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Legh of Norbury Booths

A Handlist
DEEDS AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL: PLACES SPECIFIED

N.B. All places are in Cheshire, unless otherwise stated.

CHEADLE

LN 1  1852

Copy declaration by the Inclosure Commission relating to an exchange of land in Handforth cum Bosden, in Cheadle.

(with plan)

Parties: Peter Legh of Norbury Booths Hall; John Cooper and Bernard Gilpin Cooper of Handforth cum Bosden.

CHORLEY

LN 2 - 8  1765-1796

Deeds relating to property in Chorley, Mobberley and Over Knutsford, assigned to the vicarage of Nether Knutsford.

Parties: William Richards of Chester; Rev. Thomas Bancroft of Bolton le Moors, Lancs.; Peter Legh of Northbury Booths; John Pownall of Staple Inn,
London; Mary Pownall of Chester; Rev. Samuel Sanders of Nether Knutsford; the governors of Queen Anne's Bounty: Edmund, bishop of Chester; Samuel Egerton of Tatton; Ralph Leycester of Toft; John Astley of Over Tabley.

**KNUTSFORD**

LN 9 1870
Lease of land between King St. and Tatton St.
Parties: John Pennington Legh of Norbury Booths and of Ryde, Isle of Wight; Edward Barlow of Knutsford.

LN 10 1892
Tenancy agreement relating to land in Knutsford.

LN 11 1909
Tenancy agreement relating to land adjoining Goughs Lane.
(with plan)
Parties: Col. Thomas de la Haye Brotheron of Teddington, Middx.; Cmdr. Matthew James Harrison of Capel, Surrey; Edward Knight of Brasennose Street, Manchester, Lanc's.

**LEGSFAM (DENBIGH) AND LLANDYLAS (CARNARVON)**

LN 12 1668
Deed instituting a partnership to dig lead ore in Legsfam and Llanddylas in the counties of Denbigh and Carnarvon.
Parties: Henry Archbold of Lichfield, Staffs.; Allan Pennington of Chester; Giles Vanbrugh of Chester.

**MARThALL**

LN 13 1884
Agreement to lease Henson House Farm in Marthall and Knutsford.
Deeds relating to property in Mobberley.

Parties: Willoughby Legh of Norbury Booths; James Bray of Mobberley; Cragg Watkinson of Mobberley; James Earl of Mobberley; Peter Legh of Norbury Booths; Robert Norbury of Mobberley; Joseph Toft of Mobberley; Peter Robinson of Warrington, Lanc's.; James Davies of Warrington, Lancs.; Edward Chrimes of Rotherham, Yorks.; Samuel Broadhurst of Sankey, Lanc's.; James Summer of Toft; Rev. Edward Penrose Hathaway of Queens College, Oxford; Henry Rose of Great George Street, Westminster; John Stannah of Mobberley.

Agreement for tenancy of the Barn Field, Pavement Lane, adjoining Sutton's White Field, and land half enclosed adjoining the Old Meadow, part of Parkers.

Parties: Willoughby Legh and John Legh; Samuel Egerton of Mobberley.

Sketch plan of the above property.

Deeds relating to the Broad Oak, Mobberley, with its lands called the Lane, the Pingott, the Outlet, the Goose Hey, the two Barnfields; the nearer Broadfield, the lesser Broadfield, the Rule Eye, the Keyfield, the Lower Sprong, the Croft Meadow, the Higher Sprong, the Five Acre, the Little Seven Acres, the Near Seven Acres and the Further Seven Acres; and relating to Owen's Tenement with lands called the Little Meadow, the Great Meadow, the Clayfield, the Short Butts, the Marfield, the Bullow's-tree field, the Gig Bridge field, the M. Acre, the Bullow's orchard, the Small Lane Field and the Yoaks Meadow; and relating to Mottershead's Tenement or Skiffe Fieldings, with lands called the Round Meadow, the Millfield, the Rundle's Croft, the Thorn Hill, the Brook Meadow, the Near Bank and the Further Bank; and relating to a messuage in Chelford; and to the Dissenting Chapel or Meeting House, a house with two shops (later three houses), a barn and a workshop, all in the Backstreet, Macclesfield.
Parties: George Heald of Macclesfield; Anna and Elianor Cotton of Haigh, York's; Hugh Whishaw of Chester; Ralph Kent of Kinderton; Thomas Westby of Ravenfield, Yorks; William Westby Cotton of Haigh, Yorks; William Stanley of the Park, Nether Alderley; Peter Colthurst of Sandle Bridge, Warford; George Heald of London, Elianor Heald (later Lighthorne) of Macclesfield; John Acton of Tytherington; George Heald of Nether Knutsford and Sarah his wife; Robert Baxter of Chester; Richard Platt of Chester; George Lowe of Chester; Timothy Lighthorne (alias Lighthorow) of Macclesfield; Henry Legh of High Legh; Thomas Cotton of Haigh, York's; Mary Heald of Macclesfield; Jesson Mason of Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs., and Sarah his wife (formerly Heald); Samuel Wright of Nether Knutsford; Joseph Hobson of Macclesfield; Mary Chambers (née Legh) of Chester; Francis Howland; Peter Legh of Northbury Booths; Mary Pownall of Chester; Robert Newton of Heaton Norris, Lanc's.; William Statham of Liverpool, Lanc's.; William Richards of Chester; Richard Statham of Liverpool, Lanc's.; John Pownall of Staple Inn, London; Thomas Bancroft, vicar of Bolton le Moors, Lanc's.; Rev. Thomas Mawdesley of Chester.

Duckenfield Farm

IN 47-51 1875-1899

Deeds relating to Duckenfield Farm alias Duckenfield Hall Farm alias Duckingfield Hall Farm.

Parties: Rev. Edward Penrose Hathaway of Queen's College, Oxford (later of Holbrook, Ipswich, Suffolk; later of Calverley Park, Tunbridge Wells); Henry Rose of Great George Street, Westminster (later of Cleveland Gardens, Middx.; later of Phillimore Gardens, London); John Pennington Legh of Ryde, Isle of Wight (later of Norbury Booths); James Morgan of Mobberley; James Fletcher Ravenscroft and John Ravenscroft of the Cape Farm, Lower Peover; Rose & Johnson, solicitors of J.P. Legh; Arthur Hamilton Knowles of Duckenfield Hall; Thomas Knowles of George Street, Manchester, Lanc's.; Rev. Edward Pierce
Deeds relating to Oak Tree Farm.

Parties: Edward Penrose Hathaway of Princes Buildings, Clifton, Glos. (later of Holbrook, Ipswich, Suffolk; later of Calveley Park, Tunbridge Wells); Henry Rose of Great George Street, Westminster (later of Cleveland Gardens, Middx.; later of Phillimore Gardens, Kensington, London); John Pennington Legh of Norbury Booths; Charles Daniels of Oak Tree Farm, Mobberley; John Stannah of Pavement Lane Farm, Mobberley; John Cash of Mobberley; John Stonier of Ollerton; Leonard Brennan of Town Lane, Mobberley.

