

**COURT BOOKS OF THE MANOR OF HAMPSTEAD**  
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E/MW/H/220 (Courts of 1732)

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Manor of  
Hampstead in the  
County of  
Middlesex

General Court Baron of **William Langhorne Games**, Esquire, and **Thomas Burrell**, Esquire, the Lords of the aforesaid Manor, held for the aforesaid Manor on Friday, the seventh day of January, in the fifth year of the reign of our Lord George the second, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith etc. and in the year of our Lord 1731, before **Robert Harper**, gentleman, Deputy of **Robert Sherard**, Esquire, Chief Steward there.

Homage { **Edward Snoxall, Junior** } **Edward Snoxall, Senior** }  
          { **Peter Reeves** } **Richard Fletcher** } Sworn

[7 Jan 1731/32]  
M: Sayer widow  
to her will

To this Court came **Martha Sayer**, widow, and surrendered into the hands of the Lords of the aforesaid Manor, by the rod, by the hands of the aforesaid Deputy Steward, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, All those seventeen virgas (in English, rods) [*'virgas' in Latin, 'rods' in English*] of land, lying in Church Lane in Hampstead aforesaid, And also All those two Messuages or tenements, with the appurtenances, lately erected on the aforesaid Seventeen virgas of land, to which the aforesaid Martha was admitted tenant at the General Court held for the aforesaid Manor on the eighth day of June, in the year of our Lord one Thousand, Seven hundred and twenty eight, To such uses, intents and purposes as she, by her last will in writing, should limit and appoint.

[7 Jan 1731/32]  
D: Lodington  
and others

As at the Court Baron held for the aforesaid Manor on the nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one Thousand, Six hundred and eighty two, [*I have no record of a Court held on this date but some of the records were damaged/destroyed by fire*] **John Lodington**, **Daniel Lodington** and **Mary**, his wife, **Thomas Parker** and **Sarah**, his wife, and **Grace Ware**, Surrendered into the hands of the then Lord of the Manor, by the rod, by the hands of the then Steward, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, All that Messuage or tenement situate on the South part of Hampstead, near/next to London, And one stable, two Gardens, Sixteen perticas (in English, Poles) [*'perticas' in Latin, 'Poles' in English*] of land, and all the outhouses and buildings to the aforesaid Messuage and premises belonging, with the appurtenances, then in the possession of Elizabeth Ware, widow, And also all those two Closes of meadow, containing eleven acres, called Searsfeilds, otherwise Seares Crofts, in the tenure of **John Newman, Senior**, and **John Newman, Junior**, adjoining Popes Mead and Hampstead Heath, to the Following uses, that is to say, To the use and behoof of the aforesaid Daniel Lodington for the term of his natural life, And after his death, To the use and behoof of the aforesaid Mary, his wife, for the term of her life, And after the death of the survivor of them, With respect to one third part of the premises, To the use and

behoof of the heirs of the body of the aforesaid Daniel begotten or to be begotten on the Body of the aforesaid Mary, And for default of such Issue, To the use and behoof of the right heirs of the survivor of the aforesaid Daniel and Mary forever, At which prerecited Court the aforesaid Daniel Lodington and Mary, his wife, were admitted to the premises, With Remainder as mentioned above, with respect to one third part of the same premises. Now at this Court it was presented by the Homage of this Court that the aforesaid Daniel Lodington and Mary, his wife, both died before this Court, And that [William Lodington](#) of London, Haberdasher, [*This in English*] is the eldest son and Heir of the body of the aforesaid Daniel begotten on the body of the aforesaid Mary, his wife, Concerning which matter to this Court came the aforesaid William Lodington, and craved of the Lords to be admitted tenant to one third part of the premises, according to the meaning of the aforesaid Surrender, To who the Lords, by their aforesaid Deputy Steward, Granted seisin thereof by the rod, to Have one full undivided third part (the whole being divided into three equal parts) of all and singular the premises, with the appurtenances, to the aforesaid William Lodington and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten, With remainder thereof as mentioned above, to Hold of the Lords, by the rod, at the will of the Lords, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, by fealty, suit of Court, annual rents, and the other services and Customs previously owed and of right accustomed, And he was admitted tenant thereof. And his fealty was respited. And he gave to the Lord for a fine Thirteen Pounds and ten Shillings.

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*[Amount of fine written in later in another hand]*

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*[7 Jan 1731/32]*

As at the Court Baron held for the aforesaid Manor on the nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one Thousand, Six hundred and eighty two, John Lodington, Daniel Lodington and Mary, his wife, Thomas Parker and Sarah, his wife, and Grace Ware, Surrendered into the hands of the then Lord of the aforesaid Manor, by the rod, by the hands of the then Steward, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, All that Messuage or tenement situate on the South part of Hampstead, near/next to London, And on stable, two Gardens, sixteen perticas (in English, Poles) [*'perticas' in Latin, 'Poles' in English*] of land, and all the outhouses and buildings to the aforesaid Messuage and premises belonging, with the appurtenances, then in the possession of Elizabeth Ware, widow, And also all those two Closes of meadow, containing eleven acres, called Searsfeilds, otherwise Searescrofts, in the tenure of John Newman, Senior, and John Newman, Junior, adjoining Popes Mead and Hampstead Heath, to the Following uses, that is to say, to the use and behoof of the aforesaid Daniel Lodington for the term of his natural life, And after his death, To the use and behoof of the aforesaid Mary, his wife, for the term of her natural life, And after the death of the survivor of them, With respect to one third part of the premises, To the use and behoof of all and every one of the Son and Sons, Daughter and Daughters of the body of the aforesaid Daniel begotten or to be begotten on the Body of the aforesaid Mary, and the heirs of the body or bodies of such sons and sons, daughter and daughters, lawfully issuing, And for default of such Son and Sons, Daughter and Daughters, To the use and behoof of the heirs of the body of

the aforesaid Daniel begotten or to be begotten on the body of the aforesaid Mary, And for default of such Issue, To the use and behoof of the right heirs of the aforesaid Daniel forever, At which precited Court the aforesaid Daniel Lodington and Mary, his wife, were admitted tenants to the premises, with remainder as mentioned above, with respect to one third part of the same premises. Now at this Court it was presented by the Homage of this Court that the aforesaid Daniel Lodington and Mary, his wife, both died before this Court, And that William Lodington of London, Haberdasher [*This in English*] is the eldest son and heir of the aforesaid Daniel begotten on the Body of the aforesaid Mary, his wife, And that Daniel Lodington, formerly of the City of Gloucester, gentleman, and now deceased, and Elizabeth Lodington, Spinster, Mary Saunders, widow, Martha (wife of John Cooper, lately of the vill of St Albans, and now of South Myms, in the County of Hertford, Innkeeper, Frances (wife of Thomas Henstredge of London, Exciseman [*This in English*]), Jane (wife of Thomas Ross of London, Coachmaker, [*This in English*]), and Rachel (wife of William Bromsall of Hatfeild, in the County of Hertford, Tanner) were the other son and six daughters and all the Children of the body of the aforesaid Daniel Lodington, the father, begotten on the body of the aforesaid Mary (except for the aforesaid William Lodington, their eldest son), And that the aforesaid Daniel Lodington, the son, died before this Court, and in the lifetime of the aforesaid Mary Lodington, his Mother, Concerning which matter to this Court came the aforesaid Elizabeth Lodington, Mary Saunders, Martha Cooper, Frances Henstredge, Jane Ross. and Rachel Bromsall (by Henry Wood, their Attorney) and the aforesaid William Lodington, personally, and craved of the Lords to be admitted tenants to one third part of the premises, according to the meaning of the aforesaid Surrender, in the form following, To whom the Lords, by their aforesaid Steward, Granted seisin thereof by the rod, to Have one full undivided third part (the whole being divided into three equal parts) of all and singular the premises, with the appurtenances, to the aforesaid Elizabeth Lodington, Mary Saunders, Martha Cooper, Frances Henstredge, Jane Ross, and Rachel Bromsall, for the terms of their lives, as Conjunctim Tenentibus, (in English, joynt tenants) [*'Conjunctim Tenentibus' in Latin, 'joynt tenants' in English*], And after their deaths, to Have six undivided seventh parts (the whole being divided into seven equal parts) of the aforesaid third part of the same premises, to the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten or to be begotten, With such remainder as was mentioned in the aforesaid Surrender, And to have another undivided seventh part (the whole being divided into seven equal parts) of the aforesaid third part of the same premises, to the aforesaid William Lodington and the heirs of his Body lawfully begotten or to be begotten, With remainder to the right heirs of the aforesaid William, to Hold of the Lords, by the rod, at the will of the Lords, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, by fealty, suit of Court, annual rents, and the other services and Customs previously owed and of right accustomed. And they were admitted tenants thereof. And their fealty was respited. And they gave to the Lords for a Fine Eighteen Pounds. [*Amount of fine written in later in another hand*]

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[7 Jan 1731/32]  
E. Lodington and  
others

As at the Court Baron held for the aforesaid Manor on the Nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one Thousand, Six hundred and eighty two, John Lodington, Daniel Lodington and Mary, his wife, Thomas Parker and Sarah, his wife, and Grace Ware, Surrendered into the hands of the then Lord of the aforesaid Manor, by the rod, by the hands of the then Steward, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, All that Messuage or tenement situate on the South part of Hampstead, near/next to London, And one stable, two gardens, sixteen perticas (in English, Poles) [*'perticas' in Latin, 'Poles' in English*] of land, and all the outhouses and buildings belonging to the aforesaid Messuage and premises, with the appurtenances, then in the possession of [Elizabeth Ware](#), widow, And also all those two closes of meadow, containing eleven acres, called Searesfeilds, otherwise Searescrofts, in the tenure of John Newman, Senior, and John Newman, Junior, adjoining Popes Mead and Hampstead Heath, to the Following uses, that is to say, To the use and behoof of the aforesaid Daniel Lodington for the term of his natural life, And after his death, To the use and behoof of the aforesaid Mary, his wife, for the term of her natural life, And after the death of the survivor of them, With respect to one third part of the aforesaid premises, To the use and behoof of the right heirs of the aforesaid Daniel forever, At which precited Court the aforesaid Daniel Lodington and Mary, his wife, were admitted tenants to the premises, With remainder as mentioned above, with respect to one third part of the same premises. Now at this Court it was presented by the Homage of this Court that the aforesaid Daniel Lodington and Mary, his wife, both died before this Court, And that the aforesaid Daniel, before his death, Made his last will in Writing, bearing date the twenty second day of March, in the year of our Lord one Thousand, Seven hundred and fourteen, And by the same he Devised (amongst other things) as follows, that is to say, [*Text now in English*] I give and devise unto my two Daughters, Elizabeth and Rachel, and their heirs, All that my third part or share of and in my Messuage, tenement and Gardens, with the Appurtenances, now in the Occupacion of [Philip Armstrong](#), and all that my third part or share of and in All those two feilds or Closes of Meadow or pasture, now in the tenure or Occupacion of [William Lane](#) and [Henry Ambridge](#), and are lying and being in the Mannor of Hampstead, in the County of Middlesex, [*Text now reverts to Latin*] as by the aforesaid last will might appear, Concerning which matter to this Court came the aforesaid Elizabeth Lodington, Spinster, and Rachel, wife of William Bromsall of Hatfeild, in the County of Hertford, Tanner, (being the same Elizabeth and Rachel named in the aforesaid last will), by Henry Wood, Gentleman, their Attorney, and craved of the Lords to be admitted tenants to the aforesaid third part of the premises to them devised as mentioned above, To whom the Lords, by their aforesaid Deputy Steward, Granted seisin thereof by the rod, to Have one full undivided third part (the whole being divided into three equal parts), of all and singular the premises, with the appurtenances, to the aforesaid Elizabeth Lodington and Rachel Bromsall, and their heirs and assigns forever, to Hold of the Lords, by the rod, at the will of the Lords, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, by fealty, suit of Court, annual rents, and the other services and Customs previously owed and of right accustomed. And they were

admitted tenants thereof. And their fealty was respited. And they gave to the Lords for a Fine Fifteen Pounds and Fifteen Shillings.  
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W. Bedford

