

Manor of Lughton Bussard alias

Grovebury

19th October 1704

Essoins-nil

Suits-nil

Default tenants and Residents

View of Frankpledge with Court Baron of John Isham Esquire, farmer, Dean and Canon of the liberty of the Chapel Royal of St. George within the castle of Windsor held at Lughton Bussard aforesaid 19th October 1704 in the third year of the reign of our lady Queen Anne by Grace of God, Queen of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, defender of the faith etc. Held before Francis Neale, gentleman deputy steward.

Jurors:

Richard Leach	Arthur Tarsey	William Freeman
Edward Ashwell junr.	Thomas Coles	Thomas Valentyne
William Ulupham junr.	Richard Poynton	Richard Norcott
Edward Ashwell junr.	John Ashwell	Edward Stare
John Bedcott	Thomas Burneham	John Capon

The Jurors charged with various articles touching the court viz Court of Frankpledge and Court Baron, they say and on their oath that Richard Latt, Richard Yates, Henry Daniel, William Tompkins and many others and are tenants or residents of this manor and they owe suit to this court and now to this day make default but by grace of the lord their emercement is spared.

Recovery in favour of Edward Roberts

Likewise to this court was presented for homage John Halsey and Elizabeth his wife, John Hogg and William Miller, customary tenants of this manor (she the said Elizabeth was examined alone and secretly by Francis Neale gentleman, deputy steward of the manor aforesaid and declared that she without [...] and compulsion the aforesaid John Halsey is co-sworn) 19th October the year of our Lord 1704 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid through the hands of Edward Roberts senior and Edward Roberts junior, two of the customary tenants of the same manor according to

Admission of John Ashwell

the customs of the manor aforesaid. **All that** half-virgate of meadow lying in a meadow called Billington Long Meade with its appurtenances lying within the manor aforesaid bordering the land of Richard Whymett to the east and the land of George Louxley gentleman to the west. **to the use and behoof of** John Ashwell his heirs and assigns in perpetuity. And now to this court came the aforesaid John Ashwell. And he asked the lord to admit himself tenant to the premises aforesaid by the steward of his court, then granted seisin by the rod.

To have and to hold the aforesaid premises with appurtenances by the aforementioned John Ashwell his heirs and assigns in perpetuity from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to the customs of the aforesaid manor thence the rents and services previously owed and customary law and he gave the lord is entry fine.

Richard Leech claimed against John Ashwell tenant

And the aforesaid John was then admitted tenant and did fealty to the lord etc

And afterwards namely to the court in session came Richard Leech in his own person and complains against the aforesaid John Ashwell in a plea of land, namely the aforesaid half-virgate of meadow and aforesaid premises with appurtenances in a meadow called Billington Long Meade within the jurisdiction of this manor. And he protested to pursue his claim in this court.

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In the form and nature of a queen's writ of entry by *Disseisin En le Post* at common law. And he furnished pledges for his suit namely John Doe and Richard Roe. And he proceeds with his claim. And commenced it etc. And the aforesaid John Ashwell present in this court responding gratuitously offered seisin to the aforesaid Richard Leech in respect of the aforesaid plea. And here upon the said Richard Leech in his own self claims against the aforesaid John Ashwell the aforesaid semi-virgate of meadow and aforesaid premises with appurtenances in Billington aforesaid within the jurisdiction of this court that right and in his inheritance and in which the same John Ashwell did not have entry except after disseisin because Hugo Hunt thence unjustly and without Judgement made to the aforesaid Richard Leech thirty years since elapsed. And whence he said that he was seised of the tenements and premises aforesaid with the appurtenances in his demesne as of fee and right held by copy of the manor Roll aforesaid at the will of the lord according to

Witnesses: John Halsey and wife and all
vouchees

the customs of the manor in times of peace in the time of our lady Queen now thence fully occupied to the value etc. And in that etc. And thence the said suit made etc. And on this the aforesaid John Ashwell in his own person came and defended his right when etc. And he called then to warrant John Halsey and Elizabeth his wife, John Hogg and William Miller whom similarly are present here in court in their own persons. And they freely warrant to him the tenements and premises with appurtenances aforesaid etc. And here upon the same Richard Leech claims against the aforementioned John Halsey and Elizabeth his wife, John Hogg and William Miller tenants to warrant for his tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances in form aforesaid etc. And thence he said that [...] he was seised of the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances in his demesne and as of fee and right held by copy of the manor roll aforesaid according to the customs of this manor in times of peace in the times of the lady queen now fully occupied to the value etc. And in that etc. And thence is made the suit etc. And here upon the aforesaid John Halsey & Elizabeth his wife in their own persons, John Hogg and William Miller tenants as his vouchees came and defended his right when etc. And further then called to witness Arthur Tarsey who is similarly present here in court in his own person and freely warrants to him the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances etc and here upon the same Richard Leech claims against the aforementioned Arthur Tarsey tenant to vouch for his tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances in the form aforesaid etc. Thence he said that [.....] was seised of the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances in his demesne and as of fee and right held by copy of the manor Roll at the will of the lord according to the customs of this manor in times of peace in the time of the lady Queen thence now fully occupied etc. And in that etc. And thence he made the suit etc. And here upon the aforesaid Arthur Tarsey tenant as his vouchee in his own person came to this court and defended his right when etc. And he said that the aforesaid Hugo Hunt did not disseise the aforementioned Richard Leach of the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances claimed by the same Richard Leech by his suit and his warranty aforesaid, as supposed above. And because of this he submits himself to homage of the court of the lord of the manor aforesaid. And the aforesaid Richard Leach then asked permission to imparle for upto a quarter of an hour past noon of the same day. And he had etc. And the same time was given to the aforementioned

