

A SELECTION OF 20 DEEDS RELATING TO THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE

1571, 1606, 1607, 1607, 1625, 1625, 1635, 1640, 1648, 1657, 1672, 1674, 1678, 1678, 1696,
1707, 1707, 1712, 1713, 1737.

CLAULEY REGIS

Court held by John Fferrers esquire Lord of the Manor there held the sixteenth day of November 13 Elizabeth...to this court came Richard Hatton the attorney of William Rowlowe and Frances his wife to testify to Thomas Garbott and William Gubbold, two customary tenants there, that he had surrendered into the hands of the Lord one toft and half a virgate of land of his together with the appurtenances in Dalycott to the use and behoof of his son Richard Rowlowe...his heirs and assigns in perpetuity...and to the above court came the said Richard in his own person and was admitted to the said toft and half a virgate of land...by the steward of the said manor...and he gave as a fine 5s. 4d. and pledged fealty and was admitted...dated the day and year above stated under the seal of Edward Moseley gentleman steward for the time being there.

Signed: Edward Moseley.

The document bears a tongue to which is attached a fine seal in dark red wax, bearing the impression of two initials, with sprigs or sprays on either side. The initials appear to be in reverse and could be "G" and "I". The whole is enclosed within a circle.

The document also bears a tie wrap.

CLANLEY

Court baron of Humfrey Fferris knight, Lord of the Manor aforesaid, held there on Wednesday 25th June 3 James I (1606)...to wit...to this court came Francis Rowley, ahson of Richard Rowley lately deceased, in his own person and received from the Lord of the Manor one toft and half a virgate of land with the appurtenances in Dallycott within the manor aforesaid... to have and to hold forever according to the customs of the manor...and giving as a fine 6s.8d... and was admitted tenant...

Signed by William Warter steward there.

The tongue of the document is lacking.

Deed of bargain and sale with feoffment by Richard Hatton of Dallicott within the parish of Clauley in the county of Shropshire yeoman, son and heir apparent of John Hatton of Dallicott and Margaret his wife,... in consideration of eleven pounds...to Francis Rowley of Wyken gentleman...of one small croft or pasture of land situated in Dallicott in the fee of Clauley...lying between the lands late of Henry Gravenor and the lands of Francis Rowley of Wyken gentleman and one lane leading towards the forest of Morsse on all parts and containing by estimation two acres of land with all and singular the appurtenances... to have and to hold to the said Francis Rowley forever...

Dated the 29th December 4 James I.

Signed: Richard Hatton.

Attached to the document by its original seal tag is a small fragment of a seal, in red wax. It originally bore the impression of a device that can now no longer be distinguished.

On the reverse of the document is livery of seizin.

The names of the witnesses are: Richard Sondes, Thomas Hubball and John Edmonde.

Deed of grant from John Hatton of Dallicott within the parish of Clauley in the county of Shropshire yeoman and Margaret his wife...to Richard Hatton of Dallicott yeoman, son and heir apparent of the said John and Margaret, of one small croft or pasture of land situated in Dallicott in the fee of Clauley...lying between the lands late of Henry Gravenor and the lands of Francis Rowley of Wyken gentleman and one lane leading towards the forest of Morsse on all parts and containing by estimation two acres of land with all and singular the appurtenances...to have and to hold...forever...to hold of the chief lords of the fee by the services customarily due...

Dated the 26th December 4 James I (1607).

Signed: The mark of John Hatton and the mark of Margaret Hatton.

Attached to the document by their original parchment seal tags are two seals. The first, in red wax, is a major fragment, bearing the impression of a device that is not discernible. The second is a larger fragment still, again in red wax, bearing another device that cannot be distinguished.

Livery of seizin is given on the dorse.

The names of the witnesses are also given on the dorse and are Richard Sonde, John Edmonde and Thomas Hubball.

CLAVERLEY

Court baron of Sir William Whitmore knight Lord of the said Manor held there the tenth day of June 1 Charles I (1625)...John Byrche gentleman steward there...to this court came Francis Rowley gentleman seeking a licence to confirm to John Beech and William Brooke one toft and half a virgate of land with the appurtenances in Dallicote for a term of sixty years from and immediately after the death of himself and Maria his wife and Susan the wife of Edward Hulett...and he gave a fine and the licence was granted for 3s. 4d...

Examined by John Byrche steward there.

