

1 20th Jan. 16th Chas 2nd (1664). Between John Neile of Grocer 1st and Roger Noble of Leeds, Yeoman, Other. Consideration £22 and other good causes.....Close of arable or pasture ground with appurts, Lady Close, 1 acre, within the fields of Farnley, now in tenure John Neile together with all wayes etc. For ever.

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2 9th May, 22nd Charles 2nd (1670). Bet. Samuel Sugden of Burton Leonard, Clerke, and Mary his wife, 1st; Robert Hogg of Otley, Schoolmaster, Other. Consideration £54 (?) Dwelling house, burgage, messuage or tenement in Otley, near the Market Place, with all buildings thereon, all houses, barns, stables etc etc. late in occupation William Bolland, now in occupation Samuel Sugden. For ever. Held of the Lord of the Fees

3 10th April, 24th Charles 2nd (1672). Bet. Anthony Whitfield of Askwith, Yeoman and Richard Whitfield his son and heir apparent, 1st, John Neale of Otley Yeoman, and Anne his wife, Other. Consideration £26. Two burgages, Messuages or Tenements in Otley, Walkergate with all buildings etc. etc. late in occupation John Scott, now in possession Anthony Whitfield or Richard Whitfield or their assigns

4 10th April, 1672. Bond for £52. Anthony and Richard Whitfield to keep covenants in above indenture (No.3)

5 Quindene of Trinity, 28th Charles 2nd (1677). Final concord at Westminster. Bet. John Dade, Robert Hogg, William Gill and Richard Thompson, plaintiffs and George Burnett and Ann his wife, Samuel Sugden, Clerk and Mary his wife, Thomas Pighills and Jane his wife, William Overend and Jane his wife, George Hutchinson and Sarah his wife, defendants.
Re property in Otley, Burley, Ilkley, Gargrave and Bayldon.

6 26th March, 1679. Will of William Smith, Shoemaker.
Gives his "Soule unto Almighty God that gave it me in my mother's womb". To be buried in Churchyard of Otley.
To Sister, Mary Ramsden of Todthorpe, Parish Ilkley 1 close in occupation John Walbanke of Burley, paying out of it seaven pounds tenn shillings - that is to say, "fifty shillings to my brother Thomas Smith, now a soljer in His Maj's. Service and 50/- to William Phillipps, son of John Phillips my brother in law and 50/- to John Smith son of Jonas Smith my brother. And if my sister, Mary Ramsden refuses to pay any of the aforesaid sums they shall enter into the aforesaid close and enjoy it peaceably 15 years. First 5 years to my brother Thomas Smith, next 5 years to William Phillipps and the last 5 years to William Smith my brother Jona's son. At the end of 15 years to return to my sister Mary Ramsden, her heirs etc. for ever." To brother, Thomas Smith £6.13. 4 ...if he die before legacies become due the 50/- and £6.13. 4 to go to sister Mary Ramsden. To brother Jonas Smith one shilling; his wife Mary 1/-; to his 3 daughters, every one of them 1/-; to his son William Smith £6.13. 4 to be paid when he comes to the age of one and twenty years. If he die before the legacies become due the 50/- and £6.13. 4 to be paid to his 3 sisters, equally divided. To Ann Smith, Sister in law and her 4 sons, Jonas, Martin, Edward and Samuel, and Mary her daughter, every one of them twelve pence apiece. To John Phillips, brother in law and Ann his wife and to the 3 of his sons, Thomas, John and George and to his daughter Grace every one of them twelve pence apiece and to his son William Phillipps £6.13. 4 to be paid when he comes to the age of one and twenty years. Should he die.....the 50/- and £6.13. 4 should be equally divided amongst his 3 brothers and his sister his wife. To James Ramsden, sister Mary Ramsden's son, £6.13. 4 to be paid when he comes to one and twenty years. John Phillips, brother in law and Mary Ramsden, sister to be Joint Executors. Signed with his mark.
Probate certif. attached. Probate granted at York 13th May 1687.