Warranty

Arthur Tarsey vouchee

Plea

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Default

Judgement

Order of Seisin

Thence recovery

Admission of Richard Leach demanded

Arthur Tarsey being her in court etc. And afterwards, namely at the aforesaid quarter hour past noon of the same day the same Richard Leach re-entered the court in his own self and the aforesaid Arthur Tarsey although he customarily left did not return but vanished in contempt of court and made default according to the customs of the manor aforesaid judgement was given by the court that the said Richard Leach should recuperate his seisin against the aforementioned John Ashwell of the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances. And that the same John Ashwell holds of the land and customary tenants the aforesaid John Halsey and Elizabeth his wife, John Hogg and William Miller to the value of etc. And that same John Halsey and Elizabeth his wife, John Hogg and William Miller last held the land and customary tenants of the aforesaid Arthur Tarsey to the value etc. And the same Arthur Tarsey is in the mercy etc. And here upon the aforesaid Richard Leach requested a court order in the nature of a lady queen's writ giving full seisin of the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances guided by the officer of the court And recovery was granted by this judiciary etc. And afterwards namely to that same court in session came the aforesaid Richard Leach in his own person, and the court official namely Jacob Burtmaster expertly at that place and amended the aforesaid order. And the aforesaid official certified to the court that he directed the excellent order this nineteenth day of October to have made to the aforementioned Richard Leach full seisin of and in the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances and in this manner the preferred recovery as per the order to himself was ordered And afterwards on the same day to this same court in session in full execution of the judgement and the recoverer aforesaid came the aforesaid Richard Leach in his own person And asked the lord to admit himself tenant to the tenements and premises aforesaid according to the form and effect of the recovery aforesaid and according to the customs of the manor aforesaid to whom the lord of the manor aforesaid granted then seisin by the rod. **To have and to hold** the tenements and premises aforesaid (per his direction of Richard Leach's recovery and the aforementioned with appurtenances to the same Richard Leach his heirs and assigns in perpetuity from the lord by the rod at the wish of the lord according to the customs of the manor aforesaid for the rents and services previously owed and by right, custom and he gave the lord his entry fine. And then was admitted tenant and the aforesaid Richard Leach did fealty to the lord. And afterwards namely and

Surrender and Recovery tenants,
vouchees etc.

to this same court came the aforesaid John Ashwell, John Halsey and Elizabeth his wife, John Hogg, William Miller and Arthur Tarsey in their own selves the aforesaid Elizabeth was herself secretly examined alone by the court's steward and consented thereto) and in full and open court surrendered by the rod into the hands of its steward aforesaid All and singular of the tenements and premises aforesaid recovered as before **to the use and behoof** of the said Richard Leach is heirs and assigns in perpetuity. And furthermore , for his heirs, executors and his administrators and of them whatsoever separately and respectively freely all and absolute conceded mitigated and inperpetuity they quitclaimed the aforementioned Richard Leach (in full and peaceful possession and existing seisin) and his heirs and assigns holders of the legal title interested claimants and ask whatsoever of themselves John Ashwell, John Halsey and Elizabeth, John Hogg and William Miller and any of them concerning the semi-virgate of meadow in the meadow called Billington Long Meade and premises aforesaid with appurtenances or all part and parcel thence also all and every error and errors, cause and causes, error and errors, mispresentation, defect, erroneous processes whatsoever and in whatsoever way hold, granted permissions or accomplished in a suit, plea, judicial process in and execution in full of his aforesaid full recovery. And afterwards namely, to this court in session came the aforesaid Richard Leach in his own self. And in full and open court surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of the said steward of his manor aforesaid according to the customs of this manor All that semi-virgate of meadow lying in the meadow called Billington Long Meade in Billington aforesaid within the manor aforesaid and all those premises that he recovered and with anything appertaining to it **to the use and behoof** of Edward Roberts junior of Billington aforesaid, yeoman, his heir and assigns for ever. And now to this court came the aforesaid Edward Roberts junior and he asks the lord to admit himself tenant to the premises aforesaid, to whom the lord through his Steward aforesaid then granted seisin by the rod. **To have and to hold** the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid Edward Roberts junior his heirs and assigns for ever from the lord, by the rod, at the lord's wish, according to the custom of the manor aforesaid, by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed. And he gave the lord his entry fine (as shown in the margin) did fealty to the lord and then was admitted tenant.

