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Introduction

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Contents

Deeds and papers relating to the families of Dowthwaite, Bunny and Bacon and their estates at Westholm & Newsham, Winston parish, Co. Durham and Horton Grange, Northumberland. The families of Browne, Tonge, Dawson and Blackett also figure together with land at Tedcastle and Deans, and tithes at Horton Grange, Northumberland, land at Whorleton, Middridge and Seaton Carew in Co. Durham, and Chancery proceedings for foreclosure at Winston.

The families

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Arranged by property, and then in chronological order.

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Documents relating to the affairs of the Dowthwaite family of Westholme, Winston Parish, Co. Durham, 1601-1692

1 28 November 1601
Deed of Feoffment.
Ralph Bowes of Barnes, Co. Durham and Joan his wife, daughter of William Headlame of Winthrop Yorks, to John Dowthwaite and his heirs in perpetuity - the capital messuage of Wheikstholme or Westholme and its appurtenances (Little Bellamy and East Jeem Leaze).
Bowes appoints as his attorneys Ambrose Launcastern of Headlame and George Hutton to enter the premises and remove whatever tenants are there.
Seals and signatures of Ralph and Joan Bowes.
Language: Latin
Parchment

2 28 November 1601
Bargain and sale.
Ralph Bowes to John Dowthwaite, Westholm and appurtenances for £1,200.
John Dowthwaite will receive the muniments including the count rolls of Westholme.
Seal and signature of Ralph Bowes.
Parchment

3 8 May 1608.
Deed of Trusteeship.
John Dowthwaite the elder constitutes George Scrope (brother of the late Lord Henry Scrope of Bolton), Will Scrope, John Langecaster of Hendleham (=?Headlam) and Bernard, John Dowthwaite's brother, as trustees of Westholm for John's son John and specified heirs.
Seal and signature of John Dowthwaite.
Parchment

4 21 August 1601
Exemplification of a Recovery.
George Scrope and John Lancaster demandants, John Dowthwaite of Westholme, tenant.
Seal of the Durham Exchequer Court.
Language: Latin
Parchment

5 21 August 1609
Left Hand Indenture of Fine.
Querent John Dowthwaite of Westholme.
Deforciants Ralph and Joan Bowes and their son William.
Language: Latin
Parchment

6 30 July 1624
Deed of Trusteeship.
John Dowthwaite the elder constitutes Daniel Birkhead and Ferdinand Moorcroft Prebendaries of Durham Cathedral as trustees for his son John and specified heirs.
Seal and signature of John Dowthwaite.
Parchment

7
A contemporary copy of No. 6.
No seals or signatures.
Parchment

8 4 August 1627
Inquisition Post Mortem, states that John Dowthwaite died on 7 March (?*recte* February as he was buried 8 February) 1627, and his son John on 20 April without issue.
The heir is William, John the elder's brother.
Seals missing, signatures of the commissioners.
Language: Latin and English
Parchment

9 26 June 1630
Right Hand Indenture of Fine.
Ambrose Clemett and John Mason querents.
William, Bernard and Robert Dowthwaite deforciants.
Language: Latin
Parchment

10 27 July 1630
Exemplification of a Recovery.

Ambrose Clemett and John Mason, demandants.
William, Bernard and Robert Dowthwaite, tenants.

Remains of Chancery seal.
Language: Latin
Parchment, rather faded.

11 10 February 1631
Articles of Agreement between Bernard Dowthwaite and George Burton of Scorton regarding the intended intermarriage of their children John Dowthwaite and Margaret Burton.
A settlement is made on the couple and the estate entailed.
Signatures of Bernard Dowthwaite and George Burton and others, seal of Bernard Dowthwaite.
Paper, poor condition.

12 14 June 1631
Indenture between Bernard Dowthwaite and George Burton of Scorton and John Smith of Easby.
Formalisation of the marriage settlement of John Dowthwaite and Margaret Burton.
Signature of George Burton.
Parchment

13 20 March 1650
Bargain and Sale.
John Ovington of Stubhouse, Co. Durham, William Wirrars of Little Newsham.
Conveyance includes Rose Leaze Pasture which John Dowthwaite of Westholme granted of Ovington on 30 July 1648.
Seal and signature of John Ovington.
Parchment

14. and 15 17 February 1682
Left Hand and Right Hand Indentures of Fine.
John Pease querent, Bernard and Mary Dowthwaite deforciants.
Language: Latin
Parchment

16 20 December 1682
Deed to declare the uses of the recent fine on the Dowthwaite Estates.

Bernard Dowthwaite
John Pease
Sir Robert Eden and Robert Johnson

Signature of Bernard Dowthwaite, seal missing.
Language: Latin
Parchment

17 2 August 1683
Release.
Bernard Dowthwaite to John Pease.
Release of lands at Newsham recently bought from Francis Bunny.
Seal, signature of Bernard Dowthwaite.
Parchment

18 18 January 1684
Mortgage.
Bernard Dowthwaite to Mary Greetham née Mary Dowthwaite
Mortgage for £180 with £400 security.
A previous mortgage between these parties is mentioned, dated 11 June 1667, for £200.
Signature of Bernard Dowthwaite, seal missing.
Parchment 2mm.

19 18 January 1684
Bond.
Bernard Dowthwaite to Mary Greetham.
£400 security for the fulfilment of his obligations.
Signature of Bernard Dowthwaite.
Language: English and Latin
Parchment

20 23 January 1685
Copy of a dismissal of a Bill in Chancery.

William and Thomas Hall, plaintiff
Bernard Dowthwaite, defendant

(The Halls challenged Dowthwaite's right to lands which belonged to Margaret Burton, Dowthwaite's father's first wife. Bernard Dowthwaite was the son of his fathers second marriage.)
Language: English and Latin
Paper
Related material in other DUL collections: Case mentioned in Christopher Hall's will, probate 1682.

21 27 August 1686
Copy Confirmation of a decree nisi in Durham Chancery in action between:

Bernard Dowthwaite, plaintiff
Thomas Hall & William Hall, defendants.

The Court in favour of Bernard Dowthwaite.
Language: English and Latin
Paper

22 31 March 1687
Lease for a year.
Bernard Dowthwaite, Mary his wife, Sir Robert Eden, Robert Johnson and John Pease to Charles Newby of all that Bernard, his father or grandfather held at Westholme, Newsham, Alwent, Winston and Bellamy Parva.
Signatures or marks of the Dowthwaites, Eden, Johnson and Pease, five broken seals.
Parchment

23 1 April 1687
Mortgage. Bernard Dowthwaite, Mary his wife, Sir Robert Eden, Robert Johnson and John Pease to Charles Newby, all his holdings, for £864.
Robert Squire and Thomas Holmes of York, on third part.
Signatures or marks of the Dowthwaites, Eden, Johnson and Pease, seven broken seals.
Parchment

24
As No. 23, signatures of Newby, Squire and Holmes.

25 5 April 1687
Exemplification of a Recovery.

Charles Newby, demandant
Bernard Dowthwaite, tenant

This concerns the Westholme estate only.
Seal of the Chancery Court.
Language: Latin
Parchment

26. and 27 10 June 1687
Left and Right Hand Indentures of Fine.

