oxford, Auctioneer; (v) Rev Theophilus Leigh Cooke of Beckley, clerk.

In an indenture of demise of 17/May/1717 between Edward Bee and William Miles, EB, for a valuable consideration, did demise to WM a parcel of ground (c. ¾ acre) in Beckley abutting westward on the highway, northward upon a hill called Knole Hill, Eastward upon part of said hill and southward upon a Ley then in the possession of John Mortimer, all which said premises were then in the possession of Thomas Ledwell to hold for 500 years at a peppercorn rent if demanded.

At date of the indenture next hereinafter recited by divers mesne acts, events & assurances in the Law & ultimately by Letters of Administration on goods & chattels, rights & credits of Anthony Moore late of Garsington, Oxon, Blacksmith, the legal estate of & in the said parcel of ground was vested in Charles Moore of Horsepath, Oxon, Victualler.

At date of next recited indenture, by will of John Smith, the equitable estate was vested in Jonathan Cooper of Horsepath, yeoman.

By indenture of mortgage of 7/Aug/1804 [11/Aug/1804?] between Charles Moore, Jonathan Cooper and Stephen Davis, for £60 paid to JC by SD, JC & CM assigned the land to SD with proviso that it could be redeemed by payment of £60 plus interest.

By three indentures of 31/July/1805, 27/June/1812 and 27/June/1813, all between Jonathan Cooper and Stephen Davis, JC did charge the said piece of ground, & also the malthouse thereon erected, three several sums of £40, £23 and £57, making aggregate sum of £180.

By indenture of assignment of 30/April/1814 Jonathan Cooper assigned the land and malthouse to William Fruin, subject to payment of £180 to Stephen Davis.

Stephen Davis died 13/Nov/1822 with will of same date which appointed as executors Martha, wife of William Roberson, David Williamson Dean, by mistake called David William Dean, the said John Archer and John Parker.

Execution assigned land and malthouse to Elizabeth Collett (then Shayler) and Elizabeth Shayler her daughter on 14/Nov/1818.

William Fruin died 25/March/1827, his will being proved by Elizabeth Collett.

An indenture of covenant of 13/Oct/1827 between Elizabeth Collett, under her then description of Elizabeth Shayler, spinster, John Collett and Thomas Mallam, a part of the marriage articles between Elizabeth Shayler and John Collett, assigned property to Thomas Mallam upon trust.

Elizabeth Shayler the daughter married Thomas Hinckliff Goodliff of Ely and afterwards Christopher Legg of Ely. She died on 26 April now last, leaving said Elizabeth Collett her mother surviving her.

The said Elizabeth Collett has contracted with Theophilus Leigh Cooke for the absolute sale to him of the said piece of ground and other the premises comprised in the hereinafore recited indenture of 17/May/1717.

This indenture witnesses that for £330 the piece of ground and a close on Otmoor is assigned absolutely to Theophilus Leigh Cooke free of mortgage.

(MISC235A/2)

1839-May-14

Appointment of John Irving Glennie to be a trustee of the marriage settlement of George Leigh Cooke and Ann Hay in place of Richard Yates and James Forsyth (both deceased).

1839-May-14-a

(on back of 1815-Oct-23-a)

Indenture between Theophilus Leigh Cooke, William Bishop, George Leigh Cooke and Ann Cooke. Mentions deaths of Richard Yates, James Forsythe, William Hay and Helen Hay. Acknowledges that some money given to George Leigh Cooke has not been replaced.

(on back of 1815-Oct-23)

1841-Mar-19

On back: "Rev Geo Leigh Cooke to Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty", "Counterpart of Mortgage for securing the payment of £450 with interest".

Indenture between: (i) The Reverend George Leigh Cooke, Clerk, Rector of the Rectory and Parish Church of Wike Rissington, alias Wick Rissington, in the County of Gloucester and the Diocese of the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, and (ii) The Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne for the Augmentation of the maintenance of Poor Clergy.

Loan of £450 for enlarging and repairing the Rectory at Wick Rissington on mortgage of Glebes etc of said living. (MISC235B)

1844-Aug-01

On back: "Mr William Parker & Rev TL Cooke to Miss CC Cooke", "Transfer of Mortgage for securing £400 & interest".

Indenture between: (i) William Parker of Iffley, Gent; (ii) Rev Theophilus Leigh Cooke; (iii) Caroline Cassandra Cooke of Cubbington, Warks, spinster.

Mentions indenture of 7/June/1819 whereby Samuel Cooke mortgaged property to Richard South for £500. Mentions indenture of Lease and Release of 2 & 3/Sep/1806.

Samuel Cooke died April 1820; Richard Smith died February 1823; Cassandra Cooke died October 1826.

On 29/Jan/1831 Inclosure Commissioners awarded Theophilus Leigh Cooke 4 acres in common fields of Beckley (allotment number 40) situate in the Lower Field in Beckley, bounded on East by allotments to Curate of Beckley, on South by an allotment to Curate of Beckley and an allotment to the Earl of Abingdon awarded in exchange to TLC, on West by an allotment to TLC, and on North by an ancient lifeheld inclosure of Richard Carr awarded in exchange to TLC.

£400 of mortgage outstanding to William Parker, an executor of Richard Smith, TLC having paid off £100. In consideration of £100 paid by TLC & £400 paid by CCC to WP, TLC is discharged, and, in consideration of 10/- and at direction of TLC, property is assigned to CCC.

Signed, sealed and delivered by Caroline Cassandra Cooke in presence of Charles Coates [?] of Beckley. (MISC235B)

1846-Jul-30

On back: "Rev George Leigh Cooke to Mr George White", "Lease of Wyatts in parish of Salcombe for 7 years from 29/Sep/1845", "Rent £60".

Tripartite indenture between George Leigh Cooke of Cubington, George White the younger of Salcombe, Devon, yeoman, and George White the elder of Salcombe, Devon, yeoman. Lease on "All that messuage tenement farm & lands called Wyatts (31 acres)". Schedule attached. (MISC235B)

1847-Jun-28

Appointment of Rev. Edward Philip Cooper to be a trustee of the marriage settlement of George Leigh Cooke and Ann Hay in place of Theophilus Leigh Cooke and William Bishop (both deceased). (on back of 1815-Oct-23-a)

1848-Aug-15

On back: "The Commissioner of her Majesties Woods @1 to Rev. George Leigh Cooke", "Grant of a piece of land on Freeboard part of the Crown's Stowood Estate in parish of Stowood".

Indenture between: (i) The Queens Most Excellent Majesty; (ii) (a) Right Hon George William Frederick Howard, commonly called Viscount Morpeth; (b) Alexander Milne Esq; (c) Hon Charles Alexander Gore and The Commissioners of Her Majesties Woods, Forests, Land, Revenues, Works and Buildings; (iii) Rev George Leigh Cooke of Cubbington.

Mentions Act passed in 7/8 George IV, "An act for enclosing land in the Parish of Beckley", and an award of 29/Jan/1831 to Theophilus Leigh Cooke.

Mentions death of Theophilus Leigh Cooke in October 1846 having left everything to George Leigh Cooke.

"Whereas the piece of land intended to be granted was by mistake withheld not being situate in Parish of Beckley but forming part of an estate called Stowood in the Parish of Stowood belonging to Her Majesty." This land is now transferred to George Leigh Cooke for £28. (MISC235B)

1854-Apr-27

On back: "Revd H. Cooke to Mr James Champion", "Mortgage in Fee of a Farm in Winnick & Old Weston in Counties of Northampton and Huntingdon or one of them for securing £300 & Interest".

Indenture between Rev Samuel Hay Cooke, Perpetual Curate of Bensington, Oxon, and James Champion of Nettlebed, Oxon, Auctioneer.

"Whereas by indentures of Lease & Release dated 22 & 23/Oct/1815 (being a settlement made previous to marriage of George Leigh Cooke with Miss Ann Hay) the hereditaments hereinafter mentioned were limited to use of George Leigh Cooke and then to Ann Cooke".

And whereas George Leigh Cooke bequeathed to Samuel Hay Cooke, after his wife's decease, his two little Estates, one in Salcombe near Sidmouth, the other in Winnick (Wennech in will) and Old Weston, Northants.

George Leigh Cooke died 29/March/1853.

"Samuel Hay Cooke has occasion for £300 & has requested James Champion to lend him same on security of these". (MISC235B)

1857-Feb-19

Appointment of Inclosure commissioners under Local Act of Parliament of 55 George III [25/Oct/1814-24/Oct/1815] for the draining and allotting of Otmoor.

Act enacted that seven trustees, being respectively possessed of 100 acres in Parishes of Beckley, Noke, Oddington & Charlton should be appointed.

An assistant commissioner, Nathan Wetherell Esq, held a meeting at the Crown Inn in Charlton on 3/Feb instant for purpose of hearing objections.

We, Inclosure Commissioners for England & Wales, direct that five trustees be appointed. (MISC235B)

1858-Sep-11

Lease of Grove Farm (505 acres) by Anne Cooke of Beckley to William Parrott of Holton Warren, Oxon, Farmer, at a yearly rent of £450, until ended by two years' notice. Robert Parrott of Claydon, Bucks, Farmer, is also a party to the agreement. A new Farm House and outbuildings is to be built by the lessor by the end of 1859 and maintained by the lessee.

Signed by Anne Cooke, William Parrott, Robert Parrott; witnessed by Edwd Franklin. Name on front (John M. Davenport) is presumably the solicitor.

A schedule of the farm is attached and mentions: Part of Common (pasture, 13 acres); Part of Ditto (Arable, 9 acres); Bulfords Piece (arable, 11 acres); Upper Field (arable, 49 acres); In Ditto (arable, 5 acres); The Parks (arable, 7 acres); Seed Hill (pasture, 7 acres); West End (pasture, 8 acres); West End (arable, 16 acres); Long Stert (meadow, 12 acres); Greenaway Close (meadow, 3 acres); Greenaway Otmoor (meadow, 47 acres); Cowhouse Ground Otmoor (meadow, 70 acres); Pill Ground Otmoor (meadow, 39 acres); Horse Ground Otmoor (meadow, 26 acres); Moor Leys (pasture, 15 acres); Otmoor Closes (pasture, 17 acres); Church Ground (arable, 16 acres); Little Church Ground (arable, 8 acres); Great Ground with Cottage, Garden, Yard and Farm Homestead (arable, 30 acres); Great Slade Ground (arable, 24 acres); Slade Ground (meadow, 14 acres); Home Close (pasture, 10 acres); Little Orchard (orchard, 10 acres); Malthouse Orchard (orchard, 1 acre); Farm House and Buildings (orchard, 1 acre); Gulley Ground (pasture, 17 acres); Otmoor late Steele (pasture, 24 acres). There are many later amendments, notes and crossings out on this schedule.

(MISC235A/1; photocopy with RAC)

Note: The new farm house is probably the present Nokewood House, which seems to date from about this time.

1859-May-25

On back: "Mrs Ann Cooke & Rev Samuel Hay Cooke to Rev George T Cooke", "Conveyance of piece of freehold ground at Otmoor".

Sale, for £20 paid to Samuel Hay & £25 paid to Ann Cooke, of piece of Meadow ground containing 10 acres situate in Otmoor, being part of piece of land of 37 acres awarded at Lot 155 to Rev Theophilus Leigh Cooke by the enclosure commissioner; land is bounded on East by a certain Road called the Roman Road.

Signed by Ann Cooke in presence of Charles Lukey Cooke, Schoolmaster, Beckley; signed by Samuel Hay in presence of Thomas Walmsley, Collector, Great Budworth, Cheshire. (MISC235B)

1862-Jul-25

Appointment of Rev. George Theophilus Cooke to be a trustee of the marriage settlement of George Leigh Cooke and Ann Hay in place of John Irving Glennie (deceased). Release to Edward Philip Cooper and Mrs Ann Glennie (executrix of John Irving Glennie) of £2000 consols, part of the trust funds.
(on back of 1815-Oct-23-a)

1865-Feb-08

On back: "Miss Martha and Amy Butler to Mrs Anne Cooke and others", "Conveyance of land at Otmoor in exchange for land at Beckley".

Indenture between: (i) Martha and Amy Butler, both of Merton Terrace, Cowley, spinsters; (ii) Anne Cooke of Beckley, widow; (iii) Rev Samuel Hay Cooke of Great Budworth, Cheshire; (iv) Rev George Theophilus Cooke of Beckley; (v) Helen Anne Cooke, Caroline Cassandra Cooke & Julia Cooke, all of Beckley.

By an indenture of 12/Oct/1721 between Edward Bee and Robert Sutton of University of Oxford, barber, EB leased a messuage called the New Inn with garden adjoining (c. 1 acre) for 500 years for a peppercorn rent. By various assignments these premises came to Ralph Butler.

By an award of 15/Apr/1829 the inclosure commissioners granted Ralph Butler, in respect of his Copyhold Estate held under the Improprate Rectory of Beckley, one piece of Copyhold land (numbered 13 on the map annexed to the said award). This consisted of about 1 acre & 3 roods & 16 perches, bounded on North by allotment to William Frewin, on the East by an allotment to the Earl of Abingdon, on the South by an allotment to Theophilus Leigh Cooke purchased of Thomas Betts, and on West by an allotment to Theophilus Leigh Cooke in respect of his impropriate glebe.

Various wills recited. The said land now assigned to Anne Cooke after purchase from Martha and Amy Butler.
(MISC235B)

1869-May-29

Appointment of Rev. Samuel Hay Cooke, Caroline Cassandra Cooke and Julia Cooke to be trustees (with Rev. George Theophilus Cooke) of the marriage settlement of George Leigh Cooke and Ann Hay to fill up vacancies caused by deaths. Covenant of indemnity.
(on back of 1815-Oct-23-a)

1907-Oct-xx

Executors' account for estate of Miss Caroline Cassandra Cooke. Total: £11704:5:6 (including dividends of £201 from estates of G. T. Cooke & H. A. Cooke). Funeral expenses: £35:1:0; Estate Duty & Probate fees: £533:3:5; Succession Duty on leasehold house: £29:15:0. Legacies to Rev. William Cooke & Rev. E. L. Wise (£19:19:0 each), and to Rev. William Cooke, G. H. Cooke, S. A. Cooke, Mrs. Mocatta's trustees, Mrs. Cave's trustees, Mrs. Beachcroft (£1817:18:4 each in money and stock).

(MISC235A/1; photocopy with RAC)

Note: undated: Caroline Cassandra Cooke died in October 1907.

1918-May-xx

The Rev. L. S. Tuckwell in account with the beneficiaries under the will of the Rev. George Theophilus Cooke deceased. Receipts & payments for April & May 1918. Mentions sale of Oxford Canal Navigation shares, New Zealand stock, etc. Mentions payments to executors of Julia Cooke, 10 acres of land at Otmoor plus £548 to G. H. Cooke and £633 each to S. A. Cooke, W. Cooke, Mrs. Mocatta, Mrs. Cave and Mrs. Beachcroft. (MISC235A/1; photocopy with RAC)

Note: Julia Cooke died in January 1918, the last of George Theophilus Cooke's siblings.

Undated-01

Pedigree of Cookes of Goring and Hearne from the mss of the College of Arms.

(MISC235B; photocopy with RAC)

Documents Relating to Property in Devon

See notes at start of previous section.

1622-xxx-xx

Indenture between Joseph Ham of Branscombe and others. Unsigned and undated. (MISC235A/3)

1664-Oct-15

Indenture between William Lord Petre of Writtle and John Ham of Branscombe, Devon, yeoman. Leasing of property in Shute for £330. (MISC235A/3)

1679-Oct-04

Indenture between William Lord Petre and Joseph Ham of Branscombe concerning lease of property in Shute, Devon. (MISC235A/3)

Note: 4th Baron Petre (1626-1683).

1710-Mar-20

Indenture between Robert Lord Petre of Writtle, Essex, and Joseph Ham of Branscombe, Devon. (MISC235A/3)

Note: 7th Baron Petre (1690-1713) (Burke).

1710-Mar-20-a

On back: "Branscombe Devon 1710", "Mr Joseph Lease for messuage, Lands & Farmlands". Indenture between Robert Lord Petre of Writtle, Essex, and Joseph Ham of Branscombe, Devon. Lease on property in Branscombe. (MISC235A/3)

Note: Probably a copy of the previous item.

1714-Jan-29

Indenture between William Hoor (signed Hoore) of Shute, William Downing of Dallwood, Dorsett, and Francis Smith of Shute, all yeoman. Mentions indenture of 30/Aug/1707(?). Leasing of property. (MISC235A/3)

1717-Mar-10

Indenture between Nicholas Broughton of Shute & George Broughton of first part and William Hallet concerning property in Shute. (MISC235A/3)

1718-May-14

Indenture between William Hallet of Thornecomb, Devon, and John Gillett of Axminster, clothier. Mentions Nicholas Broughton of Shute, Georger Broughton of Shute, John Croot of Honiton. Mentions a court case between William Hallett & Charles Broughton. Lease of land in Shute to John Gillett. (MISC235A/3)

1718-May-17

Tripartite indenture between Robert Abdy, Thomas Clifton & Lord Petre. (mentioned in 1723-Jun-20)

1718-Dec-08

Indenture between John Gillett of Hemister [?], Devon, clothier and John Haynes of Uplyme concerning property in Shute. (MISC235A/3)

Note: other documents (1718-May-14, 1723-Jun-20) associate John Gillett with Axminster. 'Hemister' is perhaps a misreading - I can find no record of such a place name.

1722-Mar-15

Indenture between William Hoor of Shute, Devon, and Joseph Ham of Branscombe, Devon, concerning sale of property in Shute. (MISC235A/3)

1722-Mar-15-a

Indenture between: (i) William Hoor of Shute, Devon, yeoman and Greta his wife and (ii) Joseph Ham of Branscombe. Concerns property in Shute. (MISC235A/3)

1723-Jun-20

Indenture between John Gillett of Axminster, Devon, clothier, and John Bond of Yarcombe, Devon, clothier. Mentions indenture tripartite of 17/May/1718 between Robert Abdy, Thomas Clifton, Lord Petre. Lease of property in Shute. (MISC235A/3)

1723-Sep-28

Indenture between: (i) John Haynes [?] of Uplyme, Devon, yeoman, and Richard Gillett of [?], Dorset, Tanner; (ii) Philip Gillett of Shute and Susannah his wife; (iii) Daniell Bugg [?] of [?] Dorset. Concerns payment of debt & annuities. (MISC235B)

1727-Mar-24

Indenture between Hannah Smith and Richard Gillett and others. No places or names recognized.

(MISC235A/3)

1727-xxx-xx

Indenture between John Ham and Benedictus Marwood.

(mentioned in 1738-Mar-24)

1732-Oct-16

Indenture between Sir Robert Abdy of Essex and Thomas Clifton of Lytham Lancaster of the first part and others. Mentions indenture of July 1712 (?). Lease of property in Shute, Devon.

(MISC235A/3)

1735-Sep-04

Indenture between (i) Robert James Lord Petre & Anne his wife, (ii) Catherine Lady Petre (mother of James), Sir Edward South Knt, and John Caryll Esq, (iii) Sir John Webb Bart, (iv) Henry Duke of Beaufort & Richard Earl of Scarborough, (v) Thomas Lord Viscount Fantouberg, Henry Lord Teynham, John Webb Esq and William Andrew Esq, (vi) said Sir Edward Smyth (then Edward Smyth Esq) and Thomas Branston. (mentioned in 1751-Dec-04)

1735-Sep-10

6-part indenture between Robert James, Lord Petre, his mother, Sir Edward Southrott and others. A marriage settlement. (mentioned in 1753-Jan-19)

1738-Mar-23

Indenture between Joseph Ham and Sarah Wyatt. Sale of a cottage in Shute to Sarah Wyatt for five shillings. (MISC235A/3)

1738-Mar-24

Seven part indenture between: (i) Benedictus Marwood of Hornshay, Devon; (ii) Samuel Loaring of Hawk-Church, Dorsett, clothier; (iii) Abraham Ash of Branscombe, Devon, Gent and William

Carter of Sidmouth, Devon, Gent (administrator of estate of John Ham of Sidmouth); (iv) Mary Ham (widow & relict of said John Ham); (v) Joseph Ham (brother & heir of said John Ham); (vi) Sarah Wyatt of Sidmouth, widow; (vii) Thomas Southrott of Ottery St. Mary, Gent. Mentions indenture of 1727 between John Ham & Benedictus Marwood. Concerns John Ham's property in Shute.

(MISC235A/3)

1738-Mar-24-a

On back: "Release of a cottage promised in Shute". Indenture between (i) Joseph Ham of Branscombe, Devon, Gent, only brother & heir of John Ham, late of Sidmouth, Gent, and (ii) Sarah Wyatt of Sidmouth, widow, sister of Joseph Ham. Grant of a cottage in Shute and attached land to Sarah Wyatt. See 1738-Mar-23 for lease.

(MISC235A/3)

1751-Dec-04

Indenture between: (i) Sir Edward Smyth of Hill Hall, Essex, Bart, and Thomas Brampton of Shreens, Essex, Esq; (ii) George Cooke of Sidmouth, Devon, clerke; (iii) Robert Edward, Lord Petre, Baron of Writtle (only son and heir of Robert James, late Lord Petre).

Mentions indenture of 4/Sep/1735 between (i) Robert James Lord Petre & Anne his wife, (ii) Catherine Lady Petre (mother of James), Sir Edward South Knt, and John Caryll Esq, (iii) Sir John Webb Bart, (iv) Henry Duke of Beaufort & Richard Earl of Scarborough, (v) Thomas Lord Viscount Fantouberg, Henry Lord Teynham, John Webb Esq and William Andrew Esq, (vi) said Sir Edward Smyth (then Edward Smyth Esq) and Thomas Branston.

99-year lease granted by Sir Edward Smyth & Thomas Branston (trustees) to George Cooke, on payment £290 fine, of tenement called Littlecombe with all houses Buildings Lands Meadows Pastures (in all 140 acres) and all the messuage or tenement called Coxes with Garderns Orchards & Lands (4½ acres) from immediately after the death of William Wheaton. Rent £4/15/6.

(MISC235B)

1753-Jan-19

Tripartite indenture between: I) Sir Edward Smyth of Hill Hall, Essex, and Thomas Bramston, Sussex; (ii) George Cooke of Sidmouth, Devon, clerk; (iii) Robert Edward Lord Petre Baron of Writtle an infant (only son & heir of Robert James late Lord Petre). Mentions 6-part indenture of 10/Sep/1735 between Robert James Lord Petre, his mother, Sir Edward Southrott, and others, a marriage settlement giving authority for the following. Leasing of Manor of Shute to George Cooke for £70.

(MISC235A/3)

Note: 9th baron (1742-1801).

1753-Jan-19-a

Notes on back: "Shute 1753", "The Lord Petre Trustees to Mr George Cooke", "Lease in Revⁿ for 1 Life of A Tenement abt 22 acres Fine £35", "Rent 15£ Hort A Best Beast or £2:13:4".

Declaration on back: "I the within named George Cooke do declare that the fine paid for the purchase of this lease was paid out of my wife's separate Estate and that I am a Trustee in respect thereof for the purpose Expressed in our marriage settlement"; note dated 19 February 1754, signed George Cooke, witnessed by Mary Scott.

Indenture between: (i) Sir Edward Smyth of Hill Hall, Essex, Bart, and Thomas Branston of Shreens [?], Essex, Esq [cf. previous document]; (ii) George Cooke of Sidmouth, Devon, clerk; (iii) Robert Edward, Lord Petre, Baron of Writtle, an infant (only son & heir of Robert James).

Lease of tenement with houses, outhouses, etc (22 acres) in Parish and Manor of Shute & now in possession of George Cooke, from deaths of Nicholas Broughton & William Hodges, for 99 years on life of Joseph Leaf.

(MISC235B)

1754-Feb-19

Declaration by George Cooke re money paid from his wife's estate. (on 1753-Jan-19, qv)

For a few later documents relating to Devon, see the previous section.

Index of Personal Names

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- Abdy, Sir Robert (of Essex)
 1718-May-17 (Devon): indenture with Lord Petre & Thomas Clifton
 1732-Oct-16 (Devon): lease of property in Shute
- Abingdon, Earl of
 see Montague
- Allen, Emanuel (of Oddington, Glos, yeoman)
 1717-Jan-17: property at Broadwell
- Andrew, William (Esq)
 1735-Sep-04 (Devon): party to six-part indenture with Lord Petre et al
- Ange, John (of Vintners Hall, London, Gent)
 1690-Jun-19: possibly mentioned in this Latin document
 1702-Sep-07: assigned Manor of Beckley with Philip Pledger as trustee
 1708-Jan-08: with his wife & others sells interest in Beckley estate
- Ange, Mary (dau of John Foster (I), wife of John Ange)
 1687-Apr-08: beneficiary under will of John Foster (II) and executrix
 1702-Sep-07: party to assignment of Manor of Beckley to John Ange with Philip Pledger as trustee
 1708-Jan-08: as executrix of estate of John Foster (II) sells interest in Beckley estate
- Archer, John (of Oxford, brewer)
 1822-Nov-13: appointed executor of Stephen Davis
 1838-Sep-29: executor of Stephen Davis; assigns property in Beckley to Theophilus Leigh Cooke
- Arnold, Sammy (nephew of Cassandra Wight; *gson of Dr. Waldo & Emma, sister of Theophilus Leigh*)
 1775-Jul-19: legatee under codicil to Cassandra Wight's will (*his great aunt*)
- Arnold, Cassandra (niece of Cassandra Wight, *gdau of Dr. Waldo and Emma*)
 1775-Jul-19: legatee under codicil to Cassandra Wight's will (*her great aunt*)
- Ash, Abraham (of Branscombe, Devon, Gent)
 1738-Mar-24 (Devon): concerning John Ham's property in Shute
- Ashfield, Robert (of St Mary Magdalen, Oxford, later of Beckley, Esq)
 1785-Feb-14: takes lease on property in Beckley subject to the right of Elizabeth Price to live there
 1802-May-12: assigns leasehold premises at Beckley to John Mackaness
- Auga [?], William (of Horton, mason)
 1816-Jun-25: witness to assignment of Beckley estate to William Oddie

Austen, Cassandra (of Chawton, daughter of Thomas Leigh of Harpsden, wife of George Austen)
1757-Apr-11: as Cassandra Leigh [aged c 18] witnesses Mary Waldo's signature
1765-Jul-09: legatee in codicil to Cassandra Wight's will
1816-Jun-24: assignment of Beckley estate to Rev Henry Jenkins in trust for Cassandra Cooke

Austen, George (Bachelor of Divinity, formerly of University of Oxford, *father of Jane, novelist*)
1762-Oct-07: Sir Edward Turner assigns Beckley to Edward Cooper & George Austen upon trust
1816-Jun-24: Cassandra Austen mentioned as his executor

Baggs, Deborah
1687-Apr-08: witness to will of John Foster (II)

Baggs, Giles
1687-Apr-08: witness to will of John Foster (II)

Bailey, Catherine (of Great Bookham, widow of John Bailey)
1807-Oct-06: Deed of Covenant between her & her son, Hugh Bailey

Bailey, John (grocer)
1807-Oct-06: Deed of Covenant between his widow & son, Hugh Bailey

Bailey, Hugh (grocer, only child & heir of John Bailey)
1807-Oct-06: Deed of Covenant between him & his mother, Catherine Bailey

Baker (? at law)
1806-Sep-02: witnesses John Mackaness' signature on sale of messuage to Samuel Cooke

Baldwin, Triamer (of St. Martin in the Fields, Gent)
1710-Apr-26: Duke of Bedford assigns Manor & Rectory of Beckley to Edward Bee
1710-xxx-xx: indenture with Duke of Bedford & Edward Bee
1729-Sep-01: his executor party to sale of judgement against John Izard
1729-Dec-01: his executor a party to mortgage of Beckley estates to Francis Seely

Barker, John (of Broadwell, Gent)
1717-Jan-17: property at Broadwell (his widow, Katherine)

Barker, Katherine (widow of John Barker)
1717-Jan-17: property at Broadwell

Baylis, Elizabeth (of Elsfield, spinster)
1801-Mar-28: party to assignment of messuage in Beckley to John Louch

Beachcroft, Mrs (née Cooke)
1907-Oct-xx: legacy from Caroline Cassandra Cooke
1918-May-xx: beneficiary under will of Rev George Theophilus Cooke

Beale, John
1749-Dec-23: witnesses Edward Bee's signature in lease to Robert Carr of messuage with garden

Beaufort, Henry, Duke of
1735-Sep-04 (Devon): party to six-part indenture with Lord Petre et al

Bedford, Duke of
see Russell

Bee, Anne (I)
1762-Oct-07-a: witnesses Edward Bee's signature

Bee, Ann(e) (II)
see Leigh, Anne

Bee, Edward (citizen and painter-stainer¹ of London, later of Beckley, Gent, later of Oxford)
1710-Apr-26: assigned Manor & Rectory of Beckley by Duke of Bedford & others
1710-Apr-26-a: assignment of Manor & Rectory of Beckley to Edward Bee
1710-xxx-xx: indenture with Duke of Bedford & Triemer Baldwin
1717-May-17: leases property in Beckley to William Miles
1718-Dec-24: leases messuage in Beckley to Joseph Hieat (?Kicatt, Pieat?)
1720-Nov-10-a: renews Richard Huggins lease on mesuage in Beckley
1721-Oct-12: leases messuage with garden, the New Inn, to Robert Sutton for 500 years
1722-Sep-01: leases property in Beckley to Thomas Bullford
1722-Dec-01: leases property in Beckley to Thomas Bullford
1723-Oct-24: leases mesuage & garden to Thomas White
1723-Nov-14: leases land in Beckley to Edward White
1724-Sep-02: leases a piece of ground in Beckley to John Gomm
1724-Feb-20: re-leases piece of ground to Robert Carr
1725-Dec-02: renewal of lease to Thomas Busby
1728-xxx-xx: marriage settlement for Anne Bee and Theophilus Leigh
1729-Sep-01: sells judgement against John Izard with right to buy back
1729-Dec-01: mortgage of Beckley estates to Francis Seely
1731-Nov-13: leases land in Beckley to John Gomm
1732-Jul-22: renews lease (1724-Feb-20) of property in Beckley to Robert Carr
1738-Oct-13: renewal of John Gomm's lease
1746-Feb-13: half of indenture between Edward Bee & Lewis Pryse
1746-Feb-14: assigns Beckley estate to Lewis Pryse redeemable on 15 Aug next
1747-Nov-02: party to conveyance of Broadwell Rectory to Drs Walker & Musgrave
1749-Dec-23: leases messuage with garden to Robert Carr
1749-Mar-01: with Lewis Pryse leases Manor of Beckley to Mary Waldo for 1 year at 5 shillings
1749-Mar-02: with Lewis Pryse mortgages Beckley estate to Mary Waldo for £370 paid to LP
1756-Jan-31: leases property to Richard Busby
1756-Jan-31-a: leases property to Richard Busby (counterpart of previous)
1758-Jan-21: leases messuage in poss of Elizabeth Busby to Thomas Busby & James Lamball
1759-Jun-14: payment of £370 to Mary Waldo out of Beckley Trust funds
1760-Sep-15: leases ground at Beckley to William Ledwell on three lives
1761-Apr-04: leases messuages in Beckley to John Gomm
1761-Jun-24: property leased to Robert Carr
1761-Jun-24-a: mentioned in attached note (to be replaced by Rev Thomas Leigh)
1761-Dec-16: lease of piece of ground at Beckley Common to William Ledwell
1761-Dec-16-a: lease of piece of ground at Beckley Common to William Ledwell
1762-Oct-07: Sir Edward Turner assigns Beckley to Edward Cooper & George Austen upon trust
1762-Oct-07-a: annuities settled on Cassandra Leigh conditionally
1762-Oct-07-b: bond indemnifying Sir Edward Turner
1762-Oct-16: renews John Gomm's lease on messuages in Beckley

¹ Although in the documents of 1710 and 1746 Edward Bee is described as a painter-stainer, Cassandra Cooke in her history calls him a silk merchant.

