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FOREWORD

When the Feoffees of the Common Lands of Rotherham were approached by the South Yorkshire Committee of the National Register of Archives, with a request that their records might be listed, they gave access to the first three boxes of older documents stored at their bank, and Miss M. H. Mackenzie, B.A., B.Litt., working as a volunteer, made a calendar, which was published in a small edition by the Rotherham Public Library in 1960, and a copy was lodged with the Register. In 1971, when this publication had become out of print, they allowed Miss M. Walton, B.A., F.L.A., the Archivist of the South Yorkshire Committee, to report on the rest of the records; and this revised list of all their documents is now issued both as a publication of the Rotherham Public Library and a Report to the National Register of Archives.

The documents listed by Miss Mackenzie are older and more important historically than those listed by Miss Walton, whose report contains less detail and no verbatim transcripts such as those which add interest to Miss Mackenzie's work, as they would present little difficulty to any enquirer who might seek permission to consult them. Miss Mackenzie has also classified her entries by content and a key to the numbering of the documents in each box is appended.

Miss Mackenzie's original preface is reprinted, with little alteration, below:

"I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Feoffees of the Common Lands of Rotherham, and especially to Mr. F. Ogley, Clerk to the Feoffees, for allowing me to examine the first three boxes of their papers. This private collection of papers is notable, for it reveals the emergence and development of a society which continues its beneficent work in Rotherham at the present day. Mr. F. Ogley has spared the time to read through and discuss with me the material I have collected. I owe a very deep debt of gratitude to the late Mr. F. J. Boardman, who asked me to undertake this work and gave me every facility for research in the Rotherham Central Library. I have received the same kindness and consideration from his successor, Mr. L. G. Lovell, from the staff of the Reference Library, and especially from Miss J. R. Bugler, who has assisted me greatly by her interest, her wise advice on the presentation of this report and by undertaking the checking and duplication of the stencils. My thanks are also due to Professor G. R. Potter for his encouragement and advice, and to Mrs. J. Martin, Mr. W. R. Serjeant and Miss R. Meredith for their valuable help in reading and transcribing some of the documents.

Variation of emphasis on material has been necessary, and I have tried to develop the following subjects - the constitution of the Feoffees; interrogatories taken at Rotherham in connection with certain law suits; the locations and boundaries of the properties; references to chantry lands, whether concealed, in the hands of the Crown or in the hands of the Crown's patentees; examples of local custom; relations between the Feoffees and the leading families of the district; bequests left to the Feoffees; the development of Rotherham after the enclosure of the open fields in 1764; the growing importance of mineral rights in leases.

Two points in the reading of this calendar need explanation. I found that the papers had been arranged, partly on a chronological basis and partly in bundles on a subject basis. I have followed the subject basis in Box II, as the constitution and the elections of the Feoffees are best studied apart from the other documents. I have not altered the position of any document in Boxes I and III, but, in accordance with the requirements of the National Register of Archives, I have listed these papers under the appropriate heading in chronological sequence: thus III/2/26/ indicates that this lease is No. 26 in bundle 2 in Box III. Where the parish of the parties is not mentioned, it should be assumed that they lived in Rotherham.

With regard to place-names, I have followed the spelling in the deed and, where this form is difficult to recognise, put the modern spelling in brackets. A comparison of the different spellings of Masbrough or Bridgegate over a period of three hundred years shows the instability of place-names and helps us to realise the care that must be taken in identification with modern sites.

May, 1960.

M. H. Mackenzie."

To her thanks and acknowledgements I would add my own to the Feoffees, their Clerk (Mr. F. Ogley) and their Secretary (Mrs. J. Styring); to the Manager (Mr. E. G. Morgan) and staff of the Williams and Glyn's Bank, Rotherham, on whose premises I did most of my work; and to Alderman P. C. Wright and Mr. L. G. Lovell the Borough Librarian.

1972.

Mary Walton.

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS IN THE FEOFFEEES' OFFICE

Minutes of meetings of the Feoffees of the Common Lands of Rotherham.

In volumes: 1851-1866, 1867-1880, 1881-Nov. 1893, Dec. 1893-Nov. 1908, Dec. 1908-1927, 1928-May 1969, and to date.

Main types of business: Letting of property; Charity School; lists of people to whom charities were distributed.

Minutes of meetings of Governors of the Grammar School, at the time when the school was administered by the Feoffees.

In one volume, May 1889 to June 1906, when by a new scheme the Feoffees handed over to a new body of Governors, on which they still have representation; they still contribute £302.3.0 a year to the School's finances.

File of Charity Commission reports on the Grammar School, 1886-1887, and new report and scheme, 1957.

Accounts. In volumes, 1851-1871, 1872-1899, 1900-1931, 1932 to date.

Summary of receipts and payments, 1913 in a broken run to 1959, then to date.

Robert Bentley Trust.

Cash book, with copy of trust deeds, etc. (cash to poor persons), 1850-1970. New scheme, 1970; trust deeds, 1914, 1932, 1950.

Lists of voters 1907, No. 1 Effingham Street polling station, No. 2 missing, No. 3 St. Anne's School polling station, No. 4 Doncaster Road Polling Station.

Notices - wall poster, typed agenda of nomination meeting for 1950 election.

Deeds

The deed box in the Feoffees' Board Room contains a quantity of legal documents, most of which are drafts of leases already listed as being at the bank, or agreements, etc. connected with the lease, all tied in marked bundles. The following are original deeds, or deal with transactions not included in the deeds at the bank:-

Lease to the Hallamshire Coffee House Company Ltd., of 20 Westgate; rent £95. 1925.

Counterpart of conveyance. The Feoffees to Rotherham Corporation. Far Mickle Hill near Badsley Moor Lane, for £70, reserving minerals. 10 December, 1923. With agreements, correspondence and a map.

Counterpart of conveyance. The Feoffees to Rotherham Corporation. Property at the corner of Church Street and Bridgegate, for £4,500. 30 April, 1925. Plan.

Counterpart of conveyance. The Feoffees to Rotherham Corporation. Five closes of land in Far Lane, formerly seven: Top Woodhouse Leyes Field, Top Castleforth Syke Field, Top Crown Acre, Middle Crown Acre, Bottom Crown Acre, Bottom Castleforth Syke and Bottom Woodhouse Leys, parcel of Bardsley Moor Field, for £2,846, reserving minerals. 26 November, 1920.

Papers about the sale to the Corporation of Dalton Close, 29 January, 1930.

Lease of land between Wellgate and Narrow Twitchell (following No. 15 on p. 63), to H. G. Oxley. Rent £50. 13 October, 1916.

Sherwood Crescent - terms for leases and plan.

Mineral leases:

Draft lease of the Parkgate Seam under Far Lane and Badsley Moor Lane to John Brown & Co. 1928-1929, with correspondence.

Counterpart lease. The Feoffees to the Dalton Main Collieries Ltd. The Barnsley or Top Hard Seam of coal under the Badsley Moor Lane and Far Lane lands, for 21 years at £150 and £30 per acre of coal got. 8 July, 1902.

Counterpart of lease. The Feoffees to Dalton Main Collieries Ltd. for a further 21 years or until the seam is worked out, the terms involving a debt to the Feoffees of £1,328. 5 September, 1922.

The Chapel on Rotherham Bridge (Chantry Bridge):
Photographs.

Bundle of architects' reports, correspondence with architects, donors, interested persons, extracts from minutes and other material detailing negotiations from time to time for the restoration of the chapel on the Bridge, the property of the Feoffees, which they wished to put in order and re-open for services. None of the schemes suggested had come to fruition, partly because of the death of an intending donor, and the inability of the Feoffees to accept the conditions of another. 1901-1915.

Maps. Bound volumes:

"Plans of the estates the property of the Feoffees of the Common Lands of Rotherham, by John Clarke, 7 years pupil, 6 years usher and 36 years Master of Rotherham Charity School, 1838." At the end, "Plans of the estate belonging to the Rotherham Church Blue-coat Charity School in the trust of the Feoffees of Rotherham." 1838.

Plans of the estates belonging to the Feoffees of the Common Lands of Rotherham, by Tacon and Rawson. 1883. 8 copies.

Photocopy of Plan of the Feoffees' land in the manor of Rotherham, by Bartholomew Rotherham, 1764.

DOCUMENTS AT THE BANK

These are stored in six boxes. The contents of Boxes I to III are rearranged by their subject, with references to the numbers; those of Boxes IV to VI are listed as originally numbered.

BOXES I - III

MANORIAL

7 March, 1572/73.
Manorial Order.

I/3/

Orders given by Frances, Lord Talbot, for the whole town and Lordship of Rotherham, relating to the opening of closes with the fallow fields.

(See Guest, "Historic Notices of Rotherham", 1879, pp. 356-7).

ESTATE RECORDS

A. MUNIMENTS OF TITLETrust Deeds

1 September, 1584.
Bargain and Sale with clause of warranty.

II/1/

- 1) Lawrence Woodnet of Lyncolns Inne, Middlesex, esquire and Anthony Collyns of London, esquire, to
- 2) Willyam West, Willyam Blythe, gentlemen, Richard Borowes and Henry Browne, yeomen.

Properties in Rotherham, Brinsforth (Brinsworth), Marshbrough (Masbrough), Kymberworth (Kimberworth) and Dennyby (Denaby) received from the Queen by Letters Patent on 26 August, 1584, and sold to the four Feoffees to be "employed to such uses intent and purposes as shall be agreed upon by the Cheeffest parte of the Inhabitants of the Towne of Rotherham". The lands in Marr and Wickersley, after inclusion in the large membrane, are specifically exempted from the provisions of the cession in a small membrane. On the back of the large membrane the following notes: 9 September seizin given and delivered in Rotherham, Masbrough, Brinsworth and Kimberworth with witnesses; 10 September the same for Denaby; 11 September the same for Wickersley, but not witnessed; 10 February, 1604 signed by John Stanley, Deputy Auditor for Yorkshire.

Consideration: £61. 5. 0.

Seal: Court of Common Pleas.

10 October, 1585.
Exemplification of a Fine.

II/2/

- 1) William West, William Blythe, Richard Burrowes and Henry Brown (Plaintiffs)

2) Antony Collyns of London (deforciant).

Four messuages, nine cottages, three barns, five gardens, fifty acres of land, twenty acres of meadow, ten acres of pasture and common of pasture in Rotherham, Denyby, Brynsforth, Marsbrough (Masbrough) and Kymberworth. Party (1) to pay Party (2) £150 for the confirmation.

Seal: Court of Common Pleas.

3 August, 1589.

II/3/

Deed constituting a Trust (in duplicate)

First Election.

1) William West, gentleman, William Blythe, gentleman, Richard Burrowes and Henry Browne, yeomen, to

2) Robert Bunting, Jeffrey Woollen, William Taylor, Nicholas Mountney, Robert Okes, Thomas Woodhouse, Edward Holland, Richard Rawson, Christofer Taylor, Thomas Barber, Nicholas Carr and Nicholas Tym, yeomen.

Declaration by which certain properties in Rotherham, Deneby, Marsburgh (Masbrough), Brinsforth and Kymberworthe are ceded by Party (1) to twelve Feoffees in Trust for the Common Lands of Rotherham. An account is given of the purchase of the new lands from Lawrence Woodnett and Antony Collyns in 1584 and of the "fyne levied by the speciall meanes & procurement of the said Willm West", in 1585. Liability for the payment of annual dues to the Crown is acknowledged. The purpose and constitutions of the now enlarged Trust are laid down. "The said lands ... shalbe used and ymployed to diverse good uses as before tyme hath bene accostomed (that is to say) for the relief of the pore people of the said Towne for the manteyning and repayring of Bridges in and about the said towne and for and towards the discharge and contribucion of Fyftenes taxes musters and other comon charges wherewith the said towne of Rotherham and inhabitantes thereof may be charged and in ease and Releife of the pore people of the said towne of Rotherham". Feoffees must be resident in the Township of Rotherham; they cannot hold or speculate in the common lands; when reduced to six in number a new election must be held; two Feoffees, chosen each year by lot, must serve as Common Greaves to collect the rents and make a statement of accounts on Lammas Day in the Parish Church. The common lands are to be leased in periods of twenty one years and for rents not lower than those obtaining in 1589.

Seals of the Feoffees.

16 October, 1605.

II/4/

Decree out of The Exchequer.

Decree implementing the Constat and Draft Report of John Stanley, Deputy Auditor for Yorkshire. Liability for dues from Wickersley and Marr is cancelled and evidence, submitted by Feoffees of payments to royal farmers, Henry Mapleton and Edward Morris, accepted. Regulations are laid down for the payment to the Crown of outstanding arrears and of the annual rent of 38/- at Easter and Michaelmas.

Seal broken.

Enrolled 1 December, 1605. (See I/9/: I/54/2 & 3/)

20 May, 1608.

II/5/

Declaration of Trust (in duplicate).

Second Election.

1) Nicholas Mounteney, gentleman, Robert Okes, Jefferey Woollen, Christofer Tayler, Nicholas Carr and Edward Holland, yeomen, to

2) Franncys Dickenson, Richard Buntin, Thomas Browne, Phillip Fletcher, Richard Burrowes, Franncys West, Lewys West, Thomas Okes, Thomas Taylor, William Shawe, Leonard Rigg and Edward Huchanson.

Account of the history and policy of the Feoffees from the grant of 26 Elizabeth 26 to the Second Election.

New property acquired by Feoffees.

Bargain and Sale with clause of warranty.

Four closes of meadow and pasture at Sawell Hill in Little Dalton, bought from Nicholas Mounteney "at the common charge of the said towne of Rotherham".

Consideration: £108. 7. 5.

(See I/16/).

1 June, 1631.

II/6/

Declaration of Trust (in duplicate).

Third Election.

1) Surviving Feoffees Francis West, gentleman, Phillippe Fletcher, Thomas Okes, Thomas Browne and Leonard Rigg, yeomen, to

2) Richard Mounteney, esquire, William Dickenson, Vicar of Rotherham, Andrew Clayton, gentleman, John Oldfeild, Francis Dickenson, John Burrowes, William Greene, William Stanyforth, William Wright, Henry Revell, Richard Gregg, William Starky.

Account of the history and policy of the Feoffees from the grant of 26 Elizabeth 26 to the Third Election.

7 August, 1657.

II/7/

Declaration of Trust.

Fourth Election.

1) Surviving Feoffees Richard Mounteney, esquire, Henry Revell, yeoman, to

2) Lyonell Copley, esquire, Luke Clayton, Vicar of Rotherham, Charles Tooker, John Malim and Jonathan Staniforth, gentleman, William Mandevile, Richard Tinker, Henry Wilkinson, James Hugall, Ralph Woollen, Christofer Tindall and Thomas Hollis, yeomen.

Account of the history and policy of the Feoffees from the grant of 26 Elizabeth 26 to the Fourth Election. (The body of Feoffees had shrunk to two in number, as two Feoffees had left the Township of Rotherham, it was difficult to hold elections during the period of the Civil Wars and the rest of the Feoffees had died).

20 October, 1677.

II/8/

Declaration of Trust.

Fifth Election.

1) Surviving Feoffees Charles Tooker, John Malim, Jonathan Staniforth, gentlemen, William Mandevile, Woollen Draper, James Hugall and Richard Tinker, yeomen, to

2) Charles Darwent, gentleman, William Smyth, Woollen Draper, James Malim, Apothecary, Joseph Sorsbie, John West, Mercers, William Stevenson, Yeoman, John Towers, Currier, John Bentley, Yeoman, Richard Scholey, Tallow Chandler, John Henfrey, Tobacco pipe maker, John Mandevile, Woollen Draper, and John Winter, Yeoman.

Account of the history and policy of the Feoffees from the grant of 26 Elizabeth 26 to the Fifth Election.

Acquisition of the Tawbutt Inn.

1 March, 1703/04.
Declaration of Trust.

II/9/

Sixth Election.

1) Surviving Feoffees Joseph Sorsbie, John Mandevile, John Winter and John Henfrey, to

2) William Aslabie, Robert Darwent, Charles More, William Laughton, gentleman, George Lord, Apothecary, Phillipp Parke, Graser, Nathaniell Beverley, Innholder, John Clarke, Plummer, George Pashley, Sadler, John Towers, Curryer, Robert Swallow, Malster and William Brooke, Tayler.

Account of the history and policy of the Feoffees from the grant of 26 Elizabeth 26 to the Sixth Election.

New property acquired by Feoffees:

November, 1679. By purchase from George Whiteley a cottage in Potter Hill and several small parcels of meadow and arable land scattered in the Greasbrough fields.

(See I/45/c/).

Consideration £80.

November, 1687. By bequest from Jonathan Staniforth the Elder three messuages at the head of Bridggate, the choice of the property being left to the discretion of Jonathan Staniforth the Younger.

(See I/45/ and /45a).

30 June, 1 July, 1728.
Declaration of Trust: Lease and Release
(Release in duplicate).

II/10

Seventh Election.

