

**HISTORIC PAPERS RELATING TO H. H. HEFFER OF  
FARNHAM, SUFFOLK**

**IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER**

**1726 (October?)** Manor of Benhale

Admission of Martha Butts to copyhold house in Farnham

**1737 (January 9<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Absolute surrender of copyhold lands in Farnham, Samuel Robinson to William Gowing blacksmith.

**1738 (January 2<sup>nd</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Document relating to Martha Butts, mentions shop, Robert Brown and Joseph Cooper.

**1751 (June 29<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Admission of John Gowing as heir of the late William Gowing **1737** above to a mansion house, shop, blacksmiths shop and yard in Farnham.

**1752 (October 30<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Admission of Anthony Butts, son of Martha Butts deceased, to her copyhold house in Farnham late in the occupation of Robert Brown and William White.

**1763 (November 11<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Absolute surrender Anthony and Mary Butts to Simon Hurren of Farnham, copyhold as above. Receipt for £52:10:0 in consideration.

**1763 (November 11<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Bond on purchase of copyhold Anthony and Mary Butts to Simon Hurren of Farnham. Pre-printed form completed in pen.

**1764 (February 21<sup>st</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Admission of Simon Hurren to the above copyhold. Fine of £4:10:0 paid.

**1764 (February 21<sup>st</sup>)**

Receipt for the £4:10:0 mentioned above signed Richard Browne? Agent for the lord of the Manor?

**1764 (February 21<sup>st</sup>)**

Receipt for £4:18:0, fees for writings on the purchase of the above, signed by Samuel Kilderbee, solicitor?

**1780 (October 30<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Admission of Frederick William Gowing, infant son of John Gowing deceased to the copyhold of the Mansion House, shop and blacksmiths shop in Farnham as in **1751** above.

**1792 (December 12<sup>th</sup>)**

Handwritten auction notice of sale by Wm Summers on behalf of James? Woolnough at the George Inn Farnham of three tenements and a half acre of land, occupied by Wm Smith, Thos Gooderham and Henry Knights. One part occupied by a Wheelwright for near thirty years. Has list of bidders starting from £80 and sold for £118 to John Wade.

**1793 (February 12<sup>th</sup>)**

Mortgage for £34 @ 5% advanced by Henry Osborne of Benhall to Thomas Branch of Farnham in respect of his house and land abutting the road to Farnham Hall to the East and a lane to Farnham Street on the North. Also endorsed **1794 to 1820** receipts for annual interest paid.

**1793 (October 24<sup>th</sup>)**

Copy will of Simon Hurren, shopkeeper of Farnham and father of Elizabeth Garrett wife of Samuel Garrett. Executors **John Heffer**, farmer of Stratford St Andrew and Nathaniel Pallant of Snape. Relates to copyhold lands in **1763, 1764** above

**1796 (March 28<sup>th</sup>)**

Copy will of Joseph Cooper of Sweffling mentions lands and houses in Sweffling, Farnham, Rendham and Snape. Daughter Sarah Woodard only left one shilling!! What had she done?

**1796 (May 31<sup>st</sup>)**

Demise of a house and land in Farnham from Charles Long of Saxmundham to Henry Knights of Farnham for 1000 years at 2/6 per year rent. Tenant noted as Henry Robinson

**1796 (June 30<sup>th</sup>)**

Attornment Henry Knights and Henry Robinson to **John Heffer**, farmer, of Stratford St Andrew and Nathaniel Pallant, farrier, of Snape, executors of Simon Hurren deceased. For £70, Henry Knights paying 17/6 and Henry Robinson £2:12:6 pa rent until the £70 and interest all repaid. Property as above.

**1796 (June 30<sup>th</sup>)**

Assignment of a term of years by way of mortgage to secure £70 and interest at 5% pa. Henry Knights to **John Heffer** and Nathaniel Pallant, executors of Simon Hurren deceased. This appears to be repayable after one year.

**1796 (June 30<sup>th</sup>)**

Bond for £70 plus interest Henry Knights to **John Heffer** and Nathaniel Pallant, executors of Simon Hurren deceased, repayable after one year. Pre-printed document completed in pen.

**1796 (October 15<sup>th</sup>)**

Receipt for 2/6 from T Branch to Charles Long with annotation about family that I cannot decipher.

**1797 (February 3<sup>rd</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Copy of Absolute Surrender blacksmiths shop in Farnham, Frederick William Gowing, Yeoman of Stratford St Andrew (probably grandson of William Gowing above, 1737) to William Robinson, blacksmith of Hacheston.

**1797 February 3<sup>rd</sup>** Manor of Benhale

Bond, Gowing to Robinson relating to the above. Pre-printed document completed in pen. Also has receipt for £80 as consideration for surrender.

**1798 (September 25<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Copy admission of Mrs Elizabeth Garrett (daughter of Simon Hurren). Contains house late John Eade (see 1792 above), house and shop (see 1764 surrender above) late of Thomas Kerridge and Philip Sadd. Appears to be land to the north of Farnham churchyard, passed to Simon Hurren 1788, by surrender of Thomas Tuthill at a Courts Baron. (No record in these papers)

**1798 (October 20<sup>th</sup>)**

Feoffment James Read, husbandman of Leiston to Robert Kerridge, yeoman of Pettistree. Relates to common land at Coldfair Green, Manor of Leiston (now Knodishall) for the sum of £10. Signed James Read his mark.

