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Descent of Humberholme in Osmaston by Derby.

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THE seventeen documents here noticed trace the descent of enclosed land called "Humberholme," the exact site of which is not known, but which was located on the boundaries of Osmaston, Alvaston, and Boulton. It seems to have been of some value and importance having been specifically devised by name in more than one will. The series of documents appears interesting as illustrating how a determined search through deeds in public and private depositories can frequently lead to tracing the descent of land, even when such land has not enjoyed the dignity of a parish or reputed manor. In this case the descent is traced from 1547 to 1688, and the documents comprise three wills, a Star Chamber Bill, a Coram Rege Roll, and twelve original deeds still in existence (thirteen, including a will of which a contemporary copy survives, No. XIII). Of the original deeds, Nos. VIII, XI and XVII are in my possession; the remainder are in the collection of Mr. Herbert Moulton,

of Richmond, Surrey, to whom I am indebted for permission to make abstracts. A facsimile of part of No. XI is printed in *The Derbyshire Holdens and their Descendants*.

I. 1547. Rowland Babington, of Derby, by his Will devises to his son Austen "Humber Holme, Osmaston Tythes." (Proved 1548; P.C.C., 8 Populwell).

II. *circa*. 1587. John Dakin, curate of Osmaston, claimed that he and his predecessors had or of right ought to have the tithe corn of parcels of ground called the Green, Humberholme, Cauldwallsicke, Claypitts, and Crumsicke, in Osmaston. (John Dakin v. Thomas and Dorothy Leaper, Humphrey Bull *alias* Wolley, and Clement Leaper. Star Chamber Proc., Eliz. D.11/30; D.41/8 and Addenda 20/3).

III. 1637. 12 Mar. Will of Sir John Stanhope, of Elvaston, co. Derby, Kt. See Codicil: "Mr. John Posthumous Stanhope his land called Humberholme sold to Mr. Ro. Holden." (Proved 19 June 1638; P.C.C. 72 Lee).

IV. 1647. Plea of trespass, Robert Holden against Robert Rowland. Complains that he, on the 27 Sept. 1645, with force and arms broke into and entered the closes of the said Robert called Humberholme and Oldwater at Osmaston and the grass growing there worth 40s. with horses, oxen, pigs, and sheep, was trodden down and consumed to the damage of £10. Rowland pleads Not Guilty. Adjourned to 15th March at Derby, where before Justice Henry Rolle and Samuel Lodington, Esq., the jury find Rowland Not Guilty, etc. (Coram Rege Roll, 1708. m. 636. Hilary 23 Chas. I).

V. 1651. 28 Ap. Lease for possession. Robert Houlden of Aston upon Trent gentleman of the one part; William Allestraye and William Turner, both of Derby, of the other part. Humberholme in Osmaston, Alvaston, and Boulton.

VI. 1651. 29 Ap. Marriage Settlement. Marriage

of Henry Houlden, son of Robert Houlden, and Dorothie Parker one of the daughters of Margaret Parker widow of Derby. (Married at All Saints, Derby, 7 May 1651. Henry Houlden is erroneously entered in the Parish Register as "Edward Hodin").

VII. 1660. 1 May. Agreement tripartite between Henry Houlden, Symon Degge, and Anthony Oldfield of Spalding and Charles Hall, Trustees of the younger children of James Trolley late of Thurlby, Lincs. In consideration of £500, as to Humberholme and also the Headhouse in Mapperley for term of 1,000 years.

VIII. 1661. 19 Feb. Indenture between Henry Houlden of Weston in the County of Derby gentleman and Sir John Curzon of Kedleston in the said County of Derby Knight and Baronet. H.H. for £500 demises to Sir J. C. a close called Humber Holmes in Osmaston, Alvaston, and Boulton, a messuage in Mapperley called the Headhouse or Headhouses, with barns, stables, outhouses, orchards, gardens, lands, meadows, leasows, pastures, etc. with closes, etc. in Mapperley (*long list of field-names follows*) for 21 years at a peppercorn rent. H.H. grants the above as an estate in fee simple, and guarantees it worth £100 per annum over and above all charges.

