HERBERT WHEATLEY KNOCKER COLLECTION

Though based in London at 1 Mitre Court Buildings, the Temple, much of Captain H.W. Knocker's professional work as a solicitor dealt with Manors. On these, their courts, their history and procedure, he was regarded as a leading authority. He acted as Steward of many local manors in Kent and the area around Coventry and was a great collector of records dealing with this area. Captain Knocker is known to have donated collections of manuscript material to several institutions and this particular collection was presented to the University of Sydney Law School in April of 1938.

The items in the collection range in date from 1334 to 1935 and include not only manuscripts but also a small number of books and pamphlets. Among the various types of manuscript are charters of feoffment, deeds of grant, bargains and sales, fines, releases, and covenants.

Description and conveyancing notes regarding the items are based on notes by P.R. Watts, Reader in Conveyancy, Sydney University Law School.

TERMS USED

ADVOWSON. The right in English law of presenting or appointing a nominee to a vacant ecclesiastical benefice. In effect this means the right to nominate a person to hold a church office in a parish. In medieval England, an advowson was regarded as property, and could be bought and sold, as well as bequeathed.

AMERCEMENT. A sum of money levied as punishment for an offense, common during the Middle Ages, it could be imposed either by a court or by peers. While it is often synonymous with a fine, it differs in that a fine is a fixed sum prescribed by statute and was often voluntary, while an amercement is arbitrary.

CHIEF LORD OF THE FEE. After 1290, feoffments had to include a statement that the services relating to the land were held 'of the chief lord of the fee' (de capitalibus dominis feodi).

CHIROGRAPH. The chirograph was a legal agreement between two parties with the text of the document being copied out twice on the same sheet of parchment. Between the two versions the word CIROGRAPHUM, or some other word, was written, and the sheet was cut in half through this word, often with a wavy or serrated cut. The agreement could later be proven or ratified by the process of fitting together the two sheets, one of which was taken by each party to the agreement. This practice gave rise to a document being described as an "indenture", since these edges would be said to be "indented".

COVENANT. Under the common law a covenant was distinguished from an ordinary contract by the presence of a seal.

COPYHOLD. A form of landholding defined as a "holding at the will of the lord according to the custom of the manor." Its origin is found in the occupation by villeins, or nonfreemen, of portions of land belonging to the manor of the feudal lord, a copyhold being a parcel of land granted to a peasant by a lord in return for agricultural services. The transaction was recorded on the rolls of the manor by the steward, who gave the tenant an authenticated copy of the record.

DEFORCIANT. One who keeps out of possession the rightful owner of an estate.

DOWER. The provision which the law makes for the support of a widow during her lifetime out of income produced by the real estate owned by her husband during the marriage. This provision for the support of a widow is usually favoured over the claims of her deceased husband's creditors.

FEOFFMENT. In English law, the granting of a free inheritance of land (fee simple) to a man and his heirs. The delivery of possession (livery of seisin) was done on the site of the land and was made by the feoffor to the feoffee in the presence of witnesses. Written conveyances were often customary and, after 1677, mandatory. Feoffment is similar to a deed of gift, recording the sale of real property (land or buildings).

Although many other forms of conveyance developed from the sixteenth century onwards, feoffments continued to be used into the nineteenth century.
FRANKPLEDGE. A form of collective responsibility for good conduct, whereby every member of a tithing, or group of ten, was answerable for the good behaviour of the others, on pain of fine or amercement.

GAVELKIND. An English system of land tenure from Anglo-Saxon times to 1926 that provided for the equal division of land among all qualified heirs.

HABENDUM. Section in a deed and mortgage documents that defines the transfer (conveyance) of a property. It typically reads, "To have and to hold the premises herein granted unto the party of the second part (the grantee), his heirs and assigns forever."

MESSUAGE. A dwelling house with its outbuildings and adjacent land.

QUIT CLAIM. A term used to describe a document by which a person (the "grantor") disclaims any interest the grantor may have in a piece of real property and passes that claim to another person (the grantee). A quitclaim deed neither warrants nor professes that the grantor's claim is valid.

SEISIN. The legal possession of property. In law, the term refers more specifically to the possession of land by a freeholder.

Hence:

Livery of Seisin. A ceremony performed in medieval England that effected the transfer of land from one party to another. It involved a physical piece of land (a clod of earth or a twig) being given from the seller to the purchaser, to represent the passing of the freehold. A memorandum of livery of seisin was written onto the back of the document (endorsed) from the fifteenth century onwards. Livery of seisin was the dominant method of transferring land in England until 1536, and it continued to be legal until 1925. The term livery of seisin means simply "transfer of possession": livery means "delivery" and is from the Old French livrer, and seisin means "possession" and is from the Old French saisir or saisir. The concept behind livery of seisin, therefore, was the symbolic transfer of the possession of land.
LOCATIONS

Drawer

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A. Number. 109 - 130. (Printed material).
B. List of items by P. R. Watts.
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1. Conveyance by Feoffment.
Confirmatory feoffment, by Roger Bedell to Roger Miche the Elder, and Agnes, sister of Roger Bedell, and the heirs lawfully begotten between them and their assigns. [For] a plot of land in the Ville of St Stephen.
Dated Sunday next after the 6th January, 1334.

Conveyancing Notes: The purchasers are to hold of the chief Lords of the fee …. By the services therefore yearly due and accustomed.

Warranty: For a certain sum of money to me in hand paid as earnest money “(Gersumma)” and if it shall happen that the said Roger Miche and Agnes shall die without heirs lawfully begotten the said plot of land shall remain to the heirs of the said Roger Miche and their assigns in fee.
Sealed only. No signatures. Seven named witnesses.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 21 x 12 cm. Remains of seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

2. Conveyance by Feoffment.
Confirmatory feoffment, in fee simple by Gilbert Peche to Sir Reginald Cobham, Knight, [for] woodland in Eynsford, Kent, lying in a certain wood called Southwode with the soil thereof.
14th March 1341.

Conveyancing Notes: The purchaser is to hold of the chief Lords of the fee by the services therefor due and accustomed.

Warranty: Sealed only, not signed. Nine witnesses given in the document itself.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 24.5 x 8 cm. Seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

3. Conveyance by Feoffment.
Confirmatory feoffment by John Godyng to John Sampson, John Plane the Elder, John Bysshop the Elder, and John Tutsham the younger [for] a house and lands in Hadlow, Kent, with rents and services.
26th October 1458.

Conveyancing Notes: The purchaser is to hold of the chief Lords of the fee by the services therefore due and of right accustomed warranty.

Warranty: Sealed only. No signatures. Five named witnesses.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 32.5 x 15 cm. Seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

4. Conveyance by Feoffment.
Grant of feoffment by John Godewyn to Thomas Blaccker, Thomas Crown and John Rogger, to the use of said T. Blaccker [of] a house and one acre at Shipbourne, Kent, purchased by John Godewyn from Thomas Wattys.
20th March 1525.

Conveyancing Notes: The land to be held of the chief Lord of the fee thereof by the services due and of right accustomed.

Warranty: By grantor. Memorandum of Livery of Seisin endorsed.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 32 x 16 cm. Seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.
5. Conveyance by Feoffment.
Confirmatory feoffment in fee simple by Thomas Smyth to Ralph Petley [for] three pieces of land called
Coryrth, Hewetts Gosse and Little Park, eighty acres in all, [at] Shreham, Kent.
31st May 1588.

Conveyancing Notes: The purchaser is to hold “held of the chief Lord of the fee thereof by the services due
and of right accustomed. “

Warranty: Note of Livery of Seisin endorsed.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 23.6 x 13.8 cm. Seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

6. Conveyance by Feoffment.
Feoffment by Nicasius Yetsweirt and Bartholemew Brokesby to Roger Keymeer [for] a cottage and half acre
of ground near the pound in East Greenwich, Kent.
11th March 1570.