1816-Jun-25: mentioned as grandfather of Cassandra Cooke, his heiress at law

Bee, Mary (wife of Edward Bee)

1747-Nov-02: mentioned as dead (conveyance of Broadwell Rectory to Drs Walker & Musgrave)

Berington, Ann (of Hereford)

1768-Jun-11: her will mentioned in marriage settlement of Samuel Cooke and Cassandra Leigh

1772-Mar-02: bequest to Cassandra Cooke mentioned

Betts, Thomas (of St Giles, servant)

1775-Jul-20-a: later note says that Betts bought lease of messuage in Beckley off John Carter

1782-May-24: buys lease on messuage & shop in Beckley from John Carter for £70

1829-Apr-15: inclosure allotment mentioned to locate land granted to Ralph Butler

Bishop, Eliz

1775-Jul-19: witness to codicil to Cassandra Wight's will

Bishop, Rev William (Fellow of Oriel College)

1815-Oct-23: trustee to marriage settlement of George Leigh Cooke and Anne Hay

1816-Jun-25: party to assignment of Beckley estate to William Oddie upon trust

1839-May-14-a: update to George Leigh Cooke's marriage settlement

1847-Jun-28: death mentioned in update to George Leigh Cooke's marriage settlement

Blake, James

1819-Jun-07: mentioned as current occupier of messuage in Beckley mortgaged by Samuel Cooke

Blake, Thomas

1806-Sep-02: mentioned as current occupier of messuage in Beckley assigned to Samuel Cooke

1819-Jun-07: previous occupier of messuage in Beckley mortgaged by Samuel Cooke

Bond, John (of Yarcombe, Devon, clothier)

1723-Jun-20 (Devon): lease on property in Shute

Boteler, William (of Biddenham, Beds, Esq)

1680-Jan-18: assignment of manors of Beckley & Charlton-upon-Otmoor to Gregory Geering

Bradshaw, John (the younger, of Evenlode [?], Worcs)

1717-Jan-17: property at Broadwell

Brampton, Thomas (of Shreens, Essex, Esq)

see Branston, Thomas

Branston, Thomas (or Brampton, of Shreens, Essex, Esq, later of Sussex)

1735-Sep-04 (Devon): party to six-part indenture with Lord Petre et al

1751-Dec-04 (Devon): lease of tenements (Littlecomb & Coxes) to George Cooke

1753-Jan-19 (Devon): as trustee for Lord Petre leases Manor of Shute to George Cooke

1753-Jan-19-a (Devon): trustee for Lord Petre leases property in Manor of Shute to George Cooke

Brett, John Gay

1812-Apr-06: mentioned as trustee of Charles & Sarah Cooke's marriage settlement (1798-1811)

Broughton, Charles

1718-May-14 (Devon): court case with William Hallet mentioned in lease on land in Shute

Broughton, George

1717-Mar-10 (Devon): indenture with William Hallet re property in Shute

1718-May-14 (Devon): lease of land in Shute to John Gillett by William Hallet

Broughton, Nicholas (of Shute)

1717-Mar-10 (Devon): indenture with William Hallet re property in Shute

1718-May-14 (Devon): lease of land in Shute to John Gillett by William Hallet

1753-Jan-19-a (Devon): mentioned in lease of property in Manor of Shute to George Cooke

Buck, Thomas (of Westwick, Cambs, Esq)

1680-Jan-18: executor of Dame Mary Hatton (assignment of manor of Beckley etc)

Budd, John

1806-Sep-02: mentioned as current occupier of messuage in Beckley assigned to Samuel Cooke

1819-Jun-07: mentioned as current occupier of messuage in Beckley mortgaged by Samuel Cooke

Bugg [?], Daniell (of ?, Dorset)

1723-Sep-28 (Devon): party to indenture concerning payment of debt & annuities

Buller, Ralph (probably = Butler, q.v.)

1822-Jul-22: land on Otmoor mentioned to locate land sold to Theophilus Leigh Cooke

Bullford, Thomas (of Beckley, labourer)

1722-Sep-01: leases property in Beckley from Edward Bee for 195 years

1722-Dec-01: takes lease on property in Beckley from Edward Bee

1736-May-20: assigns lease (1722-Dec-01) to Matthew Wiatt

Bunting, Charles

1803-May-04: witnesses lease of cottage in Beckley to Thomas Busby

Burt, Catharine (or Katherine, née Price)

1756-Nov-07: inherits property in Blakesly under Sarah Price's will and named as executrix

1785-Feb-02: beneficiary under William Price's will (date is that of probate certificate)

Burt, John (son of Catharine Burt), nephew of Sarah Price)

1756-Nov-07: as a minor inherits £100 under Sarah Price's will

Burt, ? (father of John Burt)

1756-Nov-07: mentioned but not named in Sarah Price's will

Busby, Benjamin

1758-Jan-21: life (9) listed in lease of messuage to Thomas Busby (II) & James Lamball

1764-Oct-08: life listed in lease of property to Thomas Busby & James Lamball

1803-May-04: right to live in cottage at Beckley

Busby, Elizabeth (wife of Thomas (I))

1725-Dec-02: life listed in renewal of lease to Thomas Busby (I)

1756-Jan-31: live listed in lease of property to Richard Busby

1756-Jan-31-a: counterpart of above

- 1758-Jan-21: mentioned as possessing property leased to Thomas Busby & James Lamball
 1763-Jul-19: *burial of Busby, 'The widow' (BPR, note new lease of 1764-Oct-08)*

Busby, Richard (of Islip, yeoman, son of Thomas (I))

- 1725-Dec-02: life listed in renewal of lease to Thomas Busby (I)
 1756-Jan-31: leases property for lives of himself, Thomas (son of c 10) and Elizabeth (mother)
 1756-Jan-31-a: counterpart of above
 1758-Jan-21: his administrators Thomas Busby & William Lamball take out new lease on property

Busby, Thomas (I, of Beckley, yeoman)

- 1725-Dec-02: renews lease on property in Beckley on lives of TB, Elizabeth (wife), Richard (son)
 1731-Nov-13: mentioned to locate land leased by Edward Bee to John Gomm
 1755-Jan-31: *burial*
 1756-Jan-31-a: mentioned as deceased in lease to Richard Busby

Busby, Thomas (II, of Noke, later of Oxford, yeoman)

- 1758-Jan-21: with William Lamball takes lease on messuage on lives of Elizabeth B. & her sons
 1760-Sep-15: property mentioned to locate ground leased by Edward Bee to William Ledwell
 1761-Jun-24-a: mentioned in later attached note as in possession of premises
 1761-Dec-16-a: property mentioned to locate ground leased by Edward Bee to William Ledwell
 1764-Oct-08: with James Lamball leases property on lives of self, Thomas (III) & Benjamin
 1765-May-01: possesses property in Beckley leased to Christopher Lipscomb
 1766-Sep-16: property possessed by him mentioned to locate property leased to William Ledwell
 1803-May-04: takes lease on cottage in Beckley
 1803-May-04-a: lease on cottage, garden & orchard renewed

Busby, Thomas (III, son of Richard)

- 1756-Jan-31: live listed in lease of property to Richard Busby
 1756-Jan-31-a: counterpart of above
 1758-Jan-21: life (11) listed in lease of messuage to Thomas Busby & James Lamball
 1764-Oct-08: life listed in lease of property to Thomas Busby & James Lamball
 1780-Jan-26: mentioned as being in possession of tenement leased to Sarah Lipscombe
 1803-May-04: right to live in cottage at Beckley

Butler, Amy (of Merton Terrace, Cowley, spinster)

- 1865-Feb-08: sells Anne Cooke land on Otmoor in exchange for land in Beckley

Butler, Martha (of Merton Terrace, Cowley, spinster)

- 1865-Feb-08: sells Anne Cooke land on Otmoor in exchange for land in Beckley

Butler, Ralph (or Buller)

- 1822-Jul-22: his allotment used to locate land sold by Richard Carr to Theophilus Leigh Cooke
 1829-Apr-15: granted land by Inclosure Commissioners

Canterbury, Archbishop of

- 1779-Sep-23: probate certificate on will of Cassandra Wight

Carr, Ann (of London, later of Wood Eaton, spinster, daughter of Robert Carr)

- 1731-Mar-02: *an Ann Carr baptised (parents' names not given - BPR)*
 1761-Jun-24: life listed in re-lease of messuage in Beckley
 1761-Jun-24-a: mentioned in attached note (life to be listed in new lease)
 1780-Jan-26: life mentioned in lease of tenement to Sarah Lipscombe

Carr, Edward

1805-Apr-02: witnesses John Payne's signature on lease of messuage

Carr, Elizabeth (wife of John the elder)

1763-Apr-16: life listed in lease of property to John Carr

1807-Jun-10: *burial of an Elizabeth Carr (three appear in the registers - BPR)*

Carr, George (son of Robert Carr)

1740-Jun-09: *baptised (BPR)*

1749-Dec-23: life listed in lease to Robert Carr of messuage with garden in Beckley

Carr, Joan (spinster)

1724-Feb-20: life listed in Robert Carr's new lease on property in Beckley

Carr, John (the elder, of Beckley, butcher, son of Robert)

1731-Jul-02: *a John Carr baptised (parents' names not given - BPR)*

1732-Jul-22: life (aged 1 year) mentioned in lease of property in Beckley to Robert Carr

1763-Apr-16: leases property from Thomas Leigh

1794-Aug-07: *burial of a John Carr } two John Carrs appear frequently in BPR:*

1797-Nov-08: *burial of a John Carr } one a butcher (wife Elizabeth), the other a baker (wife Mary)*

Carr, John (the younger, son of John)

1763-Apr-16: life (aged 9) listed in lease of property to John Carr

1827-Nov-07: *burial (aged 74 - BPR)*

Carr, Mary (I, wife of Robert)

1732-Jul-22: life mentioned in lease of property in Beckley to Robert Carr

1762-Apr-11: *burial (BPR)*

1775-Mar-23: Mary Carr (II) mentioned as her administratrix

Carr, Mary (II)

see Sanders, Mary

Carr, Mary (III, probably wife of Edward Carr)

1805-Apr-02: witnesses John Payne's signature on lease of messuage

Carr, Richard (of Beckley, yeoman)

1822-Jul-22: sells piece of land allocated by Inclosure commissioners to Theophilus Leigh Cooke

1844-Aug-01: property mentioned to locate property assigned to Caroline Cassandra Cooke

Carr, Robert (of Beckley, butcher)

1724-Feb-20: renews his lease on property in Beckley

1732-Jul-22: renews lease (1724-Feb-20) on property in Beckley

1748-Nov-12: Thomas Huggins mortgages messuage & garden to Robert Carr for £120

1749-Dec-21: Thomas Huggins as brother & exec of John assigns messuage to Robert Carr

1749-Dec-23: granted lease on messuage with garden in Beckley by Edward Bee

1761-Jun-24: takes lease on property in Beckley

1762-Apr-08: *burial (BPR)*

Carr, William (son of Robert)

1743-Nov-13: *baptized (BPR)*

1749-Dec-23: life listed in lease to Robert Carr of messuage with garden in Beckley

1761-Jun-24: life listed in re-lease of messuage in Beckley
 1761-Jun-24-a: mentioned in attached note (life to be listed in new lease)
 1764-Apr-11: a William Carr, 'who died by hanging himself', buried by Rev. Mr. Baker (BPR)

Carter, Alice (of Stowood, spinster)

1724-Sep-02: life listed in lease of a piece of ground in Beckley to John Gomm

Carter, Hannah (wife of John Carter)

1775-Jul-20: life listed in lease on property in Beckley

1775-Jul-20-a: lease of property to John Carter (counterpart)

Carter, John (of Hedington, yeoman, later of Beckley, carpenter & wheelwright)

1775-Mar-23: takes over lease on messuage in Beckley from George Sanders

1775-Jul-20: takes 99-year lease on property in Beckley

1775-Jul-20-a: lease of property to John Carter (counterpart)

1782-May-24: sells lease on messuage & shop in Beckley to Thomas Betts for £70

Carter, William (of Beckley, son of John)

1775-Jul-20: life listed in lease on property in Beckley

1775-Jul-20-a: lease of property to John Carter (counterpart)

Carter, William (of Sidmouth, Devon, Gent)

1738-Mar-24 (Devon): administrator of John Ham's estate

Caryll, John (Esq)

1735-Sep-04 (Devon): party to six-part indenture with Lord Petre et al

Cave, Mrs (née Cooke)

1907-Oct-xx: legacy from Caroline Cassandra Cooke

1918-May-xx: beneficiary under will of Rev George Theophilus Cooke

Chadwell, William

1685-Sep-15: mentioned in a Latin document found among Theophilus Leigh's papers

Chamberlayne, George

see Denton, George

Champion, James (of Nettlebed, Oxon, auctioneer)

1854-Apr-27: gives Samuel Hay Cooke a £300 mortgage on estates in Salcombe & Winnick

Chapman, Daniel

1743-May-24: mentioned as former possessor of property assigned to George Denton

Chew, Abraham (of Ambrosden)

1762-Oct-07-a: witnesses signatures of Sir Edward Turner & Thomas Leigh

Child, Elizabeth (daughter of Josias Child)

see Howland

Child, Sir Josias (of Wanstead, Essex)

1695-May-21: mentioned as having had management & disposal of Beckley moiety for his daughter

Clifton, Thomas (of Lytham, Lancaster)

1718-May-17 (Devon): indenture with Robert Abdy & Lord Petre

1732-Oct-16 (Devon): Lease of property in Shute

Coates [?], Charles (of Beckley)

1844-Aug-01: witnesses signature of Caroline Cassandra Cooke

Cobb, Henry (of Treversham, Kent, shopkeeper)

1761-May-09: party to ending of partnership between John Corne & Michael Cooke

Coell, Sir John (of Lincoln's Inn)

1668-Jun-08: mortgage of Beckley and Otmoor estates by John Izard to Dame Mary Hatton

1675-Sep-23: leases on property in Beckley, Charlton-upon-Otmoor & elsewhere

Cole, Mary

1768-Jun-11: witnesses marriage settlement of Samuel Cooke and Cassandra Leigh

Collett, Elizabeth (wife of John Collett, previously Elizabeth Shayler, spinster)

1818-Nov-14: with her daughter Elizabeth Shayler assigned Malthouse at Beckley

1827-Mar-25: proves will of William Fruin

1827-Oct-13: property (Malthouse) assigned to Thomas Mallam as trustee for marriage settlement

1836-Sep-19: with Elizabeth Goodliffe assigns lease on The Malthouse to latter's trustees

1838-Sep-29: piece of ground in Beckley & close on Otmoor sold to Theophilus Leigh Cooke

Collett, John (of Kings Road, Chelsea, Middlesex, Gent)

1827-Oct-13: property (Malthouse) assigned to Thomas Mallam as trustee of marriage settlement

1838-Sep-29: piece of ground in Beckley & close on Otmoor assigned to Theophilus Leigh Cooke

Collett, Richard

1822-Jul-22: witness to Richard Carr's signature on sale of land to Theophilus Leigh Cooke

Cooke, Anne (née Hay, gentlewoman, wife of George Leigh Cooke)

1815-Oct-23: marriage settlement

1839-May-14: John Glennie replaces Richard Yates & James Forsyth as settlement trustee

1839-May-14-a: update to marriage settlement

1847-Jun-28: Edward Cooper replaces Theophilus Leigh Cooke & William Bishop as trustee

1858-Sep-11: grants lease on Grove Farm, Beckley

1859-May-25: sells piece of freehold ground at Otmoor to Rev George Theophilus Cooke

1862-Jul-25: George Theophilus Cooke appointed trustee of marriage settlement

1865-Feb-08: buys land on Otmoor from Amy & Martha Butler in exchange for land in Beckley

1869-May-29: Rev. Samuel Hay Cooke appointed settlement trustee

Cooke, Caroline Cassandra (of Cubbington, Warks, spinster)

1844-Aug-01: assigned property in Beckley by William Parker & Theophilus Leigh Cooke

1865-Feb-08: party to purchase of land on Otmoor from Amy & Martha Butler for Anne Cooke

1869-May-29: appointed trustee of George Leigh Cooke's marriage settlement

1907-Oct-xx: executors' account

Cooke, Cassandra (younger dau of Theophilus Leigh, wife of Samuel Cooke of Great Bookham)

1747-Nov-02: her interest in money acquired from Edward Bee giving up Beckley

1762-Sep-22: receives £800 from her father

1762-Oct-07-a: annuities settled on her conditionally

- 1762-Oct-07-b: bond indemnifying Sir Edward Turner; later note mentions CC's marriage
- 1765-May-01: witness to lease of property in Beckley to Christopher Lipscomb
- 1768-Jun-11: her marriage settlement
- 1772-Mar-02: purchase of leasehold estate under terms of marriage settlement
- 1816-Jun-24: assignment of Beckley estate to Rev Henry Jenkins in trust for Cassandra Cooke
- 1816-Jun-25: assignment of Beckley estate to William Oddie upon trust
- 1817-Nov-03: Beckley settlement
- 1821-Mar-02: Right of Way across Otmoor granted by Earl of Abingdon
- 1844-Aug-01: mentioned as having died in October 1826

Cooke, Charles

- 1812-Apr-06: update to marriage settlement

Cooke, Charles Lukey (schoolmaster, Beckley; not related to other Cookes)

- 1859-May-25: witnesses Ann Cooke's signature on sale of piece of freehold ground at Otmoor

Cooke, Elizabeth

- see Seymour, Elizabeth

Cooke, Rev George (of Sidmouth, later Rector of Saint Mary Clyst, Devon)

- 1751-Dec-04 (Devon): takes lease on Littlecomb (tenement + 140 acres) & Coxes (messuage)
- 1753-Jan-19 (Devon): leases Manor of Shute from Lord Petre
- 1753-Jan-19-a (Devon): leases property in Manor of Shute from Lord Petre
- 1754-Feb-19 (Devon): declaration re money paid from his wife's estate
- 1768-Jun-11: marriage settlement of his son Samuel and Cassandra Leigh

Cooke, George Hay (of Beckley)

- 1907-Oct-xx: legacy from Caroline Cassandra Cooke
- 1918-May-xx: beneficiary under will of Rev George Theophilus Cooke

Cooke, Rev George Leigh (Fellow of Corpus Christi, Vicar of Cubbington)

- 1766-Sep-16-a: mentioned in later pencil insertion (1805?)
- 1809-Apr-06: life listed in lease of piece of ground at Beckley to Rev Samuel Cooke
- 1809-Jul-01: assigned two enclosed fields at Great Barford by Rev Samuel Cooke
- 1815-Oct-23: marriage settlement
- 1816-Jun-25: party to assignment of Beckley estate to William Oddie upon trust
- 1839-May-14: John Glennie replaces Richard Yates & James Forsyth as settlement trustee
- 1839-May-14-a: update to marriage settlement
- 1841-Mar-19: obtains £450 mortgage from Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty
- 1846-Jul-30: leases messuage, called Wyatts, in Salcombe to George White
- 1847-Jun-28: Edward Cooper replaces Theophilus Leigh Cooke & William Bishop as trustee
- 1848-Aug-15: transfer of piece of land in Stowood by Commissioners of HM Woods
- 1854-Apr-27: mentioned as having died on 29/March/1853
- 1862-Jul-25: George Theophilus Cooke appointed settlement trustee
- 1869-May-29: Rev. Samuel Hay Cooke appointed settlement trustee

Cooke, Rev George Theophilus (Vicar of Beckley)

- 1859-May-25: buys piece of freehold ground at Otmoor from Ann Cooke & Samuel Hay Cooke
- 1862-Jul-25: appointed trustee of George Leigh Cooke's marriage settlement
- 1865-Feb-08: party to purchase of land on Otmoor from Amy & Martha Butler for Anne Cooke
- 1869-May-29: mentioned as still trustee of George Leigh Cooke's marriage settlement
- 1907-Oct-xx: bequest to Caroline Cassandra Cooke

1918-May-xx: accounts of his will

Cooke, Miss Helen Anne

1865-Feb-08: party to purchase of land on Otmoor from Amy & Martha Butler for Anne Cooke

1907-Oct-xx: bequest to Caroline Cassandra Cooke

Cooke, Janetta (of New King St, Bath, spinster)

1821-Dec-12: transfer of £1600 to trustees (Theophilus Leigh Cooke et al)

1834-Jan-31: winding up of her trust following her death on 27/July/1832

Cooke, John

1768-Jun-11: witnesses marriage settlement of Samuel Cooke and Cassandra Leigh

Cooke, Rev John (same as previous?)

1812-Apr-06: mentioned as trustee of Charles & Sarah Cooke's marriage settlement (d. 1798)

Cooke, Lt John, RN (of Scarne, Launceston, Cornwall)

1821-Dec-12: beneficiary of trust set up by Janetta Cooke

1834-Jan-31: winding up Janetta Cooke's trust

1837-Nov-06: winding up Sarah Cooke's marriage settlement trust

Cooke, Miss Julia

1865-Feb-08: party to purchase of land on Otmoor from Amy & Martha Butler for Anne Cooke

1869-May-29: appointed trustee of George Leigh Cooke's marriage settlement

1918-May-xx: payment to executors of her will by executors of Rev George Theophilus Cooke

Cooke, Mary (dau of Samuel & Cassandra Cooke)

1816-Jun-25: party to assignment of Beckley estate to William Oddie upon trust

Cooke, Michael (of Fleet St, London, haberdasher & hosier, later of the Minories, later of Lyon's Inn)

1758-Aug-17: partnership agreement with John Corne

1761-May-09: ending of partnership agreement with John Corne

1768-Jun-11: trustee to marriage settlement of Samuel Cooke and Cassandra Leigh

1772-Mar-02: purchase of leasehold estate for Samuel & Cassandra Cooke

Cooke, Rev Samuel (of Balliol College, Rector of Cottisford, Vicar of Great Bookham)

1762-Oct-07-a: mentioned in later note on this document

1762-Oct-07-b: bond indemnifying Sir Edward Turner; later note mentions SC's marriage

1766-Sep-16-a: mentioned in later pencil insertion (1805)

1768-Jun-11: his marriage settlement

1772-Mar-02: purchase of leasehold estate under terms of marriage settlement

1804-Sep-29: leases property in Devon called Wyatts to Thomas Weekes for 14 years

1806-Sep-02: leases messuage in Beckley from John Mackaness for 1 year

1806-Sep-03: assigned property in Beckley by John Mackaness & Mrs Elizabeth Humphreys

1807-Oct-06: mentioned as trustee of Catherine & John Bailey's marriage settlement

1809-Apr-06: leases piece of ground in Beckley from Thomas Leigh for 99 years & 3 lives

1809-Jul-01: assigns two enclosed fields at Great Barford to Rev George Leigh Cooke

1815-Oct-23: marriage settlement of his son George Leigh and Anne Hay

1816-Jun-24: assignment of Beckley estate to Rev Henry Jenkins in trust for Cassandra Cooke

1816-Jun-25: assignment of Beckley estate to William Oddie upon trust

1817-Nov-03: Beckley settlement

1819-Jun-07: mortgages two messuages and a close in Beckley to Richard Smith for £500

1844-Aug-01: mentioned as having died in April 1820

Cooke, Samuel Arthur

1907-Oct-xx: legacy from Caroline Cassandra Cooke

1918-May-xx: beneficiary under will of Rev George Theophilus Cooke

Cooke, Rev Samuel Hay (Perpetual Curate of Bensington, Oxon; Vicar of Great Budworth, Cheshire)

1854-Apr-27: mortgages estates in Salcombe & Winnick to James Champion for £300

1859-May-25: sale of piece of freehold ground at Otmoor to Rev George Theophilus Cooke

1865-Feb-08: party to purchase of land on Otmoor from Amy & Martha Butler for Anne Cooke

1869-May-29: appointed trustee of George Leigh Cooke's marriage settlement

Cooke, Sarah (I, née Lethbridge, wife of Charles Cooke)

1812-Apr-06: update to marriage settlement

1823-Nov-15: appoints Theophilus Leigh Cooke as trustee of her marriage settlement

1837-Nov-06: mentioned as having died 5/May/1837 in winding up of marriage settlement trust

Cooke, Sarah (II, of Bampton, Devon, spinster, later of Heavitree, Exeter)

1821-Dec-12: beneficiary of trust set up by Janetta Cooke

1834-Jan-31: winding up Janetta Cooke's trust

1837-Nov-06: winding up Sarah Cooke's marriage settlement trust

Cooke, Rev Theophilus Leigh, BD (of Magdalen College, later Perpetual Curate of Beckley)

1794-May-05: notes of payments in 1804, 1805, 1809, 1810 on mortgage of Little Ilford rectory

1809-Apr-06: life listed in lease of piece of ground at Beckley to Rev Samuel Cooke

1815-Oct-23: trustee to marriage settlement of George Leigh Cooke and Anne Hay

1816-Jun-25: party to assignment of Beckley estate to William Oddie upon trust

1821-Mar-02: mentioned in grant of Right of Way by Earl of Abingdon to Cassandra Cooke

1821-Dec-12: trustee for £1600 from Janetta Cooke

1822-Jul-22: buys piece of land, allocated by Inclosure commissioners, from Richard Carr

1823-Nov-15: appointed trustee of Sarah Cooke's marriage settlement

1829-Apr-15: inclosure allotment mentioned to locate land granted to Ralph Butler

1830-Jul-07: land granted by enclosure commissioner

1831-Jan-29: awarded enclosed land in Beckley (but see 1848-Aug-15)

1832-Mar-25: buys several leasehold cottages & gardens from William Louch

1834-Jan-31: winding up Janetta Cooke's trust

1836-Jan-30: Eleanor Goodwin gives releases in respect of her share in a trust

1837-Nov-06: winding up Sarah Cooke's marriage settlement trust

1838-Sep-29: assigned piece of ground in Beckley & close on Otmoor by Elizabeth Collet et al

1839-May-14-a: update to George Leigh Cooke's marriage settlement

1844-Aug-01: redeems mortgage & assigns property to Caroline Cassandra Cooke

1847-Jun-28: death mentioned in update to George Leigh Cooke's marriage settlement

1848-Aug-15: mentioned as having died in October 1846 (re land awarded in 1831-Jan-29)

Cooke, Rev William

1907-Oct-xx: legacies from Caroline Cassandra Cooke

1918-May-xx: beneficiary under will of Rev George Theophilus Cooke

Cooper, Edward, DLL (*married Jane, dau of Thomas Leigh of Harpsden*)

1762-Oct-07: Sir Edward Turner assigns Beckley to Edward Cooper & George Austen upon trust

1816-Jun-24: mentioned as deceased

Cooper, Rev Edward Philip (*grandson of Edward Cooper*)
 1847-Jun-28: appointed trustee of George Leigh Cooke's marriage settlement
 1862-Jul-25: release from trusteeship of George Leigh Cooke's marriage settlement

Cooper, Jonathan (of Horsepath, Oxon, yeoman)
 1804-Aug-07: with Charles Moore assigns property in Beckley to Stephen Davis as security
 1804-Aug-11: mortgages land & malthouse at Beckley to Stephen Davis for £60
 1805-Jul-31: further loan of £40 from Stephen Davis on security of land & malthouse
 1812-Jun-27: further loan of £23 from Stephen Davis on security of land & malthouse
 1813-Jun-27: mortgages property in Beckley to Stephen Davis for £57
 1814-Apr-30: assigns lease on The Malthouse to William Fruin subject to payment of mortgage

Cooper, Jos
 1738-Oct-13: witnesses Edward Bee's signature on lease to John Gomm

Cooper, Richard
 1785-Feb-02: witness to Rev William Price's will

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Corne, John (of the Minories, London, haberdasher & hosier)
 1758-Aug-17: partnership agreement with Michael Cooke
 1761-May-09: ending of partnership agreement with Michael Cooke

Croke, John (minor, homager of Studley)
 1591-Aug-27: party to Edmund Izard's prenuptial agreement

Croot, John (of Honiton, Devon)
 1718-May-14 (Devon): lease of land in Shute to John Gillett by William Hallet

Crossby, William (of Ambrosden, footman)
 1762-Oct-07-a: witnesses signatures of Sir Edward Turner & Thomas Leigh

Davenport, John M. (of Oxford, solicitor)
 1858-Sep-11: solicitor

Davis, John (of Goldington, Beds)
 1675-Sep-23: leases on property in Beckley, Charlton-upon-Otmoor & elsewhere
 1680-Jan-18: assignment of manors of Beckley & Charlton-upon-Otmoor to Gregory Geering et al

Davis, Mary (wife of John)
 1675-Sep-23: leases on property in Beckley, Charlton-upon-Otmoor & elsewhere
 1680-Jan-18: assignment of manors of Beckley & Charlton-upon-Otmoor to Gregory Geering et al

Davis, Stephen (of St Aldate, Oxford, boatbuilder)
 1804-Aug-07: assigned property in Beckley by Charles Moore & Jonathan Cooper as security
 1804-Aug-11: assigned land & malthouse at Beckley by Charles Moore (security for £60)
 1805-Jul-31: makes further loan of £40 to Jonathan Cooper on security of land & malthouse
 1812-Jun-27: makes further loan of £23 to Jonathan Cooper on security of land & malthouse
 1813-Jun-27: makes further loan of £57 to Jonathan Cooper on security of land & malthouse
 1814-Apr-30: loans of £180 secured on Malthouse transferred from Jonathan Cooper to William

Fruin
 1822-Nov-
 1838-Sep-

Dean, David
 1822-Nov-

Deane, Henry
 1763-Apr-

Denton, Cons
 1785-Feb-

Denton, Georg
 1743-May-
 1785-Feb-

Doe, Edward
 1741-Feb-

Downing, Wil
 1714-Jan-

Dugliss, Samu
 1762-Oct-

Dyett, Mary (s
 1724-Feb-

Dyncley [?], D
 1806-Sep-

Fantouberg, T
 1735-Sep-

Faulkner, Dan
 1801-Mar-

Faulkner, Eliza
 see Tipping

Faulkner, Mos
 1801-Mar-

Field, William
 1832-Mar-

Fisher, Richar
 1806-Sep-
 1819-Jun-

Fruin

1822-Nov-13: will (recitation)

1838-Sep-29: died 13/Nov/1822; his executors assign property in Beckley to T. L. Cooke

Dean, David Williamson

1822-Nov-13: appointed executor of Stephen Davis (not mentioned in 1838-Sep-29)

Deane, Henry

1763-Apr-16: witnesses lease of property to John Carr

Denton, Constance (widow of George Denton)

1785-Feb-14: mentioned as deceased in lease of property in Beckley to Robert Ashfield

Denton, George (also Chamberlayne, of Hillsden, Bucks, Esq)

1743-May-24: leasehold in Beckley assigned to George Denton in trust for Elizabeth Price (II)

1785-Feb-14: mentioned as deceased in lease of Beckley property to Robert Ashfield

Doe, Edward (of University of Oxford, bookbinder)

1741-Feb-24: indenture concerning messuage in Beckley

Downing, William (of Dallwood, Dorset, yeoman)

1714-Jan-29 (Devon): lease

Dugliss, Samuel

1762-Oct-07-a: witnesses signatures of Theophilus & Ann Leigh

Dyett, Mary (spinster)

1724-Feb-20: life listed in Robert Carr's new lease on property in Beckley

Dyncley [?], Dr Peter

1806-Sep-03: as trustee of Rev Samuel Cooke, assigned property in Beckley

Fantouberg, Thomas, Lord Viscount

1735-Sep-04 (Devon): party to six-part indenture with Lord Petre et al

Faulkner, Daniel

1801-Mar-28: mentioned as father of Moses by Elizabeth

Faulkner, Elizabeth (wife of Daniel Faulkner)

see Tipping, Elizabeth

Faulkner, Moses (of Beckley, carpenter, son of Daniel Faulkner)

1801-Mar-28: party to assignment of messuage in Beckley to John Louch

Field, William

1832-Mar-25: occupant of cottage & garden sold by William Louch to Theophilus Leigh Cooke

Fisher, Richard

1806-Sep-02: mentioned as previous occupier of messuage in Beckley assigned to Samuel Cooke

1819-Jun-07: previous occupier of messuage in Beckley mortgaged by Samuel Cooke

Fletcher, Philadelphia (née Price)

1756-Nov-07: inherits £100 under Sarah Price's will

1785-Feb-02: beneficiary under William Price's will (date is that of probate certificate)

Fontayne, John (sergeant-at-law)

1668-Jun-08: mortgage of Beckley and Otmoor estates by John Izard to Dame Mary Hatton

Forsyth(e), James (of Landsdown Place, Saint Pancras)

1815-Oct-23: trustee to marriage settlement of Anne Hay and George Leigh Cooke

1839-May-14: after his death replaced as trustee by John Irving Glennie

1839-May-14-a: death recorded in update to George Leigh Cooke's marriage settlement

Foster, Charles (brother of John (II))

1687-Apr-08: beneficiary under will of John Foster (II)

Foster, John (I, of London, citizen & merchant taylor)

1683-Aug-15: assignment of moiety of Beckley to Elizabeth Howland

1683-Aug-15-a: pays Francis Hall £1500 for judgements against John Izard

1683-Aug-15-b: assigned the moiety and manor of Beckley by Gregory Geering

1683-Aug-15-c: assigned the moiety and manor of Beckley

1683-Aug-15-d: assigned the moiety and manor of Beckley (security for sums of money)

1686-Aug-10: gives mortgage to Francis Hall for £200 plus interest

1702-Sep-07: mentioned as father of Sarah March & Mary Ange (his heirs)

1708-Jan-08: now deceased – mention of his children, John Foster, Sarah March & Mary Ange

Foster, John (II, son of John Foster (I))

1687-Apr-08: will; bequests to his mother, brother and sisters; proved 1690-Feb-20

1702-Sep-07: mentioned as brother of Sarah March & Mary Ange (his heiresses)

1708-Jan-08: Mary Ange mentioned as executor

Foster, John (III, of Lincoln's Inn)

1836-Jan-30: mentioned as trustee with Theophilus Leigh Cooke under will of Elizabeth Trinder

Foster, Mary (dau of John Foster (I), wife of John Ange)

see Ange, Mary

Foster, Sarah (I, wife of John Foster (I))

1687-Apr-08: beneficiary under will of John Foster (II)

1702-Sep-07: mentioned as mother of Sarah March in assignment of Manor of Beckley

1708-Jan-08: mentioned as executrix of John Foster but now dead (Philip Pledger executor)

Foster, Sarah ((II, dau of John Foster (I), wife of Richard March)

see March, Sarah

Franklin, Edward

1858-Sep-11: witness to lease of Grove Farm

Fruin, William (or Frewin)

