

4d in Hipperholme), William Drake (£20 for a rent of 4s 2d), John Holdsworth (£40 for a rent of 7s 2½d), Samuel Lyster (£20 for a rent of 3s 3d), Robert Lawe (£20 for a rent of 4s 6d), and John Drake of Horley (£20 for a rent of 4s 2½d). There seemed to be no fixed scale, but the average offer to compound was at the rate of nine years purchase. When the Wakefield copyholders agreed with the Privy Council in November 1608 for confirmation of their copyhold fines the composition fee was 35 years' ancient rent. It was noted in passing that the new rate for fines was twice the old rate.¹

The choice of the 1608/9 roll for publication in calendar form was prompted by the opportunity thereby to investigate the workings of the manor at the moment of change. It had long been known that the agreement of 1608 had opened a new chapter in the management of the manor, a preliminary to the divestment of the estate by the Crown to Henry Rich, first earl of Holland, who transferred it to Sir Gervase Clifton shortly afterwards. Since the new series of calendared Wakefield Court Rolls now includes the rolls for 1537-1540, 1583-1585, 1639, 1652 and 1664, it should be possible to trace the effects of these changes in some detail and also measure the degree of truth that the rolls record a pedigree of the descent of the copyhold lands.

Prior to the composition the Crown's finance officers instituted a series of enquiries to have a picture of lands and copyholders in the Manor of Wakefield. This resulted in a series of enquiries between 1604 and 1608, many of which remain among the records of the Duchy of Lancaster in the Public Record Office, London. The results were entered in a book under graveship headings (PRO, DL43/12/11). This shows the rent due from each copyhold against the name of the tenant, except in Hipperholme graveship, where the location of copyhold lands is also recorded. This book (**hereafter referred to as the Composition Book**) was copied in the 1630s, and the transcript is now preserved in the archives of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society as MD225/4/6. Since there are several inaccuracies in the Claremont transcript, the opportunity has been taken to append a new transcript of the original to this introduction. The word-order is *not* inverted in the original.

With the **Composition Book** as a benchmark, questions may be asked, such as did every copyholder agree to compound. Some did not. How many persons involved in court procedure were not copyholders? How long did compounded estates remain a unit, and if broken up, how was the compounded rent subdivided? According to marginal notes on

1. P[ublic] R[ecord] O[ffice], London, DL43/11/23.

the draft court roll, compositions were still being resisted in 1609.¹

Continuity of copyhold estates

To test for continuity of estates, the volume for 1639/40 was compared against the **Composition Book**, using the evidence of a marginal record in 1639 of the name of the original compounder. Only a modest number of copyholds were involved, mainly in the graveships of Sowerby, Hipperholme and Holme. In some cases the link was strong. When Richard Fournes of Sowerby, yeoman, claimed by inheritance the copyhold of his great-nephew George Fournes at Boothhouse, with other property at Blackwood, Overthwaits, Hollings, Woodlane and Warley, the pedigree of the multiple estate was listed according to the lord's rent as compounded by the earlier copyholders, Thomas Fournes, Thomas Oldfield of Cliffhill, William Wadisworth, Richard Brookesbanke, George Fournes, Edmund Hileley and James Hileley senior. These earlier copyholders can be verified from the **Composition Book**, except that in the cases of Thomas Oldfield, the ½d rent for use of a lane was recorded as 15s 9d, obviously a rent in respect of a much larger holding. Similarly, when John Lister of Overbrea, yeoman, and Phoebe his wife, surrendered land in Northowram, one estate of seven closes at 2s rent and a further two closes at 7½d had been previously compounded for, the former by Robert Hemmingway of Overbrea and Samuel Crowther, and the other by John Drake. The **Composition Book** duly lists Hemmingway and Crowther as joint copyholders of Highroyd House 'late of John Cosens' at 2s, although Drake 'of Northowrome' paid a larger rent of 3s 11½d, presumably for a more extensive copyhold.²

Jonas Bordall of Skircoat and Mary his wife surrendered a house and 2 closes at Stubbynge in Sowerby, held by his father at a rent of 6d, as surety for a bond, the same having been compounded for by Gabriel Bordall. This estate is noted in the **Composition Book** as lying in the Blackwood quarter of Sowerby graveship. John Robinson quitclaimed his rights in 6½ acres of arable at Dawgreene in Great Sandal, held at a lord's rent of 2s 2d, as part of a larger copyhold rented at 15s 4½d, previously compounded for by Robert Carter. **The Composition Book**

1. *Wakefield Court Rolls* vol 11, pp 67, 68, 74, 81, 82, 85, 90-94, 115, 134, 153-60, 169-70; cf 17, 28, 38, 8, 134, 162.
2. WCR 1, pp 8-9, 22.