1) Surviving Feoffees William Aslabie, gentleman, Nathaniel Beverley, John Clarke, William Brook, to

2) Samuel Busk, Robert Aslabie, gentlemen, Edward Bourne, Apothecary, John Peirson, gentleman, Joseph Sorsbie the younger, Mercer, Richard Oddy, Chandler and Grocer, George Smith, Chandler and Grocer, George Hebden, gentleman, Richard Wharam, Chandler and Grocer, Henry Wilkinson, Yeoman, Thomas Jarvis, Yeoman, Joshua Browne, Innholder.

Account of the history and policy of the Feoffees from the grant of 26 Elizabeth 26 to the Seventh Election.

2 May, 1755.
Declaration of Trust: Lease and Release
(Original documents missing; copy of Release).

II/10/a/

Eighth Election.

1) Surviving Feoffees Edward Bourne and Henry Wilkinson, to

2) Ralph Tunnicliff, Richard Moore, gentlemen, John Cutforthay, Surgeon and Apothecary, John Pearson, Surgeon and Apothecary, Thomas Wheatley, gentleman, William Favill, Chapman, John Wilkinson, Yeoman, John Kay the younger, Yeoman, George Dyson, Innholder, Robert Wilson, Grocer and Tallow Chandler, Josiah Johnson, Plumber and Glazier, and Thomas Scamadine, Butcher.

Account of the history and policy of the Feoffees from the grant of 26 Elizabeth 26 to the Eighth Election.

24/25 December, 1778.

II/11/

Declaration of Trust: Lease and Release.

Ninth Election.

1) Surviving Feoffees Ralph Tunnicliff, John Cutforthay, John Pearson, William Favell, John Kay, Robert Wilson, Joseph Johnson, to

2) Middle Party Charles, Marquis of Rockingham, and Hon. Richard Howard, to

3) New Feoffees Thomas, Earl of Effingham, Samuel Tooker, esquire, Samuel Hallows Hamer, John Foljambe, gentlemen, John Bower, Surgeon and Apothecary, John Clarke, Yeoman, Jacob Boomer, Grocer.

Account of the history and policy of the Feoffees from the grant of 26 Elizabeth 26 to the Ninth Election. New regulations for the election of Feoffees are laid down; each vacancy in the Twelve is to be filled by election within three months of the death of a Feoffee or of his departure from the Township of Rotherham. Property qualifications for electors and candidates are introduced; electors must rent a house within the Township of the annual value of £10, or possess a freehold of the annual value of £2; candidates must own a freehold within the Township of the annual value of £20. A detailed list of twenty-eight properties now held by the Feoffees is given with the new consolidated holdings acquired by the Rotherham and Masbrough Enclosure Acts, 1764 and 1765. Building leases can be extended to forty-two years.

New buildings erected by the Feoffees:

Town Hall, Charity School in the Beast Market, with a house for the School Master, Bartholomew Rotherham, but activities of Feoffees restricted by taxes.

7/8 January, 1795.

II/12/

Declaration of Trust: Lease and Release.

Tenth Election.

1) Surviving Feoffees Robert Wilson, Joseph Johnson the Elder, Samuel Tooker, Jacob Boomer and John Clarke.

2) Middle Party Rt. Hon. William Wentworth, Earl Fitzwilliam, Rev. John Carver of Morthen.

3) New Feoffees Rt. Hon. Richard, Earl of Effingham, Joshua Walker, esquire, John Oxley, Butcher, John Coupland, Wine Merchant, James Wilkinson, Surgeon, Joseph Johnson the Younger, Plumber and Glazier, William Jubb, Mercer, Joseph Flint, Grocer.

Account of the history and policy of the Feoffees from the grant of 26 Elizabeth 26 to the Tenth Election.

New building erected by the Feoffees: the new Market House in the Old Sheep Market.

2/3 December, 1811.

II/13/

Declaration of Trust: Lease and Release.

Eleventh Election.

1) Surviving Feoffees Rt. Hon. Richard, Earl of Effingham, Joshua Walker and John Oxley.

2) Middle Party Charles William, Viscount Milton and Samuel Walker, esquire.

3) New Feoffees Rev. Thomas Bayliffe, Clerk, Joseph Turner, Surgeon and Apothecary, Robert Clarke, Wine Merchant, Thomas Carnelley the Elder, gentleman, Thomas Downes, Innkeeper, William Pullin, Butcher, George Harvey, Wine Merchant, John Lambert, Mercer, and Thomas Hattersley, Butcher.

Summary of the chief events in the history of the Trust from 26 Elizabeth 26 and in greater detail of the deeds from II/11/ 24 December, 1778 to the Eleventh Election.

Note of two building leases of forty-two years: Messrs. Beatson & Co., Chymists, Masbrough, 1798 and Abraham Twigg, Yeoman, Masbrough. Further development of property acquired by enclosures, and rebuilding of the Free School House and subscription to the Dispensary.

6/7 November, 1817.

II/14/

Declaration of Trust: Lease and Release.

Twelfth Election.

1) Surviving Feoffees John Oxley, Robert Clarke, Thomas Downes, George Harvey, John Lambert and Thomas Hattersley.

2) Middle Party Rt. Hon. Charles William, Viscount Milton and Samuel Walker, esquire.

3) New Feoffees Kenneth, Lord Howard of Effingham, John Adams, Grocer, Thomas Bagshaw, Butcher, Charles Nightingale, Grocer, Francis Squire, Currier, Charles Saville, Liquor Merchant.

Summary of the chief events in the history of the Trust from 26 Elizabeth 26 and in greater detail of the deeds from II/11/ 24 December, 1778, to the Twelfth Election.

14/15 June, 1828.

II/15/

Declaration of Trust: Lease and Release.

Thirteenth Election.

1) Rt. Hon. Charles William, Viscount Milton and Samuel Walker, esquire.

2) Surviving Feoffees Robert Clarke, John Lambert, Kenneth, Lord Howard of Effingham, John Adams, Thomas Bagshaw, Charles Nightingale, Francis Squire.

3) John Fullerton, esquire, and Rev. John Lowe, Clerk.

4) New Feoffees John Fisher, gentleman, William Earnshaw, Draper, Edward Pagdin, gentleman, John Roodhouse, gentleman, Robert Bentley, Brewer, John Nightingale, Wine Merchant.

Summary of the chief events in the history of the Trust from 26 Elizabeth 26 and in greater detail of the deeds from II/11 24 December, 1778, to the Thirteenth Election; mining rights defined.

New buildings erected by the Feoffees: Town Hall, 1825; Dispensary, 1827.

23 April, 1850.
Deed of Gift.

II/15/a/

- 1) Robert Bentley, esquire, to
- 2) The Feoffees of the Common Lands of Rotherham.

Three sums of £2,500, £400 and £100 to be invested by the Feoffees in trustee securities, the interest to be spent each year on three charities, defined in the deed:-

Interest from £2,500 to be divided equally between six poor men and four poor women, who are resident within the Township of Rotherham and who for a year have not received parish relief.

Interest from £400 to be given to the Treasurer of Rotherham Dispensary.

Interest from £100 to be given to the Treasurer of the Wesleyan Benevolent Society.

None of the Feoffees to be answerable for involuntary losses.

17 January, 1851.
Declaration of Trust.

II/16/

Fourteenth Election.

1) Surviving Feoffees Charles Nightingale and John Nightingale.

2) Middle Party The Hon. and Rev. William Howard of Whiston, Clerk, and John Fullerton of Thrybergh Park, esquire.

3) New Feoffees Rt. Hon. Henry, Earl of Effingham, Henry Walker, esquire, Thomas Badger, gentleman, William Glossop, gentleman, Thomas Didsbury, Corn Merchant, John Aldred, Manufacturing Chymist, John Booth, Currier, Joseph Badger, gentleman, Thomas Wheatley, Corn Merchant, Robert Bentley, gentleman, Common Brewer.

Summary of the chief events in the history of the Trust from 26 Elizabeth 26 and in greater detail of the deeds from II/11/ 24 December, 1778, to the Fourteenth Election.

List of eight building leases for forty-two years.

1 January, 1862.
Declaration of Trust.

II/17/

Fifteenth Election.

1) Surviving Feoffees Rt. Hon. Henry, Earl of Effingham, Thomas Badger, Joseph Badger, Robert John Bentley.

2) Middle Party Thomas Bosvile, esquire, and George Wilton Chambers, esquire.

3) New Feoffees Henry Woodhead, Corn Merchant, Charles Leach Coward, gentleman, Benjamin Robinson, Doctor of Medicine, Joseph Auburn, Wine Merchant, Edward Robinson, Surgeon, John Law, Mercer and Draper, George Hayward, Stove Grate Manufacturer, William Owen, Ironfounder.

Summary of the chief events in the history of the Trust from 26 Elizabeth 26 and in greater detail of the deeds from II/11/ 24 December, 1778, to the Fifteenth Election.

New building erected by the Feoffees: Grammar School.

17 December, 1874.
Declaration of Trust.

II/18/

Sixteenth Election.

1) Surviving Feoffees Rt. Hon. Henry, Earl of Effingham, Joseph Badger, Robert John Bentley, Henry Woodhead, Edward Robinson, John Law, George Haywood, William Owen.

2) Middle Party Henry Jubb, esquire, and John Oxley, gentleman.

3) New Feoffees John Guest, gentleman, Thomas Wright Badger, gentleman, Henry Wigfield, Mercer and Draper, George Eskholme, Brass Manufacturer.

Summary of the chief events in the history of the Trust from 26 Elizabeth 26 and in greater detail of the deeds from II/11/ 24 December, 1778, to the Sixteenth Election.

List of thirty-seven properties now owned by the Feoffees.

18 January, 1878.
Declaration of Trust.

II/19/

Seventeenth Election.

1) Surviving Feoffees: the list as above except for the omission of the names of Joseph Badger and Robert John Bentley.

2) New Feoffees Robert Marsh, Solicitor, and Joseph Wells, Dyer.

New election necessary after four years, because Robert John Bentley was certified as a lunatic in 1873 and Joseph Badger had died.

Feoffees' property now listed under two headings - "The First Schedule", "The Second Schedule".

New buildings: "All those three newly erected ... Dwellinghouses and Shops situate at the junction of College Street and Bridgegate".

30 November, 1894.
Declaration of Trust.

II/20/

Eighteenth Election.

1) Surviving Feoffees George Eskholme, Robert Marsh and Joseph Wells.

2) New Feoffees George Neill, Iron and Steel Manufacturer, Charles John Stoddart, Iron and Steel Manufacturer, John Mason, Jeweller, William Roberts, Retired Brass Founder, James Jenkins, Grocer and Spirit Merchant, John Cox, Clothier, Wilfrid Louis Bertram Hirst, Common Brewer, and Arthur Percy Hirst, Wine and Spirit Merchant.

3) Party Three Surviving and New Feoffees.

Shortened form of Declaration of Trust in which the historical preamble and details about earlier elections are omitted, but the purposes of the Trust are still defined, though more briefly and in general terms. It is laid down that the Feoffees are "To hold all the said hereditaments ... To such uses, intents and purposes as the majority of the Feoffees ... shall from time to time deem most useful and beneficial to the Inhabitants of the said Town of Rotherham and for no other uses intent or purposes whatsoever".

(See II/3/).

Reservation to Feoffees of mining rights.

24 January, 1908.
Declaration of Trust.

II/21/

Nineteenth Election.

1) Surviving Feoffees Robert Marsh, Charles John Stoddart, John Mason, John Cox, Wilfrid Louis Bertram Hirst.

2) New Feoffees Henry Crank, Currier, George Gummer, Brass Founder, Charles Herbert Moss, Chartered Accountant, Richard Corker, gentleman, George Henry Lodge, Surgeon Dentist, George Noble, Licensed Victualler, Frederick Schonhut, Pork Butcher, and George Clarke, gentleman.

3) Party Three Surviving and New Feoffees.

Shortened form of Declaration of Trust with more detail about the elections of new Feoffees since the last Trust Deed II/20/

Purposes of the Trust defined.

Schedule of property owned by the Feoffees.

14 August, 1914.
Declaration of Trust.

II/22/

Twentieth Election.

1) Surviving Feoffees Henry Crank, George Gummer, Charles Herbert Moss, George Henry Lodge, George Clarke.

2) New Feoffees Peter Bancroft Coward, Solicitor, Daniel Mullins, Brewers' Manager, William Dyson, Wheel and Axle Manufacturer, William Hastings, Cabinet Maker, Henry Ernest Knight, Surgeon, and Robert John Fawcett, Grocer and Provision Dealer.

3) Party Three Surviving and New Feoffees.

Purposes of the Trust defined.

Schedule of property owned by the Feoffees.

Other Title Documents

Wednesday next after St. Mark
the Evangelist, 1328.
Grant.

See I/22/

1) John de Lemer, Chaplain, to

2) Hugh de Ponay and Laurence, his son, and their heirs and assigns.

All his lands and tenements with crops and corn in Rotherham.

Witnesses: William de Sapreton, John de Mapples, Junior, and John de Mapples, Senior, William Syward, Thomas Elinor, Thomas de Wynteworth, Simeon (?), John de Shad (?), Clerk, and others.

Enclosure in Edward Worrall's lease, p.21.

(Latin)

9 April, 1440.
Grant with clause of warranty.

I/A/

1) Katerine Clogh, Widow of John Mersburgh of Rotherham, to

2) William Dobson, her son, and Agnes, his wife.

A messeuage in Milngate, (Millgate: bounds described) and for the rent of 10d. another messeuage in the same street.

(Latin)

10 May, 1514. I/50/6
 (6 Henry VIII)
 Grant. (On the outer page of copy of Thomas Reresby's will:
 see Wills).

1) Thomas Reresby, gentleman, to
 2) Feoffees Robert West, gentleman, William Swift,
 gentleman, Richard Okes, William Okes, Roger Hardy, Robert
 Brownhill.

A messuage, twenty seven acres of land, four acres of
 meadow and six acres of pasture in Denyby.
 (Latin)

12 October, 1584. I/5/
 Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

1) Feoffees, to
 2) Richard Bonner, Corviser.

"One mesuage ... in Briggate lying betwene the landes of
 the quenes Majesty westward & Briggate aforesaid southestward
 butting ... upon the landes of Robert Swyfte, esquire,
 Southwestwarde. And one gatehouse or stable to the Mesuage
 belonging in Briggate ..."

Rent: 26/8 p.a.
 (See I/13: I/26/c: I/40/: I/43/b/)

12 October, 1584. I/6/
 Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

1) Feoffees, to
 2) Leonard Browne, Cutler (?)

"the Netherend of the close ... called westgate end close ...
 conteyning ... half an acre or more of meadowe ... havinge
 conveynient waye through the same netherend to the upperend of
 the same close at all tymes conveynient ..."

Rent: 26/8 p.a.
 (See I/14/c/)

12 October, 1584. III/2/1/
 Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

1) Feoffees, to
 2) Robert Byncliff, Innkeeper.

"one mesuage ... called the Talbot sytuat in ... Spark
 lane ... & one acre of arable land lying in Cancklowefield with
 one acre one rod & half a rode of medowe lying in severall places
 that is to saye in Naar fallowinges Castleforth sycke Bentymore
 & westgate end croft ..."

Rent: 55/6 p.a.
 (See III/1/11/: III/2/8/: III/2/11/: III/2/18/)

12 October, 1584. III/2/7/
 Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

1) Feoffees, to
 2) Robert Cawthorne, Butcher.

"fower acres & one rode of arrable land & fyve acres
 & half a rode of meadowe in Rotherham aforesaid & Brinsforth ...
 lying in severall places ... & in Bradmershe meadowe & in one
 close thereunto adioyninge in Bradmershe".

Rent: 52/2 p.a.

12 October, 1584.

I/5/a/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Robert Oldham, Corviser.

"One message ... & one gardyn ... in ... Briggate lying betwene the landes of the Quenes Majestie & Thomas Inman westwardes & Briggate southwestwarde butting upon the landes of the quenes majestie & ... the landes of the Right Honourable Anne Lady Dowager Talbot Northeastwarde".

Rent: 30/-.

12 October, 1584.

III/2/5/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Henry Pyttes, Mason.

Two acres of arable land and five and three quarter acres of meadow "lying in severall places" in the common fields of Rotherham.

Rent: 41/3.

12 October, 1584.

III/2/6/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Gyles Robinsonne, Husbandman.

"one acre & one halfe acre & halfe a rode or more of meadowe ... in Rotherham & brynsforth ..."

Rent: 12/-.

12 October, 1584.

III/2/3/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) John Shawe the elder, Butcher.

"three rodes of land one acre & half a rode of meadowe ... or ther aboute in Rotherham & Brinsforth ... lying in severall places ... in Ilemyres gallotrehill syde nare fallowynges castleforth sicke Thornhill sicke ... & in Bradmarshe close ..."

Rent: 11/6 p.a.

12 October, 1584.

I/4/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Robert Shawe, Horse Shower.

