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THE FOLLOWING Visits and Lectures were arranged during 1984:-

January 13th Illustrated Lecture: "The History of Guildford", by Matthew Alexander, M.A.

February 10th Illustrated Lecture: "The Development of the Inn", by R. J. Webber.

March 17th Afternoon visit to Juniper Hall Field Centre.

March 31st A walk round Leatherhead, led by E. A. Crossland and arranged for Junior

Members only.

April 13th Illustrated Lecture: "The History of Cobham", by David Taylor.

June 2nd All day visit to Rye and Bodiam Castle, arranged by John Gilbert, led by

Dr D. J. F. Renn, F.S.A.

June 13th An evening visit to Mickleham First School, by invitation of the Headmistress,

Mrs G. Anderson.

August 5th A walk round Guildford, led by Matthew Alexander.

September 8th All day visit to Christchurch, arranged by Alan Gillies.

October 12th Dallaway Lecture: "Hill Forts in South East England", by F. H. Thompson, M.A.,

M.C., F.S.A.

November 16th Illustrated Lecture: "Potent Plants and their Uses", by Mrs J. Combes.

December 14th Christmas Miscellany. Contributions by members.

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THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Council Offices, Leatherhead, on 30th March 1984

THE REPORT of the Executive Committee and the Accounts for the year 1983 were approved and adopted. The subscription for 1985 will remain at £4. Officers of the Society are shown below and the Accounts for the year 1983 are printed on page iii of the cover of this issue.

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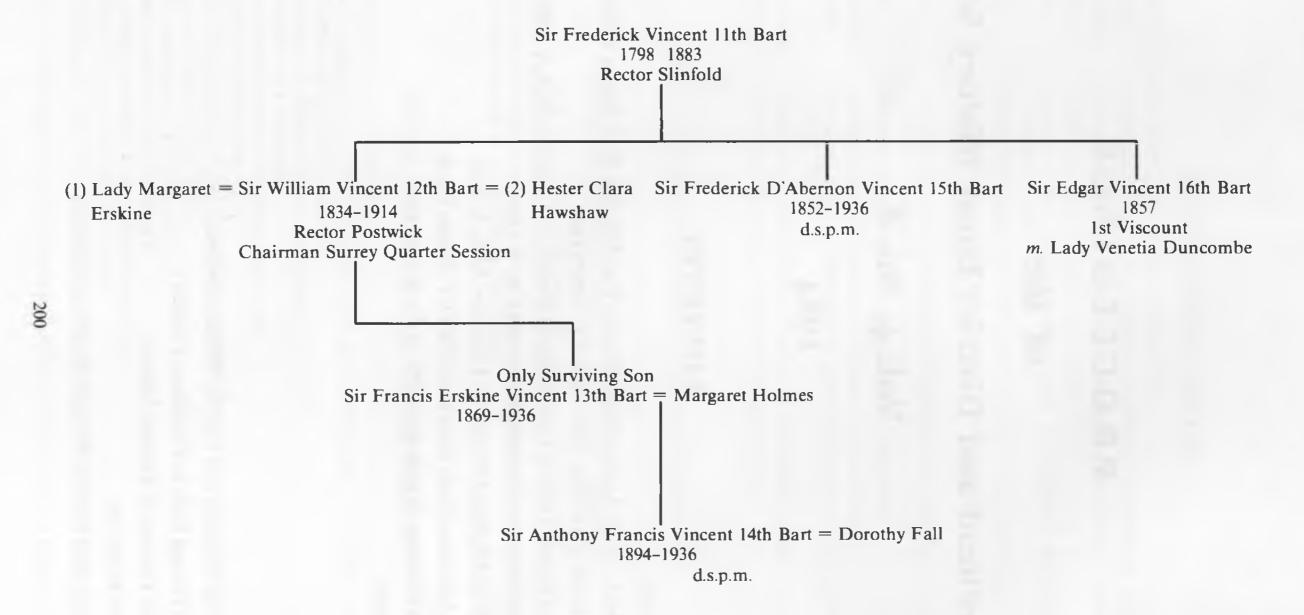
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VINCENT OF ASHTEAD

From Burke 1938



OCCASIONAL NOTES

THE MEDIAEVAL DEEDS SERIES

It is with pleasure and gratitude that we are able to announce that Dr W. J. Blair, F.S.A., has received grants from The British Academy and the Marc Fitch Fund which should cover the cost of printing in this issue the remaining entries of the Legh deeds commenced in the last issue.

We are in considerable obligation to these two institutions for their generous help.

REV. SIR WILLIAM VINCENT, Bart. J.P. OF COMFORTSFIELD, ASHTEAD

Kelly's Directory of Surrey 1891 gives on page 1284 a list of County Magistrates for Epsom Petty Sessional Division. It contains 17 names, among them two from Ashtead, Col. Alex. Cameron Gleig and Rev. Sir William Vincent Bart. of Comfortsfield, Ashtead. The Manor house at Stoke D'Abernon was for more than two centuries the home of the Vincent family. The first baronet was created in 1620.

In none of the Ashtead census 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871 or 1881 does the name of Vincent or the residence Comfortsfield appear. Neither does Vincent appear in the list of Ashtead gentry in the many directories of the 19th century. However, Messrs. White of Dorking, who administered the Ashtead tithes for the Rector made an annual booklet of tithes collected. These date from about 1870 and are among the valuable collection of papers donated, some in very decrepit condition, to the Leatherhead & District Local History Society. In the booklet for 1892, the name of Sir William Vincent appears for plot No. 6. Examination of earlier booklets shows in 1877 for No. 6—owner Miss Ann. B. Bailey occupier John Rapley formerly John Waters. In all lists, the address for tithe collection is given as "Leatherhead Common".

The tithe schedule of 1839 gives No. 154 John Waters house & garden 1-1-2. The tithe map (S.R.O.) shows plot 154 in the extreme north west corner of Ashtead Parish where it abuts the parish of Malden within a few yards of the Leatherhead—Chessington road, about a mile and a half east of the Ryebridge fork and almost opposite to the "Star" of Malden Rushett. When the Altered Apportionment of the Tithe was made in 1887, the map (P.R.O. I.R. 29-34/6) shows at this point plot No. 2; owner Ann Baker Bailey occupier Henry Rapley area 1-2-6 tithe 6/-.

After Sir William's death, from 1914 it was occupied by Lady Clara Vincent. Lady Clara Vincent seems to have owned the house untl 1923 when it was acquired by Mrs G. M. Gully who apparently renamed it "Meadow Hut". The annual tithe was then still only 6/6.

The omission of this house and its residents from all the Ashtead census is probably due to its site about one mile north of Ashtead station across Ashtead Woods. To obtain the data, it would have been necessary for the Collector either to face a very muddy walk across the woods or else go to the Plough, at Leatherhead, then across the railway bridge along the Kingston road, forking right at Ryebrook corner and then a further mile and a half towards Chessington. It was far less trouble to omit the house. Messrs. White, as conscientious collectors of the tithes, preserved the record of its existence at the furthest corner of Ashtead parish.

G. J. GOLLIN

CLAYGATE

The Claygate Book. A history of a Surrey village by Malcolm W. H. Peebles. The Blackmore Press (T. H. Brickell & Son Ltd., Longmead Industrial Estate, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP 7 8 P X) Quarto (300mm × 225mm) 148 pp. Profusely illustrated with maps, drawings and photographs. Obtainable from the author, 9 Elm Gardens, Claygate. Price £10 p. & p. extra.

AN ASHTEAD CHURCH BRIEF OF 1642

To the historian, a brief refers to a parish collection for aiding the poor or distressed; thus the term has no connexion with a barrister's instruction. A well-known Ashtead brief was that collected on 8th May 1731 to help Thomas Willoughby whose farm had just been burnt down with all its outbuildings and their contents.

This note deals with an earlier brief to help the Irish poor and shows that the rector subscribed £1 out of the parish total of £2.12.2 with Samuel Pepys' (Peepes') cousin John giving 5s. The following are the details from Public Record Office SP 28/194:

Contributions towards/the relief of the/distressed Irish

Surrie Copthorne Hundred	of the parish	tion of the inhabitants of Ashted, towards he distressed Irish
[1] Mr Quennell [2] Mr Peepes [3] Mr Bragge [4] Mr Neale [5] William Steere [6] Robert Sheeres [7] Abraham Bucke [8] Richard Potterton [9] John Hill [10] Richard Farro [11] George Smith [12] Robert Rogers [13] William King [14] Henry Luffe [15] Roger King [16] Robert Hiller	20/- 5/- 4/- 2/6 6d 6d 2d 1/- 6d 6d 1/- 2/- 3d 1/- 1/-	[17] William Simmes6d[18] George White6d[19] widdow Cooke2d[20] Michael Walton6d[21] Henry Chittie4d[22] John Otway4d[23] John Wright6d[24] Thomas Fencott2d[25] John Heads6d[26] William Burchatt9d[27] Mr Dennis2/6[28] William Hilder1/-[29] William Page2/-[30] Nicholas Geale1/-[31] John Goddard1/-
[32] Rbi Quinnell, Rector	r Sume is two p	ounds twelve shillings two pence
[22] William Dage	Churchwardens	[35] John Goddard [36] William Hamnon Overseers
Astead 2 Micklam 10 Lethered 3 Fetcham 1 Headlie 0	0 04 03 0 03 01 0 03 08½ 0 06 04	

[37] Hen: Lucas High Const./of ye halfe hundred of/Copthorne

The chief value of this document lies in the listed heads of families recorded four years after John Lawrence's survey of 1638. It thus becomes possible to locate the dwellings of many of the subscribers whose names also appear on this map. The same family names are to be found on a rent roll of 1543 and in meetings of the court baron up to Victorian times.

R. A. LEVER

MEDIEVAL DEEDS OF THE LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT

By Dr. W. J. BLAIR

PART VII

PROPERTIES OF THE BAKER, WYGHT AND LEGH FAMILIES (Continued)

INTRODUCTION

This instalment completes publication of the deeds which record the assembling of the Legh estate in Ashtead, Leatherhead, Headley and Walton. They are printed by permission of the Controller of H.M. Stationery Office and the Surrey Record Office. We are most grateful to the British Academy and the Marc Fitch Fund, whose generous grants have financed this publication.

TEXTS

Acquisitions by the Legh family

Leatherhead

- 260 John de Punshurst the younger to Henry de Punshurst his brother. Grant (for 20s and service) of a piece of my land lying in a place called Scepehale in Lederede parish, between John de Abernon's land on the N. and the prior of Reygat's land on the W.; the E. head abuts the lord of Hedlegh's land, the S. head the royal road from Dorking to London. To hold at rent of a rose at St John Baptist for all service. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Ledered, Walter le Hore, Adam de Aperderle, William Pistor, Thomas Faukes, John Payn, John Pinchun, and others. Seal: Fleur-de-lis; S' I . . . IOHANNI. Green wax. [c.1290] [E326/7439.]
- 261 Henry de Poneshurst of Ledderede parish to Richard son of John ate Legethe of Hadleghe and Isabel his wife. Grant (for 2½ marks) of 2½ ac. lying together at Sepehale in Ledderede common field, between Edith de Aperderlle's land and the Prior of the Hospital of the Holy Cross of Reygate's land; the N. head abuts la Portstrete, the S. head land of the lord of Hadleghe's fee. To hold to them and Richard's heirs of the chief lord of that fee for due service. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: William de Northwode, John de Newenham, John de Aperderlle, John Payn, Thomas Faukes, Gilbert le Hore, John le Frilend, and others. Ledderede, Friday after Hilary, 31 Edward [I, 18 January 1303]. Seal: Fleur-de-lis: + S'HENR' PONESH'ST. Green wax [E326/7429.]
- 262 John de Poneshurst of Ledderede parish to Richard ate Legehe of Hadleghe. Assignment to pay 1d and a clove yearly to John Faukes of Ledderede and Margery his wife, which Richard has been used to pay me at Michaelmas for 7½ ac. in Sepehale. Sealing. Witnesses: John Payn, Gilbert le Hore, Thomas Faukes, John de Wolvestone clerk, John le Frilonde, and others. Ledderede, Sunday on the morrow of St Bartholomew, 1 Edward II [27 August (?) 1307]. Seal lost. [E326/7427.]
- 263 Henry de Poneshurst of Ledderede parish to Richard ate Leghe son of John ate Leghe of Hadleghe parish and Isabel his wife. Grant (for 12 marks) of all my field called Colecrofte in Ledderede parish which I once had by grant of William ate Lote, between my land called Pinchonesfeld and land of William ate Lote; the E. head abuts Walter de Hamledon's land, the W. head John Payn's land called Poneshurstesfeld. To hold of the chief lord of that fee for due service. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: William de Nortwode, Gilbert le Hore, John de Niwenham, John Payn, John de Aperdele, Thomas Faukes, John de Poneshurst, William ate Lote, and others. Poneshurst, Sunday after Epiphany, 33 Edward I [10 January 1305]. Seal: Eight-pointed star; + S' HEN DE P. Green wax. [E326/7450.]

- 264 John de Aperderlle of Ledderede parish to Henry his son. Grant (for a sum of money) of all my field called Pinchonesfeld in Ledderede parish, and a grove adjoining the same in the said parish at Pinchones, and a plot called Grene adjoining the same. To hold of the chief lord of that fee for due service, and at rent to me of 20s at Michaelmas during my life. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: Walter le Hore, John Payn, Thomas Faukes, John le Frilende, John Pinchun, and others. Ledderede, Friday on the morrow of St Agatha, 27 Edward [I, 6 February 1299]. Seal (vesica-shaped, fragmentary): Fleur-de-lis; ... MAPLDE ... White wax. [E326/1915.]
- 265 Final concord, Westminster, morrow of Martinmas 33 Edward [I, 12 November 1305], between Richard son of John atte Legh, Isabel his wife, and John son of Richard son of John atte Legh, plaintiffs, and John son of John de Poneshurst and Alice his wife defendants, concerning 2 tofts and 8 ac. in Ledrede. Acknowledgement (for £10) by John and Alice that the land is Richard's right, because they granted it to Richard, Isabel and John; to hold of the chief lords of that fee for due service. Warranty. [Foot; CP 25(i)/227/28(121).]
- 266 John de Poneshurst, son of John de Poneshurst of Ledderede parish, to Richard ate Leghe of Hadleghe. Release (for a sum of money) of all my right in a way which I once had in Pinchonesfelde in the said parish, to go with my driven affers, and with carts to a spring called Pinchoneswelle to drink and carry away water for my own affairs; reserving to myself and heirs a footway, to enable water to be drunk from the said spring by a man or woman going on foot over the headland (capud) beyond the stile (ultra scaler) made there, and this without damage. Sealing. Witnesses: John Randolf, John Payn, John de Wolvestone clerk, John de Aperderlle, William ate Lote, Thomas Faukes, and others. Friday before St Margaret, 3 Edward II [18 July 1309]. Seal: from same matrix as (i) on 231. Brown wax. [E326/7414.]
- 267 John de Poneshurst of Ledderede parish to Richard ate Leghe of Hadleghe. Release of my own right, and the right of John son and heir of Henry de Poneshurst, to fetch water by horse or cart from the spring in Pinchonesfelde until the full age of the said John son of Henry, except beyond a certain stile and that edge of the quary over the headland of the quarry (hoc parollam quorent' super capud quorent'), without doing damage. Sealing. Witnesses: John Randolf, John Payn, Thomas Faukes. Gilbert le Hore, John le Frilende, and others. Ledderede, Friday after the Nativity of the B.V.M., 3 Edward II [12 September 1309]. Seal: from the same matrix as (i) on 231. White wax. [E326/7435.]
- 268 John son of John de Ponshurst of Leddrede parish to Richard ate Leghe of Hadleghe parish. Release (for a sum of money) of all my right in a way at Ponshurst lying in Pinchunesfeld in the said parish next to a field of John son of Nicholas de Ponshurst; it leads from the S. head of Pinchunesgrene to a spring called Pinchuneswelle in the said field. Sealing. Witnesses: John Randolf, John de Wolvestone, John Payn, Gilbert le Hore, Thomas Faukes, John Frylende, William ate Lote, and others. Leddrede, Friday after St Peter in Cathedra, 6 Edward II [23 February 1313]. Seal: from the same matrix as (i) on 231. Yellow wax. [E326/7444.]
- 269 Simon le Longe and Alice Payn his wife, formerly wife of Henry de Ponshurst, to Richard ate Leghe of Hadlegh. Demise (for a sum of money) of all the third part of a croft once called Pinchunesgroff which came to Alice as part of her dower after the death of Henry de Ponshurst her former husband, and which lies in the W. part of the said croft. Demise also of the third part of a plot called Pinchunesgrene which came to Alice as dower. To hold during Alice's life. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Aperdele, Gilbert le Hor', Thomas Faucos, John Frilende, William ate Lote, John de Ashurst, and others. Leddrede, Friday before Pope Gregory, 6 Edward II [9 March 1313]. Two seals lost. [E326/2891.]
- 270 John, formerly son and heir of Henry de Poneshurst of Lederede parish, to Richard atte Leye of Hethleye. Release (for a sum of money) of all my right in a way at Poneshurst,

lying in Pynchonesffeld in the said parish next a field of John son of Nicholas de Poneshurst; it leads from the S. head of a croft once called Pynchonesgrove to a spring called Pychoneswelle in the said field. Sealing. *Witnesses:* John Randolf, John de Wolveston', John Peyn, Gilbert le Hore, Thomas Faukes, John Frilende, William ate Lote, and others. Hethleye, Sunday after St John Baptist, 7 Edward II [30 June 1314]. *Seal: from the same matrix as* 216. *White wax.* [E326/7422.]

