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Preface

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Introduction

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Contents

The deeds relate to properties in Sedgefield, Bradbury and Mordon, all in the parish of Sedgefield, most of which came into the possession of the Ord family of Sands Hall at different times in the 18th and 19th centuries. They include deeds for three houses and two other properties in Sedgefield, a moiety of the manor of Bradbury, three closes also in Bradbury which formerly belonged to the Smith family of Foxton, an estate in Mordon which formerly belonged to William Hodshon and another estate in Mordon which may be identified as Harpington Hill Farm.

The Ord family

The following information about the Ord family and their properties is based on the documents themselves, Sedgefield Parish Registers in the Durham County Records Office, Probate, Halmote Court and Tithe Records in the Durham University Library Archives and Special Collections and Surtees *History of Durham* Vol. III.

Benjamin Ord, the youngest son of Ralph Ord of Eastwell House, purchased a moiety of Bradbury manor from Thomas Farrer in 1719. At the time it comprised four farms, later known as Little Isle, Swan Carr, Rydings and Sands, two cottages and a house. The size of the farms was not permanently fixed. Fields were sometimes switched from one to the other and Rydings Farm eventually disappeared, being probably either absorbed into Swann Carr Farm or divided between Swan Carr and Sands Farms.

It is not clear whether this purchase included the fields close to Sands Hall. They were part of Thomas Farrer's moiety of the manor and leased out to John Hodgson in 1670 but are not mentioned specifically in the purchase in 1719 nor in a settlement of the property in 1736. They may have been acquired with the Hall at a later date, about 1738 according to Surtees, in a transaction for which we do not have the deeds. Later in the century they appear to have formed a "Home Farm" which the Ords kept in their own hands. It is possible that the family was already farming these lands around the Hall when Benjamin made his purchase. At the time of his death in 1685/86 Benjamin's father was paying rent to Thomas Farrer "for Sands farming" and to John Hodgson. The lands rented from John Hodgson are not specified but could be those mentioned in 1670 as being on lease from the Farrers to a John Hodgson.

Benjamin settled the moiety of Bradbury manor on his third son Robert at the time of Robert's marriage in 1736 and it passed in succession to Robert's son Ralph who died in 1806.

The three closes in Bradbury, which formerly belonged to the Smith family of Foxton, and the two properties in Mordon were acquired by the Ord family at the end of the 18th and the beginning of the 19th centuries. Part of "Hodshon's Estate" in Mordon had been

purchased by Richard Wright a close relative of the Ords by marriage. He owned other estates in the parish of Sedgefield, including the other moiety of the manor of Bradbury which he bought from Farrer Wren in 1785 and three farms in Fishburn: Butterwick Bridge, Cow Burn and Horseshoe House. The remainder of "Hodshon's Estate" was acquired later either by Richard Wright himself or by his heir Richard Ord/Wright in whose hands it was at the time of the Tithe Awards in 1838. Having no children of his own Richard Wright adopted his godchild, the fourth son of Ralph Ord, as his heir on condition that he changed his name to Wright.

Richard Ord/Wright added considerably to the estates which he inherited from his godfather. As well as the Ord moiety of Bradbury manor which he purchased from his father's heirs he bought Smith's closes with some other lands in 1808 and Harpington Hill Farm in 1817. On his death without issue all these estates reverted to the heirs of his eldest brother Mark.

The collection does not include many deeds for these later transactions. They were presumably passed on to the new owners when the estates were eventually sold. There are also no deeds relating to Sands Hall or to the other properties farmed by Benjamin Ord's family before 1719 although the estate records show that they were still farming these lands at the end of the 18th century. The estate records include 18th century leases and valuations of farms in both moieties of the manor of Bradbury and for Richard Wright's farms in Fishburn, with schemes of husbandry and sometimes details of farm buildings. The haymaking and harvest accounts and farming diaries give an even more detailed picture of work on the lands kept in Ralph Ord's own lands between 1774 and 1798. They contain names and numbers of the workers employed with their rates of pay and a daily record of the work done by each, with notes on farming practice.

Although the collection contains 18 deeds relating to properties in the township of Sedgefield it is not clear whether the properties concerned were ever in the possession of the Sands Hall branch of the Ord family. The last two deeds (Nos. 84 & 85) appear to involve members of the Lynn family of Shotton and Bradbury from whom Richard Ord/Wright purchased Smith's closes. The remainder concern three houses in the 17th century, only one of which is known to have any connection with the Ord family.

This is "Malham's House", the house sold to John Hodgshon and James Orde by Thomas Malham of Sedgefield, husbandman, in 1665. It is first described as a firehouse, that is a house with a fire place, and backside. Less than two years later it has become two adjoining mansion houses with a garth at the back. John Hodgshon and James Orde took one of the houses and half the garth each after a transaction whereby they sold both houses jointly to Lionel Ourd of Sedgefield, weaver, and he sold them back as separate lots. In 1670 James Ourd sold his mansion house to Ralph Ourd of Swainston, yeoman. Ralph Ourd of Swainston died in 1682 leaving a widow, Ann, and two children Richard and Jane under age. The baptisms of the children are registered as is Ralph's own burial, and the Probate Records contain an Inventory taken after his death but neither of these sources indicate what relationship, if any, existed between him, Lionel and James or the branch of the family who later purchased Sands Hall. The description of the boundaries of the two mansion houses shows that John Hodgshon's portion adjoined property belonging to another Ralph Ourd. This could be, although it is by no means certain, Ralph Ord of Eastwell House who died possessed of a house "at the north end of Sedgefield" which he left to his youngest son Benjamin, later of Sands Hall.

The Ords were a large family with several branches spread throughout the parish of Sedgefield. The registers show that in 1600 there were at least three separate branches headed by Rowland Hoord of Sedgefield and the brothers Mark and Ralph Hoord of

Whinhouses, sons of Lionel. This Lionel was probably grandfather of the Lionel mentioned in the above transaction as both Mark and Ralph Hoord named their eldest son Lionel. Another family headed by John Ourd of Fishburn came from Fenwick in Northumberland and lived in the parish briefly. John Ourd's family held lands in Fishburn from 1602 to 1649 but their names only appear in the registers between 1608 and 1610. The baptisms of two sons John and Robert are recorded followed by their burials at the ages of 13 months and 1 month, and the burial of their mother a few days before that of Robert. Some time between 1610 and 1624 John returned to his former home in Northumberland. In his will dated 14 January 1623/24 (proved 1625) he describes himself as a gentleman of Fenwick. He mentions his eldest son Bartram, born about 1607, but no other children. Surtees makes no attempt to link John Ourd's family with the Ords already living in Sedgefield at the turn of the century and no documentary evidence has been found to substantiate the family tradition, echoed in Burke's *Landed Gentry*, that the Ords of Sands Hall were descended from the Ords of Fenwick.

The spelling of the name varies in the registers but until about 1617 it always begins with "H" except when it refers to John. After 1622, by which time John Ourde gentleman may have returned to Fenwick, the form "Hoord" appears only twice, in 1630 and 1643. On all other occasions it is written as Ourd or one of the variants Oord, Ouarde, Oard and Ord. Lionel's eldest son Mark, however, was still using the earlier form "Hoord" when his will was drawn up in 1639.

From the middle of the 17th century the registers show that there were Ords living in Fishburn, Embleton (alias Elmdon) and Swainston as well as at least two families in Sedgefield. Although probably connected their relationships cannot be established on the basis of the registers and wills alone. Surtees presumably had other other sources, perhaps family tradition or additional title deeds, for tracing the descendants of Lionel Ord and linking them with Benjamin Ord of Sands Hall. Surtees' pedigree is certainly consistent with the registers but it ignores many other Ords whose names appear there and cites no authority for identifying Benjamin's father Ralph Ourd of Eastwell House as the Ralph, son of Ralph Ourde of Whinhouse, who was baptised 26 May 1622 and thus another grandson of Lionel Ourd. The name "Ralph" recurs frequently and in the 1650's there were at least three adult Ralph Ords of Sedgefield in addition to Ralph Ord of Swainston:

20 May 1656: Marriage of Ralph Ourd [of Swainston] to Ann Snathe, widow, at Embleton

23 November 1656: Burial of Ralph Ourd of Sedgefield

4 December 1656: Burial of Ralph Ourd of Sedgefield junior

1 March 1657: Baptism of Thomas, son of Ralph and Ann Ourd of Swainston

18 December 1657: Baptism of Ralph son of Ralph Ourd of Sedgefield

The two Ralphs in the last entry quoted are almost certainly Benjamin's elder brother and his father Ralph Ourd of Eastwell House. The latter appears to have been the real founder of the family's fortune. The Inventory taken at the time of his death in the early part of 1686 shows that he had a milking herd of 20, 7 yoke of oxen, with steers heifers and calves, as well as a flock of over 100 sheep and 7 swine. His goods and chattels were valued at £777.12.10d. after the payment of all debts and expenses. In addition to this he was able to leave property to each of his three sons Mark, Ralph and Benjamin.

Benjamin was the youngest of Ralph's nine children and more than 20 years younger than his two brothers, being only about 7 years old when his father died. However he was the only one of the three to marry and have children. Thus on the death of his brother Ralph in 1735, Mark having already died in 1708, Benjamin eventually took possession of the

whole estate previously owned by their father, in addition to the moiety of Bradbury manor which he had already purchased.

Under their father's will the eldest brother Mark was given "The Nue House ... with all the land belonging unto it", while Ralph was to have "the house which I now live in with the close of land called the Noble Rent". Benjamin was given a house "at the north end of Sedgefield butting and bounding on the north side with the house of Thomas Ourd".

The only one of these properties that can be positively identified is Ralph's. This was Eastwell House, a copyhold property which can be traced in the Halmote Court records. It is marked on the early 6 inch O.S. maps and on the Tithe plan as the last tenement going out of Sedgefield towards Butterwick. Although there are no title deeds for Eastwell House in the collection there is a farm lease (No.116) and there are references to Eastwell Grange and the Noble Rent in the harvest accounts and husbandry books.