N.B. LN 56-59 See after LN 60-71

Bundle of deeds and will, marked "Mortgage to Winstanley, Parker's Tenement, part of Duckinfield Farm", relating to Parker's Tenement with lands called Moss Meadow, the House-Meadow, the Clover-field, the Barn-field, the Broad-field, the Old Meadow, the Old Orchard the Horse-head-field, the Stable Meadow, Three-Acre Meadow, Three-Acre wood, the Little Woodfield, the Tatton's-Tye, the Near-Hollinshead, the Further Hollinshead, the Clough between the Hollinshead, the Lower Higgin-field and the Higher Higgin-field.

Parties: Hewitt Parker of Mobberley; Sir William Meredith of Hanbury; Samuel Daniel of Over Tabley; Dame Penelope Duckinfield Daniel of Over Tabley; Peter Legh of Northbury Booths; Thomas Assheton of Ashley; Henry Penny of Nether Knutsford; Samuel Winstanley (late of Liverpool, Lanc's) of Nice, Piedmont; Edward Penny of Duke Street, Grosvenor Square, Middx.; Henry Penny of Lambs Conduit Street, London; Edward Penny of Cheapside, London; Thomas Statham of Liverpool, Lanc's.; Edmund Rigby of Grange, near Lancaster,
Pavement Lane Farm

LN 56-59 1824-1901

Deeds relating to Pavement Lane Farm.

Parties: John Legh of Norbury Booths; John Egerton of Mobberley; Rev. Edward Penrose Hathaway of Queen's College, Oxford; Henry Rose of Great George Street, Westminster; Robert Goostrey of Great Warford; John Pennington Legh of Norbury Booths; John Stannah of Oak Tree Farm, Mobberley; Thomas Eden and Robert Eden of Park House Farm, Knutsford.

Pavement Lane House

LN 72-92 1737-1762

Deeds relating to a messuage called Pavement Lane House; and relating to a messuage in Millington and two in Timperley.

Parties: Mary Hewitt, daughter of William Hewitt of Mobberley; George Jackson of Shavington, Salop; Henry Wright of Mobberley; Thomas Jackson of Nether Knutsford; Hugh Wishaw and Thomas Heatley of Chester; John Wood of Espley, Salop; John Bourne of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs.; George Jackson of Knutsford; William Hyatt of Newcastle-under-Lyme; Rev. William Willetts of Newcastle-under-Lyme; Ralph Leycester of Toft; Robert Baxter of Chester; Richard Brooks of Toft.

Pearson's or Sutton's tenement

LN 93-98 1724-1759

Deeds relating to Pearson's or Sutton's Tenement, with lands called the Croft, the Whitefield, the Further Field, the Long Lane, the Boosing Field, the Warburtons Field, the Summer Field, the Horse Pasture and the Robins Field. A deed of 1747 also mentions a messuage in Mere and two in Bowdon.

Parties: Ralph Leicester of Toft; Elizabeth Waterhouse (née Pierson; later Royle) of Bowdon; William Royle of Bowdon; Thomas Waterhouse of Northen alias Northerden, and Elizabeth his wife; Ralph Sutton of Nether Knutsford and Jane his wife (née Waterhouse); Mary Waterhouse of Bowdon; Robert Orrell of
Radfords

LN 99 1765

Covenant to levy a fine on a messuage called Radfords, near the Woodlane; with final concord and account annexed.

Parties: William Hewitt of Mobberley; Samuel Wright of Over Peover; Isaac Worthington of Mobberley; John Heys of Mobberley.

Town Lane

LN 100-119 1684-1786

Deeds relating to a messuage in the Town Lane, with lands called the Hempyars, the croft at one end of the Hempyars, the Deane, one land in the Oldfield, (later "Oldfield Croft"), three lands in the Birchinfield, the Harry butts (or Harrow Butts), the Intack in the Little Town Field, and one half of the ancient Moss Room; and later to a barn on the site (see LN 328-332)

Parties: Richard Alcocke of Hale and Alice his wife; Henry Haslehurst of Mobberley an John his son (later John Haslehurst of Dunham Massey); Philip Bostock of Moulton; John Worthington of Mobberley Ellen Bostock of Moulton; Peter Ditchfield of Thelwall; Peter Kinsey of Barnshaw; Isaac Haslehurst; Anne Haslehurst of Leverpoole, Lanc's.; John Kinsey of Nether Knutsford; Thomas Henry of Manchester, Lanc's., and Mary his wife; Ann Brady of Northwich; Thomas Kinsey of Over Knutsford and Johannah his wife; Frances Kinsey of Great Budworth; Thomas Hewitt of Nether Knutsford and Sarah his wife; Peter Kinsey of Over Knutsford and Jane his wife; Robert Lord of Nether Knutsford; John Seddon of Nether Knutsford; Thomas Bushell of Great Budworth and Elizabeth his wife, widow of Strettle Kinsey of Witton; Peter Legh of Norbury Booths; Henry Offley Wright of Mtotram St. Andrew.

LN 120-121 1890-1899

Deeds relating to Town Lane Farm.

Parties: Rev. Edward Penrose Hathaway of Holbrook, Ipswich, Suffolk; Henry Rose of Cleveland Gardens, Middx.; John Ashley; John Holland of Mobberley; John Smith of Ashton upon Mersey; Peter Legh of Northbury Booths; Peter Wright of Nether Knutsford.
Whittaker's Estate

Bundle of deeds marked "Title deeds belonging to late Whittakers Estate in Mobberley purchased by Saml. Egerton, Esq., exchanged with Peter Legh, Esq.", relating to four fields called the Smithfield (or Smithyfield), the Kiln Croft and the two Cowheyes, later divided into seven closes called the Tanyard Meadow, the Rough Field, the Thistle Field, the Woodfield, the Kiln Croft, the Nearer Cowhey and the Further Cowhey; and relating to the Bentley Croft, later divided into three crofts.

These were exchanged in 1773 for Haslehursts, Hobsons, the Barn Meadow, the Short Acre, the Nearer Swans Acre, the Further Swans Acre, the Stepping Stone Meadow, the Ridly Patch, the Little Park, the Nearer Ley Field, the Further Ley Field, the Nearer Lower Dye-Croft, the Further Lower Dye-Croft, the Higher Dye-Croft, the Willess Meadow, the Barn Field, the Meadow, the Great Dole, the Tree Acre and the Moss Meadow, all in Mobberley; and exchanged again in 1779 for the Further Bottom adjoining the Park, the Next Bottom, the Small Bottom next to Higmere, the Dogfield Bottoms and Mr. Legh's part of Higmere, all in Nether Knutsford.