1804-Aug-11: mentioned as occupying Malthouse assigned to Stephen Davis

1814-Apr-30: assigned Malthouse (with mortgage) by Jonathan Cooper

1827-Mar-25: (date of death) – will proved by Elizabeth Collett

1829-Apr-15: inclosure allotment mentioned to locate land granted to Ralph Butler

Gammon, Mary (wife of Richard Gammon)

1735-Feb-07: party to assignment of land & malthouse in Beckley to Anthony Moore

Gammon, Richard (of Clifton, Oxon, yeoman)

1735-Sep-06: assigned land & malthouse in Beckley by Eleanor Miles

1735-Feb-07: with his wife assigns land & malthouse to Anthony Moore

Geering, Gregory (of Denthworth, Beds, later of Doncaster, Berks)

1680-Jan-18: assigned manors of Beckley & Charlton-upon-Otmoor by Christopher Hatton et al

1683-Aug-15: assignment of moiety of Beckley to Elizabeth Howland

1683-Aug-15-b: assigns the moiety and manor of Beckley to John Foster

1683-Aug-15-c: mentioned in indenture of assignment between Francis Hall and John Foster

Giddes, Mrs (of Barking)

1763-Aug-05: legatee under will of Cassandra Wight

Gillett, John (of Axminster or Hemister[?], Devon, clothier)

1718-May-14 (Devon): lease of land in Shute from William Hallet

1718-Dec-08 (Devon): indenture with John Haynes re property in Shute

1723-Jun-20 (Devon): lease on property in Shute

Gillett, Philip (of Shute)

1723-Sep-28 (Devon): party to indenture concerning payment of debt & annuities

Gillett, Richard (of ?, Dorset, tanner)

1723-Sep-28 (Devon): party to indenture concerning payment of debt & annuities

1727-Mar-24 (Devon): indenture with Hannah Smith

Gillett, Susannah (wife of Philip Gillett)

1723-Sep-28 (Devon): party to indenture concerning payment of debt & annuities

Gilpin, James

1763-Aug-05: witness to will of Cassandra Wight

Glennie, Mrs Ann

1862-Jul-25: released, as executrix of John Irving G., from trusteeship of marriage settlement

Glennie, John Irving

1839-May-14: appointed trustee of George Leigh Cooke's marriage settlement

1862-Jul-25: death mentioned in update to George Leigh Cooke's marriage settlement

Gomm, Ann (I, *previously Newton (BPR)*, wife of John (I))

1745-Jun-26: *marriage (BPR)*

1761-Apr-04: life listed in lease of messuage in Beckley to John Gomm

1761-Dec-16-a: life listed in lease of land to William Ledwell (might be Ann (II))

1762-Oct-16: life listed in renewal of lease on messuages in Beckley to John Gomm

1768-Feb-19: *burial (BPR)*

Gomm, Anne (II, dau of John & Elizabeth Gomm)

1724-Oct-27: *baptism (BPR)*

1731-Nov-13: life (aged c 7 years) listed in lease of land & messuage in Beckley to John Gomm

1738-Oct-13: life (aged c 14 years) listed in lease to John Gomm (I)

1749-Apr-13: marriage to Thomas Soanes of Forest Hill (BPR)
 1760-Sep-15: life listed in lease of property to William Ledwell
 1761-Dec-16-a: life listed in lease of land to William Ledwell (might be Ann (I))

Gomm, Elizabeth (wife of John Gomm (I))

1724-Sep-02: life listed in lease of a piece of ground in Beckley to John Gomm
 1731-Nov-13: life listed in lease of land & messuage in Beckley to John Gomm
 1736-Oct-17: burial (BPR)

Gomm, John (I, of Beckley, shepherd)

1724-Sep-02: leases a piece of ground in Beckley from Edward Bee
 1731-Nov-13: takes leases on land (with messuage built by himself) from Edward Bee
 1738-Oct-13: renewal of lease for life of himself, his son & daughter
 1745-Jun-26: marriage to Anne Newton (BPR)
 1760-Sep-15: life listed in leases of ground at Beckley to William Ledwell
 1761-Apr-04: leases messuage in Beckley from Edward Bee
 1761-Apr-04-a: copy of above with attached note re required change to lives listed
 1761-Dec-16: life listed in lease of property at Beckley Common to William Ledwell
 1761-Dec-16-a: life listed on lease of land in Beckley to William Ledwell
 1762-Oct-16: renews his lease on property in Beckley
 1766-Jan-11: burial (Gomm - BPR)
 1766-Sep-16: mentioned as having built a messuage on part of Mead Close
 1766-Sep-16-a: copy of above with later amendments (JG's name crossed out)

Gomm, John (II, son of John (I))

1736-Jul-25: baptism (BPR)
 1738-Oct-13: life (aged c 2 years) listed in lease to John Gomm (I)
 1758-Jun-05: marriage to Elizabeth Radford (BPR)
 1759-Jun-28: burial (Gom - BPR)

Gomm, Mary
 see Payne, Mary

Goodliffe, Elizabeth (dau of Elizabeth Shayler (I), wife of Thomas Goodliff & then Christopher Legg)

1818-Nov-14: with her mother assigned Malthouse at Beckley
 1836-Sep-19: with Elizabeth Collett assigns lease on The Malthouse to her trustees
 1838-Sep-29: mentioned as having died on 26/April/1838; names of husbands mentioned

Goodliffe, Thomas Hinckliff (also Goodliff, of Ely)

1838-Sep-29: mentioned as earlier husband of Elizabeth Legg (Shayler)

Goodwin, Eleanor (of Rowley Green, Henley, Herts, spinster)

1836-Jan-30: releases Theophilus Leigh Cooke in respect of her share in a trust

Gore, Hon Charles Alexander (Commissioner of HM's Woods etc)

1848-Aug-15: transfer of piece of land in Stowood to George Leigh Cooke

Green, William

1832-Mar-25: occupant of cottage, garden and bakehouse sold by William Louch to T. L. Cooke

Greenaway, Elizabeth

1692-Jun-06: witnesses lease on property in Beckley (Millford?) to Thomas Izard by John Izard

Hall, Francis (of Noke, Oxon, later of Hadnock, Monmouth, Esq, later of Whit[?], Glos)
 1666-May-18: granted the manor of Charlton-upon-Otmoor by John Izard as security for £1400
 1666-Hilary: obtains judgement for £400 against John Izard at the King's Bench
 1667-Trinity: obtains judgement for £400 against John Izard at the King's Bench
 1670-Trinity: obtains judgement for £3000 against John Izard at the King's Bench
 1670-Jun-01: assigned moyety of Manor of Beckley by John Izard
 1676-Jan-25: assigns premises [in Beckley] to Sir William Humble
 1677-Feb-08: leases Rectory of Dixon to Sir Francis Humble
 1677-Feb-09: leases Rectory of Dixon to Sir Francis Humble
 1682-Jun-22: indenture with Sir William Humble & John Howland
 1683-Aug-15: assignment of moiety of Beckley to Elizabeth Howland
 1683-Aug-15-a: assigns judgements against John Izard to Richard March in trust for John Foster
 1683-Aug-15-b: assignment of the moiety and manor of Beckley to John Foster
 1683-Aug-15-c: assignment of the moiety and manor of Beckley to John Foster
 1683-Aug-15-d: assignment of the moiety and manor of Beckley to John Foster (security)
 1686-Aug-10: mortgages property to John Foster for £200 plus interest
 1690-Jan-10: of Whit[?], Glos; assigns property to Richard March

Hallet, William (of Thornecomb, Devon)

1717-Mar-10: indenture with Nicholas and George Broughton re property in Shute
 1718-May-14 (Devon): lease of land in Shute to John Gillett

Ham, John (I, of Branscombe, Devon, yeoman)

1664-Oct-15 (Devon): leasing of property in Shute from Lord Petre

Ham, John (II, of Sidmouth, Gent)

1727-xxx-xx (Devon): indenture between him & Benedictus Marwood
 1738-Mar-24 (Devon): concerning his property in Shute after his death
 1738-Mar-24-a (Devon): mentioned as deceased in grant of cottage in Shute to Sarah Wyatt

Ham, Joseph (of Branscombe, Devon)

1622-xxx-xx (Devon): indenture
 1679-Oct-04 (Devon): lease of property in Shute from Lord Petre
 1710-Mar-20 (Devon): indenture with Lord Petre
 1710-Mar-20-a (Devon): lease of property in Branscombe from Lord Petre
 1722-Mar-15 (Devon): sale of property in Shute
 1722-Mar-15-a (Devon): indenture with William and Greta Hoor re property in Shute
 1738-Mar-23 (Devon): sale of cottage in Shute to Sarah Wyatt
 1738-Mar-24 (Devon): brother & heir of John Ham (concerning John Ham's property in Shute)
 1738-Mar-24-a (Devon): grant of cottage & land in Shute to Sarah Wyatt

Ham, Mary (wife of John Ham (II))

1738-Mar-24 (Devon): widow & relict of John Ham (concerning John Ham's property in Shute)

Ham, Miss Sarah
 see Wyatt

Hardy, Sir Charles

1785-Feb-14: mentioned as executor of Constance Denton

Harris, Charles (of Camberwell, Surrey, Esq)

1794-May-05: rectory mortgaged to Charles Harris by Hugh Price

- Hart, Susanna
1801-Mar-28: mentioned as mother of Elizabeth Tipping
- Hatton, Christopher (of Thripton, Cambs, Esq, & the Middle Temple)
1675-Sep-23: leases on property in Beckley, Charlton-upon-Otmoor & elsewhere
1680-Jan-18: assignment of manors of Beckley & Charlton-upon-Otmoor to Gregory Geering
- Hatton, Dame Mary (of Long Stanton, Cambs, widow of Sir Thomas)
1668-Jun-08: Beckley and Otmoor estates mortgaged to her by John Izard
1673-Jul-25: 'The Decree L^d Hatton - Izard'
1680-Jan-18: mentioned as deceased (assignment of manors of Beckley & Charlton-upon-Otmoor)
- Hatton, Sir Thomas (of Long Stanton, Cambs, Knight & Baronet)
1668-Jun-08: mentioned as deceased in indenture of Beckley mortgage
1680-Jan-18: mention of his widow (assignment of manors of Beckley & Charlton-upon-Otmoor)
- Hay, Anne (Ann)
see Cooke
- Hay, Helen (wife of William)
1815-Oct-23: mentioned in Anne Hay's marriage settlement
1839-May-14-a: death recorded in update to George Leigh Cooke's marriage settlement
- Hay, William (of Russell Square, Middlesex)
1815-Oct-23: marriage settlement of his daughter Anne and George Leigh Cooke
1839-May-14-a: death recorded in update to George Leigh Cooke's marriage settlement
- Haycock, John
1810-Mar-23: witnesses signature of Joseph Paine & mark of John Payne (sale of lease)
- Haynes, John (of Uplyme, Devon)
1718-Dec-08 (Devon): indenture with John Gillett re property in Shute
1723-Sep-28 (Devon): party to indenture concerning payment of debt & annuities
- Hawkins, Thomas
1762-Oct-07-b: witness to bond indemnifying Sir Edward Turner
- Hide, Richard (of Oddington, Glos)
1717-Jan-17: property at Broadwell
- Hieat, Joseph (of Beckley, baker, *Hyat in BPR.*)
1718-Dec-24: leases messuage in Beckley from Edward Bee
- Higgins, Richard
1761-Jun-24: mentioned as builder of tenement on land leased to Robert Carr
- Hilbeys, John
see Pilboys, John
- Hodges, William
1753-Jan-19-a (Devon): mentioned in lease of property in Manor of Shute to George Cooke

- Hollen, Allen (of parish of St Anne, Westminster, Esq)
 1729-Sep-01: Edward Bee sells judgement against John Izard with right to buy back
 1729-Dec-01: executor of Triamer Baldwin (mortgage of Beckley estates to Francis Seely)
- Holt, Thomas (of Wansted, Essex)
 1708-Jan-08: with Duke of Bedford buys out interest of John Foster's estate in Beckley
 1710-Apr-26: Duke of Bedford assigns Manor & Rectory of Beckley to Edward Bee
- Hoor, Greta (wife of William Hoor)
 1722-Mar-15-a (Devon): property in Shute
- Hoor, William (or Hoore, of Shute, Devon, yeoman)
 1714-Jan-29 (Devon): lease
 1722-Mar-15 (Devon): sale of property in Shute
 1722-Mar-15-a (Devon): property in Shute
- Hore, Thomas (gent)
 1591-Aug-27: trustee to Edmund Izard's marriage agreement
- Hoskins, John (of Hales Hall, Norfolk, Esquire)
 1695-May-21: trustee for Wriothesley Russell & Elizabeth Howland
 1710-Apr-26-a: assignment of Manor & Rectory of Beckley to Edward Bee
- Hoskyns, Hungerford (Hoskins, *married Mary Leigh, sister of Theophilus Leigh*)
 1763-Aug-05: legatee under will of Cassandra Wight
- Howard, Rt Hon George William Frederick (Viscount Morpeth, Commissioner of HM's Woods etc)
 1848-Aug-15: transfer of piece of land in Stowood to George Leigh Cooke
- Howland, Elizabeth (of Streatham, wife of John Howland, daughter of Josias Child)
 1695-May-21: widow, relict & administratrix of John Howland (assignment of moiety of Beckley)
 1708-Jan-08: with Duke of Bedford buys out interest of John Foster's estate in Beckley
 1710-Apr-26: Duke of Bedford assigns Manor & Rectory of Beckley to Edward Bee
 1710-Apr-26-a: assignment of Manor & Rectory of Beckley to Edward Bee
- Howland, Elizabeth (daughter John Howland)
 see Russell
- Howland, John (of Streatham, Surrey, Esquire)
 1695-May-21: deceased; mentioned as having had moiety of Beckley as security & then absolutely
 1682-Jun-22: indenture with Francis Hall & Sir William Humble
 1710-Apr-26-a: mentioned as having died intestate
- Huggins, Anne (daughter of Richard Huggins)
 1720-Nov-10: life mentioned in lease of mesuage in Beckley to Richard Huggins
- Huggins, Jane (wife of Richard Huggins)
 1720-Nov-10: life mentioned in lease of mesuage in Beckley to Richard Huggins
- Huggins, John (of Beckley, weaver, brother of Thomas Huggins)
 1749-Dec-21: his brother & executor, Thomas, assigns messuage & garden to Robert Carr

Huggins, Richard (of Beckley, carpenter)

1720-Nov-10: renews lease on mesuage in Beckley for lives of self, Jane (his wife) & Anne (dau)
1780-Jan-26: mentioned as builder of tenement leased to Sarah Lipscombe

Huggins, Thomas (of Beckley, weaver, brother of John Huggins)

1748-Nov-12: mortgages messuage & garden to Robert Carr for £120
1749-Dec-21: as brother & executor of John Huggins assigns messuage & garden to Robert Carr

Humble, Sir William (of Stratford Laughton, Essex, Baronett)

1682-Jun-22: indenture with Francis Hall & John Howland
1676-Jan-25: assigned premises [in Beckley] by Francis Hall
1677-Feb-08: takes lease on Rectory of Dixon from Francis Hall
1677-Feb-09: takes lease on Rectory of Dixon from Francis Hall

Humphreys, Elizabeth Jane (Mrs)

1806-Sep-03: assignment of property in Beckley to Dr Peter Dyncley, Rev Samuel Cooke's trustee

Hussey, Eliz

1762-Oct-07-a: witnesses Edward Bee's signature

Hut, Francis [sic] (wife of Robert Hut)

1803-May-04-a: mentioned as mother of James & John Hut in lease to Thomas Busby

Hut, James (son of Robert & Francis Hut)

1803-May-04-a: life (6) listed in lease on cottage, garden & orchard in Beckley to Thomas Busby

Hut, John (son of Robert & Francis Hut)

1803-May-04-a: life (14) listed in lease on cottage, garden & orchard in Beckley to Thomas Busby

Hut, Robert

1803-May-04-a: mentioned as father of James & John Hut in lease to Thomas Busby

Hutchinson, Captain

1763-Aug-05: legatee under will of Cassandra Wight

Hutchinson, Julius (son of Captain Hutchinson)

1763-Aug-05: legatee under will of Cassandra Wight

Izard, Alice (widow of William)

1591-Aug-27: mentioned in Edmund Izard's prenuptial agreement

Izard, Dorothy (mother of John)

1670-Jun-01: mentioned as possessing the moyety of the Manor of Beckley
1683-Aug-15: mentioned as being in possession of moiety of Beckley
1695-May-21: mentioned as deceased in assignment of moiety of Beckley

Izard, Edmund (aka Shillingford, son of William)

1591-Aug-27: agreement with John Croke et al before EI's marriage to Gresswell Mewdigatt

Izard, Elizabeth

see Price, Elizabeth (I)

Izard, John (of Beckley, aka Shillingford, Esq)

- 1666-May-18: grants the manor of Charlton-upon-Otmoor to Francis Hall as security for £1400
- 1666-Hilary: Francis Hall obtains judgement for £400 against him at the King's Bench
- 1667-Trinity: Francis Hall obtains judgement for £400 against him at the King's Bench
- 1668-Jun-08: mortgage of Beckley and Otmoor estates to Dame Mary Hatton
- 1670-Trinity: Francis Hall obtains judgement for £3000 against him at the King's Bench
- 1670-Jun-01: assigns moyety of Manor of Beckley to Francis Hall
- 1673-Jul-25: 'The Decree L^d Hatton - Izard'
- 1675-Sep-23: leases on property in Beckley, Charlton-upon-Otmoor & elsewhere
- 1683-Aug-15: mentions judgements against him
- 1684-Aug-09: leases cottage or tenement in Beckley to Thomas Izard for £43
- 1692-Jun-06: grants 999-year lease on property in Beckley (Millfield?) to Thomas Izard

Izard, Jozias (Shillingford, younger son of William)

- 1591-Aug-27: mentioned (as Shellingford) in Edmund Izard's prenuptial agreement

Izard, Sarah

- 1692-Jun-06: witnesses lease on property in Beckley (Millfield?) to Thomas Izard by John Izard

Izard, Thomas (of St Margaretts, Hartfordshire, gent, later of Beckley, brother of John Izard)

- 1684-Aug-09: leases cottage or tenement in Beckley from John Izard for £43
- 1692-Jun-06: takes 999-year lease on property in Beckley (Millfield?) from John Izard
- 1692-Jun-15: will; leasehold in Beckley bequeathed to his daughter, Elizabeth Price
- 1743-May-24: mentioned in assignment of property to George Denton in trust
- 1785-Feb-14: mentioned as deceased with granddaughter, Elizabeth Price, administratrix

Izard, William (aka Shillingford)

- 1591-Aug-27: mentioned as deceased in Edmund Izard's prenuptial agreement

James, Richard

see Toms, Richard

Jenkins, Rev Henry (of Magdalen College)

- 1816-Jun-24: assigned Beckley estate by Cassandra Austen in trust for Cassandra Cooke

Jessop, Ann (dau of Thomas)

- 1800-Dec-26: life listed in lease of property to Thomas Jessop

Jessop, Catherine (wife of Thomas)

- 1800-Dec-26: life listed in lease of property to Thomas Jessop
- 1832-Mar-25: occupant of cottage & garden sold by William Louch to Theophilus Leigh Cooke

Jessop, Thomas (of Beckley, yeoman)

- 1800-Dec-26: leases property from Thomas Leigh

Johnsohn, John [sic in my notes]

- 1757-Apr-11: witnesses Edward Ryves' signature

Johnson, Rev John (Fellow of Magdalen College)

- 1816-Jun-25: party to assignment of Beckley estate to William Oddie upon trust

Jones (Fellow of Balliol)

1743-May-24: once in possession of leasehold in Beckley

Jubb (? at law)

1806-Sep-02: witnesses John Mackaness' signature on sale of messuage to Samuel Cooke

Kicatt

see Hieat (Kicatt seems to be a misreading on my part)

Lamball, James (of Lower Woods, Islip, later of Beckley, yeoman)

1758-Jan-21: with Thomas Busby takes lease on messuage in Beckley

1764-Oct-08: with Thomas Busby leases property from Thomas Leigh on 3 Busby lives

1778-Aug-13: leases piece of ground from Thomas Leigh

Lamball, Mary (wife of James)

1778-Aug-13: life listed in lease on piece of ground to James Lamball

Lamball, Sarah (dau of James)

1778-Aug-13: life listed in lease on piece of ground to James Lamball

Langdon, Thomas (of Bampton, Devon, surgeon)

1837-Nov-06: witnesses signatures of Francis Edward & Elizabeth Seymour in winding up of trust

Lay, James (of Beckley, later Woodperry, Esq)

1800-Feb-05: assigned messuage & orchard at Beckley by Daniel Shilfox

1805-Mar-02: assigns messuage at Beckley to John Louch for remainder of 500 year term

Leach, John (of Great Bookham)

1815-Oct-23: witness to marriage settlement of George Leigh Cooke and Anne Hay

Leach, William (of Great Bookham)

1815-Oct-23: witness to marriage settlement of George Leigh Cooke and Anne Hay

Leaf, Joseph

1753-Jan-19-a (Devon): life listed in lease of property in Manor of Shute to George Cooke

Ledwell, Ann (of Woodperry, later of Bath, wife of William)

1805-Jul-08: mentioned as deceased & executrix of her husband, William.

Ledwell, Edward (brother of William)

1761-Dec-16-a: life listed in lease of land in Beckley to William Ledwell

1766-Sep-16: life listed in lease of Beckley property to William Ledwell

1766-Sep-16-a: amendment (1805) has his name crossed out

Ledwell, James (brother of William)

1766-Sep-16: life listed in lease of Beckley property to William Ledwell

1766-Sep-16-a: amendment (1805) has his name crossed out

Ledwell, Thomas

1717-May-17: mentioned as once possessing land leased to William Miles

Ledwell, William (of Cowley, Esq)

- 1760-Sep-15: leases piece of ground at Beckley from Edward Bee on three lives
- 1761-Dec-16: leases piece of ground at Beckley Common from Edward Bee
- 1761-Dec-16-a: leases piece of ground in Beckley from Edward Bee
- 1766-Sep-16: leases Beckley property from Thomas Leigh
- 1766-Sep-16-a: amendment (1805) has his name crossed out
- 1805-Jul-08: mentioned as deceased

Ledwell, William Brydges (of Bath, son of Ann Ledwell)

- 1805-Jul-08: as administrator of Ann Ledwell gives up all claims on piece of ground in Beckley.

Legge, Christopher (also Legg, of Ely)

- 1836-Sep-19: marriage settlement for him and Elizabeth Goodliffe assigns Malthouse to trustees
- 1838-Sep-29: mentioned as husband of late Elizabeth Goodliff (Shayler)

Leigh, Anne (née Bee, dau of Edward Bee, wife of Theophilus Leigh)

- 1728-xxx-xx: marriage settlement
- 1747-Nov-02: conveyance of Broadwell Rectory to Drs Walker & Musgrave
- 1756-Jan-31: witnesses lease of property to Richard Busby
- 1761-Jun-24-a: attached note is in an envelope addressed to her
- 1761-Dec-16: witnesses lease on piece of ground at Beckley Common to William Ledwell
- 1762-Oct-07: Sir Edward Turner assigns Beckley to Edward Cooper & George Austen upon trust
- 1762-Oct-07-a: annuities settled on Cassandra Leigh conditionally
- 1762-Oct-07-b: bond indemnifying Sir Edward Turner; later note mentions AL's decease
- 1763-Apr-16: witnesses lease of property to John Carr
- 1763-Aug-05: executrix and legatee under will of Cassandra Wight
- 1765-May-01: witness to lease of property in Beckly to Christopher Lipscomb
- 1816-Jun-25: only child of Edward Bee & mother of Cassandra and Mary, her co-heirs

Leigh, Cassandra (daughter of Theophilus Leigh)

see Cooke, Cassandra

Leigh, Cassandra (daughter of Thomas Leigh of Harpsden)

see Austen, Cassandra

Leigh, Chandos (son of James Henry Leigh)

- 1809-Apr-06: life listed in lease of piece of ground at Beckley to Rev Samuel Cooke

Leigh, Rev Charles

- 1763-Aug-05: legatee under will of Cassandra Wight

Leigh, Elizabeth (spinster, sometimes styled Mrs, *sister of Thomas Leigh of Adlestrop*)

- 1803-Feb-21: executor of Thomas Leigh's will
- 1803-May-04: witnesses lease on cottage in Beckley to Thomas Busby
- 1816-Jun-24: mentioned as proving will of James Leigh in 1813

Leigh, James (of Adlestrop, son of William)

- 1746-Feb-14: witness to Edward Bee's assignment of Beckley estate to Lewis Pryse
- 1747-Nov-02: party to conveyance of Broadwell Rectory to Drs Walker & Musgrave

Leigh Perrot, James (*son of Thomas Leigh of Harpsden*)

- 1757-Apr-11: witnesses signatures of Mary Waldo & Edward Ryves (assignment of obligation)

Leigh, James Henry (of Addlestrop, son of James Leigh (1))

1803-Feb-21: executor of Thomas Leigh's will

1809-Apr-06: father of Chandos Leigh in lease of property at Beckley to Samuel Cooke

1816-Jun-24: mentioned as proving will of Thomas Leigh in 1813

Leigh, Jane (née Walker, wife of Thomas Leigh of Harding (Harpsden), sister of Dr. William Walker)

1762-Oct-07: Sir Edward Turner assigns Beckley to Edward Cooper & George Austen upon trust

1762-Oct-07-b: adminx of Dr. William Walker (bond indemnifying Sir Edward Turner)

Leigh, Mary (elder dau of Theophilus Leigh, wife of Rev Thomas Leigh)

1761-Dec-16: witnesses lease on piece of ground at Beckley Common to William Ledwell

1762-Sep-22: receives £800 from her father

1762-Oct-07: Sir Edward Turner assigns Beckley to Edward Cooper & George Austen upon trust

1762-Oct-07-a: annuities settled on Cassandra Leigh; ML's forthcoming marriage mentioned

1762-Oct-07-b: bond indemnifying Sir Edward Turner; mentions her marriage

1803-Feb-21: mentioned in her husband's will

1816-Jun-25: mentioned as sister of Cassandra Leigh [Cooke], coheir with her of Anne Leigh

Leigh, Rev Dr Theophilus (Master of Balliol)

1685-Sep-15: a Latin document "found amongst Dr. Leigh's papers"

1728-xxx-xx: marriage settlement

1736-May-08: bound, with William Leigh, to Henry Wise for £720

1736-Mar-xx: Henry Wise obtains judgement against him for £720 at Court of Common Pleas

1747-Nov-02: conveyance of Broadwell Rectory to Drs Walker & Musgrave

1746-Feb-14-a: obligation re £570 paid by Edward Ryves to Thomas Wise, assigned to Lewis Pryse

1757-Apr-11: obligation re £570 passes from Lewis Pryse to William Walker & James Musgrave

1761-Jun-24: witnesses lease on property in Beckley to Robert Carr by Edward Bee

1762-Sep-22: gives £800 to each of his daughters

1762-Oct-07: Sir Edward Turner assigns Beckley to Edward Cooper & George Austen upon trust

1762-Oct-07-a: annuities settled on Cassandra Leigh conditionally

1762-Oct-07-b: bond indemnifying Sir Edward Turner

1763-Aug-05: executor and legatee under will of Cassandra Wight

1766-Sep-16-a: witnesses lease on property in Beckley to William Ledwell by Thomas Leigh

1768-Jun-11: marriage settlement of his daughter Cassandra and Samuel Cooke

1816-Jun-25: mentioned as husband of Anne Leigh (née Bee)

Leigh, Rev Thomas (of Broadwell, later Rector of Adlestrop, nephew of Theophilus)

1761-Jun-24-a: mentioned in attached note (to replace Edward Bee)

1762-Oct-07: Sir Edward Turner assigns Beckley to Edward Cooper & George Austen upon trust

1762-Oct-07-a: annuities settled on Cassandra Leigh conditionally

1762-Oct-07-b: bond indemnifying Sir Edward Turner mentions his marriage

1763-Apr-16: leases property to John Carr

1764-Oct-08: leases property to Thomas Busby & James Lamball on lives of 3 Busbys

1765-May-01: lease of property in Beckley to Christopher Lipscomb

1766-Sep-16: leases Beckley property to William Ledwell

1768-Jun-11: trustee to marriage settlement of Samuel Cooke and Cassandra Leigh

1769-Feb-11: lease of property in Beckley to John Payne

1772-Mar-02: purchase of leasehold estate for Samuel & Cassandra Cooke

1775-Jul-20: lease of property to John Carter

1775-Jul-20-a: lease of property to John Carter (counterpart)

1778-Aug-13: leases piece of ground in Beckley to James Lamball

1780-Jan-26: lease of tenement, built by Richard Huggins, to Sarah Lipscombe

- 1800-Dec-26: leases property in Beckley to Thomas Jessop
- 1803-Feb-21: will (mention only)
- 1803-May-04: lease of cottage in Beckley to Thomas Busby
- 1803-May-04-a: renewal of lease on cottage, garden & orchard to Thomas Busby
- 1805-Apr-02: leases messuage in Beckley to John Payne the younger
- 1809-Apr-06: leases piece of ground in Beckley to Rev Samuel Cooke for 99 years & 3 lives
- 1816-Jun-25: mentioned as husband of Mary Leigh

Leigh, Rev Thomas (of Harpsden (aka Harding), Oxon, brother of Theophilus)

- 1752-Apr-14: assigned judgement against John Izard in trust for W. Walker & J. Musgrave
- 1762-Oct-07: Sir Edward Turner assigns Beckley to Edward Cooper & George Austen upon trust
- 1762-Oct-07-b: of Harding; with his wife transfers money to Sir Edward Turner
- 1763-Aug-05: legatee under will of Cassandra Wight
- 1765-Jul-09: mentioned as deceased in codicil to Cassandra Wight's will

Leigh, William (of Adlestrop)

- 1736-May-08: bound, with Theophilus Leigh, to Henry Wise for £720
- 1746-Feb-14-a: his and Theophilus Leigh's obligation for £570 now to Edward Ryves
- 1747-Nov-02: party to conveyance of Broadwell Rectory to Drs Walker & Musgrave

Leigh-Perrot, James

see Perrot

Lethbridge, Christopher

- 1812-Apr-06: update to Charles & Sarah Cooke's marriage settlement
- 1823-Nov-15: update to Sarah Cooke's marriage settlement (trustee)
- 1837-Nov-06: mentioned as having died 15/Oct/1830 in winding up of marriage settlement trust

Lethbridge, John King (of Tregear, Laneast, Cornwall, Esq)

- 1821-Dec-12: trustee for £1600 from Janetta Cooke
- 1834-Jan-31: winding up Janetta Cooke's trust

Lethbridge, Robert (of 8 Grays Inn Square, Middlesex, later of New South Wales, Gent)

- 1821-Dec-12: trustee for £1600 from Janetta Cooke
- 1834-Jan-31: winding up Janetta Cooke's trust

Lethbridge, Sarah

see Cooke, Sarah (I)

Lewis, Henry (of Beckley, farmer)

- 1816-Jun-25: witness to assignment of Beckley estate to William Oddie

Lewin, Henry (or Henry Lewis?)