As at the General Court Baron held for the aforesaid Manor on the tenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one Thousand, Seven hundred and fourteen, it was presented by the Homage of this Court that **William Bedford**, then lately a Customary tenant of the aforesaid Manor, before the same Court, died seised of One Customary Cottage or tenement in Hampstead, lying and being in the place there called Cloth Hill, adjoining the Brickbuilt Wall and stable then of **William Beech**, formerly in the possession of Thomas [Surname not filled in, but from subsequent entry below was *Shilatree*] and then lately of the same Thomas Bedford, And that, before his death, namely, on the eighteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one Thousand, Seven hundred and Twelve, he Surrendered All his Customary estate, lying and being within the aforesaid Manor, To the use of his last will in writing, And that on the Nineteenth day of the same March he Made his last will in writing, and Devised the premises to his wife, **Elizabeth Bedford**, for the term of her life, With such remainder as might be mentioned in the aforesaid last will, At which precited Court the aforesaid Elizabeth Bedford was admitted tenant to the premises for the term of her life, according to the meaning of the aforesaid last will. Now at this Court it was presented by the Homage of this Court that the aforesaid Elizabeth Bedford died before this Court, And that the aforesaid William Bedford, by his aforesaid last will, further Devised (amongst other things) as follows, that is to say, [Text now in English] I give and bequeath unto my son, **William Bedford**, after the decease of my said wife, All that Messuage or tenement adjoining to the West end of my now Dwelling house, and late in the Occupacion of my Mother, **Mary Shillatree**, and half the peice of ground lying behind the same, to him and his Heirs forever, [Text now reverts to Latin] as by the aforesaid last will might appear, Concerning which matter to this Court came the aforesaid William Bedford, the son, and craved of the Lords to be admitted tenant to the premises to him devised as mentioned above, To whom the Lords, by their aforesaid Deputy Steward, Granted seisin thereof by the rod, to Have the same premises, with the appurtenances, to the aforesaid William Bedford, the son, his heirs and assigns forever, to Hold of the Lords, by the rod, at the will of the Lords, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, by fealty, suit of Court, annual rents, and the other services and Customs previously owed and of right accustomed. And he was admitted tenant thereof. And his Fealty was respited. And he gave to the Lords for a Fine Twelve Pounds.

And afterward to this Court came the aforesaid William Bedford, the son, and Surrendered into the hands of the Lords of the aforesaid Manor, by the rod, by the hands of the aforesaid Deputy Steward, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, All that aforesaid Messuage and premises, with the appurtenances, to which he was admitted tenant at this Court, as appears above, To the use and behoof of the aforesaid William Bedford and Elizabeth, his wife, and the heirs and assigns of the aforesaid William

forever, To which William Bedford and Elizabeth, his wife, being present here in Court, the Lords, by their aforesaid Deputy Steward, Granted seisin thereof by the rod, to Have the premises, with the appurtenances, to the aforesaid William Bedford and Elizabeth, his wife, and their heirs and assigns forever, to Hold of the Lords, by the rod, at the will of the Lords, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, by fealty, suit of Court, annual rents, and the other services and Customs previously owed and of right accustomed. And they were admitted tenants thereof. And their fealty was respited. And they gave to the Lord for a Fine Six Pounds.

[7 Jan 1731/32]  
M. Bedford

As at the General Court Baron held for the aforesaid Manor on the tenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one Thousand, Seven hundred and fourteen, it was presented by the Homage of this Court that William Bedford, then lately a Customary tenant of the aforesaid Manor, before the same Court, died seised of One Customary Cottage or tenement in Hampstead, lying and being in the place there called Cloth Hill, adjoining the Brickbuilt Wall and stable then of William Beech, formerly in the possession of [Thomas Shillatree](#), and then lately of the same Thomas Bedford, And that, before his death, namely, on the eighteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one Thousand, Seven hundred and Twelve, [*he surrendered omitted*] All his Customary estate, lying and being within the aforesaid Manor, To the use of his last will in writing, And that on the Nineteenth day of the same March, he made his last will in writing, and Devised the premises to his wife, Elizabeth Bedford, for the term of her life, With such remainder as might be mentioned in the aforesaid last will, At which preredited Court the aforesaid Elizabeth Bedford was admitted tenant to the premises for the term of her life, according to the meaning of the aforesaid last will. Now at this Court it was presented by the Homage of this Court that the aforesaid Elizabeth Bedford died before this Court, And that the aforesaid William Bedford, by his aforesaid last will, further Devised, (amongst other things) as follows, That is to say, [*Text now in English*] Item, I give and bequeath my Daughter Mary and her Heirs forever, after the decease of my said Wife, All that Messuage or tenement in which I now dwell, and also the other half of the said peice of Garden ground, [*Text now reverts to Latin*] as by the aforesaid last will might appear, Concerning which matter to this Court came the aforesaid Mary Bedford [*and omitted, though there is a tiny space here where something has been scratched out*] craved of the Lords to be admitted tenant to the premises to her devised as mentioned above, To whom the Lords, by their aforesaid Deputy Steward, Granted seisin thereof by the rod, to Have the same premises, with the appurtenances, to the aforesaid Mary Bedford, her heirs and assigns forever, to Hold of the Lords, by the rod, at the will of the Lords, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, by fealty, suit of Court, annual rents, and the other services and Customs previously owed and of right accustomed. And she was admitted tenant thereof. And her fealty was respited. And she gave to the Lords for a Fine there pounds.

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[7 Jan 1731/32]  
A. Bedford

As at the General Court Baron held for the aforesaid Manor on the tenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one Thousand, Seven hundred and

fourteen, it was presented by the Homage of this Court that William Bedford, then lately a Customary tenant of the aforesaid Manor, before the same Court, died seised of One Customary Cottage or tenement in Hampstead, lying and being in a place there called Cloth Hill, adjoining the Brickbuilt Wall and Stable then of William Beech, formerly in the possession of Thomas Shillatree, and then lately of the same Thomas Bedford, And that before his death, namely, on the Eighteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one Thousand, Seven hundred and Twelve, he Surrendered All his Customary estate, lying and being within the aforesaid Manor, To the use of his last will in writing, And that on the nineteenth day of the same March, he Made his last will in writing [*'and' omitted*] Devised the premises to Elizabeth Bedford, his wife, for the term of her life, With such remainder as might be mentioned in the aforesaid last will, At which precited Court the aforesaid Elizabeth Bedford was admitted tenant to the premises for the term of her life, according to the meaning of the aforesaid last will. Now at this Court it was presented by the Homage of this Court that the aforesaid Elizabeth Bedford died before this Court, And that the aforesaid William Bedford, by his aforesaid last will, further Devised, (amongst other things) as follows, That is to say, [*Text now in English*] Item, I give and bequeath unto my Daughter **Anne** and her Heirs forever, All that Messuage or tenement now in the occupacion of my brother, **Walter Bedford**, after the decease of my said Wife, [*Text now reverts to Latin*] as by the last will might appear, Concerning which matter to this Court came the aforesaid Ann Bedford, and craved of the Lords to be admitted tenant to the premises to her devised as mentioned above, To whom the Lords, by their aforesaid Deputy Steward, Granted seisin thereof by the rod, to Have the same premises, with the appurtenances, to the aforesaid Anne Bedford, her heirs and assigns forever, to Hold of the Lords, by the rod, at the will of the Lords, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, by fealty, suit of Court, annual rents, and the other services and Customs previously and of right accustomed. And she was admitted tenant thereof. And her fealty was respited. And she gave to the Lords for a Fine three pounds.

[7 Jan 1731/32]  
R. Westfeild and  
?others/another  
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To this Court came **Samuel Dawes**, a Customary tenant of the aforesaid Manor, as might appear by the rolls of the Court held for the aforesaid Manor on the Fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord 1727, and Surrendered into the hands of the Lords of the aforesaid Manor, by the hands of the aforesaid Deputy Steward, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, All those three Messuages or tenements, with the appurtenances, lying between Frognell and the Church of Hampstead, lately in the separate tenures or occupations of **Master Smith**, **Master Doyley**, and **Master Ward**, And by a brickbuilt Wall divided from the aforesaid Messuage and the Garden of the aforesaid Samuel Dawes, And a Close of pasture adjoining the forever Garden of the aforesaid Master Smith, And one other Close of pasture, lying on the east of the Walk called the Holly Walk [*'the Holly Walk' in English*], with the appurtenances, To the use and behoof of him, the same Samuel Dawes, for and during the term of his natural life, And after his death, To the use and behoof of Richard Westfeild of Lincolns Inn [Lat; HospitoLincolnensi], in the

County of Middlesex, Esquire, and his heirs and assigns forever, To which aforesaid Samuel Dawes and Richard Westfeild, being present here in Court, the Lords of the aforesaid Manor, by their aforesaid Deputy Steward, Granted seisin thereof by the rod, to Have the premises, with the appurtenances, to the aforesaid Samuel Dawes, for and during the term of his natural life, And after his death, to Have the same premises to the aforesaid Richard Westfeild, his heirs and assigns forever, to Hold of the Lords, by the rod, at the will of the Lords, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, by Fealty, suit of Court, annual rents, and the other services and Customs previously owed and of right accustomed, And they were admitted tenants thereof. And their fealty was respited. And they gave to the Lords for a Fine twenty three Pounds.

*[Amount of fine written in later in another hand]*

And, afterwards, to this Court came the aforesaid Richard Westfeild, and Surrendered into the hands of the Lords of the aforesaid Manor, by the rod, by the hands of the aforesaid Deputy Steward, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, All and singular his Customary Messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments, held of the aforesaid Manor, To such deeds/works, uses, intents and purposes as he, the aforesaid Richard Westfeild, in and by his last will in writing, should limit, appoint, or declare.