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' 7. 1st Sept. 5th William and Mary (1693). To all Christian People. Robert Shaw, of Otley, "Sopemaker" heretofore contracted a bargain with Richard Hogg, late of Otley, Shoemaker, Dec. for purchase of one burgage or tenement and appurts in Broughgate, Otley, now in tenure of himself...and afterwards paid and secured Richard Hogg of part of the purchase money. WHEREAS, by reason that the whole purchase money was not paid...Robert Hogg made no conveyance to Robert Shaw. WHEREAS Elizabeth Hogg, Relict and administrator of Richard Hogg... after his death returned to Robert Shaw the money he had paid and redelivered the securities he had given. For this consideration Robert Shaw quitclaimed Elizabeth Hogg, etc. etc.

' 8. 1st Feb. 12th William 3rd (1700). Between Robert Hogg, of Otley, Yeoman and Parish Clarke of Otley, 1st; Daniel Neale of Otley, Yeoman, Other. Cons £150. Absolute gift of Dwelling House, Burgage, Messuage and tenement in Otley near the Market Place and all manner of buildings thereon builded, out-houses, barns, stables, etc. etc. Now in tenure Robert Hogg. Held of the Chief Lord of the Fees.

' 9. 1st July 11th Anne (1712). Bet. Thomas West of Ratcliffe Cross, parish Stephney, watchmaker and Mary his wife, one of the daughters and co-heirs of Richard Hogg of Otley, cordwainer Dec. 1st and Dorothy Hogg, of Otley, Spinster, one other of the daughters and co-heirs of the said Richard Hogg, Other. WHEREAS, Richard Hogg in his lifetime purchased of Stephen Parker, of Otley, 3 several burgages, messuages or tenements with their appurts in Otley, which several premises were by descent come and vested in the said Thomas West in right of the said Mary, his wife, and in the said Dorothy Hogg, as daughters and co-heirs of the said Richard Hogg. WHEREAS the said Dorothy Hogg has come to an agreement for and in consideration of the sum of £40 (paid to Thomas West by Dorothy Hogg).....of Thomas and Mary's moiety or half part of two messuages, burgages or tenements in Otley late in tenure or occupation of Elizabeth Hogg, widow, lately deceased, mother of Mary and Dorothy, now in possession of Dorothy Hogg, together with one outbuilding converted into a dwelling house opening into Walkergate, Otley, now in tenure Jonas Raistrick. And etc. etc.

' 10. 3rd Jan, 3rd George (1716). Bet. Francis Jackson of farnley, Yeoman, 1st and Oliver Whitehead of farnley, Yeoman, Other. They, heretofore, for a valuable consideration, were joint purchasers of those 3 several messuages, burgages or tenements with gardens, orchards, backsides etc. in Broughgate, Otley. THIS INDENTURE, Joseph Nicholson, William Spence, Jonas Raistrick bought from James Suttel of Harwood, Yeoman and Dorothy his wife and Thomas West of Radcliffe Cross, parish Stephney, Co. Middlesex, watchmaker and Mary his wife (which said Mary and Dorothy were the only daughters and co-heirs of Richard Hogg late of Otley, cordwainer, Dec., who formerly purchased the said premises

WHEREAS Francis Jackson and Oliver Whitehead, to prevent all question, variance and contention that may arise between them touching their joint purchasing the said premises, As also that perfect and absolute partition and division of the said premises may be had.....pursuant to the Agreement made between them.....that each may know his distinct share apart from the other...

Francis Jackson should hold all that Capital messuage or burgage, 1 orchard thereunto adjoining now divided into two orchards, all that 1 stable heretofore used as a shop, barn...all formerly in possession Joseph Nicholson Dews, but now in possession John Chippindale.