(1) Bernard Dowthwaite;
Mary his wife;
Sir Robert Eden;
Robert Johnson;
John Pease;
deforciants
(2) Charles Newby plaintiff

Westholme only.
Language: Latin
Parchment

28 28 June 1688
Declaration.
Bernard Dowthwaite declares he has borrowed a further £200 from Newby (owes £600 already).
The security is still the lease and release of 31 March and 1 April 1687.
Seal and signature of Bernard Dowthwaite.
Parchment

29
Copy of no. 28.
Paper 11 sheets.

30 31 July 1688
Lease for a year.
Bernard Dowthwaite to Toby Ewebank.
East Jam Leazes at Winston only.
Seal and signatures of Bernard Dowthwaite.
Parchment

31 1 August 1688
Mortgage.
Bernard Dowthwaite to Toby Ewebank.
Mortgage of the property in No. 30 for £100.
Seal and signature of Bernard Dowthwaite.
Parchment

32 1 August 1688
Bond.
Bernard Dowthwaite to Toby Ewebanke.
£100 security for the fulfilment of his obligations.
Seal and signature of Bernard Dowthwaite and signature of others.
Language: English and Latin
Parchment

33 12 December 1688
Bond.
Francis Bunny to Bernard Dowthwaite.
£100 security that Bunny and his wife will fulfil their obligations to Dowthwaite.
Seal and signature of Francis Bunny, signatures of others.
Language: English and Latin
Parchment

34 18 December 1691
Lease for one year.
Bernard Dowthwaite to Sir Richard Smith, surgeon.
Part of the Westholme estate once occupied by Mary Johnson.
Seal and signature of Bernard Dowthwaite.
Parchment

35 19 December 1691
Mortgage.
Bernard Dowthwaite to Sir Richard Smith.
The properties in No. 34 for £200.
Seal and signature of Bernard Dowthwaite.
Parchment

36 19 December 1691
Both measures on the same sheet of folded paper.

36. (a)
Bernard Dowthwaite's authority to his lawyers to represent him in the Exchequer of Pleas at Westminster, or at Durham, in an action of trespass at the suit of Christopher Fulthorp at the demise of Richard Smith on the land Dowthwaite recently mortgaged to Smith.
Seal and signature of Bernard Dowthwaite.
Paper

36. (b)
Bond.
Bernard Dowthwaite to Sir Richard Smith.
£100 security that Dowthwaite will fulfil his obligations.
Seal and signature of Bernard Dowthwaite.
Language: English and Latin
Parchment

37 19 December 1691
Receipt.
Bernard Dowthwaite to Sir Richard Smith for the £200 mortgage money.
Seal and signature of Bernard Dowthwaite.
Paper

38 31 December 1691
Lease for one year.
Bernard Dowthwaite, his wife Mary, Charles Newby and his wife Elizabeth to Thomas Lister.
Lease of the lands mortgaged to Smith.
Seals and marks or signatures of the Dowthwaites and Newbys.
Parchment

39 1 January 1692
Transfer of Mortgage.
Bernard Dowthwaite, Charles Newby and their wives, Sir Robert Eden and John Pease to Thomas Lister.
All Dowthwaite's lands involved except one messuage at Newsham, for £2,216.
Attached is a schedule of documents relating to the properties (including those in this collection numbered 11, 12, ?21, 22 and 28).
Seals and signatures of the Dowthwaites, Newbys, Eden and Pease.
Parchment 3mm.

40
Counterpart of the Transfer of Mortgage as No. 39.
No signatures.
Parchment 2mm.

41. and 42 16 February 1692
Left and Right Hand Indentures of Fine.

(1) Bernard Dowthwaite;
Charles Newby;
their wives;
Sir Robert Eden;
John Pease;
deforciants
(2) Thomas Lister, plaintiff
Language: Latin
Parchment

Documents relating to the affairs of the Bunny family of Newsham, near Winston, Co. Durham from 1602 until their land passed into the possession of the Dowthwaite family in 1692.

43 20 August 1601
Deed to lead the uses of a Recovery.

Ralph (and Joan) Bowes
Francis Bunny of Ryton, clerk and Richard Bunny of Newlands
William Fenay of Fenay

On 30 August 1591 Francis Bunny was granted the messuage of Newsham then occupied by John Dowthwaite.
Richard Bunny and Fenay will cause a writ of entry to be brought against Francis Bunny to initiate an action for recovery of the land for the use of Francis Bunny.
Signatures and broken seals of the four.
Parchment

44 10 February 1609
Deed of Warranty.
Ralph Bowes, wife Joan, son William warrant Francis son of Francis the Clerk in possession of Newsham Manor.
2 seals and signatures of Ralph and William Bowes.
Parchment

45 21 August 1609
Exemplification of a Recovery.

Robert Brandling and John Wortley
Francis Bunny, clerk, and his son Francis

Seal of Durham Chancery Court.
Language: Latin
Parchment

46 21 August 1609
Right Hand Indenture of Fine.

Francis Bunny, clerk, son Francis, querents
William Bowes, deforciant

Language: Latin
Parchment

47 27 June 1610
Exemplification of a judgement of the Barons of the Exchequer enrolled in K.R. Memoranda Roll, Easter Term, 8 James I, over the tenure of a third of the manor of Newsham, Co. Durham in favour of Francis son of Francis Bunny, clerk.
The tenure of the land since the fifteenth century is recited.
Bunny brought the land from Ralph Bowes and his wife Joan Headlam whose father had left it to John Dowthwaite, with reversion to Joan, in 1564.
The sale was confirmed by a recovery of 1 August 1609.
Dowthwaite's claim was based also on a 21 year grant of the third to him by Charles Duke of Westmorland on 12 August 1565, and even after Charles forfeited his Earldom for rebellion Dowthwaite had continued in possession.
Seal in wrapper (shattered).
Language: Latin
Parchment 4mm.

48 Michaelmas Term 1653
Indenture of fine.

(1) John Harrison;
John Dowthwaite;
querents
(2) George Bunny, deforciant.
Parchment

49 20 November 1652
Deed to lead the uses of a recovery.

(1) George Bunny of Newsham
(2) John Harrison of Scarborough
John Tenant of Durham
(3) William Wilkinson of Old Durham
(1) will convey his messuage at Newsham to (2) (so they will stand as tenants to the *praecipe*) by next Whitsuntide.
Seal and signature of (1).
Parchment

50 Michaelmas Term 1653
Exemplification of a recovery.

William Wilkinson, demandant
John Harrison;
John Dowthwaite;
tenants
George Bunny, vouchee
Seal: vestiges
Parchment

51 9 August 1661
Deed of gift.
George Bunny to Francis Bunny, his son of specified lands about Newsham and grazing rights, during or after his father's lifetime.
Signature of George Bunny, vestiges of seal.
Parchment

52 29 December 1670
Deed of trusteeship.
George Bunny constitues Abraham Hilton of Hilton and John Simpson of Staindrop trustees for George's only son Francis, with entail to Francis' five sons by his present wife.
Seal and signature of George Bunny.
Parchment

53 30 December 1670
Lease for one year.
George Bunny to Abraham Hilton and John Simpson.
Signature of George Bunny, seal missing.
Parchment

54 31 December 1670
Release.
George Bunny to Abraham Hilton and John Simpson.
Signature of George Bunny, seal missing.
Parchment

55 8 November 1679
The enclosure of Newsham Moor - award of the umpire, Anthony Salvin, concerning the rights of the owners of Barforth Manor on the Moor.
Bernard Dowthwaite and Francis Bunny involved.
Signature of Anthony Salvin, seal missing.
Parchment

56
Copy of No. 55.

57 22 November 1682
Agreement.
Francis Bunny of Little Newsham, carpenter, Dorothy his mother, and George his brother Bernard Dowthwaite.
The Bunnys agree to convey to Dowthwaite before next May 1st their Barn and Oxhouse for £40.
Signatures include Francis Bunny and Dorothy Bunny's mark and their seals.
Paper, poor condition.

58 19 February 1683
Lease for one year.

Francis and George Bunny and their mother Dorothy
Bernard Dowthwaite of Westholm

The Barn, Oxhouse and other parcels of land at Newsham.
Signature of Francis Bunny, mark of Dorothy Bunny and vestiges of three seals.
Parchment

59 20 February 1683
Release.
Francis, George and Dorothy Bunny to Bernard Dowthwaite.
Signature of Francis Bunny, mark of Dorothy Bunny, vestiges of three seals.
Parchment

60 26 and 27 February 1683
Lease and release attached.
Francis, George and Dorothy Bunny to Bernard Dowthwaite.
One moiety of Newsham Moor.
On both the signature of Francis Bunny, the mark of Dorothy, and vestiges of three seals.
Parchment 2mm.