- 271 John, son and heir of Henry de Puneshurst of Ledderede parish, to Richard ate Leghe of Hedlegh parish. Grant (for a sum of money) of all my croft called Pynchonesgrove where a grove was formerly assarted (ubi grava prius fuit assarta), with a plot adjoining called Pynchonesgrene, in Ledderede parish at Pyneshurst. To hold of the chief lords of the fees for due service. Warranty. Scaling. Ledderede, Saturday after the Purification of the B.V.M., 9 Edward II [7 February 1316]. Witnesses: John Randolf, John Payn, Gilbert le Hore, John de Wolveston', John de Aperdel', and others. Seal: apparently from the same matrix as 216, but very worn. White wax. [E326/1912.]
- 272 John son of John de Ponshurst of Leddrede to Richard ate Leghe of Hedleghe parish. Release of all my right in a way at Ponshurst in the said parish, leading from the royal road from Dorkingge to London to a spring called Pinchonesgrene [sic], and in all other ways belonging to me at Ponshurst. Sealing. Witnesses: John Randolff, John de Aperdele, John de Wolveston, John Payn, William ate Lote, Thomas Heyward clerk, and others. Hedleghe, Sunday after SS Philip and James, 9 Edward II [2 May 1316]. Seal: from the same matrix as (i) on 231. Green wax. [E326/7419.]
- 273 John son and heir of Henry de Ponshurst of Leddrede parish to Richard ate Legh of Hedlegh. Release of all my right in a croft called Pinchonesgrove and a plot called Pinchonesgrene, with a way (leading from the royal road called Portstret to the spring called Pinchoneswelle) adjoining the same, in Ledrede parish at Ponshurst, with the living hedges growing around the said croft. Sealing. Witnesses: John Randolff, John de Aperdele, John Payn, John de Wolveston', Thomas Faukus, Gilbert le Hore, Thomas Heyward clerk, and others. Hedlegh, Tuesday on the feast of the Holy Cross, 10 Edward II [14 September 1316]. Seal: from the same matrix as 216. Green wax. [E326/7418.]
- 274 John son of Elis de Cruce of Ledred to Richard atte Leghe of Hedlegh and Thomas his son. Grant of 1 ac. of my land in Ledred common field in a place called la Wellonde, between Richard le Tannere's land and the fee of the Clerks of Oxford. To hold to them and Thomas's heirs of the chief lords of that fee for due service. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Aperdele, John de Wolveston', John Payn, Gilbert le Hore, Thomas Faukes, William ate Lote, Nicholas le Lepere, Ralph Smerehele, Thomas ate Novene of Ledred, and others. Ledred, Monday before All Saints, 10 Edward [II, 25 October 1316]. Seal: Agnus Dei; S' IOH'IS ELIS. Green wax. [E326/7411.]
- 275 Agnes ate Crouch of Ledrede to Richard ate Legh of Hedlegh and Thomas his son. Release, in my pure widowhood, of all my right in 1 ac. in Ledrede common field at la Wellonde, between Richard le Tannere's land and the fee of the Clerks of Oxford, which the said Richard and Thomas had by grant of John my son. Sealing. Witnesses: John Randolff, John de Aperdele, John de Wolvestone, John Payn, Thomas Faukus, Thomas ate Novene, Henry de Chinthurst, Thomas Heyward clerk, and others. Ledrede, Friday before St Leonard, 10 Edward II [5 November 1316]. Seal (vesica-shaped): Fleur-de-lis; ... AGNES DE CRUC. ... Green wax. [E326/7434.]
- 276 Agreement by indenture, sealed interchangeably, between Richard son and heir of Walter de Hameldone on one part, and Richard ate Legh' of Hedlegh' on the other. Richard de Hameldone grants to Richard ate Legh' a piece of his land called Hameldonesfeld in the S. part of Ledrede parish, adjoining William ate Lote's land and the said Richard ate Legh's

land called Colecrofte; it abuts on the E. head Joysstreyte; it contains 4 ac. ½ perch, enclosed by living hedges and ditches, between the said William and Richard's land and the said Richard de Hameldone's land. To hold to Richard ate Legh and the legitimate heirs of his body, at rent of 9d per acre at Michaelmas, that is 3s Id in all, for all services. Warranty. Reversion in default of legitimate issue to Richard de Hameldone. Witnesses: John de Aperdele, John Payn, Gilbert le Hore, John Faukes, William ate Lote, Thomas ate Noven', Thomas Heyward, and others. Ledrede, Friday on SS Philip and James, 1 Edward III [1 May 1327]. Seal: effaced. White wax. [E326/8017.]

277 John son and heir of Henry de Poneshurst to John de Wolveston, Joan his wife and John's heirs. Release of all my right in 9 ac. in the vill of Ledred at Poneshurst in the E. part of a croft called Estcroft. Warranty. Sealing. *Witnesses:* John Randolf, William Husee, Thomas Faukes, John Faukes, William Ewelle, Richard Wylekyng', Thomas Heyward, and others. Ledred, Thursday before Trinity, 14 Edward II [11 June 1321]. *Seal lost.* [E326/7428.]

278 Simon son of John Payn of Ledrede to Richard ate Legh of Hedlegh. Release of all my right in 2½ ac. in Ledrede parish in Ponshurstesfelde, between land of Hedlegh called Schepehale on the S., and my said father John's land and the said Richard's field called Pinchonesfeld on the N.; they abut the said Richard's land in Schepehale on the W., and the said Richard's croft called Litlecolecroft on the E. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Aperdele, Gilbert le Hore, Thomas ate Noven', William ate Lote, John Faukes, Richard Wilekyng', Thomas Heyward, and others. Ledrede, 1 June 3 Edward III [1329]. Seal: Eight-pointed star; + S' SIMON': PAIN. Green wax. [E326/7432.]

279 John Payn of Ledrede to Richard ate Legh of Hedlegh and Beatrice his daughter. Grant (for a sum of money) of 6 ac. of my land in Ledrede parish in a field called Ponshurstesfeld, between my garden and land on the N., the said Richard's land in the same field on the S., the said Richard's land called Schephale on the W., and the said Richard's land called Pinchonesfeld on the E., with hedges growing around and adjoining. To hold of the chief lord of that fee for due service. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Aperdele, Gilbert le Hore, John Faukes, William ate Lote, John ate Lee, Adam ate Doune, Thomas Heyward, and others. Ledrede, Friday on the morrow of All Saints, 4 Edward III [2 November 1330]. Seal: Small star surrounded by devices; S' JOHIS PAIN. Green wax. [E326/1916.]

280 Simon son of John Payn of Ledrede to Richard ate Legh of Hedlegh and Beatrice his daughter and heir. Release of all my right in 6 ac. with hedges which they acquired from my father John Payn in a field called Ponshurstesfeld, between my said father's land and garden on the N., the said Richard's land in the same field on the S., the said Richard's land called Schepehale on the W., and the said Richard's land called Pinchonesfelde on the E. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Aperdele, Gilbert le Hore, John Faukes, William ate Lote, John ate Lee, Adam ate Doune, Thomas Heyward, and others. Ledrede, Sunday after All Saints, 4 Edward III [4 November 1330]. Seal: from the same matrix as 278. Green wax. [E326/7442.]

281 Simon son of Simon Payn of Ledrede to Agnes formerly wife of Henry le Longe of the same. Grant (for a sum of money) of a piece of my land in Ledrede common field at Poneshurt [sic] called la Helmes, between Roger de Aperdele's land and John de Toune's land. To hold of the chief lord of that fee for due service. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: Gilbert Burgeys, Roger de Aperdele, Walter le Hore, Richard Jolyf, William Tangelegh', Richard Markwyk, John de Toune clerk, and others. Ledrede, Monday on St Thomas the Apostle, 23 Edward III [21 December 1349]. Seal:Fleur-de-lis; S' WILLI PAYN. Brown wax. [E326/7441.]

282 John, son of Nicholas de Poneshurst of Ledderede parish and Maud Cormongere, to Richard son of John ate Leghe of Hadleghe parish, Isabel his wife, John their son, their heirs

and assigns. Release of all my right in 8 ac. lying together in the S. part of a field called Joyesffeld, defined by metes and bounds, and two crofts called Joyeshaghe and Abbodeshaghe with a plot called la Grene. Sealing. *Witnesses*: William de Northwode, William ate Brokhole, John Payn, Gilbert le Hore, Thomas Faukes, John son of Adam de Aperdele, Henry de Poneshurst, William ate Lote, Hugh le Cormongere, and others. Poneshurst, Friday after Translation of St Thomas the Martyr, 33 Edward [I, 9 July 1305]. *Seal: from the same matrix as* 221. *Green wax.* [E326/7421.]

- 283 Richard ate Legh of Hedlegh to Beatrice his daughter. Grant of all my curtilage called Joyeswest hagh, all my field called Joyesfeld in Leddrede parish, all my field called Pynchonesfeld with a croft called Pynchoneshagh and Pynchonesgrene, 5 ac. of my land in Shepehale between Nicholas de Aperdele's land and Poneshurstesgrove, and Redefeld in Leddred. To hold to Beatrice and the legitimate heirs of her body at rent of 9d at Michaelmas for all service; warranty; reversion in default of her legitimate issue to me or my heirs. Sealing. Hedlegh, Friday after St Faith, 5 Edward III [11 October 1331]. Witnesses: John de Aperdele, William ate Lote, John Payn, William ate Burgh, John Faukes, Richard Wilkyng, Adam ate Doune, John my son, Adam ate Plesshette clerk, and many others. Seal (oval, very fine): Virgin and Child framed in tabernacle, half-figure in prayer posture below; MATER DEI MISERERE MEI. Red wax. [E329/414(i).]
- **284** Richard ate Legh of Hedlegh to John his son. Power of attorney to give seisin to Beatrice my daughter of *[the holdings listed in 283, except that Redefeld is not mentioned],* which she has by my charter. Sealing. Hedlegh, Friday after St Faith, 5 Edward III [11 October 1331]. *Seal: from the same matrix as 283. Red wax.* [E329/414(ii); stitched to 283.]
- 285 John son and heir of John atte Leghe of Hadleghe parish to the right heirs of Beatrice formerly daughter of Richard atte Leghe. Release of all my right in 8 ac. with hedges and ditches in a field called Joyesfeld and a croft called Joyeshawe with hedges and ditches, which I and my parents John and Isabel atte Leghe had by grant of John son of John de Poneshurst and Alice his wife in Ledderede parish, as appears by a charter. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Aisshurst, Richard Drew, John Aperdelee, Roger Aperdelee, Walter le Hore, Peter Heyward, Richard Jolyf, and others. Hadleghe, Monday after St Matthew, 30 Edward III [26 September 1356]. Seal: Kneeling male figure in prayer posture before seated Virgin and Child; TV E. S.... S MEA. Red wax. [E326/7686.]
- 286 Hugh atte Sonde and Agnes his wife of Dorkyng' to Roger de Frydele. Grant of a piece of our land in Leddrede parish, between Henry de Wolveston's land on the E. and Roger de Aperdele's land on the W. To hold of the chief lord of that fee for due service. Sealing. Witnesses: William Tangele, Richard Jolyf', Robert atte Canoun, Nicholas Coupere, John Coupere, and many others. Leddrede, Sunday before Conversion of St Paul, 41 Edward III [23 January 1368]. Seals (both in white wax): (i) Device within indistinct legend; (ii) Sprig of foliage bearing acorns(?). [E326/7436.]
- 287 Roger Fredle to Richard atte Legh and John atte Legh. Grant of a piece of my land in Ledrede parish, lying at Macrofte between Richard Ware's croft on the E. and land of the tenement of Scharnewell on the W.; it extends lengthwise from the royal road from Ledrede to Hedlegh to land once John Aperdele's. To hold of the chief lords of that fee for due service. Warranty. Sealing. Ledrede, 20 January 13 Richard II [1390]. Witnesses: William Wymbyldon', Thomas Baker, Henry atte Welle, John Lehangr', John atte Lote, Thomas atte Nore, Alexander atte Legh', and many others. Seal: shield charged with a goat, suspended on a tree; legend illegible. Red wax. [E326/7451.]

