

THE MANORS OF COWFOLD.

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THE parish of Cowfold contains about 4,500 acres, and into this six manors extend—Shermanbury, Ewhurst, Beeding, Stretham, Walhurst and High Hurst. From the Court Rolls of these manors, which have been kindly put at my service by the various Lords and their stewards, I have extracted all mention I could find relating to Cowfold, and by collecting these a fairly complete history of each of the principal farms and lands can be compiled, together with the names of the then owners and their descent. This, as a rule, is not a difficult matter, excepting in cases where there is more than one farm of the same name, as in the case of "Homelands," in Shermanbury, where there are three. Here one should be able to unravel them by names of the owners and size of the lands.

SHERMANBURY MANOR.

SHERMANBURY MANOR occurs in Domesday Book under the name of "Salmonsberie," held by Ralph, under William de Braose, Lord of Bramber.

The Court Rolls of Shermanbury manor are contained in a half-bound book, 15ins. by 8½ins., apparently copied about the beginning of the eighteenth century. The manor extends into the parishes of Shermanbury, Henfield, Bolney, Cowfold and Slaugham. The original rolls have been translated into English, and on the first page is written "Cops of ffyne and Deeds concerning Kingstone Boucyes et Shirmanbury inter ffifhyde mil. et ad. and the advowson with ye arms of Sir Hugh de Boucy sold to ffifhide." On the opening ten pages are copied various deeds and documents, all connected with the manor, which are briefly summarised below; they extend from A.D. 1314 to 1384.

Then comes an interesting account by William Upperbrook, "prepositus" (steward), written from Dorkyng, 13th Richard II., A.D. 1390, rendering an account of rents due to the manor, the produce and issue of the farm with minute details, and how the issue was disposed of, with the amount of days work each tenant was liable to render to the Lord of the Manor, together with the value, in money, of such labour, if not rendered, viz., ploughing, harrowing, sowing, reaping, carting and thrashing, the issue of the dairy and account of the live-stock, number of rabbits caught by the warrener, those sold, and those supplied to the Lord's house in London.

Then follow accounts of five Courts held 1366 to 1377, with lists of agistments for tenants, amongst whom is Stephen, the rector of the church of Shirremannebury. In some cases the name of the Lord is added, in others omitted. In 1378 Sir Roger is rector of the church, and is constantly in mercy for allowing his cattle, geese, etc., to trespass in the Lord's fields; also for cutting timber without licence. Another tenant is in mercy for "his doggs usually hunting in the Lord's park, chasing the bucks and does and killing and carrying away one for which he was in mercy 40 pence."

Then comes a long hiatus with no entries.

In 1542, on the 4th March, is a copy of the terms of a lease for 500 years from Lord Sandys, who held in right of his wife Margaret, a descendant of William Fihide, to Mr. William Comber (vide *Castles and Mansions of West Sussex*, p. 190). His great-granddaughter Elizabeth, heiress, married about 1640 Thomas Gratwick, and later the manor passed in the female line through the Lintott and Farncombe families to John Challen, whose grand-daughter Mary conveyed it to the Hunt family, who, after holding it two or three generations, sold it to Mr. S. Copestake, and on his death it was sold to Mr. Warren Coleman—the present owner.

Since 1749 frequent courts have been held and many

entries of deaths of tenants recorded and enfranchisements effected.

A.D. 1267. The earliest mention we have of this manor is when William de Breouse quit claimed to Hugh de Boucy for his tenement in Shyremmanebir, paying 48 marks, 51st Henry III.¹

A.D. 1314. In 7th Edward II., Hugh de Busy remits to John (Langton), Bishop of Chichester, the advowsons of Kyngston and Shiremmannesburi and Ifeld, and two-thirds of the manor, with the reversion of the other third after the death of Lucy, widow of Robert de Busey, for a sore sparrowhawk.²

A.D. 1314. In 7th Edward II., John, Bishop of Chichester, grants to Hugh de Boucy and Agnes his wife, the advowsons of Kyngeston and Shiremmannesburi and two-thirds of the manors and the reversion of the other third, which Lucy, widow of Robert de Busey, holds in dower.³

1347. Hugh de Boucy, Knight, granting to William Fifhyde and Joan, his wife, the manor of Shermanbury, with all its appurtenances, and also wood and land of Bushenersh, in Cowfold, and wood and land of Gosedenne, in the parish of Shaltham (Slaugham), advowson of churches to William and Joan and their heirs, rendering yearly to me during my life, *i.e.* for seven years from date of this writing, one rose at the feast of St. John the Baptist, and after seven years completed, 100 shillings of silver yearly, and saving to me for my lifetime Houseboot and Hayboot⁴ and pasture for 16 oxen and two heiffers yearly from Hokeday⁵ to the Gule of August⁶, and four loads of hay yearly and other profits, with power to distrain 200 marks. Given at Shirmanburi on Thursday, in

¹ *Sussex Record Society*, Vol. VII., No. 721.

² *Ibid.*, Vol. XXIII., No. 1376.

³ *Ibid.*, No. 1378.

⁴ Hay boot—permission to take thorns for hedge mending.

House boot—permission to take fuel for firing.

⁵ The second Tuesday after Easter.

⁶ August 1st, otherwise the Chains of St. Peter. It appears from Glossary, the average of summer pasturage was computed between the above periods.

Feast of Ascension, in 20th year of Edward III. (Hugh died 1362.)

1348. Robert de Bulkenore and Anastasie his wife grant to William de Fifhide and Joan his wife the manor of Shirmanneburi and 100 acres of wood in Cowfould and the advowson of the church of the said manor for 100 marks. 22nd, Edward III.⁷

1348. Indenture between John Islebon and Sibil his wife, daughter and one of the heirs of Hugh de Boucy, Knight, and Agnes his wife, assigning to William Fifide and Joan his wife, daughter and other heir of above said Hugh, who hold the manor of Shirmanbury and Ifeld, together with the woods of Busshenersh and Gosedene from gift of aforesaid Hugh, now dead, and Agnes his wife, also deceased, who received from John of Langton, Bishop of Chichester, for 100 marks. Given at Shermanbury, Tuesday next after the Feast of Easter, 22nd year of the reign of Edward III.

1349. John de Islebon and Sibil his wife release to William de Fyfydd and Joan his wife and their heirs, all right in the manor of Shiremanbury with advowson to the same manor and in the Wood of Busshenershe 100 acres in Cowfold and in wood of Gosedenne in the parish of Shalgham. Given at Shirmanburi, Saturday, in the Feast of All Saints, in the 22nd year of Edward III.

1348. Final agreement of William Fifyde and Joan his wife, plaintiffs, and Robert Boulkenore and Anastasia his wife, deforciant, of the manor of Shirmanbury, and 100 acres of wood in Cowfold and Gosedenne and the advowson of the church of the same manor, acknowledge right to Joan; on the morrow of All Souls, 22nd year of Edward III., King of England, and in the 9th year of reign of the same King over France.

1356. Charter of Hugh de Boucy to William Fifyde and his heirs of the manor of Kyngstone, near Shorham, and all his lands in Sussex and the rents of the Priory of Lewes, and rents of Sir Andrew Peverell, Knight,

⁷ *Sussex Record Soc.*, Vol. XXIII., No. 2069.

in presence of Sir Michael de Ponyng, Sir Andrew Peverel, Knight; given at Kyngeston, near Shorham, Monday in Easter week, 30th year of reign of Edward III.

1357. Release to Hugh de Boucy and William Fifhide and heirs by Andrew Changton and Sibil his wife, of manor of Kyngstone, all lands in Sussex. Given at London, Thursday next after the Feast of St. George, 31st year of reign of Edward III.

1374. Release to William, son and heir of William Fifyde, and his heirs, by Sir William Percy, Knight, and others, including Sir John Potenhale, rector of church of Kyngeston, of all lands in county of Sussex and Southton. Given at Elsefeld, 10th October, 48th year of Edward III.

1376. Charter of William Fifhyde, son and heir of William Fifhyde, giving to his brother John Fifhyde, William Changelton, Sir Thomas Somer, rector of Southwyke and Herryarde, and others all his lands, advowsons, rents, services in Sussex and Southampton and elsewhere in England (except manor of Faccombe in Southampton, with advowson of church of same manor, which is held of the King in Capite). Witnesses, Sir William Percy, Sir Hugh Camoys, Knights; Thomas Rodemelde, John Crouche, Richard Bokyngham, John Holnee, Adam in the Lane, Walter Haywade, John Bernard, Hugh Craon, William Ballard and others. Given on Sunday in Feast of St. Andrew the apostle, 50th year of Edward III.

1381. Release from Thomas Somer, rector of Southwyke, near Shorham, to William, son and heir of William Fifyde and his heirs, right in all goods and chattles which he had from William son of William Fifyde. Given at Kyng' Boucy, 21st day of May, 4th year of Richard II.

1381. Release by Thomas Somer, rector of Southwyke, to William, son and heir of William Fifhyde, right in lands, rents, advowsons of churches had from gift and feoffment of William, son of William Fifhyde, in counties of Sussex and Southampton, or elsewhere in

England. Given at Kyngeston Bocey, near Shorham, 21st day of March, 4th year of Richard II.

1381. Similar release by Hugh Herriarde to William, son of William Fifhyde, of lands and rents, advowsons, etc.

Similar release by William Changton to William, son of William Fifhyde, of goods and chattels.

Similar release of lands in Sussex and Southampton by William Changton.

1383. Release by John Lilebon to William Fifyde and heirs, all rights in manors of Kyngestone Shiremanbury and Ifeld, with advowsons of churches lately Hugh de Boucy's. Given 12th June, 6th year of Richard II.

1383. Release by John Lillebon, Knight, to same William, right and claim in the arms and helmet with crest which lately were the property of Hugh de Boucy, deceased. Witnesses, Richard de Ponygg, John Fuldesle, Edward Dalryngrugge, William Percy, Bernard Brocas, Hugh Camoys, John Sonde, Knights, Thomas Chelsey, William Stormy, John Cobham, Thomas Radmeld, William Changton, William Olmestede. 5th July, 7th year of Richard II.

John, of Leicester, clerk, confirms last deed.

Defeazance of certain recognizances between John Lillebon and William Fifyde.

Then follows an interesting account of William Upperbrook, *prepositus*, of Dorkyngg, from Michaelmas, 12th year of Richard II. to 13th year of the same reign; collection of rents, arrears of rents—£48 17s. 9¼d. customs of the manor, tallage and chevage, 4s. from a tenant for keeping a hare-hound, issues of the manor, corn and stock sold, crops, deliverys to the family, sheep, wool, etc., piggs, hay, rabbits (528 received of the warrener of Dorkyng, of which delivered at the Lord's house in London 48—sold 480), 207 fleeces of wool to the Lord's Castle of Reygate, with a summary of live and dead stock on the land.

First record of Court, held in 1365.

Shyremanebury, Court of William de Fifhide, holden Wednesday in vigils of the Ascention 39th year of Edward III. Many acknowledgments of fealty, no places mentioned. John Gratwyk for Gore, Thomas Tharinddene, Richard Melhogg, Simon Attefelde for Swayne, names mentioned. In mercy, Sir Roger, rector of Shirmanbury, for 6 hogs in Lord's pasture, 2 pence; beasts in Erchenbrugge, many other trespassers in corn and hay. Sir Roger fined for felling timber without the Lord's licence, to the amount of 3s. 5d.

1365. Court held Thursday next after Feast of Saint Michael, 39th year of Edward III.

Richard Trenchmere in mercy 12 pence, for many defaults of suit.

John Gratwyke distrained.

Thomas de Thornden holds two acres in Cowfould by service of 13 pence per annum, and did fealty.

Sir Roger in mercy 2 pence—11 hogs in Lord's pasture, and 8 hogs there and 10 hogs and 6 cows and many others to the amount of 5s. 3d.

1370. Court of William Fyfyhyde, holden Friday next and after the feast of St. Michael. 44th year of Edward III.

Richard Trenchmore distrained—in mercy 2 pence.

1371. Court, no name, Thursday, in feast of Assumption of Blessed Mary. 45th year of Edward III.

Plaints for trespass settled and fines levied for these and other small matters. Total perquisites of this Court, 5s. 5d.

1373. Court, no name, 13th September, 47th year of Edward III.

The abbot of Wyndham fined—rector of Shyremanebury, accused of trespass—in mercy 4 pence. Various plaints; timber-felling. Lodeford, William Gratwycke mentioned. Footpath turned into a horseway—to enquire who did it.

1375. Court, no name, 27th January, 49th year Edward III. Stephen the parson of Shermanbury, fined 14s. 10d. for many trespasses with cattle, cutting

and taking away furze and alderwood and trespassing with 25 geese; fines unpaid 14s. 10d.

Okynden mentioned—breaking the inclosure of the Lord's pound—distrained therefor.

Richard Walphe, in mercy 6 pence for turning a footpath into a horse road.

1376. Court of John Fyhid, William Changeton, Thomas Somer and Hugh Heryard, in December, 50th year of reign of Edward III. Roll illegible to the translator and transcriber.

1376. Court, no name, 30th September, 50th Edward III. Many trespassers in mercy, amongst them the Rector of Shiremanbury, 12 pence, and John Wolgar, 2 pence for 30 geese. Shershelond, held by service of 1s. 6d. mentioned (Searches). John Gratewick, Robert Drewett, Richard Wyndham mentioned. List of agistments to amount of 28s. 11d.

1377. Court of William Fyfhide, Thursday before Feast of the apostles Philip and James, 51st year Edward III.

Kolcrotts held by service of 1 rose and foreign service.

John de Gratewyk does fealty by service 6 pence and foreign service.

Sir Roger, Rector of Shirmanbury, in mercy 5s. 10d. trespasses.

Walter Frilove fined 6 pence for his dogs usually hunting and chasing the Lord's bucks and does in Lord's park and killing and carrying away one to the Lord's damage, 40 pence.

Richard Kyng in mercy 1d. for felling an oak without licence.

1378. Court, no name, Saturday next after purification of Blessed Virgin Mary, 1st year Richard II.

John Gratewyk held 3 acres in Cowfould by service of 6 pence, closed his last day. Heriot claimed. John his son is heir and of full age—distrained.

Nine calves died of murrain by misfortune, also two cows, one heifer, two colts.

Stephen, rector of church, 9s. in agistment.

Sum of this Court, 43s. 9d.

Here comes long hiatus.

EXTRACTS FROM LEASE OF SHERMANBURY MANOR.

4, March, 33, Henry VIII., 1542, for 500 years.