*[7 Jan 1731/32]*  
A. Bradley

As at the Special Court Baron held for the aforesaid Manor on the fifth day of July, in the year of our Lord one Thousand, Seven hundred and fourteen, [Benjamin Bradley](#) and [Sarah](#), his wife, were admitted tenants (by the Surrender of [William Lane](#), Gentleman) for the terms of their lives, and the life of the longer liver of them, With remainder to the right heirs of the aforesaid Benjamin, to one piece or parcel of land, adjoining a certain lane in Hampstead called Church Lane, containing in length against the aforesaid lane one Hundred and fifty feet, more or less, and in depth from the aforesaid lane into the Field adjoining, Ninety feet, more or less, then in the possession of the aforesaid William Lane, and being parcel of a certain piece of land containing two acres, to which the aforesaid William Lane was admitted tenant (amongst other things) at the Court held on the twenty first day of May, in the year of our Lord 1683, by the Surrender of [Thomas Osman](#) and [Ann](#) his wife, together with Free ingress, egress and regress by way and by making a passage henceforth and continuing between the premises then Surrendered and the Mansion House [Lat: Domum Manconat.] then of [John Armitt](#), leading to the land of the → aforesaid William Lane, to the spring/well or cistern in the aforesaid land, with free use from time to time from thence forever of the water in the spring/well or cistern aforesaid, and permission to build a Tank [*Latin: 'Sentina' has implications of foul or bilgewater, a swamp*] or for laying Canaliculos, called waterpipes, [*Canaliculos' in Latin, 'waterpipes' in English*] for the Conveyance of the aforesaid water to the premises then surrendered for the use of the tenants of the tenement then intended to be built on the aforesaid premises and for any other use whatsoever, Then at the same Court held on the fifth day of July, the aforesaid Benjamin Bradley Surrendered the premises to the use of his last will in writing,



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Then, at the Court held for the aforesaid Manor on the twenty eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord 1717, the aforesaid Benjamin Bradley and Sarah, his wife, were admitted tenants for the term of their lives and the life of the longer liver of them, With remainder to the use of such person and persons, And for such use and uses, intents and purposes as the aforesaid Benjamin might declare in and by his last will in writing, To all that Customary Messuage or tenement, with the appurtenances, situate and being in the vill of Hampstead aforesaid, near the place there called the Common Well [*This in English*], together with a Garden and an orchard adjoining the same Messuage, containing by estimation two acres, more or less, With all its appurtenances, Which last premises were lately then the estate of [Edward Paine](#). Now, at this Court, it was presented by the Homage of this Court that the aforesaid Benjamin Bradley died before this Court, And that the aforesaid Sarah, his wife, is still alive, And that the aforesaid Benjamin Bradley, by his last will and testament in writing, bearing date the twenty fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord 1726, Devised (amongst other things) as follows, that is to say, [*Text now in English*] Item, I give my said House, with the yards and appurtenances thereunto belonging, formerly the said [Mr Vaslets](#) Boarding school, with the two shops before the Garden behind, the same now in the occupacion of [Frances Latham](#), a Grocer, as his undertenants, with the part of the Great Garden as now set out, and the new house fronting the street, and the buildings thereto belonging, now in the occupacion of [Robert Bethell](#), or his undertenants, unto my said loving Daughter, [Anne Bradley](#), and to the heirs of her body lawfully begotten [*Text now reverts to Latin*] With such remainder as was mentioned in the aforesaid last will, as by the aforesaid last will might appear, Concerning which matter to this Court came the aforesaid Anne Bradley, and craved of the Lords to be admitted tenant to the premises to her devised, according to the meaning of the aforesaid last will (now being One Messuage or tenement, with the appurtenances, in the tenure of [John Emes](#), Baker, one other Messuage or tenement, with the appurtenances, in the tenure of [Edward Talbot](#), And two Sheddass or shops [*'shops' in English*], with the appurtenances, in the separate tenures of [*Christian name not filled in*] [Davis, widow](#), and [Mark Davis](#), all which premises lie near le Town Well, [*This in English*] in Hampstead, To whom the Lords of the aforesaid Manor, by their aforesaid Deputy Steward, Granted seisin thereof by the rod, to Have the same premises to her, the aforesaid Anne Bradley, and the heirs of her body, in reversion after the death of the aforesaid Sarah Bradley, her Mother, With such remainder as was mentioned in the aforesaid last will, to Hold of the Lords, by the rod, at the will of the Lords, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, by fealty, suit of Court, annual rents, and the other services and Customs previously owed and of right accustomed. And she was admitted tenant thereof. And her Fealty was respited. And she gave to the Lords for a Fine twenty six pounds, Thirteen shillings and four pence.

[7 Jan 1731/32]  
S. Bradley

As at the Special Court Baron held for the aforesaid Manor on the fifth day of July, in the year of our Lord 1714, [Benjamin Bradley](#) and [Sarah](#), his wife, were admitted tenants (by the Surrender of [William Lane](#), Gentleman) for the terms of their lives, and the life of the longer liver of

them, With remainder to the right heirs of the aforesaid Benjamin, to one piece or parcel of land, adjoining a certain lane in Hampstead, called Church Lane, containing in length against the aforesaid lane one Hundred and fifty feet, more or less, and in depth from the aforesaid lane into the adjoining Field, Ninety feet, more or less, then in the possession of the aforesaid William Lane, and being parcel of a certain piece of land containing two acres, to which the aforesaid William Lane was admitted tenant (amongst other things) at the Court held on the twenty first day of May, in the year of our Lord 1683, by the Surrender of **Thomas Osman** and **Ann**, his wife, together with free ingress, egress and regress by way and by making a passage henceforth and continuing between the premises then Surrendered and the mansion house [Lat: domum mancionat.] then of **John Armitt**, leading to the land then of the aforesaid William Lane, to the spring/well or cistern in the aforesaid land, with free use from time to time from then forever of the water in the spring/well or cistern aforesaid, and permission to build a Tank [*Lat: 'Sentina' has implications of foul or bilgewater, a swamp*] or for laying Canaliculos, called waterpipes [*'Canaliculos' in Latin, 'waterpipes' in English*] for the Conveyance of the aforesaid water to the premises then Surrendered for the use of the tenants of the tenement then intended to be built on the same premises, and for any other use whatsoever, Then at the same Court held on the aforesaid fifth day of July, the aforesaid Benjamin Bradley surrendered the premises to the use of his last will in writing, Then at the Court held for the aforesaid Manor on the twenty eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord 1717, the aforesaid Benjamin Bradley and Sarah, his wife, were admitted tenants for the term of their lives and the life of the longer liver of them, With remainder to the use of such person and persons, And for such use and uses, intents and person and persons, And for such use and uses, intents and purposes as the aforesaid Benjamin might declare in and by his last will in writing, to all that Customary Messuage or tenement, with the appurtenances, situate and being in the vill of Hampstead aforesaid, near the place there called the Common Well [*This in English*], together with a Garden and an orchard adjoining the same Messuage, containing by estimation two acres, more or less, With all its appurtenances, Which last premises were lately then the estate of **Edward Paine**. Now, at this Court, it was presented by the Homage of this Court that the aforesaid Benjamin Bradley died before this Court, And that the aforesaid Sarah, his wife, is still alive, And that the aforesaid Benjamin Bradley, by his last will in writing, bearing the date the twenty fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord 1726, Devised (amongst other things) as follows, that is to say, [*Text now in English*] And from and after my said wife, Sarah Bradleys decease, Then I give, devise and bequeath my said late Dwelling house in Church Street or Church Lane aforesaid, with the yard, Garden, Coach houses, Stables, and all other buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto my said loving daughter, Sarah Bradley, and to the heirs of her body lawfully to be begotten [*Text now reverts to Latin*] With such remainder as was mentioned in the aforesaid last will, as by the aforesaid last will might appear, Concerning which matter to this Court came the aforesaid Sarah Bradley, the Daughter, and craved of the Lords to be admitted tenant to the premises to her devised,

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according to the meaning of the aforesaid last will (now being one Messuage or tenement, with the appurtenances, in Church Row, in Hampstead aforesaid, now in the tenure of [*Christian name not filled in*] Castleton, widow) To whom the Lords of the aforesaid Manor, by their aforesaid Deputy Steward, Granted seisin thereof by the rod, to Have the aforesaid premises to her, the aforesaid Sarah Bradley, the daughter, and the heirs of her body, in reversion after the death of the aforesaid Sarah Bradley, her Mother, With such remainder as was mentioned, to Hold of the Lords, by the rod, at the will of the Lords, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, by fealty, suit of Court, annual rents, and the other services and Customs previously owed and of right accustomed. And her fealty was respited. And she gave to the Lords for a Fine twenty six pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence.

[7 Jan 1731/32] As at the Special Court Baron held for the aforesaid Manor on the fifth day of July, in the year of our Lord 1714, Benjamin Bradley and Sarah, his wife, were admitted tenants (by the Surrender of William Lane, gentleman) for the terms of their lives, and the life of the longer liver of them, With remainder to the right heirs of the aforesaid Benjamin, to one piece or parcel of land, adjoining a certain lane in Hampstead, called Church Lane, containing in length against the aforesaid lane One hundred and fifty feet, more or less, and in depth from the aforesaid lane unto the adjoining Field, Ninety feet, more or less, then in the possession of the aforesaid William Lane, and being parcel of a certain piece of land containing two acres, to which the aforesaid William Lane was admitted tenant (amongst other things) at the Court held on the twenty first day of May, in the year of our Lord 1683, by the surrender of Thomas Osman and Ann, his wife, ....

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**Translated from the Latin by Dr. Virginia Bainbridge**

... together with free right of entry, exit and re-entry by the road and the passage that now exists and passes between the premises then surrendered and the house of John Armitth already mentioned, then to the ground of the said William Lane, to the spring or well in the aforesaid ground, with free use from time to time, now and in perpetuity of the water in the spring or well aforesaid, and licence to erect a well head [*Latin: sentina*] or to lay out a new channel [*Latin: canaliculi*: English: water pipes], called ‘water pipes’ for conveying the water aforesaid to the premises thence surrendered for the use of the tenants then being in the tenements, to erect over the same premises and for any other use whatsoever for the same.

At the same Court held on the said 5 July, Benjamin Bradley surrendered the premises according to the use of his Last Will, presented at the Court held for the Manor on 28 January 1717. The said Benjamin Bradley and Sara, his wife, were admitted as tenants, for the terms of their natural lives and the life of the longer liver, and to remain to the use of the person or persons, and to such uses, intentions and propositions which the aforesaid Benjamin declared in and through his Last Will above mentioned, for all those customary messuages or tenements with appurtenances situated and existing in the town of Hampstead aforesaid, near the place there called ‘the Common Well’; likewise one garden and one orchard adjoining the same messuage, containing by estimation 2 acres more or less, with all the appurtenances, of which the last premises then or lately standing belonged to Edward Paine.

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Now at this Court it was presented by the Homage of the Court, that the said Benjamin Bradley, as is written and set out in his Last Will, dated 24 May 1726, devised (among other things) as follows: *[this in English]* ‘And from and after my said wife Sarah Bradley’s decease, then I give, devise and bequeath my said six houses, stables, buildings and two gardens and appurtenances thereunto belonging in the said courtyard in the said High Street in Hampstead aforesaid, unto my said loving son, William Bradley, and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten’, with many other bequests just as it is mentioned in the Last Will aforesaid and just as it is set out in the Last Will aforesaid.

Furthermore to this Court came the said William Bradley (represented by Henry Binfeild, Esquire, his attorney), and petitioned the Lords to be admitted as tenant to the premises devised to him according to the terms of the Last Will aforesaid (now the six messuages or tenements with appurtenances are in separate tenure of ... *[blank for names of tenants]* ... or their assignees, situated and being in ... *[blank for address]* ... in Hampstead aforesaid. And the Lords of the Manor, by the aforesaid Deputy Steward thence granted Seisin by the Rod: William Bradley to have the same premises with appurtenances, and the heirs of his body in reversion, after the death of the aforesaid Sara, his mother, with all the remainders just as it is mentioned in the Last Will aforesaid; to hold from the Lords by the Rod according to the Custom of the Manor, by fealty, suit of Court, annual rents, and all services and Customs previously owed. And he was then admitted as tenant and swore fealty and gave the Lords a Fine: £26 13 shillings and 4 pennies.