61 31 July and 1 August 1683
Lease and release attached.
Francis, George and Dorothy Bunny to Bernard Dowthwaite.
The remaining moiety of Newsham Moor.
Signature of Francis Bunny and remains of seals.
Parchment 2mm.

62 11 December 1688
Lease for one year.
Francis Bunny and wife Jane to Peter Johnson of Ingleton.
Newsham Manor and specified appurtenances.
Signature of Francis Bunny, mark of Jane Bunny, two seals.
Parchment

63 12 December 1688
Mortgage.
Francis and Jane Bunny to Peter Johnson.
Newsham Manor and appurtenances for £50.
Signature of Francis Bunny and mark of Jane, two seals.
Parchment

64 15 February 1689
Right Hand Indenture of Fine.

Peter Johnson;
Edward Fleatham;
querents
Francis and Jane Bunny;
George and Mary Robinson;
deforciants

Newsham Manor, etc.
Language: Latin
Parchment

65 19 August 1692
Receipt.
Francis, George and Richard Bunny to Bernard Dowthwaite.
Dowthwaite has just paid Bunny £350.
He has already paid £100 to Peter Johnson for Newsham Hall.
Seals and signatures of the parties.
Paper

66 18 August 1692
Lease for one year.
Francis and Jane Bunny, George and Richard Bunny, and Peter Johnson to Bernard Dowthwaite of Westholme.
Newsham Hall and appurtenances.
Seals of the Bunnys and Johnson, signatures of all (mark of Jane Bunny).
Parchment

67 19 August 1692
Release.
Francis, Jane, George and Richard Bunny, and Peter Johnson to Bernard Dowthwaite.
Newsham Hall and appurtenances.
Signatures and marks, and seals of all (see No. 108 - mortgaged next day).
Parchment

68 19 August 1692
Bond.
George and Richard Bunny to Bernard Dowthwaite.
£880 security for the performance of their obligations.
Seals and signatures of George and Richard Bunny, signatures of others.
Parchment

69. and 70 4 November 1692
Right and Left Hand Indentures of Fine.

Bernard Dowthwaite, querent
Francis, Jane, George and Richard Bunny, and Peter Johnson, deforciants
Newsham Hall and appurtenances.
Language: Latin
Parchment

Documents relating to the Dowthwaite family and their estates at Newsham and Westholme. 1692-1707.

71 1 February 1695
Lease for one year.
Bernard Dowthwaite and Thomas Lister to Lady Dorothy Earnshaw.
Westholme, etc., excluding Newsham.
Signatures of Dowthwaite and Lister, and broken seals.
Parchment

72
Counterpart lease for one year - as No. 71.
Signature of Lady Earnshaw, vestiges of a seal.
Parchment

73 2 February 1695
Transfer of mortgage.
Bernard Dowthwaite and Thomas Lister to Lady Dorothy Earnshaw.
For £1,700.
Westholme, etc., excluding Newsham, schedule of muniments attached.
Signatures and seals of Dowthwaite and Lister.
Parchment 3mm.

74 2 February 1695
Counterpart transfer of mortgage, as No. 73, schedule of muniments included.
Seal and signature of Dorothy Earnshaw.
Parchment 3mm.

75 17 June 1698
Lease for one year dated.
Bernard Dowthwaite and Toby Ewebank to John Garth.
A field called East Jam Leazes (18 acres) at Winston.
Seals and signatures of Dowthwaite and Ewebank.
Parchment

76 18 June 1698
Transfer of mortgage.
Bernard Dowthwaite and Toby Ewebanke to John Garth.
East Jam Leazes (18 acres).
Seals and signatures of Dowthwaite and Ewebanke.
Parchment

77 30 September 1698
Lease for one year.
Bernard Dowthwaite to Sir Richard Smith, surgeon.
Newsham Hall.
Seal and signature of Bernard Dowthwaite.
Parchment

78 1 October 1698
Mortgage.
Bernard Dowthwaite to Sir Richard Smith.
Newsham Hall and appurtenances for £400.
Seal and signature of Dowthwaite.
Parchment

79 1 October 1698
Bond.
Bernard Dowthwaite to Sir Richard Smith.
£600 security for the performance of his obligations.
Seal and signature of Dowthwaite.
Language: English and Latin
Paper

80 10 March 1701
Lease for one year.
Gervas Newton and wife Dorothy (Earnshaw) to Thomas Dawson and Francis Taylor of York.
Westholme and appurtenances now or late in possession of Bernard Dowthwaite.
Writer uncertain whether Dowthwaite is in possession, seals and signatures of G. and D. Newton.
Parchment, with erasures.

81 11 March 1701
Assignment of mortgage (trusteeship).
Gervase and Dorothy Newton constitute Thomas Dawson and Francis Taylor trustees for Westholme and appurtenances.
Seals and signatures of the four parties.
Parchment

82
Assignment of mortgage as 81.
Seals and signatures of four parties.
Parchment

83
Copy of Nos. 81 and 82.
Paper 4 sheets.

84 30 June 1701
Lease for one year.
Bernard Dowthwaite to Sir Richard Smith.
Newsham Hall and appurtenances.
Seal and signature of Dowthwaite.
Parchment

85 1 July 1701
Mortgage.
Bernard Dowthwaite to Sir Richard Smith.
Refers to No. 34, No. 35, No. 77, No. 78.
Newsham Hall, etc., for £500.
Seal and signature of Dowthwaite.
Parchment

86 17 November 1703
Lease for one year.
William Garth, brother (son in no. 88) and heir of John Garth, and Bernard Dowthwaite of Westholme to James Trotter of Bishop Auckland.
East Jam Leazes (18 acres).
Seals and signatures of Garth and Dowthwaite.
Parchment

87 18 November 1703
Transfer of mortgage.
William Garth and Bernard Dowthwaite to James Trotter of Bishop Auckland.
East Jam Leazes for £100.
Seals and signatures of Garth and Dowthwaite.
Parchment

88 25 February 1704
Lease for one year.
William Garth, son heir and executor of John Garth, to Bernard Dowthwaite of Westholme.
The croft or messuage at Newsham, now or late in possession of George Young, plus grazing rights.
Seal and signature of William Garth.
Parchment

89 26 February 1704
Release.
William Garth to Bernard Dowthwaite, as No. 86.
Seal and signature of William Garth.
Parchment

90 26 February 1704
Bond.
William Garth to Bernard Dowthwaite.
£33 security for performance of his obligations.
Signatures of William and Elizabeth Garth and others. Seal of William Garth.
Language: English and Latin
Paper

91 17 October 1705
Bargain and sale.
Charles Brewell of Newcastle, anchorsmith and wife Mary to Bernard Dowthwaite.
The cottage at Little Newsham once occupied by Thomas Vickars and now Thomas Seymour, plus grazing rights, for £20.
Marks and seals of C. and M. Brewell etc.
Paper

92. (a) 17 October 1705
Bond.
Charles Brewell to Bernard Dowthwaite.
£50 security for performance of his obligations.
Mark and seal of Charles Brewell, etc.
Language: English and Latin
Paper

92. (b) 17 October 1705
Receipt.
Charles Brewell and wife Mary to Bernard Dowthwaite.
For £20 purchase money.
Marks of Charles and Mary Brewell and other signatures.
Paper

93 19 October 1705
Lease for one year.
Bernard Dowthwaite to Sir Richard Smith.
Westholme and appurtenances, Newsham Hall and appurtenances, all his holdings in Co. Durham.
Seal and signature of Bernard Dowthwaite.
Parchment

94 20 October 1705
Mortgage.