Richard Burgess of Bexton; Thomas
Jackson of Nether Knutsford; Richard
Toft of Mobberley and Martha his wife;
Mary Jackson and John Jackson of Over
Tabley; Thomas Jackson of St. Clairs,
Kent; Thomas Whitaker of Mobberley;
James Egerton of Tatton Park; Samuel
Egerton of Tatton Park; Peter Legh of
Norbury Booths; Rev. Henry offley
Wright of Mottram St. Andrew.

NEHER KNUTSFORD

Unnamed properties

LN 150 1511/12

Enfeoffment of feoffees with a rent of 2/­
until £100 has been received. With enfeoffment
of property annexed.

Parties: Thomas Lathn' of Knutsford; John
Bent; Robert Madoc; James Swynton;
William Burgess.

LN 151-166 1536-1854

Deeds relating to properties in Nether
Knutsford, including some sketch plans.

Parties: 16th cent: John Taillour of Nether
Knutsford; William Swynton.
18th cent: Thomas Brooks of Chelford;
Richard Heyes of Alderley;
Peter Holland of Moulton;
John Harper of Knutsford;
John Egerton of Tatton;
Ralph Warburton of Nether
Knutsford; John Hollins of
Nether Knutsford; George
Lowe; Peter Leigh of Norbury
Booths; John Ditchfield of
Nether Knutsford; William
Lester of Nether Knutsford.

19th cent: Willoughby Legh of Norbury
Booths; John Burgess of
Bexton; Thomas Ditchfield
of Nether Knutsford; George
Potter of Nether Knutsford;
James Potter of Nether
Knutsford; John Hulme of
Nether Knutsford; William
Williamson of Nether Knuts-
ford; John Beswick of Nether
Knutsford; John Legh of
Norbury Booths; Thomas
Burgess of Nether Knutsford;
Pete Legh of Norbury Booths;
Mary Holland of Nether
Knutsford; Thomas Bradley
of Nether Knutsford.
Mutilated deed relating to Bowers Tenement and other land in Nether Knutsford.
Parties: Thomas Brookes; Richard Heyes; Richard Stelfox.

Deed (fragments only) relating to a pew in the chapel of Nether Knutsford.
Parties: Samuel Daniel; Peter Legh.

Gift of the Church and vicarage of St. Cross.
Parties: J. Pennington Legh; The Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

Deeds relating to property in Cross Town.

Deeds relating to properties in Nether Knutsford, including land at Adam's Hill and Chappell Field adjoining it; the Mill Field or Rough Field; the Nearer Delves's Field; the Further Delves's Field (or the Lesser Delves Field and the Greater Delves Field) and Blackshaws Croft.
Parties: Jane Clark of Nether Knutsford; William Clark of St. Laurence Jewry, London, and Jane his wife; George Lowe of Chester; John Hollins of Nether Knutsford; John Skerratt of Nether Knutsford; William Clarke of Manchester, Lanc's., and Jane his wife; William Clarke son of Jane Clarke (nee Lovatt); Clare Pennee of Nether Knutsford; Peter Brookes of Mere; John Pennee of Ashton under Lyme, Lanc's.; John Christopher Gohl of London; Thomas Hill of London; Samuel Egerton of Tatton Park.
Highfield’s Lands

LN 188-196 1701-1791

Deeds relating to properties in Nether Knutsford in possession of William and Margaret Highfield in 1700, including houses near Market Street on the south side of the market place, a house called Primrose Hill and land in Crosstown Field.

Parties: John Highfield of Bexton and Mary his wife; Peter Bradburn of Adwood; Peter Kinsey of Nether Knutsford; Strethill Kinsey of Witton; John Freeman of Rixton, Lanc's.; John Kinsey of Nether Knutsford; Samuel Freeman of Rixton, Lanc's.; and Emm his daughter; Robert Leycester of Over Knotesford; William Highfield of Nether Knotesford; Charles Potts of Chester; Mary Kinsey of Manchester, Lanc's.; John Hollins of Nether Knotesford; Peter Legh of Northbury Booths; Thomas Henry of Manchester, Lanc's.; and Mary his wife; John Ridgway of Manchester, Lanc's.; James Touchett of Manchester, Lanc's.

Lovat’s Lands

LN 197-211 1717/18-1799

Deeds relating to Thomas Lovat's lands in Cross Knutsford or Nether Knutsford, including the two Shaw Heath Fields, Blackshaws Croft, the Nine Acre, lands in the Cross Townfield, Cross Town House, Brimyards, Little Castle, Glover Field, Grate Land, land bought of Mr. Delves ("the Little Delves Land"), the Newford Close, a croft butting to the Moor ("the Moor Croft"), the Hills' Land, Dobson's Land, Orchard Field, Cook's Tenement, the Great Booth Slate Land, the Bate Lane Field, formerly part of Drinkwater's tenement, and two tenements in Torkington; and relating to a farm near Shaw Heath with its lands called the Kiln Croft, the Barn Meadow, the Horse Croft, the Little Croft, the Higher Croft, the Higher Flash, the South Middle Flash, the Lower Flash, the Middle Flash, the North Middle Flash, the Further Flash, the Percivalls Field, the Gorsty Field, the Moor Meadow, the Brow Field and the Tabley Hey Meadow; and relating to Warburtons lands called The Millfield, the Banks and Bottoms, the Nearer Walkmill Field, the Further Walkmill Field, the Nearer Marriage Hey, the Middle Marriage Hey, the Further Marriage Hey, the Higher Marriage Hey, the Higher Walk Mill Field, The Old Meadow, the Long Croft, the Lane, the Bank and Bottom in the Further Walkmill Field, and the Bottoms; and relating to the Doggfields,
the Nearer Delves Field, the Further Delves Field, Toft's Tenement, Leycester's Tenement, Brooke House Tenement with the Cork Meadow, the House Field and the Damm Field, Roylance's tenement and Roylance's land in the Town Field.

Parties: John Lovat and Hannah Comberbach; Thomas Lovatt of Neyther Knutsford and Elizabeth his wife; John Comberbach of Ridley; Susannah Delves of Pickmeir; John Wilson of Chester; William and Jane Clarke; Clare Pennee; John Roylance of Nether Knutsford, Ann Roylance of Cumbermara (later Ann Langley of Nether Alderley), and Katherine Roylance of Stockport (later Katherine Ridgway of Henbury), all children of Ann Roylance alias Rylance; John Kinsey of Higher Knutsford and Mary his wife (nee Roylance or Rylance); Ann Roylance alias Rylance of Nether Knutsford and Samuel her son; Peter Ridgway of Henbury; Peter Legh of Northbury Booths; Alexander Elcock of Stockport; Samuel Wright of Nether Knutsford; John Lovatt of Clayton, Staffs.; William Roylance of Marthall; Samuel Egerton of Tatton Park; Rev. Henry Offley Wright of Derby; James Bayley of Stapeley; Ralph Leycester of Toft; Thomas Gorst of Newton near Middlewich; George Legh of High Leigh; Joseph Whittingham of Minshull Vernon; William Butters of Rudheath Lordship and George Butters of Newhall; trustees for Peter Swinton of Nether Knutsford; Samuel Holland of Sandle Bridge, Little Warfard; William Boul of Chester and his sons Peter, Francis and William; Peter Holland of Nether Knutsford; John Boul of Liverpool, Lanc's.; John Long of Nether Knutsford.