Surrender of the recovered to the uses of
Edward Robert

Surrender John Hogg and wife to Edward*
Roberts junior

[*Edward in margin]

Likewise it was presented by the homage to this court that John Hogg junior of Aldbury in the county of Hertforshire malster, a customary tenant of this manor aforesaid and Elizabeth his wife (firstly, she herself the said Elizabeth, was examined alone and secretly by Francis Neale gentleman deputy Steward of the manor aforesaid, and declared that she herself did without pressure or compulsion by her aforesaid husband) on the nineteenth Day of October in the year of our Lord 1704 surrendered into hands of the lord of the said manor through the hands of Andrew Gladman and John Ashwell, two other customary tenants of this manor, according to the custom of the manor aforesaid, **All** that one messuage or tenement in which John Miller now dwells with all houses, outbuildings, buildings, granaries, stables, areas, structures, gardens, orchards and backhouses thereto adjacent and belonging situated and existing in Billington in the parish of Loughton Bussard in the county of Bedfordshire. Also all those his four separate closes of arable land and pasture containing by estimation together eight acres (more or less existing) lying together in Billington aforesaid, on the rear side of the said messuage and thereto adjacent and belonging. Also all those his nine and half acres by estimation, more or less of arable land existing and lying dispersed in the fields of Billington aforesaid and Stanbridge in the parish of Loughton Bussard aforesaid. Also all other of John Hogg's customary land tenements and hereditaments whatsoever held by copy of the court roll of the manor aforesaid with his and all of his appurtenances **to the use and behoof of** Edmund* Roberts junior of Billington aforesaid, yeoman, his heir and assigns for ever. And now to this court came the aforesaid Edward Roberts and asks the lord to admit himself to the premises aforesaid, to whom the lord through his steward aforesaid then granted seisin by the rod. **To have and to hold** the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid Edward Bates [transcription error for Roberts?], his heirs and assigns, from the lord by the rod, at the lord's wish, according to custom of the manor aforesaid, by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed. And he gave the lord his entry fine did fealty to the lord and was then admitted tenant.

Admission of Robert Clarke

Likewise to this court came Robert Clarke of Heath in the parish of Loughton Bussard in the county of Bedfordshire tailor and he asked the lord to admit himself tenant **To All** that several pieces or parcels of arable and grass land containing together three acres, more or less, existing, lying, dispersed in the fields of Heath and Reach in the parish of Loughton Bussard aforesaid in the county of Bedfordshire according to the form and effect of the surrender made to himself and his heirs by Robert Marks, Richard Seabrooke and Mary Cooke widow and it was presented by the homage, in the proper manner, at the last court related more fully and clearly accordingly in the rolls of this court, to whom the lord through his steward aforesaid then granted seisin by the rod. **To have and to hold** the aforesaid premises with appurtenances by the aforesaid Robert Clarke his heirs and assigns for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to the custom of the manor aforesaid by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed and he gave the lord the fine for such an estate and his entry. He did fealty to the lord and was then admitted tenant.

Admission of Turner and wife

Likewise to this court came Mark Turner of Loughton Bussard in the county of Bedfordshire and Elizabeth his wife in their own persons and ask the lord to admit themselves tenants **to all** that bay structure (in English: *A bay of building*) with malting floor, a malt loft (in English: *A malt loft*) above it and one other malting floor of one bay structure thereto adjacent existing constructed etc., lying across the January way (in English: *over the gateway*) and adjacent to the lane called Grigg Lane in Loughton Bussard in the county of Bedfordshire with land and foundation on which the structures are built and on which the said gateway and malting floor now stands and exists with their appurtenances according to the form and effect of the surrender made by Katherine Turnpenny, gentlewoman, to the said Mark Turner and Elizabeth his wife and the heirs and assigns of the said Mark for ever, and the proper manner in law was found at the last Court described more fully and clearly in the court rolls, to whom the lord through his steward aforesaid then granted seisin by the rod. **To have and to hold** the aforesaid premises with appurtenances by the said Mark and Elizabeth and the heirs and assigns of the aforesaid Mark for ever from the lord by the rod, at the lord's wish, according to the custom of the manor aforesaid, according to the form and effect of the surrender aforesaid, by rents and services formerly owed, and by right accustomed. And they gave to the lord their entry fine and did fealty to the lord and were then admitted tenants.