Bernard Dowthwaite, wife Mary, Sir Robert Eden, Robert Johnson, John Pease on one part
Charles Newby on the second
Sir Richard Smith on the third

All Dowthwaites holdings in Co. Durham to Smith for a further £500 (£500 already paid).
Newby to be bought out. (He had mean-conveyed his interest to the Newtons).
Seal and signature of Dowthwaites.
Parchment

95 20 October 1705
Bond.
Bernard Dowthwaite to Sir Richard Smith.
£2,000 security for performance of his obligations.
Seal and signature of Dowthwaite.
Language: English and Latin
Parchment

96 23 November 1705
Articles of agreement for dividing Little Newsham Common.

1. Bernard Dowthwaite
2. Simon Gilpin of Staindrop
John Pease of West Auckland
Elianor Wrangham of Stockton (widow of Thos. Wrangham)
her daughters Isabel, Mary and Elizabeth
William Thomson and Elianor his wife
William Urr of Cleatlam
William Judson of Little Newsham and wife Alice
John Seamer
3. William Dinsdale
Robert Dinsdale

Agreement to abide by the decision of their elected commissioners.
10 marks or signatures, 12 seals.
Parchment

97 21 May 1706
Lease for one year.
Bernard and Mary Dowthwaite, Gervase and Dorothy Newton, Francis and Ann Taylor, Sir Richard and Lady Margaret Smith to John Bacon of Staward, Northumberland.
Westholme and Newsham (All Bernard Dowthwaite's lands).
Signatures or marks and seals of the lessors.
Parchment

98
Lease for one year, as no. 97.
Signatures or marks and seals of all the parties.
Parchment

99 22 May 1706
Transfer of mortgage.
Bernard and Mary Dowthwaite, Gervase and Dorothy Newton, Francis and Ann Taylor, Richard and Margaret Smith to John Bacon of Staward.
All of Dowthwaites holdings in Co. Durham.
Dowthwaite is to pay Bacon £4,194 by 1709.
The other parties are bought out.
If Dowthwaite defaults Bacon may not molest him or intermeddle with his receipt of his rents.
Seals and signatures or marks of the Dowthwaites, Smiths, Taylors and Newtons.
Parchment

100
Counterpart of no. 99.
Seals, signatures or marks of the Dowthwaites, Taylors, Smiths and John Bacon.
Parchment

101 15 March 1707
Receipt.
Francis Taylor to John Pease (for Gervase Newton).
For £1,813. 12s. 6d. due to Newton from Dowthwaite following No. 97 and No. 99.
Taylor received the money on 25 May 1706.
Signature of Francis Taylor.
Paper

102. and 103 7 June 1706
Right and Left Hand Indentures of Fine.

John Bacon, querent
Bernard and Mary Dowthwaite;
Gervase and Dorothy Newton;
Francis and Ann Taylor;
Richard and Margaret Smith;
deforciants

Westholme and Newsham and appurtenances.
Language: Latin
Parchment

104 8 June 1706
The division of Newsham Moor.
The recipients are listed and the parcels of land specified.
Seals and signatures of Francis Wycliff, Thos. Garth and Thos. Middleton, commissioners.
Parchment

105 1 April 1707
Lease for one year.
James Trotter, Bernard Dowthwaite and John Pease to John Bacon of Staward.
East Jam Leazes.
Seals and signatures of Trotter, Dowthwaite, and Pease.
Parchment

106 2 April 1707
Release.
James Trotter, Bernard Dowthwaite and John Pease to John Bacon of Staward.
East Jam Leazes, subject to provisions of 22 May (No. 99).

107 5 June 1707
Quit claim.

1. Sir Robert Eden
John Pease
2. Bernard Dowthwaite
3. John Bacon

(1) resign all claims to (3) reserving the provisions of 22 May (No. 99).
Seals and signatures of Eden Pease, and Dowthwaite.
Parchment

108 11 November 1707
Lease for 999 years.

1. George and Mary Trotter
John Elstob of Foxton
John Mowbray of Durham
2. Bernard Dowthwaite
3. John Pease now trustee of John Bacon

(3) to pay (2)'s agent £320 for the lease of Newsham Hall and appurtenances.
Recitation of Dowthwaite's dealings with Surties Swinburne in 1692 and 1698. Signatures of the Trotters, Elstob, Mowbray and Dowthwaite.
Parchment

Documents relating to Westholme and Newsham when in possession of John Bacon, c.1710-1715.

(He took possession March-April 1711 - No. 147).

109 16 April 1711
Indenture.
Agreement by Abraham Hilton under direction of John Bacon to lease the capital messuage of Westholme and certain land to Thomas Bainbridge for four years.
Seal and signature of Hilton and others.
Paper

110 3 March 1712
Counterpart lease.
John Bacon to Thomas Bainbridge and William Judson.
Newsham Hall and appurtenances for seven years, provisions include liming, crop rotation and moorland reclamation.
Signatures of Hilton and Brockett (Bacon's lawyers), seals, signature and mark of Thos. Bainbridge and Will. Judson.
Paper

111 No date
List of keys and bars on an unspecified property, possibly a schedule of no. 110.
Paper

112 3 March 1712
Bond.
Thos. Bainbridge and Will. Judson to John Bacon.
£53. 10s. 0d. security for the performance of their obligations.
Mark of Will. Judson, signature of Thos. Bainbridge and witnesses, one seal.
Language: English and Latin
Paper

113 25 March 1712
Bond.
Jas. Langstaffe of Cleatlam to John Bacon.
£82 security for the performance of his obligations.
Mark and seal of Langstaffe and signatures of witnesses.
Language: English and Latin
Paper

114 11 February 1713
Indenture.
Agreement by Abraham Hilton under direction of John Bacon to lease to John Stewardson the farm at Westholm he now occupies for one year.
No seals, signature of J. Stewardson.
Paper

115 10 September 1713
Counterpart lease.
John Bacon to Thos. Bainbridge of Westholm.
The capital messuage of Westholm and certain appurtenances for seven years.
Bacon may wish to live there himself after four years but will give due notice.
Provisions for liming, tillage, etc.
Bacon will allow him for window tax.
Schedule attached of locks, keys, and bars at Westholme.
Seal and signature of Thos. Bainbridge, and signatures of witnesses.
Paper

116
Schedule (cf. No. 115) of locks, bolts and bars on doors, windows, etc. of the buildings at Westholme, including notes of missing keys.
Signatures of Thos. Bainbridge and witnesses.
Paper

117 10 September 1713
Bond.
Thomas Bainbridge of Westholme to John Bacon.
£90 security he will perform his obligations.
Seal and signature of Thos. Bainbridge, signatures of witnesses.
Language: English and Latin
Paper

118
List of John Bacon's rents and disbursements on land at Westholme etc., 1710-1712.
Paper

119
List of John Bacon's rents and disbursements on land at Westholme, Newsham and Winston, 1711-1713.
Paper

120
More detailed list of John Bacon's rents and disbursements on lands at Westholme, etc., 1711-1713, examined and passed by John Bacon.
Paper

121
List of half-year rents received or due to John Bacon for properties at Westholme, Newsham, and Winston at Martinmas 1712.
Note on back of some of his agents disbursements.
Paper

Proceedings in Chancery and related papers, leading to the foreclosure by John Bacon of the Dowthwaite estates at Newsham, Westholm and Winston, 1709-1717.

122
Copy of Dowthwaite's discharge of small debts, 1709 and 1710, sent to Abraham Hilton [Bacon's attorney] by Ambrose Crosby.
Language: English and Latin
Paper

123 [early 1710]
Draft of Bacon's bill of complaint addressed to Robert Dormer Justice, alterations by Joseph Barnes.
Paper 3 attached sheets.

124 [early 1710]
Draft of Bacon's bill of complaint addressed to Robert Dormer Justice, contains alterations, initials T.W. at foot.
Paper 7 sheets pinned together.