Leases and abstract of title relating to properties in the Lower street, one on the south side of the school-house.

Parties: Willoughby Legh of Norbury Booths; Thomas Hewitt of Nether Knutsford; George Potter of Nether Knutsford.

Assignment of a lease relating to property on the north-west side of Princes Street.

Parties: Ralph Kinsey of Nether Knutsford; Charles Potts of Ollerton.
Deeds & wills re The Great Field, The Rough Field, The Little Field, the croft near Shawheath (later "Shaw Heath Croft"), the Marige or Marish Hayes, a cottage in the possession of Edward Wainwright, Booth Mill Tenement, Stretties Tenement, and a piece of land in the Great Town Field, near the Bach Yate, called the Great Land in the Booth Slate.

The will of John Gleaye (1745) also bequeathes lands in Aston called Hunt's Ground, Folley's Tenement and the Gore; a messuage in Plumley; and a messuage near Penny's Lane.

Parties: Thomas Swinton of Wallizee and Ellen his wife; William Asheton of Over Knottesford; Peter Antrobus of Nether Knottesford and Elizabeth his wife; Ralph Lowndes of Middlewich; John Lowe of Horderne; William Asheton of Over Knottesford and Hannah his wife; Katherine Ashton (later Stubbs) of Over Knutsford; William Thornley of Nether Knutsford; Thomas Stubbs of Church Holme; Ralph Kent of Middlewich; Josiah Drane of Church Holme; Edward Birtles of Nether Knutsford; John Houghton of Macclesfield; Nicholas Thornley of Macclesfield; Mary Thornley of N Ether Knutsford; Robert Gleaves of Aston juxta Budworth; John Sedon; Thomas Bostock of Nether Knutsford and Martha his wife (nee Warburton); John Oulton of Nantwich; William Sommer of Knights-Grange; John Gleave of Peelby, Aston, and Emm his wife (later Emm Baker); John Gleave of Swettenham; Peter Dean of Tabley; John Craven of Pulford; Thomas Warburton of Hale and Mary his wife; John Baker of Overton; William Tomkinson of Nether Knutsford; Samuel Egerton of Tatton Park; Timothy Lowten of Dunham and George Warburton of Altrincham.

Lease of Swinton's Tenement.

Parties: Willoughby Legh of Norbury Booths; Thomas Hewitt of Nether Knutsford.
Deeds, will and accounts re a house, later called The Three Queens; the Croft at the Townes End; lands in Sudlow Town Field (later "The Sudlow Field"); Highfields Tenement and Rowley Brow, Bexton.

Parties: Peter Legh of Norbury Booths; Joseph Harrison of Nether Knutsford; George Leycester of Toft; Benjamin Harrison of Nether Knutsford (later of Coal Garth, Windermere, Westmorland); Joseph Jackson of Bridgwood, Rosthern; John Hussey of Over Peover; Peter Steytham alias Statham of Bexton; Thomas Brooks of Chelford; Richard Heys of Alderley; Samuel Statham of Outwood, Prestwich, Lanc's.; John Skellorn of Nether Knutsford; Elizabeth Jackson of Rosthern; George Massey of Dunham Massey; Samuel Worthington of Altrincham.

N.B. LN 348 was bundled with the above.

NORBURY BOOTHS (OR NORTHBURY BOOTHS)

Deeds, including marriage settlements, relating to the manors and lordships of Northbury Booths, Knutsford Booths alias Over Knutsford, Rothsterne alias Rostherne Marsh, and Torkington, and lands in Nether Knutsford, Mobberley, Ollerton, Bollington, Sudlow, Tabley Superior alias Over Tabley, Hepalls and Bossen.

Parties: Sir Thomas Smyth; Ralph Ashton; Thomas Cholmondeley; William Legh; John Legh of Northbury Booths; Sir William Brereton of Handford; Peter Venables Baron of Kinderton; Henry Bunbury of Stanney; Paul Latham of Standish, Lanc's.; Capt. Richard Pigott; Capt. Hugh Bertles of Nether Knotesford; John Sandie of Bollington; Peter Legh of Northbury Bothees and Ruth his wife; John Handy of Over Knotesford; John Lowe of Horderne in Kainowe; Thomas Stanley of Alderley; Peter Wilbraham of Derfold; Henry Bradshaw of Marple; Nicholas Towneley of Clifton; Thomas Pennington of West Chester; Helena Aston of West Chester; Thomas Lee of Chester; Richard Manley of Chester; Thomas Brooks of Chelford; Richard Heys of Alderley; Peter Statham of Bexton; Henry Wright of Mobberley; William Wright of Stockport; John Hill of Nether Knutsford; Peter Legh of Northbury Booths.
Deeds contained in a packet marked "Marriage Settlement 1744", relating to the above-mentioned manors and lordships, and lands in Ollerton, Over Knutsford, Nether Knutsford and Torkington, including Toadhole Meadow, Church Wood Plain, Little Churchwood, Great Churchwood, Cross Field, Pease Field and Land Field, all in Norbury Booths; Ashman's, Hardey's, Great Clay Pit Field, Little Clay Pit Field, and Mr. Thomas' Croft, all in Over Knutsford.

Parties: Thomas Legh of Northbury Booths, Thomas Brook of Chelford, Richard Heyes of Alderley; Henry Bright of Mobberley; William Wright of Offerton; Peter Legh of Northbury Booths; John Ward of Capesthorne; George Love of Chester; Charles Potts of Ollerton; Henry Offley Wright of Mobberley; James Bayley of Stapeley; William Massey of Over Knutsford and Ann his wife; the Hon. Harriott Aston; John Legh of Norbury Booths.

Deeds relating to the Toad Hole Meadow, the Church Wood Plain, Little Churchwood, Great Churchwood, Cross Field, Pease Field, and Land Field, in Norbury Booths. (see LN 328-332)

Parties: Mary Baguley of Sandbach; Richard Legh of Norbury Booths; Thomas Willys of London.

Deeds contained in a packet marked "an annuity to Frances Dixie", relating to two messuages in Ollerton and one in Nether Knutsford, with Cocks Field, a long croft abutting to the Moor, and the Brund Yard.

Parties: Thomas Brookes of Chelford; Richard Heyes of Alderley; Samuel Johnson of Ollerton; John Lovatt of Nether Knutsford; Peter Legh and Anne Wade (later Anne Legh); Frances Dixie of Market Bosworth, Leic's.; Robert Newton of Stockport.

