

Hardwick Green Meadows Archives

These are notes result from a trawl of the National Archives online catalogue, and the Eldersfield and Coventry records at the Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology collection at the Hive in Worcester. They are not comprehensive since they focus on the Hardwick Green area and the Marsh in order to provide a background to the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust's reserve there, but they may offer researchers a shortcut to other areas of interest locally. They were compiled in 2019.

1911 Census

Hardwick Court

Ernest Edward Jeffes 40 farmer employer born Eldersfield

Elizabeth Jeffes 36 wife born Malvern

Thomas Joseph 1 son born Eldersfield

Clarke at Hardwick House, Bennett at Eldersfield Marsh. Brooks at Walmer Cottage, Martin at the Marsh

Ernest Edward Jeffes, baptised 19th December 1869. In 1901 census. In 1911 census, died 1959 (89)
Parents Thomas born 1836 Eldersfield farmer, Jane born 1838 Newport Monmouthshire
Children Ernest born 1870 and Ethel Agnes born 1867 (and 3 servants in 1891 and 2 servants in 1901)
Thomas Arthur born 1869, Charles Henry born 1872.
Ernest Edward married Elizabeth Betteridge 1906 4th quarter. Son Ronald Ernest baptized 22nd December 1907 died 1967 aged 59.

Jeffes mentioned from 1734

The Marsh – Mary Bennett, Emily Haws. Walmers Cott – Charles Brookes cowman on farm

The Marsh – Henry Martin – general workman

National Archives online catalogue

1. Delamer v Sermon – Manor of Hardwick + property in Elderfield 1558-1579. National Archives (NA) C3/50/52.
2. Jakeman v Haward – property in Hardwick + Eldersfield 1621-1625. NA C3/362/49
3. Popham v Browne property in Longdon Hardwick 1651. NA C8/112/135
4. Dobshill, Shots + Frog's Marsh Estate, sale particulars. Eldersfield, Pendock and Redmarley plan. Glos archives 1865 D1388/SL/1/14
5. Marsh Court or Marsh Farm Estate inc Job's Farm. Blackwell Family 1838. Glos archives D6700/2/12. D6700/2/11. D6700/2/10
6. Haydon v Acton property in Marsh Place Eldersfield 1588-1579. NA C3/79/63
7. Draft lease Sir John Dashwood of Wes .Wycombe. Richard New of Elsfield alias Eldersfield yeoman and John Meredith his father in law, Marsh Court Farm 1784. Centre for Buckinghamshire studies D-D/8/142
8. Thorton v Heydon Marsh Place in Elsfield otherwise Eldersfield 1558-1603 NA C2/Eliz/T2/56
9. Journal of Inspection OS. 1882 OS 29/118
10. William Jeffes-Eldersfield memo book & estate accounts 1780 – 1825 NRA 938 Jeffes held privately inquire at the Hive.
11. Will of William Jeffes, Husbandman of Eldersfield 1827. NA PROB 11/1728/153
12. Lease & Release John Jeffes to Anthony Lechmere property in Eldersfield 1813. The Hive 705:134/1531/95/3/1

13. Lease & Release property in Eldersfield Thomas Jeffes – trustee of William 1828. The Hive 705:134/1531/95/3/2
14. Covenants 1771 William Jeffes and others. The Hive 705/134/1531/96/4/2
15. Will of Thomas Clarke of Eldersfield 1819. NA PROB 11/1820/69
16. Will of Thomas Clarke batchelor of Eldersfield 1773. NA PROB 11/987/365
17. Will of Mary Clarke – Eldersfield widow 1751. NA PROB/11/787/411
18. Will of Susanna Clarke widow of Eldersfield 1762. NA PROB 11/882/349
19. Indenture William Jeffs. Thomas Clarke 1814. Birmingham MS3197/ACC 1920 – 006/284422
20. Will John Clarke of Eldersfield 1722. Birmingham MS 3197/ACC 1919 – 025/280713
21. Abstract of Title to Linkin Farm, Eldersfield – John Clarke 1723-53. The Hive 899:749/8782/78/ii/2
22. Agreement J.Clarke of Pendock Gent & Lechmere – Lands and messuage in Eldersfield. Birminghamham MS 3197/ACC 1919-025/280603
23. Lease & Release property J Clarke – Lechmere 1777. The Hive 705:134/1531/88/3/1
24. Easter 1822 William Clarke and others dragging William Holders pool Quarter sessions. The Hive 1/1/657/110 – 112
25. Covenant deeds in Eldersfield, Lechmere and John Clarke of Linkin Farm Pendock 1777. The Hive 705:134/1531/88/3/2
26. Clarke v Clarke. William Clarke yeoman & Susannah Clarke widow of John Clarke yeoman deceased, on Lane End – all of Linkin, Eldersfield (executors of JC dec) v Wm Clarke the son 1743 NA C 11/157/11
27. Eldersfield Inquisition 1573. Birmingham MS 3307