Conveyancing Notes: The property is conveyed with all profits therefrom “ as from the time that it came into
the hands of our Lady Queen Elizabeth or to the hands of her late father (Henry VIII) brother of (Edward VI) or
her sister (Mary) or any of their progenitors ... as fully ... as the two grantors acquired it by gift of the Lady
Queen Elizabeth by Letters Patent dated 26th January 12., Elizabeth ... to hold of the Queen as of her Manor
of East Greenwich, Kent, by fealty only, in free socage and not in capite”.

Description. Manuscript on vellum. 48.5 x 38 cm. Two seals attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

7. Conveyance by Feoffment.
Grantor feoffment by Robert Byshop to John Freeman. ... of twelve acres in Wrotham and Shipbourne, Kent.
2nd April 1583.

Conveyancing Notes: The land is stated to be vested in Robert by reason of a partition made between him
and his three brothers John, Edward and Richard, and representing Robert’s fourth share of all the lands
which had been their father the late Thomas Byshop’s, and which descends by hereditary right to the four
sons as co-heirs of their father Thomas according to the custom of land of the tenure and nature of gavelkind
in Kent, as appeared by a deed of partition dated 2nd July 1565.
The purchaser is to hold of the chief Lords of the fee thereof by the rents and services heretofore due, and of
right accustomed.

Warranty: Memorandum of Livery and Seisin endorsed.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 31 x 23.5 cm. Remains of seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

8. Deed of Gift.
Feoffment by way of deed of gift by Robert Frenche the Elder to Henry Swainsland and William Dubble, upon
trust for grantor for life, with remainder to John Frenche his ffysthe son [of] two little pieces of land in
Shipbourne, Kent.
20th May 1614.

Conveyancing Notes: The trustees to hold “ of the hief Lord or Lords of the fee or fees thereof by rent and
service thereof to them first due and right accustomed.

Warranty: the usual memorandum as to Livery of Seisin is endorsed- although the grantor remained in
possession.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 37.5 x 31 cm. Seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.
9. Conveyance by Feoffment.
Feoffment on a sale for 30 (pounds) by Nazareth Stevenson (widow) and Nicholas Stevenson & William Stevenson to Reuben Colegate [of] a house in Hadlow Street, Hadlow, Kent.
9th November 1709.

Warranty: Covenants by all vendors. That they are lawfully seised. That they had good right to convey. Free from incumbrances for quiet enjoyment and for further assurance. Receipt for consideration money endorsed. Memorandum of Livery of Seisin endorsed.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 65 x 42 cm. Three seals attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

9A. Conveyance by Feoffment.
Feoffment on sale for 450 (pounds) by Miss Elizabeth Somer to Francis Barrell [of] a farm house and 90 acres in Hoo St Werburgh, Kent.
28th March 1710.

Conveyancing Notes: The vendor gives the then full covenants for title [and] appoints Henry Barrell her Attourney to give Livery of Seisin to the purchaser. Memorandum of livery endorsed.

Note: Related to item 22B.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 70 x 52.5 cm. Seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

10. Conveyance by Feoffment.
Feoffment on sale by William Webb and others to the Rev. Matthew Bloxham [of] a cottage and garden at Ide Hill, Sundridge, Kent.
28th August 1830.

Conveyancing Notes: A late feoffment by way of Conveyance on Sale by the three sons and co-heirs in Gavelkind of Kentish property on the death intestate of their father.

Warranty: The vendor’s covenants are limited to a Warranty limited to themselves and their heirs. Memorandum of Livery of Seisin endorsed.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 60 x 56.5 cm. Three seals attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

11. Quit Claim.
Quit claim by Thomas Maydenstane, Thomas Fromond and Thomas Wysman to William Godyng [for] all lands, rents, services, escheats, reliefs and Suits of Court in Hadlow and in East Peckham or elsewhere in Kent.
26th July 1403.

Conveyancing Notes: this is a release by the three Thomases of property previously granted to them (possibly as trustees) by William Godyng.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 25.4 x 8 cm. Seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

12. Quit Claim.
Quit claim by William Heth, alias William Baker, to Richard Clerk and John Munde of the Grantor’s right to a house and detached strips of land in Offham, Ryarsh and Leybourne in Kent.
10th February 1513.
Conveyancing Notes: The deed states that the property is already in the Grantee’s possession and that the Grantee’s interest included not only the property which had devolved by inheritance from his mother Mrs Marion Heth, a daughter and heir of Thomas Sprynget, but also that held by a feoffment from William Munde, a son of Alice Munde, another daughter of the said Thomas Sprynget. No express warranty.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 36.5 x 12 cm. Seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

13. Quit Claim.
Quit claim by William Baylie to John Arnold [for] a house and land near Lessnes Abbey at Erith, Kent. 10th September 1568.

Conveyancing Notes: The names of witnesses attesting the signing, sealing and delivery of the deed are given, but no signatures are visible.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 27.8 x 15.3 cm. Seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

Quit claim or release by James Myller to Robert Frenche of all James’s rights to two acres in Shipbourne, Kent. 26th December 1612.

Conveyancing Notes: The land already being in Robert’s possession no Livery of Seisin needed.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 36.5 x 23 cm. Seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

15. Quit Claim.
Quit claim by Richard Fagg and William Fagg to Thomas Loftye and their estate [for] a house and land in Smeeth and Brabourne, Kent. 14th December, 1649.

Conveyancing Notes: The Grantee is stated to already be in possession. The Grantors are the sons and co-heirs in Gavelkind of Reignold Fagg.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 27.5 x 18.5. cm. No Seals attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

16. Quit Claim.
Quit claim and release as to Dower by Frances Carter (Widow) to John Cooper [for] the Three Tuns and three shops in Tonbridge Town, Kent. 28th October, 1668

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 32 x 22 cm. Seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

17. Covenant to stand seised.
Covenant to stand seised by Reuben Colgate in favour of his son Stephen Colgate [for] property in Hadlow, Kent. Household furniture is also granted. 3rd September, 1729.

Conveyancing Notes: The Deed states that the son paid 100 pounds to his father. The endorsement describes the Deed as a settlement, but the son takes absolutely. Usual full covenants for title.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 75 x 59.5 cm. Seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.
18a. Covenant to stand seised.
Covenant to stand seised by William Cox and Robert Cox in favour of their sister Mrs Eleanor Tupper and her
two daughters, Miss Elizabeth Cox and Miss Susanna Tupper [for] a house, forge and nine acres of land in
Stalisfield, Kent.
10th October, 1787.

Conveyancing Notes: This deed settles the property upon Mrs Eleanor Tupper for life with remainder in fee
simple to the two daughters as tenants in common.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 75 x 52 cm. Two seals attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

18b. Covenant to stand seised.
Covenant to stand seised by William Willes in favour of his son John Willes [for] the Manor of Tanford and
Tanford Farm, two hundred and twenty nine acres in Thanington, Harbledown and Chartham, Kent.
25th August 1798.

Conveyancing Notes: The deed recites that under the will of Thomas Luxford (deceased), the father was
entitled to the freehold of the property for his life and was desirous of making some provision for his son for
his advancement and preferment in the world.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 60 x 43 cm. Seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

Deed of gift by grant by Thomas Handfield to his son John Handfield [of a] house and land in Boughton,
Malherbe Ulcombe, and Headcorn in Kent.
20th September 1653.

Conveyancing Notes: The three portions of the property are assured in three separate, witnessed parts
instead of one. There is however only one habendum.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 40 x 19.8 cm. Seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

20. Conveyance by Bargain and Sale.
Counterpart bargain of sale for Fourteen pounds (paid by Alice Wigsell) by John French to Alice Wigsell and
Susan Dunke [for] two acres in Shipbourne, Kent.
2nd November 1620.

