

Survey of West Overton taken 24 May 1631 (Charles I)

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FREEHOLDERS THERE

255 ROBERT DREWE, esquire	32s
256 RICHARD SMITH	3s
257 [f.2(4)] THOMAS SMITH	
Sum of the Freehold rents p.a.	35s

TENANTS BY INDENTURE

258 RICHARD KINGSMAN holds by indenture, 23 June I Charles [1625], by grant of William, Earl of Pembroke, to Robert Kingsman under fine of 240 l., the capital messuage and farm of West Overton for the lives of Joan (32), now wife of John Hayes of Wilton, clerk, of the said Richard (23) and of John (18), son of William, brother of John Hayes, clerk; rent 11 l. 15s., 6 qr. of wheat, 6 qr. of malt and 6 qr. of oats. To which belong a dwelling house of 4 ground rooms lofted over, much ruined, a barn of 7 rooms, a cart house of 2 rooms, well repaired, a backside, garden and orchard (in all 1 1/2 ac.), closes of meadow called Short Close adjoining the dwelling house (2 ac.), Long Close (3 ac.) and the Penning (1 ac.), a meadow called the Custom Mead (12 ac.), which meadow is common to the farmer and tenants for their horses and rother beasts from Lammas until St. Martin's day yearly and all the rest of the year belongs to the farmer only, grounds of pasture called Clarks Lye (8 ac.) and Hyde (8 ac.), 6 ac. of coppice wood or woody ground adjoining Hyde, and 274 ac. of arable in the common fields, whereof in the North Field 62 ac., in the West Field or Little Field 60 ac. and in the South Field 152 ac. ; and common of pasture for 20 horses, 25 kine and 400 sheep. Reputed 5 yardlands. Worth 100 l.

259 [f.3(5)] JOHN SMITH holds by indenture, 11 February I Charles [1626], by grant of William, Earl of Pembroke, under fine of 401., a portion of tenths and tithes of West Overton for 99 years, if John (18), Thomas (15) and Christopher Smith (11), the tenant's sons, or any of them shall so long live; rent 41., 1 qr. of wheat, 1 qr. of malt and 1 qr. of oats. Worth 231.

260 RICHARD FRANCKLYN (71), gentleman, William (47) and George (45), his sons, hold by indenture, 1 October 35 Eliz. [1593], by grant of Henry, Earl of Pembroke, under fine of 41., a coppice, underwood and woody ground called Allons Coppice (39 ac.), and all underwood, soil, herbage, etc., except timber trees of oak and ash, for life in survivorship ; rent 41. Worth 12 1.

261 RICHARD SMITH holds by indenture, 20 October 20 Eliz. [1578], by grant of Henry, Earl of Pembroke, to Thomas Smith, Henry his son, both deceased, and the said Richard, another son,

under fine of 201., a coppice, underwood and woody ground called Chichangles Coppice (46 ac.) and the underwood, soil, herbage, etc., except timber trees of oak and ash, for life; rent 51. and the carriage of 3 loads of wood yearly from Overton woods to Ramsbury. Worth 181.

[f.3(5)v] Sum of the Indenture~old rents p.a. 241. 15 s.

7 qr. wheat

7 qr. malt

7 qr. oats

[f.4(6)]

TENANTS BY COPY

262 ROBERT KINGSMAN (63), the elder, Robert (34) and Thomas (22), his sons, hold by copy, 15 March | Charles [1626], by grant of William, Earl of Pembroke, under fine of 10 l., a messuage with a curtilage and a yard-land; rent 13s. 4d. ; heriot the best beast. To which belong a dwelling house of 4 ground rooms lofted over, a barn of 4 rooms, a malt house and a stable of 3 rooms, all well repaired, with a backside, garden and orchard adjoining (in all 1 ac.), plots of meadow in the South Mead ($\frac{1}{2}$ ac.) and in the Little Mead (1 r.), and 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. of arable in the common fields, whereof in the North Field 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ac., in the West Field called Little Field 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. and in the South Field 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ac. ; with common of pasture for 4 horses, 5 kine and a runner and 60 sheep. Reputed one yardland and a cote. Worth 101.

263 JOHN BROWNE (68), Alice (35), his daughter, and Jonathan West (36) hold by copy, 21 April 18 James [1620], by grant of William, Earl of Pembroke, under fine of 751., a messuage, a yardland and a $\frac{1}{2}$ yardland rent 33s.; heriot the best beast. To which belong a dwelling house of 3 ground rooms lofted over, a barn of 4 rooms, a stable and a cow house, all well repaired, closes of meadow called Barn Close ($\frac{1}{2}$ ac.) and the Lower Close ($\frac{1}{2}$ ac.), a plot of meadow in the South Mead ($\frac{1}{2}$ ac.), and 30 $\frac{1}{4}$ ac. of arable in the common fields, whereof in the West Field called Little Field 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ac. and in the South Field 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. ; with common of pasture for 6 horses, 6 kine and 2 runners and 90 sheep. Reputed one yardland and a + yardland Worth 15 l.