"One mesuage ... in Westgate & one rode of meadowe ... in a place called Castleforth sicke".

Rent: 28/10 p.a.

12 October, 1584.

III/2/4/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Richard Slack, Husbandman.

"one Mesuage in Rotherham ... in ... westgate ... & three acres and three rodes of arable land & three rodes of meadowe lying in several places ... Gallowtreehill whynnie more Cranocarre & Bromehill".

Consideration: 20/-.

Rent: 17/6 p.a.

12 October, 1584.

I/5/b/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) William Swayne, Fletcher.

"one mesuage ... in ... Briggate standing upon the Southeast of the ladys Bridge there & one gardyn & a little croft ... containing half an acre of meadowe lying within the town ship of Kymberworth ... betweene Rawmarshelane eastwarde Gresbroke lane northwarde ... upon the lande of Thomas Reresbye esquier westward ..."

Rent 20/- p.a.

12 October, 1584.

III/2/2/

Least (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Robert Wilson, yeoman.

"one cotage in Rotherham ... in ... westgate ... & one gardin on the backside thereof one barne in ... wellgate & croft wherein yt standeth & three rodes of arable land ... in Cancklowefeild & one acre & one rode of land in Marsbroughe...in mowesley feild there next morewood stables & three rodes & one quarter ... of meadowe in Bradmarshe ... in a place there called the Swyne holes ..."

Rent: 43/4 p.a.

10 October, 1585.

I/50/c/

(27 Eliz. Octave Michaelmas)

Final Concord.

- 1) William West, William Blythe, Richard Burrowes and Henry Browne (plaintiffs), to
- 2) Antony Collins, esquire (deforciants).

Four messuages, nine cottages, three barns, five gardens, fifty acres of land, thirty acres of meadow, ten acres of pasture and common in Rotherham, Denyby, Brinsforth, Marsbrough and Kymberworth.

Party (1) to pay Party (2) £150 for the confirmation.

20 September, 1587.

I/7/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Robert Colly, Carpenter.

"one mesuage ... in Marsburghe (Masbrough) & one gardyn ..."

Rent: 12/- p.a.

26 May, 1589.

I/2/

Lease (Counterpart) for 16 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Hughe Watson, Barber, and Ellen, his wife.

"One mesuage ... in westgate ... and two acres & a half of arrable land ... in ... Cancklowefeild with the Quarrellhill there & three roodes of medowe ... in a place called Cannow carre." (Crown Carr)

Rent: 4l/4.
(See I/14/b/)

11 August, 1590.

I/8/

Grant.

- 1) Christopher Grene of Ferribrige (Ferrybridge), Butcher, to
- 2) Michael Okes, Roper.

"half a message ... in Dalton or Little Dalton ... & one croft adjoining the same message (& eleven acres of land of meadow & pasture ...)"

Rent: eleven pence farthing p.a.
(See III/3/3/)

12 February, 1592/93.

I/1/

Exemplification of a Common Recovery.

- 1) Leonard Reresby and Richard Slacke, (plaintiffs) v.
- 2) Thomas Woodhouse, William Fletcher, Robert Willson and Robert Worrall, (deforciant).

A message, ten gardens, twenty acres of land, with meadow and common of pasture in Rotherham, Marsburghe and Kymberworthe. Vouchees: Thomas Reresby, Richard Humfrye.

Seal: Court of Common Pleas.

10 May, 1596.

I/10/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Robert Worrall.

"one message ... in Briggate upon the southwest of the lady Brig there & one gardyn & a little croft ..."

Consideration: £5.

Rent: 20/- p.a.
(See I/22/)

22 December, 1597.

III/3/1/

Feoffment - with clause of warranty.

- 1) George Lynley, yeoman, to
- 2) Richard Rawson, Tanner.

A close called "Sawell Sicke" with one acre of land in Little Dalton. (bounds described)

(Latin)
(See I/12/, I/12/a)

22 December, 1597.

I/11/

Bond.

George Lynley bound to Richard Rawson in £31 for performance of a covenant, viz. the bargain and sale of a close in Little Dalton, called Sawell Sicke. (see above)

Easter, 1598 (40 Eliz.)
Final Concord.

I/12/

- 1) Nicholas Mounteney and Thomas Woodhouse (plaintiffs)
- 2) Richard and Katharine Rawson (deforciantes).

"three acres of meadow & three acres of pasture ...
in Dalton alias Dalton parva". Party (1) to pay Party (2)
£40 for the confirmation.

10 January, 1600/1
Bargain and Sale with clause of warranty.

I/12/a/ and
III/3/2/

- 1) Richard Rawson, Tanner, to
- 2) Nicholas Mounteney and Thomas Woodhouse, gentlemen.

"four closes ... containing ... eight acres of meadow &
pasture ... lying within the village ... of Dalton otherwise
Little Dalton ... known by the name of Sawell Hill & adjoining
a stream called Dalton Brook," each purchaser to possess half the
property.

Consideration: £108.

10 January, 1600/1.
Bond.

I/12/b/

Richard Rawson, Tanner, bound to Nicholas Mounteney
and Thomas Woodhouse, gentlemen, in £260 for performance of
a covenant in an indenture bearing even date.

13 January, 1605/06.
Bargain and Sale.

I/13/b/

- 1) Thomas West of Firbecke, gentleman, to
- 2) Francis West, gentleman.

"One Capitall Messuage ... in the highe street there
adjoining to the Church stile & butting upon the lands of
the Kings Majestie ... (bounds described). And one
cottage ... adjoining to the Churchyard there ..." and
the chief rents of three messuages: one in Briggate, one
in Highe Street called "The Harte" and one adjoining the
latter, called "The Crowne".

Consideration: £50.

16 October, 1605.
Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

I/13/a/

- 1) Thomas Barton of Cawton in Rydale, esquire, to
- 2) Jennett Ellis, widow.

"One messuage in ... Mylnegate (Millgate) ... nowe in
the occupacion of the sayd Jennett Ellis ..."

Consideration: £4.

Rent: 24/- p.a.

27 November, 1605.
Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

I/13/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) William Bonner, Corviser.

"One messuage & a folde or Curtolage in Briggate ...
(bounds described) And also one gatehouse nowe used as &
for a shoemakers shoppe ..."

Consideration: £4. 3. 4.

Rent: 20/- p.a.

27 November, 1605.

III/2/8/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Robert Bylcliffe, Innholder.

"All that Mesuage ... knowne by the name or signe of the Talbott ... in ... Sparkelane neere Westgate ... And also one Crofte in Wellgate with the Barne thereupon lately erected" and about four acres of arable and meadow land scattered in the common fields of Rotherham.

Consideration: £11.13.4.

Rent: £5.0.0.

27 November, 1605.

I/13/c/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Richard Slack, yeoman.

"One mesuage ... in ... Wellgate ... And also fower acres & three Roodes of land & meadowe ... lyeing ... in severall places within the townefields & territoryes of Rotherham ... two acres thereof ... betweene ... Baddesley more eastwards & Rotherham more westwards & the lands of the right honourable Gilbert Earle of Shrewsbury northwards & of Sir Robert Swift knight southwards" (bounds described in detail).

Consideration: £6.13.4.

Rent: 40/- p.a.

(See I/26/ & 26/b/)

10 September, 1606.

I/14/e/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Thomas Aldam, Blacksmith, and James Aldam, his son.

"One cottage in ... Briggate".

Rent: 34/- p.a.

(See I/27/b/)

10 September, 1606.

I/14/b/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Thomas Barley, yeoman.

A mesuage in Westgate and three and a quarter acres of land scattered in the common fields.

Consideration: 40/-.

Rent: 53/4 p.a.

10 September, 1606.

I/14/d/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Richard Bell, Chaundler.

"One mesuage ... in ... Westgate. And also one half Rood of Meadow ... in ... castleforth sike."

Rent: 35/8 p.a.

(See I/28/)

10 September, 1606.
Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

I/41/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) John Collye, Cutler, and Alice, his wife.

"One Mesuage ... in the west end of the towne of Marsburghe (Masbrough) And one garden thereunto adioyning ... being on the north side ..."

Rent: 20/-.
(See I/7/; I/28/c/)

10 September, 1606.
Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

I/14/c/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Thomas Colt, Ironmonger.

The nether end of Westgate end close with half an acre of meadow. "And three parts of one meadowe close in Brynsforth (Brinsworth) Lordshipp ... And also one Acre & a halfe of meadowe ... in Farrfallowinge ..."

Rent: 26/8 p.a.
(See I/6/)

10 September, 1606.
Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

I/14/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Jennett Ellys, widow.

"Two houses in Mylnegate (Millgate) ... conteyning eyther of them one bay, And one gardyn and one Dunghill shede there ..."

Rent: 2d p.a.

10 September, 1606.
Lease and Counterpart for 21 years.

I/14/f/;
I/15/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Nicholas Holmes, Dyer.

"All that cotage ... in ... Mylnegate ... except such parcells thereof as are allredy demised to Jennett Ellis".

Rent: 45/- p.a.

10 September, 1606.
Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

III/2/10/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Anne Letchforthe, widow.

"All that Cotage ... in westgate ... wherein she nowe dwelleth with a gardyne" and two and a half acres of arable and meadow land in the common fields of Cancklowe, Bradmarshe and Masbrughe (Masbrough).

Rent: 34/- p.a.
(See III/2/12/)

10 September, 1606.
Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

I/14/a/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) John Pitte, Maller, Isabell, his wife, and France, his daughter.

Small pieces of arable and meadow lands, about two acres in all, scattered in the common fields of Rotherham.

Rent: 14/- p.a.

10 September, 1606.
Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

III/2/9/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Anthony Rogers, Mercer.

Small pieces of arable and meadow land, about ten acres in all, scattered in the common fields of Rotherham.

Rent: £4.0.0. p.a.

13 April, 1607.
Quitclaim.

I/50/a/ (1)

- 1) Raphe Wollen, Felmonger, to
- 2) Jefferey Woollen, his son.

A messuage in Rotherham, "adioyning to the Churchyard".

4 May, 1607.
Bargain and Sale with clauses of warranty.

I/15/a/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Sir Thomas Reresbye of Thribarghe (Thrybergh).

Summary of the main facts concerning the Denaby lands from the Letters Patent, 26 Elizabeth 26, to their conveyance to the twelve Feoffees in fee simple: twenty seven acres of land, four acres of meadow and six acres of pasture. The Feoffees warrant separately.

Consideration: £83.0.0.

28 March, 1608.
Deed establishing a Trust with clause of warranty.

III/3/3/

- 1) Robert Okes, yeoman, to
- 2) Nicholas Mounteney, gentleman, and Francis Dickenson, yeoman.

Appointment of Nicholas Mounteney and Francis Dickenson as Feoffees in Trust for the administration of the yearly revenue arising from the moiety of a messuage in Dalton, consisting of one croft and eleven acres of meadow and pasture.

(For terms of bequests see Wills).

20 May, 1608.
Reference in Trust Deeds to Bargain and Sale of the Sawell Closes in Little Dalton with clause of warranty.

II/5/

- 1) Nicholas Mounteney, gentleman, to
- 2) The Feoffees.

"Foure closes lying together in Dalton alias little Dalton ... at a place there commonly called Sawell hill adioyning to Dalton brook": eight acres.

Consideration: £108.7.5.

20 May, 1608.
Bond.

I/16/

Nicholas Mountney, gentleman, bound in £220 to the Feoffees for the performance of a covenant, viz. the bargain and sale to the Feoffees of four closes on Sawell Hill in Little Dalton for £108.7.6.

4 April, 1610.
Lease (Counterpart) for 20 years.

I/17/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Richard Gillot, Butcher.

Four closes of meadow and pasture, containing eight acres in all, in Little Dalton.

Rent: £5.6.8.

15 February, 1612/13.
Bond.

I/50/a/ (ii)

Geoffrey Woollen bound in £140 to Humfrey Goodwyn for performance of a covenant in an indenture bearing even date.

10 March, 1612/13.
Feoffment, with clause of warranty.

I/50/a/ (2)

- 1) Geoffrey Woollen, Fellmonger, to
- 2) Humfrey Goodwyn of Raumershe (Rawmarsh), yeoman.

A messuage called "Le Carrytt" in Rotherham (bounds described), sold to Goodwyn on February 15 last.
(Latin).

14 June, 1613.
Grant with clause of warranty.

I/18/

- 1) Francis West, gentleman, to
- 2) Thomas Cock of Tynslowe (Tinsley), yeoman.

Parcel of forty nine yards of arable land in Canklowefield (bounds described), for the rent of 12d., and with liability for upkeep of temporary fencing each year before harvest in order to protect Francis West's property. Thomas Cock "to make sett manteyne & uphold one sufficient yate with stoopes & other necessaryes ... for the place where he hath lately sett one new yate called Cankelowe Lydyate ... betwene the grounde of the said Francis West east warde & west warde for the safe gard or fencing of the said feild ... at such tymes as the same feild shall be sowed with Corne & untill the same shall be reaped ... according to the custome & usage of the said feild ..."

Rent: 12d p.a.

20 January, 1617/18.
Mortgage.

I/19/

- 1) Loan of £21 by Francis Dickenson, yeoman, to
- 2) Thomas Cock of Tinslowe.

On the security of the property described in I/18/ and of a cottage recently built on this land.

2 November, 1618.

I/20/

Quitclaim of lands hitherto held in trust.

- 1) Thomas West of Doncaster, gentleman, to
- 2) Francis West, gentleman.

Cession of cottages and other property in Rotherham (yielding a yearly rent of £4.16.0.), which had belonged to the Chantry of the Cross and which, with the exception of one recently sold, are described in detail.

13 March, 1619/20.

I/21/

Bond.

Francis West, gentleman, and Nicholas, his son, bound in £80 to John Shawe of Wincobanke, yeoman, for the performance of a covenant, viz. bargain and sale of two cottages in Rotherham in an indenture bearing even date.

7 June, 1620.

I/22/a/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) John Shawe of Wincobank, yeoman, to
- 2) Grace Ward, widow.

"All that Mesuage or cottage whereon shée the said Grace now inhabiteth ... being over against & southwards from the Shambles neere to the markett place ... lately in the tenure ... of William Warde ..."

Rent: 20/- p.a.

4 August, 1620.

I/22/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Edward Worrall, Sheather, and Elizabeth, his wife.

A messuage and croft in Bridgegate near Lady's Bridge, and another croft "lying within the Lordshippe of Kimberworth ... between Raumarsh lane there eastwardes Gresbrooke lane there westwardes & the lands of Sara Bunting westwardes & the lordes wastes there southwardes. And also one stable standing in Briggate aforesaid over & adioyning to the brooke running through the east side of the said streete..."

Rent: 33/4 p.a.

(see p. 11 for enclosure and I/10).

1 October, 1621.

I/23 and I/23/a/

Lease and Counterpart for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Edward Adamson, yeoman.

"One medow croft ... in Welgate in Rotherham ... next adioyninge to St. James Chappell yeard southwarde ..."

Rent: 33/4 p.a.

10 October, 1621.

I/23/d/

Bargain and Sale.

- 1) Francis West, gentleman, to
- 2) John Shawe "of the Cyttie of Yorke", yeoman.

"All that Mesuage ... in ... Mylnegate head ... belonging late in the tenure ... of Jennett Ellys ... & sometymes parcell of the lands of the late dissolved Chantry of the Cross in the parish Church of Rotherham": now in the tenure of Richard Fletcher.

Consideration: £29.10.0.

(See I/13/a/)

10 October, 1621.
Bond.

I/23/b/

Francis West, gentleman, and his son, Nicholas, bound in £60 to John Shawe of York for performance of a covenant, viz. the bargain and sale of a messuage in an indenture bearing even date.

(See I/23/d/)

10 October, 1621.
Receipt.

I/23/c/

Receipt for purchase of messuage described in I/23/d/).

(Latin)

20 June, 1622.
Lease (Counterpart) for 31 years.

I/24/

- 1) John Shawe of the Citie of York, yeoman, to
- 2) Richard Fletcher, Tailor

"All that messuage ... in ... Millne gate head lately in the tenure ... of Jennet Ellis."

Rent: 40/- p.a.

(See I/23/d/)

20 November, 1622.
Lease and Counterpart for the remainder of 21 years.

I/24/a & b/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) William Hall, Carpenter, part tenant with Nicholas and Isabell Holmes and Henrie Ellys.

The messuage in Millgate described above in I/24/.

Rent: 40/- p.a.

4 July, 1625.
Quitclaim.

I/25/

- 1) Alice Rogers of Kimberworth, widow, to
- 2) Rafe Smithe, yeoman, and Peeter Heardson, Carpenter.

"All that her Third parte joynture ... whatsoever of in or to all those twe cottages ... in Jesus Gate ... between the Tent, now in the ocupacion of Robt Cousen & the Messuage ... late Willm Ingle."

27 December, 1625.
Inquisition taken by John Savile Esq., Escheator, quoting the will of John Shawe of Rotherham, yeoman.