Conveyancing Notes: Warranty and covenant by John French are qualified. Deed required livery of seisin or
Enrolment to complete the transaction.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 46 x 34 cm. Two seals attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

Bargain and sale by George Chowne the Elder and George Chowne the Younger to John Carter [for] the
advowson of the Rectory of Wickham Breaux in Kent.
24th June 1657

Conveyancing Notes: Price paid of 200 pounds. The sale is in fee simple. Covenants by vendors: that they
are lawfully seised; that they have good right to sell; for quiet enjoyment; free from encumbrance.
Acknowledged before one of the Masters of Chancery in Ordinary. Memorandum of enrolment endorsed.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 46.5 30.5 cm. Two seals attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.
22a. Conveyance by Bargain and Sale.
Conveyance by Bargain and Sale between Sir John Rayney Bart. (1) and Thomas Dorole to Sir Thomas Twisden Bart. and the Rev Robert Whittle, Vicar of East Malling (2) [of] an acre strip lying in the common field at East Malling, Kent.
13th June 1674.

Conveyancing Notes: The sale is in fact made to Robet Whittle only and to his successor Vicars of East Malling. The purchase price of ten pounds was paid to Sir Thomas Twysden as an additional endorsement for the Vicarages. The strip was no doubt held as freehold of the Manor of East Malling, and the vesting of the strip in the Vicar as a Corporation which could not die might adversely affect the rights of the Lord of the Manor. The consent of Sir Thomas Twysden as such Lord is expressly mentioned.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 68 x 42 cm. Two seals attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

22b. Conveyance by Bargain and Sale.
Bargain and sale on sale for 450 pounds between Elizabeth Somer to Francis Barrell [for] a farm house and 90 acres of land in Hoo St Werburgh, Kent.
28th March 1710.

Conveyancing Notes: The deed is fully enrolled. Compare to Feoffment of same date listed as Knocker 9b.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 53 x 33cm. Seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

21st & 22nd December, 1731.

Conveyancing Notes: The necessity for the preliminary Bargain and Sale or Lease for one year was obviated by Statute 4, Victoria C.21., as from May 1841.

Description: Manuscripts (2) on vellum. 40 x 32 cm , and 75 x 48 cm. Seals attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

Conveyance on sale for 330 pounds by Lease and Release by Mrs Frances Mullens, the tenant for life, and her son William Mullens, the reversioner, to James Comber and Thomas Comber [of] cottages, barn and orchards, four and a half acres in all in Eynsford, Kent.
26-27th September 1760.

Conveyancing Notes. By lease the Vendors “bargain and sell” the property to the purchasers for one year. The Purchasers purchase as Tenants-in-Common. The Vendors give full covenants for title.

Description: Manuscripts (3) on vellum. 69 x 53 cm, 72.5 x 61 cm and 75 x 63.5 cm. Seals attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

19th – 20th August 1779.
Conveyancing Notes. The 212 pounds 10 shillings was paid to William Middleton as Mortgagee who assigned his Mortgage security to Jervoise by deed of even date. See also Knocker No. 29-30, 46 & 47.

Description: Manuscripts (2) on vellum. 58.4 x 33.5 cm, and 75.5 x 63.5 cm. Seals attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

8th November 1786.

Note: See also Knocker No. 27-28, 46 & 47.

Description: Manuscripts (2) on vellum. 53.5 x 41.5 cm, and 77.5 x 63.5 cm. Seals attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

Conveyance by Statutory Release on sale for 290 pounds and other moneys by William Newton to Thomas Charles Burt [of a] house and garden at Woodchurch, Kent, and the site of a forge at Woodchurch Green. 17th June 1844.

Conveyancing Notes: The operative part of the deed states that the deed is made pursuant to the Statute 4 Victoria. It recites the protracted steps taken by the Mortgagee of the property to affect the sale.

Description: Manuscripts (2) on vellum. 69.5 x 57 cm, and 72.5 x 60 cm. Seals attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

30c. Conveyance by Grant.
Conveyance by Grant on sale for 33 pounds by the Guardians of the Poor of the Hollingbourne Union in Kent, the Churchwarden and the Observers of the Poor of Lenham Parish in Kent, to Isaac Boorman [of] a cottage in Lenham, Kent.
11th January, 1838

Conveyancing Notes: In order to bar dower is conveyed to such uses as the purchaser should appoint and there is also a precise declaration in bar of dower. The Vendors being Trustees, the only covenant is not encumbered. The deed is drawn pursuant to a special act.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 50 x 75 cm. 6 Seals attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

Exchange by Lease and Release between James Cumber and Thomas Cumber [of] properties in Orpington and Eynsford respectively in Kent.
20th-21st April 1764.

Conveyancing Notes: The Orpington property belonged to both men and John Clubb also held a share. James buys out John for 100 pounds, and James pays Thomas 60 pounds for equality of exchange. Thomas Smith is joined in the deed as a bare trustee. Thomas gets a house and 10.5 acres in Orpington and 60 pounds. James gets some cottages and 2 acres of land in Eynsford. John’s wife, Frances, and James’ wife, Sarah, join to release their right to dower. As regards the Orpington property all parties Covenant to levy a fine. The fine is not with the deed.
33 - 34. Conveyance by Lease and Release.
Conveyance by Lease and Release to perfect an exchange between Henry Behrens [of Chiselhurst] and beneficiaries under the will of Charles Stuart Minshaw (deceased) viz Harry George Dagnia Minshaw (tenant for life) and Mary Charles Minshaw and Robert Upperton and his wife, formerly Elizabeth Stuart Minshaw. Hugh Ingram is joined as a bare trustee to Uses. [For] land in Chiselhurst, Kent. 27th & 28th September 1829.

Conveyancing Notes: Charles Stuart Minshaw, Lord of the Manor of Footscray in Kent, had by his will roved 28th September 1804 at Canterbury, devised all his Kentish estates to Harry for life with remainder to the testators, two natural daughters Mary and Elizabeth, as tenants in common. Elizabeth in 1826 married Robert Upperton, and put her share into settlement.
By the exchange Henry Berens got four acres, two roods and 32 perches [of land] in Chiselhurst. This being affected by separate Deed of even date.
The other parties got 2 acres in Chislehurst and 304 pounds 7 shillings and 6 pence for equality.

35. Partition by Deed of Covenant.
Partition by Deed of Covenant between Edward Carpenter, John Carpenter the Elder, and John Carpenter the Younger [of] properties in Hadlow, Kent. 24th June 1586.

Conveyancing Notes: The parties are the 3 sons of Henry and Anne Carpenter. The mother is tenant for life, the 3 sons being remainder men. The sons, the two younger both being named John, agree to partition. Deed indented on two edges.

Partition by Covenant to Levy a Fine between James Cumber and Sarah his wife, with Thomas Smith [for] property in Eynsford, Kent. 5th February 1761.

Conveyancing Notes: The separate properties to go to each part are carefully set out. One chirograph of the fine is with the Deed.

38. Partition by Bargain and Sale.
Partition by Bargain and Sale and Release between John Stevens (1), Richard Stevens (2), George Stevens (3), Henry Cull the Elder (4) and Edward Daniel (a Trustee) [of] 6 houses in High Street, Ramsgate, Kent. 2nd July 1802.

Conveyancing Notes: The whole property is assured to Edward Daniel in fee to the use as regards each separate part of one of four parties. The Statute of Uses operated to give such party the Legal Estate in one portion.
Henry Cull pays 49 pounds for equality of exchange.
The document was preceded by the usual Bargain and Sale for one year. This is now missing. The document includes a covenant by John Stevens to produce the earlier Deeds of the whole property retained by himself.

**Description:** Manuscripts (5) on vellum. 76.5 x 55 cm. 6 seals attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

39 – 40 -41. **Mortgage of Freeholds by Lease & Release & Bond.**
23rd-24th November, 1780
Conveyancing Notes: A Mortgage of the freehold for 70 pounds at 5%. Full covenant for title. Security further protected by a Bond in the penal sum of 140 pounds.