264 [f.5(7)] ROBERT KINGSMAN (36), the younger, and Alice (34), his sister, now wife of Thomas Stephens, hold by copy, 24 April 41 Eliz.[1599], by grant of Henry, Earl of Pembroke, to Richard Kingsman deceased and to the said Robert and Alice under fine of 38 l., a messuage or tenement, a cottage and 2 yardland5; rent 20s. 10 d. ; heriot the 2 best beasts. To which belong a dwelling house of 4 ground rooms lofted over, a white house or milk house of 1 room lofted over, a malting house of 2 rooms, a barn of 4 rooms, a stable and a cow house, a hay house of 2 rooms, and a cart house, all well repaired, a backside, garden and orchard (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ac.), a plot of meadow in the South Mead (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ac.) and 42 ac. of arable in the common fields, whereof in the North Field 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ ac., in the West Field called Little Field 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ac. and in the South Field 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. ; with common of pasture for 8 horses, 9 kine and 2 runners and 320 sheep. Reputed 2 yardlands and a cote. Worth 201.

265 THOMAS STORYE (76), Robert (35) and Richard (40), his sons, hold by copy, 20 April 14 James [1616], by grant of William, Earl of Pembroke, under fine of 401., a messuage, a yardland and a + yardland; rent 16s. heriot the 2 best beasts. To which belong a dwelling house of 4 ground rooms, 3 of them lofted over and well repaired, the other in decay, a barn of 4 rooms, a stable and a cowhouse of 2 rooms, a milk house of 1 room, all well repaired, a backside, garden and orchard ($\frac{1}{2}$

ac.), closes of meadow called Home Close (1 ac.) and the Upper Close (1/2 ac.), plots of meadow, 1 in South Mead (1/2 ac.) and 2 in Little Mead (3 r.), and 31 ac. of arable in the common fields, whereof in the North Field 9 ac., in the West Field called Little Field 5 3/4 ac. and in the South Field 16 1/4 ac. ; with common of pasture for 6 horses, 6 kine and 2 runners and 90 sheep. Reputed one yardland and a 1/2 yardland. Worth 15l.

266 [f.6(8)] THOMAS PHELPS (70) alias Bromham, Robert (30) and William (21), his sons, hold by copy, 29 December 8 James [1610], by grant of William, Earl of Pembroke, under fine of 40l., a messuage and 2 yardlands ; rent 16s. ; heriot the 2 best beasts. To which belong a dwelling house of 4 ground rooms lofted over, a barn of 4 rooms, a stable, a hay house, a malt house and other necessary houses for husbandry, all well repaired, a backside, garden and orchard (1 ac.), plots of meadow lying in the north side (1 ac.) and in the South Mead (1/2 ac.) and 45 ac. of arable in the common fields, whereof in the North Field 14 1/2 ac., in the West Field called Little Field 5 3/4 ac. and in the South Field 25 ac. ; with common of pasture for 8 horses, 8 kine and 2 runners and 320 sheep. Reputed 2 yardlands. Worth 20l.

267 EDWARD PYLE (62) and ROBERT (54), his brother, hold by copy, 28 March 30 Eliz. [1588], by grant of Henry, Earl of Pembroke, under fine of 14l., a messuage and a yardland; rent 8s. ; heriot the best beast. To which belong a dwelling house of 3 ground rooms lofted over, a barn of 4 rooms, a stable, a hay house and other necessary houses for husbandry, all well repaired, a backside, orchard and garden (1/2 ac.), a plot of meadow in the common mead in the north side (1/2 ac.) and 21 3/4 ac. Of arable in the common fields, whereof in the North Field 5 3/4 ac., in the West Field called Little Field 3 1/2 ac. and in the South Field 12 1/2 ac. ; with common of pasture for 4 horses, 4 kine and a runner and 60 sheep. Reputed one yardland. Worth 10l.

268 [f.7(9)] JOHN HEADE (52), Richard (42) and Mary Head (36), hold by copy, 9 January 6 James [1609], by grant of William, Earl of Pembroke, under fine of 60l., a tenement, a yardland, a +1/2 yardland and a 1/2 yardland called Boardlands (15 ac.) in East Town Field; rent 18s. 6d.; heriot the 2 best beasts. To which belong a dwelling house of 4 ground rooms, 3 of them lofted over, not well repaired, a barn of 2 1/2 rooms, another with a stable of 4 1/2 rooms, a backside, garden and orchard (1/2 ac.), a close of meadow adjoining the garden and orchard (+ ac.), another little close of meadow (1/2 ac.), a plot of meadow in the common meadow called Little Mead (1/2 ac.), 3 other plots of meadow in Little Mead (1/2 ac.) and 46 1/2 ac. of arable in the common fields, whereof in the North Field 10 ac., in the West Field 5 ac., on the West Hill 16 1/2 ac. and in East Town Field 15 ac. With common of pasture for 6 horses, 6 kine and 2 runners and 90 sheep. Reputed 1+ yardland and + yardland of boardland. Worth 20l.