The Hive – Stroller

Eldersfield manor noted in Worcestershire for more than 1000 yrs. 4387 acres 2/3 permanent pasture 10 acres of woodlands (at one time very extensive). Loam and clay on Keuper Marl. Large portion marsh land until drainage of Longdon Marsh. Also, formerly included in Malvern Chace (sic). Eldersfield Court – the old manor house. Pigeon House Farm – traces of an ancient moat & 2 sundials one dated 1705. Lucas Moat Farm, traces of a moat, also at Hardwick Court. Large & very old ash in the churchyard believed to date from when parish was part of Malvern Forest. Earliest mention in possession of Pershore, perhaps given by King Edgar. Conquest seized by William Fitz-Osbern. Remained in hands of the King from Domesday to Henry I who bestowed it on his natural son Robert Earl of Gloucester sometimes called FitzRoy, decendants are Clares Despensers & Beauchamps.

Berkeleys principal mesne – lords in medieval times. Branch of the De La Mares in 12th c settled in Hardwicke, gift of William, 2nd Earl on Gloucester. Thomas De la Mare is found at Hardwicke about 1182 and a continuous series of his successors are traced to the 17th century. In the 7th year of Henry VI John De la Mare attended coronation in Paris and was made esquire. The church has a memorial to Richard De la Mare dated 1612. De la Mares continued for some 450 years but after the death of Richard De la Mare it was sold to Sir Thomas Coventry who was then engaged in forming the Croome estate. Hardwicke Court seat of De la Mares, Marsh Court formerly Marsh Place was a dependent Manor – De Marisco held under Eldersfield in the 15th C by the Winslows.

Sir Thomas Coventry bought Eldersfield manor after 1612 still Coventry in 1843 & 1865, and transferred to Croome Estate Trust in 1921 based now at High Green Estate office – George William Coventry 1838 – 1930.

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The notes below record items of possible interest in various parcels listed above.

705:174 4460 6

Eldersfield Inclosure plan of roads + footways of Eldersfield Meadow 9th Oct 1843
 Inclosure award schedule
 Rue Green estate.

705.174 4460 319

Ham Court estate sale particulars inc. Longdon Mill Farm, Whitefields Farm
 Includes lots of photos 27 28 Oct 1914 and again in 1925
 Rhydd Court sale inc. Farm Mill Farm inc. water mill 141 acres £3400 + 291
 Hill Farm at Frogsmarsh 114 acres £2856 + 240
 Grove Cottage Frogsmarsh 36 acres £925 + 76 22 Sept 1919.

899.33 BA 398 2

Henry Spiller mortgage. Indenture Broadlay field 1720

705.174 BA4460 40

Will of Thomas Hussey ? 1791. Brother ? William Lewis of the Green Dragon in Eldersfield
 1846 Farm House Farm indenture
 1858 Joseph Bevan of Eldersfield to James Fowler ditto Messuage, land called Purqast-formerly in 2
 pieces: 2 acres, 1 rood, 34 perches in common field called Swalladine Field
 John Griffiths – George Davis
 Short croft + shed. 3 acres, 2 roods bounded by road to Ledbury + Short Croft 3acres, 6perches +
 blacksmith + Bridgend Meadow 1acre, 2roods, 11perches.