**Description:** Manuscripts (2) on vellum + manuscript on paper (1) 87 x 65.5 cm, 64 x 41.5 cm, and 39 x 31 cm. 4 seals attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

42a. **Mortgage of Freeholds by Appointment with Discharge.**
Mortgage by Appointment to secure 100 pounds by Charles Johnson Hunt to Samuel Bennett [of] a half share in 4 tenements, formerly the Five Bells, in Lenham, Kent.
16th February 1837.
Conveyancing Notes: Deed recites that Hunt’s power of appointment arose under Lease & Release of 11-12th April, 1827.

**Description:** Manuscript on vellum. 77.5 x 58.5 cm. 2 seals attached. Stamp – H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

42c. **Transfer of a Mortgage of Freeholds by Bargain & Sale.**
Transfer of a Mortgage by Bargain & Sale by Nicholas Draper to William Draper of 2 pieces of marsh [comprising] 15 acres, at Erith, Kent.
4th March, 1602.
Conveyancing Notes: The deed recites that : (1) Thomas Draper, by deed dated 19th July 1594, had sold the land to John Dumowle. (2) John Dumowle had by deed dated 28th June 1596 sold the land for 109 pounds to James Wolveridge. (3) James Wolveridge had by deed dated 23rd April 101, bargained and sold the land to Nicholas Draper by way of Mortgage to secure 150 pounds and interest. Nicholas Draper then bargains and sells the property to William Draper, and appoints William his attourney to secure the Mortgage money.

**Description:** Manuscript on vellum. 39.5 x 35.5 cm. Remains of seal attached. Stamp – H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

43. **Mortgage of Freehold by Demise.**
Mortgage of freehold for 100 pounds by demise for 1000 years by Joseph Corbett to George Wilson of the “Bull Inn” Windlesham, Surrey.
15th October 1768.
Conveyancing Notes: Rent a Peppercom.

**Description:** Manuscript on vellum. 89 x 68 cm. Seal attached. Stamp – H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

44. **Mortgage of Freehold by Demise.**
Mortgage of freehold for 200 pounds by demise for 1000 years by Joseph Corbett and his wife Ann, to William Middleton of the “Bull Inn” Windlesham, Surrey.
5th April 1775

Conveyancing Notes: Rent a peppercorn if demanded.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 83.5 x 67.5 cm. 2 seals attached. Stamp – H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

45. Transfer of Mortgage by Assignment.
23rd May 1774.

Conveyancing Notes: The existing Mortgage was for 100 pounds. A further 100 pounds is advanced making 200 in all. The mortgage term of 1000 years is assigned to the new lender.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 77 x 60.5 cm. 2 seals attached. Stamp – H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

46. Assignment of Mortgage Term.
Assignment of a mortgage term by William Middleton (and Ann Cobbett the Mortgagor) to Jervoise Clarke-Jervoise, and George Moody Longcroft, of the Fighting Cock Inn, Windlesham, Surrey.
20th August 1779.

Conveyancing Notes: The mortgage term of 1,000 years is expressly assigned to Clarke-Jervoise and Longcroft, the purchasers of the freehold of the Fighting Cock Inn. The object of this transaction is to postpone all subsequent Mortgages if any not disclosed to the purchasers of the freehold.
See also Knocker No. 27-28, 29-30 & 47

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 81 x 63 cm. 3 seals attached. Stamp – H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

47. Assignment of Mortgage Term.
3rd May 1814

Conveyancing Notes: The mortgage term of 1,000 years is assigned on trust to attend the inheritance. This mortgage term had been created to secure 200 pounds in 1768. It was transferred on transfer of the mortgage in 1774. The first term had been assigned to protect the inhabitants on a sale of the freehold in 1779. This freehold was now ultimately sold to William Belsher Parfitt in 1814 and is again assigned to protect the purchaser’s title.
See also Knocker No. 27-28, 29-30 & 46.

Description: Manuscript (2) on vellum. Each 72 x 59.5 cm. 4 seals attached. Stamp – H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

48. Declaration of Trust.
Declaration of trust by John Amos, Mary Amos, his wife, William Amos, Mary Jane Amos, Thomas Amos and Catherine Amos, and others, to give effect to the will of Mary Allen, late of Wye in the County of Kent.
18th June 1855.

Conveyancing Notes: The deed makes provision for Bridget Amos, then under age, to execute the deed upon her attaining her majority.
49. Settlement by Covenant to stand Seised.
Post-nuptial settlement [by Covenant to stand Seised] by Israell Spencer to James Hudson, a Trustee, [of] two messuages and one acre of land lying next to the common gaol in Saint Dunstan’s Extra, Canterbury, Kent. 6th December 1626.

Conveyancing Notes: Deed states. To the use of the said Israell Spencer and Elizabeth his wife and of the heirs of the body of the said Israell Spencer which he hath and shall beget upon the body of the said Elizabeth. And for default of such issue to the use of the said Israell Spencer and Elizabeth his wife, their heirs and assigns for ever.

50. Settlement by Lease and Release.
Ante Nuptial marriage settlement by Lease and Release between William Smith & John Smith (Intended husband) and William Addison & Mary Addison (Intended wife) [of] houses and land at Offham, Kent. 25th & 26th April 1743.

Conveyancing Notes: the Bargain and Sale or Lease for one year is lost. Comprises full covenants for title by William Smith and John Smith, together with [another] covenant by John Smith for further assurance.

51. Settlement by Lease and Release
Settlement by Lease and Release by Henry, Lord Teynham, and his son Henry Roper on [the occasion of] the son’s intended marriage with Wilhelmines Mary Head [of] the Teynham family estate in Kent. 26th May 1753.

Conveyancing Notes: The bride’s father and four trustees are joined. The Lease of the 25th May is missing.

52. Settlement Deed.
Settlement of Government Stock only (no landed estate) by Mary Cartier. 11th April 1798.

Conveyancing Notes: Deed sets out Trusts under Trustees, Dr John Law and Henry Kellet.

53. Grant of Rent Charge.
Confirmatory grant by Christopher Ovyngton to Richard Baldocke of a yearly rent of 33 shillings and 4 pence issuing out of all the Manors and lands of the grantor in Littlebourne in Kent. 17th June 1532.

Conveyancing Notes: Rent payable half yearly at Michaelmas & Lady Day, first payment to be made on the next aforesaid feast day after the death of Christopher. Power on default to enter and distrain and remove and detain the things distrained until payment. Richard given the possession of the rent by Christopher now handing to him one penny.
54. Release of Annuity.
Assignment and release by John Turner, the Elder, to John Turner, the Younger, [of] an annuity of 8 pounds charged upon property in Yalding, Kent, by a will devising the same property to to John Turner, the Younger. 1737.

Conveyancing Notes: Covenants by assignor.

55. Release of Dower.
Release of dower by Elizabeth Rigden and Harriet Delmar in favour of Henry Dudderidge [in] the Royal Standard Inn in the ville of St Gregory in Kent. The site being formerly part of the precincts of the dissolved Priory of St Gregory. 4th December 1830.

Conveyancing Notes: Deed recites a conveyance by lease & release of 29-30 August 1826 in favour of John Adams, a predecessor in title to Dudderidge, which included a covenant by the Vendors to levy a fine; that such fine was to have been levied for the purpose of barring the right to dower of the Vendor's wives; no fine had been levied; the husbands had died. The two widows execute the release in lieu of levying a fine as contracted.

56. Bond for Performance of Covenants.

Conveyancing Notes: Bond covers any claim to the land by William's wife Katherine.

57. Bond for Performance of Covenants.
Bond in 160 pounds for performance of covenants [by] Thomas Brockwell and John Brockwell to Thomas Foord, the Elder. [No Location of property given.] 6th April 1671.