Ashtead

288 Richard le Englissche of Asstede and Alice his wife to Richard ate Legh of Hedlegh. Grant of 1 ac. of our land in Asstede common field at la Wythebedde, between the lord of

- Asstede's demesne on either side. To hold of the chief lord of that fee for due service. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Aperdele, Robert de Boycrofte, John Payn, Robert Payn, Gilbert ate Wode, Richard Aubrey, Thomas Heyward, and others. Asstede, Sunday after St Catherine, 11 Edward II [27 November 1317]. Seals: (i) lost; (ii) from the same matrix as 289. [E326/8149.]
- 289 Richard le Englische of Asstede and Alice his wife to Richard ate Leghe of Hedlegh the elder. Grant of 1 ac. of our land in Asstede common field in a furlong called Clayfforlong', between the lord of Asstede's demesne on either side; the S. head abuts Robert Payn's land and Hugh Darcy's land. To hold of the chief lord of that fee for due service. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: John Payn, John de Wolvestone, John de Aperdele, Robert Payn, Gilbert ate Wode, Richard Aubrey, Thomas Heyward clerk, and others. Asstede, Sunday before St Luke, 11 Edward II [16 October 1317]. Seals: (i) Fleur-de-lis; S' RIC' LE ENGLEIS. Yellow wax. (ii) (vesica-shaped). + S' ALICEI ENGLE'. Brown wax. [E326/8143.]
- 290 Richard le Englissche of Asstede and Alice his wife to Richard ate Legh' of Hedlegh. Grant of I ac. of my land in Asstede common field in a furlong called Furseffur, between the rector of Asstede's land and land which John ate Lee held in villeinage of the lord of Asstede. To hold of the chief lord of that fee for due service. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Aperdele, John de Wolveston', John Payn, Robert Payn, Gilbert ate Wode, Richard Aubrey, Thomas Heyward, and others. Asstede, Sunday before St Ambrose, 11 Edward II [2 April 1318]. Seals (both in green wax): from the same matrices as 289. [E326/8145.]
- 291 John son and heir of John Jonessone of Asstede to Richard ate Legh of Hedlegh and Henry his son. Grant of 1½ ac. of my land in la Sutffelde of Asstede: 1 ac. lies on (desuper) la Standerde between the lord of Asstede's demesne on either side, and the N. head abuts Bassesrudene; ½ ac. lies at Honwynesovene between the said lord's demesne on either side, and is a headland (hevedlond). To hold of the chief lords of those fees for due service. Warranty, for a sum of money. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Aperdele, Adam ate Doune, Robert Payn, Gilbert ate Wode, William ate Hurst, Richard Aubrey, Thomas Heyward clerk, and others. Asstede, Sunday on the Invention of the Holy Cross, 14 Edward II [3 May 1321]. Seal: from the same matrix as 292. Green wax. Note added in slightly later hand: "Unde versus Fuit homo missus Ade". [E326/8147.]
- 292 John Jonessone of Asstede to Richard ate Legh of Hedlegh and Henry his son. Grant of ½ ac. in Asstede common field at Chelmeslewe, between the lord of Asstede's demesne on either side. To hold of the chief lord of that fee for due service. Warranty, for a sum of money. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Aperdele, John Payn, Gilbert ate Wode, Robert Payn, Richard Aubrey, Walter le Foglere, Thomas Heyward, and others. Asstede, Sunday on the vigil of SS Peter and Paul, 14 Edward II [28 June 1321]. Seal: Cross with pellets; S' IOH'IS. FIL'. IOH'IS. Green wax. [E326/8146.]
- 293 John Heyward of Ledrede to Richard ate Legh' of Hedlegh', his son Henry, heirs and assigns. Release of all my right in ½ ac. in Asstede common field at Chelmeslewe between the lord of Asstede's demesne on either side, which I acquired by charter from John Jonessone of Asstede. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Aperdele, John Payn, Gilbert ate Wode, Robert Payn, Richard Aubrey, Walter le Foglere, Thomas Hyward, and others. Asstede, Sunday on the vigil of SS Peter and Paul, 14 Edward II [28 June 1321]. Seal: Lion-mask(?), very effaced. Yellow wax. [E326/8151.]
- 294 Henry, perpetual vicar of Asstede church, to his nephew John Jonessone of Asstede, his heirs and assigns. Release of all my right in 2 ac. in Asstede common field: one lies between the lord of Asstede's demesne on either side and is called le Dene Aker, the other lies at la Horegate between the said lord's demesne on either side. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Aperdele, John Payn, Robert Payn, Gilbert ate Wode, Richard Aubrey, Walter le Foglere,

- Stephen Cornet, Richard Malemeyns, Thomas Heyward, and others. Asstede, Sunday before Michaelmas, 15 Edward II [27 September 1321]. Seal lost. [E326/8205.]
- 295 John Jonessone of Asstede to Richard ate Legh of Hedlegh and Henry his son. Grant (for a sum of money) of 2 ac. of my land in Asstede common field: one lies between the lord of Asstede's demesne on either side and is called le Deneaker, the other lies at la Horegate between the said lord's demesne on either side. To hold of the chief lords of those fees for due service. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Aperdele, John Payn, Robert Payn, Gilbert ate Wode, Richard Aubrey, Walter le Foglere, Stephen Cornet, Richard Malemeyns, Thomas Heyward, and others. Asstede, Tuesday on Michaelmas, 15 Edward II [29 September 1321]. Seal: Cross with pellets: + S'. IOH'IS: IONESSONE: Green wax. [E326/145.]
- 296 John Jonessone of Asstede to Richard ate Legh of Hedlegh and Henry his son. Grant of 1 ac. of my land in la Sutffelde of Asstede at la Molde, next land which was of William Malemeyns on the S., and it is a headland (hevedlond). To hold of the chief lord of that fee for due service. Warranty, for a sum of money. Sealing. Witnesses: John Payn, John de Wolveston, Robert Payn, Gilbert ate Wode, Richard Aubrey, Richard Malemeyns, Thomas Heyward clerk, and others. Asstede, Tuesday on St Clement, 16 Edward II [23 November 1322]. Seal: Cross with pellets; + S' IOHTS IONESS'. Green wax. [E326/8144.]
- 297 John Jonessone of Asstede to Richard ate Legh' of Hedlegh' and Henry his son. Release of all my right in 1 ac. in la Sutffelde of Asstede at la Molde, next land which was of William Malemeyns on the S., and it is a headland (hevedlond). Sealing. Witnesses: John Payn, John de Wolveston', Robert Payn, Gilbert ate Wode, Richard Aubrey, Stephen Cornet, Thomas Heyward, and others. Asstede, 11 May 17 Edward II [1324]. Seal lost. [E315/33(81).]
- 298 John Jonessone of Asstede to Richard ate Legh of Hedlegh. Grant (for a sum of money) of 1 ac. of my land in Asstede common field in a furlong called Longeffurlong', between the lord of Asstede's demesne on either side. To hold of the chief lords of those fees for due service. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Aperdele, John Payn, Robert Payn, Gilbert ate Wode, Richard Aubrey, Walter le Foglere, Thomas Heyward clerk, and others. Asstede, Monday before the Nativity of the B.V.M., 16 Edward II [6 September 1322]. Seal lost. [E326/146.]
- 299 John Jonessone of Asstede to Richard ate Legh of Hedlegh. his heirs and assigns. Release of all my right in 1 ac. in Asstede common field in a furlong called Longeffurlong', which Richard acquired from my by charter. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Aperdele, John Payn, Robert Payn, Gilbert ate Wode, Richard Aubrey, Walter le Foglere, Thomas Heyward clerk, and others. Asstede, Friday on St Margaret the Virgin, 18 Edward II [20 July 1324]. Seal: from the same matrix as 296. Green wax. [E326/8153.]
- 300 John Jonessone of Asstede to Richard ate Legh' of Hedlegh' and Henry his son. Grant of ½ ac. of my land in la Sutffelde of Asstede at Lethecch', between the lord of Asstede's demesne on either side; the N. head abuts Robert Payn's land, and the S. head the royal road from Ledrede to Wauton', To hold of the chief lord of that fee for due service. Warranty, for a sum of money. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Aperdele, John Payn, Gilbert le Hore, Henry de Chinthurst, Robery Payn, Gilbert ate Wode, Richard Aubrey, and others. Asstede, Sunday before St Nicholas, 17 Edward II [4 December 1323]. Seal lost. [E326/8154.]
- 301 Agreement by indenture, sealed interchangeably, between John atte Legh of Hedelegh on one part and William Poundy of Assted on the other. Whereas John granted to William by charter all his lands in the vill of Assted, William now agrees that if John or his deputy pays to him 30s at Assted on St Peter ad Vincula next, the said charter will be void. Witnesses: William Tourhayst, John Kyng, John atte Lote of Hedelegh, Henry Aubrey, and others. Assted, Monday after St Ambrose, 24 Edward III [5 April 1350]. Seal lost. [E315/39(231).]

- 302 Henry atte Legh' of Leddred' to John atte Legh' of Hedlee his kinsman. Grant of all my land in Asshested parish, lying in parcels in various places. To hold of the chief lords of that fee for due service. Warranty. Sealing. *Witnesses*: Laurence Wyht' of Chyam, Roger de Apperdele, Gilbert de Leddred, Walter le Hore of the same vill, Peter Hayward of the same vill, and others. Hedlee, St Mark, 27 Edward III [25 April 1353]. *Seal lost*. [E326/8152.]
- 303 Philip Bradewey and Thomas Walter of Roynton' to Maud formerly wife of William Pundey of Rouynton'. Release of all our right in 3 ac. in the territory of Ahstede which we inherited from William Pundey. Sealing. Witnesses: Thomas atte Wodegate, John Sterde, Simon Fraynus, Thomas atte Ley, Henry Woner, and others. Rouynton, Wednesday after Trinity, 48 Edward III [31 May 1374]. Seals (both in red wax and on one tag): (i) Male head facing left: legend illegible. (ii) Male head facing right; S' RECAT(?) DE SWONSTEDE. [E326/147.]
- 304 Maud widow of William Pundei, in pure widowhood and full power, to John atte Legh of Hedlegh. Grant of 3 ac. in Asstede common field scattered through various places, which I had by grant of Philip Bradewey and Thomas Walter, heirs of the said William Pundei my former husband. To hold of the chief lord of that fee for due service. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: Thomas Baker, John War', Robert Seymour, Thomas Aubrey, William Hayshurst, Richard Dru, and Walter Adam. Asstede, Monday on the morrow of Christmas, 3 Richard II [26 December 1379]. Seal: Standing female figure holding branch; legend illegible. Yellow wax. [E326/8150.]
- 305 Walter Adam of Aystede parish to John atte Legh of Hedlegh, his heirs and assigns. Release of all my right in 6½ ac. in Aystede common field called Suthfeld, in various parcels in various places. Warranty [instead of the releasing formula which should appear here]. Sealing. Witnesses: William Wymbeldon, Thomas Bakere, Robert Seymour, Thomas Walter. Thomas Prouys, John atte Lote, John atte Doune, and others. Aystede, Thursday after the Conversion of St Paul, 14 Richard II [26 January 1391]. Seal: Four leaves in cruciform formation. [E326/8148.]

Headley

- 306 Mabel daughter of Gilbert de Dorkinges clerk to John de la Leye of Hetleye parish. Grant in the power of my virginity (for 2 marks) of all my land in Hetleye parish in a field called Hethfeld enclosed by hedges and ditches. Also 4d annual rent which Edward son of Gunnild owed me for 1 ac. which he held of me in the said field. Also all land and rent which may fall to me and my heirs. To hold at rents of a root of ginger at Michaelmas to me, and 12d at the usual terms to the chief lord of that fee, for all service saving the King's in so far as it appertains to the said tenement. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: William de Auberun, John de Aperderlee, Henry Berkarius, Henry de Aperderlee, John de la Frithe, William his son, Adam de la Leye, John de Wyke, John Pinchun, and many others. Seal (vesica-shaped): Fleur-de-lis; . . . BILIE. Brown wax. [c.1270-90.] [E326/7907.]
- 307 John de Plecys to Richard son of John ate Legh' of Hethlegh' and Isabel his wife. Grant (for £10) of my whole tenement at la Dene in Hethlegh' parish, which William ate Dene once held of me in villeinage. To hold at rent of 5s at Christmas, Easter, Nativity of St John Baptist and Michaelmas in equal portions to the chief lord of that fee, for all service saving suit of the chief lord's court with reliefs and heriots, and the King's service in so far as it appertains to such a tenement. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: William de Northwode, John de Nywenham, John Peyn, Thomas Faukes, Adam ate Le, Gilbert le Hore, John de Apeldurlye, and many others. Seal lost. [c.1290?] [E326/8021.]
- 308 John de Pleicys to Richard atte Lighe of Hetlighe, son of John atte Lighe, and Hisabell his wife. Grant (for £10) of my whole tenement which I had at la Dene in Hetlighe parish,

which William atte Dene once held of me in villeinage. To hold at rent of 5s at Christmas, Easter, St John and Michaelmas in equal portions, for all service saving suit at my court, relief, heriots, and the King's service in so far as it appertains to such a tenement. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: William de Nortwode, Thomas Faukus, John Payn, John de Niwenham, John Daberon of Hetlighe, John de Apeldorelye, Adam atte Lye, and others. Seal: Shield charged with six annulets with a label of four points; . . . PL . . . White wax. [c.1290–1300?] [E326/7675.]

- 309 John de Plecy knight to Richard ate Leghe of Hadleghe parish and Isabel his wife. Grant (for a sum of money) of all my land in the said parish in a croft called le Cley, lying from E. to W. between William ate Lote's land and the royal street called le Westrete leading towards Ryngwelle, and from N. to S. between my pasture called la Oldeburi and the said street. To hold to them and the legitimate heirs of their bodies, at rent of 12d at Michaelmas and Easter in equal portions for all service. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: [... Ran]dolf, John de Wolveston' clerk, John de Aperdele, John Payn, William ate Lote, Gilbert le Hore. [two names probably lost]. and others. Hedlegh', Friday before Purification of B.V.M., 5 Edward II [28 January 1312]. Seal lost. [E326/8016.]
- 310 Robert Malemeyns to William de Heshurst. Grant, for homage and service, of 1 ac. of my land in le Hestfeld between the marl-pit (marleria) and the royal road from Hedleya to Lederede, lengthwise adjoining the ditch (fovea) of la Gerstone; also 1 ro. of my land in le Northfeld adjoining William Juvenis's land. To hold at rent of 5d (2d at Christmas and 1d each at Easter. Nativity of St John Baptist and Michaelmas), for all service saving the King's in so far as it appertains to such free land of that fee. Exception against alienation to religious houses and Jews. Warrranty. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Wyke, Robert de la Lee, John de la Fritha, Adam de la Thee, Robert de la Duna, John de Poneshurst, John de Aperele, John de Langhelee, William the clerk, and many others. Seal lost. [c.1260-80.] [E326/7676.]
- 311 Adam de la Legh' to Richard le Kempe and Roesia his wife. Grant (for 20s and service) of 1 ac. of my land and [a piece of land] 8 feet long and wide, in Hedlegh: ½ ac. lies in the field called Thewestfeld between William le Jevene's land on the S. and Christian de la Heth's land on the N.; ½ ac. and 8 feet lie in the field called Theestfeld between the said William le Jevene's land on the N. and Richard de la Hide's land on the S. To hold at rent of 3d at Easter for all service. Exception against alienation to religious men and Jews. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: Gilbert de Mickleham, John de la Legh', William Dabernun, John de Apelderle, Robert de la Le, John de la Frithe, John de Wyke, Henry de Apelderle, and many others. Seal: Fleur-de-lis; S' A . . . White wax. [c.1280?] [E326/8022.]
- 312 Crispin le Kempe of Hedlegh' to Richard ate Legh of the same and Thomas his son. Grant (for a sum of money) of three pieces of my land in Hedlegh parish: one lies above (desuper) Asschurst in la Hoke, between Sir William de Orkle's land and John le Juven's land held in villeinage; the second lies in la Estffelde at la Hopsette, between the said John le Juven's land and Edith de Aperdele's land, and is called le Stonyhalveacr'; the third lies in the same field, between the said Richard ate Legh's land and Gilbert le Owole's land held in villeinage, and the W. head abuts the said John le Juven's land. To hold of the chief lords of that fee for due service. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Aperdele, John Payn, William ate Lote, Adam ate Doune, John de Asschurst, William ate Hurst, John aten Nore, Thomas Heyward clerk, and others. Hedlegh', Sunday on the Beheading of St John Baptist, 10 Edward II [29 August 1316]. Seal: effaced. White wax. [E326/8015.]
- 313 Richard ate Legh' of Hedlegh' to Crispin le Kempe of the same. Grant of a curtilage in Hedlegh', between the royal road on the W., the said Crispin's tenement(s) and land on the S. and E., and Adam de Bradele's land held in villeinage on the N. To hold of the chief lord of that fee for due service. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: John Randolff, John de Aperdele, William ate Lote, John de Asschurthurst, Adam ate Doune, William ate Hurst, John ate

Nore, Thomas Heyward clerk, and others. Hedlegh', Sunday on the Beheading of St John Baptist, 10 Edward II [29 August 1316]. Seal lost. [E326/10603.]