705.174 BA4460 56

Sale details of Hill Farm Eldersfield at the Green Dragon Corse Lawn
 10th June 1828 A comfortable and convenient farm house called the Hill with barns, cow-houses,
 stables, Mill House, Cider Mill, Shed, Piggery, Fold Yard, Wood Yard, Gardens etc. 0acres,3 roods, 31
 perches. Five lands 3 acres.3 roods.33 perches. Long Croft Field 2 acres, 3 roods, 3 perches. Long Croft
 3 acres, 2 roods, 32 perches. Burton field 5 acres, 1rood, 19 perches. Dipsic 2 acres, 1 rood, 30

perches. In Haw Field adjoining Dipsic 1 acre, 1 roods, 0 perches. In Haw Field next Tutshill 1 acre, 1 rood, 19 perches. In Tutshill Field four lands plus a Headland 0 acres, 2 roods, 22 perches plus many more and a cottage with garden situated in Lime St and adjoining Slaughter's orchard. Birth Hill Field, Haw Field, Berrydune Field, Tutshill Field, Man Meadow, Grove Meadow, Stingy Meadow

765.659 BA 5488

Transfer of Messuage and closes & orchards The Shotts, otherwise Haywards End (?) 29 Dec 1806 John Terrett to Samuel Diggins. 1st September 1797 Joseph Hill to Hohn Terrett – Shotts.
20 Oct 1724 Beaumont ? to Simpson ? various lands Moor End?

705:855 BA 7854

all Pendock

705:175 4

Conveyance of a messuage, garden lands & premises in Eldersfield. With the Mill House barn stables outbuildings and 3 pieces of land 5 acres 2 roods and 3 acres 2 roods, pasture and fruit trees in Lime St. Edmund Edmonds to Herbert Cresswell 11 Feb 1871
9 March 1871 mortgage from Jane Eliza Bubb for £400
12 Nov 1878 mortgage from Mary A Baron

BA 4192 S 705.517 4

Lakin & Swinburne surveyors Worcester Dec 1848 Green Dragon (now Corse Lawn Hotel). The Ouse beyond Hardwick Court, 4 houses and Hardwick Court. Marsh Court plus two on roadside.

705. 183 BA 7079. 21

Sale particulars – Drinkersend house outbuilding garden and yard 0 acres, 3roods, 10perches. Lawn Orchard or Upper Orchard 1.2.14, Home Orchard 3.2.21, Overway orchard 5.10.17 Middle Ground 6.1.7 Hearn Ground 7.1.28.

Lot 2 - The Harp, pasture 0.3.31

Lot 3 - Palmer's Meadow 2.2.0 and 3 pieces of arable land in Palmer's Hill Common Field 7.3.7.

Lot 4 - £208 6 pieces arable in Haw Common Field 6.2.23.

Lot 5 - £240 8 pieces of arable in Little Elfold Common field 5.2.26.

Lot 6 - 14 pieces arable in Great Elfold Common Field 11.0.1.

Lot 7 - 4 pieces arable Good Land Common Field 1.3.25

Lot 8 - 8 pieces arable in West Guest Common Field 7.0.14 (£463.3.4 for lots 8 & 9). Lot 9 in Man Common meadow 3.2.5

Lots 4 and 5 bought by George Need Ireland. Sale Thurs 1 Nov 1835 at Green Dragon

1839 7 Feb GNI leases land in same fields from James Wintle.

Abstract of Title for same land.

William Jeffes has land adjacent to the above in Hawfield. Also Thomas Jeffes and William Jeffes then of Eldersfield (from 29 Sept 1740). Blacksmith since deceased (by 31 March 1778) - part of lands granted to him for 1000d, by way of Mortgage for securing £360 including 4 Ridges in Awfield.

John Clarke of Pendock has two pieces of arable in Hawfield, otherwise Halfhill field, next to lands of William Clarke. Mary Clarke, widow mother of John Clarke. John Clarke (1787) late of Eldersfield yeoman deceased grandfather of John Clarke. JC snr will 1720 to son Robert Clarke intestate so on to only son JC. 19 lands in Hawfield highway on east, WM Clarke on norther and watercourse on south.

William Clarke of Eldersfield, Yeoman father of Thomas Clarke his only son.