Wadeplace	3s	Hanson, John, of		
Charlesworth, Nicholas	2s 5½d	Woodhowse	16s	11d
France, Gilbert	8¼d	Hanson, Thomas, John,		
Sunderland, John	18 ² / ₆ d	and Robert, sons of		
Roebuck, Ric	3s 7d	late Tho	17s	
Haigh, Robt	6d	Hanson, Tho, of		
Haigh, Edward	6s 5d	Brighowse	3s	9d
Haigh, Eliz	5s 7d	Hanson, Tho, of Tothill	5s	1½d
Armitage, John	½ of ¼d	Brooke, Tho	7s	
Broadhead, Anthony	1d	Hanson, Edward	5s	
Roberts, Gilbert	1½d	Goodyeare, John	3s	
Wentworth, Mathew,esq	14s 0¼d	Hoyle, Gilbert		20¼d
Dearneley, John	9s 5d	Mallinson, Tho		19d
Firth, Luke	7s 11½d	Mallinson, Wm	2s	0½d
Moorehowse, John	19d	Towlson, Jas		4d
Hadfeild, Oliver	3s 4d	Mallinson, John		2d
Charlesworth, Hen	3s 11¼d	Hanson, Tho & Nicholas		1d
Bever, Wm	2d	Firth, John		7d
Kay, Grace	7s 10d	Firth, Tho	10s	8d
Tyas, Nicholas	2s 4d			
Hinchlife, Hen	1½d			
Feilden, Thurstan	2s 3½d			
Tincker, John, of Scoles	10s			
Firth, Susan	2s 6d			
Brooke, Humfrey	23d			
Batty, Edward	5d			

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Dison, Jas & Edmund;	
Wydopp, John;	
Walker, Anthony	15s
Bothomley, Reinold; &	
Denton, Tho	7s 9d
*Hoyle, John, of	
Broodley	7s 2½d ½ of ¼d*
never compounded	
Firth, Geo	4s 1d
Hoyle, Geo & Edward	4s 8d
Savile, Sir Hen, kt	1d
Haighe, John	4d

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portions to the said Edward Sherte, Katherine his wife and Francis Hardye and the heirs and assigns of Francis according to the intent of an indenture dated 17 June 1608 made between Edward Sherte, Katherine his wife and Francis Hardye on the one part and the said Richard Bankes and Anne his wife on the other under such reservations, conventions and agreements as there expressed. Agreed: entry fine of 4*½*d. [*on paper, without fine in parchment, r' *3d**]

3) Edward Sherte of Brearley and Francis Hardye of le Lees, Derbs, by Edward Watkinson, lord's tenant and sworn, surrendered 2 tenements or cottages and all houses, buildings and structures thereon in Wakefeld in a place called Northegate now in the several occupation of John Barwys and Henry Wilson or their assigns: to the use of John Sunderlande, his executors, administrators or assigns from Martinmas 1609 for 12 years, rendering annually to the said Edward Sherte, Katherine his wife and Francis Hardye and the heirs of Francis Hardye a rent of 40s at Whitsun and Martinmas in equal portions according to the true intent of an indenture dated 23 June 1608 between Edward Sherte, Katherine his wife and Francis Hardye on the one part and John Sunderland on the other and under the reservations, limits, conventions and agreements there expressed. Agreed: entry fine of 4d. [*on paper, without fine in parchment, r' *8½d* *3d**]

WAKEFIELD/STANLEY 4) John Cudworthe of Wermethe, Lancs, gen, by Robert Killingbeck, lord's tenant and sworn, surrendered the whole of a messuage with all houses, buildings, shops, easements and appurtenances held in copyhold in Wakefeld at a place called le Bitchehill in Wakefeld graveship now occupied by John Smythe or his assigns, lately held by William Adamson, deceased, also all closes, arable lands, meadows, doles of meadow and pasture belonging to the said John Cudworthe in the graveships of Wakefeld and Stanley held in copyhold, now occupied by the said John Smythe or his assigns: to the use of the said John Smythe, his executors, administrators and assigns from Nativity of St John Baptist last past [24 June 1608] for the term of 30 years following, paying an annual rent to John Cudworthe, his heirs and assigns at the usual terms. Agreed: entry fine of 3s 6d [*without fine, composition by estimate, r' 2s 4d*]

RASTRICK 5) Arthur Firthe of Rastrick by Thomas Hanson of Brighous and **John Mallynson**, lord's tenants and sworn, surrendered the reversion of all interest and terms of years operative on the day of his death in all lands and closes in the township of Rastrick now held by the said Arthur Firthe or his assigns by the surrender or lease of Robert Ramsden, Joan his wife and Henry Ramsden their son or any of them:

late Henry Thomas and now of Henry Bentley, from the lands lately of John Crabtree now of Samuel Crabtree and Henry Sutcliff, from the lands lately of James Hylilee now of James Hylilee of Hylilee, from the lands of the late William Dickson now of Isabel wife of John Armytage, from the lands of the heirs of the late William Pilkington now of William Thomas, from the lands lately of Edward Oldfeilde of Anabutlee now of John Illingworthe, from the lands of the heirs of the late Thomas Stansfeild now of [blank], from the lands of the heirs of John Mawde of Bowerslack now of Richard Murgetroide, from the lands lately of John Smythe of Crawelshaes now of John Smythe, from the lands lately of Thomas Dobson of the same now of Daniel Grenewood, from the lands lately of Edward Lome of Holeheades now of John Lome of the same, from the lands lately of Gilbert Lome now of John Gleidhill and Robert Wolfenden, from the lands of the heirs of the late Edward Lome, from the lands lately of Christopher Feilde now of Michael Feilde, and from the lands of John Hoile lately of Crawellshawes now of Jonas Tilson.