Surtees describes Benjamin's father as a gentleman, but the impression gained from the family wills and such title deeds as we have suggests that the family was still very close to the land and regarded themselves as working farmers with a mixture of copyhold and leasehold lands. The plough and wain gear were valuable possessions which Ralph determined at the end of his will, perhaps in response to family questioning, should remain in the joint possession of his wife and three sons; "and if it have any need of reparations it is to be repaired by them that have the profit of them". At the time of his death he was employing only two labourers on a permanent basis. His wife, on her death, left a cow to each of her surviving daughters; and their eldest son, Mark, was equally specific in referring to his stock and farm implements.

The family also had a close association with the butchers to whom they presumably sold their cattle. A relative, Thomas Ord, was a butcher (Durham University Library Archives and Special Collections: Church Commission Bishopric Estates [collection GB-0033-CCB] Bundle 483, 187747: lease to Thomas Ord butcher for 3 lives, all of the lives being butchers). Mark allowed a Durham butcher John Wilson to occupy "housing" on one of the fields which he left to Benjamin in 1708 and Benjamin himself, whose property adjoined that of Thomas Ord, became a butcher. It must have been a profitable business for, although he was the youngest son and started with less land than either of his brothers, by the time he was 40 years old he was able to pay Thomas Farrer £1,300 for the moiety of the manor of Bradbury and later purchase Sands Hall. These two purchases would appear to mark the change in the status of the family from working tenant farmers to landed gentry with tenants of their own.

Accession details

The collection of documents listed here under the title "Ord of Sands Hall, Sedgefield" was acquired by Durham University Library between 1950 and 1967 and has come from two different sources.

The first group (Nos. 1-90) were in the possession of the Ord family until the time of their sale. The family left Sands Hall in 1932 but the documents were removed and kept by Mrs. Hastings-Ord at Packham House in Hampshire. About 1950 the collection was divided and sold in small lots. The University Library apparently purchased one lot at a Hodgson's auction in Spring 1950 [H] and another two lots at auction by Sotheby's on 3 April 1950 [Lot 159] and 11 March 1952 [Lot 250]. A fourth lot, sold by Sotheby's 4 February 1952 [Lot 80], was purchased by a member of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society and deposited later in Carlisle Record Office. In 1965 an

exchange was effected with the Society whereby seven documents relating to Carlisle or Kendal in Lot 159 were transferred to Carlisle in return for fourteen items relating to Durham from Lot 80. ("Dalston Family Documents", C. Roy Hudleston. *Transactions of the C.&W.A.&A.S.* Vol. LXV - New Series 1965).

The remaining items (Nos. 91-141) were collected by the Director of Houghall Agricultural College and in 1967 they were presented to the University Library by his widow Mrs. M. Cassels of Crook Hall, through the New Carilef Society. Whereas the documents in the main section are concerned largely with title to some of the family properties in and around Sedgefield, this group consists of estate records: farm leases and valuations, haymaking and harvest accounts and diaries. This section also includes two items (Nos. 123 and 124) relating to the Dalston family mentioned above.

Arrangement

The division of the collection into lots appears to have been quite arbitrary, and the present arrangement takes no account of it. The deeds are now arranged chronologically according to the property to which they relate followed by a small group of miscellaneous items. This has the effect of restoring an earlier arrangement where at least two of the properties are concerned, the documents having been previously numbered in an 18th century hand, and highlights several gaps in the series.

The farm leases and valuations are arranged chronologically, followed by the accounts, bills and diaries.

Form of citation

The form of citation should use the code GB-0033-ORD, or the collection name Ord of Sands Hall (Sedgefield) papers, followed by the *reference number*

To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0033-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

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Bradbury

ORD.1-4

Dwelling house and lands (part of the estate of Smith of Foxton sold to John Lynn of Shotton in 1728 and conveyed by his heirs to Richard Ord/Wright 1808)

See also No.115

ORD.1 20 March 3 Charles I (1628)

(1) George Smith of Foxton, yeoman

(2) Robert Smith of Bradbury, blacksmith

Counterpart of lease by (1) to (2) of a dwelling house in Bradbury "nowe ruynous and in decaye" with a garth at the back; on condition that (2) will rebuild it and make it habitable, and also provide a home for Lancelot Smith, (1)'s "poore, impotent and needye brother", either in the said dwelling house or elsewhere.

Term: 12 years.

Rent: 2d.

Mark of (2). Fragment of seal on tag.

[Lot 256]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.2 21 May 14 Charles I (1638)

(1) Robert Smith of Foxton, yeoman

(2) Thomas Robinson of Cockerton, skinner

Counterpart of lease by (1) to (2) of three closes in Bradbury (23 acres); in consideration of the sum of £40 for which (1)'s father George Smith was bound, 16 August 1617, being the child portion of Margaret Chapman daughter of Thomas Chapman deceased.

Term: 5 years.

Rent: 2d., and £5 for every acre converted to tillage.

Signed and sealed: (2).

[Lot 80

1f. damaged

ORD.2a Michaelmas Term 1656

Quietus granted to Elizabeth Smith of Foxton, widow, for twenty seven and a half years rent (Pentecost 1629 - 11 November 1656) in respect of 40 acres in Bradbury and one third part of 2 oxgangs in Foxton, calculated according to a composition for recusancy 22 August 1632.

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.3 26 October 5 Anne (1706)

(1) Richard Smith of Foxton, yeoman, son of Robert Smith deceased

(2) Charles Elstob, D.D., prebendary of Canterbury

18th century copy of mortgage by (1) to (2) of premises in Bradbury and Foxton for £200 to be repaid with interest at the rate of £5% by 26 October 1707 ;

the said premises being:

a messuage and garth in Bradbury occupied by (1)'s mother Elizabeth Smith together with Bank Close and Little Close occupied by John Rawling; and lands in the townfields of Foxton called Whinney Hill, the Bracke Close, the Well Close and the Moor, occupied by (1).

Original signed and sealed by both parties.

[Lot 80]

Paper 2ff.

ORD.4 3 November 1722

Probate of the will of Richard Smith of Stockton upon Tees, granted at Durham to his widow Rebecca Smith.

Will dated 10 December 1720.

Papered seal.

[Lot 250]

Parchment 2 mm.

ORD.5-22

Moiety of the manor of Bradbury with 4 farms, 1 house, 2 cottages and 2 garths

ORD.5 16 May 4 James I (1606)

17th century copy of Letters Patent whereby James I granted a new coat of arms, and the manors of Bradbury and Hilton, formerly in the possession of Henry Earl of Huntingdon and Sir William Bowes, to Sir John Ramsey in gratitude for his part in rescuing the King from the Earl of Gowrie and his brother (5 August 1600) ;

the said premises to be held in chief and by military service.

[Lot 80]

Paper 4ff.

ORD.6 24 June 1653

(1) Edward Manning of the close of New Sarum, Wiltshire, Esq.
Henry Manning of Baynards Castle, London, gent.

(2) John Farrer of the city of Durham, gent.

Bargain and Sale by (1) to (2) of the manor of Bradbury, to hold as of the manor of East Greenwich by fealty only and in common socage and not in chief or by knight service, subject to a rent of £390 payable to the Commonwealth, free of all incumbrances other than the leases set out in a schedule including a lease of the said manor to Richard Turbet at a rent of £470 which still has 10 years to run, and with indemnity against any harm arising from a lease by Letters Patent 14 James I (1616/1617) to Thomas Emerson; the said premises having been formerly in the possession of Henry Earl of Huntingdon and Sir William Bowes and granted to (1) by Letters Patent dated 12 December 14 Charles I (1638).

Consideration: £1,500.5s paid by (2) to Edward Manning.

£1,500 paid by (2) to Henry Manning.

Signed: (1). Seals missing.

Enrolled in the Court of Upper Bench, Trinity Term 1653, Roll 618.

[Lot 159] (formerly 2)

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.7 19 December 22 Charles II (1670)

(1) John Farrer of Bradbury, gent.

John Farrer, his son and heir

(2) Thomas Farrer of Sedgefield, gent.

Bargain and Sale by (1) to (2) of a moiety of the manor of Bradbury, to hold as of the manor of East Greenwich by fealty only and in common socage, subject to a rent of £195 payable to the King (half the total rent of £390 for the manor of Bradbury); the said moiety to consist of:

closes occupied by John Iley called the Mickle Meere or Farmers Field, South Field, Little Birkwoods and the Fullish closes occupied by John Pannell called: the Mill Field, the Fullidge, the Low Field, the Seggy and Mablin Butts.

closes occupied by Robert Davison called the Short Lands, High and Low Rydings, the Intacks and the Pasture Carr.

closes occupied by Thomas Heard, Charles Nicholson and George Barker called: the High Sands, with three adjoining meadow closes, Bradbury Moor and the Meadow Carr.

the Hope Close occupied by Thomas Heard.

a house and croft occupied by the widow Hixon.

a house occupied by the widow Darnton.

closes occupied by John Hodgson of Sedgefield called Low Sands, Appleby's Close and the Parks.

Consideration: £1,400.

Signed and sealed: (1).

[Lot 80] (formerly 3)

Parchment 2 mm.

ORD.8 11 November 6 George I (1719)

(1) Thomas Farrer of the city of London, gent.

(2) Benjamin Ord of Sedgefield, butcher

Lease for one year by (1) to (2) of premises in Bradbury (viz.):

farms leased to Robert Norton for £109, John Thompson for £59 (Swan Carr Farm), John Jackson for £51 (Sands Farm), Robert Buckle and Christopher Shutwell for £13.

a cottage and 2 garths leased to Christopher Shutwell for £3.2s.

the house lately built by Robert Buckle.

a cottage occupied by John Ellen.

(1)'s moiety of the manor of Bradbury.

Signed and sealed: (1).

[Lot 159] (formerly 5)

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.9 12 November 6 George I (1719)

(1) Thomas Farrer of the city of London, gent.

(2) Benjamin Ord of Sedgefield, butcher

Release by (1) to (2) of the premises in the above lease (No.8), excepting the lands formerly conveyed by (1) to his sister Ann Garner and subject to a rent charge of £14 (viz.):

three closes called Shortlands and Intacks and 2 tofts where two cottages once stood called Davison's Cottage and Hixon's Cottage;

and excepting a rent charge of £195 on the said premises of which the above £14 is part.

