

A Lease of Bradshaw Hall & Lands, in
lieu of a Will, from William Bradshawe
to Henry his son & heir—1478.

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(From the original in his possession.)



HIS endentur made on y^e Tusdey next aftur y^e Assumption of owre Lade y^e xvij zere of y^e reyne of Kÿge Eduard y^e iij^e betwene Will Bradesha* of ye Bradesha on ye ton p'tye (one part) & Hare Bradesha† y^e son of ye sede Will on y^e tod^r (other) p'tye Witnessse y^t (that) ye seyde Will has set to ferme to y^e seyde Hare his place calde ye Bradesha and all y^e lāde (land) and meydo with y^e apurtenances logÿg yerto (belonging thereto) except a Wode calde y^e greyve crofte‡ unto y^e Terme of xxi zere frely to occupy to his moste advanteghe peÿng yer for yerly xxs duryng y^e terme aforseyde at ij tymes in y^e zere yat is to wit at ye fest of Synt John Baptiste and at y^e fest of Synt Marten in Wyntur be even porcions or wit in (within) x deys aftur & ye seyde Hare to pey y^e Kÿge his dute for y^e whole lyelode (livelode = income) and also y^e seyde Hare shall fynde & suffyshundely (sufficiently) kepe his mod^r (mother) at things to hyr necessare

* William was the son of John de Bradshawe. He died 1483 (*Reliquary* viii., p. 236).

† Henry Bradshaw died 1523 (see his will, *Reliquary*, April, 1890).

‡ "The Greyve Croft" still forms a portion of the Bradshaw Lands in my possession.

to hyr degre aftur his power wyll it plesse hyr to be at his fyndÿge (finding)* & if so be y^t it plesse her bettur to be in any od^r (other) plase y^t yen ye seyde Hare shall pey to hyr xxs at y^e deys afor seyde & be dyschargit (discharged) of hyr fyndinge and y^e seyde Will grāts (grants) and is greabull (agreeable) to gyffe to ye seyde Hare his son all his stuffe of Howsholde wit all things of his y^t longus to husbādry (that belongs to Husbandry) except his beddīg (bedding) and y^t that longus to hys owne bede in reyñet (raiment) and also he giffus (gives) y^e seyed Hare al ye corne of his stuffe tylthe (produce of tillage) yat is on ye plase at his entre y^t is to wyt at Cādulmas (Candlemas) next comynge aftur ye date above wryten unto all thes forseyde countes well and truly to be keppet & not to be inkepput (=neglected) and eyd^v of ye seyde p^tyes yey (they) bothe to fÿde suffyciade surte be obligacion—(sufficient surety to be bound) in x li of y^e wheche ye dat is y^e dey & zere above seyde. Unto ye witnes wher of eydur to odur (either to other) interchange abutt have set to yer seylus (their seals) gyffñ (given) at y^e Chapell in ye Frythe the dey & zere above seyde.

* *i.e.* : Her son to provide for her maintenance—"To find" is still in use at Harrow when boys in the Upper Forms "find" with two or three friends, or provide breakfast and tea in their own rooms.