

This file collates the surviving Cheltenham manor court material for 1645-60, the greater part of the Commonwealth period. Although there is explicit evidence of some Civil War disruption to record-keeping in the early 1640s, there is at the same time good evidence that courts baron and courts leet continued to be held throughout the period. Most business was conducted at the main half-yearly April and October courts leet with view of frankpledge, with a variable number of small courts baron in the intervening months. The (general) regularity of the record from 1645 onwards may be linked to the tenure of William Sheppard as steward; he was a local lawyer, in good standing with Cromwell, who provided steward services for a number of Gloucestershire manors simultaneously. He is last noted in Cheltenham in mid-1656.

The court leet material preserves evidence of continuing local concerns, though less varied or voluminous than in late Elizabethan/early Jacobean courts. There are regular presentments in connection with brewing, views of contentious property boundaries, deaths of tenants, and maintenance of highways. While there is regular evidence of the appointment of local officials (with some signs of reluctance to accept nomination), no lists of local presentments by tithingmen of tithing-level issues are recorded; for instance, the seemingly perennial tension (still a problem in following centuries) between the Cheltenham miller and the town over the use of the waters of the Chelt to sluice the high street is not mentioned. This is not to say that such issues were absent in this period.

The surviving records note only one law-suit, indicating that the manor courts had declined as the place for resolution of disputes. There is one notable occurrence written into the record, namely the petition in 1654 to the lord of the manor by the executors of Christopher Bailey, master of the grammar school, for licence to erect a new market house in Cheltenham.

The enrolled court records have remained in the county, albeit with some adventures. A later steward, John Prinn, records that in 1692 – the year he took office - he recovered what was then two books (combined here as **A**) from a gentleman in Gloucester; and during Prinn's stewardship, the same records were produced, presumably in London, for a chancery case. For reasons not yet clear, the original court baron presentments for this period, and partial records of the leet material, have ended up in TNA, where they were rebound in 1953.

It is intended that this material will at some point be indexed and prepared for publication; it is disseminated in this form now as a contribution to forthcoming work on the Cheltenham volume of the Victoria County History of Gloucestershire.

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Sources

Glos. Archives **D855/M11** ('A') is a well-preserved volume of enrolled court entries. TNA **C116/143 pt 1**. ('B') is a complementary series of original court papers and presentments for the same period, slightly disordered as now rebound, with occasional damage and loss. While **A** appears properly enrolled, it has - apart from a few orders to view - little or no leet material (a reflection of disturbed times?), and leet material - often scrappy and informal in appearance - is therefore here supplied from **B**. **B** does not preserve the originals of every item enrolled in **A**; conversely, **B** does preserve a number of transactions which – for no obvious reason – are omitted from the enrolled record in **A**; these are supplied here. Also included from **B** are any noteworthy clerical additions on the original papers. Redundant formulae are reduced to a minimum (eg, 'customary tenant of this manor' not routinely included).

Both **A** and **B** are somewhat disordered. Enrolments in **A** are neatly done, but related transactions at the same court are not necessarily adjacent or in sequence. Virtually no leet business other than (some) presentments of deaths of tenants is enrolled, nor is all baron business evident from **B** enrolled. The original papers in **B**, obviously loose at one point, and with occasional evidence of damp damage and loss, have been grouped together in half-yearly court batches, and show evidence of several historic numbering schemes [ie antedating that applied by PRO in the 1953 rebinding]. For nearly all courts in **B**, some leet material survives. About 50 folios in **B** lack internal dates and are gathered - out of sequence – at the end of Part III; however, most can be linked to identifiable transactions in **A**.

The mismatches between **A** and **B** are in part due to Civil War disturbances – there is a reference in an April 1647 presentment to court records of at least 1641 being 'miscarried or lost' because of troubles and 'distructions' – and John Prinn's note (*see next page*) is further evidence that records had become scattered.

Glos. Archives **D855/M33** ('C') has also been used. This book consists in part of rough notes on court baron business 1650-60. Up to 1657, the notes are very abbreviated, with the impression that their main purpose was to record fees due. However, not all the transactions recorded in **A** and **B** are present; burgage material is somewhat thinner than expected. By contrast, for 1657-60, entries in **C** are much fuller, and are now the only surviving source for this period, and are therefore included here, to carry the sequence up to the time of the Restoration. **C** also supplies a few claims by (and admissions of) heirs on the death of tenants, not otherwise recorded.

Colour code

Black = Source A

Blue = Source B

Green = Source C

A: Front cover of volume has years '1645' to '1656' listed clearly, and possible markings for other years less definitely. Back cover is marked with a bold **D** – ie, it is letter book D in the series maintained by a later steward, John Prinn.

Flyleaf:

14th July 1692. This booke and another to y^e yeare 1656 I had of M^r. John Carelesse¹ of Glouc^r. for which I agreed to give him & did give him of mine owne monyes 43 shillings and to his Clerke 2^s. 6^d. besides 2^s. spent ab^l. y^e obtaining them, all w^{ch} must be allowed by the next succeeding steward. Jno. Prinn

The 30th Oct. 1704. This Booke was then shewne forth to Jno. Prin Esqr upon his Examinacion at a Com[iss]ion then Issued forth of the High Court of Chancery between John Grevile gent and his wife Compl[ainants] and John Batten and Richard Pates and other def[endan]ts being examined on the s[ai]d Def[endan]ts p[ar]t before us, Edw. Bulstrode, Jn Elly, Nich Fletcher

Odd notes on 2nd flyleaf:

James Seaman

Conway Whithorne to Robt Milton April 1648

Clarke until next court

Robert Milton

Banaster until next court April 1651

Cleevely to Milton 3 May 1652

Bannester to Willm Milton April 1651

Ralph Pounder[?] to Jo. Newton [?] Lady [3 wds u/r]

3rd flyleaf:

Wm Church a copy

In a suit between Mary Dormer spinster plaintiff, John Fortescue Aland² knight, Eliza his wife, Dormer Fortescue infant, John Parkhurst³ esq, and Ricarda his wife, Dormer Parkhurst infant, Catherine Dormer spinster, Thomas Burnett professor of holy theology, and John Hooper defendants.

19 April 1731 at the examination of a Commission for Examination of Witnesses in this Cause this Book was then by and to John Prynn Esq. and by him deposed unto at the time of his examination on the complainant's behalf before us Wm Jones, ?Ja. Pitt, Kinard De La Bere, C Payne

[f. 1] Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. for this manor, held 17 March 21 Charles 1645/6 before William Hill gent., deputy to William Sheppard⁴ esq. chief steward

Homage:

¹ Decribed as gent., deceased, in 1697 (Glos. Apprenticeship Registers, Barlow)

² 1670-1746. He married first a daughter of Lord Chief-Justice Pratt, and secondly a daughter of Sir William Dormer, a justice of the king's bench; son Dormer.

³ John Parkhurst (1701-1765) of Catesby House, Northants. His wife Ricarda was second daughter of Sir Robert Dormer.

⁴ [Sheppard, William \(bap. 1595, d. 1674\)](#), barrister and legal writer – long article in ODNB. From a Glos family, served as court steward for at least seven Glos. manors besides Cheltenham, wrote many legal handbooks. Was summoned to London in 1654 to advise Cromwell on legal reforms under Cromwell, and was active at this until 1657. Was less successful after the Restoration; lived long at Hempsted, where he is buried. 'William Sheppard, Cromwell's Law Reformer', Nancy L Matthews (1984) mentions his local work and roles in more detail.

Lodovick Packer gent., Edmund Welles, Walter Whithorne, Nicholas Ashmeade, Robert Clarke, Thomas Gregorie sen., John Maries, John Ellice, Anthony Sturmie, William Tytchet, Francis Gregory, William Buckle¹ *all sworn*

Nicholas Ashmeade and Henry Mason swear that before them on 5 Feb. 1645/6, Elizabeth White widow granted to Walter White 2 selions of arable land in Otie Peece (1 a.) in Cheltenham, between land late of Christopher Merret N and the king's highway S; and another selion of arable in Whaddon field (½ a.) between lands belonging to Cheltenham Farm E & W, to hold from Michaelmas last for a term of 12 years. Fine 6d.

[f. 1v] Richard Wills on 29 Jan. 1645/6 out of court before Robert Milton and Henry Roberts and John Gregory surrendered for the use of John Smith 5 a. arable in Cheltenham, namely 2 a. in Leech Croft furlong now in the occupation of John Chestro, having land of Mr Rich W and a highway leading from Cheltenham to Prestbury E; 1 a. arable in Cheltenham Upper field at Connigree, having land of Richard Mathew E and the same highway W; 2 half-acres arable shooting upon Sandy Lane, having land of Mary Mason widow E and land of Mary Buckle W; 1 other a. arable in Cheltenham Upper field having land of William Milles N and rectory or parsonage land S. Heriot 30s., rent 2s. 6d., fine 5s. **B: adds mark of Margery Wills, wife of Richard.**

On 22 Aug. 1645, out of court before Lodowick Packer gent. and Thomas Cartwright, William Driver clerk² granted to Roger Holder a messuage house or tenement with appurtenances, a close of pasture called High breach, another close of pasture called Allards breach, 2 closes of pasture called White Lylly and Lilly Laynes, and all his lands in Laftly, all in Charlton Kings for the life of Driver and 12 years after his death. Provided that if Driver pays Holder yearly for the lives of Holder and his wife Margaret £16 annually on 1 Nov. and 3 May in equal parts at the south door of the parish church of Charlton Kings, and that if Driver pays Holder or heirs £200 within 18 months of the death of Margaret, with interest at 8% as shall accrue in that time, to be paid in the same place, with 5 weeks written notice given by Dryver, then this grant shall be void. Fine 18d.

[f. 2] On 22 Aug. 1645, out of court before Lodowick Packer gent. and Thomas Cartwright, Roger Holder late customary tenant of the manor released to William Driver clerk all title interest etc. in a house or tenement with adjacent outbuildings, orchard, homestead, curtilage, and closes of pasture called Highbreach and Allards breach, and 2 closes of pasture lying together called White Lylly and Lilly Laynes, and ground lying in Lylly field, and ground in the field called Laftly, and any part thereof heretofore granted by Driver to Holder by any other grant³.

Presented by the homage that Stephen Millington gent. who held 3½ messuages with their various customary lands in Charlton Kings (previously bought from one Robert Martyn) at yearly rent of £1 5s. 4d., and other lands in Charlton Kings lately bought of Thomas Strowd, yearly rent 10d., died on about 23 Sept. last; whereupon a heriot is due to the lord of £4 15s. 6d. for the Martyn lands and 4s. for the Strowd lands John Millington is his older brother and heir, and is admitted tenant. Fine £2 12s. 4d.

Presented that John Eckly who held separate parcels of customary land in Alstone at yearly rent of 5s. 7d, and heriot of 25s. 3d. has died since the last court, and that his daughter Elizabeth Eckly, aged 5, is his nearest heir. She is admitted tenant, with fealty respited until of age. Fine 11s. 2d.

¹ In B, Thomas Buckle, Edward Buttwell and Linett Pates gent. all appear in the homage list but are struck through, or omitted in the enrolled version.

² Bigland records 'William Driver' as incumbent at Dowdeswell, 1623

³ B includes at this point a deleted reference to a court held 31 Mar. 13 Chas. [1640].

[f. 3] Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. held 10 April 22 Charles 1646, before William Sheppard esq. steward

Homage: Samuel Mansell, Thomas Gregorie jun., Francis Gregorie, Thomas Gardner, John Ellice, Robert Clarke, Roger Dowdeswell, George Chestroe, Zachary Ireland, James Eckley, Anthony Sturmy, William Coombe *sworn*

At this court William French alias Lane in person surrenders a messuage with all its lands in Cheltenham to the use of his son Walter Lane. Rent 1s. 11d., fine 3s. 10d., heriot 30s. 8d., [worksilver 13½d., common fine 3d.¹]

Presented by the homage that Walter Lane alias French who held a messuage with its lands in Cheltenham has died since the last court, and that William Lane alias French is his brother and heir, and of full age. William is admitted tenant; rent 16d., heriot 30s., fine 2s. 8d.

[f. 3v] John Davison bailiff of the borough, with William Church and Richard Finch burgesses, presents that Thomas Benfield burgess has granted a half-burgage in Cheltenham between land of Thomas Benfield E and land of Robert Milton carpenter W, now in the tenure of John Giles and Thomas Okey, and the close, parcel of the said half-burgage, in the tenure of Thomas Benfield, to the use of said Thomas Benfield and his wife Elizabeth and the longer liver of them, and after to the heirs of Thomas. Rent and service as previously,² 4d. for enrolment.

Presented by the homage that William Nicholls who held a piece of a burgage in Cheltenham has died since the last court, and that John Nicholls is his elder son and heir.

[B, f. 16] View of frankpledge with court baron for hundred and manor of Cheltenham, held 10 Apr. 1646

Jury for the king

Nicholas Ashmead, Thomas Ashmead sen., William Church, Thomas White, John Martyn, William Southerne, Thomas Greene, Edmund Ballenger, John Powell, Walter Clevly, Edmund Butwell, Thomas Hartlebury, Ralph Crumpe jun., William House, Thomas Payne, Thomas Hoare, John Sturme *sworn*

Homage

Samuel Maunsell, Thomas Gregorie, Francis Gregorie, Thomas Gardner, John Ellis, Robert Clarke, Roger/Reginald Dowdeswell, George Chestro, Nathaniel Ireland, James Eckly, Anthony Sturme, William Combe *sworn*

John Davison continued [as] bailiff of the borough; sworn the last court

A view to be made for William Clevly for his way from and to [..] tengors Close.

Ordered that Walter Currier, William Southorne, Richard Wager and Walter Withorne shall make a view between Margery Deane and Thomas Greene and shall put up landmarks and bounds before 1 May next, upon pain of 3s. 4d. for each default.

¹ Added from B, where a marginal tally of fees shows only the sum of heriot and fine, evidence that worksilver etc. is noted for the record only. In A, the figures given for rent, heriot and fine are written over other values, probably those shown in B (16d., 2s. 8d., 30s.). A separate draft Latin version in B uses the phrase *per virgam* for this surrender in person; this is not the customary terminology in Cheltenham, and suggests the hand of a clerk more used to another manor.