Consideration: £1,300.

Signed and sealed: (1).

[H] (formerly 6)

Parchment 2 mm.

ORD.10 12 November 6 George I (1719)

(1) Thomas Farrer of the City of London, gent., son of John Farrer of Bradbury gent. deceased

(2) Benjamin Ord of Sedgefield, butcher

Deed to lead the uses of a Fine in respect of the above mentioned premises, to be levied at Durham within three months, whereby it is agreed that the premises will be held to the use of (2) and that the description in the Fine shall not be taken to include premises previously conveyed by (1) to his sister Anne Garner (viz.):

three closes called Shortlands and Intacks, and two tofts where two cottages once stood called Davison's Cottage and Hixon's Cottage.

Consideration not stated.

Signed and sealed: (1).

[Lot 159] (formerly 7)

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.11-12 18 December 6 George I (1719)

- (1) Benjamin Ord, querent
- (2) Thomas Farrer gent., deforciant.

Left and Right Hand Indentures of Fine levied in the Court of Pleas at Durham for the conveyance by (2) to (1) of 5 messuages, 5 cottages, 5 barns, 5 gardens, 500 acres of land, 500 acres of meadow, 500 acres of pasture, 200 acres of furze and heath and 200 acres of moorland in Bradbury for 100 marks.

[Lot 159]

Parchment 1 m. each.

ORD.13 14 December 10 George II (1736)

- (1) Benjamin Ord of Sedgefield, yeoman
- (2) Peter Hodgson of Ryall House, Sedgefield, yeoman
- George Elstob of Brearton, yeoman

Lease for a year by (1) to (2) of premises in Bradbury (viz.):

(1)'s moiety of the manor of Bradbury together with farms leased to Robert Norton for £130, John Thompson for £64, John Jackson for £55, Robert Pace and William Darnton for £15.

a cottage and 2 garths leased to William Darnton for £3.10s.

a house built by Robert Buckle and a cottage late John Ellen's, both now occupied by Robert Pace.

a rent of £14 charged on lands belonging to Mrs. Anne Garner and payable to (1).

Signed and sealed: (1).

[Lot 159]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.14 15 December 10 George II (1736)

- (1) Benjamin Ord of Sedgefield, yeoman
- Robert Ord, yeoman (one of his sons)
- (2) Mary Ranson of Dalton Peircey, spinster
- (3) Peter Hodgson of Ryall-House, Sedgefield, yeoman
- George Elstob of Brearton, yeoman
- (4) John Reah of Church Kelloe, yeoman
- Luke Elstob of Elwick, yeoman

Release of the above mentioned premises by (1) to (3), being the marriage settlement for Robert Ord and (2).

Signed and sealed: (1) and (2).

[H]

Parchment 3 mm.

ORD.15-16 14 and 15 December 10 George II (1736)

Duplicates of the above Lease and Release (Robert Ord and Mary Ranson's marriage settlement).

Lease signed and sealed: Benjamin Ord.

Release signed and sealed: Benjamin Ord, Robert Ord and Mary Ranson.

[Lot 159] (formerly 8 and 9)

Lease:1m. Release: 3mm.

ORD.17 15 January 16 George II (1743)

(1) Robert Ord of Sands in Sedgefield, gent.

(2) John Thompson of Swan Carr house in Sedgefield, yeoman

Lease by (1) to (2) of Swann Carr Farm in Bradbury; with conditions of husbandry and covenant that (1) will pay the Land Tax and all other cesses and taxes in respect of the premises except tithe rent, church cess and poor cess.

Term: 9 years.

Rent: £70.

Signed and sealed (2).

[Lot 250]

Paper 2ff.

ORD.18-19 5 and 6 November 3 George III (1762)

(1) Ralph Ord of Sands gent., eldest surviving son of Robert Ord by his first wife Mary née Ranson both deceased (the said Robert being one of the sons of Benjamin Ord of Sedgefield yeoman deceased)

(2) Robert Robinson of the city of Durham, gent.

(3) (Release only) Thomas Dunn of the city of Durham, alderman.

Lease and Release of premises in Bradbury by (1) to (2) in order that a Common Recovery to bar the entail may be sued by (3), after which the premises shall be held by (3) for 2,000 years subject to redemption on payment of £2,000 with interest by (1) to (3) on 6 May next;

the said premises being:

Benjamin Ord's moiety of the manor of Bradbury.

farms leased to Robert Norton for £130, John Thompson for £64, John Jackson for £55, Robert Pace and William Darnton for £15.

a cottage and 2 garths leased to William Darnton for £3.10s.

a house and cottage now occupied by Robert Pace.

a rent of £14 charged on lands belonging to Mrs. Ann Garner.

Consideration: £2,000.

Both signed and sealed: (1).

[Lot 159] (formerly 10 and 11)

Lease 1m., Release 2mm. fastened together

ORD.20 22 December 3 George III (1762)

(1) Thomas Dunn, alderman, demandant

(2) Robert Robinson, gent., tenant

(3) Ralph Ord, gent., 1st Vouchee

Exemplification of a Recovery obtained in the Court of Pleas at Durham whereby 16 messuages, 8 barns, 10 stables, 2 dovecoats, 4 gardens, 500 acres of land, 500 acres of meadow, 500 acres of pasture, £14 rent and common of pasture in Bradbury, together with a moiety of the manor of Bradbury are conveyed by (3) to (1).

Seal of the county palatine of Durham and Sadberge, in good condition.

[Lot 159]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.21 8 October 1768

(1) Ralph Ord of the city of London, merchant

(2) William Richmond of Sands in Sedgefield, yeoman

Lease by (1) to (2) of Sands Farm in Bradbury, excepting:

five fields called Dove Coat Field, East Sandy Bank, Middle-Sandy Bank, West Sandy Bank and Darlington Lane Field, the Avenue, Nurseries and plantations, the Hall where Mrs. Ord lives, gardens and stables etc.;

with conditions of husbandry, scheme of husbandry for each field and covenant by (1) to pay the Land Tax, (2) paying all other cessments and taxes.

Term: 9 years.

Rent: £190.

Signed and sealed: (1) and (2).

[Lot 250]

Paper 2ff.

ORD.22 30 May 34 George III (1794)

(1) Ralph Ord of Sands, Esq.

(2) Benjamin Ord of Threadneedle St. in the city of London, (1)'s son

Feoffment by (1) to (2) in respect of two dwelling houses in Bradbury occupied by Richard Blakey and William Williamson (boundaries given);

with the appointment of John Davison and Luke Greenwell both of Sedgefield, yeomen, as (1)'s attornies for the livery of seisin.

Consideration: 5s.

Signed and sealed: (1) and (2).

[Lot 159]

Parchment 1 m.

Morden

ORD.23-50

Message, stable or oxhouse, barn, stackgarth and fold, ground called Harperton Hill and the Whinney Pasture, and the Little Moor (Harpington Hill Farm?)

ORD.23-24 1 and 2 November 9 George I (1722)

- (1) Michael Stephenson of the city of Durham, yeoman
Jane Stephenson of Shield Row, Chester le Street, widow
- (2) William Wheatley of Crook Gate, Whickham, blacksmith

Lease and Release by (1) to (2).

Consideration: £1,100.

Both signed and sealed (1).

[Lot 159] (formerly 1 and 2)

1m. each

ORD.25 1 March 13 George II (1740)

- (1) Thomas Stokoe of Bryansloap gent. and his wife Mary only daughter and heir of William Wheatley of Crookgate, Whickham, blacksmith
- (2) John Perkins of Gibside, gent.

Deed to lead the uses of a Fine in respect of the above premises, formerly the estate of William Wheatley deceased and now occupied by George Chapman.

Signed and sealed by all parties.

[H] (2 previous numbers: 3 and 22)

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.26-27 28 March 13 George II (1740)

- (1) John Perkins gent., plaintiff
- (2) Thomas Stokoe gent. and his wife Mary deforciant.

Left and Right Hand Indentures of Fine levied in the Court of Pleas at Durham for the conveyance by (2) to (1) of two messuages, two cottages, 50 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow, 50 acres of pasture, 50 acres of moor and common of pasture for all animals in Morden in the parish of Sedgefield, for 100 Marks.

[Lot 159] (formerly 4)

1m. each

ORD.28-29 23 and 24 November 16 George II (1742)

- (1) Thomas Stokoe of Bryansloap, in the chapelry of Tanfield, gent.
- (2) William Leaton of Gibside, gent.

Lease and Release by (1) to (2) of the above premises as security for the repayment of £400 by 24 May next, £108.14.10 of which is owing on a judgement obtained by (2) against (1) in the Court of Pleas at Durham in May 1742.

Consideration: £291.5.2 and the above mentioned debt.

Signed and sealed: (1).

[H] (formerly numbered 5 and 6 or 23)

Parchment 1 m. each.

ORD.30 26 December 19 George II (1745)

(1) Thomas Stokoe of Bryansloap, gent.

(2) William Leaton of Gibside, gent.

(3) George Welbank of Stockton, gent.

Release by (1) and (2) to (3) of the above premises at present mortgaged by (1) to (2); subject to redemption on payment by (1) to (3) of £630 and interest at four and a half per cent by 26 June next.

Consideration: £580 paid by (3) to (2) and £50 paid by (3) to (1).

Signed and sealed: (1) and (2).

[H] (formerly numbered 7 and 8)

1m. Lease (formerly No. 7) missing

ORD.31-32 31 March and 1 April 21 George II (1748)

(1) Thomas Stokoe of Bryansleap, gent.

(2) James Leybourn of Collierley Dyke Heads, gent.

Lease and Release by (1) to (2) in pursuance of an agreement, dated 25 September 1747, for the exchange of (1)'s lands in Mordon for premises belonging to (2) in Collierley;

with covenant by (1) to discharge the mortgage for £630 and interest due to George Welbank of Stockton.

Consideration: 5s.

Both signed and sealed: (1).

[Lot 159] (formerly 9 and 10)

1m. each

ORD.33 22 November 26 George II (1752)

(1) George Welbank formerly of Stockton now of Greenwich, Kent, gent.

(2) Thomas Stokoe of Bryanslope, gent.