- 1822-Jul-22: witness to Richard Carr's signature on sale of land to Theophilus Leigh Cooke

Lipscomb, Christopher (of Beckley)

- 1761-Jun-24-a: mentioned in attached note (lease to be renewed in his name)
- 1765-May-01: takes lease on property in Beckley

Lipscombe, John (son of Sarah Lipscombe)

- 1780-Jan-26: life mentioned in lease of tenement to Sarah Lipscombe

- Lipscombe, Henry (son of Sarah Lipscombe)
1780-Jan-26: life mentioned in lease of tenement to Sarah Lipscombe
- Lipscombe, Sarah (of Beckley, widow)
1780-Jan-26: leases tenement, built by Richard Huggins, from Rev Thomas Leigh
- Loaring, Samuel (of Hawk-Church, Dorset, clothier)
1738-Mar-24 (Devon): concerning John Ham's property in Shute
- Lord, Charles (Bishop of Oxford)
1809-Jul-01: party to assigning of 2 enclosed fields at Great Barford to Rev George Leigh Cooke
- Louch, John (of New College, butler)
1801-Mar-28: takes over lease on messuage in Beckley from William Tipping et al
1805-Mar-02: assigned messuage at Beckley by James Lay for remainder of 500 year term
1832-Mar-25: mentioned as having died in Dec 1830 with will of 4/May/1830
- Louch, William (of Chieveley, Berks, yeoman)
1832-Mar-25: sells several leasehold cottages & gardens to Theophilus Leigh Cooke
- Lowndes, Rev Thomas (of Magdalen College, clerk)
1816-Jun-25: party to assignment of Beckley estate to William Oddie upon trust
- Mackaness, John (I, of Beckley)
1769-Nov-07: leases messuage in Beckley from Rev John & Susannah Rusworth
1769-Nov-08: purchases messuage in Beckley from Rev John & Susannah (née Price) Rusworth
1806-Sep-02: mentioned as deceased in lease of property by his son to Samuel Cooke
- Mackaness, John (II, of the Middle Temple, Esq)
1802-May-12: assigned leasehold premises at Beckley by Robert Ashfield
1805-Jul-08: William Brydges Ledwell gives up claims to piece of ground in Beckley
1806-Sep-02: leases messuage in Beckley to Rev Samuel Cooke for 1 year
1806-Sep-03: release of freehold & assignment of property in Beckley to Rev Samuel Cooke
- Mackenzie, George
1812-Apr-06: mentioned as trustee of Charles & Sarah Cooke's marriage settlement since 1811
1823-Nov-15: gives up trusteeship of Sarah Cooke's marriage settlement
- Mallam, Thomas (of Oxford, auctioneer)
1827-Oct-13: trustee of marriage settlement for Elizabeth Shayler & John Collett (Malthouse)
1838-Sep-29: piece of ground in Beckley & close on Otmoor assigned to Theophilus Leigh Cooke
- March, Richard (I, of Enfield, Middlesex, merchant)
1683-Aug-15: mentioned in assignment of moiety of Beckley to Elizabeth Howland
1683-Aug-15-a: Francis Hall assigns judgements against John Izard in trust for John Foster
1683-Aug-15-d: assigned with John Foster the moiety and manor of Beckley (security)
1687-Apr-08: could be Richard March (II); witness to will of John Foster (II)
1690-Jan-10: assigned property by Francis Hall (of Whit[?], Glos)
1702-Sep-07: Manor of Beckley assigned to Philip Pledger in trust for John Ange & his heirs
1708-Jan-08: with others sells interest of John Foster's estate in Beckley

March, Richard
1702-Sep-07

March, Sarah
1687-Apr-08
1702-Sep-07
1708-Jan-01

Marsh, William
1805-Jul-31

Martin, James
1763-Aug-02

Marwood, Bene
1727-xxx-xx
1738-Mar-24

Matthews, Richard
1718-Dec-24

Heat
1732-Feb-01

Matthews, Thomas
1732-Feb-01

Mauder, Thomas
1717-Jan-17

Meador, Drucilla
1684-Aug-09

Mewdigatt, Gress
1591-Aug-27

Middleton, William
1732-Feb-01

1740-Sep-13

1741-Feb-24

Miles, Eleanor (of)
1735-Sep-06

Miles, William (of)
1717-May-17
1735-Sep-06

Milne, Alexander (I)
1848-Aug-15

- March, Richard (II, son of Richard March)
1702-Sep-07: heir of Richard March & party to assignment of Beckley Manor to John Ange
- March, Sarah (dau of John Foster (I), wife of Richard March (I))
1687-Apr-08: beneficiary under will of John Foster (I)
1702-Sep-07: Manor of Beckley assigned to Philip Pledger in trust for John Ange & his heirs
1708-Jan-08: with others sells interest of John Foster's estate in Beckley
- Marsh, William
1805-Jul-31: witness to Jonathan Cooper's signature on loan agreement
- Martin, James (nephew of Cassandra Wight)
1763-Aug-05: legatee under will of Cassandra Wight
- Marwood, Benedictus (of Hornshay, Devon)
1727-xxx-xx (Devon): indenture between him & John Ham
1738-Mar-24 (Devon): concerning John Ham's property in Shute
- Matthews, Richard (of Beckley, blacksmith)
1718-Dec-24: mentioned as being in occupation, for 500 years, of messuage assigned to Joseph
- Heat
1732-Feb-01: his administrator a party to assignment of lease in Beckley to William Middleton
- Matthews, Thomas (of Oxon, blacksmith)
1732-Feb-01: as admin of Richard Matthews party to assignment of lease in Beckley
- Mauder, Thomas (of Toddenham, Glos, Gent)
1717-Jan-17: property at Broadwell
- Meador, Drucilla
1684-Aug-09: mentioned as having 1000-year lease on property in Beckley
- Mewdigatt, Gresswell (kinswoman of John Croke)
1591-Aug-27: her and Edmund Izard's prenuptial agreement
- Middleton, William (of Beckley, yeoman)
1732-Feb-01: takes over lease on Messuage & Garden in Beckley from Thomas Symonds
1740-Sep-13: indenture connected with messuage in Beckley
1741-Feb-24: indenture concerning messuage in Beckley
- Miles, Eleanor (of Oxford, widow of William Miles)
1735-Sep-06: as adminx of William Miles assigns land & malthouse to Richard Gammon
- Miles, William (of Beckley, Gent)
1717-May-17: leases property in Beckley from Edward Bee
1735-Sep-06: his widow assigns land & malthouse to Richard Gammon
- Milne, Alexander (Esq, Commissioner of HM's Woods etc)
1848-Aug-15: transfer of piece of land in Stowood to George Leigh Cooke

Milton, Rowland (yeoman)

1591-Aug-27: trustee to Edmund Izard's marriage agreement

Mocatta, Mrs (née Cooke)

1907-Oct-xx: legacy from Caroline Cassandra Cooke

1918-May-xx: beneficiary under will of Rev George Theophilus Cooke

Montague, Earl of Abingdon

1821-Mar-02: grants Right of Way across Otmoor to Cassandra Cooke

1822-Jul-22: land on Otmoor mentioned to locate piece of land sold to Theophilus Leigh Cooke

1829-Apr-15: inclosure allotment mentioned to locate grant of land to Ralph Butler

1830-Jul-07: note shows Holland Field, Otmoor, assigned to him by Theophilus Leigh Cooke

1844-Aug-01: property mentioned to locate property assigned to Caroline Cassandra Cooke

Moore, Anthony (of Garsington, Oxon, blacksmith)

1735-Feb-07: assigned land & malthouse in Beckley by Richard Gammon

1804-Aug-07: mentioned as once possessing land assigned by Charles Moore to Stephen Davis

1804-Aug-11: his administrator, Charles Moore, mortgages land & malthouse to Stephen Davis

Moore, Charles (of Horsepath, Oxon, victualler)

1804-Aug-07: with Jonathan Cooper assigns lease on land in Beckley to Stephen Davis as security

1804-Aug-11: mortgages land & malthouse at Beckley to Stephen Davis for £60

Morgan, Francis (of Percy Street, St Pancras, Middlesex, Esq)

1816-Jun-25: party to assignment of Beckley estate to William Oddie upon trust

Morell (? at law)

1806-Sep-02: witnesses John Mackaness' signature on sale of messuage to Samuel Cooke

Morpeth, Viscount

see Howard, George William Frederick

Morris, Elizabeth

1809-Apr-06: mentioned as occupying piece of ground in Beckley leased to Rev Samuel Cooke

Morris, James

1806-Sep-02: mentioned as previous occupier of messuage in Beckley assigned to Samuel Cooke

1819-Jun-07: previous occupier of messuage in Beckley mortgaged by Samuel Cooke

Mortimer, John

1717-May-17: mentioned as possessing a ley to the south of land leased to William Miles

Musgrave, Dr James, DLL (of University of Oxford, later Rector of Chinnor, Oxon, *nephew of Jane Leigh née Walker*)

1747-Nov-02: conveyance of Broadwell Rectory from Theophilus Leigh to Drs Walker & Musgrave

1752-Apr-14: assigned judgement against John Izard (Thomas Leigh of Harding trustee)

1757-Apr-11: obligation re £570 passes from Lewis Pryse to William Walker & James Musgrave

1759-Jun-14: assignment of Beckley estate to Mary Waldo

1762-Oct-07-b: Sir Edward Turner takes over trusteeship on payment of monies

Nelson (female cousin of Cassandra Wight)

1763-Aug-05: legatee under will of Cassandra Wight

- Norreys, Lord
1821-Mar-02: party to grant of Right of Way by Earl of Abingdon to Cassandra Cooke
- North, Martha
1775-Jul-19: legatee under codicil to Cassandra Wight's will
- Oddie, William (of Headington, clerk)
1816-Jun-25: assigned Beckley estate upon trust
1817-Nov-03: Beckley settlement
- Orlobar, Jane (wife of Richard)
1675-Sep-23: leases on property in Beckley, Charlton-upon-Otmoor & elsewhere
1680-Jan-18: assignment of manors of Beckley & Charlton-upon-Otmoor to Gregory Geering
- Orlobar, Richard (of Harrold, Beds, Esq)
1675-Sep-23: leases on property in Beckley, Charlton-upon-Otmoor & elsewhere
1680-Jan-18: assignment of manors of Beckley & Charlton-upon-Otmoor to Gregory Geering
- Osboldson, Sir Charles (of Oxford, Baronet)
1741-Feb-24: indenture concerning messuage in Beckley
- Paincifort, Edward (=Pauncefort?)
1802-May-12: mentioned as having been assigned land in Beckley by Elizabeth Price
- Paine, Joseph (of Crown Court, Charles Street, St Margarets, Westminster, greengrocer)
1810-Mar-23: buys lease on messuage in Beckley from John Payne (brother) for £75
- Parker, John (the elder, of Botley, Berks, wheelwright)
1822-Nov-13: executor of Stephen Davis
1838-Sep-29: executor of Stephen Davis; assigns property in Beckley to Theophilus Leigh Cooke
- Parker, William (of Iffley [Oxon], Gent)
1844-Aug-01: as executor of Richard Smith assigns property to Caroline Cassandra Cooke
- Parrey [?], Charles (of Launceston)
1837-Nov-06: witnesses signatures of Sarah Cooke (II) and Lt. John Cooke in winding up of trust
- Parrott, Robert (of Claydon, Bucks, farmer)
1858-Sep-11: party to lease on Grove Farm, Beckley
- Parrott, William (of Holton Warren, Oxon, farmer)
1858-Sep-11: takes lease on Grove Farm, Beckley
- Pauncefort, Edward (of Mowman Street, St Marylebone, Middlesex, Esquire)
1785-Feb-14: mentioned as executor of Sir Charles Hardy, the executor of Constance Denton
- Payne, John (I, of Beckley, labourer)
1762-Oct-16: attached note dated 4 Feb 1769 re renewal of lease
1769-Feb-11: takes lease on property in Beckley
1809-Mar-12: burial of a John Payne (BPR)

Payne, John (II, of Beckley, later of Stanton St John, son of John Payne (I))
 1761-Apr-04-a: lease to John Gomm with attached note saying Jn^o Payne's life to be added
 1762-Oct-16: life listed in renewal of lease on messuages in Beckley to John Gomm
 1769-Feb-11: life listed in lease of property in Beckley to John Payne (I)
 1805-Apr-02: leases messuage in Beckley from Thomas Leigh
 1810-Mar-23: sells lease on messuage in Beckley to Joseph Paine (brother) for £75

Payne, Mary (I, wife of John Payne (I), dau of John Gomm)
 1761-Apr-04: life listed in lease of messuage in Beckley to John Gomm
 1762-Oct-16: life listed in renewal of lease on messuages in Beckley to John Gomm
 1769-Feb-11: life listed in lease of property in Beckley to John Payne
 1803-Oct-14: *burial of a Mary Payne (BPR)*

Payne, Mary (II, daughter of John Payne (II))
 1805-Apr-02: life (c. 28) listed in lease of messuage to John Payne the younger

Payne, Thomas (son of John Payne (I))
 1762-Oct-16: attached note dated 4 Feb 1769 re renewal of lease says his name to be added
 1769-Feb-11: life listed in lease of property in Beckley to John Payne (I)
 1805-Apr-02: life (aged 49) listed in lease of messuage to John Payne the younger

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 see Leigh Perrot

Perry, William (of St Giles)
 1832-Mar-25: mentioned as executor, now dead, of John Louch

Petre, Anne (wife of Robert James, Lord Petre)
 1735-Sep-04 (Devon): party to six-part indenture with Lord Petre et al

Petre, Lady Catherine (mother of Robert James, Lord Petre)
 1735-Sep-04 (Devon): party to six-part indenture with Lord Petre et al
 1735-Sep-10 (Devon): a marriage settlement

Petre, Lord Robert (of Writtle, Essex, 7th Baron)
 1710-Mar-20 (Devon): lease of property in Branscombe to Joseph Ham
 1710-Mar-20-a (Devon): lease of property in Branscombe to Joseph Ham
 1718-May-17 (Devon): indenture with Robert Abdy & Thomas Clifton

Petre, Lord Robert James (of Writtle, Essex, 8th Baron)
 1735-Sep-04 (Devon): first party to six-part indenture
 1735-Sep-10 (Devon): marriage settlement
 1751-Dec-04 (Devon): mentioned as deceased in lease of property to George Cooke
 1753-Jan-19 (Devon): mentioned as deceased in lease on Manor of Shute to George Cooke

Petre, Lord Robert Edward (of Writtle, Essex, 9th Baron, only s. & h. of Robert James, Lord Petre)
 1751-Dec-04 (Devon): lease of tenements (Littlecomb & Coxes) to George Cooke
 1753-Jan-19 (Devon): mentioned as an infant in lease on Manor of Shute to George Cooke
 1753-Jan-19-a (Devon): trustees lease property in Manor of Shute to George Cooke

Petre, Lord William (of Writtle, Essex, 4th Baron)
 1664-Oct-15 (Devon): leasing of property in Shute to John Ham

1679-Oct-04 (Devon): lease of property in Shute to Joseph Ham

Pieat (misreading?)

see Hieat

Pilboys, John (or Hilbeys?)

1718-Dec-24: mentioned to locate messuage & garden leased to Joseph Kicatt (Hieat)

Pledger, Philip (of London, citizen & cloathworker)

1702-Sep-07: assigned Manor of Beckley in trust for John Ange & his heirs

1708-Jan-08: as executor of Sarah Foster, with others sells interest in Beckley estate

Price, Catharine (or Katherine, dau of William Price (I))

see Burt, Catharine

Price, Elizabeth (I, wife of William Price (I), daughter of Thomas Izard)

1692-Jun-15: Thomas Izard's will leaves her leasehold property in Beckley

1743-May-24: leasehold in Beckley assgnd to George Denton in trust for Elizabeth Price (daughter)

1785-Feb-02: beneficiary under William Price's will (date is that of probate certificate)

1785-Feb-14: mentioned as deceased with daughter Elizabeth as administratrix

1802-May-12: mentioned as having assigned land in Beckley to Edward Paincifort

Price, Elizabeth (II, of Whitfield, later of Beckley, spinster, dau of William Price (I))

1743-May-24: leasehold in Beckley assigned to George Denton in trust for her

1756-Nov-07: inherits £20 under will of Sarah Price

1785-Feb-02: beneficiary under William Price's will (date is that of probate certificate)

1785-Feb-14: property in Beckley leased to Robert Ashfield subject to her right to live there

Price, Rev Hugh (Rector of Little Ilford, Essex)

1794-May-05: rectory mortgaged to Charles Harris

Price, John (son of William Price (I))

1785-Feb-02: mentioned in William Price's will (date is that of probate certificate)

Price, Mary (dau of William Price (I))

1785-Feb-02: beneficiary under William Price's will (date is that of probate certificate)

Price, Philadelphia (dau of William Price (I))

see Fletcher

Price, Roger (son of William Price (I))

1756-Nov-07: inherits Beckley property under will of Sarah Price

1785-Feb-02: mentioned in William Price's will (date is that of probate certificate)

Price, Sarah (dau of William Price (I))

1756-Nov-07: will (proved 19/Oct/1758)

1785-Feb-02: beneficiary under William Price's will (date is that of probate certificate)

Price, Susannah (dau of William Price (I))

see Rushworth, Susannah

- Price, Thomas (son of William Price (I))
1785-Feb-02: mentioned in William Price's will (date is that of probate certificate)
- Price, Rev William (I, Rector of Whitfield, Northants)
1743-May-24: leasehold property in Beckley assigned to George Denton in trust for his daughter
1785-Feb-02: will (date is that of probate certificate; date of will uncertain)
1785-Feb-14: mentioned as deceased & having survived his wife Elizabeth
- Price, William (II, son of Rev William Price (I))
1785-Feb-02: mentioned in William Price's will (date is that of probate certificate)
- Pricket, Thomas (of Binsey, Oxon)
1740-Sep-13: indenture connected with messuage in Beckley
- Prim [?], Edmund (Grocer of Gt Bookham)
1819-Jun-07: witnesses Samuel Cooke's signature on mortgage agreement
- Prinie [?] (? at law)
1806-Sep-02: witnesses John Mackaness' signature on sale of messuage to Samuel Cooke
- Provost of Eton (Patron of Rectory of Cottisford)
1809-Jul-01: party to assigning of 2 enclosed fields at Great Barford to Rev George Leigh Cooke
- Pryse, Lewis (occasionally Pryce, of New Woodstock, Oxon, Esq)
1746-Feb-13: half of indenture between Edward Bee & Lewis Pryse
1746-Feb-14: assigned Beckley estate by Edward Bee redeemable on 15 Aug next
1746-Feb-14-a: obligation re £570, paid by Edward Ryves to Thomas Wise, assgnd to Lewis Pryse
1749-Mar-01: with Edward Bee leases Manor of Beckley to Mary Waldo for 1 year at 5 shillings
1749-Mar-02: with Edward Bee mortgages Beckley estate to Mary Waldo for £370 paid to LP
1757-Apr-11: obligation re £570 passes from Lewis Pryse to William Walker & James Musgrave
- Roberson (of Oxford, possibly one of the following Robersons)
1801-Mar-28: apparently solicitor in assignment indenture (William Tipping to John Louch)
- Roberson, Martha (wife of William Roberson)
1822-Nov-13: appointed executor of Stephen Davis (not mentioned in 1838-Sep-29)
- Roberson, Thomas
1816-Jun-25: appointed trustee in assignment of Beckley estate
- Roberson, William
1822-Nov-13: mentioned as husband of Martha Roberson
- Rogers, James
1810-Mar-23: witnesses signature of Joseph Paine & mark of John Payne (sale of lease)
- Russell, Elizabeth (wife of 1st Duke of Bedford)
1683-Aug-15: assignment of moiety of Beckley to Elizabeth Howland
- Russell, Elizabeth (wife of 2nd Duke of Bedford, daughter of John Howland)
1683-Aug-15: assignment of moiety of Beckley to Elizabeth Howland
1695-May-21: moiety of Beckley assigned to trustees for Wriothesley Russell & Elizabeth Howland

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- 1708-Jan-08: with Duke of Bedford buys out interest of John Foster's estate in Beckley
- 1710-Apr-26: Duke of Bedford assigns Manor & Rectory of Beckley to Edward Bee
- 1710-Apr-26-a: assignment of Manor & Rectory of Beckley to Edward Bee

Russell, Lady Rachel (wife of William Russell (II), daughter of Thomas, Earl of Southampton)
1695-May-21: mentioned as widow & relict of William Russell (II)

Russell, William (I, 1st Duke of Bedford)

- 1683-Aug-15: mentioned in assignment of moiety of Beckley to Elizabeth Howland
- 1695-May-21: moiety of Beckley assigned to trustees for Wriothesley Russell & Elizabeth Howland

Russell, William (II, Lord Russell, son of William Russell (I))

- 1695-May-21: deceased (moiety of Beckley assigned to Wriothesley Russell & Elizabeth Howland)

Russell, Wriothesley (Marquis of Tavistock, later 2nd Duke of Bedford, son of William Russell (II))

- 1695-May-21: mentioned as heir apparent to Duke of Bedford (assignment of moiety of Beckley)
- 1708-Jan-08: buys out interest of John Foster's estate in Beckley
- 1710-Apr-26: assignment of Manor & Rectory of Beckley to Edward Bee
- 1710-Apr-26-a: assignment of Manor & Rectory of Beckley to Edward Bee
- 1710-xxx-xx: indenture with Edward Bee & Triamer Baldwin

Rushworth (or Rusworth), Rev John

- 1769-Nov-07: leases messuage in Beckley to John Mackaness
- 1769-Nov-08: sells messuage in Beckley to John Mackaness

Rushworth, Susannah (wife of Rev John Rushworth, formerly Susannah Price, spinster)

- 1756-Nov-07: inherits £20 under will of Sarah Price
- 1769-Nov-07: leases messuage in Beckley to John Mackaness
- 1769-Nov-08: sells messuage in Beckley to John Mackaness
- 1785-Feb-02: beneficiary under William Price's will (date is that of probate certificate)

Rybes

see Ryves

Rycote, Baron (Oxon)

- 1821-Mar-02: party to grant of Right of Way by Earl of Abingdon to Cassandra Cooke

Ryves (Rybes), Edward (of Woodstock, Oxon, Esq, later of New Woodstock, Gent)

- 1729-Sep-01: Edward Bee sells judgement against John Izard with right to buy back
- 1729-Dec-01: party to mortgage of Beckley estates to Francis Seely
- 1746-Feb-14-a: obligation re £570, paid by Edward Ryves to Thomas Wise, assgnd to Lewis Pryse
- 1749-Mar-01: witnesses signature of Edward Bee on lease of Beckley Manor to Mary Waldo
- 1757-Apr-11: obligation re £570 passes from Lewis Pryse to William Walker & James Musgrave
- 1759-Jun-14: assignment of Beckley estate to Mary Waldo mentions £570 paid to Thomas Wise

Ryves, Edward (Junior)

- 1749-Mar-01: witnesses signature of Edward Bee on lease of Beckley Manor to Mary Waldo

Sanders, George (of Cassington, Oxon, yeoman)

- 1775-Mar-23: re-assigns lease on messuage in Beckley to John Carter

- Sanders, Mary (wife of George Sanders, late Mary Ward, otherwise Mary Carr)
 1730-Apr-27: a Mary Carr baptised (parents' names not given)
 1775-Mar-23: party to re-assignment of lease (adminx of Mary Carr of Beckley)
- Scarborough, Richard, Earl of
 1735-Sep-04 (Devon): party to six-part indenture with Lord Petre et al
- Scott, Mary
 1754-Feb-19 (Devon): witnesses George Cooke's signature on declaration
- Scragg, William
 1832-Mar-25: occupant of cottage & garden sold by William Louch to Theophilus Leigh Cooke
- Seely, Francis (of University of Oxford, barber)
 1729-Sep-01: Edward Bee sells judgement against John Izard with right to buy back
 1729-Dec-01: accepts mortgage on Beckley estates from Edward Bee
 1747-Nov-02: £500 outstanding on Beckley mortgage
- Seymour, Elizabeth (wife of Francis Edward Seymour)
 1821-Dec-12: beneficiary of trust set up by Janetta Cooke
 1837-Nov-06: winding up Sarah Cooke's marriage settlement trust
- Seymour, Capt Francis Edward, RN (of Bampton, Devon)
 1821-Dec-12: mentioned as husband of Elizabeth
 1834-Jan-31: winding up Janetta Cooke's trust
 1837-Nov-06: winding up Sarah Cooke's marriage settlement trust
- Shayler, Elizabeth (I, spinster)
 see Collett, Elizabeth
- Shayler, Elizabeth (II, daughter of Elizabeth Shayler (I))
 see Goodliffe, Elizabeth
- Shepherd, Miss (niece of Cassandra Wight)
 1763-Aug-05: legatee under will of Cassandra Wight
- Shilfox, Daniel (of the Red-house, parish of Saint Nicholas, Deptford, Kent, Armourer)
 1800-Feb-05: as admin of Martha Shilfox assigns messuage & orchard at Beckley to James Lay
- Shilfox, Martha (of Oxford Street, Middlesex, mother of Daniel Shilfox)
 1800-Feb-05: her administrator (Daniel Shilfox) assigns messuage & orchard to James Lay
- Shillingford, John
 see Izard
- Simkins, Francis
 1749-Dec-23: witnesses Edward Bee's signature in lease to Robert Carr of messuage with garden
- Simmons, Joseph Edward (schoolmaster of Gt Bookham)
 1819-Jun-07: witnesses Samuel Cooke's signature on mortgage agreement

Simmons, Mary

1749-Mar-01: witnesses signature of Lewis Pryse on lease of Beckley Manor to Mary Waldo

Simon, Mary

1757-Apr-11: witnesses Lewis Pryse's signature (assignment of obligation)

Smith, Francis (of Shute, yeoman)

1714-Jan-29 (Devon): lease

Smith, Hannah

1727-Mar-24 (Devon): indenture with Richard Gillett

Smith, John

1804-Aug-07: mentioned as having by his will assigned property in Beckley to Jonathan Cooper

Smith, Richard (I)

1740-Sep-13: indenture connected with messuage in Beckley

Smith, Richard (II, of Oxford, printseller)

1819-Jun-07: lends £500 to Samuel Cooke for one year on security of property in Beckley

1844-Aug-01: executor (William Parker) assigns property to C. C. Cooke on redmptn of mortgage

Smith, Thomas

1832-Mar-25: occupant of cottage & garden sold by William Louch to Theophilus Leigh Cooke

Smith, William

1743-May-24: mentioned as possessing property assigned to George Denton

Smyth, Sir Edward (of Hill Hall, Essex, Bart)

1735-Sep-04 (Devon): (Esq) party to six-part indenture with Lord Petre et al

1751-Dec-04 (Devon): lease of tenements (Littlecomb & Coxes) to George Cooke

1753-Jan-19 (Devon): as trustee for Lord Petre leases Manor of Shute to George Cooke

1753-Jan-19-a (Devon): as trustee for Lord Petre leases property in Shute to George Cooke

Soans, Ann

1761-Apr-04: life listed in lease of messuage in Beckley to John Gomm

1761-Apr-04-a: copy of above with note attached mentioning death of Ann Soans

South, Sir Edward (Knt)

1735-Sep-04 (Devon): party to six-part indenture with Lord Petre et al

Southampton, Thomas, Earl of (Wriothesley)

1695-May-21: mentioned as father of Lady Rachel Russell

Southrott, Thomas (of Ottery St Mary, Gent)

1735-Sep-10 (Devon): marriage settlement of Robert James, Lord Petre

1738-Mar-24 (Devon): concerning John Ham's property in Shute

Stratford Laughton, Essex

1682-Jun-22: Sir William Humble (indenture with Francis Hall & John Howland)

- Sutton, Robert (of University of Oxford, barber)
1721-Oct-12: leases messuage with garden, the New Inn, from Edward Bee for 500 years
- Symonds, Thomas (of Oxon, victualler)
1732-Feb-01: assigns lease on Messuage & Garden in Beckley to William Middleton
- Tatham, Thomas James (Otmoor Enclosure Commissioner)
1830-Jul-07: land granted to Theophilus Leigh Cooke
- Tavistock, Marquis of
see Russell, Wriothesley
- Tawney, Robert (of Binsey, Oxford, yeoman)
1740-Sep-13: indenture connected with messuage in Beckley
- Teynham, Henry, Lord
1735-Sep-04 (Devon): party to six-part indenture with Lord Petre et al
- Thompson (widow)
1743-May-24: possessed of leasehold in Beckley
- Tipping, Elizabeth (formerly Faulkner, 2nd daughter of Susanna Hart, wife of William Tipping)
1801-Mar-28: William Tipping (her administrator) assigns messuage in Beckley to John Louch
- Tipping, William (of Beckley, yeoman)
1801-Mar-28: assigns messuage in Beckley to John Louch
- Toms, Richard (or James?)
1718-Dec-24: mentioned to locate messuage & garden leased to Joseph Kicatt
- Townley, John (of Boston, New England)
1761-May-09: mentioned in ending of partnership between John Corne & Michael Cooke
- Trinder, Mrs Elizabeth
1836-Jan-30: trust set up under her will with Theophilus Leigh Cooke as trustee
- Tuckwell, Rev L. S.
1918-May-xx: accounts re will of Rev George Theophilus Cooke
- Turner, Dame Cassandra (née Leigh, wife of Sir Edward Turner)
1762-Oct-07-a: mentioned as executrix of Sir Edward Turner in later note on this document
1762-Oct-07-b: later note on bond mentions CT as Sir Edward Turner's executrix
1768-Jun-11: mentioned in marriage settlement of Samuel Cooke and Cassandra Leigh
- Turner, Sir Edward (of Ambrosden, Baronet)
1747-Nov-02: annuity to be paid to Edward Bee
1762-Oct-07: Sir Edward Turner assigns Beckley to Edward Cooper & George Austen upon trust
1762-Oct-07-a: annuities settled on Cassandra Leigh conditionally
1762-Oct-07-b: bond from Theophilus Leigh & others indemnifying Sir Edward Turner

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Twistleton, Thomas (of Broughton, *son of Lord Saye and Sele*)

1768-Jun-11: trustee to marriage settlement of Samuel Cooke and Cassandra Leigh

1772-Mar-02: purchase of leasehold estate for Samuel & Cassandra Cooke

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1848-Aug-15: transfer of piece of land in Stowood to George Leigh Cooke

Wakefield, [?] (widow)

1766-Sep-16-a: mentioned in later pencil insertion (1805)

1809-Apr-06: mentioned as occupying piece of ground in Beckley leased to Rev Samuel Cooke

Waldo, Miss Emma (niece of Cassandra Wight; *dau of Dr Waldo and Emma sistr of Theophilus Leigh*)

1763-Aug-05: legatee under will of Cassandra Wight

Waldo, Mary (of Oxford, spinster, sometimes styled Mrs, *presumably related to Dr Waldo, Theophilus Leigh's brother-in-law*)

1738-Oct-13: witnesses Edward Bee's signature on lease to John Gomm

1746-Feb-14: witness to Edward Bee's assignment of Beckley estate to Lewis Pryse

1749-Mar-01: leases Manor of Beckley off Lewis Pryse & Edward Bee for 1 year at 5 shillings

1749-Mar-02: gives mortgage on Beckley estate to Lewis Pryse & Edward Bee

1757-Apr-11: William Walker pays her remainder of £570; obligation goes to him & J. Musgrave

1759-Jun-14: payment of £370 to MW out of Beckley Trust funds

1762-Oct-07: Sir Edward Turner assigns Beckley to Edward Cooper & George Austen upon trust

1762-Oct-07-b: bond indemnifying Sir Edward Turner (later note refers to MW as Mrs)

1763-Aug-05: witness to will of Cassandra Wight

1765-Jul-09: witness to codicil to Cassandra Wight's will

1768-Jun-11: witnesses marriage settlement of Samuel Cooke and Cassandra Leigh

Walker, Jane (Mrs)

see Leigh

Walker, John

1766-Sep-16-a: witnesses lease on property in Beckley to William Ledwell by Thomas Leigh

Walker, Dr William, DLL (of University of Oxford, *brother of Jane Leigh*)

1747-Nov-02: conveyance of Broadwell Rectory to Drs Walker & Musgrave

1752-Apr-14: assigned judgement against John Izard (Thomas Leigh of Harding trustee)

1757-Apr-11: obligation re £570 passes from Lewis Pryse to William Walker & James Musgrave

1759-Jun-14: assignment of Beckley estate to Mary Waldo

1762-Oct-07-b: bond indemnifying Sir Edward Turner; WM mentioned as deceased

Walmsley, Thomas (collector, Great Budworth, Cheshire)

1859-May-25: witnesses Samuel Hay Cooke's signature on sale of piece of ground at Otmoor

Ward, Ephraim

1749-Mar-01: witnesses signature of Lewis Pryse on lease of Beckley Manor to Mary Waldo

1757-Apr-11: witnesses Lewis Pryse's signature (assignment of obligation)

Ward, Joseph

1806-Sep-02: mentioned as previous occupier of messuage in Beckley assigned to Samuel Cooke

1819-Jun-07: previous occupier of messuage in Beckley mortgaged by Samuel Cooke

Ward, Mary
see Sanders, Mary

Watkins, John
1761-Jun-24-a: mentioned in later attached note as possessing property (with Thomas Busby)
1765-May-01: possesses property in Beckley leased to Christopher Lipscomb
1780-Jan-26: mentioned as possessing tenement leased to Sarah Lipscombe

Webb, Sir John (Bart)
1735-Sep-04 (Devon): party to six-part indenture with Lord Petre et al

Webb, John (Esq)
1735-Sep-04 (Devon): party to six-part indenture with Lord Petre et al

Weekes, Thomas (of Salcombe, Devon)
1804-Sep-29: leases property in Devon called Wyatts from Samuel Cooke for 14 years

Wells, John (of Broadwell, yeoman, nephew and executor of John Barker)
1717-Jan-17: property at Broadwell

Wetherell, Nathan (Esq)
1857-Feb-19: assistant Inclosure commissioner; holds meeting at Crown Inn, Charlton

Wheatland, Stephen
1761-Jun-24: witnesses lease on property in Beckley to Robert Carr by Edward Bee

Wheaton, William
1751-Dec-04 (Devon): possessor of Coxes, leased to George Cooke

White, Anne (sister of Thomas White)
1723-Oct-24: life listed in lease of property in Beckley to Thomas White

White, Edward (of Beckley, yeoman)
1723-Nov-14: leases land in Beckley from Edward Bee
1749-Dec-23: mentioned as deceased

White, Elizabeth (sister of Thomas White)
1723-Oct-24: life listed in lease of property in Beckley to Thomas White

White, George (the elder, of Salcombe, Devon, yeoman)
1846-Jul-30: party to lease of messuage, called Wyatts, in Salcombe from George Leigh Cooke

White, George (the younger, of Salcombe, Devon, yeoman)
1846-Jul-30: party to lease of messuage, called Wyatts, in Salcombe from George Leigh Cooke

White, John (son of Edward White)
1723-Nov-14: life listed in lease of property in Beckley by Edward Bee to Edward White

White, Thomas (of parish of Christ Church, City of London, yeoman, son of Edward White)
1723-Oct-24: leases messuage & garden in Beckley from Edward Bee
1723-Nov-14: life listed in lease of property in Beckley by Edward Bee to Edward White

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Wise, Thomas
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Wiatt
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Wight, Captain (of Blakesley)

1763-Aug-05: mentioned as deceased in his wife's will

Wight, Miss (sister of Henry Wight)

1763-Aug-05: legatee under will of Cassandra Wight

Wight, Cassandra (née Leigh, wife of Captain Wight)

1763-Aug-05: will

1768-Jun-11: witnesses marriage settlement of Samuel Cooke and Cassandra Leigh

1779-Sep-23: probate certificate

Wight, Henry (of Blakesley, Northants)

1763-Aug-05: legatee under will of Cassandra Wight

Willoughby, Sir Thomas (of Wolaton, Notts)

1695-May-21: trustee for Wriothsley Russell & Elizabeth Howland

1710-Apr-26-a: assignment of Manor & Rectory of Beckley to Edward Bee

Winterburn, Elizabeth

1762-Oct-07-a: witnesses signatures of Theophilus & Ann Leigh

Wise, Rev E. L.