**1799 (October 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

Robert Kerridge, yeoman, late of Pettistree now of Campsey Ash and Robert Haxell, schoolmaster, of Kelsale. Mortgage for £40 at 5% of Cold Fair in the manor of Leiston.

**1800 (April 30<sup>th</sup>)**

Release of Cold Fair lands as above Robert Kerridge to Robert Haxell for £70, being £41 owing on the mortgage as above and £29 cash.

**1800 (August 24<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Mr William Robinson, blacksmith and wife Ann of Farnham to Mrs Elizabeth Spalding of Sudbourne. Conditional Surrender for securing £130 at 5% interest of lands at Farnham. (Blacksmith's shop in 1797 above).

**1803 (October 14<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Copy admission of Mrs Ann Scarlett to three tenements in Farnham willed by her father Joseph Cooper. In the occupation of John Scarlet, ? Cattermole and John Eade See 1796 above.

**1805 (October 18<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Copy admission of Mary Ann Wade, an infant. The three tenements noted above from Ann Scarlett. Guardian is John Shuckford Wade, tanner, of Benhall.

**1808 (July 26<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Absolute surrender, Mr William Robinson and wife Ann to Mr Samuel Garrett of the blacksmith's shop?

**1808 (July 26<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Copy of Mrs Spalding's acknowledgement of satisfaction on the Robinsons' Conditional surrender, see **1800** above. Signed Elizabeth Spalding her mark.

**1808 (July 26<sup>th</sup>)**

Bond, Mr William Robinson to Mr Samuel Garrett in the sum of £100 in respect of the above surrender. Pre-printed form completed in pen.

**1808 (October 14<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Copy admission of Mr Samuel Garrett upon the surrender of the blacksmith's shop by the Robinsons.

**1813 (March 12<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Bond for quiet enjoyment Jonathan Abbott Studd, gentleman, to Mr Samuel Garrett, shopkeeper in the sum of £800, £400 paid by Samuel Garrett to Studd. This seems to relate to buildings and land held by Studd in Farnham and transferred to Garrett. Noted on the front in pencil, "lots 2 & 6 first sale".

**1816 (October 20<sup>th</sup>)**

Feoffment of a piece of land in Farnham, Edward Hollond Esq of Benhall to Mr James Hurren of Farnham and his trustee, John Turrill Alcock of Halesworth, for a consideration of £10. The land seems to be around the blacksmith and wheelwright's shops. The blacksmith is noted as a Stephen Gooding and the Wheelwright may be John Shuckford Wade. Witness on the receipt is Samuel Garrett.

**1819 (July 1<sup>st</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Absolute surrender, Miss Mary Anne Wade, spinster of Benhall to Mr James Hurren of Farnham, all her copyhold lands in Farnham for £84. See **1805** above. (The Deputy Steward is Thomas Mayhew of Saxmundham, later Mayhew and Sons, Solicitors).

**1821 (July 7<sup>th</sup>)**

Agreement, Henry Knights to sell Cottage in Farnham to Edward Hollond Esq for £110.

**1821 (December 8<sup>th</sup>)**

Assignment of a cottage and piece of land in Farnham. Nathaniel Pallant and Henry Knights to Edward Hollond of Benhall Lodge. (See **May 31<sup>st</sup> 1796**). For the sum of £110, £70 Pallant and £40 to Knights. The house noted as being occupied by John Pipe, Robert Clouting and Susan Pallant.

**1824 (January 13<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Abstract of Title Mr James Hurren to the wheelwrights shop and cottages from Mary Ann Wade, see **1805 and 1819** above. Copyhold

**1824 (January 15<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Copy Admission of Mr James Hurren to the above.

**1827 (February 15<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Mr and Mrs James Hurren to Mr Isaac Bartrum, farmer of Badingham, copy of Conditional Surrender of the above for securing £300 and interest. James Hurren and Mahala, his wife, late of Farnham, wheelwright, now of Kelsale, farmer. Signed Mahala, her mark.

**1827 (February 15<sup>th</sup>)**

Mortgage bond of the above for £300 plus 5% interest James Hurren to Isaac Bartrum. (Pre-printed form completed in pen).

**1827 (February 15<sup>th</sup>)**

Three large Indenture pages formalising the mortgage agreement above with a penal clause of £600 payable on default.

**1827 (February 26<sup>th</sup>)**

General Equitable Fire Office Norwich. Pre-printed policy completed in pen insuring the above property for £325 on premium of 15/6 in the names of James Hurren and Isaac Bartrum. **Noted the premises are in the occupation of Alfred Heffer, wheelwright. This is the first time the name appears.**

**1827 (February?)**

Abstract of title James Hurren as above but Freehold and Copyhold lands.

**1827 (December 31<sup>st</sup>)**

Thomas Branch, husbandman, of Farnham to Elizabeth Branch, singlewoman, of Great Yarmouth, (probably his daughter) lease for a year of a cottage in Farnham beside the road to the church for 5/-. Endorsed on the back signed, sealed and delivered on **January 5<sup>th</sup> 1829** by Thomas Branch as the original seal had been removed against the will of Elizabeth Branch.

Also noted as being a deed referred to in Robert Cocke's affidavit **July 9<sup>th</sup> 1829** sworn before H V Worship, Master Extra in Chancery. **Affidavit is listed below.**

**1828 (January 1<sup>st</sup>)**

Thomas Branch to Elizabeth Branch, Conveyance of above in consideration of £15 owing to Elizabeth Branch from Thomas Branch and subject to a mortgage of £34 from Henry Osborne to Thomas Branch dated **12<sup>th</sup> February 1793**. Similarly endorsed as the above and noted in affidavit referred to.

