

**Chelsfield Parochial Notes**  
**by**  
**Arthur Thomas Waring**  
**of Woodlands,**  
**Lord of the Manors of Chelsfield**  
**and Hewitts, c. 1912.**

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Appendix 1      A copy of a document in our possession

1788 A PERAMBULATION made by the parishioners of Chelsfield through the Boundaries of the s<sup>d</sup> parish on Wednesday the 21st of May 1788.

First Marked

An Ash pollard on Greenstreet Green  
 An Ash pollard between Greensted Green & Ponnssfield  
 A Whitethorn at the Corner of Great Westfield by the Road  
 An Oak pollard between Great Westf<sup>d</sup> and Little Westfield  
 An Ash pollard upper side of Westfield  
 An Oak stadle by Broomfield & Corner of Great Westfield  
 A Maple stub in corner of Lower Broomfield and by Newfarm  
 A Maple between Lower Barley field and Newfarm  
 An Oak pollard in Goddington Westfield by the Gate in the Corner  
 An Oak by the Corner of Little Horseley and Great Horseley  
 A Maple between Blackmans Butt & Mr. Glodes field  
 A Maple by the Corner of Goddington Shaw and by Ramswool  
 No marks from the corner of Goddington Shaw to Chapmans piece,  
 now Townsend  
 An Ash pollard by Townsend piece - geury whether right  
 An Ash pollard between Hagdle and Little Trugs Land  
 An Ash pollard by the corner of the Shaw between trugs land  
 and Hawfield Bank  
 A Beech pollard between Mosyers field & Hawfield Bank  
 Made no mark between Mosyers Clover & Tare field  
 A Beech pollard in the corner of C.C. supposed to be Crab Croft  
 A Beech pollard in 4 acres Walley  
 A Beech pollard between Woodfield & Mosyers Chalk Hole field  
 An Ash pollard by the corner of Woodmeriden by Scibs Lane  
 An Ash pollard between Woodmeriden and the Bells 4 acres  
 A Beech pollard between Pickenden and the Bells 4 acres  
 A Beech by the corner of Grub  
 An Oak polard by Upper Durlly Gate  
 An Oak pollard by Skeetriden Gate  
 A Whiteleaf at the Morefield Gate  
 An Oak pollard between Morefield Shaw & Colgateridden Shaw  
 An Oak pollard the corner of Doctors Field by Oven  
 A Beeck pollard between the Doctors Wood and Oven  
 A Beech pollard by the corner of the Doctors Wood & Dunmalls Wood  
 A Beech pollard by the corner of Sollets & Dunmalls Wood  
 A Beech pollard by Oven Gate  
 A Beech pollard between Scrubs and Rough Garden  
 Mark on the Mantle piece of Widow Johnson's  
 An Elm pollard at Little Kents gate

A pollard Beech by Home field Stile  
 An Ash pollard the upper side of Cumberlands  
 A Whitethorn between Cumberlands & Little Pascals by the Little Gate  
 An Elm pollard by little pascals gate  
 An Ash pollard between Hewett Garden & Shoreham Lane  
 Shutting Post of the Gate Hewett Garden & Barn Haw  
 Hanging Gate Post between Barn Haw & Hewett Gause  
 An Ash pollard between Hewett Gause & little field  
 A Maple pollard between the little fd & Halstead Lane Broke Btm  
 An Oak pollard in Broke Bottom by Gossen Hill  
 Gate Post at the foot of Halstead Hill  
 Stile between Lower Shepherds Green & Watly  
 An Oak Staddle in the corner of Watley  
 An Ash pollard further side of Sprats Grove fd by Sprats Grove Wood  
 A plumbtree between Ashen Walk & Sprats Grove  
 The old mark stake is taken down in the bottom by the Stone  
 Rock between Aspen walk & Mountfield, and the parish parts  
 between the Ashen and the Hasle Stub  
 A plumbtree between Mountfield and the roundabout  
 A pollard Oak by the gate between roundabout & 12 acres  
 Plumbree in the corner of Clay pond field  
 An Oak stump in clay pond field by the turnpike road opposite  
 Shingles Cross lane  
 Made no mark by Shingles Cross Lane & Eyles his wood  
 A Beech pollard between Mr. Eyles field & Long Bottom  
 A pollard Oak between Latts Coppice & Birchen Bank  
 A Beech staddle by the corner of Latts Coppice piece joyning  
 to Rimner  
 Rimner appears to be about 4 acres in Chelsfield, and 3 acres  
 in Knockholt - should be a post set up  
 Gate post by the corner of Perry Wood  
 A Beech pollard between Chalk Shaw & Perry Wood  
 A Becch pollard between Chalk Shaw & Perry Wood  
 An Oak pollard corner of Perry Wood by 4 acres Washners farm  
 A Beech pollard by Perry Wood and 3 cornered field  
 A Beech pollard between 3 cornered fd & Henmans Wood  
 A White leaf corner of Newlands Shaw & 5 acres  
 An Ash pollard between 5 acres & Henmans Wood  
 An Oak pollard between Newlands Shaw & Henmans Wood  
 A Maple pollard between Newlands Shaw & Henmans Wood  
 A Willow Stam between Newlands Shaw belonging to Norsted and Pinks Shaw  
 A Maple pollard between Newland & Shaw & Birchen Croft Wood  
 An Oak pollard between Newland & Shaw & Birchen Croft Wood  
 A Maple pollard between Newland Shaw & by the corner of Mr. Cox's field  
 A Willow pollard between Birchen Croft Wood & Mr. Cox's field  
 A Whitethorn by New Years Wood near Venners House.  
 An Oak pollard between New Years Wood and Apple tree field  
 belonging to Luts Green

An Oak pollard between New Years Wood & Gomans Land  
 A Beech pollard between New Years Wood & Gomans Land  
 An Oak pollard between New Years Wd & Gomans Land fd & Bottom Shaw  
 A Beech pollard in Bottom Shaw by the footpath  
 An Oak in the corner of Bottom Shaw by Cacket Hill  
 An Ash pollard at the top of the Grubd Ground Shaw Top of Cackets Hill  
 A Beech pollard uper side Grubd Ground by Brooms Wood  
 An Oak pollard near the corner of Great Hayes  
 An Ash between Great Hayes and the meadow  
 An Oak pollard at the uper side of the meadow by Horn Green  
 A Beech pollard corner of the meadow by the pond  
 A Maple pollard between Hayes Shaw & Southfield  
 An Ash pollard between the Southfields  
 An Ash pollard by the corner of Southfield  
 An Ash pollard between Cherry Tree Croft & Thornfield  
 An Ash pollard between Allens fd ' & Thornfield near Cackets Lane  
 An Ash pollard between Bartholomew field & Lampit (Loampit) Croft  
 An Ash pollard corner of Bartholomew field  
 Shuting post of the gate between the Hook Woods  
 Hanging post of the gate by Hook Wood Shaw  
 An Oak pollard between Rough Bush & Hook Wood Shaw  
 An Oak pollard by the corner of Downers Gause & Foxberry Wood  
 A pollard Ash in Downers Gause next Foxbury Hill  
 A pollard Ash in Downers Gause Shaw  
 An Ash pollard bottom of Cangles Shaw  
 An Ash pollard in High Wood field  
 An Ash pollard in High Wood field  
 An Ash between Cockshot Wood field & Oak Warren  
 Shuting post of the gate in Oak Warren  
 Hanging Gate post in Chalk pit field  
 Hanging Gate post Stony Mallams  
 Made a cross in the road about 5 rods from the road as goes  
 to Norsted towards the tunrpike under Stony Mallams Hedge  
 Made a cross on Greensted Upper Green about 2 rods from  
 Stevens Sign post

pd Thos Know for one Day going the Bounds	0. 2. 0
Richard Johnson	0. 2. 0
Thos Buster	0. 2. 0
Wm Penn	0. 2. 0
Jn Everest	0. 2. 0
Rich <sup>d</sup> Skinner	0. 2. 0
James Brooks	0. 2. 0
J Johnson	0. 2. 0
Rob <sup>t</sup> Everest	0. 2. 0
Baruch Wood	0. 2. 0
Expenses at Bo-peep & Richmore Hill	0. 9. 6
Expenses of Eating at Baruch Woods	0.15. 1
Expenses of Drinking at Baruch Wood	0.11. 5
	<u>2.12. 0</u>
pd for Doctor Long	1. 6. 0
pd for the Parish	<u>1. 6. 0</u>

## Appendix II

Translation from Latin of the earliest deed that the writer had in his possession, by which Alan Typon conveyed and sold 'Wheatfields' to Simon Wodeward and others. (see p.110)

1448

Know all men both present and to come that I Allan Typon of Chelsfield in the County of Kent give grant and by this present deed confirm to Master William Peter, Philip ate Well Nicholas Sybbyn, and Simon Wodeward junior all my land and tenement except one rod of land of the Lord of Hewetts To have and to hold all the aforesaid land and tenement except that before excepted with all their premises to the aforesaid William, Philip, Nicholas and Simon their heirs and assigns for ever of the principal Lord of the fee there by the rent and service there owed as by law accustomed And I the aforesaid Alan and all my heirs warrant the aforesaid land and tenement except that before excepted with all their premises to William, Philip, Nicholas and Simon their heirs and assigns against all men for ever by these presents. In testimony of which thing I place my Seal to this present deed Witness to this William Cok, Thomas Cok, Thomas Peter, William Boot and John Wryght and others Given at Chelsfield aforesaid on All Souls day in the year of the reign of King Henry VI of England after the conquest the twenty seventh.

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1479 the next Indenture is that by which Simon Woodward sold and conveyed 'Wheatfields' to **Richard Bonanther and Alice Bray**; it is dated 18 Edward IV (see p.52 & 110). It is written in Latin and the following is a rough translation.

"Know all men present and to come that I Simon Wodward of Chelsfeld in the County of Kent give grant and by this my present writing confirm to Richard Bonanther Parson and Alice Bray widow and sister of the said Richard one messuage, with one croft and one field of land adjacent to the same messuage called Whetefilde being and lying in the parish of Chelsfeld aforesaid To wit next the Kings way there in part southward and north and land called The Hewet A in part east and land of William Whitehede in part west. I give also and grant to the aforesaid Richard and Alice one croft of land called The Swers with a parcel of land adjacent called The Wyche, and one croft of land called Welle Crofte and one croft of land called Rigdowings Hawe being and lying in the parish of Chelsfeld aforesaid whence the said croft called Swers with the said

parcel called The Wyche lie between land of William Whitehed in part south and the Kings way in part west, and land of William Buck, Simon Andrew and Kings way part north and land of me the said Simon Woodward called Whetefelde above mentioned in part east And another croft of land called Welle Croft lying next the Kings way there in part south and west and land of me the said Simon Wodward in part north and east and another croft of land aforesaid called Rigwunys Hawe lying at Rigwunys Croft next the same Kings way in part north west and east and land of the heirs of Henry Dawnce called the Soulle Haw A in part south which certain messuage with the croft adjoining and the croft called Swers with a parcel of land called the Wyche and the croft of land called Wellefelde, and the croft of land called Rigdwunnys Hawe were delivered with other lands lately when William Peter, Phillippe atte Welle and Nicholas Sibbys died. I the aforesaid Simon Wodward hold wholly by the gift and feoffment of Alan Typon lately of Chelsfelde aforesaid while he lived And which certain field of land called Whetefelde lately purchased of Thomas Jetour the elder also dead To have & to hold the aforesaid messuage with the croft and field of land lying near and the aforesaid croft and parcel of land with those already described As above joined together to the above mentioned Richard Bonanntur & Alice Bray their heirs and assigns for ever of the Chief Lord of the fee there by the service it owes and is accustomed to do by law And I truly the aforesaid Simon Wodwarde and my heirs the aforesaid messuage with the croft & fields of land adjoining and the aforesaid croft and parcel of land with all their premises to Richard Bonanntur and Alice Bray their heirs & assigns warrant the possession by these present against all men and for ever defended. In true tetimony of this present writing I place my seal Thomas Jetour, Geoffrey Walys, Stephen Petteley, John Fletcher and William Bucke with others testify to this.given at Chelsfield aforesaid the 14th day of the month of February In the year of the reign of King Edward IV after the conquest of England the eighteenth.

[Author's note:

A Le Huet is constantly mentioned in the Deeds, but we have been unable to located it, but it was evidently not adjoining Hewetts. We believe all the parcels wree part of the present Bucks Cross Farm. (Is "Soulle Haw" now Godly Haw? no doubt "Wellecroft" is the present Wellfield).]

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1488 Now follows the Indenture by which Richard Bonanther and Alice Bray sold and conveyed 'Wheatfields', and the other property mentioned in the last deed to John Jettor, Agnes his wife Sir John Percyval and John Bonanther. It is dated 3 Henry VII and is written in Latin. The following is a rough translation. (See pp.52,110).

