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## Preface

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## Introduction

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## Hedley Deeds

HED.1-2 2 and 3 November 3 James II [1687]

(1) Sir Ralph Cole of Brancepeth Castle, Bart.

(2) John Madgin of Bedburn Park, gent.

Lease and Release by (1) to (2) of premises in Hedley as security for the payments by (1) to (2) of £40 a year for 7 years as specified in 7 Bonds for £80 each dated 1 November 1687; the said premises being:

all (1)'s messuages in Hedley together with closes called Ewe Close, Allinsons Field, Upper Field, Low Field, Broom Close, Birk Close, Ling Closes, 2 closes called the Woods, the 9 riggs, the Corn Field, the Broom Hills, Haser and the Corn Fields, all in the occupation of Humphrey Richardson and Thomas Hedley.

Both signed and sealed (1).

1 membrane each.

HED.3 12 June 5 William and Mary [1693]

(1) Sir Ralph Cole of Brancepeth Castle, Bart.

Nicholas Cole of West Auckland Esq.

(2) John Pickering the elder of Stanley, yeoman.

Lease by (1) to (2) of messuages and closes in Hedley or Hedley Hill (see above numbers 1 and 2), part of the manor of Brancepeth.

Term: 99 years.

Consideration not stated.

No rent stated.

Signed and sealed (1).

Parchment 1 m.

HED.4 13 June 5 William and Mary [1693].

(1) Sir Ralph Cole of Brancepeth Castle, Bart.

(2) John Pickering the elder of Stanley, yeoman.

Assignment by (1) to (2) of premises in Hedley (see above number 1 and 2) for the remainder of a term of 99 years created by a lease of the said premises by James I to Sir Francis Bacon and others 10 January 14 James I [1617].

Consideration: £535.

Signed and sealed (1).

Parchment 1 m.

HED.5-6 14 and 15 June 5 William and Mary [1693]

(1) Sir Ralph Cole of Brancepeth Castle, Bart and his wife Dame Katharine.

Nicholas Cole of West Auckland Esq. and his wife Elizabeth.

John Madgin of White Kirtle house, Stanhope, yeoman (eldest son and heir of John Madgin of Bedburn Park, gent. deceased)

(2) John Pickering the younger of Stanley, yeoman.

Lease and Release by (1) to (2) of premises in Hedley (as above 1 and 2) to hold of the chief lord of the fee by an ancient crown rent of 40/-.

Consideration: £535, of which £450 is paid by (2) to Sir Ralph Cole and his wife, and £85 is paid by (2) to John Madgin in discharge of Sir Ralph Cole's debt.

Both signed and sealed (1), except for Elizabeth Cole.

1 membrane each.

HED.7 15 June 5 William and Mary [1693]

(1) Sir Ralph Cole of Brancepeth Castle, Bart.

(2) John Pickering the younger of Stanley, yeoman.

Bond by (1) to (2) in the sum of £1,070; conditioned for the performance by (1) of covenants contained in a Release of the same date.

Signed and sealed (1).

Parchment 1 m.

HED.8-9 10 July 5 William and Mary [1693]

(1) John Pickering, junior, querent.

(2) Sir Ralph Cole and his wife Katharine;

Nicholas Cole Esq.;

John Madgin;

deforciant.

Right and Left Hand Indentures of Fine levied in the Court of Pleas at Durham whereby one messuage, two cottages, three barns, 20 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture and common of pasture for all cattle in Hedley and Hedley Hill are conveyed by (2) to (1) for 100 marks.

1 membrane each.

HED.10-11 28 and 29 January 1 George I [1715]

(1) John Pickering of Hedley Hill, yeoman.

(2) Robert Smith of Durham City, alderman.

Ralph Ornsby of Lanchester, yeoman

(3) Thomas Kirkley of Hedley Hill, yeoman, and his wife Anne (eldest daughter of (1))

(4) Elizabeth Pickering, spinster, 2nd daughter of (1)

Lease and Release by (1) to (2) of premises in Hedley (see above 1 and 2) now in the occupation of (3), to be held in trust for Anne Kirkley and her issue subject to the payment of £18 a year to (1) and his wife or the longest liver of them, and to the payment of £140 to (4) on 2 February 1720/1.