I/25/a/

For bequests of property held in Rotherham see Wills and Inquisitions.

19 February, 1626/27.
Bond.

I/26/a/

William Riche, Carpenter, and Robert Senior, yeoman,
bound in £5 to the Feoffees for performance of a covenant
in indentures bearing even date.

20 February, 1626/27.
Lease for 21 years.

I/26/c/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Richard Bonner, Corviser.

A messuage in Briggate with a curtolage, "between the
same streete eastwarde & the lands of the Kings Matie
westwards & butting upon other the comon lande of Rotherham
northwardes ..." in definition of the southern bounds mention
is made of the lands of the King and of Sir Robert Swift.
"And also one gatehouse now used as & for a shoemakers shoppe ..."

Rent: 26/8 p.a.

(See I/5/; I/13/; I/40/; I/43/b/)

20 February, 1626/27.
Lease and Counterpart for 21 years.

III/2/11/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Thomas Brodebent, Inholder.

A messuage called "The Talbott" in Sparke Lane, near
Westgate, and about four acres of arable and meadow land scattered
in the common fields of Rotherham.

Consideration: 20 marks.

Rent: £5.0.0. p.a.

(See III/2/1; III/2/8/; III/2/18/)

20 February, 1626/27.
Lease and Counterpart for 21 years.

I/26/ and I/26/b/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Henry Slacke, Shoemaker.

A messuage in Wellgate and four acres, three roods
of land and meadow "lying in severall places within the Towne
feilde & territories of Rotherham": in definition of bounds
mention of the Erle of Shrewsburye and Sir Robt Swifte.

Consideration: £6.13.4.

Rent: 40/- p.a.

(See I/13/c/)

20 January, 1627/28.
Bargain and Sale.

I/27/e/

- 1) Thomas Cock of Tynsley (Tinsley), yeoman, to
- 2) Charles Tooker, gentleman.

"All that messuage ... on the Eastsyde of the new
dwelling house of Francis West ... at in or nere a place
there comonly called Canklowe Moregate also Canklowe
Lydgate ..."

Consideration: £90: "ffowerscore & Tenn poundes".

20 January, 1627/28.
Bond.

I/27/

Thomas Cock of Tynsley (Tinsley), yeoman, bound in £180 to Charles Tooker, gentleman, for performance of a covenant in an indenture bearing even date.

(See I/27/e/)

30 January, 1627/28.

I/27/d/

Lease (Counterpart) for 31 years.

1) Antony Goodwyn of Rawmershe (Rawmarsh), Clarke, Humfrey Goodwyn, yeoman, George Waynewright, John Pawson of Ecclesfield (Ecclesfield), to

2) Richard Marryott of Bawtree (Bawtry), yeoman.

"All those two cotages ... and twelve acres of arrable medowe & pasture ground ... in Bawtree & Austerfeile ..."

Rent: £4.0.0. p.a.

23 May, 1627.

I/27/b/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

1) Feoffees, to

2) James Aldam, Blacksmith, and Jane, his wife.

"One cottage in ... Briggate ..."

Rent: 34/- p.a.

(See I/14/e/)

23 May, 1627.

I/27/a/

Lease for 21 years

1) Feoffees, to

2) Elizabeth Bothom, widow, and James and Jonathan

Bothom, her sons.

"One mesuage ... in Westgate. And two acres & a half of arrable land ... in Canklowfeild. And also three roods of medowe ... in Crowney Carre (Crown Carr)."

Consideration: 40/-.

Rent: 4 marks p.a.

23 May, 1627.

III/2/12/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

1) Feoffees, to

2) William Letchworth of Welbeck, yeoman.

"All that Cotage ... in Westgate ... late in the occupacion of Anne Letchworth his mother deceased with a gardin thereunto adioyning ... & three roodes of arrable land by estimacion in Canklowfeild there extending overthwarte the hie way there And also one acre of arrable land in Mowsley Feild in Marsburghe (Masbrough) ... And also three roods of medowe ... in Bradmarshe ..."

Consideration: 20/-

Rent: 34/- p.a.

(See III/2/10/)

23 May, 1627.

I/27/c/

Lease for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Isabell Pitte, widow.

Parcels of arable and meadow land "lying within the territories of Rotherham", about two acres in all.

Rent: 14/- p.a.

(See I/14/a/)

23 May, 1627.

III/2/13/

Lease and Counterpart for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Antony Rogers Thelder, Mercer.

Three closes of meadow in Crowney carre (Crown Carr), containing four acres of meadow, and various small pieces of meadow and arable land scattered in the common fields of Rotherham, about nine acres in all.

Consideration: 40/-.

Rent: £4.0.0. p.a.

(See III/2/9)

28 November, 1628.

III/2/14/

Quitclaim with clause of warranty.

- 1) Francis Dickenson the Elder, Woollendrapper, to
- 2) Charles Tooker, gentleman.

A message on the east side of Francis West's house in Cancklowe Moregate, now in the tenure of Charles Tooker and which "Thomas Cock heretofore purchased or had of the Graunt ... of the said Francis West & of one Thomas West of Doncaster gent ... & which the said Francis Dickenson latelie had of the Graunt or mortgage of the said Thomas Cock whoe hathe sithence absolutelie redeemed the same".

(See I/27/c/)

13 March, 1629/30.

I/28/a/

Bargain and sale.

- 1) Francis West, gentleman, to
- 2) John Shawe of Wincobanke, yeoman.

"All that cotage ... on the west side of the Churchyarde there now in the ... occupacon of Barnerd Benson butting on a Cotage ... of Humfrey Goodwyn's called the Garrett southwarde on a tenement of Sir Robert Suyft knight northwarde Which the said Francis West lately purchased ... of Thomas West gente And also all that ... dwelling house ... in the markt stede (?) now in the occupacon of one Grace Warde widowe ... situate on the south side of the Town (?) Rowe here on against the Shambles & adioyning to the lande of the right honourable William Erle of Pembroke westwarde & the lande of one Carr eastwarde." This last property was purchased by Thomas and Francis West with other lands "of Francis Morice esquire & Francis Phelips gentleman the Kings Maties patentees, & sometymes was parcell of the lande of the late dissolved Chauntree of the Crosse in the parish Church of Rotherham ..."

Consideration: £40.

10 June, 1629.
Lease and Counterpart for 20 years.

I/28/ and I/28/b/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Richard Bell, Chaundler.

A messuage in Westgate and about four acres, one and a half roods of arable and meadow land scattered in the common fields of Rotherham.

Consideration: 20/-.
Rent: £3.6.8.
(See I/14/d; I/37/a/)

10 June, 1629.
Lease (Counterpart) for 20 years.

I/28/c/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Frannces Treeton of Masburghe (Masbrough), widow.

A messuage in the west end of Masbrough with a garden on the north side.

Consideration: 20/-.
Rent: 20/- p.a.
(See I/7/; I/41/)

26 July, 1629.
Bond.

I/28/d/

Charles Tooker, gentleman, bound in £100 to William Dickenson of Wincobank, yeoman, for the performance of a covenant, viz. payment of a mortgage raised on a messuage in Rotherham for £50 and redeemable at £58.

27 July, 1629.
Mortgage with clause of warranty.

III/2/15/

Loan of £50 by

- 1) William Dickenson of Wincobank, yeoman, to
- 2) Charles Tooker, gentleman.

Secured on a messuage on the east side of Francis West's dwelling house in Cancklowe Mooregate or Moore Lidyate, bought by Charles Tooker from Thomas Cock of Tinsley. Conditions for repayment are laid down.

(Latin)

1 December, 1631.
Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

I/29/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Nicholas Marsden, husbandman.

"All those fflower closes of meadowe & pasture ... in Dalton in the parish of Thribarghe (Thrybergh) ... Comonly called Sawell Closes sometymes parcell of thinheritance of Richard Rawson ... tanner deceased late in thoccupacon of Richard Gillott deceased & now in the tenure ... of the sayd Nicolas Marsden."

Rent: £4.10.0. p.a.
(See I/11/; I/12/; I/12/a/; I/16/; I/17/)

4 March, 1632/33.

I/30/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) George Whiteley of Barley hole, yeoman, to
- 2) Thomas Walker of Gresbrooke (Greasbrough), Siver.

A cottage in Pottenhill (Potter Hill) "within the townshipp or territories of Gresbrooke," and three roods of meadow "on the backside of the said cottage ... & thereto adjoining westwards within the township ... of Gresbrooke," and two acres of meadow "in closes in the bottom of the Ings ..."

Rent: 39/10 p.a.

10 July, 1633.

I/54/6/

Bond.

Richard Boyse and Robert Bower of Sheffield, Cutlers, and Thomas Bland of Sheffield, Sheather, bound in £100 to William Greene, William Humfrey, Anthony Rogers (Senior), Francis Jackson, Guardians of the Church of Rotherham, and to William Dickenson, William Stark, William Lyall and Richard Davenport, Overseers of the Poor, to be responsible for the upbringing of the bastard child of Anne Clayton.

20 November, 1634.

I/31/

Bargain and Sale.

- 1) Francis More of Sheffield, gentleman, to
- 2) George Beardsall, husbandman.

A cottage in Brookegate with surrounding property, recently in the tenure of Edmund Caplewood, and ("parcell of the Chantrie of blisshed Mary in the parish of Rotherham"). The sale by Charles I by letters patent on 16 May, 1633 is described: Sir John Leyden, (M^r of the Ordinance), Willm Scriven and Phillipp Eden are named as patentees.

Consideration: £7.10.0.

Chief rent to Crown: 3/- p.a.

20 December, 1634.

III/2/16/

Bargain and Sale with clause of warranty.

- 1) George Beardsall, husbandman, to
- 2) Peter Heardson, Carpenter.

A cottage in "Brookeyate or Jesus yate betweene the now dwelling howse of the said Peter Heardson of the one side & the tenement wherein Robt. Cussyn now dwelleth towards the College there of the other side & abutteth on the said streete ... & late in the tenure ... of Edmund Caplewood" ... Conditions are laid down for the payment of the consideration in instalments of £3 for six years.

Consideration: £18.0.0.

Chief rent to Crown: 3/- p.a.

(See I/31/)

29 April, 1637.
Mortgage.

I/32/

Loan of £20 by

- 1) Richard Hill of Kimberworth, yeoman, to
- 2) Peter Heardson, Carpenter.

On the security of two cottages in Jesus Gate, Peter Heardson's and the neighbouring cottage (bounds described). Conditions for the repayment of the loan by 1640 are laid down.

(See III/2/16/)

30 November, 1640.
Feoffment.

I/B/

- 1) William Dickenson of le Shiregreene in parish of Ecclesfield, to
- 2) Thomas Dickenson of Rotherham.

A messuage in Cancklowfield Moregate or Cancklowfield More Liddgate, known by the name of the street and to the east of Godfrey Harness' house.

(Latin)

1 May, 1641.
Renewal of Mortgage.

I/34/

- 1) By Alice Hill of Kimberworth, widow of Richard Hill, to
- 2) Anne Heardson, widow of Peter Heardson, and Richard Birkinshaw, Tanner, and Francis, his wife.

Period for repayment of loan of £20 extended to May, 1644.

(For references to Heardson family see Marriage Settlement I/29/a & b/; III/2/16/; I/32/; Wills I/33/; Sale I/39/).

2 June, 1645.
(21 Charles I, Trinity)
Final Concord.

I/C/

- 1) Thomas Ramsden and George Whiteley, (plaintiffs).
- 2) Stanley Shawe and Margaret, his wife, (deforciant).

A cottage, two orchards, two gardens, sixteen acres of land, ten acres of meadow, fourteen acres of pasture in Cudworth; Party (1) to pay Party (2) £60 for the confirmation.

10 April, 1648.
Bargain and Sale.

I/50/a/ (3)/

- 1) Henry Revell, yeoman, and Christopher Cutler, husbandman, to
- 2) John Crawshawe of Worsburgh, Rocper.

The first party have been nominated by the will of John Cutforshawe of Rotherham to sell a messuage in Rotherham, which they now do to John Crawshawe.

Consideration: £34.

1 August, 1649.

I/35/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Ann Chadwicke, widow.

A messuage in Westgate with two and a half acres of arable land in Canklowefeld and three roods of meadow in Cronney Carre.

Consideration: £5.0.0., to be paid by 11 Nove., 1650.

Rent: £2.13.4. p.a., to be paid "Att or in the south porch of the parish Church of Rotherham."

(See I/14/b/; I/27/a/)

1 August, 1649.

I/35/b/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) William Hall, Carpenter.

A messuage in Mylnegate (Millgate), "sometymes in the tenure ... of Richard Ellis ..., & late in the several tenures ... of Nicholas Holmes & Iszabell his wyf & One Henry Ellis ..."

Rent: £3.0.0.p.a.

(See I/13/a/)

1 August, 1649.

I/35/a/

Lease for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) John Hammerton, Corviser.

A messuage in Wellgate with four acres and three roods of land and meadow scattered in the town fields. In the description of boundaries the lands of the late Earl of Shrewsbury and of the late Sir Robert Swyft are mentioned.

Rent: £3.15.0. p.a.

1 August, 1649.

III/2/17/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Margaret Harris, widow.

Three closes in Rotherham called Crowney Carre with land scattered in the common fields of Rotherham, Bradmarsh and Brinsforth (Brinsworth).

Rent: £4.15.0. p.a.

(See III/2/9/)

20 June, 1650.

I/36/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Dorothy Dover, widow.

A meadow croft called "Russell Croft" in Wellgate, "next adioyning to Saint James Chappell yeard Southwards, & the lands of Thomas West gentl. and others Northwarde, butting on the highway there Westwards, And upon the lande of John Burrowes Eastwarde sometymes in the occupation of Jeffrey Woollen ..."

Rent: £1.13.4. p.a.

(See I/23/; and I/23/a/)

22 February, 1655/56.
Lease (Counterpart) for 14 years.

I/37/a/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Richard Milner, Malster.

A messuage in Westgate and several small parcels of arable and meadow land scattered in the common fields of Rotherham, about four acres and one and a half roods in all.

Rent: £4.0.0. p.a.
(See I/28/)

18 June, 1655.
Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

III/2/18/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) John Drew the younger, husbandman.

A messuage called "The Talbott" in Sparke Lane, near Westgate, a close in Wellgate with a new barn, five acres and other small pieces of land scattered in the common fields and half a croft at Westgate end.

Rent: £10.0.0. p.a.
(See III/2/1/; III/2/8/; III/2/11/; III/1/11/
A schedule is attached "of all such household goods as John Drew the Younger hath libertie to remove".)

18 June, 1655.
Bond.

I/37/

John Drew of Rotherham, husbandman, and Francis Morton of Spouthouse, Bradfield, yeoman, bound to the Feoffees in £40 in pledge for the performance of a covenant.

19 February, 1656/57.
Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

I/38/a/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Robert Gee, Chapman, and Thomas Turner, Cutler.

Four closes of meadow and pasture called the "Sawell Closes" in Little Dalton.

Consideration: £3.6.8.
Rent: £4.10.0. p.a.; in addition 20/- p.a. for every acre converted to tillage.
(See III/3/1/; I/11/; I/12/; I/12/a/; III/3/2/; II/5/; I/16/; I/17/; I/29/)

19 February, 1656/57.
Lease (Counterpart) for 18 years.

I/38/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Roger Murgatroides of Marsburge (Masbrough), yeoman, and Elizabeth, his wife.

A cottage with orchards and gardens in the west end of Marsburge.

Consideration: £5.0.0.
Rent: 20/- p.a.
(See I/7/; I/28/c/; I/41/)

19 February, 1656/57. III/2/19/
Lease (Counterpart) for 13 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) William Riche, Carpenter, and Margaret, his wife.

A cottage in Westgate with a garden and three roods of arable land in Cancklowefeild and one acre of meadow in Bradmarsh.

Rent: 40/- p.a.
(See III/2/12/)

11 February, 1658/59. I/39/
Bargain and Sale.

- 1) John Heardson of Bolton, Labourer, to
- 2) The Feoffees.

A cottage in Jesus Gate or Brookegate.

Consideration: £7.0.0.
(See I/29/a; I/32/)

6 March, 1660/61. I/40/
Lease (Counterpart) for 10 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Thomas Foster, Carpenter.

A messuage with a fold or curtilage in Brookgate, "betweene the same Streete Eastwards & the Lands of King Charles the Second Westwards & Butting upon other the Comon Lands of Rotherham - Northwards & the Lands of ... King Charles the Second & the Lands late Sir Robert Swifte Kn. Southwards. And also one Gatehouse now used as & for a Dwelling house ..."

Rent: 26/8 p.a.
(See I/6; I/14/c/)

23 August, 1671. I/42/
Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Thomas Blake, gentleman.

A messuage in Milnegate, "late in the tenure ... of Willm Hall deceased ..."

Rent: £3.0.0. p.a., to be paid "At or in the South porch of the parsih Church of Rotherham".
(See I/35/b/)

10 October, 1672. III/2/20/
Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Thomas Blake, gentleman.

Five acres of land in Crownacarr (Crown Carr), & small parcels of arable and meadow scattered in the town fields of Rotherham.