Lord Thomas Sandys to Mr. William Comber. Indenture made 4th March (1542)—33 Henry VIII., King of England, France and Erelond defender of Faith and in Erth supreme Hedde of Church of England and Erlond,—between Rt. Hon. Thomas Sandys, Lord Sandys and William Comber of Shermanbury Ysquere, the said Wylyyam now holds manor and Lordship of Shermanbury with all rights, by force of lease made to Sir Thomas West Knyght late Lord Lawarr by Sir Wylyyam Sands—father to said now Lord—which lease was for 40 yeres from feast of St. Michael, made 27th March, 3 of Henry VIII., of which said lease there is yet 10 yeres to come—William Comber is lawfully possessed for 500 yeres to begynne immediately after said 10 yeres are fully ended, *i.e.* after Michaelmas 1553, paying yerely £15 during 500 yeres to said Lord Sands, his heires and assigns and 20 shillings relyff on every alienation, dystress in default allowed—“andferdermore,” said Lord Sands has sold to Wylyyam Comber heirs etc. all woods and underwoods in seyde manor—and “ferder” said Lord Sands grants to seyde William Comber heires etc. right to cut and carry away timber excepting any interest whyche Robert Preston Esquyer and Dame Deonyse Sands late wife of Sir Rycharde Sands Knyght, now deceased, pretend to have—said Lord Sands warrants security for 14 yeres. William Comber undertakes all charges, quit rents, payments to the Church, during terme of 500 yeres. William Comber heirs etc. undertake to fynd one abyll man with horse and harnes weare for Lord Sands in the Kynges Warres when commanded. William Comber pays to Lord Sands 100 marks for woods and underwoods. Payment acknowledged by Lord Sands.

Signed and sealed by William Comber and Lord Sands, date above mentioned.

On the death of William Comber, the manor passed to John Comber, who died in 1593, then to William Comber, who died 1627, leaving a daughter Elizabeth, who married Thomas Gratwick, who inherited in right of his wife. He died 1664—their great-grand-daughter, Ann, inherited and married 1718 Thomas Lintott, the manor passing to their daughter Cassandra, who married Henry Farncombe. The manor then passed

to their daughter Cassandra Lintott Farncombe, who married John Challen, who inherited in right of his wife. He died in 1794, and the manor passed to his youngest brother, Stephen Hasler Challen, who had one daughter only, Maria Harriett, who died 1876. She married Henry Hunt and inherited the manor. On his death in 1876 the manor was sold and bought by Samson Copestake, and on his death it was bought by H. Warren Coleman, present owner.

1659. Court Barron of Robert Heath, Esquire, and Thomas Gratwicke, gentleman, holden, 30th August, by Thomas Houghton, Esquire. Tenants appearing—Thomas Warde, Edward Steele, John Michell, John Bull and others.

Thomas Warde holds 50 acres. Homeland, in Cowfold, late lands of William Whitinge.

Edward Steele holds 13 acres Burchenearsh in Cowfold, for the term of 500 years—13 acres occupied by Thomas Latter, 3s. 4d., relief, etc., late belonging to Richard Whitepayne. John Michell holds for 500 years—16 acres, Burchenearsh, in Cowfold, occupied by Thomas Ellis. Rent, 3s. 4d., relief, etc. John Michell received by grant of his grandfather.

John Pepper holds land called Gosenden four-score acres.

John Bull holds 18 acres Homeland, in Cowfold; rent, 12 pence, herriott, etc., came to him from his father John as his eldest son and heir.

John Roberts holds and occupies Homeland in Cowfold; rent, 12 pence, herriott, etc., came to him from his father as his eldest son and heir. Note—3s. has always been paid yearly for Lord's rent.

John Gratwicke, of Pookes, four-score acres; rent, 6s. 4d.

John Roberts, Thomas Warde and John Bull refuse to join in the homage or to do suit or service. Amerced 6s. 8d.

Henry West, gentleman, holds Hedgeland and King's 140 acres in Shermanbury and Cowfold, late the lands

of Sir Edward Bellingham, now occupied by William Standen; rent, 6 pence, etc.

William Gratwicke, of Jervis, gentleman, holdeth Jervis Julians garden and Serches, 100 acres in Cowfold, occupied by said William; rent, 2s. 7d., herriott, relief, etc., which came to him from his father William, gentleman, as his eldest son—said William holds for 500 years 40 acres Loodford in Cowfold, yearly rent 4s. 1d., relief, etc., from his grandfather, John Gratwicke, gentleman.

Thomas Michell, gentleman, holdeth Wilcocks and Buckhatch in Cowfold, 30 acres occupied by said Thomas and John Gratwicke, 4s. 4d., came from Thomas Michell, of Hurst, his cousin and heir.

John Dunstall holds Serches 7 acres in Cowfold; occupier, Peter Martyn; rent, 4d., herriott, etc., from his father, Barnard Dunstall, deceased, as his eldest son and heir.

1668. Court Baron of Robert Heath, Esquire, and John Gratwick, gentleman, holden 9th September, 20th of Charles II. by Thomas Houghton, steward.

Thomas Mitchell, gentleman, is dead, held Wilcocks 30 acres in Cowfold; rent, 2s. 7d., herriott, etc. Next heir unknown.

Edward Steele is dead. Held for 500 years Burchenearsh in Cowfold, 13 acres; rent, 3s. 4d., relief, etc. Edward's will gave to Thomas Steele his youngest son, who is under age.

1698. Court Baron of John Gratwicke, Esquire, holden 5th September, 1698; Nathaniel Trayton, gentleman, steward.

* John Gratwicke, who held freely Jervis Julians garden and Serches 100 acres in Cowfold by fealty, etc., is dead. John Gratwick is only son and heir and of full age—and did fealty.

. Russell, who held freely by fealty, etc. Hedgeland and Kings 140 acres in Shermanbury and Cowfold, in occupation of William Standen and before

of Edward Bellingham, Knight, is dead. Nathaniel Russell, only son and heir of full age.

Ralph Mills, Esquire, who held freely by fealty, etc., Eastridge, in Cowfold, is dead. William Mills, gentleman, is his only son and heir, age 19 years.

John Pepper held freely, is dead.

Thomas Whitebread held Serches by fealty, etc., in Cowfold, 7 acres in occupation of Peter Martyn, and before of John Dunstall, is dead. John Whitebread next heir and of full age.

John Roberts and Thomas Ward, who held by relief, suit of court, herriott, Wilcocks in Cowfold, 30 acres; rent, 2s. 7d., alienated to Thomas Moorein and his heirs.

Thomas Ward, who held freely by fealty, etc., Homeland, in Cowfold, 50 acres, late Whitings, alienated to Henry Yates.

Thomas Steele, who held freely by fealty Burchenearsh in Cowfold, 13 acres; rent, 3s. 4d., alienated to John Lintott.

John Michell, who held freely Burchenearsch in Cowfold, 16 acres; rent, 3s. 4d., is dead. Heir unknown.

John Bull the elder, who held freely by fealty, etc., Homeland, in Cowfold, 18 acres, rent, 1s., alienated to John Bull the younger, son of John Bull the elder.

Hiatus to 1721.

1749. Court Baron of Henry Farncombe, Esquire, and Cassandra Gratwicke his wife, holden 17th October, 1749. Nicholas Burt, gentleman, steward.

Following deaths presented—John Gratwick, Esquire Mary Gratwicke, spinster; John Madgwick; John Gratwick Madgwick; Ann Gratwicke, widow; John Butcher, William Whitebread; Thomas Steele, Esquire, in 1775 died, seized of Homelands.

Here follow many notes which appear on sheet D of MSS. of Shermanbury Court Rolls.

8th January, 1720. John Gratwick's death, seized of Jervaise, Serches and Julians garden, devised to Mary, his sister.

26th May, 1726. Mary Gratwick's death, spinster, seized of Jervaise, Serches and Julians garden, devised to John Madgwick, gentleman, her nephew.

2nd November, 1727. John Madgwick's death, seized of Jervaise, Serches and Julians garden, devised to John Gratwick Madgwick, his son, an infant.

February, 1727. John Gratwick Madgwick's death, an infant, seized of Jervaise Serches and Julians garden. Property went to Elizabeth Madgwick, sister.

1729. Ann Gratwick's death, widow of John Gratwick, of Shermanbury, when certain lands (Loodford) came to Mary Cheale, widow.

1729. William Mill, Esquire, of Greatham, died seized of Eastridge, in Cowfold, which fell to his sons and daughters as co-heiresses, who sold to John Wood, of Twineham.

Wilcocks and Buckhatch purchased by John Turner. John Butcher purchased Homeland.

1746. John Butcher, of Cowfold, died—left Homeland to Thomas Steele, Esquire. . . . Gates purchased Homeland, late Whiteings, in Cowfold.

1746. Philip Cheale died seized of Loodford and old park.

1746. William Whitebread, of Offington, gentleman, who held Serches, 7 acres, died.

John Roberts died March, 1739, seized of Homeland, which came to his son, John Roberts, who sold to William Tully.

1746. John Mitchell died seized of Birchinearsh, which came to John Pilbeam.

James Langford paid 1s. relief for Homeland in Cowfold.

December, 1754. Mr. Lintott, of Okendeane, paid relief for Burchenearsh.

1759. Court Baron of Cassandra Lintott Farncombe, spinster. 25th September. Nicholas Burt, gentleman, steward.

William Whitbread, who held Serches 7 acres, died. Devised same to kinsman James Margesson.

John Turner, of Cowfold, held Wilcocks and Buckhatch, died. John Turner, his son, is now possessed.

John Lintott, of Okendeane, held for residue of 500 years Birchen Earsh, 6s. 8d. rent, one part of which he purchased since last court, died.

William Tilly, of Bolney, who held Homeland, in Cowfold, died. Heir unknown.

John Wood, of Twineham, gentleman, holds East-ridge and does fealty.

1785. Court Baron of John Challen, Esquire, 16th November, 26th year George III. William Ellis, gentleman, steward.

John Lintott, Esquire, held both Birchen Earsh for residue of term 500 years, yearly rent 3s. 4d., suit of court, etc., died, John Henry Lintott, only child and heir, did fealty.

John Turner held Wilcock, rent 3s. 4d., for residue of term of years, died. Devised same to Edward Turner his brother with remainder to Mary Turner his wife for life. John Turner the son is since dead. Mary Turner holds for her life.

Richard Hurst held Hedgelands by suit of court, etc., and Kings, 40 acres, died. Robert Hurst, Esquire, is his only son and heir.

Thomas Steele, Esquire, who held by suit of court, etc., Homelands, in Cowfold, rent 1s., died seized thereof, devised to his wife, Elizabeth, who holds. Elizabeth Steele holds Jervis, Julians Garden and Serches, 100 acres in Cowfold.

Henry Wood, Esquire, holds Eastridge by yearly rent of 2s., and did fealty.

Governor Peachey held Holmland in Cowfold, died, which came to Sir James Peachey, Bart., his nephew and heir at law.

William Tully, eldest son and heir of William Tully, deceased, holds Holmland by yearly rent, etc.

William Osborne held Gosden, alias Gowsdeane, by suit of court, etc., alienated to Edward Tredcroft, lately died. Nathaniel Tredcroft, eldest son and heir, now holds.

James Margeson, who held Serches by fealty, etc., died, and devised same to nephew, William Margesson, Esquire.

1803. Court Baron of Rev. John Gratwicke Challen, Clerk. 13th June, 43rd year George III. William Ellis, gentleman, steward.

Mary Turner, who held Wilcocks, rent 2s. 7d., is dead. William Turner now holds.

Elizabeth Steele, widow, held by rent, suit of court, etc. Jervis, Julians Garden and Serches, 100 acres in Cowfold, died, and same descended to Right Hon. Thomas Steele, her son and heir.

Elizabeth Steele held Homeland in Cowfold, rent 1s., died. Descended to her same son.

William Tully held Holmland in Cowfold by yearly rent, suit of court, etc., alienated to John Anscombe, who did fealty.

William Margeson, by fealty, etc., held Serches in Cowfold, alienated to James Ward, gentleman, who acknowledged.

Robert Hurst held by fealty, rent, etc., Hedgelands and Kings 140 acres, alienated to Bysshe Shelley, Esquire, who now holds.

Nathaniel Tredcroft held Gosden and Freechase by yearly rent 6s. 8d., suit of court, etc., alienated to Charles Beauclerk, Esquire, who now holds.

1814. Court Baron of Rev. John Gratwick Challen, 11th July, 54th year George III. Charles Marshal, gentleman, steward.

Rt. Hon. Thomas Steele, who held by rent, etc., Jervis, Julians Garden and Serches 100 acres in Cowfold, also Homelands in Cowfold, alienated to Nathaniel Tredcroft, Esquire, who has since alienated to Charles Goring, of Wiston, Esquire, who now holds.

James, Lord Selsea, formerly Sir James Peachey, Bart., held by fealty, etc., Homeland, died. Same came to Rt. Hon. John Lord Selsea.

John Henry Lintott held both Birchen Ersh, in Cowfold, alienated to Thomas Steele, of Cowfold, who has since died, and Thomas Steele, son of Thomas Steele, now holds.

1814. William Margesson, who held Serches in Cowfold, 7 acres, alienated to James Ward, of West Grinstead, Esquire.

Sir Bysshe Shelly holds Hedgeland and Kings 140 acres by fealty, etc.

John Anscombe holds by fealty, etc., Homelands, in Cowfold, late Tulleys.

Henry Wood holds by fealty, etc., Eastridge.

1831. Court Baron of Rev. John Gratwicke Challen, D.D. 5th May. Charles Marshall, gentleman, steward.

James Ward held Serches in Cowfold, 7 acres, died and devised same to Charles Lee and others in trust, afterwards sold by order of a decree in Chancery to Charles Goring, of Wiston, Esquire. Charles Goring, Esquire, who held Jarvis, Julians Gardens, Serches, 100 acres, and Serches, 7 acres, late Wards, died, and premises became property of his son, Charles Goring, who holds.

John Lord Selsea held by fealty, etc., Homelands in Cowfold, died, property came to Rt. Hon. John Lord Selsea, his son.

Sir Bysshe Shelly, Bart., held Hedgelands and Kings by herriott, etc., 140 acres, late Hursts, died. Premises descended to his son, Sir Timothy Shelly.

Nathaniel Tredcroft held Homelands in Cowfold, died, which then came to his son, Henry Tredcroft.

Henry Wood held Eastridge by fealty, died seized, descended to his son, John Wood. Lucretia Wood, widow, holds.

John Anscombe held Homelands by fealty, etc., died, premises went to his son, Mark Anscombe, who holds.

1837. Court Baron of Stephen Hasler Challen, Esquire, 3rd November. John Tribe, deputy steward, gentleman.

William Turner held on residue of term of 500 years Buckhatch and Wilcocks, died, Sarah Turner, his widow, holds same.

Mark Anscombe held Homelands by fealty, etc., died. Now the property of Samuel Anscombe, of Bolney, farmer.