Lease signed and sealed (1).

Release signed (1) and (3), four seals.

1 membrane each.

HED.12 2 August 7 [sic] George I 1721

(1) Thomas Bowes of Bradley, Wolsingham, gent. and his wife Elizabeth.

(2) Thomas Kirkley of Hedley Hill, gent. and his wife Anne.

Release and Quitclaim by (1) to (2) in respect of £140 due to Elizabeth Bowes, daughter of John Pickering according to the terms of the Settlement dated 29 January 1714/15.

Consideration: £140.

Signed and sealed (1).

Parchment 1 m.

HED.13 14 January 1731/32

Probate granted at Durham to Anne Kirkley in respect of the will of her husband Thomas Kirkley, deceased; copy of the will attached.

Will dated 22 May 1727.

Seal: Papered.

1 membrane each.

HED.14 19 December 31 George II [1757]

(1) Ann Gregory of Framwellgate in or near Durham City, widow of Thomas Kirkley of Hedley Hill, yeoman, deceased.

(2) John Fawcett the younger of St Mary le Bow, Durham City, gent.

Lease for one year by (1) to (2) of premises in Hedley (see 1 and 2 above).

Signed and sealed (1).

Parchment 1 m.

HED.15 20 December 31 George II [1757]

(1) Ann Gregory of Framwellgate, Durham City, widow of Thomas Kirkley, deceased.

(2) John Fawcett the younger of St Mary le Bow, Durham City, gent.

(3) Abraham Gregory of St Mary le Bow, clerk.

Release of the above premises by (1) to (2) with covenant that (3) will start proceedings for a Common Recovery in order to break the entail so that the said premises may be vested in (1).

Consideration: 10s.

Signed (1).

Parchment 1 m.

HED.16 3 February 31 George II [1758]

(1) Abraham Gregory, clerk, demandant.

(2) John Fawcett the younger, defendant.

(3) Ann Gregory, widow, vouchee.

(4) Stephen Blades, common vouchee.

Exemplification of a Recovery suffered in the Court of Pleas in Durham whereby 3 messuages, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 100 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture and common of pasture for all cattle in Hedley or Hedley Hill are conveyed by (2) to (1).

Part of seal survives.

Parchment 1 m.

HED.17 13 February 1776

Copy of the will of Ann Gregory of Framwellgate, Durham City, widow; with note that the will was proved 25 September 1778.

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HED.18 25 September 1778

Probate granted at Durham to John Potts, surgeon and John Robson, clerk, in respect of the will of Ann Gregory, widow; copy of will attached.

Papered seal.

1 membrane each.



HED.19 8 August 1780

- (1) Revd. John Robson of Crossage, Durham City, clerk;  
John Potts of the city of Durham, surgeon;  
(Joint executors of the will of Ann Gregory)
- (2) Thomas Crondace of Lambton, gent.

Lease for 1 year by (1) to (2) of messuages and lands in Hedley and Hedley Hill formerly belonging to Ann Gregory.

Consideration: 5s.

Signed and sealed (1).

Parchment 1 m.

HED.20 9 August 1780

- (1) George Pattinson of Sacriston, yeoman, and his wife Mary, one of the daughters of Ann Gregory, deceased.
- (2) Elizabeth Gregory of Sacriston, spinster, another daughter of Ann Gregory, deceased.
- (3) Revd. John Robson of Crossgate, Durham City, clerk;  
John Potts of Durham City, surgeon;  
(Joint executors of Ann Gregory, deceased).
- (4) Thomas Crondace of Lambton, gent.