Oliver Whitehead, the messuage or burgage, 1 barn, 1 brewhouse and stable, 1 orchard..which adjoin the west side of the Messuage, barn and premises allotted to Francis Jackson, now in possession of Christopher fflesher, formerly in possession William Spence. Further, Oliver Whitehead should also hold the other messuage on the South-East end of the orchard belonging to the capital messuage allotted to Francis Jackson, the last mentioned messuage in possession Jonas Raistrick, and piece of ground set out from the North side of the last mentioned messuage and taken of the said orchard belonging to the capital messuage, in breadth 8' (position given)

THIS INDENTURE witnesseth that Francis Jackson, in pursuance of the Agreement, hath granted etc. to Oliver Whitehead, all that messuage or burgage and 1 barn 1 brewhouse and stable, 1 orchard...on the West side of the capital messuage now

- 10 (continued) in possession Christopher fflesher, formerly in possession William Spence and all that other messuage at the South-East end of the orchard belonging to the capital messuage, which said last mentioned messuage in possession Jonas Raistrick; and piece of ground set out from the North side of the last mentioned messuage, 8' in breadth (position and further details given) For Ever.
11. Morrow of Trinity, 4th Year George (1719). Fine. Westminster Francis Jackson, Oliver Whitehead, William Stephenson, Plaintiffs. James Suttle and Dorothy his wife, Thomas West and Mary his wife, Leonard Waddington and Sarah his wife, Deforciant. Re 5 messuages, 4 barns etc. in Otley and Goodmanham (?)
12. 30th April 10th George (1724). Bet. Oliver Whitehead of Newhall Carr, Cooper and Barbara his wife, 1st, and Isaac Neal of Otley, Badger, Other. Cons. 5/-. Messuage, burgage or tenement, 1 barn adjoining, 1 brewhouse and stable, together with one orchard to the same belonging, situated in Broughgate in Otley now or late in possession or occupation Christopher Flesher, which said messuage etc. abutteth on the West upon a Messuage, house or tenement now or late belonging to Francis Parkinson and wherein one Oxley Oldham Gold now dwelleth, and abutteth on the East upon a messuagehouse or tenement belonging to one Thomas Flesher Gold and wherein one William Fairbanks Gold now dwelleth. And also that other messuage burgage or tenement situated in Walkergate, Otley, now or late in possession of William Brown and Together also with all the piece or parcel of ground lying upon the North side of the last mentioned messuage, in breadth 9' (position given) STAINED
13. 1st May 10th George (1724). Oliver Whitehead of Newhall Carr, Parish Otley, Cooper and Barbara his wife, 1st and Isaac Neal of Otley, Badge, Other. Cons £60 1 ~~Messuage, burgage or tenement~~ barns, brew house, stable etc. etc. in Broughgate, Otley, now or late in possession Christopher Flesher or his assigns....West, messuage now or late belonging to Francis Jackson (position given) Other names mentioned. Reference to indenture of Bargain and Sale for 1 year dated day before this, between same parties (Transfer Uses to Possession) FAINT
14. 1st May, 14th George 2nd (1741). Manor of Otley, Court Baron. Before Henry Whittaker, Gent, Under Steward and of the Suitors of the Court there. Thomas Laycon Barker of City of York, Gent, on 1st May 1741 surrendered by the hands of Samuel Hogg and John ...(?), 2 customary tenants of the Manor...Piece of land in Otley in possession of William Dinsdale, "Wett Ing", "West Ing" or "Wilcock Ing", 1 acre, together with etc...to the use of Jonas Bates of Otley, Gent. For Ever. Fine 6d
15. Draft Indenture (no day or month given) ...year of Geo 2 (?1743) Bet. Isaac Neale of Otley, Yeoman and Isabell his wife, 1st and John Neale their son and heir apparent, Other. Cons 5/-. Burgage, messuage or dwelling house in Market Place, Otley, with garden on the East side of the yard or backside thereof in occupation of Mr. Samuel Neale, but late in occupation of Rebecca Appleyard, widow. Together with etc. etc. etc. For 1 year. Peppercorn Rent. Uses to Possession. STAINED AND TORN
16. 6th April, 1752. Will of Isabelle Neal of Otley, widow. To Ann, wife of William Flesher, her daughter, £45.11. 0 due to her from: £34 due from her son Enoch: £4.4. 0 due from George Gill: £1. 1. 0 due from John Skirrow: £1. 1. 0 due from Thomas Chatter: £5. 5. 0 from John Christopherson. Enoch her son and Catherine, Sarah and Elizabeth, her three daughters to be Joint Exors. To son, Daniel, 1/- "and no more". To daughter Catherine 1 pair of bedstocks and bedding
17. 20th Oct 1760. FRAGILE, STAINED, PART MISSING
Note on outside: "His Grace the Lord Archbishop of York: Nathaniel Aked, Enoch Neale and William Maud. Lease of Otley Waterworks. Reserve Rent £1. 6. 8 "
Body of document includes reference to: John Aked, son of Nathaniel, aged about 14 years; Enoch Neal, party hereto, aged about 34 years; William Maud, party hereto, aged about 45 years