Holme John Littlewood of Stubbinge for his lands was elected grave there this year. He had aid from William Tyncker for 9 acres lying in Hepshawedge, from John Morehouse for another 9 acres in Bradshawe, and from John Littlewood of Longley for 15 acres called Bradshaweknowle. He deputed George Butterworthe, who was received and sworn.

Hipperholme John Drake of Northeowrom for half the lands of William Rookes, and Jonas Haldesworthe, William Haldesworthe, John Thorpp, Abraham Wood and Henry Northend for the other half were elected graves there this year, and the said John Drake was sworn.

Rastrick **John Mallynson** for the lands of Thomas Hanson and Nicholas Hanson called Okesgrene was elected grave there this year and sworn.

Scammonden Thomas Denton and Reginald Bothomley for lands called Crofthouse were elected graves there this year and sworn.

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Oblation Edmund Hopkinson of Huddersfeilde came into court and offered to fine with the king for a Thomas Hoile, son and heir of Thomas Hoile deceased, now staying overseas, for 2½ acres of land held by Anthony Walker and for 2 roods of land with a cottage thereon

HOLME Thomas Morton, James Earneshawe, George Charlesworthe and Henry Charlesworth, sworn, [presented] John Littlewood of Stubbinge ...

HIPPERHOLME James Otes, Samuel Hoole, John Drake and John Thorpp, sworn, [presented] John Drake of Northowrom ...

RASTRICK Thomas Hanson of Totehill, Thomas Firth, Edward Hanson and Gilbert Hoile, sworn, [presented] **John Mallynson** ...

SCAMMONDEN George Hoile, Anthony Walker, Edmund Dyson and Thomas Denton, sworn, [presented] the said Thomas Denton and Reginald Bothomley ...

a) [schedule of those defaulting in suit - *Michaell Foxecrofte and Henry Prestley* deleted]

b)	Amercements for default assessed at	*6s 8d*	5s a knight
	esquires	*5s*	3s 4d
	gentleman	*3s 4d*	2s
	yeoman	*2s*	12d

We present Thomas Clarkson talior of Stanle to be deade since the last great Court.

[signed]

John Maude
 Thomas Dennison
 THR
 Thomas Hanson
 Robert Carter
 William Arnolde
 Richard Brodeley
 Samuell Holdesworth H
 Godfrey Bever
 Richard Battie
 William Gill thelder
 Luke Garnett
 Richard Frobisher
 John Longley
 John Scott

Richard Kent
 Francis Swift
 Anthonie Walker

SOWERBY PRESENTMENT *First proclamation* Inquisition held there for the King on the oath of Henry Grice gen, John Hanson of Wodhouse, Robert Fairebarne, George Hobson, Richard Haldesworthe, Michael Bentley, Thomas Dennyson, **John Mallynson**, Reginald Noble, Richard Medleye, John Stable, John Micklethwaite and Edmund Broke, jurors, who said that John Smythe of Derpeley in Sowerbye, son and heir apparent of Henry Smythe late of Dearpley, by indenture dated 6 December inst [1608], demised to Richard Rode of Bitchstonehirste in Soylande, yeo, 2 messuages and an estimated 17 acres 3 roods of land, meadow and pasture in Sowerbye graveship previously occupied severally by the said Henry Smythe, Isabel Hopkinson and William Robynson or their assigns and now by the said John Smythe, his subtenants or assigns, also the reversion after the death of Henry Smythe for a term of 20 years following, without making fine with the King, without leave of court, in contempt of the lord and contrary to custom. Order to the grave of Sowerbye to seize the messuages and land into the King's hands before the next court [*on paper: see letters of high stewards for stay of the grant among bundles*]

SCAMMONDEN 13) Thomas Hoile, son and heir of Thomas Hoile late of Slaughtwaite deceased, came into court and fined [blank] for leave to inherit 2½ acres of land now occupied by Anthony Walker abutting on the south of a close called le Parke, 2 roods of land with a cottage where John Hawkeyerd now lived, another cottage with a rood of land where John Haile of le Skarr lived, also 3 roods of land on the south of a close called le Newclose end and on the west of the said 2½ acres in Scamonden graveship, lately granted to a John Hoile in virtue of a royal commission to William Yewarte, following the death of Thomas Hoile whose son and heir the said Thomas is. Agreed, saving the right of any. [*without fine, twice, no composition*]

ALVERTHORPE 14) Thomas Gill and Elizabeth his wife by Robert Pighell, lord's tenant and sworn, Elizabeth agreeing' separately, surrendered a close of land and meadow called Diccon Inge estimated at 2 acres, also another little close of meadow called Gisburne leys estimated at 3 roods in Alverthorpe graveship now occupied by John Battye senior or his assigns, also the reversion of all the same: to the use of John Battye junior, his heirs and assigns forever. Agreed: entry fine of 2s. [*without fine, r' 8d*]