"Know all men present and future that we Richard Bonanther Parson and Alice Bray Widow and sister of the said Richard give grant and by this present writing confirm to John Jetter the elder of Chelsfelde in the County of Kent yeoman and Agnes his wife and Sir Jon Percyvale Knight citizen and Alderman of London and John Bonanther Esquire One messuage with one croft and one field of land adjacent to the same messuage called Whetfelde being and lying in the parish of Chelsfelde aforesaid To wit between the Kings way there in parts south and north And land called le Hewett (see A p.132) in part east and land of William Whythede in part west We give the same and grant and confirm by this writing to the before recited John Jettor Agnes his wife Sir John Percyvale and John Bonanther one croft of land called le Swere with a parcel of land adjacent called Le Huahe (Wyche?) And one croft of land called Well Crofte and one croft of land called Rygdens Hawe being and lying in the parish of Chelsfelde aforesaid Whence the said croft called Le Swere with the said parcel called Le Huahe lying between land of the said William Whythede in part south and the Kings way in part west and land of William Buk, Simons Andrewe and the Kings way there in part north and the said croft called Whetfelde in part east In fact the before said croft of land called Well Croft lies between the Kings way there in part south and west and land lately of Simon Woddwarde in part north and east And another croft between the Kings way there in part north west and east and land of the heirs of Henry Dawnce called le Soulle Hawe (see note A p.132) in part south Which indeed messuage with the croft and field adjacent and the said croft called Le Swere with the said parcel of land called Le Huahe also the said croft of land called Welle Crofte and the aforesaid croft of land called Rygdens Hawe We the aforesaid Richard Bonanther & Alice Bray hold conjointly to our heirs and assigns for ever by the gift grant and writing confirmatory of the said Simon Woddwarde To have to hold the aforesaid messuage with the croft and field of land and the said croft called le Swere with the said parcel of land Le Huahe and the said croft of land called Well Crofte and the said croft of land called Rygdens Hawe with their premises to the aforesaid John Jettor Agnes his wife

Sir John Percyvale and John Bonannter their heirs and assigns for ever of the Chief Lord of the fee there by the service it owes and is accustomed to do by law And we truly the aforesaid Richard Bonanntor and Alice Bray and our heirs the aforesaid messuage with the croft and field of land adjoining and the said croft called Le Swere and the said parcel of land called Le Huahe and the said croft of land called Well Crofte and the aforesaid croft of land called Rygdens Hawe with their premises to John Jettor Agnes his wife Sir John Percyvale and John Bonanntor their heirs and assigns warrant possession by these presents against all men In testimony of which thing we to this our present writing have set our seals Witnesses of this Richard Miller Richard Hubberd Allan Nasthe John Reeve Walter Smale Geoffrey Walesse Stephen Petle and others Given at Chelsfelde aforesaid the second day of the month of October. In the year of the reign of King Henry VII after the conquest of England the third.

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**1509** The following is the Will of **Henry Beverych** dated September 12th 1509. This Henry was a connection of John Beverych who owned 'Wheatfields'. We are unable to say with certainty where the Tenement and Garden disposed of by his Will were located; but we think, and believe, that they were 'Wheatfields'; as the Will is among the Title Deeds belonging to that property.

"In the name of god amen The XIJth day of September the yer of owr lorde god MLCCCCCIX I Henn Bevyche of the pis of Chellesfylde & yn the Counte of Kynte beyng yn hole mynde & gode meor thankyes be Almyghty god make ordeyne & dyspose my Testament Conteynyge my laste Wyll in forme follwyng that is to say furste & pryncypaly I bequeth my sowle to alymyghty god my maker & to the Blessyd Fgyn mar & to all the Company to heven & my Body to be Beryd wtyn the Churche gerth of Chellesfyld afor sayd also I bequene to ye moder Churche of Rochester ij<sup>d</sup> Also I bequene to ye hye Aut of Chellesfyld for tythys forgotyn xij<sup>d</sup> Also I bequene vij owen to fuynde a tap to barne be for the Sepulker wtyn the Churche of Chellesfyld ye resydew of ye sayd taper to burne be for the ymage of ye Trynyte yn ye sayd Churche for evmor The resdew of all my godys I bequeth to Elenor my wyff wom I make my Exeheric unde ye [illegible] that she shall dyspose to ye pleser of god & welth of my sowle wythenys her of mest John Wylliams P'son of Chellesfylde & John Benyche & John Lerke



This is the laste Wyll of me the sayd Henn Benych made ye day & ye yer a Bove sayd that is to say I Wyll that Eleno my wyff haff my tenemet wtye garden terme of her lyfe & after her desesse to ye yeysy of me ye sayd Hen Benych of her body lawfully begoten And iff it be so that ye sayd Elno dy havying no yeysy of ye sayd Hen Benych that then ye sayd tenemet & garden be solde to ye moste valu which exyspend & dystbuyt in meyor deds to pray for ye sowlls of Allen Colgate & Anne ys wyff & Hen Benych of Eleno is wyff & all Cristyn Sowles"

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**1513** This Will of John Beverich dated 9th September 1513 is copied from the Chelsfield Parish Magazine for the year 1895. He was a member of the well known family of this name; but we have been unable to identify him with any certainty, but we believe he was of 'Wheatfields'.

"In the name of God Amen The IX day of September 1513 I John Beniriche of the Parrishe of Chellysfeld in Kent Yoman. My soule to Almighty God and to our blessed lady Saint Mary and to all the holy company of heaven and my body to be buried ....of Chellysfeld. To the high aulter of Chellysfeld for my tithes negligently forgotton 13s 4d To the Cathedrale Church of Rochester 12d An honest preest to syng for my soule my wifs soule and all xpeyn soules in the Church of Chellysfeld for oone hole year and for his salray or wagis 6L 13s 4d To fynde a taper of wax brennyng befor the Trinitie ie the said church 9s or a colte prce of 10s Item a cove pce of 6s to the saide church to fynde a taper of wax brennyng before or lady of pitie ther Item I bequethe a cove pce 13s 4d to fynde a taper of 2lb waxe to burne befor the sepulcre in the said church foreuevmor Item I will that ther be at my buriall and at my monethes mynde X prests and as many of them as be at my dirige to have 6d a pece Item I will that myne executour and overseer shall ordeyne a torche pce of 7s against my moneth mynde to burne all the high masse tyme To the saide church of Chellisfeld a maser cuppe the whiche I bought of mastrsse Alys for this entent that every childrenwife also evey bryde shall drynk in it and to contynue aslong as it lastith To John the sonne of Andrewe Benerych V mother sheepe To Agnes the daughter of the saide Andrewe V mother sheepe To Sybyll Benyche that was the wife of Thomas Benyche to hir mariage 6L To the child that she goothe wt all be it man chuyld or woman childe 6L when xviiij yeres and if it dye then my executor to distribute the saide 6L in meritorious deeds that is to say to poor preests to churches and to high wyees

where most nede ys to bee done my executor to cause to be doone a trentall of masses in the Chapell of Farneburgh and two other trentalles to be doone wt in the Chapell of Downe in the Deanry of Shorham And oone oither trentall to bee doone at Motenden in the Countie of Kent to pray for my soule and all christeyne soules To Laurence Dethe my servaunt 26s 8d To Hugh Woodward 3s 4d to Robert Frythe 20s to Alice Frythe my servaunt to hire mariage V mares to Agnes Walker widowe 40s to Thomas Fletcher my servaunt 40s to John Goodhere my brother in lawe 40s Item I bequethe to amende the highwayes in Bromeley comen where moost nede ys 13s 4d Item I bequethe to amende the high wayes wtin the parish of Farneburgh in London waye where moost nede ys 13s 4d to William Clement myne executor to bere myne offeryng and my wifes offeryng to or Lady of Walsingham 13s 4d ["Nearly, if not quite, as well trodden in the Middle Ages as the Winchester Canterbury pilgrims road, was that which runs through Norfolk to Walsingham. The attraction there was a miraculous statue of the Virgin 'Our Lady of Walsingham'" (T.W.Wilkinson's Highways and Byways of England p.83)]. to John Lavybonde 20s in money or money woorth to Richard Goodhewe 10s to Richard Fletcher 6s 8d to the Church of Chellisfeld V mares to bee bestowed in the most nede fullest reparaciones that is to be

[then written in pencil : the next page of our copy of the Parish Magazine has been torn out - we hope to find another copy and complete this Will]

**1522** The next document is much worn and torn, and is among the papers relating to the Manor of Hewetts. It is a deed of sale of Halstead, Hewett, and Hever Manors by **Lord John Grey** and **Dame Anne** his wife to **William Petley** It belongs to the reign of Henry VIII, and the date is probably 1522. It is not an original deed, but probably a 'draft' as it is altered and interlined in many places.

"[The commencement is torn and missing]  
Willoughby grant [torn & missing]  
reign of King Henry the eyght by [torn & missing]  
knyght of the on pte & Willm Petley [missing] Courte in the  
Counte of Kent [missing] John Gray & Dame Anne his wyfe have  
covennt barganye & sold & by these psentts [missing] unto the  
seid Willm Petley the manr of Halstede Hewet & Hever wt all  
man of rentt & dwyes there to belongyng wt all ther apptenue  
by [torn]

woodground to them appteynyng beying extendynge & lying wt in the possyses of Halsted, Chellysfeyld, Shorham, Otteford & Nocholt & Orpyngton in the foresaid Countie of Kent for CCCC marks of good & lawfull money of Ingland wher of said lord John Knowlegst hym self to have recved XX pounds by fore hande & ther of the seid Willm Petley his heyers & his execut by these psentts cleerly to be discharged & acquewyted To have & to holde the foreseid maners of Halsted Hewet & Hever by the name of the Maner of Halsted wt all rentts & dwyes thereto belongynge wt ther apptences wt all the other pryssis unto the saeid Wyllm his heyeres & assign for en cleerly to be discharged all man of statute of stapull statute merchantt recongnusance jugementt exercucons ffynes awnuyte rent charge joynters dowers amercementts & fformer bargayns & sutys & all other encombrance ex<sup>t</sup> only the rent of assise ther of due unto the cheyf lord or lords of the fee thereof Also the said Lord John Gray & Dame Anne his wyfe covennt & bargayn & do sell unto the seid Willm Petley all evydence charters deyds grants confyrmacions releffs courterolls retnalls endentures bylls and all other maner of wrytyngs the seid manr of Halsted Hewette & Hever & all the other pmyssis concernynge & belongynge unto the same or eny of them conerying & belongynge unto the same whyche the seid Lord John & Dame Anne hath in his or ther kepyng or any other pson or psons hath in hisor ther kepyng to the use of the seid lord John & Dame Anne the whiche the seid Lord John may lawefully cum by & them to delyver unto the seid Wyllm Petley his heyers & to his assign *in the day nexte folloyng the day of the tranlacon of Seynt Edward the Kyng ensuyng the doing hereof w<sup>th</sup>in the Cathethrall Church of Seynt Poull w<sup>th</sup>n London at the fonnte* there Also the seid Lord John Gray covennt & grannte that he & Dame Anne his wyfe shall do cause & suffer to be don for the good ensurance of the foreseid maners of Halsted Hewett & Hever w<sup>th</sup> ther apptences wt all the other premises to be made unto the seid Willm Petley his heyers & to his assign or to eny other pson or persons to the use of the seid Willm Petley of his heyers & assynes all suche thyngs as shalbe devysysd by the lernyd counsell of the seid Willm Petley & of his heyers at the coste & charge of the sied Willm & his heyers save only Xs to be borner by the seid Lord John at all & evy tyme & tymes as the seid Lord John & Dame Anne or the syed Dame Anne ther unto shalbe requwyred Also the seid Lord John convennt & agreith that if the seid Dame Anne fortune to disese the whiche god forbeer by fore that the seid Lord John & Dame Anne have granted & yelden the foreseid maners wt ther appetite wt all the other premises unto the seid Willm & to his hyrs by ffyne wt clause to warrante ther yn to be

comprysed that then he his heyers execut or his assyn shall content & ppaye unto the seid lord John hathe receved by forehand of the seid win pte of payment of the forseid CCCC marks & all other charge & expence to whyche ye same w do susteyn by reson of the pchesse of the forseid maners & the other premises immedyately after the desease of the seid Dame Anne furthermore the seid lord John covenant & grante that eh shall name ij suffiaent men under the degree of a lord & knyght beyng of the value of ccxijs markes in goods or in go lands & them to cause to be bounden by the wrytyng obligatory beryng date hereof unto the seid Willm Petley & to his execut in the summe of a vj<sup>1</sup> marke to be indorsed wt a condition that the seid lord John & Dame Anne his wyfe or the same Dame Anne shall well & trewly obsyve pfourme & kepe all & synglr covennts & salys compsed wtn ther psente indenture of ther ptes to be fulfyllid & kepte Also the seid W Petley covenant & agreath by thes psentts that he shall pay or cause to be payd unto the seid lord John or to his execut or certen attorniiijs & lxxx marke in full contention of C marke pcell of the forseid CCCC marke in the day of all the soles nexte immedyaley folloyng aft the date of these psentts in the foreseid Cathedryall Church at the fonte aforeseid by twyn the hers of iij & v of the klok at the after none of the same day so that the seid Lord John & Dame Anne or the same Dame Anne have levye assyne according unto the devyse of the lernyed Counsell of the seid W Petley unto the seid W Petley & to his heyers or to eny other pson or psons to his use & of his heyers use & for the forseid maners & all the other pmyssis Also the seid W Petley covenant & agreyth that he shall pay or cause to be payed unto the foreseid Lord John his execut or to his certen attorn ij pounds of good & lawfull money of Ingland in full contencion of the foreseid CCCC marks in maner & forme folloyng that is to say in day of seynt Michell the Archangell the whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god M<sup>1</sup>C & XXIIIIJ in the tyme & place aforeseid Also the seid Willm covenant & agreith that he shall fynde ij sufficient suerte to be bowende wthuym by ther wrytyngs oblygatory berynge date hereof in a C marke unto the seid lord John by and to his executours endorsed wt a condicion that the seid Willm shall well & truly observe fulfyll & kepe all & synglr covennts comprised wtn their psente indenture of his pte to be fulfyllid & kepte In Wytnes whereof [illegible] me Johne grey milit[illegible] Lord John Grey de London milit [illegible] Willm Petley in CC<sup>11</sup>