² B says rent 15d.

To view a yoke way claimed by William Cleevely to a ground of his called Ravensgates. Edward Wells, Walter Currier, Samuel Maunsell and William Southorne are appointed to make this view before the next court baron, and thereunto to make their report, on pain of 3s. 4d. for each default.

William Lane sworn.

William French surrender to Walter French

Charles Hatherne to be tithingman of Ashley and to go to some justice to take his oath.

Adjourned till this day [?zannight?]

[f. 4] Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. held 1 October 22 Charles 1646 before William Sheppard steward

Homage: Linnett Pates gent., John Maries, Michael Gotheridge, Walter Whithorne, Walter Currier, Richard Wager, Giles Mathew, James Randle, William Ashmeade, John Gregorie, Thomas Gregorie, Giles¹ Gale *sworn*

[B, f. 11, where this court is headed **View of frankpledge**]

Jury for the King

Richard Ellis, William Cleevely, William Wayt, Robert Gale, John Tanty, Ralph Pomfrey, Thomas Lombard, Walter Cherington, Edward Stanton, John Clifford, George Merrell, Robert Lane, Richard Kent, John Ashmeade

Officers

Robert Milton and Thomas Buckle: high constables

John Davison: bailiff of the borough

Richard Wills: tithingman of Cheltenham

William Wheeler: tithingman of Leckhampton

Thomas Roberts: tithingman of Swindon

William Cleevely: [tithingman] of Charlton Kings

Walter Whitterne: [tithingman] of Bafford

William Welch: tithingman of Ashley *def* [default?]

Charles Hatherne chosen last court and now appeared. Ordered that the said Hatherne do appear before me tomorrow morning to take his oath for that he did not appear being chosen at the last court.²

Richard Lewes: tithingman of Alstone

Michael Gotheridge: tithingman of Westal

John Hartlesbury: tithingman of Arle

Thomas Houre: tithingman of 'Brodwell'

John Copping: constable of Charlton Kings

Thomas Roberts: constable of Swindon

Walter Cherington: constable of Leckhampton

Ordered, that a view be made by Francis Grevell gent, Samuel Mansell, William Cleevely and Edward [Wells] between Robert Alexander, -- Mansell and Thomas Ashmeade betwixt the Holo/Hale? Lane and the ?pleck/plock in Cuddenhill; and to set merestones before the next court, on pain of 3s. 4d.

Walter Ireland being before admitted did his fealty for his messuage.

¹ Sic, but Edward in one version in B

² Inference is that Hatherne is tithingman for Ashley, there being no other tithing unaccounted for. It is incidentally clear from this note that it is the steward's own contemporary record.

Walter Mason and John Chestro chosen high constables of the town and hundred of Cheltenham and ordered to appear tomorrow morning by 8 o'clock upon pain of £5 apiece.

William Twynning chosen tithingman of Cheltenham. Not [yet] sworn, to go in 10 days to take his oath before some justice of peace, on pain of ?£5

George Horton chosen and sworn constable of Swindon.

John Marten chosen and sworn chief constable of Charlton Kings.

Walter Currier chosen and sworn constable of Charlton Kings.

Linnet Pates chosen and sworn tithingman of Bafford.

Charles Hatherne chosen and sworn tithingman of Ashley

Ralph Crompe chosen and sworn constable of Leckhampton.

~~Walter Lane chosen tithingman of Arle, ordered to come and take the oath tomorrow morning by 8 o'clock, and take his oath upon pain of £5.~~

Ordered, view to be made by Edward Wells, Walter Withorne, Samuel Mansell and William Southerne, to set forth a drift way for Linnet Pates to a ground called Frecknell belonging to the tithing of Bafford. This to be done at or before feast of All Saints, upon pain of 3s. 4d. for any default.

~~Francis Gregory sen. chosen tithingman of Alstone and ordered to appear tomorrow morning by 8 o'clock to take his oath.~~

Anthony Ward chosen and sworn tithingman of Alstone in place of Francis Gregory.

[third side of above] Ordered that a view be made by Walter Whithorne, Richard Wager, Walter Currier and William Tytchet between Thomas Dickisson and William Cleevly whether the mere between the land of the said Dickisson and Cleevly lying in Charlton field at a place called the Banke doth belong to the said Dickason or Cleevly, and this to be done before Friday 9 Oct. next, on pain of 3s. 4d. apiece.

Ordered that the homage be required according to the charge given to them to attend upon Mr Limbricke¹ at such time and place as he shall appoint for the making and perfecting of a particular of the chief rents, particular rents customary rents to be paid to the lord of the manor or to expect to be called upon and charges again for this service.

John Chestro chosen bailiff of the borough and sworn in court.

Walter Mason sen. and Richard Ellis chosen high constables of the town and hundred of Cheltenham and Richard Ellis sworn in court.

Walter Mason being required to take his oath in open court refused and thereupon fined £5.

Nicholas Ashmeade chosen constable in the room of Walter Mason, ordered to go before some justice to take his oath for the execution of the same office in 10 days, on pain of £10.

Walter Cherington chosen tithingman of Brodwell in parish of Leckhampton, and sworn.

~~Walter King chosen constable of Leckhampton and refused in the face of the court to take his oath being required, and therefore fined £5.~~

¹ This individual frequently endorses documents in B, with the formula 'Examined and allowed by me Jo. Limericke'. Appears to have an accounting role, presumably in support of the Steward. TNA search yields a conveyance in Lincolnshire Archives, **NEL VI/35/15 6 Dec 1637**, signed and sealed by Limerick. Contents: John Limerick, gent. late of Cheltenham to John George esq. of Cirencester. Property: 2 water gristmills, two tenements and a grist mill called the Upper Myll and a close of land in Stratton. Consideration: £100.

Walter King chosen and sworn constable of Leckhampton.

Allen Cox chosen and sworn tithingman for Leckhampton.

Francis French chosen and sworn tithingman of Arle.

John Buckle's fealty respited, being an infant.

[*fourth side of above*] Ordered that a view be made by Linnet Pates gent., Walter Currier, William Cleevly and Samuel Mansell of a headland that doth head a furlong called Benbridge wherein Thomas Gregory and Margery Deane widow have land and the viewers to consider of the difference, and pitch merestones as the cause shall require.

Richard Finch and Thomas Benfield burgesses present that since the last court Thomas Powell burgess granted (via John Davison bailiff of the borough) a burgage with appurtenances in Cheltenham on the N side between lands of Corpus Christi College Oxford W and Margaret Powell widow E, to the use of himself Thomas Powell and his wife Joan, remainder to heirs. For enrolment, 4d.

John Maries in open court grants to John Sturmy and John Ashmead a customary messuage in Alstone. With all houses lands, meadows, pastures etc., to hold after the death of John Maris for a term of 12 years. Fine 1s. 7d., for enrolment 4d.

Richard Finch and Thomas Benfield burgesses present that Elizabeth Nicholls widow, burgess, on 30 April 1646, since the last court, granted (via John Davison bailiff of the borough) a piece of burgage land with appurtenances in Cheltenham, lying between Day Lane W and burgage land of Walter Milton junior E, 33ft long and 16ft wide, and 5½ft square of ground at its N end for the fetching of water from a well there, to the use of Elizabeth for her life and afterwards for her daughter Alice Higgs, then Alice's heirs, remainder to Thomas Nicholls son of John Nicholls. Rent 1d., for enrolment, 4d.

[f. 5v] Henry Mason, Edmund Gale and John Gregory present that on 27 July 1646 out of court before them Thomas Hartlebury alias Mason surrendered his meadow or pasture ground in Arle called the New Inclosure (4½ a.) shooting N-S between land of Francis Gregory W and a lane called the New Lane E, for his brother John Hartlebury and his wife Margaret, for their lifetimes and the longer liver of them, and their heirs, remainder to heirs of John. Rent 10d., heriot 2s. 6d., fine 20d.

John Maris and William Ashmead swear that on 1 October 1646 out of court before them John Sturmy surrendered for his brother Thomas Sturmy 2 closes in Harthurst in Arle, called Lowdymeads. Heriot 2s. 9d., rent 11½d., fine 23d.

Edward Smith and his wife Elionor in court surrender for Robert Clarke a newly-built tenement in which William Drinkwater now dwells, with an adjoining garden, in Alstone, with all its houses, edifices, buildings, barns, stables, outhouses etc.; also several parcels of land in the common fields of Alstone, namely: 2 rudes together (1½ a.) shooting N from the tenement, land of John Marys E and land of William Theyer W; 1 rudge or selion (¼ a.) shooting likewise N from the said tenement, land of William Theyer E and land of Edmond Gale W; 7 other rudes or selions in Rewenfield in Wett furse furlong, one of them ¼ a. shooting N upon a pool there called Broadpoole, land of Thomas Toney E and land of John Pates in the tenure of Elizabeth Lewis widow W, another of the 7 being ½ a. shooting N on the same pol between land of John Pates E and W, another of the 7 rudes in the same length (½ a.) shooting N on the highway adjoining the common field called Sandyfield, land of John Pates E and land of Thomas Lyttle in the occupation of William Theyer W, 2 other of the 7

lying together in the same length ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.) shooting N upon [paper loss], land of John Pates E and land of John A.. [loss] W, 2 other rudes lying together in the same length residue of the said 7 shooting upon the same highway ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.), land of Anthony Sturmy E and land of Thomas Toney W; all with several parcels of arable land (4 a.) in Alstone. Rent $1\frac{3}{4}$ d., heriot 1s. 8d., fine $3\frac{1}{2}$ d.

[f. 6] Walter Lane alias French and his wife Joan in person and in open court surrender for Robert Ellis a messuage in Cheltenham, now in the several possessions of Thomas Meacock, Richard Hale and Edward Roberts, with all appurtenances. Heriot 30s., rent 16d., fine 2s. 8d.

Lodowick Packer and Henry Blomer present that on 11 Apr. 1646 Robert Atwood surrendered for Edward Fox a customary messuage in Arle with appurtenances and customary lands in Arle and Alstone or elsewhere within the manor, [except for] 9 selions arable in Arle and Alstone previously surrendered by Robert to Thomas Ashmead. Heriot 28s., rent 5s. 9d., fine 11s. 6d.

[f. 6v] Wager Whithorne and Roger Dowdswell present that on 12 Aug. 1646 William Goodridge before them surrendered 3 closes or parcels of meadow or pasture called Upper Rodway, Lower Rodway and Dry Laynes in Ham and Charlton Kings to the use of William Newman father-in-law of William, and his wife Elizabeth, for their lives and a term of four years, and then for William son of William Gotheridge¹. Heriot 10s., rent 4s., fine 8s.

Henry Mason and Edmund Gale present that on 27 July 1646 before them John Hartlebury and his wife Margaret surrendered for his brother Thomas Hartlebury a close of meadow or pasture in Arle called Smalmeade ($\frac{3}{4}$ a.), between land of Walter Buckle N and Arle Middle field S; also 2 small parcels of meadow or pasture with half the pool there, and a parcel lying in Arle in the Greene Close, together with a parcel of meadow or pasture lying between land of John Hartlebury W and the said close in the tenure of Mary French alias Lane widow E; and another parcel of meadow or pasture in Arle, being part of the Greene close with a quickset hedge, having land of John Hartlebury S and of Mary French N. Heriot 2s., rent 4d., fine 8d.

[f. 7] Presented by the homage that Elizabeth Buckle wife of Thomas Buckle who held for herself and heirs a customary messuage in Cheltenham has died since the last court, and that her son John Buckle is heir.

Presented by the homage that Edward Fox who held lands surrendered to him by Robert Atwood has died since the last court, and that Jane Elborough wife of William Elborough is his [eldest] sister and next heir. Jane and William admitted tenants [to 1 messuage and its lands]. Rent 5s. 9d., heriot 28s., fine 11s. 6d. [B f. 30: great rent 3s. 6d., little rent 2s. 3d., worksilver 15d, common fine 3d.]

[supplied from B f. 7] John Davison bailiff of the borough, and William Church and Thomas Benfield burgesses, present that on 26 Aug. 1646 John Powell burgess granted to his son Thomas Powell a half-burgage with appurtenances in Cheltenham on the N side of town between land of Corpus Christi College Oxford W and of Margaret Powell widow W, with free use of the pump or well there in the backside. Relief 6d. For enrolment, 4d.

John Ellis and Richard Fynch burgesses present that on 10 Sept. 1646 John Mason burgess granted to the use of Mary Mason widow mother of John Mason for her life and then for

¹ The original form of the remainder in B is: 'and after to the use of his 3 daughters and 'the child that my wife goeth withall' for the term of 4 years thereafter, and after that to the use of his youngest son William Gooderich and heirs.'

Thomas Mason the son, a burgage with appurtenances in Cheltenham on the N side of town, between land of Thomas Style E and Margaret Davison widow W. Relief 15d. For enrolment, 4d.

Giles Mathew and Thomas Gregorie present that Samuel Sandford granted to his wife Judith his house and garden in Cheltenham between houses of Thomas Sandford and Richard Pollard S & N, to hold for life as her jointure. Fine ½d. For enrolment, 4d.

John Norwood gent., Francis Gregorie and Nicholas Ashmead present that before them on 14 Aug. 1646 William Waight granted to John Nicholls of Arle a water-mill in Charlton Kings, with all its waters, watercourses, profits and advantages, to hold from Michaelmas next for a term of 12 years. On condition that if Waight pays Nicholls £10 yearly on 15 Aug. 1647, 1648, 1649, 1650, and 1651, and finally £15 on 15 Aug. 1652, then this grant is void and Nicholls is to release to Waight all interest in the property.

Thomas Buckle and Richard Tufley present that on 19 Aug. 1646 Toby Packer gent. surrendered for Robert Clarke a broad acre of arable lying in the Over field between land of Mary Buckle widow W and of George Chestroe E; also ½ a. arable in the same field between land of Thomas Cartwright E and Henry Blomer late Agnes Tufleigh W; and certain headlands in Whaddon field, Hills, and Prest peece (2 a.); also ½ a. between lands of Richard Wager E and Elionor Cox widow W; 2 lands of arable in Whaddon field beyond the brook there (1 a.), abutting on lands of Walter Mason E and Thomas Restall W. [fees unstated]

[following further numerous entries, seemingly all linked to the court of 1 October 1646, are supplied from B, ff. 19-39; reason for exclusion from A not apparent]

On 11 April 1646 Robert Atwood out of court before Lodowicke Packer gent. and Henry Blomer surrendered a messuage with its appurtenances and all lands in Arle and Alstone (except 9 rudes of arable land in Arle and Alstone formerly granted by Atwood to Thomas Ashmeade) to the use of Edward Fox. Rent 5s. 9d., heriot 28s., fine 11s. 6d.