Death of Thomas Ellingham

Likewise it was found by the homage at this court that Thomas Ellingham, lately a customary tenant of this manor, who whilst he lived held to himself and his heirs from the lord, by the rod, at the lord's wish, according to the custom of the manor aforesaid, by rents and services thence formerly owed and by right accustomed, a rood of customary meadow lying within the manor aforesaid with appurtenances. Since the last court he died thus seised and that Thomas Ellingham is his grandson and next heir, to whom the aforesaid premises should descend. And now to this court came the aforesaid Thomas Ellingham grandson and heir of the said Thomas Ellingham his grandfather deceased and asked the lord to admit himself tenant to the premises aforesaid, to whom the lord through his steward aforesaid then granted seisin by the rod. **To have and to hold** the aforesaid premises with appurtenances by the aforesaid Thomas Ellingham his heirs and assigns for ever from the Lord, by the rod, at the Lord's wish, according to custom of the manor aforesaid, by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed. And he gave to the lord his entry fine and was then admitted tenant.

Admission of Thomas Ellingham heir

Surrender Tarsey to *Pheasant

[*in text Feasant]

Likewise it was presented by the homage to this court that Arthur Tarsey, a customary tenant of this manor, outside court and soon after the last court, namely on the twenty-ninth day of July last aforementioned, surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod into the hands of Richard Harris and Thomas Prockter junior, two other customary tenants of this manor, according to the custom of the aforesaid manor **All that** his piece of land lying and existing in the North End of Lughton Bussard aforesaid next to the land appurtenances of the poor of Lughton on the southern side thence similarly with all water ways common water courses aforesaid and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any manner appertaining **to the use and behoof of** James Feasant, his heirs and assigns for ever, he himself the said James maintaining and keeping the fences belonging to the said piece of ground in repair and that on the north east pertaining to the said piece of ground now separately bounded. And now to this court comes James Feasant and asks the lord to admit himself tenant to the premises aforesaid, to whom the lord through his Steward aforesaid then granted seisin by the rod. **To have and to hold** the aforesaid premises with appurtenances by aforementioned James Feasant his heirs and assigns for ever from the lord, by the rod, at the wish of the lord, according to the custom of the manor aforesaid, by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed. And he gave to the lord his entry fine. And he was then admitted tenant the aforesaid James did fealty to the lord.

Death of Charles Hall

Likewise it was presented by the homage at this court that Charles Hall, lately a customary tenant of this manor, who whilst he was living, held for himself and his heirs by the rod, at the lord's wish, according to the customs of the manor aforesaid, a customary messuage, a pightie, a close of pasture, and one acre of arable land with appurtenances in Lughton Bussard with his appurtenances [repeated in error?]. Since the last court he died thus seised. And that the said Charles Hall, outside court and since the last court in his life, namely on the eleventh day of August last aforesaid, surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid, by the rod into the hands of Richard Leach and John Ashwell, two other customary tenants of this manor, according to custom of this manor **All and Singular** his customary messuage, cottage, close, land, tenements and hereditaments held from this manor with his and all of his appurtenances **to the use and behoof** of Mary Hall wife of the late Charles Hall her heirs and assigns for ever. **Provided nevertheless**, that if the said Charles Hall should be living on the last day of July next following after the date of the said surrender, or if the said Charles Hall at some other time before the said last day of July, have revoked or declared that the said surrender to be void and to have no effect, that then the surrender aforesaid will be void, otherwise to be in full force. And the homage lastly present that the said Charles Hall died soon after granting the surrender aforesaid and before the said last day of July next following and that the said surrender at any time before the aforesaid last day of July was never revoked or declared to be void. And now to his court came Mary Hall widow and relict of the said Charles Hall deceased, and asks the Lord to admit herself tenant to the aforesaid premises to whom the lord through his steward aforesaid then granted seisin by the rod. **To have and to hold** the premises aforesaid with appurtenances to the said Mary Hall her heirs and assigns forever, from the lord by the rod, at the lord's wish, according to the customs of the manor aforesaid, by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed. And she gave to the lord her entry fine. And the aforesaid Mary was admitted tenant and she did fealty to the lord.

Surrender of John Roberts and wife

Likewise to this court came John Robert and Anna his wife, one of the six daughters and co-heir of William Birdsey, lately a customary tenant of this manor deceased, (first, she the said Anna, was examined alone and secretly by Frances Neale gentleman the steward of the manor aforesaid and consented thereto) and in full and open Court surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod, through the hands of his steward aforesaid, according to the customs of this manor **ALL** of those six parts (the total divided into six parts) of one messuage or tenement and forty acres of arable and grass land and four acres, more or less, of land called Lammas Ground existing and lying dispersed within the Fields and Precinct of Eggington and Clipson within the manor aforesaid which descended and came to the said Anna upon the decease and death of the said William Birdsey, firstly on his death. Also, all other customary land, tenements, and hereditaments with appurtenances whatsoever held by them, John Roberts and Anne his wife, from the manor aforesaid **to the use and behoof** of William Valentyne of Eggington aforesaid, yeoman, his heirs and assigns for ever. And now to his court came the said William Valentyne and asked the lord to admit him tenant to the premises aforesaid. To whom the lord through his steward then granted seisin by the rod. **To have and to hold** the premises aforesaid, with appurtenances, by the aforesaid William Valentyne, his heirs and assigns for ever, from the lord by the rod, at the wish of the lord, according to the customs of the manor aforesaid, by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed. And he gave the lord his entry fine and the aforesaid William Valentyne was admitted tenant and did fealty to the lord.