18. 12th June, 2nd George 3rd (1762). Bet. Thomas Rocke of Otley, carpenter, 1st, John Wilkes of the same, Maltster, Other. Cons £10. Bargain and Sale. Part and moiety of 1 burgage with appurts at Cross Green, Otley, now or late in possession Jane Rooke, widow, and the garth or garden adjoining on the South side and severed from the burgage with a wall, also the said burgage adjoining on the West side to one burgage now or late in possession Ann Waddington, widow.. all hedges etc., etc. for 500 years. Peppercorn rent. Provision that is Thomas Rocke pay to John Wilkes £10.10. 0 upon 12th June next then this shall be void. "Thomas Rocke to John Wilkes, Mortgage". Many endorsements on reverse side of document.

19. 19th April, 1763. Articles of Agreement.

Between Robert Stansfield of Esholt, Esq. of the one part: William Maud of Otley, Cuttler, Benjamin Child of Otley, Joyner and Enoch Neal of Otley, Maltster, Other Part.

Consideration £840.

All those Firr trees Standing at Each side the Causey in the Townfield at Esholt above the Little Gate Also those Seventeen or Eighteen Firrs that was Reserved in the former fall also all those Firrs at West Side James Wilson House and in the said Townfield Excepting four that's Run round with Red - Also farther Sells to the said William Maud, Benjamin Child and Enoch Neal a Samll Holt of Wood in the Bottom of a Close in Buck Land at Idle Called Coat Close being all in the said Holt and Numbered to Nine Then to begin at Number Ten in the Brow or Shrogg Close in the said Buck Land Adjoining upon the pasture which Number is Carried on in the Fence Rows of the said Land and part of Joseph Burnley ffarm and part of the Wood Called the Mill Brow from the said Number Ten to the Number of Two Hundred and Ninety Four Inclusive being Oak, Ash and other Numbred Wood Also sells to them farther all the Wood, Underwood and Brush in the said Mill Brow and Two parcells of Woody Ground called Buck Wood Lying South of the Ingg Ground and South of the Corn Ground SAVING and Reserving thereout all Those Trees and powles and Wavers therein which are Marked and Rung about with Red with the Bark and Ramel thereon to be and Remain without Deminishing or Spoile and Waste, for the future Growth and Springing and for the Replenishing the said parcells of Woody Grounds Also Reserving Sufficient Hedge Boot as Usual out of the Wood in the Woody Grounds and out of the Trees in the Fence Rows for making up the fences with, where Damaged or Broken down) Also Granteth Way and Leive for Carrying off the said Trees, Wood, Bark, Cordwood and so forth hereby Granted and sold and Intended to be pilled and felled In over and through the Usual Ways. Also Granteth them Leive to pill and Chop the Bark also to Rank and Cord the Cordwood in the said Grounds and Woods and to make Charcoal pitts and Burn the said Cordwood and to gett Dust and Cover for the said Charcoal pitts in the most proper part of the said Woods Leaving the Dust and Ashes there. AND the said William Maud, Benjamin Child and Enoch Neal Agree.....they will make Good and punctual payments (Details given of arrangements for payment) Further agree that they shall have Three Years fell for the said Wood and Trees and that they shall and will pill and cause the Wood and Trees to be so pilled and Rung about that the same be felled within or Under the Ringing of the Bark and that Low near the Earth and fair and Rounded off the Stoven and not Dished or fellowed hollow but in such manner as no water will Stand or Remain upon the Stoven but so as to Encourage the best Springing and future Growth thereof And will also Brush off and ffell all the Underwood Low by the Earth that it may have opportunity to Spring the better thereby And will pill, fell, Cutt down and Char all the Grounds and Woody Grounds from and off the Wood, Trees, Underwood, Bark and Charcoal hereby sold or intended so to be on or before the 29th day of September in the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Six And for what White Wood as Firrs Ash, Elm or other White Wood to be Sold and felled in any Winter will Clear the Grounds from it by the Twenty Fifth day of March next following, and for what shall be felled of the Same Sort of Wood being the remainder of it will fell and Clear the Grounds from it by the Twenty Fifth day of March in Every Year and the Cordwood that Ariseth therefrom will Clear the Grounds thereof by Michaelmas Day next following that is what is felled each Year in that Manner respectively, and as Touching and Concerning the pilling, felling and ordering the Oak Wood shall and will pill and fell the same in Three Years to wit: This Spring One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Three, and in the Spring One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Four