- 314 Adam de la Teche to Roger Kempe. Grant (for 16s and service) of 2 ac. and 1 ro. in the field next John de la Hide's house in the vill of Etleghe: 1 ac. is called Mapeldreheker, the other ac. on Longheifure, and the ro. lies at Oresheche. To hold at rent of 3d at Easter, for all service saving the King's in so far as it appertains to such a tenement of that fee. Warranty, excepting religious houses. Sealing. Witnesses: Gilbert de Abernun, William de Apeldrele, John his brother, William de la Dune, Roger de Micleham, William de Buneneiheie, Richard de la Leghe, Geoffrey de Kolenhurst, Richard Kornmonghere, Henry Belhost, and many others. Seal: Floral motif; SIGILL' ADE DE LA TEHIE. Green wax. [c.1230-50.] [E326/7666.]
- 315 Crispin le Kempe of Hedlegh parish to Richard ate Legh of the same and Thomas his son. Grant (for a sum of money) of 1 ac. of my land in Hedlegh common field in the field called Estffeld in la Longeffure, between Gilbert le Owole's land and Adam Bradele's land; the E. head abuts John de Aperdele's land, and the W. head Gilbert le Owole's land. To hold of the chief lord of that fee for due service. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: William Husee, John de Aperdele, John Randolff, William ate Lote, John ate Lee, William ate Hurst, John de Asschehurst, William de Wyke, Thomas Heyward clerk, and many others. Hedlegh', Sunday after St Dunstan, 9 Edward II [26 May 1316]. Seal: Eight-pointed star; S' CRISTIANI KEMPE. White wax. [E326/8018.]
- 316 Crispin le Kempe of Hedlegh to Richard ate Legh' of the same and Thomas his son. Grant of 1 ac. of my land called Mapelderaker in the common field of Hedlegh' called Estffeld, between land which Bartholomew ate Sonde held in villeinage on the S., and land which John le Chepman held in villeinage of the Abbot of Westminster on the N. To hold of the chief lords of that fee for due service. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Aperdele, John Payn, Adam ate Doune, William ate Lote, William ate Hurst, John de Asshurst, William de Wyke, Thomas Heyward clerk, and others. Hedlegh, Monday after St Dunstan, 10 Edward II [23 May 1317]. Seal: from the same die as 315. Green wax. [E326/8025.]
- 317 Richard de Hedlegh to John Stel the dairy-man (le degher'). Lease for John's life of 1 ac. of my arable land lying next Haluikescrouche, between land once Roger Maunsel's which John holds on the W., and the royal road called Smitheden' on the E. To hold at rent of 2d at Michaelmas. Within two years from the present date, John will make a fence with living hedges and a ditch called Ulordich between the said land and the royal road called Smitheden'; if he neglects to do so, I will be able to enter the land without his interference. John will do no waste or destruction in the said living hedges, and will not alienate the land during his life. Warranty for the term of John's life. Sealing. Witnesses: Reynold ate Ge... ston, John de Westpurle, William his son, Hugh le Hacce', John Child, and others. Oremdon [?], Saturday after Translation of St Edward, 17 Edward II [15 October 1323]. Seal: Leaf or flower within pentacle. White wax. [E326/8024.]
- 318 William ate Lote of Hedlegh to Richard ate Legh of the same and Beatrice his daughter. Grant (for a sum of money) of 8 ac. of my land in my field called le Homfeld, lengthwise between my land called le Westffeld on the W. and the royal street called Joyestret on the E., and sideways between my land on the S. and the said Richard's field and croft on the N., which croft is called Joyeshagh, with adjoining hedges and ditches. To hold of the chief lord of that fee for due service. Warranty. Sealing. Wimesses: John de Aperdele, Roger de Aperdele, John ate Lee, Adam ate Doune, William ate Hurst, Nicholas de Aperdele, Richard le Doule, John de Asshurst, Thomas Heyward, and others. Hedlegh, Wednesday after the Annunciation, 5 Edward III [27 March 1331]. Seal: Fleur-de-lis; S' WILL' ATE LOT'. Red wax. [E326/7670.]

- 319 William atte Lote of Hedlegh' parish to John atte Legh', son of Richard atte Legh', and Alice his wife. Grant of 5½ ac. of my land in Hedlegh', sideways between land which Richard atte Legh' had by my grant on the N. and my land on the S., and lengthwise between my land on the W. and the royal road from Hedlegh' to Leddride on the E. To hold of the chief lord of that fee for due service. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Aperdele, Roger de Aperdelee, John Faukous, John de Asshurst, William atte Tegh', Thomas atte Nore, Nicholas atte Sonde, and many others. Hedlegh, Sunday after St Ambrose, 8 Edward III [10 April 1334]. Seal: from the same matrix as 318. Brown wax. [E326/8014.]
- 320 Agreement by indenture, sealed interchangeably, between John atte Doune on one part and John atte Legh' on the other. John atte Doune leases to John atte Legh', for twelve years from the present date, a croft called Westcroft' with adjoining hedges in Hedlegh' parish. To hold at rent of 4s at Michaelmas, Christmas, the Annunciation and the Nativity of St John Baptist in equal portions, after the end of the first five years; and in the first five years the said John atte Legh' shall pay nothing for the croft. John atte Doune will do due service to the lord, and will maintain the hedge on the S. head at his own expense. Warranty for the term. Hedlegh, Sunday on Michaelmas, 5 Richard II [29 September 1381]. Seal: St Catherine, to her left a kneeling figure, to her right a shield hanging on a bush and apparently charged with a fess and a border of roundels, the whole design within a barbed quatrefoil; LAUDE ... RVENS TRINATIE ... Brown wax. [E326/8013.]
- 321 Agreement by indenture, sealed interchangeably, between John Wyke son of Roger Wyke of Byndon, Devonshire, on one part, and John Lygh of Okkele, son and heir of John Lygh of Addington, on the other. John Wyke undertakes that if John Lygh labours to try the title of right of the tenement called the Dolelond in Hethelyegh parish, he will then grant to John Lygh all title that he may have therein, as far as the law allows, at whatever time John Lygh so asks him after the present date. London, 4 March 18 Henry VI [1440]. Reserving to John Wyke and his heirs forever all rents, suits and services due from the said land. *In English. Seal lost.* [S.R.O. 2609/11/5/159.]

Walton-on-the-Hill

- 322 Anfrid de Langele to Richard de Boycrofte and Diana his wife. Grant (for homage and service, 6 marks and 10s to me, and a green tunic and 12d to my wife) of all the field and culture which lies lengthwise and sideways between my grove called Hamgrave and a grove which was Geoffrey de la Dene's, extending from the royal road to the land of Wautone as far as Denelande lasts (quantum denelande durat). Also a grove called la Hoke. Also 7 ac.: 1 ac. lies at a well lengthwise towards the W.; the second lies next-but-one (preter unam) to the land called la Dune; the third is called Stoniaker; the fourth lies in Littlerudene next an acre of John de Langele; the fifth and sixth lie together in Littlerudene next John de Langele's land; and the seventh is in Brockefelde between two acres of John de Langele. To hold at rent of 5s at Michaelmas, for all service saving the King's in so far as it appertains to a quarter of all my land of Langele. If Richard dies before Diana, she will hold the land for life for the same service, and after her death it will descend to the heirs of Richard and herself; but if their heirs die without issue, it will descend to the heirs of Richard and his first wife Maud. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: Richard son of Anfrid, John de Micleh[am], William parson of Lerrede, Jordan son of Anfrid, Nicholas his brother, William de Besevill', Robert de Broc, William son of Baldewin, Adam Dryw, John de Chereburs, Roger clerk of Abingewrd', and many others. Seal: Crescent moon and star; + SIGILL' ANFRIDI DE LANGALEE. Brown wax. [c.1230.] [E326/7680. Cf. Fitznells Cartulary, p.96, note 81.]
- 323 Gilbert son of Thurebert de la Dune to John de la Lethe. Grant (for 19s and service) of 2 ac. in Waltone parish, between the grove called Thurbernesgrof on the W. and Thomas de la Hale's land on the E.; it extends N. to land called le Hurlond, and S. (lengthwise) to a field

of the said John. To hold at rent of 1d at Easter. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: Robert de la Lee, Adam his son, John de la Frithe, William his son, Adam de Wike, John de Apper[de]le, William Dabernun, Adam de la Teche, and many others. [c.1270?] Seal (vesica-shaped): effaced. White wax. [E326/7677.]

- 324 Robert de la Done of Wauton' parish to Richard de la Leye of Hethleye. Release of 1d annual rent which he has been used to pay me for 2 ac. which he holds of me. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Appeldrele, Adam de la Lee, Adam de la Done, William de la Lote, John de Poneshurst, Henry de Poneshurst, John Payn, and others. Hethleye, Sunday after St Ambrose, 34 Edward [I, 9 April 1306]. Seal: Fleur-de-lis; S' ROBERTI AT DONE. Green wax. [E326/7678.]
- 325 John Filemere of Ebesham parish to Adam ate Doune of Wauton' parish and Isabel his wife. Grant of 2 ac. and a piece of my land: 2 ac. lie together on Langele between Walter Stout's land and Thomas le Frensche's land, and the piece lies there between the said Adam and Isabel's land and my croft on the S. To hold, with the hedge adjoining the said piece of land, of the chief lords of that fee for due service. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: Richard de Horton, Robert de Boycrofte, John de Nortrugge, John ate Lee, Richard ate Legh. William ate Hurst, John ate Doune, [Thomas] Heyward clerk, and others. Ebesham, Sunday after St John before the Latin Gate, 9 Edward II [2 May 1316]. Seal: Eight-pointed star; +S' IOH'S FILEME. Green wax. [C146/6420.]
- 326 John at Doune son of Roger at Doune of Wauton' to John at Nore of Hedlegh the younger. Release and pardon (for 60s) of all actions, complaints, trespasses etc. done by the said John at Nore in any of my lands, tenements, woods and houses before the present date. Sealing. Witnesses: John Baker, Henry Hayshurst, Roger at Halvehide, Reynold Kenteburi, R. Dru, John Dru, Thomas at Nore, John at Lote, and many others. Wautoun, Sunday before the first Sunday in Lent, 51 Edward III [8 February 1377]. Seal: Running animal; legend illegible. White wax. [E326/7672.]

Leatherhead, Ashtead, Headley and Walton: general

- 327 Richard atte Leghe of Hethleghe parish to his nephew Richard son of John atte Leghe. Release (for 20 marks) of all right in lands, tenements etc. in Hethlegh', Wauton' and Ebesham parishes which was due to me after the death of my said brother John atte Legh. To hold of the chief lords of the fee for due service. Sealing. Witnesses: John de Bures, William atte Brochole, John de Newenham, Adam atte Lye, Edward Lovekyn, John in la Herne, Peter the clerk, and others. Monday after the Ascension, 28 Edward I [23 May 1300]. Seal: Sexfoil; S' RIC' AT' EIG. White wax. [E326/7668.]
- 328 Richard ate Leghe of Hedleghe, brother of John ate Leghe, to Richard ate Leghe son of the said John. Receipt for 20 marks owing to me for a release of lands and tenements which were the said John's in Hadle and Waltone which might fall to me in any way. Sealing. Hadleghe, Monday before St Thomas the Apostle, 29 Edward [I, 19 December 1300]. Witnesses: John de Bures, Adam ate Le, John de Neuenham, Thomas Faukes, and others. Seal: from the same matrix as 327. Brown wax. [E326/7684.]
- 329 William Northwode to William Wymeldon', John Scot, John atte Leghe the elder, John atte Legh the younger, and Laurence atte Leghe. Grant of all lands, tenements etc. in Hedleghe, Wauton', Aystede, Ledrede and Dorkyng' parishes which I, Laurence Wygh', Richard atte Leghe and Henry Totynham had by grant of the said John atte Leghe the elder. To hold of the chief lords of those fees for due service. Sealing. Witnesses: Sir Adam Machon, rector of Hedlegh, John Bentele, John Castel, Nicholas Upton, William Hayshurst, John atte Lote, Roger atte Nore, and many others. Hedleghe, Sunday after Hilary, 4 Henry IV [14 January 1403]. Seal: Small curled-up animal: W(YC?)HEMEN(OU?)N'. Red wax. [E326/7673.]

- 330 Agreement by indenture, sealed interchangeably, between John atte Legh' of Adyngton' on one part, and John Gerard the younger of Banstede parish on the other. John atte Legh had demised to John Gerard, for seven years from Michaelmas next, all his lands and tenements in Hedlegh, Letherede, Aschstede and Wawton parishes. To hold at rent of 8 marks 6s 8d [i.e. £5 13s 4d] at Easter and Michaelmas in equal portions. In case of arrears, John atte Legh' may distrain for satisfaction. John Gerard will return all buildings and fences at the end of the term in the state in which he received them or better, as also in roofing and repairs to walls, excepting a barn called Weyghtysberne; he will have housbote, heybote, caribote and ploubote, and rods for making hurdles (clates) for his fold (without destroying new regrowth), by view of John atte Legh or his attorney; he will look after 100 of John atte Legh's sheep on the said lands during the term; he will pay all dues on the property during the term excepting the rents of those two fees; he will plant (graffabit) six stokkys of pears and apples yearly at the said terms within the said lands; yearly at the said terms he will convey with his cart, or cause to be conveyed at his own cost, a cartload of tiles or timber at John Legh's choice for repair of houses and buildings on the said lands and tenements, whether necessary or not <receiving 8d for his labour>. Hedlegh', 24 September, 7 Henry VI [1428]. Seal (octagonal): Human ear between two ears of corn. [E326/7669.]
- 331 John atte Legh' of Adyngton to William Uvedale, Ralph Wymbyldon', Robert Whyte, John Wodeward clerk, Thomas Heryng and Richard Obord. Grant of all my lands, tenements etc. in the vills and parishes of Hedlegh, Ledrede, Asshestede and Walton. To hold of the chief lords of that fee for due service. Warranty. Sealing. Witnesses: Thomas Graffham, Roger atte Nore, Richard Waleys, William Upton, William Asshehurst, and many others. Walton, Wednesday on St Margaret the Virgin, 10 Henry VI [20 July 1432? (which is St Margaret's day but in fact a Sunday)]. Seal: Motto "ai" in black-letter within a garland. Red wax. [E326/7681.]
- 332 Agreement by indenture, sealed interchangeably, between John atte Legh, son and heir of John atte Legh the elder formerly of Adyngton deceased, on one part, and Alice his mother, formerly wife of the said John the elder, on the other. John grants to Alice all John the elder's lands, tenements etc. in the vills and parishes of Hedlegh, Lederede, Asshestede and Wauton. To hold for life of the chief lords of that fee for due service, with remainder after her death to William Gaynesford and Nicholas Gaynesford Esqs., Thomas Newdegate, John atte Legh the younger and John atte Welle of Hedlegh', to hold of the chief lords of that fee for due service. Warranty. Witnesses: John Merston knight, Thomas Slyfelde, John Repyndene, John Groffham, John Horne, and many others. Hedlegh', 24 November, 1 Edward IV [1461]. Seal: Crowned letter I between two ears of corn. [E326/7667.]
- 333 John Legh to Nicholas Gaynesford Esq., Thomas Newdegate gent., John atte Welle, Thomas Carter', John atte Hethe the elder, Richard Aleyn, and John Bartelot son and heir of Richard Bartelot son and heir of John Bartelot of Warnham. Release of all my right in all those lands, tenements etc. in Hedlegh, Lederede, Asshestede and Walton', in the hamlet of Hamme in Adyngton' parish or elsewhere in that parish, and in Okkelegh, Wotton' and Abyngeworth' parishes; of which lands, tenements etc. the said Nicholas, Thomas, John, Thomas, John, Richard and John were seised to my use on this present date. Warranty. Sealing. 3 November 16 Edward IV [1476]. Seal: effaced. Red wax. [S.R.O. 2609/11/5/184.]
- 334 Nicholas Gaynesford Esq., Thomas Newdegate gent., John atte Welle, Thomas Carter, John atte Hethe the elder, Richard Aleyn, and John Bartelot son and heir of Richard Bartelot son and heir of John Bartelot of Warnham, to John Legh the younger and Anne daughter of Roger Bonefaunt his intended wife. Demise (indented) by the first three grantors, at the request of John Legh the elder, of all the lands, tenements etc. in Hedlegh, Lederede, Asshestede and Walton' which were once of John Legh the grandfather of the said John Legh the younger, and which we (the first three grantors) once held jointly with William Gaynesford deceased and the said John Legh the younger (who released them to us