Attached to the tongue of the document is a seal, bearing a very fine impression of a griffin rampant, enclosed within an oval wreath, the lower right hand edge of the seal being slightly damaged. The seal is in dark red wax.

CLAVERLEY

Court baron of Sir William Whitmore knight held there on the twenty-second day of July Charles I (1625)...John Byrche gentleman steward there...to this court came Francis Rowley gentleman in his own person and surrendered into the hands of the Lord one toft and half a virgate of land with the appurtenances in Dallicote to the use and behoof of the same Francis Rowley and his assigns for the term of his life...and after his decease to the use and behoof of Richard Rowley gentleman his son and heir apparent...and seizin was granted to the said Francis Rowley and his assigns for the term of the life of the same Francis...&c..

Examined by John Byrche steward there.

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WYKEN MANOR: COURT BARON OF ROBERT TALBOT ESQUIRE LORD OF THE SAID
MANOR HELD THE FOURTH DAY OF OCTOBER 15 CHARLES I...STEPHEN TOTTY
GENTLEMAN STEWARD THERE...

The homage: Roger Perry, John Warter, John Cox, Richard Rowley, George
Barrett, John Peyton, George Sheinton, Nathaniel Barrett and Francis Brooke.

To this court it is presented that Francis Rowley one of the customary tenants of the said manor, who held from the Lord of the Manor by copy of court roll...one messuage and one virgate of land with the appurtenances, one other messuage and half a virgate of land with the appurtenances within the aforesaid manor...as also three cottages and one parcel of land called "Buttlers Hill" situated in Le Low within the aforesaid manor..and one croft and one virgate of land, one cottage with the curtilage, three acres of land with the appurtenances in Wyken and Le Low or in other parts of the said manor...and one meadow called "Le Parock" in Wyken...and one fishery called "a Weare" for fishing above Chirl within the manor aforesaid...who has died since from whence a herriot is to be given to the Lord of two oxen of which the colour of one is brown and the colour of the other black and the value is ten pounds...one cow whose colour is "fried" to the value of two pounds ten shillings...and that Daniel Rowley aged eleven years is the son and heir of Richard Rowley deceased...and was admitted customary tenant of the manor...on payment of a fine of forty-six shillings and eightpence...

True copy of the original court roll.

WYKEN MANOR: COURT BARON OF ROBERT TALBOTT ESQUIRE LORD OF THE MANOR
HELD ON 21ST JANUARY 15 CHARLES I (1640) AT THE COURT OF STEPHEN TOTTY
GENTLEMAN STEWARD THERE...

To this court came George Barrett one of the customary tenants of this manor in his own person and surrendered into the hands of the Lord one messuage and half a virgate of land with the appurtenances in Wyken and also one croft of land called "Berdes" otherwise Beards Yard and one cottage or curtilage in Le Low within the said manor with the appurtenances containing three parts (in five parts to be divided) and thirty parts (in thirty parts to be divided) of one nooke of land...to the use and behoof of John Warter of Bridgenorth county Shropshire gentleman his heirs and assigns forever...and the said John Warter came in his own person and received admittance into the said premises by the hands of the said steward of the manor on behalf of the Lord of the manor...and he gave as a fine 13s.2d...

Examined by Stephen Totty steward there.

WYKEN MANOR: THE COURT BARON OF THOMAS TALBOTT ESQUIRE LORD OF THE MANOR
OF WYKEN AFORESAID HOLDEN UPON THE FRIDAY 22ND MAY 1657 BEFORE JOHN
TRANNLER GENTLEMAN STEWARD THERE.

The homage for the Lord of the Manor aforesaid:

Danyell Rowley gent William Perrey gent Thomas Bach Luke Prisse Nathaniel
Barrett George Sheynton Richard Rowley Richard Bradney and John Sadler.

At this court cometh Danyell Rowley gentleman in his own person and doth surrender into the hands of the Lord one messuage, one yardland with the appurtenances and one toft and half yardland with the appurtenances late in the tenure of one Jeffrey Sandbrooke and now in the tenure of John Thatcher...to the use and behoof of him the said Danyell Rowley and Eleanor his now wife, (daughter of Walter Wodehill gentleman) and of the heirs of their body...and thereupon in the same court came Danyell Rowley and Eleanor his wife and were admitted tenants...on payment of a fine of thirty shillings...

Examined by John Trannler their steward.