1813 John Jeffes of Eldersfield husbandman 0.2.5 arable in Off field & parcel of meadow called Man Meadow 0.122 to Thomas Clarke. Abstract of Title includes sketch plans of Hawfield & Little Elfould Field (parts of).

Nash End Piece (?) 1.3.8. George Need Ireland. George Need Ireland buys Drinkers End for £150 13 Sept 1873.

Abstract of Title of the Harp

Abstract of Title of Earl of Coventry to land in Eldersfield. Includes a sketch plan. 1833 of land agreed to be sold to Mr Williams in fields called Berrowdine and Aw Field (copied from the map of the Earl of Coventry's Property at Eldersfield) - difficult to locate where. Indenture has better copy of the same. Total 16.2.3 and 12.3.34 in Aw Field.

Abstract of title of James Wintle to several pieces of arable in Westguest common field 1839.

705.183 BA 7079 22

1813 9th and 10th June, John Jeffes sold a piece of arable land called Hen and Chickens in Tuttsill field (common) 0.2.4 for £21 to Joseph Bevan 23rd and 24th June more sales in Tuttsill Field and meadow in Tuttsill Meadow and in Grove Meadow.

Abstract of Title – Lord Coventry to Beggar Land in Awfield.

Bevan – Ireland. William Jeffes trustee to Joseph Bevan.

7th March 1723. William Dobbins sells 14 lands of arable in Common field called Tuttsill field 1.2.33. & part Tuttsill Meadows & Grove Meadow to William Jeffes for 5/-

Messuage and buildings at bottom of Berradine

899, 155 BA 1390 1-2

Dobbshill indenture – 1808 earlier sales – Savage

705 318 BA 12362

Little Elfoud field, Great Hillfield/Gt Hellfold. Includes plan.

George Hartwright of Eldersfield – Farmer. Declares he knew Louisa Jeffs or Jeffes and Emma Jeffes both late of Glos. spinsters, both dec'd, daughters & only children of Thomas Jeffes yeoman deceased. Louise died 9th Dec 1878, Emma 13th Feb 1882 (or 1?). Cottage rented to Richard Bowes, he rented the orchard for upwards of 20 yrs. Cottage garden and orchard about 3 acres and adjoining Lime Street, to be sold by auction at the Bell, Gloucester 20th May 1882.

1772 William Jeffs of Corse left the Cottage to his wife Ann for life, his son William was living there (in occupation of Richard Williams), the to his grandson Thomas Jeffes.

Thomas Jeffes died intestate leaving 2 daughters Louisa and Emma in Feb 1810. William Jeffes will of 1777 to son William - not at Lime Street and may be a jointure from his wife, and at his death to his son William. Also had sons Thomas and Benjamin. Lime St. as above and another message to grandson William. Grand-children Ann Halsey, John Jeffes, Benjamin Jeffes.

889, 155 BA 1390 3-4

Dobbs Hill and the Meadow House near Gaffields Elm, Heals Croft, Byfields, Balcroft, Hillcroft Gaffields.

899, 155 BA 1390 5-6

Dorkhills(?) near church – Dobbshill

899, 155 BA 1390 10-11

Dobbshill

705, 183 BA 4620 6

Inclosure schedule Thomas Jeffes awarded 5/- rent charge.

Jeffs Emma spinster Glos. 54 on Map A 0.0.11 fences on west and north. 423-424 on Map B, House and Land 2.3.14 freehold

Thomas Jeffs of Eldersfield on Map A 0.0.2½, fence on south and east. 234 on Map B house and land 0.1.34 leasehold. Rent charge of 5/- payable out of the allotment for the labouring poor. Gives numbers of sheep pasture on Corse Lawn and The Marsh.

705.183 4620.4

Marsh Court Estate sale Wed June 19th 1895 at the Swan Tewkesbury. Manor or Lordship (or reputed) at Eldersfield, Pendock & Berrow. Substantial brick and timber built manor house, carriage drive, 6 beds, mill house, farm buildings and labourer's cottage called Walmers. Two newly built brick dwelling houses (with bath stone facings) forming an entrance lodge to the Estate with outbuildings. 25 sheep pastures on or over Eldersfield Marsh or equal - 6 horses, 14 yearling cattle, or 9 2 year old cattle, 226a 1r 12p.