Rent: £3.12.0. p.a.
(See III/2/9, 13, 17/)

10 October, 1672. I/43/b/
Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Robert Hancocke, husbandman.

A messuage in Briggate and one gatehouse, now used by John Corker as a dwelling house.

Rent: 26/8 p.a.
(See I/5, 13/; I/26/c/)

10 October, 1672. I/43/a/; III/2/21/
Lease and Counterpart for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Richard Milner, Maultster.

A messuage in Westgate and several small parcels of arable and meadow scattered in the town fields of Rotherham and in Canklowefield "on windmill hill", amounting to about four and a half acres in all, (bounds described).

Rent: £4.0.0. p.a.

10 October, 1672. I/43/
Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Thomas Spooner, Sheather.

Several small parcels of arable and meadow land scattered in the town fields of Rotherham, amounting to about three acres in all, (bounds described).

Rent: 26/- p.a.

15 May, 1678. I/44/
Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) George Baraby, Labourer.

Part of a cottage at "The Bridge-end" in Rotherham with a stable "standing on both sides of the Brook there," and a croft in Kimberworth called "Thomas Clayton croft", (bounds described).

Rent: 30/- p.a.
(See I/5/6/; I/10/)

28 January, 1679/80. I/45/c/
Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) James Roades of Gresbrooke (Greasbrough), Mason.

A cottage in Potter Hill, Gresbrooke, with three roods of meadow at the back, a close called "Woofin Close" containing two acres of meadow and several parcels of arable and meadow land scattered in the Gresbrooke fields and ings. Reference in Declaration of Trust, 1 March, 1703, to purchase of property in Potter Hill by the Feoffees.

Rent: £4.10.0. p.a.
(See I/30/; III/6 & 7, 15, 20/)

28 January, 1679/80.
Bond.

I/45/

James Roades bound in £40 to the Feoffees for the performance of a covenant in an indenture bearing even date.

7 and 8 November, 1679.
Lease and Release implementing the terms of Francis Dickinson's will.

I/45/a & b/

- 1) Sir Ralph Knight, Executor, and John Knight, Esq., both of Langall, co. York, to
- 2) The Feoffees.

For terms of bequest see Wills.

17 August, 1687.
Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

I/46/b/

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) John Tompson, Cordwayner.

A messuage at the head of Briggate "lying between a tenement of the Lady of the Mannor ..., & a tenement being the Comon Lands & belonging to the said Feoffees & in the holding of Widdow Broadhead on the South," and two small parcels of arable land in the town fields, amounting to about one acre in all.

Rent: £3.10.0. p.a.

17 September, 1687.
Bargain and Sale.

I/50/a/ (5)/

- 1) Anthony Peace, Butcher, to
- 2) Thomas Spencer, Felmonger.

One acre, twelve perches of "inclosed" ground called "The Sheepecoate Close" in Cancklowfeild, and several parcels of arable land in the town fields of Rotherham.

Consideration: £105.

2 and 3 November, 1687.

I/46 & 46/a/

Lease and Release implementing the will of Jonathan Stanyforth, Senior, of Firbeck, gentleman.

- 1) Jonathan Stanyforth, Junior, gentleman, to
- 2) Feoffees.

For terms of bequest see Wills.

3 February, 1687/88.
(3 James II, Day after the Purification).
Final Concord.

I/46/c/

- 1) Feoffees (plaintiffs)
- 2) Jonathan Stanyforth, gentleman (deforciant).

Three messuages and common pasture in Rotherham:
Party (1) to pay Party (2) £60 for the confirmation.
(See I/46/; I/46/a/).

1 May, 1689.

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) John Wilkins, Hoose Buidier.

A messuage at the head of Brigg Gate "betweene two tenements of the said Feoffees North & South & lying on the west side of the said streete".

Rent: 54/- p.a.

1 September, 1692.

I/48/

Lease for 900 years by Churchwardens of land leased to them by the Feoffees for the benefit of the poor.

- 1) Churchwardens and Feoffees, to
- 2) John Tooker, esquire.

"A Messuage with a foldstead ... at Moregate ... adjoining to Chanklows feild on the East, to the More of Rotherham on the South, to a peice of ground belonging to Mr. Robert Darwent on the North & to a little Court of the said John Tooker on the West was heretofore ... given to the Churchwardens ... for the use of the poor of Rotherham." The property has recently deteriorated in value, because two furnaces and a smithy have been pulled down and "by reason of the general decay of the rents & value of houses in & about Rotherham especially at the said Moregate is become of much less value now".

Rent: £1.10.0.p.a.
(reduced from £3.0.0.)

4 October, 1694.
Mortgage.

I/50/a/ (7)/

Loan of £135.

- 1) By William Barnard of Pontefract, to
- 2) Joshuah Laughton of Orgrave (Orgreave), gentleman.

The consideration of £135 is raised upon the security of a messuage in Rotherham called "Heavens Chamber ... standing in the Markett"; conditions are laid down for the repayment of the loan within ten years.

10 January, 1704/05.

III/5/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Gilbert Wilson, Innholder.

A croft containing one and a half acres in Wellgate called "Russell Croft" and four lands containing one acre in Lousie Busk Close, Kimberworth.

Rent: £2.13.4. p.a.
(See III/21,28/; I/52,53,54/)

20 September, 1704.

III/6 & 7/

Lease and Counterpart for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Luke Man of Greasbrooke, Taylor.

A cottage at Potter Hill, Greasbrooke, with three roods of meadow and one close of pasture, "lyeing dispersed in the severall feilds & ings of Greasbrooke". This property was purchased by the Feoffees from George Whitely and in all contains nine acres. The land is to be kept "according to the best Course of husbandry and Customs of the Country". The tenant is to pay all taxes and impositions, "Parliamentary Taxes only excepted".

Rent: £4.10.0. p.a.

30 March, 1705.

III/8/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) John Best, Chandler.

Two messuages in Bridgegate; the tenant to pay taxes and impositions, "Parliamentary Taxes only excepted".

Rent: £4.10.0. p.a.

(An allowance to be made for £15 spent by John Best on repairs).

30 March, 1705.

I/49/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Thomas Radley, Carpenter, and George Spencer, Hatter.

"All those two Closes of Arrable Land & Meadow ... at Dalton Brooke in the parish of Rotherham aforesaid & containing ... six acres ... & late in the holding of John Chadwicke ..."

Rent: £4.0.0. p.a.

(See III/22/)

7 December, 1705.

I/49/a/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) John Wheatcroft, Smith.

"All that Shopp and Chamber over the same scitutate ... in Bridgegate and now in the holding of the said John Wheatcroft". Tenant liable for repairs and for payment of all taxes connected with the Property.

Rent: £1.2.0. p.a.

24 March, 1707/08.

III/9/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Nicholas Foulestone, Taylor.

A cottage "on the north east side" of Masbrough, and one croft belonging to the cottage.

Rent: 20/- p.a.

23 August, 1707.

III/10/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Nathanael Sheircliffe of Whitby Hall, Ecclesfield, gentleman, to
- 2) Thomas Bower of Grenno Side, Nailer.

A close in Grenno Side called "Frostin Wells" and six acres of land. It is laid down that, if Thomas Bower ploughs up over half the close in three years, he must pay Nathanael Sheircliffe 40/- for every acre so ploughed up.

Rent: £3.0.0. p.a.

26 October, 1708.

I/49/b/

Assignment of a Mortgage for the remainder of a term of ninety-nine years.

- 1) Sarah Ellison of Sheffield, widow.
- 2) Nathaniel Sheircliffe of Ecclesfeild, gentleman.
- 3) Charles More of Rotherham, gentleman.

Assignment by Party (1) to Party (3) of a mortgage on the security of the property called "Frostin Wells", described above in III/10/, and previously made by Party (1) to Party (2). It is laid down that if Nathaniel Sheircliffe can pay off the total loan of £38.14.0. to Charles More by 26 April, 1709, he can redeem the property. There is the following note on outside of the indenture: "In Rotherham the inheritance of the said close being purchased amongst other Lands in Trustees Names to and for the sole and proper use benefitt and behoofe of the said Charity Schoole".

11 November, 1708.

III/11/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

1) Charles Blake, Robert Stocks, John Scholey, Gervase Woodhead, Churchwardens of the Parish Church of Rotherham, to

2) Sarah Malim, spinster.

A cottage in the Churchyard and a "backroome there with a Chamber over it".

Rent: 22/8 p.a.

12 November, 1709.

I/50/d/

(8 Anne, Day after St. Martin's).

Final Concord.

1) John Elderton, Thomas Sanford and William Goldring (plaintiffs).

2) John Clarke (senior), John Clarke (junior), Bartholomew Shortcliffe, gentleman, and Katherine his wife, and John Shortcliffe (deforciant).

Two messuages, two cottages, sixty acres of land, twenty acres of meadow, forty acres of pasture in Aston. Party (1) to pay Party (2) £60 for the confirmation.

2 February, 1710/11.

III/13/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

1) The Hon. Thomas Wentworth of Wentworth Woodhouse, esquire, Thomas Westby of Ranfeild, esquire, Westby Gill of Carrhouse, Rotherham, esquire, John Tooker of Rotherham, esquire, Disney Stanyforth of the City of London, merchant, George Ellis of Brampton, Wath, gentleman, John Gill of Carrhouse, gentleman, Samuel Ferrand, Vicar of Rotherham, Robert Darwent, gentleman, William Aslabie, gentleman, Charles More, gentleman, Samuel Buck, gentleman, John Mandevile, Woollen Draper, Richard Hutchinson, Woollen Draper, Trustees for the Charity School of Rotherham, to

2) William Bower, Naylor, and Samuel Wainwright, Mason, both of Ecclesfield.

A close called "Frosten well Feild" in Grennasin with six acres of land. Liability for 40/- for every acre ploughed up during the last three years of this contract.

Rent: £2.15.0. p.a.

Also a close called "Brookefeild" in Ecclesfield, with seven acres of land.

Rent: £3.0.0. p.a.

1 November, 1712.

I/50/a/14/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Lord George Howard of Norfolk, to
- 2) Dorothy Winter, widow.

A messuage in Rotherham with lands amounting to thirty four acres in all.

Rent: £15.10.0. p.a.

20 April, 1713.

III/14/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Feoffees, to
- 2) Nicholas Eyre, Currier.

A messuage in Briggate and three roods of arable land lying in St. Annwell Feild and one rood in the Yealands, Masbrough. The following note is added with regard to liability to taxation: "And also that he the said Nicholas Eyre ... shall at all times dureing the said term beare pay & discharge all the Taxes Assessments & Impositions whatsoever which shall be Imposed upon the above demised premises or any part therof to - Church Poore Constable highways & Windows, (The rest of the Taxes which shall be Imposed upon the said Messuage & premisses by Act of Parliament onely Excepted)".

Rent: £3.0.0. p.a.

24 June, 1714.

III/15/

Lease (Counterpart) for 99 years.

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) The Hon. Thomas Wentworth of Wentworth Woodhouse, Wath, esquire.

Half a rood of pasture in West Well Field, Greasebrooke, "now inclosed by Sir Thomas Wentworth into a Close called by the name of Calf Croft Flatt".

Rent: 1/6 p.a.

20 November, 1714.

III/16/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) Gilbert Hamerton, Whitesmith.

A messuage in Rotherham, occupied by Gilbert Hamerton, with several parcels of land scattered in the common fields, amounting in all to about five acres.

Rent: £4.0.0. p.a.

7 May, 1715.

I/50/b/

Bargain and Sale "for the sole benefitt and behoofe of y^e said Charity School".

1) Robert Derwent, gentleman, to
 2) Rt. Hon. Thomas Wentworth of Wentworth Woodhouse, Wath, Thomas Westby of Ravensfeild, esquire, Westby Gill of Carrhouse, Rotherham, John Tooker, esquire, Disnay Staniforth of Hackney, Middlesex, Merchant, John Gill of Carrhouse, Samuel Ferrand, Clerke, William Aislable, gentleman, Charles Moore, gentleman, Samuel Buck, John Mandevile, Woolendraper, Richard Hutchinson, Woolendraper, "Trustees for y^e benefitt of y^e Charity Schoole lately settled in Rotherham".

Arable land in a field in Rotherham called "Heslegreave Feild", (bounds described) with the addition of a series of farm rents from lands in Rotherham, (all described in detail).

Consideration: £90.0.0.

7 January, 1719/20.

III/12/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

1) The Feoffees, to
 2) John Higgins, Codder.

A messuage "at the head of Bridggate".

Rent: 20/- p.a.

7 January, 1719/20.

III/2/24/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

1) The Feoffees, to
 2) Mathew Pashley, yeoman.

An acre of land in Rotherham in a field called "Cross of the Ash Field ... at a place called Colt wife meadow spot ... a Balk lying in or about the middle of the s^d acre".

Rent: 11/- p.a.

7 January, 1719/20.

III/2/23/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

1) The Feoffees, to
 2) Thomas Roberts, Carpenter.

Two cottages "at the Bottom of the Churchyard", one "very much out of repair", and several small parcels of arable and meadow land "lying dispersed in y^e Town feilds and territories of Rotherham", in all about three acres (bounds described).

Rent: 14/- p.a.

7 January, 1719/20.

III/2/22/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

1) The Feoffees, to
 2) Robert Wood, husbandman.

A messuage "at a certaine place called the Church Stile at the head of Bridggate".

Rent: £2.10.0. p.a.

8 September, 1719.

III/17/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) Joseph Roberts, Weaver.

A cottage at the head of Bridggate "lying over against the Backehouse in Rotherham".

Rent: 10/- p.a.

22 September, 1720.

III/18/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

1) William Carr, John Wyld, Richard Oddey the Elder and Philipp Scholes, "Churchwardens of the Town of Rotherham", to

- 2) Ann Bayes, widow.

"All that Little Croft ... in the Lordshipp of Kimberworth in the parish of Rotherham aforesaid adjoining on a high way there comonly called Carrhouse Lane and lying on the West Side of the said Lane and now converted into a garden", amounting in all to three roods.

Rent: 20/- p.a.

7 August, 1722.

III/18/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) Edward Clarke, Blacksmith.

A messuage in BridgGate "on the East side the said Streete adjoining to Rotherham Bridge ... and a Smithey thereunto belonging".

Rent: £3.10.0. p.a.

7 October, 1723.

III/21/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) Edmund Haigh, Innkeeper.

A croft in Wellgate end known as "Russell Croft", containing one and a half acres, and four lands in a close "in the Lordshipp of Kimberworth within the parish of Rotherham" known as "Lousie Busk Close", containing one acre.

Rent: £3.0.0. p.a.

(See III/5/)

7 October, 1723.

III/20/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) Francis Pashley.

A messuage in Greasbrook and several parcels of arable and meadow land dispersed "in y^e Townfeilde and liberties belonging to Greasbrook", containing in all about two and a half acres.

Rent: £4.8.6. p.a.

31 October, 1723.

I/51/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years, (Talbot Inn) and for 18 years, (Lands in the common fields).

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) Joseph Barton, Butcher.

A messuage "comonly known by the name of The Talbott Inn ... and also all those several peices ... of Ground lying dispersed in The Severall Towne Feilds of Rotherham", and which "were Late in y^e occupacon of Eliz. Holcoyn Widdow", about three and a half acres in all (bounds described).

Rent for Talbot Inn: £8.0.0. p.a.

Rent for the lands: £2.14.0. p.a.

5 October, 1724.

III/22/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) Thomas Whitwell, Taylor.

Two closes of arable land, containing six acres at Dalton Brooke "in the parish of Rotherham".

Rent: £4.0.0. p.a.

25 January, 1728/29.

I/50/a/17/

Bargain and Sale.

1) Elizabeth Higgins of Rothwell, William Crowder of Keresforth Hall, Silkston, and Sarah, his wife, sister to the said Elizabeth, daughter of John Crawshaw of Dodsworth, deceased, to

- 2) William Taylor, Mason.

A messuage in the High Street, Rotherham, formerly the property of John Cutforshawe, (bounds described).

Consideration: £60.0.0.

Fee Farm Rent: 8/- p.a. to Feoffees of the Charity School in Rotherham.

(See I/50/a/2/)

January, 1728/29.

50/a/18/

(Octave of St. Hilary, 2 George II)

Final Concord.

- 1) Robert Ibbotson and William Taylor (plaintiffs).
- 2) William Stephenson and Anne, his wife, and William Crowder and Sara, his wife, (deforciants).

One messuage, one cottage, twenty five acres of land, five acres of meadow, ten acres of pasture and common in Brampton Byerloy and Rotherham. Party (1) to pay Party (2) £60 for the confirmation.

(Latin)

1 January, 1759.

III/23/a/

(to be reckoned from 5 May, 1756).

Lease (Counterpart) for 42 years.

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) John Ashley, Joiner.