(3) Richard Carlisle of Stillington, gent.

Release by (1) and (2) to (3) of the above premises at present mortgaged by (2) to (1).

Consideration: £1,110, of which £630 is paid by (3) to (1) and £480 by (3) to (2).

Signed and sealed: (1) and (2).

[H] (formerly 11 and 12)

1m. Lease (formerly No. 11) missing.

ORD.34a-34b 22 and 23 April 28 George II (1755)

(1) Richard Carlisle of Stillington, gent. and his wife Elizabeth

(2) Thomas Strode of Great Ormond Street, Middlesex, Esq.

John Catlin of the city of London, gent.

(executors of Dorothy Pennyman of Ormsby, Yorks., widow, deceased)

Mortgage by Lease and Release to secure payment by (1) to (2) of £420 with interest at the rate of £3.12.6% by 23 October next.

Consideration: £420.

Both signed and sealed: (1) (Lease by Richard Carlisle only).

[Lot 159] (formerly 13 and 14)

1m. each

ORD.35 14 January 29 George II (1756)

(1) Richard Carlisle now of Bishopton, gent.

(2) Thomas Strode of Gt. Ormond St., Middlesex, Esq.

John Catlin of the city of London, gent.

(the two acting executors of Dorothy Pennyman of Ormesby, Yorks., widow deceased)

Declaration by (1) that the above premises mortgaged by Lease and Release, 22 and 23 April 1755, from (1) to (2) should be charged with £130 in addition to the sum of £420.

Consideration: £130.

Signed and sealed: (1).

[Lot 159] (formerly 16)

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.36 24 August 31 George II (1757)

(1) Richard Carlisle now of Bishopton, gent.

(2) Thomas Strode now of Bloomsbury Square, Middlesex, Esq.

John Catlin of the city of London, gent.

(two acting executors of Dorothy Pennyman of Ormsby, Yorks., widow, deceased)

Declaration by (1) that the estates mortgaged by (1) to (2) for £420 on 22 and 23 April 1755, and charged with a further sum of £130 on 14 January 1756, should now stand charged with an additional sum of £110 with interest at the rate of £4%.

Consideration: £110.

Signed and sealed: (1).

[Lot 159] (formerly 19)

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.37 11 August 32 George II (1758)

(1) Thomas Strode now of Bloomsbury Square, Middlesex, Esq.

John Catlin of the city of London, gent.

(the executors of Dorothy Pennyman of Ormesby, Yorks., widow, deceased)

(2) William Wood of Newcastle upon Tyne, gent.

Lease by (1) to (2) for one year.

Consideration: 5s to each of (1).

Signed: (1). 3 seals.

[Lot 159] (formerly 18)

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.38 12 August 32 George II (1758)

(1) Thomas Strode late of Great Ormond St., now of Bloomsbury Square, Middlesex, Esq.

John Catlin of the city of London, gent.

(executors of Dorothy Pennyman of Ormesby, Yorks., widow deceased)

(2) Richard Carlisle, now of Bishopton, gent.

(3) William Wood of Newcastle, gent.

Release by (1) and (2) to (3).

Consideration: £1,300, of which £660 is paid by (3) to (1) and £640 by (3) to (2).

Signed and sealed: (1) and (2).

[H] (formerly 18 and 19)

1m. damaged.

ORD.39-40 1 and 2 May 32 George II (1759)

(1) William Wood of Newcastle upon Tyne, gent.

(2) Joseph Jewson of Scarborough, master and mariner

Lease and Release by (1) to (2) of one moiety of the above premises which were purchased by (1) from Thomas Strode, John Catlin and Richard Carlisle for £1300, £650 of which was paid by (2).

Consideration: 5s.

Both signed and sealed: (1).

[Lot 159]

1m. each

ORD.41 20 July 1759

Receipt by John Richardson for £1.3.7. paid by William Wood; being the cost of ingrossing and stamp duty for the above lease and release.

[Lot 159]

Paper 1 piece.

ORD.42 24 July 1786

(1) William Wood of Newcastle upon Tyne, gent.

Joseph Jewson of Scarborough Yorks., master mariner

(2) Jeffrey Gibson of Redmarshall.

Lease by (1) to (2) for a year of the above premises now occupied by Robert Paverley.

Signed: (1) 2 seals.

[Lot 159]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.43 19 May 1789

(1) Jeffrey Gibson of Redmarshall, yeoman

(2) Elizabeth Cole of Sands in the parish of Sedgefield, widow.

Lease by (1) to (2) for a year of the above premises comprising 80 acres, now occupied by Robert Paverley.

Signed: (1). 1 seal.

[Lot 159]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.44 3 November 1790

(1) John Gibson of Redmarshall, farmer, one of the sons and executor of Jeffrey Gibson deceased

Jeffrey Gibson of Billingham, farmer, eldest son of the said Jeffrey Gibson deceased

Elizabeth Cole of Sands in the parish of Sedgefield, widow

(2) Robert Balmer of Middleton St. George, farmer

Lease by (1) to (2) for a year of the above premises comprising 80 acres now occupied by George Best, together with the pews stalls or seats belonging thereto in the parish church of Sedgefield.

Signed: (1). 3 seals.

[Lot 159]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.45 4 November 1790

(1) John Gibson of Redmarshall, farmer, one of the sons and executor of Jeffrey Gibson deceased

(2) Jeffrey Gibson of Billingham, farmer, eldest son of the said Jeffrey Gibson deceased

(3) Elizabeth Cole of Sands in the parish of Sedgefield, widow

(4) Robert Balmer of Middleton St. George, farmer

Release by (1), (2) and (3) to (4); the said premises having been mortgaged by Jeffrey Gibson, father of (1) and (2), to (3), 18 and 19 May 1789, for £500.

Consideration: £500 paid by (4) to (3) and £470 paid by (4) to (1).

Signed: (1), (2) and (3) 3 seals.

[Lot 159]

Parchment 2 mm.

ORD.46 11 May 1801

(1) Robert Balmer of Middleton St. George, yeoman

(2) William Sleigh of Stockton, Esq.

Lease for a year by (1) to (2).

Signed and sealed: (1).

[H]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.47 12 May 1801

(1) Robert Balmer of Middleton St. George, yeoman

(2) William Sleigh of Stockton, Esq.

(3) George Hutchinson the younger of Stockton, Esq.

John Hutchinson of Stockton, merchant

Leonard Raisbeck of Stockton, gent.

Release by (1) to (2), and by (1) to (3) in trust for (2).

Consideration: £1,300.

Signed and sealed: (1).

[H]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.48 13 May 1803

- (1) William Sleigh of Stockton, Esq.
- (2) George Hutchinson the younger of Stockton, Esq.
John Hutchinson of Stockton, merchant
Leonard Raisbeck of Stockton, gent.
(trustees of (1))
- (3) Rev. Matthew Henderson of Great Aycliffe, clerk
- (4) Revd., John Brewster of Stockton, clerk
Revd. Thomas Ewbank of Stockton, clerk
James Thomson Henderson of Great Aycliffe, gent., son of (3)

Bargain and Sale by (2), at the direction of (1), to (3).

Consideration: £1,400 paid to (1) and 10s. to (2).

Signed: (1), (2) and (3) 5 seals.

[Lot 159]

Parchment 2 mm.

ORD.49 13 May 1817

- (1) Edward Matthew Henderson of Great Aycliffe, gent., only surviving son and heir of Revd. Matthew Henderson deceased
Revd. John Brewster of Eggescliffe, clerk
Revd. Thomson Ewbank of Stockton, clerk
(surviving trustees of the said Revd. Matthew Henderson)
- (2) Richard Wright of Sands, Esq.

Lease by (1) to (2) for a year.

Signed and sealed: (1).

[H]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.50 14 May 1817

- (1) Edward Matthew Henderson of Great Aycliffe, gent., only surviving son and executor of Revd. Matthew Henderson deceased
- (2) Revd. John Brewster late of Stockton, now of Eggescliffe, clerk
Revd. Thomas Ewbank of Stockton, clerk
(surviving trustees of (1))
- (3) Richard Wright of Sands, Esq.

Release by (2), at the direction of (1), to (3) in pursuance of an agreement made between (3) and the Revd. Matthew Henderson now deceased, 25 November 1815.

Consideration: £1,999, of which £799 was paid by (3) to the Revd. Matthew Henderson at the time of the above mentioned agreement.

Signed and sealed: (1) and (2).

[H]

Parchment 2 mm.

ORD.51-67

Hodshon's Estate

Messuage and closes called the New North Field (37a.3r.30p.) the Old North Field (17a.3r.34p.), the little Old North Field (6a.1r.17p.), the Far Long Close (9a.2r.8p.), the Calf Close (8a.2r.13p.), the Bottom Close (11a.2r.1p.), the Bank Close (10a.0r.12p.), the High Long Close (9a.1r.32p.), Nessley Hill (6a.2r.19p.), Ila Field (4a.3r.10p.), Ila High Field (5a.0r.21p.), the High Cutty (7a.0r.32p.), the Low Cutty (4a.1r.19p.), the Hackney Garth (2a.), Windy Garth (3r.21p.), the Scribe (7a.2r.16p.), the High West Carr (16a.3r.), the East High Carr (9a.1r.4p.), North Gowling Carr (9a.2r.), South Gowling Carr (11a.2r.16p.) and the Nursery (1r.32p.)

ORD.51 27 May 28 George II (1755)

- (1) William Hodshon of North Allerton, Yorks., gent., eldest son and heir of Read Hodshon of Witton le Wear gent. deceased and his wife Ann Thomas Peirse of Peirseburgh, Yorks., merchant, one of the executors of William Peirse of Hutton Bonville, Yorks., Esq. deceased
 Ann Hodshon, formally Peirse, widow of the said Read Hodshon
 Mary Hodshon mother of the said Read Hodshon
 Isabel Hodshon sister of the said Read Hodshon
 Ann Hodshon daughter of the said Read Hodshon
 Edmund Hodshon younger son of the said Read Hodshon
- (2) Samuel Peacock of North Allerton, Esq.
 Thomas Cust of Danby Hill, Yorks., gent.