Incudes land in Grove Hill, Thessor's Meadow, Ash plantation, North Meadow, Rye Coppice, The Rye, Horse Plack, Hook Meadow, Marsh Hill, Snake's Croft, Home Orchard, Bridgend Meadow Coneygar and The Runnings. Let to Edwin Shipton at £284 per annum.

705.183 BA4630 2

Grove Meadow – part of an estate called Carpenters. J Whittle – Title

3762/8 B899.31

William Jeffs one of 14 freeholders in list 1741

BA14450/256 S705:73

Map of the Manor of Hardwick Bryan in the Parish of Elderfield in Worcestershire – no date. Beautiful map, shows road to the Marsh and Hardwick fields, bordering Pendock parish but no recognisable layout. Owners identified as Jarvis, Jobs and the Poor of Bushley – there must be an accompanying schedule.

BA 1531 705.134

Lechmere collection. Abstract of Title of Sir A Lechmere Bart to The Manor or Lordship of Eldersfield als Elsfield 1830.

1642 rents, no Jeffes nor Hardwick.

3 Jan 1816 Edmond Lechmere Charlton of Ludford Park sells Royal Court Estate in Ripple & Earls Croome to George Earl of Conventry.

BA 1531.92 705.134

Abstract of Title – Lechmere, not Hardwick, mainly Corse including the Green Dragon.

BA 1531.28 705.350

Sale particulars of Hill Farm Eldersfield plus 80 acres on Wed 16th March 1853 2.00pm at the Kings Head Hotel in Gloucester. Adjoining The Turnpike Road from Ledbury to Tewksbury, farmhouse, Barns, Stables, outbuildings and pieces of arable, pasture and orchard land with Rights of Pasturage in the Marsh and Lawn Commons occupied by Mr William Hatton as yearly tenant thereof at a yearly rent of £120.

House and other buildings 1.1.15. Allotment in Mann Meadows with part of Shelve Acre latterly thrown into it 7.1.39. Bounded by the estates of Sir Edward H Lechmere Bart, The Rev Charles H Martin & Mr Joseph Blackwell, sold by auction by Mr C .F. Moore (is this auctioneer or owner?).

Plan of Hill Farm. Shows Marsh Court (Joseph Blackwell/Rev C H Martin to east, Lechmere to west and south. Footpath from church and Marsh common.

Schedule of Deeds of Hill Farm, sold by the Mortgagees of the Rev'd Thos Hill decd to the Rev Henry Laing 23rd April 1686 mortgage. Lots more mortgage assignments 8th and 9th Nov 1745. William Jeffes a party. 1767 William Jeffes and Ann his wife. 2nd Aug 1853 conveyance – 81.1.8 called Sneads Place otherwise The Hill House otherwise the Hill or Hill Farm.

1853 abstract of Title. 8th April 1772 William Hill – will leaves the Hill to wife & children equally.

29th and 30th Jan 1784 Ann Hill – widow of William. William Hill (son) of Tibberton. Farmer, John Hill of Elsfield yeoman, Richard Hill of Newnham currier, Sarah Hill of Elsfield spinster, John Stephens of Newent, Blacksmith and Ann his wife, Walter Bowcutt of Worcester in Innholder and Mary his wife only children. 1762 mortgaged to Susannah Clarke (William Jeffes and his wife Ann executors of SC). 1776 mortgaged Elizabeth Skinner inc parcel of meadow ground lying in a common meadow called Man Meadow containing about 1 acre having meadow ground late of Edmund Lechmere esq but then of Sir Anthony Lechmere Bart on the north side and meadow ground late of Thomas Webb but then of ... on the south side thereof.

1845 Inclosure – unto and for the Rev Thos Hill – All that allotment of land numbered 62 situate in Man Meadow containing by admeasurement 6.1.24 bounded on the east and west sides by old inclosures belonging to John Terrett esq on the north by allotments in the same meadows thereby awarded to Mr Thos Wadley and Mr R Dobbins and on the south by an old inclosure belonging to the said Thos Hill – the fence on the north side of the allotment numbered 62 was thereby directed to belong to the same allotment. Hill died on 25 May 1852.