'19 (continued): and in the Spring One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Five and will fell the same so pilled Each Spring from off the Root so as the Wood shall be cleared away by the First day of April in Every Year after such pilling. And will pill the said Woods before them beginning at the West End of that Called the Mill Brow and that Lying South of the Corn Grounds towards Thackley the first year fall And if any Reserved Wavers be broke down by Carelessness on Felling any of the said Wood or Trees In that Case they shall pay for the same or Allow as many and as Good to be marked Sett out and left in some other place in the said Woods And the said William Maude, Benjamin Child and Enoch Neal.....agree to make any Gates at their own charge which may be Necessary for the more Convenient Carrying away the said Wood Also shall and will Amend and make Good any Gates or Stoops that may be broke or Damaged by Carrying away any of the Woods, Bark or Charcoal And will not Suffer or permit their or any other persons Cattle Leading away the said Wood, Bark or Charcoal to pasture or Run Loose in the Owner or Tenants Grounds or in the said Woody Grounds But shall order them to be Tied to the ffences or to the Trees to keep them from Straying or Trespassing therein and shall and will order and Direct their Servants or other persons that are to sell or Carry away Wood Bark and Charcoal to keep all the Gates Shut after them in their passing or Repassing or which they may go through A d to Do the Least harm that can be by any Straying or Trespasses in the Grounds or Ways and also shall and will make up the ffences well that shall or may be broke down by the falling of any of the Trees upon them by carelessness or neglect. And the said Robert Stansfield agrees to and with the said William Maude, Benjamin Child and Enoch Neal, etc. etc. TORN AT FOOT

Notes from Oxford English Dictionary:

Powle: Obsolete word for stake or pole
 Ramel: Rammel - brushwood, underwood, small bushes
 Cordwood: Wood stacked for fuel. Cord = a measure of cut wood
 Rank: To arrange, or put in order
 Rung: Ring barked
 Stoven: Stem or trunk of a tree
 Dish: To cave in or become concave
 Stoop: A post or pillar