WAKEFIELD/THORNES/STANLEY 15) Richard Sproxton of the city of Westminster, esq, and Dorothy his wife came into court before

9° November 1608 We fynd this lease to be a cause of seasure of the reversion of the lease and present them in payne [signed] John Hanson / Henry Grice / Richard Holdisworth / Raynold Noble / Mychael Bentley / Richard Medley / Thomas Dennison / George Hobsonne / John Micklethwaite IM

The Jury do presente and saye that Thomas Hoile who late helde to him and his heires forever by copie of courte roll accordinge to the custome of the mannor of Wakefeld two acres and an half of lande nowe in the tenure or occupacion of Anthonye Walker <abbuttynge> on the southe parte of one close called the Parke, two rodes of lande with one cottage thereupon buylded wherein one John Hawkeyerd nowe dwellethe, one other cottage with one rode of lande wherein one John Hoile of the Skarr dothe dwell, and also three rodes of lande on the southe parte of one close called the Newclose end and on the west parte of the said two acres and an half with all and singular theire appertenances in the graveshipp of Scamonden and heretofore the landes and tenements graunted <to John Hoile> by force of his Majesties commission dyrected to William Yewart esquier, dyed in June 1607 and that Thomas Hoile is sonne and nexte heire of the saide Thomas Hoile deceassed <and nowe beyond the seas> and oughte to be admitted to him and his heires to all and singular the foresaid land' upon his fyne with the

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Kinges Majestie for the same: which said Thomas Hoile the sonne is nowe aboute the age of twentie yeares.

We fynd hym heire if he be lyvinge, for that an offer was made within the tyme lymited by owre custome, salvo jure cuiuslibet.

[signed] John Hanson / Thomas Dennyson / Richard Haldisworth / John Haighe / Richard Dawson / Rychard Poyle / Rychard Medley / Edwarde Allott / William Gill / George Hobsonne / Raynold Noble / **John I Mallinson** / Robert Grenewood [mark]

Recorded at court held at Wakefeld, 9 Dec 1608

[endorsed] Jury for King

John Hanson of Wodhouse
George Hobsonne
Edwarde Allott
Raynold Noble
Rychard Medley
Rychard Poole

Thomas Dynnyson
John Mallinson
Richard Haldesworthe
John Haighe
William Gill
Richard Dawson, sworn

WAKEFIELD Court held on 13 January

SOWERBY *First proclamation* The grave of Sowerbye certified that he had seized into the King's hands the 2 mess and estimated 17 acres 3 roods of land, meadow and pasture previously held severally by Henry Smythe, Isabel Hopkinson and William Robynson or their assigns and now occupied by John Smythe, his subtenants or assigns and the reversions after the death of Henry Smythe, as ordered at the previous court.

16) Edmund Robynson of le Lome in Sowerbye by John Hoile, lord's tenant and sworn, surrendered a parcel of land containing 160 yards in length and a half yard in breadth as now limited from Lome Cloughe to the land of Samuel Tattersall through 2 closes of land called Overbank and Lowerbanck belonging to a mess called le Lomme in Sowerbye graveship, together with leave to delve the same to lead water when needed: to the use of Samuel Tattersall, his heirs and assigns forever. Agreed: entry fine of 3d. [*without fine, r' 1d*]

17) Edmund Robynson of Sowerbye, in consideration of a marriage between James Robynson, younger son of John Robynson of Sowerbye, and Susan Hoile, daughter of George Hoile of Longroide, surrendered by John Hoile, lord's tenant and sworn, a mess called Lome with all houses, cottages, buildings, lands, tenements, meadows, closes and pastures appertaining, estimated at 8 acres 1 roods in all, also a parcel of land containing 54 yards in length and 1^{1/2} yards in width with all ways, waters, watercourses, commodities and easements in Sowerbye graveship lately occupied by the said Edmund or his assigns and now occupied by Joseph Bolton, Samuel Leavens and George Claye or their assigns: to the use of the said Edmund Robynson and his lawfully procreated heirs, and for lack of such to the use of the said Susan Hoile and the heirs of her body lawfully procreated by the said James Robynson, failing which to the right heirs of the said Susan forever. Agreed: entry fine 7s 9d [*r' 2s 7d*]

18) John Robynson of Sowerbye senior and John Robynson his son and heir by John Hoile, lord's tenant and sworn, surrendered a parcel of land in the lower part of Sowerbye called a folde, a croft called a tentercrofte and a garden estimated at a half acre with all houses, cottages, barns and structures built thereon, now in the several occupancy of Edmund Boothe, Mathew Boothe, Henry Spencer, Brian Turnley and Joan Wilde widow or their assigns, also a parcel of land containing 53 yards in length and 12 yards in width lying on a bank called le Wood abutting a spring of water there, 3 closes of land,

WAKEFIELD court held on 14 April 7/42 James [1609]