Admission of Edward Seare on death of his father

Likewise at this court it was presented by the homage that Edward Seare, lately a customary tenant of this manor, who whilst he lived, held to himself and his heirs, from the lord by the rod, at the wish of the lord, according to custom of the manor aforesaid, a customary cottage or tenement with appurtenances in Lughton Bussard aforesaid. Since the last court died thus thence seised and that Edward Seare is his son and next heir. And furthermore, it was found and believed by the homage that the said Edward Seare deceased, in his life, and before his death, namely on the twenty ninth day of November in the year of our Lord 1703, surrendered into the hands of the lord of this manor by the rod through the hands of Edward Ashwell Senior and John Ashwell, two other customary tenants of the manor aforesaid, according to the customs of the this manor **All that** his cottage with appurtenances in which the said Edward Seare and Maria Spitlethorpe now widow dwelt, with all and singular houses, buildings, structures granaries, stables, shops, cellars, spaces and backhouse thence adjoining and belonging situated and existing in Lughton Bussard aforesaid in the said county of Bedfordshire. Also all other, his customary property, land, tenements and hereditaments, whatsoever, held by the late Edward Seare from the manor aforesaid, with all and singular his appurtenances **to the use and behoof** of his last will and testament of the aforesaid Edward Seare to wit **to the use and behoof** of such person or persons, such estate and estates, use and uses, and upon such condition and limitation, intentions and purposes of what kind he, the said Edward Seare, in and by his last wish, made in the proper manner in writing, now executed and attested, or by any other writing by Edward himself to be sealed and signed in [...] three or more credible persons nominated, limited, or appointed or customary limited or appointed, shall give or devise the same and to and by no other use, or intention, or purpose whatsoever. **Provided always**, and upon this condition, that if the said Edward Seare were to be living at the end of the year next following the date of this surrender, or if the said Edward Seare at some other time within the space of the said one year revoked, or declared the aforesaid surrender to be void, that then the aforesaid surrender should be void, otherwise to be in full force, according to the rolls of the penultimate court within them it is fully clear and apparent. And furthermore, it was believed by the homage that soon after conferring the surrender the said Edward Seare did compose his last will and testament in writing,

now made and attested, and likewise he gave and devised the cottage and premises aforesaid as the aforementioned surrender

to the said Edward Seare, his son and heir and his heirs, as in the last will and testament of the late Edward Seare deceased, more fully and clearly narrated (therein). And furthermore, the homage present that the said Edward Seare died soon after the granting [the surrender] and [writing] his last will as aforementioned, and before the end of the year next following the date of the same surrender, and that the surrender was never revoked by himself, or declared to be void, and now stands and remains in full power. And now to this court comes the aforesaid Edward Seare, son and heir of the aforesaid Edward Seare deceased, and asks the lord to admit him tenant to the aforesaid cottage and premises aforesaid with appurtenances, to whom the lord through his steward then granted seisin by the rod. **To have and to hold** the cottage and aforesaid premises with appurtenances to the aforesaid Edward Seare, son, his heirs and assigns, from the lord by the rod, at the wish of the lord, according to the form and effect of the surrender and as the last will commanded, according to the custom of the aforesaid manor, by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed. And he gave to the lord his entry fine for such an estate and the aforesaid Edward was admitted and did fealty to the lord.

Admission of George Windsor on the death of William Windsor his brother.

Likewise at this Court it was found and believed by the homage that William Windsor lately a customary tenant of this manor, who whilst he lived, held from the lord of the manor, by the rod, at the wish of the lord, according to custom of the manor aforesaid, by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed, one customary cottage or tenement with appurtenances in Lighton, died thence seised without issue. And that George Windsor is his brother and next heir, to whom the premises aforesaid ought to descend. And now to this Court comes the aforesaid George Windsor, brother, and next heir of the aforesaid William Windsor and he asks the lord to admit himself tenant to the aforesaid premises, to whom the lord through his steward aforesaid then granted seisin by the rod. **To have and to hold** the aforesaid premises with appurtenances by the aforementioned George Windsor his heirs and assigns for ever, from the lord by the rod, at the lord's wish, according to the custom of the manor aforesaid, by rents and services thence formerly owed and by right accustomed. And he gave to the lord his entry fine. And he was admitted tenant and whereupon the aforesaid Windsor did fealty to the lord.