**1829 (July 9<sup>th</sup>)**

Affidavit of Robert Cockes, he accompanied Elizabeth Branch to the Queen's Head in Lowestoft **19<sup>th</sup> October 1828** where she paid the £34 mortgage plus £1:14:0 interest to Henry Osborne. Osborne then cut the seals off the deeds saying they were worthless. Hence they had to be re-sealed and signed in January 1829.

**1829 (August 21<sup>st</sup>)**

Lease for one year, James Hurren to **Henry Heffer, drill maker**, of Farnham, buildings containing wheelwright and blacksmith shops.

**1829 (August 22<sup>nd</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

James Hurren and Wife, to **Henry Heffer**, Copy of absolute surrender of the above for £100. Also assigns the mortgage to John Wilson of Benhall to secure £250.

**1829 (August 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

Release of mortgage to Isaac Bartrum by **Henry Heffer** and his trustee, Henry Southwell. Later Southwell and Fry solicitors of Saxmundham?

**1829 (August 22<sup>nd</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Copy of conditional surrender, James and Mahala Hurren to Mr John Wilson. Premises as in August 21<sup>st</sup>, consented to by Henry Heffer.

**1829 (August 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

Mortgage, Henry Heffer to Mr John Wilson for £250 at 5% interest. Endorsed with IOU and receipts for interest plus a partial redemption of £150 in **1844**.

**1829 (August 24<sup>th</sup>)**

Isaac Bartrum, acknowledgement of satisfaction of discharge of mortgage on the above premises by **Henry Heffer**.

**1830 (August 10<sup>th</sup>)**

Suffolk and General Country Amicable Fire Office. Policy for £300 at a premium of 16/- in the name of John Wilson. Premises at Farnham occupied by **Henry and Alfred Heffer and wheelwrights shop occupied by Henry Heffer**.

**1831**

Abstract of title, trustees of Edward Hollond, leasehold premises in Farnham, assigned below to Stephen Gooding.

**1831 (June 8<sup>th</sup>)**

Thomas Tringham Smith and George Doherty to Stephen Gooding, executors of Edward Hollond, Assignment of leasehold premises in Farnham. See **May 1<sup>st</sup> 1796**.

Endorsed on the back with transfer to Robert Gooding of Benhall dated **27<sup>th</sup> May 1863**

**1835 (July 10<sup>th</sup>)**

Release of land at Coldfair Leiston from the beneficiaries of Robert Haxell's will to George Cooper in trust for Ebenezer Bentfield Haxell in the sum of £54. See **April 30<sup>th</sup> 1800**.

**1835 (August 15<sup>th</sup>)**

Thomas Tringham Smith to **Henry Heffer** and his trustee, Feoffment of land in Farnham for £2:10:0. This is the first deed to have a small plan of the land in the margin. **There is an attested copy dated November 20<sup>th</sup> 1844**

**1839 (July 11<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Large and small Copy Admissions of Elizabeth Garret to copyhold lands of her late husband, Samuel Garrett. See **October 8<sup>th</sup> 1808, March 12<sup>th</sup> 1813 and January 15<sup>th</sup> 1824**.

Also noted on the back apart from the usual receipts, at a Court of The Manor of Benhale **August 29<sup>th</sup> 1846** "We the Homage present this Indenture as part of our verdict". Signed William Robinson and William Haiths?

**1843 (December 1<sup>st</sup>)**

Bargain of sale, land and houses in Stratford St Andrew. Exors of Edward Banks to Mr William Banks for the sum of £350. Auctioned at the George Inn, Farnham.

**1844 (February 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

Abstract of Title Copyhold lands in Farnham of Mrs Elizabeth Garrett. Headed Lot 3.

**1844 (June 20<sup>th</sup>)**

Transfer of Mortgage, Mrs Harriet Wilson, Widow of Benhall and **Mr Henry Heffer**, Drill Maker of Farnham to Mrs Mary Osborne, widow of Saxmundham and Mr Jonathan Eastaugh, farmer, of Worlingham for £100 at 5%. This relates to a mortgage of **August 29<sup>th</sup> 1829** to John Wilson who died, Harriet Wilson is his widow, for £250 at 5%. Interest payments noted on the back **1847, 1848, 1849** with the discharge dated **June 20<sup>th</sup> 1855**

**1844 (June 20<sup>th</sup>?)** Manor of Benhale

Acknowledgement of Satisfaction, discharge of mortgage Mrs Harriet Wilson re above, Undated or signed.

**1844 (September 7<sup>th</sup>)**

Printed notice of a meeting of the ratepayers and owners of property in the parish of Farnham regarding an exchange of land around the Old Poor House in Farnham, for that of Mr **Henry Heffer**.

**1844 (October 11<sup>th</sup>)**

Lease of a piece of Land in Farnham for 999 years. The Reverend Edmund Hollond, clerk, of Benhall Lodge, to Mr Stephen Gooding, blacksmith, of Farnham for 10/- pa ground rent. This seems to be Rose Villa. There appears to be no money paid. The conditions are interesting, no alcohol to be sold, retail or wholesale; no trade or occupation that shall cause noise or stench to be a nuisance to the neighbouring land; and no dissenting religion to be practised that goes against the Church of England!

**1844 (October 30<sup>th</sup>)**

Order for the exchange of land around The Poor House in Farnham.