The condicon of this obligacon is such that where the seid Lord John Grey & Dame Anne his wyfe have barganyd & sold all ther manors of Halsted Hewet & Hever wt ther apptennce & all other lands & tents mills pasture leses & [illegible] wt ther apptences leyng set & in the Counte of Kent wt the pisshis of Halsted Otteford &c for a certen sum money by tweyn them agreid wher of the seid Lord John have recevid in hand XX<sup>1</sup> that the seid lord John & Dame Anne his wyfe do suche thyngs for the ensurance of the same as [last few words illegible]

written along the margin of the document is the following "[torn & missing] for the fulfilyng of the bargayns of the wtn wretten man & lands As the [torn & missing] devyse & engrose for the same

John Grey .....Knyght  
Thomas Willoughby"

1522 Next follows the Will of **William Petley** who was the purchaser of Halstead, Hewetts, and Hever Manors as set out in the last copied document. It is dated the 13th year of King Henry VIII, and our copy is among the Title Deeds belonging to the Manor of Hewetts.

"In the name of God Amen the XV day of [torn] and yn the XIIIJth yere of the regne of Kyng Henry the eyght I Wylliam [torn] ey of Halsted in the Countie of Kent [torn]

LXCJ yeres or therabout beynge perfyete of goode mynde & memorye and yn helth blessed by Almighty God do make and ordayne this testament conteyning my last wylle yn forme followynge Fyrst I comyte and recomende my Soule to Almyghty [torn] and saviour and to his most gloryus mother Saynt Mary the Vyrgyn and to all the saynts in hevyn celestyall my body to be buryede within the paryshe Church of Halstede aforesayd before the ymage of her most blessed lady there Also I bequeth to the hygh Altare of the same parish Church there for my tythes offynge and oblations negligently forgotten in dyscharge of my consence vjs viijd Also I bequeyeth to the hygh Altare of Chylsfyeld Church yn the sayd Countye in dyscharge of my consence iijs iiijd also I bequeyeth to the hygh Altare of Shorham yn the sayd Countye in dyscharge of my [torn & missing] to the hygh Altare of Farnburgh yn the sayd Countye xijd Also to the hygh altare of Nocholt yn the sayd [torn and missing] Also I bequeyeth to the reparacons of Halsted Church vjs viijd Also I bequeyeth one torche to Halsted Church to

honor the most holy Sacrament Also I bequeyeth one torche to Chylsfeld Church to honor the holy Sacrament ther Also I bequeyeth to the mayntence of the Sepulcre lyeth in Halsted Chyrche one taper of wax of fouer pounce weyght And the same taper to be spent out afore the ymage of our lady yn Halsted Church aforesayd burned att convenyent tymes & so to contynue Also I for gyve all pore foke [torn & missing] under xs chargynge them to pray for my sowle & all crysten sowles Also yf I happen to be vysyted in sekness lyeng [torn] spechless or [torn] yn the mean whyle I Wille that a tryntall of holy masses be doone for me [torn] one masse of the Trinite one masse of fyve wounds one masse of the holy cross a masse of our lady which holy masses of requiem convenyently to be songe and doon yn the Chyrche of Saynt Thomas Hospytall yn Suthwarke to praye for my sowle my frends sowles & all crysens sowles Also I bequeyeth to every of my godsonnes xxd a peece Also I bequeyeth to my god daughters every of them xijd a peece to prey for my sowle and all crystens sowles Also I Wylle & charge myn executors after my deceasse to ordeyn and gynde an honest pryeste to syng & pray for my sowle and all crysten sowles for one hole yere duryng where my body shall be buryed I bequeyeth to my daughter Eme Petteley XL mks sterlyng to be delyvered to her within the yere that she is maryed Also I bequeyeth to my daughter Johane Pettley XL mks sterlyng to be delivered to her yn lyke wyse And yf yt happen any of my sayd daughters to decesse one after the oder theyr seyde maryage money to rente and remeyne to theyr moder and to theyr brothers & systers to be dyvyded amonge them to pray for my sowle my frynds sowles and all crystens sowles and after my detts payed my legacies fulfilled And my funerall charge And almonse deeds doon at the dyscreyon of my sayd Executors The resydue of all my moveable goods and eattable stuffe(?) of household & other thyngs I gyve & bequeyeth unto Alice my wellbeloved wyffe And to Stephyn Petteley to be departed amonge them by the advyce of my suppoysor of my sayde testament whyche Alice my sayd wyfe & Stephyn I ordeyn constytute & make to be myn executors to observe do kepe and fulfill every thyng accordyng as afore ys rehersed And overseer or supervysor of thys my sayde testament I ordeyn and make the ryght Warshipfull [illegible] Thomas Wyllingly [illegible] he to have for his labour of my gyfte my best hakeney riding horse Also I bequethe to Arnolde Noke & Henry Noke and John Farrant X<sup>11</sup> equally to be devyded between them Also I bequeyeth to my daughter Jane the wife of John Hodsole twenty mks sterlyng Item I bequeyeth to John Braysser the young vis viiij Item I bequeyeth to Johan Allen my daughter xls Item I bequeyeth to Eme Brassyer xl Item I bequeyeth to

John Hodyshall x<sup>l</sup> This ys the laste wylle of me Wylliam Petley for the dysposyon of all my lands man and tent wyththe theyr apptence sette lyenge and beyng yn the Counties of Kent and Surry fyrst I Wylle that the sayde Alice my wyffe have the upper parte of my man place called Fylson yn Shorham yn the sayde Countie of Kent for her dwellynge Also she to have half the pffytts and advantages that growyth wyn the orcharde of the same maner as longe as she abydyth a wydow And also she to have half the advantage of the freshe fyffhes yn the mote and pondes And also she to have hyr free lybtye to goo come and pass yn the sayde upper pte at her pleasur wythout interference or contradyacon Also she to kepe & have for her pleasurer mannrynge on the sayde ground too or thrye mylke kye And on thys I wylle & charge that eyther of my sayde sonnes geve & pay hyr yerly of the revenues of my seyde lands fyve mks stlynge apace duryng hyr lyffe have duryng her lyffe naturall the maner of Halsted Hever Huet wt ther apptences wt all landes holden or taken for eny member parte or parcell of theseide maners her decease to remayne to Steppyn my sone forthwt the tend and lands called Coalgates & Skypps Also I wylle and geve to my servant John Tothe my hows wyth the appurtence sette & lyenge yn Chelsfeld that Weber dwellyth yn at the day of making herof to have and to holde to hym term of hyd lyfe and after hys decesse to rente & remayne to my seyde sonnes and to myn heys etc And if my seyde sonnes happen to decesse wout yssue mayles of theyr bodyes lawfully begotten then I wylle that all my seyde land shall remayne to the heyres mayles lawfully begoten next of my blood and kyn also I wylle and geve to Stephyn Petteley my eldest sonne All my lands & tents wyth their appurtence sette & leyenge yn Greenstrete & Att Godyngton and yn the paryshes of Farnborgh & Codam yn the Countye of Kent And also I wylle & geve the sayde Stephyn All my lands & tents in the pyrses of bedyngton and Bardon in Surr Also I gyve him all my lands & tents leyenge yn Bromley and Lewysham yn the sayd Countye of Kent And also I geve hym all my lands & tents that Richard Fletcher now occupyeth lyenge in Chellysfyeld and all the fyelds behynd the ppsonage of Chellysfeld whyche the parson of Chellysfeld hath yn ferme the day of makyng herof And the residue of my lands & tents not wylled nor bequeythe Also I geve to Willm Brasyer my godson & hys heirs the hawse wt the appurtences beyngin Chellysfeld the whiche Polley Nowe [probably Polly Knowl] dwellyth yn I wylle and geve to Thomas Petley my sone that ys to say my Maner of Rylston Also All oder my lands and tents wyth the appurtence sette & lyenge yn paryshes of Lewysham & Shorham Chelsfyld Halsted yn the Countye of Kent so that ther be parte no member no parcell of the forseid manors of Halsted

Hever & Huet nor before bequethed Also I gyffe to the seid Thomas all Annuytes as I have wtyn the sher of Kent Also I wylle all my lands wtyn Surrey in the parysshes of Bedynton and Bardon Also my mynde is that ther maners landes & tents be yn fee tayll

Also I Wylle & bequeyth Margaret Stabull iij<sup>1</sup> vjd & viijd Item I Wylle unto Eme Brasyer my doughter xxx<sup>1</sup> to be payde wyn xv yeres by syn procon for the wyche such summes as ys therof All redy payed & to wards the payment therof she to have a medow att Otteforde for xxvjs & viijd a yere and the other est therof to be payde yerely by my sone Stephen Petteley.

Item my Wylle ys that Johan Narshe other wyse called Allyn my doughter xxx<sup>1</sup> to be payde wyn xv yeres by evyn porceons forthwi suche summes as ys therof all redy payde Item I wylle to Besse a lytyll wenche my s'vant in my house xxs & viijd".

[The above being a copy there is no attestation clause, seal, or signature; but evidently our copy is very old, and probably made about the same date as the original]

1542 The Parish Magazine for the year 1896 states that on the 19th of February 1542 Robert Nisham citizen and Baker of London made his Will, declaring himself "strong and steadfast in the catholique faithe of the holy church" and he wished to be buried in the "parishe church of Saint Andrews under the shaft in the South Ile by the pewe where I satt" - After dealing with his London property he says "I give after the decease of Agnes my wife to John Nishan my Kynnesman two tenements and certeyn landes in the parishe of Chelsfelde in the countie of Kent and to his heires for ever with remainder for default to Robert Ferryman - and the said John Nisham shall kepe an obite yerely at the parishe church of Chellsfelde after the decess of my said wife for ever on the day that I shall dye on, and to bestowe at the said obite of the issues of the two tenements and londes six shillings and eight pence, and if the said John Nisham die then the said Robert Ferryman to keep the obite for my soule, Agnes my wife, and all Xpen Soules".



1590 The following extracts from the Will of William Mace of Chelsfield are taken from the Parish Magazine for the year 1896.

The above William Mace must have died immediately after making his Will, as the following entry in the Register shows "1590 - Aug 6 Willm Mace theld<sup>r</sup> of Goddington buried". He was probably a tenant farmer, for the Rental of the Manor of Chelsfield for the year 1612 records "Mrs. Haddon widdowe of Mr. Thomas Haddon holdeth sondrie lands belonging to Goddington in Chelsfield in the tenure of Widdowe Mace and her sonne and payeth yearely 01L 05s 09d".

"In the name of God Amen I William Mace of Chelsfeilde in Kent Yeoman the 2 Auguste 1590 To be buried in the Church yarde of Chelsfeilde aforesaid To the poore of the Parishe 3s 4d To every of my wives children unmarried beinge seaven in nomber £4 a pecce To Nicholas Naylor and Methewe to either of them one cupple of mother sheepe To Harry Lambe one mother sheepe To my daughter Elizabethe 40s or a cowe To my sonne William £10 and a cowe and eighte sheepe To my duaghter Agnes Lamme one cowe and eighte mother sheepe To my wife all the stuffe in the chamber I bye in and in the next to it and all other in-stuffe which she broughte with her Item I give to Thomas and William my sonnes the debtes which Mr. Walter oweth me, and I will that Johane my wife and Thomas my sonne shalbe mayne exectuors In witnesse George Smythe parson of Chelsfeild, Humfrey Downatt".

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1573 We shall now set out the Will of James Wafer which was published in the Parish Magazine of the year 1896.

"In the name of God Amen the 10th June one thousand five hundred three score and thirtene. I James Wafer of the parish of Chelsfylde To Anne my wyffe all my land in Farnborow and after her decease to James Wafer my sonne These being witnes Richard Harman, Percivall Smalle, William Walklyn and others".

These lands in Farnborough were, according to the Rolls of the Manor of Chelsfield, 'Clarkes alias Bycrofts'. His son James was in possession of them in the year 1619, and in 1859 they were owned by John Skeggs, the various owners can be traced through the Rolls between the above dates.