William French alias Lane to be admitted tenant to 1 messuage and its lands in Cheltenham, late the premises of his brother Walter Lane alias French deceased. Rent 16d., heriot 30s., fine 2s. 8d., worksilver 13½d., common fine 3d.

On 27 July 1646 John Hartlebury alias Mason out of court before Henry Mason, Edmund Gale and John Gregory, (and his wife Margaret at this court) surrendered for his brother Thomas Hartlebury his meadow or pasture ground called Small mead (¾ a.) in Arle, between land late in the tenure of Walter Buckle deceased N and Arle Middle field S; also 2 little parcels of meadow or pasture ground together with one half of a pool, in Greene close also in Arle, one of which parcels shoots N-S between land of John Hartlebury E and a little close of meadow or pasture now in the tenure of Mary French alias Lane widow W; also 1 other little parcel of meadow or pasture in Arle, heretofore part of the said Greene close, with a quickset hedge, having land of John Hartlebury S and land of Mary French N. Rent 4d., heriot 2s., fine 8d.

On 29 August 1646 Toby Packer gent. out of court before Thomas Buckle and Richard Tickle surrendered for Robert Clarke tanner 1 broad acre of arable land in the Upper field between land of Mary Buckle widow W and land of George Chestroe E; a half-acre of arable in the same field between land of Thomas Cartwright E and land of Henry Blomer late of Agnes Tuffleigh widow deceased W; 5 arable lands lying together in Whaddon field called Preists piece (2½ a.) between land of Richard Wager E and of Elianor Cox widow W; 2 arable lands in Whaddon field (1 a.) shooting E on land of Walter Mason and W on land of Thomas Restall, late land of Richard White deceased. Rent 20d., heriot 10s., fine 3s. 4d.

On 1 October 1646 John Maris in person granted to John Sturmy of Swindon and John Ashmead of Cheltenham 'my two kinsmen' a customary messuage in Cheltenham with all its buildings and lands for a term of 12 years after his death, paying nothing because all is paid beforehand. Fine 2s. 7d.

On 1 October 1646 Samuel Sandford before Giles Mathewe and John Gregory grants to Judith his wife for her jointure during her lifetime a house and garden in Cheltenham between the house of and garden of Thomas Sandford N and the house and garden of Richard Pollard S. Fine ½d, being half the ancient yearly rent.

On 1 October 1646 Walter Lane alias French and his wife Joan surrendered in person to Robert Ellis the elder 1 messuage in Cheltenham now in the several possessions of Thomas Meacocke, Richard Hale and Edward Roberts. Rent 16d., heriot 30s, worksilver 13½d., common fine 3d.

Claim. William Parker and his wife Margaret seek admittance by right of Margaret to 3 messuages or tenements in Cheltenham, of which one is in the possession of Thomas Elborowe, another in possession of John Strowde, and the third in possession of Margaret Hathaway; to be proceeded with at next court.

Claim. William Parker and his wife Margaret seek admittance by right of Margaret to 1 messuage or tenement now in the possession of John Hayward. To next court.

On 1 October 1646 Thomas Powell burgage-holder before Richard Finch and Thomas Benfield burgesses granted via John Davison bailiff of the borough to the use of Thomas Powell and his wife Joan a half-burgage etc. in Cheltenham on the N side of the Street, between land of CCC W and land of Margaret Powell widow E, for their lives and the longer liver of them, remainder to heirs.

[f. 8] Cheltenham. Manor court of John Dutton esq. held 23 April 23 Charles 1647 before William Sheppard steward.

Homage: Samuel Mansell, Robert Alexander, William Sowtherne, Roger Dowdswell, Francis Gregorie, John Mason, William Gregorie, Robert Milton jun., Thomas Gregorie jun., James Eckley, Walter Cox, Edmund Butwell *sworn*

Nicholas Ashmeade, Giles Mathewe, Samuel Mansell, Robert Hiatt and William Buckle present that out of court before them on 25 Nov. 1646 Thomas Cartwright and Elizabeth Hayward widow surrendered for the use of Thomas Ashmeade the elder those 2 closes of meadow or pasture ground now lying together undivided called the 2 Lucas-Hills (6 a.); also that close of meadow or pasture ground called Little Frecknell (1 a.); also 3 butts of pasture ground, sometime heretofore arable lying at the end of Samuel Mansell's home close called the Hitchings (½ a.), all in Charlton Kings. Heriot 2s., rent 4d., fine 8d.

[f. 8v] Robert Clarke and his wife Elizabeth surrender for Samuel Clarke for life and then for Thomas Clarke son of Robert Clarke a newly erected tenement in which William Drinkwater now or lately inhabited, with adjacent garden and all buildings, and various parcels of arable land, namely 2 selions (1½ a.) between land of John Maries E and of William Theyer W, 1 selion (¼ a.) between land of William Theyer E and of Edmund Gale W; and 7 other selions in Rowenfield in Wett furze furlong, some 4 a. in all, in Alstone, Rent 2¾d., heriot 2s. 2d., fine 5½d.

[f. 9] William Maysie and James Randell swear that Thomas Buckle out of court on 9 April 1647 before them surrendered a piece of arable land in Lower field in Benbridge between land of John English [B f. 13 adds 'Doctor in Divinity'] E and Walter Higgs W, and another

piece of arable in the same field in Richcroft between land of Edmund Clarke E and Linnette Pates gent. W, in Charlton Kings, to the use of Robert Whithorne. Rent 2d., heriot 10d., fine 4d. Admitted and makes fealty.

Giles Mathewes and his wife Sara in person grant 3 a. arable land lying in the common fields in Cheltenham Upper field, between land of Thomas Cox E and land of Elizabeth White widow, now in the possession of Thomas Cartwright W; also 5 selions in Sower furlong between land of William Mills E and of widow Buckle W, to the use of Thomas Cox. Rent 9d., heriot 4d., fine 18d.

[f. 9v] Henry Mason and Lodovick Packer swear that before them on 16 March 1646/7 John Davison surrendered a messuage with adjacent homestead or close and orchard in Westal (2 a.), also arable lands and pasture in Alstone called Bestcroft (5 a.); 2 closes of pasture in Westal, Naunton & Sandford called Woodfeilds or Woodfeild (12 a.), to the use of John Davison for his lifetime and then to Elionor, Alice, Sara and Hannah Davison the daughters of John and his wife Elionor Davison. Rent 2s. 6d., heriot 12s., fine 5s. [B f. 42 adds: worksilver 13d., common fine 3d.]

William Sowthorne and his wife Joyce in person surrender a messuage with all its houses, homestead or close, orchard, garden and yard, in Charlton Kings in Ham, with all lands arable, meadow and pasture, woods and underwoods, which premises were lately of Arthur Bleeke, to the use of Henry Mason and heirs. Rent 9s. 6d., heriot 26s., fine 19s.

[f. 10] Henry Mason, Richard Mathew and John Gregory present that before them on 22 April 1647 Thomas Hartlebury surrendered a messuage or tenement in Arle which his elder brother John Hartlebury alias Mason now dwells in, and the adjacent orchard as now lies between land of said John N and land of Mary French alias Lane widow S; and a close called Greenclose belonging to it, lying between land of John Hartlebury S and Mary French N, to the use of John Hartlebury alias Mason and his wife Margaret Mason for their lives and the longer liver of them, remainder to their heirs. Rent 9d., heriot 4s., fine 18d.

Thomas Buckle and John Hartlebury swear that before them out of court on 18 Feb. 1646/7 Richard Mathew surrendered a messuage in Arle called Fidlers Greene, lying between land now in tenure of Katherine Packer widow S and land of Thomas Hartlebury N; and a close of meadow or pasture called Ducks Land, lying between land of Mary Mason widow W and Highcroft Lane E; also a selion of arable land in Arle in Hill field between land now in tenure of Alice Sturmy widow W and land late in tenure of John Ligon esq. deceased E; and a feather of land in Arle Middle field between land now in the occupation of Walter Fox E and land of Mary French alias Lane W, to the use of Thomas Hartlebury. Rent 18d., heriot 30s., fine 3s.

[f. 10v] Thomas Buckle and his wife Elizabeth in person surrender the following arable lands: 7 selions in Haydon hill field, Arle, between land of the late John Ligon esq. E and of Richard Drinkwater W; 2 selions in the same field between lands of Thomas Hartlebury alias Mason E and land of late John Ligon esq. W; 3 more selions in the same place between land now in the occupation of Thomas Howshipp E and land of Francis Gregorie W; 2 selions lying together in the same field, one of them a headland next to land of Francis Gregory N; 1 other selion in the same field lying between land of Walter Fox S and of Francis Gregory N; another selion in the same field between lands of Francis Gregorie S and land late of John Ligon esq. N; another selion in the same field lying between land of said John Ligon S and of Richard Strowd N; all to the use of Thomas Ham for his lifetime, and after to his son Giles Ham. Rent 2s. 9d., heriot 5s. 4d., fine 5s. 6d.

Robert Clarke and his wife Elizabeth in open court surrender for Robert Clarke for life and then for Anthony Clarke son of Robert a little close of land [(2 a.)] in Cheltenham Lower field

on the S part of the Marsh [near the gate there called the Marshgate], extending to Gores Ditch furlong W; a head acre in the same field, having the highway from Cheltenham to Gloucester N; and another acre of arable in the same field in Sower furlong, [extending N-S] between land of Richard Bannister E and land late of Christopher Merret [deceased] W, and all those premises now in the tenure of Robert Clarke [and previously of Toby Packer] , namely a pasture called the Hams (1 a.), having a close of pasture now in the tenure of Joyce Banister widow E and a close of pasture of Conway Whithorne now in the tenure of John Powell W. Rent 1s. 2d., heriot 7s., fine 2s. 4d. [Bracketed material from B, f. 43]

[f. 11] Robert Clarke and his wife Elizabeth in open court surrender for Robert Clarke for life, and after his death to his son Robert, a messuage or toft called Clarkes Close (1 a.) in Cheltenham, between a tenement now or late in the tenure of Robert Cox E, and a tenement now or late in the tenure of Richard Garner W; also all that close of land called Kinsham in Cheltenham, between land of Walter Mason E and land of Thomas Cartwright W (2 a.); all those 3 a. arable now in the occupation of Robert Clarke in Lampitts in Whaddon field between land of Anthony Greenway E and [B: demesne] land now or late in the occupation of Walter White W. Rent 5s. 4d., heriot 30s., fine 10s. 8d.

Robert Clarke and his wife Elizabeth in open court surrender for Robert Clarke for his lifetime and then for his son Thomas Clarke a broad acre of arable land in Cheltenham Upper field between land of Mary Buckle widow W and land of George Chestro E, and a ½ a. arable in the same field between land of Thomas Cartwright E and of Henry Blowmer W; 5 a. arable in Whaddon field called Preists peece (2½ a.) between land of Richard Wager E and land of Elionor Cox widow W; 2 a. arable land in Whaddon field (1 a.) shooting on land of Walter Mason E and land of Thomas Restall W; 2 a. meadow or pasture in Whaddon field between land late in the tenure of Richard Gough deceased E and land of Richard Wager W; 1 a. arable land in Cheltenham Upper field between land late of Thomas Higgs gent. E and land late of Anthony Greenway W. Rent 2s. 4d., heriot 14s. 4d., fine 4s. 8d.

[f. 11v] John Martin and William Gale present that on 26 Nov. 1646 out of court before them Edward Wells surrendered for Robert Gale and heirs a customary messuage and all its lands in Charlton Kings (except those in Ewyn field). Rent 5s. 11d., heriot 18s. 10d., fine 11s. 10d.

Robert Mansell, Samuel Mansell and Robert Gale present that on 1 Mar. 1646/7 out of court Edward Wells surrendered for Arthur Holder 11 selions or butts in Ewyn field in Charlton Kings, within a close of pasture, namely 3 selions on the S side of said close, 6 selions lying together, 1 selion lately of Thomas Stubbs clerk S, and 2 selions late of Robert Mansell N, and 2 head selions, the latter being outside the close and shooting on land of Richard White N; all in Charlton Kings. [B f. 15 adds: Confirmed by wife Edith Wells in court.] Rent 1s., heriot 3s., fine 2s.

[f. 12] Robert Whithorne in person surrenders for Thomas Jelfe a close of meadow or pasture (5 a.) in Charlton Kings called Ravensgate Close, adjoining his 2 messuages. Rent 1s. 11d., heriot 6s. 8d., fine 3s. 10d.

Henry Mason, John¹ Collet and John Marten present that before them out of court on 3 Feb. 1646/7 Elizabeth Hathorne widow and Charles Hathorne son and heir of Robert Hawthorne deceased, for £80 paid to Elizabeth by Joan Collet, granted to Joan Collet a messuage or meese called Hawthorne's Meese in Northfield, with all its lands, from Lady Day last for a term of 12 years, rendering to Elizabeth 4d. yearly at Michaelmas, and customary dues as before. For enrolment, 4d.

¹ B f 14 has 'Roger'.

Linnett Pates, Thomas Cartwright, James Randle and Walter Currier present that on 13 Oct. 1646 out of court before them Robert Smith and his wife Margery granted to Thomas Ashmeade sen. 2 messuages in Alstone, Naunton, Westal and Sandford now in the tenure of Thomas Ashmeade, for a term of 6 years. For enrolment, 4d.

[f. 12v] Robert Gale and Samuel Mansell present that on 26 Mar. 1647 William Gale granted to his wife Mary a customary meadow or pasture in Charlton Kings called Wells Breach for her lifetime. For enrolment, 4d.

Robert Whithorne son and heir of John Whithorne is admitted to 2 messuages and their lands in Charlton Kings of which his father died seised. Rent 17d., heriot 3s., fine 34d.

Henry Goodcheape and his wife Alice, and John Norwood and his wife Sarah in open court surrender a part of a messuage in Cheltenham between the schoolhouse W and another part of the same messuage E, as now divided for the use of John Norwood and Sarah for their lives and then their heirs. Rent 10d., heriot 5s., fine 20d.

[Fuller version, from B f. 44] Cheltenham. 23 April 1647. Memo that at the court baron with view of frankpledge held 1 April 1641, Walter Buckle deceased surrendered for Henry Goodcheape and his wife Alice part of a messuage between the schoolhouse W and another part of the said messuage then in the tenure of Samuel Sandford E, as the same was then and now stands divided and set forth with merestones by Thomas Buckle, Giles Mathewes and Henry Roberts; and since that time at a court baron the said Henry Goodcheape and his wife Alice in open court surrendered the premises for the use of John Norwood gent. and Sarah Lawrence for their lifetimes, and after their deaths, to the use of Sarah's heirs, 'but in respect of the troubles and 'distructions' of this kingdom the Court Rolls of the said court are miscarried or lost and copies out of the same could not be had, whereby the said John Norwood should make his title and interest appear in the premises'. Therefore Henry Goodcheape and his wife Alice, and John Norwood and his wife Sarah do in open court surrender the said premises for the following uses, namely, to John Norwood and Sarah for their lifetimes and the longer liver of them; if John survives Sarah, then to his heirs for ever, and if Sarah survives John, then to her heirs. Rent 10d., fine 20d., heriot 5s. 6d., worksilver 2d., tithing silver 1d.

[f. 13] Robert Clarke and Richard Ellice present that on 11 Mar. 1646/7 out of court Toby Packer surrendered for Giles Chestroe a house or tenement or parcel of building, where William Strowde now dwells, and a parcel of land lately enclosed out of a customary close of Toby Packer's, next to Packer's capital messuage, extending N to the highway on the backside of the town of Cheltenham. Rent 14d., heriot 6s., fine 2s. 4d.

Robert Clarke in person grants to Thomas Buckle a tenement lately built in which William Drinkwater lately dwelled, with its garden and 2 selions of arable (1 a.) between land of John Maries E and land of William Thayer W; 1 selion (¼ a.) between land of William Thayer E and of Edmund Gale W; 7 other selions in Rowenfield in Wetfurze furlong [defined as previously], all in Alstone (4 a.), to hold for life of Robert Clarke and for 12 years after. Rendering customary dues as before. Fine 5½d., 4d. for enrolment.

[f. 13v] Presented by the homage that John Coppen free tenant of this manor has died since the last court, seised of a close of meadow or pasture called Hawbeech or Hawbatch in Charlton Kings, held by suit of court. Frances Coppen is his only daughter and next heir.

[copyhold items added from B f. 62] 23 April 1647: homage presents that John Coppin late customary tenant who held 1 close of meadow or pasture ground called Freconhill in Charlton Kings (surrendered by Thomas Horwood and his wife Margaret at a court held on 26 Sept. 1634) at yearly rent 18d. and heriot 3s. 3d.. also 3 other closes of meadow (8 a.) called Broad

Breach, Sappercombe and Strowde in Charlton Kings, at yearly rent 2s. and heriot 8s. 2d. surrendered by Thomas and Margaret Horwood at a court held 10 Apr. 1635, died this 12 April, whereupon heriots of 11s. 5d. fall due; and that Frances Coppin is his only daughter and heir, and now seeks admittance. Fine 7s. Admitted but fealty respited until of full age.

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[from B f. 51] [Draft in appearance]. **Manor and hundred of Cheltenham. View of frankpledge with court baron of John Dutton esq. [~~...ar..Caroli-eon.?~~] for said manor and hundred, held [and?] adjourned from 30 April 1647 to [blank] day of June last [3-4 words unclear] [and?] adjourned until this 29 July 1647.**

Homage appears and [incomplete]

[f. 14 continues] Richard Mathewes and his wife Elizabeth in person surrender for Thomas Cox 2 selions of arable land (1 a.) in Whaddon field, between land of Richard Wager N and of Thomas Gregorie S. Rent 2d., heriot 18d.

Giles Mathew and his wife Sarah in person surrender for Thomas Okey and his wife Elizabeth for their lifetimes and the longer liver of them, remainder to heirs of Thomas Okey, a messuage or tenement next to the churchyard in Cheltenham, with its orchard or close, having a close of Thomas Buckle S and the Church Lane N. Rent 9d., heriot 30s., fine 18d.

[from B f. 51] View to be made between Conway Whithorne and Margaret Higgs widow of ground in dispute called Lyndover in Sandford mead, in a hedgerow there; to be made before feast of St Bartholomew and merestones placed.

View to be made for Margaret Higgs widow of a way to be set forth which is proper to the said Margaret to be had to ground of hers called Lower Leasow at Swinshall in Sandford tithing; to be made by Thomas Gregory sen., Walter Whithorne, John Powell, Walter Currier and Michael Gotheridge, before St Bartholomew next, on pain of 3s. 4d. for anyone making default.

[from B, ff. 33-36] On 11 March 1646/7 Toby Packer gent. out of court before Thomas Roberts, Robert Clarke and Thomas Ellis surrendered to the use of Giles Chestro all that messuage tenement or parcel of housing in Cheltenham wherein William Crowder now dwells, and wherein Henry St Leger lately dwelled, and all that parcel of ground lately taken out of the customary close of said Toby Packer adjoining his capital customary messuage in Cheltenham, as now set out and divided from the said close by marks and merestones extending in length from the said housing N to the highway leading to on the backside of the town or borough of Cheltenham, and in breadth between the messuage and backside of John Ellis now in the possession of Thomas Ellis on the W, and to the bounds marks and merestones lately placed on the E. Giles Chestro to have free use and access to and from the pump and well standing in the backside of said Toby Packer, paying one-third of the cost of repairs thereto. Rent 14d., fine 2s. 4d., worksilver 3d., common fine 1d, Peter pence 1d., heriot 6s.

On or about 20 December 1646, John Barnes late of Arle deceased did, before Thomas Hartlebury alias Mason, John Hartlebury alias Mason (x), Walter French alias Lane surrender to the use of his daughter Elianor now wife of James Rutter after his decease for her lifetime all that house and backside wherein John Barnes now lives, and after her death to James and Margaret and Elizabeth Rutter the children of James and Elianor Rutter, for a term of 6 years, if Randle Rutter son and heir of James Rutter should not pay them 40s. apiece after the death of Elianor. And after the said 6 years, inheritance goes to Randle Rutter and heirs. Rent 3d., fine 6d., heriot 6d.

[Added from B ff 57-63] 26 March 1647. Memo that William Gale out of court before Samuel Mansell and Robert Gale did grant to Mary his wife his close of meadow or pasture ground which he lately purchased of Edward Welles called Welles breach in Charlton Kings for her lifetime as her jointure. Fine 8d.

23 April 1647: memo that on this date Robert Clarke in open court granted to Thomas Buckle a tenement lately erected wherein William Drinkwater does now or lately did inhabit, with adjoining garden and all its houses edifices etc., and divers parcels of arable land, namely 2 selions (1½ a.) between land of John Maries E and land of William Theyer W; 1 selion (¼ a.) between land of William Theyer E and Edmond Gale W; 7 selions in Rewenfield in Wett Furze furlong (one ¼ a.) between land of Thomas Toney E and John Pates in tenure of Elizabeth Hewit widow W; one (½ a.) between lands of John Pates E and W; one in the same length between land of John Pates E and of Thomas Lyttle now in tenure of William Theyer W; 2 others in the same length (½ a.) between land of John Pates E and John Ashmeade W; 2 others in the same length, residue of the said 7 (½ a.) between land of Anthony Sturmy E and land of Thomas Toney W) – all in Alstone and about 4 a. in all, to hold for the lifetime of Robert Clarke and 12 years after. Fine 5s. ½d.

23 April 1647 Memo that on this date Thomas Buckle and Elizabeth his wife in open court surrendered to the use of Thomas Ham for his lifetime and afterwards to his son Giles Ham several parcels of arable land, namely 7 rudes of arable in Arle fields in Haydon hill between land late of John Lygon esq. deceased E and land of Richard Drinkwater W; 2 other rudes in the said field and furlong between land of Thomas Hartlebury alias Mason E and land of late John Lygon W; 3 other rudes in the same furlong between land now in the occupation of Thomas Howshipp E and land of Francis Gregory W; 2 other adjacent rudes in the same field, one being a headland abutting land of Francis Gregory N and the other lying between land of Walter Foxe S and of Francis Gregory N; one other rudge in the lying between land of Francis Gregory S and of late John Lygon N; another rudge in the same field between land of late John Lygon S and of Richard Strowde N. Heriot 5s. 4d., rent 2s. 9d., fine 5s. 6d.

23 April 1647 Memo that on this date Giles Mathewe and Sarah his wife in person in open court surrendered for Edward Coxe 3 a. of arable land, namely 1 a. in Cheltenham Upper field, land of Thomas Cox E and land of Elizabeth White widow in the possession of Thomas Cartwright W; 5 other rudes in the Lower field in Sowre furlong shooting upon Cockeham Slade, land of William Mills E and land of widow Buckle W. Rent 9d., fine 18d., heriot 4s.

9 April 1647 Thomas Rucke out of court before William Moysey and Samuel Randle surrenders for Robert Whithorne 1 arable land in Charlton Kings Lower field in Benbridge, shooting N-S between land of John English DD E and of Walter Higgs W; another arable land in Richcrofte in the same field shooting on the farm between land of Edmund Clarke E and of Lynett Pates gent. W. Heriot 10d., rent 2d., fine 4d.

23 April 1647 Memo that on this date Robert Clark and his wife Elizabeth in open court surrendered 1 broad acre of arable land in Cheltenham Upper field between land of Mary Buckle widow W and land of George Chestro E; 1 acre of arable land in the same field between land of Thomas Cartwright E and of Henry Blowmer late of Anne Tuffley W; 5 arable lands in HWaddon field called Priests piece (2½ a.) between land of Richard Wager E and land of Elinor Cox widow W; 2 arable lands in Whaddon field beyond the brook gores (1 a.) abutting land of Walter Mason E and land of Thomas Restalll W; 2 a. meadow or pasture in Whaddon field shooting N-S between a parcel of demesne land late in tenure of Richard Gough deceased E and land of Richard Wager W; 1 a. arable in Cheltenham Upper field near the upper side of the town extending N-S between land late in the occupation of Thomas Higgs gent. E and land late of Anthony Greeneway W, for the use of Robert Clark for his lifetime without impeachment of waste, and after to his son Thomas Clark. Rent 2s. 4d., heriot 14s. 4d., fine 4s. 8d.

[evidence of a court on 19 June:]

[B f. 66] ~~6 May~~ 19 June 1647 Memo that on this date Richard Mathewes and his wife Elizabeth did ~~out of court before Thomas Roberts, Nicholas Ashmeade and Richard Ellis~~ in open court before the steward surrender for Thomas Cox of Cheltenham maltster 2 rudes of arable land in Whaddon field shooting E-W between land of Richard Wager N and of Thomas Gregorie S (1 a.). Rent 2d., heriot 18d.

Memo: it is agreed Richard Mathewes is to have glean and take the Corne now growing upon the said 2 rudes. 6 May 1647.

[f. 15] Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. held 1 October 23 Charles 1647 before William Sheppard esq. steward

Homage: Linnet Pates gent., Walter Curryer, Robert Gale, William Wayte, John Martin, Richard Drinkwater, John Ashmeade, Henry Mason, William Ashmeade, Giles Mathew, Henry Major, Henry Roberts, Richard Wager, John Holder *sworn*

Robert Milton and Richard Jeninges burgesses swear that before them on 20 September 1647 William Rogers sen., burgage-holder, granted (via John Chestroe bailiff of the borough) his half-burgage in Cheltenham on the N side of the Street between land of Ann Parry widow W and the Almshouses E to the use of William Rogers and his wife Dorothy for their lifetimes and the longer liver of them, and after to their son Richard Rogers. Relief 8d.

Francis Gregorie, William Buckle and John Buckle present that on 24 April 1647 out of court before them John Bleeke surrendered for Henry Mason all those arable and pasture grounds called Meadow Badleton and Furzy Badleton in Charlton Kings, late the lands of Arthur Bleeke. Rent 18d., heriot 4s., fine 3s.

[f. 15v] Henry Mason and Nicholas Ashmead present that on 20 September 1647 out of court before them Elizabeth White widow, relict of the late Richard White, granted to Edward Johnson her home close of arable ground (1 a.) now in the tenure of Thomas Ashmead (excepting the trees and wood growing thereon), [B adds: having a close of demesne land now in the occupation of Thomas Ashmead E and] a close of Henry Mason W, to hold from Michaelmas next for a term of 12 years. [B: Paying nothing because already paid.] Fine 4d, being half the ancient yearly rent.

Francis Grevill gent. Lynett Pates gent. and Robert Clarke present that out of court before them on 11 May 1647 Thomas Cartwright granted to William Kinge sen. of Leckhampton [B f. 72: tanner] a messuage or tenement with all its lands now in the occupation of Cartwright but heretofore in the occupation of John Okey to hold from 3 May last for Cartwright's lifetime and a term of 12 years after; provided always that if Cartwright pays Kinge the sum of £4 on 15 Nov. next, £4 on 15 May 1648, £4 on 15 Nov. 1648, £4 on 15 May 1649, £4 on 15 Nov. 1649, and £104 on 15 May 1650, then this grant shall become void. [B: Fine 5s.] For enrolment, 4d.

Edward Gale and John Hartlebury alias Mason present that out of court before them on 2 September 1647 Michael Tanty granted to Robert Clarke of Cheltenham tanner 5 lands or rudes of arable land (1 a.) in Rewenfield, Alstone, land of Francis Gregory N and land of Thomas Strowde S, to hold from Michaelmas next for a term of 12 years. [B f. 53: Paying nothing because already paid.] Fine 6d. For enrolment, 4d.