Conveyancing Notes: Condition follows directly on bond.

58. Bond for Performance of Covenants.
Bond in 60 pounds for performance of covenants [by] Margaret Handfield to Thomas Videan. [No Location of property given.] 6th April 1687.
59. Lease.
Lease for 1,000 years by John French to Francis French [of] one acre in Shipbourne, Kent.
31st July 1658.
Conveyancing Notes: Rent one peppercorn if demanded. Premium paid of 10 pounds. Covenant by Grantor.
Description: Manuscript on vellum. 34 x 30 cm. Remains of seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

60. Lease.
Lease for forty years by the Dean and Chaplain of Rochester Cathedral to Richard Matthews and Christopher Yeo [for] a house in the High Street of Rochester, Kent.
1st September 1680.
Conveyancing Notes: A new lease granted upon surrender of the former one of 26th November 1672. The Lessees hold the property on the trusts of a deed of 26th February 1671. The rent reserved is 6 pounds p.a., payable at the West Door of the Cathedral.
Description: Manuscript on vellum. 62.5 x 48.5 cm. Remains of two seals attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

61. Counter Part Lease.
Counterpart lease for twenty one years by Henry Collins the Younger to Thomas Wood [for] Kingsend farm, one hundred and ten acres in Ash, next [to] Sandwich, Kent.
7th March 1736.
Conveyancing Notes: Agricultural lease with rent of 68 pounds per annum.
Description: Manuscript on vellum. 81 x 67.2 cm. Seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

62. Counter Part Lease.
Counterpart lease for twenty one years by the Earl Amherst to John L. Worship [for a] house and grounds at Riverhead, Sevenoaks, Kent.
17th April 1861
Conveyancing Notes: Residential lease.
Description: Manuscript on vellum. 2 leaves. 69 x 56.5, 71.5 x 59 cm. Seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

63. Counter Part Lease.
Counter part lease for sixteen years by John Newland and Thomas Newland to William Wickens [for] Turkey Mead, ten acres in Foots Cray, Kent.
16th June 1758.
Conveyancing Notes: Lease of farm land at rent of 6 pounds per annum. Letters attached.
Description: Manuscript on vellum. 73.5 x 59 cm. Seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.
64. **Lease.**
Lease for nine years by the Rev. Dr. Francis Warneford to John Lawrence [for] Byrchalls Farm in the Manor of Seaven-Hampton, in Wiltshire.
5th April 1773.

Conveyancing Notes: Lease for 1406 pounds per annum and a penal rent of 20 pounds per annum for every acre of grass broken up. Reservation of all game, fish and timber with a penal covenant to by the tenant to pay 5 ponds p.a. for each hare, partridge or pheasant which he may kill within the farm or the manor.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 2 leaves. 78 x 69.5 cm. and 79 x 73.5 cm. 2 seals attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

65. **Counter Part Lease.**
Counterpart lease for 21 years by the Dean & Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral to Richard Ashbee [for the] woodlands, 62 acres, demesne lands of the Manor of Great Chart, Kent.
30th June 1831.

Conveyancing Notes: Deed reserves to the Landlords, the Lords of the Manor (a) the standing timber and (b) waifs and strays and other things chancing to the franchise.
Rents of (a) 2 pounds ten shillings p.a. and (b) 1 pound 13 shillings and 4 pence, being the land tax formerly charged on the holding and since redeemed by the landlords. Both rents payable at the Cathedral Treasury House.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 75.5 x 61.5 cm. Seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

66. **Assignment of Lease.**
Assignment of Lease by Mary Couchman to William Barnard of a house in the city of Rochester.
23rd February 1762.

Conveyancing Notes: Deed recites (1) a lease dated 1st July 1761 by the Dean & Chapter to Duke Noble and wife, and Mary Couchman for 40 years at a yearly rent of 13 shillings and 4 pence. (2) That Duke Noble and wife had died. William Barnard to pay 70 pounds. Usual covenants.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 77.5 x 60.5 cm. Seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

67-68-69. **Deed of Covenant.**
Deed of Covenant to levy a fine and to lead the uses of that fine between William Sands and Amelia his wife, and Joseph Pratt [for] Sand’s Farm, Woodchurch, Kent.
1st October 1748.

Conveyancing Notes: Deed gives detail of 237 acres only while the description of the property in the intended fine is of 310 acres plus certain orchards. Two chirographs of the fine accompany the deed.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 3 leaves. 65.5 x 47.5 cm, 48 x 23.5cm and 48 x 23.5cm. 3 seals attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

70. **Covenant to Levy a Fine.**
Covenant to levy a Fine and to lead the uses between Charles Medhurst ans Wife, Thomas Greenhill and Wife, Richard Greenhill and Wife, and William Robbins and John Gibbons [for] a house in Yalding, 1/5th of a house and four acres in Langley, and 1/5th of a house and the acres in Headcorn, all in Kent.
9th April 1778.

Conveyancing Notes: The description of the property and the number of acres to appear in the Fine as should be thought fit and convenient.
71. Deed to Lead the Uses of a Fine.
Deed to lead the uses of a Fine to be levied [between] Thomas Williams and Wife, John Tasker, and John Williams [for a] house and land in Wilmington, Halstow, Upchurch and Newington in Kent.
29th September 1796.
Conveyancing Notes: The area of land as given in the deed is 424 acres, that in the fine as 545 acres. The discrepancy is often greater.

72 -73. Chirographs of a Fine.
A pair of chirographs of a fine levied between Richard Reynolds, plaintiff, and Ambrose Ippenbury and Alice his wife, deforciants, [for] a house, garden and land in Riverhead, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Easter Term, 6 Elizabeth. i.e. 1564.
Conveyancing Notes: Richard pays to Ambrose and wife the sum of 30 pounds. The pair of documents fit together, one being inverted as usual.

74-75. Chirographs of a Fine.
A pair of chirographs of a fine levied between William Wright, plaintiff, and John Chapman and Ann his wife, and Robert Reanole and Helen his wife, deforciants.
Trinity Term, 7 Jac.I. i.e 1609.
Conveyancing Notes: William pays the sum of 41 pounds. The pair of documents fit together, one being inverted as usual.

76. Chirograph of a Fine.
Chirograph of a fine levied (one of a set) between John Blome, Plaintiff, and Richard Blome and Edward Cosier, deforciants.
12th October, 1650.
Conveyancing Notes: John pays to Richard and Edward the sum of 60 pounds.

77. Deed declaring Uses of a Fine.
Declaration as to uses of a Fine already the levied, made between William Bloggs and Ann his wife, and Edward Wightwicke and Sarah his wife, James Wise, Peter Coveney and John Freeman [for] three messuages, twenty acres of arable land, five acres of meadow land, and twenty acres of pasture land in Wye, Headcorn and Boughton Malherbe.
3rd April 1694.
Conveyancing Notes: Deed shows the fine acreage to be 45 acres as against actual acreage of 27 acres.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 70 x 33 cm. 7 seals attached. Stamp. H.W. Knocker, Ex Libris.

Lease and release to make a tenant to the Praecipe and lead the uses of a recovery, between Samuel Packham, Elizabeth Brigden and John Brigden, and George Jemmett (a trustee), and William Scoones (family solicitor) [for] a house in Tonbridge Town, Kent.
28-29 April, 1775.

Conveyancing Notes: Deed recites an entail created by the will of Thomas Hollamby and assures the property to George Jemmett to make him a tenant of the freehold in order that William Scoones may commence action against him, and a common recovery with double vouchers may be suffered. This would bar the entail. The property hereafter held to the use of Elizabeth Brigden for life, with remainder to John Brigden in fee simple.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 2 leaves. 65 x 47 cm. & 87.5 x 71 cm. 3 and 5 seals respectively attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

80. Common Recovery.
Exemplification of a recovery. Stephen Bax, Plaintiff, versus John Heath, Deforciant, [for] two houses, one dovecote, four gardens, and one hundred and fifty acres of land in Staple and Woodnesborough, Kent.
Hilary Term 5 George I (i.e. 1718).