Deeds relating to the mansion house called Norbury Booths Hall (including sketch-plans).

Parties: Rev. Edward Penrose Hathaway of Queen's College, Oxford (later of Holbrook, Ipswich, Suffolk); Henry Rose of Great George Street, Westminster (later of Cleveland Gardens, Middx.); John Pennington Legh of Brighton, Sussex; William H. Houldsworth of Manchester, Lanc's.; George Lord of Heathlands, Prestwich, Lanc's.
Deeds relating to sporting rights on Norbury Booths estate & leases of the Keeper's Lodge, Spring Wood (including plans).

Parties: Rev. Edward Penrose Hathaway of Queen's College, Oxford (later of Princes Buildings, Clifton, Glos.; later of The Hollies, Broxbourne, Herts.); Henry Rose of Great George Street, Westminster (later of Phillimore Gardens, Kensington, London); John Pennington Legh of Tunbridge Wells, Kent (later of Cannes, France; later of Mentone, France); William H. Houldsworth of Manchester, Lancs.; Arthur William Whitall of Westcliffe Road, Southport, Lancs.; John William Nuttall of Holme Lea, Bowdon; Charles John Galloway of Thorneyholme, Knutsford; Lt. Col. Thomas de la Haye Brotherton, Royal Engineers; Commander Matthew James Harrison of King's Nympton Park, Devon; Clement Ward Lowe of Legh Road, Knutsford.

Deeds relating to lands on the Norbury Booths estate, including the Moss Room Land and the Wood Pasture.

Parties: Mary Baguley of Sandbach; Thomas Willys of London; Arthur Vernon, agent for John Pennington Legh; Rev. Edward Penrose Hathaway and Henry Rose; Starkey Graisty of Mobberley; Robert Ward of Higher Town Farm, Knutsford; James Hayman of Sandfield College, Toft; George Lord of Heathlands, Prestwich, Lancs.; T.F. Speakman, agent for John Pennington Legh; Thomas Eden of Park House Farm; Rev. Edward Pierce Grant of The Vicarage, Portsmouth; Major Thomas de la Haye Brotherton, Royal Engineers; Arthur Wainwright of Peover Superior.

Lease and release.

Parties: Susannah Robinson of Northwich; Hugh Wade of Northwich.

Surrender.

Parties: Willoughby Legh of Norbury Booths; Andrew Plant of Nantwich.
Release and assignment of a lease.

Parties: Thomas Lister Parker of Bala, Merionethshire, devisee of the late John Fleming, Baron de Tabley; Peter Legh of Northbury Booths; Richard Harrison of Grays Inn, Middx.; Rev. Robert Clowes of Knotsford.

Unnamed properties

Deeds relating to a cottage and other property in Ollerton.

Parties: Thomas Brooks of Chelford; Richard Heyes of Alderley; Uriah Jackson of Ollerton; Samuel Johnson of Over Knutsford; Charles Potts of Ollerton; Peter Legh of Northbury Booths; John Sudeley of Ollerton.

Agreements for tenancy of 'The Dun Cow' beerhouse.

Parties: Rev. Edward Penrose Hathaway of Holbrook, Ipswich, Suffolk; Henry Rose of Cleveland Gardens, Middx.; John Pennington Legh of Norbury Booths; Parker Stephens of 'The Dun Cow', Ollerton; Lt. Col. Thomas de la Haye Brotherton, Royal Engineers; Commander Matthew James Harrison of Kings Nympton Park, Devon; Robert Meade.

Deeds contained in a packet marked "Conveyance of a tenement in Ollerton called (Okell's) to Mr. Charles Potts and a conveyance to settle other lands in lieu thereof in Mobberley and Over Knutsford", relating to Okell's or Bayley's Tenement, lands called the Backside Meadow, the Higher Meadow, the Marl Field, the Little Field, the Carr Meadow, the Cooper's Meadow, the Nearer Hall Leys or Hall Heys, the Further Hall Leys or Hall Heys, the Lowage, the Hitch-Croft, the Davenports Land, the Nearer Rye Croft, the Waterdow Butts, the Parsley Bed Butts, the Waterdow Lane Lands, the Pinfold Land, the Moss Room, and the orchard over the way; three messuages in Ollerton, three in Over Knutsford, two in Torkington and four in Nether Knutsford; land in Over Knutsford to Samuel Wright, a barn in Mobberley to Henry offley Wright (see LN 119) and lands in Norbury Booths (See LN 285)
Ollerton Farm

LN 333-336 1888-1904

Deeds relating to Ollerton Farm in Ollerton and Over Knutsford.

Parties: Peter Legh of Northbury Booths, Samuel Wright of Nether Knutsford, Henry Offley Wright of Mottram St. Andrew; John Ward of Capesthorpe; George Lowe of Chester; Charles Potts of Ollerton; Ralph Leicesters of Toft; Christian Egerton (née Ward) of the Hermitage; Davies Davenport of Capesthorpe, son of Davies and Penelope (née Ward) Davenport of Widford; Peter Brooke of Mere; Randle Wilbraham of Lincoln's Inn, Middx.; Thomas Gorst of Newton, Middlewich.

OVER KNUTSFORD

Unnamed properties

LN 337-354 1622-1898

Deeds relating to houses and lands in Nether Knutsford.

Parties: William Leigh of the Booths; William Norburie; William Newburie of Over Knutsford; John Legh of Norbury Booths; John Wright of Snelson; Humphrey Gatley of Over Knutsford; Samuel Gatley of East Markham, Notts.; Thomas Rough of Over Tabley; Mary Abraham (née Oldcroft) of Over Knutsford; John Hewitt of Over Knutsford; Isaac Antrobus of Nether Knutsford; John Wainwright; Peter Legh of Norbury Booths; Joseph Nickson; Thomas Hewitt of 'Allerton'; John Egerton of Tatton; Thomas Rylance of Over Knutsford; Samuel Egerton of Tatton Park; John Skelhorn of Over Knutsford; John Swinton of Nether Knutsford; Margery Shaw of Nether Knutsford; Samuel Wright of Nether Knutsford; Henry Offley Wright of Mottram St. Andrew; Rev. James Turner of Over Knutsford; John Legh of Booths Hall;
Deeds relating to land in the possession of the Aldcroft family, described in 1658 as "between the landole late in the possession of Humphrey Gatley and land in the possession of James Norbury".

Parties: Katherine Fenwick of Over Peover; George Browne of Over Peover; Geoffrey Aldcroft of Over Knutsford; John Aldcroft of Over Knutsford and Hannah his wife; John Siddeley of Ollerton; William Aldcroft of Gayton; Peter Legh of Norbury Booths.

Copy deed (copy made 1895) relating to right of way, Booths Lane.

Parties: Peter Legh of Booths; Ralph Leycester of Toft.