by a writing dated 3 November 16 Edward IV [=333]) by grant of the said John Legh the elder, father of the said John Legh the younger and son and heir of the said grandfather John Legh. To hold to them and the legitimate heirs of their bodies (and in default of issue to the right heirs of John Legh the younger) of the chief lords of that fee for due service. Also demise by Thomas Newdegate, Thomas Carter, John atte Heth' and Richard Aleyne, at the request of the said John Legh the elder, of all those lands, tenements etc. in the hamlet of Hamme in Adyngton parish and elsewhere in that parish which we (Thomas, Thomas, John and Richard) held jointly with John Lynde deceased by grant of John Plegge of Bekenham. To hold to them and the legitimate male heirs of their bodies (with remainder first to the right male heirs of John Legh the elder and second to the right heirs of John Legh the younger) of the chief lords of that fee for due service. Also demise by John Bartelot, at the request of the said John Legh the elder, of all those lands, tenements etc. in Okkelegh, Wotton and Abyngeworth parishes which my said grandfather John Bartelot once held jointly with William Sydenye, John Payne of Cokefeld and Robert Newtymbr' (all of whom my said grandfather survived) by grant of Thomas Payne of Okkelegh by his charter given 24 July 7 Henry V [1419]. To hold to them and the legitimate heirs of their bodies (with remainder to the right heirs of John Legh the younger) of the chief lords of that fee for due service. We (all the grantors) appoint John Lyalton and Geoffrey Nycholson our attorneys to give seisin to John and Anne. We have sealed both parts of this indenture. 10 November, 16 Edward IV [1476]. Seals (all in red wax): (i) Dog. (ii) blank. (iii) Shield, charges effaced. (iv) effaced. (v) (octagonal) Merchant's mark (?) very worn. (vi) Letter G (?). (vii) Double-headed eagle. [S.R.O. 2609/11/5/185.]

335 Award (indented) by Walter Feld, clerk, provost of King's College Cambridge, and Richard Jay, in arbitration of dispute between John Legh (son and heir of John Legh son and heir of John Legh of Adyngton) and William Legh (son and heir of John Legh younger son of the said John Legh of Adyngton) concerning the title to the lands, tenements etc. in Hadeley, Ledered, Ashstede and Walton, and meadow in Bechisworth, which were late of the said John Legh of Adyngton, and to ½ of a messuage called More Place in Benenden, Kent, all of which William claimed as due to him under the will of John Legh of Adyngton: William is to release all his right to John, for which release John is to make a deed granting to William an annual rent of 53s 4d at Easter and Michaelmas in equal portions, of and in lands and tenements in Surrey to the yearly value of £6 13s 4d above all charges; the deed will contain a clause permitting distraint if the rent is unpaid, and a proviso that when the manor of Burys in Adyngton (which John Legh left in his last will to John Legh his son and heir, father of the John Legh who is party to this settlement, to hold to him and his male heirs, with remainder first to the next male issue of John Legh of Adyngton, and second to William and his male heirs) shall come into William's peaceful possession, the said rent will cease. Both parties and both arbitrators have sealed both parts. 13 November, 22 Edward IV [1482]. [In English.] Seals (all in red wax): (i) Shield, charges effaced; black-letter legend "... lleg". (ii) Running animal; legend illegible. (iii) (octagonal) Crouching lion; black-letter legend "Chat..." (iv) (hexagonal) letter W. [S.R.O. 2609/11/5/191.]

336 William Legh, son and heir of John Legh the younger, son of John Legh of Adyngton, to John Legh son and heir of John Legh son and heir of the said John Legh of Adyngton. Release of all my right in all those lands, tenements etc. in Hedeley, Ledered, Ashstede, Walton and Bechisworth, and in ½ of a messuage called More Place in Benenden, Kent, which were once of the said John Legh of Adyngton. Sealing. 6 November 3 Henry VII lb1487]. Seal: from the same matrix as (iv) on 335. [S.R.O. 2609/11/5/194(i). By a deed of the same date (2609/11/5/194(iii)), John grants to William 53s 4d rent from Addington manor.]

337 Agreement by indenture, sealed interchangeably, between John Puttock and John Broket, yeomen, on one part, and John Legh Esq. and Isabel Harvy (formerly daughter of John Harvy Esq. deceased and of Agnes wife of John Isle Esq., formerly wife of the said

John Harvy) on the other. John and John demise to John and Isabel all their lands, tenements etc. in Hedlegh, Ledered, Asshested and Walton, and in Okkelegh, Wotton and Abyngeworth; all of which they formerly had by grant of the said John Legh, as is more fully set out in a charter. To hold of the chief lords of that fee for due service. 30 August, 9 Henry VII [1493]. Signed "Plofeld". Seals (both in red wax): (i) (octagonal) Seated figure (?). (ii) (oval) Male head facing left. [E326/7679.]

338 Agreement by indenture, sealed interchangeably, between Nicholas Leigh of Addington Esq. on one part, and John Wikar of Hedley husbandman on the other. Nicholas has demised to John his messuage with appurtenances wherein John Palmer now lives in Hedley parish, and all his other lands etc. in the towns and parishes on Hedley, Lethered, Asshested and Walton-on-the-Hill. To hold for ten years from Michaelmas next, at rent of £10 at the Annunciation and Michaelmas in equal portions to be paid "in the hall of the dwelling hous of the said Nicholas". After fifteen days' arrears, Nicholas may enter and distrain for satisfaction. After eight weeks' arrears, Nicholas may enter the premises and utterly exclude John, this indenture notwithstanding. John will pay all quitrents due to the chief lord or lords of the fee, of which Nicholas will be totally quit for the term. John agrees to maintain "the reparacions of all thetchyng of the said mesuage and of all the walles as in wyndyng & daulbing during the said terme, and to leve yt sufficiently thetched & daulbed in thende of the said terme". John agrees "to sett & graff in seasonable tyme yerly in & upon some parte of the said lands viii crabstokks with apple graffs & ij perestokks with pere graffs"; if any fail, John shall replace them, so that at the end of the term he shall leave "well sett & graffed being quycke lvj yong apull trees & xiiij yong pere trees". John shall have yearly necessary fyerbote to be spent in the said house, and plowebote, cartbote and hedgebote. All woods and underwoods on the premises, with liberty to fell, cut and remove them, are reserved to Nicholas, leaving always sufficient fyerbote etc. for the house and farm only as above. John will not alienate the house or any parcel of the lands without Nicholas's consent, on pain of forfeiture. 1 January, 32 Henry VIII [1541]. /In English. / Signed with mark. Seal: Plain cross. Brown wax. [E326/7682.]

339 Agreement by indenture, sealed interchangeably, between King Henry VIII on one part, and Nicholas Leigh of Addington Esq. on the other. Nicholas has bargained and sold to the King his messuage and farm called Lee Ferme; all his messuages, lands, tenements etc. in the towns, fields, parishes or hamlets of Hedley, Letherhedd, Asheted and Waltonuppon-the-Hyll called Lee Ferme; all his other messuages etc. in the said towns etc.; and all evidences, deeds, charters, court rolls, fines, recoveries, terriers, rentals and other writings concerning the premises. As many of these documents as are now in the possession of Nicholas, or of anyone else by his delivery, or which he may conveniently obtain without suit of law, Nicholas undertakes to delive to the keeper of the King's evidences in the Court of Augmentations before Michaelmas next; and any other documents which may come into Nicholas's hands thereafter, he shall deliver to the said keeper as he acquires them. Nicholas covenants with the King that the said messuages etc., over and above the woods and underwoods thereon which by survey and view of the King's officers are valued with their spring and soil at £3 14s (according to which survey the King is pleased to accept the same), are and shall be of the clear value of £10 p.a. above charges and reprises; that he owns the property and has power to sell it; that he and his heirs shall discharge and save harmless both the King and his heirs and the said premises of all former bargains, sales, jointures, dowers, rents, arrears etc., excepting any leases for terms of years or lives which reserve the old customary rents or more, and excepting annual rents of 12s 10d to Lord Wyndesore as to his manor of Hedley, 3s 4d to Thomas Studolth Esq. as to his farm called Lett, 4d to the said Thomas as to his manor of Letherhedd, 4d to Lord Braye as to his manor of Stoke Dawborne, 5d to the King as to his manor of Asheted, 3s 4d to the King as to his manor of Walton, and all other rents to which the farmer or farmers of the premises are bound by their indentures, that before All Saints next he shall make to the King such good and firm

estate in fee simple of the premises, whether by fine, feoffment, recovery, deed, deed enrolled or release, with or without warranty, as the King's Council Learned may devise, at the King's expense; that he the said Nicholas, Anne his wife, their heirs, and anyone else having any title in the premises for five years after this date, shall do and allow to be done such reasonable and lawful acts as the King or his Council may devise for better assuring the King's title, at the King's expense; and that the King and his successors shall have all issues, rents, revenues and profits paid by the farmers and occupiers after the Annunciation last past, without any hindrance by Nicholas, his heirs or deputies. In consideration of this grant, and of £81 17s 4d paid by Nicholas to the Treasurer of the Court of Augmentations whereof the King hereby acquits Nicholas, the King bargains and sell to Nicholas his manor of Addyngton otherwise called Temple, with all rights and appurtenances lately belonging to the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem in England; the parsonage and church of Addyngton with all rights and appurtenances lately belonging to the Priory of St Mary Overy, his patronage of the vicarage of the said church lately belonging to the said Priory; his tenements, lands, revenues and rights [specified at length] in the towns, fields, parishes and hamlets of Addyngton, Caterham and Chelsham, together with all deeds, charters etc. which are to be delivered to Nicholas before Michaelmas next; reserving to the King all advowsons appertaining to the premises except the said advowson of Addyngton. To hold of the King in chief forever by service of ½ knight's fee, and at rents of 16s 8d for the tithes of the premises, and 18s 2d for the tithes of the parsonage of Addyngton and appurtenances, payable at Michaelmas yearly in the Court of Augmentations. The King and his successors, for five years next ensuing, shall, at the humble petition of Nicholas or his heirs, do and allow to be done such reasonable and lawful acts as the Council Learned may devise for better assuring Nicholas's title, at Nicholas's expense; this shall in no way tend to the extinguishing of the said service and rents. The King further promises that the premises are and shall continue to be of the clear value of £15 13s 2d above tithes and rents, and above the wood and underwood which is certified by the King's officers to be worth £5 11s 4d, according to which certificate Nicholas is pleased to accept the same; that the premises are, or shall be after All Saints next, discharged of all bargains, sales, rents etc., excepting all leases etc.; and that Nicholas shall have all revenues from the premises after the Annunciation last past; and that the King shall grant to Nicholas by letters patent all the said revenues arising between the said feast and the issuing of the said letters, without any account to be made. 25 June, 36 Henry VIII [1544]. Signed "by me Nicholas Leigh". [In English.] Seal lost. [E305/7(D44).]

APPENDIX

Schedule of the lands appointed to the King by John Legh, 15 June 1543

[P.R.O. E318/708; from the records of the Court of Augmentations. A very long list of properties in various places, including the following:]

Land in Lethered.

Rents of tenants at will: 22s 4d.

The farm of: a tenement there called le George with buildings appertaining; a garden called Bakers Garden; a garden next the bridge there; 39 ac. in the common fields [sic] there; and a garden and a grove called Derlinges containing by estimation 5 ac.: in the tenure of Thomas Neale and Richard Neale by indenture dated 6 November 31 Henry VIII [1539]. To hold for 25 years at rent of 57s 8d p.a.

Customary land in Lethered held by copy of the manor of Pattysham. The farm of: a close called Blakes containing by estimation 10 ac.; a close called Rowhurst containing by estimation 8 ac.; a meadow called Blakes meade containing 7 ac.; a croft called Little Manfeilde containing 1½ ac.; a close called Buttes; 1½ ac. next to Rependell Barne; and a

parcel of land called *an acre* containing ½ ac.: in the tenure of the said Thomas Neale and Richard Neale by the said indenture, for 29s p.a.

An annexed slip reads: "Memorandum that I John Aligh Squier doe require to have in exchaunge of the Kynges highnez the premissez beyng of the clere yerly value of £320 8d the tenthe not deductyd. In witnesse wherof I have subscribed my name and sette my sealle the day and yere in the seid rate specified. by me John Legh.." Seal lost.

Schedule of the lands appointed to the King by Nicholas Legh, 10 May 1544

[P.R.O. E318/709; from the records of the Court of Augmentations. Another copy, among the Legh-Bennett material (S.R.O. 2609/11/5/222), has been used for the following abstract of the relevant section:]

A messuage now in the tenure of John Palmer in the parish of Hedley, with all other lands, tenements etc. of Nicholas Leigh in the vills and parishes of Hedley, Letherhedd, Asshtedd and Walton super Montem. Which premises, containing by estimation 288 ac. of land and pasture, were demised by indenture [=338] by the said Nicholas to John Wycar of Hedley, husbandman, on 1 January 32 Henry VIII [1541]; to hold for ten years from Michaelmas following, at rent of £10 to Nicholas at the Annunciation and Michaelmas in equal portions, over and above 12s 10d to Lord Windesore as to his manor of Hedley, 3s 4d to Thomas Studolph Esq. as to his farm called Lett, 4d to the said Thomas as to his manor of Letherhedd, 4d to Lord Bray as to his manor of Stoke Dawborne, 5d to the King as to his manor of Asshtedd, and 3s 4d to the King as to his manor of Walton.

The farm called Leigh Ferme in the parishes of Hedley and Letherhed, belonging to Nicholas Leigh Esq.: [schedule of underwood:] Deanes grove contains 7 ac.; in Churcheley common are 2 ac. of wood; Jowkinhawes grove contains 1 ac.; Colcrofte grove contains 3 ac.; a hedgerow adjoining Deanes contains 1 ac.; hedgerows in Cleyffeld and Jeysffeld contain 1 ac.