[f. 16] Francis Grevill gent., Lynett Pates gent. and Thomas Cartwright present that out of court before them on 11 May 1647 Mary Pates widow surrendered for her daughter Penelope Pates a close of pasture ground called Coverbreach (6 a.) in Arle, now in the occupation of Richard Hooper; a close of arable called Harris breach (3 a.) in Arle Middle field, now in the occupation of Richard Drinkwater; another close of arable called Highcroft (5 a.) also in Middle field, now in the occupation of William Gregory and John Sturmy shoemaker and Thomas Gregory, also a parcel of arable called the Brandyards (4 a.) in Haydon hill field, now or late in the tenure of William and Thomas Gregory. Heriot 10s., rent 5s. 2d., fine 10s. 4d.

[B f. 46: Robert Milton,] Richard Mathewes (x), [B: Giles Mathewes] and James Randall present that out of court before them on 20 August 1647 Michael Gotheridge alias Wells granted to the use of Alice wife of Michael and her assigns for her lifetime and 12 years thereafter, all his customary messuages and lands in Alstone and Westal, Naunton & Sandford. Fine 18s. 6d., and 4d. for enrolment.

[f. 16v] James Randall and Richard Mathewes present that out of court before them on 20 August 1647 Michael Gotheridge alias Wells did surrender to the use of Richard Gotheridge alias Wells one of his sons, a piece of arable land (4 a.) in Bayes hill in Alstone, having land of Mary Buckle widow E and of Francis Gregory W; another acre in Baldhill in Alstone, land of widow Sturmy N and of Richard Banaster gent. S, to hold after the death of Michael's wife Alice for a term of 12 years; [B f. 47: provided that if Michael 'shall have a desire to alter these presents then these presents to be absolutely void']. Rent 6d., fine 12d., heriot 18d. Fealty respited until Richard is of age.

James Randall and Richard Mathewes present that out of court before them on 20 August 1647 Michael Gotheridge alias Wells did surrender to the use of Edward Gotheridge alias Wells one of his sons a cottage or tenement and 5 a. of arable land in Alstone known as Shirles piece, land of said Michael S and land of Robert Smith in the occupation of Thomas Ashmead the eldest N, to hold after the death of Michael's wife Alice for a term of 12 years. [B f. 48: proviso as previous item] Rent 18d., fine 3s., heriot 18d. Fealty respited until Edward is of age.

[f. 17] James Randall and Richard Mathewes present that out of court before them on 20 August 1647 Michael Gotheridge alias Wells did surrender to the use of William Gotheridge alias Wells one of the sons of Michael, 5 arable lands (1 a.) having land of William Combe E and land of widow Sturmy W, also another land in Bandfurlonge, land of William Theyer N and land in the occupation of Robert Clarke or assigns S; another land in the same furlong, land in the occupation of Mr Packer N and land of Elizabeth Eckly S; 2 other lands in the same furlong, land of Robert Clarke S and land of Richard Banaster N; a headland called the Dawes headland, having a certain yokeway W, and land of John Maris E; another land or ridge in the same furlong, lands of John Maris W and land of Robert Clarke E; 2 other lands in the Sandfield, land now in the occupation of Thomas Strowde E and land now in the occupation of Robert Clarke W, all of which are in Rowen field in Alstone. Proviso as previous. Rent 6d., fine 12d., heriot 18d. Fealty respited until William is of age.

Presented by the homage that William Titchet who held a close of meadow or pasture called Breach piece next to Batledon, once parcel of a messuage in Cuddenhill in Charlton Kings and once customary land of Roger Holder, has died since the last court.¹ Samuel Titchet is his son and next heir, and is admitted tenant. Heriot 18d., rent 10d., fine 20d.

Presented by the homage that Michael Welles alias Gotheridge who held 1 whole messuage and lands, and a part-messuage late land of Timothy Cartwright in Westal, and parcels of land, meadow or pasture in Alstone, has died seised of the same; Michael Gotheridge is the

¹ However, the same is reported in B f. 9, ostensibly 1646.

older son and next heir, and is admitted tenant. Rent for Westal 4s., heriot 38s., rent for Alstone 2s., heriot 11s. 11d.; fine 12s. Fealty respited until of age.

[f. 18] Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. held 29 February 23 Charles 1647/8, before William Sheppard esq. steward

[B f. 70]

Homage: John Maries, Walter Whithorne, Samuel Higgs, Edmund Ballenger, John Nicholls, Robert Mansell, Francis Gregory *sworn*

[f. 18 continued] William Buckle and John Hartlebury alias Mason present that out of court before them on 8 October 1647 Richard Packer surrendered for Francis Gregory several pasture grounds in Arle in Heydon Hill field (8 a.) and 2 selions (½ a.) of arable land in Arle in Middle field shooting upon Small meads; and 2 pieces of arable land lying together in in Middle field, called Highcroft piece and Howbrooke piece (10 a.); and several pasture grounds in Middle field called Snappes piece (8 a.). Rent 6s. 1d., heriot 8s. 9d., fine 12s. 2d.

William Buckle and John Hartlebury alias Mason present that out of court before them on 8 October 1647 Katherine Packer widow surrendered for Francis Gregory several pasture grounds in Arle in Haydon Hill field, called Haydon Hill piece (8 a.); also 13 selions or rewes of arable land and 1 'broade meere' in the Hill field, Arle (5 a.); also 2 selions of arable land in the Middle field, shooting on Smalmeades end (½ a.); also 2 pieces of arable land lying together in Middle field called Highcroft piece and Howbrooke piece (10 a.), to hold for the lifetime of Katherine and a term of 12 years after; [B f. 65: paying nothing yearly because already paid] Fine 5s. 5d. [B: 4d. for enrolment]

[f. 18v] Walter Currier and James Randle present that out of court before them on 22 December 1647 Thomas Rucke surrendered for Edward Hall a dwelling house or tenement in Blind Lane End in Charlton Kings, together with all its 'commodities' and a parcel of ground adjoining (¼ a.), [B f. 56: together with all bodies of trees, lops, hedgerows, and fruit trees growing thereon]. Rent 4d., fine 8d., heriot 16d.

Presented by the homage that Christopher Merrett who held 3 messuages in Cheltenham together with their lands has died, and that Francis Merrett is his son and next heir; he is admitted tenant. Rent 7s. ½d., heriot £4, fine 14s. 1d.

Quitclaim: at this court Thomas Hawkins of Winchcombe, Glos., and his wife Audrey, lately wife of Christopher Merrett deceased, and Richard Merrett a son of Christopher, surrender and release to Francis Merrett son of Christopher and Audrey all claim or interest in those 3 messuages in Cheltenham lately held by Christopher.

[f. 19] Francis Merrett in person surrenders for Thomas Cox a message or close in Cheltenham now in the occupation of Richard Cox, lying between a message of Richard Cox E and a close of Robert Clarke tanner W, with all its customary lands (11 a.) in Whaddon field and Upper field and Oaty Peece, in the separate possessions of Richard Cox, Thomas Elice, Thomas White and Alice Goodcheape widow. Rent 4s. 8d., heriot 44s., fine 9s. 4d.

Francis Merrett in person surrenders for Elionor Cox and Margaret Cox daughters of Elionor Cox of Cheltenham widow for their lifetimes, and afterwards to the use of Thomas Cox older brother of said Elionor and Margaret, remainder to Walter Cox another brother, and then to Giles Cox a further brother, a customary message or tenement in Cheltenham now divided in two, one part in the possession of Alice Goodcheape widow and the other part in the occupation of Margaret Holder widow; together with its adjacent close in Cheltenham, in the possession of Alice Goodcheape, lying between the highway W and a close now or late of Thomas Collier E; also a close in Cheltenham next to Marsh Lane E and land in the

possession of widow Buckle W; also 2 selions (2 a.) in Cheltenham in Beechcroft [sic] and lands in the Lower field (3½ a.), in the several possessions of Richard Cox, Thomas White, Alice Goodcheape and Henry Major. Rent 5s., heriot 44s., fine 10s.

[f. 19v] Francis Merrett in person surrenders for John Nicholls son of William Nicholls late of Cheltenham deceased and John's wife Elizabeth for their lifetimes and the longer liver of them, remainder to heirs, a customary messuage in Cheltenham in the possession of Elizabeth Nicholls widow, 52½ ft in length and 21 ft wide, next to the house of Thomas Long, and now divided off from the other half of the said messuage. Rent 2d., heriot 12d., fine 4d. [B f. 460 adds worksilver 1d.]

[f. 20] Francis Merrett in person surrenders for Samuel Higges and his wife Alice for their lifetimes and the longer liver of them, with remainder to heirs, half of a messuage in Cheltenham now in the possession of Elizabeth Nicholls widow, 52½ ft in length and 21 ft wide, now divided off from the other part in the possession of Henry Blomer. Rent 2d., heriot 12d., fine 4d.

[f. 20v] Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. held 7 April 24 Charles 1648, before William Sheppard esq. steward

Homage: Thomas Buckle, Nicholas Ashmead, George Chestroe sen., Walter Whithorne, William Southerne, John Maries, Thomas Gregorie, Thomas Greene sen., Richard Finch, John Rooke, William Gregorie *sworn*

To this court came Richard Packer son and heir of John Packer and claimed admittance to all lands of which his father died seised and to which he is heir, being brother and heir to Edward Packer deceased, son and heir of John Packer, and brother of the late William Packer, also deceased. Admitted. Rent 20s. 3d., fine 40s. 6d., heriot 27s. 2d.

Presented by the homage that William Packer who held 2 closes of pasture in Arle called Berrow Slade and Hill furzes (10 a.) has died. Heriot of 16s. 6d. due. Richard Packer is his heir, and is admitted. Rent 11s., fine 22s.

[f. 21] Presented by the homage that John Packer late tenant deceased held a close of pasture called Hartshame in Arle, and 15 a. of arable lands dispersed in the fields of Arle and Alstone, once surrendered by him to the use of his son John, with remainder to Richard Packer another of his sons. John Packer jun. is dead, and Richard Packer now seeks admittance. Rent 4s. 6d., heriot 5s. 6d., fine 9s.

Francis Gregorie and his wife Anne in person surrender for Richard Packer a close of pasture in Arle called Snapes peece (10 a.). Rent 3s. 7d., heriot 8s., fine 7s. 2d.

Richard Packer in person surrenders for Francis Gregorie all his customary arable lands in Hill field, Arle (4 a.). Rent 10d., heriot 12d., fine 20d.

[f. 21v] Anthony Sturmy in person surrenders all his customary lands in Rowen field and Hill field in Alstone for Thomas Sturmy son of Henry Sturmy. Rent 7d., heriot 3s., fine 1s. 2d.

[B, f. 80 adds:] And after at the same court the said Thomas Sturmy granted the same lands to Anthony Sturmy for the lifetime of Thomas and 12 years after, paying yearly nothing because it was paid before. Fine 7d.

John Hartlebury, Walter French and Thomas Hartlebury swear that on 20 Dec. 1646 before them, the late John Barnes surrendered for his daughter Elionor wife of James Rutter for her lifetime all that house and backside where John Barnes then dwelled, and after the deaths of

Elionor, James, Maragret and Elizabeth Rutter children of James and Elionor, for a term of 6 years, if Randle Rutter son and heir of James Rutter does not pay James Maragret and Elizabeth, after the death of Elionor, 40s. each; And after the 6 years, to Randell Rutter for ever. Rent 3d., heriot 6d., fine 6d.

Christopher Hill and his wife Abigail in person surrender for John Ashmead son of John Ashmead of Cheltenham 1 a. arable land in Cheltenham Lower field near Maules Elm, shooting N-S between land of John Bannaster gent., deceased, and John Eillis W; also a parcel of land N of the said acre. Rent 6d., heriot 20d., fine 12d.

[f. 22] Francis Gregorie and his wife Anne in person surrender a messuage and all its lands in Alstone, also a messuage or pasture land in Arle at Munkcroft (10 a.), a close of pasture in Arle called Pittstile (4 a.), and a close of pasture in Arle called Itchland (6 a.), to the use of Francis Gregory until the celebration of a marriage between Francis Gregory son of Francis and Mary Lane alias French of Arle, and after the marriage, as to the separate parcels of land in Arle (in all 4 a.), namely 3 lands together in Sandfield in Elfurlong, having land of Thomas Ashmead E, 2 lands in the same field having land of John Hartlebury N, another land in the same field having land of Edward Packer S, 2 selions or 'longlands' in Hillfield having land of John Maries E, these to the use of Francis Gregory senior for his lifetime and after for Francis junior; and as for the lands in Alstone and all houses, gardens, orchards etc. there on Munkcroft, Pittstile and Itchland, and a close of pasture called Ashmeade in Bayeshill field in Alstone, these to the use of Francis Gregory junior and Mary Lane alias French for their lives. Provided that Mary make no waste upon the premises. Arle rent 8s. 8d., heriot 42s., Alstone rent 12s. 1½d., heriot 28s. 6d., combined fine 41s. 7d.

[f. 22v]

John Gardner and his wife Mary in person surrender for their daughter Joan Gardner a small house lately built belonging to a messuage once in the tenure of John Gardner, late father of the said John; this small house was formerly in the possession of Michael Ricketts and now of John Taylor; also a perch of ground on which the small house stands. Rent 1d., heriot 2d., fine 2d.

William Buckle and Robert Clarke swear that on 7 April 1648 out of court before them Catherine Packer widow, relict of John Packer in consideration of a marriage intended shortly between her son Richard Packer and Margaret Chandler widow, [B f. 82-3: 'for a competent jointure and future maintenance of the said Margaret'] should she outlive Richard, and for the present maintenance of them both, grants to Francis Gregory of Arle and Robert Milton of Westal 2 pasture grounds together in Arle called Berrows Slad and Hill furzes (10 a.); also a meese, meese-place of close in Arle called Fidlers; also that close of pasture ground called Snapes piece in Arle (10 a.); a close called Hartshorne in Arle (2 a.), to hold for the lifetime of Catherine and a term of 12 years after; Gregory and Milton to pass all profits from the lands to Richard and Margaret. Fine 8s.

[f. 23] Francis Gregory and Henry Mason present that on 1 January 1647/8 out of court before them William Gregory surrendered for his son and heir Thomas Gregory 2 rudges of arable land lying in Arle, in Barbridge field shooting upon the king's highway. Rent 4d., heriot 8d., fine 8d.