125 [early 1710]
First draft of interrogatories to be put to witnesses on John Bacon's behalf in his case against Dowthwaite.
Amended by Joseph Barnes.
Paper

126 31 March 1710
Note to Mr. Robert Spearman from A. H. [Abraham Hilton] listing the witnesses the complainant will have examined.
Paper

127 [April 1710]
Dowthwaite's answer to Bacon's bill of complaint in Durham Chancery Court.
Paper 27 attached sheets.

128 [April 1710]
Copy of John Bacon's bill of complaint in Chancery, together with Dowthwaite's answer and a list of the mortgage deeds.
Paper 2 sheets folded together.

129 [April 1710]
Copy of the bill of complaint and the answer and the Court's direction to come to account.
Paper 2 attached sheets.

130 [April - November 1710]
Estimations by the Chancery Court Register, or copies of them, of Dowthwaite's debts and interest due on them balanced against what he has discharged.
Paper

131
A copy of No. 130.

132 [April - November 1710]
Rough calculations concerning Nos. 130 and 131.
Paper

133 [9 September 1710]
The Bill, the Answer and the Court's Decree of 13 April 1710 that the defendant should pay within about six months the debts due, as calculated by the Court's Register, or be foreclosed, plus the calculations of the Register, (filled in later) that on 22 November 1710 the sum of £4,416. 16s. 6d. would fall due.
Note at foot that writer supposes the time to pay will be extended.
Paper 2 sheets, rust damaged.

134
Copy of No. 133 undamaged.

135 2 January 1713
Letter to Mr. Abraham Hilton [attorney] from Mrs. J. Cuthbert agreeing with his proposal to obtain confirmation of the Court Order to Dowthwaite to pay or be foreclosed.
Paper

136 2 February 1713
Copy of a note to Bernard Dowthwaite [who had just died] from Abraham Hilton giving notice of the proposed motion at the next Chancery sitting to stop his right of redemption of the Westholme etc. mortgage.
Paper

137
Summary of the Complainants Bill, including his actions since 1710 and further financial calculations.
Draft of a move to be forwarded on 4th April 1713 to have the previous decree certified.
[It was, on 4 April 1713 - No. 152.]

138
Copy of No. 137.

139
Copy of No. 137.

140 [August-September 1715]
Summary of the proceedings Bacon took against the Dowthwaites between 1710 and 1713, plus a copy of a letter from Margaret Dowthwaite to Bacon dated 13 August 1715 at Westholme informing him that she intended to sue in Chancery for leave to redeem the mortgage.
Paper

141
Copy of No. 140.

142 [August-September 1715]
Copy of No. 140 with an additional note in another hand on a point of law concerning a motion for a redemption.
Paper

143
Copy of a deposition made on 16 September 1715 by Christopher Race to the effect that he delivered the letter in No. 140 to Bacon on 27 August 1715.
Language: English and Latin
Paper

144
Copy of a deposition made 15 September 1715 by Thomas Bainbridge of Westholme.
Mentions a recent offer of £5,000 for Westholme and a dispute between Bacon and Margaret Dowthwaite over the muniments.
Language: English and Latin
Paper

145
Copy of a deposition made 15 September 1715 by Michael Rayne of Langley agreeing with others as to the value of Dowthwaite's estates.
Language: English and Latin
Paper

146
Copy of a deposition made 15 September 1715 by Thomas Slockeld of Osmond Croft, Co. Durham.
Estimates Westholme is worth £5,200.
Language: English and Latin
Paper

147
Copy of a deposition made 16 September 1715 by Margaret Dowthwaite.
Claims father would have redeemed mortgage had he been in better health. She hopes to sell the estates for £5,500.
In March or April 1711 Bacon's agents took possession and have collected rents.
Language: English and Latin
Paper

148
Copy of a deposition made 16 September 1715 by Anthony Atkinson of Houghton.
He thinks the estate is worth more than the mortgage, i.e. £5,500.
Language: English and Latin
Paper

149 17 September 1715
Letter to William, son of John Bacon, from Thomas Ord concerning Margaret Dowthwaite's evidence that Westholme is worth more than the mortgage held on it, the equity of redemption of which she is trying to retain.
Paper

150
(a) Letter dated 21 September 1715 from William Bacon to his father reporting that on 19 September 1715 Margaret Dowthwaite lost her action in Chancery to retain the right to redemption of the mortgage on her property.
(b) Postscript or rather an additional letter dated 27 September 1715 mentioning the progress and effects of the current Jacobite Rising.
Paper

151 1 October 1717
Indenture (quitclaim)

Jonathan and Margaret Newton (née Dowthwaite)
John Bacon

For £100 the Newtons give up all claims on Westholme, etc.
The foreclosure order had been made on 4 April 1713.
Seals and signatures of the Newtons.
Parchment

152. and 153 11 October 1717
Right and Left Hand Indentures of Fine.

John Bacon, querent
Jonathan and Margaret Newton, deforciants

Lands of Westholme, Newsham and Winston.
Language: Latin
Parchment

154 19 October 1717
Deed to lead to use of the fine recently made in the Court of Pleas at Durham [Nos. 152 and 153 above].

John Bacon
Jonathan and Margaret Newton

The latter agree that Dowthwaite's holdings should pass to John Bacon in accordance with the lease, release and quitclaim already made.
Seals and signatures of John Bacon, Jonathan and Margaret Newton.
Parchment

155 [1736]
Schedule of the title deeds of Newsholme, Westholme and appurtenances, up to 1717 when they became the property of John Bacon.
Paper 8 sheets pinned together.

156
Slip of paper [bundle marker] inscribed "Bacon Esq. agt. Mr Dowthwaite - Proceedings in Chancery to a final foreclosure of lands at Newsham; Westholm and Winston 52".
Paper, probably contemporary.

The muniments of Horton Grange, Northumberland from 1578 when it was occupied by the Browne family followed by the Tonge, Dowson and Blackett families, till 1718 when it passed to the Bacon family, together with other family papers relating to the land, to 1736.

157 20 March 1578
Bargain and sale.

Sir Valentine Browne of Crofte, Lincs.,
George Tonge, Esq. of West Thicklie

Horton Grange and appurtenance, lately belonging to the dissolved monastery of Newminster.
Seal and signature of Sir Valentine Browne.
Parchment

158 10 May 1578
Release
Sir Valentine Browne to George Tonge.
Horton Grange with warranty.
Seal and signature of Sir Valentine Browne.
Parchment

159 15 May 1596
Agreement between:

1. William Cecil Lord Burghley of the Court of Wards and Liveries
Richard Kingswell, surveyor of liveries
2. Henry, son and heir of George Tonge

Agreeing in the extent and value of the Tonge holdings for the Court's record.
Seal and signature of W. Burghley, signature of Kingswell, Cooke [? Sir Edward Coke] and Churchill.
Language: English, schedule in Latin
Parchment

160 25 September 1624
Lease for 90 years.
William Blakeston of Malton to Sir George Tonge.
A moiety of Horton Grange with all that land which belonged to Newminster Abbey in Ponteland parish, operative from 3 May 1634 for 1d. p.a. if demanded.
Signature of W. Blakiston, broken seal.
Parchment

161 21 February 1639
Copy of the will of Sir George Tonge.
Paper

162 1 April 1651
Bargain and Sale of freehold.
William Blakiston of Pittington to William Dowson of Horton Grange.
For £170 - East Horton Grange Farm.
Signature of William Blakiston.
Parchment

163 15 October 1652
Articles of agreement.