*[7 Jan 1731/32]*

**[Margin entry] W. Hunt**

At this Court it was presented by the Homage that Sara Hunt, Widow, lately a customary tenant of the Manor during her life, held for herself and her heirs a cottage or tenement and one parcel of land, containing by estimation 4 roods (In English: Rods), with one storehouse there adjacent, situated and being in a certain place called Boads Corner in Hampstead aforesaid, for the annual rent of 2 pennies. And also another cottage or tenement with appurtenances, situated and being at Boads Corner in Hampstead aforesaid, for the annual rent of 2 more pennies; as set out at the Court held for the Manor on 15 May 1727. And that before this Court, thus seized, she died. And that [William Hunt](#) is the eldest son and heir of the said Sara Hunt.

Now to this Court came the aforesaid William Hunt and petitioned the Lords to be admitted as tenant to the premises. And the Lords, through their Deputy Steward aforesaid, granted him seisin by the Rod: William Hunt to have the premises, and his heirs and assignees in perpetuity; to hold from the Lords by the Rod, at the will of the Lords according to the Custom of the Manor; by fealty, suit of Court, annual rents, and all services and Customs previously owed. And he was admitted thence as tenant, and swore fealty and gave the Lords a Fine: £20.

At this Court was made the second proclamation for the heirs of [Henry Kemp](#) to come etc.

At this Court was made the second proclamation for [William Snoxall](#) to come etc.

At this Court was made the second proclamation for the heirs of [Thomas Marsh](#) to come etc.

At this Court was made the second proclamation for the heirs of [Edward Peirson](#) to come etc.

At this Court was made the second proclamation for [Anne Read](#) to come etc.

At this Court was made the second proclamation for the heirs of [William Gates](#) to come etc.

**[Folio 43]**

[Margin heading] **Manor of Hampstead in the County of Middlesex**

Special Court Baron of William Langhorne Games, Esquire, and Thomas Burrell, Esquire, lords of the aforesaid Manor, held for the Manor on Monday 17 January, in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of George II, by the grace of God king of Great Britain, France and Scotland, Defender of the Faith, and in the year of Our Lord 1731. Before Robert Sherard, Esquire, the Steward.

**Homage - Sworn**

Allan Wilson

William Wright

Peter Reeve

[17 Jan 1731/2]

[Margin entry] **W. Gates**

At this Court, the Homage presented that William Gates, lately a Customary tenant of the Manor, held for his life and his heirs 7 messuages, or tenements with appurtenances situated and standing in Hampstead Street, within the aforesaid Manor. Now or lately they were lately in the separate tenure or occupation of: Jonathan Peters, Thomas Hopkins, the aforesaid William Gates, Stephen Skinner, Edward Norris, [-] Hill and [-] Andrews, Widow, his subtenants or assignees, as set out in the Court Roll, held for the Manor on 27 May A.D. 1723. And that, at the same Court held on 27 May aforesaid, he surrendered the premises according to the terms of his Last Will above written. And that before this present Court he died thus seised. And that before his death, by his Last Will, above written dated 1 February 1727, he conveyed the premises. And by the same Will he devised (amongst other things), as follows: [*this in English*] 'I do give, bequeath and dispose all the rest and residue of my estate both personal and real unto my beloved son William Gates, goods chattels debts and effects whatsoever, after my just debts legacies and funeral charges be well and truly paid and satisfied': as it appears in the aforesaid Last Will. Furthermore, to this Court came the son of the aforesaid William Gates on this occasion (represented by his deputy and attorney Thomas Gardiner), and petitioned the Lords to be admitted as tenant to the premises. To which the Lords (through their Steward aforesaid), granted Seisin by the Rod: to have and to hold the aforesaid premises which belonged to the said William Gates, as his son and heir and assignee in perpetuity, from the Lords by the Rod, at the will of the Lords according to the Custom of the Manor, by fealty, suit of Court, annual rents, and all services and customary dues previously owed. And he was then admitted as tenant and swore fealty to the Lords, and gave a Fine.

[17 Jan 1731/2]

[Margin entry] **Guardian**

And because the son of the said William Gates is an infant below 21 years of age, therefore the aforesaid premises were committed to the care of his Guardian, the said Thomas Gardiner. And to have etc. by computation then paying etc.

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*[28 Jan 1731/32]*

General Court Baron of [William Langhorne Games](#), Esquire, and [Thomas Burrell](#), Esquire, lords of the aforesaid Manor, held for the Manor on Friday 28 January, in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of George II, by the grace of God king of Great Britain, France and Scotland, Defender of the Faith etc. and in the year of Our Lord 1731. Before Robert Sherard, Esquire, the Steward.

**Homage - Sworn**

[Edward Snoxall junior](#) – [William Walters](#)

[Edward Snoxall senior](#) – [William Stead](#)

[Thomas Blockley](#) – [James Pead](#)

[Margin entry] **P. Flower** *[28 Jan 1731/32]*

At the Manor Court held on 22 June 1730, it was sworn by the Steward and presented by the Homage of the same Court, that at an extra Court held on the preceding 14 May, [Peter Flower](#) and [Elianor](#), his wife, Customary tenants of the Manor, came and surrendered into the hands of the said Lords of the Manor, all those 6 messuages, 4 of which are situated in the Vill of Hampstead and the other 2 on Shepherd's Hill near New End. And also one messuage or tenement and adjoining building, once used as a school and then converted into a parlour (*[Latin: conclave]* English: parlour), to these premises the said Elianor (only daughter and heir of John Braint), was admitted as tenant at the Manor Court held on 11 May, for the use of the said Peter Flower and Elianor his wife for their lives severally and jointly as long as they both live, and after their decease to the survivor and lawful heir. Now, to this Court came the said Peter Flower and Elianor his wife and petitioned the Lords to be admitted as tenants of the premises following the aforesaid surrender. The Lords, through their Steward aforesaid, granted Seisin by the Rod: to the said Peter Flower and Elianor his wife to have the premises, with appurtenances, for their lives and the life of the survivor; and after their decease to the lawful heir who survives them in perpetuity; for the two of them to hold by the Rod, according to the Custom of the Manor, then to pay as before, by right and custom. And they were admitted as tenants and swore fealty, and gave the Lords a Fine: £84.

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*[28 Jan 1731/2]*

[Margin entry] **T. Lewis and others**

To this Court came [Lucy Strudwick](#) and surrendered into the hands of the Lords of the Manor by the Rod, through the hands of the said Steward, according to the Custom of the Manor: all that messuage or tenement with appurtenances once called 'Le Mill House', and in the tenure of [George Strudwick](#), and afterwards in the tenure of [Thomas Poley](#), and now or lately in the tenure of [James Wachter](#) (to which premises the said Lucy Strudwick was admitted as tenant, at the Manor Court held on 23 May 1726), To the use and behoof of the [Reverend Thomas Lewis, Clerk](#), for the term of his life; and after his decease to the use and behoof of [Catherine](#), wife of the said Thomas [Lewis](#), for the term of the life of the same Catherine, and after the decease of the survivor of the said Thomas and Catherine, to the use and behoof of [Thomas Lewis](#) an infant, the son of the same Thomas Lewis and Catherine, his wife for the term of the life of the same Thomas Lewis the infant. And after the decease of the survivor of the said Thomas Lewis the father and Catherine Lewis, his wife, and the said Thomas Lewis the infant, to the use of the person or persons, to such uses, intentions and propositions and

whatsoever uses the said Thomas Lewis himself the father, in and through his Last Will has written, limited, appointed, or declared, and by the deceased whatsoever appointed; to the use [Folio 45] and behoof of the said lawful heir of Thomas Lewis the father in perpetuity. Of whom Thomas Lewis the father, Catherine Lewis, his wife and Thomas Lewis the infant presented themselves in the Manor Court, to the Lords' Steward, and were granted Seisin by the Rod: the said Thomas Lewis the father to have the said premises with appurtenances for the term of his life; and after his decease the said Catherine his wife to have the same premises with appurtenances for the term of her life; and after death the survivor of the said Thomas Lewis father and Catherine his wife, the same premises to remain to the said Thomas Lewis the infant for the term of his life as described in this indenture: to hold of the Lords by the Rod at the will of the Lords according to the Customs of the Manor, by fealty, suit of court, annual rents and all services and customary dues previously owed. And they were then admitted as tenants and swore fealty, and gave the Lord a Fine £60 and 10 shillings.

[28 January 1731/2]

[Margin entry] **Guardian**

And because the said Thomas Lewis the son is an infant below the age of 21 years old, therefore the guardian of the body of the said infant who promises his commitments to the Court, the said Thomas Lewis his father, and who etc. To have etc. By the computation then paying etc.

[Folio 46]

[Margin heading] **Manor of Hampstead in the County of Middlesex**

Court General, View of Frankpledge with Court Baron of [Margaret Maryon](#), widow, and [Thomas Burrell](#), Lords of the Manor, held for the aforesaid Manor on Monday next before the Feast of Pentecost, 22 May, in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of King George II, by the grace of God king of Great Britain, France and Scotland, Defender of the Faith etc. and in the year of Our Lord 1732. Before [Robert Sherard](#), Esquire, the Steward.

[22 May 1732]

[Margin entry] **Jury, both for the King and for the Lords of the Manor**

[Henry Binfield](#) – [Thomas Bakeman](#) – [Thomas Blockley](#)

[Mark Weyland](#) – [William Jordan](#) – [William Enley](#)

[John Vincent](#) – [James Pead](#) – [William Waters](#)

[John Padmore](#) – [William Goulding](#) – [Richard Fletcher](#)

[Edward Snoxall jun.](#) – [Henry Ambridge](#) – [William Stead](#)

[Allan Wilson](#) – [William Ambridge](#) – [John Stakers](#)

- - [William Kent](#) – Sworn

[Election of officers]

We the Jurors state on Oath and present that [Charles Keys](#) is sworn into the Office of Constable for Upper Hampstead for the year following. He is present and sworn in at Court. And that [Joshua Evans](#) is elected to the Office of Constable of Lower Hampstead for the year following. He is present and sworn in at Court.

And that [Matthew Bates](#) is elected to the Office of Chief Pledge for Upper Hampstead for the year following.

And that [David Watson](#) is elected to the Office of Chief Pledge for Lower Hampstead for the year following.

Also: we present all those who owe Suit to this Court and on this day have not attended, and we fine each of them the sum of 1 Shilling.