Inquisition taken for the King on the oaths of Thomas Dennyson, George Hobson, John Bentley, Robert Hall, Edward Whittacres, **John Mallynson**, Thomas Oldfield, Richard Haldesworth, Richard Medley, John Smythe, George Butterworthe, James Otes and John Medley, jurors, who said that John Haldesworthe of Blakey in Northeowrom, Samuel Haldesworth son and heir of the same and Jonas Haldesworthe a younger son of John by indenture dated 12 April instant leased to John Haldesworthe, another younger son of the said John senior, a mess in Northeowrom commonly called Blakehill and all houses, buildings, structures, orchards, gardens, lands, meadows, closes, pastures, woods, undergrowth, commons, commodities and hereditaments belonging to the same and usually leased therewith in Northeowrom now occupied by John Haldesworth the father, his assigns or subtenants, and the reversions thereof, to hold by John Haldesworth junior and his assigns from that date for 21 years, without making fine with the King, without leave of court, in contempt of the lord and contrary to manorial custom. The grave of Sowerbye was ordered to seize the mess etc into the king's hands before the next court.

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SOWERBY Second proclamation for claims to hold an estimated 2½ acres and all houses, buildings and structures thereon in the graveship of Sowerbye lately of the inheritance of Joan Ramsden mother of Henry Ramsden of Sowerbye lately occupied by Giles Bolton and now by the said Henry Ramsden and Richard Crowder, their assigns or subtenants and the reversions.

59) It was testified in court by John Greenwood esq, learned (*eruditum*) steward of the manor of Wakefeld, that Paul Greenwood of Oldtowne, clothier, on 3 April last past personally surrendered according to the custom of the manor a mess called Elfaburghe hall and 6 acres 1 rood of land appurtaining in the graveship of Sowerbye: to the use of John Greenwood brother of Paul, his heirs and assigns forever, with the intent that the said John and his heirs pay annually £6 13s 4d for a term of 21 years to such person(s) as the same Paul name in writing in his last will. Agreed: entry fine of 6s 3d. [*without fine, r' 2s 1d*]

Sum of court [blank]

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A Original sealed indenture in English dated 12 April 1609 between John Haldsworth of Blackey in Northowrom, Yorks, yeo, Samuel Haldsworthe, son and heir of the same John, and Jonas Haldsworth, a younger son of the same John, and John Haldsworth another younger son: whereby John Haldsworth the father, Samuel and Jonas leased to John the younger a mess in Northowrom commonly called Blackehill with all houses [etc] pertaining thereto, now occupied by John the father, his assign(s) or undertenants and any reversions for a term of 21 years following, paying an annual rent of 20s at Whitsun and Martinmas in equal parts and discharging all out-rents, free rents, suits and services due to the chief lord for the same. John the younger and his assigns during the term should yearly at their proper cost keep the same in sufficient repair, namely the houses and buildings with thatch, moss and mortar and the lands, closes and grounds in respect of hedges, rails, ditches and other "defences", and return the same at the end of the term in this state of repair.

[Signed] John Haldsworthe Samuel Haldsworthe Jonas Houldsworth Witnessed
John Bentley Michael + Greenwood

[endorsed] We fynd and presente the lands and tenements within specified to be seasable for that they were demysed for term of xxi years contrery to the custome of the mannor. [Signed] Thomas Denyson / Rychard Medley / Thomas Oldfeild / John Bentley / James Oyte / **John Mallinson** / George Hobsonne / Richard Haldsworth / Robert Hall / Edward Wyteacres / John Medley

mercy. Richard Poole (4d) distrained to answer John Ellys in same, in mercy. William Dawson (12d) for many defaults against George Hill in same. Thomas Burton (6d) as previously distrained to answer George Hill in same, in mercy. John Hellywell (12d) for many defaults against **Edward Mallynson** in same. George Hoile (12d) for many defaults against John Armytage of Huddersfeld in same. William Ellys (12d) for same. Thomas Hepworth (12d) for same. Samuel Bates (8d) as previously distrained to answer Thomas Carter in same, in mercy. Richard Wilkinson (12d) for many defaults against Edward Whittacres, clerk, in same. William Speight (12d) for same.

Sum [blank]

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A Precept to the grave of Holme and his deputy to seize before the next court at Wakefeld a mess called Edwarde hull and all land, tenements and hereditaments in Fulstone in Holme graveship now severally occupied by Godfrey Bever and Thomas Rowley or their assigns, also an annual rent of 13s 4d and report on the execution. Dated 30 June 1609. [signed] N Fenay

Memorandum that this precept was executed accordynge to the tenor and effect thereof the tennth daye of July and in the yeare above written in the presence of Thomas Morton, George Castle, Raphe Charlsworth and Richard Morton.