1907-Oct-xx: legacy from Caroline Cassandra Cooke

Wise, Henry (of City of Oxford, mercer)

1736-May-08: Theophilus & William Leigh acknowledge debt of £720

1736-Mar-xx: obtains judgement against Theophilus Leigh for £720 at Court of Common Pleas

1746-Feb-14-a: mentioned as deceased with Thomas Wise his executor

Wise, Thomas (of City of Oxford)

1746-Feb-14-a: obligation re £570 paid by Edward Ryves to Thomas Wise & assgnd to Lewis Pryse

1759-Jun-14: assignment of Beckley estate to Mary Waldo mentions £570 paid by Edward Ryves

Wyatt, Sarah (of Sidmouth, widow, sister of Joseph Ham, later wife of George Cooke)

1738-Mar-23 (Devon): purchases cottage in Shute from Joseph Ham

1738-Mar-24 (Devon): concerning the late John Ham's property in Shute

1738-Mar-24-a (Devon): grant of cottage & land in Shute to Sarah Wyatt (Joseph Ham's sister)

Wyatt, Matthew (also Wiatt, of Stanton St John, baker)

1736-May-20: takes lease (1722-Dec-01) on property in Beckley off Thomas Bullford

1801-Mar-28: Elizabeth Tipping mentioned as his legatee

Wynne, Henry (of the Inner Temple)

1668-Jun-08: mortgage of Beckley & Otmoor estates by John Izard to Dame Mary Hatton

Yates, Rev Richard (chaplain of Chelsea Hospital)

1815-Oct-23: trustee to marriage settlement of Anne Hay and George Leigh Cooke

1839-May-14: after his death replaced as trustee by John Irving Glennie

1839-May-14-a: death recorded in update to George Leigh Cooke's marriage settlement

?, Eliz:

1766-Sep-16-a: amendment (1805) indicates Eliz: ? as occupier of property at Mead Close

?, William (of Oxford, mercer)

1740-Sep-13: lease of messuage in Beckley

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- 1765-May-01: Rev Thomas Leigh (lease of property in Beckley)
- 1768-Jun-11: Thomas Leigh, Rector (marriage settlement of Samuel Cooke and Cassandra Leigh)
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- 1772-Mar-02: Thomas Leigh (purchase of leasehold estate for Samuel & Cassandra Cooke)
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- 1762-Oct-07-a: Sir Edward Turner, Abraham Chew, William Crossby (annuities assigned)
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Balliol College, Oxford

- 1743-May-24: Mr Jones, Fellow of Balliol, once possessed of leasehold in Beckley
- 1761-Jun-24-a: attached note is in an envelope addressed to Mrs Leigh at Balliol College
- 1768-Jun-11: Theophilus Leigh, Master; Samuel Cooke MA (marriage settlement)
- 1772-Mar-02: Samuel Cooke (purchase of leasehold estate under marriage settlement)

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- 1763-Aug-05: will of Cassandra Wight

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- 1821-Dec-12: Janetta Cooke (setting up of trust)

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- 1591-Aug-27: Edmund Izard (marriage agreement)
- 1666-May-18: John Izard (grants moyety of manor & rectory of Beckley to Francis Hall as security)
- 1668-Jun-08: John Izard mortgages Beckley and Otmoor estates to Dame Mary Hatton for £1500
- 1670-Jun-01: John Izard assigns moyety of Manor of Beckley to Francis Hall for £1200
- 1675-Sep-23: leases on property in Beckley, Charlton-upon-Otmoor & elsewhere
- 1676-Jan-25: Francis Hall assigns Beckley property to William Humble for £450 (redeemable)
- 1680-Jan-18: assignment of manors of Beckley & Charlton-upon-Otmoor to Gregory Geering et al
- 1683-Aug-15: assignment of moiety of Beckley to Elizabeth Howland
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- 1684-Aug-09: John Izard leases cottage or tenement in Beckley to Thomas Izard for £43
- 1692-Jun-06: lease of Millfield[?] by John to Thomas Izard
- 1692-Jun-15: will of Thomas Izard leaves leasehold property to Elizabeth price (his daughter)
- 1695-May-21: moiety of Beckley assigned to trustees for Elizabeth Howland & Wriothsley Russell
- 1702-Sep-07: Manor of Beckley assigned to Philip Pledger in trust for John Ange & his heirs
- 1708-Jan-08: Duke of Bedford et al buy interest of John Foster's estate in Beckley
- 1710-Apr-26: Duke of Bedford assigns Manor & Rectory of Beckley to Edward Bee
- 1710-Apr-26-a: assignment of Manor & Rectory of Beckley to Edward Bee
- 1717-May-17: Edward Bee leases property in Beckley to William Miles
- 1718-Dec-24: Edward Bee leases messuage to Joseph Kicatt.(Heat)
- 1720-Nov-10: Edward Bee renews Richard Huggin's lease on mesuage
- 1721-Oct-12: Edward Bee leases New Inn to Robert Sutton for 500 years
- 1722-Sep-01: Edward Bee leases property to Thomas Bullford
- 1722-Dec-01: Edward Bee leases property to Thomas Bullford
- 1723-Oct-24: Edward Bee leases mesuage & garden in Beckley to Thomas White
- 1723-Nov-14: Edward Bee leases land in Beckley to Edward White
- 1724-Sep-02: Edward Bee leases a piece of ground in Beckley to John Gomm
- 1724-Feb-20: Edward Bee renews lease to Robert Carr
- 1725-Dec-02: Edward Bee renews Thomas Busby's lease
- 1729-Sep-01: Edward Bee sells judgement against John Izard with right to buy back
- 1729-Dec-01: mortgage of Beckley Manor and property to Francis Seely
- 1731-Nov-13: Edward Bee leases land & messuage to John Gomm
- 1732-Jul-22: Edward Bee & Robert Carr (renewal of lease)
- 1732-Feb-01: Thomas Symonds assigns lease on messuage & garden to William Middleton
- 1735-Sep-06: Eleanor Miles assigns land & malthouse to Richard Gammon
- 1736-May-20: Thomas Bullford assigns lease on property in Beckley to Matthew Wiatt
- 1738-Oct-13: Edward Bee renews John Gomm's lease
- 1740-Sep-13: William Middleton (indenture concerning messuage in Beckley)
- 1741-Feb-24: William Middleton (indenture concerning messuage in Beckley)
- 1743-May-24: leasehold in Beckley assgnd to George Denton in trust for Elizabeth Price (daughter)
- 1746-Feb-14: Edward Bee assigns Beckley estate to Lewis Pryse redeemable on 15 Aug next
- 1748-Nov-12: Thomas Huggins mortgages messuage & garden to Robert Carr for £120
- 1749-Mar-01: Lewis Pryse & Edward Bee lease Manor of Beckley to Mary Waldo for 1 year
- 1749-Mar-02: Lewis Pryse & Edward Bee mortgage Beckley estate to Mary Waldo for £370
- 1749-Dec-21: Thomas Huggins sells lease on messuage & garden to Robert Carr
- 1749-Dec-23: Edward Bee leases messuage with garden to Robert Carr
- 1756-Jan-31: Edward Bee leases property in Beckley to Richard Busby

- 1756-Jan-31-a: counterpart of above
- 1756-Nov-07: Roger Price inherits property from Sarah Price
- 1758-Jan-21: Edward Bee leases messuage to Thomas Busby & James Lamball
- 1759-Jun-14: Beckley estate assigned to Mary Waldo
- 1760-Sep-15: Edward Bee leases ground at Beckley to William Ledwell on three lives
- 1761-Apr-04: Edward Bee leases messuages to John Gomm
- 1761-Jun-24: lease of property to Robert Carr
- 1761-Jun-24-a: Christopher Lipscombe mentioned in attached note
- 1761-Dec-16: John Gomm (life in lease of property to William Ledwell)
- 1761-Dec-16-a: Edward Bee leases land to William Ledwell on life of latter & John & Ann Gomm
- 1762-Oct-07: Sir Edward Turner assigns Beckley to Edward Cooper & George Austen upon trust
- 1762-Oct-07-a: annuities settled on Cassandra Leigh (Cooke)
- 1762-Oct-07-b: bond indemnifying Sir Edward Turner and the Beckley estate
- 1762-Oct-16: Edward Bee renews John Gomm's lease on messuages
- 1763-Apr-16: lease of property to John Carr
- 1764-Oct-08: lease of property to Thomas Busby & James Lamball
- 1765-May-01: Christopher Lipscomb (takes lease on property in Beckley)
- 1766-Sep-16: lease of property by Thomas Leigh to William Ledwell
- 1769-Feb-11: Rev Thomas Leigh leases property in Beckley to John Payne
- 1769-Nov-08: Rev John & Susannah Rusworth (née Price) sell messuage to John Mackaness
- 1775-Mar-23: Mary Carr (mentioned as dead in re-assignment of lease of messuage in Beckley)
- 1775-Jul-20: Rev Thomas Leigh leases messuage with garden to John Carter
- 1775-Jul-20-a: Rev Thomas Leigh leases messuage with garden to John Carter (counterpart)
- 1778-Aug-13: James Lamball takes lease on piece of ground
- 1780-Jan-26: Thomas Leigh leases tenement to Sarah Lipscombe
- 1782-May-24: John Carter sells lease on messuage & shop to Thomas Betts for £70
- 1785-Feb-14: property in Beckley leased to Robert Ashfield subject to rights of Elizabeth Price
- 1800-Feb-05: Daniel Shilfox assigns messuage & orchard to James Lay
- 1800-Dec-26: Thomas Jessop (lease of property from Thomas Leigh)
- 1801-Mar-28: William Tipping assigns lease on messuage in Beckley to John Louch
- 1802-May-12: Robert Ashfield assigns leasehold premises at Beckley to John Mackaness
- 1803-May-04: Rev Thomas Leigh leases cottage to Thomas Busby
- 1803-May-04-a: Thomas Leigh renews Thomas Busby's lease on cottage, garden & orchard
- 1804-Aug-07: Stephen Davis loans £60 to Jonathan Cooper on security of Malthouse
- 1805-Mar-02: James Lay assigns messuage to John Louch for remainder of 500 year term
- 1805-Apr-02: John Payne the younger (lease on Beckley property from Thomas Leigh)
- 1805-Jul-08: William Brydges Ledwell gives up claims to piece of ground in Beckley
- 1805-Jul-31: Stephen Davis loans £40 to Jonathan Cooper on security of Malthouse
- 1806-Sep-02: lease of property by John Mackaness to Samuel Cooke
- 1806-Sep-03: John Mackaness & Elizabeth Jane Humphreys assign property to Rev Samuel Cooke
- 1809-Apr-06: Thomas Leigh leases piece of ground to Rev Samuel Cooke
- 1810-Mar-23: John Payne, formerly of Beckley, sells lease on messuage to his brother Joseph Paine
- 1812-Jun-27: Stephen Davis loans £23 to Jonathan Cooper on security of Malthouse
- 1813-Jun-27: Stephen Davis loans £57 to Jonathan Cooper on security of Malthouse
- 1814-Apr-30: Jonathan Cooper assigns lease on The Malthouse (with mortgage) to William Fruin
- 1816-Jun-24: moieties of Beckley assigned to Rev Henry Jenkins in trust for Cassandra Cooke
- 1816-Jun-25: assignment of Beckley estate to William Oddie upon trust
- 1817-Nov-03: Beckley settlement (Samuel & Cassandra Cooke and William Oddie)
- 1818-Nov-14: Malthouse assigned to Elizabeth Collett & Elizabeth Shayler
- 1819-Jun-07: Samuel Cooke mortgages 2 messuages & a close to Richard Smith for £500
- 1821-Mar-02: Earl of Abingdon grants right of way across Otmoor to Cassandra Cooke
- 1822-Jul-22: Richard Carr sells Inclosure Commission allotment to Theophilus Leigh Cooke

1827-Oct-13: Malthouse assigned to Thomas Mallam as trustee for Collett marriage settlement
 1830-Jul-07: land assigned to Theophilus Leigh Cooke by Beckley Enclosure Commissioner
 1832-Mar-25: cottages and gardens sold by William Louch to Theophilus Leigh Cooke
 1834-Jan-31: Theophilus Leigh Cooke (winding up Janetta Cooke's trust)
 1836-Sep-19: Elizabeth Goodliffe assigns The Malthouse to her marriage settlement trustees
 1837-Nov-06: Theophilus Leigh Cooke (winding up marriage settlement trust of Sarah Cooke (I))
 1838-Sep-29: Elizabeth Collett sells property in Beckley to Theophilus Leigh Cooke
 1844-Aug-01: William Parker assigns property to C. C. Cooke on redemption of mortgage
 1848-Aug-15: mention of land as being outside the Parish of Beckley
 1857-Feb-19: appointment of enclosure trustees for land on Otmoor
 1858-Sep-11: Anne Cooke leases Grove Farm to William Parrott
 1859-May-25: Charles Lukey Cooke (Ann Cooke sells piece of freehold ground at Otmoor)
 1865-Feb-08: Anne Cooke & her children exchange land in Beckley for land on Otmoor

Bedford

see under Personal Names (Russell) for Dukes of Bedford

Bensington, Oxon

1854-Apr-27: Rev Samuel Cooke mentioned as Perpetual Curate

Biddenham, Beds

1680-Jan-18: William Boteler (assignment of manors of Beckley & Charlton-upon-Otmoor)

Binsey, Oxon

1740-Sep-13: Robert Tawney & Thomas Pricket (indenture connected with messuage in Beckley)

Blakesley, Northants

1756-Nov-07: Catharine Burt inherits property from Sarah Price

1763-Aug-05: Henry Wight (will of Cassandra Wight)

Boston, New England

1761-May-09: John Townley (ending of partnership between Michael Cooke and John Come)

Botley, Berks

1838-Sep-29: John Parker (sale of property in Beckley to Theophilus Leigh Cooke)

Branscombe, Devon

1622-xxx-xx (Devon): Joseph Ham

1664-Oct-15 (Devon): John Ham (leasing of property in Shute)

1679-Oct-04 (Devon): Joseph Ham (lease of property in Shute)

1710-Mar-20 (Devon): Joseph Ham

1710-Mar-20-a (Devon): lease of property in Branscombe to Joseph Ham by Lord Petre

1722-Mar-15 (Devon): Joseph Ham (sale of property in Shute)

1722-Mar-15-a (Devon): Joseph Ham (property in Shute)

1738-Mar-24 (Devon): Abraham Ash (concerning John Ham's property in Shute)

1738-Mar-24-a (Devon): Joseph Ham (grant of cottage in Shute to Sarah Wyatt)

Bristol

1841-Mar-19: mentions Bishopric of Gloucester & Bristol

Broadwell, Glos

1717-Jan-17: Katherine & John Barker, John Wells (property at Broadwell)

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- 1747-Nov-02: conveyance of Broadwell Rectory from Theophilus Leigh to Drs Walker & Musgrave
 1763-Apr-16: Rev Thomas Leigh (lease of property to John Carr)
 1764-Oct-08: Rev Thomas Leigh (lease of property to Thomas Busby & James Lamball)
 1766-Sep-16: Rev Thomas Leigh (lease of Beckley property to William Ledwell)
 1809-Apr-06: Thomas Leigh (leases piece of ground in Beckley to Rev Samuel Cooke)

Broughton, Oxon

- 1768-Jun-11: Thomas Twistleton (marriage settlement of Samuel Cooke and Cassandra Leigh)
 1772-Mar-02: Thomas Twistleton (purchase of leasehold estate for Samuel & Cassandra Cooke)

Camberwell, Surrey

- 1794-May-05: Charles Harris (mortgage on Little Ilford rectory)

Canterbury

- 1779-Sep-23: probate certificate on will of Cassandra Wight

Carnarvon

- 1675-Sep-23: leases on property by John Coell and others

Cassington, Oxon

- 1775-Mar-23: George Sanders (re-assignment of lease on messuage in Beckley)

Charlton-upon-Otmoor

- 1666-May-18: John Izard grants manor of Charlton-upon-Otmoor to Francis Hall as security
 1668-Jun-08: mortgage of Beckley and Otmoor estates to Dame Mary Hatton by John Izard
 1675-Sep-23: leases on property in Beckley, Charlton-upon-Otmoor & elsewhere
 1680-Jan-18: assignment of manors of Beckley & Charlton-upon-Otmoor to Gregory Geering et al
 1857-Feb-19: appointment of enclosure trustees for land on Otmoor; meeting at Crown Inn

Chawton, Hants

- 1816-Jun-24: Cassandra Austen (assignment of Beckley estate to Rev Henry Jenkins in trust)

Chelsea Hospital

- 1815-Oct-23: Richard Yates, chaplain (marriage settlement of George Leigh Cooke and Anne Hay)

Chelsea, Middlesex, Kings Road

- 1838-Sep-29: John Collett (sale of property in Beckley to Theophilus Leigh Cooke)

Chieveley, Berks

- 1832-Mar-25: William Louch (sells property in Beckley to Theophilus Leigh Cooke)

Chinnor, Oxon

- 1757-Apr-11: James Musgrave (obligation re £570 passes to William Walker & James Musgrave)
 1759-Jun-14: James Musgrave, rector (assignment of Beckley estate to Mary Waldo)

Christ Church, City of London

- 1723-Oct-24: Thomas White (lease of mesuage & garden in Beckley)

Claydon, Bucks

- 1858-Sep-11: Robert Parrott party to lease of Grove Farm, Beckley

Clifton, Oxon

1735-Sep-06: Richard Gammon (assigned lease on land & malthouse by Eleanor Miles)

Clyst Saint Mary, Devon (Saint Mary Clyst)

1768-Jun-11: George Cooke, rector (marriage settlement of Samuel Cooke and Cassandra Leigh)

Corpus Christi College, Oxford

1809-Apr-06: George Leigh Cooke (Thomas Leigh leases piece of ground to Rev Samuel Cooke)

1809-Jul-01: Rev George Leigh Cooke (assigned two enclosed fields in Great Barford)

Cottisford, Oxon

1809-Jul-01: Rev Samuel Cooke, rector (assigning of 2 enclosed fields at Great Barford)

Cowley, Oxon

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1761-Dec-16: William Ledwell (lease of piece of ground at Beckley Common)

1761-Dec-16-a: William Ledwell (lease of piece of ground at Beckley)

1766-Sep-16: William Ledwell (lease of Beckley property from Thomas Leigh)

1865-Feb-08: Amy & Martha Butler (exchange of land with Anne Cooke)

Cubbington, Warks

1844-Aug-01: Caroline Cassandra Cooke (assigned property in Beckley)

1846-Jul-30: George Leigh Cooke (lease of messuage in Salcombe to George White)

Dallwood, Dorset

1714-Jan-29 (Devon): William Downing (lease)

Deddington, Oxon

1809-Jul-01: mentions Deddington & Barford Inclosure Act

Denthworth, Beds

1680-Jan-18: Gregory Geering (assignment of manors of Beckley & Charlton-upon-Otmoor)

Deptford, Kent (St Nicholas)

1800-Feb-05: Daniel Shilfox (assigns messuage & orchard at Beckley to James Lay)

Dixon, Monmouth

1677-Feb-08: Francis Hall leases Rectory of Dixon to Sir William Humble

1677-Feb-09: Francis Hall leases Rectory of Dixon to Sir William Humble

Doncaster, Berks

1683-Aug-15-c: Gregory Geering (assignment of manor of Beckley by Francis Hall to John Foster)

Dorset (place illegible)

1723-Sep-28 (Devon): Philip Gillett & Daniell Bugg (indenture re payment of debt & annuities)

Elsfield

1801-Mar-28: Elizabeth Baylis (assignment of lease on messuage in Beckley)

Ely

1838-Sep-29: Thomas Goodliff & Christopher Legg (sale of property in Beckley to T. L. Cooke)

Enfield, Middlesex

1702-Sep-07: Richard March (assignment of Manor of Beckley to Philip Pledger in trust)

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1809-Jul-01: Provost (assigning of 2 enclosed fields at Great Barford to Rev George Leigh Cooke)

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Field Burcott, Greens Norton, Northamptonshire

1756-Nov-07: Sarah Price (will)

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Garsington, Oxon

1804-Aug-11: Anthony Moore (mortgage of Malthouse)

Gloucester

1841-Mar-19: mentions Bishopric of Gloucester & Bristol

Goldington, Beds

1680-Jan-18: John Davies (assignment of manors of Beckley & Charlton-upon-Otmoor)

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Gray's Inn Square, Middlesex

1834-Jan-31: Robert Lethbridge (winding up Janetta Cooke's trust)

Great Barford, Beds (or Barford St Michael)

1809-Jul-01: mentions Deddington & Barford Inclosure Act

Great Bookham, Surrey

1807-Oct-06: Catherine Bailey (Deed of Covenant between her & her son, Hugh Bailey)

1809-Apr-06: Samuel Cooke (leases piece of ground at Beckley from Thomas Leigh)

1815-Oct-23: Samuel Cooke, vicar of (marriage settlement of George Leigh Cooke and Anne Hay)

1819-Jun-07: Joseph Simmons & Edward Prim (witnesses to Samuel Cooke's signature)

Great Budworth, Cheshire

1859-May-25: Thomas Walmsley (Ann & Samuel Hay Cooke sell piece of ground at Otmoor)

1865-Feb-08: Rev Samuel Hay Cooke (party to exchange of land in Beckley & Otmoor)

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1756-Nov-07: Sarah Price (will)

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1670-Jun-01: Francis Hall (assigned moyety of Manor of Beckley)

1682-Jun-22: Francis Hall (indenture with Sir William Humble & John Howland)

1683-Aug-15-a: Francis Hall (assignment of judgements against John Izard)

1683-Aug-15-d: Francis Hall (assignment of Manor of Beckley to John Foster)

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- Hawkchurch, Devon (in document as Hawk-Church, Dorsett)
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- Harding
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- Harpsden, Oxon (also Harding)
 1752-Apr-14: Thomas Leigh (assigned judgement against John Izard)
 1762-Oct-07: Thomas Leigh (Sir Edward Turner assigns Beckley)
 1762-Oct-07-b: Thomas Leigh (bond indemnifying Sir Edward Turner)
- Headington, Oxon (Hedington)
 1775-Mar-23: John Carter (reassignment of lease on messuage in Beckley)
 1775-Jul-20: John Carter (lease on property in Beckley)
 1816-Jun-25: Rev William Oddie (assignment of Beckley estate)
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 1836-Jan-30: Eleanor Goodwin of Rowley Green (release of Theophilus Leigh Cooke from trust)
- Hereford
 1768-Jun-11: Ann Berington (marriage settlement of Samuel Cooke and Cassandra Leigh)
- Hill Hall, Essex
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 1753-Jan-19 (Devon): Sir Edward Smyth (lease on property in Shute to George Cooke)
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- Hillsden, Bucks
 1743-May-24: George Denton (trustee for leasehold property in Beckley)
 1785-Feb-14: George Denton or Chamberlayne, deceased (lease of property to Robert Ashfield)
- Holton Warren, Oxon
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 1710-Apr-26-a:
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 1780-Jan-26: A

Hornshay, Devon

1738-Mar-24 (Devon): Benedictus Marwood (concerning John Ham's property in Shute)

Horsepath, Oxon

1804-Aug-11: Charles Moore and Jonathan Cooper (mortgage of the Malthouse)

1813-Jun-27: Jonathan Cooper (mortgages property in Beckley to Stephen Davis for £57)

Horton, Oxon

1816-Jun-25: William Auga (assignment of Beckley estate to William Oddie)

Iffley [Oxon]

1844-Aug-01: William Parker (as executor of Richard Smith assigns property to C. C. Cooke)

Inner Temple, London

1668-Jun-08: Henry Wynne (mortgage of Beckley & Otmoor estates to Mary Hatton)

Islip, Oxon

1756-Jan-31: Richard Busby (leases property from Edward Bee)

1756-Jan-31-a: counterpart of above

1758-Jan-21: James Lamball of Lower Woods (leases messuage in Beckley from Edward Bee)

Landsdown Place, Saint Pancras

1815-Oct-23: James Forsyth (marriage settlement of George Leigh Cooke and Anne Hay)

Laneast, Cornwall

see Tregear

Launceston, Cornwall

1837-Nov-06: Charles Parrey (witness to winding up of Sarah Cooke's marriage settlement)

see also Scarne

Lincoln's Inn, London

1675-Sep-23: Sir John Coell (leases at Beckley and elsewhere)

1668-Jun-08: Sir John Coell (mortgage of Beckley & Otmoor estates to Mary Hatton)

1836-Jan-30: John Foster (III) (trustee under Elizabeth Trinder's will)

Little Ilford, Essex

1794-May-05: rectory mortgaged to Charles Harris by Hugh Price

1815-Oct-23: Theophilus Leigh Cooke, Rector of (marriage settlement of George Leigh Cooke)

London

1683-Aug-15-a: John Foster & Richard March (assignment of judgements against John Izard)

1683-Aug-15-c: John Foster (assigned manor of Beckley by Francis Hall)

1683-Aug-15-d: John Foster and Richard March (assignment of Manor of Beckley to John Foster)

1690-Jan-10: Richard March (assigned property by Francis Hall)

1702-Sep-07: John Foster (I) & Philip Pledger (in assignment of Manor of Beckley)

1710-Apr-26: Edward Bee (assigned Manor & Rectory of Beckley by Duke of Bedford et al)

1710-Apr-26-a: Edward Bee (assigned Manor & Rectory of Beckley by Duke of Bedford et al)

1763-Aug-05: will of Cassandra Wight

1778-Aug-13: road to Worcester (Turnpike Rd) used to locate land leased to James Lamball

1780-Jan-26: Anne Carr (life listed in lease to Sarah Lipscombe)

see also Chelsea, Christ Church, Fleet Street, Gray's Inn Square, Inner Temple, Lansdowne Place, Lincoln's Inn, Lyon's Inn, Middle Temple, Minories, Mowman Street, Oxford Street, Russell Square, Saint Anne, Saint Dunstan, Saint Margaret, Saint Martin, Saint Marylebone, Saint Pancras, Vintners' Hall, Westminster

Long Stanton, Cambs

- 1668-Jun-08: Mary & Thomas Hatton (assignment of Beckley and Otmoor estates)
- 1680-Jan-18: Mary & Thomas Hatton (assignment of manor of Beckley etc)

Lytham, Lancaster

- 1732-Oct-16 (Devon): Thomas Clifton (lease on property in Shute)

Lyon's Inn, Middlesex

- 1768-Jun-11: Michael Cooke (marriage settlement of Samuel Cooke and Cassandra Leigh)
- 1772-Mar-02: Michael Cooke (purchase of leasehold estate for Samuel & Cassandra Cooke)

Magdalen College, Oxford

- 1809-Apr-06: Theophilus Leigh Cooke (Thomas Leigh leases property to Samuel Cooke)
- 1816-Jun-24: Rev Henry Jenkins (assigned Beckley estate by Cassandra Austen in trust)
- 1816-Jun-25: Theophilus Leigh Cooke, Thomas Lowndes & John Johnson (assgmt of Beckley)

Mary Magdelene, Oxford

- 1775-Jul-19: poor of, legatees in codicil to Cassandra Wight's will
- 1785-Feb-14: Robert Ashfield (takes lease on property in Beckley)

Middle Temple, London

- 1675-Sep-23: Christopher Hatton (leases at Beckley and elsewhere)
- 1802-May-12: John Mackaness (takes over lease on premises at Beckley)
- 1805-Jul-08: John Mackaness (indenture of disclaimer)
- 1806-Sep-02: John Mackaness (lease of property to Rev Samuel Cooke)

Minories, The, London

- 1758-Aug-17: John Corne (partnership agreement with Michael Cooke)
- 1761-May-09: John Corne & Michael Cooke (ending of partnership)

Mowman Street, Saint Marylebone, Middlesex

- 1785-Feb-14: Edward Pouncefort (lease of Beckley property to Robert Ashfield)

Nettlebed, Oxon

- 1854-Apr-27: James Champion, Auctioneer (gives mortgage to Samuel Hay Cooke)

New College, Oxford

- 1801-Mar-28: John Louch (butler) takes over lease on messuage in Beckley
- 1805-Mar-02: John Louch (butler) takes over lease on messuage in Beckley
- 1832-Mar-25: John Louch's executor and legatee sells his property in Beckley

New South Wales

- 1834-Jan-31: Robert Lethbridge (winding up Janetta Cooke's trust)

New Woodstock, Oxford

- 1729-Sep-01: Edward Ryves (Edward Bee sells judgement against John Izard)
- 1729-Dec-01: Edward Ryves (mortgage on Beckley estates)
- 1757-Apr-11: Lewis Pryse & Edward Ryves (assignment of obligation to Drs Walker & Musgrave)

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1747-Nov-02: Edwar
1757-Apr-11: Mary
1759-Jun-14: Mary
1761-Jun-24: Edwar

Noke (Noake), Oxon

- 1666-May-18: Francis Hall (granted the manor of Charlton-upon-Otmoor by John Izard as security)
- 1668-Jun-08: mortgage of Beckley and Otmoor estates to Dame Mary Hatton
- 1729-Dec-01: mortgage of property to Francis Seely
- 1746-Feb-14: Edward Bee assigns property to Lewis Pryse
- 1758-Jan-21: Thomas Busby (leases property in Beckley)
- 1857-Feb-19: appointment of enclosure trustees for land on Otmoor

Northamptonshire

- 1675-Sep-23: leases on property by John Coell and others

Oddington, Glos

- 1717-Jan-17: Emanuel Allen, Richard Hide (property at Broadwell)

Oddington, Oxon

- 1668-Jun-08: mortgage of Beckley and Otmoor estates to Dame Mary Hatton
- 1729-Dec-01: mortgage of property to Francis Seely
- 1746-Feb-14: Edward Bee assigns property to Lewis Pryse
- 1857-Feb-19: appointment of enclosure trustees for land on Otmoor

Old Weston, Northants & Hunts

- 1854-Apr-27: Samuel Hay Cooke mortgages estate to James Champion for £300

Oriel College, Oxford

- 1815-Oct-23: William Bishop, Fellow (marriage settlement of George Leigh Cooke and Anne Hay)
- 1816-Jun-25: William Bishop (assignment of Beckley estate to William Oddie)

Otmoor

- 1729-Dec-01: mortgage of property to Francis Seely
- 1746-Feb-14: Edward Bee assigns property to Lewis Pryse
- 1821-Mar-02: Earl of Abingdon grants right of way across Otmoor to Cassandra Cooke
- 1822-Jul-22: land sold by Richard Carr to Theophilus Leigh Cooke
- 1829-Apr-15: Ralph Butler assigned land
- 1830-Jul-07: land granted by enclosure commissioner to Theophilus Leigh Cooke
- 1857-Feb-19: appointment of enclosure commissioners
- 1859-May-25: Ann Cooke sells piece of ground at Otmoor to Rev George Theophilus Cooke
- 1918-May-xx: George Hay Cooke receives 10 acres of land under will of George Theophilus Cooke

Ottery St Mary, Devon

- 1738-Mar-24 (Devon): Thomas Southrott (concerning John Ham's property in Shute)

Oxford

- 1690-Jan-10: mentions earlier judgement for Francis Hall against John Izard at Oxford
- 1735-Sep-06: Eleanor Miles (assigns land & malthouse to Richard Gammon)
- 1736-May-08: Henry Wise (owed £720 by Theophilus & William Leigh)
- 1740-Sep-13: William ? (lease of messuage in Beckley)
- 1741-Feb-24: Sir Charles Osbaldson (indenture concerning messuage in Beckley)
- 1746-Feb-14-a: Thomas & Henry Wise (obligation re £570 assigned to Lewis Pryse)
- 1747-Nov-02: Edward Bee, William Walker, James Musgrave (conveyance of Broadwell Rectory)
- 1757-Apr-11: Mary Waldo (obligation passes to William Walker & James Musgrave)
- 1759-Jun-14: Mary Waldo (assignment of Beckley estate to her)
- 1761-Jun-24: Edward Bee (lease of property in Beckley to Robert Carr)