**1844 (December 17<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Copy Admission of Mr Stephen Gooding to four tenements in Farnham late of Mrs Elizabeth Garrett. Occupied by James Crane, John Howard, John Hanby the elder and John Hanby the younger. For the consideration of £325.

**1844 (December 18<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Copy Surrender and Release, Miss Wade and others to Mr Stephen Gooding. There appeared to be some doubt as to whether the exors could sell the land above, as part may be vested in the three children of Thomas Shuckford Wade. Upon payment of 10/- to each of the three children, they surrender any rights they may have.

**1844 (December 18<sup>th</sup>)**

Assignment of leasehold premises and Covenant Insure Copyhold premises in Farnham for securing £300. Stephen Gooding to James Cooper, gentleman, of Heveningham at 4.5%. Rose Villa and the four tenements as above.

**1845 (March?)**

Abstract of title Lot 1 of auction properties listed below. Starting from a Stephen Abbott the younger November **1741**.

**1845 (April 1<sup>st</sup>)**

Notice of auction of Properties in Farnham and Friston by order of the Exors Mrs Elizabeth Garrett deceased, at The George Inn Farnham. Three lots in Farnham and a thatched cottage in Friston. Lot 2 sold to Nicholls, shoemaker of Great Glemham.

**1845 (May 8<sup>th</sup>)**

Order for extension of time to exchange the land around The Poor House at Farnham.

**1845 (June 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

Deed of exchange for land around The Poor House Farnham, (two copies).

**1845 (October 11<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Bargain of Sale, Exors Mrs Elizabeth Garrett to Mr Charles Shorten of Bungay, cottages in the street Farnham for £300. Note a plan attached shows Turret House and other cottages. These were sold by auction **April 1<sup>st</sup> 1845** and it is interesting to see all the rights of way reserved for other properties, especially access to a water pump.

**1845 (October 21<sup>st</sup>)**

Conveyance of a cottage and premises in Farnham and Assignment of a term of 500 years, Mrs Elizabeth Branch and others to Mr Robert Scarlett and his trustees. Cottage in Farnham, see **December 31<sup>st</sup> 1827**.

**1845 (October 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

Appointment of Premises in Farnham, as above, for securing £50 at 5% interest. Robert Scarlett, wheelwright, to Mrs Elizabeth Cook, widow, of Sternfield.

**1845 (November 14<sup>th</sup>)**

Extract from the will of William Shuldham, leaving freehold and copyhold property to his son William Abraham Shuldham.

**1846 (August 29<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Copy Admission of Mr George Nicholls to cottage and land sold **April 1<sup>st</sup> 1845** above from the Exors Mrs Elizabeth Garrett deceased.

**1846 (August 29<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Copy Admission of Mr C J Shorten veterinary surgeon of Ipswich who purchased lots 1 & 3 in the auction of **April 1<sup>st</sup> 1845** for £300 from the Exors Mrs Elizabeth Garrett deceased.



**1847 (February 23<sup>rd</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Deed of Enfranchisement of copyhold premises in Farnham. The Reverend Edmund Hollond to **Mr Henry Heffer**. Release of copyhold to freehold, three cottages in Farnham occupied by John Scarlett, ? Cattermole and John Eade, for the sum of £5. The deed notes that **August 29<sup>th</sup> 1846 Henry Heffer** was admitted tenant on the Absolute Surrender of James Hurren of Stratford St Andrew. No deed of this is here, but it appears to be the cottages referred to in a one year lease from James Hurren to **Henry Heffer** dated **August 21<sup>st</sup> 1829** above.

**1847 (April 19<sup>th</sup>)**

Further Charge, of property in Farnham to secure £100 and interest. Mr Robert Scarlett to Mrs Elizabeth Cook. See **October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1845** above.

**1848** Date not known

Abstract of Title of John Moseley Esq to a cottage and premises in Stratford St Andrew. Starts September 1753 and goes through the Schriebers and Shuldhams of Marlesford Hall. Ends with Probate of the will of William Shuldham and release of several parties **June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1847**. See Extract from will of William Shuldham **November 14<sup>th</sup> 1845** above.

**1849 (January 6<sup>th</sup>)**

Conveyance of Freehold Cottages and Land in Stratford St Andrew. John Moseley Esq of Glemham House to **Henry Heffer** for £340. These relate to Cottages on the Great Glemham Road (now occupied by the Hunts) and the White House on the corner of the A12 and Great Glemham Road. The original large indenture has been copied by H T Argent, solicitors of Saxmundham in 1971, and the deed has a memorandum attached stating The White House was sold to a couple in 1971.

**1849 (March 17<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Stratford

Admission of William Banks to land and cottages in Stratford St Andrew following the death of his Father Edward Banks.

**1849 (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

Copy of the will of Robert Scarlett, carpenter, of Farnham, leaving his estate to his father, Robert Scarlett residing with him. Will not proved as he died leaving estate worth less than £5.

**1849 (October 10<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Stratford

Absolute Surrender John and Elizabeth Mantle to William Banks of land in Stratford St Andrew for £295.

**Circa 1850**

Advertising pamphlet stating **Henry Heffer** has been making seed drills for the last twenty years and listing clients near and far. Has engraved print of a drill with his name and address. (The engraved copper printing plate still exists).

**1850 (February 10<sup>th</sup>)**

Release of Property in Farnham, The Revd Joseph King and Mrs Elizabeth Cook to Mr William Haward. The wheelwright's shop owned by Richard Scarlett deceased

for £190. Discharged mortgage dated **October 1<sup>st</sup> 1845** to Mrs Elizabeth Cook for £175:4:0.