Mortgage by (1), (2) and (3) to (4) of premises in Hedley in pursuance of the terms of the will of Ann Gregory deceased (viz.):

to raise the sums of £120 and interest due to (1) on a mortgage by Ann Gregory to Mary Gregory, now wife of George Pattinson, dated 10 October 1772, and to pay legacies of £10 each to Mary Pattinson and (2); the said premises being: freehold lands at Hedley and Hedley Hill formerly belonging to Ann Gregory and 31 acres 3 roods of land enclosed from Cornsay Fell and leased for 1,000 years from 11 November 11 George I [1724] by William Bellasyse of Brancepeth Castle Esq. to Thomas Kirkley, deceased, former husband of Ann Gregory.

Consideration: £130 paid by (4) to (1).

£10 paid by (4) to (2).

£30 paid by (4) to (3).

Signed and sealed by all parties.

3 membranes.

## HED.21 20 February 22 George III [1782]

(1) Elizabeth Shout of Sunderland, widow, residuary legatee in the will of Ann Gregory, widow, deceased.

(2) John Robson of Crossgate, Durham City, clerk;  
John Potts of Durham City, surgeon;

(Executors of the will of the said Ann Gregory).

(3) Hendry Hopper of the North Bailey, Durham City, gent.

Mortgage by (1) to (3) of her interest in the estate of her grandmother Ann Gregory deceased (viz):

an annuity of £10 a year and an equal share in the property at Hedley with the surviving grandchildren of the said Ann Gregory after the death of their father John Kirkley, son of Ann Gregory by her former husband Thomas Kirkley.

Consideration: £100.

Signed and sealed (1) and (2).

Parchment 2 mm.

## HED.22 29 November 1782

(1) John Robson of Crossgate, Durham City, clerk;

John Potts of Durham City, surgeon;

(Joint executors of the will of Ann Gregory deceased).

Thomas Crondace of Lambton, gent.

(2) Jane Potts, Elizabeth Potts and Mary Potts, of Claypath, Durham City, spinsters.

Lease for one year by (1) to (2) of freehold lands in Hedley and Hedley Hill formerly belonging to Ann Gregory.

Consideration: 5s.

Signed and sealed (1).

Parchment 1 m.

## HED.23 12 April 1783

(1) Thomas Watson of Sunderland, sailmaker, and his wife Elizabeth, widow of James Shout of Sunderland, engineer, one of the grandchildren and residuary legatees of Ann Gregory deceased.

(2) John Apedaile of Wolsingham, surgeon, and his wife Isabella, one of the grandchildren and residuary legatees of Ann Gregory deceased.

(3) Hendry Hopper of the North Bailey, Durham City, gent.

(4) John Robson of Crossgate, Durham City, clerk;

John Potts of Durham City, surgeon;

(Joint executors of the will of Ann Gregory).

(5) George Pearson of Durham City gent.

Bargain and sale by (1) and (2) to (5) with the consent of (3) and (4) of their interest and shares in the property at Hedley due to them after the death of John Kirkley according to the terms of the will of Ann Gregory.

Consideration: £50 paid by (5) to (2), part of £190 purchase money agreed for (2)'s interest.

£5 paid by (5) to (1), £105. 14s. paid by (5) to (3), being part of £190 purchase money agreed for (1)'s interest.

Signed and sealed (1), (2), (3) and (4).

4 membranes.

HED.24 11 March 1785

(1) William Kirkley of Durham City, Lieutenant in the Royal Navy, one of the grandchildren and residuary legatees of Ann Gregory.

(2) John Robson of Crossgate, Durham City, clerk;  
John Potts of Durham City, surgeon;  
(Executors of the will of Ann Gregory).

(3) George Pearson of Durham City, Esq.

Bargain and sale by (1) to (3) of his seventh share in property at Hedley due to him after the death of his father John Kirkley, according to the terms of the will of Ann Gregory.

Consideration: £170 paid by (3) to (1).

Signed and sealed (1) and (2).

Parchment 1 m.

HED.25 6 November 1788

(1) John Lofthouse of the city of Durham chemist and druggist and his wife Martha.

(2) Henry Barrett of Durham City, officer of excise.

Lease by (1) to (2) for one year of one seventh part in the messuage and lands at Hedley or Hedley Hill due to them after the death of John Kirkley, according to the terms of the will of Ann Gregory.

Signed: (1).

Parchment 1 m.