Agreement and notice relating to the use of windows, doors, the gate and the sawpit of a cottage.


Deeds relating to Glebe Lands in Over Knutsford and Nether Knutsford, and tithe commutation rent charges in Ollerton, Over Knutsford, Nether Knutsford, Marthall cum Warford, Over Peover, Snelson in Rosthorne, and Norbury Booths.

Parties: The Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford; Edward Penrose Hathaway of Queen's College, Oxford; Henry Rose of Great George Street, Westminster; Marcus Martin of Lincoln's Inn, Middx.
Deeds relating to Higher Town Farm, an unspecified farm, and other lands in Over Knutsford.

Parties: The Rev. Edward Penrose Hathaway of Queens College, Oxford (later of Holbrooke, Ipswich, Suffolk; later of The Hollies, Broxbourne, Herts.); Henry Rose of Great George Street, Westminster (later of Cleveland Gardens, Middx.; later of Phillimore Gardens, Kensington, London); John Pennington Legh of Ryde, Isle of Wight (later of Norbury Booths); Robert Ward of Mottram St. Andrew (later of Higher Town Farm); Rev. Edward Pierce Grant of The Vicarage, Portsmouth, Hants.; Major Thomas de la Haye Brotherton, Royal Engineers; Arthur Wainwright of Peover Superior; John Wainwright of Peover Superior.

Deeds relating to a messuage and lands some time in the possession of the Hussey family, including an enclosed field formerly two pieces of land in the Common Townfield.

Parties: John Pickering of Wrotham, Kent; Thomas Pickering of St. Clement Danes, London; Peter Pickering of St. James, Middx.; Ralph Pickering of Warford; Edward Gatlif of Alderley and Sarah his wife; Ralph Pickering of Over Tabley; John Hussey of Over Knutsford; Isaac Berkenhead of Over Knutsford; William Dean of Nether Knutsford and Mary his wife; Samuel Daniel of Over Peover; Ann Short of Mere; Samuel Clark of Chorley; John Hussey of Over Peover; Sarah and Betty Hussey of Nether Knutsford; Thomas Baxter of Nether Knutsford; Robert Baxter of Chester; Peter Legh of Norbury Booths.

Deeds contained in a package marked "Deeds in Mortgage to Mr. Wm. Fox", relating to Leproose Field, Boothes Slade, Daniels, Clay Hole Croft and the Half Acre.

Parties: Charles Whichcote of Rothestorne; Ralph Hall of Little Budworth; William Daniell of Nether Knottesford; Samuel...
Lease of a cottage called Lowe Tenement.

**Lowe tenement**

LN 414 1725

Lease of a cottage called Lowe Tenement.

**Lownde's Lands**

LN 415-419 1756-1759

Deeds relating to Lownde's Tenement and Lownde's Land in the Townfield.

**Moor Head Field**

LN 420-427 1586-1749

Bundle of deeds and wills relating to Moor Head Field or Fields, Rowley Hillfields, messuages, cottages, workshops, etc.

This bundle includes a covenant to levy a fine (1669) on the Manors and hundreds of Bartonsacy alias Bartonstacey, Hant's., and all property.
there and in Newton Stacy; the manor of Cramborne, Hant's. and all property in Cramborne Wonston.


Loose deeds relating to the Moor Head Fields.

Parties: Edmund Swettenham of Somerford Booths alias Somerford juxta Merton; Richard Aldcroft of Over Knutsford; John Hewitt of Netherknutsford; Mary Hewitt of Overknutsford; Edward Short of Overknutsford; William Dean of Nether Knutsford and Mary his wife (née Hewitt); Samuel Daniel of Over Peover; William Heald of Over Peover; William Daniel of Rudheath Lordship (formerly of Over Peover); Peter Legh of Northbury Booths.

N.B. LN 429 was found wrapped with LN 74-92

Obelisk Cottage

Deeds relating to Obelisk Cottage.

Parties: Rev. Edward Penrose Hathaway of Queen's College, Oxford (later of Holbrook, Ipswich, Suffolk); Henry Rose of Porchester Square, Middx. (later of Great George Street, Westminster); John Pennington Legh of Norbury Booths; Robert Thomson of Manchester, Lanc's.; Peter Headridge of Lime Grove, Oxford Road, Manchester, Lanc's.; Thomas de la Haye Brotherton of Catham, Kent; Matthew James Harrison of The Old Cedars Sydenham, Kent; Murray McKenzie Speakman of The Heath, Knutsford.

The Old Court House

Deeds relating to The Old Court House (with plans).

Deeds relating to Park Cottage and a farm including Park House.

Parties: Rev. Edward Penrose Hathaway of Queen's College, Oxford; Henry Rose of Great George Street, Westminster; John Pennington Legh of Ryde, Isle of Wight; Robert and Thomas Eden of Handforth; Arthur Vernon, agent for John Pennington Legh; Mary Oldfield of Over Knutsford.

Deeds and abstract of title relating to Swan's House and land with a tithe barn (for tithes of Rawsthorne), the Nine Acre, the Little Acre and other land in Over Knutsford; two houses in Northwich and a moiety of three houses in Northwich.

Parties: Margaret Crompton of Crompton Fold, Breighton, Lancashire; John Blackburn of Blacklow Hurst, Billinge, Lancashire; Jane Crichton and Sophia Gildart of Blackley Hurst, Billinge, Lancashire; Peter Legh of Norbury Booths.


Deeds relating to the Tithe House, later called Moorfield.

Parties: John Pennington Legh of Norbury Booths; John Woodward of Knutsford; Rev. Edward Penrose Hathaway of Queen's College, Oxford (later of The Hollies, Broxbourne, Hertfordshire); Henry Rose of Great George Street, Westminster (later of Phillimore Gardens, Kensington, London); Jane Houghton of 'Moorfields'; Adrian Henry Hope of Heathfield, Didsbury, Lancashire.

Lease of Toft's Croft.

Parties: Joseph Acton of Over Knutsford; John Acton of Over Knutsford; William Acton of Northwich; Peter Legh of Booths.
Yarwood's Lands

LN 456-464 1713-1757
Bundle of deeds relating to The Acre, later called the Yarwoods Acre, and the Middle Land.


LN 465-468 1726-1757
Loose deeds relating to lands in Over Knutsford in the possession of the Yarwood family, including Yarwoods Acre; and lands in Sudlow.

Parties: James Robinson of Birmingham, Warwicks., son of James and Ann Robinson of Over Knutsford; Joseph Nickson and Sarah his wife (née Robinson); John Adamson, now husband of Ann Robinson; John Yarwood of Manchester, Lanc's.; George Brittain, overseer of the poor of Over Knutsford; John Adamson of Nether Knutsford and Elizabeth his wife; Peter Legh of Norbury Booths; Rev. Henry Offley Wright of Derby; James Bayley of Stapely; Ralph Leycester of Toft; Thomas Gorst of Newton, Middlewich; George Leigh of High Leigh; Joseph Whittingham of Minshull Vernon.