Attached to the tongue of the document is the major portion of a seal in dark red wax, bearing no distinct impression.

Indenture made the fourteenth day of March 1672...between Sara Smith of Norton in the parish of Stockton in the county of Shropshire widow of the one part and William Wartar of Catstrey within the parish of Worfield and county aforesaid gentleman of the other...whereas at the court baron of Thomas Talbott esquire holden for this manor of Wyken...on Tuesday 25th February last past...before John Traunter the elder gentleman steward of the same court came Daniel Rowley of Wyken gentleman one of the customary tenants of the said manor and Eleanor his now wife,...and the said Eleanor did in full court according to the custom of the said manor...surrender by the rod two acres of land arable customary with the appurtenances in Wyken...one of which said parcels of land shooteth up to the lea land on the east, the land of the said Daniel Rowley in the village of Roughton on the south and the land of the said Daniel in the village of Dallicote on the north...and the other parcel of land adjoineth unto the last mentioned parcel of land with a sheepcoate in the same called the coate leasowe...containing by estimation one nooke land...to the use and behoof of the said Sara Smith...during the term of ninety-nine years from thenceforth...and afterwards in that same court the said Sara Smith did desire to be admitted tenant to the said two parcels of land...which was granted...to have and to hold the said parcels to the said Sara in form aforesaid...and the Sara gave to the Lord for a fine 2s.6d. and was admitted tenant...now this present indenture witnesses that the said Sara...hath demised, granted, assigned, set and to farm let unto the said William Wartar all the said two parcels of land arable &c....to have and to hold for the residue and remainder of the said term of ninety-nine years...yielding and paying therefore unto the said Sara...the yearly rent of five pounds...

Indenture made 1st January 26 Charles II (1674) between Ellener Rowly, late wife of Daniel Rowly late of Wyken in the parish of Worfeild in the county of Shropshire, one of the customary or copyhold tenants of the manor of Wyken of the one part and Thomas Sheppard of Wyken yeoman of the other part...whereas Thomas Talbott of Worfeild esquire, lord of the aforesaid manor of Wyken, by his deed dated the last day before the day of the date hereof, hath given and granted unto the said Ellener Rowly full and free liberty, license, power and authority to grant and demise and to farm let unto the aforesaid Thomas Sheppard...for the term of twenty-one years if the said Ellener shall so long live...all her customary messuage...and also all or any part of her yard or half yard of customary land and one meadow called "Broad Dale", one meadow called "The Meadow" being reputed to be part of the said yard and a half... situated within the manor of Wyken in the tenure or occupation of the said Daniel Rowly previously, but now in the possession of the said Thomas Sheppard...now this indenture witnesses that the said Ellener for and in consideration of the yearly rent and seven covenants &c. hereafter concluded...hath granted and demised set and unto farm let...unto the said Thomas Sheppard ...all the above mentioned messuage and lands... to have and to hold for and during the term of twenty-one years... yielding and paying therefore unto the said Ellener Rowly the sum of thirty pounds per annum...

Attached to the document by its original seal tag is a seal, in red wax, 1½" dia., bearing an indistinct impression.

The names of the witnesses, given on the dorse, are John Jenkes and Francis Jenkes.

MANOR OF COURT BARON OF THOMAS TALBOTT ESQUIRE LORD OF THE MANOR HELD THERE
TUESDAY THE 26TH APRIL 1678...THE COURT OF JOHN TANKER SENIOR GENTLEMAN
CHIEF STEWARD THERE IN THE PRESENCE OF ROBERT BARRETT AND ROGER PERREY
CUSTOMARY TENAMANOR.

To this court came Margaret Rowley spinster a customary tenant of the manor of Wyken in her own person and in open court surrendered into the hands of the said Lord of the manor three messuages, one toft, one virgate of land and three nookes of land and four cottages situated in Wyken and officially above Chirl, one parcel of land called "Berdes" otherwise Beards Yard and one cottage and a curtilage in a meadow thereto adjoining and a parcel of land called "Le Low Yard" with one meadow adjoining and abutting above Beresyard...and also one other parcel of land called "Buttler Hill" and one other parcel of land called "Le Other Low Yard" adjoining a certain field there called "le parfoir meadow" and one other meadow called "Brodbridge" and one meadow called "Bridgend meadow" otherwise Mill Parock and one other meadow called "Le Paddock and Trest Acres"...to the use and behoof of Thomas Bach of High Gravenor...and afterwards came into this court Thomas Bach in his own person and received admittance to the above mentioned lands... to have and to hold unto his own use...