"All that new erected Messuage in Bridgegate",
next to the Earl of Effingham's house, "and those several
pieces of Field Land lying dispersed in ... Saint Ann's
Well Field belonging to the Town of Rotherham & one rood in
the Yellands, Masbrough".

Rent: £3.0.0. p.a.

(Rent reduced "in consideration of the great Expense
the said John Ashley hath been at in rebuilding the Messuage").

1 January, 1759.

III/23/

(to be reckoned from 5 May, 1756)

Lease (Counterpart) for 42 years.

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) George Barnsley of Catcliffe, Farmer.

"All that new Erected Messuage ... in Bridgegate".

Rent: £2.10.0. p.a.

(reduced "in consideration of the great Expense").

5 April, 1759, (to be reckoned from 11 November,
1756)

III/24/

Lease (Counterpart) for 42 years.

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) Elizabeth Cunningham, widow.

A messuage in High Street, recently rebuilt by the late
Joseph Cunningham, and "also several pieces of land lying
dispersed in ... Fields belonging to the Town of Rotherham ...".
Tenant liable for impositions and taxes, whether parliamentary
or parochial.

Rent: £4.0.0. p.a.

(Rent reduced in consideration of building expenses).

31 May, 1759, (to be reckoned from 1 May, 1759)

III/25/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) Elizabeth Cunningham, widow of the late Joseph
Cunningham, Peruke Maker, to
- 2) John Bingley, Mercer.

A newly erected messuage in High Street "and now divided
into Two Tenements ... and also all those several pieces ...
of Field Land lying dispersed in certain Fields belonging to
the Town of Rotherham".

Rent: £12.0.0.

(This sub-let approved by the Feoffees).

22 October, 1760.

III/2/25/

Lease (Counterpart) for 42 years.

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) William Favell the Younger, Grocer.

A newly erected brick messuage in Westgate, and
three acres of land: one acre in Bradmarsh, one in Canklow
Field and one in Haslegreave Field, (bounds described).

Rent: £4.0.0. p.a.

(reduced because of expenses of re-building)

1 November, 1763.

III/26/a/

Lease (Counterpart) for 15 years.

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) Hannah Barton, widow.

A messuage in Talbot Lane and eleven acres of land in Crown Carr and in Badsley Moor Feild, recently enclosed and allotted to the Feoffees by the Commissioners of the Enclosure Award: tenant liable for fencing and ditching.

Rent: £18.15.0. p.a.

1 November, 1763.

III/26/

Lease (Counterpart) for 15 years.

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) William Kay, yeoman.

A messuage in Mill gate and a piece of land in Badsley Moor Field "containing by mensuration Fourteen Acres One Rood and Twenty Two Perches upon a certain place called Crown Carr". This land has been allotted to the Feoffees by the Commissioners of the Award. The Feoffees now let it "in consideration that the said William Kay hath agreed at his own Expense to take in the said Field Lane by Stooing and Railing and Quick Setting and Ditching the same in a Workmanlike Manner". The tenant also undertakes to manure the land.

Rent: £13.0.0. p.a.

13 December, 1763.

III/27/

Lease (Counterpart) for 11 years.

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) William Pashley, Alehousekeeper.

A messuage at Greasbrook with pieces of land in Sinderbridge Field and Scrooby Field, amounting in all to about eight and a half acres: tenant to enjoy timber and mineral rights.

Rent: £7.7.0. p.a.

6 February, 1765.

III/28/

Lease for 42 years.

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) John Wright of Sheffield, Painter.

Piece of land in Masbrough called Lousey Busk "by mensuration one acre one rood and thirty eight perches": tenant to enjoy timber and mineral rights.

Rent: £5.0.0. p.a.

(See III/5, III/21).

25 March, 1766.

III/29/

Lease (Counterpart) for 21 years.

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) Joseph Kay, Flax Dresser.

A messuage at the head of Bridge Gate, "and also all that piece ... of Land lately Inclosed containing by Estimation Seven Acres and a Half ... in a certain place formerly called the Starr Mickle Hill near Rotherham".

Rent: £15.10.0. p.a.

10 January, 1783.

III/30/

Building Lease (Counterpart) due to end
in 1803 and now extended for a further
term of 9 years.

- 1) The Feoffees (here called "Trustees of the
Common Lands of the Town of Rotherham"), to
- 2) Rev. John Sorbie Wheatley.

A newly erected messuage in Westgate.

Rent: £6.0.0. p.a.

(reduced because of the expenses of re-building).

1 May, 1795.

III/2/26/

Lease (Counterpart) for 12 years.

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) Samuel and Joseph Raby, yeomen.

A messuage in Talbot Lane called "The Ship Inn"
with lands within the Township of Rotherham, recently
enclosed and amounting to about fifteen acres in all - three
closes in Badsley Moorfield, the Spaden Close, a croft
in Westgate and a croft in Wellgate.

Rent: £50.0.0. p.a.

("free and clear from the King's Tax and all other
taxes and deductions whatsoever").

24 March, 1796.

III/31/

Articles of Agreement for a yearly tenancy.

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) John Norman, Bookkeeper.

A messuage in Well-gate.

Rent: £9.0.0. p.a.

19 April, 1798.

I/52 & 53/

Lease and Counterpart for 42 years.

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) William and Ann Beatson of Masbrough, Chymists.

A piece of ground in Masbrough called "Lousey Bank",
and another piece within the same fence, amounting to about
one and a half acres in all: also "the Glasshouse now
used as a Chymist's Elaboratory". Timber and mineral rights
are reserved to the Feoffees. William and Ann Beatson undertake
to spend £200 on repairs.

Rent: £25.10.0. p.a.

30 September, 1814.

I/54/

Renewal of Lease (Counterpart) for 42 years.

- 1) The Feoffees, to
- 2) Robert Beatson and his brother, Chymists.

Property at "Lousey Bank", Masbrough. The tenants
have spent £300 on repairs.

Rent: £31.10.0. p.a.

(See I/52 & 53/; I/54/27)

Inquisitions

1583 - 1584.

III/1/3/

Copy of the Commission from the Exchequer and of the Inquisition on the concealed lands in Rotherham and district.

1) 26 November, 1583, (pp. 1 - 8)

Commission from the Exchequer addressed to John Lewys, esquire, Thomas Reresby, esquire, Jervase Wyrell, esquire, John Parker, esquire, Jacob Lynacre, esquire and John Cockson, yeoman, to make inquiries in Yorkshire and Derbyshire and in the liberties within those counties about the lands and revenues of all the late religious houses, whether confiscated by reason of the Dissolution of the Monasteries or of the Statute of Chantries. The Commissioners are instructed:

- a) to find out if any of these lands have been "concealed, subtracted and unjustly detained", if so by whom, and the quality, quantity, bounds and annual value of such lands,
- b) to fix a time and place for the examination of reliable witnesses, to write down the evidence and to return a report to the Exchequer.

Signed - Fanshawe.

2) 16 May, 1584, (pp. 9 - 36)

A jury of twelve yeomen give their evidence to the Commissioners on oath as to the lands in Rotherham, Dennyby, Doncaster, Wickersley and Marr which formerly were "used ... for superstitious prayers, uses, rites and ceremonies" and which have been "concealed, subtracted and unjustly detained from the said Lady, our Queen". On p. 20 the Mayor and Aldermen of Doncaster are mentioned, but no names are given in connection with the other properties.

(Latin)

27 December, 1629 (?)

I/25/a/

Inquisition on the property of John Shawe.

Inquisition taken by John Savile, esquire, Escheator, quoting the will of John Shawe of Rotherham, yeoman. For details see Wills. Property left in: Rotherham Parish, Ecclesfield Parish, Sheffield Parish.

(Latin and English)

Marriage Settlement

25 October, 1631.

I/29/a & b/

Post-nuptial Settlement with Counterpart.

- 1) Peeter Heardson, Carpenter, to
- 2) George Beardsell, husbandman, widower of Edith, Daughter of Peeter Heardson.

"All that Cottage ... wherein the said George now dwelleth situate in ... Jesus Gate ... lying betweene the Tente of the said Peeter Heardson on thone side and the tent wherein Robert Cousen now dwelleth thother side towarde ye Colledge and abuttith on the said Streete

called Jesus Gate". Grant of this property to George Beardsell by "the said Peeter Heardson as well for an in consideration of the performance of his promise with the said George upon the marriage between him and Edith daughter of the said Peeter now deceased as of the Some of Tenn Pounds".

Consideration: £10.0.0.

Chief rent to Crown: 4/- p.a.

(See I/33/)

Wills

12 May, 1514.

I/50/a/

Copy of Sir Thomas Reresby's Will.

Reference to grant of 10 May, 1514, by which Sir Thomas Reresby appointed six Feoffees - viz. Robert West, gentleman, William Swift, gentleman, Richard Oke of Rotherham, William Oke of the same town, Roger Hardy and Robert Brownhill - to supervise the annual expenditure of 23/4, secured on twenty-seven acres of land, four acres of meadow and six acres of pasture with appurtenances in Denaby for the following purposes:

- 1) Half the revenue is left "to the comon profitt and nedes of the Comons of the same towne of Rotherham", with the proviso that the donor shall share in "the prayers of such preists as shall hapen to sing and say divine service for them".
- 2) The other half is left for a yearly obit for the repose of the soul of the donor, his parents and friends. Detailed instructions are laid down for the payments and charities connected with this service.

This copy was obtained from York in 1606, when the Deputy Auditor for Yorkshire was disputing the Feoffees' claim to the Denaby lands. It is signed - Nic Mountney, F. West, Francis Dickenson.

(See I/50/)

17 November, 1556.

Feoffees' Book /I/10/

Copy of Thomas Lilly's Will.

"A true copie of Mr. Thomas Lilly his wille whereby amongst other thinges he devised certeine landes in Rotherham and Marsburgh to the Commynalty of Rotherham for ever together with the probate therof Certified under the hand of a public notary 17 November, 1556 ... Also I giue to the Commonality of Rotherham for ever three acres of arrable ground lying in Rotherham feild".

(See Guest: Historic Notices, p. 377).

25 March, 1606.

Feoffees' Book I/11/

Copy of Thomas Woodhouse's Will.

"I give unto Robert Okes and Nicholas Mountney one close in Gresbrooke lane ... And one close ... called Tutcroft and my gardens in Gresbrooke lane to them and to their heires for evermore to thuse of the poor of Rotherham for ever ... I give to the poore of Rotherham iiijl vjs."

28 March, 1608.
Reference to Robert Oke's Will in
deed establishing a trust.

Feoffees' Book I/19/

Nicholas Mounteney and Francis Dickenson, "upon speciale trust and confidence in them reposed by the said Robert Okes", are named as Feoffees in trust for the administration of property in Little Dalton, the proceeds of which Robert Okes' widow is to enjoy during her lifetime. On her death the legacy is to pass "to the use of the schoolmaister of the grammer schoole of Rotherham ... Provided always that yf yt shall happen ... that such schoolmaister as shall be there placed be negligent carelesse or ydle in his place ... that then the said Nicholas and Francis ... ymploy convert and bestowe the rentes and profittes arising of the said moytie ... to the releif and succor of the poorest and most aged and impotent sort of the inhabitants of the said towne of Rotherham".

(See III/3/3/ and
Guest: Historic Notices, p. 343).

27 August, 1609.
Breviate of Rafe Reresbye's Will.

Feoffees' Book I/12/

"A breviate of the last wille of Rafe Reresby late of Ickles gentleman Casually showed to me Francis West Whereof I thought good to leave some remembrance in this booke In regard of his legacie thereby given to the pore of Rotherham ... To the pore of the towne of Rotherham tenn poundes to be paid in tenn yeares next after his death."

13 November, 1613.
Summary of Thomas Colte's Will.

Feoffees' Book I/8/

Nicholas Mountney and Francis Dickenson are named as Feoffees in trust for a legacy to provide an usher for the Grammar School and a preacher. This legacy is contingent upon the deaths, without heirs, of Thomas Colte's daughter and niece. 16 November, 1635, Francis West and Antony Rogers are the Feoffees in trust. In Feoffees' Book I, p. 127, there is a reference to £40 given by Thomas Colte for the poor of Rotherham.

27 December, 1625 (?)
Extracts from the Will of John Shawe
of Rotherham, yeoman.

I/25/a/

The rents of three messuages in Rotherham (amounting in all to 90/- p.a.) are left to the Vicar, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Rotherham to "dispose the same for the releefe of the blind lame and other most needfull poore". The rents of two tenements in Sheffield are left to the Vicar, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Ecclesfield for the same purpose. Legacies (secured on property in Rotherham, Greasbrooke lane, Rawmarche lane, the Tenter meadow and Wincobanke) are left to his wife and relations. The Feoffees are not mentioned, but from a list of 26 December, 1630, it is clear that Francis West had sold some of these properties to John Shawe.

(See Inquisitions and III/1/8 below).

26 December, 1630.

III/1/8/

List of Title Deeds relating to two tenements sold by F. West.

"A note of the evidence of the tenements in Rotherham in the County of Yorke, the rentes whereof are given by the last will and testament of John Shawe late of Rotherham in the A. County of Yorke yeoman deceased to the use of the poore of the towne of Rotherham".

C. 1630 (?)

Feoffees' Book I/13/

Bequests to Rotherham by the Earls of Shrewsbury.

Note probably written by F. West:

"Inquire what George late Erle of Shrewsbury gave to the towne of Rotherham by his wylle and get a Copie of the wille or of so much as concernethe our towne.

Memorandum that this will was found and a copie thereof taken which ys in our chist. The like for the last wille of Edward late Erle of Shrewsbury who by his wille gave to the towne of Rotherham One hundreth poundes. This hundreth poundes was paid by the Erle of Newcastle 26 January, 1631."

(See Guest: Historic Notices, p. 378 and p. 394).

7 November, 1638.

I/33/

Summary of the will of Peter Heardson, Carpenter.

The following legacies are left: to his son-in-law, George Geardshaw (Beardsall ?) 12 pence "in full satisfaction of his Childe portion"; to his daughter, Frances Heardson, 25/-; to his kinsman, John Heardson, and Alice, his sister, 6 pence each; to Anne, his wife, the residue of his goods and a life tenancy of his house as part tenant with Nicholas Fisher.

12 January, 1638/39: Probate at York.

(See I/32/)

20 February, 1640/41.

Feoffees' Book I/23/

Extract from Thomas Dickinson's will.

Thomas Dickinson's house in Moregate (now occupied by Charles Tucker) is left to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of Rotherham "to and for y^e use and putting forth poore children to apprentices".

7 and 8 November, 1679.

Feoffees' Book I/24/

Extract from the will of Francis Dickinson of Milton upon the Hill.

The messuage occupied by Sarah Dickinson, lately deceased, in "the Little yeard and adjoyneing to the Comon Bakehouse and the free schoole there on the Northpart", is left by Francis Dickinson to the Feoffees on his sister's death, "in trust and for the advantage of the poore of Rotherham".

(See I/45/a & b)

2 January, 1686/87.
Summary of the will of George
Holmes, Gardener.

Feoffees' Book I/27/

A house is left to the poor of Wentworth, another house to the Vicar of Rotherham, 40/- for a sermon on St. George's Day and the reversion of a rent "unto ye poorest necessitated people in the Towne of Rotherham".

2 and 3 November, 1687.
Reference to the will of Jonathan
Stanyforth, Senior.

I/46 & 46/a/ II/9/

Jonathan Stanyforth, Senior, by his will, 18 August, 1680, left to his son, when the latter should come of age, the option on one of two properties, two closes in Marbrough or three cottages at the head of Bridggate on Milnegate. One of these properties was to be given to the Feoffees "to be Employed to the same uses to which the said Comon Lands are appointed". In November 1687 Jonathan Stanyforth, Junior, conveyed the three cottages in Bridgegate to the Feoffees, and on 3 February, 1687/88 confirmed the transaction by fine.

(See I/46/c/)

28 January, 1780.
Extract from the will of Mrs. Mary Bellamy.

I/54/12/

"Allso I give and Bequeath to the Feoffees of the Common Lands of the Town of Rotherham aforesaid the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds to be placed out at Interest upon Government or Land Security, and the Interest arising therefrom my Will and mind is shall be yearly applyed by the Feoffees in Binding Two Poor Boys Apprentice to handycraft."

12 December, 1792.
Bequests to Rotherham by Ralph Tunnicliffe.

I/54/17/

Ralph Tunnicliffe by his will left £150 to the Feoffees: £100 to four poor widows in Mrs. Bellamy's Almshouses and £50 to the Charity School.

B. ESTATE MANAGEMENTAccounts

8 September, 1591.

I/9/

Receipt by the Queen's farmer, Henry Mapleton, for rents and arrears due from the twelve Feoffees "for certen messuages Lands & Tena ... and hereditaments which were concealed from her Majestie".

Chief rent and arrears to the Crown: £12.7.0.
(See Guest: Historic Notices, pp. 367 - 368).

1604 - 1605.