Thomas Steele held by fealty both Birchen Erches, alienated to Thomas Dewdney, of Cowfold, yeoman.

1845. Court Baron of Rev. Charles Webber, clerk and James Bennett Freeland, Esquire, 22nd April.

All notices relate to Shermanbury parish.

1854. Court Baron of Humphry William Freeland, 25th October. Edward William Johnson, gentleman, steward.

Charles Goring held by fealty, etc., Jarvis, Julians Garden and Serches, 100 acres, also Serches, 7 acres, late Wards, died seized. Premises went to Rev. John Goring, his brother.

Henry Tredcroft held Homelands by fealty, etc., died. Premises descended to his son Edward Tredcroft.

Thomas Dewdney held by fealty both Birchen Ershes alienated to Rev. Henry Hoper, of Portslade.

1858. Court Baron of Humphrey William Freeland, Esquire. Robert George Raper, gentleman, deputy steward. 14th September.

All entries concern Shermanbury.

1863. Court Baron of Rev. Charles Edward Hutchinson and Holdsworth Hunt, Esquire, 5th October. William Johnson, gentleman, steward.

Rev. Henry Hoper, who held by fealty, etc., Birchmersh, died, premises descended to Mrs. Henry Hoper.

Mrs. Lucretia Wood, who held Eastridge by fealty, etc., died. Premises came to Henry Ridout, Esquire, who alienated to Nicholas Sadler.

Charles George Beauclerk held by fealty, etc., Gosden and Freechase, alienated to Egerton Hubbard, Esquire.

1867. Court Baron of Rev. Charles Edward Hutchinson and Holdsworth Hunt, 10th April. Edward William Johnson, gentleman, steward.

Mrs. Lucretia Wood died, devised premises to Hamlen Smith, who devised to Arthur Smith.

John Lord Selsea, who held Homelands by fealty, etc., died, seized. Premises descended to Mrs. Vernon Harcourt.

1869. Court Baron of Rev. Charles Edward Hutchinson and Holdsworth Hunt, Esquire, 28th October. Edward William Johnson, gentleman, steward.

Entries relate to Shermanbury.

1872. Court Baron of Holdsworth Hunt, Esquire, barrister at law. 26th September. Robert G. Raper, steward.

Death of Rev. Charles Edward Hutchinson presented.

Death of Mrs. Vernon Harcourt, who held Homelands. Premises came to most noble Ulick John, Marquis of Clanricarde.

Eastridge, enfranchised by Nicholas Sadler.

1874. Court Baron, of Holdsworth Hunt, 26th February. Robert G. Raper, gentleman, steward.

Marquis of Clanricarde, who held Homelands in Cowfold, alienated to William Sugden Gates, of Steyning.

Enfranchisement of Gosden and Freechase to William Egerton Hubbard.

9th August, 1905. Enfranchisement of Wilcox farm, 30 acres, also Buckhatch, 7 acres, by Col. Stephenson R. Clarke.

17th December, 1906. William Sugden Gates alienated Homelands to Henry Courage, who alienated same to Mrs. J. Norris.

9th December, 1910. Mrs. J. Norris alienated Homelands in Cowfold to Mr. E. Hodgson.

27th March, 1911. Henderson Webb alienated Hedgelands and Kings in Shermanbury and Cowfold to Mr. Thomas Goulburne.

1914. Enfranchisement of Hedgelands and Kings by Henderson Webb.

RENTAL OF SHERMANBURY MANOR AS FAR AS CONCERNS COWFOLD PARISH.

Name of Farm.	Rent.	Tenant, 1721	Tenant, 1728	Tenant, 1738	Tenant, 1763	Tenant, 1880
Wilcocks and Buck-hatch	s. d. 4 4	Slaten	Denman	Turner	Mrs. Turner	S. Peache
Hedgeland and Kings	6	Titchener	Titchener	Titchener	Robert Hurst	Sir P. Shelly
Jervis, Julians Garden and Serches .	2 7	Vinall	Mrs. Madgwick	Capt. Ward	Thos. Steele	Rev. J. Goring
East Ridge ..	2 0	Denman	Denman	Wm. Denman	John Woods	Sadler
No. 1 Homelands	1 0	Ridge	Ridge	Jas. Langford	James Tully	S. Ancombe
No. 2 Homelands	1 0	Roberds	Mr. Roberds	Mr. Roberds	Thos. Steele	W. S. Gates
No. 3 Homelands	1 0	Gratwicke	Mr. Butcher	Mr. Butcher	Peachey	
Birchen Ersh	3 4	Michell	Mr. Michell	Mr. Michell	John Lintott	R. Hoper
Birchen Ersh	3 4	Lintott	Widow Lintott	Mrs. Lintott	John Lintott	R. Hoper
Serches	4	Whitebread	Mr. Whitebread	Mr. Whitbread	Mr. Margeson	Rev. J. Goring
Lidford and Old Park	4 6		Mr. Gray			

EWHURST MANOR,

ALSO CALLED JEWHRUST, IWHERST AND YWEHRUST.

The earliest mention I have been able to find is 1267, when William de Breouse quit-claims to Andrew Peverel the manor of Ywehurst for 48 marks. 51, Henry III.⁸

In the family of Peverel this manor remained until it passed by the marriage of Alice (daughter of Reginald FitzHerberd and great grand-daughter of Andrew Peverel) to Thomas West, second Baron West.⁹

1303. The Peverel seal is on a document now in the archives of Magdalen College, Oxford, respecting Mokebridge, so the family was probably then living at Ewhurst.¹⁰

1416. In the Inquisition p.m. of Thomas, Lord West, he died seized of the manor.

1554. In the Inquisition p.m. of Thomas, Lord de la Warr¹¹ he died seized of the manor.

1599. From the Fine quoted in *Sussex Record Soc.* xx. 404, under Sompting, Herbert Pelham probably obtained this manor on his marriage with Elizabeth West, daughter of Thomas, second Lord de la Warr, but shortly afterwards its possession passed to William Comber (grandson of William Comber, who bought Shermanbury manor, 1524). He died 1625 and left by will¹² the manor of Ewhurst, which he valued at £2,000, to his son-in-law, William Heath, who had married Elinor his daughter. He, by will, proved P.C.C. 1647 (248 Fynes) left the manor to his son Robert, baptised 4th November, 1623, at Piddinghoe. He held his first Court chronicled in the Rolls, 165? He married Frances, daughter of Increased Collins, and their son Robert (born 1658—died 1682) married Frances Byne, and by his will, proved 23rd May, 1682

⁸ *Sussex Record Soc.*, Vol. VII., 726.

⁹ *Castles and Mansions of West Sussex*, p. 160, notes and pedigree, cf. p. 209.

¹⁰ *Castles of West Sussex*, p. 190.

¹¹ *Sussex Record Soc.*, Vol. XIV., p. 236.

¹² *S.A.C.*, XLIX., p. 138; and *Sussex Record Soc.*, XIV., 56.

(P.C.C. 153 Cottle), leaves Ewhurst manor to his unborn child—this was Robert Heath, who married, 1707, Arabella Trevor (*S.A.C.* xx. 62), and died 1708, leaving a son, Robert, appointing by will, proved 10th November, 1708 (P.C.C. 251 Barrett) his father-in-law, Henry Pelham (*i.e.* his step-father, who had married at All Saints', Lewes, 18th December, 1683, his mother, Frances Heath) and his brother-in-law, Thomas Pelham, Esquire (*i.e.* his half-brother), Trustees and Guardians to his son; on the death of Robert Heath's only son, without issue, the manor passed to above-named Thomas Pelham, whose son, Thomas Lord Pelham, with Anne his wife, sold to John Challen, Esquire (*Sussex Record Soc.*, Vol. XIX., p. 159), who held his first Court 1787.¹³

His son, John Gratwicke Challen, inherited. On his death it passed to his brother, Stephen Hasler Challen, whose daughter married Houldsworth Hunt. On their death it passed to their son, H. Warwick Hunt, and after him it was sold to Sampson Copestake, and on his death to Warren Coleman, the present owner.

COURTS HELD AS PER COURT ROLLS.

1464. 26th September, 4th year Edward IV. No name of Lord.
1465. 2nd May, 5th year Edward IV. No name of Lord.
1492. Friday next after St. Andrew, 7th year Henry VII. No name of Lord.
- 1631 (?). 5th June to 20th August, 1642. . . . William Heath.
- 165?. 30th August to 6th December, 1678. Robert Heath.
1700. 19th June to 21st July, 1731. Henry Pelham.
1736. 11th October to 13th October, 1757. Thomas Pelham.
1773. 13th October to 16th November, 1780. Rt. Hon. Thomas Lord Pelham.

¹³ I am much indebted to Col. F. W. T. Attree for his kind assistance in unravelling this somewhat intricate descent of the manor of Ewhurst.

1787. 16th January. John Challen, Esquire.
 1803. 13th June to 5th May, 1831. Rev. John Gratwicke Challen, D.D.
 1837. 3rd November. Stephen Hasler Challen.
 1839 26th April Rev Charles Webber, pr. J. B. Freeland, steward.
 1854 25th October to 1858, 14th September. H. W. Freeland, E. Johnson, per R. G. Raper, steward.
 1863 to 1872. Rev. C. H. Hutchinson and Houldsworth Hunt, Esquire.
 1874. 26th February. Houldsworth Hunt, Esquire.
 1880. Sampson Copestake.
 1916. Warren Coleman.

The Court Roll book, 13ins. by 8½ins., is bound in black cloth. On the first page is written "a copy, as far as can be read, of the original which is much dilapidated, part of every page having been eaten by vermin of some sort." The following entries were thus defaced when I received them from the hands of Mr. Streeke, the steward to Thomas Pelham, Esquire, of Stanmer. F. Warden.

1st April, 1741.

These are duties of the steward of the manor.

You shall enquire and present of such persons as owe suit and service and do not appear and present their names that . . . one caparcener or tenant in common or joint tenant is enough. . . .

Enquire what tenants are dead since the last Court, present the names . . . and what lands they hold of this manor and by what rents and services . . . present all alienations by whom and to whom and the lands and. . . .

A relief is the full of a year's lord's rent to be paid by the heir over and above . . . all tenures paid.

Enquire who having common of pasture or lots of meadow since . . . same and of common at large, who keeps more cattle upon the same in summer than he can keep in his closes in winter.

Enquire if any timber or wood be cut upon the lord's waste and . . . and if any of the waste be enclosed or encroached and by whom.

Enquire and present who have not paid their reliefs and heriots . . . the same are due—a relief is due upon every death of the tenant.

Maintaining tenant ways and sewer ditches.

1464. Iwherst Court, holden there 26th September, fourth year of Edward IV. No Lord mentioned.

All the business of this Court is concerning land in Henfield—rent 19s. 8d. and five geese yearly; refers to document by Thomas West, Knight, under his seal dated at Iwherst on Sunday next after Feast of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first year of Henry IV.

1465. Iwherst Court holden 2nd May, fifth year of Edward IV., concerning same land in Henfield. No Lord mentioned.

1491. Iwherst Court, holden Friday next after feast of St. Andrew in the seventh year of Henry VII. Concerning same land in Henfield. No Lord's name mentioned.

1st April, 1741. Note on separate page. Many entries defaced when I received them from Mr. Streeke, steward to Thomas Pelham Esquire, of Stanmer.

Signed—F. Warden.

1631. First Court of William Heath, gentleman, there holden 5th June in the . . . year of the reign of our Lord . . . King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith.

Thomas Dunstall holds freely one Messuage, two barns, lands, 30 acres, called Brownings in Cowfold, yearly rent 6s. 8½d. and 10d. heriot relief 6s. 8½d., suit of court and other services and did fealty.

Thomas . . . held freely messuage and lands called Wolfringfold, estimated 40 acres, lying . . . yearly rent 6s. 9d., suit of court, etc., also one parcel of land called Akynfeild . . . suit of court, heriot, etc., parcel

of land there called Canthes by rent . . . suit of court, heriot, etc., relief and other services, and did fealty.

The homage present Henry Davye held to him and his heirs one barn and lands, 100 acres, called Croftmans, yearly rent 6s. 8d. and services—also Harlands and Pykespoole in Cowfold, yearly rent 3s. 8d. and services, died since last court heriot to the lord, one red ox seized and sold to Henry Davy son of John Davie, for £4 . . . 8d. paid for Croftmans; also that

John Hadsall, of Wymarks, died—John Gratwicke, Exor. . . . wife of William Freeman, and . . . wife of Edmund Freeman and Katharine . . . are sisters and coheirs and next heirs of John Hadsall—and are distrained; also that

John Gratwicke, held freely one barn, freelands, 40 acres, called Picknoll, in Cowfold, yearly rent 5s. and services, died since last court—had no beast for heriot—John Gratwicke, eldest son and next heir—distrained for 5s. and for fealty.

Also homage present that John Gratwicke, of Jarvys, who held Spooner, yearly rent 5s. 1d. and Cheyneys, rent 5s. 1d., and Ockenden; Cooper, who holds lands in Shermanbury and Cowfold, rent 6s. 8d. yearly, and John Bartelet, who holds Northfield, yearly rent 2s. 2d.; Henry Davie—Henry Gates—John Gratwicke, of Sulington—Walter Covert, Knight, who holds Sheepwoods, yearly rent 8s. 1d., the heirs of John Hadsall; the heirs of John Ward, who hold Wards Land and Arnolds, yearly rent 20s. 10d.; John Dunstall the younger, who holds Goodiers or Baldwins, yearly rent 10s. . . .; Thomas Michell, who holds Bullockland in Cowfold, yearly rent 4s. 1d., made default, and are in mercy 2d. each.

1632. Court Baron of William Heath, gentleman, holden 26th September in 7th year of reign of Charles I., by Theophilus Ti . . . , steward.

Homage Thomas Vincent Thomas . . . stone Henry Davye, Thomas Holden, Owen G . . . , Richard Mercer and Richard Tully, say that W. . . . Covert, Knight—John Gratwick, gentleman, the heirs of

John . . . Ockenden Cooper, gentleman, Thomas Whiting—Henry . . . Dunstall, John Dunstall, of Crawley, John Gra. . . . Mockford and heirs of Richard Costedell—are tenants and . . . Court, and make default and are in mercy 4d. each.

Anne Chapman, widow, late wife of John Ward, who held for term of her life messuage and lands called Wards and Arnolds, rent 20s. 10d. and services, died since last court, no heriot because no beast. Thomas Stempe and John Stempe are next heirs, *i.e.* sons of Thomas Stempe and Anne his wife, one of the daughters and coheirs of aforesaid John Ward—distrained.

Also they present John Bartlett, who held freely to him and his heirs, Northfields—16 acres alienated, and sold premises since last Court to Thomas Bartlett, his brother, and his heirs, who acknowledged and did fealty.