Lease for a year by (1) to (2); the premises being now leased to William Myres at £84 a year.

Consideration: 5s paid to each of (1).

Signed: (1) except for Ann and Edmund Hodshon daughter and younger son of Read Hodshon.

6 seals.

[Lot 159]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.52 28 May 28 George II (1755)

(1) William Hodshon of North Allerton, Yorks., gent., eldest son and heir of Read Hodshon of Witton le Wear gent. by his wife Ann formerly Peirse

(2) The said Ann Hodshon, widow of the said Read Hodshon
Ann Hodshon spinster and Edmund Hodshon, daughter and younger son of Read Hodshon

(3) Mary Hodshon, widow, and Isabel Hodshon, mother and sister of the said Read Hodshon

(4) Thomas Peirse of Peirseburgh, Yorks., merchant, executor of William Peirse, Esq.

(5) Jane Willey of Burniston, Yorks., spinster

(6) Samuel Peacock of North Allerton, Esq.

Thomas Cust of Danby Hill, Yorks., gent.

Settlement prior to the marriage between (1) and (5) whereby the above mentioned premises are released by (1), (2), (3) and (4) to (6) as a marriage portion for (5) and her children by (1), and discharged from the incumbrances laid upon them and other lands and specified in a lease and release of 24 and 25 October 1748.

Signed by all parties except Ann and Edmund Hodshon.

10 seals.

[Lot 159]

Parchment 2 mm.

ORD.53 5 June 1755

Undertaking by Ann Hodshon to execute the marriage settlement, whereby her brother William Hodshon of Morden has settled part of his estates on his future wife Jane Willey, on the understanding that the remainder of his estates is more than sufficient to pay what is due to her by the marriage settlement of their father Reed Hodshon.

Signed and witnessed.

Sent by William Stockdale of Furnivall's Inn to William Hodshon attorney at law at North Allerton with covering letter including items of family news and best wishes for his marriage.

[Lot 159]

Paper 2ff.

ORD.54 11 April 1781

(1) Thomas Hodshon of Middleham, Yorks., gent., only son and heir of William Hodshon of North Allerton gent. deceased by his wife Jane, formerly Willey Edward Lister of Coverham, Yorks., Esq. and his wife Jane daughter of the said William and Jane Hodshon

(2) John Breare of Middleham, gent.

William Luke Yarker of Middleham, gent.

Lease by (1) to (2) for one year of premises in Burneston, Calthorpe and Maunby in Yorkshire and at Morden in Durham (viz.):

a messuage at Burneston with closes called Oak Tree Pasture (3 closes consisting of 2a.2r.0p., 6a.1r.27p., 7a.3r.5p. respectively), Three Roods (2a.2r.20p.), Damsells (2 closes consisting of 10a. and 7a.3r.4p. respectively) and closes at Calthorpe called Hunger Hills (2 closes consisting of 5a.1r.27p. and 8a.0r.26p. respectively) and Chantry Close (4a.) all occupied by Robert Wilkinson;

5 closes at Maunby occupied by Christopher Hammond all called Barf or Barugh (3a.0r.6p., 2a., 4a.3r.6p., 4a.1r.18p., and 4a.0r.29p. respectively);

and the premises at Morden settled by the said William Hodshon on his wife Jane formerly Willey and now leased to Emanuel Paverley.

Signed: (1). 3 seals.

[Lot 159]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.55 12 April 21 George III (1781)

(1) Thomas Hodshon of Middleham, Yorks., gent., only son and heir of William Hodshon of North Allerton gent. deceased by his wife Jane, formerly Willey

(2) Edward Lister of Coverham, Yorks., Esq. and his wife Jane, only daughter of the said William and Jane Hodshon

(3) John Breare of Middleham, gent.

William Luke Yarker of Middleham, gent.

Release upon trusts by (1) and (2) to (3) of the premises in the above lease, and confirmation of the partition of the said premises whereby all the premises in Burneston, Calthorpe and Maunby in Yorks., together with 3 closes in Morden (viz.): Ila High Field, Hackney Garth and the Nursery shall be held to the use of (1) and the remainder of the premises at Morden shall be held to the use of (2).

Consideration: 10s. to both (1) and (2).

Signed: (1) and (2). 3 seals.

[Lot 159]

Parchment 4 mm.

ORD.56 16 April 1781

(1) Edward Lister of Coverham Abbey, Yorks., Esq.

(2) Elizabeth Parke of Low Row in Swaledale in the parish of Grinton, Yorks., spinster

Mortgage by (1) to (2) of the above premises at Mordon leased to Emanuel Paverley, excepting the Ila High Field, the Hackney Garth and the Nursery, to secure payment of £1,200 by (1) to (2) on 22 November next.

Consideration: £1200.

Term: 3,000 yrs.

Signed (1) 2 seals.

[Lot 159]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.57 16 April 21 George III 1780 (sic. recte 1781)

(1) Edward Lister of Coverham, Yorks., Esq.

(2) Elizabeth Parke of Low Row in the parish of Grinton, Yorks., spinster

Bond by (1) to (2) in the sum of £2,400, conditioned for the payment by (1) to (2) of £1,200 on 22 November next and for the performance of covenants contained in the above mortgage of the same date.

Cancelled.

[Lot 159]

Paper 2ff.

ORD.58 2 April 1784

(1) Lydia Bolland of Leeds, Yorks., spinster

Sarah Bolland of Burton Grange near Barnsley, Yorks., spinster

(the two surviving sisters and co-heirs of Baron Bolland of Leeds gent. deceased)

(2) Edward Lister of Langthorn, Yorks., Esq.

Release by (1) to (2) of the above premises in Mordon now leased to Edmund Paverley (excluding the 3 closes reserved to Thomas Hodshon 12 April 1781); the said premises having been conveyed to (2) by Lease and Release dated 11 and 12 April 1781 in trust for (2) and the heirs of Baron Bolland and these trusts being now satisfied.

Consideration: 5s. to each of (1).

Signed: (1). 2 seals.

[Lot 159]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.59 14 April 1784

(1) Edward Lister of Langthorn, Yorks., Esq. and his wife Jane formerly Hodshon Thomas Hodshon of Middleham, Yorks., gent.

(2) Robert Dunn of Yarm, Yorks., gent.

Lease by (1) to (2) for a year of all the above premises in Mordon, formerly leased to William Myres now in the occupation of James Clement, with the intention that a Release of five parts should be executed the following day between Edward and Jane Lister (1), Thomas Hodshon (2), Robert Dunn (3), Leonard Robinson (4), and William Chaytor (5).

Signed: (1) and (2). 4 seals.

[Lot 159]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.60 15 April 1784

(1) Edward Lister of Langthorn, Yorks., Esq. and his wife Jane, formerly Jane Hodshon

(2) Thomas Hodshon of Middleham, Yorks. gent. (he and the above Jane Lister being the only surviving children of William Hodshon of North Allerton, Yorks., gent. deceased by his wife Jane formerly Jane Willey also deceased)

(3) Robert Dunn of Yarm, Yorks., gent.

(4) Leonard Robinson of Stockton, Esq.

(5) William Chaytor of Spennithorn, Yorks., gent.

Deed to lead the uses of a Fine and Recovery in respect of the premises at Mordon comprised in the marriage settlement of William Hodshon and Jane Willey, 27 and 28 May 1755, whereby the premises are released by (1) and (2) to (3); part of them (viz.):

Ila High Field, Hackney Garth and the Nursery, to be held after the said Fine and Recovery to the use of (2) and the remainder to be held to the use of (1).

Signed and sealed: (1), (2) and (3).

[H]

Parchment 5mm.

ORD.61-62 16 April 1784

(1) Robert Dunn, gent., plaintiff

(2) Edward Lister and his wife Jane;

Thomas Hodshon, gent.;

deforciant

Left and Right Hand Indentures of Fine levied in the Court of Pleas at Durham whereby 1 messuage, 100 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow and 100 acres of pasture in Mordon are conveyed by (2) to (1) for 160 Marks.

[H]

1m. each

ORD.63 24 May 1784

- (1) Leonard Robinson, Esq., demandant
- (2) Robert Dunn, gent., tenant
- (3) Edward Lister Esq. and his wife Jane;
Thomas Hodshon gent.;
- 1st. Vouchees
- (4) Robert Wilkinson common vouchee.

Exemplification of a Recovery suffered in the Court of Pleas in Durham whereby one messuage, 100 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow and 100 acres of pasture in Mordon are conveyed by (2) and (3) to (1).

Papered seal on tag.

[Lot 159]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.64 18 March 1785

Conditions of sale of three closes in Mordon belonging to Thomas Hodshon (viz.): Ila High Field, the Hackney Garth and the Nursery; with memorandum of their purchase by Richard Wright Esq. for £300.

[Lot 159]

Paper 2ff.

ORD.65-66 18 and 19 April 1785

- (1) Thomas Hodshon of Middleham, gent.
- (2) Thomas Cust now of Gt. Smeaton gent. surviving trustee of William Hodshon
- (3) Richard Wright of Sedgefield, Esq.

Lease and Release by (2) at the request of (1) to (3) of three closes in Mordon (viz.): Ila High Field, the Hackney Garth and the Nursery.

Consideration: £300 paid by (3) to (1), and 10s. paid to (2).

Signed: (1) and (2). 2 seals.

[Lot 159]

Parchment 2 mm.

ORD.67 20 April 1785

Note from Mr. Bradley to (Richard) Wright approving the deeds of conveyance from (Thomas) Hodshon.

[Lot 159]

Paper 2ff.

Sedgefield

ORD.68 23 November 13 Charles I (1637)

- (1) Anne Hudson of Sedgefield, widow of Richard Hudson of Newcastle, labourer
- (2) John Young of Sedgefield, labourer.

Ann Hudson's House.

Bargain and sale by (1) to (2) of a house and garden in Sedgefield now in the occupation of (2);

the said premises being part of those sold by James I to William Howicke and Arthur Ingram Esq., 1 June 5 James I (1607), and to be held as of the manor of East Greenwich and not in chief nor by military service subject to a rent of 5 shillings.

Consideration: £:5.2.0d.

Mark and seal of (1).