I/54/2/

Farmer's accounts of chief rent due to the Crown from the Feoffees' lands in Brinsforth, Marshbourse, Kimberworth, Wickersley, Dennyby and Marr.

(Latin: 3 sheets).

11 October, 1605.

I/54/3/

Constat.

Draft report of John Stanley, Deputy Auditor for Yorkshire, of rents due to the Crown.

Case for the Exchequer:- that in respect of the lands within the Parish of Rotherham and of the lands in Denaby, Wickersley and Marr, the Feoffees owed to the Crown a rent of 49/- p.a., "due and unpayd for twenty yeares ended at the feast of St. Michael", and now amounting to £44.0.0.; that the lands left to the Feoffees by Thomas Reresby in Denaby and by William Wilcocke in Rotherham ought to have been confiscated to the Crown, because in both cases the bequests were for obits.

Case for the Feoffees:- (represented by Thomas Woodhouse, Robert Okes, Jeffrey Woollen and Robert Cawthorne) that during the last twenty years, on application from the royal farmers, they had twice paid off their outstanding debts to the Crown with arrears; that all the lands, including the Denaby property, "were for and to the comon use of the said towne of Rotherham ... And are at this tyme and ever sithence the graunting of them ... have bene in the possession of the inhabitants of Rotherham and that the said lands in Wickersley are in the occupacion of Sir Francis Leake Knight ... And the lands in Marr are in the occupacion of Thomas Lewes, gent ... And that the said Inhabitants of Rotherham never did nor nowe doe hold or claime to thuse ... of the said lands in Wickersley and Marr".

John Stanley accepted the Feoffees' evidence, reducing their total debt from £44.0.0. to £5.0.0. and their annual chief rent from 49/- to 38/-.

11 sheets.

30 December, 1786.

I/54/13/

Receipt by John Foljambe for £10.0.0. for a piece of ground in the Beast Market of Rotherham bought by the Feoffees.

4 March, 1788.

I/54/15/

Receipt (printed) by Charles, Duke of Norfolk, for £25.0.0. received from the Feoffees for compounding the annual chimage of £1.5.8., previously paid by the Feoffees for right of way between Whiston and Rotherham, and a quit rent in Rotherham.

7 July, 1791.

I/54/16/

Receipt for the sum of £39.0.0. in compensation for the impropriated tithe of Dalton.

Correspondence

C. 1765.

I/54/14/

Part of a letter by "J.C.", the Greave, to the Duke of Norfolk's Agent, giving a brief description of the Feoffees' property and of their activities.

9 December, 1861.

I/54/25/

Agreement between the Feoffees and Edwin Fewtrell, Schoolmaster of Rotherham, about the appointment of an Assistant Master and the occupation of the schoolhouse.

1861.

I/54/26/

Bundle of correspondence with the Rotherham and Kimberworth Health Board.

1875.

I/54/27/

Letter about the renewal of lease of the property described in I/52/.

Development Scheme

12 July, 1819.

I/54/21/

Agreement between the Feoffees and the tenants in Briggate for supplying water to the houses.

Land Tax

1799. I/54/18/
Six land tax receipts.
1799. I/54/19/
Certificate of redemption from land tax.
- C. 1850. I/54/23/
Land tax purchased by the Feoffees,
(rough list).

Maps

1764. I/54/10/
"Map of the Feoffees' land in the Manor of
Rotherham", by Bartholomew Rotherham.
- Middle of C. 18th ? I/54/11/
A map of the Quarry, broken up in a close
called "Pennyless Walk", for the turnpike road,
drawn by Bartholomew Rotherham.

Rentals

- Earlier rentals, see p. 64, South Yorkshire Industrial
Museum .
- Martinmas, 1634-1635. III/1/9/
Rental Roll of the Common Lands of Rotherham with
herbage money and arrears. (2 sheets).
- Martinmas, 1635-1636. III/1/10/
Rental Roll with herbage money and arrears.
(2 sheets).
- Martinmas, 1677-1678. III/1/12/
Rental Roll with herbage money and arrears.
(1 sheet).
- C. 1715. I/54/7/
Rough notes of fee farm rents.

Surveys

- C. 1763. I/54/8/
Terrier of the Feoffees' lands before inclosure.
- 18th Century ? III/4/
Old bound book marked "Reference Book", containing
lists of Deeds relating to the Feoffees' property.

Tenancy List

C. 1763. I/54/9/
List of the Feoffees' estate in lease with occupiers.

Miscellaneous

16th Century ? I/54/1/
List of names including some of the early Feoffees.

30 September, 1814. I/54/20/
Draft of minutes of Feoffees' meeting.

23 April, 1827. I/54/22/
Order from the Pontefract Quarter Sessions to
allow the Feoffees to use the Rotherham Court House.

L E G A L P A P E R S

Opinions

1615. III/1/4/
Three cases concerning the common lands of Rotherham
submitted by the Feoffees to Richard Hutton of York,
with the latter's answers.
(Transcribed by Guest: Historic Notices,
pp. 357-8).

1617. III/1/5/
Another case concerning the common fields of Rotherham
submitted by the Feoffees to R. Barwick of York, with
the latter's answers.
(Transcribed by Guest: Historic Notices, p. 357).

1860. I/54/24
Case for obtaining counsel's opinion on the investment
of a bequest to the Feoffees.
(Draft copy).

Case Papers

3 July, 1540. III/1/1/
Bill in Chancery.

Answers of William Whitmore, gentleman, and Robert
Swifte, Merchant, to questions as to:-

- a) The nature of the tenure by which William Helde
(deceased) had held his land in Rotherham.
- b) William Helde's heirs.

Neither witness could supply information.
(3 pages).

20 September, 1574.
Bill in Chancery.

III/1/2/

- 1) Richard Whytmore (plaintiff) v.
- 2) John Shawe and Robart Brynclyff (defendants).

Depositions taken at Rotherham by a Commission from Chancery on Whytmore's claim, as a past Greave, to continue to enjoy his rights in the common fields after leaving the town.

- a) List of thirteen interrogatories.
- b) Depositions of Richard Whytmore with evidence of witnesses. (9 sheets).
- c) Depositions of John Shawe and Robart Brynclyff with evidence of witnesses. (12 sheets).
- d) Further answers of Shawe and Brynclyff. (7 sheets).
- e) Reply of Rychard Whytmore. (5 sheets).
- f) Rejoinder of Shawe and Brynclyff. (4 sheets).
- g) Petition of Shawe for costs. (1 sheet).
- h) Petition of Whytmore that Shawe and Brynclyff be summoned by writ of subpoena. (4 sheets).

Interesting information emerges from the evidence of Shawe and Brynclyff on the Commote of Rotherham, the duties of the Greaves and the annual income of £10.

Early 17th Century ?
Law Suit.

I/54/4/

- 1) Wade (plaintiff) v.
- 2) Goodlad (defendant)

List of witnesses for the Plaintiff and Defendant, giving the name and status of each. In these notes it is suggested that the dispute was about grazing rights and trespass on the common and moor of Rotherham. References to Commissioners point to a higher jurisdiction than that of the Manor Court, but the exact nature of the case is not clear.

(3 sheets).

1 September, 1618.
Bill in Star Chamber.

III/1/6/

- 1) Francis Joljambe, esquire (plaintiff) v.
- 2) Francis Gower, esquire, and Anthony Wagstaff, gentleman (defendants).

Depositions taken at Rotherham by a Commission appointed by Star Chamber in the case of the disputed will of Sir Godfrey Foljambe of Watton, Derby. The Plaintiff alleged that his Step Mother, now Dame Isabell Darcy, of Aston, Yorks., with the help of Francis Gower had made his father change his will on his death-bed and that, in addition, she had defrauded him of £200.

- a) List of interrogatories.
- b) Depositions of witnesses for the Plaintiff. (17 sheets).
- c) Depositions of witnesses for the Defendants. (10 sheets)

23 September, 1626.

III/1/7/

Bill of Complaints in the Council of the North.

1) Richard Robinson, late Bedel of Rotherham (plaintiff) v.

2) The Feoffees, represented by Francis West, Francis Dickenson, Thomas Okes, Phillipp Fletcher, Leonard Rigg and Thomas Brown (defendants).

a) Instructions to the Commission (Ambrose Wortley, esquire, William Vessye and others) to examine witnesses with regard to Richard Robinson's allegations of wrongful dismissal by the Feoffees and arrears of pay.

b) Demurrer by the Feoffees: the Feoffees disclaim all financial responsibility towards Richard Robinson. They think "that Nicholas Mounteney and deceased feoffees did appoint the said Compt to supplye the place of bedell ... at their pleasure and solong as he demayned himself well in his said place", but that they did not promise him a fixed wage or a coat. Anything the Bedel of Rotherham received was by charity. The Feoffees state that they would not have appointed Robinson except "during their liking ... (being knowne indee to be of a proud peremtorye sturdy and scornful condition) and one that sundry tymes ... hath both in violent wordes and Countenance abused divers of the late feoffees and other substantiall Inhabitanes ... in publiq places especially in his drinke wherein he delighted, frequenting alehouses and sometymes in tymes of divine service as the defts are credibly informed. For which and other his misdemeanours the now defts ... about Fower yeares now last past Consented to displace him and to place one Henry Ratclyff in his rowme".

Trinity Term, 1650.

III/1/11/

Bill of Middlesex.

Court of King's Bench.

1) Feoffees, represented by Richard Mountney, esquire, William Staniforth and Henry Revell, v.

2) Richard Broadbent, innholder.

Suit brought by the Feoffees against Richard Broadbent for arrears of rent for the Talbot Inn (£5.0.0. p.a.). (7 pages).
(Latin).

C. 1723.

III/1/13/

Bill of Complaints.

1) Thomas, Duke of Norfolk (plaintiff) v.

2) The Feoffees, represented by Nathaniell Beverley, Willm Aslabie, gentleman, John Clark, and Willm Brooke (defendants).

Depositions of the Feoffees as to right of way between Whiston and Rotherham. The Feoffees state that there had been "a comon Road leading from the Northern part of England toward Nottingham and Northampton and soe to London through the sd. manners of Rotherham and Whiston". The Feoffees do not know if this old road was inconvenient or if the town had lost trade through it, but they had paid an annual "chimage" to the Lord of the Manor, so that

the inhabitants of Rotherham could use the short cut between Whiston and Rotherham. Henry, Duke of Norfolk, the Plaintiff's grandfather and Lord of the Manors of Whiston and Rotherham, had sold a considerable part of his lands in Whiston to Mr. Sterne, Rotherham Flatts. The latter was apparently trying to close this road, but the exact nature of the dispute is not clear.

(2 sheets: 3 sides).

M I S C E L L A N E O U S

1624-1627.

I/54/5/

Eight receipts for money received from the Parish Constable of Rotherham "for the lame soldiers".

16th Century - 1875.

I/54/

Bundle of Miscellaneous Papers, 27 items in all. With the exception of the "lame soldiers" money (see above) these papers have been entered in the calendar according to date and subject.

(The following are books into which documents have been copied) -

Feoffees' Book, Part I.

Some of these papers have been referred to in the calendar: the following is the complete list of contents:-

- 1) 26 August, 1584: "A Register of things concerning the Common Lands begunne the xxvi day of August". (Guest: Historic Notices, pp. 365 - 366).
- 2) 12 October, 1584: Abstract of leases made by the four original Feoffees "of the said landes since their purchase thereof".
- 3) 3 August, 1589: "Charter" of Rotherham Common Lands. (Guest: Historic Notices, pp. 371 - 374).
- 4) 1638. Rotherham Customary, shown by Francis West in 1638 "in the Eleaventh leafe of this booke". (Guest: Historic Notices, p. 359).
- 5) 30 July, 1608: Parcels of evidence when documents concerning the Common Lands were removed from the old chest to the new chest.
- 6) Copy of the Statutes of Lincoln College.
- 7) 5 June, 1618: "An Inventory of the Church goodes and ornamentes therof".
- 8) 13 November, 1613: Copy of Thomas Colte's will.
- 9) 20 July, 1620: The Bellmanship of Rotherham.
- 10) 1585: "A true copie of Mr. Thomas Lilly his wille." (Guest: Historic Notices, p. 377).
- 11) 25 March, 1606: Copy of Thomas Woodhouse's will.
- 12) 27 August, 1609: Copy of Rafe Reresby's will.
- 13) Inquiry into the bequests of the Earls of Shrewsbury and of Mistress Cuple Dyke to the town of Rotherham.
- 14) 27 December, 1629: Copy of John Shaw's will.
- 15) 2 January, 1631: "A particular of Diverse writings and evidences" concerning the Rotherham Common Lands.
- 16) 3 Elizabeth: "Decree for Revyving" Rotherham Grammar School. (Guest: Historic Notices, p. 334).

- 17) "Mr. Yvesons bille for Grammar School xx marks".
- 18) 11 August, 1590: "Michaelle Okes purchase of landes in Dalton".
- 19) 28 March, 1608: "Robert Okes his guift of landes in Dalton to thuse of Rotherham schoole".
(Guest: Historic Notices, p. 343.)
- 20) 12 October, 1631: Letter of Sir Robert Heath and answer of the Feoffees concerning the concealed lands. (Guest: Historic Notices, pp. 375 - 376).
- 21) "Touching £100 given by the Earl of Shrewsbury".
- 22) Accounts.
- 23) 20 February, 1640: Copy of Thomas Dickenson's will.
- 24) 7 and 8 November, 1679: Copy of Francis Dickenson's will.
- 25) 6 November, 1674: Memorandum on a law suit on the throwing open of closes for common grazing.
- 26) 18 August, 1680: Copy of Jonathan Stanyforth's will.
- 27) 2 January, 1686: Copy of George Holmes' will.
- 28) 7 August, 1657: Conveyance from Mr. Mounteney and Henry Revell to the new Feoffees.
- 29) Collectors' Accounts.
- 30) Churchwardens' Accounts.
- 31) Memorandum.
- 32) Greaves' Accounts.
- 33) 20 October, 1677: The fifth election of Feoffees.
- 34) Memorandum.
- 35) Rental.
- 36) Election of new Feoffees.
- 37) 1677: Feoffees.
- 38) Greaves' Accounts.
- 39) Memorandum on the Great Riding Bridge.
- 40) Greaves' Accounts.

Feoffees' Book, Part III.

- 1) 1606 - 1673: Greaves' Accounts.
- 2) 1608: Second election of Feoffees.
- 3) Memorandum.
- 4) 1626 - 1630: Accounts of the rents of the Woodhouse Lands.
- 5) 1631: Third election of Feoffees.
- 6) Various Accounts, but chiefly of the Woodhouse, Shaw and Dickenson lands.
- 7) 1723 - 1727: Greaves' Accounts.
- 8) 1646 - 1650: Accounts of the Shaw and Dickenson lands.

BOX IV

Packet 1

Title deeds to: Four messuages in Rotherham; later, three messuages fronting to College Street and Bridge Street and at the junction with Church Street, and a cottage behind.

The devisees, members of the Vialls family, and their husbands, etc. after the death of his son John, of Thomas Bradley of Rotherham, jersey comber, named in his will dated 1783, convey all their shares in the property to George Lilley of Rotherham, boot and shoe maker and widower, for £650, divided among the vendors. 30 March, 1848. Endorsed with a deed of 25 September, 1856, whereby the inheritor of the last share conveys it to George Lilly.

Bond for performance.

Disentailing deed. Thomas Rushworth, the vendor of 1856, disposes of his daughter's share to William Smith in trust to bar the entail. 26 December, 1855.

Conveyance. George Lilley, with the trustees of the will of George Broomhead of Sheffield, gentleman, his mortgagee, to John Boulton of Sheffield, confectioner, for £1,300 paid to the trustees. 20 April, 1858. Plan.

Mortgage. Boulton to Hawksley and others, 21 April, 1858; transfer of mortgage, Hawksley and others to Haywood and others, 15 June, 1860; abstract of title, 1864.

Conveyance. The mortgagees of John Boulton (Haywood and Kerr), to Henry Jubb of Moorgate House near Rotherham, gentlemen, for £1,255. Plan. 18 April, 1865.

Order of the Charity Commissioners, authorising the Feoffees' purchase, 9 August, 1867; Order sanctioning expenditure on improvement, 16 August, 1867.

Conveyance. Henry Jubb (who had acted on behalf of the Feoffees only) to the Feoffees of the Common Lands of Rotherham, for £1,255. 1 October, 1867.

Pedigree of the Bradley family, from Edward and Esther married 1739, with complete file of certificates, etc. as evidences.

Packet 2

Title deeds to: A parcel of land in Bradmarsh near Rotherham, and allotments of Rotherham Common or Rotherham Moor.

Conveyance (lease and release). John Coupland of Rotherham, wine merchant, to Thomas Wright of the same, corn factor, as expecting after the death of Alice, widow of Joseph Lockwood, who has it for life by the will of George Barlow late of Masbrough, in the parish of Rotherham, for £105. 17 and 18 August, 1802.

Bond for performance.