HED.26 7 November 1788

(1) John Lofthouse of the city of Durham, chemist and druggist and his wife Martha, one of the grandchildren and legatees of Ann Gregory.

(2) Henry Barrett of Durham City, officer of excise.

Mortgage by (1) to (2) of their seventh part in the property at Hedley or Hedley Hill according to the terms of the will of Ann Gregory.

Consideration: £150.

Signed and sealed by both parties.

Parchment 2 mm.

HED.27 17 November 1788

(1) Henry Lofthouse of Carlisle, chemist and druggist, and his wife Ann Pickering.

(2) Malcolm Curry of Durham City, shopkeeper.

Lease by (1) to (2) for one year of their seventh share in the messuage at Hedley due to them according to the terms of the will of Ann Gregory.

Signed and sealed (1).

Parchment 1 m.

HED.28-29 12 December 29 George III [1788]

(1) Malcolm Curry, plaintiff.

(2) Henry Lofthouse and his wife Ann Pickering, deforciant.

Right and Left Hand Indentures of Fine levied in the Court of Pleas at Durham whereby one seventh part of 4 messuages, 100 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 200 acres of moor and common of pasture for all animals in the parish of Lanchester are conveyed by (2) to (1) for 100 marks.

1 membrane each.

HED.30 21 November 1792

- (1) George Pearson of Durham City, Esq.  
 Revd. John Robson of Crossgate, Durham City, clerk;  
 John Potts of Durham City, surgeon and apothecary;  
 (The last two being executors of the will of Ann Gregory).  
 Jane Potts, Elizabeth Potts and Mary Potts, all of Claypath, spinsters.  
 Henry Barrett of Durham City, officer of excise.  
 Malcolm Curry of New Elvet, Durham City, shopkeeper.  
 (2) George Wood of Durham City, Esq.

Lease by (1) to (2) for one year of a messuage or dwelling house and farm at and called Hedley or Hedley Hill in the parish of Lanchester, together with 217 acres of freehold land.

Signed and sealed (1).

Parchment 1 m.

HED.31 10 May 1793

- (1) John Lofthouse of Durham City, chemist and druggist.  
 George Wood of Durham City, Esq.  
 (2) Elizabeth Andrews of Hallgarth Street, Durham City, widow of John Andrews Esq. deceased.  
 Christopher Fawcett of Newcastle upon Tyne, Esq.;  
 Revd. John Bright of Grafton's Kings, Northamptonshire, clerk, M.A.;  
 (Executors of the will of John Andrews).

Lease by (1) to (2) for one year of a messuage or dwelling house and farm at and called Hedley or Hedley Hill together with 217 acres of freehold land and tithes of hay, calf, lamb and wool.

Signed and sealed (1).

Parchment 1 m.

HED.32 12 May 1800

- (1) John Lofthouse of Durham City, chemist and druggist.  
 Sarah Andrews, spinster, one of the five daughters and residuary legatees of John Andrews of Hallgarth Street, Durham, Esq. deceased.  
 Thomas Smith of Plawsworth, yeoman.  
 Henry Stoker of Framwellgate, Durham City, blacksmith.  
 Elizabeth Andrews of Old Elvet, widow of John Andrews;  
 Revd. John Bright of Grafton Kings, Northamptonshire, M.A.;  
 (the last two being the surviving executors of John Andrews).  
 (2) Ralph Pickering of Hedley Hope West House, yeoman.

Lease by (1) to (2) for one year of a dwelling house and farm at and called Hedley or Hedley Hill with 217 acres of freehold land, tithes of hay, calf, lamb and wool, and the adjoining 31 acres and 3 roods of leasehold closes on Cornsay Fell.

Consideration: 5s.

Signed and sealed (1).

Parchment 1 m.

HED.33 8 December 1829

Probate of the will of Robert Smith of Stainton, farmer, granted at Durham to his sisters Anne Brownless wife of Henry Brownless and Elizabeth Wilson, wife of John Wilson.

Copy of will dated 22 November 1828 attached.

Papered seal.

Parchment 1 m.