1636. Court Baron of William Heath, holden 6th August, 12th year of Charles, by . . . Houghton, gentleman, steward.

At this Court came Thomas Dunstall, of Brownyns, son and heir of Thomas Dunstall, deceased, and acknowledged to hold messuage, barns and freelands called Brownyns, in Cowfould, 30 acres, yearly rent 6s. 8½d. and 10s. heriot, also lands called Bullocksland, 24 acres, in Cowfould, rent 4s. 1d., heriot, etc., which premises descended to him after the death of aforesaid Thomas Dunstall his father, as eldest son and heir of said Thomas. Thomas Dunstall, the son, waged relief 10s. 9½d. and heriot 10s. to the Lord.

At this Court came Henry Davy . . . of John Davy, deceased, eldest son and heir, and acknowledged to hold to him and his heirs messuage, barn and lands Croftmans, 100 acres, in Cowfould, yearly rent 6s. 8d., and services, also free lands called Harlands and Pikespoole, in Cowfold, rent 3s. 8d. and services—aforesaid Henry Davy the elder lately died seized—said . . . Davy the son attorned tenant and did fealty.

The Homage, John Wood of Peryers, Henry Stone, Owen Gratwicke, Henry Davy (and others illegible), present that Thomas Dunstall, of Brownyns, who held

to him and his heirs Brownyngs, 30 acres in Cowfould, yearly rent 6s. 8½d. and 10s. heriot, also freeland called Bullocksland, 24 acres, in Cowfould—died since last Court—heriot to the Lord, one black ox, sold to Thomas Dunstall the son for £4. Thomas Dunstall is eldest son and heir of aforesaid Thomas Dunstall, deceased, and of full age, and the aforesaid Thomas Dunstall, the son, paid and did fealty, also.

They present ditches require scouring before Michelmas—pain for every rod—2s., also holes and low places in lane to be filled up and elevated—in English “to rayse and levell” before St. John’s day—pain 3s. 4d., also John Dunstall to alter water course—pain 10s., several tenants made default and in mercy 4d.

Affeered by the whole homage.

1642. Court Baron of William Heath, gentleman, holden 5th of . . . 18th year of Charles, by Roger Coby.

Homage 10 men sworn.

Also they present that Ockenden Cooper, who held freely Bonnersmeade, Twopennymeade and Roughhooke, 10 acres, in Cowfould, yearly rent 6s. 8d. and services, died, since last Court. Heriot, a black cow, and Elizabeth, wife of John London, gentleman, is only daughter and next heir—John to be distrained.

Also they present that Henry Davy, who held freely messuage called Croftmans, in Cowfold, 100 acres, rent 6s. 8d., held under charter of Thomas, son of Sir Andrew Peverel, died since last Court. Paid one heriot—brown ox—sold to Sarah Davy, relict of aforesaid Henry Davy; only daughter and next heir of aforesaid Henry—under age, about 7 years old. Fealty respited.

Also they present that aforesaid Henry Davy held free lands called Harlands and Pykespoole, in Cowfold, yearly rent 3s. 8d., died since last Court, and aforesaid Sarah is his only daughter and next heir—fealty respited.

John London, gentleman, in right of his wife, Thomas Bull, Edward Scras, and many others in default and fined. Affeered by the Homage. Date not given.

Court Baron of William Heath, gentleman, holden 20th August in . . . year of reign of Charles by grace of God, etc.

John London, gentleman, came acknowledged to hold freely free land called Bonners Meade, Twopenny Meade and Rough Hook, 10 acres, yearly rent 6s. 8d., heriot, etc., late the lands of Ockenden Cooper, deceased and did fealty.

Homage—John London, gentleman, John Gratwick, William Godsmarke, Edward Challoner, and others.

The homage say Henry Davye who held Croftmans, 100 acres, in Cowfould, is dead, and Sarah Davye is his only daughter and heir and under age, and in the Lord's wardship, and the Lord of the Manor for £50 paid to him by Edmund Challoner, gentleman, and Sarah, his wife, and mother of the aforesaid Sarah Davy, granted marriage of said Sarah to Edmund Challoner and Sarah his wife, and the messuage aforesaid during the minority of said Sarah Davy by indenture of 1st November now last past,

Also they present Thomas Bull, Richard Scrase the elder . . . and Stempe, who holds Arnolds in Cowfold, and others are tenants and made default—in mercy 4d.

165?. Court Baron of Robert Heath, Esquire, holden 30th August, 165. . . . by Houghton, Esquire, steward.

Homage present Thomas Whitynge, who held Wolfringfold, rent 6s. 9d., heriot, etc., and one field called Akinfeild, by the yearly rent 22d., heriot, relief and other services, and one parcel of land called Canthes, yearly rent 3s. 4d., heriot, relief and other services, and it is alleged said Thomas Whitinge, about 16 years ago, on his daughter Anne's marriage with Edward Parkhurst, conveyed premises to use of himself and Mary his wife, and after the death of the survivor to Edward and Anne Parkhurst and their issue, that said Thomas Whitinge, died three years ago, and later Mary his wife died, and thereby premises came to Edward Parkhurst and Anne his wife, who made fealty to the Lord.

Also they present Thomas Dunstall since last Court

sold Brownyngs, about 30 acres, to John Hony and his heirs. The reeve is commanded to distrain for heriot and relief—also said Thomas Dunstall since last court, sold to John Hony, Bullocklands, and Wistons garden, 20 acres, in Cowfold, yearly rent 4s. 1d., etc. The Reeve is commanded to distrain.

Also they present that Thomas Dunstall, who held Picknoll, in Cowfold, 80 acres, yearly rent 5s., etc., died since last Court. William Dunstall is his only son and heir, 7 years old—Reeve to distrain for a relief.

1668. Court Baron of Robert Heath, Esquire, holden 1668, Edmund Chaloner, gentleman, in right of Sarah his wife, daughter of Henry Davy, holds Croftmans, 80 acres, yearly rent 10s. 4d., etc., makes fealty.

Homage, Edmund Chaloner, gentleman, Richard Gratwick, Ralph Bull, and others sworn.

They present John Gratwick, of Mockford, died, seized of Little Picknoll, 30 acres in Cowfold, yearly rent 5s., etc., and William Gratwick was his son and heir and said William died thereof seized since last court, and a brown ox was seized, and John Gratwick is his only son and heir, aged about 5 years—ordered to distrain for a relief.

Names of many tenants absent—in mercy 12d. each.

1678. Court Baron of Robert Heath, holden 6th December, 1678, by John Gratwick, Esquire (steward).

Henry Billingshurst holds one cottage and garden and orchard in Cowfold, rent 6d.—did fealty.

Henry Bull held Combers in Henfield and did fealty.

Also Denis Bartlet and John . . . held messuage, 40 acres—half to Denis for life, half to John and his heirs, rent 5 geese to be delivered to the Lord's Ewhurst pond yearly, in month of August, heriot and fealty.

William Bartlett acknowledged to hold Brownings in Cowfold 30 acres, yearly rent 6s. 8½d., heriot, etc., also Bullockland, 24 acres, rent 4s. 1d., heriot, etc., and did fealty.

John Bartlet acknowledged to hold Northfield in Cowfold, 16 acres, rent 2s., heriot and relief and did fealty.

Homage sworn and present that John Holney held Brownings in Cowfold, yearly rent 6s. 8½d., etc., alienated since last court to John Bartlett, who alienated to William Bartlett.

Also they present John Holney held lands Bullocklands in Cowfold, 24 acres, yearly rent 4s. 1d., heriot and relief, since last court alienated to William Bartlet.

Also that Thomas Bartlet held freely Northfield in Cowfold, 16 acres, yearly rent 2s., etc., heriot and relief, willed same to William, one of his sons, then Thomas died, seized, heriot, 1 blackish cow and relief 2d.

Also that William Bartlet since last court alienated aforesaid Northfield to John Bartlet and his heirs.

Also that Alan Savage holds Croftmans in Cowfold, 100 acres, and Harlands and Pitchpool, yearly rent 3s. 8d. for his life, upon the death of his wife Sarah.

Also that Ralph Mill, Esquire, and Mary his wife held in right of aforesaid Mary Picknoll, in Cowfold, 40 acres, yearly rent 5s., etc., heriot and relief alienated same to John Ward and his heirs.

Many tenants mentioned who owed suit, made default—in mercy 3d. each.

1700. Court Baron of Henry Pelham, Esquire, and Frances, his wife, holden 19th June, 1700, by John Gratwick, Esquire, steward.

Samuel Smith and heirs held 1 messuage, garden and orchard, 30 perches in Cowfold near public way from Mockbridge to Cowfold parish church, rent 2s. 6d.—did fealty.

Also Thomas Butcher held messuage and lands in Cowfold called Wolveringfold, 40 acres, yearly rent 6s. 9d. heriot and relief, etc., also Akinfield, yearly rent 22d. heriot, relief, etc., also 1 parcel called Couches, yearly rent 3s. 4d., heriot and relief, etc., which aforesaid Thomas Butcher since last Court purchased from Edward Parkhurst, gentleman, and did fealty.

The Homage sworn, amongst others, John Bull, Ralph Bull, and Henry Hews, present that . . . Stemp, father of Anne Stemp, wife of John Ward, Esquire, who held a moiety of Capons yearly rent

10s. 5d., heriot, relief, etc., died since last court. Heriot, one gray gelding. Anne Ward, wife of aforesaid John, is heir.

Also that . . . Stemp . . . Stemp, brother of aforesaid. . . . Stemp, father of aforesaid, wife of John Ward aforesaid, held the other moiety by yearly rent 10s. 5d., heriot, relief, etc.

Also that George Dunstall held Baldwins in Cowfold, yearly rent 10s., heriot, relief, etc., died since last court, and Frances Farley now holds same.

Also that Susan Morley, gentlewoman, held 10 acres in Cowfold, Bonnersmead, Twopenny Mead and Rough Hook, yearly rent 6s. 8d., heriot, relief, etc., died since last court, and that . . . Gell, Bart., now holds in right of . . . his wife.

Also that . . . Blunt held Croftmans, in Cowfold, rent 6s. 8d., 100 acres, etc., also other lands, yearly rent 3s. 8d., heriot, relief, etc., died since last Court and Anne Blunt, only daughter of aforesaid . . . Blunt is his next heir.

17 . . Court Baron of Henry Pelham, Esquire, and Frances, his wife, holden 17 . .

Ann Butcher, Mary Bartlet, Christian Bartlet, held Brownings and Bullocksland and Northfields, 24 acres. Mary Bartlet did fealty in name of them all.

The Homage present that William Bartlet and Mary Bartlet died since last court seized of Browneings, Bullocksland and Northfield, and that Ann Butcher, Mary Bartlet and Christian Bartlet are their heirs.

Thomas Michell and Sarah his wife since last court conveyed lands, late Holdens, called Parsons, in Cowfold, to Henry Lintott, who is since dead, and gave same to his son, Henry Lintott.

Also that Henry Hews died since last court, seized of cottage and orchard in Cowfold, and 6d. is due in the name of a heriot.

Memorandum.—The entries of the two foregoing Courts were taken from two loose papers (much defaced) purporting to be the Minutes taken by Mr. Gratwicke, the then steward of the manor. Witness my hand, 1st April, 1741. (Signed) F. Warden, steward.

1731. Court Baron of Thomas Pelham, Esquire, holden 21st July, 1731. Richard Lardner, steward.

The Homage present,

Henry Lintott, of Cuckfield, held Parsons and Clarks, alias Sibbs.

Elizabeth Ward, now William Powlett—Great Picknoll, 5s.

John Gratwick, dead—Agate, Little Picknoll, 5s.

Sarah Partridge, dead—Capons, £1 0s. 10d.

Thomas Butcher—Brownings and Bullocksland, together, 10s. 10d.

Thomas Butcher, of Billingshurst, in right of his wife, Anne Bartlett, rent 2s.

John Butcher, of Cowfold, late Parkes and Coverts. . .

Frances Farley, of Cranley—Baldings, 10s.

Sir Thomas Fagg and John Spence, each half of Greatwick, part of the Park, rent 6s. 8d.

Mr. William Blunt, of Horsham, paid relief on death of his father, Samuel Blunt—Cratemans, 10s. 4d. No heriot because no beast.

The following notes are from another book, 12½ ins. by 8 ins., in parchment cover, and are originals, not copies.

1736. Court Baron of Thomas Pelham, Esquire, 11th October, Francis Warden, steward.

Sir Robert Fagg, Bart., has died since last Court—held freely moiety of part of the Park in Cowfold by fealty, suit of court, heriot relief and rent 3s. 4d.—Robert Fagg, Esquire, now Sir Robert Fagg, son and heir.

Francis Farley held freely Baldings in Cowfold by fealty, suit of court, heriot, relief and rent 10s., died. . . . Borrow claims same—heir not known.

1741. Court Baron of Thomas Pelham, Esquire, 14th October. Francis Warden, steward.

Sir Robert Fagg, held Great Wicke, part of the Park, died. Heriot one black horse. Christian Fagg Fagg, spinster . . . wife of Harris Nash, Esquire, and Margaret Fagg, spinster, are his heirs, warned to appear next Court.

John Spence, Esquire, held moiety of the Park called Great Wicke, died since last Court seized, heriot 1 bay mare. Luke Spence, Esquire, is his heir, and does fealty.

1748. Court Baron of Thomas Pelham, Esquire, 11th October, 22nd George II. Francis Warden, steward.

Thomas Butcher, gentleman, who held freely by fealty, suit of court, heriot, etc. Brownings and Bullocksland, rent 10s. 10d., and Parkes and Coverts, 3 tenements, died since last Court. One heriot, 12s. 3d. rent. John Butcher, brother and heir. Thomas Steele Esquire, his Exor., heir unknown—premises devised by will to said Thomas Steele.

1751. Court Baron of Thomas Pelham, Esquire, 13th November. Francis Warden, steward.

Henry Bull held little Picknoll freely, by fealty, heriot, relief, etc., rent 5s., died since last Court, seized. Katherine, wife of John Dennett, gentleman, only daughter and heir.

1753. Court Baron of Thomas Pelham, Esquire, 25th October. Francis Warden, steward.

Elizabeth Powlett, widow, late Elizabeth Ward, held Great Pick Knowl, rent 5s., by fealty, heriot and relief, also Capons, rent £1 0s. 10d., in Cowfold, died since last Court, seized. She by last will, dated January, 1753, devised same to James Ward, her kinsman, who did fealty.

1757. Court Baron of Thomas Pelham, Esquire, 13th October. Francis Warden, steward. Concerns Shermanbury.

1773. Court Baron of Rt. Hon. Thomas Lord Pelham, Baron of Stanmer, 13th October. Francis Warden, steward.

Catherine Stoffield, widow of John Dennett, only daughter of Henry Bull, held freely little Pick Knowl, rent 5s., fealty, etc., died since last Court. She gave same to Stephen Stoffield, her husband.