**1850 (No Date)**

Continuation of Abstract of Title of Mr Charles Thomas Shorten to Copyholder hereditaments in The Manor of Benhale. This relates to cottages formerly of Elizabeth Garrett and purchased at auction **1<sup>st</sup> April 1845**.

**1851 (January 11<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Copy of Absolute surrender, Mr C J Shorten and wife to **Mr Henry Heffer**, cottages as above for £340.

**1851 (January 11<sup>th</sup>)**

Deed of Covenant to Surrender Copyhold cottages as above, Mr Chas Thomas Shorten to **Mr Henry Heffer**, as above. (Large Indenture)

**1851 (January 11<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Copy Admission of **Mr Henry Heffer** to Cottages as above.

**1851 (January 11<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

**Mr Henry Heffer and wife, Mary Ann**, to William Aldis Higham, Farmer and Malster of Bramfield and James Lay, Farmer, of Wenhaston, conditional surrender of cottages as above for a mortgage of £400 at 4.5%

**1851 (January 11<sup>th</sup>)**

Mortgage of copyhold cottages above plus the freehold cottages at Stratford St Andrew purchased on **January 6<sup>th</sup> 1849**, **Henry Heffer and Mary Ann Heffer** to Messrs Higham and Lay as above. (Large Indenture).

**1853 (April 28<sup>th</sup>)**

Conveyance of Property in Farnham, Mrs Eliza Haward to Mr Thomas S Denny, Gentleman, of Bramfield for £180. This is the wheelwright's shop and property purchased by William Haward (now deceased) **February 10<sup>th</sup> 1850**. Mrs Haward's fellow executor is William Wells ironmonger of Saxmundham.

**1855 (April 6<sup>th</sup>)**

Conveyance of Property in Farnham, Mr Thomas Denny to Mrs Eliza Haward, the same property as above for £170.

**1854?**

A plan of the ground floor of a house seemingly on the Great Glemham Road in Stratford St Andrew. This is folded and was sent Book post from London. The date is not clear but there are two penny red stamps with 16 perforations indicating pre **January 1855**.

**1857 (January 20<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Warrant to enter Satisfaction of **Mr Henry Heffer** to Messrs Higham and Lay dated **January 11<sup>th</sup> 1851** above.

**1857 (January 20<sup>th</sup>)**

Reconveyance, Messrs Higham and Lay, lands back to **Henry Heffer** on repayment of £400 mortgage from **January 11<sup>th</sup> 1851** above.

**1863 (May 27<sup>th</sup>)**

Stephen Gooding to Robert Gooding of Benhall, transfer of land in Farnham in the occupation of Samuel Clow and William Colthorpe. Actual transfer noted on back of transfer dated **June 8<sup>th</sup> 1831**.

**1873 (June 17<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Conditional Surrender of Blacksmith's Shop in Farnham, Stephen Gooding, Blacksmith to Frederic Cross, Gentleman, of Halesworth, for £350 at 4.5%.

**1873 (June 17<sup>th</sup>)**

Further security, indenture as above, Stephen Gooding to Frederic Cross.

**1873 (June 17<sup>th</sup>)**

Transfer of Mortgage between James Benjamin Cooper, gentleman, of Blythburgh, Frederick Ling, farmer, of Benacre, Hannah Wilkinson Fisher, widow, of Ipswich, James Cooper Fisher, shopkeeper of Laxfield, Henry George, brewer's assistant of Great Yarmouth and Stephen Gooding and Frederic Cross. Original mortgage dated **December 18<sup>th</sup> 1844**, James Cooper having died. The above are his executors and beneficiaries. £306:15:0 was paid by Frederic Cross to discharge the balance of the mortgage and interest and £50 advanced to Stephen Gooding.

**1874 (November 16<sup>th</sup>)**

Notice of sale by auction at the George Inn Farnham of the former Poor House in Farnham by C H Read & Son, Auctioneers, Wickham Market and Framlingham.

**1874 (November 16<sup>th</sup>)**

Conditions of Sale of the above, endorsed that **Henry Heffer** purchased for £53.

**1875 (January 4<sup>th</sup>)**

Conveyance of the above from The Guardians of The Poor of Plomesgate Union and the Parish Officers of Farnham to **Henry Heffer**.

**1876 (September 21<sup>st</sup>)**

Transfer of Mortgage, Frederic Cross to Mr James Southwell to secure £387:17:4. This relates to Stephen Gooding's blacksmith shop.

**1877 (March 22<sup>nd</sup>)** Noted on the same Indenture above.

Further charge, Mr Stephen Gooding to Mr James Southwell for £106:6:10 at 4.5%. It seems Stephen Gooding was unable to pay interest owing to Southwell, hence the further charge to secure the debt!

**1878 (May)**

Abstract of Title to freehold land in Farnham, Mrs Eliza Haward deceased. Relates to the wheelwright's shop in **April 28<sup>th</sup> 1853** and **April 6<sup>th</sup> 1855** above.

**1878 (June 26<sup>th</sup>)**

Pre printed form confirming Mary Ann Bunniss was separately examined from her husband that she freely entered into a deed noted below.

**1878 (June 26<sup>th</sup>)**

Conveyance of Cottages in Farnham, Mr Edward Bunniss, gentleman, of Aldeburgh, Mary Ann, his wife, James Tebenham, gardener, of Little Glemham, Herbert George French Culham, grocer and draper, of Farnham and **Henry Heffer the Elder**, drill maker of Farnham the property of Mrs Eliza Haward deceased.

The auction is interesting, held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1878 at The George Inn Farnham, the highest bidder was James Tebenham for £160, he immediately agreed to sell to Herbert Culham for £140 and gave him £20 being the difference between that and the sale price. Culham then agreed to sell to **Henry Heffer** for £147. **HH** gave the seller £147 and Culham £13. Good afternoon's work as Culham seems to have made £7!!!!

**1881 (August 30<sup>th</sup>)**

Notice of sale of two leasehold cottages in Farnham by Robert Barnes and Walsingham, auctioneers of Saxmundham. Cottages occupied by Charles Hambling and Samuel Pearse with room used as a granary by **Henry Heffer Junior**, all producing an annual rent of £9. Endorsed to note the purchaser was Edmund Cavell for £90.

**1881**

Abstract of Title, Mrs Susanna Gooding to the property above.

**1881 (October 11<sup>th</sup>)**

Assignment of Cottages at Farnham for the Residue of Term of 1000 years, Mrs Susanna Gooding, widow, of Benhall and Edmund Cavell, solicitor of the Supreme Court, of Saxmundham. Property above referred to in Indentures dated **May 31<sup>st</sup> 1796 and March 27<sup>th</sup> 1863**. Following the death of Robert Gooding, the property offered for sale by auction at the George and Dragon Inn Farnham 30<sup>th</sup> August 1881, purchased by Edmund Cavell for £90.

**1881 (October 12<sup>th</sup>)** Attached to the Indenture above.

Assignment of the above property sold by Edmund Cavell to Amos Newson, Mechanist? Of Farnham. Nice £5 profit in a day!!

**1881 (December 21<sup>st</sup>)**

Assignment of the above property, Mr Amos Newson to John Nicholls, blacksmith, of Stratford St Andrew, George Whiting, Laborer, of Stratford St Andrew and James Brown, Carpenter, of Great Glemham. To secure a loan of £100 at 5% interest.

**1883 (July 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

Covenant to Surrender Copyhold property in Farnham. Mr George Nicholls, former shoemaker of Great Glemham, now grocer and draper of Farnham to Mr Herbert G F Culham, grocer and draper, of Farnham for the sum of £300, cottages in the street purchased in **1845** from the Exors Mrs Elizabeth Garrett.

**1884 (January 25<sup>th</sup>)**

Out of Court Assignment of property of Stephen Gooding deceased to Eliza Gooding, his wife, relating to property in The Street Farnham previously assigned **December 17<sup>th</sup> 1844** from the Exors of Elizabeth Garrett.

**1884 (May?)**

Abstract of Title, Mr Thomas Roberts the Younger to cottage and meadow land at Stratford St Andrew, formerly owned by Banks.

**1884 (October 29<sup>th</sup>)**

Notice of Auction of small farm and cottages in Stratford St Andrew in two lots by Flick and Son at The White Hart Hotel Saxmundham. Lot two, a cottage and shoemaker's shop, purchased by Charles Markwell, basket maker, of Middleton? for £265, the contract is endorsed that Charles Markwell agrees to sell to **Henry Heffer the younger**, innkeeper, of Farnham for £245. Note **Henry Heffer** rents the property at £20 pa therefore presumably the rent is deducted from the purchase price?

**1884**

Abstract of Title, Blacksmith's shop and premises in Farnham, part leasehold and part freehold the property of Mrs Eliza Gooding.

**1885 (February 4<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Stratford

Copy Admission of Mr Thomas Roberts the younger to copyhold lands in Stratford St Andrew let to **Henry Heffer** as above **October 29<sup>th</sup> 1884**.

**1885**

Abstract of Title, Mr George Nicholls to premises in Farnham, see **July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1883** above.

**1885 (June 11<sup>th</sup>)**

Requisitions on Title Nicholls to Culham. Noted the property being sold comprises Nicholl's house, grocers and drapers shop and two cottages.

**1890 (June 27<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Copy Admission of **Mr Henry Heffer**, machinist and innkeeper, of Farnham to all the copyhold property from his father **Henry Heffer** died **1889** aged 82.

**1890 (November 19<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Copy Admission of Mr Herbert G F Culham to property in Farnham. See **July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1883**.

**1890 (November 24<sup>th</sup>)**

Note to Herbert Culham that his Copyhold Land could become Freehold upon paying the Lord's compensation and Steward's fees. A result of the **Copyhold Act 1887**

**1891 (October 1<sup>st</sup>)**

Conveyance of Freehold property in Sternfield, Mr Ephraim Clements, laborer, of Sternfield and Susan his wife to Daniel Kitson of Leiston, property known as Ewe (Yew?) Tree with grounds numbered in the Tithe commutation map, numbers 196,

197, 199, 200, 201, and 202 for £120. Susan Clements separately examined apart from her husband.

**1899 (September 8<sup>th</sup>)**

Memorandum of Agreement between Martha Culham, widow of Herbert G F Culham and **Henry Heffer**, innkeeper, of Farnham to purchase all the property in Farnham as **July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1883** for £200.

**1899 (September 13<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Copy Admission of Martha Culham to property owned by her late husband.

**1899 (September)**

Abstract of Title, Mrs Martha Culham to her late husband's property in Farnham. (Note, this is still Copyhold so not converted to Freehold).

**1899 (December 21<sup>st</sup>)**

Covenant to Surrender Copyhold Property in Farnham, Mrs Martha Culham, widow, of Saxmundham to Mr **Henry Heffer**, innkeeper and thrashing machine proprietor, of Farnham. To give up the Copyhold for the consideration of £200.