Surrender Scrivener to Osmand

Likewise at this court it was found by the homage that William Scrivener, a customary tenant of this manor, outside court and since the last court namely on the fourteenth day of October last past, surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid, by the rod, through the hands of Richard Poynton and John Ashwell, two other customary [tenants-missing] of the manor aforesaid, according to the customs of this manor **All** that his half-acre of arable land by estimation, more or less, existing lying in [Leck..?] Middle Field in Lughton Bussard in the county of Bedfordshire in a certain furlong, at a place called Lecbrooke Furlong, with Thomas Foster's land lying to the east, and William Lord's land lying to the west, with appurtenances **to the use and behoof of** John Osmond of Lughton Bussard aforesaid, Innholder, his heirs and assigns, for ever. And now to this court comes the aforesaid John Osmond and asks the lord to admit himself tenant to the premises aforesaid, which the lord through his steward then granted seisin by the rod. **To have and to hold** the aforesaid premises to the aforementioned John Osmond, his heirs and assigns, for ever from the lord by the rod, at the lord's wish, according to the custom of the manor aforesaid, by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed. And he gave to the lord his entry fine. And he was then admitted tenant. And thereupon the aforesaid John Osmond did fealty to the lord

Surrender of Richard Cooke to
The use of Elizabeth his wife for life
Remainder Thomas Cooke

Likewise at this court it was believed by the homage that Richard Cooke, a customary tenant of this manor, on the third day of April last past, surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid, by the rod, through the hands of Edward Ashwell and John Ashwell, two other customary tenants of this manor, according to the customs of the manor aforesaid **all that** his cottage or tenement, in which William Perkins now or lately dwelt, with all and singular houses, outhouses, buildings, structures, granaries, stables areas, gardens, orchards and backhouses, and a close pasture called The Grove containing by estimation two acres ,more or less, existing thereto adjoining and belonging situated and existing in Billington in the parish of Loughton Bussard in the county of Bedfordshire. Also, all that his four perches and half of one perch of meadow lying in the meadow called Billington Meade in the parish of Loughton Bussard aforesaid. Also, all pasture and four cows in the common called Summerlys with his and all of his appurtenances, **to the use and behoof of** Elizabeth then widow of the late Richard Cooke and for, and during the term of her natural life, (she herself the said Elizabeth doing no damage). To from and after her decease, **to the use and behoof of** Thomas Cooke son of the said Richard Cooke, his heirs and assigns for ever. **Provided always,** and on this condition, that if the said Richard Cooke should be living on the last day of March next after the date of this surrender, or if the said Richard Cooke at some other time before the last day of March, shall revoke the surrender aforesaid or declare the same surrender to have no effect, that then the aforesaid surrender would be void, or otherwise to remain and to be in full force and virtue. And furthermore, it was found and believed by the homage that the said Richard Cooke died soon after the granting of the surrender aforesaid and before the last day of March next after the date of this surrender, and that the surrender aforesaid, was never revoked, or declared by himself Richard, at any time, before the said last day of March and it now stands and exists in full force and virtue. Nevertheless, Elizabeth Cooke widow, lately wife of the said Richard Cooke, and Thomas Cooke son of the late Richard Cooke, are required to come to court to make and receive etc. They did not come and so the first proclamation was made.

Surrender Richard Cooke

To use of Thomas Cooke

Likewise at this court it was found and believed by the homage that Richard Cooke, a customary tenant of this manor, out of court, namely on the second day of November in the year of our Lord 1703, surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid, through the hands of Henry Millard senior and John Ashwell, two other customary tenants of this manor, according to the custom of the manor aforesaid, **all those** his seven acres and one half acre of arable land subcessive land grassland by estimation, more or less, existing, lying, dispersed in the fields of Billington in the parish of Loughton Bussard in the county of Bedfordshire then in the tenure and occupation of the said Richard Cooke with all and singular his appurtenances **to the use and behoof** of Thomas Cooke son of the said Richard Cooke his heirs and assigns for ever. **Provided always,** and by this condition, that if it should come to pass that Richard Cooke should be living on the last day of October next after the date of the same surrender, or if Richard Cooke at some other time before the said last day of October shall revoke or declare the aforesaid surrender to have null effect, that then the surrender aforesaid is void, otherwise to remain and to be in full power and virtue. And furthermore, it was found and believed by the homage that the said Richard Cooke died soon after the granting of the aforesaid surrender and before the said last day of October next after the date of the same surrender, and that the surrender aforesaid was never revoked or declared by Richard himself on some other time before his death to have null effect and it now stands in full power. Nevertheless, Thomas Cooke is required to come to court to make and receive etc. but did not come, therefore, the first proclamation was made etc.

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Surrender Anne Moreton to the use of

Thomas Herbert

Likewise at this court it was found and believed by the homage that Anna Moreton widow, a customary tenant of this manor, out of court, namely on the twentieth day of July in the year of our Lord 1704, surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid, through the hands of John Lake and John Ashwell, two other customary tenants of this manor, according to the custom of the manor aforesaid, **All and singular** customary land, tenements and hereditaments, whatsoever, formerly held by the said Anne Moreton by copy of the court rolls of the manor aforesaid, with all and singular of her and all of her appurtenances **to the use and behoof** of Thomas Herbert, citizen and Victualler of London, and Anne his wife, for and during the term of her life, and for the life of the longer living of them. And after the decease of the survivor of them, **to the use and behoof** of John Gale and George Gale, sons of George Gale, lately of Woodburne in the County of Bedfordshire, yeoman, deceased, their heirs and assigns for ever. Nevertheless, Thomas Herbert and Anna his wife, John and George Gale, are required to appear in court to make and receive etc. They did not come, nor any of them came. Therefore, the first proclamation was made.