- 20. 20th May, 8th George 3rd (1768). Manor of Otley. Court Baron. Before Arthur Ricard, Gent, Under Steward. Enoch Neal of York, badger, on 25th April 1768 surrendered to the Lord a parcel of land, Little Sandy Lands with etc. etc. in Otley, now in possession of Mark Woodward, 1 acre...to the use of John Henson of Otley, Felmonger. Fine 3d. NEVERTHELESS, on condition that if Enoch Neal pay to John Henson £100 with interest at 4½% on 25th April next then this condition be void. (Copy Court Roll)
- 21 18th June 1774. Manor of Otley. Conditions - Surrender On 18th June 1774 Enoch Neale of Poole, Badger surrendered to the hands of the Lord a piece of land in Otley in occupation Enoch Neale, "Wett Ing" or "West Ing" or "Wilcock Ing", 1 acre etc. etc. to use of Thomas Stephenson of Otley, Currier. On condition that if Enoch Neale pay Thomas Stephenson £30 with interest at 4% upon 18th December next, then this surrender be void.
- 22. November 1811 (?) FRAGILE - IN THREE PIECES
 Account. Representatives of the late James Craven in account with the Executors in Trust.
 Total amount £11,753. 1. 0d. Details of land sold to Mr. John Clarke, Mr. Joseph Ellitson, Mr. John Mason, John D. Jefferson Esq, Mr. John Pierson (totalling £6,045). And other details
23. Undated (?some time after 1811) STAINED AND TORN (IN TWO PIECES)
 Case. James Kydd
 Nephew of the late James Craven of Newsholme, Gentleman Farmer. When he was about 20 years of age, at the Request of his Uncle, went and lived with him at Newsholme as one of his servants in husbandry without any Stipulation or Agreement for wages and for the first four years was in all respects and did his duty as his Second Man: and at the End of that Period, upon the head man's going away, in like manner

23 (continued): took his place and worked in that situation till his Uncle's Death which happened about 11 years ago. When his uncle died he had been with him upwards of twenty years; and during this long length of time was never paid any Wages, but was only supplied with a few cloathes and a little Pocket money. It is well known and can be readily proved by the most respectable Testimony that... ..well qualified for the situation: and used in the service of his uncle in both the above Capacities, the most unwearied Industry and attention; and that he was well entitled upon an aggregate for these Services according to the opinion of Gentlemen Farmers well acquainted with him and his steady, sober and industrious habits, to Twenty Pounds a year at the least, which would amount to upwards of £400. His Uncle, previously to his Death made his will bearing date the 23rd day of October 1805 and proved in the prerogative court at York on the 18th March 1811, a copy of which accompanies this case, by which you will observe he charges all his real and personal Estate with the payments of his debts and gives to his nephew, James Kydd, a Legacy of £500 - and in a subsequent Part of it, as you will see by the copy of the Will, he gave the Residue and Remainder of the Property arising from the sale of his Real and Personal Estates, after the Deaths of his widow and 3 sisters, to their children, Mary, James Kydd's mother having, with him, six children; Ellin 10 children and Margaret 2 children, who may take it either per capita or per Stirpes upon which You'll give your opinion as requested below

It is material to notice that there is not in the whole of the will one word to shew that these Bequests were intended to be in Lieu or Satisfaction of any debt or claim James Kydd might have had as a debt for wages or otherwise; and having spent the best part of his life in his Uncle's Employment and had from his Uncle's infirmities, the sole Direction and Management of the Farm for many of the last years of his life, is he not intitled, and ought not the Executors to pay the same to him accordingly? It is also to be remarked that Mr. Craven by his will gave several Legacies of £100 each to Persons little or in a small degree allied to him; and also the Interest of £400 to a child of his sister Margaret of weak mind for its Life. After the child's death the interest to his sister Ellin, her heirs etc....her death the Principal amongst her children who...partake alike with James Kydd and the other children....the above mentioned residue - And therefore would it not seem after so many years devoted to his Uncle's Interest he ought not only to have his Legacy and share such Residue paid to him in Common with the other Legatees, but also his Wages? Otherwise he would, by being deprived of the latter after a Labour of twenty years be nearly put upon par with his Aunt Ellin and her Children and the others benefitted - which could never have been his Uncle's Intention.

James Kydd about (blank) years ago when certain legacies under the will were paid made his claim for wages: which the Trustees and Executors John Claridge Esq. and the late Rev. Mr. Jon refused to admit tho' Mr. Jon said he was intitled to wages during the Time he lived with his Uncle and advised him to look after them. And as by the death of Mrs. Craven, the Widow, about twelvemonth ago there will very shortly be an application by Mr. Claridge, the Surviving Trustee to...
unfinished.