269 JOHN SMITH (18), Thomas (15) and Christopher (11), his brothers, hold by copy, 19 January 2 Charles [1627], by grant of William, Earl of Pembroke, under fine of 5l., a messuage and a + yardland; rent 7s. heriot the best beast. To which belong a dwelling house of 3 ground rooms and a barn of 3 rooms, all much decayed, a backside, garden and orchard (1/4 ac.), a close of pasture (1/2 ac.), 2 plots of meadow in the common meadow in the north side (in all 1 r.) and 11 1/2 ac. of arable in the common fields, whereof in the North Field 4 ac., in the West Field called Little Field 2 1/4 ac. and in the South Field 5 1/4 ac.; with common of pasture for 2 horses, 2 kine and a runner and 30 sheep. Reputed a +yardland. Worth 5l

270 [f.8(10)] MARGERY MORTYMER, widow, holds by her widowhood according to the custom of the manor, a messuage, a yardland and a 1/2 yardland; rent 14s. ; heriot nil. The reversion whereof belongs to George Church (25), Margaret Fry (25) and John Church (21) by copy, 13 December 2 Charles [1626], by grant of William, Earl of Pembroke, under fine of 1151., rent as above and a heriot the 2 best beasts. To which belong a dwelling house of 3 ground rooms, a barn of 3 rooms, somewhat decayed, a backside, garden and orchard and a little close of meadow (1 ac.), 2 plots of meadow in the south side (each 1/2 ac.) and 32 ac. of arable in the common fields, whereof in the North Field 12 1/4 ac., in the West Field called Little Field 3 1/4 ac. and in the South Field 16 1/2 ac. with common of pasture for 6 horses, 6 kine and 2 runners and 90 sheep. Reputed one yardland and a 1/2 yardland. Worth 151.

271 ROBERT (22), MARY (18) AND JOHN NEWE (15) hold by copy, 25 May 7 Charles [1631], by grant of Philip, Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, under fine of 401., a messuage and a yardland; rent 8s.; heriot the best beast. To which belong a dwelling house of 4 ground rooms, 2 of them lofted over, a barn of 4 rooms, a stable, a cart house and other necessary houses for husbandry, all well repaired, a backside, garden and orchard (1/4 ac.), a close of meadow called Home Close (1/2 ac.), a plot of meadow in the common mead called South Mead (1/2 ac.), 2 like plots in the common meadow called Little Mead (1 r.) and 22 ac. of arable in the common fields, whereof in the North Field 8 1/4 ac., in the West Field called Little Field 2 ac. and in the South Field 11 3/4 ac. ; with common of pasture for 4 horses, 4 kine and a runner and 60 sheep. Reputed one yardland. Worth 10l.

272 [f.9(12)] JOAN MYLES, widow relict Thomas Myles widowhood according to the custom of the manor a messuage and a 1/2 yardland; rent 6s. 6d.; heriot nil, because by widowhood. To which belong a dwelling house of 4 ground rooms, 2 of them lofted over, somewhat decayed, a barn of 3 rooms a stable and a hay house of 2 rooms, well repaired, a backside, garden and orchard (1/4 ac.), a close of meadow adjoining the backside (1/2 ac.), a plot of meadow in the common meadow called South Mead (1 r.) and 13 1/4 ac. of arable in the common fields, whereof in the North Field 5 ac., in the West Field called Little Field 1 1/2 ac. and in the South Field 6 3/4 ac ; with common of pasture for 2 horses, 2 kine and a runner and 30 sheep: Reputed a 1/2 yardland. Worth 5l.

273 THOMAS LADD (54), Thomas (12), his son, and Edward (19), son of Edward, brother of Thomas the father, hold by copy, 3 March 18 James [1621], by grant of William, Earl of Pembroke, under fine of 31., a cottage and curtilage; rent 4s 4d; heriot nil. To which belong a dwelling house of 3 ground rooms lofted over and 2 little outhouses, all well repaired, a backside, garden and orchard and a little close of pasture adjoining (1/2 ac.) and 2 ac. of arable in the North Field; with common of pasture for 1 cow. Worth 1l. 6s. 8d.

Sum of the Copyhold rents p.a. 71. 5s. 6d.

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