Surrender of Daniel Keepe and his wife
To the use of Griffith and wife.

At this Court it was found and believed by the homage that Daniel Keepe and Constance Clotilda, his wife, a customary tenant of this manor, (she herself, the said Constance Clotilda, was first examined alone and secretly by Richard Harris, Gentleman, then deputy Steward of the said manor, and declared that she herself, without intimidation or compulsion from her husband aforesaid) outside court, on the second day of June 1704 surrendered by the rod, into the hands of the lord of the manor, by the hands of the aforesaid Richard Harris, then deputy steward of the manor aforesaid, **All that** half or halved part of a messuage or tenement with appurtenances situated and existing in Heath and Reach, together with all houses, buildings, granaries, stables, spaces, gardens, orchards, backhouse thereto belonging. Also, the half or halved part of one hundred and eight acres of arable land and successive land and eight acres, more or less, of meadow existing and lying dispersed in closes, fields, and meadows in Heath and Reach aforesaid, with their appurtenances **to the use and behoof** of William Griffith and Sarah Spencer, his wife, and the heirs and assigns of the said Sarah Spencer for ever. **Provided always**, and saving this condition, that if the said Daniel Keepe and Constance Clotilda his wife, or one, or either of their heirs, executors, or administrators, should well and truly pay or cause to be paid to the aforesaid William Griffith his executors, or administrators, or assigns the full sum of three hundred and fifteen pounds of good and lawful English money on the twenty-ninth day of September next following the same date of the surrender aforesaid, then this surrender will have null and void effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue. And further, it was found and believed by the homage that the said sum of three hundred and fifteen pounds mentioned in the conditional surrender, made by himself Daniel Keepe and Constance Clotilda his wife, to the same William Griffith and Sarah Spencer his wife, as aforesaid payment on the twenty-ninth day of September last aforesaid was not paid according to the condition aforesaid in the said surrender specified, nor so far, is paid. Nevertheless, William Griffith and Sarah Spencer are required to appear in court to make and receive etc. and they did not come, nor either of them came, and so the first proclamation was made.

Surrender Richard Hilton to Josiah
Keetch

At this Court it was found and believed by the homage that Richard Hilton a customary tenant of this manor surrendered out of court namely on the twenty second day of June Anno Domini 1704 into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of Richard Higbed and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of this manor All those his acres of arable land with appurtenances lying in the fields of Lughton Bussard in the county of Bedfordshire with their appurtenances **to the use and behoof** of Josiah Keetch (son of Anne Keetch widow) his heirs and assigns for ever **Provided** always and on the condition that if the said Richard Hilton is living on the last day of May next following the date of the same surrender aforesaid or if the said Richard Hilton at some other time before the said last day of May shall have revoked the aforesaid surrender or declared the same surrender to have no effect then this surrender aforesaid is to be void otherwise to remain in full force. And furthermore, it was found and believed by the homage that the said Richard Hilton soon after the granting of the said surrender aforesaid and before the aforesaid last day of May died and that the said surrender aforesaid was never at any time revoked by Richard Hilton himself during his life or declared to have no effect And now stands and exists in full force. Nevertheless, Josiah Keetch is required to come to court to make and receive etc. he did not come and therefore the first proclamation is made.

Surrender and death of Thomas Cherry

At this Court it was found and believed by the homage that Thomas Cherry, a customary tenant of this manor, out of court, namely on the fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord 1704, surrendered by the rod into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid, through the hands of Thomas Foster and Edward Ashwell junior two other customary tenants of the same manor, according to the customs of the manor aforesaid, **All and Singular** a customary cottage, land, and tenements and hereditaments, whatsoever, of the said Thomas Cherry that he himself held by copy of the court rolls of this manor with All and Singular his and all of his appurtenances **to the use and behoof** such person and persons, and such estate and estates, use and uses, and on such provision, condition, and limitation of whatever kind, he the same Thomas Cherry, in and by his last Will and Testament, in the proper manner in writing, now executed and attested, used and limited, and settled, shall use, limit, settle, give, appoint, and devise the very same. Provided always, that if the said Thomas Cherry should be living on the last day of May next following the date the same surrender, or if the said Thomas Cherry on some time before the said last day of May shall revoke the surrender aforesaid, or declare it to have null effect, then this surrender aforesaid to be void, otherwise to remain in full force. And furthermore, it was found by the homage that the said Thomas Cherry, soon after the granting of the said surrender aforesaid, and before the last day of May then next following, died and that the said surrender had never been revoked by the aforesaid Thomas Cherry at any time before his death, or declared by himself to have null effect and now stands and exists in full force and because no one came etc. So, the first proclamation is made etc.