By me George Butterworth, grave of Holme, his marke

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[endorsed] A precept for a seizure for Edward hull

B Precept to the grave of Sowerbye and his deputy to seize before the next court at Wakefeld a mess in Soyland commonly called le Brigg now occupied by William Aspinall and all houses, buildings, lands, meadows and closes usually leased with the same with all ways, watercourses, easements and rights estimated at 20 acres in Soyland, a close of land, meadow and pasture with a watercourse flowing into it commonly called le Longefeild estimated at 1½ acres lately held by Thomas Foxcrofte deceased <and now in the several tenure of Widow Foxcrofte and John Foxcrofte or their assigns>, another mess in Soyland commonly called le Chappell grene lately held by Edmund Pickopp <and now by Henry Roides>, two closes of land, meadow

WAKEFIELD Court held on 22 September 1609

SANDAL Inquisition taken for the King on the oath of Edward Whittacres yeo, Thomas Pickard, Thomas Boyne, John Nayler, John Pickard, John Drake, **John Mallynsonn**, George Hobson, Martin Feilden, Thomas Rodley, William Feilde and Humphrey Broke, jurors, who said that John Leake of Dawgrene in Criglestone by indenture dated 21 Sept 1609 leased to a Thomas Haighe of Dawgrene, webster, all those lands held in copyhold in Criglestone in Sandall graveship as they lay together in a field called Shawefeilde and above a furlong of the same field called Shaweshutt between the lands of the said John Leake to the south and a boundary (*liram*) called Southebalke to the north estimated at 5 roods and now occupied by Thomas Waryn [and their reversion (*draft*)] to have to the same Thomas Haighe, his executors and assigns from the day of the death of the said Thomas Waryn and Alice his wife for a term of 21 years following, without making fine or obtaining licence, in contempt of the lord and contrary to custom. Order to the grave of Sandall to seize the land into the King's hands and make return at the next court.

SOWERBY They said that Arthur Mawde of Warley clothier, son and heir of Richard Mawde deceased, by indenture of 21 Sept 1609 leased to a Thomas Fournes of Blackwood in Sowerbye clothier a mess called Duellane and all houses and buildings thereon and an estimated 5 acres of land, meadow and pasture in Warley in Sowerby graveship now occupied by the said Arthur Mawde or his assigns to have to the same Thomas Fournes, his executors and assigns from the date of the indenture for a term of 21 years following, without making fine or obtaining licence from the court, in contempt of the lord and contrary to custom. Order to the grave of Sowerbye to seize the mess etc into the King's hands and make return.

125) Thomas Fournes of Blackwood in Sowerbye came into court before John Savile and Edward Carye kts, high stewards of the King's manor of Wakefeld, and with the assent of John Lome of Wynetaverne in Sowerbye (from whom Thomas acquired the same) took 3 acres 1 rood of land, meadow and pasture with buildings thereon in Sowerbye now or lately occupied by the said John Lome or his assigns. These were in the King's hands because John Lome by indenture dated 30 June last past leased the same to a Thomas Oldefeilde now or lately of Newland yeo, to have for himself, his executors or assigns from the given date for a term of 21 years following without making fine or obtaining licence of court, to the lord's contempt and contrary to custom as found by enquiry in court. Public proclamation was made at three

BRIGHOUSE Court with tourn held on 11 October

Panel for King Inquest taken for the King on oath of John Thorpp, John Bothomley, John Wilton, Adam Ramsden, Thomas Firth, John Prestley, Thomas Denton, **John Mallynson**, Richard Butler, James Brigges, Michael Hellywell, William Fairebanck, Robert Drake, George Kilner and Edmund Bynnes, jurors, who said that Michael Steade (2s) of Barksland burnt le heath contrary to the pain put etc.

Item they said that John Fournes (3s 4d) of Northowrom broke the lord's fold.

John Bairstawe (30s) of Browneshirste forfeited the pain laid at the last court for casting down the fences of Richard Haldesworth and Hugh Haldesworth his son.

Hipperholme John Royd, constable, and fellows, sworn, presented that John Wilton was elected constable and sworn.

Item they said that Thomas Whitley (10d) and William Stephenson (10d) made affray together. 20d

Rastrick Thomas Hanson, constable, and fellows, sworn, presented that **Thomas Mallynson** ...

Item they said that William Jepson (10d) and Thomas Brighouse (4s 2d) made affray together and Thomas shed William's blood.

William Mallynson (12d) forfeited the pain laid at the last court because he did not rectify his hedge between le Smalies Yate and the door (*januam*) of **Thomas Mallynson**.

Fixby John Aneley, constable, and fellows, sworn, presented that John Aneley ...

Northowram Michael Bairstawe, constable, and fellows, sworn, presented that Richard Royd ...

Item they said that John Fournes (3s 4d) broke the lord's fold.

Shelf William Hyrd, constable, and fellows, sworn, presented that Mathew Whitley ...

constable>, William Thorpp and Abraham Brighous, sworn, [presented] John Wilton as elected constable and sworn.

Rastrick Thomas Hanson, constable, Gilbert Hoile, Thomas Mallynson, John Fox senior, and John Dyson, sworn, [presented] Thomas Mallynson - sworn.

Fixby John Aneley, constable, Edward Saltonstall <6d because he did not come> , sworn, [presented] that John Aneley - sworn.

Northowram Michael Bairestawe, constable, George Romsden, Gilbert Longbothom, Henry Hoile and William Mitchell, sworn, [presented] Richard Royde - sworn.