- 1762-Oct-07: Mary Waldo (Sir Edward Turner assigns Beckley)
 1762-Oct-07-a: Edward Bee (late of Beckley, assignment of annuities to Cassandra Leigh (Cooke))
 1762-Oct-07-b: Mary Waldo (bond indemnifying Sir Edward Turner)
 1809-Jul-01: Charles Lord, Bishop of Oxford (assigning of property to George Leigh Cooke)
 1813-Jun-27: Stephen Davis (Jonathan Cooper mortgages property in Beckley for £57)
 1816-Jun-25: Edward Bee, Rev Thomas Leigh (mentioned in assignment of Manor of Beckley)
 1819-Jun-07: Richard Smith (lends Samuel Cooke £500 on security of property at Beckley)
 1838-Sep-29: John Archer & Thomas Mallam (sale of property in Beckley to T. L. Cooke)

see also Balliol, Corpus Christi, Magdelen, Mary Magdalene, Oriel, Saint Aldate, Saint Giles, Saint Mary Magdalene

Oxford Street, Middlesex

- 1800-Feb-05: Martha Shilfox (her admin assigns property in Beckley to James Lay)

Oxford, University of

- 1721-Oct-12: Robert Sutton (leases the New Inn from Edward Bee for 500 years)
 1729-Sep-01: Francis Seely (Edward Bee sells judgement against John Izard)
 1729-Dec-01: Francis Seely (mortgage on Beckley estates)
 1741-Feb-24: Edward Doe (indenture concerning messuage in Beckley)
 1746-Feb-14-a: Theophilus Leigh (obligation re £570 assigned to Lewis Pryse)
 1757-Apr-11: Theophilus Leigh & William Walker (obligation passes to Drs Walker & Musgrave)
 1759-Jun-14: William Walker & James Musgrave (assignment of Beckley estate to Mary Waldo)
 1762-Oct-07: Thomas Leigh (Sir Edward Turner assigns Beckley)
 1762-Oct-07-b: Theophilus Leigh & Thomas Leigh (bond indemnifying Sir Edward Turner)
 1809-Apr-06-a: George Leigh Cooke (Thomas Leigh property at Beckley to Rev Samuel Cooke)
 1815-Oct-23: George Leigh Cooke, Sedleian Reader of Natural Philosophy (marriage settlement)
 1816-Jun-24: George Austen (Cassandra Austen mentioned as executor)
 1816-Jun-25: George Leigh Cooke (assignment of Beckley estate to William Oddie)

Rowley Green, Henley, Herts

- 1836-Jan-30: Eleanor Goodwin (release re her share in trust)

Russell Square, Middlesex

- 1815-Oct-23: William Hay (marriage settlement of George Leigh Cooke and Anne Hay)

Saint Aldate, Oxford

- 1804-Aug-11: Stephen Davis (assigned land and malthouse as security)
 1805-Jul-31: Stephen Davis (makes further loan to Jonathan Cooper)
 1838-Sep-29: Stephen Davis (executors sell property in Beckley to Theophilus Leigh Cooke)

Saint Anne, Westminster

- 1729-Sep-01: Allen Hollen (Edward Bee sells judgement against John Izard)
 1729-Dec-01: Allen Hollen (mortgage of Beckley estates)

Saint Clement Danes

- 1687-Apr-08: mentioned in will of John Foster (II) to locate two houses

Saint Dunstan, Fleet Street, London

- 1758-Aug-17: Michael Cooke (partnership agreement with John Corne)

Saint Giles [Oxford]

- 1782-May-24: Thomas Betts (buys lease on messuage & shop in Beckley from Thomas Betts)

1832-Mar-25: William Perry (now dead, executor of John Louch)

Saint Margaret, Westminster (Crown Court, Charles Street)

1810-Mar-23: Joseph Paine (buys lease of messuage in Beckley from John Payne)

Saint Margarets, Herts (Margarets, Hartfordshire)

1684-Aug-09: Thomas Izard (leases cottage or tenement in Beckley from John Izard)

Saint Martin in the Fields, Middlesex

1710-Apr-26: Triamer Baldwin (assignment of Manor & Rectory of Beckley to Edward Bee)

1729-Dec-01: Triamer Baldwin (deceased) (mortgage on Beckley estates)

Saint Mary Clyst, Devon

see Clyst Saint Mary

Saint Mary Magdelene, Oxford

see Mary Magdelene, Oxford

Saint Marylebone, Middlesex

1785-Feb-14: Edward Pauncefort of Mowman Street (lease of property to Robert Ashfield)

Saint Pancras, Percy Street, Middlesex

1816-Jun-25: Francis Morgan (assignment of Beckley estate to William Oddie)

Salcombe, Devon

1804-Sep-29: Thomas Weekes (leases property called Wyatts from Samuel Cooke 14 years)

1846-Jul-30: George Leigh Cooke leases messuage, called Wyatts, to George White for 7 years

1854-Apr-27: Samuel Hay Cooke mortgages estate to James Champion for £300

Scarborough

see under Personal Names

Scarne, Launceston, Cornwall

1834-Jan-31: Lt John Cooke, RN (winding up Janetta Cooke's trust)

1837-Nov-06: Lt John Cooke RN (winding up marriage settlement trust of Sarah Cooke (I))

Shreens, Essex

1751-Dec-04 (Devon): Thomas Branston (lease of tenements to George Cooke)

1753-Jan-19-a (Devon): Thomas Branston (lease on property in Shute to George Cooke)

Shute, Devon

1664-Oct-15 (Devon): leasing of property in Shute (Lord Petre to John Ham)

1679-Oct-04 (Devon): lease of property in Shute

1714-Jan-29 (Devon): Francis Smith & William Hoor (lease)

1717-Mar-10 (Devon): Nicholas Broughton and property in Shute

1718-May-14 (Devon): lease of land in Shute to John Gillett by William Hallet

1718-Dec-08 (Devon): property in Shute

1722-Mar-15 (Devon): William Hoor (property in Shute)

1722-Mar-15-a (Devon): William Hoor (property in Shute)

1723-Jun-20 (Devon): John Gillett & John Bond (lease on property in Shute)

1723-Sep-28 (Devon): Philip Gillett (concerning payment of debt & annuities)

1732-Oct-16 (Devon): lease of property in Shute

1738-Mar-23 (Devon): sale of cottage to Sarah Wyatt
 1738-Mar-24-a (Devon): grant of cottage & land in Shute to Sarah Wyatt
 1753-Jan-19 (Devon): lease on Manor of Shute to George Cooke by Lord Petre's trustees
 1753-Jan-19-a (Devon): property in Shute leased to George Cooke by Lord Petre's trustees

Sidmouth, Devon

1738-Mar-24 (Devon): William Carter, John Ham, Sarah Wyatt (John Ham's property in Shute)
 1738-Mar-24-a (Devon): late John Ham (grant of cottage in Shute to Sarah Wyatt)
 1751-Dec-04 (Devon): George Cooke (lease of tenements from Lord Petre trustees)
 1753-Jan-19 (Devon): George Cooke (lease on Manor of Shute from Lord Petre)

Southampton

see under Personal Names

Stanton St John, Oxon

1591-Aug-27: Jozias Izard (Edmund Izard's marriage agreement)
 1736-May-20: Matthew Wiatt, Baker (takes lease of property in Beckley from Thomas Bullford)
 1801-Mar-28: Matthew Wyatt (mentioned as deceased in assignment of lease on messuage)
 1810-Mar-23: John Payne, formerly of Beckley (sells lease to Joseph Paine)

Stoneleigh Abbey

1803-Feb-21: mentioned in codicil (21/May/1813) to Thomas Leigh's will

Stowood, Oxon

1724-Sep-02: Alice Carter (lease of a piece of ground in Beckley to John Gomm)
 1848-Aug-15: transfer of piece of land in Stowood by Commissioners of HM Woods

Stowood Forest, Oxon

1668-Jun-08: mortgage of Beckley and Otmoor estates to Dame Mary Hatton

Strand, The

1687-Apr-08: location of two houses bequeathed by John Foster (II)

Stratford Laughton, Essex

1682-Jun-22: Sir William Humble (indenture with Francis Hall and John Howland)

Streatham, Surrey

1695-May-21: John Howland (assignment of moiety of Beckley)
 1708-Jan-08: Elizabeth Howland (buying interest of John Foster's estate in Beckley)
 1710-Apr-26: Elizabeth Howland (assignment of Manor & Rectory of Beckley to Edward Bee)
 1710-Apr-26-a: Elizabeth Howland (assignment of Manor & Rectory of Beckley to Edward Bee)

Studley, Oxon

1591-Aug-27: John Croke (Edmund Izard's marriage agreement)

Suffolk

1675-Sep-23: leases on property by John Coell and others

Tavistock

see Personal Names (Wriothesley Russell) for Marquis of Tavistock

Teynham

see under Personal Names

Thornecomb, Devon

1718-May-14 (Devon): William Hallet (lease of land in Shute to John Gillett by William Hallet)

Thripton, Cambs

1680-Jan-18: Christopher Hatton (assignment of manors of Beckley & Charlton-upon-Otmoor)

Toddenham, Glos

1717-Jan-17: Thomas Mauder (property at Broadwell)

Tregeare, Laneast, Cornwall

1834-Jan-31: John King Lethbridge (winding up Janetta Cooke's trust)

Treversham, Kent

1761-May-09: Henry Cobb (ending of partnership between Michael Cooke and John Come)

Uplyme, Devon

1718-Dec-08 (Devon): John Haynes (property in Shute)

1723-Sep-28 (Devon): John Haynes (concerning payment of debts & annuities)

Vintners' Hall, London

1702-Sep-07: John Ange (assnmt of Manor of Beckley to Philip Pledger in trust for John Ange)

Wanstead, Essex (Wansted)

1695-May-21: Sir Josias Child (assignment of moiety of Beckley)

1708-Jan-08: Thomas Holt (buying of interest of John Foster's estate in Beckley)

1710-Apr-26: Thomas Holt (assignment of Manor & Rectory of Beckley to Edward Bee)

Westminster

1729-Dec-01: Allen Hollen (mortgage of Beckley estate to Francis Seely)

1736-Mar-xx: Henry Wise obtains judgement against Theophilus Leight at Court of Common Pleas

Westwick, Cambs

1680-Jan-18: Thomas Buck (assignment of manors of Beckley & Charlton-upon-Otmoor)

Whit[?], Glos

1690-Jan-10: Francis Hall (assigns property to Richard March)

Whitfield, Northants

1743-May-24: William Price, Rector, wife & dau (leasehold in Beckley assigned to George Denton)

1785-Feb-02: Rev William Price (will; date is that of probate certificate)

1785-Feb-14: Rev William Price, deceased (property in Beckley leased to Robert Ashfield)

Wick Rissington, Gloucs (or Wyck, or Wike Rissington)

1815-Oct-23: George Leigh Cooke, Rector of (marriage settlement)

1841-Mar-19: George Leigh Cooke (mortgage from Queen Anne's Bounty to improve Rectory)

Wike Rissington

see Wick Rissington

Windsor, Bucks
see Eton

Winnick, Northampton & Huntingdon

1815-Oct-23: farm transferred to trustees of marriage settlement of George Leigh Cooke

1854-Apr-27: Samuel Hay Cooke mortgages estate to James Champion for £300

Wolaton, Notts

1695-May-21: Sir Thomas Willoughby (assignment of moiety of Beckley)

1710-Apr-26-a: Sir Thomas Willoughby (assnmt of Manor & Rectory of Beckley to Edward Bee)

Wood Eaton, Oxon

1780-Jan-26: Anne Carr (life listed in lease to Sarah Lipscombe)

Woodend, Blakesly

1756-Nov-07: Catharine Burt inherits property from Sarah Price

Woodperry, Oxon

1805-Mar-02: James Lay, late of Beckley (assigns messuage at Beckley to John Louch)

1805-Jul-08: Ann Ledwell mentioned as deceased in indenture of disclaimer.

Woodstock, Oxon

1746-Feb-14-a: Edward Ryves (obligation re £570 assigned to Lewis Pryse)

Worcester

1778-Aug-13: road from London (Turnpike Rd) used to locate land leased to James Lamball

Writtle, Essex

see Lord Petre of Writtle under Personal Names

Wyck Rissington

see Wick Rissington

Yarcombe, Devon

1723-Jun-20 (Devon): John Bond (lease on property in Shute)

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Bulford's Pie
1858-Sep

Blind Dean
1821-Mar

Church Grou
1858-Sep

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1844-Aug-
1858-Sep-1

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1731-Nov-1
1760-Sep-1
1761-Dec-1
1766-Sep-1
1809-Apr-0

Common Mere
1821-Mar-0

Cowhouse Grou
1858-Sep-11

Farm House
1858-Sep-11

Finners Lane (o
1692-Jun-06

Great Ground
1858-Sep-11

Great Slade Grou
1858-Sep-11

Greenaway Close
1858-Sep-11

Index of Beckley Field, Place and Road Names

Beckley Common

1761-Dec-16: lease of piece of ground at Beckley Common to William Ledwell

Beckley Field

1821-Mar-02: shown on marginal map on right of way agreement

Bulfords Piece

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (arable, 11 acres)

Blind Dean

1821-Mar-02: shown on marginal map on right of way agreement

Church Ground

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (arable, 16 acres)

Common (Field, Fields)

1684-Aug-09: contains land assigned by John Izard to Thomas Izard

1844-Aug-01: 4 acres assigned to Caroline Cassandra Cooke

1858-Sep-11: parts (13 acres of pasture & 9 of arable) mentioned in schedule accompanying lease

Common Highway, The

1731-Nov-13: mentioned as being to East of land leased to John Gomm

1760-Sep-15: lies to East of piece of ground leased to William Ledwell

1761-Dec-16-a: lies to East of piece of ground leased to William Ledwell

1766-Sep-16: lies to East of piece of ground leased to William Ledwell

1809-Apr-06: repeats description of 1766-Sep-16 in lease to Rev Samuel Cooke

Common Mere

1821-Mar-02: shown on marginal map on right of way agreement

Cowhouse Ground, Otmoor

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (meadow, 70 acres)

Farm House

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (with buildings & 1 acre orchard)

Fininers Lane (or Tininey, ?Tinniver)

1692-Jun-06: used to locate Millfields in lease by John to Thomas Izard

Great Ground

1858-Sep-11: (with cottage, garden, yard & farm homestead (arable, 30 acres)) in schedule

Great Slade Ground

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (arable, 24 acres)

Greenaway Close

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (meadow, 3 acres)

Greenaway Corner

1821-Mar-02: shown on marginal map on right of way agreement

Greenaway Lane

1821-Mar-02: shown on marginal map on right of way agreement

Greenaway, Otmoor

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (meadow, 47 acres)

Grove Farm

1858-Sep-11: leased to William Parrott (see document description for details & schedule)

Grove, The

1830-Jul-07: appears as 'Rectory' in map of enclosed land assigned to Theophilus Leigh Cooke

Gully Ground

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (pasture, 17 acres)

Gully Pieces, The

1821-Mar-02: shown on marginal map on right of way agreement

Holland Field

1830-Jul-07: land granted by enclosure commissioner & later assigned to Earl of Abingdon

Home Close

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (pasture, 10 acres)

Horse Ground, Otmoor

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (meadow, 26 acres)

Horse Hades

1821-Mar-02: shown on marginal map on right of way agreement

Knole Hill (Knowl)

1717-May-17: mentioned to locate land leased to William Miles (Knole)

1821-Mar-02: shown on marginal map on right of way agreement (Knowl)

Knowl Hill

see Knole Hill (assumed to be the same)

Little Church Ground

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (arable, 8 acres)

Little Orchard

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (orchard, 10 acres)

Lower Field

1844-Aug-01: 4 acres assigned to Caroline Cassandra Cooke

Long Stert

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (meadow, 12 acres)

Lower Stert
1821-Mar-02

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1692-Jun-01

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1818-Nov-01
1827-Oct-01
1836-Sep-01
1838-Sep-01

Malthouse Hil
1821-Mar-01

Malthouse Orc
1858-Sep-01

Mead Close
1731-Nov-01
1760-Sep-15
1761-Dec-16
1766-Sep-16
1809-Apr-06

Middle Furlong
1821-Mar-02

Millfield (or Mi
1692-Jun-06
1785-Feb-14

Mill-yard
1692-Jun-06

Moor Leys
1821-Mar-02
1858-Sep-11

New Inn, The
1721-Oct-12

Outmore Close
1806-Sep-02

Lower Stert

1821-Mar-02: shown on marginal map on right of way agreement

Mackness Yard (= Macknoys?)

1684-Aug-09: assigned by John Izard to Thomas Izard

Macknoys Yard

1591-Aug-27: mentioned in Edmund Izard's marriage agreement as belonging to Jozias Izard

1692-Jun-06: mentioned in lease of Millfield by John to Thomas Izard

Malthouse, The

1805-Jul-31: used as security on loan (Stephen Davis to Jonathan Cooper)

1812-Jun-27: used as security on loan (Stephen Davis to Jonathan Cooper)

1813-Jun-27: used as security on loan (Stephen Davis to Jonathan Cooper)

1814-Apr-30: Jonathan Cooper leases property to William Fruin for 500 years

1818-Nov-14: lease assigned to Elizabeth Collet & her daughter

1827-Oct-13: assigned to Thomas Mallam as trustee of Collett marriage settlement

1836-Sep-19: assigned to trustees as part of Elizabeth Goddliffe's marriage settlement

1838-Sep-29: sold absolutely to Theophilus Leigh Cooke

Malthouse Hill

1821-Mar-02: shown on marginal map on right of way agreement

Malthouse Orchard

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (orchard, 1 acre)

Mead Close

1731-Nov-13: mentioned as lying to South of land leased to John Gomm

1760-Sep-15: lies to South West of piece of ground leased to William Ledwell

1761-Dec-16-a: lies to South West of piece of ground leased to William Ledwell

1766-Sep-16: lies to West of piece of ground leased to William Ledwell

1809-Apr-06: repeats description of 1766-Sep-16 (only South West) in lease to Rev Samuel Cooke

Middle Furlong

1821-Mar-02: shown on marginal map on right of way agreement

Millfield (or Mill Field)

1692-Jun-06: leased to Thomas Izard by John Izard

1785-Feb-14: leased to Robert Ashfield

Mill-yard

1692-Jun-06: Mill-yard gates used to locate Millfields in lease by John to Thomas Izard

Moor Leys

1821-Mar-02: mentioned in right of way agreement & shown on marginal map

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (pasture, 15 acres)

New Inn, The

1721-Oct-12: messuage and tenement granted by Edward Bee to Robert Sutton

Oatmore Close

1806-Sep-02: leased by John Mackaness to Rev Samuel Cooke

1819-Jun-07: mortgaged by Samuel Cooke to Richard Smith

Otmoor Closes

1821-Mar-02: shown on marginal map on right of way agreement

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (pasture, 17 acres)

Otmoor late Steele

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (pasture, 24 acres)

Parks, The

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (arable, 7 acres)

Pill Ground, Otmoor

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (meadow, 39 acres)

Raffes Close

1591-Aug-27: mentioned in Edmund Izard's marriage agreement as belonging to Jozias Izard

Rectory, The

1830-Jul-07: appears on map showing land assigned to T. L. Cooke (now 'Grove House')

Red Lands Furlong

1821-Mar-02: shown on marginal map on right of way agreement

Roman Road, The, Otmoor

1859-May-25: mentioned to locate 10 acres of land sold to George Theophilus Cooke

Sandy Yerds

1821-Mar-02: shown on marginal map on right of way agreement

Seed Hill

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (pasture, 7 acres)

Slade Ground

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (meadow, 14 acres)

Sour Wood

1778-Aug-13: a furlong, SE part of which was leased to James Lamball

1800-Dec-26: above leased to Thomas Jessop

Tinney Lane (=Fininers Lane? or Tinniver?)

1692-Jun-06: used to locate Mill Field in lease by John to Thomas Izard

Tinniver's Lane (?)

see Tinney

Turnpike Road (London to Worcester)

1778-Aug-13: location of land leased to James Lamball

Upper Field

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (arable, 49 acres + 5 acres)

Upper Stert

1821-Mar-02: shown on marginal map on right of way agreement

West End

1858-Sep-11: in schedule accompanying lease of Grove Farm (pasture, 8 acres; arable, 16 acres)

Wood Common

1722-Dec-01: mentioned to locate land leased to Thomas Bullford

Wood Furlong

1821-Mar-02: shown on marginal map on right of way agreement

Wood Lane

1722-Dec-01: mentioned to locate land leased to Thomas Bullford

List of Occupations

Armourer

Shilfox, Daniel, of Deptford

Auctioneer

Champion, James, of Nettlebed
Mallam, Thomas, of Oxford

Baker

Hieat, Joseph, of Beckley
Wyatt, Matthew, of Stanton St John

Barber

Seeley, Francis, of University of Oxford
Sutton, Robert, of University of Oxford

Blacksmith

Matthews, Richard, of Beckley
Matthews, Thomas, of Oxon
Moore, Anthony, of Garsington

Boatbuilder

Davis, Stephen, of Oxford

Bookbinder

Doe, Edward, of University of Oxford

Brewer

Archer, John, of Oxford

Butcher

Carr, John, of Beckley
Carr, Robert, of Beckley

Butler

Louch, John, of New College

Carpenter

Carter, John, of Beckley
Faulkner, Moses, of Beckley
Huggins, Richard, of Beckley

Cloth Worker

Pledger, Philip, of London

Clothier

Bond, John, of Yarcombe
Gillett, John, of Axminster
Loaring, Samuel, of Hawk Church

Collector

Walmsley, Thomas, of Great Budworth

Commissioners

Gore, Hon Charles Alexander (HM's woods etc)
Milne, Alexander, Esq (HM's woods etc)
Tatham, Thomas James (enclosures)

Farmer

Lewis, Henry, of Beckley
Parrott, Robert, of Claydon
Parrott, William, of Oxon

Footman

Crossby, William, of Ambrosden

Greengrocer

Paine, Joseph, of Westminster

Grocer

Bailey, John, of Great Bookham
Bailey, Hugh, of Great Bookham
Prim (?), Edmund, of Great Bookham

Haberdasher and Hosier

Cooke, Michael, of London
Corney, John, of London

Holy Orders

Austen, George, DD, of University of Oxford
Bishop, Rev William, of Oriel College
Cooke, Rev George, Rector of St Mary Clyst
Cooke, Rev George Leigh, Vicar of Cubbington
Cooke, Rev George Theophilus, Vicar of Beckley
Cooke, Rev John
Cooke, Samuel, R of Cottisford, V of Gt Bookham
Cooke, Rev Samuel Hay, Vicar of Great Budworth
Cooke, Rev Theophilus Leigh, BD, PC of Beckley
Cooke, Rev William
Cooper, Rev Edward Philip
Jenkins, Rev Henry, of Magdalen College
Johnson, Rev John, of Magdalen College
Leigh, Rev Charles
Leigh, Rev Dr Theophilus, Master of Balliol
Leigh, Rev Thomas, Rector of Adlestrop
Leigh, Rev Thomas, of Harpsden
Lord, Charles, Bishop of Oxford
Lowndes, Rev Thomas, of Magdalen, clerk
Musgrave, Dr. James, Rector of Chinnor
Oddie, William, of Headington, clerk
Price, Rev Hugh, Rector of Little Ilford
Price, Rev William, Rector of Whitfield
Rushworth, Rev John
Yates, Rev Richard, chaplain of Chelsea Hospital

Labourer

Bullford, Thomas, of Beckley
Payne, John, of Beckley

Mason

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Mercer

Wise, Henry, of Oxford
?, William, of Oxford

Merchant
Murch, Richard
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Bee, Edward, of
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Smith, Richard,
Royal Navy
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Cooke, Charles
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Betts, Thomas, of Saint Giles

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Gomm, John, of Beckley

Shopkeeper

Cobb, Henry, of Treversham

Solicitor

Davenport, John M., of Oxford

Roberson, of Oxford

Surgeon

Langdon, Thomas, of Bampton

Tanner

Gillett, Richard, of Dorset

Victualler

Moore, Charles, of Horsepath

Symonds, Thomas, of Oxon

Weaver

Huggins, John, of Beckley

Huggins, Thomas, of Beckley

Wheelwright

Carter, John, of Beckley

Parker, John, of Botley, Bucks

Yeoman

Allen, Emanuel, of Oddington, Glos

Bushby, Richard, of Islip

Busby, Thomas, of Beckley

Busby, Thomas, of Noke

Carr, Richard, of Beckley

Carter, John, of Headington

Cooper, Jonathan, of Horsepath

Downing, William, of Dallwood

Gammon, Richard, of Clifton

Ham, John, of Branscombe

Hoor, William, of Shute

Jessop, Thomas, of Beckley

Lamball, James, of Beckley

Louch, William, of Chieveley

Middleton, William, of Beckley

Sanders, George, of Cassington

Smith, Francis, of Shute

Tawney, Robert, of Binsey

Tipping, William, of Beckley

Wells, John, of Broadwell

White, Edward, of Beckley

White, George, the elder, of Salcombe

White, George, the younger, of Salcombe

White, Thomas, of London

Other Documents Owned by Cooke Family

The following is a list of documents which were still owned by my father on his death. Most of them now belong to me. Asterisked items have been described in the previous sections.

Letters

- Francis Atterbury to Henry Brydges (1708)
- Francis Atterbury to Henry Brydges (1712)
- Theophilus Leigh of Adlestrop to his son Theophilus Leigh at Corpus Christi (1716)
- Theophilus Leigh of Adlestrop to his son Theophilus Leigh at Corpus Christi (1717)
- Henry Brydges to his nephew Theophilus Leigh (1726)
- William Leigh of Adlestrop to his brother Theophilus Leigh (1744)
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- William Leigh of Adlestrop to his brother Theophilus Leigh (1747)
- Duchess of Chandos to Miss Leigh at Balliol (1757)
- Warren Hastings to Mrs [Mary] Leigh (1791)
- Theophilus Leigh Cooke to his father Rev Samuel Cooke (undated)
- Chandos Leigh to George Leigh Cooke (1819)
- Elizabeth Seymour of Bampton to her cousin Theophilus Leigh Cooke (1837)
- George Leigh Cooke to his wife (1833)
- William Cooke at Winchester College to his sister Caroline Cooke (1840)
- Samuel Hay Cooke to his brother William Cooke in Bombay (1846)
- John Keble at Hursley to Miss Caroline Cooke (1852)
- E. B. Pusey to [George Leigh] Cooke (undated)
- W. N. Darnell of Stanhope, Darlington, to [George Leigh] Cooke (1852)
- Bishop of Capetown at Sarsden to Miss Cooke (1853)
- W. N. Darnell to Miss Cooke ((1853)
- ? at Lyndon Rectory to Julia Cooke at Cubington (1853)
- John Keble at Dawlish to Mrs [Anne] Cooke (1860)
- John Ruskin at Haute Savoie to Julia Cooke at Beckley (1863)
- Bishop of Capetown in Capetown to Julia Cooke at Beckley (1869)
- Richard Cavendish at Chislehurst to Miss Cooke at Beckley (1872)
- T. Arnold at Oxford to 'My dear friend' (1873)
- John Ruskin at Assisi to Julia Cooke (1874)
- From the Bishop of Capetown to Miss Cooke (1876)
- From Charlotte Yonge at Otterbourne to Miss Sewell (no year)
- Catherine Mocatta to her son Lt. W. E. Mocatta, B.E.F. (1918)

Photocopies of all the above have been given to Balliol.

Wills

- *John Foster (1687)
- *Sarah Price (1756)
- Cassandra Wight (1763) with accounts and receipts from beneficiaries
- Henry Wight (1785) - abstract
- Michael Cooke of Westminster (1793)
- George Cooke of Clist Saint Mary, Devon (1794)
- Lady Harrington (1794) - abstract

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- * Rev Thomas Leigh of Adlestrop (1803)
- Elizabeth Baylis (1814)
- Helen Hay (1839)
- Caroline Cassandra Cooke of Oxford (1894)
- Julia Cooke of Oxford (1917)

Thomas Leigh v. Matthew Biggs (1769ff.)

A large pile of documents relating to a court case between Thomas Leigh and Matthew Biggs re the ownership of the Beckley estate. Biggs claims a connection to John Izard and questions his right to dispose of the property.

Case of Mr Cochrane (1772-3)

A series of documents relating to an appeal made by Mr. Cochrane to the Archbishop of York against a decision by Theophilus Leigh to expel him from Balliol. These were given to Balliol in August 2001.

Transfer of Beckley Property to Cassandra Cooke (1771-1813)

Found bound together as 'Transfer of mortgages from Elizabeth Leigh to Cassandra Cooke':
 Grant of tolls to Theophilus Leigh (4 documents of 1771);
 Transfer of mortgages from executrices of Theophilus Leigh to Elizabeth Leigh (1791, 1794);
 Transfer of mortgages from Elizabeth Leigh to Cassandra Cooke (1813).

Clerical Certificates and Institutions

Licence to Beckley curacy of Rev Theophilus Leigh Cooke (1802).
 Institution of George Leigh Cooke to Rectory of Rissington Wick (1811).
 Institution of George Leigh Cooke to Rectory of Porlock (1811).
 Grant of Rectory at Rissington to George Leigh Cooke (1813).
 Institution of George Leigh Cooke to Rectory of Broadwell with Adlestrop (1813).
 Institution of Theophilus Leigh Cooke to Rectory of Little Ilford (1815).
 Institution of Theophilus Leigh Cooke to Rectory of Brandeston (1815).
 Institution of George Leigh Cooke to Vicarage of Cubbington (1820).
 Certificate of George Leigh Cooke having taken the oaths (1820).
 Ordination certificate of Samuel Hay Cooke, son of George Leigh (1844).
 Institution of Samuel Hay Cooke to Vicarage of Great Budworth (1858).
 Ordination certificate of William Cooke, son of Samuel Hay (1895).
 Licence to Hawkhurst curacy of William Cooke (son of Samuel Hay) (1899).

Enclosure Awards to Samuel Cooke

Letters to Samuel Cooke re inclosures at Winnick (1774-5).
 Three certificates re Exoneration of Land Tax at Winnick and Old Weston (1799).
 Award by inclosing commissioners to Samuel Cooke (1808).
 Official letter requesting Samuel Cooke to claim Land Tax Exemption Contracts.
 Redemption of Land Tax Contracts (3 certificates, 1798).

Otmoor Enclosures (1832)

A pile of documents relating to the Otmoor enclosures. Names of Sir Alexander Croke of Studley Priory and the Rev Theophilus Leigh Cooke appear in several of them.

Other Documents Relating to Beckley

Latin document titled 'Bekkeley, Ordinatio vicariae ecclesiae de Beckley, 1353',
 and signed 'A true copy John Parnell Not. Pub.'.
 *Marriage settlement for Edmund Shillingford (Izard) made with John Croke of Studley (1591).

Abstract of title of William Couch to 6 cottages at Beckley, starting with indenture between Edward Bee and Thomas Bullford in 1722.
 Indenture between Edward Bee and Robert Carr of Beckley (1732).
 Indenture re-assigning lease at Beckley from Thos. Bulford to Matthew Hyatt (1736).
 Indenture between Thomas Leigh of Longborough and Christopher Lipscomb of Beckley (1763).
 Letter from Bishop of Oxford re curacy of Beckley (1773).
 Land tax assessment on Beckley curacy (1806).
 Assignment of Manor Rectory of Beckley to Rev. Henry Jenkins by Mrs. Cassandra Austen and Rev. Samuel & Cassandra Cooke.
 Another copy of the previous (1811)
 Declaration that road from Beckley to Beckley Common is in good repair (1818).
 Consent to an exchange of land, signed by T. L. Cooke (1828).
 Counsel's opinion re case of children of Mrs. Anne Cooke (1872).
 Grant of land for school at Beckley (1895).
 "Particulars of Beckley. Extracts from Kennett's Parochialis": two pages in poor condition (?19th cent) containing extracts from book with page numbers; includes 'Math Bee died ? of Wendlebury 1674; when the patron Mr. Thos. Bee of Oxf. presented; who presented again 1693.'

Broadwell Documents

1604: A general pardon granted to William Chadwell of Broadwell.
 1691-4: Collusive action for recovery of property at Broadwell and elsewhere.

Genealogical

A handwritten pedigree starting with John Cooke, Treasurer of Greenwich, 1750, and a comment, 'From the information in a diary of my father'.
 'A copy of entries in the Family Bible of the late Mr. Cooke of Alresford, Hants (1697-1821)'.
 Handwritten pedigree starting with John Cooke, a merchant of Exeter, deceased 1669 (3 old copies).
 Cooke family pedigree from Francis Cooke, Exeter Registrar (two branches).

Miscellaneous.

Certificate of George Leigh Cooke's election as Woodman of Forest of Arden (1839).
 Deed of grant of land from George Theophilus Cooke for Horton-cum-Studley parsonage (1881).
 Various notebooks and account books, including an 1806 year book of Samuel / Cassandra Cooke.

This section describes how to locate them in the collection. There is a lot more information in those documents on individual property and the documents or venture to identify.