Conveyancing Notes: Memorandum that livery of seisin was delivered to Stephen Bax by John Hamilton, Sheriff of Kent.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 78 x 56.5 cm. Remains of seal attached. Other fragments stored separately. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

81. Common Recovery.
Exemplification of a recovery between John Nethersole, Plaintiff, and Michael Botham, Deforciant [of] two houses and six acres of land in Charing, Kent.
Michaelmas Term 22. George II (i.e. 1748).

Conveyancing Notes: John Nethersole recovers Seisin.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 88 x 70.5 cm. Remains of seal attached. Other fragments stored separately. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

82. Common Recovery.
Exemplification of a common recovery between William Scoones, Plaintiff, and George Jemmett, Deforciant, of one messuage, two gardens and half an acre of land in Tonbridge, Kent.
Easter Term 15. George III (i.e. 1775)

Conveyancing Notes: William Scoones recovers Seisin.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 78.5 x 68.5 cm. Remains of seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

83. Common Recovery.
Exemplification of a common recovery between William Martin, Plaintiff, and Samuel Forster, Deforciant, as to two messuages, two gardens and 250 acres of marsh in Guildford, Surrey. 

Trinity Term 10 George IV (i.e. 1829)

Conveyancing Notes: Seisin delivered by the Sherriff of Surrey.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 80.5 x 59 cm. Remains of seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

84. Admittance on Purchase.
Surrender by Reginald Rolfe presented and admittance of John Foster then taken. (Steward’s copy). [For] half an acre of copyhold arable land in Westfield, The Manor of Tring, Kent. 
23rd April 1690.

Conveyancing Notes: The surrender had been taken out of court before two copyholders. The admittance was taken in open court.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 36 x 11.5 cm. No seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

85. Admittance on Descent.
Admittance in fee simple of John Cuttale on the death of his uncle, Benjamin Cuttale (Stewards copy). [For] a copyhold cottage in the Manor of Westwood in Haxey, Lincolnshire. 
22nd October 1736.

Conveyancing Notes: The nephew to hold according to the custom by the rents and services therefore due, and by right accustomed.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 26.5 x 14.5 cm. No seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

86. Admittance and Surrender by way of Settlement.
Admittance and Surrender by way of Settlement by Joseph Newdich and admittance of himself and his son Henry [to] a copyhold house and six acres of land in the Manor of Cheshunt, Hertford. (Stewards copy). 
24th April 1739.

Conveyancing Notes: Rent 2 shillings.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 30 x 40 cm. No seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

87. Admittance on Devise.
Admittance of Aaron Winton, devisee of Mary Hutchinson for his life [to] a copyhold house and garden in the Manor of Rotherfield, Sussex. (Stewards copy). 
7th April 1774.

Conveyancing Notes: Surrender of copyholds to the use of a will ceased after 1836.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 43 x 30 cm. No seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

88. Admittance on Severance of Joint Tenancy.
Surrender by Thomas Mann and Henry Lomas, and admittance of Henry Lomas in fee simple [for] one acre of Copyhold pasture in the Manor of Buckland, Bucks. (Stewards Copy). 
22nd April 1776.

Conveyancing Notes: Quit rent not stated.
Description: Manuscript on vellum. 36 x 26 cm. No seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

89. Admittance by Devisee on Proclamation.
Admittance in open court of Martha Chambers (by Attorney) as devisee [of] a half part of copyhold lands in the Manor of Lopham, Norfolk. (Stewards Copy).
4th November 1777.

Conveyancing Notes:

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 39.5 x 30 cm. No seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

90. Admittance of Heir on Death Intestate.
Admittance of Henry Coghill, the son, on the death of Henry Coghill, the father, [to] copyhold lands in the Manor of Tilburst and Kendalls. (Stewards Copy).
28th September 1809.

Conveyancing Notes: Tenant to hold by the rod. Fines arbitrary paid of 110 pounds and 10 pounds 10 shillings.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 49.5 x 12.5 cm. No seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

91. Warrant to Vacate.
Warrant by Edward Pullen and wife to vacate a conditional surrender [of] copyhold land in the Manor of Broxbourne, Herts.
2nd December 1816.

Conveyancing Notes: On 22nd Dec. 1813, Richard Watts conditionally surrendered the copyhold in favour of Pullen to secure 350 pounds and interest. On receipt of 369 pounds 2 shillings and 6 pence Pullen authorised the Steward to vacate the conditional surrender.

Description: Manuscript on paper. 21.5 x 34 cm. No seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris

92. Court Roll of a Manor.
Exemplification of a Court Roll. View of Frankpledge with Court Baron of the Manor of Elsworth in Cambridgeshire.
11th October 1632

Conveyancing Notes: Lady of the Monor is Elizabeth Wendy, Widow, Mother & Guardian of Thomas Wendy, heir of Sir William Wendy, deceased by virtue of a commission of the late King James and in ward of the most Serene Lord, Charles, King of England.
A number of absent resiants are fined 2 pence each.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 28.5 x 57.5 cm. No seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

93. Rental of a Manor.
Rental of the Manor of Sundrigh in Kent.
1633.

94. Grant of Administration.
Grant of Administration with will annexed dated 7th November 1594 of Thomas Androwes of Stepney [of a]
house and land in St Pauls Cray, Kent.
22nd February 1594.

Conveyancing Notes: The Grant issues from the Consistory Court of the Bishop of London, and is made in
favour of William Jones, father of Miss Martine (alias Marten Jones) the residuary legatee under the will, no
executor being named therein.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 2 leaves. 33.5 x 16 cm & 33.5 x 14 cm. Seal attached. Stamp.
H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

95. Probate of Will.
Probate of Will of Richard Fitch of Rochester, Kent.
8th October, 1698.

Conveyancing Notes: Executors are Richard and Danial Neppiker.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 40.5 x 29 cm. Seal removed. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

96. Probate of Will.
Probate of Will of dated 17th February 1750, of John Butcher of East Greenwich, Kent.
7th March 1750.

Conveyancing Notes: Proved in the Perogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Ecclesiatical
jurisdiction extending to personal estate was only abolished in favour of the Court of Probate in 1857.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 2 leaves (will attached). 20.5 x 18 cm. & 64 x 53 cm. Seal attached.
Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

97. Probate of Will.
Probate of Will of John Ashbee of Little Chart in Kent.
7th May 1761.

Conveyancing Notes: The Grant issues from the Registry of the Archdeacons Court of Canterbury to John
Ashbee, the executor.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 2 leaves (will attached). 20.5 x 18 cm. & 83 x 68 cm. Seal attached.
Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

98. Grant of Administration.
Grant of letters of Administration with will annexed of Theodore Beacon of Linsted in Kent.
15th April 1762.

Conveyancing Notes: Grant issues from the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury to Elizabeth
Beacon, widow. Bogwell Beacon, the executor named in the will renounced probate.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 3 leaves (will attached). 26.5 x 14.5 cm., 74 x 29 cm., & 74 x 61 cm. Seal

99. Probate of Will.
Probate of Will dated 20th November, 11778, of Joseph Corbett of Bagshot, Surrey.
10th May 1779.

Conveyancing Notes: Proved in the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Description: Manuscript on vellum & paper. 2 leaves (will attached). 20.5 x 19.5 cm., 49.5 x 40.5 cm. Seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

100. Grant of Letters of Administration.
Grant of Letters of Administration (no will attached) to the estate of Henry Jemens, deceased, of St Margarets next Rochester, Kent.
19th February 1781.

Conveyancing Notes: Grant issues from the Prerogative Court of the Bishop of Rochester to William Jemens as guardian of the deceased children.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 20 x 16.5 cm. Commisary Seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

101. Grant of Letters of Administration.
Grant of Letters of Administration (no will attached) to the estate of Philip Hill of Ashford, Kent.
13th June 1800.