William Buckle and John Gregory present that out of court before them on 7 April 1648 Elizabeth White widow of Richard White has granted to Nicholas Ashmead of Cheltenham mercer 1 outhouse or stable on the E side of the court or backside of Elizabeth White adjoining the house of the said Nicholas Ashmead on the S side of said outhouse, the inner court or backside of Nicholas Ashmead lying N of the said house or stable, to hold from Michaelmas next for a term of 12 years, at a yearly rent of 5s. at Michaelmas and Lady Day in equal portions. Fine 4d.

Henry Mason and John Collett present that on 27 Mar. 1648 out of court before them Samuel Higges granted to Joan Collett a cottage or tenement with garden orchard and backside ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.) in Westal, Naunton & Sandford to hold for the lifetime of said Samuel and a term of 12 years after. Fine 4d. Provided always that if he pays Joan £10 on 1 April 1651, with 8% interest, [B f. 77: then this grant is void]. For enrolment, 4d.

[f. 23v] In consideration of a marriage to be solemnised between Guy Ellis son of John Ellis of Cheltenham and Frances Wells daughter of John Wells of Evington in the parish of the Leigh, Glos., on 22 October 1647 the said John Ellis out of court before Robert Milton and John Collett surrendered 4 a. arable land in the Lower field of Cheltenham 1 in Hollowe Wythies furlong between land in tenure of William Collett deceased E, and land now or late in the tenure of William Mills W; another acre in the same field in 'the furlong at the town's end', shooting between the burgage close now or late in the tenure of Rowland Horne E and land now or late in the tenure of William Welsh W; another acre in the same field in 'the furlong at the close's end' near to the end of the town of Cheltenham, shooting upon the corner of the Marsh N and between land called the Parsonage ground E and land now or late in the tenure of Edward Fawkes W; and one other acre in the same field in Gosdich or Gosthost furlong, between Parsonage ground E and land heretofore of Ralph Norwood, now in tenure of Thomas Cartwright, W; also 4 a. of arable dispersed in Cheltenham fields, namely 1 a. in the Upper field between land of Toby Packer gent. on the S of Millmeare way E, and abutting N upon Lampitt; another a. in the Lower field between land of Lodowick Packer gent. E and land of Thomas Gregory W; another a. lying at Short hedge in the Lower field, land of Thomas Sandford E and late now or late in occupation of John Sturmy W; 1 a. in the Lower field in Kinsgditch furlong, between land now or late of Giles Mathewe S and land of Parsonage of Cheltenham N; also 4 a. of arable in the Upper field, in Connygree furlong abutting between land of Toby Packer E and land now or late of Thomas Stubbs gent. W; 2 rudes acres of arable land in the Lower field, one in Hollowe Wythies between land of William Milles E and land of John Buckle W, the other in the same field in a furlong shooting upon the Marsh S, abutting upon Mawles Elm, land of William Milles W, and land of John Buckle E; 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. of arable land dispersed in the Lower field, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ together in Sowre furlong shooting N-S between heretofore of Christopher Merrett deceased W and Parsonage land E, and the other acre in the same field between land now or late of Robert Bicke jun. E and land late of Thomas Mason W. And parcels of arable land in the fields of Westal, Naunton & Sandford (4 $\frac{1}{2}$ a.), that is 1 a. in Hornes acres furlong between land of Richard [loss] deceased W and land heretofore of Anthony Higgs E; 2 rudes in Red acres furlong, 5 rudes (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ a.) in Moore furlong; 4 other rudes (1 a.) in Short furlong between land of John Davison W and land of Walter Currier E, to the use of said Guy Ellis and heirs. Rent 4s. 8d., fine 9s. 4d., heriot £1 13s. 9d. Fealty of Guy Ellis respited until etc. [presumably, after the marriage].

[f. 24] Conway Whithorne in person grants to Richard Milton of Westal all customary lands tenements meadows pastures etc in Westal, Naunton & Sandford, (except for the [B f. 78: meese, meese place or] close of pasture ground (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ a.) called Whithorne's Close or Whithorne's homestead in Westal, between land of Robert Smith W and S, and land of Walter Cleevely N), to hold for Whithorne's lifetime and a term of 12 years after, in trust for the benefit of Robert Milton brother of said Richard. [B f. 78: Paying yearly nothing because paid beforehand.] Fine 4s. 2d. For enrolment, 4d.

Richard Teeckle [B f. 89: Tickle] and his wife Margery in person surrendered to the use of Robert Clarke tanner part of a customary messuage or tenement in Cheltenham wherein Teeckle now dwells, with all its courts, yards, gardens, backsides, barns, stables etc., lying between a tenement and backside of William Jefferies W and a close and barn of Robert Clarke E. Rent 1d., heriot 3d., fine 2d.

[f. 24v] Henry Mason and William Buckle present that 1 October 1647 out of court before them Lodowick Packer sen. surrendered all his customary messuages and lands in Cheltenham (except 1 a. of arable in Mead furlong which he purchased of Henry Blomer gent and 1 other acre of meadow or pasture in Laverham which he likewise purchased of Michael Gotheridge alias Wells, and except also a house or tenement and backside, workhouse and garden wherein Edmond Hiatt chandler now dwells, which Lodowick Packer and Henry Mason purchased of the creditors of said Edmond Hiatt) to the use of said Lodowick and his wife Anne for their lifetimes and the longer liver of them; and after, to the use of Lodowick Packer junior, only son late of Edward Packer deceased, and his heirs. Heriot 37s. 2d., rent 5s. 8d., [B f. 50: worksilver 2s. 4d., Peter pence 2d., common fine 6d.,] fine 11s. 4d.

Henry Mason and Nicholas Ashmead present that on 6 November 1647 out of court before them Elizabeth White widow the relict of Richard White granted to Walter White 2 rudes of arable land in Cheltenham, in Otie piece (1 a.), land of Christopher Merrett N and the king's highway S; also 1 rudge of arable land in Whaddon field (½ a.), having Farm land E & W, together with wood and thorns growing thereon, to hold for the lifetime of Elizabeth and 12 years after, paying nothing yearly because already paid. Fine 12d. For enrolment, 4d.

[f. 25] Thomas Powell and Robert Milton burgesses present that John Ellis burgess out of court on 22 Oct. 1647 (before Robert Milton sen., bailiff of the borough) granted a burgage in Cheltenham between a house of Godfrey Bradshaw E and of Joan Cottrell W to the use of himself for his lifetime and afterwards for his son Guy Ellis and Frances Wells daughter of John Wells of Evington in The Leigh, Glos., with remainder to heirs. For enrolment, 4d.

Robert Gale and his wife Frances in person surrender for Nathaniel Chestro or Chester all his customary lands and pastures in Charlton Kings fields, namely 3 selions arable in Picked Land furlong between land of Robert Mansell N and Richard Grindle S; 2 selions in Long furlong between land of William King N and Robert Mansell S; 2 selions in the same furlong between land in possession of Francis Grevell N and Robert Mansell S; 2 selions together in Avenill field between land of Thomas Ashmeade N and shooting on the highway from Cheltenham to Charlton Kings S, and a parcel of meadow or pasture to the E of the last-mentioned; 1 selion between land of Robert Mansell E and William Combe W. Rent 10d., heriot 2s., fine 20d.

[f. 25v] Walter Fox in person grants to Francis Gregorie sen. and John Mason his customary lands and tenements in Arle, lately granted by copy of court roll to Fox by the late John Mason to hold after the death of Fox for a term of 12 years, upon trust that Francis Gregorie will permit Elizabeth wife of Walter Fox to enjoy the rents and proceeds of the premises for the first 6 years of the term, and similarly Thomazine daughter of Walter for the remaining 6 years. Fine 3d. For enrolment, 4d.

Robert Alexander alias Mansell and Thomas Greene present that on 6 April 1648 out of court before them Robert Whithorne surrendered for Thomas Deane a parcel of ground (1/8 a.) in Little Hempcroft in Charlton Kings between land in the occupation of Margery Deane widow N and S, with all trees, hedges etc. Rent 1d., fine 2d., heriot 2d.

Robert Gale and his wife Frances in person surrender 2 closes of meadow and pasture called Newland and Copsy (5 a.) in Charlton Kings, to the use of Gilbert Osborne clerk, rector of Withington, Glos., and Richard Lawrence a Withington churchwarden, upon trust that the rents and profits thereof are for the succour and relief of the poor of Withington, thus giving effect to the last will and testament of William Osborne DD deceased, late rector there. Rent 20d., heriot 4s. 9d., fine 3s. 4d. [original at B f. 187; see also f. 437]

[f. 26] Presented by the homage that Richard Gardner late customary tenant has died since the last court. Heriot 2s. John Gardner is the elder son and heir; and is admitted to all messuages, lands etc.

John Barnes customary tenant has died since the last court; his daughter Elionor is his heir.

John English customary tenant has died since the last court; his son John is his heir,

Samuel Mansell and Richard Wager present that Alice Gardner widow of Richard Gardner on 4 December 1647 granted to Walter Whithorne and William Southerne 2 messuages and all their lands in Cheltenham, to hold for a term of 12 years after her death. Fine 1d., for enrolment 4d.

[B f. 106] Hundred and manor of Cheltenham. View of frankpledge with court baron of John Dutton esq. held 7 April 24 Charles [1648] before William Sheppard esq. steward.

[a rough and incomplete record] Jury: John Sturmy, George Horton, Francis Gregorie, Thomas Hartlebury, John Ashmeade, Walter Cox, Edmund Butwell, Ralph Crumpe, Walter King, Walter Cherrington, Edmund Ballinger, Walter Cleevely, John Ellis, William Roberts, Walter Higgs, Thomas Jelfe, ?John? Mason, John Dowdeswell

Homage: Thomas Buckle, Nicholas Ashmeade, George Chestro sen., Walter Whithorne, William Hawthorne, John Maries jun., Thomas Gregorie sen., Richard Finch, John Rucke, William Gregorie

Thomas Powell *[incomplete note, illegible]*

Linett Pates, Robert Mansell, William Cleevely: sworn for Charlton Kings and Bafford

Henry Jaynes, Thomas Lumbard and John Fisher: sworn for all other places

[f. 27] Manor of Cheltenham. [B f. 107: View of frankpledge with] Court baron of John Dutton esq. held 27 April 1648 24 Charles 1648 before William Sheppard esq. steward

Homage: Robert Clarke, George Chestro, John Maries, Francis Gregorie, Richard Rogers, Richard Willes *sworn*

Conway Whithorne and his wife Elizabeth in person surrender for the use of Robert Milton of Westal all his lands and tenements in Westal, Naunton & Sandford (19 a.) (except for lands lately surrendered by Conway and Elizabeth for Thomas Ashmeade sen., and messuage or close or meese-place in Westal of 2 a., between land of Robert Smith W and S, and Walter Cleevely N). Rent 4s. 2d., heriot 24s., fine 8s. 4d.

Robert Packer and his wife Mary in person surrender to the use of William Seaman separate parcels of arable and pasture and woods called Greater Feasants, Lesser Feasants, Baffords Paddocke, the adjacent Grove, and Lillyes Laynes, all in Charlton Kings. Rent 18d., heriot 9s. 3d., fine 3s.

[f. 27v] Conway Whithorne and his wife Elizabeth surrender to the use of Thomas Ashmeade a close of meadow or pasture (3 a.) in Westal, between land of Walter Cleevely N and Robert Smith by right of his wife S. Rent 6d., heriot 6s., fine 12d.

Henry Mason in person surrenders for the use of Roger Probert a parcel of land called Moblies (15 perches or luggs) in Charlton Kings, having the highway S, land of Alexander Packer E, and the Church Way W. Rent 1d., heriot 3s., fine 2d.

[f. 28] **Manor of Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. held 16 October 24 Charles [1648] before William Sheppard esq. steward**

[B f. 107] Jury for the lord king: Francis Grevill gent. of Charlton; Richard Ellis, Thomas Atwood, Henry Roberts, all of Cheltenham; Robert Machin of Charlton; Edmund Carpenter and John Tanty of Leckhampton; Thomas Payne and Thomas Lumbard of Bradwell; John Howldshipp, Thomas Tanty, William Butwell and Richard Drinkwater, all of Arle; Thomas Packer gent., Linnet Pates gent., Benjamin Baldwin and John Clifford of Swindon, *sworn*

Homage: Robert Clarke sen., Thomas Gregory sen., William Ashmeade, Giles Mathewe, Robert Alexander alias Mansell, Roger Dowdswell, Thomas Ashmead sen., Thomas Deane, James Randle, Walter Ireland, Walter Cox, John Gregory, Thomas Little *sworn*

[B f. 107] *Stewards amerced anyone making default 2s. apiece*

Edmund Ballinger and Robert Milton present that on 15 July 1648 out of court before them William King sen. granted to his younger son William King for the father's lifetime, and for 12 years after to the use of Fortune Kinge wife of William Kinge sen., a customary messuage in Cheltenham now in the tenure of Giles Ashmeade and Mary Atwood widow, having a house of Henry Mason E, with right of passage through the entry. Fine 8d.

James Randle and John Rucke present that on 2 June 1648 out of court before them William Churches sen. surrendered a cottage or tenement in Charlton Kings in which Churches now dwells, with its close and garden, to the use of William and his wife Joan for their lifetimes and after to their son William. Heriot 2s., rent 14d., fine 2s. 4d. Fealty of William the son respited until of age.

[f. 28v] Richard Finch and Richard Dobbins burgesses present that before them on 29 September 1648 Richard White a burgage-holder (via Robert Milton bailiff of the borough) granted to William Ashmead a whole burgage in Cheltenham on the S side of the Street, between lands of William Ashmead E & W, to hold from that date for a term of 8 years. For enrolment, 4d.

Robert Milton, William Ashmead and John Gregory present that 6 July 1648 out of court before them Richard Finch surrendered to the use of Finch for his life, and after to the use of his daughter Alice, 2 a. arable land in Cheltenham Lower field, namely 1 whole rugged acre between land of Mary Pates widow W and land of Joan Collett widow E; a ½ a. of arable land between land of Elianor Cox widow W, land of Mary Buckle widow E; another ½ a. of arable in the same furlong between land of Mary Buckle W and land of Elianor Cox E. Rent 8d., heriot 4s., fine 16d. Fealty of Alice respited until [of age].

[f. 29] At this court Robert Gale jun. and his wife Frances surrendered all their close of arable land called Coversdowne in Charlton Kings, between land of Richard Whyte E and land of Sara Banaster W and abutting on Breach Lane S and land of Lynett Pates and Walter Martyn N, to the use of Thomas Claqrke and his wife Jane and heirs. Heriot 6d., fine 4d., rent 2d. Fealty of Jane respited until etc.