[Lot 80]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.69.-74

Thomas Malham's House

ORD.69 18 February 17 Charles II (1665)

- (1) Thomas Malham of Sedgefield, husbandman
- (2) John Hodgshon and James Orde of Sedgefield

Bargain and sale by (1) to (2) of a firehouse and backside in Sedgefield bounding on Ralph Orde's on the east and Anne Humble's on the west, to be held of the chief lord of the fee subject to the customary rents and a rent of 4 shillings payable to the King.

Consideration not stated.

Mark and seal of (1).

[Lot 80]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.70 14 November 18 Charles II (1666)

- (1) James Ourde of Sedgefield, merchant
John Hodgson of Sedgefield, cordwainer
- (2) Lionel Ourd of Sedgefield, weaver

Bargain and sale by (1) to (2) of premises in Sedgefield to be held of the chief lord of the fee by customary rents and services (viz.):

2 adjoining mansion houses with a garth at the back bounding on a house belonging to Ralph Orde on the east and a tenement occupied by Anne Humble on the west.

Consideration: £5.

Signed: (1), seals missing.

[Lot 80]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.71 15 November 18 Charles II (1666)

- (1) Lionel Ourd of Sedgefield, weaver
- (2) John Hodgson of Sedgefield, cordwainer

Bargain and sale by (1) to (2) of a mansion house and half a garth in Sedgefield, at present occupied by (2), bounding on a mansion house belonging to James Ourd on the west and a tenement belonging to Ralph Ourd on the east; the said premises to be held of the chief lord of the fee subject to customary rents and services.

Consideration: £3.

Mark and seal of (1).

[Lot 250]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.72 17 November 18 Charles II (1666)

- (1) James Ourd of Sedgefield, merchant
- (2) Ralph Ourd of Swainston, yeoman

Mortgage by (1) to (2) of a mansion house and a moiety of a garth in Sedgefield, bounding on the mansion house and the remaining moiety of the garth belonging to John Hodshon on the east and a tenement belonging to Anne Humble on the west.

Consideration: £35 repayable by Martinmas 1668.

Signed and sealed: (1).

[Lot 80]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.73 16 July 22 Charles II (1670)

- (1) James Orde late of Sedgefield, yeoman
- (2) Ralph Orde of Swainston, yeoman

Bargain and sale by (1) to (2) of a mansion house in Sedgefield formerly belonging to Thomas Mallome bounding on a house and garth belonging to Anne Humble widow on the east (sic.), and a house and garth belonging to Elizabeth Hodgshon widow on the west (sic.).

Consideration: £55.

Signed and sealed: (1).

Endorsed with memorandum that John Gower attorned tenant to (2) for the said premises.

[Lot 80]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.74 10 November 1682

Letters granted at Durham appointing Ann Ourd, widow of Ralph Ourd of Swainston, guardian of their children Richard and Jane.

Papered seal on tag.

[Lot 80]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.75-83

John Gregson's house

ORD.75 2 March 23 Charles II (1671)

- (1) John Gregson of Sedgefield, innkeeper
- (2) Ralph Butler the elder of Fishburn, gent.
- William Mason of Sedgefield, yeoman

Mortgage by (1) to (2) of his dwelling house in Sedgefield to secure payment of £82 on 1 March 1675.

Consideration: £82.

Signed: (1). seal missing.

[Lot 250] (formerly 1)

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.76 26 December 36 Charles II (1684)

- (1) Ralph Butler of Fishburn, gent.
- (2) William Mason of Fishburn, gent.

Lease by (1) to (2) for one year of a moiety of a dwelling house and garth in Sedgefield.

Signed and sealed: (1).

[Lot 250]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.77-78 25 and 26 May 1 James II (1685)

- (1) William Mason of Fishburn, gent.
- (2) Robert Corneforth of the city of Durham, butcher,

Lease and Release by (1) to (2) of a dwelling house in Sedgefield formerly occupied by John Gregson and now in the possession of Walter Hannum, inn holder; the premises having been mortgaged by the said John Gregson to Ralph Butler the elder of Fishburn gent. and (1) 2 March 23 Charles II (1671), declared forfeit by the Chancery Court at Durham 24 September 1678 and conveyed to (1) by the said Ralph Butler 27 December 36 Charles II (1684).

Consideration: £120.

Both signed and sealed: (1).

[Lot 250] (formerly 4)

1m. each

ORD.79-80 14 and 15 August 2 William and Mary (1690)

- (1) Robert Corneforth of the city of Durham, butcher
- (2) Brian Harrison of Sedgefield, gent.

Lease and Release by (1) to (2) of a messuage in Sedgefield formerly belonging to John Gregson.

Consideration: £120.

Both signed and sealed: (1).

[Lot 250] (formerly 5)

1m. each.

ORD.81 15 August 1690

(1)'s Receipt for £120 paid by (2).

Signed and sealed: (1)

2ff.

ORD.82 15 August 1690

(1)'s Bond of £200 for the performance of covenants contained in a Release of the same date.

Signed and sealed: (1).

1m.

ORD.83 19 August 1690

(1)'s Bond of £200 for the performance of covenants contained in an Assignment of the same date.

Signed and sealed: (1).

1m.

ORD.84 4 October 7 George II (1733)

(1) John Hutchinson;

John Waugh;

querents

(2) James Dunn gent. and his wife Dorothy;

Thomas Smith and his wife Anne;

William White and his wife Mary;

George Mann, John Mann;

Thomas Lynn, William Lynn;

Thomas Rawling;

Peter Mangham (or Maugham) and his wife Elizabeth;

deforciant

Right Hand Indenture of Fine whereby a messuage and garth with one acre of land in Sedgefield is conveyed by (2) to (1) for 100 marks.

[Lot 250]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.85 13 May 1816

(1) [Ralph Forster], great grandson and heir at law of Ralph Cole of Sedgefield

(2) [John Lynn], gent., eldest son and heir of John Lynn of Bradbury gent.

(3) George, Viscount Barrington

(4) John Bowlby of the city of Durham, Esq.

Thomas Davison of Sedgefield

Deed of covenants for surrendering a copyhold estate in Sedgefield from (1) to (3).

The right hand sides of both membranes (approximately one quarter of the document) have been cut off.

[H]

2mm. damaged.

Miscellanea

ORD.86 2 May 1710

Letters of Administration granted at Durham to Magdalene Wilson of Thorneton, Yorks., widow, in respect of her husband Thomas Wilson formerly of Sedgefield.

Papered seal on tag

[Lot 250]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.87 19 July 20 George II (1746)

(1) George Hodgson of West Auckland, yeoman

(2) John Wardell of Ketton, gent.

Release by (1) to (2) of a water corn mill and a piece of ground called the Holmes in West Auckland, leased by the Bishop of Durham to (1) 8 April 1745 for a term of 3 lives; the said premises to stand as security for the payment by (1) of an annuity of £6 and several legacies totalling £260 charged on messuages and lands in Eppleby, Yorks., bequeathed to (1) by Thomas Forster of West Auckland, yeoman, deceased, three closes of which (viz.):

Longriggs, Thorneberry Close and the Ox Close, have been sold by (1) to (2) by Lease and Release dated 18 and 19 July 1746 for £240.

Consideration: 5s.

Signed and sealed: (1).

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Parchment 2 mm.

ORD.88 21 July 1748

(1) Spencer Cowper D.D., Dean, and the Chapter of Durham

(2) William Norton of Aycliffe, gent.

Licence by (1) to (2) to alienate part of the farmhold at Aycliffe, leased by (1) to (2) 3 August 21 George II (1747), to Francis Holmes of Darlington gent. (viz.):

Blythman's Pasture, Plashes and the Moores.

Seal on tag, in good condition.

[Lot 80]

Parchment 1 m.

ORD.89 22 November 1764

Letters of Probate in respect of the will of Robert Kirton, mariner on H.M. Ship Newcastle, granted at London to Ralph Ord attorney for Elizabeth Kirton of Sedgefield, widow.

Will dated 27 February 1756.

Papered seal on tag.

[Lot 80]

Parchment 2 mm.

ORD.90 1 December 1792

Copy of warrant to call out the militia in the county of Durham addressed to William Henry, Earl of Darlington, and Lieutenant of the county of Durham.

Sent, with covering letter dated 8 December 1792, by George Allan of Darlington to Ralph Ord Esq. of Sands near Sedgefield, one of the Deputy Lieutenants.

[Lot 80]

Paper 2ff.

ORD.91 July 1858

Letter from B. Ord junior to one of the trustees of the will of Revd. Ralph Ord, informing him that he has given the said trustee's name as a reference in an application for a mortgage to enable him to take a small grazing farm near Redcar when he reaches the age of 21 years in 3 weeks time, so that he may start earning his own living and cease to be a burden on his mother, whose income "is sufficiently crippled by the continual drain made on it by Papa and other branches of the family".

(Revd. Ralph Ord died 1814).

[Lot 80]

Paper 1f.

Estate Papers

ORD.92 30 August 1 George I (1714)

(1) Thomas Farrer of Bradbury, gent.

(2) John Thompson of Bradbury, yeoman

Renewal of lease by (1) to (2) of premises called the Great Pasture, the South Field, Swan Carr and Appleby's Carr, and lease of Bulmer's Carr; with covenants concerning husbandry, including a condition that (2) shall lay out £8 in building a milk house for which he will be allowed 50 shillings a year for 2 years after its completion;

and covenant that (1) will pay all taxes except tithes, cess for the poor, constable's rate "and other personall duty and service wch ye tennant ought to performe".

Term: 14 years from 25 March next for the pasture and from 3 May next for the meadow.

Rent: £59 and £5 for every acre converted to tillage over and above the 30 acres already in tillage and another 6 acres which is to be ploughed.

Mark and seal of (2); with note that (1) will pay the constable's rate.

Paper 1f.

[Lease of Swan Carr Farm by Robert Ord to John Thompson for 9 years at £70 p.a., 18 January 1743.

See ORD.17]

ORD.93 10 January 22 George II (1749)

(1) Robert Ord of Sands, gent.