Conveyancing Notes: Grant issues from the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury to Penelope Hill, widow.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 22 x 18.5 cm. Commisary Seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

102. Grant of Letters of Administration.
Grant of Letters of Administration, will attached, of George Newman of Charing, Kent.
26th December 1842.

Conveyancing Notes: Grant is issued by the Commissary General for the Diocese of Canterbury. No executor named.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 2 leaves. 36 x 27.5 cm. 51 x 43 cm. Commisary Seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

103. Grant of Letters of Administration.
Grant of Letters of Administration (no will attached) to the estate of Richard Hyder of Charing, Kent.
24th April 1874.

Conveyancing Notes: Grant is issued to Thomas Hyder by the Court of Probate.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 26.5 x 32 cm. Seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

104. Pleading
1811.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 60 x 39 cm. No Seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.
105. Pleading
Circa 1840.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 63.5 x 76 cm. No Seal attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

106. Magisterial Proceedings.
Specimens of proceedings before the Justice of the Town and Hundred of Tenterden in Kent. 1774 - 1820.

Description: Manuscripts on paper. 7 pages. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

Specimens as to procedures within the Liberty of Romney Marsh, in Kent. 1860-1882.

Description: Manuscripts on vellum. 5 leaves. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

108. Bond.
Bond for collection of Land Tax given by Sir William Twysden [for a] large area in West Kent. 17th July 1813.

Notes: Twysden was appointed Receiver General for West Kent, the Crown requiring a bond of 96,000 pounds (twice the anticipated collection) and three sureties. Twysden would then appoint sub collectors and so on. Each could collect more than the amount to pay and the surplus was kept as extra remuneration.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 61 x 69.5 cm. 4 seals attached. Stamp. H.W.Knocker, Ex Libris.

Printed Books & Pamphlets.
109. Jacob, Giles, 1686-1744.
The Complete court-keeper; or, land steward's assistant … / by Giles Jacob. Eighth edition corrected and enlarged. London: printed for W. Clarke and Sons, 1819

110. Robinson, Thomas, d. 1747.
The common law of Kent, or, The customs of gavelkind : with the decisions concerning borough-English / by Thomas Robinson. Ashford : H. Igglesden, 1858. A new ed., with a selection of precedents of feoffments by infant heirs in gavelkind, etc. / by J.D. Norwood.

111. Broughton-Rouse, E. Broughton (Edward Broughton)

A concordance of all written lawes concerning lords of mannors, theire free tenantes, and copieholders / by William Barlee ; addressed by him to the high sheriff of Essex, in 1578 ; with a biographical preface by the deputy registrar of the Society. London : Manorial Society, 1911.


116. N.O.S.


123. N.O.S.


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128. Knocker, Herbert Wheatley
The Lowy of Tonbridge in Kent: notes of six lectures entitled Outlines of History, delivered for the Director of Education for the County of Kent / by Herbert W. Knocker.
Manorial Society's publications ; no. 15

129. Knocker, Herbert Wheatley
Croydon village community: a lecture delivered by Herbert W. Knocker on the 16th March 1933.
Croydon: Roffey and Clarke, [1933].

130. Knocker, Herbert Wheatley
The Ancient greenways of Suffolk / by Herbert W. Knocker.
Reprinted from the East Anglian Daily Times, n.d.

Johnson, Charles
English court hand A.D. 1066 to 1500, illustrated chiefly from Public Records / by Charles Johnson and Hilary Jenkinson.
Part 1 : Text.

Other Material
131. Seal.
Specimen seal from [a] common recovery re land at Wilmington, Kent.
1740.
Description : Seal on Wax. 12 cm Diameter.

132. Title Deeds.
Abstract of the title of James Taddy, Edward Taddy, Susanna Tomlin, widow, .... [et al] under the will of Mr Roger Taddy (deceased) to two pieces of Marsh land containing by estimation 37 acres ... lying in the several Parishes of Brenzett and Snave in Romney Marsh in the County of Kent and now in the occupation of Mr Thomas Minter Tomlin.
3rd August 1812.
Description: Manuscript on Paper. 17 pages. 34 x 41 cm. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

133. Title Deeds.
Abstract of the title of Mr William Coleman to a farm called Broadlake Farm in the Parishes of Frittenden and Staplehurst in Kent.
1806.
Description: Manuscript on Paper. 31 pages. 34 x 41 cm. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

134. Title Deeds.
Abstract of the title of Mr Mt Thomas Monk and his Mortgagee to three messuages or tenements buildings, garden land and heriditaments situate in Doddington in the County of Kent.
1879.
Description: Manuscript on Paper. 24 pages. 34 x 41 cm. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.
135. Court Order.
Court order from the Hundred Court of Middleton in the County of Kent.
1762

Notes: Joseph Fagg having distrained Samuel Creed’s live stock and Creed having entered into a bond with the Ladies of the Hundred and Manor to prosecute Fagg and to indemnify them, the Steward of the Hundred directs his Bailiffs to replevy and deliver the animals in question to Creed.
See also Knocker No. 136.

Description: Manuscript on paper. 2 leaves. 21 x 33 cm. Seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

136. Bond.
Bond to the Hundred Court of Middleton in the County of Kent by Samuel Creed.
1762

Notes: See Knocker No. 135 above.

Description: Manuscript on paper. 1 leaf. 21 x 33 cm. Seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

137-138. Warrant and Summons.
Warrant and summons to direct a jury [for] the Hundred and Manor of Bosham, Sussex.
1920.

Description: Printed forms. 2 leaves. 21 x 33 cm. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

139. Court Order.
Court order from the Hundred Court of Middleton in the County of Kent in the case of Castle v Bell.
1775.

Notes: A plaintiff having appeared but the defendant having made default, the Steward adjourns the case and directs his Bailiff to enforce his attendance at the next Court.

Description: Printed form with manuscript insertions. 17 x 20.5 cm. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

140. Court Order.
Court order from the Hundred Court of Middleton in the County of Kent in the case of Cheese v. Harrison.
1775.

Notes: A plaintiff having appeared but the defendant having made default, the Steward adjourns the case and directs his Bailiff to enforce his attendance at the next Court.

Description: Printed form with manuscript insertions. 17 x 20.5 cm. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

141. Court Order.
Court order from the Hundred Court of Middleton in the County of Kent in the case of Foster v. Scott
1740.

Notes: A defendant having appeared but the plaintiff having made default, the Court awards costs to the defendant.

Description: Manuscript on paper. 20 x 26 cm. Seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.
142. Coroners Form.
Warrant [printed] for the Hundred and Manor of Bosham, Sussex.
c.1930

Note: The Lord of the Hundred or Manor had the power to appoint a Coroner who would in due course issue burial warrant.

Description: Form on paper. 21 x 34 cm. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

143. Lease.
Lease for Oyster Ponds, the Hundred and Manor of Bosham, Sussex.
c.1900

Note: The Lord of the Hundred or Manor having oyster beds on his foreshore may grant leases.

Description: Form on paper. 21 x 34 cm. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

144. Rental Account.
Rent or Quit Rent account for the Manor of Hothfield, Kent, for a “rental of oats payable to the said manor on the First Day of January, yearly.”
1731

Notes: The Steward having instructions to convene a Court Baron, with or without a Court Leet, prepares a Rental and/or Quit Rent account. Rent service payable in Oats and shows quantities due. This would be compounded for cash.
See also Knocker 145.

Description: Manuscript on paper. 2 leaves. 19 x 30 cm. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

145. Precept to Bailiff.
Precept to Bailiff for the Manor of Hothfield, Kent,
1724

Notes: After 144 above, the Steward then issues a precept to his Bailiff or other appropriate officer to notify the Manor tenants as regards the Court Baron.