John Tonge of Denton, Co. Durham
William Dowson of Horton Grange

Tonge will sell his part of Horton Grange to Dowson when available for £660.
Seals of both, signature of J. Tonge, mark of W. Dowson.
Parchment

164 27 October 1652
Lease
Dame Elizabeth Tonge and her sons George and John to William Dowson.
West Horton Grange for £660 for residue of term of 90 years.
2 seals and signature of the 3 Tonges.
Parchment

165 27 October 1652
Bargain and Sale of freehold.
Cuthbert Tonge to Mark Dowson.
West Horton Grange for £660.
Seal and signature of Cuthbert Tonge.
[Enrolled in Chancery].
Parchment

166 27 October 1652
Deed of covenant.
Cuthbert Tonge certifies Mark Dowson that he has authority within the law to enfeoff him with West Horton.
Signature of Tonge, seal missing.
Parchment

167 29 September 1669
Lease for 99 years.
William Dowson to Roger Dowson, his son.
Specified lands to save Roger from liability for debts in which both are concerned.
Grant to be void when William has paid off the debts.
Mark of W. Dowson, seal missing.
Parchment

168 17 August 1675
Lease for a year.
William Dowson to Roger Dowson.
6 messuages at Horton Grange.
Seal and mark of W. Dowson.
Parchment

169 18 August 1675
Release.
William Dowson to Roger Dowson.
6 messuages at Horton Grange.
Mark of W. Dowson, seal missing.
Parchment

170 21 August 1675
Mortgage.
Roger Dowson to Thomas Robson of Toft Hill and Henry Blackett of Low Bitchburne.
6 messuages at Horton Grange for £1,000.
Signature of Roger Dowson, seal missing.
Parchment

171 28 February 1676
Lease for one year.
Roger Dowson to Jane Blackett.
6 messuages and a cottage at Horton Grange.
Seal and signature of Roger Dowson.
Parchment

172 29 February 1676
Release.
Roger Dowson to Jane Blackett.
6 messuages and a cottage at Horton Grange.
Seal and signature of Roger Dowson.
Parchment

173 1 March 1676
Mortgage.
Jane Blackett to Roger Dowson.
6 messuages and a cottage at Horton Grange for the £600 she already owes him.
Seal and signature of Roger Dowson.
Parchment

174 1 March 1676
Mortgage, as No. 173.

175 13 December 1677
Copy of the will of Mrs. Jane Blackett leaving Horton Grange to Messrs Robson, Blackett and Readshaw in trust for her children.
Paper

176 23 April 1692
Receipt by Ann Blackett for £300 from Henry Blackett, left to her in the will of her mother Jane.
Seal and signature of Ann Blackett and witnesses.
Paper

177 2 March 1696
Recommendations by Sir Robert Eden, their agreed arbitrator, as to how Henry and Edward Blackett should order their financial affairs concerning their mother's will and agreement by the two to follow his advice.
Seals and signatures of the 3 parties.
Witnesses include Elizabeth Dowthwaite.
Paper, poor condition.

178 18 August 1701
Mortgage.
Edward Blackett to Jane Hodgskins.
6 messuages and a cottage at Horton Grange for £50. Seal and signature of E. Blackett.
Witnesses include Silas and Mary Blackett.
Paper

179 20 December 1703
Receipt.
Margaret Blackett to Edward and Henry Blackett for the legacy in her mother's will.
Seal and signature of Margaret Blackett.
Witnesses include John and Christopher Blackett.
Paper

180 21 December 1703
Deed of trusteeship comprising a lease for 99 years.
Roger Dowson and Edward Blackett to Nicholas Ridley.
Horton Grange and appurtenances.
Signature of E. Blackett, mark of R. Dowson, seals of both.
Parchment

181 22 December 1703
Lease for one year.
Henry Blackett and Edward Blackett to Nevile Ridley.
Horton Grange and appurtenances.
Seals and signatures of the Blacketts.
Parchment

182 23 December 1703
Mortgage.
Edward Blackett to Nevile Ridley.
Horton Grange ad appurtenances for £300.
Seals and signatures of both.
Parchment

183 22 December 1703
Bond.
Edward Blackett to Nevile Ridley.
£600 security for the performance of his obligations.
Seal and signature of Edward Blackett and witnesses.
Language: English and Latin
Paper

184 24 August 1705
Indenture.

Edward Blackett of Bedburnhall
Edward Hindmarsh of the Six Clerks' Office, Chancery Lane, and his wife Grace.
Robert Fenwick of Newcastle

This concerns the free use of the road from Brenkley to Horton Grange.
Seals and signatures of the parties.
Parchment

185 1 May 1706
Lease for one year.
Nevile Ridley to Chas. Elstob.
Horton Grange and appurtenances.
Seal and signature of Nevile Ridley.
Parchment

186 2 May 1706
Transfer of mortgage.
Nevile Ridley and Edward Blackett to Chas. Elstob.
Horton Grange etc. for £300.
Seals and signatures of the three parties.
Parchment

187 5 May 1706
Deed of trusteeship.

1. Nicholas and Nevile Ridley
2. Edward Blackett
3. Chas. Elstob, D.D., Prebendary of Canterbury
4. Chas. Sanderson

The Ridleys convey Horton Grange to Sanderson for 99 years in trust for Elstob.
Seals and signatures of the 5 parties.
Parchment

188 1 April 1710
Mortgage.
Edward Blackett to Chas. Elstob.
Horton Grange, etc., for a further £300.
Seals and signatures of the 2 parties.
Parchment

189
Another of the same as No. 188.
Seals and signatures of the 2 parties.

190 1 April 1710
Bond.
Edward Blackett to Chas. Elstob.
£600 security for the performance of his obligations.
Seal and signature of E. Blackett and witnesses.
Language: English and Latin
Paper

191 9 April 1710
Indenture.

Christopher Blackett of Stockley
Edw. Blackett of Bedburn
Mark Browell
Chas. Elstob

Assignment by Christopher Blackett of a bond and the judgment on it, to Browell in trust for Elstob who has appointed him his attorney.
Seals and signatures of the first 3 parties.
Paper

192 1 April 1713
Mortgage.

Edward Blackett
Chas Elstob
Mark Browell

Blackett mortgages Horton Grange to Elstob for a further £400 [£1,000 altogether].
Seals and signatures of the 3.
Parchment

193 27 October 1714
Lease.
Edw. Blackett to Ralph Scourfield.
Lands in the East Township Fields of Horton Grange and other fields in the parish.
Seal and signature of Edw. Blackett.
Parchment

194 28 October 1714
Mortgage.
Edw. Blackett to Ralph Scourfield.
Lands in the East Township Fields of Horton Grange and other specified fields in the parish.
Seals and signatures of the 2 parties.
Parchment

195 28 October 1714
Mortgage as above.
Same seals and signatures.

196 1 April 1715
Lease for one year.
Chas. Elstob to Ralph Scourfield.
His 6 messuages at Horton Grange and appurtenances.
Seal and signature of Elstob.
Parchment

197 1 April 1715
Memorandum by Chas. Elstob that Edw. Blackett owes him £1,000 plus £50 interest secured on his lands.
Browell is to be Elstob's attorney to receive Blackett's payments and to deliver to Scourfield the Horton Grange deeds as he also holds a mortgage on the property.
Seal and signature of Elstob and witnesses.
Paper

198 2 April 1715
Indenture.

Jane Hodgekins of Sunderland
Edw. Blackett
Mark Browell

Mrs. Hodgekins conveys to Blackett the rest of her 99 years' lease [No. 178].
The £50 mortgage now repaid.
Mark and seal of J. Hodgekins, seal and signature of Edw. Blackett.
Paper

199 2 April 1715
Mortgage.
Chas. Elstob and Edw. Blackett to Ralph Scourfield.
Horton Grange and appurtenances for a further £1,000, plus the £500 unpaid [No. 194].
Seals and signatures of the 3 parties.
Parchment 3mm.

200 2 April 1715
Bond.
Edw. Blackett to Ralph Scourfield.
£3,000 security for the performance of his obligations.
Seal and signature of Blackett.
Language: English and Latin
Paper

201 3 April 1715
Transfer of lease.