[B f. 87: Richard Finch tailor,] William Ashmead [B: baker] and Robert Milton present that out of court before them on 10 April 1648 Robert French alias Lane surrendered for the use of his brother Walter French alias Lane customary land in Arle. Rent 4s. 6d., heriot 23s. 8d., fine 9s. [B: Provided that if Robert French shall be living until the next public court leet to be held for this manor, the surrender shall be void.]

Walter Whithorne and William Southerne present that on this day before them Alice Gardner widow, relict of Richard Gardner, granted to George Chestroe sen. 2 half-acres of land dispersed in Cheltenham fields, namely ½ a. in Cheltenham Upper field now in the occupation of Thomas Cartwright sen. W and land now in the occupation of Thomas Cox E (this now in the occupation of George Chestroe), and the second half-acre of arable in Whaddon field, shooting on Wymans brook between land now in the occupation of Nicholas Ashmead E and land of Henry Mason W, from this date for a term of 12 years, paying yearly to Alice a rent of 4d. if demanded. Fine 1½d.

[f. 29v] Thomas Ham and Thomas Tanty present that out of court on 4 July last Richard Stroud surrendered for himself and his wife Eleanor for their lifetimes, and then for the use of their son Richard for his lifetime, and then for their son William Strowd a house and homestead in Arle, with its lands. Rent 4s. 4d., heriot 16s. 8d., fine 8s. 8d.

Francis Grevile gent., Robert Mansell alias Alexander [B f. 94: and Thomas Jeffe (x)] [present that on 12 June 1648 out of court before them Roger Holder remitted and released to William Driver clerk all right and title, term of years, etc. which Holder had in a house or tenement with all outhouses etc., orchard, homestead, etc., also a close of pasture called Highbreach, another called Allards breach, others called White Lilly and Lilly Laynes, and ground in a field called Lilly field and in a field called Laffly; and anything else in a grant made by Driver to Holder.

[f. 30] William Buckle and John Buckle present that on 25 September 1648 out of court before them Anchor Nyne granted to Thomas Buckle of Cheltenham a messuage or tenement and its backside in Cheltenham, with house and backside of Henry Roberts E and a house of John Norwood gent. W, now in the possession of said Anchor Nyne, from Michaelmas next for a term of 6 years. Rent 3d. [at B f. 98, the grantee's surname is recorded as Nynde; he signs 'Ancor Nind']

Robert Clarke and William Buckle present that on 8 April 1648 out of court before them John Gardner surrendered 1 rudge of arable land (about ½ a.) in Whaddon field in Cheltenham shooting on Wymans brook now in the occupation of George Chestro sen.; 1 other rudge of arable land (½ a.) in Cheltenham Upper field, extending S upon the close of George Chestro, both of which half-acres were part of the messuage of Richard Gardner the late father of the said John, to the use of Henry Atkins. Rent 1d., fine 2d., heriot 3d.

[f. 30v] To this court came¹ Samuel Higges and his wife Alice and surrendered for Richard Manley a cottage or tenement with its garden and orchard (½ a.) in Westal, Naunton & Sandford now in the occupation of Samuel. Rent 4d., heriot 18d., fine 8d.

Henry Blomer, Giles Ashmead [B f. 91: and Samuel Higgs (x)] present that on 9 May 1648 out of court before them Walter Goodrich surrendered for Henry Mason his pasture ground called Cunly in Charlton Kings (3 a.), having land of Mason E, and land of Thomas Cartwright W. Rent 4d., heriot 10d., fine 8d.

[f. 31] Richard Mathewes with his wife Elizabeth in open court² in person surrendered for Richard Dobbins 1 a. arable land in Cheltenham Lower field, having Farm land E and land of Richard Dobbins W. Rent 2d., heriot 18d., fine 4d.

¹ Sic, but B f. 92 records the event as having occurred in open court on 25 May 1648.

² Draft version at B f. 99 suggests this was originally performed out of court before Henry Blomer and Giles Mathewe on 27 September 1648.

Thomas Ham and Thomas Tanty present that on 4 June last out of court before them Richard Strowd granted to Elionor his wife his house and homestead in Arle, with its arable lands, to hold for her lifetime as her jointure. Fine 2s. 2d.

Anthony Clark and his wife surrender in open court for Robert Milton sen. of Westal a parcel of pasture ground called Homme[s] in Westal, Naunton & Sandford (1 a.) having land of Richard Bannister E and of Robert Milton W. Rent 3d., heriot 22d., fine 6d.

[f. 31v] Henry Mason and Thomas Cox present that on 10 July 1648 out of court before them Robert Milton surrendered his customary lands lately purchased from Michael Wells alias Goodrich in Alstone called Hilfield and Sandfield (14 a.), also customary lands lately purchased from Conway Whithorne in Westal, Naunton & Sandford (13 a.), to the use of Richard Milton and his wife Elizabeth for their lifetimes and the longer liver of them, and for the jointure of Elizabeth. For Alstone: rent 22d., fine 3s. 8d., heriot 7s. 6d.; for WNS: rent 4s. 2d., fine 8s. 4d., heriot 22s.

William Buckle and John Mason present that on 22 April 1648 out of court before them Elizabeth White granted to Nicholas Ashmeade of Cheltenham [B f. 88: mercer] a plot of garden ground between garden of said Nicholas S, a house or tenement in possession of John Nicholls N, garden in the occupation of Edward Johnsons E, and the other part of the garden of Elizabeth W; also a barn or parcel of housing between the backside of said Elizabeth White W and the granted parcel of garden E; to hold a term of 12 years. Fine 2d.

[f. 32] Francis Grevill and Samuel Mansell present that on 17 January 1647/8 out of court before them John Holder granted to Margaret Greene of Sandywell in the parish of Dowdeswell, Glos., spinster, in consideration of a marriage to be had between them, as also for a consideration of £30 portion, all that messuage with all its lands and pastures in Charlton Kings, to hold for her lifetime as jointure. Fine 1s. 11d.

Presented by the homage that the following have died since the last court:

William King who held part of customary messuage in Cheltenham; Walter King [B f. 107: his son] is his next heir.

Robert Lane alias French who held part of a customary messuage in Arle.

Richard Strowd who held part of a customary messuage in Arle; his son Richard is his heir.

Richard Strowd who held a burgage and half an acre of free land; Mary Barnwood is his next heir.

[f. 32v] Samuel Clarke who held a house and 4 a. land in Alstone; his brother Thomas Clarke is his heir.

John Powell who held a half-burgage; his son John Powell is heir.

John Stephens free tenant, who held a parcel of land in Alstone.

Francis Gregory and Mary French alias Lane have got married.

Francis Gregory jun. and his wife are admitted tenants to a messuage in Alstone with all its outbuildings, orchards, courts, etc., and a messuage or close called Munkcroft, a close called Pittfeild [B f. 107: Pittstile], a close called Ichland, and a close called Ashmeade in Bayes hill, all in Alstone, and all other customary arable lands in Alstone to which use was limited in a certain copy made at last court, according to the tenor of the copy.

Presented by the homage that Robert Hawthorne late tenant formerly on 29 May 1629 out of court before Walter Currier and Richard Wager surrendered a customary messuage or tenement called Northfield with all its lands meadows and pastures to himself for his lifetime and after then to Lodovick Packer, John Packer and Charles Cartwright and assigns for a term of 18 years, upon trust to pay his debts and provide portions for the 5 oldest children of the said Robert, and after this term to the use of Charles Hawthorne his younger son. The 18 years have now expired and Charles ought to be admitted to his rightful inheritance.

[f. 33] Charles Hawthorne seeks admittance to a customary messuage or tenement called Northfield etc. of which his father Robert died seised. Rent 10s., heriot 30s., fine 20s.

John Powell son and heir of the late John Powell seeks admittance to the half-burgage [B f. 440 adds: on the N side of the Street, having land of Corpus Christi College E and land of Thomas Powell W.] of which his father died seised. Makes fealty and is admitted.

Walter King son and heir of William King seeks admittance a half-messuage and its lands in Cheltenham of which his father died seised, having land of Henry Mason E and of Mary Cowles W. Rent 8d., heriot 15s., fine 16d.

[further View of Frankpledge detail supplied from B f.107]

[current officeholders]

Robert Milton, bailiff of Cheltenham
 Walter Mason and Thomas Cox, high constables of Cheltenham
 Richard Rogers, tithingman ~~amerced 6s. 8d. for non appearance~~
 Ralph Pumfry, constable of Leckhampton
 Allen Cooper, tithingman [of Leckhampton]
 Thomas Lumbard, tithingman of Bradwell ~~6s. 8d.~~
 George Merrill, constable of Swindon
 John Mason, tithingman of Arle
 Linett Pates gent., tithingman of Bafford
 William Wager, tithingman of Charlton
 Richard Rogers, tithingman of Alstone ~~6s. 8d.~~
 Richard White, tithingman of Ashley 6s. 8d.

Officeholders chosen for the year following

Thomas Powell, bailiff of the borough, sworn
 Robert Powell, constable of Charlton, sworn, and ordered to take his oath within a week
 John Whithorne, tithingman of Bafford, sworn, and ordered to take his oath within a week
~~Robert Whithorne, sworn as tithingman for Charlton/Alstone~~
 William ?Deines gent., tithingman for Bradwell
 Edmund Carpenter, sworn as tithingman for Leckhampton
 Samuel Whithorne, sworn as tithingman for Ashley
 Ralph Crumpe, sworn as constable for Leckhampton
 Robert Milton, tithingman for Westal, Naunton & Sandford

William Churches, John Maries, Henry Jaynes, Walter Cherrington and Giles Ashmeade
sworn as affeerers

Edward Johnson and John Chestroe chosen high constables for Cheltenham hundred, sworn in court to appear tomorrow morning by 8 o'clock upon pain of £5
 Edmund Gale chosen tithingman of Alstone for year following
 George Chestro chosen tithingman for Cheltenham
 Nicholas Yeates chosen tithingman for Charlton Kings, sworn in court
 John Mason tithingman for Arle, to continue for the next year

Ordered that all constables and tithingmen that are not already sworn in court or within one week after to repair to some justice of peace of this county to take their oaths for the execution of said offices, on pain of £5.

John Ellis, Thomas Gregory sen., William Churches and Robert Milton sen. are required to take a view of the division of a burgage late the burgage of John Powell sen. divided, and to

set marks and merestones, and this to be done by St Andrews day next on pain of 3s. 4d. for default.

[f. 34] **Hundred of Cheltenham. View of frankpledge with court baron of John Dutton esq. held 26 May 1649 before William Sheppard esq. steward** [different hand, no regnal year]

Homage: Thomas Buckle, William Churches, Robert Ellis, Richard Wager, James Eckly, John Ashmeade, Francis Gregory, John Martine, Samuel Titchet, Walter Lane, Robert Bicke *sworn*

John Mason in person surrenders for Richard Darke a close of pasture called Woodbrooke close in Arle shooting on Redgrove meade N and a ground late in the possession of Richard Packer deceased called Coverbreach E, and a ground now in the possession of Francis Gregory sen. W. Rent 15d., heriot 7s. 10d., fine 2s. [6]d.

John Mason in person surrenders for George Bicke and his wife Margery part of a messuage ($\frac{3}{4}$ a.) in Arle shooting E-W between land of Walter French alias Lane S, and land of Richard Kent N, to the use of. Heriot 5s. 10d., rent 10d., [B f. 145: worksilver 3d.,] fine 20d.

[f. 34v] William Buckle, Giles Ashmeade and John Collet present that William Wayte out of court before them on 8 December last granted to Joan Collet widow a customary messuage or tenement and its backside in Cudnell in Charlton Kings, between a tenement of Richard White E and a messuage now in the occupation of Samuel Whithorne W, to hold from that date for a term of 12 years; provided that if Wayte upon 9 December 1649 pays Collet £21 12s., the grant is void.

[f. 35] Thomas Powell bailiff of the borough, with William Church and Thomas Benfield burgesses, presents that on this day before them Frances Davison widow granted to her son Richard Davison her burgage house or tenement in Cheltenham between houses of CCC on both sides. Relief 12d.

Mary Mason widow and her son and heir John Mason in person grant to John Ellis, Edmund Ballenger and Giles Ashmeade a tenement in Arle in which Richard Kent now lives, with all its buildings, gardens, orchards, backsides etc., with a close of pasture in Kingsmeade; a close called Newmans Hey, a close of pasture called Barbridge Close, a close (lately converted to garden) called Brookhey, all which lands descended to Mary as sister and heir of Robert Yarneton; to be held for Mary's lifetime and a term of 12 years after, subject to trust conditions set out in deeds dated 20 March inst. Fine 3s.

John Mason son and heir of the late Thomas Mason and his mother Mary Mason widow in person grant to John Ellis, Edmund Ballenger and Giles Ashmeade a close of pasture in Arle being the homestead, between demesne lands E and the house or homestead of Mary Mason W; also parcels of arable land in Arle in Barbridge field, land late of Thomas Mathewes [f. 35v] in Kingsmeade and all those rews or 'longlands' of arable land in Heydon Hill furlong, Arle, between lands of John Packer N & S, and other closes or parcels of meadow or pasture in Arle, and other lands variously in Kingsmeadow (3 a.), in Hillfield, in Russells Hill, for the lifetime of Mason and a term of 12 years after, in accordance with a deed dated this 20 March. Fine 3s.

Mary Mason in person surrenders 4 messuages and their lands to her son John Mason. Rent 14s. 10d., heriot £5 17s., fine 29s. 8d.

[f. 36] Francis Greville, Lynnett Pates and Thomas Cartwright gents. present that on 10 January 1648/9 out of court before them Walter Goodrich surrendered part of a customary

message in the possession of John Hathway at the N end of his message, and its orchard, in Ham; also 1 close of meadow or pasture called Long Hey (1 a.); a similar close in Ham (5 a.) called Shaggbritch Mead; another called Lower Ordens field (2 a.); another called Over Ordens field (1 a.); another called Highbreach (3 a.); another called Shaggbritch Leynes (4 a.); and another called Lower or Somer Leasow (3 a.), all for the lifetime of Walter Goodrich without impeachment of waste, and after his death to his wife Elizabeth for her jointure. Heriot 20s., rent 6s. 2d., fine 12s. 4d. [B f. 104: worksilver 12d., common fine 3d.]