Walker's Leasehold

LN 469-474 1743-1802
Bundle of deeds marked "Deeds relating to Samuel Walker's leasehold in Over Knutsford", including a deed to make tenants to the praecipe which recites the titles of the manors of Norbury Booths (see NORBURY BOOTH'S); Royle's Tenement, Baguley's Tenement; Acton's and Pimlott's Tenements.

Parties: Peter Legh of Norbury Booths; George Lowe of Chester; Charles Potts of Ollerton; Ralph Leycester of Toft; James Burgess of Over Knutsford; Samuel Holland of Little Warford; Samuel Walker of Chorley; George Hulme of Chorley.

OVER TABLEY

LN 475 1537/8
Release of property in Over Tabley, Nether Tabley, Sudlow and Knutsford.

Parties: Roger Alexander, brother and heir of John Alexander; Thomas Huls; John Boyrynton; Richard Swynton; John Burgess of Knutsford.
Witnesses: Henry Huntte, vicar of Shenston;
Thomas Bentley; Thomas Huett; Thomas
Overton; Robert Webster; Robert
Rocket; Robert Huntt; Henry Davys;
William Jolytt; Richard Ryddyng.

**SUDLOW**

**LN 476** 1775
Lease of Little Town Field and Great Town Field.
Parties: Peter Legh of Northbury Booths; John
Forest of Sudlow.

**TORKINGTON**

**LN 477** 1465
Letters of attorney issued by John Legh del
Bothes to Robert Torkyntong or Hugh Addeshened,
jointly or separately to take seisin of
property called Asshenskoles, Stakfilde, Rye
Knoll, the Hegg Heppalls and Poyse Knoll.

**LN 478** 1754
Deed relating to property in Torkington, in
Stockport.
Parties: Peter Legh of Norbury Booths, John
Heath of Derby.

**LN 479** 1754
Bond relating to the above.

**LN 480, 481** 1786
Deeds relating to the manor of Torkington.
Parties: William Chamberlayne of Lincoln's Inn,
Middx.; Peter Legh of Norbury Booths;
Ralph Moreton of Wolstanton, Staffs.

**WALLERSCOTE [IN WEAVERHAM]**

**LN 482** 1744
Lease for a year of the manor of Wallerscote.
Parties: Peter Wade of Middelwich; Henry Offley
Wright of Mobberley; Joseph Whittingham
of Minshull Vernon.

**DEEDS AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL : PLACES UNSPECIFIED**

**LN 483** 1648
Bond in £100 to perform covenants.
Parties: Robert Dodge of Bosden; Peter Legh of
Norbury Booths.

**LN 484** 1687
Bond in £1,800 to perform covenants.
Parties: Peter Legh; Ralph Lowndes of Newton-
next-Middlewich.
ESTATE
LN 485 [mid 19th cent.] Particular, Norbury Booths estate, taken from the tithe apportionment.
LN 486 1870 Book of reference, Norbury Booths estate.
LN 487 1893 Sketch plan, building scheme, Norbury Booths estate.

PROBATE, EXECUTORSHIP & TRUSTEE
LN 488 1689 Certified copy will of Thomas Hough, yeoman, of Over Knutsford, referring to wife Joane, brother John, nieces Sarah and Mary Pickering, sister-in-law Elizabeth Furnifall, and members of the Rylance, Acton & Symcocke families.
LN 489 1692 Quittance by Peter Leigh, sheriff of the county palatine of Chester.
LN 490 1863 Declaration by Ann Clowes, daughter of John Legh, including rough pedigree and certified copies of entries in parish registers.
LN 491 1868 Statutory declaration by William Hall of Knutsford relating to John Pennington Lee.
LN 492, 493 1894 Returns of estate duty by John Pennington Legh.

PRIVATE AND PUBLIC OFFICE
LN 494 1431 Receipt given by the Chamberlain of Chester for 20 marks received at the hands of Geoffrey de Loghes on behalf of the executors of the testament of John de Legh del Bothes, lately sheriff of Cheshire, de quadam atturmaciont (sic), made to John de Legh for the period to Michaelmas last.
LN 495 1635/6 Letters patent to William Legh, esq., to be sheriff of the county palatine of Chester.
LN 496 1692 Writ to Sir Peter Legh, esq., lately sheriff of Chester, to deliver his seal of office and rolls to his successor, Sir William Clegg.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND
LN 497 1740 An Act for making the Chapelry of Nether Knutsford, in the Parish of Rostern ... a separate and distinct Parish.
| LN 498 | 1858 | Sentence of consecration by John [Graham], Bishop of Chester, of the Church of St. Cross, Nether Knutsford. With plan of the church, schedule of pew rents and schedule of regulations governing the maintenance of the minster, appointment of officers, pews, etc., annexed. |
| LN 500 | 1741 | Assignment of a vault under Nether Knutsford church (when it shall have been built), with a passage from the churchyard to the vault, to Thomas Legh of Norbury Booths, by commissioners appointed under an Act of 14 Geo.II. |
| LN 501 | 1744 | Assignment of eight pews in Nether Knutsford church, to Peter Legh of Norbury Booths, by commissioners appointed under an Act of 14 Geo.II. |
| LN 502 | 1764 | Receipt for the interest on a mortgage, paid by Peter Legh to Thomas and John Wedgwood. |
| LN 503 | 1838 | Acknowledgement by Peter Legh relating to a mortgage (1833) from Jodrell Leigh on estates in Bradwell, Glos. |

**MISCELLANEOUS**

| LN 504 | [Early 18th cent.?] | Letters of credit from William Hamilton, Earl of Lonrick (?) and Baron of Powmount (?), secretary of Scotland, to James and Peter Ferdinand Hamilton. Undated, unexecuted. |
DEEDS AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Anderton, Cheshire

LN 505. 1662

Settlement to the use of (3).

1. Thomas Stanley, snr., of Alderley, Cheshire, esq., and Peter Stanley, gent., his son.

2. Robert Venables of Northbury Boothes, Cheshire, gent., and Peter Wilbraham, gent., son and heir of Roger Wilbraham of Darfold, Cheshire, esq.

3. Thomas Stanley, gent., one of the younger sons of Thomas Stanley, snr., and Penelope, his wife.

Anderton Hall, Anderton, Cheshire, and two messuages in Nether Alderley.
Division of estates left by Thomas Barcroft of Barcroft, Lanc's., gent., between his four daughters and their husbands.

1. Henry Bradshaw of Marple, Cheshire, esq., and Elizabeth (née Barcroft), his wife.
2. Nicholas Townley of Royle, Lanc's., esq., and Sara (née Barcroft), his wife.
3. Peter Leigh of Northbury Booths, Cheshire, esq., and Ruth (née Barcroft), his wife.