[22 May 1732]

[Heading in Text] **Now concerning the Court Baron**

At this Court the Homage presented that [Joseph Rous](#), lately a Customary tenant of the Manor, held for the term of his life and for his heirs (amongst others), all that 20 roods of ground lying above the place called ‘The Flatt’ at the western boundary of the house of [Mary Squire, Widow](#); and beyond the southern footpath leading to the western boundary of the house of Mary Squire, Widow, now or lately in possession of [-] Clarke, near the Gravel Pit ([*Latin: sabuletum*] English: the gravel pit) there, just as it was measured and staked out ([*Latin: palatusest*] English: staked out), for five members of the Homage of the Court General held for the Manor on 3 June 1717. And also all those two messuages or tenements, the stables outside the house, and all other erections and structures erected, built, standing and existing in or on the same 20 roods of ground or any other part, with all and everything pertaining to them, held for the annual rent of 1 Shilling, As set out at the Court General held for the Manor on 5 March 1719.

And also, all that piece or parcel of ground lying on Hampstead Heath, containing 44 roods ([*Latin: virgas*] English: rods), just as it is measured and enclosed by a brick wall [*Latin: murum lateritium*], adjacent to the 20 roods of ground. To which the said Joseph Rous was admitted by the surrender of [Edward Ebdon](#) and [Maria](#), his wife. And also of all the erections and buildings, erected and built on the same 44 roods contained within the said brick wall, held for the annual rent of 2 Shillings 4 Pennies, as set out in the Roll of the Court held for the Manor on 30 May 1720.

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And also all that piece or parcel of waste ground with appurtenances, containing by estimation 10 roods ([*Latin: rodas*] English: rods), lying on the heath called Hampstead Heath, on the North-West side of the gardens now or lately of [Elizabeth Keys](#), near the place called ‘New End’, once in the tenure or occupation of [John Keys](#), held by the annual rent of 1 Shilling, as set out in the Roll of the Court held for the Manor on 11 July 1720.

And that the said Joseph Rous died thus seized before this Court. And that before his death he surrendered all customary messuages, lands and tenements he held from the Manor according to his Last Will. And that by his Last Will, written, made and dated 25 September 1731: He devised (amongst other things), as follows namely: [*Text now in English*] Item: to my Cousin [Anne Read](#) (formerly [Anne Rous](#)), and to her heirs forever, I give, devise and bequeath my three messuages or tenements at Hampstead aforesaid, in possession of Joseph Rous, [Ann Swift](#) and [Aaron Senior](#), with the gardens, stables and coach houses thereunto belonging, which said premises I have charged and do hereby order the same to stand charged and be chargeable with the moiety of an annuity of £30 *per annum*, as is herein & hereafter more particularly mentioned as it is set out in the Last Will.

Now to this Court came the said Anne (wife of [Richard Read](#)), and petitioned the Lord and Lady of the Manor to be admitted to the tenure of the said Customary lands and tenements devised and bequeathed to her. To which the Lord and Lady, through their Steward, granted Seisin by the Rod, the said Anne Read to have and to hold the said premises with appurtenances, and her heirs and assignees, in perpetuity, from the Lord and Lady by the Rod, at the will of the Lord and Lady according to the custom of the Manor, by separate annual rents, fealty, suit of court, and all other and all services and customary dues previously owed. And she was then admitted as tenant and swore fealty, and gave to the Lord and Lady the Fine set out below.



[22 May 1732]

[Margin Entry] **R. Read & Wife**

And afterwards, the said Richard Read and Anne his wife came to this Court. And the said Anne being first examined alone and secretly by the said Steward, and surrendered into the hands of the Lord and Lady of the Manor by the Rod, by the hands and acceptance of the Steward, according to the Custom of the Manor, the premises all and singular. And the said Anne was admitted as tenant at this Court as set out above, with all and sundry of the appurtenances, to the use and behoof of the said Richard Read and Anne his wife, for and during the term of their natural lives, as long as they both shall live. And after their decease, the survivor of them [shall have] for those uses, intentions, and propositions as the said Anne, whether alone or with her husband, and not withstanding her husband, by the Last Will and testament above written, or by any other means or writing by the deceased's hand or seal, attested by three or more credible witnesses, ordered, declared or appointed, and on his behalf so appointed, to the use of the heirs and assignees of the said Anne in perpetuity, and also to Richard Read and Anne his wife present here in the Court, with the remainder as offered by the Lord and Lady by the Rod, at the will of the Lord and Lady according to the custom of the Manor, by the aforesaid separate annual rents, fealty, suit of court and other services and customary dues previously owed. And they were admitted as tenants, and the said Richard swore fealty, and gave the Lords a Fine for both of them [*in another hand*] £210.

[22 May 1732]

[Margin Entry] **E. Snoxall junior**

To this Court came **Maria Daniels**, Spinster, and **Nicholas Kent**, Gentleman, and surrendered into the hands of the Lord and Lady of the Manor by the Rod, by the hands of the said Steward, according to the Custom of the Manor aforesaid: All that division or half part of one messuage or tenement lying in Pond Street, called Aldenham alias The White House, with appurtenances: And also one close of meadow or pasture containing 6 acres, more or less, called Sears Mead with a barn erected on it, lying in Hampstead aforesaid (excepting those two messuages and the lands [**Folio 48**] belonging to them, once in the possession of **Zacharie Morrell** and [-] **Walpole**, part of the 6 acres sold by **Thomas Lane**, Knight, [*the following inserted above*] to the aforesaid Zacharie Morrell and [-] Walpole).

And also one parcel, lately part of the waste of the aforesaid Manor [*end of insertion*], containing one rod of land, more or less, lying before the aforesaid messuage in Pond Street; (to which half of the said premises **Maria Daniels** and **Nicholas Kent** became tenants, for themselves and their heirs, at the Manor Court held on 11 November 1731, swore fealty as mentioned in the Last Will of **Jane Ravenscroft**, Widow); to the Use and behoof of **Edward Snoxall junior**, his heirs and assignees in perpetuity.

The same Edward Snoxall being present at the Court of the Lord and Lady of the Manor was granted Seisin by the Rod of the said portion of all the premises and appurtenances, the said Edward Snoxall to have and to hold, and his heirs and assignees, one full portion or half part of the said premises, all and singular, in perpetuity, from the Lord and Lady by the Rod, at the will of the Lord and Lady according to the Custom of the Manor, for annual rent, fealty, suit of court and all other services and customary dues previously owed. And Edward was admitted as tenant and swore fealty, and gave the Lord and Lady a Fine [*in another hand*] £90 and 10 shillings.

[Margin Entry] **Ex**[amined].

[22 May 1732]

[Margin Entry] **E. Snoxall junior**

To this Court came **James Clayton** and **Susanna Clayton**, Spinster (children of **John Clayton**, named in the Testament of **John Ravenscroft**, deceased), and surrendered into the hands of the Lord and Lady of the Manor by the Rod, by the hands of the said Steward, according to the Custom of the Manor: two full quarter parts (of four equally divided parts), of one whole half of a messuage or tenement lying in Pond Street, called Aldenham alias The White House, with appurtenances. And also one close of meadow or pasture containing 6 acres, more or less, called Sears Mead with a barn erected on it, lying in Hampstead aforesaid (excepting those two messuages and the lands belonging to them once in the possession of Zacharie Morrell and [-] Walpole, part of the 6 acres which was sold by Thomas Lane, Knight, to the aforesaid Zacharie Morrell and [-] Walpole).

And also one parcel of land, lately parcel of the waste of the aforesaid Manor, containing 1 rood, lying before the aforesaid messuage in Pond Street (to which two quarter parts of one half of the premises the said James Clayton and Susanna Clayton were admitted as tenants for themselves and their heirs, at the Manor Court held on 11 November A.D. 1731, according to the terms of the Last Will of the said John Ravenscroft) for the Use and behoof of Edward Snoxall junior, his heirs and assignees in perpetuity.

The same Edward Snoxall being present at the Court of the Lord and Lady of the Manor, by their Steward was granted *Seisin* by the Rod of the aforesaid two parts of the entire half of the premises and appurtenances, the said Edward Snoxall junior to have and to hold, and his heirs and assignees, the said two quarter parts of one entire half of the said premises, all and singular in perpetuity, from the Lord and Lady by the Rod, at the will of the Lord and Lady according to the Custom of the Manor, for annual rent, fealty, suit of court and all other services and customary dues previously owed. And he was admitted as tenant and swore fealty, and gave the Lord and Lady a Fine [*in another hand*] £6 and 10 shillings.

[Margin Entry] **Ex.**

[22 May 1732]

[Margin Entry] **W. Foster**

At this Court the Homage presented that **John Foster**, lately a Customary Tenant of the Manor, held for his life and for his heirs one cottage or tenement and 7 roods of land with appurtenances, as set out by the Roll of the Court held for the Manor on 11 May 1730. And that between the last Court and this Court he died thus seized. And that **William Foster** is the eldest son and heir to the premises of the said John Foster.

Now to this Court came the said William Foster and petitioned the Lords to be admitted as tenant to the premises, to which the Lord and Lady through their Steward granted him [**Folio 49**] *Seisin* by the Rod: the said William Foster to have and to hold the said premises with appurtenances, and his heirs and assignees in perpetuity, from the Lord and Lady by the Rod, at the will of the Lord and Lady according to the custom of the Manor, by annual rent, fealty, suit of court, and all services and customary dues previously owed. And he was then admitted as tenant and swore fealty and gave [*in another hand*] the Lord and Lady a Fine £4 and 4 shillings.

[Margin Entry] **Ex.**

[22 May 1732]

[Margin Entry] **E. Philips ad M. Weyland. Jur[-]. Cond[-].**

At this Court it was attested by the Steward and presented by the Homage that at an extra Court, namely, on the 26 April 1731, **Eliza Philips**, a Customary tenant of the Manor surrendered into the hands of the Lord and Lady of the Manor by the Rod, by the hands and

acceptance of [Robert Harper](#), Gentleman, deputy Steward, according to the Custom of the Manor all those two cottages or tenements (now divided into three cottages or little tenements), now or lately in the separate tenure or possession of [John Finch](#), [William Bryon](#) and [John Stead](#), together with a garden, an orchard and a parcel of land belonging to them, containing by estimation 5 Perches, more or less, situated and lying in a certain place there called Boads Corner; to which premises the said Elizabeth and Edward Philips her husband were admitted as tenants at the Special Court Baron held for the Manor on 8 January A.D. 1718.

And also all that messuage with appurtenances situated and lying in the place there called Boads Corner within the aforesaid Manor, now or lately in the tenure or possession of the said Eliza Philips, for which premises the earliest mention of the said Eliza was when she was admitted as tenant at the General Court held for the Manor on 14 May 1716:

For the use and behoof of [Mark Weyland](#) of London, Merchant, his heirs and assignees in perpetuity; provided always and under the condition however, that unless the said Elizabeth Philips, her heirs and executors or administrators should not be paid or cause to be paid well and faithfully by the said Mark Weyland, his executors, administrators or assignees, the full and complete sum of £70 of lawful money of Great Britain with legal interest for the same, at or upon the 27 day of April next 1732; without fraud or other delay, then the said surrender to be made null and void, otherwise to stand, to remain in full vigour and virtue.

At this Court was made the third proclamation for the heirs of [Thomas Marsh](#) to come etc.

At this Court was made the third proclamation for the heirs of [Edward Peirson](#) to come etc.

#### **[Folio 50]**

[Margin heading] **Manor of Hampstead in the County of Middlesex**

Special Court Baron of [Margaret Maryon](#), Widow, and [Thomas Burrell](#), Esquire, Lords of the Manor, held for the Manor on Thursday 12 October, in the 6<sup>th</sup> year of King George II, by the grace of God king of Great Britain, France and Scotland, Defender of the Faith etc. and in the year of Our Lord 1732. Before [Robert Harper](#), Gentleman, deputy to [Robert Sherard](#), Esquire, the chief Steward.