- * 24 Undated (?sometime after 1811) FRAGILE
 Case for the opinion of Mr. Carr (one guinea)
 For Mr. Chippindale's opinion, of the Temple

Trustee and Executor of the Residue of the Property or Principal Money and other Effects of the Testator, Mr. Craven. according to the Will which are considerable James Kydd has renewed his claim for these wages and though he has not since such refusal, used legal or equitable (?) measures to enforce it, it is submitted that under the circumstances of this Case his claim still exists and is not barred by the Statute of Limitation. The Property Mr. Craven died possessed of it is presumed would amount to several thousands
You will therefore after reading the above statement and perusing the copy of the Will be pleased to say whether James Kydd is intitled as well to the abovementioned Legacy of £500 and his share of the third part of the principal Money, as to the £400 and upwards due to him upon the Death of his Uncle for wages, or not, and whether the trustees ought or ought not to pay the sum to him out of the present

24 (continued): Fund accordingly and will the two children of Margaret, the ten children of Ellin and the seven children of Mary, after attending.....

This Case with the Opinions of Mr. Carr (?) and Mr. Chippindale was laid before Mr. Bell, the Chancery Barrister who was decidedly of Opinion that the residue of the property ought to go per Capita Et non per Stirpes and as to the other question he had some doubts thereon. Under these circumstances it is important for the arbitrators to well consider the Subject and if they cannot come to an amicable conclusion Mr. Harrison would recommend it to be left to the opinions of Mr. Bell and Mr. Hart which shall be conclusive....??incomplete.

- ' 25. June 1824. Copy letter
"Claridge and Eland"

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Asking them to suspend proceedings for a short while longer, otherwise leave processes with agent, Mr. Lowndes of Red Lion Square. Mention of £1,000 loan and committee appointed to assist in winding up his (John Pierson's?) late father's affairs "expected to have met Mr. Claridge about 10 d ays ago to come to some arrangement" John Pierson, Howden, 5th June 1824. To: Messrs. Stile and Rackham,

Lincoln's Inn, 19th June, 1824. "Mr. Craven's Executorship"

"We are favoured with your letter of the 17th inst...and send you a copy of a letter received from Mr. Pierson a few days since in answer to various applications for the settlement of Mr. Eland's debt...other matters respecting the state of his father's concerns....in regard to Mr. Eland....proccoss against himwe are proceeding.... (the debt is secured by his bond as well as upon the estate) hope to obtain judgement in the present term in which case.....probably be soon paid. From Stile Rackham to Mr. Smith

26. 8th April, 1831 Note re will of John Neale.

John Neale, late of Otley, dealer in Corn, by his last will devised to William Dawson and David Hudson All and Every his messuages, cottages, buildings etc. in Boroughgate, Otley, then in occupation of himself and others...to hold the same.....to the use of his nephew, John Neale.....(Application for Mr. Howden's rent?)
Outside: "Mr. John Howden 8th April 1831"

FRAGILE

27. Undated. Rough notes re Instructions for Mr. John Wales' Will

To his nephew, John Neale, son of his sister Ann Neale all the housing, tenements and premises in Boroughgate, in his own occupations (Note on side "Freehold") and occupation of Mary Bucktrout, David Bleping (?), George Howden, James Bartlett, Betty Newsom. To hold to him and heirs of his body...in case he dies without leaving lawful issue him surviving Trustees, William Dawson and David Hudson shall give such sum as they think proper to his sister towards his maintenance and education and putting him apprentice to such trade as they think fit during the sister's life

Gives allotments and premises on Chevin to his sister Isabelle Hudson during her life, after to her son John and his heirs - in default to his brother Craven Hudson and his lawful heirs (Note, "Otley, Copyhold")

Leaves houses in occupation of James Bradley, John Wheelhouse and Elizabeth Hudson to his nephew John Fox and heirs male of his body...in default to his brother Richard (Note "Bardsey, Copy")