Total of 65 ac., whereof 2 ac. of twelve years' growth, 2 ac. of eight years' growth, 2 ac. of six years' growth, 1 ac. of four years' growth, and 3 ac. of one year's growth not valued but reserved to John Wycarr, farmer there, for his *firebote* and *hedgebote* according to the said indenture. 3 ac. <2s> of one year's growth and 2 ac. <5s 4d> residue of four years' growth, the wood of each acre aforesaid valued as appears, which is in total 7s 4d.

The spring of the wood or ground of the said 10 ac. (not valued because reserved), and of 10 ac. residue, rated at 7d per ac. yearly, which is in total 3s 4d yearly and amounts after twenty years' purchase to £3 6s 8d.

In and about the site of the farm grow 60 oaks and ashes of sixty and eighty years' growth, partly timber reserved to the farmer for timber for *housebote*, *ploughbote* and *cartbote* which he has by the said indenture, therefore not valued.

[Total value of the woods of the premises:] 74s.

A slip annexed to the P.R.O. copy reads: "Memorandum that I Nicholas Leygh Esquyer Requyre to have in exchaunge of the kinges hyghnes the particular parcelles hereunto annexed, being of the clere yerly value of seventene poundes and eyght shyllynges the tenthe therof not deducted. In wytnes whereof I have subscribed this byll with my hande and sette my seale the tenth daye of Maye in the 36th yere of the Reyng of our moste dread sovereyn lord Henry the eyght . . . by me Nicholas Leigh." Seal lost.

LEATHERHEAD IN THE CIVIL WAR, 1642-1648

By J. C. STUTTARD

LEATHERHEAD was a long way from any major operations of the Civil War, but the moving hither and thither of Parliamentary troops across the county made everyone aware of the war, and the early plans for the defence of Surrey were worked out in the town. The heavy hand of the taxman brought the war even more persuasively to the notice of rich and poor alike, as did the mutiny of Parliamentary troops here in 1645. The town generally favoured the Parliamentary cause, like most of Surrey, but loyalties wavered during the later, half-hearted struggles in 1648, when Leatherhead played a part in the Surrey petition to Parliament and in the short-lived rebellion of the Earl of Holland.

Preparations for War, its Onset and Burdens

Shortly before the outbreak of the Civil War in 1642, the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, the Earl of Nottingham, who lived at The Mansion in Leatherhead, called two meetings of his Deputy Lieutenants to discuss the "proper ordering" of the county militia and "to settle the country (county) in a posture of arms (for Parliament)". Only a few days after the second meeting in August, Charles I raised his standard at Nottingham and the Civil War had begun. The Earl of Nottingham died soon after this but Leatherhead maintained a link with the outside world through Thomas Sands of Randalls Park who was a member of the Long Parliament. He supported the stand against the King, and many Leatherhead people probably followed his lead, though for some a neutral position seems just as likely, if they had any views at all. A few families, like the Rogers and the Gardiners, were staunchly Royalist.

It was during the first winter and spring of the war that the burdens of taxation brought on by the conflict came to be felt. A meeting of the County Committee set up to administer John Pym's recently introduced Weekly Assessment tax was held in Leatherhead on 1st April 1643.4 Payments for this tax, based on assessors' valuations in each Hundred, were collected by the parish constable from everyone in the town. The Committee supervising this had twenty members, one of whom was Thomas Sands and it is likely that they met at his home, Randalls Park.5 Sands served on a similar Committee, later in the year, dealing with Pym's Excise tax which imposed duties on everyday goods, like beer, tobacco and sugar.6 He was on yet another Committee that summer, formed to prosecute "delinquents" or those with Royalist leanings,7 but no early action was taken against any in Leatherhead. When the "investigations" eventually took place, Richard Gardiner of Thorncroft was one of those fined8 and so was Thomas Rogers of the Rectory,9 as well as William Flood, a small landowner who had worked in the King's household.10

In the same year when Leatherhead was host to the County Committee on war taxation there was a flicker of Royalist activity in the town. On 18th September 1643, some of the King's soldiers during the night broke into The Mansion where the widowed Countess of Nottingham was living. We do not know what happened to the troops, but they were probably soon rounded up. Sir Richard Onslow, who reported the incident, refers as well to "some scattering of troops of the King" at Guildford and "towards Reigate". So the Leatherhead Cavaliers had friends elsewhere in the county. The same report mentions that a Leatherhead glover named Fox was suspected of arranging for a horse "to be conveyed to Oxford" (the King's headquarters) and that this should be investigated. There seems, therefore, to have been some active local sympathy, in a small way, for the Royalist cause.

The Leatherhead Mutiny

This episode in the Civil War, which occurred at Leatherhead in February 1645, had more than local importance. Sir William Waller, one of the leading Parliamentary generals, had been ordered to relieve Weymouth early in the month, but there were delays because his

cavalry, formerly part of the Earl of Essex's army, and some infantry also, had mutinied at Leatherhead. This was discussed by the Committee of Both Kingdoms in London, with Cromwell present, on 15th February, and the incident was reported to the House of Commons as follows:

"... the Lord General's horse being come to Leatherhead, an officer came after them and prevailed with them that they would tarry that night till he might come to the Lord General (Essex), which they consented to, saying they would rather go under any (commander) who the Lord General should appoint without money than with Sir William Waller, with all the money in England. For the foot, the relation to be as we heard it from those we had it from the foot. That Sir William Balfour and Major-General Skippon are sent down to the horse and foot respectively to appease and quiet them." 12

That two senior Generals should have been ordered to quell the mutiny is indicative of its size and importance.¹³ As many as 700 troops are thought to have been involved,¹⁴ and their activities in and around the town no doubt created a large stir, not least because of the arrival of Generals under Cromwell's orders.

The Leatherhead mutiny is believed to have had a wider importance than just inconveniently delaying the movement of Waller's troops westwards. It happened when the House of Commons was urging the House of Lords to agree to the formation of the New Model Army and, according to S. R. Gardiner in his classic study of the Civil War, the Leatherhead mutiny showed that "it would be impossible to carry on with a disorganized army". The New Model Army ordinance was passed by the Lords a few days after the Leatherhead incident. What happened here, therefore, may have hastened the start of the new army which gave Parliament victory at Naseby a few months later.

Church and Parish in the Civil War

The war years saw disruption in church life, hardly to the liking of the Vicar of Leatherhead, Richard Levitt, who was in his eighties and had carried out his priestly duties here for over fifty years. Whitehall agents were on the look-out for "scandalous behaviour", as they saw it, by incumbents, and early in the war they suspended the Rectors of Ashtead and Fetcham.¹⁷ Richard Levitt was also "investigated", but he escaped probably because of his advanced age.¹⁸ These were worrying times for the parishioners, since not only was the Vicar's position uncertain, but they had also to try to get used to the Puritan "Directory of Worship", which replaced the Book of Common Prayer in January 1645, and to accept the decision that Christmas and other Feast Days should be abolished.¹⁹ In addition, they feared that they might have to agree to a Presbyterian-type of church organization which was then being set up, at least on paper, in Surrey, Leatherhead coming into the so-called "Classis" centred on Dorking.²⁰ This was never put into full effect and Leatherhead probably carried on more or less as it was, though the appointment by Parliament of a new Vicar, Thomas Mell, in May 1647, no doubt, ensured compliance with the Puritan forms of service.²¹

The Troubled Peace (1646-48)

The peace that followed the Royalist defeat at Oxford in June 1646 was soon disturbed not only by disagreements over the nature of Parliamentary government and what to do with the King, but also by growing dissatisfaction with what had been achieved by the war. Matters were made worse in Surrey and other counties by a series of bad harvests, when the price of wheat soared to unheard of heights,²² and some of the blame for the hard times was put at the government's door. Complaints were also made that there were still far too many soldiers encamped in the county. Plans were drawn up to petition Parliament and the first of several large gatherings about this was held in Leatherhead on 2nd May 1648.²³ People in great numbers came here from all over the county. They asked for a "Personal Treaty



s' William Balfore etc.



Phillip Skippon Elgr. Major General of the Army etc:

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between His Majesty and his Parliament", for the armies to be disbanded and for the "arrears of the armies" to be "satisfied and paid". After a few days they moved on to Dorking and then for a third meeting at Putney before the petition was finally agreed and submitted to the House on 16th May. A host of Surrey men found their way to London, including probably some from Leatherhead, and at the House there was an affray, several being killed.²⁴ Their pleas had a measure of success, since Fairfax's forces were now ordered to "take care to carry themselves in-offensively to the people" when passing through Surrey.²⁵

Leatherhead in the 2nd Civil War (1648)

Civil war had broken out again in the country a short while before the excitements over the Surrey petition, but Surrey did not join in until July and the rising here lasted only a few days. The rebel soldiers led by the Earl of Holland passed through Leatherhead on 6th July on their way to Dorking and Reigate from Kingston and they were seen again in the town as they retreated the next day before Parliamentary troops under Sir Michael Livesey who, after a skirmish at Ewell, defeated them finally at Surbiton. Before this happened, it seems that Leatherhead had given some practical support to the Earl. Robert Nowton, a local resident, was reported to have been "in arms in Lord Holland's party" and Thomas Rogers was said to have "sent a man on a horse armed, and rode himself with the party". Edward Arnold of Mickleham and Sir Charles Howard of Great Bookham are also mentioned as having helped the rebel leader. 127

Thomas Sands of Randalls Park, and Pride's Purge

Soon after peace was restored for a second time, the "Independents" in Parliament supported by Cromwell and the Army sought to rid the House of its right-wing, Presbyterian members. Thomas Sands was one of these, and he was dismissed, or "secluded" as it was called, by Pride's Purge on 6th December 1648.28 He had been a busy M.P. serving on many Committees, as we have seen. That he liked entertaining fellow M.P.s at his Leatherhead home during the war years may be judged from the account we have of the visits made to him by Bulstrode Whitelocke, a distinguished Parliamentarian, during which trout from the Mole was served on a number of occasions.29 Sands became a Bencher of the Middle Temple in the year he left the House,30 so in his retirement he may well have given more time than he could have done before to legal matters, while continuing to live at Randalls until his death in 1659.

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GEORGE COLE OF PRYORS FARM OR LITTLE ASHTEAD MANOR

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THE TERRIER dated 1656 of John Lawrence's survey of 1638¹ lists some 50 holders of land in addition to the Manor—some freeholders, some copyholders. All these, except for two, are named with their christian names. The two exceptions are Mynn and Cole. The former, owning some 14 acres called Lanthornes on the northeast side of Farm Lane is easily identified as George Mynn, whose family owned Woodcote Park, Epsom for about 100 years. In the terrier he is named as Mr Mins.

The eight largest landowners in Ashtead were:

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The Manor	863 - 3 - 19
The Common	481 - 2 - 0
Mr Cole	190 - 3 - 38
William Ottway	117 - 2 - 32
Lady Darcy	105 - 2 - 8
Robert Quinell	55 - 1 - 32
Edwatrd Ottway	55 - 1 - 18
William Hilder	47 - 2 - 20
John Pepys	40 - 0 - 11

These eight landowners held roughly 80% of the manor. Lady Darcy's family had been Lords of the Manor. Details of them are given in "Ashtead, a Village Transformed". With regard to George Cole, no details are given by J. E. Smith, A. W. G. Lowther or in "Ashtead, a Village Transformed".

In Elizabethan times the Manor of Petersham, Surrey was in the hands of the Crown. James I gave it to the Prince of Wales; first Henry, then Charles. Their trustees leased the manor to George Cole of the Middle Temple. He married Frances daughter of Thomas Preston of Lincolnshire. They are represented by statues in a splendid wall memorial on the north wall of the chancel of Petersham church.² George shared his tomb with his grandson George, son of Gregory. The Latin inscription on the monument is translated below:

"SACRED TO THE MEMORY

of George Cole grandfather and to his grandson buried here in the same grave. Gregory Cole his son erected this memorial to his father.

Under one stone lie the bodies of George Cole Esquire GRANDFATHER with George his grandson. The grandfather was a member of the Society of the Middle Temple. He married Frances the only child of Thomas Preston of the Preston family of Lincolnshire. She bore him a family of eight sons and five daughters. Seven children are still living but death has removed six. Now there are left remaining family three sons Gregory who married Jane the daughter of William Bligh of Botatham in Cornwall Esquire, they are the parents of George buried here with his grandfather Thomas and Robert. The daughters also three in number married citizens of London. Frances to Richard Hackett: Joan to Edward Mowsse: and Elizabeth to Edward Lee. The grandson died first on June 18th age four the grandfather on 23rd of the same month age 70 A.D.1624."

Besides the manor of Petersham, George Cole owned the Pryors Farm or White House in Ashtead. He also leased the manor of Ham³ and the manor of Charlton near Sunbury.⁴ He also had the manor of Hartingdon.⁵ Among the lands which his son Gregory inherited was a large area which Charles II took to form Richmond Park.⁶



MONUMENT TO GEORGE COLE IN PETERSHAM CHURCH
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George Cole died before John Lawrence made his survey of Ashtead in 1638. By this time, his son Thomas had inherited the Pryors Farm. Thomas, who was a Merchant Taylor of London held it until November 1650 when he and his wife Catherine sold the Ashtead property for £755 to John Wall.⁷

The monument in Petersham church includes recumbent statues of George and Frances Cole and below in a niche their grandson.⁸

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A LITTLE-KNOWN VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION OF 1661

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IMMEDIATELY following the Stuart restoration in 1660, the finances of the Government were in such a poor state that Parliament had to collect extra revenue. This was achieved by a little -known collection called a "Free and Voluntary Present to Charles II" collected from heads of families on a parochial basis. The returns for the county of Surrey comprise a series of rolls with the subscribers' names being listed by parishes under their respective Hundreds (Public Record Office E.179/257/28). The dates of collection were 6th and 13th September and 4th October 1661.

In order to check on the money collected, the signatures of senior persons in each parish were entered at intervals on the lists; the names for Ashtead being Charles Howard, Sir Richard Stydolph, George Rous, Richard Evelyn and Thomas Rogers. The main value of these returns lies in the names of the subscribers often giving the occupation, something which was not provided in the rolls of the well-known Hearth Tax of Lady Day 1664. The amount of information depended on the thoroughness of the various collectors. Such particulars are all too rare for the mid-17th century and so here we have records which did not become generally available until the census of 1841. Maximum limits were set at £400 for peers and £200 for commoners with the implication that it would be only politic to make some "present" however "free and voluntary" it might be.

The sequence of the following accounts is based on the alignments of five North Downs parishes working from east to west.

Ashtead

The 30 subscribers raised £7 4s. 6d. comprising 11 yeomen and one tradesman (a smith); doubtless such occupations as butcher, shoemaker and tailor would have been included in the non-descriptive term of "yeomen" listed by the collector. Among the more important persons was William Oglethorpe who can be identified as the same person living in Aldermanbury, who in 1654 had been granted the property of Edward Pepys, son of John Pepys and the diarist's cousin (Lowther). By 1656 Oglethorpe had in turn sold the land to George Rouse, the Queen's Tailor (Gollin, 1982). Elkanah Downes, the brother of the next rector of Ashtead, paid 40s., as did Oglethorpe, after which the highest sum was 5s. each from three yeomen. Walter Neale, gentleman, gave a rather modest 2s. 6d.; from the 1638 survey map of John Lawrence we know that Neale's house stood at the Woodfield Lane junction near the pond, Three persons appear as Simes in contrast to William Symes, these spellings persisted to Georgian times. The omission of the names of Revd William King, the rector and of William Menheire who farmed 120 acres is unexpected.