The Beckley Estate

At its greatest extent the estate lay to the East of the village including Noke Wood and Beckley Common. There is no reason to doubt that the documents. Unfortunately because of their fragmentary nature they refer to two Manors and Rectory of Charlton-upon-Otmoor. The possession of De

1581: sees the estate of William. Describes his lands, tenements and settlement.
 1606: In May John Cooke from Francis Cooke ("surrender"). In Bench against John Shillingford & Odington a 1000 years. I document is in
 1670: In Trinity term against John Shillingford Halfe of the Manor of "lizard" to Francis. This is the second redemption.
 1676: Francis Hall a redemption.
 1680: Following the moiety to Gregory William Humbl

Property Mentioned and Modern Beckley

This section describes some of the Beckley properties mentioned in the documents and attempts to locate them in the modern village. The conclusions are provisional and in some cases speculative: there is a lot more work to be done on this with other sources. We start with 'The Beckley Estate' and those documents which refer to the estate as a whole, or to moieties of it; after this we consider individual properties within the estate. Where a property is given two names, the first is that used in the documents or one derived from them, the second is the name of the modern property with which I venture to identify it.

The Beckley Estate

At its greatest extent, in the early years of the twentieth century, the estate consisted of a strip of land to the East of the modern Church Street from The Grove on Beckley Common Road down to and including Noke Wood. It also included some property on the West side of Church Street, several fields on Beckley Common including Cooke's Copse, the Upper Field (north of Beckley Common Road) and land on Otmoor. Much of the outlying property was acquired during the nineteenth century, but there is no reason to doubt that the property in and near the village dates back to the years covered by these documents. Unfortunately, my notes on some of the documents before 1710 are not very good, partly because of their forbidding appearance, partly because they did not seem relevant to my search for genealogical information. One or two of them I really need to revisit to clarify the following account. They refer to two different moieties, both described by some such phrase as "The Moyety of the Manor and Rectory or Parsonage of Beckley". The first of these is associated with the manor of Charlton-upon-Otmoor and is assigned to the Hatton family in 1668; the second, described as being in the possession of Dorothy Izard, is assigned to Francis Hall in 1670.

Izard, Hall, Hatton, Foster and Russell

- 1591: sees the estate owned by Edmund Shillingford (Izard) who had inherited it from his father, William. Described as "the Rectory and Parsonage of Beckley with all Glebe Lands ... and all his lands, tenements and hereditaments in Beckley", it is made part of Edmund's marriage settlement.
- 1666: In May John Shillingford (Izard) used the first of the moieties as security for a loan of £1400 from Francis Hall of Noke (the note on the back reads "Izards security to Hall at Hall's surrender"). In the following Winter and Spring Francis Hall obtained judgements at the King's Bench against John Shillingford for £400 plus damages.
- 1668: John Shillingford (Izard) assigns "the Manor of Charlton-upon-Otmoor, Stowood Forest, Noke & Odington and the moiety of the manor of Beckley" to Dame Mary Hatton and others for 1000 years. I take this to be the same moiety as that referred to in the 1666 document. The document is inscribed on the back "Izard Mortgage to Hatton".
- 1670: In Trinity term (following Easter), Hall obtained another judgement, this time for £3000, against John Shillingford. In June, Shillingford, in return for £1200, assigned "the Moyety or Halfe of the Manor & Rectory or Parsonage of Beckley now in the possession of Dorothy Izard" to Francis Hall (now of Hadnock in Monmouthshire) for 200 years at a notional rent. This is the second moiety.
- 1676: Francis Hall assigns the second moiety to William Humble for £450 with the right of redemption.
- 1680: Following the death of Dame Mary Hatton, Christopher Hatton and others assign the first moiety to Gregory Geering of Dentsworth.
- 1682: William Humble and Francis Hall assign the second moiety to John Howland.

- 1683: In five complicated indentures, all dated 15 August, Gregory Geering and Francis Hall assign both moieties to John Foster or his trustees. They then seem to assign the second moiety to Elizabeth Howland. For £1500, Francis Hall also assigns to John Foster the judgements he obtained in 1667 and 1670 against John Shillingford. The exact relationships between the moieties, the mortgages out on them and the various parties involved is difficult to disentangle. This year presumably saw an attempt to tidy things up.
- 1695: Elizabeth Howland (the mother) and the Duke of Bedford make the second moiety part of the marriage settlement for Elizabeth Howland (the daughter) and Wriothesley Russell, the Duke's grandson (aged 15).
- 1702: Following the deaths of John Foster senior and his wife Sarah their interest in the Beckley property passes to their daughters, Mary Ange and Sarah March. An agreement of this year assigns the property to Phillip Pledger in trust for John Ange, Mary's husband, and his heirs.
- 1708: The Duke of Bedford (Wriothesley Russell) pays John Ange £875 for his rights in the Beckley property, thus re-uniting the two moieties.
- 1710: By two indentures, both dated 26 April, the Duke and Duchess of Bedford, Elizabeth Howland and the trustees assign both moieties to Edward Bee, painter-stainer of London. Triamer Baldwin of St. Martin in the Fields seems to receive an interest in the first moiety.

Edward Bee

- 1729: Edward Bee and Allen Hollen (Triamer Baldwin's executor) mortgage "the manor of Beckley and all property in Beckley, Otmoor, Noke and Oddington" to Francis Seely, barber, of Oxford University, for £600 + interest.
- 1746: Edward Bee assigns the Beckley estate to Lewis Pryse of New Woodstock for £570, redeemable on 15 August next. Cassandra Cooke in her family history describes how her mother, on learning of her husband's financial embarrassments, persuaded her parents to let the house and farm at Beckley and go to live at Balliol. For an indication of Theophilus Leigh's problems see the documents of 1736 and 1746-Feb-14-a.
- 1749: Mary Waldo (Theophilus Leigh's sister, Emma, married Dr. Waldo) pays Lewis Pryse £370 (the outstanding part of Edward Bee's debt to him) and is assigned the Beckley estate, with Edward Bee having the right of redemption.
- 1762: As part of the marriage settlement for Theophilus Leigh's elder daughter Mary and her cousin Thomas Leigh, the Beckley estate is assigned to George Austen and Edward Cooper in trust for Thomas and Mary. The younger daughter, Cassandra (later Cooke), was not happy about this: in her history she writes that her father "was overpersuaded to give up the Beckley estate upon paying of £1500 stock to be settled on [his wife and younger daughter] – oh what a shameful provision for such a wife and such a mother".

Thomas Leigh

- 1769: This year sees the start of a dispute with one Matthew Biggs over the ownership of the estate. The documents connected with this case are still in my possession.
- 1803: In his will, written this year, Thomas Leigh leaves the Beckley estate to Cassandra Cooke. She, apparently, did not know this: in her history, written in 1812, she says "in the name of Justice, I will not call it generosity, I think the Beckley estate must come back to its right owners".
- 1813: Death of Thomas Leigh (29 June). Cassandra Cooke records this in a postscript to her history and refers to the Beckley estate as "much improved and still improving in value".
- 1816: Cassandra Austen of Chawton, as executrix of George Austen, trustee, assigns the two Beckley moieties to Henry Jenkins in trust for Cassandra and her family. The following day (25 June) the estate is assigned to William Oddie on trust. Perhaps a lawyer could explain the exact significance of these transactions.

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- 1817: The agreement of 3 Nov, whose significance again requires a lawyer to explain, includes a description of the estate assets.
- 1821: In an interesting indenture the Earl of Abingdon grants a right of way across his property to Cassandra Cooke so that she can access land assigned to her by the enclosure commissioners.
- 1826: Death of Cassandra Cooke; estate passes to her elder son, Theophilus Leigh.
- 1830: Further assignment of land by the enclosure commissioners.

The following brief notes bring the story up to date and are not based on the Balliol documents.

- 1846: Death of Theophilus Leigh Cooke; estate passes to his younger brother, George Leigh.
- 1853: Death of George Leigh Cooke; estate passes to his widow, Anne.
- 1869: Death of Anne Cooke; estate passes to her eldest son, Samuel Hay.
- 1877: Death of Samuel Hay Cooke; estate passes to his widow, Nina.
- 1915: Death of Nina Cooke; estate passes to her eldest son, George Hay.
- 1921: George Hay Cooke's attempt to sell the whole of the estate leads to a court case with his younger brother ('all very amicable' according to my father). Eventually he sold the greater part of the estate but retained Grove Farm House (Nokewood House), the nearby fields and a few cottages.
- 1926: Death of George Hay Cooke; remains of estate pass to his younger brother's widow, Hilda.
- 1974: Death of Hilda Cooke; estate, still further reduced, passes to her second, and eldest surviving son, William Arthur.
- 1999: Death of William Arthur Cooke; estate, still further reduced, passes to his children and grandchildren.
- 2002: All that now remains is Nokewood House, owned by Patricia Reustle, William Arthur Cooke's daughter and Alflyn, a small cottage, owned by my daughter, Nicola Farmborough.

The Manor of Charlton-upon-Otmoor

Not really part of the Beckley estate but associated with the first moiety in some of the early documents.

- 1666: With the first Beckley moiety serves as security on the loan from Francis Hall to John Izard.
- 1668: John Izard assigns the manor to Dame Mary Hatton along with the first Beckley moiety.
- 1680: The Hatton family assigns the manor, with the first Beckley moiety, to Gregory Geering.
- 1683: There is no mention of this manor in Gregory Geering's assignment of the first Beckley moiety to John Foster. Presumably he retained it; in any case it ceases to be part of our story.

The Grove / Grove House

The Grove (the name in the 1881 census), now Grove House, was the most substantial building on the Beckley estate and it is a little disappointing that there is no reference to it in the documents, although it does appear (as the 'Rectory') in the map attached to 1830-Jul-07. 1670-Jun-01 refers to the 'mansion or dwelling house' of the rectory, but this date seems too early for the existing building. A plaque in Beckley Church describes Edward Bee as 'the first proprietor of Beckley Grove', while a family record says that he moved to Beckley in 1730. If he built the house about this time, it is tempting to make a connection with the money he raised in 1729-Dec-01. The same family record has Theophilus Leigh Cooke, as vicar of Beckley, moving to The Grove in 1798, although the licence for his curacy is dated 1802. Thereafter, Cookes occupied The Grove until George Hay Cooke sold it to the Hon. Holland-Hibbert in 1925.

Grove Farm / Nokewood House

1858-Sep-11 is a lease on Grove Farm (505 acres) by Anne Cooke to William Parrott. It mentions that a new farm house is to be built in 1859. This must be the existing Nokewood House, which is just South of the church, behind the school. Nokewood House is now owned by my sister, Patricia Reustle, but the adjacent farm yard and buildings surrounding it were sold by my father.

The Malthouse / Midsummer Cottage, Alflyn & Meadow Cottage

This property is described (1717-May-17 and later recitals) as "an enclosed piece of pasture ground used as an orchard (c ¼ acre) abutting westward on the highway, northward upon a hill called Knole Hill, Eastward upon part of said hill & southward upon a Ley late in the possession of John Mortimer¹". The 1735 indenture states that a malthouse had been built upon the site. The 'highway', running north-south, can only be the modern Church Street. The marginal map in 1821-Mar-02 shows a 'Malthouse Hill' (owned by Cassandra Cooke) at the North end of Church Street on its eastern side. In the South West corner of this hill is an oval area, of about ½ to ¾ acre, with a building, or complex of buildings, adjacent to the street. The map also shows a 'Knowl Hill' (owned by the Earl of Abingdon) to the North of 'Malthouse Hill' and continuous with it, and a meadow (now occupied by *Bark Beetles*) to the South. The oval area, now occupied by *Midsummer Cottage, Alflyn and Meadow Cottage*, seems, therefore, a good candidate for this property: it is reasonable to suppose that the name Knole or Knowl originally applied to the whole of the hill sloping down towards Otmoor, the southern part being renamed after the building of the malthouse. Furthermore, the ground floor of Midsummer Cottage is more suggestive of a malthouse than of the labourers' cottages one sees elsewhere in Church Street. Some of my notes on the relevant documents are a little confused and they have been rationalized slightly in the following account. It will be seen that from 1717 to 1804 there are three or four levels of interest in the property:

- 1) Edward Bee and his successors (theoretical only, since they get no rent from a 500-year lease).
- 2) William Miles, Richard Gammon, Anthony Moore (I and II), who perhaps lease it on to the next.
- 3) William Ledwell, John Smith, Jonathan Cooper of Horsepath.
- 4) In 1804 the Malthouse is occupied by William Fruin, a victualler.

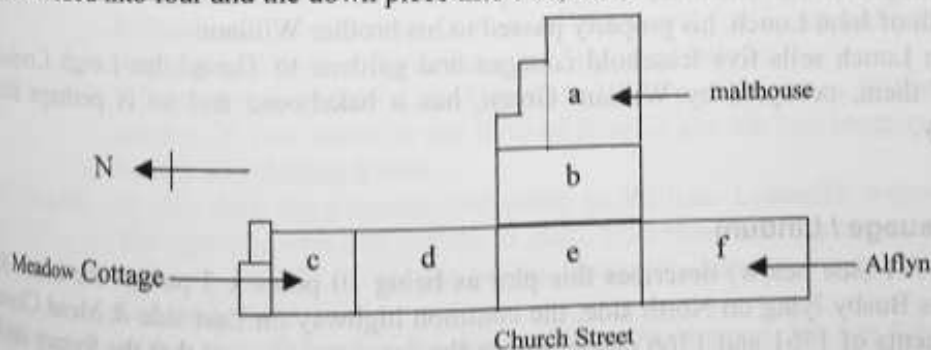
- 1717-May-17: For 'a valuable consideration' (not specified) Edward Bee leases the property to William Miles, a gentleman, for 500 years at a peppercorn rent if demanded. The land was occupied ('possessed') by Thomas Ledwell. At some point (see 1735-Sep-06) William Miles built a malthouse on the site.
- 1735-Sep-06: Eleanor Miles of Oxford, widow & administratrix of William Miles, assigns the lease, and the malthouse which William Miles had erected on the land, to Richard Gammon of Clifton, yeoman.
- 1735-Feb-07: Richard Gammon and his wife, Mary, assign lease to Anthony Moore (N.B. this is February 1736 new style).
- 1735 to 1804: The property eventually came 'by divers mesne acts, events & assurances in the Law' to another Anthony Moore, a blacksmith, of Garsington. On his death it went to his administrator, Charles Moore of Horsepath, a victualler. According to 1838-Sep-29, from which the above quote is taken, the 'legal estate' was vested in Charles Moore and the 'equitable estate' in Jonathan Cooper, also of Horsepath, who had acquired it by the will of John Smith. These terms refer to the two branches of jurisprudence between which equity takes precedence. I assume that John Smith and Jonathan Cooper had the use of the premises.
- 1804-Aug-11: With the agreement of Charles Moore, Jonathan Cooper mortgages the property to Stephen Davis of St. Aldate, a boatbuilder, for £60. Charles Moore receives five

¹ Died 19/Sep/1736 (Beckley Parish Registers).

shillings for his troubles and now drops out of the story. The property is described as "an inclosed piece of pasture then used as an orchard with all manner of trees then standing and also Malthouse lately erected on said piece of ground then in occupation of William Fruin". Cooper presumably lived in Horsepath, leaving William Fruin in the Malthouse.

- 1805-Jul-31: Jonathan Cooper borrows another £40 from Stephen Davis on the security of the property.
- 1812-Jun-27: Jonathan Cooper borrows another £23 from Stephen Davis on the same security.
- 1813-Jun-27: Jonathan Cooper borrows another £57 from Stephen Davis on the same security, making a total loan of £180.
- 1814-Apr-30: Jonathan Cooper assigns the remaining term of the 500-year lease to William Fruin, victualler, of Beckley, subject to payment of the mortgage.
- 1818-Nov-14: land & malthouse assigned to Elizabeth Shayler (later Collett) and her daughter, also named Elizabeth Shayler. The relationship between William Fruin and Elizabeth Shayler is not stated, but it was presumably close since she was his executrix.
- 1822-Nov-13: death of Stephen Davis. Since this event is mentioned in 1838-Sep-29, the mortgage was presumably still outstanding.
- 1827-Mar-25: death of William Fruin; Elizabeth Collett is his executrix.
- 1827-Oct-13: lease on property assigned to Thomas Mallam of Oxford, auctioneer, trustee of the marriage settlement between Elizabeth Shayler (the elder) and John Collett.
- 1836-Sep-19: Elizabeth Shayler (the daughter) married first Thomas Goodliffe of Ely and then Christopher Legge of Ely. As part of the settlement for the latter marriage Elizabeth Goodliffe and Elizabeth Collett assign their interest in the Malthouse to trustees.
- 1838-Apr-26: death of Elizabeth Legge (née Shayler).
- 1838-Sep-29: following the death of her daughter, Elizabeth Collett sells the property (with a close on Otmoor) absolutely to Theophilus Leigh Cooke for £330, free of mortgage.
- 1858-Sep-11: the Malthouse Orchard (1 acre) is mentioned in the schedule on the lease of Grove Farm.

There are no more references to this property. The marginal map in 1821-Mar-02 shows a T-shaped building, or complex of buildings, on the site, with the cross piece parallel to and right against the road. Since William Fruin was a victualler it is reasonable to suppose it was still being used as a malthouse. The Ordinance Survey 25-inch map of 1876 also shows this T-shape, but with the cross piece divided into four and the down piece into two, thus:



- (a) is now Midsummer Cottage. An internal inspection suggests that the present kitchen, along with the reception room to the east of it, was the original malthouse. There is a date, 1742, on a stone above the back door: this is too late for our malthouse, which was there in 1735, so perhaps it refers just to the upper story, built a few years after the lower.
- (b) is now shared between Midsummer Cottage and Alflyn.
- (c) still exists as the southern part of Meadow Cottage (now much extended to the North).
- (d) had disappeared by the time of the 1919 OS map.

- (e) the northern half of this has disappeared on the 1919 OS map, though the southern half is still depicted. According to Phyllis Wheeler, who has lived in Beckley all her life, the whole of this section had gone by the nineteen thirties.
- (f) this was once two dwellings, not apparently built at the same time, each of one-up one-down construction. It was still two cottages in the 1950s, but was made into one, 'Alflyn', by a new tenant, Alf Senior, who lived there until his death in 1995. It is now (2002) owned by my daughter and her husband, Nicola and Will Farmborough.

Joseph Hieat's Messuage / The Old Bakehouse (?)

This is described in the 1718 document as "c ½ acre shooting West towards the Street, North towards Richard Toms, & East & South towards John Pilboys". This places the messuage¹ on the East side of Church Street; presumably it was not adjacent to the Malthouse (see above) since John Mortimer, in an indenture of the previous year, is mentioned as occupying land to the south of this; nor is at the extreme south of Church Street, there being property to the north. Since the lessee, Joseph Hieat, was a baker, we can, very tentatively, identify this property with *The Old Bakehouse*, more specifically with the southern of the two or three original cottages which comprise the modern house and which was still a bakery in the nineteen sixties.

- 1718-Dec-24: Edward Bee leases messuage garden & orchard to Joseph Hieat² of Beckley, baker. Property in occupation of Richard Matthews for 500 years. New lease for 500 years at peppercorn rent.
- 1732-Feb-01: Thomas Symonds, of Oxon, victualler, assigns lease to William Middleton of Beckley, yeoman, for £32 14s. Thomas Matthews of Oxon, Blacksmith, as administrator of Richard Matthews of Beckley, Blacksmith, is also a party to this indenture.
- 1740-Sep-13: indenture between Robert Tawney & Thomas Pricket (both of Binsey), William [?] of Oxford, mercer, William Middleton of Beckley, yeoman, and Richard Smith.
- 1741-Feb-24: indenture between Sir Charles Osbaldson of Oxford, William Middleton (of Beckley, baker) and Edward Doe (of University of Oxford, bookbinder).
- 1800-Feb-05: Daniel Shilfox, son & administrator of Martha Shilfox of Oxford Street, Middlesex, in whom the property had become vested, assigns messuage & orchard to James Lay.
- 1805-Mar-02: James Lay, late of Beckley but now of Woodperry, in whom the property is now vested 'by divers assignments & other legal ways & means', assigns it to John Louch, butler of new College, for the remainder of the 500 year term.
- 1830-Dec: On death of John Louch, his property passed to his brother William.
- 1832-Mar-25: William Louch sells five leasehold cottages and gardens to Theophilus Leigh Cooke. One of them, occupied by William Green, has a bakehouse and so is perhaps this property.

John Gomm's Messuage / Lindum

The document of 1731 (see below) describes this plot as being 10 poles x 5 poles, "the home & garden now of Thomas Busby lying on North side, the common highway on East side & Mead Close on South". The documents of 1761 and 1766 describe it in the same way except that the former says Mead Close is to the South West, while the latter has it to the West. The 'Common Highway' must be the modern Church Street (the only other N/S road being Otmoor Lane where the estate does not seem to have had property). We need, therefore, to identify Mead Close and a glance at the 1876 O/S 25" map suggests the piece of land now occupied by the school as the obvious candidate. The map shows a house and garden, of roughly 10 x 5 poles and corresponding to the modern *Lindum*, in the NE corner

¹Messuage: 'Originally, the portion of land intended to be occupied, or actually occupied, as a site for a dwelling-house and its appurtenances' (OED).

²Spelt 'Hyat' in the Beckley Parish Registers.

of this land. If these identifications are correct, then Mead Close wrapped round the site to the South and West and this would explain the varying description. Moreover, it means that Thomas Busby's home and garden occupied the site of *New Ridge* and this matches fairly closely the description of his land as 11½ poles x 3 poles (see below). The leases mentioned below are of a common type, i.e. for 99 years or the lives of three people with the option, on payment of a fine, to take out a new lease on the death of any one of these. The information from the documents is here complemented by the Beckley Parish Registers (BPR).

- 1724-Sep-02: leased by Edward Bee to John Gomm, a shepherd, for 99 years or lives of himself, Elizabeth (his now wife) and Alice Carter of Stowood, spinster. John Gomm was 34 at this time.
- 1724-Oct-27: baptism of John Gomm's daughter Anne (BPR).
- 1731-Nov-13: lease of 1724-Sep-02 surrendered and new 99-year lease granted for lives of John Gomm, Elizabeth, his now wife, and Anne their daughter (aged c. 7 years). Mentions that JG has recently built a messuage on land (10 pole x 5 pole). Presumably Alice Carter (perhaps his wife's sister) had died.
- 1736-Jul-25: baptism of John Gomm's son, also called John (BPR)
- 1736-Oct-17: burial of Elizabeth Gomm (BPR).
- 1738-Oct-13: lease of 1731-Nov-13 surrendered following the death of John Gomm's wife; Edward Bee grants a new 99-year lease to John Gomm on lives of himself and his children, Anne (aged c. 14) & John (aged c. 2). John Gomm makes his mark.
- 1745-Jun-26: marriage of John Gomm (spelt Goom) and Ann Newton, both of Beckley (BPR).
- 1749-Apr-13: John Gomm's daughter, Anne, marries Thomas Soanes of Forest Hill (BPR).
- 1760-Sep-15: William Ledwell of Cowley takes over the lease. Previous lease to John Gomm surrendered for fine of 7/6; new 99-year lease granted to William Ledwell for lives of himself, John Gomm (the father, aged 70) and Anne, his [John Gomm's] daughter (36). The indenture records that the ground is 'now or late occupied by Thomas Busby'; whether this includes the dwelling is not clear. This Thomas Busby had recently (1758) taken over the lease on the adjacent property (see "Thomas Busby's Messuage" below), though not, perhaps, for his own use. Perhaps John Gomm, at seventy, was no longer able to tend the ground: it might also be significant that his son, also John, had died the previous year. The connection between John Gomm and William Ledwell is not known.
- 1761-Dec-16: following the death of John Gomm's daughter, Anne Soanes, William Ledwell surrenders the lease of 1760 and takes out a new one on the lives of himself, his brother, Edward, and John Gomm. In April of this year John Gomm had taken a lease on another property nearby (see "John Payne's Messuage" below).
- 1766-Sep-16: following the death of John Gomm in January of this year, William Ledwell takes out another 99-year lease on the lives of himself and his two brothers, Edward and James. Rent is one shilling a year.
- 1805-Jul-08: by this date the property had come to William Ledwell's widow, Ann (formerly of Woodperry), who had moved to Bath. Following her death, her son William Brydges Ledwell, for £35, gives up all his claims to the property to John Mackaness of the Middle Temple.
- 1806: in this year, following the death of John Mackaness, his son John assigned leasehold and freehold property in Beckley to Samuel Cooke. Although there is no mention of this property in the extant documents, it seems reasonable that it too was assigned (there is no mention of Mackaness in the next document).
- 1809-Apr-06: property now occupied by Elizabeth Morris and Mrs Wakefield, widow. Lease of 16/Sep/1766 now surrendered on payment of £5 by Rev Samuel Cooke; new lease granted by Rev Thomas Leigh to Rev Samuel Cooke for 99 years or lives of Rev George Leigh Cooke, Theophilus Leigh Cooke and Chandos Leigh, at a yearly rent of two shillings and sixpence.

Thomas Busby's Message / New Ridge

The description of John Gomm's message (see above) states that Thomas Busby's home and garden lies to the north. If the former is to be identified with *Lindum* then the latter must have occupied the site of the present *New Ridge*. The 1758 document gives the dimensions of the property as $11\frac{1}{2} \times 3$ poles, a little less than the dimensions of the New Ridge site on the 1876 OS map.

- 1725-Dec-02: Edward Bee leases the property to Thomas Busby (I) of Beckley, a yeoman, for 99 years or lives of himself, Elizabeth (wife) and Richard (son), at a yearly rent of sixpence. The previous lease was surrendered for £11:10:0.
- 1755-Jan-31: death of Thomas Busby (BPR).
- 1756-Jan-31: following the death of his father [a year earlier to the day] Richard Busby of Islip, a yeoman, takes out a new 99-year lease for lives of himself, his son (Thomas aged c 10) and his mother (Elizabeth).
- 1758-Jan-21: following the death of Richard Busby of Islip, Thomas Busby of Noke & James Lamball of Islip, administrators of Richard Busby, surrender lease of 1756-Jan-31 and take out a new 99-year lease on lives of Elizabeth Busby, widow of Richard Busby, and his sons, Thomas (aged 11) and Benjamin (aged 9). The message is said to be in the possession of Elizabeth Busby – is this Richard Busby's mother or his wife? Very likely, Thomas Busby was Richard's brother, while James Lamball might have been related to his wife.
- 1763-Jul-19: probable death of Elizabeth Busby. BPR just records 'BUSBY, The widow', but the following re-lease makes it likely this refers to Elizabeth.
- 1764-Oct-08: property leased to Thomas Busby & James Lamball on lives of Thomas (29), Thomas (17) & Benjamin (15) Busby. Thomas Busby the elder has now moved to Beckley (at any rate he is now 'of Beckley' instead of Noke). Thomas Busby makes his mark but James Lamball signs.
- 1803-May-04: there are two leases with this date, both referring to the surrender of the 1764 lease (for 15 guineas). One lease is between Thomas Leigh and Thomas Busby of Beckley, yeoman, and is still on the lives of Thomas Busby, Thomas Busby the younger and Benjamin Busby. The other is between Thomas Leigh and Thomas Busby of Oxford, yeoman, [is this the same Thomas?] and is on the lives of Thomas Busby (this is the elder – his age is given as 69), John Hut (aged 14) and James Hut (aged 6), the sons of Robert and Francis [Frances in BPR] Hut. The births of John and James Hutt are recorded in BPR as well as a brother and two sisters. What is the implication of these two leases? The 1876 map suggests there were at least two attached dwellings on the *New Ridge* site, so possibly the second lease refers to a new cottage built onto the first for the use of the Hut family. What had happened to Robert and Frances Hut and what was their relationship to Thomas Busby?

The marginal map on 1821-Mar-02 and the 1876 OS map both show a complex of attached buildings on the sites of the present *Otmoor Cottage*, *New Ridge* and *Lindum*. The buildings mentioned above have gone: the present *New Ridge* is a Victorian brick building built by Caroline Cassandra Cooke as a girls' orphanage (the 1881 census gives the matron as Marianne Newman and lists sixteen boarders aged from five to seventeen). It was later the village Post Office and shop. It was sold by George Hay Cooke in the early nineteen twenties.

John Payne's Message / The Old Bakehouse, Prospect Cottage, Kate Lea's Cottage?

The 1761 and 1805 documents below describe this as a message of $11\frac{1}{2}$ (N side) by 4 poles (E side) by 10 poles (S side) by $3\frac{1}{2}$ poles (W side). Unfortunately, they say nothing about its location. Again, we go to the 1876 OS map for clues. We have already allocated the only site on the West side of Church Street with dimensions close to these to Thomas Busby's message (see above). The only

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other sites in Church Street, or indeed anywhere in Beckley, with dimensions of this order are on the East side towards the South end of the street, where we now have *The Old Bakehouse, Prospect Cottage* and *Kate Lea's Cottage* (we have tentatively identified part of *The Old Bakehouse* with Joseph Heat's messuage, but that would still leave the northern part unaccounted for).

- 1761-Apr-04: leased by Edward Bee to John Gomm for 99 years or lives of Ann Gomm (wife), Ann Soans and Mary Payne (daughters) for a yearly rent of one shilling. A previous lease was surrendered for four guineas, but this lease does not seem to be among the documents nor is there a date for it. John Gomm already held a lease on another property in Church Street (see above).
- 1762-Oct-16: following the death of his daughter, Ann Soanes, in 1761, John Gomm surrenders the previous lease for 40/- and takes out a new one on the lives of Ann Gomm, Mary Payne and John Payne (son of Mary Payne).
- 1769-Feb-11: following the death of his father-in-law John Gomm in 1766, John Payne senior, a labourer, takes on the lease for the lives of Mary Payne (his wife) and John & Thomas (his sons).
- 1805-Apr-02: lease of 1769 surrendered (fine of 40s); Thomas Leigh grants new 99-year lease to John Payne the younger of Beckley, a labourer, on lives of himself (c 52), his daughter, Mary Payne (c 28) and his brother, Thomas (c 49), at a rent of 1s. John Payne (Pain) makes his mark.
- 1810-Mar-23: John Payne, formerly of Beckley, now of Stanton St John, assigns messuage to his brother, Joseph Paine of St Margarets, Westminster, a grocer, for £75.

Robert Carr's Messuage / The Old Bakehouse, Prospect Cottage, Kate Lea's Cottage?

The dimensions of this property are given as 10 poles on the North and South sides, 5 on the East and 4 on the west (1749-Dec-23). These are similar to John Payne's messuage (see above) and the same considerations apply in trying to locate it. See, too, Richard Huggin's messuage.

- 1723-Nov-14: Edward Bee leases property to Edward White, yeoman, for 99 years or lives of Edward White and Thomas & John, his sons.
- 1748-Nov-12: by virtue of several assignments messuage & garden came to Thomas Huggins, a weaver, who now mortgages the lease to Robert Carr for £120.
- 1749-Dec-21: loan of £120 not having been paid on the agreed day, Thomas Huggins (brother & executor of John Huggins) sells lease on messuage & garden to Robert Carr for £40.
- 1749-Dec-23: Edward Bee renews lease on messuage with garden to Robert Carr (butcher) for 99 years or lives of Robert Carr and his sons, George & William. Property already in possession of Robert Carr.
- 1762-Apr-08: death of Robert Carr (BPR).
- 1762-Apr-11: death of Mary Carr (BPR), [assumed to be Robert's wife].
- 1764-Apr-11: death of William Carr, who 'died by hanging himself' (BPR).
- 1775-Mar-23: Mary Sanders, the daughter of Robert Carr, previously Mary Ward, and her husband George Sanders of Cassington, a yeoman, assign the lease to John Carter of Headington. Mary is described as surviving administratrix of Mary Carr of Beckley.
- 1775-Jul-20: renewal of lease by Thomas Leigh to John Carter for 99 years or lives of John Carter, Hannah (his wife) and William (his son), John Carter currently being in possession.
- 1782-May-24: John Carter (carpenter & wheelwright) sells the lease on messuage, 'and the shop lately erected & built next adjoining', for the residue of the 99 years to Thomas Betts (of St Giles, servant) for £70.

There are also the following leases, but their relationship to Robert Carr's other property is not clear:

- 1724-Feb-20: lease to Robert Carr renewed for 99 years on lives of himself, Joan Carr and Mary Dyett (spinsters).
 1732-Jul-22: lease to Robert Carr renewed for lives of himself, his wife Mary, and their son John (aged c. 1 year).

Richard Huggin's Message

The following documents refer to a message with garden of about $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. It is not clear whether this is the same property as the previous (which was closer to $\frac{1}{4}$ acre) or even whether the same Robert Carr is involved (there are many Carrs in the parish registers and it is not always easy to sort out who was who); it is not even certain that all these documents refer to the same property. Higgins and Huggins appear to be the same (the latter appears in BPR).

- 1720-Nov-10: Richard Huggins (carpenter) renews lease on mesuage for 99 years or lives of Richard Huggins, Jane (his wife) and Anne (their daughter).
 1761-Jun-24: Messuage with garden ($\frac{1}{2}$ acre) re-leased to Robert Carr, who possesses it, for 99 years or lives of himself, William Carr (son) and Ann Carr (daughter). The tenement was heretofore built by Richard Higgins. A note pinned to this says lease to be renewed in name of Christopher Lipscombe, William Carr and Ann Carr, and that premises are in possession of John Watkins & Thomas Busby.
 1763-Apr-16: lease of property to John Carr for lives of himself, Elizabeth his wife, & John their son.
 1765-May-01: $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, currently possessed by John Watkins & Thomas Busby, leased to Christopher Lipscomb for 40/- (see note to 1761-Jun-24).
 1780-Jan-26: on surrender of previous lease, Thomas Leigh leases tenement to Sarah Lipscomb for 99 years or lives of Henry & John Lipscomb (her sons) and Anne Carr. Property described as $\frac{1}{2}$ acre now or late in possession of John Watkins & Thomas Busby with tenement built by Richard Huggins.