1588 The following is an Award of Arbitration made by George Smith, Rector of Chelsfield, and others. It is dated March 24th XXX Eliz (1588), and is the one mentioned on p.7 of these notes. Is is an Indenture on parchment, and is among the Deeds belonging to 'Wheatfields & Betses', and evidently in some way relates to that property.

"To all true and Xpian people to whome this psente writinge of Awarde indented shall come to be hearde or readde George Smyth Clerke parsonne of Chellisfilde in the County of Kente John Kickley of Northcrays Robert Staple of Orpingtonne & Thomas Staple of Saynt Mary Craye in the sayd County yeomen sende greetinge in our Lorde god everlastinge whereas certyanne contentyon & sutes in lawe have beene had moved & dependnge betwene one John Palmer Esquire decessed & William Palmer gent or one of them on there partys And Alice Brasier Widowe decessed William Brasier & Nycholas Brasier or somme of them on thother partie for & concerninge one obligation or writinge obligatorie of the somme of one hundreth poundes made by one Rychard Brasier nowe decessed Father of the sayd William & Nycholas Brasier unto the sayde John & William Palmer for the onely use benefythe or behonse of John Brasier eldest sonne of the sayd Rychard Brasier decessed upon which sayd obligation or writinge obligatory the sayd John Palmer & William Palmer or one of them have longe before this tyme brought and prosecuted one accyon of dette of the sayd some of one hundreth poundes agaynst the sayd Alyce Brasier William & Nycholas Brasier or some of them as the exectuors of the sayd Richard Brasier decessed And have judgement in the sayd accyon of the same some of one hundreth poundes & of costes & damages in that behalfe had & susteyned nowe never the lesse the sayd John Brasier As well for himselfe as for the sayd William Palmer and the sayd William & Nycholas Brasier have submytted & bounde them selves eyther to other in the some of one hundreth poundes to stand to abyde pforme fulfill & kepae the Awarde Arbitrament ordre & judgement of us the sayd George Smyth John Kickley Robert Staple & Thomas Staple Arbitratores indifferenthe electe named & chosen betwene the sayd parties to Arbitrate order decree & judge As well of & upon the sayd obligacyon & judgement above mencyoned as also of & upon all accons sutes varyannies dettes duties judgements execucons demands whatsoev had moved or dependenge betwene the sayd parties above named or any of them from the beginnyng of the worlde untill the XXVth daye of February nowe last past Whereuppon we the sayd Arbitratores takenge uppon us the charge of the sayd Arbitrament & hearinge & understandinge all the complaynte grieffs answeres & allegacions of the sayd parties

And well weyenge & consideringe the same doe make this our awarde ordre & judgement of & uppon the dmysses in manner and forme ffollowynge that is to say First we the sayd Arbitrators doe Awarde ordre & judge that the said William Brasier his executores or assigns shall in consideration of the release & discharge of the judgement costs & damages above mencyned paye or cause to be payed unto the sayd John Brasier his executores or assigns the some of wyne poundes of lawfull money of England in manner & fforme ffollowynge that is to saye on the Feast daye of the Natyvtye of St John the Baptist next comynge after the date of this our Awarde three poundes at or in the Church porch of Chellisfild aforesayd between the houres of nyne & twelve of the clocke in the forenoone of the same feast daye And on the Feast day of Sant Mychaell tharchanngell then next ensuyinge other three poundes at the sayd place & betweene the sayd howers above mencyned And on the feast day of the byrth of our Lord Christe then next ensuyng other three poundes at the sayd place & betwene the sayd howers above mencyned And ffurther we the said Arbitrators doe Awarde ordre & judge that the sayd John Brasier shall on thyr side & before the sayd Feast of the nativtye of Saynt John the Baptist next ensuyinge procure or cause the sayd William Palmer his exectures or admynstrators in his or their pper persone or person or by his or their lawfull Attorney sufficyently authorized to acknowledge a Satisfaction of the sayd dett & judgemente of one hundreth poundes & of the sayd costs and damages above mencyned And shall before the same feast delyv or cause to be delyved unto the sayd William Brasier his executors or Assignes a note in writinge of the terme & number rolle where the sayd satisfaction is or shalbe then entred And also we the sayd Arbitrators doe awarde ordre & judge that the sayd John Brasier his executors & Admynstrators shall at all tymes hereafter discharge & save harmlesse the sayd William Brasier & Nycholas Brasier every of them & all their & evy of their landes tenements goods & chattells agaynst the sayd William Palmer his executors and admynstrators & evy of them of, for & concerninge the said obligation or writinge obligatory of one hundreth pounds of for & concerninge the judgement costs and damages above mencyned And lastly we Awarde & judge that the writinge & charges of this our Awarde shalbe equally payed & born by the sayd John Brasier & William Brasier their executores or Assignes In Witnesse whereof we the sayd Arbitrators have to this our psent writinge of Awarde indented sette our handes & seales the XXIIIIth daye of Marche in the XXXth year of the raigne of our Sovereigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of god Queene of England France & Irelande Defender of the Fayth.

1597 The Will of John Brasyr of Chelsfield dated 24 April 1597 is copied from the Chelsfield Parish Magazine for the year 1895. Evidently from the Will, John Brasyr was the owner of 'Newlands' now a part of Hewetts Meadow and Ridenshaw. In the years 1612 and 1619 one Thomas Cocke was in possession of this property, and we are inclined to think that the "Tenement lately built" must have been 'Riddenshaw'. One Lewes Cocke is also mentioned in the Will.

"In the name of God Amen 24th April 1597 I John Brasyr the elder of Chelsfeild yoman To be buryed in Chelsfeild churchyarde amonge my auncestors To the use of the church of Chelsfeild for ever two sheepe to be put in stocke and towards the reparacons of the same church Tenne shillings to the poore of the parrishe on the daye of my Buryall 10s to my sonne Thomas Brasyr the lease of myne house wherein I now dwell and all my goodes come in the feild and chattels to the full value of thirty pounds To my daughter Dennys Smale 6L 13s 4d To Thomas Cocke my daughters sonne the cubbarde in the chamber where I lye one table and one cheste in the gesten chamber my best cawdren fyve ewes and payre of sheetes To Wm Lysne, Alice Lysne and Joane Lysne 20s To my sonne Edmond Brasyr one brasse pottle &c To my daughter Agnes To my sonne John Brasyr the younger To Lewes Cocke To my daughter Halles children by Williams To my godsonne George Smith the younger I ordeyne my eldest sone John Brasyer of Colgates to be exectur I desyer Mr. George Smith Parson of Chelsfeild, and John Wakelen to be overseers In Presence of George Smith and Wm Littleworke.

This is also the last will and Testament of me the saide John Brasyr mede the daye and yeare before menconed touching all my messuages landes I geve unto myne eldeste sonne John Brasyr of Colgates my Tenemente with all the buildings &c in Tatsfeild in Surrey in occupacon of Thomas Delver or his assigns To my youngest sonne Thomas Brasyr all my Tenemente &c in Halsted in Kent in occupacon of Lawrence One the elder or his assigns To my third son Edmonde Brasyr all my parcell of grounde called Newland purchased of Thomas Jetor with one tenement latelie builded lyinge in Chelsfeild and nowe in tenure of me the saide John Brasyr If he dye then the same to Thomas Cocke my daughter Halles sonne

In presence of George Smith William Petle and Wm Littleworke"

1599 The next Will is that of William Petley dated 26 November 1599. It appears to be the original Will and is among the Title Deeds belonging to Bucks Cross, of which property he was the owner.

"In the name of God Amen I William Petley of Chelsfield in the County of Kent gentleman The Five and Twentieth day of November in the yeare of our Lord one Thousand five hundred nyntie nyne beainge weake in bodie but of p'fect memorie I praise god make and ordeine my last Will and testament in manner and forme followinge First I commend my soule into handes of Allmightie god And to Jesus Christ my redeemer hopeinge assuredlie throughe his mercie and meritts to be saved Item my bodie I Will to be buried in the Church of Chelsfeild neere unto my Father Item concerninge my worldlie goodes I give towards the repacons of the said Church Twentie shillinges of lawfull monie of England to be paid wthin one quarter of a yere next after my deceasse Item towards the stocke of the poore of the p'ish of Chelsfeild aforesaid six shillings eight pence Item I give unto my sonne William Petley one bedstead wch I lye in one featherbed and boulder wth my best coverlett one cubbord in the p'lor An iron pott and a spitt two paire of hempen sheetes two blanc ketts Item Two chestes the greatest and that wch the writings are in Item all the rest of my household thinges and stuffe wthin doore I wholie give unto my wife Alice Petley Item I give unto my daughter Amy Brasiers children to everie of them one yonge sheepe Item I give unto my sonne in lawe Edward Weite foure bushells of good wheat to be paid wthin one yeare after my decease Item all the rest of my corne as well in my barnes and house as also now growinge in the feildes all my sheepe, cattell, mares, colt, kyne, hoges, and henns and the rest of my goodes I give unto my foresaid wife Alice Petley and my said sonne William to be equallie devided betweene them by the discretion of myne overseer hereafter named And I doe ordein my said wife and sonne to bee the joynte Executors of this my Will and I desire my good friendes Mr. George Smith and James Styles to be the overseers of the same And I give unto them for their paines six shillinges eight pence a peece In Witnesse whereofe I have put my hand and seale to theise prsentes the day and yeare afore written.

William Petley sealed

signed and delivered in the prsence of George Smith  
William Brasyer and James Style

This is also the last Will and Testament of me the said William Petley made the day and yeare before written concerninge my landes and tenements. Imprimis I give unto my sonne Thomas Petley out of my landes in the Tenure of Thomas Mace of Goddington one annuities of thirtie three shillings foure pence by the yeare in such manner he to recve the same as the said Thomas Mace is bound to pay itt by vertue of his lease To have and to hould the said annuities from the Feast of Thannciacon of the blessed Virgin Marie or St. Michael Tharchangell wch shall first happen next after my deceasse duringe the naturall life of the said Thomas Petley Further I give unto the said Thomas my sonne one other annuities of twentie shillings by the yeare out of my landes now in the Tenure of James Style duringe the naturall life of the said Thomas the same annuities to begin at the feaste of Thannicicaon of the blessed Virgin Mary or St. Michael Tharchangell wch shall first come next after the deceasse of Alice Petley my Wife Provided alwayes that yf the said Thomas my sonne shall not behave himself godlie and honestlie in the Judgement of my Kinsmen Thomas Petley of Filstones and Thomas Petley of Halsted then the said Annuities shall cease and bee of none effecte notwithstandinge that is before written Item I give unto John Darkar of Ottford in the Countie of Kent Weaver and his heires for ever one acre of my land in Chelsfeild or Shorham the same to be layde out by William Petley my sonne at what time the said John Darkar shall reasonable demannde the same wthin one yeare after my deceasse Item I wholly give and bequeath unto my sonne William Petley my land in the occupation of Thomas Mace aforesaid And also my Tenements and landes in wch my forsaid Wife hath her jounture after her deceasse And also those two tenementes with their apprtinences in the tenure of John Chamberlayne and James Broughton To have and to hould all those tenementes land and apprtinences unto the said William and his Heires for ever Item I give and bequeath all the rest of my tenementes at Buckes Crosse wth all the landes and wood groundes thereto belonging unto the said William Petley my sonne and to his heires for ever on condicon that the said William pay unto my daughter Amye Braysier wthin one yeare after my deceasse tenn pounds of lawfull monie of England And to my daughter Elizabeth Collins other like Tenn poundes of lawfull monie wthin two yeres after my deceasse Accordinge to the true meaninge of a certine deed thereof made of late to my sonne Robert Petley deceased Item my Will is that my said wife Alice Petley shall have her dwellinge in that house wherin myself now inhabite wth half the Barne Stall Yard Garden and Orchard and their apprtinences from the time of my deceasse untill Michelmas followinge reservinge the Chamber wherin my self do now lye And she to have the pasture and feedinge of Five p'cells of ground next

unto the house payinge for the same house and groundes unto William my sonne for so longe time as she occupieth the same after three poundes tenn shillinges the yere In Witnes of all and singular the prmises I have putt my hand and Seall to the same presentes The day and yere first written

William Petley & Sealed Signed and delivered in the prsence of George Smith, William Brasyer and James Style"

1600 A Lease for 31 years granted by William Wakelen to his son Thomas of 'Coxcroft' (see p.101) and other lands. This Lease is among the title deeds relating to Mrs. Katherine Saunders property, and is dated 3 November 1600.