The last name appearing on the Ashtead list, Humphrey Whitelocke, is probably the collector as he was known to have been the appointed constable for the Hearth Tax referred to above.

Leatherhead

A head-count of 38 raised £8 12s. 6d. with 17 listed tradesmen and seven yeomen. Besides the usual tailors, butchers, shoemakers and a blacksmith, we have a collar-maker, fuller, mercer and joiner with an unexpected falconer, one William Feering, who paid 2s. 6d. The highest sums were from widows, one of 40s. and the other of 20s. on behalf of her son.

Fetcham

21 heads of houses raised £5 10s. but nearly two-thirds appear without any occupations. Edward Kyrke, gentleman, subscribed 20s. but Thomas Sewar, yeoman, led with 25s. The collector make a special note that Richard Peete, "a reputed Quaker, a man of very sufficient

means would pay but 1s." thus making a poor show against two widows with 5s. and 2s. 6d. This parish indicates just what information could have been handed down to us if only the occupations of the missing 13 had been noted.

Great Bookham

The 33 subscribers realised the high total of £26 5s. but no less than £20 of this was the gift of Sir Charles Howard of the famous Effingham family. Ten husbandmen are separated from three yeomen, the collector also distinguishing between a weaver, a clothworker and a clothier. This parish provides us with the only alehousekeeper and sawyer although at least one of these occupations must have been present in some of the other parishes under consideration.

Little Bookham

The seven subscribers raised 18s. 6d. but all we know is that two were yeomen, both giving 5s.

The following table summarises the occupations on a parish basis—widows have not been included as they fit into a condition rather than an occupation. Hence this unorthodox "tax" provides us with a brief glimpse of jobs held throughout the villages in late Stuart Surrey. The sums were collected in the nearest large town, in this case Leatherhead (and Kingston for Richmond); the total sum raised from the five villages was £48 10. 6.

Parish	Gentry	Yeomen	Alehousekeeper	Baker	Blacksmith	Brewer	Butchers	Carpenters	Clothworkers	Collarmaker	Falconer	Fuller	Grocer	Husbandmen	Joiner	Labourers	Mercer	Sawyer	Shoemakers	Smith	Tailors	Tanner	Weavers	Wheeler	Occupations	Subscribers
Ashtead Great Bookham Little Bookham Fetcham Leatherhead	2 3 1 1	11 3 2 3 7	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1 10	1	5	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	20 28 2 5	30 33 7 21 38
Job Totals	7	26	1	1	3	1	3	2	3	1	1	1	1	13	1	9	1	1	3	1	2	1	2	1	86	129

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ASHTEAD FARM AND ASHTEAD HOUSE

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THE PROCEEDINGS of 1979 included The History of Ashtead House. This covered the period from c.1750 when the house was rented by Capt. Nathaniel Smith, M.P. from General Richard (Burton) Phillipson. It was then not known how the General came to own the house nor was it known when and by whom the house was built. The 1749 edition of Bowen's (Senex) map of Surrey showed, in the Copthorne Hundred, the Earl of Berkshire as owner of Ashtead Park and to the east, at about a mile south of its true position, what is intended as Ashtead House, the owner being named as "—— Philippson Esq.".

It was known from the record of the life of Sir Christopher Phillipson² of Windermere that his second wife, the widow of John Staples and daughter of Sir Thomas Duppa, Black Rod, had at the time of her marriage with Sir Christopher a mortgage for £1200 on Ashtead House obtained in 1695 by the one time owner Sir Cornwall Bradshaw. After Sir Christopher's death, when heavily in debt, his widow Lady Mary made several attempts in the Chancery Court, apparently unsuccessful,³ to recover the £1200 plus interest from the heirs of Caesar Bradshaw, the natural son of Sir Cornwall, to whom Ashtead House descended by virtue of his marriage settlement. It seemed beyond the boundaries of coincidence that the ownership by General Richard Burton Phillipson should have a connection with the Phillipsons of Windermere. Fortunately, recently evidence has come to light which proves that there is no coincidence.

In Westmorland (now Cumbria) the Phillipson family have been strongly established for five centuries, there being many branches of the family at Calgarth, Windermere, Crook and Kendal. A member of the Kendal branch, John Phillipson went to Harwich and married Elizabeth, daughter of a mariner Thomas Coleman. His brother Roger was a wealthy Harwich citizen, owning several manors nearby. On his death in 1659,4 the property passed to his brother George and later to his nephew John Phillipson. His son, also John, reached high office in the Admiralty, became three times Mayor of Harwich and was M.P. for Harwich. By some arrangement, Dame Mary Phillipson, at whose death in 1718, her estate was deeply in debt, handed over its administration to her principal creditor George Braithwaite with the result that one asset, the mortgage on Ashtead House, passed to the Harwich Phillipson family so that the M.P. must have foreclosed the mortgage and taken possession of Ashtead House, which with his other possessions were left to a married daughter, the wife of Robert Bristow, M.P. and his nephew Richard Burton, then a captain in the Dragoon Guards, A codicil in John Phillipson's Will of 1747 6 left his nephew Richard Burton the sum of £1,000 should be wish to purchase a Majority in the Dragoons. A clause in the will of this wealthy ex-Government official stipulated that anyone inheriting some of his estate should assume the name and Arms of Phillipson.

The man who owned Ashtead House and mortgaged it, Sir Cornwall Bradshaw, should have been very wealthy. He was knighted by Charles II in 1682 and was given to farm the rents of the stalls in St James Market. This was a large restoration building to the east of St James Square on the site of Lower Regent Street. He was also a farmer of the hearth tax and the agent for harbour duties at Bristol, Lyme and Poole. After his death in 1698, his principal executor—his natural son Caesar—to meet the demands of his creditors, produced a long affidavit listing his father's property. Included are several estates at Byfleet, among them a mill for producing white paper, the operators of which went bankrupt. There was also a corn mill. The list of all available assets does not include mention of the mortgage on his Ashtead mansion, which Sir Cornwall had leased to his daughter Margaret for 27 years at a peppercorn rent.

Sir Cornwall Bradshaw first appears in Ashtead records in the minute of the first Court Baron held by Sir Robert Howard on June 27th, 1681.

From the legal Latin:

ITEM it is recorded that George Rouse who holds freehold of the manor a house and land called Pages with about 32½ acres of land annually paying a rent of ii p. alienates 12½ acres called The Breach and the chalk pit to Honorable Robert Howard lord of the manor his heirs and assigns. A house barn garden grange and orchard adjacent called Smythe to Corney Bradshaw his heirs etc.

At a Court held by Sir Robert Howard on 29th October 1682

George Rous alienates 4 acres called Pages in Ashtead to Cornwall Bradshaw Knt.¹⁰

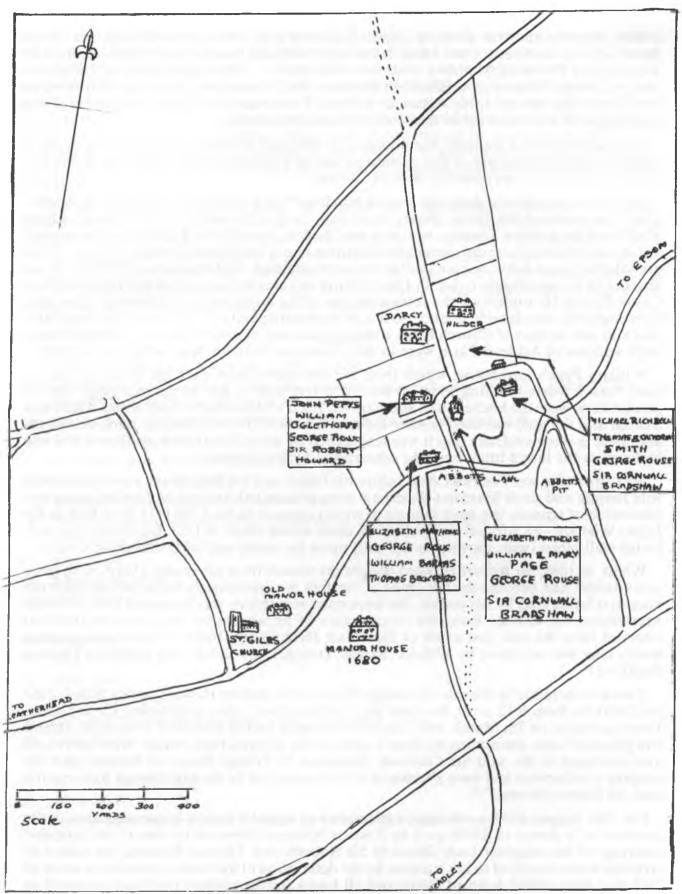
In Sir Robert Howard's second Court Baron in 1682 his name is listed among the freehold tenants as "Sir Corney Bradshaw". This was a year after the death of farmer William Page, who received detailed mention in Samuel Pepys's diary of 25th July, 1663. After the farmer's death, an inventory was produced detailing the rooms in his farmhouse and the contents of each room.¹¹ Included is the attic with feather beds where Pepys spent an uncomfortable night opposite to The Breaches—later Newstead—once the home of his cousin, lawyer John Pepys, but then in the possession of George Rouse, styled Citizen and Merchant Taylor of London. This senior Livery Company has no record in its archives of George Rouse as a Freeman. Pepys calls him the "Queen's Tailor" so he may have been of foreign extraction, coming to England in the entourage of Catherine of Braganza in 1682. He and his brothers owned houses in and near Drury Lane. His sister was Mrs Toye, wife of the landlord of the Swan Inn, Leatherhead.¹² When his son Felix died in 1704, he is described in the Ashtead parish register as "heterodox". Pepvs in his diary says that George Rouse was living there in 1663. The Ashtead estate of John Pepys had been sold by his son Edward in 1656 to William and Sarah Oglethorpe. The sale included "all that customary messuage tenement barn stable tenement and buildings where the said John Pepys is lately dwelt."13

The Oglethorpes did not stay long in Ashtead. After only 7 years they sold the whole Pepys estate in 1663 to George Rouse of Drury Lane for some £1000.14 However, they had received from Sir William Playter in April 1660 a 21 year lease of a parcel of land belonging to the manor. Sir William Playter and the Earl of Kingston were the executors of Henry, Earl of Nottingham. Henry, Earl of Kingston was the brother of Henry, Earl of Arundel, who sold Ashtead Manor to Sir Robert Howard.

Having obtained the Pepys estate in 1663, George Rouse extended his Ashtead estates in 1671 by purchasing some 40 acres of manorial land from Henry, Lord Howard of Castle Rising. 15

What is now called Farm Lane was earlier called the East Lane of Ashtead or Hilder's Lane after the owner of the large house on the east side. North of the house was a field of Lady Darcy and Lanthorne, which belonged to the owner of Woodcote Park, Epsom—the Mynns and later the Evelyns. On the west side was Lady Darcy's house and the Pepys mansion. The road south from here to Headley was then some 60 yards further west, beyond the Beckford house and much nearer to the Manor House until it was moved to its present line by Richard Howard at the beginning of the 19th century. The road running north from Headley to Kingston bifurcated after reaching Stane Street. The eastern branch went along the Epsom border as far as the Abbotts lime pit, the western branch passed close to Ashtead Manor House. Both branches met the "highway which goeth from Ashtead church to Ebbisham"—known as Abbots Lane. From here the road split to pass round on both sides of what is now the garden of Ashtead House, then continuing along Farm Lane.

The area along the north side of Abbots Lane, together with an unspecified acreage in Epsom constituted Ashtead Farm, which included in 1638 Blake's Barn, Blake's Close—occupied by widow Elizabeth Mathews—and the eastern portion, occupied by Michael Richbell. It extended as far north as the Hilder mansion. This range of farm land was once



PLAN OF EASTERN PORTION OF ASHTEAD MANOR

Crown property and was given by Queen Elizabeth I in 1590 to John Brown, one of her palace officers. Besides several barns, it included two farm houses. One of the daughters of William and Elizabeth Mathews, Jane was married to ______ Blake and another, Elizabeth, married Evans. When widow Elizabeth Mathews died, the tenancy passed to their younger son Roger. The owner of this section of Ashtead Farm was John Pepys and later William Oglethorpe. It was included in the 1663 sale to George Rouse.

The eastern part of the farm was occupied by Michael Richbell an area of some 8 acres. When he died, the tenancy of this portion passed to Thomas and Katherine Smith in 1653. The farmhouse was occupied by William Barnes.

In 1671 George Rouse made his second purchase ¹⁶ of an important sector of the manor. Since the death of his father Henry Frederick, Earl of Arundel in 1662, Henry, in the absence of his brother Thomas, who was mad and incarcerated in Padua, had become—if not de jure—then de facto the owner and administrator of the Howard estates. He paid off his grandfather's vast debts and got parliament to re-establish the Dukedom of Norfolk. In the absence of his mad brother, the 5th Duke, Henry was created Earl of Norwich and Baron of Castle Rising. He undertook the reconstruction of the ducal palace at Norwich. This must have required considerable finance, so it is not surprising that in 1671, he sold Ashtead farm and a 10 acre section of Church Field, a recent enclosure of some 85 acres to George Rouse. Both sections of Ashtead Farm were in the tenancy of William Page, who died in 1680.

William Page's farmhouse, which from the inventory taken after his death, appears to have been a frame building some 20 feet by 50 feet with 35 feet to the roof ridge. On the ground floor were the kitchen, hall and parlour. Each of these had a room above. There was a cellar and the attic was used to store todds of fleeces.¹⁷ This building lay north and south and there is some evidence that it was lengthened by some 7 feet at the north end and was inclosed in the larger brick building constructed by Sir Cornwall.

Sir Cornwall's son Cornwall died before his father and his illegitimate son Caesar, with wife Joanna and sister Margaret Bradshaw seem to have left Ashtead and let the house to a succession of tenants, the most famous of whom appears in the 1710/1713 Rent Roll as Sir James Wishart—an admiral and politician, upon whose death in 1723, his brother put up a lavish wall tablet (with warship in full sail) upon the north wall of Leatherhead church.