Thomas White's Message

There is only one obvious reference to this property with no clue on its whereabouts; it might be the same as one of the others.

- 1723-Oct-24: mesuage with garden ground leased by Edward Bee to Thomas White, yeoman, of Christ Church, London, for 99 years or lives of Thomas White and his sisters, Elizabeth & Anne White.

Mackness (Macknoys) Yard Land

When John Izard assigned the moieties of the Manor of Beckley to Dame Mary Hatton (1668) and Francis Hall (1670) he still retained a little property in Beckley, described under this and the next heading (Mill Field). 1684-Aug-09 and later recitals refer to "a cottage or tenement in Beckley with barn, stable, orchard and 4 acres of arable land lying dispersed in the common fields of Beckley to be part of a yard¹ land called Mackness Yard Land". A map of 1641² shows 'Beckley Common' occupying its present area, North of Beckley Common Road, but extending eastward to Church Street. There is an old bridle way crossing the area from the present group of cottages (*Hewel Barn*, *Whistlers Cottage* and *Squirrel Cottage*) and near this are signs of old buildings. Maybe 'Mackness Yard' was in this general area. However, 'Mill Field' (see following) was probably to the South of Beckley and the

¹ Yard: 'An inclosure set apart for the growing, rearing, breeding, or storing of something or the carrying on of some work or business' (OED).

² See http://oxford-consultants.tripod.com/Parish_Map.htm but I do not know where the original is.

documents refer to the Izard property there as being 'in the common fields of Beckley', so it could be that Mackness Yard was also in that area. Further research is needed.

1591-Aug-27: Edmund Shillingford's marriage settlement excludes "one yard of land meadowe and Pasture with Th app[ur]temnts called Macknoys" which was intended for his younger brother Jozias.

1684-Aug-09: John Izard leases the property to his brother Thomas for £43. It is said "to have been in the occupation of Drucilla Meader for 1000 years".

1692-Jun-06: John Izard leases further land to Thomas Izard for 999 years (see 'Mill Field' following).

The following apparently refer to both 'Mackness' and 'Mill Field' (there are references to the indentures of 1684 and 1692 in 1785-Feb-14 and 1806-Sep-03).

1692-Jun-15: in his will of this date (quoted in next indenture) Thomas Izard bequeaths leasehold property in Beckley to his daughter Elizabeth Price (wife of Rev William Price).

1743-May-24: leasehold in Beckley assigned to George Denton in trust for Elizabeth Price (daughter of William & Elizabeth Price). One part of land was in possession of Rev Mr Jones & then of ... Thomson, widow, and another part was in possession of Daniel Chapman & then William Smith.

1769-Nov-08: Rev John Rusworth and his wife Susannah lease property to John Mackaness. Susannah was the daughter of William and Elizabeth Price and the sister of the Elizabeth who received property in Beckley in 1743. It seems that some of Thomas Izard's original property went to Susannah. There is no clue as to what part of the property is covered by this lease.

1785-Feb-14: property leased to Robert Ashfield subject to Elizabeth Price's right to live there. Edward Pauncefort is mentioned as executor of Sir Charles Hardy, the executor of Constance Denton.

1802-May-12: Robert Ashfield assigns property to John Mackaness. Indenture mentions that Elizabeth Price assigned lands to Edward Paineifort who assigned them to Robert Ashfield.

1806-Sep-02: following the death of John Mackaness, his son and heir, also John, of the Temple, London, assigns the following to Samuel Cooke for five shillings (it is not clear that all of this is the Thomas Izard property):

- 1) freehold Messuage or Tenement with the Homestead and appurtenants formerly in occupation of James Morris & now of Thomas Blake his undertenants or assigns;
- 2) orchard belonging to above;
- 3) freehold close known as Oatmore Close (4-5 acres);
- 4) messuage cottage or tenement formerly occupied by Joseph Ward, afterwards Richard Fisher & now or late John Budd his undertenants or assigns.

1806-Sep-03: John Mackaness to Rev Samuel Cooke: 'Release of freehold and assignment of Leasehold heredit & premises in Beckley'.
Mrs Eliz. Jane Humphreys to Dr Peter Dyncley Esq a Trustee of Rev Samuel Cooke: 'Assignment of a term of 1000 years in 2/3 of the freehold promised in trust to attend the inheritance'.

1819-Jun-07: Samuel Cooke mortgages the following to Richard Smith for £500 at 5% for one year (again, it is not clear whether all of this is the Thomas Izard property):

- 1) freehold messuage or tenement with homestead formerly occupied by James Morris, then Thomas Blake, and now James Blake;
- 2) freehold close of 4-5 acres called Oatmore Close with same occupancy;
- 3) messuage cottage or tenement formerly occupied by Joseph Ward, then Richard Fisher, and now John Budd.

1844-Aug-01: Theophilus Leigh Cooke having already paid off £100 of the mortgage, Caroline Cassandra Cooke repays the remaining £400 to William Parker (executor of Richard

Smith). At the direction of Theophilus Leigh Cooke the property is assigned to Caroline Cassandra Cooke.

Ground in Mill Field

This is the second property retained by John Izard. 1692-Jun-06 and later recitals refer to "all his sydling¹ or parcel of yelding² ground in the common field of Beckley known as Mill Field along west side of Tinney [?] Lane running up the mill yard gates". I seem to have had trouble reading the name of the lane: it is tempting to wonder whether I should have read 'Tinniver'. The 1641 map mentioned under 'Mackness Yard Land' above shows as 'Upper (Mill) Field' the large area bounded to the North by Beckley Common Road and the High Street, and extending to Stow Wood, the Worcester (Islip) road, the Horton Cum-Studley road and Beckley Park; cutting across this area is the Roman Road (the modern Sandy Lane) and this is perhaps the lane mentioned in the description (the map shows no sign of New Inn Road). There is also supposed to have been a windmill between Foxhill Farm and the site of the television mast³, i.e. close to the junction of Sandy Lane and New Inn Road (the triangular area between these two roads is or was known as Yard's End⁴). The evidence, therefore, such as it is, points to the property being in this general area on the West side of Sandy Lane.

1692-Jun-06: John Izard leases the land to his brother, Thomas, for 999 years. Thomas, in his will dated a week later, leaves it to his daughter, Elizabeth Price.

For subsequent references to this land see 'Mackness Yard Land' above.

The New Inn

The OS map of 1875 (revised 1898) shows Newinn Cottage at West corner of junction of the Islip and Horton-cum-Studley roads, opposite the road to Headington.

1721-Oct-12: Edward Bee leases a messuage, the New Inn, with garden adjoining (c. 1 acre), to Robert Sutton, barber of the University of Oxford, for 500 years at a peppercorn rent.

1829: by this year the premises had come by various assignments to Ralph Butler (recorded in 1865-Feb-08).

Land in Sour Wood Furlong

This property is described in 1778 as a "piece of ground taken out of the South East corner of a certain furlong⁵ called Sour Wood (furlong opposite to the fifty second mile stone at the turnpike road leading from London to Worcester) in Beckley containing in length sixty feet and in breadth forty feet as the same is now paled or mounded out". The turnpike road is the present Islip road (B4027); the 52nd mile stone is shown on the 1875 OS map as halfway between Newinn Farm and the Royal Oak, on the South side of the road and opposite the hedge running from New Inn Road (the mile stone has gone but the hedge is still there). The sale schedule of 1921, issued on the instructions of George Hay Cooke, includes 'New Inn Field', which is identified as the field (c. 7 acres) lying between this hedge and New Inn Farm (there is no mention of the land on the West side of the hedge). It would seem, therefore that Sour Wood furlong is the area to the North of the Islip road between New Inn Farm on the East and the

¹ Sideling, sydling etc: 'A strip or piece of land lying by the side of a larger portion or by a stream' (OED).

² Yeld means unproductive (OED) or this could be a variant (or misreading) for gelding.

³ See *Beckley Reflects* (p. 18), the millenium booklet compiled by Peter Wheeler: I have not yet tracked down the source for this. Phyllis Wheeler of Beckley can remember a windmill on this site.

⁴ According to Alf Senior (d. 1995) who lived and worked in Beckley most of his life.

⁵ Furlong: 'an indefinite division of an unenclosed field' (OED).

Royal Oak on the West. The piece of ground taken out of the South East corner must therefore be a small area on the Islip road adjacent to New Inn Farm.

1778-Aug-13: old lease surrendered and new lease granted to James Lamball of Beckley, yeoman, for 99 years or the lives of himself, Mary (his wife) and Sarah (daughter); rent five shillings a year.

1800-Dec-26: leased to Thomas Jessop for 99 years or lives of himself, Catherine (his wife), and Ann (his daughter).

Thomas Bullford's Garden Plot

The document of 1722-Dec-01 describes this as "All that his garden ground or Garden Plott in Length Six Poles or Perches and in Breadth four Poles or Perches shooting East and South towards the said Edward Bee's peece of Arable Land Westwards a Common called Wood Common North towards a Lane called Wood Lane together with all [etc]". There is no clue as to the location of 'Wood Common North' or 'Wood Lane', except, rather tenuously, the existence of "Lower Wood's Farm" and "Upper Wood's Farm". The 1801 indenture is described as an 'assignment of Messuages with appurtenances', so presumably by that time some dwellings had been built on the site. 'Wood Lane' could perhaps be the eastern end of Beckley Common Road, which runs East to West: this could place the property on the site of the present *Hewel Barn*, *Whistlers Cottage*, *Squirrel Cottage* and *Woodpie Cottage*, with 'Wood Common North' being in the general area of *Folly Farm*. Another possibility might be the bridleway which runs SE to NW from Cooke's Copse to Upper Wood's Farm (Alf Senior of Beckley gave the name of this as Purley Lane).

1722-Sep-01: some property leased to Thomas Bullford¹, labourer, for 195 years (this does not seem to be the same as that mentioned above).

1722-Dec-01: property leased by Edward Bee to Thomas Bullford of Beckley for 125 years at a peppercorn rent (this indenture is not extant but is recited in the next).

1736-May-20: Thomas Bullford assigns lease to Matthew Wiatt of Stanton St. John, Baker, for £34. TB makes his mark.

1736-1801: Matthew Wiatt (Wyatt) leaves the property to Elizabeth Tipping, the second daughter of Susanna Hart. Elizabeth Tipping was married to William Tipping of Beckley (yeoman) and had a son, Moses (a carpenter, of Beckley), by an earlier marriage to Daniel Faulkner. Elizabeth Bayliss (spinster, of Elsfield) also seems to have acquired an interest in the property.

1801-Mar-28: following the death of Elizabeth Tipping, William Tipping, Moses Faulkner and Elizabeth Bayliss assign the lease on the messuage & appurtenances to John Louch, a butler of New College. Two months earlier (25 February) Elizabeth Bayliss had made a will leaving the residue of her estate to John Louch.

The lease on Grove Farm of 1858-Sep-11 includes a reference to 'Bulfords Piece', described as 11 acres of arable land.

Louch Properties

The only evidence for these properties is 1832-Mar-25, which mentions that John Louch, a butler of New College, held several cottages in Beckley, some for an unexpired term of 500 years (dating back to 1718-Dec-22), some for the remainder of 190 years (from 1772-Dec-01). There is no evidence where these cottages were and it is possible that some of them are identical to properties described elsewhere. John Louch died in 1730 and left his property to his brother-in-law, William Louch. In

¹ Thomas Bullford married Sarah Evans on 23/Oct/1722 (BPR). Bul(l)ford is a common name in BPR.

1832 William Louch sold the leaseholds on five cottages to Theophilus Leigh Cooke for £425. The cottages were occupied by William Scragg, Catherine Jessops, William Field, Thomas Smith, William Green (with bakehouse).

Cassandra Cooke's Enclosure Allocation (Otmoor)

This allocation was made to Cassandra Cooke, or Theophilus Leigh Cooke acting on her behalf, under the Otmoor Enclosure Act of 1814-15. The commissioners had already sold her a 14-acre field called Moor Leys and she was now entitled to a further allocation adjoining that. The Earl of Abingdon, however, also wanted this piece of land and Cassandra Cooke agreed to accept an allotment further to the West on the understanding that the Earl would grant her a right of way across his land so that she could reach hers easily from Beckley. The original conveyance is missing but we have the right of way agreement (1821-Mar-02) and this includes a map which clearly shows the location of the southern boundary of Cassandra Cooke's allotment, though not its extent: take the public footpath which runs due North across Otmoor from the bottom of Church Street; where this footpath turns due East continue some 300 yards northwards¹ to the dyke which runs West to East and marks the parish boundary; Cassandra Cooke's allotment is immediately North of this dyke. The OS reference for the SW point of the allotment is SP 561 129.

Richard Carr's Enclosure Allocation (Otmoor)

In 1822 (22 July) Richard Carr sold Theophilus Leigh Cooke, for £50, the land on Otmoor which had been allocated to him in lieu of his Right of Common. The land is described as consisting of "one acre & one rood, being part of Otmoor bounded on East by allotment belonging to Earl of Abingdon, on North by allotment of Ralph Buller [or Butler], and on South & West by allotment of Theophilus Leigh Cooke". If the allotment to Theophilus Leigh Cooke is the same as Cassandra Cooke's allotment described above then Richard Carr's allotment was East and North of this.

Ralph Butler's Enclosure Allocation (Otmoor)

In 1829 (Apr 15) the enclosure commissioners granted Ralph Butler "in respect of his Copyhold Estate held under the Improprate Rectory of Beckley, one piece of Copyhold land (numbered 13 on the map annexed to the said award)". It consisted of "about 1 acre & 3 roods & 16 perches, bounded on North by allotment to William Frewin, on the East by an allotment to the Earl of Abingdon, on the South by an allotment to Theophilus Leigh Cooke purchased of Thomas Betts, and on West by an allotment to Theophilus Leigh Cooke in respect of his impropriate glebe". This land is also to the South of Ralph Butler's allotment (see above).

In 1865 (Feb 08) this land (along with New Inn) was sold to Anne Cooke and her children by Amy & Martha Butler.

Thomas Betts' Enclosure Allotment (Otmoor)

There is no indenture covering this but it is mentioned in 1865-Feb-08 (see Ralph Butler's Allocation above). It was apparently North of Ralph Butler's allotment and was purchased by Theophilus Leigh Cooke (probably in the 1820s).

¹ This is not a public footpath. The map on the agreement gives the name of the fields to the East as 'Otmoor Closes'; Alf Senior called them 'The Closes'.

Elizabeth Collett's Close

This is a close on Otmoor which Elizabeth Collett sold to Theophilus Leigh Cooke in 1838 (29 Sep) along with the sale of The Malthouse. Elizabeth Collett was assigned The Malthouse by William Fruin (Frewin) and so this close might be the allotment mentioned in 1829-Apr-15 as being North of Ralph Butler's enclosure allotment.

Theophilus Leigh Cooke's Enclosure Allocations (Beckley)

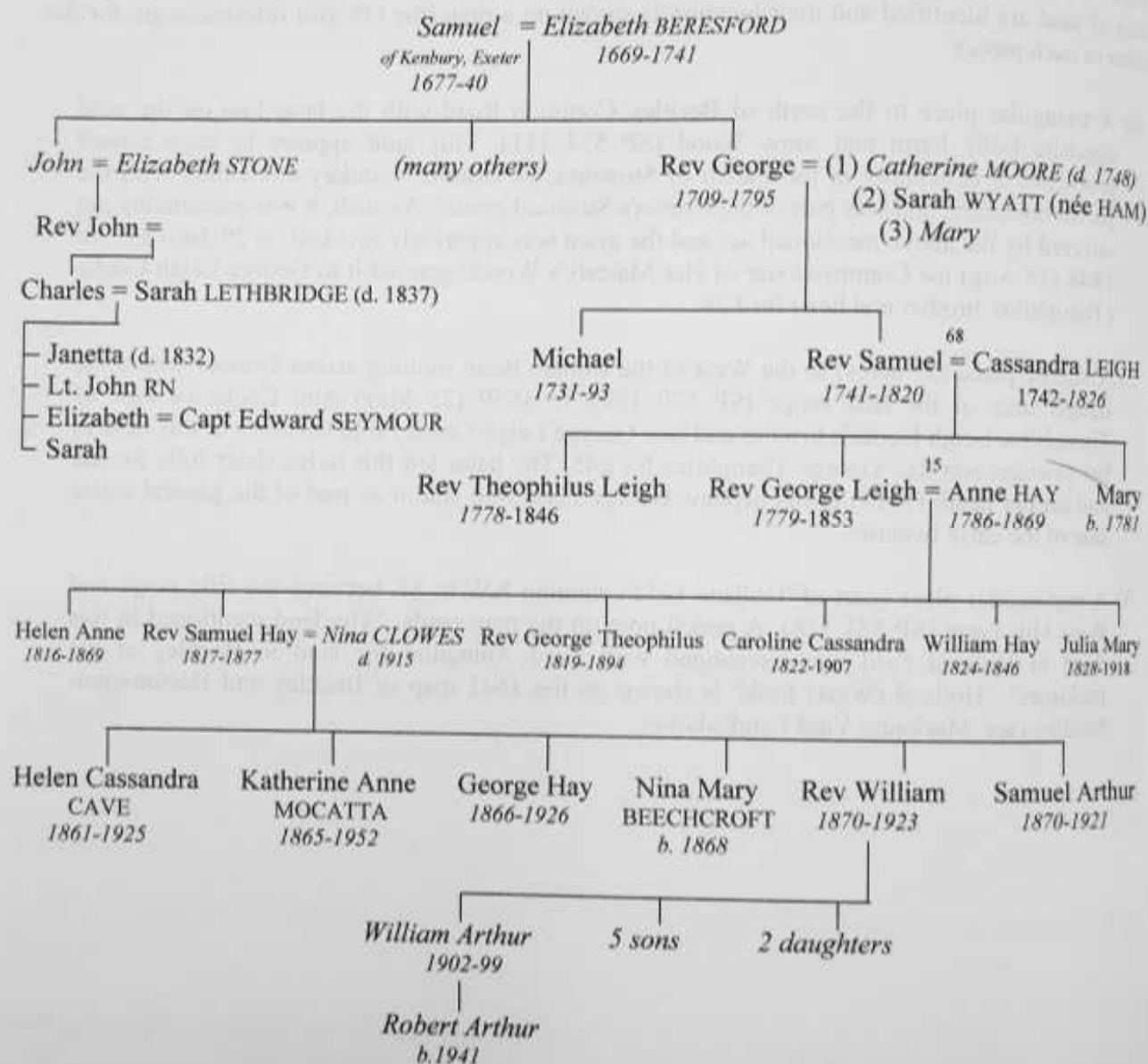
The document of 1830-Jul-07 is a conveyance of waste land by the Inclosure Commissioner to Theophilus Leigh Cooke for £2943 (presumably under the Beckley Enclosure Act of 1826/7). Three pieces of land are identified and their location is shown on a map (the OS grid references are for the centres of each piece):

- 1) A triangular piece to the north of Beckley Common Road with the base line on the road opposite Folly Farm and Stow Wood (SP 554 111). This land appears to have caused problems: it is actually in the Parish of Stowood, its eastern boundary coinciding with the parish boundary, and was part of the Crown's Stowood estate. As such, it was presumably not covered by the above mentioned act and the grant was apparently revoked on 29/Jun/1831. In 1848 (15 Aug) the Commissioner of Her Majesty's Woods granted it to George Leigh Cooke (Theophilus' brother and heir) for £28.
- 2) A square piece (37 acres) to the West of the Roman Road running across Otmoor within the danger area of the rifle range (SP 570 139). In 1859 (25 May) Ann Cooke (widow of Theophilus Leigh Cooke's brother and heir George Leigh Cooke) sold ten acres of this field to her younger son Rev George Theophilus for £45. The latter left this to his sister Julia for life and on her death (1918) to his nephew George Hay, who sold it as part of the general estate sale of the early twenties.
- 3) A rectangular piece (part of 'Holland field') running NW to SE between the rifle range and West Hill Farm (SP 581 128). A pencil note on the map reads: "The land mentioned in this deed in Holland field was exchanged with Lord Abingdon for land in Beckley at the inclosure". 'Holland (West) Field' is shown on the 1641 map of Beckley and Horton-cum-Studley (see 'Mackness Yard Land' above).

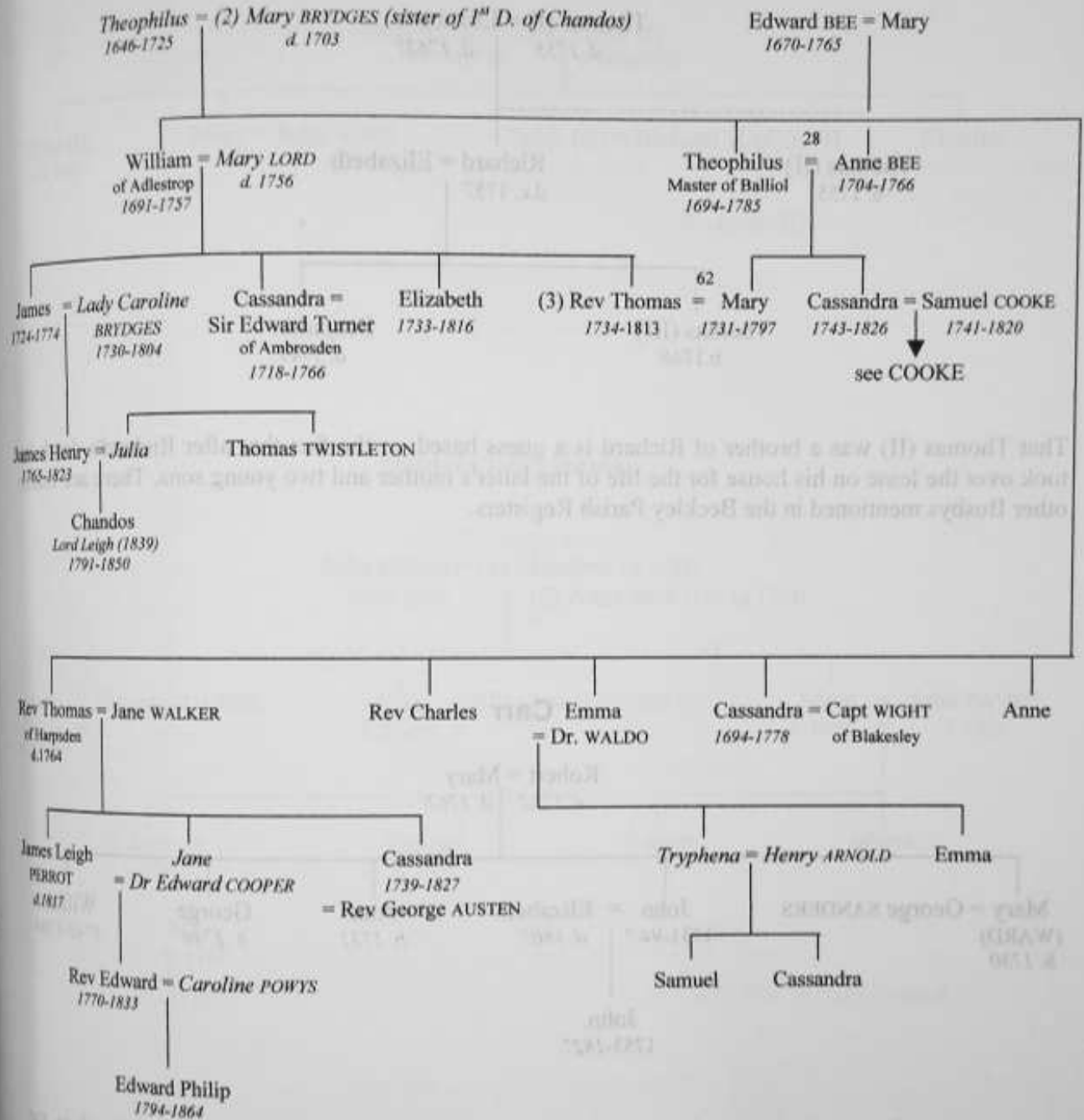
Pedigrees

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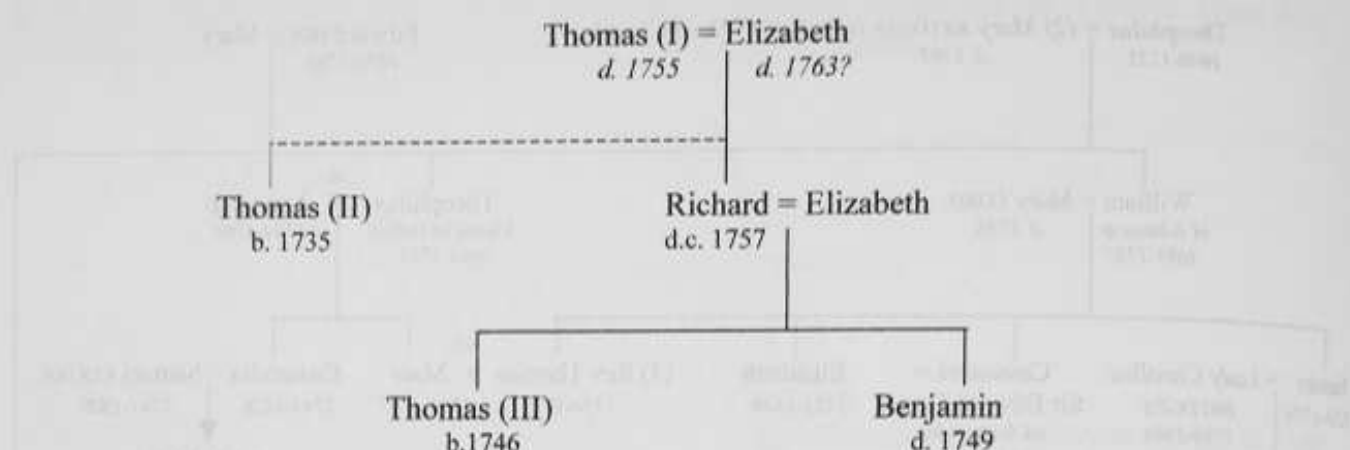
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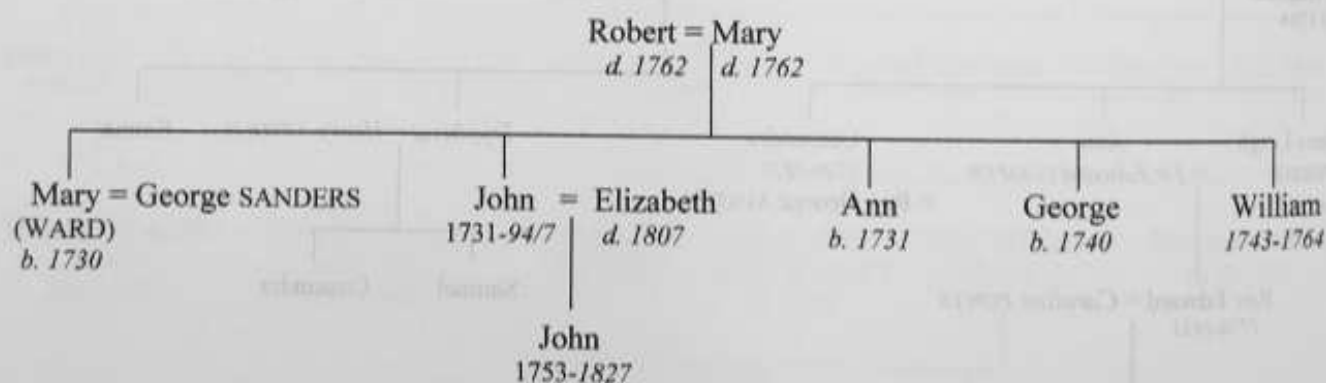


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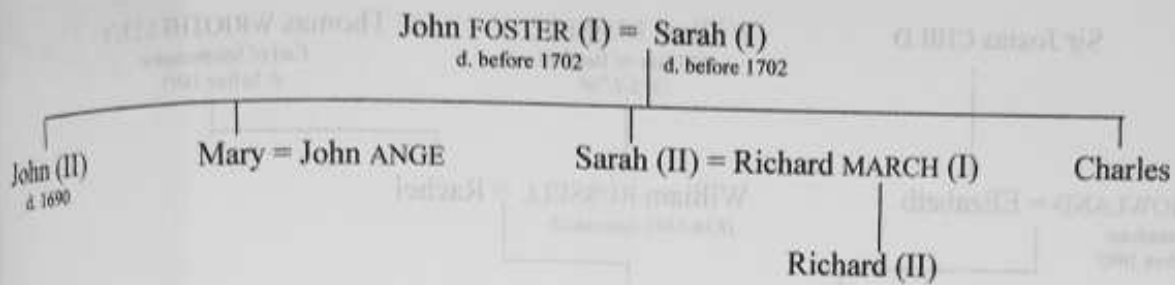
That Thomas (II) was a brother of Richard is a guess based on the fact that after Richard's death he took over the lease on his house for the life of the latter's mother and two young sons. There are many other Busbys mentioned in the Beckley Parish Registers.

Carr

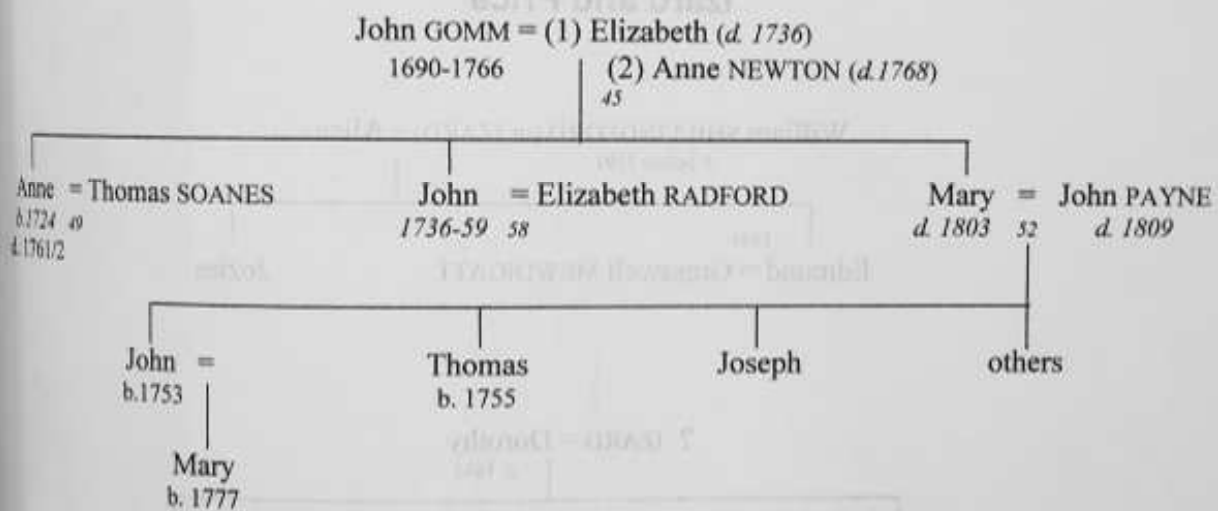


Carrs appear frequently in the Beckley Parish Registers: the above are those mentioned in the documents and even these identifications are not absolutely certain. In the 1700s we find Richard & Ann (Grant) producing children and in the 1730s Richard & Alice. In the 1760s Thomas & Elizabeth (Faulkner), John (butcher) & Elizabeth, and John (baker) & Mary are all raising families and in the 1770s/80s Thomas & Ann. In the 1800s we find Thomas & Elizabeth and Edward & Mary.

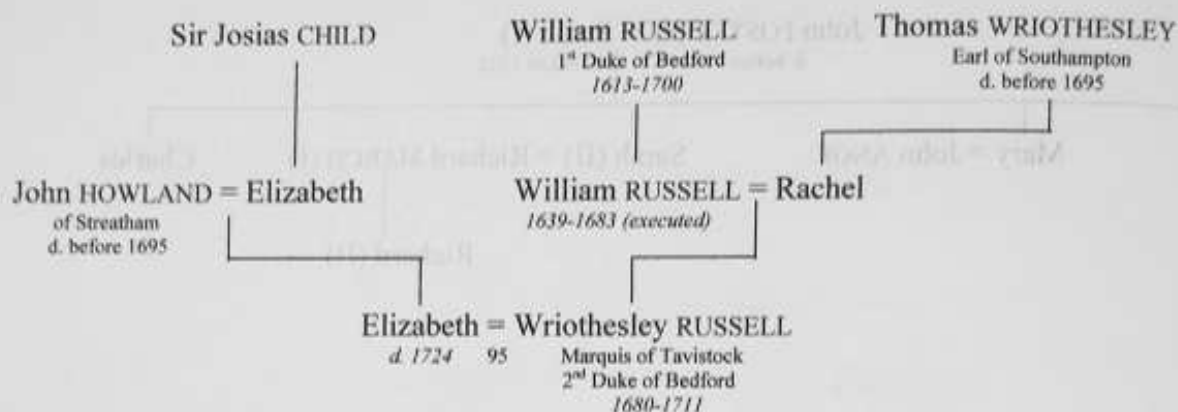
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Howland and Russell



Izard and Price