"This Indenture made the third day of November 1600 in the two & fourtieth yere of the raigne of or Sovraigne Lady Elizabeth by the Grace of God Queene of England Ffrance & Ireland Defendor of the ffayth &c Betweene Willm Wakelyn the eldr of Chelsfield in ye County of Kent yeoman of thone pty And Thomas Wakelyn sonne of ye sayd Willm of ye foresayd Chelsfield laborer of thother pty Witnesseth That ye sayd Willm Wakelyn in consyderation of certeyen charge wc the sayd Thoms hath bestowed on a tenement or messuage belonging to ye same Willm hath demised granted & to ferme lette And by these prsents doth demise grant & to ferme lett unto ye sayd Thoms Wakelyn all his foresdayd tenement or messuage wt a barne & other edifices thereto appteyning & one garden two orchards wt all & singulare ye yeards easments & pfitts belonging ther unto And also eight parcels of round called by ye names of Cocks Crofte conteyning two ac more or lesse Little Newfield fyve ac more or less Watsbroome eight ac of arable & woodground Paynesland three ac Lordsgrove being six ac more or lesse wodground And other three croftes lying to gether that is to say Petfield one ac Strugeons field three ac & Courtcrofte two ac more or lesse wt all & singulare there comodities & apptenances set lying and being in Chelsfield aforesayd And now in ye tenure & occupation of ye sady Thomas Wakelyn or his assignes Except & to ye sayd Willm Wakelyn & his heuyres & assignes all wayes reserved all woods undrwoods & trees now growing or being & wc hereafter shall grow or bee now upon the prmises or any parcel therof wt free ingresse egresse & regresse to & from ye same to fell cut role and cary awaye or othwise to dispose of ye same during ye whole terme of yeres in this Indenture expressed Except also & to ye sayd Willm & his heyres & assignes the game of conies in Watsbroome

Lordsgrove & Paynsland wt free ingresse & egressse at all  
 convenient tymes to hunt ferret catch & cary awaye ye same  
 game at his & their will & pleasure And lastly except & to ye  
 sayd Willm & to Elinor his now wife & to their assignes during  
 the longest lyver of the both halfe ye fruite wc shall yerely  
 growe on the pipin tree at ye end of ye barne aforesayd & on  
 ye Ramazone trees in Watsbroome afore sayd wt free liberty to  
 gathr & cary awaye ye same fruite at their will & pleasure To  
 have and to hold ye sayd messuage barne buildings orchards  
 garden yards comodities & easments & the eight parcels of land  
 before namet wt all & singulare their profits & apprtences  
 (Except before excepted) unto ye sayd Thoms Wakelyn his  
 exectuores assignes from ye feast of St Michael Tharchangel  
 last past before ye date herof unto ye end & terme of theirty  
 & one yeres for thens next ensuing and fully to bee complete  
 and ended yedlinge and paying therefore yerely during ye sayd  
 terme unto ye sayd Willm Wakelyn his heyres & assignes the  
 some of fyve pounds lawful mony of England at ye feasts of  
 Thanunciation of ye Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Michael  
 Tharchangel by evenportions And moreovr yelding & paying  
 therefore yerely during ye fyrst one & twenty yeres of ye  
 foresayd terme of theirty & one yeres unto ye sayd Willam  
 Wakelyn & to Elinor his wife & their assignes yf they or  
 either of them shall so long lyve the some of fourty shilling  
 lawful mony of England at ye foresayd usuall feasts by even  
 portions to be payd Provided alwayes that yf ye sayd rents of  
 V<sup>11</sup> or of XI<sup>11</sup> or any of them be behinde & unpaid in part  
 or in all by ye space of fourteene dayes next aftr any of ye  
 sayd feasts at wc as ys afore sayd yt ought to be paid & being  
 lawfully demanded then & from thensforth yt shall & may be  
 lawfull for ye sayd Willm Wakelyn his heyres & assignes into  
 ye sayd messuage & all other the prmises wholly to reenter &  
 the same to have agayne re possede & enjoy as in his & their  
 form estate any thing herein conteyned to ye contrary not  
 wtstanding And yt is convenanted & agreed betweene ye sayd  
 parties That ye sayd Tho Wakelyn his heyres & assignes shall  
 pay all manr of quitrents due to ye Lord of ye fee during ye  
 whole terme aforesayd Also yt ys covenanted betweene ye sayd  
 pties that ye sayd Thomas Wakelyn his executores & assignees  
 shall maynteyne & save harmlesse all the fruit trees  
 [illegible] of ye foresayd orchards & yf any of them decaye  
 shall plant other good fruite trees in their roome ffinally yt  
 ys covenanted & agreed betweene the sayd parties That ye says  
 Thomas Wakelyn his executores & assignes of his or their pp  
 costs & charges ye foresayd messuage barne & othr edifices



shall repayre kepe & maynteyne during ye whole terme aforesayd wt all man of workmanship & necessary stufe except great tymber only wch ye sayd Willm Wakelyn his heires & assignes shall fynde allowe & bring to ye sayd tenement from tyme to tyme as often as neede shall kepe all the fences and hedges of ye sayd messuage & grounds in all convenient & needeful reparations during ye whole terme aforesayd And shall and may to that purpose only take such tynnet & hedge booke on ye sayd grounds as hath byne heretofore used & imployed therunto In Witnesse whereof the parties above sayd to these Indentures interchangeably have put their hands and seales the daye and yere fyrst before written

Sealed signed & delived in ye  
p'sence of  
George Smith parson of Chelsfield  
The mark of John [illegible]

1603 The following is a settlement of **Bucks Cross Farm** made by **William Petley** in the year 1603. It is among the Title Deeds belonging to that property.

"This Indenture Triptite made the Eight Daie of August in the yere of the raigne of or moste Gracious Soveraigne Lorde James by the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland Kyng defender of the faith vzt of England France and Ireland the fryste and of Scottland the seaven & thirteth. Betwene William Petley of Chelsfeyld in the County of Kent yeoman of the firste pte George Berisford of Westrm in the saide County of Kent gentleman And Alexander Walker of Ottford in the said county gentleman of the second ptie And Thomas Petley of Philson'wtin the parish of Shoram in the county of Kent aforesayd gentleman of the third pty Witnesseth that the saide Willm Pettley as well for the naturall love and affecion, that he hath and beareth towards such issue males as shalbe begotten of his body and for the better p'servacon and contynenannce of the lands tenemts and hereditamts hereafter in theise p'sents mencioned to be conteyed in his name and bloode And alsoe that the same landes tenemts and hereditamts shall and may be settled established & vested of in and to such p'son and p'sons And of in and to such estate and estates and to and for such use and uses subject lyeable and chardgeable to and with such condicons payements and lymitacons and in such sorte manner and forme as is hereafter in theise p'sents mencioned and

expressed And like wise for dyvers other good causes and consyderacons him the sayde Willm Pettley therunto specially moveing hath grannted aliened enfeofed & confirmed And by theise p'sents doth for him & his heires clearely and abosolutely grannt alien enfeof and confirme unto the saide George Berysford and Alexander Walker All that his farme capitall messuage or tenemt with thappurtennce called or known by the name of Bucksrosse wherein the sayd Willm nowe dwelleth with all edyfices orchards & gardens therunto belonging situate in Chelsfeyld aforesayd in the sayd county of Kent And all those sevall p'cells of inclosed groundes pasture arrable & woodgrounds of whatsoever other nature nowe belonging to the sayd farme and now occupied or reputed as pte p'cell or member of the same called or knownen by the sevrall names hereafter mencioned or any of them That is to saie the Cowecrofte Wheatfeyld Neck Godly Haw Ruskeyns Crofte Peese Crofte Upper Brodefeyld Myddle Brodefeyld Lower Brodfeyld Wellfeyld Bushrydden Bushrydden Springe Little Rydden Longcrofte Cockers Laned Comberlands Holmefeylde Oven and Paskolls or by whatsoever other name or names the same or any of them are severally called or distinguished nowe in the occupacon of the sayd Willm Pettley or his assignes conteyneinge in the whole by estimacon one hundred and forty acres or thereabouts scituat lyeing and being wthin the parrishes of Chelsfeyld and Shoram or eyther of them in the sayde county of Kent And also all that Farme Messuage or Tenemt wth thappurtences in Chelsfeyld aforesayd wth Alice Pettley widdowe now inhabiteth to geather wth all those sevrall p'cells of land arrable pasture and woodground thereunto belonging called by the sevrall names following That is to saye Buckscrofte Greatefeyld Whitecroft Denfeyld Ottfeyld Twoe p'cells called the Swyers twoe other p'cells called Wheatofeyld and little greatfeyld And one p'cell of Woodground called Denfeyld Grove wh Tenne last mencioned p'cells doe conteyne in the whole by estimacon forty and sixe acres or thereabouts And are lyeing wthin the parrish of Chelsfeyld aforesayd and nowe in the occupacon of the sayd Alice Pettley or her assignes And alsoe all that Tenemt or cottage wth thappurtences in Chelsfeyld aforesayd nowe in the possession of Robt Chapman Tayler assignee of the sayd Alice Pettley, wch laste mencioned farme & lands togeather wth the said Tenemt or Cottage are claymed in joynter by the saide Alice for terme of her lief of the grannt of Willm Pettley her late husband deceased father of the said Willm Pty to theise p'sents And alsoe all that other tenemt or cottage wth thappurtenances in Chelsfeyld aforesaid nowe in the occupacon of Edward Wryght or his assignes And the Revercon & Revercons

Remaynder and Remaynders of him the sayd Willm Pettley of in  
 and to all and singuler the farmes lands tenemts and all other  
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 same reputed used occuped as pte p'cell or member thereof or  
 any waie incident or appoyneing thereunto To have & to houlde  
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 other the p'misses wth all and singular theire and every of  
 theire appurtenices unto the sayd George Berisford and  
 Alexander Walker theire heires and assignes for ever to and  
 for such uses behefes intents and purposes subject lyeable and  
 chardgable to and wth such condicions payments and lymitacons  
 and in such sorte manner and forme as is are or bene herafte  
 in theise p'sents mencioned expressed or declared and to none  
 other use intent or purpose whatsoevr That is to say to and  
 for the only prop use & behofe of the sayd Willm Pettley for  
 and dureinge the terme of his naturall lief wth out impeachmt  
 of any manner of waste And from and after the decease of the  
 sayd Willm Pettley to and for the use and behefe of the first  
 issue male of the body of the said Willm lawfully to be  
 begotten And of the heires males of the body of such firste  
 issue male lawfully to be begotten And if it shall happen the  
 sayd firste issue male to dye wthout issue male of his body  
 lawfully begotten then to the only prop use & behofe of the  
 second issue male of the body of the sayd Willm lawfully to be  
 begotten and of the heires males of the body of such second  
 issue male lawfully to be begotten And soe from issue male to  
 issue male of the body of the sayd Willm lawfully to be  
 begotten and to the issue males of evy of theire bodyes  
 lawfully to be begotten soe longe as ther shalbe any issue  
 male of the body of the saide Willm or of the body or bodyes  
 of any of his or theire issue male alyve And for default of  
 such issue male of the body of the sayd Willm then to the use  
 and behofe of the sayd Thomas Pettley for and duringe the term  
 of his naturall lief wthout impeachmt of any manner of waste  
 And from and after the decease of the said Thomas Pettley to  
 and for the use and behofe of Thomas Pettley second sonne of  
 the sayd Thomas Pettley pty to theise p'sents and the heires  
 males of his body lawfully to be begotten And for default of  
 such issue to and for the use and behofe of Willm Pettley  
 third sonne of the sayd Thomas Pettley pty to theise p'sents  
 and the heires males of his body lawfully to be begotten And  
 for default of such issue male of the body of the sayd Willm  
 to and for the use and behofe of Mychaell Pettley eldest sonne  
 of the said Thomas pty to theise p'sents and the heires males  
 of his body lawfully to be begotten And for default of such  
 issue of the body of the sayd Michael to and for the only  
 prop use and behofe of the right heires of him the sayd Willm