BA 7079.25 705.183

1st and 2nd Oct 1833 Thos Henry Coventry of Pirton and then Severn Stoke, clerk to the Hon William James Coventry of Earls Croome and Geo William Earl of Coventry sell to William Lamb of Eldersfield, 5 cottages and land for £160 – land bounded by ? Wintle on north, Mrs Jones & ? Jeffes on west, and east and south by the said William Lamb. 1842 sells to George Need Ireland for £179

1849 tracing paper plan of Hardwick Hays Estate belonging to Mrs Charlotte Elizabeth Ireland – Drinker's End at lower left hand corner.

BA 1682 899.76

map of Hardwick Hays Estate, proper version of the above.

BA 4450/252 S705.73

OS base plan showing coloured land holdings on Map no 5 Eldersfield, Tirley and Deerhurst. W86 and IB are two small plots near Hardwick marked sold. 1B might just be on Hardwick Meadows. No indication of ownership. Coventry? Has wooden rails at top and bottom for hanging.

Graveyard

William Davis of Cromer Farm died 25th April 1812 aged 79. Mary wife of Thomas Clarke of Dunshill died Oct 6th 1782 (?) aged 8? and Mary died aged 3. Thomas Clarke died 19th Sept 1815 aged 72. Thomas Clarke son died 13th Aug 1843 aged 30 (?). William Jeffes. late of ? El _ in this parish died Dec 16th 1826 aged 68 ? 2nd burial 1827. ?Jeffs born ? 1801 died 21st Feb 1886? Ann wife of William Jeffes died 22nd May ?

Croome Archive

BA 14450 705:73 350/1 Manorial Records

BA 14450 705:73 350/2 Deeds of Title

BA14450/363/6. 705.73 350/3/1/6a Estate of Thomas Coventry 1639

BA14450/365/7. 705.73 350/3/1/31 Probate of 8th Earl of Coventry 1835

BA14450/365/13. 705.73 350/3/1/37 Coventry Estates from death of 9th Earl 1890

BA14450. 705.73 350/4/1 Surveys

BA14450/22 – 23. 350/4/3/8 Rentals 1755 – 1802

705.73 BA14450/31. 350/4/13 Farming activities

705.73 BA14450/231. 350/4/13 Farming activities

r705.73 BA14450/251 Eldersfield Manor maps 350/4/15/3/6

S 705:73 BA14450/256 Hardwick Bryant map 1740. 350/4/15/3/10

705:73 BA14450/83/14. 350/4/3/9/22 Book of Lives 1805

705:73 363 BA14450. 1698 Probate of Thomas Coventry's will inc Eldersfield & Hardwick

705:73 365 BA14450. George William Viscount Deerhurst debtor 1821, father paid his Australian debts

705:73 22 BA14450. rentals 1755 – 1802. Do not include Eldersfield

705:73 23 BA14450 Books of lives and Rentals – Do not include Eldersfield but has Hardwick Bryant

BA 14450 705.73 31. 1915 description (anon) of rural depopulation in Croome estate

B705.73 231 BA 14450. 1914 in Cash book. Shipton and Eldersfield compensation in lieu of Common Rights in Marsh Common 3/6

BA 14450/251 r705.73. Plan of Link End Farm in Eldersfield Tirley & Hasfield. Allotment in Man Meadows 3.2.18. (noted in key.) No date.

BA 14450/252 S705.73. Map. Photograph Eldersfield no date shows properties sold in Tirley, Deerhurst and Eldersfield.

BA 14450/256 S705:73. Map of Hardwick Bryant Estate 1740? Has road to the Marsh, no north point, no date – borders onto Pendock parish? Priors court? and church at top left and Swinley Court grounds at top left. Shows Hardwick fields. Owners mainly Jobs, Jarvis & Poor of Bushley.

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Tirley & Eldersfield Deeds post 1855. Note- Deeds relating to two cottages and orchard at Eldersfield purchased by Lord Coventry in 1881 from Messrs Dobbins – sold to AT Jackson 1948 (approx.)