Joseph Fagg held freely by fealty, etc., rent 3s. 4d.,

moiety of Great Wick, or the Park, since last court alienated to Stephen Wood, of Cowfold, gentleman.

1780. Court Baron of Rt. Hon. Thomas Lord Pelham, Baron of Stanmer, 16th November. Francis Warden, steward.

James Ward, Esquire, held freely by fealty, etc., rent £1 0s. 10d., and relief Capons and Great Pick Knowl, died since last Court, seized, heriot, one brown mare and one pig. Richard Ward is his nephew and heir.

Thomas Steele, Esquire, held Brownings and Bullocks land by fealty, etc., rent 10s. 10d., three tenements and Parkers, rent 10s. 5d., and coverts, died seized. Thomas Steele, Esquire, is his eldest son and heir.

Richard Marchant, who held Baldings, rent 10s., died since last Court—heir unknown.

1787. Court Baron of John Challen, Esquire, 16th January. William Ellis, steward.

Peter Marchant, heir at law of Richard Marchant, who held Baldings since last Court died seized—by will devised same to William Sansum, of Hastings, and his heirs who now holds.

Mrs. Elizabeth Steele holds Brownings and Bullocksland and Parkes and Coverts.

1803. Court Baron of Rev. John Gratwicke Challen, 13th June. William Ellis, gentleman, steward.

Samuel Blunt, Esquire, held Croftmans and Harlands and Pitchpool, since last Court died seized, rent 3s. 9d. How disposed of unknown.

Richard Ward, Esquire, held Great Pick Knowl, rent 5s. and Capons, rent £1 0s. 10d., fealty, etc., died seized. Premises descended to James Ward, gentleman, his brother and heir at law. James Ward died seized of same—premises now property of James Ward, gentleman, his son.

Elizabeth Steele, widow, held Brownings, rent 10s. 10d. and Bullocksland, rent 11s., etc., and Parkes 11s. 4d. and Coverts, died since last Court seized—premises descended to Rt. Hon. Thomas Steele, her son, who holds.

John Marshall held Milhams, rent 2s., late Bartletts, and has granted it to his son, Rev. John Marshall, who holds.

William Sampson held Baldwins, rent 10s., alienated since last Court, relief 10s., to Peter Lashmar, who holds.

William White held Greatwick by fealty, etc., part of the Park, died since last Court, heriot one steer. Devised same to his son, Charles White, who holds.

1814. Court Baron of Rev. John Gratwick Challen, 11th July, 1815. Charles Marshall, gentleman, steward

Samuel Blunt died—held Croftmans rent 6s. 8d., etc., and Harland and Pitchpool—premises descended to his son William Blunt, who has since died—seized, and William Blunt, his son, now holds.

Stephen Stoffield held Little Pick Knowl, rent 5s., alienated to James Swift, of Crawley, Innkeeper, who holds.

Rt. Hon. Thomas Steele held Brownings, rent 10s. 10d. and Bullocksland, three tenements, also Parkers, rent 11s., and Coverts alienated to Nathaniel Tredcroft, Esquire, who alienated to Charles Goring, Esquire, who has since alienated Parkers and Coverts to James White, Esquire, who holds.

Peter Lashmar held Baldwins, rent 10s., alienated to Richard Vincent, who now holds.

Edward Allen held a cottage in Cowfold—alienated to William White.

Charles White holds Greatwick, rent 6s., etc., parts of the Park.

Rev. John Marshall holds Millhams, rent 2s., etc., before Bartletts.

James Ward holds Great Pick Knowl, rent 5s., etc., and Capons, rent £1 0s. 10d., etc.

Thomas Sturt holds piece of land from the waste with cottage on it, rent 3d., etc.

1831. Court Baron of Rev. John Gratwick Challen, D.D., 5th May. Charles Marshall, gentleman, steward.

James Swift held Little Pick Knowle, rent 5s., etc., alienated to A. . . Honeywood, of Horsham, who

now holds—and has enclosed a piece of the waste—rent 6d. a year.

Charles Goring, Esquire, held Brownings, heriot three oxen, rent 10s. 10d., fealty, etc., and Bullocksland, three tenements, died since last Court seized—premises descended to his son Charles Goring, who holds.

William White held two cottages in Cowfold, rent 6d., fealty, etc., alienated one to Charles Smith, labourer, and the other to James Pronger, of Nuthurst, husbandman—who now holds.

Charles White, Esquire, held Greatwick, rent 6s. 8d., part of the Park, died since last Court. Heriot a brown horse. James White, of Cowfold, brother, now holds.

James Ward held Great Pick Knowl, by fealty, rent 5s., etc., and Capons by fealty, rent £1 0s. 10d., etc., died since last Court, heriot one horse—one cow. Devised premises to Charles Lee and others in trust, which were afterwards ordered by decree in Chancery to be sold. Said Charles Lee and others held Capons, alienated to Charles Marshall of Steyning, gentleman, who holds.

Said Charles Lee and others held Great Pick Knowle by fealty, etc., rent 5s., alienated to John Macpherson, of Cowfold, Esquire, who holds.

Thomas Sturt held land, formerly part of waste, rent 2s., with cottage, alienated to John Blake, who alienated to John Macpherson, who holds.

James Boniface held land formerly part of waste, with cottage alienated to Daniel Downer, of West Grinstead, who is since dead. Premises descended to Thomas Downer, who holds.

1837. General Court Baron of Stephen Hasler Challen, Esquire. 3rd November. John Tribe, deputy steward for Charles Marshall, gentleman.

Francis Diggins, Esquire, held freely messuage part of Sturts by fealty, etc., rent 3d., before Smith's, alienated to Jane Banfield, of Shermanbury—who holds.

Rev. John Marshall held freely by fealty, etc., rent

2s., Millhams laterly Bartletts, died—seized. Premises descended to his son, Rev. John Marshall, who holds.

Charles Smith held one cottage, seized. Present holder unknown.

1839. Court Baron of Rev. Charles Webber, junr., and James Bennett Freeland, Esquire. 6th April, before James Bennett Freeland, James White, of Woldingfold, Esquire, has enclosed piece of waste adjoining Greatwick, his property.

1845. Court Baron of Rev. Charles Webber Clerk and James Bennett Freeland. 22nd April. William Mittin, gentleman, deputy steward.

James White held Millhams before Bartletts, by fealty, etc., died since last Court. Claimed by Sarah White, his widow, also Parkers and Coverts and Greatwick—part of the Park.

Sir Timothy Shelly held Hedgelands and Kings, by fealty, etc., 140 acres, died since last Court, seized. Premises descended to his son, Sir Bysshe Shelly, Bart., who holds.

1854. Court Baron of Humphry William Freeland, Esquire, 25th October. Edward William Johnson, steward.

Sir Percy Bysshe Shelly held Hedgelands and Kings; died since last Court, seized. Sir Percy Bysshe Shelly, son of aforesaid, holds.

John Macpherson held Great Pick Knowle, by fealty, etc., rent 5s., alienated to William Boxall, Esquire, of Brighton, also a bit of the waste with messuage on it—William Boxall holds.

Arthur Honeywood held by fealty, etc., Little Pick Knowle, alienated to Rev. John Jenkins, of Westlands, who holds.

Charles Goring, Esquire, held by fealty, etc. Brownings and Bullocksland, 3 tenements, died since last Court. Premises came to Rev. John Goring, who holds.

Charles Marshall held Capons died since last Court, seized, who devised premises in trust to Edward Penfold, who holds.

1858. Court Baron of Humphry William Freeland, Esquire, 14th September. Robert George Raper, deputy for Edward William Johnson, steward.

William Nuneham, tenant of Capons, granted right to shoot to Richard Weeks. Homage present Lord alone has such right.

William Boxall refuses to be sworn because of dispute about shooting.

James Leppard, junr., tenant of Brownings, has cut underwood.

William Walder, of Peacocks Hill, has cut underwood.

1863. Court Baron of Rev. Charles Henry Hutchinson and Holdsworth Hunt, Esquire. Edward William Johnson, steward. 5th October.

Mrs. Lucretia Wood died since last Court.

Sarah Whitefield Milham, Parkers and Greatwick, part of the Park, lately died, seized. Premises descended to Rev. William Margesson-Northiam, Clerk.

William Boxall held great Pick Knowle, died—seized—premises came to his son, William Boxall.

Rev. John Jenkins held Little Pick Knowle, lately died, seized. Premises descended to Rev. William George Faulkner Jenkyn, of South Kelsey, Lincoln, who holds.

Richard Vincent held Baldwins—lately died. Premises descended to Mr. Samuel John Vincent, who holds.

Richard Penfold held Capons alienated to Richard Hoper, Esquire, who holds.

1867. Court Baron of Rev. Charles Edward Hutchinson and Houldsworth Hunt, Esquire, 10th April. Edward William Johnson, steward. All concern Shermanbury and Henfield.

1869. Court Baron of Rev. Charles Edward Hutchinson and Holdsworth Hunt, Esquire, 28th October. Edward William Johnson, steward.

Nothing relating to Cowfold, except small enclosures of waste.

1872. Court Baron of Houldsworth Hunt, Esquire.

26th September, by Robert George Raper, gentleman, steward.

Rev. Charles Edward Hutchinson died 27th October, 1870. Several grants of waste have been made.

William Margesson held Milham and Parker's and Gratwick, part of the Park, lately died, seized. Premises descended to Colonel Margesson.

1873. Indenture enfranchising Great Pick Knowle or Park Knowle, by Rev. Arnaud Séné, and Louis Ernest de Nicolay, Baron, of Russia.

1874. Court Baron of Holdsworth Hunt, Esquire, 26th February. George Robert Raper, gentleman, steward.

Enfranchisement of Great Pick Knowle recited.

Col. Margeson held Milhams, late Bartletts—now Northfields, alienated to . . . Smith, of Liverpool.

Col. Margeson held Parkers and Coverts, alienated to Thomas Gates, of Shoreham.

1874. Indenture enfranchising Little Pick Knowle by Very Rev. Fortuné Duroux, Clerk in Holy Orders.

1887. Six years quit rents paid by William Stamford for Croftmans and Harlands and Pitchpool.

1893. Pitchpool, in Shermanbury, adjoining Gratwick Farm, enfranchised by Rev. Charles Edmund de Gaulejac, Rev. Julius Hypolytus Boutrais, now of Valsainte, near Bulle in Switzerland, Rev. Louis Peter Mary de Farconnet, Clerk in Holy Orders, 26th Oct.

1901. Croftmans or Cratemans, 140 acres, formerly in possession of Samuel Blunt, enfranchised by Edwin Henty and Arthur Henty, 31st October, under Copyhold Act, 1894.

1911. Relief on alienation by Capt. N. H. Gardner to Thomas Taylor, Esquire, of Baldwins, paid to the Lord of the Manor, S. Copestake.

BEEDING MANOR.

Beeding Manor was held by King Edward as a Royal Manor, and at the survey of Domesday by William de Braose—(Horsfield). Later it was held under Bramber

and passed to the Mowbrays and Howards. It was sold by Thomas, Earl of Arundel, in 1642 to Piers Edgecombe, and descended to Richard Edgecombe, who, in 1764, sold it to Colvill Bridger, of Buckenham, Shoreham, and it is still held by his descendants.¹⁴

The following shows the dates of the accessions of the Lords of the Manor:—

1765.	Harry Bridger.
1767.	Colvill Bridger.
1800.	Harry Bridger.
1832.	Harry Colvill Bridger.
1874.	Harry Bridger.
1910.	Harry Colvill Bridger.

The earliest Court Roll is that of Hon. Richard Edgecumbe, 22nd July, 1735.

The principal holdings of this manor in Cowfold lie in the north-east corner.

Kings Barne was held under Beeding Manor, and extended to the boundaries of Cowfold parish.

By the courtesy of Mr. G. A. Flowers, of Steyning, Steward of the Lord of the Manor, I was shown a map of the Manor dated 1733 on the margin of which was the following list:—

<i>Freehold in Cowfold.</i>	<i>Owners.</i>	<i>A.</i>	<i>R.</i>	<i>P.</i>
Denwood	Jno. Roberts, gentleman	25	1	18
Welches ¹⁵	Jno. Roberts, gentleman	30	2	35
Patchgate ¹⁶	Thomas Parsons	23	3	02
<i>Copyhold in Cowfold.</i>				
Vertknowle or Frithland ¹⁷	Cheal, gentleman	122	2	20
Singers ¹⁸	Cheal, gentleman	69	3	38
Frithknowle ¹⁹	Thomas Parsons	30	0	28

¹⁴ Elwes, *Castles and Manors of West Sussex*.

¹⁵ Welches—now Long House; belongs to F. D. Godman.

¹⁶ Patchgate—now Park Gate, belonging to Col. C. B. Godman.

¹⁷ Vertknowle or Frithland—on east side of road from Cowfold to Horsham, now the property of W. Stoners Exors.

¹⁸ Singers—adjoins Mockford, Godshill, Jervis, south of Pound Lane, west of road from Cowfold to Henfield.

¹⁹ Frithknowle—east side of road from Cowfold to Horsham, south side of Picts Hill; now belongs to Mrs. Hoper.

<i>Copyhold in Cowfold.</i>	<i>Owners.</i>	<i>A.</i>	<i>R.</i>	<i>P.</i>
Steelshilly Field ²⁰	Mrs. Lintott	6	3	18
Graffield ²¹	Mitchell, gentleman	7	2	16
Hookland ²²	Jno. Roberts	18	2	04
Marles ²³	T. Roberts, gentleman	21	2	17
Goodyers ²⁴	T. Roberts, gentleman	48	2	25
Marles Mill ²⁵	Widow Tyrrel	7	2	17
Drewitts ²⁶	Thomas West	50	2	17
Ridgeland	Thomas Butcher	62	0	5
Drodges Cottage ²⁷		0	8	0
Frithland				
Ironsgate ²⁸		50	0	0

1735. Court of Hon. Richard Edgcumbe, 22nd July, 1735. Thomas Butcher, only son and heir of Thomas Butcher, of Hurstpierpoint, yeoman, deceased, assigns Ridges or Rudgeland in Cowfold, 50 acres, to Benjamin Richardson, of Cowfold, Clerk, and Katherine his wife, or to the longest liver.

1736, 19th October. Thomas Butcher admitted to Ridges, surrenders to Benjamin Richardson, Clerk, and Katherine, his wife, who are admitted.

1737, 30th July. Thomas West and Susanna, his wife, surrender Drewitts, 50 acres, in Cowfold, to Stephen Whales, of Cowfold, yeoman. Francis Chase-mor demands said messuage and lands as his possession under bond for £521 5s. 0d.; he acknowledges receipt of same, and Stephen Wales is admitted.

1738, 1st June. Court held at request of John Hards. Thomas West and Susanna his wife surrender Drewitts to Thomas Field, of Hurstpierpoint, yeoman, as security for £156.

²⁰ *Steelshilly*—one field, south-east of Frithknowle, adjoins road on top of Picts Hill.

²¹ *Graffield*—east side of Frithland; now F. D. Godman, Esq.

²² *Hookland*—south side of Frithland Marles

²³ *Marles*—east side of Frithland.

²⁴ *Goodyers*—east side of Frithland.

²⁵ *Marles Mill*—south side of large pond.

²⁶ *Drewitts*—adjoins Denwood, Welches, and Goodyers.

²⁷ *Drodges Cottage*—east side of road from Cowfold to Horsham.

²⁸ *Ironsgate*—now Ivories, detached on west side of Burnthouse Lane.

1739, 14th May. John Roberts, gentleman, held Hooklands, rent 3s. 2d. and 2 bushels of oats, died—held Gosdens mill, rent VIII s. John Roberts, only son and heir, admitted.

John Roberts, father, held freely Walshes and Denwood; John Roberts, his son, did fealty.

1742, 6th October. John Michell, gentleman, held Graffield, died. Ann Pilbeam, wife of John Pilbeam, is his only daughter and heir. Ann Michell, his widow, admitted on widows bench. Said John Michell held Wickers in Cowfold; John Pilbeam paid relief.

Thomas Parsons held Freethland; died. Thomas Parsons, only son and heir and of age, admitted.

Benjamin Richardson, Clerk, lets Ridges to Edward Peirce to farm for 11 years.

Thomas Field acknowledges payment in full from Thomas West and Susanna, his wife, on Drewitts.

Thomas West and Susannah his wife surrender Drewitts to William Uwins, of Cuckfield, yeoman, as security for £150. William Uwins acknowledges receipt of all moneys due and surrenders. Thomas West and Susanna his wife, surrender Drewitts to Francis Board, of Linfield, as security for £150 at 4 per cent.

1743, 9th January. Death of James Luxford and Henry Luxford, who held part of Freethland. James Luxford, only son and heir of Henry—the survivor—is admitted Half-an-acre.

James Luxford and Mary his wife and Henry Luxford their son are all dead. James Luxford, the son, admitted to the cottage, part of the waste. He surrenders to the Lord with the half-acre to the use of Daniel Grant, of West Grinstead, yeoman, as security for loan of £25, with 5 per cent. interest.

Ann Michell, widow, held Graffield as widows bench, died.

1744, 27th March. Grant to . . . Lintott, of Oaken-den Cottage at Denwood, and 40 rods of land to the use of John Willett and Ann his wife for their lives—after them for the use of the poor of Cowfold.

John Wood acknowledges receipt from John Roberts, of Cowfold, of £250 with interest secured on Hock- or Hook-land. John Roberts, on 29th March, 1744, surrenders to the use of John Wood, of Twineham, Hooklands and Gosdens mill, security for loan of £250.

Ann Pilbeam, wife of John Pilbeam, admitted to Graffield, 8 acres.

John Turner claims admittance to Freethland on death of Thomas Parsons.

1746, 9th April. John Wood acknowledges receipt in full from John Roberts, who surrenders Hookland, 40 acres, to the use of Henry Wood, son of John Wood, of Twineham, gentleman, who is admitted. He is a minor, *i.e.* under 8 years of age.

John Roberts aliened Welches and Denwood to Edward Shelly, Esq.

1750, 3rd October. Edward Shelly, died; bequeaths to John Shelly, Welches and Denwood.

Thomas West surrenders Drewitts to the use of Elizabeth West, of Portslade, spinster, security for loan of £150 and $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest till 28th March, 1749.

John Pilbeam and Ann his wife, late Ann Michell, surrender Graffield to use of Daniel Grant, security for loan of £20, which was paid.

John Pilbeam surrenders Graffield to the use of Andrew Cooke, of Cuckfield, shopkeeper, security for loan of £30.

Ann Lintott, widow, held Hillfields, died. John Lintott, only son and heir, admitted, 7 acres.

1751, 15th April. Thomas Parsons surrenders Freethland to James Pollard, of Newdegate, Surrey, also Patchgate—who is admitted.

1751, 14th November. Thomas West held Drewitts, 50 acres, died, devised to Edward West, only son and heir and of full age, who was admitted.

John Lintott surrenders Hillfields to Thomas Stanbridge, of Ardingly, yeoman, security for £104.

1753, 4th August. Philip Cheale, gentleman, only surviving Trustee of Mary Gratwick, spinster, surrenders

Peppersgate and Freethland or Vertknoll, 60 acres, occupied by William Bartelott (*sic*) to use of Edward Garrard, son of Mary Garrard, according to Mary Gratwick's will, who is admitted. Edward Garrard surrenders to use of Robert Chatfield, of Cuckfield, who is admitted.

Nicholas Burt, gentleman, claims against Robert Chatfield, and is admitted. He surrenders to Richard Austen, of East Grinstead, who is admitted.

1756, 14th January. Edward West let Drewitts to Rev. John Goring (of Twineham) for 14 years. Edward West died—heriot a brindled lurcher dog—Elizabeth Vallance, late West, his youngest sister and heir.

Thomas Stanbridge acknowledges receipt from John Lintott of £100, security for loan on Hillfields.

Benjamin Richardson, Clerk held Ridgesland or Rudges, 50 acres, died. Katherine Richardson, only daughter and heir.

First proclamation made.

Philip Cheale, surviving Trustee of Mary Gratwick, spinster, held Singers, died. Ann Hoffman, widow, is his only sister and heir, who is admitted in trust.

1756, 22nd July. Joseph Terrell, son of Joseph Terrell, produces last will of Richard Terrell, deceased, who devises water mill and pond and 4 acres in Cowfold to Hannah his wife, then, to the use of Joseph Terrell, brother. Joseph is admitted.

James Pollard surrenders Freethland or Frithland in Cowfold, 40 acres, to the use of Nicholas West, yeoman.

1756, 13th October. Benjamin Richardson is dead, widow Katherine claims to be admitted to Ridgeland—fealty respited.

Edward West is dead—John Burt and John Michell produce his will devising to John Burt, of Newick, and John Michell, of Mays, Warnham, Freethland or Frithland—is admitted.

John Terrell surrenders to John Pilbeam and Daniel Grant, Drodgers, 20 perches, near Peppers Gate, to use of Joseph Leopard, of Slaugham, husbandman, security for loan of £11 and 10s. interest.

1759, 17th January. John Burt and John Michell surrender Drewitts, 50 acres, to James Wood, of Twineham, gentleman, who is admitted.

1760, 9th January. Katherine Richardson, dead, held Ridges, 50 acres, Mary, wife of Richard Tidy, daughter of Katherine Richardson, is admitted.

1763, 17th October. Mary Tidy, late Richardson, dead. John Tidy, her only son and heir, aged 4 years. Mary Tidy leaves no will—her husband, Richard Tidy, succeeds, and is admitted.

Mrs. Ann Hoffman, Trustee for Mary Garrard, held Singers, dead. Robert Hoffman, only son and heir, first proclamation.

1764, 1st February. Death of Ann Hoffman, second proclamation. Robert Hoffman claims Singers.

First Court of Harry Bridger, Esquire. All previous Courts were of Rt. Hon. Lord Edgecumbe.

1765, 17th July. Thomas Roberts, gentleman, held Goodyers, and Woodland, 38 acres, rent 3s. 2d. and 4 bushels of oats, dead. John Roberts, only son of John Roberts, deceased, was only brother of said Thomas Roberts, and his heir.

Sarah Hales produces probate of Thomas Roberts will, who devised Goodyers 38 acres and Woodlands 18 acres, occupied by Stephen Wales to his niece, Sarah Hale, wife of Richard Hale, of St. Saviours, Southwark, hosier. Sarah admitted.

Joseph Tyrrell surrenders mill, pond and land to Henry Burtenshaw, of Lewes, as security for loan of £300 and to Nicholas West, security for £80.

1766, 4th August. Sarah Hale surrenders Goodyers, 38 acres, and Woodlands, 19 acres, occupied by Stephen Wales the younger, late the estates of Thomas Roberts, gentleman, to use of Peter Whittington of St. James, Westminster, gentleman, who claims to be admitted. Fealty respited.

1767, 13th January. Robert Hoffman held Singers, dead, heir unknown. First proclamation made.

John Terrell dead. Joseph Terrell, only son, admitted.

1767, 28th October. John Attree, of Ditcheling, makes loan of £1,350 on lands in Beeding.

1767, 3rd November. John Smith, of Newhaven, only son of Katherine Ridge, who was only daughter of Mary Ridge, formerly Gratwick, who was only daughter of Ann Gratwick, formerly Cheal, heir of said Robert Hoffman, Esquire, deceased, claims and is admitted to Singers.

1773, 22nd January. Joseph Terrell surrenders mill and lands in Cowfold to use of Leah Hicks, of Brighthelmstone, as security for £150.

Ann Pilbeam surrenders Graffield, 8 acres, to the use of Daniel Grant, yeoman, to secure loan of £30.

Slip of land facing Singers by side of road from Henfield to Horsham, is granted to Stephen Wood, of Cowfold, for 2s. 6d. a year.

1777, 17th November. John Attree, of Ditchling, acknowledges receipt of all due from Elizabeth Cherryman to John Attree, his father, deceased, exor. of his will, dated 10th August, 1762.

William Attree, gentleman, deputy steward.

Leah Hicks acknowledges receipt from Joseph Terrell of all moneys due—Joseph Terrell grants to use of James Souch, miller, in Poynings, mill, lands, etc., as security for £600, and $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest.

Ann Pilbeam, widow, held Graffield, 8 acres, died. John Pilbeam, only son and heir, is admitted.

Daniel Grant held Freethknowl, or Freethland—died. Jane, wife of Edward Dowling, youngest sister and heir. First proclamation.

1778, 7th October. Ann Bates produces will of Daniel Grant, who devised all land held by him to Ann Bates, his niece, wife of Joseph Bates, of Nuthurst, farmer, cottage and half an acre of land, part of Freethland. John Comber, tenant—she is admitted.

Mary Garrard held Singers—is dead . . . Garrard, her grandson, is heir—a minor under 21 years.

Edward Dowlen, exor. of Daniel Grant, acknowledges receipt of all moneys due from Ann Pilbeam—security on Singers.

John Pilbeam surrenders Graffield to Thomas Dewdney, who is admitted.

License to Joseph Terrell to let Marles Mill and lands for 11 years. Marles Mill lies just below Gosden—mill stands on north side of the stream—is served by water from Gosden pond.

1780, 28th March. Joseph Terrell, in 1779, surrenders Marles Mill and all land belonging to James Souch, miller, of Poynings, who is admitted.

1782, 8th October. John Lintott held Hillfields, 7 acres, died, John Henry Lintott, only son and heir, is admitted.

License to Richard Austen to let to farm Frithlands or Frithknowl or Vertknowl for 21 years.

1785, 15th September. License to Peter Whittington to let to farm to Edward Dowlen Goodyers and Woodlands for 21 years.

1786, 18th July. John Smith devises Singers to John Blaggrave, of Ramsbury, Wilts, who is admitted.

1787, 5th November. Richard Austen held Vertknowl and Frithland, fined 3s. for cutting trees.

Nicholas West, held Freethland, 40 acres, died. John West, grandson, produces will of Nicholas West devising same to John West, son of my late son, William West, who is admitted.

1789, 29th October. Richard Tidy held Ridges, 50 acres, died; Thomas Scutt, of Brighthelmstone, banker, exor., produces will of Richard Tidy, devising Ridges to Thomas Scutt, who is admitted.

John Henry Lintott holds Hillfields, 7 acres, surrenders to Thomas Steele, the younger, yeoman, who is admitted. Thomas Steele is a minor, 18 years old. His father, Thomas Steele, admitted guardian.

1791, 3rd November. Richard Austen held Frithland, 60 acres, at Peppersgate, and Frith or Vert Knowl, 60 acres, rent 8 bushels of oats and 11s. 7d., died. Richard Austen is his son. Ann Austen, daughter of Richard Austen, produces his will devising to daughter Ann 100 acres called Tricklands, bought of Edward Garrard; she is admitted.

John Shelly, of Field Place, Horsham, held Walches, late Roberts, and Denwood, late also Roberts; died. Bysse Shelly, of Berkshire, Esquire, only brother and heir at law.

Ann Austen, licensed to let Vertknowl and Frithlands at Peppers Gate, 120 acres for 21 years.

James Souch, licensed to let to farm to Richard Terrell, one acre, and water mill and pond and 4 acres and half-an-acre for 20 years.

1794, 21st May. John Blgrave surrenders to John Challen, Esquire, of Shermanbury, Singers—who is admitted. William Marshall claims and gets the lands and is admitted. Challen and Marshall together surrender to John Blgrave and Richard Baker, of Cowfold, timber merchant, who is admitted.

1795, 7th May. Thomas Scutt, held Ridges or Ridges; died. 50 acres. First proclamation.

1795, 22nd June. William Scutt, of Wick in Hove, gentleman, youngest son and heir of Thomas Scutt, produces will, devising to his son, William Scutt Ridges, 62a. 2r. 5p., who is admitted and surrenders to Colvill Bridger, Lord of the Manor.

1800, 19th June. Stephen Wood held waste adjoining Singers; died. Exors., James Wood, Esq., sen., and James Wood, junr., of Hickstead. John Wood, of Wapses, and John Wood, of Park in Twineham, produce will—to sell house, etc., holden of Streatham manor. Exors. admitted—they surrender to Richard Baker, yeoman, of Cowfold, who is admitted.

James Souch surrenders to Thomas Snashall, of Albourne, Marles Mill and land, security for £200 and interest at 5 per cent.

Thomas Dewdney surrenders Drodges to use of his will.

1803, 23rd August. Thomas Dewdney surrenders Drodges to Thomas Boyce, of Cowfold, carpenter, who is admitted.

1804, 8th August. License to Peter Whittington to let to farm to Charles Dowlen Goodyers and Woodlands for 7 years.

1806, 15th October. James Wood held Drewitts, died. John Wood, of Ockley, in Keymer, gentleman, produces will devising to youngest son, John Wood, Drewitts and other lands charged with annuity of £125 to wife, Martha Wood and John Wood is admitted.

License to Ann Austin to let to farm Frithland and land at Peppersgate, 60 acres, and Frithknowl, 60 acres, for 13 years.

1811, 30th October. John Roberts held Gosden Mill, died. Charles Burtenshaw holds Palletgate, late Coxes and before Pollards.

1814, 1st April. Thomas Boyce, shopkeeper, Cowfold, surrenders to Thomas Dewdney Drodges as security for £150 and interest.

John Roberts held Gosden Mill—died. First proclamation.

Thomas Steele surrenders Hillfields, 7 acres, to Edward Steele, of Cowfold, farmer, who is admitted.

1815, 19th October. Sir Bysshe Shelly held Walches and Denwood; dead. Sir Timothy Shelly is heir at law.

1816, 14th October. Thomas Boyce, shopkeeper, surrenders Drodges to Thomas Dewdney as security of £150.

Henry Wood held Hookland, 42 acres; died. John Wood, eldest son and heir—produces will devising to John Wood, and was admitted.

James Souch held Marles Mill and land, 4 acres, etc.; died. Thomas Souch, labourer, of Henfield, produces will devising mill, subject to £10 yearly to wife Elizabeth Souch, and then to Thomas Souch, who was admitted. License to let granted.

1818, 15th January. Thomas Dewdney held Graf-fields; died. Thomas Dewdney, of Cowfold, farmer, nephew of said Thomas Dewdney, deceased, produces will devising to nephew, Thomas Dewdney, who is admitted.

1820, 24th October. Peter Whittington held Goodyers 38 acres, and Woodland, 19 acres; dead. Sophia, wife of William Hill, of Hampton Court Park, produces will of Peter Whittington, devising to said Sophia Goodyers

and Woodlands, and after her and her husband's death to be sold, and money equally divided between her children, and is admitted.

John Wood held Drewitts, 50 acres, dead. First proclamation.

Ann Austen held Frithland, 50 acres, and Frickknowl, or Vertknowl, near Peppersgate, dead. First proclamation.

1821, 3rd May. William Peerless on Ann Austen's death, claims Frithland, 60 acres at Peppersgate, and one customary yard land Frickknowl or Vertknowl, 60 acres. William Peerless, of East Grinstead, produces will of Ann Austen devising to her nephew, William Peerless, the said lands, now in occupation of Thomas Whiting, and is admitted. Second proclamation for Drewitts.

1821, 12th July. John Wood held Drewitts, 50 acres, dead. John Hodson, of Westmeston, gentleman, attorney for Thomas Friend Bull, of Pangdean in Pyecombe, gentleman, and for Thomas Turner, junr., of Old Land in Keymer, gentleman, produces will of John Wood devising to said John Hodson, Thomas Friend Bull and Thomas Turner, Drewitts to sell three Exors. admitted.

1825, 8th June. Thomas Souch surrenders Marles water mill, pond and land to use of John Pollard, of Brighthelmstone, gentleman, as security for £270 and interest at 5 per cent.

John Hodson, Thomas Friend Bull and Thomas Turner surrender Drewitts, 50 acres, for £430 to use of James Walder, of Bolney, yeoman, who is admitted, and surrenders to Joseph Terrell, of Cowfold, miller, and Edward Dowlen, of Cowfold, farmer, as security for £559 6s. (Enfranchised, June, 1869.),

1825, 28th September. George Buckwell surrenders to Thomas Dowlen, of Guildford, collarmaker, half-acre of land, part of Frithland, who is admitted.

Second proclamation of death of John Roberts of Gosden Mill.

1827, 24th July. Thomas Souch surrenders one acre of land, water mill, pond and half-acre of land by the floodgate to the use of John Pollard, of Brighthelmstone, gentleman, as security for £100 and 5 per cent. interest.

William Peerless held Frithland and Frickknowl or Vertknowl; died. Mary Wilson Peerless, widow, produces will devising said lands to Mary Wilson Peerless for life, who is admitted.

1831, 30th May. Thomas Souch surrenders to John Pollard water mill, pond and half-acre of land as security for £230 and 5 per cent. interest subject to former surrender for £270 and another for £100 and interest.

License to Sophia Hill to let all her lands, copyhold, etc., for 21 years.

Thomas Savage surrenders Drodges to Samuel Dewdney, of Sompting.

Edward Steele surrenders Hillfields to Edward Davy, of Guildford.

John Wood, Esq., held Hooklands, before Roberts, dead. First proclamation made.

John West held Freethland or Frithlands, late Wests, before Pollards, dead. First proclamation.

1831. 6th September. Samuel Dewdney surrenders to Thomas Savage, Drodges, and is admitted.

Edward Steele surrenders Hillfields to Edward Davy and is admitted.

John Wood, Esquire, held Hooklands, late Woods, before Roberts, dead. Second proclamation. Lucretia Wood, widow of John Wood, by Laurence Smith, gentleman, her attorney, produces will of October, 1822, proved P.C.C., 9th July, 1830, mentions brother, Peter Wood, in West Grinstead, devises Hookland to wife Lucretia Wood, who is admitted.

Second proclamation of death of John West.

Thomas Dudney acknowledges receipt from Thomas Boyce of £150 and £150.

1832, 17th October. Richard Baker held Singers, 69a. 3r. 38p., dead. Richard Baker, nephew, produces

will of Richard Baker, deceased, devising Singers to Richard Baker, the nephew, who is admitted.

Phobe West, widow of John West, who held Freethland or Freethknowle, is admitted.

1836, 8th April. William Peerless held Frithland, 60 acres, and Frithknowle or Vertknowle, 60 acres, by will devised the premises to Rev. George Motram, of East Grinstead, and James Stanford, of Hanted in Lingfield, miller, upon trust, to sell after death of his wife, Mary Wilson Peerless, who is since dead. George Motram is since dead. James Stanford, admitted on trust and surrenders to John Greenfield, who is admitted.

1838, 21st November. John Pollard acknowledges receipt on surrender from Thomas Souch for £270, £100, £100 and £230, all principal paid.

Thomas Souch surrenders to Joseph Terrell, miller, water mill, lands, etc., as security for £1,200 and interest at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

John Greenfield surrenders Frithland and Frithknowle or Vertknowle, to use of Jacob Caffyn, of Cuckfield, miller, security for £1,000 and interest at 4 per cent.

1839, 8th October. Sophia, wife of William Hill, held for life Goodyers, 38 acres, Woodlands, 19 acres; died. First proclamation made.

1839, 4th November. Peter Whittington, of Whitmore House, Woking, gentleman, only son and heir of Peter Whittington, sen., deceased, produces will of 9th December, 1807, devising to Sophia, his daughter, wife of William Hill, of Hampton Court Park, Goodyers and Woodland for life, then to be sold and divided between her children. Peter Whittington, junr., admitted.

1842, 30th May. *Memo.* Joseph Terrell, miller, admitted to water mill, barn and 4 acres and half-an-acre, which was held as security for £1,200, payment not having been made by Thomas Souch, foreclosed.

Peter Whittington, surrenders to Thomas Warden—Sophia Hill and husband, William, both being dead—

Goodyers, 38 acres, and Woodlands, 19 acres, sold to Thomas Warden, who is admitted. William Borrer, of Henfield, Esquire, lends £660 to Thomas Warden on this security.

1845, 17th January. Sir Timothy Shelly held Welches, late Roberts and Denwood, late Roberts; died. Sir Percy Florence Shelly, Bart., grandson and heir, now holds.

John Greenfield holds Pullitgate, near the Crabtree, late Charles Burtenshaws before Cox's, formerly Pollard's. Edward Davey held Hillfields, died. First proclamation made.

Jacob Caffyn to vacate a conditional surrender of Frithland and Frithknowle for securing £1,000 and interest.

Thomas Dowlen held croft, half-an-acre, part of Frithland, late Buckwells before Bates, formerly Grants, with cottage; died. First proclamation made.

Memo. William Sharp, of Warnham, and Edward Dowlen, of Cowfold, Exors., produce will of Thos. Dowlen, devising to William Sharp and Edward Dowlen in trust to sell half-an-acre of Frithlands—are admitted.

1845, 5th December. Edmund Nicolls, of Guildford, currier, and Henry Boxall, carpenter, produce will of Edward Davey, late of Guildford, deceased, devising to Edward Nicolls and Henry Boxall in trust, all his effects and estate to sell—who are admitted.

1846, 12th August. William Sharp and Edward Dowlen for £120, surrender half-an-acre of land, part of Frithland, to use of Thomas Stoner—who is admitted.

Edmund Nicolls and Henry Boxall surrender to Thomas Stoner, of Basing Place, Waterloo Road, Surrey, Hillfields, 7 acres, formerly Steele's late Edward Davey's. Thomas Stoner admitted.

1846, 23rd October. Thomas Stoner surrenders to Rev. Henry Hoper, of Portslade, for £175, Hillfields, 7 acres. Henry Hoper admitted.

1850, 15th May. Samuel Deudney held Drodges, died. First proclamation made.

Thomas Deudney held Graffields, died. First proclamation made.

Thomas Stoner, held half-an-acre of Freethland, died. First proclamation made.

1850, 22nd October. Thomas Deudney, yeoman, late deceased, and A. . . . Deudney, spinster, sell to Rev. Henry Hoper, of Portslade, and to Richard Hoper, his son, Esquire, Graffields, for £330. Richard Hoper admitted.

1851, 20th November. John Greenfield surrenders Frithland by Peppersgate, 60 acres, and Frithknolle or Vertknolle, 60 acres, near Peppersgate to Henry Charman, alias Vinall, of Southwater, grocer and schoolmaster, and John Gardener, of Woodmancote, farmer, who are admitted.

1852, 26th January. *Memo.* Thomas Stoner's will, produced by Thomas Stoner, of Southwark, carpenter, and Alfred Stoner, of Pimlico, surveyor, devising to his wife, Barbara Stoner (since deceased), all lands and effects in Cowfold, and after her death to be sold. Sons trustees—sold to Alfred Stoner for £160, half-an-acre, part of Freethlands. Alfred Stoner admitted. Enfranchised 25th October, 1878.

1854, 20th June. Thomas Warden surrenders to Richard Weekes, of Hurstpierpoint, for £530, per Lawrence Smith, gentleman, Goodyers, 38 acres, and Woodlands, 19 acres. Richard Weekes admitted.

1854, 20th September. William Borrer acknowledges receipt of £600.

Richard Baker surrenders Singers to Thomas Wisden, of Henfield, for £750—69 acres.

Richard Weekes, of Hurstpierpoint, held Walkers (Welches) and Denwood.

W. E. Hubbard holds freely lands late Charles Beauclerks.

Richard Baker; dead. First proclamation made.

1855, 5th June. Death of Joseph Terrell, who had the mill, 4 acres and 1 acre, presented.

Richard Weekes produces the will proved at Lewes, November, 1845—wife, Jane Terrell, James Walder,

farmer, and Daniel Grinstead, miller, exors. Sold to Richard Weekes for £1,000, who is admitted. License to Richard Weekes to devise or lease mill, etc., for 14 years.

1856, 9th January. Warrant to vacate Drewitts, J. Walder and D. Grinstead, Exors. of Joseph Terell, enter satisfaction on Court Rolls for money received £559 security for Drewitts.

1857, 22nd May. Henry Charman, alias Vinall, and John Gander surrender to George Durrant, Firthland, near Peppersgate, also Frithknolle or Vertknolle, who is admitted. (Enfranchised, 15th September, 1858.)

1859, 14th March. Thomas Wisden, gentleman, of Henfield, admitted for Singers, which was surrendered to his use by Richard Baker, 29th March, 1853 (which was enfranchised 9th April, 1859).

1859, 6th December. Lucretia Wood holds Hooklands, 42 acres. Premises seized for timber cut, 44 oak, 3 ash.

Second proclamation for Richard Baker.

Third proclamation for Samuel Deudney—forfeited to the Lord of the Manor.

Rev. Henry Hoper, clerk, held Hillfields, died. First proclamation made.

1860, 30th January. Lucretia Wood forfeits Hooklands for timber cutting, and pays full amount demanded. Hooklands regranted to her, and she is readmitted.

1860, 2nd March. Samuel Deudney held cottage, etc. Drodges, 20 perches, died. George Deudney, of Sompting, postmaster, son of Samuel Deudney, deceased, produced will of Samuel Deudney, devising lands to son George Deudney, possession regranted to George Deudney, who is admitted.

1862, 12th August. James Souch, of Hurstpierpoint, labourer, and Frederick Souch, innkeeper, surrender Millands to Richard Weekes for £1,150.

1862, 21st November. Richard Baker held messuage by side of road from Cowfold to Mokebridge—dead. William Botting, of Westmeston, farmer, and Henry

Beeching, of Hurstpierpoint, produce will of R. Baker, proved P.C.C., 9th August, 1853, devising all real estate to William Botting, of Westmeston, and Henry Beeching, butcher, upon trust—who are admitted.

Rev. Henry Hoper—dead. Second proclamation made.

Lucretia Wood—dead. Held Hooklands. First proclamation made.

1864, 26th January. Rev. Henry Hoper, held Hillfields; dead, intestate. Henry Hoper, of Lewes, youngest son, admitted.

1868, 19th May. Lucretia Wood, deceased. Lawrence Smith produces extracts of her will, proved P.C.C., 17th May, 1860, devising to her Exors. Hookland 46a. 3r.30p. on trust to Charlotte Broadwood (her husband's niece) and her children—in default to Ellen Greene (another of her husband's nieces) and her children; in default to Henry Wood Rideout—absolutely, Lawrence Dennett Smith, cousin, George Smith, Exors., by codicil Lawrence D. Smith is revoked and his son, John Hamlin Smith, appointed, who died 16th June, 1864, and George Smith died 3rd July, 1867. Lawrence Smith admitted.

1870, 31st January. William Botting and Henry Beeching, surrender to William Percival Boxall, of Bellevue Hall, Brighton, Esquire, messuage and tenement, adjoining King's Highway from Cowfold to Mokebridge, adjoining Singers, for £210. W. P. Boxall admitted.

1871, 23rd August. Order of Court of Chancery, vesting Richard Weekes' copyholds in W. K. I. Langridge and William Hodson, who are appointed Trustees. Julia Weekes, widow, Philip Hampton, Carlile Weekes, Isabel Hampton Weekes and Cecilia Carlile Weekes, infants. Letters of admon granted to Julia Weekes.

1874, 18th December. *Memo.* Richard Hoper for £2,000 buys Freethland or Frithknolle, and is admitted.

1876, 20th June. John Strong, of Wallhurst, holds

freely Pullet Gate, alieas Patch Gate, late John Greenfields.

1884, 10th May. P. H. C. Weekes, of the Regency Square, Brighton, grants to Thomas Henry Passmore in trust, all messuages, lands, etc., to which he, P. H. C. Weekes, is entitled.

1885, 15th April. P. H. C. Weekes was 21 years of age 12th November, 1882, and is admitted.

1887, 23rd December. Indenture between Frances Letitia Rideout, of 9, Landsdown Place, West Bath, widow, of Henry Wood Rideout, Esq., George Rideout, of 72, Pall Mall, London, and Rev. Gilbert Adolphus Rideout, of Clearmount, Weymouth, clerk, and Arthur Francis Kelsey, of 5, Lansdowne Villas, Weymouth, Esquire, Henry Wood Rideout appoints his wife, his brother George Rideout, and son Gilbert Adolphus Rideout his Exors., and leaves lands to them in trust—he died 19th March, 1887.

Arthur Francis Kelsey is appointed Trustee in place of George Rideout, the other Trustees being Frances Letitia Rideout and Gilbert Adolphus Rideout.

Francis Letitia Rideout, George Rideout and Gilbert Adolphus Rideout, grant to said A. F. Kelsey all freehold and copyhold lands, messuages and tenements known as Wallhurst, Ashurst and Hookland.

1887, 23rd December. F. L. Rideout, Rev. G. A. Rideout, of Rusper, and A. F. Kelsey, of 5, Landsdown Villas, Weymouth, produce Lucretia Woods will, proved 17th May, 1860, and Henry Wood Rideout's will, proved in District Registry, Bristol, 10th April, 1876, and the Trustees are admitted.

1888, 27th December. Rev. G. A. Rideout and A. F. Kelsey are appointed Trustees of Wallhurst (freehold), Ashurst and Hookland (copyhold), and sell to William Cattlin for £1,200.

1888, 31st December. William Cattlin is admitted.

1889, 21st November. P. H. C. Weekes holds Walches and Denwood.

1900, 20th July. Sarah Nailard, of Ashurst, and

Charles Henry Dillistone, and Frederick Dillistone, of Sompting.

Samuel Deudney left to his wife Mary Deudney for life and afterwards to George Deudney all his hereditaments, etc., including Drodges.

Thomas Deudney died 15th April, 1881.

Henry Ward Nailard died 1st August, 1899.

Sarah Deudney, afterwards wife of Henry Ward Nailard, conveyed these to two Dillistones, who by indenture dated 5th June, 1900, conveyed to Frederick DuCane Godman, who is admitted.

Drodges consists of 5 tenements, including the beer-house the "Jolly Farmer," license for which was dropped by F. DuCane Godman, one tenement, north of "Jolly Farmer," three tenements south of "Jolly Farmer," and blacksmith's shop.

STRETHAM MANOR.

This is identical with Hamfelde manor, which was granted to the Church by Osmund, King of the West Saxons, in 770, and is mentioned in Domesday as being then in the possession of the Mother Church.

The Bishop had a residence in this detached portion of the manor with right of free warren in the Forest. The name of this was Stretham, and the Courts of the manor were held there, which in time led to the original name of Hamfelde being dropped, and that of Stretham substituted.

The old manor house stood in the meadows south of Henfield, near the river Adur. It was taken down between 1820 and 1830, and two cottages were built on the site with the materials. The manor, since 1870, has been in the hands of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. All holdings in this manor in the parish of Cowfold have now been enfranchised. The Parish Church of Cowfold stands within the boundaries of the manor, and at a Court held in 1647 the homage presented that "of the Vicarage of Henfield and Cowfold, the advowsons did of late belong to the Bishopp of Chichester and for 100 years last past the several

bishoppes in their several times upon every avoydance have used to collate new clerks as true patrons. Pleno jure.”

The Court Rolls, which are very voluminous, are kept among the archives of the Bishops of Chichester. They commence 25th January, 18th Henry VIII. (1527), where are set forth the customs of the manor.

The earliest volume indexed is Vol. 5—1670 to 1730—being an index of persons only, not of places.

In the beginning of this volume is the following list of copyholders of the manor in Cowfold, who are to serve the office of reeve and collect quit rents every third year :—

1.	Mockford. Served in beginning Michaelmas.	1675
2.	Widow Cripps land or Swile.	1678
3.	Groveland.	1681
4.	Godshill.	1684
5.	Potters.	1687
6.	Grubbs.	1690
	Chatfield for Massets.	1692
7.	Kingsfield.	1696
8.	Chatfield for N. Haines.	1699
	Thomas Vincent for little Jervis.	1702
	Potters.	1705

Footnote.

1. 80 acres—passed from Charles White to his brother James White, of Wooldringfold—now belongs to the monastery of St. Hughs.

2. Also called Swills, Sweales, Swailes, Swains. Formerly two copyholds and a messuage—enfranchised by G. Boxall.

3. Same as Note 1. Enfranchised by Gates.

4. Gates held and enfranchised—sold to Perceval Boxall—who sold to the Monastery—lies one meadow in from the road from Jolesfield to Danehill crossways.

5. Site of modern elementary parish school—adjoins the churchyard.

6. In Woldringfold present park.

7. Alias King's meadow—north of Capons, and on the boundary of the manor.

8. Now belonging to Mrs. Hoper, north of the Glebelands.

9. The name of the brook which, coming from Warninglid, passes under the road from Cowfold to Ockenden, a short distance to the east of Alfreys, alias Alfways.

From a survey of the manor taken 17th April, 1647, we find "The tenements Swilles, Groveland, Potters, Southaynes, Grubs, Whitingoll (9), Maysets, Northaynes, Cotlands and Clarks are situated upon the uttermost bounds of the manor towards the West, North and East, and Sweals or Swails, is on the East side of the highway from Jolesfield to Donningfold (now Danefold) Corner—Groveland lieth next on the North-East of the road from Donningfold Corner to Stonehouse, part of which latter is in the manor with Westlands alias Wardlands, and Arnold next Capons."

1641.

The following were customary tenants:—

Thomas Gratwick the elder holds Potters, 80 acres, and Clerks, 60 acres.

John Gratwick holds Mockford, one house, 80 acres.

Henry Farlye, in right of his wife Elizabeth Crower, holds Groveland, 60 acres.

Richard Cripps holds Swyles, 100 acres.

Joan Gratwicke, widow, holds Godshill, 30 acres.

John Chatfield holds Massets, one farthing of land and Northaines, 60 acres.

Frances Underhill holds Grubbs, 30 acres, and Whitingroll, 6 acres.

Thomas Hudsons holds Holdene, 100 acres, and Avorys, sometime Randolls or Priors, 10 acres.

In the time of the Long Parliament, when it was proposed that all Church property should be annexed by the Government, a survey of this manor was taken and the boundaries accurately delimited. The survey of the detached portion is still in existence (in the archives of the Bishop of Chichester, where the Court Rolls, which extend to several volumes, are kept), and the boundaries have been extracted and brought up-to-date (1903) by Mr. John Challen, Reeve.

Commencing on the road from Cowfold to Oakenden at the point East of Averys and Allfreys (Alfways in survey), at the foot of the hill in the centre of the road,

underneath which flow the swiftly running (?) waters of the "Whitingroll" stream from St. Leonards to Shermanbury—following the stream Southwards, the boundary is in the centre of the stream, Eastlands is on the West—on the East side a large field, then a brook (*i.e.* a pasture field), part of Cooper's Farm. Then comes a brook (Jarvis mead of survey), at the South end of which, the boundary is along a small stream, which is the South boundary of Eastlands (Clarkes in survey)—from Eastlands Farm the boundary is undefined. Crosses King's highway (Cowfold to Henfield) on the South side of the School and baker's shop—undefined to Gervaise (also Jervis)—now two cottages—along the East side of Godshill, which lies two fields in from the highway at the back of "Singers" and "Chates" ("Singers" is in Beeding manor; "Chates," "Little Picknole" and "Picknolle," now Parkminster, St. Hugh's Monastery, are in Shermanbury manor). Along the South side of "Godshill," "Groveland," and Sand South-East of "Mockford" to the Monastery reservoir—here five manors meet—Stretham manor at the South-West corner of Mockford—Shermanbury manor at the East end of Picknolle and Morley—King's Barn No. 2 and Bidlington manors on Blanchés Farm—High Hurst manor at the South-East corner of Jolesfield Common (which takes the Eastern half of Jolesfield Common). From the Monastery reservoir the boundary of Stretham manor passes to the West side of Mockford ground, thence to the West side of Swains or Swails, where the boundary is in the centre of the road from Littleworth to Danefold Corner—thence up the centre of Fuller's Lane. A part of Champions Farm, called Ward's Land in survey, being on the West side of the lane—as far as the angle of it where an old lane turns off to the East, leading into Godshill land to Jarvis wood, all which wood is in Stretham manor—here the boundary disappears. All Browning's farm is in Shermanbury manor, also Eelsfoot and Burnt House Lane, up to within 150 yards of High Hurst manor house. The next mention of the boundary

is Capons Farm, part of which is in Stretham. Then Arnolds is a boundary (Arnolds now a field on Capons Farm). The next mention of the boundary is Grubbs—just South of Woldringfold, a barn, and 30 acres, which is within the manor, and was enfranchised by Rev. Margesson in 1872-73.

The boundary probably passes up the centre of King's Highway to Crab Tree village, taking in Patch Gate, now Park Gate, bought by Charles B. Godman, of Mr. John Strong, of Walhurst. (*Note.*—This is incorrect. Patch Gate is in Beeding manor. The boundary was probably on the West side of Patch Gate land, 30 acres.) Next the boundary "goeth down Pepper Lane, *i.e.* turns to East at Pepper Gate Farm, and is again lost. The next mention is at Bishops wood in Slaugham, all of which wood is in Stretham manor—thence on the North side of Stonedelf—thence undefined—from top of Warninglid village down the hill to the South-West corner of Barlands Farm, in the centre of the highway encircling Lyndhurst Park, Nottingham Villa, "The Volunteer," and part of Barlands Farm. The boundary ceases at the South-West corner of Barlands Farm, apparently is in the centre of the road from the fort of Warninglid hill, past the Beehouses to the crossways East of Oakendean—at Three Oaks Green, just above the Beehouses, formerly stood three oak trees, one in Stretham manor, one in Beeding manor, and one in Woodmancote manor, which were cut by the three reeves of these several manors when Mr. Henry Martin was reeve of Stretham manor.

The manor of Walhurst was undoubtedly encircled by Stretham manor, though not mentioned in the survey. The next mention of the boundary is at "Bridges," which name has passed away. The next and last mention of the boundary is at Alfways on the West side of "Whitingroll." The names of Seville, North Haynes and South Haynes have (1903) entirely passed away. North Haynes was mixed up with

Massetts in 1647, which is on the North side, and round about Cowfold Church.

HIGH HURST MANOR.

May 2nd, 1879. Richard Ankerson, Lord of High Hurst manor, says his manor commences South-East corner of Jolesfield Common, runs down the old lane from Danefold Corner to Godshill, skirts Jarvis wood, running West, taking Stoneland (which is on the opposite side of the road to Stonehouse) up the West side of the road to Eelsfoot or Brownings cross-roads, Northwards on the West side of the road to within 150 yards of High Hurst manor house entrance gate, at the bend in the road. Then towards North-East to the back of Grubbs—side by side with Stretham manor, towards the Forest, to Slaugham, encircles East side of Bishop's Wood, having Stretham manor on the West.

Champions or Wardsland and Westlands are in this manor.

Messrs. Brash and Wheeler, 16, Paternoster Row, London, representing the Lord of the Manor, 17th September, 1914, produced two conveyances from Ecclesiastical Commissioners to Richard Ankerson, 1866 and 1868, of the manor of High Hurst. They said there were no earlier documents connected with it, but they believed there was a modern Court Roll Book which could not be found. In the Schedule of the 1866 conveyance were mentioned:—

<i>Copyhold.</i>	<i>Quit rents.</i>	
	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Court Fields, in Cowfold. Sold later to Rev. John Goring and enfranchised	6	8
Tenacre Field. Sold later to Rev. John Goring and enfranchised	3	4
North House, heriot of best beast, sold to Rev. John Goring and enfranchised	9	4
 <i>Freehold.</i>		
Upper Swains, in Cowfold	1	0
Patches in Cowfold	1	0

<i>Freehold.</i>	<i>Rents.</i>
Well Field, or Park Mead, in Slaugham	1 0
Peacocks mead in Slaugham	1 4
Truggers in Slaugham	2
Swains or Danielfold in West Grinstead	1 0

WALHURST MANOR.

I have been able to gather very little information concerning this manor or to discover any Court Rolls connected with it, but that it existed and was of importance in olden times is proved by the following mentions which I have been able to collect.

1296. Subsidy raised in the Hundred of Wyndham.
Jurati—Johanne de Walehurst, 5s. 10d.
Sussex Record, Vol. X., page 61.
1327. Subsidy Alic de Walehurst 2s. Windeham.
„ Johe de Walehurst 5s. „
Sussex Record, Vol. X., page 166.
1332. „ Johe de Walehurst 4s. 0½d.
Sussex Record, Vol. X., page 281.

It extended into the parishes of Cowfold, Slaugham, Nuthurst, and Crawley, and the customary descent was to the youngest son.²⁹

It is mentioned in Inquisitiones Nonarum 1341, and in the Index to Common Recoveries at the Record Office—7th Elizabeth, 1565, Robert Hampton *v.* John Agate of the Manor of Walhurst in Cowfold, Nuthurst and Crawley. Roger Agate of Wolehurst, will dated 23rd August, 1530, proved 12th September, 1530, shows him to have been possessed of considerable means.

1635, 7th April. George Agate married Joan Lintott.

1652. 3rd September. Ralph Gates, of Walhurst, married Jone Steele, daughter of Edward Steele, of Cuckfield, Bolney registers.³⁰

²⁹ *S.A.C.*, Vol. VI., p. 178.

³⁰ *Sussex Record Soc.*, Vol. XV., p. 45.

1678. John Middleton, plaintiff, Thomas Lintott and Joan his wife, deforciant, manor of Walhurst. 30th Charles II.³¹

1723. Arms were granted to Thomas Lintott, of Wallhurst. The manor passed to his daughter, Cassandra Gratwicke Lintott, who married Henry Farncombe, and then to their daughter, Cassandra Lintott Farncombe, who married John Challen, of Chichester. She held Walhurst manor with Shermanbury and Ewhurst manors, and died 23rd April, 1529. On John Challen's death it passed to his brother, Stephen Hasler Challen (baptised 15th December, 1773), who left it to his only daughter, Maria Harriet, who married Henry Hunt, M.D., who alienated to Henry Wood, and on his death, about 1830, it passed to his wife, Lucretia, who died at Chestham, 16th February, 1860, when it followed the same descent as is recorded of Hooklands in the Court Rolls of Beeding manor of 19th May, 1868, and 23rd December, 1887. There are men now living who remember a broke of very fine timber being cut in the neighbourhood of the manor house by Mrs. Lucretia Wood. The old manor house was bought by H. Rigg, Esq., K.C., and rebuilt, and he now resides there.

³¹ *Sussex Record Soc.*, Vol. XX., p. 459.