When, in 1680, Sir Robert Howard bought the manor from his cousin Henry, who three years earlier had become the 6th Duke of Norfolk, he immediately began to buy back the manorial lands sold by his cousin. An important acquisition was Newstead House, which necessitated for George Rous the construction of an alternative residence on the field reserved from the sale, just south of Newstead. Here George built the still existing house which later was occupied by William Barkas, George's son-in-law and after him Thomas Beckford.¹⁸

This was included in the sale by George Rouse to Sir Robert Howard on 6th March 1682 for £1400 the Breach 12 acres, the chalk pitt, the Breaches 2 acres and Bushey Close 5 acres. Five years later, on 7th March, 1687, Sir Robert bought for £61 from Sir Cornwall Bradshaw five pieces of land, amounting to about 6 acres in the Church Field which "were lately sold and conveyed to the said Sir Cornwall Bradshaw by George Rouse of Ashtead gent by mistake or otherwise and were afterwards sold or conveyed by the said George Rouse to the said Sir Robert Howard". 19

On 20th August, 1683, a marriage settlement was signed whereby in consideration of the payment of a dowry of £5000 paid by Francis Viscount Newport in view of the intended marriage of his daughter Lady Diana to Sir Robert's son Thomas Howard, the manor of Ashtead was transferred to her trustees. In the description of the manor, mention is made of "All that farm called Ashtead Farm and all barns stables edifices buildings occupied or enjoyed as part and parcel or member scytuate lying or being in Ashtead and Ebbisham old

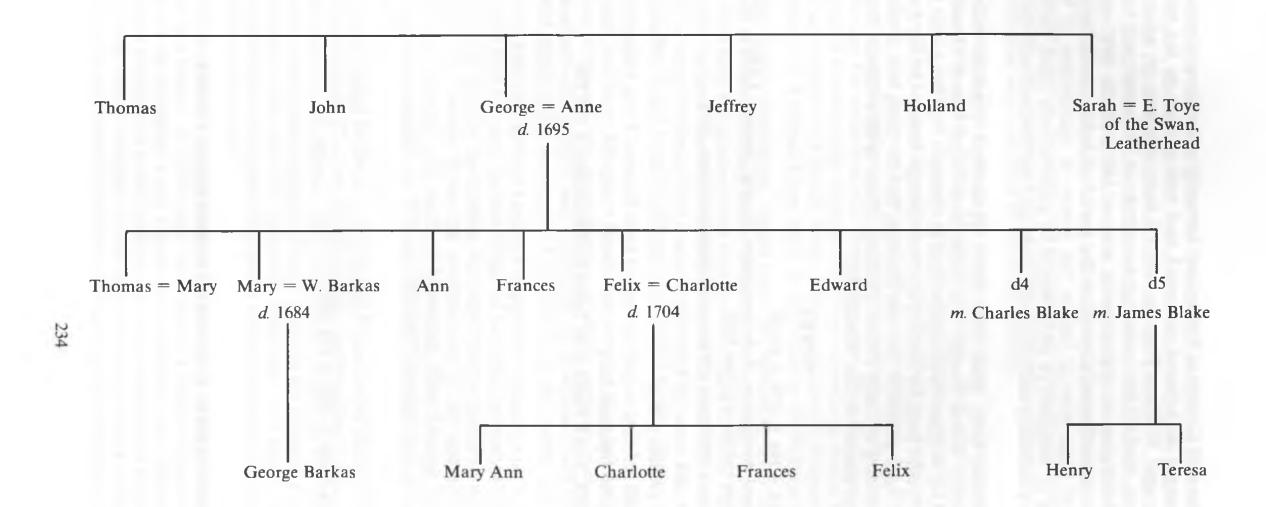
Epsom or one of them in the said County of Surrey and formerly in the lease or occupation of Thomas Roger the younger of Ashtead aforesaid and now or late in the tenure or occupation of Mary Page and William Page or one of their assignee or assignees or undertenant or undertenants. And all that messuage or cottage or Tenement with land and hereditaments thereunto belonging or appertayning now or late hitherto used occupied enjoyed as part parcel or member thereof scytuate in the parish of Ashted or Ebbisham old Epsom aforesaid or one of them now or late in the tenure or occupation of William Willoughby or his assignee or assignees or undertenant or undertenants (such parts of the said farms and lands as are customary and copyhold lands and not freehold only they being excepted)".20

This description of Ashtead farm must have been transcribed from an older legal document since when George Rouse bought this farm from Lord Henry Howard, this territory became freehold. Old William Willoughby died in October 1722 long after the east part of the farm had been bought back by Sir Robert from George Rouse. On his death, the tenancy of the farm would have passed to his son Thomas, but the farm was destroyed by fire in 1731 during the ownership of Lady Diana Fielding. There is no evidence that it was rebuilt and the Willoughbys moved to the Woodfield.²¹

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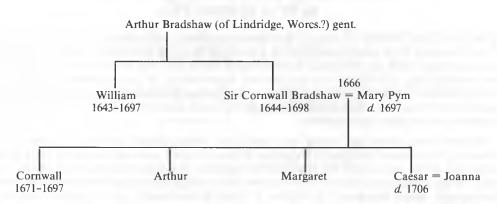
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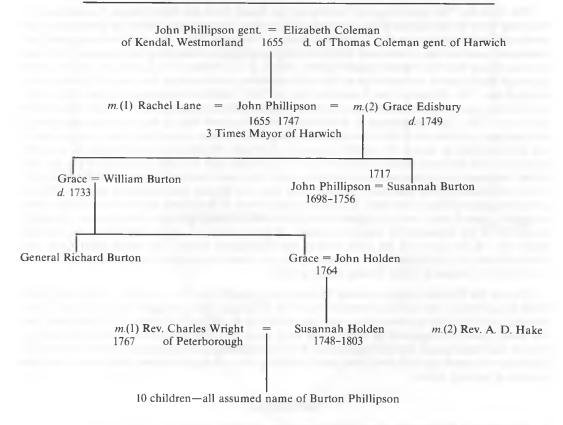
These details of the Rouse family are derived from the will of George Rouse, which was never submitted to Probate but was attested at the Swan Inn, Leatherhead by George Page—the other witnesses to the signature being Thomas Scott and Edward Toye, at Chancery interrogation on 11th February, 1705.

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A 'PALIMPSEST' MILESTONE FROM BOOKHAM

By Dr. D. F. RENN, F.S.A.

THE REDISCOVERY of one of the milestones of the Leatherhead to Guildford turnpike at Clandon Park was mentioned in a previous issue of these *Proceedings*.¹ It was of the standard type, with an Ordnance Survey bench-mark and the parish name MERROW on the sloping top, LONDON on the convex front above 28 in a spherical triangle, and GUILDFORD 2 LEATHERHEAD 9½ on the (formerly) vertical faces. Clearly it had been inscribed for erection where it was found, on the south side of the old road, which is now the northern of the dual carriageways.

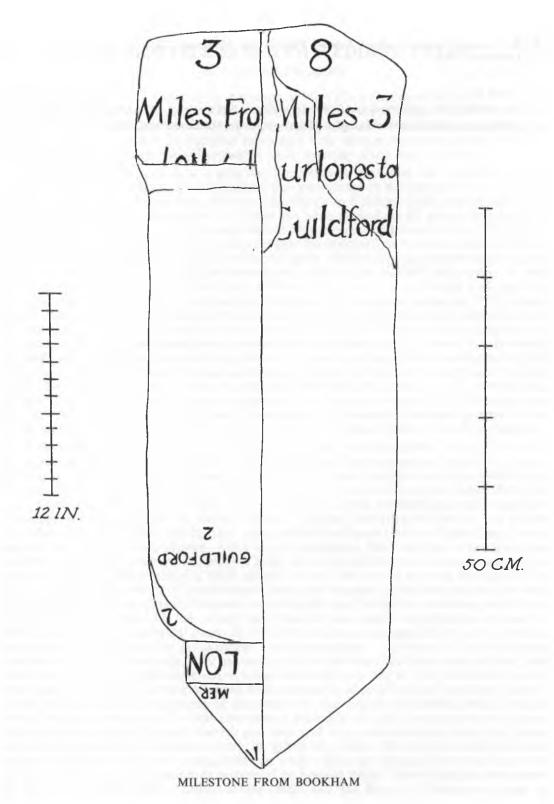
Before it was re-erected across the road (and further from Guildford), Professor Alan Crocker, chairman of the Surrey Industrial History Group, noticed traces of lettering on the other end of the stone, and we examined it together. The stone is now about 28 cm. square and 110 cm. long. It had been trimmed down from a slightly thicker block which had been a flat-topped stone engraved 3/[M]iles Fro[m]/[Letherhead] at the other end of the GUILDFORD 2 face, and 8/Miles [3 or 5]/[F]urlongs to /[G]uildford on that adjoining (see figure). It thus corresponds to the inscriptions recorded by James Edwards about 1789,² and the style of lettering resembles those on milestones of other turnpike roads in Surrey which carry dates in the 1740's.³

The 1758 Act "for repairing and widening the Road from the Swan Inn at Leatherhead to the May Pole at the Upper End of Spital or Somerset Street in the Parish of Stoake neat the town of Guldeford (sic) in the County of Surrey" 4 ordered "that the road be measured and stones or posts set up at one mile intervals with inscriptions denoting the distance from any town or place that the trustees might direct". Mr T. E. C. Walker, F.S.A. tells me that the early account books make no mention of the mile markers, so we cannot be certain that our stone dates from 1758. However, the Turnpike Act of 1766 which consolidated earlier Acts refers to direction posts but mile stones, so that it is reasonable to suggest that the stone was put up by about 1766. The inscription is sufficiently clear to show that it was not a simple case of up-ending a milestone at Merrow and recutting it. Our stone must have been earlier set up on the turnpike at about the parish boundary between Bookham and Effingham, near the junction with Rectory Lane (about N.G.R. TQ 128536) and at some later date taken up and recut, perhaps in a stonemason's workshop and then used 6 miles further west. Probably the other milestones were similarly re-used, but they are buried too deeply at present for any clear evidence of this to be seen. The flat-topped stone at Bookham Grove mentioned in my original paper 6 may be an original milestone with its inscriptions chiselled out, possibly intended to be replaced by cast-iron plates. A good series of such cast-iron plates, dating from the 1820's can still be seen beside the Holyhead Road. The recut lettering of the Leatherhead to Guildford road milestones is not closely dateable, but is similar to that on the stone in Stanwell High Street, recut in 1833.

During the Society's visit to Castle Hedingham (Essex) in 1981 I noticed a milestone there with inscriptions on all four vertical faces in different styles, suggesting that it had been turned back to front at some time, and the milestones on the St. Osyth to Clacton road, not far away, were re-engraved in 1912 when they were over 100 years old. But as far as I am aware, the Bookham/Clandon milestone is the first published example of a milestone which has been re-used as such but, not only by being turned upside down and recut, but also removed several miles.

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A MEMORABLE FETCHAM WEDDING IN 1888

By J. G. W. LEWARNE

THE FOLLOWING account of the marriage of Miss Ellen Gertrude Moon and Mr John Barnard Hankey on the 28th April, 1888, extracted from the scrapbook kept by the bride, which the writer was allowed to inspect by her grandaughter, Mrs Mollie Holme, reflects the spirit of village life nearly an hundred years ago. This account from the Surrey Advertiser newspaper also illustrates the difference in local reportage from that of to-day.

"Saturday might be said to be a gala day for Fetcham, and from the youngest child in school to the oldest villager, a lively interest was manifested in the happy event which was celebrated in the handsome little church of St Mary's in Fetcham Park, which united the two leading families of the parish.... There has been evoked on all sides a genuine and spontaneous feeling of love and respect towards the contracting parties. In the bridegroom Fetcham has found a good friend, a kind and genuine landlord, and one ever ready by work and deed to encourage the aspirations of the villagers and assisting in promoting their good weal. A thorough sportsman and for some years master of the Surrey Union Hunt, he was beloved of the farmers and those fond of horses and hound, and though indisposition prevents him from joining in the chase, as previously, he is a warm supporter of the chase. Of the charming bride, it would be sufficient to say that following the example set in her own household, she has endeared herself to all classes and with the children of the schools she is an especial favourite, the youngsters showing their appreciation of her worth by presenting her with a silver pin-tray as a wedding present. . . . Among a magnificent collection of gifts were "A silver-mounted mirror" presented by every servant at Fetcham Rectory and "a handsome silver cigar-case lighter" from the tenants of Mr Hankey's estate. . . . The present that will be valued by both the bride and bridegroom in a far greater degree than any other was that from the inhabitants of Fetcham, consisting of a splendidly executed portrait of the genial and benevolent father of the bride. Sir Edward Graham Moon, Rector of Fetcham.

"Fortunately the weather was most propitious for the auspicious event, for in contrast to the late cold, Saturday proved quite a spring morning. The sun peeped coyly out from a slight haze, and countless birds sang merrily from the trees and shrubs in the park, which were bursting into bud, relieving the sombre bareness of their winter appearance. The little church itself, within a stone's throw of the residence of the bridegroom, was beautifully decorated for the occasion. In every available position the pleasant hue of the yellow primrose was found embedded in green moss, whilst the chancel, altar rails and pulpit were adorned with choice white flowers of the rarest description. Mr Cockburn, churchwarden, and Mr Ager, head gardener of Fetcham Park were responsible for this and deserved the highest praise for the success of their efforts. A gaily decorated awning was erected by Mr Grantham, upholsterer of Leatherhead, from the entrance to the church gate, the path being laid with crimson carpet. For some considerable time before the ceremony was to take place, the hour being 2.30, the church was filled by an eager congregation, anxious to witness the arrival of the bridal party. The bridagroom was accompanied by Capt. Laing, as best man, but there were no groomsmen. The bridesmaids . . . cousins of the bride wore costumes of white striped silk, hats trimmed by three shades of ribbon—pale yellow, pink and dark red. They carried bouquets of three shades of roses tied by long ribbons to match their hats and they were further adorned with diamond and pearl crescent brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. The bride entered the church on the arm of her brother, Maj. Graham Moon, who gave her away. She was becomingly attired in a moire antique train, with satin petticoat trimmed with Brussels point de gaze lace and wore a diamond and ruby ring, given by the bridegroom, and a diamond spray, the gift of Maj. Moon. Besides the bridal veil there was the customary wreath of orange blossom, and as the bride proceeded up the church to the altar, she presented a charming picture of an English bride. The officiating clergy were the Rev. E. Graham Moon, father of the bride, and the Rev. A. Clementson, vicar of Lechlade, the service being fully choral. Mr Alcock Jnr. presided at the organ, and at the conclusion of the service played with great skill the Wedding March, whilst the bells rang out in merry peal the joyful news that two loving hearts had been joined as one. The wedding guests at the reception afterwards included . . . [sixty names quoted]. During the afternoon the newly wedded pair left Fetcham to spend the honeymoon at Torquay, the bride's travelling dress being of grey and red shot poplin trimmed with embroidery, with hat to match. The party left for the South Western station and the station staff had decorated the entrance most purposely with flowers evergreens etc. Contrary to expectations Mr and Mrs Hankey departed for Brighton. They drove however to the L. & S.W.R. station to witness the pretty decorations. The newly married couple are now at Torquay.

"In the evening the servants at the Rectory were entertained at dinner and the whole of the employees at Fetcham Park partook of a bountiful repast at the Bell Inn. A splendid breakfast was laid for 80 of the servants and their friends, and for the coachmen and others an ample supply of roast beef, plum puddings, cakes and beer was prepared. On Monday the village women and children, numbering 180 were entertained to dinner, all thoroughly enjoying the good things provided, ending with a slice of wedding cake and a glass of sherry to drink the health of the bride and bridegroom. It is interesting to note that the last present to arrive on Sunday morning a handsome lace handkerchoif, was from Mr Denicola, courier to the Rev. Sir E. G. Moon and family on their foreign travels and who only returned from a continental tour on Saturday evening. Mr Denicola accompanied Stanley in his search for Livingstone."

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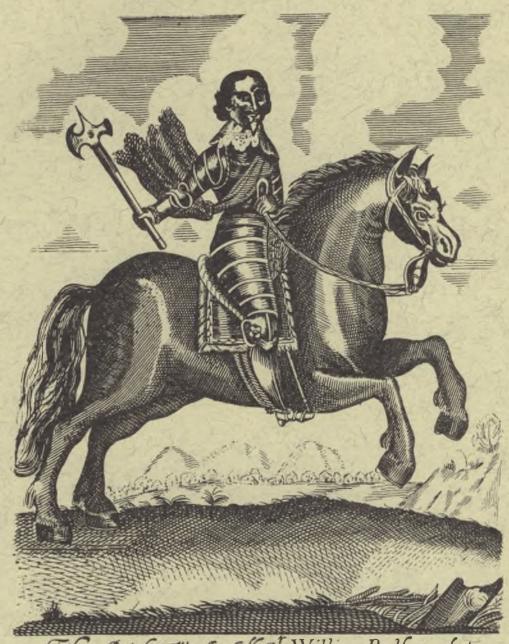
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