(2) John Jackson of Isle, yeoman

Lease by (1) to (2) of a farm called the Sands:

excepting the dwelling house, stable and outbuildings, a little house recently erected on the south east of the dwelling house, the gardens, plantations, 1 acre of low ground partly planted with trees, a meadow close now in the possession of John Elstob and William Smith, and a close called the Cow Gap;

with covenants for husbandry including provisions for the conversion to tillage of 20 acres of Bradbury Moor in 1750 and 12 or 14 acres on the east side of the High Pasture in 1752 ;

and covenants that (2) will pay all national and parochial taxes except Royal Aid or Land Tax, and that (1) will build a new dwelling house for (2) with 4 rooms, milk house and other offices, and provide him with other accommodation until it is built.

Term: 9 years from 25 March and 1 May next for the pasture and meadow respectively.

Rent: £134 for the first 5 years, £132 for the remaining 4 years, and £5 for every acre converted to tillage without (1)'s consent, but with an allowance of £2 in the year Bradbury Moor is ploughed, and covenant that (1) will pay the tithes to the Rector of Sedgefield for the first year of the lease.

Signed and sealed: (1) and (2).

Paper 2ff.

ORD.94 25 October 1751

Agreement for the lease of Swancar House Farm, excluding Bowmer Carr and part of an adjoining carr to be divided by a new hedge, by Robert Ord to John Addison; with conditions of husbandry.

Signed: Robert Ord Mark of John Addison.

Paper 1f.

ORD.95 20 April 25 George II (1752)

(1) Robert Ord of Sands, gent.

(2) John Addison, near Foxton, yeoman

Lease by (1) to (2) of Swancarr House Farm in Bradbury now in the possession of John Thompson, excepting Bowmer Carr and the adjoining field (now divided by a new hedge), and all mines and quarries;

with covenants for husbandry including provision for the conversion to tillage of the Old Swarth in the South Field, Appleby's Carr and Swan Carr; and a covenant that (2) will pay all taxes except Land Tax.

Term: 9 years from 25 March last for the arable and pasture, and from 1 May next for the houses and remaining premises.

Rent: £80 and £5 for every acre converted to tillage without (1)'s consent.

Signed and sealed: (1). Mark and seal of (2).

Scheme of husbandry added at the end.

Signed: (1). Mark of (2).

Paper 2ff.

ORD.96 4 February 1758

(1) Robert Ord

(2) John Colling

Agreement for the lease by (1) to (2) of a farm in Bradbury called Ridings formerly occupied by Robert Pace;

with covenants for husbandry including a condition that (2) should keep only cows or horned cattle and not sheep;

and covenant that (1) will build a dwelling house of 2 rooms for (2), a milk house and a bier for 4 cows.

Term: 6 years from 1 May next.

Rent: £33; (2) to pay all taxes except Land Tax.

Signed: (1) and (2).

Paper 1f.

ORD.97 25 September 1761

(1) Robert Ord

(2) John Blenkinsop

Agreement for the lease by (1) to (2) of a farm in Bradbury called Ridings at present occupied by John Collins;

with conditions of husbandry including provision for the conversion of the east pasture to tillage, for which (1) will allow (2) 10 shillings and 6 pence per acre and £9 for the turnips which (1) will sow and use for his own cattle in the first year:

the field to be farmed according to the terms specified in the lease thereafter.

Term: 6 years from 1 May next.

Rent: £34; (2) to pay all taxes and cesses except Land Tax.

Signed and sealed by William Todd and William Elstob (on behalf of Ralph Ord, (1)'s son and heir, (1) having died before the Agreement was signed) and (2).

Paper 2ff.

ORD.98 2 October 1 George III (1761)

- (1) William Todd of Butterwick, yeoman
William Elstob of Sedgefield, mason
(trustees of Robert Ord of Sands, gent. deceased)
- (2) John Addison of Swan Carr, yeoman.

Renewal of lease by (1) to (2) of Swan Carr House Farm, excepting Bowmer Carr, the adjoining field of 7 acres (now divided by a hedge) and all mines and quarries, with scheme of husbandry;

including covenants by (1) to allow half the cost of lime to be laid on fallow ground, to dress and scour hedges where young quicks have been or will be planted by (1) until they become sufficient fences, to build two new bridges into the Carrs part of the farm in the second year of the lease, to put the premises in good repair, to repair the barn floor and build thereon a swine house and a hen house and to set up a pair of iron bars in the kitchen.

Term: 9 years from 25 March last (Old Style) for the arable and pasture, and from 1 May last (Old Style) for the houses, meadow and other premises.

Rent: £82, and £5 for every acre converted to tillage without (1)'s consent;

(2) to pay all taxes except Land Tax.

Signed: (1). Mark of (2). 3 seals.

Paper 2ff.

ORD.99 15 November 1762

- (1) Ralph Ord
- (2) Mary Cowper and George Cowper, executors of John Cowper deceased.

Agreement between (1) and (2) on the death of John Cowper before the expiry of his lease of Sands Farm, whereby the New Corn Field, the West Bog Field and the Car (comprising 37 acres in all) are to be surrendered to (1) ploughed and ready for sowing, and (2) will leave the farm next May day; the other terms of the lease to remain unaltered.

Signed: (1) and (2).

Paper 1f.

ORD.100 7 November 7 George III (1766)

- (1) Richard Wright of Sedgefield, Esq.
- (2) John Martindale of Bradbury, yeoman

Renewal of lease by (1) to (2) of the dwelling house and premises at present occupied by (2);

with covenants for a scheme of husbandry including provision for the conversion to tillage of the south side of Farr Pasture in the first year; covenant by (2) to lead 3 cartloads of Auckland coals to (1)'s house at Sedgefield at his own expense every year, (1) paying the price of the coals at the pit;

and covenants by (1) to build a cow house on the west side of the Fold garth and to rebuild the hen house, swine house and calf house on the east side.

Term: 9 years from 5 April next for the tillage and from 12 May next for the dwelling house and other premises.

Rent: £120, and £5 for every acre converted to tillage other than that agreed to in the lease; (2) to pay all tithes and taxes except Land Tax.

Signed and sealed: (1) and (2).

Paper 2ff.

ORD.101 4 March 7 George III (1767)

- (1) Richard Wright of Sedgefield, Esq.
- (2) Michael Foster of Sedgefield, butcher

Renewal of lease by (1) to (2) of a field in Sedgefield called Pedcar;
with permission to convert it to tillage in the first year and scheme of husbandry.

Term: 12 years.

Rent: £17; (2) to pay all tithes and taxes, including Land Tax.

Signed and sealed: (1) and (2).

Paper 2ff.

[Lease of Sands Farm by Ralph Ord to William Richmond for 9 years at £190, 8 October 1768.

See ORD.21]

ORD.102 18 January 12 George III (1772)

- (1) Richard Wright of Sedgefield, Esq.
- (2) William Appleton of Haverton Hill, Billingham, yeoman.

Lease by (1) to (2) of a farm in the parish of Norton at present occupied by Nicholas Chapman;

with covenants and scheme of husbandry including provision for the conversion to tillage of the New Laid Field;

and covenant by (1) to allow £1 of the £:3's worth of manure (2) is to buy and spread each year.

Term: 6 years from 5 April next.

Rents for each year in succession: £28, £28.1s., £27.19s., £28, £28.1s., £27.19s.

Signed: (1) and (2).

Paper 2ff.

ORD.103 1773

Valuations of lands belonging to Richard Wright including:

farms leased to Francis Walker, John Martindale, James Davison and John Mewer, Butterwick Bridge Farm, the Norton land, the Sedgefield land, and land in his own hands.

Gives names of fields, acreages, and values.

Paper 2ff.

ORD.104 27 February 1775

- (1) Ralph Ord of Sands, Esq.
- (2) Richard Dickon of Bishop Middleham, yeoman

Lease by (1) to (2) of Ridings Farm in Bradbury, now in the occupation of Barbara Blenkinsop widow, excepting one plantation of trees adjoining the dwelling house and reserving to (1) the right to plant trees;

with covenants and scheme of husbandry.

Term: 9 years from 4 April for the tillage and from 12 May for the rest.

Rent: £35 and £5 for every acre converted to tillage other than that agreed to in the lease; (2) to pay all taxes and assessments except Land Tax.

Signed and sealed: (1) and (2).

Paper 2ff.

ORD.105 [late 1770s]

Notes relating to a lease to R. Dickon covering the years 1775, 1776 and 1777.

Found with ORD.118.

1 piece.

ORD.106 1 December 1775

(1) Richard Wright of Sedgefield, Esq.

(2) John Martindale of Bradbury, yeoman

Renewal of lease by (1) to (2) of the dwelling house and premises at present farmed by (2) with covenants and scheme of husbandry;

and covenant by (2) to lead 3 cartloads of Auckland coals to (1)'s house at Sedgefield at his own expense every year, (1) paying the price of the coals at the pit.

Term: 9 years from 2 February next for the tillage, from 5 April for the pasture and from 14 May for the house.

Rent: £140, and £5 for every acre converted to tillage other than that agreed to in the lease; (2) to pay all tithes, taxes and assessments other than Land Tax.

Signed and sealed: (1) and (2).

Paper 2ff.

ORD.107 1 January 1778

(1) Ralph Ord of Sands, Esq.

(2) William Jeckell of Bradbury, yeoman.

Lease by (1) to (2) of Isle Farm in Bradbury, at present occupied by John Harper, with the exception of two plantations of trees, and two fields at Sands called Back Field and Darlington Lane Field;

with covenants and scheme of husbandry.

Term: 9 years from 5 April next for the tillage and the 2 fields at Sands, and from 12 May for the remainder.

Rent: £144 and £5 for every acre converted to tillage other than that agreed to in the lease; (2) to pay all taxes and assessments other than Land Tax.

Signed and sealed: (1) and (2).

Paper 2ff.

ORD.108 8 February 1780

Letter from C. Jenkinson of the War Office to Ralph Ord concerning his complaint about the conduct of Captain Chaloner in Lord Fauconberg's Regiment, and promising an enquiry.

Paper 2ff.

ORD.109 30 October 1786

(1) Richard Wright

(2) Stephen Thompson

Agreement for the lease by (1) to (2) of a meadow close in Sedgefield excepting the corner adjoining Valentine Laws;

with conditions of husbandry.