#### **Homage - Sworn**

[Allan Wilson](#)

[Thomas Blockley](#)

[William Knight](#)

*[12 October 1732]*

[Margin entry] **S. Bradshaw**

To this Court came [Benjamin Hall](#) of Clifford's Inn, London, Gentleman, Customary tenant of the Manor, and surrendered into the hands of the Lords of the Manor by the Rod, by the hands of the said deputy Steward, according to the Custom of the Manor: all that cottage or tenement situated and lying in Hampstead, with all the stables, gardens, outbuildings and appurtenances belonging to it. And also 21 roods of land adjoining the same cottage and appurtenances once belonging to Francis Palmer. And also all those 2 roods of land lying on the west side of the garden belonging to the said cottage, and now enclosed together with the garden. And also all that piece of ground once parcel of the waste of the Manor, containing by estimation 6 roods (In English: roods) of land once also parcel of the waste of the Manor

and currently parcel of 10 roods enclosed by a brick wall (to all of these said premises Benjamin Hall was admitted as tenant at the Special Court Baron held for the Manor on 24 February 1719): for the use and behoof of [Sarah Bradshaw](#) of the parish of St. Paul's in Covent Garden in the County of Middlesex, namely to her heirs and assignees in perpetuity.

The same Sarah Bradshaw was present here in the Court of the Lords of the Manor, represented by the deputy Steward, who granted her *Seisin* by the Rod: the said Sarah Bradshaw to have and to hold the premises with appurtenances, and her heirs and assignees in perpetuity, from the Lords by the rod, at the will of the Lords according to the Custom of the Manor, by fealty, suit of court, annual rent, and all services and customary dues previously owed. And she was then admitted as tenant and swore fealty, and gave the Lords a Fine: £28 and 7 shillings.

[12 October 1732]

[Margin Entry] **surrender at will**

And afterwards the said Sarah Bradshaw came to this Court and surrendered into the hands of the Lords of the Manor by the Rod, into the hands of the deputy Steward by Custom, the premises all and singular, with appurtenances, to which she was admitted tenant at this Court as set out above, for the use and behoof of the said Sarah Bradshaw written, limited, appointed and declared by her Last Will.

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[12 October 1732]

[Margin entry] **P. Peirson**

At this Court the Homage presented that [Ruth Peirson](#) deceased, lately of Shire Lane in the parish of St. Dunstan's in the East in the County of Middlesex, Customary tenant of the Manor during her life, for herself and her heirs, of two messuages or tenements with houses, outbuildings, barns, stables, orchards, gardens and appurtenances belonging to them, once in the separate tenure of [Richard Beard](#) and [- -] her subtenants or assignees, as appears in the roll of the Manor Court held on 30 May A.D. 1720. And before this Court, thus seized, she died. And that [Peter Peirson](#) is the grandson (*[Latin: abnepos]* English: grandson) of the said Ruth Peirson.

Now to this Court came the said Peter Peirson and petitioned the Lords to be admitted as tenant to the premises, to which the Lords through their deputy Steward aforesaid granted *Seisin* by the Rod: Peter Peirson to have and to hold the said premises, and his heirs and assignees in perpetuity, from the Lords by the Rod at the will of the lords according to the custom of the Manor, by fealty, suit of court, annual rent, and all services and customary dues previously owed. And he was admitted as tenant and swore fealty, and gave the Lords a Fine: £64.

[12 October 1732]

[Margin Entry] **surrender at will**

And afterwards, the said Peter Peirson came to this Court and surrendered into the hands of the Lords of the Manor by the Rod, into the hands of the deputy Steward according to the Custom of the Manor: all and singular, his messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments, as customary tenant of the Manor, by Copy of Court Roll with all their appurtenances, for the use and behoof, intentions and propositions of the said Peter Peirson, according to their will, written, limited, appointed and declared by his Last Will.

[12 October 1732]

[Margin Entry] **J. Miles, Gentleman**

At this Court it was presented by the Homage that at an extra Court, namely on 13 July now past, that [James Woodhouse](#), Bar[onet], one of the Customary tenants of the Manor, surrendered into the hands of the Lords of the Manor, by the hands and acceptance of the said chief Steward, according to the Custom of the Manor: All that customary cottage or tenement with appurtenances in Hampstead aforesaid, situated in a certain place there called Cloth Hill, once in the possession of [Anne Lewis](#), widow: and also one cottage and 6 perches of land adjoining the same, and also adjoining Cloth Hill, parcel of the aforesaid Manor (to all these premises the said John Woodhouse was admitted as tenant by the surrender of the said Anne Lewis and [Nicholas Reading](#) and [Penelope Hastings](#), widow, at the General Court held for the Manor on 14 May, and continued by adjournment on 19 May 1711).

And also all that piece or parcel of land, parcel of the waste of the Manor, containing 14 feet at the front and at the back (in English: backwards), which adds up to 3 perches (*[Latin: perticas]* English: rods *[error: this should read perches]*), and adjoins a certain piece of waste land once in the possession of [Basil Hearne](#), Gentleman, deceased, in Hampstead aforesaid.

And also all that customary message or tenement with appurtenances in Hampstead aforesaid, once in the possession of the Right Honourable [-] [Lord Paget](#), and afterwards of [Anne, Lady Crew](#), who was afterwards Countess Torrington [*Anne (d. 1719), daughter of Sir William Armine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet of Osgodby, Lincolnshire, married 3 times: 1) Sir Thomas Wodehouse; 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron Crewe of Stene (d. 1697); 3) m. 1704, Arthur Herbert, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Torrington*].

And also all that other parcel of waste land, containing by estimation [**Folio 52**] 9 perches of land more or less, lying in Hampstead aforesaid, next to the message mentioned above, and once used for a cow-stall (*[Latin: stercoario]* English: laystall); (to all of these premises mentioned above, [John Woodhouse](#) was admitted as tenant on the death of the said [Anne, Countess Torrington](#) at the Special Court Baron held for the Manor on 23 May 1724): together with all houses, outbuildings, stables, buildings, structures, entrances, gardens and appurtenances of each of the surrendered premises, belonging or in any way pertaining to them; and the reversion or reversions, remainder or remainders, their rents, income and profits; and all standing rights, titles, interest, uses, trusts, possessions, proprietary benefits, claims and demands whatsoever of the said John Wodehouse, of, in, or to the same premises and each part and parcel: then to the sole and proper use and behoof and benefit of the aforesaid [John Miles](#) of Hampstead, Gentleman, and [Mary](#), his wife, for and during the term of their natural lives, and the life of the one who lives longer; and after death of the survivor of them, to the use of the heirs and assignees of the said John Miles in perpetuity.

And also it is presented by the Homage that after the surrender and before this Court, the said Mary Miles died. Now to this Court came the said John Miles and petitioned the Lords to be admitted as tenant to the premises according to the aforesaid surrender. To which the Lords, by the deputy Steward then granted *Seisin* by the Rod: John Miles to have and to hold the separate premises with appurtenances aforesaid, and his heirs and assignees in perpetuity from the Lords by the Rod, at the will of the Lords according to the custom of the Manor, by fealty, suit of court, annual rent, and all other services and customary dues previously owed. And he was admitted as tenant and swore fealty, and gave the Lords a Fine: [in another hand] £47 and 10 shillings.

[12 October 1732]

[Margin entry] **surrender at will**

And afterwards, the said John Miles came to this Court and surrendered into the hands of the Lords of the Manor by the Rod, into the hands of the deputy Steward according to the Custom of the Manor: all and singular, his messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments as

Customary tenant of the Manor by copy of Court Roll, with all their appurtenances for the use and behoof, intentions and propositions of the said [Peter Peirson](#), in and just as according to their will, written, limited, appointed and declared by his Last Will.

[Court held 4 Dec 1732, pp. 53-54]

[Folio 53]

[Margin heading] **Manor of Hampstead in the County of Middlesex**

Special Court Baron of [Margaret Maryon](#), Widow, and [Thomas Burrell](#), Esquire, Lords of the Manor, held for the Manor on Monday 4 December, in the 6<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of King George II, by the grace of God king of Great Britain, France and Scotland, Defender of the Faith etc. and in the year of Our Lord 1732. Before [Robert Sherard](#), Esquire, the Steward.

### **Homage - Sworn**

[James Pead](#)

[Thomas Blockley](#)

[William Knight](#)

[4December 1732]

*[No Margin entry: transfer of a moiety of one property comprising of several smaller properties]*

At this Court it was presented by the Homage that at an extra Court, namely on 4 August now last past, [John Edgell](#), Gentleman, a customary tenant of the Manor, surrendered into the hands of the Lords of the Manor, by the hands and acceptance of [Robert Harper](#), Gentleman, deputy of the aforesaid chief Steward, according to the custom of the Manor: all that full and undivided moiety of the said John Edgell, all that Customary messuage, cottage or tenement (now or lately 2messuages of tenements), and all that adjacent parcel of ground belonging to it, containing by estimation 6 perches more or less, situated, lying and being in the Vill of Hampstead, in a certain place there called Pond Street, once in the tenure of [Sarah Burrell](#), and afterwards in the separate tenure or occupation of Margaret Wilson and [George Limehouse](#), with all the appurtenances.

And also all that messuage or cottage and barns, and all that parcel of ground then adjoining, containing by estimation 20 roods (In English: roods), more or less, fenced and enclosed, situated, lying and being near a postern once called 'The Blackpost', on Hampstead Heath, and commonly called or known by the name of 'Jack Straw's Castle', and now in the tenure or occupation of [Maria Fletcher](#), Widow.

And also all that piece or parcel of waste ground with appurtenances, containing by estimation 20 roods (In English: roods), adjoining a certain place on Hampstead Heath called Northwood, near Northwood Well, lying on the East side of the lands called Northwood Lands, just as the same piece of ground was staked and set out (*[Latin: designaturet extrapositurfruit]*).

And also all those 2 (once 3) messuages, cottages or tenements with appurtenances which were situated, stood and were near a certain place called 'The Old Gravel Pits' on Hampstead Heath once in the occupation of John Fletcher and Mary his wife, and now or lately in the separate tenure or occupation of [William Brooks](#), Gentleman and [William Barker](#), his subtenant or assignee.

And also all that piece or parcel of land lately part of the waste of Hampstead aforesaid, containing by estimation 20 roods (*[Latin: virgas]* English rods), more or less, lying near the fenced off and enclosed messuage or tenement aforesaid.

And also all that piece or parcel of waste ground containing 40 perches (*[Latin: perticas]* English: rods [scribal error: should read perches]), lying and existing on a hill adjoining a certain place on Hampstead Heath, commonly called Gangmore, and near the cottage or tenement in the possession of [Samuel Hatch](#), as the same piece of ground has been measured and staked out (*[Latin: extrapositur]* English: staked out):

At the General Court held for the Manor on 30 May 1720 (at which John Edgell was admitted as tenant to a moiety of the aforesaid premises mentioned above, following the death of [Joseph Rous](#), at the Court Baron held for the Manor on 11 November 1731): to the use and behoof of [John Shephard](#) of the parish of St. Mary Whitechapel in the County of Middlesex, Gentleman, and [Henry Edwards](#) of the parish of St. Mary Le Strand in the County of Middlesex, aforesaid, Grocer, to their heirs and assignees.