Conveyance. Ann Taylor the elder of Rotherham, widow of John Taylor, furrier, deceased, and John Taylor of Sheffield, plumber and glazier, her son, to John Crumack of Rotherham, merchant, and John Adams, of Rotherham, grocer. Allotment on Rotherham Moor made to John Taylor, for £105, reciting the process of disentailing it. 30 and 31 December, 1808.

Conveyance (lease and release). William Ridgeway of Masbrough in the parish of Rotherham, butcher, to John Crumack. An allotment on Rotherham Common made to George Newton, for £109. 26 and 27 January, 1809.

Mortgage. Crumack to William Whitehead of Laughton-en-le-Morthen, farmer. The two allotments, for £200. 31 December, 1814.

Conveyance. The Earl of Effingham to Thomas Wright of Masbrough, merchant. The tythes of a parcel of ground in Great Bradmarsh in Brinsworth in the parish of Rotherham, for £14, as redemption fee. 18 March, 1812.

Copy of the will of John Crumack (trustees are to sell his lands). 1816.

Conveyance (lease and release). Robert Thompson (surviving devisee in trust of John Crumack, with the consent of William Whitehead the mortgagee), to William Craven of Rotherham, auctioneer. The two allotments on Rotherham Common or Moor, for £217.1.0. to Whitehead, and £26.1.0. to the trustee. 20 and 21 February, 1818.

Conveyance (lease and release). Thomas Wright of Masbrough to William Craven of Rotherham, gentleman. The land in Bradmarsh, for £156, with a clause for the merging of a term. 9 and 10 March, 1818.

Conveyance. William Craven of Rotherham, auctioneer, to the Feoffees, represented by the Earl of Effingham and Samuel Walker of Aldwarke Hall in the parish of Ecclesfield. The two Rotherham Moor allotments and an allotment of Thomas Wright's in Bradmarsh for £40 and a croft at Westgate End in Rotherham. 4 and 5 November, 1822.

Document 3

Conveyance (lease and release). Samuel Jenkinson of Hooton Roberts, farmer, to the Feoffees. A messuage in Jesus Gate adjoining the west end of the Banke House, for £90. 17 and 18 June, 1828.

Document 4

Conveyance. James Wilkinson of Rotherham, surgeon, and apothecary, to the Feoffees. A plot of ground on which an ancient messuage formerly stood, in Talbot Lane in Rotherham, adjoining a building now being erected by Wilkinson, for £13.13.0. 8 May, 1778. (See Box V, Bundle 5).

Document 5

Feoffment. Samuel Tooker of Moorgate in the parish of Rotherham to the Feoffees. A messuage in Talbot Lane in Rotherham, adjoining the land of the Feoffees, for £60, charged with a £2 annual gift to the Charity School bequeathed in the will of John Tooker, Samuel's great uncle. 7 March, 1802.

Packet 6

Description of property: A freehold walled garden in Talbot Lane, opposite the dwelling of the later William Glossop.

Abstract of title of the devisees of William Glossop, and Particulars of sale of Lot 2: and a plan, with a receipt dated 6 December, 1852, for £21 from the Feoffees, showing a strip of land taken from this garden for widening the street, by W. Blackmoor, architect, 27 November, 1852.

Conveyance. The Rev. Ebenezer Glossop of Chinley (co. Derby) Calvinist Minister, and others (devisees of William Glossop) to the Feoffees, for £112, to be paid to George Wright of South Anston, a mortgagee. 2 November, 1853. Plan.

Packet 7

Description of property: Two stables, piggery and yard in Talbot Lane next to the Ship Inn.

Abstract of title of John White, silversmith, and William Chapman, engraver, both of Sheffield, as devisees in trust of Joshua Cawton of Sheffield, with a Cawton pedigree from the elder Joshua Cawton. 1852.

Particulars of lots in the Cawton sale.

Conveyance. John White and William Chapman, and all the Cawton family, to the Feoffees, for £250. 2 August, 1852.

Document 8

Conveyance. Robert John Bentley of Rotherham, esquire, to the Feoffees. A piece of ground on which formerly stood part of the Cross Daggers Inn, which has been taken down by Bentley and built further back, for £120, limited to use for widening and improving the corner of Talbot Lane and High Street. 16 January, 1856.

Packet 9

Edward Bellamy's legacy:

Order by the Feoffees to agree with the Earl of Effingham to purchase the tithes, tithe rents and chief rents of the Common Lands, with £200 bequeathed by Edward Bellamy. 7 March, 1779.

Minutes of a meeting of the Feoffees, Churchwardens, and principal inhabitants at which it was agreed to charge the Common Lands with £80 a year for distribution to the poor, on accepting £200 from the will of Edward Bellamy. 6 April, 1779.

Conveyance. Thomas, Earl of Effingham, to the Feoffees. The tithe rents of several closes in Rotherham which were allotted to the Feoffees by the Commissioners of the enclosure of Rotherham moors and commons, which rents (£6.8.8.) were granted to the Earl by the Commissioners; and a fee farm rent (£1.4.5.) payable on the Common Lands of the Feoffees, for £200, the rents to be used solely for the relief of poor persons in accordance with the provisions of Edward Bellamy's will: reciting a deed providing a jointure for the Countess of Effingham to be taken into account. 10 August, 1779.

Document 10

Conveyance. Richard, Earl of Effingham, of the Grange in the parish of Rotherham, to the Feoffees. Tythes of corn, grain, hay and all others on land in an open meadow called Bradmarsh in the manor of Brinsworth and parish of Rotherham, for £171.17.6. 18 March, 1812.

Documents 11 and 12

Deed of exchange (lease and release). The Feoffees and William Wentworth, Earl Fitzwilliam, and his trustees (Frederic, Earl of Bessborough and Lord George Cavendish). The Feoffees give a close in Greasbrough called Hoofing Close and lands dispersed

in the Ings, and Redhill Shut, Wheat Lands, Dam Shutt, Crabtree Shutt, all in Cinderbridge Field; in exchange for Scooby Close and Greasbrough and land adjoining the Earl's ancient enclosures called Intake and Potter Hill; with some trusts and limitations. 1 and 2 December, 1823.

Document 13

Mortgage. Jeremiah Sampson of Tankersley Park Side in the parish of Tankersley (co. York) yeoman, to James Hirst of Rotherham, gentleman. A dwelling house at Barley Hole in the lordship of Thorpe Hesley and parish of Wath-upon-Derne (co. York), and the Upper Royd, the Nether Royd, the Back Croft, the Far Croft and the Upper Field, for £200. 15 September, 1778.

BOX V

Documents unnumbered

Envelope containing correspondence between the Feoffees' Law Clerk and other lawyers about notices served for various purposes on tenants in Sherwood Crescent, Rotherham. 1933.

Agreement. The Feoffees agree to sell to the Corporation of Rotherham two fields (formerly six fields) once part of Rotherham Common, bounded in part by Canklow Road, Rotherham Cemetery and Boston Park, for £215. 10 January, 1931. Plan.

Bundle numbered 5

Conveyance (lease and release). Mary Jaques of Beverley (co. York), spinster, only child and heir by John Jaques, late of Doncaster, wine merchant deceased, by Mary his wife, also deceased, daughter of Mary Hallowell of Doncaster, widow, to James Wilkinson of Rotherham, surgeon and apothecary. Two messuages at the east end of Westgate in Rotherham, formerly in one house and called The Ship, for £372. 10 and 11 November, 1777.

Mortgage. James Wilkinson to Richard Ducker of Abdy in the parish of Wath upon Derne (co. York), yeoman. The same, for £200. 12 November, 1777.

Mortgage. James Wilkinson to James Crawshaw of Masbrough in the parish of Rotherham, ironfounder, for £250. The same. 14 June, 1791.

Conveyance and assignment (lease and release). James Wilkinson to John Hurst of Clough in the parish of Rotherham, esquire, Edward Prest of the City of York, druggist, and Joshua Hepworth of South Bramwith (co. York), gentleman, creditors and trustees for other creditors, in trust to sell for the payment of the creditors; and he assigns to them debts, stock in trade, etc. 18 and 19 May, 1798. Signed as exhibited in his bankruptcy case at Barnsley.

Bargain and sale. Watson Scatcherd and Jonas Clark, esquires, and John Hawke, gentleman, commissioners in James Wilkinson's bankruptcy, to Joshua Hepworth of South Bramwith and Thomas Carnelly of Rotherham, innholder. A messuage at the east end of West gate which has been erected in place of two messuages pulled down, a garden at the upper end of Talbot Lane and an allotment of Common, and any other estate he may have, to use in an endeavour to raise money for the payment of Wilkinson's debts. 4 August, 1798.

Assignment of mortgage. Richard Ducker to the assignees, being parties to await the inheritance. 21 January, 1799; and Surrender of term. John Crawshaw to the assignees, for £250. 5 June, 1799.

Conveyance (lease and release). Hurst and Prest, and the assignees in bankruptcy, to William Wildsmith of Rotherham, surgeon and apothecary. The property, for £525 and the remainder of the mortgage term. 3 and 4 June, 1799.

Conveyance (lease and release). The executors of William Wildsmith, deceased (William Yates and George Hurst), and Hepzibah his widow, to John Birks of Rotherham, plumber and glazier, and Francis Smith of Rotherham, plumber and glazier. The property (now again described as two messuages), for £770, with trusts. 26 and 27 May, 1812.

Mortgage. Birks and Smith to Yates and Hurst, for £600. 28 May, 1812.

Assignment of mortgage. Yates and Hurst to John Glossop of Harthill (co. Yorks) malster, for the £500 still owing. 7 April, 1820.

Conveyance. William Cross of Rotherham, victualler (with the consent of Earl Fitzwilliam), to John Birks and Francis Smith. A messuage in Westgate (adjoining their premises bought in 1812), for £70, paid to Earl Fitzwilliam, paying off a mortgage. 2 and 3 April, 1820.

Conveyance (lease and release). John Smith of Doncaster, yeoman, and Robert Smith of the same, cordwainer, administrators of the goods, etc. of Francis Smith, deceased intestate, their brother, to John Birks of Rotherham, plumber and glazier. Francis Smith's moiety of the premises in Westgate - two messuages and the site of a third which has been pulled down and a gateway built on it - and of their joint business, for £250. 7 and 8 July, 1823. Endorsed on the assignment of mortgage is a deed whereby John Birks pledges the whole property for a further loan of £550. 9 July, 1823.

Conveyance (lease and release). John Birks, being unable to pay certain debts, conveys to William Birks, plumber and glazier, his son, all his property, to dispose of so as to repay the debts at 15/- in the £. 28 and 29 July, 1826; with list of creditors, (total debt £630).

Conveyance (lease and release). John Glossop, William Binks, John Binks and others, to Richard Brooke of Red House in Rotherham. The property, for £775 to John Glossop and £28 to William Binks. 2 and 3 June, 1827.

Conveyance (lease and release). Richard Brooke to the Feoffees, for £1,200. 21 and 22 August, 1839.

Bundle marked (rather faintly) 1 - 11

Counterparts of leases of land and houses in Sherwood Crescent, Rotherham. The Feoffees to Charles Green and George Firth, contractors. Nos. 3 - 35 and 14 - 30, being the whole crescent, April 1901. No. 2 is lacking, marked as having been taken out by Oxley and Coward. All with plans.

Document numbered 4

Lease. The Feoffees to William Singleton of Leeds, timber merchant, and John Singleton of Carr House in the parish of Rotherham, timber merchant. A piece of land in Masbrough, adjoining Messrs. Singleton's timber yard, on the road from Rotherham to Wentworth, on which they undertake to build houses within seven years, for ninety-nine years at £7.10. a year. 13 January, 1840.

Document numbered 60 in Box VI

Surrender of lease. "The Ship Inn" having been built on the Singletons' land, and the lessee of that part now being William Stones Limited, brewers, and the licence of the house being expired, Stones surrender the rest of the lease to be extinguished with the rest when the time comes. 26 June, 1935.

Agreement to sell land in Canklow Road to Corporation. January, 1931.

BOX VI

Stock certificates and particulars of investments.
(Nos. 28-59).

Insurance policies.

Agreements about water pipes, gas lamps, telephone poles, a new road, with public authorities. 1889 - 1908. (Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10).

Leases and agreements to let. (Some related documents not at the bank are listed on pp. 1-2).

1 House and shops newly erected, corner of Church Street and College Street, to Charles Oldham.
Rent £62.10.0. 16 January, 1869.

4 The British Foundry, Rotherham (formerly used as a school house called the British School), to Mappin's Masbrough Old Brewery Ltd. Rent £30.
25 July, 1900.

8 not there. The Ship Yard as 27, but dated 1 October, 1906.

9 14 College Street to Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank,
Rent £100. 3 April, 1908.

- 11 The Dalton Poor Close at Dalton, to George Pearson of Dalton Brook. Rent £7. 22 February, 1910.
Sold to the Corporation.
- 12 Land and buildings in Badsley Moor Lane to the Guardians of the Poor of Rotherham Union. Rent £18.10.0. 6 March, 1911.
- 13 No. 5 Wellgate, to the Sheffield Independent Press Ltd. Rent £32.10.0. 28 March, 1911.
- 14 "The Ship" hotel, at the foot of Talbot Lane, with a yard further up the lane (not "The Ship Yard") to Henry Blanchard. Rent £190. 21 December, 1911.
- 15 Land between Wellgate and Narrow Twitchell, with a house, blacksmith's shop and outbuildings, including a "motor house", to Henry Gracie, carriage builder. Rent £50. 27 September, 1912.
- 16 The Plough Inn, and three houses in Greasbrough Road and Masbrough Road, to Mappin's Masbrough Old Brewery. Rent £95. 18 November, 1913.
- 17 No. 6 College Street, to G. H. Howe. Rent £27. 3 July, 1914.
- 18 Seven closes, two in Badsley Moor Lane and five in Far Lane, from year to year, to Ernest Henry Lockwood. Rent £55. 4 April, 1916.
- 19 14 College Street to Barclay and Co. (following 9). Rent £120. 13 October, 1913.
- 20 "The Ship" to the Crown Hotel (Rotherham) Company (following 14). Rent £190. 18 December, 1916.
- 21 8 and 10 College Street, to M. R. Davies. Rent £75. 19 January, 1917.
- 22 was handed to Mappin's when the Plough was sold.
- 23 British Foundry, following 4, to Mappin's Masbrough Old Brewery. Rent £40. 20 September, 1920.
- 24 Land in Badsley Moor Lane, to Rotherham Corporation, for allotments. Rent £10. 6 August, 1920.
- 25 Not in box - should be lease 14 College Street, to Barclay's Bank (following 9, 19). 26 September, 1921.
- 25a 20 Westgate, to Arthur Broomhead. Rent £125. 14 September, 1927.
- 25b & 25c Not in box.
- 26 18 Westgate, to E. J. Brown & Co. Ltd. Rent £110. 20 November, 1925.
- 27 The Ship Yard in Talbot Lane, with the buildings in it, to Moorhouse and Company (Rotherham) Ltd. Rent £130-£150. 11 November, 1927.
- 61 Trust deed 1914)
62 Trust deed 1932) have been removed.

The following papers detached from records in the possession of the Feoffees are now in the South Yorkshire Industrial Museum, Cusworth Hall, near Doncaster, numbered J.G.MSS M/47:-

Book containing names of recipients of a charity, with which the Churchwardens were associated, and note on loaves of bread ordered. 1777. With a reference to the number of widows entitled to bread and "the Will's" provisions.

Only sixteen received gifts in 1776.

Rentals of the Common lands, made out in August each year. The properties which usually appear are:

The Talbot Inn with a barn and croft in Wellgate.
Toft and Croft in Wellgate.
Dwellings in High Street.
Dwellings in Briggate.
"Lands and meadows" in Rotherham.
Arable in St. Anne's Field.
Dwelling on Rotherham Bridge with stable and swine hulls.
Rawmarsh Lane.
Dwelling in Westgate.
Lands and meadow in Rotherham, Bradmarshe and Marsburghe.
Cottage in Wellgate.
House in Milnegate.
Sawell Closes in Dalton.
Dwellings in Marsburghe.
"A brode land in the Ealand".

The earliest gives only tenants and not locations, and there are a few unlocalised entries even in the latest one. For 1599 - 1606 there are entries for lands in Denaby.

Separate skins:

Herbage and winter pasture "to the town's use for land kept enclosed" in Doncaster Gate, Snell Croft, the Crofts, Colledge Leys, Canklowe More; Thomas Clayton's dues near the Don are listed in some detail. Lists of arrears of rent in most years.

Both series run from 1599 to 1633.

For succeeding rentals, see p. 51.

Appointment. "The Feoffees of the Common Lands of Rotherham and a great number of other inhabitants" appoint Henry Saxton to be the schoolmaster, with the use of the tenement called the Schoolehouse: for a stipend (the King's?) of £10 with the addition of £7.13.4. to be contributed by the citizens (some of whom sign the agreement). Undated. Nicholas Mountney and Francis West are the Greaves.

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