IX. 1661. 19 Feb. Bond of Henry Houlden of Weston-upon-Trent, given to Sir John Curzon of Kedleston, in respect of pair of Indentures of even date.

X. 1661. 20 Feb. Lease from Sir John Curzon of Kedleston to Henry Houlden of Weston-upon-Trent, of Humberholme in Osmaston, Alvaston, and Boulton. (Also counterpart, with signature and seal of H.H.).

XI. 1664. 15 July. Indenture between Henry Houlden of Weston-upon-Trent and John Chambers of Derby. H.H. for £300 demises to J.C. a messuage in Mapperley, late the inheritance of Robert Houlden gentleman his late father, and settled upon the said H.H. in

marriage, and closes, lands, etc. in Mapperley, and enclosed ground called Humberholme in Osmaston, Alvaston, and Boulton, for 200 years at a peppercorn rent. The deed to be void if H.H. pays to J.C. £304. 10s. on 16th October next. (This deed is interesting as disclosing the rate of interest paid by mortgagers of land, viz., 6 per cent. per annum).

XII. 1664. 15 July. Henry Houlden's memo., acknowledging receipt of £300, in respect of No. XI.

XIII. 1669. Will of Henry Houlden, of Weston-upon-Trent. Dated 10 Jan. 1662, with codicils 23 May 1663 and 2 Feb. 1666. "To my kinsmen Mr. John Chambers and Mr. Joseph Parker all my lands in Humberholme and Mappley, co. Derby, to sell same and divide amongst my younger children at several ages of twenty-one." (Proved at Lichfield, 17 Jan. 1669, by the Executrix, Dorothy Holden. Henry Houlden died, presumably, in December 1667. His Inventory, dated 18 Dec. 1667, is printed in full in *The Derbyshire Holdens and their Descendants*, also parts of the will. He left his affairs in a complicated condition, see Deed No. XVI. This would account for the delay in obtaining probate. In addition to Humberholme and Mapperley, he held land in Kidsley, and the manors of Weston, Aston, Wilne, Shardlow, Morley, and Smalley. See also *D.A.J.*, vol. xxxii).

XIV. 1670. 30 Ap. Dorothy Holden's bond for £1,000, in respect of a settlement under the will of her late husband Henry Houlden of Weston-upon-Trent.

XV. 1671. 20 Ap. Lease by John Chambers, of Humberholme in Osmaston, Alvaston, and Boulton, to Francis Burton of Weston Underwood. Sold by Henry Houlden to Sir John Curzon of Kedleston, and afterwards by Sir J.C. to John Chambers.

XVI. 1673. 2 May. Between Joseph Parker and John Chambers. Refers to Henry Houlden's Will,

dated 10 Jan. 1662, which bequeathed to J.P. and J.C. all his property in Humberholme and Mapperley to pay his debts (if necessary), legacies, and funeral expenses. Dorothy Holden, the widow, not having sufficient funds to clear the estate, this deed is a release by J.P. to J.C. absolutely.

XVII. 1688. 28 May. Indenture between Samuel Holden of the City of London Merchant, Edward Holden of Derby Woollen Draper, Joseph Holden of the City of London Gentleman, John Holden of the parish of St. Clement Danes, Middlesex, Gentleman, Margaret Holden of Derby Spinster, and Mary Holden of Derby Spinster, younger children of Henry Holden of Weston upon Trent, co. Derby, gentleman deceased of the one part: and William Chambers of Derby gentleman of the other part. First parties in pursuance of limitation in the will of said Henry Holden, and in consideration of 40s. apiece, grant to said William Chambers, his heirs, etc. enclosed land in Osmaston called Humber Holme and house of late Henry Holden in Mapperley.