Pettley pty to theise p'sents and theire heires for ever  
 Provided alwayes and upon condicon and it is the true intent  
 and meaninge of theise p'sent Indentures and of all the p'ties  
 to the same That if it shall happen the sayd Willm Pettley pte  
 to theise p'sents or the said Thomas Pettley William Pettley  
 and Michael Pettley sonnes of the said Thoms pty to theise  
 p'sents as aforesayd or one of them or the survivor of them or  
 any of theire issues males wch shall or may have or inherit  
 the sayd farmes lands tenemts and other the p'misses or any of  
 them accordinge to the lymitacon true intent and meaneinge in  
 theise p'sents declared Doe not well and truly paye or cause  
 to be payd at or upon that feaste day of the byrth of our Lord  
 god wch shalbe vizt after the end of one yere neaxte after the  
 decease of the sayd Willm the feoffor at or in the moste  
 usuall dore or porch of the parish church of Chelsfeyld  
 aforesayd All and evy such some and somes of money not  
 amountinge in the whole above the some of Twoe hundred pounds  
 of Lawfull English mony As the sayd Willm Pettley the feoffor  
 in and by his last will and temtemt in writing by him  
 subscribed and sealed and in due forme of Lawe proved shall  
 give bequeath will and appoynt to be paid by any the person or  
 p'sons aforesayd or the heires males of any of theire bodyes  
 lawfully begotten as by vertue of theise p'sent Indentures  
 shall have the imediate revcon and remaynder of or in the  
 p'misses or any pte thereof after the death of the sayd Willm  
 the feoffor To such p'son or p'sons soe names then beylyveing  
 and will accept the same And have required or demanded the  
 same and somes so given and payeable as aforesayd of any the  
 occupyer or occupyers of the capitall messuage called  
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 laste before the day of payemt aforesayd That then and from  
 and after such default of payment of the some and somes of  
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 and Mychaell his sonnes and of evy of them and of the heires  
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 meant to them or any of them And that then alsoe and from  
 thenceforth the sayd George Berisford and Alexander Walker and  
 eyther of them theire and eyther of theire heires and assignes  
 evy of them And [illegible] p'son and p'sons and his and

and his and theire heires wch then after such default shall stand and be seised of and in the sayd pmisses wth theire thappurtences or any parte shall and will hereof and of eny pte thereof stand and be siesed And this psent deede and the full and whole force and execucon thereof shalbe and shalbe adjudged demed and taken to be to and for the only prop use and behofe of the right heires of the said Willm Pettley the feoffer and of theire heire and assignes for ever And to none other use intent or purpose whatsoever This Indenture or any thing herin conteyned to the contrary hereof in any wise not wth standing Provided alsoe never the lesse and it is meante concluded condiscided and fully agreed by and betweene the sayd p'ties to these p'sents Tht it shall and may be lawfull to and for the sayd Willm Pettley the feoffor at any tyme duringe his lief to make or grannt one or more joynter or joynters of all or any the pmissesses aforesayd to any wief or wives as by the sayd Willm shall fortune to marry or take to wief for terme of the lief of such wief or wives reservinge noe rent or other thinge for the same or soe much thereof whereupon any such estate or estates shall soe happen to be made And that alsoe it shall or may be lawfull to and for the saide feoffor from tyme to tyme duringe his lief to make or cause to be made by deede or deeds Indented any lease or leases of the sayd farmes tenents lands and other the pmisses or any parte thereof to any pson or psons for any terme or termes estate or estates soe that it be but if contynuaunce for the space of twelve yeres or under next after the death of the sayd ffeoffor And soe alwayes that the sayd farmes and other the pmisses contynene and be in the whole of the cleare yerely value of twentie poundes above all chardges and reprises in rent reserved upon such lease or leases estate or estates to such psons and psons as shall have the immediat revercion or remaynder thereof during such lease or leases estate or estates soe to be made any restraynt lymitacon or other thing to the contrary thereof in any wise before in theise psents mencioned or expressed not wthstanding In witness hereof to one pte if theise psents remayning wth the sayd George Berisford and Alexander Walker the sayd Willm Pettley and Thomas Pettley p'ties to these psents hath sett theire seales And to another p'te remayneing wth the said Willm the sayd George Berisford Alexander Walker and Thomas Pettley have sett theire seales And to the third pte remayneing wth the sayd Thomas Pettley the said Willm Pettley George Berisford and Alexander Walker have sett theire sevrall seales the day and yere firste above wrytten A dni 1603

1608 Collets Charity Deed is set out below, it is taken from a copy in the writers possession. A short description of this Charity has been given when describing the Collet Memorial (see p.59).

"This Indenture made the sixteenth day of August 1608 Between Johanna Collett Widow of Peter Collett late Citizen of London of the one part and George Smith, William Brazier, John Allen, Robert Allen, William Walkelyn, Thomas Walkelyn & George Walkelyn, Robert Wright Senr & Robert Wright Junr & John Colgate all of Chelsfield of the other part Witnesseth that the said Johanna Collette for divers good causes &c her thereunto moving Hath given granted enfeofed & confirmed unto the said George Smith, Wm Brazier &c all that messuage known by the name of Osbornes in the Parish of Chelsfield aforesaid situate in the high road leading from Chelsfield to Shoreham & all the Houses buildings Yards Orchards &c to the same belonging And one croft or parcel of land all called Osbornes adjoining to the said messuage & containing by estimation four acres more or less And one other piece or parcel of land called Fuzzy Croft containing by estimation three acres & lying in the Parish of Shoreham in the County of Kent & also one other piece of land known by the name of Long Croft containing by estimation two acres more or less lying and being in Chelsfield aforesaid & the reversion and reversions remainder & remainders of all the said Premises with their appurtenances & which now are or lately were in the tenure and occupation of William Manyng or his assigns & which said premises the said Johanna Collett late had & obtained to her & her heirs and assigns for ever of the Gift & Devise of the above named Peter Collett deceased (as appears by his last Will dated May in the fourth year of the Kings Reign James 1st) To have & to hold to the said George Smith Wm Brazier &c And the said Johanna Collett doth publicly declare order & establish by these presents that the Rent Issues & Profits of the said Messuage & all of the other premises above mentioned shall be bestowed & employed for ever hereafter in those good & charitable uses & purposes as are hereafter in these presents expressed & declared & to none other use intent or purpose that is to say that the rent & profits of the parcel of land called Long Croft shall presently & for ever hereafter at four times in the year be bestowed & distributed by the Churchwardens & Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Chelsfield with the consent of the Parson thereof or his Curate for the time being or the greater part of them whereof the Parson or Curate to be one distributed to the poorest aged impotent & most decayed persons dwelling in the Parish of

Chelsfield from time to time & that the rents & profits of the messuage or tenement above mentioned & two parcels of land called Osbornes & Fuzzy Croft & all other the premises above named except Long Croft from and immediately after the decease of the said Johanna Collett be by the Minister & Churchwardens & Overseers as above bestowed & employed in the necessary reparations of the Chapel on the Southside of the Church wherein the above named Peter Collett lies buried & in case & at such times as the said Chapel & Tomb shall not stand in need of any necessary reparations then the Rents & Profits to be by the Persons above specified bestowed & employed in & about the necessary reparations of the Church & Chancel of Chelsfield & in case & at such times as neither the said Chapel Tombe Church & Chancel nor any of them shall stand in need of any necessary reparations then the rents & profits of the above messuage & lands to be distributed by the persons above mentioned & appointed in such manner & form as the Rents & Profits of the parcel of land called Long Croft are by these presents appointed to be distributed and at such time & times in the year as in the discretion of the persons above mentioned shall seem meet & most necessary for the Relief of the poor & decayed persons as is aforesaid And further the said Johanna Collett doth declare express order & establish that for ever hereafter when & so often as the said Feoffees of the Premises or their Assigns shall be dead or decreased to the number of four three or two at the least Then the same four three or two being the remaining Feoffees shall make a new Feoffment of the said messuage or tenement & all other the Premises with the appurtenances to ten or more Freeholders or sons of Freeholders of the Parish of Chelsfield & to their Heirs & Assigns according to the true meaning form and effect of this present feoffment & to the uses intents & purposes in these presents declared ordered & established & that the charges of every such other new Feoffment shall be paid & deducted by the Churchwardens for the time being out of the rents and profits of the above premises And to the end & purpose that the rents & profits aforesaid may be bestowed & employed according to the true intent & meaning of the said Johanna Collett in these presents expressed & declared & that this her free gift may not in time to come through negligence or otherwise be lost extinguished or changed from these good uses but to the uses she hath in these presents ordained the same They the said George Smith Wm Brazier &c for themselves & every of them their & every of their Heirs Executors & Assigns & every of them do covenant grant promised & agree to & with the said Johanna Collett & her Heirs Executors & Assigns & every of them by these presents in manner & form following

that is to say first that it shall and may be lawful to & for the Churchwardens Overseers & the Parson or Curate there for the time being & from time to time to take and receive the yearly rents & profits of all & singualr the premises & the same to employ & distribute from time to time according to the form intent & true meaning of the said Johanna Collett before expressed without any manner of left hindrance denial or interruption of them or any of them their or any of their Heirs or Assigns And without any manner of subtraction detention or deminution of any part of parcel of the same rents issues or profits to their own or any their own private use or uses & also that whensoever it shall happen to them the said George Wm John Robt &c feoffees to be decreased to the number of four three or two at the least that the said four three or two of them who shall so happen to survive shall and will make a new feoffment & conveyance with the like covenants as are herein expressed of the said messuage or tenement with all other the said premises to ten or more other freeholders or sons of freeholders of the Parish of Chelsfield & to their Heirs & Assigns according to the form & effect of the Order & Establishment of the said Johanna Collett before in these presents expressed & further that if they shall willfully suffer the said messuage & all other the premises to pass with any new feoffment thereof to be made as aforesaid before all they the said feoffees shall be dead or that any of the succeeding feoffees shall suffer the same premises to pass that then it shall and may be lawful to & for the said Johanna Collett & her Heirs into the said Mesuage & Land & with the Appurtenances to reenter & the same to have again & repossess & enjoy as in her or their former right & estates anything in these presents to the contrary notwithstanding And moreover the said Johanna Collett doth declare order & establish by these presents that all the Land above mentioned shall from time to time be letten & occupied with the said messuage & not otherwise & that the tenant or tenants thereof shall be tyed by Bond or Agreement to keep all manner of reparations of the said messuage house & buildings during their terms in the said Premises having rough timber allowed them if it be to be had on the said premises there shall be reserved two several yearly rents that is to say one part for the messuage &c two parcels of Land called Osbornes & Fuzzy Croft & one other rent of the land called Long Croft & lastly it is agreed between all the said parties if it shall be lawful for the said Johann Collett to have reserve & enjoy all the rents & profits of the said messuage & all other the premises except Long Croft the term of her naturall life & the same to be enjoyed & bestowed at her own Will & Pleasure In Witness whereof the said Parties have to this Indenture set their Hands & Seals the day & year above"



The original Feoffees in the above Indenture were **George Smith** who was probably the second Rector of Chelsfield of that name; **William Brazier** who was the owner of Rough Gardens and Sextees (see p.106); **John Allen** who possessed a House in Chelsfield; **Robert Allen** who was the freeholder of Washneys; **William & Thomas Wakelyn** who were the owners of Cox Croft and Walnuttrees (see pp 101,102); and probably **George Walkelyn** was a brother, or a son of one of the above; **Robert Wright Senr** held two Houses and Orchards in the parish, situated near Maplestead; **Robert Wright Jnr** was the son of the above; **John Colegate** was the owner of Maplestead, which he afterwards sold to the Parish of Chelsfield. The Parish held this latter property until the year 1864, when it was sold to William Waring by order of the Charity Commissioners. It was opposite to Osbornes, and the old poor houses stood upon this plot of land.

The following extracted from the Parish Magazine for the year 1896 is the Deed by which a new Feoffment of this property was made to new Trustees. Probably George Smith the elder and James Styles were the only old Trustees.

1623 "This Indenture made the twentieth day of September 1623 in the one and twentieth year of the raigne of our Sovaigne Lord James by the grace of God King of England France & Ireland Defender of the Fayth &c and of Scotland the seaven and fiftieth Betweene George Smith Parson of Chelsfield in the Countie of Kent Clerk and James Style th'elder of ye same Chelsfield Yeoman of th'one part and George Smith ye younger one of the Prebends of Rochester sonne of ye foresaid George Smith th'elder Anthony Petley sonne of Willm Petley late of the said Chelsfield Yeoman deceased James Style the younger sonne of the foresayd James Style th'elder Robert Wryght John Brasyer Francis Brasyer Robert Allen Thomas Cocke of the said Chelsfield Yeomen George Wakelen son of Thomas Wakelen of ye sayd Chelsfield Yeoman and John Allen sonne of John Allen of the sayd Chelsfield yeoman of th'other party Witnesseth that the sayd George Smith the elder and James Style th'elder for divers good causes and considerations them specially moving have geven granted enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents do clerly and absolutly geve grant enfeoffe and confirme unto the sayd George Smith ye younger Anthony Petley (sic) James Style the younger Robert Wright John Brasyer Francis Brasyer Robert Allen Thomas Cocke George Wakelen and John Allen the younger All that their messuage or Tenement called or known by the name of Colgats House with all buylding yards gardens and orchards to the same messuage or tenements