1. Henry Shaw of Newcastle
Margaret his wife
Mark Browell
Chas. Elstob
2. Edward Blackett
3. John Mills
4. Ralph Scourfield

Assignment by (1) to (3) as trustee for (4) of the remainder of the 99 year lease of Horton Grange [No. 178 and No. 198], together with a bond of 25 August 1700 from Edw. to Christopher Blackett.
Seals and signatures of the seven.
Parchment 2mm.

202 2 September 1715
Articles of agreement.
Edward Blackett and John Bacon of Staward.
For the purchase by the latter of Horton Grange for £3,500 plus compensation to various Blacketts.
Seal and signature of Bacon and signatures of witnesses.
Paper

203 17 November 1718
Lease for one year.
Edward Blackett and Ralph Scourfield to John Bacon.
The 6 messuages of Horton Grange and appurtenances.
Seals and signatures of Ralph Scourfield and Edward Blackett.
Parchment

204 18 November 1718
Bargain and sale.
Edward Blackett to John Bacon.
Horton Grange and appurtenances for £3,700.
Seal and signature of Edward Blackett.
Parchment

205 18 November 1718
Release.
Edward Blackett and Ralph Scourfield to John Bacon.
Horton Grange and appurtenances for £1,537. 10s. 0d.
Seals and signatures of Scourfield and Blackett.
Parchment 2mm.

206 19 November 1718
Release.
Henry Cresswell and Edward Blackett to John Bacon.
Horton Grange and appurtenances.
Seals and signatures of Cresswell and Blackett.
Parchment

207 19 November 1715
Transfer of mortgage

1. John Mills
   Ralph Scourfield
2. Edw. Blackett
3. Will. Ellison
4. John Bacon

(1) and (2) convey their interest in Horton Grange to (3) in trust for (4).
Seals and signatures of Scourfield and Blackett.
Parchment 3mm.

208 18 February 1735
Receipt.
Isabella and Alice Blackett to Edward Blackett.
£50 each of the purchase money of Horton Grange by John Bacon.
Seals and signatures of Isabella and Alice, witnesses include William Blackett.
Paper

209. (a) 26 May 1736
Receipt.
William Blackett to Edward Blackett.
£50, his share of the purchase money of Horton Grange by John Bacon.
Seal and signature of William Blackett.
Paper

209. (b) 26 May 1736
Attached:
Certificate of a parish clerk as to the baptism of William Blackett in 1713.
Paper

210 3 September 1736
Office copy of the will of John Bacon of Staward.
Paper 6 pages.

211
Attested copy of 210.
Paper 7 sheets.

212
Schedule of the title deeds of Horton Grange when in possession of William Bacon [to 1736].
Paper 4 sheets.

Papers relating to the Bacon Family and all their estates, 1743-1841.

213 14 December 1743
Attested copy of the will of William Bacon of Newton Cap.
Paper 5 sheets.
Another attested copy: DUL SGD.20/1.

214 29 April 1752
Attested copy of the will of John Bacon of Newton Cap.
Detailed; large bequests to the woman he lived with, Frances Farmer.
Instructions for his embalming and burial in Westminster Abbey or Bath Cathedral.
Paper 5 sheets.

215
Attested copy of the same.
Paper 5 sheets.

216 19 September 1754
Copy of a deed to lead the uses of certain recoveries.

1. John William Bacon.
2. Jonathan Wharton.
3. Richard Clayton.

(2) to stand as tenant to the *praecipe* of extensive estates in Durham and Northumberland including Westholm, Newsham and Horton Grange for the staging of recoveries. (3) to be demandant, (1) the vouchee.
Paper 4 sheets.

217
Another copy of No. 216.
Paper 4 sheets.

218
Another copy of No. 216.
Paper 4 sheets.

219 9 October 1754
Exemplification of a recovery.

Richard Clayton (demandant)
Jonathan Wharton (defendant)
John William Bacon (vouchee)

Lands in Co. Durham.
Seal missing.
Parchment

220 28 November 1754
Copy of a recovery.

Richard Clayton, demandant
Jonathan Wharton, defendant
John William Bacon, vouchee

Lands in Northumberland.
Copied 27 October 1792.
Paper 3ff.

221 28 May 1755
Copy of deed to secure annuity by trusteeship.
John William Bacon to Richard Clayton.
His holdings in trust to secure annuities to his mother and sisters, under his father's will.
Paper 7 sheets.

222 22 July 1757
Copy of the marriage settlement of William Bacon Forster and Sarah Garth.

1. John William Bacon Forster
2. Edward Turnour Garth of Shillinglee Park, Sussex;
Sarah Garth;
grandchildren of Francis Gee of Chelsea.
3. The Earl of Plymouth
Sir Harry Grey of Howick
4. Richard Clayton of the Inner Temple
5. Lord Thomas Archer of Umberslade
Jonathan Wharton

Sarah's brother made her portion up to £10,000.
(3) made trustees to certain lands for the use of the couple, others set aside to provide Sarah with £800 p.a.
(5) made trustees for their children.
Sarah to receive £200 p.a. pocket money in which her husband may not intermeddle.

223 21 July 1757
Copy of a lease for 1 year.
John William Bacon Forster to Edward Turnour Garth and Jonathan Wharton.
Tedcastle and the Deane in Northumberland and the lands at Whorleton, Co. Durham.
Paper 4 sheets.

224
Copy of No. 223.
Paper 4 sheets.

225 22 July 1757
Copy of a deed to indemnify the claimants under the marriage settlement [No. 222].

1. John William Bacon Forster
2. Sarah Garth his betrothed
3. Edward Turnour
Jonathan Wharton

Conveyance of lands in No. 224 above.
Copied 26 October 1792.
Paper 10 folios

226
Copy of No. 225.
Paper 7 sheets.

227 21 April 1767
Copy of will of John William Bacon Forster.
Paper 3 sheets.

228
Another copy.
Paper 3 sheets.

229
Copy of part of a decree in Chancery of 11 July 1774.

1. Plaintiffs: The creditors of John William Bacon Forster and Henry Wastell.
2. Defendants:
Edward Turnour, Earl of Winterton
Chas. Brandling
Christopher Johnson
Daniel Alder
William, John and Charles Bacon Forster, (guardian Earl of Plymouth)
Charles Shutz and Sarah [Garth] his wife
Jonathan Widrington and wife Isabella
Rowland Burdon
William Pratt

Decreed that the wills of the last generations of Bacons should be completely implemented, debts paid off, trusts carried into execution and specified provision for the three young heirs made.
Copied 25 October 1792.
Paper 3 sheets.

230
Fuller copy of a decree in Chancery dated 11 July 1774, of which No. 229 is a shorter version.
Paper 51 pages.

231
Copy of part of a Chancery decree of 3 February 1789.

1. Plaintiff: William Bacon Forster, a minor (Sir John Coen, next friend)
2. Defendants:
Frances Bacon Forster
Gilbert Alder
Janet Wren
Tabitha Johnson

Concerning the estate of William Bacon Forster who died intestate.
Copied 26 October 1792.
Paper 4 folios.

232
Another the same.
Paper 4 folios.

233 21 June 1790
Copy of a lease for a year.
Chas. Brandling to William Bentham.
The lands which Edward Turnour, Earl of Winterton, and Charles Brandling held in trust for William Forster.
Paper 3 folios.

234
Another the same as No. 233.
Paper 3 folios.

235 22 June 1790
Copy of a release.
Chas. Brandling to William Bentham.
The lands which Edward Turnour, Earl of Winterton, and Charles Brandling held in trust for William Forster.
Paper 6 folios.

236 22 June 1790
Copy of an indenture.
Chas. Brandling to William Bentham.
Transference of the Bacon trusteeship.
Paper 6 folios.

237
Another the same.
Paper 8 folios.

238
Copy of a General Report of Chancery dated 13 February 1792.
Concerns the estate of the late William Bacon Forster who died intestate.
Paper 42 pages.