Now to this Court came the said John Shephard and Henry Edwards and petitioned the Lords to be admitted as tenants of the aforesaid whole and undivided moiety of the premises **[Folio 54]** according to the tenures surrendered above, severally to the said John Shephard and Henry Edwards, by the Lords of the Manor, by their Steward aforesaid. They were then granted *Seisin* by the Rod: the said John Shephard and Henry Edwards were to have and to hold the aforesaid whole and undivided moiety of the premises with their appurtenances, and their heirs and assignees in perpetuity: to hold from the Lords by the Rod, at the will of the Lords according to the custom of the Manor, by fealty, suit of court, annual rent, and all services and customary dues previously owed. And they were then admitted as tenants and swore fealty, and gave the Lords a Fine: £81.

#### **Court held 2 Feb 1732 [1733]**

**[Folio 55]**

[Margin heading] **Manor of Hampstead in the County of Middlesex**

Special Court Baron of [Margaret Maryon](#), Widow, and the [Right Honourable William Manners](#), Esquire, Lords of the Manor, held for the Manor on Friday 2 February, in the 6<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of King George II, by the grace of God king of Great Britain, France and Scotland, Defender of the Faith etc. and in the year of Our Lord 1732. Before [Robert Sherard](#), Esquire, the Steward.

#### **Homage - Sworn**

[John Vincent](#)

[James Pead](#)

[William Jordan](#)

**[No Margin entry: transfer of Copyholds of Daniel Lodington: two thirds of the premises inherited in 7 equal shares by his 7 adult children; one third of the same premises held by 2 of his children]**

*[2 February 1732/33]*

To this Court came [William Lodington](#) of London, Haberdasher (eldest son and heir of the body of [Daniel Lodington](#), deceased, procreated from the body of Mary his wife, now also deceased); [Eliza Lodington](#), Spinster; [Mary Saunders](#), widow; [John Cooper](#), lately of the Vill of St. Albans, now of South Mimms in the County of Hertfordshire, Innkeeper [*Latin: hospitator*], and [Martha](#) his wife; [Thomas Henstredge](#) of London, Exciseman, and [Frances](#) his wife; [Thomas Ross](#) of London, Coachmaker, and [Jane](#) his wife; and [William Bromsall](#) of Hatfield, in the county of Hertfordshire, Coriarius [*Latin: coriarius*], and [Rachel](#) his wife;

(the aforesaid Eliza Lodington, Mary Saunders, Martha Cooper, Frances Henstredge, Jane Ross and Rachel Bromsall are the surviving 6 daughters and Daniel [*scribal error: should read William*] Lodington the surviving son of the deceased; all the children of the body of the said Daniel Lodington the father, procreated from the body of the said Mary his wife, of whom the said William Lodington their son is the eldest), and (the said Martha, Frances, Jane and Rachel, having previously been examined alone and secretly by the said Steward, and given their consent), they surrendered into the hands of the Lords of the Manor by the Rod, by the hands of the said Steward, according to the Custom of the Manor:

the two-thirds part (the whole being divided into equal parts), of the whole of that messuage or tenement situated in the Southern part of Hampstead closest to London, and also two stables, a garden, 60 perches (*[Latin: perticas]* English: poles) of land, and all outhouses and buildings of the said messuage and premises belonging to it with appurtenances, once in the occupation of [Eliza Ware](#), Widow, and now or lately in the tenure of [Philip Armstrong](#).

And also all those two closes of meadow, containing by estimation 11 acres, called Searsfeild alias Searscroft, once in the tenure of [John Newman senior](#) and [John Newman junior](#), and now or lately of the aforesaid Philip Armstrong, adjoining to Pope's Mead and Hampstead Heath, with those, and with whatever pertains to them (to which William Lodington was admitted at the aforesaid Manor Court: the two-third part of the premises, to have for himself and the heirs of his body; with the aforesaid Elizabeth Lodington, Mary Saunders, Martha Cooper, Frances Henstredge, Jane Ross and Rachel Bromsall, and they were also admitted to the two-third part of the premises: to hold to themselves for the terms of their natural lives; and to hold the 7 abovesaid parts of the above mentioned two-third part of the premises, for themselves and the heirs of their bodies, and the said William Lodington; and the other 7 parts of the same two-third part of the same premises, to hold for themselves and the heirs of their bodies, at the Court Baron held for the Manor on 7 January 1731, according to the tenure and surrender made at the Court held for the Manor on 19 February 1682): to the use and behoof of [Thomas Trevis](#), his heirs and assignees in perpetuity, with the intention that he may hold the aforesaid two-third parts of the premises.

Also that Thomas Trevis had a *Common Recovery* on the same two-third part, which he presented here in the Court to the Lords of the Manor, by their Steward aforesaid, who then granted *Seisin* by the Rod: Thomas Trevis to have the aforesaid two-thirds part of the premises, all and singular, with appurtenances, for himself and his heirs and assignees in perpetuity; to hold from the Lords by the Rod at the will of the Lords according to the Custom of the Manor, by fealty, suit of court, annual rents, and all services and customary dues previously owed. And he was admitted as tenant and swore fealty, and did not give the Lords a Fine, because this admission was licensed by a far greater assurance:

**[Here follows the *Common Recovery*, a fictitious suit which extinguishes the legal claims of all those with earlier rights in the property]**

**[Folio 56]**

[2 February 1732/33]

And afterwards to the same Court before the aforesaid Steward and the Homage of this Court came [James Gibbon](#), Gentleman, and by license of the Lords of the Manor, according to the Custom of the Manor, brought a complaint against the said Thomas Trevis concerning the aforesaid lands: namely, that the said Thomas Trevis transferred to him, James Gibbon, the two-thirds part of one messuage, barn, stable, acre of land, and 12 acres of meadow with appurtenances, in Hampstead within the aforesaid Manor, and within the jurisdiction of the same Court. And his protestation, prosecution and complaint aforesaid in this Court took the form and nature of a *Brief* from Our Lord the King, concerning entry over dispossession



[*Disseisin*], '*Le Post*' according to the Common Law following the Custom of the Manor: stating and claiming that the two-third part of the aforesaid one messuage, barn, stable, acre of land, and 12 acres of meadow with appurtenances were his, by right and inheritance, following the Custom of the Manor. And in this matter, the same Thomas Trevis did not have entry, nor after the dispossession [*Disseisin*] which Hugo Hunt then made unjustly and without right, to the said James Gibbon within the last 30 years etc.; and in came the pledges for the prosecution of this complaint, namely John Doe and Richard Roe, and petitioned for the process to be thus brought, according to the Custom of the Manor against the said Thomas Trevis; and the Bailiff of the same Manor was to order and summon the said Thomas Trevis to respond to the aforesaid to the plea of the said James Gibbon, and to grant this to him etc. And now, at that moment the said Thomas Trevis came to the Court in person, and by free license of the Court, and by the assent of the said James Gibbon, to appear and to be present separately and then to answer the aforesaid plea.

And now to the same Court came the aforesaid James Gibbon. And as before he protested and prosecuted his complaint, in the form and nature of a *Brief* of the Lord King for entry following dispossession, '*Le Post*', speaking against the said Thomas Trevis. And he petitioned against the same Thomas Trevis, who was present here in the Court in person for the said two third parts of the premises, namely one messuage, barn, stable, acre of land and 12 acres of meadow with appurtenances, in Hampstead within the Manor aforesaid, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, by right and inheritance according to the Custom of the Manor. He claimed to hold for himself and his heirs, from the Lords of the Manor, as of the same Manor by *Copy of Court Roll*, at the Will of the Lords according to the Custom of that Manor; and into which the same Thomas Trevis did not have right of entry, unless after the dispossession [*Disseisin*] which Hugo Hunt then unjustly and without right made against the aforesaid James Gibbon within the last thirty years etc. And whence he said that that he was seized of the said two-third part of the premises with appurtenances, in his Dominion as by fealty and right, at the Will of the Lords according to the Custom of the Manor, in the time of Peace, in the time of Our Lord the King now reigning, thence by pledges to the value of etc. And in which and thence for pursuing the suit etc.

And the aforesaid Thomas Trevis came and defended his right, when etc.; and he was called then to verify it etc.; the two-third part of the premises with appurtenances of William Lodington; Eliza Lodington; Mary Saunders; John Cooper and Martha his wife; Thomas Henstredge and Frances his wife; Thomas Ross and Jane his wife; and William Bromsall and Rachel his wife; who were present here in Court in person (the aforesaid Martha, Frances, Jane and Rachel having previously been examined alone and secretly by the said Steward and consented), they surrendered into the hands of the Lords of the Manor by the Rod, by the hands of the said Steward according to the Custom of the Manor: they authorised the entry to the two-third part of the premises with appurtenances, of the same Thomas Trevis.

And furthermore, the said James Gibbon petitioned against the said William Lodington; Eliza Lodington; Mary Saunders; John Cooper and Martha his wife; Thomas Henstredge and Frances his wife; Thomas Ross and Jane his wife; and William Bromsall and Rachel his wife, tenants by their Warrant aforesaid, of the two-thirds [**Folio 57**] part of the premises with appurtenances in the form aforesaid And then he said that he himself was seized of the aforesaid two-third part of the premises with appurtenances in his Dominion, as of fealty and right, at the will of the Lords according to the Custom of the Manor aforesaid, in this time of peace, and in the time now of Our Lord the King, held thence by pledges to the value of etc. And in which etc. And thence for leading the suit etc.

And the aforesaid William Lodington; Eliza Lodington; Mary Saunders; John Cooper and Martha his wife; Thomas Henstredge and Frances his wife; Thomas Ross and Jane his wife; and William Bromsall and Rachel his wife, tenants by their Warrant, came and

defended their right when etc. And previously, they spoke thence about the aforesaid Warrant, for the two-third part of the premises with appurtenances to [David Sansbury](#), who likewise was present here in Court in person, of the grant of the aforesaid of the two-thirds part of the premises with appurtenances they Warranted to him.

And furthermore, the said James Gibbon petitioned against the said David Sansbury, holding by his Warrant the aforesaid two-third part of the premises with appurtenances in the form abovesaid. And thence he said that he himself was seized of the aforesaid two-thirds part of the premises with appurtenances in his dominion, as of fealty and right, according to the Will of the Lords, according to the Custom of the Manor, in this time of peace and in this time of Our Lord the King, now held thence by pledges to the value of etc. And in which etc. And thence for leading the suit etc. And the aforesaid David Sansbury holding by his Warrant, came and defended his right when etc. And he said that the aforesaid Hugo Hunt had not dispossessed the aforesaid James Gibbon of the two-third part of the premises with appurtenances, just as the same James Gibbon, by his complaint and Warrant aforesaid had laid out above; and had set out before the Homage of this Court, according to the Custom of the Manor. And the aforesaid James Gibbon in person sought license thence in discussion, indeed at the Third hour after Noon on this very day while the Court was sitting; and he was granted etc. At the same stated hour the same David Sansbury was licensed by the Court, and with the consent of those parties, indeed at the Third hour after Noon on this very day, at this time he was licensed to return to court, by the said James Gibbon in person. And the same David Sainsbury thus solemnly licensed to act did not return, but was in contempt of court and received and was given a default.