Death of Charles Leigh

At this Court it was found and believed by the homage that the Honorable Charles Leigh, who as long as he lived, held to himself and his heirs by copy of the court rolls of this manor, a piece of customary meadow, also one close of customary pasture called Taylor's Close containing together by estimation seven acres, more or less, existing, also one granary containing two bay structures within the manor aforesaid. Since the last court he died thus seised. And that the Honourable Thomas Lord Leigh Baron of Stonleigh is his grandson and next heir to whom the aforesaid premises should descend. Nevertheless, Thomas Lord Leigh is required to appear in court to make and receive etc. He did not come. So, the first proclamation was made etc.

Death of Stephen Greene

At this Court it was found and believed by the homage that Stephen Greene, a customary tenant of this manor, who whilst he lived, held to himself and to his heirs from the lord of this manor aforesaid, by the rod, according to the custom of the same manor aforesaid, one small cottage or tenement with appurtenances and also a small backhouse belonging and appertaining to the said cottage. Since the last Court he died thus seized and that Stephen Greene is his eldest son and next heir and of full age, to whom the aforesaid premises should descend. Nevertheless, Stephen Greene, the son, is required to come to court to make and receive etc. He did not come and so the first proclamation is made etc.

Death of George Lawley

At this Court it was found and believed by the homage that George Lawley, a customary tenant of this manor, who whilst he lived, held from the lord of this manor by the rod, at the wish of the lord, according to the customs of the aforesaid manor, a cottage or tenement, three closes of pasture containing together by estimation ten acres. more or less, and twelve acres of arable and subcessive land with appurtenances. Since the last court he died thus seized and that George Lawley is his eldest son and next heir Nevertheless, George Lawley is required to come to court to make and receive etc. He did not come and so the first proclamation is made etc.

Death of William Jellings

At this Court it was found and believed by the homage that William Jellings, a customary tenant of this manor, who whilst he lived, held from the lord of this manor by the rod, at the will of the lord, according to the customs of the manor aforesaid, a cottage or tenement, seventy seven acres of arable land and meadow, and ten acres of pasture, also several other customary lands, tenements, and hereditaments in Heath and Reach within the manor aforesaid. Since the last court he died thus seized, but the homage are ignorant of whom the heirs are. And because no one came the first proclamation is made etc.

Death of Richard Harris

At this Court it was found and believed by the homage that Richard Harris, a customary tenant of this manor, who whilst he lived, held from the lord of this manor to himself and his heirs by the rod, at the wish of the lord, according to the customs of the manor aforesaid one small piece of customary land his backhouse lying behind his messuage in Lughton Bussard within this manor. He died thus seized of this estate and that Wingfield Harris (now an infant) is his eldest son and next heir. Nevertheless, Wingfield Harris is required to appear in court to make and receive etc. and he did not come etc. So, the first proclamation was made.

3rd Proclamation for the heirs of
Lady Corbett

At this Court the third proclamation was made for the heirs of Lady Corbett to appear in court and receive from the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid **All and Singular** the customary tenements and hereditaments whatsoever held of this manor of which the said Lady Corbett died seized. And because no one came it was ordered by the manor Bailiff that seisin be made into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid of the tenements aforesaid with appurtenances etc.

3rd Proclamation for the heirs of
William Jenkins

At this Court because the heirs of William Jenkins, lately a customary tenant of this manor deceased, did not come to take his customary land and tenements, of which the said William Jenkins died seised, out of the hands of the lord of the manor, so the third proclamation was made. And on this it was ordered by the manor Bailiff that seisin be made into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid of the tenements aforesaid with appurtenances etc.

3rd Proclamation for the heirs of
Thomas Huxley

At this Court because the heirs of Thomas Huxley, also a customary tenant of this manor, lately deceased, did not come to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor **All and Singular** of his customary land, tenements, and hereditaments, whatsoever, held of this manor, of which the aforesaid Thomas Huxley died seised, so the third proclamation was made and upon this it was ordered by the manor Bailiff aforesaid, that seisin be made of the tenements and hereditaments aforesaid with appurtenances into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid

3rd Proclamation for the heirs of
James Harrowell

At this Court because the heirs of James Harrowell, a customary tenant of this manor lately deceased, did not come to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor his customary tenements and hereditaments held of this manor of which the said James Harrowell died seised, so the third proclamation was made. And upon this, it was ordered by the manor Bailiff aforesaid that seisin be made of the customary tenements and hereditaments with appurtenances aforesaid into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid.

3rd Proclamation for the heirs of
John Grissell

At this Court because the heirs of John Grissell, a customary tenant of this manor lately deceased, did not come to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid, **All and Singular** his customary tenements and hereditaments, whatsoever, held of this manor, of which the said John Grissell died seised, so the third proclamation was made. And upon this, it was ordered by the Bailiff of the lord of the manor that seisin be made of the customary tenements and hereditaments aforesaid with appurtenances into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid.