

# DEEDS, DOCUMENTS, LETTERS, AND PAPERS RELATING TO THE LEES OF QUARRENDON.

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Abstracts of the following documents, relating to the family of Lee of Quarrendon, and Burston, co. Bucks; of Dytchley and Thame, co. Oxon; and of Hatfield and Pocklington, co. York, in the possession of the above named, are given here; partly as illustrating the papers on "The Lees of Quarrendon," which appeared in a previous volume from his pen, and partly as likely to be of general interest to the county historian, and local topographer:—

I. Vellum Roll of Arms, illuminated, of the Lees of co. Chester, and of Quarrendon, co. Bucks, commencing with John Lee, of co. Chester (1st year of Richard II.), who married a daughter of Sir Piers de Dutton; and ending with the Lees, Baronets, A.D. 1629. Signed and attested by Sir Henry St. George, Knt., of the College of Arms. Arms, crests, and quarterings at foot.

II. Grant of Arms, on vellum, illuminated, to Robert Lee, gentleman, of Quarrendon, in the co. of Bucks (High Sheriff, 1521 to 1533), from Thomas Wriothesley, Garter, and Thomas Benolt, Clarenceaux, with their seals and autograph signatures appended, dated A.D. 1513. The old arms used by Benedict Lee, [A.D. 1438], who came from Cheshire, were "argent a fesse between three crescents sable." Those given by the above grant, have been likewise used as a quartering by all descendants of Robert Lee (whose wife was Mary, dr. of — Cope, Esq.), including all the baronets, and the four Earls of Litch-

field. *See* RECORDS OF BUCKS, vol. iii., pp. 208 and 245. The arms here granted, are depicted exactly as they appear on the grant in question, in the accompanying woodcut, which, though rough, is precise and accurate.

III. Copy, on paper, of a lease from the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln, to Sir Anthony Lee, granting to him "to farm the tithes of corn and hay, to the chapell of Quarrendon, perteyning," etc.

IV. Indenture. Whereas, King Henry VIII., on March 6th, in the 37th year of his reign, granted to John Croke and to Sir Anthony Lee, Knight, the Manor of Sendess, [or Sendless] in Stone, near Aylesbury, and the rectory and church of Stone, and a parcel of land called Westcroft, in Upton, in the tenantry of Thomas Venor, and Joanna his wife, with all rights, etc. And whereas the King gave to us all that land, etc., in Bishopstone and Southcote and Les Hokes, [or Stokes] at Heyford, Bucks, Know that I, John Croke, give, etc., everything to Anthony Lee, Knight. Dated, 23 March, 37th of Henry VIII. [Signed] Pr. me., J. Croke.

V. Deed, on paper, relating to "Ffletemarston, Weeden, Moreton, Lee, Waddesdon, Bierton, Blackgrove, Bishopstone, and Hertwell, to Robert Lee, of Quarrendon." [This would seem to imply a connection between the Lees of Quarrendon, Moreton, and Hartwell.]

VI. Indenture, on vellum, made 5th day September, in the 29th year of the reign of King Henry VIII., between Sir Robert Lee, Knt., and Gerard Harvey, gentleman, concerning "a parcell of land" called "Rygnetts." [Qy?]

VII. Vellum deed. 25th Elizabeth. Sir Henry Lee, of Burstone, and Robert Lee of Hatfield, [co. York], gentleman, grant land in Blackgrove, formerly part of the dissolved monastery of Medmenham, to George Ball.

VIII. Vellum deed. Indenture. 21st March, 40th year of Q. Elizabeth. Grant of Charlbury woods in Oxfordshire, and Blagrove in Bucks, to Sir Henry Lee for eighty years after the expiration of a former grant of the same for sixty years. "Between Lee Symonds, gentleman, sonne of Katherine Symonds, one of the sisters of Sir Henry Lee, of the one part, and Sir Henry Lee of Quarrendon, in the countie of Bucks, K.G., of the other part."



ARMS OF ROBERT LEE, GENTLEMAN, AFTERWARDS SIR ROBERT  
LEE, KNIGHT, OF QUARRENDON.

(From the Original Grant, A.D., 1513.)

PRESENTED TO THE "RECORDS OF BUCKS" BY THE REV. DR. F. G. LEE.

IX. Petition on paper of Sir Henry Lee, K.G., to Queen Elizabeth, in his own handwriting. Signature torn off, commencing thus: "To the Quenes most excellent Matie. my most dreade Suffereigne. Whereas itt hath been informed that your highnesse hath title to all mylandes in Quarrendon in ye countie of Buck. Pleaseth yr Matie. to understand that my grandfather, Sir Robert Lee, Knight, servant to yr noble father and Gentleman Usher of his chamber, obtained by his gracious favor of his gifte the mannor of Quarrendon, for 50lb rent in fee farme which war the landes of Anne Countes of Warwick and after of Edward Erle of Warwick attaynted of treason, to the number of three hundred three score and six acres of land, meadow, pasture and wood," etc. etc.

X. Lease, on vellum, for a year, of the Manor of Spelsbury, from Sir Henry Lee, K.G., to Richard Gosnold, gentleman, of Beaconsfield, and Thomas Rawlins, gentleman, of Woodstock. Dated 13th July, 44th of Q. Elizabeth.

XI. Indenture on vellum in Latin, "Henricus Lee de Burston in Com. Buck. miles," grants to Robert Chaloner and Richard Tredway, gentlemen, "Putlowes" and "Hillfields." Dated 16th Dec., 23 Elizabeth. [Signed] Henry Lee.

XII. List of deeds relating to Fleetmarston. Document (paper). Thomas Fitzhugh, and Robert Lee, gentlemen, of the Manor of Fletemarston. The names of Giles Dawbeny, Anthony Lee, Knt., and others occur.

XIII. Deed on vellum. John Finch, *alias* Freeman, of the City of London, gentleman, who had received an annuity of £20 from the Right Hon. Sir Henry Lee, K.G., in consideration of £60 paid to him by Thomas Rawlins of Garsington co. Oxon. gent., gives and grants the annuity to the said Thomas Rawlins. Dated July 27, 1605. [Signed] John Finch. Sir Henry Lee's signature and those of others, *in dorso*.]

XIV. Articles of agreement (on paper), between Theophilus Tuer, of the one part, Clerk, Rector of Fleetmarston, and John Sanders, Esq., of the other part, regarding the tithes of Fleetmarston. Witnessed by George Pickering.

XV. Copy of the Patent of Baronetcy to Henry Lee of Quarrendon, Esquire.

XVI. Indenture made 11 Feb., 5th year of King James I., between the Right Honourable Sir Henry Lee, K.G. and Henry Lee, gent., son of Thomas Lee, late of Castell Rebon, in the county of Kildare, Esquire, of the one part, and Sir Charles Manners of London, Knight, and Dame Margaret Manners, cousin in blood unto Sir Henry Lee, and daughter of the said Thomas Lee, of the other part: gives and grants an interest in certain lands in the County of Longford, sometime owned by Sir Nicholas Malbey, Knight.

XVII. Release as to the tithes of Fleetmarston (paper document). Mentioned therein, Sir Henry Lee, K.G., and Sir Henry Lee, Knt. and Bart. Dated 15th year of His Majesty's reign (James I.) signed "Theophilus Tuer." Seal, a demi lion rampant. Witnessed by Richard Rawlings, John Reddinge, and Wm. Chapell.

XVIII. A vellum deed (14th June, 2 James 1st), signed by Sir Henry Lee, K.G., giving to Sir Lawrence Tanfield, and Sir George Throckmorton of Fulbroke, certain rights, etc. It refers to "the manor of Quarendon, alias Quarenden, alias Quarryndon, alias Querndon, Burston, Brydethorne, Hardwicke, Weeden, Blackgrove, Fleet Marston, and Parva Marston, alias Wretched Marston. Also to the manor of Spillesburie, Dytchley alias Ditchley in the co. of Oxon." Sealed and delivered in the presence of Bennett Welsby, Richard Drake, Edward Raynsforde, Thomas Jackson, Lee Symonds, Richard Gosnold, Thomas Johnes, Symon Drewe.

XIX. Letters Patent, in Latin, [without great seal, which is wanting,] dated Feb. 10, 1st Charles I., granting a general pardon to Sir Henry Lee, [first] baronet.

XX. Indenture, dated 24 March, 1643, between George Pickering and John Carey\* and Robert Pinke, Warden of New College, Oxford. Whereas the aforesaid Pickering and Carey together with Sir Edmund Verney [killed at the Battle of Edgehill] did by deed, bearing date 20 April 1642, sell to Dr. Robert Pinke for £500 the advowson and right of patronage of the Rectory of Wootton [Oxon], and whereas one fine was levied, this Indenture witnesseth to that fact.

XXI. Indenture, dated 1st Nov., 13th of Charles II. Sir Francis Henry Lee, [second] Baronet sells to [his

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\* Agents and trustees to the Dytchley estate, and to the youthful baronet, Sir Henry Lee.

uncle the Rev.] Edward Lee, clerk of Hardwicke, for £400, land at Rousham in the parish of Winggrave.

XXII. Letter of Ann Lady Lee (Ann St. John) to "Good Cousin Hyde," enquiring on her child's behalf "wether a Barronet, under age, and the king's ward, ought too pay the 30lb. imposed on that order," etc.

XXIII. Deed, on paper, between Robert Thorpe and George Thorpe, graziers, of Hardwicke in the county of Bucks, and the Right Hon. Edward Henry, Earl of Litchfield, dated May 15, 1716.

XXIV. A breviary of the accounts, with tenants' names, grounds held, rent, taxes and payment for lands, at Quarrendon, Blagrove, Burston, Hardwicke, Weeden and Fleetmarston, amounting to £2088 6s. 1½d. dated "Lady Day, 1720."

XXV. Letter from Ann, Countess of Rochester, (sometime Ann Lee) to her great-grandson Edward Henry Lee, 1st Earl of Litchfield, dated May 11th [Qy., 1688], relating to a law-suit between his lordship and his sole younger brother Francis Henry Lee, Esq.

XXVI. A paper document, "Note of the Church Book of Stone, regarding Streatleys," in which, amongst others, the name of Farmborow occurs.

XXVII. Sir Francis Pemberton's Opinion, with autograph subjoined, as to the equivalent value of Coberley, co. Gloucester, taken in reference to a Law-suit for the sum of £10,000 (A.D. 1690.) Coberley came through the marriage of the 4th baronet, Sir F. H. Lee of Quarrendon, with the only daughter of the Earl of Downe.

XXVIII. Autograph Letter of Sir Francis Henry Lee, bart., dated May 10, 1660, with signature and seal of armorial bearings.

XXIX. The value in detail of the lands of Quarrendon, from A.D. 1703 to 1710 inclusive.

XXX. "Award to John Lee, of Pocklington, in the county of York, gentleman, eldest son of Francis Lee, of Spelsbury, in the county of Oxford, esquire [Dytchley is situated in this parish], of sixty-eight acres of land in the township of Pocklington aforesaid." Dated 18 April, 1759. [This John Lee, who died Dec. 23, 1771, and was buried in Pocklington Church, (Will proved May 14, 1772), was great-grandfather to the late Rev. T. T. Lee, B.A. Oxon, Vicar of Thame, who was the grandfather of the present possessor of these documents.]