belonging or appeteyning situate lying and being in Chelsfield  
 aforesayd to the land of the said Robert Wryght towerd ye este  
 to the litel orchard of the sayd John Colgate towerd ye south  
 to ye Kings highway leading from Chelsfield to Shorham towerd  
 the west and to the land of James French towerds ye north and  
 also the reversion and reversions remaindr and remaindrs of  
 all and singulare ye sayd messuage or tenement with all and  
 singulare the apptenances And all deeds evidences chres  
 writings escripts and miniments touching or concning only the  
 sayd pmises or only any part or parcel thereof All which messe  
 or tenement with the appurts now are in the tenure or  
 occupation of John Colgate or his assigns and ye which the  
 sayd George Smith th'elder and James Style th'elder of late  
 bought and purchased of ye sayd John Colgate wt a stock of  
 money of thierty and three pounds belonging to the poore folke  
 of ye sayd Chelsfield and geven heretofore by well disposed  
 people As by the Reconing Booke of the sayd Chelsfield And by  
 the powle Deed of ye seyde John Colgate bearing date the eight  
 day of October 1612 in the tenth yere of the Kings Matys  
 raigne that now ys whereunto relation being had more plainly  
 doth and may appere To have and to hold the sayd messuage or  
 tenement wt all and singulare the apptenances unto the sayd  
 George Smith the younger Anthony Petley Francis Brasyer Robert  
 Allen Thomas Cocke George Wakelen and John Allen ye young  
 their heyres and assigns under conditions hereafter expressed  
 of ye chief Lord of ye ffee of whom ye same premises are  
 holden by ye rent and prics therof due and of right accustomed  
 And the said George Smith th'elder and James Style th'elder  
 and their heyrs the sayd messuage or tenement wt all and  
 singulare ye appetenance unto ye sayd George Smith the young  
 Anthony Petley James Style ye young Robt Wryght John Brasyr  
 Francis Brasyr Robert Allen Thomas Cocke George Wakelen and  
 John Allen their heyrs and assigns agaynst them ye sayd  
 George th'elder and James th'elder and their heyrs shall and  
 will warrant and for ever defend by these psents And the sayd  
 George Smith th'eldr and James Style th'eldr doe publish  
 declare order and establish by these p'sents And the sayd  
 George Smyth th'eldr and James Style the'eldr doe publish  
 declare order and establish by these p'sents that ye rents  
 yssues and profits of ye sayd messuage or tenement with  
 th'apptencincs above mentioned shalbe ymployed and bestowed  
 for ever hereafter in such good and charitable uses and  
 purposes as are hereafter in these presentes expressed and  
 declared And to none other use intent or purpose That ys to  
 say yt the yssues rents and profits of ye sayd mesuage or  
 tenement and the apptenancs shall p'sently and for ever  
 hereafter upon the receite thereof from the tenant quarterly

bee bestowed and distributed by the Parson or his Curate or by the Churchwardens and Overseers for ye poore of the sayd Chelsfield wt the consent of ye sayd Parson or Curate for ye tyme being or by the greater part of them whereof ye sayd Parson or Curate to be one of the rippon such poore people of ye sayd Chelsfield p'ncipally wch do orderly resort to ye Church at tymes of devine Syvice both on Holy dayes and working dayes and which do want meanes to set themselves [on+] worke or els on ye poorest aged impotent and most dcayed p'sons of the sayd Chelsfield And yf there happen to bee no such poore people theree Then the sayd yssues rents and profits shall or may bee bestowed on ye necessary reparation [of the +] Church and Chancel of ye sayd Chelsfield or on such necessities as belong to either of them by such advise and consent as ys before set downe concerning ye poore and to none other use then ye sayd three uses except for making and renewing of feoffment and other writing concning the sayd renewing of feoffment and other writing concning messuage or tenement wt the apptenances And further the sayd George Smyth th'elder and James Style th'elder do declare expresse order and establish [ +] for ever hereafter when so often as the said [feoffees+] of the [premises +] or their assigns shalbe dead or decreased to the number of fyve four three or two at the leas Then ye same 5 four three or two surviving feoffees [feoffment+] of the sayd messuage or tenement with the apptences to ten or more [other Freeholders sonnes of the +] Freeholders of the sayd Parish of Chelsfield and to their heyres and assigns according to the form effect and true meaning of this p'sent feoffment and to the uses intents and purposes in these p'sents declared ordered and established And that the charges of every such other new Feoffment and conveyance shallbe paid and deducted by the Churchwardens of Chelsfield aforesayd for the tyme being out of the rents and profits out of the above [mentioned+] premises And to the end and purpose that ye rents and profits aforesayd may be bestowed and imployed according to the true intent and meaning of the sayd George Smith th'elder and James Style th'elder in these presents expressed And that this [Grant and+] conveyance may not in time to come through negligence or otherwyse be lost extinguished or changed from these good uses to which they have in these p'sents ordeyned the same They the said George Smith the young'r Anthony Petley James Style the younger Robert Wright John Brasyer Francis Brasyer Robert Allen Thomas Cocke George Wakelin and John Allen ye young'r for themselves and every of them their and every of their heyres executors and assigns and every of them doe covenant and promised and agree to and wt the sayd George Smith

th'elder and James Style th'elder their heires and assigns and every of them by these p'sents in maner and forme following (that ys to say) Fyrst Th'yt shall and may be lawful to and for the Churchwardens and Overseers for the Poor of the sayd Chelsfield and for the Parson and the Curate there for ye tyme being from tyme to tyme to take and receive the yearly rents and profits of all and singular the pmisses with their apptenances And the same to imploye bestowe and distribute from time to time accordng to the forme intent and true meaning of the sayd George Smyth th'elder and James Style th'elder in these p'sents before expressed without any maner hindrance deniall or interruption of them the sayd Feoffees or any of their heys or assigns And wtout any maner of substruction detenton or diminution of any pt or p'cell of the same rents yssues or profits to their or any of their p'vate use or uses And also that whensoever yt shall happe them the sayd Geo Anthony James Robert John Francis Robert Thomas Geo and John to bee dead and decreased to the number of fyve four three or two at ye least that then such fyve four three or two of them that shall so happe to survive shall and [will+] make a new Feoffment and Conveyance wt like covenants as are herein expssed of the sayd messuage or tenement with the apptenances to ten or more other Freeholders and sonnes of Freeholders of the sayd Parish of Chelsfield and to their heires and assigns accordng [to+] the forme and effect of the order and establishment to that purpose made and expssed by the said George Smyth th'elder and James Style th'elder before in these presents And further that yf they shall wilfully suffer the [sayd +] messuage or tenement with th'apptenances to [passe+] wtout any new Feoffment thereof to bee made as aforesayd before all they the said Feoffees to this p'sent Deed shalbe dead or that any the succeeding Feoffees shall [suffer+] the same psisses to passe That then yt shall and may be lawful to and for the Parson or his Curate together with the Churchwardens and Overseers for the Poor of the sayd Chelsfield for the tyme being or the greater part [of them whereof+] the sayd Parson or Curate to bee one [ +] may make [a new+] deed of Feoffment of the said messuage and tenement with the apptenances to ten or more such feoffees as above are mentioned and wt such Covenants [ +] and Conditions as are before expressed [and any thing herein before +] written to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding And finally the sayd George Smith th'elder and James Style th'elder do decalre order and establish by these p'sents that the Tenants or Tenants of [ye pmisses+] shall from tyme to tyme bee tyed either by Bond or Covenant to keep all maner of reparations of the sayd messuage or tenemens and buildings with their apptenances above mentioned during all thier tyme

In witnesse of all and singulare the premisses the parties fyrst above named have to these Indentures interchaungeably set their handes and seales the day and yere fyrst before written 1623.

By me (L.S) George Smith

20th Sept 1625 21 Jas I Sealed and delivered and state seazen and peaceable possession was delyvered by ye wtin named George Smith th'elder and James Style th'elder To the wtin writte George Smith ye younr Anthony Petley Francis Style the younr Robert Wright John Brasyer Francis Brasyer Francis Brayser (sic) Rt Allen Thomas Cocke George Wakelen and John Allen the young according to the forme and effect of this Deed And ye wtin names Johne Colgate + of ye messuage wt th'apptences mentioned did Attorne to +we feoffees or grauntees wtin mentioned by giving unto the a peny in the name of attornamen- ture In the presence of".

+ = Illegible in original

George Smith th'elder was the first of the three rectors of this name. James Styles was at this time the owner of a moiety of Lillies (see p.94). George Smith the younger was the second Rector of this name. Anthony Petley of Bucks Cross (see p.96). James Style the younger of Lillies (p.94) Robert Wright owned two Houses and an Orchard at Maplestead. John Brasyer owned Newlands and Riddenshaw. Francis Brasyer was the Freeholder of Rough Gardens and Sextees (see p.106). Robert Allen was the owner of Washneys (see p.99). Thomas Cocke at one time held Riddenshaw (see p.109). George Wakelen was a part owner of Cox Croft, and Walnuttrees (see pp.101,102). John Allen was the son of a John Allen who possessed two houses and some fifty acres of land in the parish, but we have been unable to identify them.

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1631 The following is the Probate of the Will of Abraham Dalton, Carpenter, of Chelsfield dated November 14 1631 - It is among the Title Deeds relating to Mount Hall, but does not appear to have any connection with that property.

"In the name of God Amen I Abraham Dalton of Chelsfeild in the Countie of Kent Carpenter being sick in bodie but of perfect memory I praise god the XIIIJth day of November 1631 make & ordaine this my last will & testament in manner and forme following First I comend my soule into the hands of Almighty God my Creator and to Jesus Christ my Redeemer hoping assuredly through his meritts death & passon to have remission of all my sinnes and to enjoy a blessed and eternall life Item my bodie I will to be buried among the faithful people according to the discrecon of mine Executor hereafter named Item touching my worldly goods & chattels Imprimis I give to the poore of the said Chelsfeild X<sup>s</sup> to be distributed amongst them on the day of my buriall Item I give for a Sermon to be preached at my funerall VJs VIIJd Item I give unto my son Robert Dalton five pounds of good and lawfull money of England to be paid unto him w<sup>hin</sup> two yeer after my decease Item I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Kingsland five pounds of good & lawfull money to be paid unto her w<sup>hin</sup> one yeere after my decease Item I give unto my youngest son Samuell Dalton fortie pounds of good and lawfull money of England to be paid unto him w<sup>hin</sup> two yeeres after my decease Item I give to Alice Kingsland my grandchild an ewe & her lambe Item touching my land I order it in this manner First I give to my son Abraham Dalton those parcells of land lying and being in the parish of Codham vizt Sheppeards Haw and the three nethermost mabcrofts to my said son Abraham and to his heires for ever Item I give to my said son John Dalton the further mabcrofts and olaves feilds lying and being in the parish of Codham and conteyhning by estimacon ten acres more or lesse To have & to hould the said further Mabcroft and Olaves feild to my said son John and to his heires for ever Item all the rest of my goods and chatells whatsoever my Debts first paid and my funerall & legacies discharged I wholly give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Alice Dalton and Abraham Dalton my son whom I make joynt Executors of this my will and testament And I desire my loving neighbors Francis Brasier and John Cole to be the Overseers of this my will and I give to each of them for their paines ten shillings In Witnes in hereof I have put my hand and seale to these prsents the day and yeere above written Memorandn that wch is blotted out in the 14th 15th & 16th lines was done by the consent of the testator Ita testor Georgius Smith Rector de Cheslfeild The testators marke sealed and delivered in the prsence of George Smith Parson of Chelsfeild and John Cole his marke

The above being the Probate only of the Will, it is impossible to say what was blotted out in lines 14, 15 & 16.

1646 Below is the Will of John Brasier of 'Wheatfields'  
it is dated 14th February 1646. This Will is among the Title  
Deeds relating to the above property.

"In the name of God Amen I Jhon Brasier of the P'rish of  
Cheelsfeild in the County of Kent yeoman being sick in body  
but in p'fecte memory thanckes be to God therefore the  
fourteenth day of February 1646 doe make and ordaine this my  
last will and testamente in manner and forme following first I  
commend my soule into the hanes of Almighty God my Creator and  
to Jesus Christ my Redeemer hoping assurdly through his  
merritts death and passion to have remission of all my sins  
and to inioy an eternall and Blessed life Item my body I will  
to bee buried among the faithfull people accordinge to the  
discretion of mine executors and executrix hereafter named  
Item touchinge my worldly goods imprimis I give to the poore  
people of the p'rish of Cheslfeild at the day of my burriall  
the sume of two pounds to be paid at the discretion of mine  
execturos and executrix Item I give unto my wife and joynte  
executrix all my household stuffe and implements of household  
Item I give unto my wife and joynte executrix all my horses  
and mares Item for all the rest of my goods and chattells I  
doe will and bequeath to be equally devided betwene my wife  
and Francis French my sonne in law whom I doe make and ordaine  
to be myne executor and executrix Item concerning my tenement  
and lands I doe will and bequeath that my wife shall hold  
and inioy the one moyities and half duringe her naturall life  
and my sonne Francis French the other moyite and half Item I  
doe give unto my wife and my sonne in law a debt being in the  
hands of George Nuland of Beckenham of the sume of twenty  
and two pounds to be equally devided betwene my wife Margret  
and my sonne in law Francis French Item for all my other debts  
owenge unto me I doe wholly give and bequeath unto my wife  
and I appointe my two beloved friends that is to say my brother  
Francis Brasier and my brother in law John Fuller to be mine  
overseers of this my last will and testamente and I doe will  
and bequeath unto my two overseers each of them twenty  
shillings a peece In wetnesse whereof I have sete my hand  
and seall to these p'sents the day and year first above written  
sealled publisd in the presents of

1668 The following is a copy of the Will of Robert Petley dated May the 30th 1668, and is among the Title Deeds belonging to Bucks Cross.