Therefore the Court considered the licence granted to the said James Gibbon, to recover his *Seisin* from the said Thomas Trevis, of the aforesaid two-thirds part of the premises with appurtenances; for the same James Gibbon to hold the aforesaid two-thirds part of the premises with appurtenances, for himself and his heirs, by Copy of Court Roll, at the will of the Lords according to the Custom of the Manor, from the said Thomas Trevis and his heirs; and of the said William Lodington; Eliza Lodington; Mary Saunders; John Cooper and Martha his wife; Thomas Henstredge and Frances his wife; Thomas Ross and Jane his wife; and William Bromsall and Rachel his wife; and the heirs of the said William Lodington, Eliza Lodington, Mary Saunders, Martha Cooper, Frances Henstredge, Jane Ross and Rachel Bomsall; and of the said David Sansbury and his heirs, in perpetuity.

And that the said Thomas Trevis may have the Customary lands and tenements of the said William Lodington; Eliza Lodington; Mary Saunders; John Cooper and Martha his wife; Thomas Henstredge and Frances his wife; Thomas Ross and Jane his wife; and William Bromsall and Rachel his wife, under the jurisdiction of this Court, according to the Will of etc. And that the same William Lodington; Eliza Lodington; Mary Saunders; John Cooper and Martha his wife; Thomas Henstredge and Martha [*scribal error: should read Frances*] his wife; Thomas Ross and Jane his wife; and William Bromsall and Rachel his wife, who furthermore held the Customary lands and tenements of the said David Sansbury, under the jurisdiction of this Court, to the value of, etc.

And furthermore the said James Gibbon sought to dispute *Seisin* of the said two-thirds part of the premises, according to the Custom of the Manor. Moreover in execution of the *Judicial Recovery* aforesaid it is ordered by the Court here, the Bailiff of the Manor and Minister of this Court, which negligently gave the said James Gibbon full *Seisin* of the aforesaid two thirds part of the premises with appurtenances, indeed the Bailiff and Minister of this Court, namely [Edward Fletcher](#), came into this [**Folio 58**] same Court, and said that he himself, by virtue of the aforesaid request to the Court now sitting, gave the right to James Gibbon of full Seizin of the aforesaid two-third part of the premises with appurtenances,

according to the form of the *Recovery* aforesaid, according to his request that this should be ordered.

And furthermore, the same James Gibbon petitioned to be admitted as tenant to the said two-third part of the premises with appurtenances, by the aforesaid Steward, and he was granted *Seisin* by the Rod: the same James Gibbon was to have and to hold, and his heirs and assignees, from the Lords by *Copy of Court Roll* at the will of the Lords, according to the Custom of the Manor, by fealty, suit of court, annual rents, and all other services and customary dues previously owed. And he was admitted as tenant and swore fealty, and gave the Lords no Fine because the licence for the *Recovery* gave far greater assurance.

And afterwards, to this same Court came the aforesaid James Gibbon; Thomas Trevis; Eliza Lodington; Mary Saunders; John Cooper and Martha his wife; Thomas Henstredge and Frances his wife; Thomas Ross and Jane his wife; and William Bromsall and Rachel his wife, and (the said Martha, Frances, Jane and Rachel having previously been examined alone and secretly by the said Steward and given their consent), they surrendered into the hands of the Lords of the Manor by the Rod, by the hands of the said Steward according to the Custom of the Manor, the said two-third part of the premises with appurtenances: namely one messuage, barn, stable, acre of land and 12 acres of meadow with appurtenances, which was recovered as set out by the said James Gibbon; and also for himself and his heirs he returned, freed and quit-claimed all that standing right, title and interest claimed and demanded for each and every one of them of, in and at the aforesaid two-thirds part of the premises with appurtenances: to the use as follows, namely of the aforesaid two-thirds part of the premises; to the use and behoof of the said William Lodington, his heirs and assignees in perpetuity. And just as the aforesaid two-thirds part of the premises was also to the use and behoof of the said Eliza Lodington, Mary Saunders, Martha Cooper, Frances Henstredge, Jane Ross and Rachel Bromsall, and their assignees, for and during their the terms of their natural lives, to hold as *Tenants in Common* and not as *Joint Tenants* after their decease. Just as 6 of the 7 parts of the above mentioned two-thirds part of the premises were to the use and behoof of the said Eliza Lodington, Mary Saunders, Martha Cooper, Frances Henstredge, Jane Ross and Rachel Bromsall, and their assignees in perpetuity; so the other seventh part aforesaid of the abovementioned two-thirds part of the premises, was to the use and behoof of William Lodington, his heirs and assignees in perpetuity.

Each one of William Lodington, Eliza Lodington, Mary Saunders, Martha Cooper, Frances Henstredge, Jane Ross and Rachel Bromsall, being present here in the Court of the Lords of the Manor, [held] by the Steward aforesaid, were then granted *Seisin* by the Rod: the same William Lodington to have one [share] of the aforesaid two-third part of the same premises with appurtenances, and his heirs and assignees in perpetuity; and the aforesaid Eliza Lodington, Mary Saunders, Martha Cooper, Frances Henstredge, Jane Ross and Rachel Bromsall to have the other [shares] of the aforesaid two-third part of the premises with appurtenances, and their assignees for and during the terms of their natural lives, as *Tenants in Common* and not as *Joint Tenants*. And after their deaths, the six seventh parts of the aforesaid above mentioned two-thirds parts of the premises with appurtenances, the said Eliza Lodington, Mary Saunders, Martha Cooper, Frances Henstredge, Jane Ross and Rachel Bromsall, to have in perpetuity and their heirs and assignees. And William Lodington to have the other seventh abovementioned part of the two-thirds part of the premises with appurtenances, and his heirs and assignees in perpetuity; to hold from the Lords by the Rod, at the Will [**Folio 59**] of the Lords according to the Custom of the Manor, by fealty, suit of court, annual rents, and all services and customary dues previously owed. And they were admitted as tenants respectively in the form abovesaid. And they swore fealty, and gave the Lords no Fine because of the payment made earlier.

And Afterwards to this Court came the aforesaid William Lodington; Eliza Lodington; Mary Saunders; and John Cooper and Martha his wife; Thomas Henstredge and Frances his wife; Thomas Ross and Jane his wife; and William Bromsall and Rachel his wife, and (the aforesaid Martha, Frances, Jane and Rachel having previously been examined alone and secretly by the said Steward and given their consent), they surrendered into the hands of the Lords of the Manor by the Rod, by the hands of the said Steward according to the Custom of the Manor, the aforesaid two-thirds part (divided into three equal parts), of all that messuage or tenement situated in the Southern part of Hampstead closest to London, and also 2 stables, a garden, 60 perches (*[Latin: perticas]* English: poles) of land, and all outhouses and buildings of the said messuage and the abovementioned premises belonging to it with appurtenances, once in the occupation of [Eliza Ware](#), Widow, and now or lately in the tenure of the said Philip Armstrong (to which two-third part of the aforesaid messuage and above mentioned premises with appurtenances they were admitted as tenants respectively (amongst other things), after the *Recovery* then had at this Court, as set out above.

**[Transfer of the other third from Eliza Lodington, William & Rachel Bromsall to Philip Armstrong]**

And the said [Eliza Lodington](#) and [William Bromsall](#) and [Rachel](#) his wife (the said Rachel herself having previously been examined alone and secretly by the Steward and consented), surrendered into the hands of the Lords of the Manor by the Rod, by the hands of the aforesaid Steward according to the Custom of the Manor, All that other third part of the aforesaid messuage and abovementioned premises with appurtenances (to which third part as mentioned above, the said Eliza Lodington and Rachel Bromsall were admitted as tenants, for themselves and their heirs, at the aforesaid Court held for the Manor on 7 January 1731, to the use and behoof of Philip Armstrong of Hampstead aforesaid, Gentleman, and to his heirs and assignees in perpetuity. And Philip Armstrong presented himself to the Lords of the Manor by their Steward aforesaid, and was granted *Seisin* of the aforesaid messuage and abovementioned premises with appurtenances, by the Rod, the said Philip Armstrong to have the aforesaid messuage and abovementioned premises with appurtenances, and his heirs and assignees in perpetuity: to hold from the Lords by the Rod, at the Will of the Lord according to the Custom of the Manor, by fealty, suit of court, annual rents, and all services and customary dues previously owed. And he was admitted as tenant and swore fealty, and gave to the Lords a Fine: *[in another hand]* £33.

And afterwards to this Court came the said Philip Armstrong and surrendered into the hands of the Lords of the Manor by the Rod, by the hands of the said Steward according to the Custom of the Manor: all and singular his messuage, lands, tenement and hereditaments as Customary tenement of the Manor: to all those works, uses, intentions and preferences whatsoever of the aforesaid Philip Armstrong himself, by his Last Will were limited, appointed or declared.

**[Daniel Lodington's heirs also transfer two closes of meadow, c.11 acres, to William Drage]**

Also, to this Court came the said William Lodington; Eliza Lodington; Mary Saunders; John Cooper and Martha his wife; Thomas Henstredge and Frances his wife; Thomas Ross and Jane his wife; and William Bromsall and Rachel his wife, and (the aforesaid Martha, Frances, Jane and Rachel having previously been examined alone and secretly by the said Steward and consented), surrendered into the hands of the Lords of the Manor by the Rod, by the hands of the said Steward according to the Custom of the Manor, the aforesaid two-thirds part (the whole divided into three equal parts): all those two closes of meadow, containing by estimation 11 acres with appurtenances, called Searsfeild, alias Searscroft, once in the tenure

of John Newman senior and John Newman junior, and now or lately of the aforesaid Philip Armstrong (to this two-thirds part of the aforesaid two closes of meadow with appurtenances, they had been admitted as tenants respectively (amongst others), after the *Recovery* then held at this Court as set out above. [Folio 60] And the said Eliza Lodington and William Bromsall and Rachel his wife (the said Rachel herself having previously been examined alone and secretly by the said Steward and consented), surrendered into the hands of the Lords of the Manor by the Rod, by the hands of the said Steward according to the Custom of the Manor: all that other third part of the aforesaid two closes of meadow with appurtenances (to which above mentioned third part the aforesaid Eliza Lodington and Rachel Bromsall were admitted as tenants, for themselves and their heirs at the aforesaid Court held for the Manor on 7 January 1731): to the use and behoof of William Drage, of the College called Oriel College in the University of Oxford, Bachelor of Arts, his heirs and assignees in perpetuity. Moreover, to this Court came the said William Drage (*represented*) by Theodore Drage, Gentleman, his father and attorney), and petitioned the Lords to be admitted as tenant to the aforesaid two closes of meadow with appurtenances, and the Lords of the Manor, through their Steward, granted him *Seisin* by the Rod: the said William Drage to have the two closes of meadow with appurtenances, and his heirs and assignees in perpetuity; to hold from the Lords according to the Custom of the Manor, by fealty, suit of court, annual rents, and all services and customary dues previously owed. And he was then admitted as tenant and swore fealty, and gave the Lords a Fine £32.

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**Records now in English: Court of 7 May 1733 (pp. 61-69) – Court of 16 May 1743 (pp. 294-313)**