Examined by John Tanker.

Attached to the document by its tongue is a seal, paper on red wax, bearing a deep impression that is, however, not distinguishable.

Indenture made the second day of June in the thirtieth year Charles II (1678) between Margaret Rowley spinster, only sister and heir of Daniel Rowley, late of Wykin in the parish of Worfeild and county of Shropshire gentleman deceased, of the one part and Thomas Bache of High Gravenor in the parish of Clauley and county of Shropshire aforesaid yeoman of the other part...witnesses that the said Margaret Rowley for and in consideration of five shillings...hath granted, bargained and sold...all that small croft, pasture or parcel of land...being in Dallycott within the manor and fee of Clauley...between the land late of Henry Gravenor and the land late of Francis Rowley of Wykin gentleman deceased, grandfather of her the said Margaret and a lane there leading towards the forest of Morsse of all parts and containing by estimation two acres... to have and to hold...to the said Thomas Bache...for the term of one year...

Signed: Margarett Rowley.

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

The names of the witnesses are given on the dorse. They are Alice Ffowler, John Bache and Samuel Somford.

ORIGINAL WILL OF THOMAS BARRETT OF ARLETON

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Barrett of Arleton in the parish of Worfeild in the county of Shropshire within the diocese of Litchfeild and Coventrey, being weak of body but of sound and perfect memory praise be to Almighty God for the same, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following...

First I do bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God &c....and as for what worldly estate it hath pleased God...to bestow upon me...I do dispose of as followeth...

As for my personal estate within doors and without, both quick and dead, after my funeral charges are discharged, and all my debts paid, I do give and bequeath unto my wife, my son John being my second son and my daughter Elizabeth to be equally divided betwixt them.

I do constitute and appoint my loving uncle Thomas Bach of Vighgrand, now in the parish of Clauly, within the county of Shropshire, yeoman to be sole guardian of my children until each of them do attain unto the full age of one and twenty years (or anyone who my said uncle Thomas Bach shall appoint be guardian in his place and stead).

And lastly I do constitute and appoint my loving brother in law Thomas Gressney of the parish of Codsall in the county of Staffordshire yeoman to be my sole executor to this my last Will and Testament...

In witness thereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal the twelfth day of December 1696.

Sealed in the presence of Richard Eykyn, Thomas Parsons and Robert Barrett.

Signed: Thomas Barrett.

Attached to the document is a seal, in red wax, ca. ½" dia., bearing the fine impression of a shield, charged with a chevron and three crosses potence.

THE MANOR OF WYKEN

Court baron of Sharington Davenport esquire Lord of the said Manor held the 17th February 6 Anne (1707)...Thomas Richards steward there...

The homage of the said manor is Thomas Billingsley senior, Thomas Smith, Robert Barrett and John Sadler...

To this court came Thomas Bash one of the customary tenants there...in his own person and surrendered into the hands of the Lord by the hands of the steward there...the reversion after the deaths of the said Thomas Bash and Sare his wife a copyhold cottage, one parcel of land called "Beards Yard", one meadow adjoining, one cottage, one other parcel of land called "Le Lowe Yard", one meadow adjoining above Beards Yard, one parcel of land called "Le Ad Lowe Yard", one parcel of land called "Buttlers Hill" thereupon adjoining and one parcel of meadow called "Broadbridge Meadow" with all and singular their appurtenances situated within Le Lowe within the foresaid manor to the use and behoof of William Bash their son and heir apparent...paying in total in fines twenty-six shillings.

Examined by Thomas Richards steward there.

Attached to the document is a seal, in red wax, depicting a shield, charged with a chevron and three fleurs-de-lis.

MANOR OF CLAULY

Memorandum that the twenty-fourth day of October 1707 I Thomas Bache one of the copyholders of this manor do surrender into the hands of William Billingsley of the sea one of the customary tenants of this manor in the presence of Robert Barrett one toft and one half yard land with the appurtenances thereunto belonging situated in the township of Dallicott within this manor...and this is for the use and behoof of William Bache son and kin of we the said Thomas Bache his heirs and assigns forever according to the custom of this manor...and upon condition that the said William Bache or his heirs...pay the sum of £8 per annum during the term of my natural life and my wife's and at the decease of either of us the said payment is for to cease. Witness my hand the day and year first above written.