"In the name of God Amen the thirtieth day of May in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred sixtie and eight and in the twentieth yeare of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the Second by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the faith I Robert Petley of Chelsfeild in the Countie of Kent yeoman being in reasonable good heath of bodie but of good and perfect remembrance Praised be God therefore doe make ordaine and declare this to bee my last will and Testament in manner following First and above all I committ my Soule into the hands of Almighty God my maker that gave it stedfastlie trusting to have free forgiveness of all my synnes through the onlie merrittes Death & passion of Jesus Christ my onlie Saviour and Redeemer And my bodie to the Earth from whence it came to be Buryed in the Church or Churchyard of Chelsfeild aforesaid referring and leaving the tyme and manner of the Buryall thereof unto the discrecon of my Executrix hereafter named And touching my estate both reall and personall I dispose thereof in manner following First I give unto the poore of Chelsfeild twentie shillings to bee paid unto them by my Executrix hereafter named uppon the day of my Buryall Item I give unto Robert Smith my sisters sonne one long planke table the frame to it and eight joined stooles. One carved large presse cupboard, one forme, two iron cobirons, one brasse cauldron furnace, foure chests, one featherbed, boulster, bedstadle and the furniture belonging to it standing in the parlour chamber And also one brasse potte, one joined bedstadle and bed with what belongs to it standing in the kitchen chamber One half headed bedstadle and bed with what belongs to the same standing in the garrett after the decease of Joane my wife Item I give unto my cosen Mary Peirce the now wife of Henry Peirce one cubbord in the kitchen and twentie pounds of lawfull mony of England to bee paid unto her within twelve monthes after my decease by my executrix hereafter named And alsoe I give unto my said Cosen Mary Peirce The next fall or cutt of one parcell of the wood land called Pascells Wood lying and being in the parish of Shoreham in the said Countie of Kent when the same wood shall come to bee of nyne yeares growth after my decease Item I give unto my cosen Elizabeth Smith twenty pounds of like lawfull mony of England to bee paid unto her by my Executrix hereafter named within twelve monthes after my decease And alsoe I give unto my said cosen Elizabeth Smith the next fall or cutt of one p'cell of wood lands called Oven



Wood and Morlands Hole lying and being in the parish of Chelsfeild in the said Countie of Kent when the same wood shall come to bee of nyne yeares groweth after my decease And my very will and mynd is that Joane my said wife shall have occupie possesse and enjoy all and singular these iiiii severall parcellls of land called Crockers Lands Homefields fields and comberlands together with the herbage onelye of Oven Wood and Morlands hole and Pascalls Wood All wth said severall parcellls of land and wood lands are contayning in the whole by estimacon fiftie six acres of landes bee the same more or lesse And are lying and being in the severall p'ishes of Chelsfield and Shoreham in the said Countie of Kent yeilding and paying unto my said Cosen Robert Smith foure pounds of lawfull mony of England yearlye and in everie yeare during the naturall life of her the said Joane my said wife after my decease Item I give unto my Cosen John Hibben the sonne of John Hibbin of Well Hill whoe now dwelles with mee one messuage or tenement with the barne yard garden and orchards thereunto belonging scituate lying and being in the parish of Chelsfeild aforesaid and now in the occupacon of one John Hamond To have and to hold the said messuage or tenement barne yard orchards and premises therunto belonging unto him the said John Hibbin shall come unto and attaine unto the full age of one and twentie yeares And untill such his age of one and twentie yeares shalbe accomplished my very will and mind is that my Executrix hereafter named shall receive and take the yearlye rente and proffittes thereof for and towards the use maintenance and brining upp of Joane Hibben the sister of the said John Hibben Item I further give and bequeath unto my said kinsman Robert Small All and singular my messuages lands and tenements not before given or bequeathed scituate lying and being in the severall parishes of Chelsfield Shoreham Orpington and Saint Mary Cray To have and to hould all and singular the said severall messuages or tenements lands and premises with their and everie of their appurtenances unto him the said Robert Smith and to his heyres males lawfullie begotten or to bee begotten of his owne bodye for ever And for want of such yssue as aforesaid I give and bequeath all and singular the aforesaid mesuages or tenement lands and premisses with all and everie their appurtennces as aforesaid scituate lying and being in the said severall parishes of Chelsfeild Shorham Orpington and Saint Mary Cray unto my verie loving kinsman Richard Thomas of Deptford in the said Countie of Kent gentleman To have and to hould all and singular the said severall messuages or tenements lands and premisses with their appurtennces as aforesaid unto him the said Richard

Thomas and to his heires and assignes forever Item I further give and bequeath unto my said kinsman Robert Smith all that my messuage or tenement lands & premisses therunto belonging called Hyams Hill scituate lying and being in the parish of Cudham in the said Countie of Kent And now in the occupaccon of one Thomas Henman for and during the naturall life of him the said Robert Smith And after the decease of him the said Robert Smith I fullie freely and absolutelie give and bequeath All and singuler the same my messuage or tenement lands and premisses with everie their appurtennces scituate lying and being at Hyams Hill as aforesaid unto my said kinswoman Mary Peirce and Elizabeth Smith To have and to hould all and singuler the same my messuage or tenement lands and premisses with their appurtennces called by the name of Hyams Hill scituate lying and being in the said parish of Cudham in the said Countie of Kent as aforesaid unto them the said Mary Peirce and Elizabeth Smith and to their heires and assigns for ever and touching & concerning all the rest and residue of all and singuler my goods houshold corne cattle chattel ready mony debtes and personall estate whatsoever not before given and bequeathed All my debtes my funerall charges and expences whatsover and the Legacies herin before by mee give first being all of them honestlie and orderlie paid satisfied and discharged I give and bequeath unto my deare and loving wife Joane Petley whome doe make ordaine and appoint to bee my sole and full executrix of this my last will and testament In Witness whereof I the said Robert Petley have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first before written

Robert Petley

Signed sealed published declared and delivered as his Deed and last Will in the presence of us

The marke of Thomas Groomebridge      Thomas Smith      George Pike

Probatum &c &c

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1672 Below is the Will of Anthony Hobbs dated 8th of November 1672. He was the owner of the house which is now represented by the two upper cottages on the south side of the road at Well Hill, and opposite the Wells. The copy of this Will is among the Title Deeds to this property.

"In the name of God Amen this eighth day of November in the yeare of oure Lord God one thousand six hundred seventy two I Anthony Hobbs of the parish of St. Margaret in Westminster in the County of Middx gent being at this prsent through meere age weake but of perfect minde and memory thancks be given unto God for the same and expecting the approach of my departure by death out of this mortall life doe make this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following (that is to say) I bequeath my soule into the hands of God that gave it mee hopeing and assuredly trusteing through the merrittts of Christ Jesus my Saviour and Redeemer the remission of all my sinns and to bee made partaker of his eternall Glory life everlasting my Body I committ to the earth to be decently buried by my executor hereafter named and as touching the disposicon of that estate where with it hath pleased God to bless mee in this life I dispoase as followeth Inprimis I give unto my sonn Anthony Hobbs whoe is (if he beliveing) beyonnd the seas fifty pounds of lawfull money of England and my will is that the same bee given unto him within the space of six months after his returne into England and the same to be paid unto him by my Executor herin after named Item I doe give unto my daughter Dorathey Lawrence widow if she be married the sume of threescore pounds of lawfull money of England but if she remaine a widow and not alter her name of Lawrence by marriage then I give unto her the sume of fowerscore pounds of the like lawfull money and my will is that the monies that I hereby give her in what condicon she bee shall bee paid unto her by my Executor herein after named within the space of two yeares after my decease Item I give unto my grandson John Lawrence thirty pounds of lawfull money of England to be paied unto him by my executor at such time as my said grandson shall attayne to the age of two and twenty yeares Item I doe give unto my sonn William Hobbs my house and lands at Wellhill in the parish of Shoareham and Chelsfield in the County of Kent to be possessed and enjoyed by him and his heires for ever Item I doe give and bequeath unto the three children of my said sonn William Hobbs the sume of twenty pounds a peece to be paid unto them when they shall attayne unto their respective ages of five and twenty yeares or at the time of their respective marriages which of

either of them shall first happen Item all the rest of my goods creditts and chatles and ready money of mine whatsoever I give and bequeath unto my sonn William Hobbs aforesaid whome I doe hereby make & ordeyne full & whole Executor of this my last Will and Testamt hereby revoaking makeing null & void all other Will and Wills & Testament and Testaments by me in any wise before the date hereof made And constitute this writeing to be my last Will and Testamt In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale the day & yeare first above written

Anthony Hobbs his marke

Signed & Sealed & Delivered by the said Anthony Hobbs as his last Will Testamt in the prsence of John Wosencroft Susanna Wosencroft Theodor Jennings."

**The Gooddays**  
(see pp 51 & 108)

The Gooddays were also the owners of 'Shelleys' in the parish of Knockholt, and the order of succession to both properties was the same until the time when John sold Mount Hall in 1734.

This family were intimately connected with the Merchant Taylor's Company, and we are indebted to their present Clerk, Mr. Nash, for the following information extracted from the Company's Records, concerning those members of the family as were connected with Chelsfield.

"7 February 1609/10 William Goodday made free by service by vertue of this order following viz : Cambell Maior Martis sexto die February 1609 annoque R R Jacobi Anglie et septimo.

Item Whereas at a courte here holden the fyveth of December last, the complaints contayned in the petition of William Goodday late the apprentice of Humffrey Gunson (sic), merchaun tailour, against his said Mr, were referred to the hearing and examynacion of Sir John Swynnerton, Sir Thomas Haies and Mr. Chamberlen, and they to end the same or to make report to this courte of their opinions therein. This day the said Sir John Swynnerton, Sir Thomas Haies and Mr. Chamberlen made report to this Courte that upon full and deliberate hearing and examination of both parties (notwithstanding the allegacions enforced by the said Gunston). They are of the opinion that the said William Goodday ought to be made free of this Citty by service in the said Company of Merchaunt Tailours. It is therefore ordered that the said Mr and Wardens of the said Company shalbe desired and required to admit him into their society and that Mr. Chamberlen shall admitt him into the freedome of this citty by service. And this order (without any reporte to be made by the said Humffrey Gunston shalbe a sufficient warrant as well to the said Mr and Wardens as to the saide Mr. Chamberlen in that behalf".

At the Court of Assistants held on 15th July 1646 (election day) William Goodday was elected "fourth or lower rentor Warden". He was absent, and was given a date to appear to take his oath.

At a Court of Assistants held on 19th August 1646 the following is recorded.

"There was this day read a letter from Mr. William Goodday lately chosen lower Rentor Warden for the yeare ensuing, the tenor whereof followeth vizt.

To the right worth the Mr and Wardens of the Company of Merchanttailors

Gentlemen

Yours of the XVJth hereof I received whereby I find I am elected Warden for the yeare ensuing, if I should not expresse an acknowledgment of your inst act I were an unworthy member of the Society which I doe hereby my hearty thanks and confesse ingeniously that had not Allmighty God laid his hand upon me by greivous lameness that I am become so weake that most my time is spent in my bed and myselfe not able to goe overthwart my chamber without the helpe of 2 crutches and not without great paine. Any my personall disabillities such that I no way able to serve the said plase els I would willinly and chearfully have taken the same upon me to have performed my due service therin Wherefore my humble suite is that you and every of my company will be pleased to dismissee me and to elect one other to serve in the said place And if it please God to restore me of my lameness I will seve the place at anytime or els if you will in theis times please to have patience, I having much rent due unto me of which I cannot obtaine any (taxes heavie and by reason I have for about 6 years past not traded but lost with the charges of my lamenes in physicke and chirurgerty) I say your patience untill time be peaceable and due to be obtained And I will give a piece of plate to my company in token of my thankfullnes to them. So I take leave of you all.

July 21 1646  
From Pentlowe

Yors wishing I were able to serve you  
Wm Goodday

Whereupon it is ordered in favour to Mr Goodday he shall be discharged from the place of a Warden of this Company to which he was lately chosen uppon his promise of giving a piece of plate to this Company which this Court doth expect to be of the value of XXli and doth thereuppon order that a letter shall be written to the said Mr. Goodday to that effect.

At a Court of Assistants

28 August 1646

A letter to Mr. William Goodday the tenor whereof followeth vzt.

Our commendacions remembred and yours of the XXJth July wee have received which was read at our last Court of Assistants. And although our Company might (as they conceive) by their power given them by their Ordinance have required either your personall service or in default thereof the fine of Lli neverthelesse in especially favour and for the reasons expressed in your letter they have spared you from the service of warden whereunto you were chosen so as according to your offer in your letter you will give for the publique use of the Company a piece of plate wch is expected to be of the value of XXli at the least which they doubt not but you will willingly performe having respect to the favour received and your love expressed to the Company. And so we comend you to the protection of the Almighty, and rest

Yor loving freinds

George Mellish Mr

Richard Pery )

Anthony Dieper ) Wardens

Nicholas Gerard)

George Nash

Merchanttailors Hall

10th September 1646

[It would seem that William Goodday's excuse was well founded for he died about the following year. It will be noted that he dated his letter from Pentlowe, and we have no evidence that he lived at Chelsfield, although his son Roger was an inhabitant of this parish, and both were landowners here.

Roger Goodday is described in the Merchant Taylors' Records as the son of William Goodday deceased, and was admitted by 'Patrimony' on the 30th January 1649/50.

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