Shelf William Hirde, constable, Robert Firthe, Robert Sunderland, Richard Waterhous and Richard Birkesbanck, sworn [presented] Mathew Whitley - sworn.

Barkisland George Holdroid, constable, <Edmund Moulson, Richard Ramsden, Edmund Bynnes and William Stancliff>, *George Rawnesley, James Stancliff, John Firthe and Richard Firthe* sworn [presented] George Rawnesley, who deputed John Birche - sworn.

Stainland Stephen Bycrofte, constable, John Hellywell, John Jagger, George Wormal and James Gleidhill, sworn [presented] Michael Hellywell - sworn.

Quarmby Reginald Bothomley, constable, Edward Hanson, Arthur Walker, John Nayler and Edmund Dyson, sworn, [presented] Edward Haighe - sworn. *Query Thomas Hirst did not come to constable's election*

Hartshead Richard Gibson, constable, Robert Rayner, John Walker, Thomas Flather and Richard Soythill, sworn, [presented] William Gleidhill - sworn.

Clifton Richard Mitchell, constable, Robert Ramsden, Richard Childe, Robert Drake and John Wibseye, sworn, [presented] Edward Walker - sworn.

Dalton John Northe, constable, George Kilner, Richard Dyson, John Metcalf and William Kilner, sworn, [presented] Arthur Longley gen - sworn.

Grave of Rastrick Thomas Hanson of Totehill, Thomas Firth, Edward Hanson and Gilbert Hoile, sworn, [presented] that **John Mallynson** for the land of Thomas Nicholas, husbandman, called Okesgrene was elected grave that year and sworn.

Scammonden George Hoile, Anthony Walker, Edmund Dyson and Thomas Denton, sworn [presented] that Thomas Denton and Reginald Bothley for the land called Crofthous were elected graves and sworn.

Hipperholme James Otes, Samuel Hoole, John Drake *Boyd* and John Thorppe, sworn, [presented] John Drake <of Northowrom> for the half-land of William Rokes, and Jonas Haldesworth, William Haldesworthe and John Thorpp, Abraham Wood and Henry Northend for the other half were elected graves and deputed John Drake - sworn.

[Presentments]

A Item, the jury doth present Micheall Steade of Barsland for burning heath in 2s, contrary to a payne layde.

Item, we find that John Fournes of Northourom bath broken the Kinges fould, contrary to a paine layd 3s 4d

Item, we present that John Bairestawe of the Browneshirste hath not suffered the fence of Richard Haldesworthe and his sonne Hughe Haldesworthe to stande, contrary to a payne layde att the last courte and therefore he hath forfeyed 30s.

by jury John Hall enrolled

John Thorppe
by inquest [no endorsement]

B Hipperholme cum Brighowse presentes

William Thorp, Edward Barrackclough, Abraham Brighowse

Item, we do present Thomas (10d) Whitley and William (10d) Stevenson for a fray *and William Stevenson for a bloud wite*.

Item, we do payne Henry Brig to scoure his diches bettwixt the rookes and William Walker rayles, in payne of 20s.

Item, we do payne John Royd, John Northend, John Horsfall,

Isack Brodley, Thomas Prestley, Samwell Thorp to mend the foot way bettwixt John Roydes hous and the Northege stele in payne of 20s <that is due [illegible]> bettwixt this and Martinmes.

Item, we payne every one that doth gather menor of the comons, for every tyme 12d.

enrolled Hipperholme [no endorsement]

C Rastricke Thomas Hanson, constable

4 men: Gilbert Hoile / **Thomas Mallinson** / John Fox / John Dyson

Inprimis, we laye in paine that Thomas Willson keepe all his watercourses accordinge as hathe beene accostomede from the feast day of St Andrewe thapostle next, upon peine of 3s 4d.

Item, we peine that no man within our towne do bedd any strawe or fearne in the townegate or heighway of Tothill or heape any donge or mayner within the compas of twentie yardes of the well ther, upon peine of every tyme so doinge 10s.

Item, we finde that ther was an affraye made betwene William (10d) Jepson and Thomas (4s 2d) Brighthouse of Brighowse and that Thomas Brighowse drewe bloud, but we are ignorant who made the affraye.

Item, we find that **William Mallinson** (contrary to a peyne leyd att the laste courte) bath not sett right his hedge betwene the Smalies yate and **Thomas Mallinson** yate, therefore we amercy him in 12d.

Item, we peyne that the said **William Mallinson** do sett all his hedges right betwene the said Smalies yate and **Thomas Mallinson** yate accordinge as hath beene accostomed by his predicessors before the Purificacion of our lady next, upon peyne of 20s, and so keepe the same upon peine of *every weecke* 39s.