Description: Manuscript on paper. 20.5 x32.5 cm. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

146-147-148. Summons(es) with Account.
Hunton, Kent, 1833; Bonnington, Kent, 1851; Warehorne, Kent, 1877.

Notes: Summons with Account to Manor tenants from the steward.

Description: Forms on paper with manuscript inserts. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

149-154. Receipts.
Receipts issued by the Steward for rents paid.

Notes: Monkton, 1770; Engleham, 1781; Teynham, 1789; Wittersham, 1817; Godmersham (2), 1823.

Description: Forms on paper with manuscript inserts. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

Jury notes of the Court Leet of the Manor of Horthfield, Kent.
1724

Notes: Listing of plaints and nuisances and election of officers.

Description: Manuscript on paper. 21 x33 cm. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

156. Homage.
The Homage at the Court Baron – list of absentees and changes of tenants for the Manor of Little Chart, Kent. 1698

Description: Manuscript on paper. 2 leaves. 18.5 x 24 cm. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

The Homage at the Court Baron – list of absentees and changes of tenants for the Manor of Warehorne, Kent. 1771

Description: Manuscript on paper. 2 leaves. 20 x 32 cm. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

158. Rent List.
List of unpaid rents prepared by the steward for the manors of Westwell, Hothfield, Licktoppe, Little Ripton and Warehorne, Kent. 1697.

Description: Manuscript on paper. 2 leaves. 19 x 30.5 cm. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

159. Extinguishment of Manorial Dues. Stewards Note.
Printed circular to manor tenants inviting redemption by agreement. Milton, Kent. September, 1935

Notes: Under the Law of Property Act 1922, all remaining manorial dues became extinguished on 31 December 1935, leaving the Lords of the Manors to recover the capital value of those dues at any time before 31 December 1940.

Statutory Rule No. 351, 1922. Re Copyhold compensation.

161. Ward, Gordon.
The Kent Manor.
n.d.

Note regarding Kentish manors.

162. Coroners Precept.
Precept by a Coroner of a special area to the Bailiff of a Half-Hundred to summon a jury. Romney Marsh, Kent. 1827.

Note: See also Knocker No. 163 & 164.

Description: Form on paper with manuscript additions. 21 x 17 cm. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.
163. Coroners Court.
Depositions of witnesses. Romney Marsh, Kent.
1827.

Note: See also Knocker No. 162 &164.

Description: Manuscript on paper. 2 leaves. 21 x 33.5 cm. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

164. Coroners Court, Verdict.
Verdict on inquisition sealed by the Coroner and sworn and sealed by the Jury.
1827.

Note: See also Knocker No. 162 & 163.

Description: Manuscript on paper. 34 x 41 cm. Seal attached. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

165. Writ of Summons.
A writ of summons with particulars endorsed. Court of Exchequer.
1858

Description: Form on paper with manuscript additions. 305 x 10 cm. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

166. Writ of Summons.
A writ of summons with plaintiff’s name only endorsed. High Court of Chancery. 1830

Description: Form on paper with manuscript additions. 34.5 x 8 cm. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

167. Precept of Seizure.
A precept directed by the Sheriff of Kent to his Bailiff to enforce a writ issued to the Sheriff by the High Court against Benjamin Hodges for a debt if four hundred pounds.

Description: Form on paper with manuscript additions. 20 x 26 cm. Stamp - H.W.Knocker Ex libris.

Items from P. R. Watts.

25th January 1787.

Note: Probate granted 9th February 1788 by William Willis, Archdeacon of Wells.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 2 leaves. 20 x 19 cm, 51 x 23 cm. Seals attached.

169. Conveyance.
Indenture for sale of six acres of land in Westcombe by William Clavey (heir of Joseph Clavey) to Mary Donne, widow.
30th October 1787.

Note: See Knocker 168 above.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 69 x 52 cm. Seals attached.
Will [and] Probate [document] of William Millard of the Parish of Wanstrow in the County of Somerset. 10th August 1790.

Note: Probate granted 11th February 1793 by William Willis, Archdeacon of Wells.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 2 leaves. 41 x 36 cm. cm, 51 x 23 cm. Seals attached.

171. Conveyance.
Indenture for sale of land at Batcombe in Somerset by George Walter to J.H. Walter. 7th April 1804.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 55 x 44 cm. Seals attached.

**Items from Stephen, Jacques & Stephen**

172. Conveyance.
Indenture and receipt for purchase of land by Thomas Groom and Robert Groom of Whitburgh of one messuage and one hundred acres of land at Stokeley from John Webb. 10th March 1640.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 2 leaves. 62 x 43 cm. and 25 x 9cm. 3 Seals attached.

Provenance: Stephen, Jacques & Stephen

173. Lease.
Lease by William Hill and Esther, his wife, formerly of Castleton in the County of York, to Jonathon Robinson of Eytoun … in consideration of the sum of five shillings … of a farmhouse or tenement [and] six acres of meadow or pasture ground …. And fulling mill … in the Parish of Sanby[ for a period of one year]. 13th August 1739.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 46.5 x37 cm. 2 Seals attached.

Provenance: Stephen, Jacques & Stephen

174. Lease and Release.
Lease and Release between William Hill of Caston in the County of York and Thomas Perritt to the Reverend Henry Cooke of Stokely of the entail of BoggleHouse Farm and to secure the repayment of 100 pounds plus interest. 18th June 1728.

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 78 x 60 cm. 3 seals attached.

Provenance: Stephen, Jacques & Stephen

175. Lease and Release
Indenture between … Thomas Chapman of Sanby in the County of York … heir of Thomas Chapman, late of Sanby, and Alice Conn, widow of the aforesaid Matthew Chapman … and Ralph Briston of Claydale within the Lordship of egton on the county of York .. in consideration of payment of five shillings ….

15th November, 1694

Description: Manuscript on vellum. 60 x 29 cm. 2 seals attached.
176. Conveyance.  
Indenture tripartite [between] George Conyers of New Walton in the County of York .. Jonathan Robinson of Egton … and Richard Robinson …. [that] whereas by Indenture dated 20th April 1737 between Willim Hill, and Esther his wife, and George Conyers … [that in] consideration of 82 pounds 5 shillings to grant George Conyers all that messuage, farmhouse or tenement, and also a close of meadow or pastureland containing six acres ….  
13th August 1742  
Description: Manuscript on vellum. 47 x 37.5 cm. Seal attached.  
Note: See also Knocker 177.  
Provenance: Stephen, Jacques & Stephen  

177. Conveyance  
Indenture dated 20th April 1737 between Willim Hill, and Esther his wife, and George Conyers … [that in] consideration of 82 pounds 5 shillings to grant George Conyers all that messuage, farmhouse or tenement, and also a close of meadow or pastureland containing six acres ….  
20th April 1737  
Description: Manuscript on Paper. 78 x 49 cm. 2 seals attached.  
Note: See also Knocker 176.  
Provenance: Stephen, Jacques & Stephen  

178. Will.  
[Copy of] the will of Ralph Bashford of Egton in the County of York.  
May 1705.  
Description: Manuscript on paper. 2 leaves (4 pp.) 19 x 32 cm.  
Provenance: Stephen, Jacques & Stephen  

179. Deed.  
Deed declaring the uses of a fine [between] Thomas Chapman of Danby in the County of York [and others] and Ralph Breckon of Glassdale ….  
27th August 1695.  
Description: Manuscript on paper. 47 x 25 cm. 4 seals attached.  
Provenance: Stephen, Jacques & Stephen  

180. Will (Probate)  
Attested copy of the Probate of the will of James Hill of Danby in the County of York …  
1st July 1770.  
Description: Manuscript on paper. 2 leaves (4 pp.) 20.5 x 34 cm.  
Provenance: Stephen, Jacques & Stephen
181. Chirographs.
3 examples of chirographs. Lacking dates and annotations.

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