Signed: Thomas Bache, William Billingsley and witnessed by Robert Barrett.

PROBATE COPY OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS BACHE OF ROUGHTON.

A fine and perfect copy of the last Will and Testament of Thomas Bache of Roughton in the parish of Worfeild and county of Shropshire lately deceased.

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Bache of Roughton...yeoman...being weak of body but of sound and perfect memory &c....

I gave unto my son William Bache my great Bible. I give unto my sons John, Thomas and Samuel Bache the sum of twenty pounds to be equally divided amongst them. I give unto my son in law John Cauldwall my spitts boots and my clock after my wife's decease. I give unto my son in law John Bell forty shillings. I give unto my son in law Moses Whitehouse forty shillings. I give unto my son in law John Cauldwall forty shillings. I give unto the executors of my son in law Jonathan Brooke forty shillings for the use of my granchildren Brookes. I give unto my son in law Simeon Ashe forty shillings. I give unto my son in law William Ffoxall forty shillings. I give unto my two grandchildren Ffoxall five pounds to each of them. I give unto all the rest of my grandchildren twelve pence a piece. I give and leave unto my wife all the rest of my household goods and personal estate to be at her disposal. I do constitute and ordain my son William Bache to be my sole executor to perform this my last Will and Testament revoking all former wills &c.. Dated 11th August 1712.

Signed: Thomas Bache.

Witnessed by Jane Thomas and Robert Barrett.

The probate is attached. This is dated the 15th March 1713 and probate was granted to William Bache executor. Probate is signed by Richard Rider deputy to William Ley court register.

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MANOR OF WYKEN: COURT BARON OF SHARINGTON DAVENPORT ESQUIRE LORD OF THE
MANOR HELD THERE ON THE 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 11 ANNE - THE COURT OF
THOMAS RICHARDS GENTLEMAN STEWARD OF THE MANOR, THOMAS BILLINGSLEY,
ROBERT BARRETT, JOHN SADLER SENIOR AND JOHN SADLER JUNIOR JURATES THERE
PRESENT.

To this court came Thomas Bach of High Gravenor one of the customary tenants of this manor in his own person and surrendered into the hands of the Lord by the steward a toft called "Barretts Yard", one messuage now in the tenure or occupation of Michael Billingsley, one close of land adjoining and half a close of certain customary land in Pillingshall with the appurtenances situated within the manor and which said parcels of land contain by estimation one nooke of land to the use of William Bach his son and heir apparent...and in the same way to this court came William Bach in his own person and was admitted tenant to the lands...to have and for the term of his life on payment of the fine of five shillings...

To all christian people to whom these presents shall come I Henry Warter of Crooke Meale in the county of Shropshire gentleman send greeting... whereas by his surrender dated 9th March 1723 William Bach and Martha his wife at a court baron of Henry Davenport esquire, late Lord of the Manor of Wyken, in the county aforesaid, two of the customary tenants of the same manor did surrender into the hands of the Lord...one toft called "Barretts Yard", one messuage and close adjoining containing half one nooke of land, two messuages, one yardland, one nooke and half one nooke of land, four cottages, two fisheries in Chirl, one meadow called "Bridge End Meadow" otherwise Mill Parock, one meadow called "The Paddock" and three acres of arable land with their appurtenances situate in the village of Wyken in the manor aforesaid...to the use and behoof of the said William Bach and Martha his wife for their lives...and after their several deceases to the use and behoof of the heirs of their body...subject to a proviso that in case the said Martha should happen to die without issue... that it should be lawful for her by any deed to appoint a payment of any sum of money to any person...not exceeding the sum of four hundred pounds...and whereas the aforesaid Martha Bach did publish and declare her last Will and Testament dated the 7th June 1736 and did thereby bequeath several lagacies for certain persons therein named to the value of four hundred pounds and did therein nominate and appoint me the said Henry Warter sole executor thereof...and I the said Henry Warter have proved the said will in due form of law...now know ye that I the said Henry Warter have the day of the date hereof received the sum of one hundred pounds of William Bach...in part of the said four hundred pounds...

Dated 27th January 11 George II (1737).

Signed: Henry Warter.

Attached to the document is a seal, in red wax, depicting an ornate shield charged with a bend bearing a dolphin.

The witnesses are William Haslewood, Roger Haslewood and Arthur Haslewood.