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Another the same.
Paper 39 pages.

240
Copy of part of a Chancery Decree dated 14 March 1792.
Further directions concerning the financial side of the late W.B. Forster's estate.
Paper 16 pages.

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Another the same.
Paper 13 pages.

242 25 July 1799
Copy of a transfer of mortgage following a decree in Chancery of 11 April 1799.
Misses Henrietta and Frances Hanking to William Bentham, Esq.
For £10,000 lands in Co. Durham and Northumberland.
Paper 13 folios.

243 25 July 1799
Copy of a declaration of trust.
William Bentham to William Bacon Forster.
Recites a history of the Bacon trusteeship.
Paper 5 folios.

244 28 November 1801
Copy of a deed to lead the uses of a recovery.

William Bacon Forster
George Hinderley
Thomas Graham

Hinderley to stand as tenant to the *praecipe* for a recovery of estates in Northumberland.
Paper 3 folios.

245 19 January 1802
Letter from William Bacon Forster to his mother Frances explaining that the settlement of estates on her and his stepfather William Bentham is in repayment of the care of him and of his affairs during his minority.
Paper

246 1 February 1802
Lease for one year.
William Bacon Forster to Thomas Graham.
Lands at Westholm, Newsham and Horton Grange.
Seal and signature of W. B. Forster.
Parchment 3 mm.

247 1 February 1802
Deed (release) to lead the uses of a fine.
William Bacon Forster and William Bentham to Thomas Graham.
Release of part of Frances Bentham's dower land with compact to levy fines to the use of William Bacon Forster.
Seals and signatures of the Benthams, Forster and Graham.
Parchment 3mm.

248 2 February 1802
Release.
William Bacon Forster and Thomas Graham to William and Frances Bentham and assignees.
Westholm, Newsham and Horton Grange for life.
Seals and signatures of the Benthams, Forster and Graham.
Parchment 7mm.

249
Abstract of the title of William and Frances Bentham to Newsham, and Westholm, tracing the history of the various claims to title when possession was vested in the Bunnys, Dowthwaites and Bacons.
Paper 158 folios.

250 8 March 1819
Lease for 9 years.
William Bentham to George Jackson.
Newsham Farm for £130 p.a.
Tillage provisions.
Seals and signatures of the parties.
Paper 3 sheets.

251 8 March 1819
Lease for 9 years.
William Bentham to Marmaduke Wetherell.
Newsham Northside Farm for £220 p.a.
Tillage provisions.
Seals and signatures of the parties.
Paper 3 sheets.

252 8 March 1819
Lease for 9 years.
William Bentham to Thomas Reed.
Westholm Farm for £380 p.a.
Provisions about drainage, tillage and ploughing of moorland.
Seals and signatures of the parties.
Paper 3 sheets.

253 After 1819
Survey of the farms Newsham North (tenant W. Jackson), Newsham South (Mrs. Seamour) and Westholm (Reed), giving field names, acreage and crops.
Paper

254
Plan, drawn by hand of Newsham North and South Farms and Westholm.
Note by W(illiam) B(entham).
Note by Bentham must be before 1837 when he died, papermark 1802 when Bentham case into possession.
Rose Leaze is undivided - earlier than Nos. 255 or 256.
Paper

255 1815
Printed plan, 1815, of Newsham and Westholm.
Parchment

256 After 1815
Plan of Newsham and Westholm in ink with pencil notes of crops.
Copy of no. 255 i.e.1815, papermark 1811.
Paper, patched, in 2 pieces.

257 1 December 1814
Receipt.
Hannah Petery to William Bentham.
£3. 3s. 0d., being one quarter's wages.
Paper

258 1829
A copy of the Whorleton Bridge and Road Act, 1829.
Paper, printed 12 pages.

259 26 October 1830
Copy of an opinion of Robert Vaughan Richards of the Temple as to William Bentham's position vis á vis the old road, now to be converted to a turnpike, which ran through his land.
Paper 2 folios.

260
Continuation of the abstract of title of the Bacon estates from William Bentham [d.1837] to Chas. Bacon Grey.
Paper 16 folios.

261 [1837]
Direction to Mr. Jay [of Lincolns Inn] to draft a mortgage on Newsham, Westholm and Horton Grange by Chas. Bacon Grey to Alfred Bell.
Paper

262 14 September 1837
Letter to Mr. Lloyd from Mr. J. Jay of Lincolns Inn concerning the drafting of a document.
Paper

263 15 September 1837
Letter to Mr. Lloyd from Mr. J. Jay of Lincoln's Inn on the same subject.
Paper

264 16 September 1837
Lease for one year.
Chas. Bacon Grey to Alfred Bell.
Westholm, Newsham and appurtenances.
Seal and signature of C.B. Grey.
Parchment 3mm.
Related material in other DUL collections: Schedule of deeds of Charles Bacon Grey is: DUL SGD.20/2.

265 [c.1841]
Notification by the lawyers Bell and Steward of Lincoln's Inn Fields that they are prepared to draw up a transfer of mortgage on estates of Thomas Bacon Grey from Grey and Alfred Bell to Charles Gillies Payne and Robert Henley Payne.
Paper

266 25 November 1841
Letter from Bell and Steward to Cole and Mallows concerning the affairs of Charles Gillies Payne and Robert Henley Payne.
Tissue duplicate, one sheet.

267 25 November 1841
Letter from Bell and Steward to Cole and Mallows concerning the completion of a transfer of mortgage and payment thereof.
Tissue duplicate 2 sheets.

Papers relating to a dispute over Tithes at Horton Grange

268 11 December 1771
Copy of the Bill and Order in Chancery, in the case of Snowden v. Shotton concerning tithes in the parish of Ponteland, Northumberland [parish of Horton Grange].
Paper 3 folios.

269 22 April 1816
Letter to William Bentham from John Bartham concerning tithes at Horton Grange.
Paper

270 26 April 1816
Letter to William Bentham from Henry Wrotterley, concerns tithes and refers to an enclosure [No. 271].
Paper

271 [1816]
Enclosed with No. 270.
Letter to William Bentham from Henry Wrotterley, passed to Wrotterley by Bartham, concerning tithes.
Paper

272 6 June 1827
Letter to William Bentham from John Harbottle concerning tithes, enclosing No. 273.
Paper

273 copied May 1827
Enclosed with No. 272.
Copy of an institution by Anthony Bek of the vicarage of Ponteland dated 31 August 1303.
(see Surtees Soc. vol. 162, p.98).
Paper

274 21 July 1827
Letter to William Bentham from John Harbottle enclosing a copy of one from the Rev. J. Lightfoot concerning tithes.
Paper

275
Note of the date (1303) of the endowment of Ponteland made by the Ref. J. Furnuse and sent by J. Harbottle.

276 24 July 1827
Letter to William Bentham from J. Lightfoot.
Paper

277 6 August 1827
Letter to William Bentham from J. Lightfoot concerning tithes.
Paper

Papers concerning the estate (leasehold) at Midridge, County Durham.

278
Details of the properties comprising lots 1, 2 and 3 at the Midridge Sale.
Paper 8 sheets

279 24 January 1856
Declaration by the purchaser of Midridge, Joseph Graham.
Paper

280
Abstract of title to the leasehold estate at Middridge, Co. Durham, 1802-1855.
Paper 30 sheets.

281
A continuation of No. 280, the year 1855.
Paper 6 sheets.

282
A continuation of Nos. 280-81, the year 1859.
Paper 13 sheets.

Stray deed relating to Seaton Carew

283 23 November 1773
Lease for 12 years.
Robert Wilson of London to William Nicholson of Seaton Carew.
Longhill Farm and its appurtenances in Seaton Carew of Stranton, together with Maddesone Farm and specified lands for £120 p.a.
Rotation of crops for 1775-86 tabulated.
Seals and signatures of Wilson and Nicholson.
Paper