Term: 6 years from May day 1787.

Rent: £8 and £5 for every acre converted to tillage; (2) to pay all taxes including Land Tax.

Signed: (1). Mark of (2).

Paper 1f.

ORD.110 [1787?]

Scheme of husbandry for Isle Farm, 1787-1795; with memorandum of the lease of Isle Farm to William Jeckell for 9 years from May day 1787 for £100 a year.

1 piece.

ORD.111 [1787-1790]

Notes relating to husbandry from 1787 to 1790 in respect of fields called Cow pasture, Great Fullage, Long Field and South Field (part of Isle Farm).

1 piece.

ORD.112 1 February 1788

(1) Richard Wright of Sedgefield, Esq.

(2) Francis Walker of Bradbury, yeoman

Renewal of lease by (1) to (2) of a farm in Bradbury with covenants and scheme of husbandry;

including a covenant by (2) to lead 3 cartloads of coals from Etherley or Auckland pits to (1)'s house at Sedgefield each year at his own expense except for the prime cost at the pit.

Term: 3 years from 12 February for the tillage, from 5 April for the pasture and from 12 May for the meadow, dwellings and other buildings.

Rent: £215, and £5 for every acre converted to tillage; (2) to pay all cesses and taxes except Land Tax.

Signed and sealed: (1) and (2).

Paper 2ff.

ORD.113 [1789?]

Scheme of husbandry for Cow Burn Farm (Fishburn), 1789-1795 ; with memorandum of lease, 6 March 1789.

1 piece.

ORD.114 [1790s]

Scheme of husbandry for John Martindale, Bradbury, 1790-1799.

1 piece.

ORD.115 18 November 1791

(1) John Lynn of Sedgefield, gent.

(2) William Jekyll the younger of Bradbury, yeoman

Renewal of lease by (1) to (2) of a dwelling house in Bradbury and 108 acres of land belonging thereto;

with covenants and scheme of husbandry.

Term: 9 years, from 19 February next for the tillage, from 4 April for the pasture, and from 13 May for the residue.

Rent: £70, and £10 for every acre converted to tillage other than that agreed in the lease; (2) to pay all taxes assessments and impositions.

Signed and sealed: (1) and (2).

Paper 2ff.

ORD.116 27 January 1792

(1) Ralph Ord of Sands, Esq.

(2) Henry Berry of Sedgefield, malster and common brewer

Lease by (1) to (2) of premises in Sedgefield at present occupied by Nathaniel Harrison (viz.):

3 fields in grass called High Fields and Wharrington's Close, 2 fields in tillage known as North and South Butterwick Moors together with a 4 stalled stable (except for the granary above);

with covenants and scheme of husbandry.

Term: 6 years from 2 February for the tillage, 5 April for the pasture and from 12 May for the stable and Wharrington Close.

Rent: £67.10s., and £5 for every acre converted to tillage other than that agreed in the lease.; (2) to pay all taxes except outrents due to the Bishop of Durham.

Signed and sealed: (1) and (2).

Also:

Memorandum of the lease by (1) to (2) of a dwelling house called Eastwell House, with cow bier, coal house, 2 gardens, use of granary, barn, stackyard and foldyard.

Term: 6 years.

Rent: £7; (1) to pay Land Tax, Window Cess and all other cesses and taxes.

Signed and sealed: (1) and (2).

Paper 1f.

ORD.117 1800

Valuation of 3 farms in Fishburn: Butterwick Bridge Farm, Horseshoe House Farm, and Cowburn Farm.

Paper 1f.

ORD.118 19 April 1806

(1) Ralph Ord of Sands, Esq.

(2) Thomas Wood of Tudhoe, yeoman

Lease by (1) to (2) of a farm in Bradbury at present occupied by Christopher Addison; with covenants and scheme of husbandry.

Term: 6 years from 2 February last for the tillage, from 5 April instant for the pasture and from 12 May next for the residue.

Rent: £225, and £20 for every acre converted to tillage other than agreed in the lease; (2) to pay all parliamentary and parochial taxes except Land Tax.

Signed and sealed: (1) and (2).

Enclosure: see No. 105.

Paper 2ff.

ORD.119 11 March 1842

Valuation of a farm in Bradbury late in the occupation of Mr. Hixon deceased (once Francis Walker's farm). Signed: John Turner.

Paper 2ff.

ORD.120 September 1843

Valuation of Bonlea Farm in Thornaby, Yorks., belonging to Revd. Ralph Ord, and to be let in 4 lots; with plan, proposals for drainage and schemes of husbandry for 7 years.

Signed: Anthony Reed.

Paper 2ff.

ORD.121-122 [18th century]

2 Recipes for drinks for cows.

1 piece each

ORD.123-124 24 November 1721 and 14 June 1723

2 Bills for Blacksmith's work done by William Hodgson for Mrs. Dalston.

1f. each (No. 124 badly damaged).

ORD.125-126 1774-1779

Haymaking and Harvest Accounts (for land kept in Ralph Ord's own hands?), 1774-1779.

Gives number of people employed in each field and rates of pay.

1 piece each

ORD.127-128 1774-1778

Accounts of days spent fallowing, ploughing, harrowing etc. and amounts of manure, lime and seeds used (on lands kept in Ralph Ord's own hands?), December 1774 - October 1778. Occasionally give rates of pay.

Paper 2ff. each

ORD.129-131 1778-1792

3 blacksmith's bills for work done by John Dowthwaite for Ralph Ord: 9 April - 6 November 1778 ; 10 January - 10 July 1788 ; 10 April - 29 June 1792.

Paper 2ff. each

ORD.132 [18th century]

Instructions for making a new nursery for young trees (Firs, Pines, Limes and Planes) near Ruff Nook, and for clearing the South Bog Nursery of Ash trees to be replaced by Poplars and Willows, expressing the hope that Swancar and Isle Farms "may make some figure in the planting way".

Paper 2ff.

ORD.133 [18th century]

Notes on Turnips in Norfolk.

1 piece.

ORD.134 [1760-1773?]

Farm Book:

Part 1. Material relating to lands of the Ord family:

list of names (tenants in 1760's?);
 accounts for making bricks on the moor and a cowhouse for 6 cows;
 costs for individual fields, 1769-1773 (includes costs of seeds, labour and harvest expenses).

Pages probably describing holdings of tenants cut out.

Part 2. General notes on farming practice:

directions for creating a wood or coppice;
 sowing Saintfoin;
 the practice of setting wheat in Norfolk;
 method of cultivating carrots in the sands of Suffolk;
 the most profitable way of cropping land in Hertfordshire, Suffolk and Norfolk;
 charges for several kinds of work in the southern counties, quantity of seed sown etc.;
 laying drains;
 laying down land to grass;
 calculations and a comparison of lands at 5/- an acre and lands at 20/- an acre with respect to profit;
 farms to suit a person who is master of £150-£200, with an appropriate calendar for the year's work;
 calendar of the year's work on a farm of 50 acres all arable;
 the culture of cabbages.

1 Volume

ORD.134/1-2 [1760-1773?]

Enclosures:

Drawings of a sowing machine and other implements.

1 piece each

ORD.134/3 6 March 1786

Drawing showing how to prevent or cure smoky chimneys, Shotton.

1 piece

ORD.135-141

ORD.135 18 March - 8 May 1779

Farming diary for the lands farmed by Ralph Ord. Daily record of work done by each labourer: men's work and women's work recorded separately, occasionally noting bad weather such as frost, snow and rain; with some additional material mainly relating to crops and wood.

Binding: Home-made notebook: sheets of paper sewn together and covered with a stronger paper bearing signs of having been used as wrapping paper for a parcel or package.

ORD.136 17 May - 11 December 1779

Farming diary for the lands farmed by Ralph Ord. Daily record of work done by each labourer: in one account comprising both men's and women's work, occasionally noting bad weather such as frost, snow and rain; with some additional material mainly relating to crops and wood.

Binding: Home-made notebook: sheets of paper sewn together and covered with a stronger paper bearing signs of having been used as wrapping paper for a parcel or package.

ORD.137 2 January - 31 December 1782

Farming diary for the lands farmed by Ralph Ord, occasionally noting bad weather such as frost, snow and rain; with some additional material mainly relating to crops and wood. Includes a memorandum of the places, and sorts of potatoes set in 1782.

Binding: Home-made notebook: sheets of paper sewn together and covered with a stronger paper bearing signs of having been used as wrapping paper for a parcel or package.

ORD.138 1 January 1784 - 31 December 1785

Farming diary for the lands farmed by Ralph Ord. Includes notes on the weather during the winter months, and memoranda relating to potatoes in South Appleby Close in 1784, wood at Sands, corn in the stackgarth, peas on the Hummels, statute duty at Bradbury Highways, lime, and sows pigged since 12 May 1784. This notebook was originally used to keep an account of expenditure on provisions, wages and repairs during voyages along the North East Coast from Stockton as far as Leith, 12 September 1720 - 10 November 1721.

Binding: Home-made notebook: sheets of paper sewn together and covered with a stronger paper bearing signs of having been used as wrapping paper for a parcel or package.

ORD.139 2 January 1786 - 31 December 1787

Farming diary for the lands farmed by Ralph Ord. Includes notes on the weather in the winter months and memorandum relating to Ash wood 1786.

Binding: Home-made notebook: sheets of paper sewn together and covered with a stronger paper bearing signs of having been used as wrapping paper for a parcel or package.

ORD.140 2 January 1790 - 31 December 1791

Farming diary for the lands farmed by Ralph Ord, occasionally noting bad weather such as frost, snow and rain; with some additional material mainly relating to crops and wood.

Binding: Home-made notebook: sheets of paper sewn together and covered with a stronger paper bearing signs of having been used as wrapping paper for a parcel or package.

1 v.; 2 pages.

ORD.141 2 January 1792 - 31 May 1798

Farming diary for the lands farmed by Ralph Ord, occasionally noting bad weather such as frost, snow and rain; with some additional material mainly relating to crops and wood.

Binding: Home-made notebook: sheets of paper sewn together and covered with a stronger paper bearing signs of having been used as wrapping paper for a parcel or package.