(1) to have Barcroft Hall and its lands in Cliviger, rent from a farm in Hurstwood or Worsthorne, messuage in Upper Towne, Cliviger, in the Wapentake of Blackburne, cottage in Cliviger, cottage near Marcleugh in Upper Towne, Cliviger, four messuages in Reedley Hallowes in the forest of Pendle, close in Burnley in the manor of Ightenhill called the Moore Field, three closes called the Two Walmsleys Fields and Moore Field in Burnley.

(2) to have the Lodge in the forest of Pendle, messuage in Reedley Hallowes, six houses in Burnley, copyhold messuage in Burnley, close in Cliviger called Sawhan Holes, and messuage, house and croft in Worsthorne.

(3) to have messuage in Cliviger with its lands called Styperden, two messuages in Cliviger called Lightbores and Blackdit:, three messuages at Myrrellhead, Cliviger, messuage at Holmes Chappel, Cliviger, close called the Hig and land in Brearcliffe in the manor of Ightenhill.

(4) to have the Holehouse, Cliviger, messuage called the Kelly Plat with its lands in Cliviger, two other messuages with lands in Cliviger, close called the Newfield above the Chapel and close adjoining to the forge, called Hawkistones Field, both in Cliviger, and messuage in Blackburne called the Beishviste(?)

Norbury Booths, alias Northbury Booths, Cheshire

Legh family's estates: Manors of Northbury Booths, Knotsford Booths, alias Over Knotsford, Rostherne, alias Rostherne Marsh, and Torkinton, alias Torkington, one quarter of the manor of Bollington, one third of the manor of Sudlow, and property in Northbury Booths, Knotsford Booths, Rostherne, Torkinton, Bollington, Sudlow, Nether Knotsford, Modburley, alias Mobberley, Ollerton, Over Tabley, Heppalls and Bossen.
Valuation of the manors of the late Sir John Leighe.


Transfer of residue of portion paid by William Leigh, now deceased, on marriage of his daughter, Mary, to William Haughton.

1. William Haughton of Haughton, Cheshire, gent.

Receipt of the residue of Mary Haughton's marriage portion, and release of lands.

1. Peter Venables, Baron of Kinderton, Hugh Cholmondeley and Thomas Cholmondeley, esqs., John Bradshawe, Thomas Stanley, Thomas Bunbury, George Venables, William Haughton and Mary Haughton.

Settlement upon the marriage of (1).

1. Peter Legh of Northbury Booths, esq., and Ruth, his wife.

Settlements to create entails.

1. Peter Legh of Northbury Booths, esq.
1. Helena Legh of Chester, widow of Thomas Legh, late of Northbury Booths, Cheshire, esq.

2. Peter Legh of Northbury Booths, esq., son and executor of the will of Thomas Legh.

3. Richard Legh of Torkington, Cheshire, gent., brother of (1).

Release of (1)'s interest.

2. John Wright of Slelson, Cheshire, husbandman.

House in Over Knutsford now or late in tenure of Walter Antrobus.

1. Robert Leigh of Aldermanbury, London, innholder, administrator of the goods and chattels, rights and credits of Thomas Leigh, late of Rosthorne, Cheshire, yeoman, his late brother.
2. Peter Legh of Northbury Booths, Cheshire, esq.

Messuage in Rosthorne with rights to make marl pits.

2. Peter Legh of Northbury Booths, Cheshire, esq., and Richard Leigh, gent., his brother.

Torkington Hall.
PERSONAL

LN 519. [1507?]
Letters patent of King Henry [VII?]
Pardon to Philip Legh of Knottesford,
Cheshire, esq.

LN 520. 1740
Memorandum that Thomas Legh of Norbury Booths,
esq., has appointed Samuel Johnson, John
Skellorn and Peter Kinsey, inhabitants of
Knutsford, to replace Randle Yanwood, Richard
Lowndes and Isaac Anrrobus as trustees for the
£50 left to the town of Knutsford by Thomas
Legh of Norbury Booths in 1649 to be lent to
the young beginners and the rest of the Tradesmen
of the town.

LN 521. 1755
Articles of Agreement to prevent the separation
of (1) & (2).
1. Peter Legh of Northbury Booths, Cheshire,
esq.
2. Ann, wife of (1).
3. John Mase of Broseley, Salop, gent., and
Mary his wife, mother of (2), and Joseph
Whittingham of Church Minshall, Cheshire,
gent., uncle of (2).

LN 522. 1771
Articles of agreement re access to (2)’s
residence, Toft Hall, Through Booths Lane.
1. Peter Legh of Booths, Cheshire, esq.
2. Ralph Leycester of Toft, Cheshire, esq.

LN 523. 1792
Will of Ann Legh, wife of Peter Legh of
Northbury Booths, Cheshire, esq.

BUILDING & FARMING in Cheshire in the mid eighteenth century

ACCOUNTS, primarily INVOICES, relating to expenses incurred by Peter Legh of Norbury Booths (near Knutsford), Cheshire, on his Cheshire properties, 1755-1760; and deeds (mostly copies) relating to Legh family properties in Northwich, &c., 1718-1805.

The properties mentioned include Booths, New Hall, the Angel Inn in Northwich, and lands in Torkington and Mobberley; there are also invoices for goods supplied from, or transported from, Manchester, Liverpool &c.

The two chief subjects of the invoices are building works and farming activities. Building works were substantial and there is much specific detail both of materials used (e.g. wet hair for plastering; 57,200 bricks made at Shaw Heath) and buildings constructed or repaired. Works at Booth Mills specify the shelling mill, hard corn mill, dressing mill, water wheel, and buying burrs for the wheat millstone. 40 burr stones were supplied from Liverpool at 9s each. (Accounts of John Dale.)

The agricultural works include work on crops, ditching, and a number of allusions to marling, including appearance of the dialect word ‘feigh’ (e.g. of a marl pit); in Feb. 1759 payment was made to J Hardman for catching 296 moles (£ 1 7s Od). There are also accounts for payments of poor and other rates; for allowances of James Burgess as poor overseer, constable and surveyor of highways for Over Knutsford in 1757-58; for John Aldcroft as cryer and jury summoner for the manor courts of Over Knutsford, 1755-59; and much other local detail.

Peter Legh of Norbury Booths (1723-1804)

Is known to have been involved in major building works. G Ormerod, History... of Chester, i, 1887, p. 496 mentions a spacious mansion finished in 1745; as Legh would only have been in his early 20s in 1745, the date should perhaps be 1755 or soon after, in the light of the present papers.

He had several sons; Peter Pennington Legh (died c 1777, in Hackney), and Thomas Legh (d. 1790, Calcutta) predeceased him, but Willoughby Legh and John Legh outlived their father (Ormerod, vol. cit., p. 500).

Feigh : Fay, Fey, surface soil in distinction to subsoil.