Sale particulars – Pasture Orchard at Eldersfield Marsh O.3.21, Barn Piece OS 503 £60, Edgewick with stone brick and timber shed and cider mill, Grassfields at Eldersfield Marsh 4.0.25, Berrowdine Field adjoining £125 Edgewick. Pasture orchard at Eldersfield Marsh O.3.21. Lower Orchard OS 465 £35 Edgewick. Meadow at Eldersfield Marsh 1.2.0. Low meadow OS 520 at White Lion, Upton Thurs June 8th 1922 £40

Conveyance Mrs Frances Fanny Messenger to the Hon Reginald William Coventry and Gerald Dudley Smith Esq of Low Meadow – 1 acre 2 roads known as Sour Meadow otherwise Cattersham, otherwise

Low Meadow formerly in the occupation of Thomas Messenger and now unoccupied 520 on OS (1902). Formerly belonging to Hardwick Court. 2nd Aug 1922 situate at the Marsh.

Same land formerly in the occupation of Thomas Clarke but now or late of Joseph Ireland – conveyance 13th Oct 1868 trustees of Mr John Barnes dec'd to Thomas Messenger. Lewis George Hatton of Marsh Court (mortgagor)

Sale of 7 lands (?) in Great Hardwick field 3 roods & 12 perches in common fields. Release 10th Feb 1838. Edmund Rudge to trustees of Earl of Coventry entailed estates

Conditions of sale of The Hooze Farm at Forthampton Glos -Eldersfield Worcs 11 lots. James Biscoe bought the premises described in Lot 3 at £25 from Lord Coventry 2nd June 1837

1838 Rudge to Temple & Patrick

Documents relating to land numbered 33 on inclosure plan map A – contains a plan in the margin – Hardwick Green. Messrs Charles & John Dobbins to George William Earl of Coventry 6th Aug 1881. Dobbins bought from Stevens in 1812.

Hardwick Bryant 56,7.8.513 box 53

1796 2nd Feb, Lease for 21 years of a farm at Hardwick Bryant commencing Michaelmas 1795. George William Earl of Coventry to Messrs Robert Higgins of Longdon and John Need, Yeoman, of Hardwick Court at a yearly rent of £200 – Hardwick Court with barns, stables, gardens and appurtenances thereto and also all those several closes or inclosed grounds, pieces or parcels of arable meadows and pasture land to the said messuage or tenement belonging or usually held therewith adjoining in the whole by estimation 220 acres 3 roods and 2 perches – schedule enclosed, and also all that small tenement with appts called Wingates Homestall 1r23p & orchard formerly occupied by Nancy Meredith but now Higgins & Need plus an extra £10 per acre if they grow flax, hemp or rape.

Schedule - House garden orchard and Homestall – pasture 4.0.8 Sturts Harte (?) – arable 3.2.38. Several pieces in Hardwick field – arable 18.3.2, Endless – arable 9.1.19, Windmill Hill pasture 9.0.18, Mapleton – arable 12.0.16, Orchard – pasture 1.3.14, Great Orchard pasture 5.1.2, Honey Piece (stoney?) – arable 18.3.9, Hill Piece and Statepiece (?) – arable 16.2.36, Church field – arable 15.3.15, Deadlands arable 17.1.16, Burley Meadows – meadow 18.2.7, Little Meadow meadow 2.2.13/The Hay Grasses pasture 11.3.25 and 12.2.39/Ox leasow meadow 9.1.20, Deepham meadow 7.1.28, Pecked Ham – meadow 4.2.20, The Hales meadow 6.2.4/Swans Leasow pasture 9.0.0, Moorshens pasture 8.1.1. Total Arable 112.2.31 Meadow 49.6.12 Pasture 62.0.27

Hardwick Bryant docs 1640's, no Jeffes on rent roll. Thomas Delamere 1700 Manor of Hardwick. Hardwick survey 1645 (latin, difficult writing)

1628 Thomas Delamere and Thomas Coventry

Croome sold 1948. 9th Earl died 1930, wife 3 days later – grandson Geo William 10th Earl died in WW2.