**1899 (December 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

Mortgage, **Mr Henry Heffer** to Mrs Martha Culham, the Copyhold Lands above to secure £150 at 4.5% interest. This was redeemed **July 8<sup>th</sup> 1903**.

**1899 (December 28<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Snape

Admission of Mr F W Cook, schoolmaster, of Ipswich to property in Sternfield owned by his late father, William Cook for a fine of £27. The cottages are by Fellford Bridge, (is this Snape Watering?). The Gentleman Steward of the Manor is Lancelot Robert Flick.

**1903 (July 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

Professional fee note from Southwell and Fry, solicitors of Saxmundham to **Mr H Heffer** of Farnham for preparing and completing Re-conveyance from Mrs H Culham as above for one guinea plus 2/0 stamp and stamping.

**1904 (December 21<sup>st</sup>)**

Conveyance Mr Daniel Kitson to the Trustees of the Hurts Hall Estate (The Longs) of Ewe Tree Cottage Sternfield. See **October 1<sup>st</sup> 1891**.

**1905 (July?)**

Abstract of Title to Leasehold Premises in Farnham, relating to the property with the residue of a 1000-year lease. See above **December 21<sup>st</sup> 1881**. This was the purchase of the blacksmith's shop by **H Heffer**.

**1905 (August 4<sup>th</sup>)**

Assignment of the above property from the mortgage holders, (two only as James Brown had died) to **Henry Herbert Heffer** for £85. Amos Newson had defaulted on his interest repayments on the £100 mortgage From **December 21<sup>st</sup> 1881**.

**1905 (December 20<sup>th</sup>)**

Handwritten letter from Mayhew and Sons solicitors of Saxmundham to **Mr H Heffer**, George Inn Farnham, in the original envelope. Letter says, “**Mr Herbert**, (son) will have told you we handed him his deeds today, we enclose your cash account and cheque to balance. Thank you for your support during the year and wishing you the compliments of the season”.

**1905 (June to December)**

Cash account, Mayhew and Sons solicitors of Saxmundham in account with **Mr H Heffer**, Mentions cash from Rock and Nichols. (Enclosed with letter above).

**1905 (December 20<sup>th</sup>)**

Professional fee account from Mayhew and Sons. To; recovering a debt from a John Rock of Dunningworth Hall, one guinea. To Conveyance of property as above, three guineas and Hillen’s debt, no charge. (Enclosed with the above letter and cash account).

**1907 (August 28<sup>th</sup>)**

Notice of auction of 8 lots of land, houses and building sites in Snape, Farnham and Sternfield. **Henry Heffer** purchased lot 5, a cottage for £47:10:0 and lot 6, two meadows known as Farnham Meadows for £85. Stamped contract at the rear of the notice. No other deeds or papers relate to this.

**1911**

Abstract of Title, W E long Esq to hereditaments and premises in Saxmundham, Benhall, Farnham, Snape and Sternfield. Pencilled “Lot 15”.

**1911**

Abstract of Title, W E Long Esq to freehold hereditaments in Sternfield. Pencilled “Lot 18”. On the front and “**Mr Henry Heffer**” on the back.

**1911**

Abstract of Title, W E Long Esq to the Manors of Farnham Hall and Virilies in Sternfield, the Farnham Improprate Tithe Rent charge and The Farnham Hall Farm. Very long document concerned with the estate and Entailment and Disentailment but interesting as it has a full description and schedule of all the field names of Farnham Hall farm in a lease of the farm to a Richard Hayward that is copied in full.

**1911 (October 17<sup>th</sup>)**

Conveyance of freehold lands and cottages in Sternfield, W E long Esq to **Mr Henry Heffer**. Freehold land numbered 20,22,23 and 24 on the 1904 Ordnance Map of Sternfield for £155, and three freehold cottages, 3,4 and 5 Sternfield Street, part of 92 on the 1904 Ordnance map for £60. In the occupation of J Cann?, J Sheppard and H Payne. (Plan on deed). A of T Lot 18 above refers?

**1911 (October 24<sup>th</sup>)**

Letter from Cross Ram & Sons, solicitors of Halesworth to **Mr Henry Heffer** George & Dragon Inn, Farnham, enclosing deeds of property recently purchased from Mr Long and asking for a copy of the schedule to be signed and returned.

### **1911 (November 21<sup>st</sup>)**

Conveyance of piece of freehold land in Farnham, W E long Esq to **Mr Henry Heffer**. Freehold land numbered 221 on the 1904 Ordnance Map of Farnham, lately in the occupation of Richard Hayward, for £30. This is land from the church down the hill to the old Post Office upon which the Council Houses were later built. (Plan on deed). Long A of T above refers.

### **1912**

Very large printed Abstract of Title to The Glemham Estate produced by S. Pearman Smith and Sons Walsall and in pen, "Mayhew and Sons Saxmundham for the purchaser". Document showing all the lands owned by The (Great) Glemham estate in **1912**. **Henry Herbert Heffer** purchased some land at Stratford. (I believe the entire estate was purchased in **1915** by the Earl of Cranbrook).

### **1913 (April 21<sup>st</sup>)**

Conveyance of land at Stratford St Andrew, The Marchioness of Graham to **Mr Henry Heffer**, four enclosures of pasture land numbered 150,168,169 and 170 on the Ordnance Survey Map for Stratford St Andrew for £140. These are the meadows beside the river to the south of the A12, there is a plan attached to the conveyance.

### **1913 (November 12<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Copy Admission of **Mr Henry Herbert Heffer**, machinist, of Farnham to copyhold lands and premises formerly of Martha Culham with **HHH** being equitable owner.

### **1913 (November 14<sup>th</sup>)**

Letter from Cross Ram & Sons solicitors of Halesworth acknowledging receipt of £73:11:4 "being the amount of fines and fees payable on your son's admissions in the Manors of Stratford and Benhale". Also typewritten sheet with breakdown of the fines and fees.

### **1919**

Abstract of Title, The Trustees of Dr and Mrs Randall to The Lime Tree Farm Farnham. Land in Middleton cum Fordley and copyhold in Farnham Mary Randall admitted to these on 15<sup>th</sup> October 1824 Manor of Benhale Court Baron, land surrendered by Jonathan Abbott Studd.

### **1919 (May 28<sup>th</sup>)**

Notice of Sale by Alfred Preston, auctioneer, of Worlingworth, Framlingham and The Arcade Ipswich, of Occupation Farms in Middleton and Farnham. Vale Farm Middleton 131 acres occupied by Mr Alfred Chambers; The Garden House Farm, Middleton, 68 acres occupied by Mr Matthew Thacker; Yankee Lodge Farm Middleton 87 acres occupied by Mr F J Geater and Lime Tree Farm Farnham, 39 acres occupied by Mr H F Groom. (Plan included of this and separate fragile large map of the Middleton properties). Also contains contract that Lime Tree farm purchased by **Henry Herbert Heffer** for £1650.

### **1920 (April 17<sup>th</sup>)**

Agreement as to Acknowledgement for production and safe custody of certain deeds, Edward Field Cole and others to **Henry Herbert Heffer**. This relates to the deeds to



Lime Tree Farm above. The trustees of the settlement would keep the deeds but listed them and undertook to produce them as and when required.

**1920 (July 1<sup>st</sup>)**

Same arrangement as above but with Henry James Toller and another to **Henry Herbert Heffer** re Lime Tree Farm as above.

**1924 (April)**

Conditions of sale of the Farnham works as noted below, **H R? Heffer** to Gregor MacGregor Esq. For £1000, this to remain as mortgage at 5% with £250 to be paid within one year. Has interesting conditions restricting the vendor carrying out future allied business. (Was this sale ever completed?).

**1924 (December 24<sup>th</sup>)**

Inland Revenue acknowledging that full estate duty has been paid following the death of **Henry Heffer** on **November 18<sup>th</sup> 1923**. Property referred to in the Parish of Farnham, "The Block of Buildings comprising Blacksmiths, Wheelwrights, paint and carpenters shop and stores situate in the Street, part of Ordnance number 209.

**1931 (March 14<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Compensation Agreement, E R Hollond Esq to **Mr H H Heffer**. Enfranchisement of copyhold lands from The Manor of Benhale following the 1922 Law of Property Act for the sum of £132:18:7 which includes all steward's and legal fees. Part was copyhold of Samuel Garrett **March 12<sup>th</sup> 1813**

**1931 (July 7<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Stratford

Compensation Agreement, Captain J M Cobbold and others and **Mr H H Heffer**. Lands formerly copyhold in the above Manor as above for the sum of £17:16:9 inclusive of fees. James Toller and others admitted **April 17<sup>th</sup> 1907**

**1932 (July 12<sup>th</sup>)**

Agreement, Mr James Henry Day to **Mr Henry Herbert Heffer**. To vacate the farm at Michaelmas or at one months notice thereafter as the mortgage held by **HHH** was considerably in arrears.

**1935 (June 28<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Stratford

Compensation agreement Captain J M Cobbold and **Mr H H Heffer**, Enfranchisement of three cottages, shoemaker's shop and meadow land for the sum of £65:16:10. Admitted to the Court Rolls on **November 13<sup>th</sup> 1913**.

**1935 (December 12<sup>th</sup>)** Manor of Benhale

Compensation Agreement, E R Hollond Esq and **Mr H H Heffer**, Enfranchisement of copyhold cottages and shops, admitted **June 27<sup>th</sup> 1890** and **November 12<sup>th</sup> 1913** for the sum of £92:17:0 inclusive.

**1963**

Abstract of Title to freehold land in Farnham, relates to Lime Tree Farm and property as noted directly above. Noted that the new cemetery at Farnham was conveyed in **1934** and land for the playing field in **1955**.

**1964**

Abstract of Title freehold land in Farnham relating to the above but the conveyance of the cemetery is noted as **1943, not 1934.**

**1888 (commencing October 11<sup>th</sup>)**

A hard cover rent book with many well-known names from the local area. This covers properties, houses, farms and shops in Farnham, Stratford St Andrew, Snape, Sternfield, Rendham, Bruisyard, Cransford, Framlingham and Wickham Market. Unfortunately it is not possible to identify the properties as all are in the names of the tenants.

As well as rents for the properties, such items as firewood, gin, journeys in gigs, traps and landaus, supplying coffins etc were added to the accounts. Payments are generally by cash but labour, mole catching, carrots, beet, gold and fat hogs were noted as alternative methods of payment!

Several properties were let at around £4 per year, journeys to Saxmundham 3/-, journeys to Cretingham 4/-. On December 9<sup>th</sup> 1891 Alfred Tye's daughter was conveyed to Marlesford Rectory in a pony and trap for 3/- and a threshing bill of 12/6 was added to the rent.