Item, we lay in peine that no man shall take or cary away any broome which is eyther slubbed or cutt downe, upon peine of every burden 12d.

enrolled Rastrick [no endorsement]

179) Robert Doughtye of Blatheroyd by John Brigg[es], lord's tenant and sworn, surrendered all that eastern part of a mess or house at Bothes in the township of Northowrom from le Bordshott woughe as now divided from the western part of the same, and all houses and buildings belonging to the eastern part with all ways and easements, also all those 3 closes of land called Batheyne, Welclose and Tentercrofte in Northowrom in Hipperholme graveship now occupied by George Netherwod and James Doughtie or their assigns and any reversions which the said Robert Doughtie lately had to him and his heirs by the surrender of William Tempest and Thomas Tempest: to the use of John Sunderland of Ayringden, his heirs and assigns forever, rendering annually to the King, his heirs and successors 16d of rent at the usual times forever. Agreed: entry fine of 4s. [*without fine, r' 16d*]

RASTRICK 180) John Goodheire of Rastrick and Susan his wife by Edward Hanson, lord's tenant and sworn, Susan agreeing separately, surrendered a third part of a close of land and pasture called Lethall estimated at 1 acre 1 rood in Rastrick now occupied by Samuel Wrigley or his assigns: to the use of the same Samuel Wrigley and his assigns from 2 Feb last past for a term of 21 years following at an annual rent of 3s 4d as mentioned in an indenture between the said parties. Agreed: entry fine of 6d. [*r' 4d*]

Sum of court with tourn [blank]

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Hipperholme John Wilton, constable, Samuel Hoole, Richard Brodeley, Richard Sutcliff and Abraham Barrowcloughe, sworn.

Rastrick John Goodheire, <deputy constable of **Thomas Mallinson, constable**>, Arthur Hirst, John Fox, Robert Haldesworthe and Gilbert Hoole, sworn.

Fixby John Aneley, constable, and Arthur Firthe, sworn.

Northowram Richard Roide, constable, Henry Northend, deputy, Adam Ramsden, Robert Roper, John Hall and Richard Wood, sworn.

Shelf Matthew Whitley, constable, Samuel *John* Whitley, deputy, Richard Waterhous, Robert Sunderland, Edmund Wodhead and John Bentley, sworn.

Barkisland George Rawnesley, constable, John Firthe, Edmund

tyme 12d.

Item, we lay a payn that if any wash any wooll in or about the well in Edward Baracloughs croft, in payn of everie default 2s.

Item, we lay a payn upon the inhabitants of Brighthouse that if they defile the townes well in the fold of Richard Sutcliff by skouring clothes *or any* lifting or any other thing, for every default 6s 8d.

Item, we present John Hanson for gathering manure one tyme, contrary to a payne 12d.

<Item, we payne agayne that none shall gather maynor of the common of this towneship, in payne of 12d.>

Item, we lay a payn that if any person or persons do use to lay leapes in any brook to tak trouts in spawning tyme, for everie default so seen committed 3s 4d.

Item, we do payne Richard Sutclef for to tak away all such wood carts as he hath layd in the heigway to tak them away betwext this and Mydsomer next, in payn of 33s 4d.

Inquisition Hipperholme Samuell Hooll [no endorsement]

B (i) 2 May a° 1609 Rastricke

Thomas Malinson, constable

The 4 men: John Goodheire / John Fox / Arthure Hirste / Roberte Hauldsworth

Inprimis, we laye in paine that Robert Thorpp, tenant and occupier of Nethermilne <att Brighthouse, pull downe so mucche of the Nethermilne Damme there> as dothe stopp <and hynder> the common and awncyente hiewaye thorowe the olde forde in the water of Calder before the 24th daye of June next, upon peyne of £6 13s 4d and likewise to kepe the same so pulled downe £6 13s 4d.

Item, we laye in paine that no person dwellinge forth of the towneshipp of Rastricke shall putt any horsse, kyne or sheep to our common of Rastricke, upon peyne of everye horse or mare for everye tyme 3s 4d, for every cowe 20d everye tyme, and for everye sheepe 4d

Item, (whereas heretofore there hath been diverse horsses, kine and sheepe depasturinge of our common of Rastricke and for that it was not nor coulde not be certainlye knowne howe they was put to the same common and so thereupon was the more imboldind to lett them there remayne) we laye in paine that the owners of everye such cattell shall peye for everye horse or mare remayninge there by the space of seaven dayes 6s 8d, for everye cowe by the licke space 3s 4d and for everye sheep so remayninge by the like space 8d.

Item, we laye in payne that John Fox son of John and Arthur Hirste (oversears of the comon dayworks) shall before the 21 daye of this instante month of Maye make for the kings pound in Rastrick a yate with sufficiente dearns and a good locke and keye of the townes charge and the rales and fence of the same sufficient and lawefull, upon peine of 6s 8d.

Item, we laye in paine that no person shall use a waye over any mans land within this township where there is not a common or lawefull waye, upon peyne of everye tyme so seene or knowne 3s 4d.

Item, whereas **William Malinson** was pained att the laste courte to sett righte his hedge in Tothill streete, we find the same to be amended.

Item, we laye in paine that all persons dwellinge in the town shall make their owte fences good and lawefull before the 20^{tie} daye this monthe *next comminge* upon paine of every default 3s 4d.

Item, we laye in paine that no person shall chase any sheep upon the common with dogges, upon peine of everye tyme so doinge 12d.

[signed] Samuell Hooll

Rastrick [no endorsement]