[f. 36v] Linnett Pates, Thomas Cartwright [B f. 76 and John Collett] present that on 15 March 1648/9 out of court before them Penelope Pates spinster daughter of Mary Pates of Cheltenham widow granted to Richard Gregory of Uckington in the parish of Elmstone, Glos., a close of pasture or arable ground called Highcroft (5 a.) in Arle Middle field, heretofore in the tenure of William Gregory but now in the occupation of said Richard Gregory with all appurtenances (excepting the bodies of all timber trees) to hold for a term of 12 years, paying to Penelope yearly rent of 50s. at Michaelmas and Lady Day in equal portions. Fine 6d.

John Gregory and his wife Alice in person surrender for Robert Gregory of Cheltenham part of a message or tenement with its garden, between land of Richard Wills W and land late in the occupation of William Twining E. Rent 2d., heriot 9d., fine 4d.

f. 37] Thomas Powell, bailiff of the borough with [B f. 105: George Bishope and] Thomas Beven burgesses, presents that on 10 May 1648/9 Walter Milton jun. burgage-holder granted to Richard Weaver a house with backside, being a quantity of burgage in Cheltenham between land of Richard Finch E and land of Elizabeth Nycholls W. Relief 2d. Provided always that if Milton pays Weaver £10 8s. on 12 Sept. next, the grant is void.

At this court John Smith and his wife Mary surrendered for Christopher Bayly clerk 5 a. of arable land, namely 2 a. in Leechcroft, the highway leading from Cheltenham to Prestbury E and land of Edward Rich esq. in the occupation of John Chestroe W, 1 a. arable in Cheltenham Upper field in the Conniger, the said highway to Prestbury W and land of Richard Mathew E; 2 other half-acres of arable land in the same field shooting on Sandy Lane having land of Mary Buckle widow W and land of Mary Mason widow E; one other rudge or head acre of arable land in the same field, having Rectory land S and land of William Mills now in the occupation of Guy Ellis N. Rent 2s. 6d., heriot 30s., fine 5s.

[B f. 147 adds: Memo: it is agreed between John Smith and Mr Bayly [signs thus] that John Smith shall bring in Mary Smith his wife and join with her husband in the said surrender for the 5 a. purchased by Christopher Bayley paying unto John Smith the sum of £35 upon the delivery of the said surrender in open court.]

[f. 37v] Thomas Ashmead, Robert Milton and John Maryes present that Walter Clevely out of court on 6 January last granted to Thomas Fowler of Cleeve, Glos., yeoman and John Jorden of Woodmancote, Glos., a message and its lands for the lifetime of Walter and Alice without impeachment of waste as her jointure. Fine 2s. 7d.

Thomas Ashmeade, Robert Milton and John Maryes present that on 6 January 1648/9 out of court before them Walter Clevely surrendered for his second son and heir Walter Clevely 1 close called the Goare (2 a.) between land of Thomas Gregory E and of Richard Banaster W; 1 parcel called Moore Acre (1 a.) between land of Walter Ireland E and Robert Milton W; 3 lands of meadow or pasture in Swinsell close (½ a.), having land of Robert Milton E and the highway W; 2 closes called Woodfield (one 2 a., the other 8 a.); 2 lands in Red Acre, one between land of Elinor Banaster widow E and land of Richard Finch W, the other between land of Thomas Gregory E and land of Robert Milton W; 1 a. in Horne Acre, between land of William Milton E and Robert Milton W; another butt in the same field between land of Elinor

Banaster E and William Milton W; 1 headland in Ellen Stubb ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.), land of Robert Milton E and a furlong called Long furlong W. Rent 2s. 6d., heriot 10s., fine 5s.

[f. 38] Thomas Powell bailiff of the borough and Robert Milton and Thomas Benfield sen. burgesses present that on 6 January last Richard Hawker and his wife Mary granted to William Church a cottage or tenement in Cheltenham on the S side of the Street, now in the occupation of Zachary Hooper, land of Thomas Payne W and land of said William Church E, and an adjacent plot of garden ground or orchard. Benfield makes mark, others sign. Rent 1d.

Presented by the homage that John Norwood gent. has died since the last court. Also that Richard Packer gent. has died since the last court, and that his brother Alexander Packer is his heir.

[f. 38v] And that John Grindle burgess has died since the last court, and that his son Richard Grindle is his heir. Relief 6d.

John Mason in person surrenders for Giles Ashmead all that meadow or pasture ground in Arle called Lower Shallowes, that is one parcel at the S end of the Lower Shallowes (2 a.) between land of Elizabeth Lygon widow E and land of Giles Ashmead W, and another parcel (1 a.) between land of Giles Ashmead E and Barbridge Lane N. Rent 12d., heriot 2s., fine 2s.

Thomas Ashmeade, Robert Milton and John Mason present that Walter Cleevly out of court before them on 6 January last surrendered for his eldest son Thomas Cleevly a messuage with its lands, being part of a messuage late of Nicholas Bradwayes in Westal, Naunton & Sandford and Alstone. Rent 2s. 8d., heriot 20s. 4d., fine 5s. 8d.

[supplied from B f. 148: 29 Mar. 1649 Memo that on this date Thomas Ashmeade sen. out of court before Thomas Buckle, Lynett Pate and Samuel Mansell granted to Nicholas Ashmeade of Cheltenham mercer a homestead or close of meadow (3 a.) in Westal, Naunton & Sandford, lately purchased from Conway Whithorne, from last Michaelmas for a term of 4 years. Paying nothing yearly because paid beforehand. Fine 3d.]

[f. 39] **Manor of Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. held 25¹ May 1649 before William Sheppard esq. steward**

Homage: Linnett Pates, Samuel Mansell, Walter Currier, Walter Whithorne, Nicholas Ashmeade, Giles Ashmeade, Thomas Buckle, Thomas Hartlebury, John Powell, Edmund Ballenger, Edmund Gale, Thomas Ashmeade sen., John Maryes *sworn*

James Randle and John Fisher present that on 29 March last out of court before them Francis Crasly granted to Thomas Whithorne a close of pasture with appurtenances called Nether Rungborne in Charlton Kings (except all trees and groves), to hold from 10 Oct. next and for a term of 8 years after. Provided that if Whithorne pays Crasly £10 8s. by 10 Oct. next, the grant is void.

[f. 39v] William Seaman gent. and his wife Edith in person surrender for Richard Broade several parcels of arable land meadow and pasture and the woods and grounds called Greater and Lesser Feasants, Baffords Paddocks and the adjacent grove, and Lillyes Leynes, all in Charlton Kings. Rent 18d., heriot 9s. 3d., fine 3s.

John Fisher and his wife Mary in person surrender for themselves for their lifetimes and after for Ralph Theyer their house or cottage with its close, orchard and garden; also 2 butts or arable land in Needles Butts in Charlton Kings. Rent 5d., heriot 2s. 6d., fine 10d.

¹ There is no explanation of why this and the preceding court are enrolled in the wrong date order.

[f. 40] Robert Clarke and his son Anthony Clarke and Mary wife of Anthony in open court surrender for John Chestroe an enclosed arable or pasture ground called Hobbes Meade (2 a.) in Alstone between a meadow ground of Catherine Packer widow called Mill meade W and a parcel of arable ground of Lodowicke Packer E; also 1 rudge or headland (1 a.) in Cheltenham Lower field between the highway leading from Cheltenham to Gloucester N and heading certain land of Thomas Cartwright and others S; also 1 rudge of arable (1a.) in the same field in Sower furlong (1 a.) between land in the possession of Ann Banaster widow W and of Elionor and Margaret Cox late Merrets W. Rent 1s., fine 2s., heriot 2s. 6d.

Alice Ireland widow in person granted to her son Walter Ireland half of a customary messuage tenement in Westal, Naunton & Sandford now in her possession, and half of the house, buildings, garden, orchard and backsides, also all its pasture called the Furse; also 2½ a. arable in Redacre furlong; 1½ a. in Horne furlong; and 1½ a. arable in Long furlong, all of which were late of Zachary Ireland her late husband. Fine 2s.

[f. 40v] Alice Ireland in person grants to her son Walter Ireland a messuage or tenement in Westal, Naunton & Sandford in which she now dwells, with all its buildings and lands, late of her husband Zachary Ireland, for a term of 12 years after her death. Fine 2s.

And after at the same court Walter Ireland granted to Alice his now wife for her lifetime as her jointure all that customary messuage in Westal, Naunton and Sandford, with its buildings etc.; also the close called the Furse (2 a.); and its arable lands (excepting 1 ½ a. in Morefurlong, and ½ a. in Ellands Stubb); to hold half the messuage and half of specified lands immediately after the death of Walter, and the remaining half after the death of his mother Alice Ireland. Fine 19d.

[f. 41v] Manor of Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. held 16 July 1649 before William Sheppard esq. steward

Homage: John Ellis, Thomas Cartwright, Henry Blomer gent., William Ashmeade, Walter Currier, John Martin, Thomas Hartlebury, John Maryes, Edmund Gale, William Coombe *sworn*

Robert Whithorne jun. and his wife Joanna surrender in person a cottage or tenement and close of pasture called Oldfield in Charlton Kings between lands of Giles Grevill E and of Richard Churches W, to the use of his brother William Whithorne. Rent 9d., heriot 2s. 6d., fine 18d.

The said Robert Whithorne and Joanna in person surrender for Robert's sister Hannah Whithorne a cottage or tenement with its close called Knights Hey in Bafford, between a house of Robert Machin N and of Walter Currier S, in Charlton Kings. Rent 9d., heriot 2s. 6d., fine 18d.

[f. 42] The same Robert and Joanna surrender for William Danford sen. a close of mead or pasture called Nifnech in Charlton Kings in Milkwell field (2 a.), between land of Conway Whithorne E and land of Linnet Pates W; 1 'ferundale' of arable land in Hencroft field between land of John Rucke N & S; another 'ferundale' in Leigh field, between land of Richard Ruck N and Richard Collet S; 2 selions or butts in Waterfurrowes furlong (½ a.), one lying between land of Walter Higgs S and of Robert Milton N, and the other between land of Robert Currier N and of Robert Machin S, all in the tenure of said Robert Whithorne. Rent 1s. 11d., heriot 6s. 8d., fine 3s. 10d.

[f. 42v] Homage presents that Anthony Rogers who held a messuage with divers lands, meadow, and pasture in Alstone at a rent of 3s. died seised of the same long before this court.

Midleton Rogers is his son and in person seeks admittance; and is admitted. Fine 6s., heriot 30s., [B f. 118: worksilver 14¼ d., common fine 3d.]

Afterwards Elizabeth Rogers widow, relict of Anthony in person granted to John Roberts of Fiddington Glos. gent. all that messuage with all its lands in Alstone late of Anthony, to hold from this date for the lifetime of Elizabeth and 12 years after. Rendering nothing because already paid. Fine 3s.

Afterwards came Midleton Rogers in person and granted to John Roberts the same messuage Alstone for the lifetime of Midleton and 12 years thereafter. Rendering nothing because already paid. Fine 3s.

[f. 43] Afterwards came Midleton Rogers in person and surrendered for George Roberts all that messuage with appurtenances in Alstone late of Anthony Rogers his father. Heriot 30s., rent 3s., fine 6s., [B f. 119: worksilver 14¼d., tithingsilver 3d.]

Afterwards came George Roberts in person and granted to John Roberts [the same holding] for the lifetime of George and 12 years after. Rendering nothing because already paid. Fine 3s.

[f. 43v] Francis Gregory and Henry Mason present that out of court before them and John Buckle on 29 March last, John Collet surrendered for Walter Cox 1 a. arable land in Smiths Hill field in Alstone, between land of Mary Pates widow N and William Coombe S. Rent 1d., heriot 4d., fine 2d.

Samuel Sandford and his wife Judith in person surrender for Thomas Sandford one half of a messuage in Cheltenham with its garden and backside, between the houses of Thomas Sandford N and W and of Richard Pollard S. Rent 1d., heriot 4d., fine 2d.

[f. 44] Robert Clarke and his wife Elizabeth in person surrender for Nathaniel Chestro a messuage or tenement in Cheltenham in which Richard Teeckle now dwells, with all its buildings, gardens and barns, lying between a tenement of William Jefferyes W, and a close and barn of Robert Clarke E. Rent 1d., heriot 6d., fine 2d.

John Mason and his wife Dorothy in person surrender for Giles Ashmeade a close of pasture in Arle (12 a.) called New Leasow, and another close of meadow or pasture there called Banchurch (3 a.). Rent 3s. 8d., heriot 30s., fine 7s. 4d.

[f. 44v] Walter Cox in person surrenders for a messuage or homestead in Alstone called Bannymores Hey (1½ a.), and a close in Westal, Naunton and Sandford called Woodfield (10 a.), for the use of himself and his wife Sarah for their lifetimes and the longer liver of them, without impeachment of waste. Fine 12d., heriot 2s. 6d., rent 6d.

Giles Ashmeade and his wife Margaret in person surrender for Walter Cox and his wife Sarah a parcel of meadow ground (2 a.) in Arle, and a ground there called Lower Shallowes, between land of Giles Ashmeade N and of the late John Ligon esq. E; also another ½ a. of meadow in the same place, between land of Giles Ashmeade E and Barbridge Lane, for the lifetime of Walter Cox without impeachment of waste, and then for Sarah. Rent 12d., fine 2s., heriot 2s.

[f. 45] John Ashmeade and George Bicke present that John Mason out of court before them on 8 March last surrendered for John Hartlebury alias Mason a close of meadow or pasture in Arle called Westbreach (¾ a.) in Midlefield, between land of Katherine Ligon spinster E and John Hartlebury W. Rent 3d., heriot 1s., fine 6d.

[f. 45v] Lodowick Packer and his wife Anne in person surrender for John Chestro 2 arable lands (1 a.) called Ball acre in Alstone or Cheltenham, in Meade furlong between land in the possession of Thomas Buckle E and a close of Elionor Cox widow W; and a parcel of arable (1 a.) in Alstone adjacent to the close of Thomas Buckle called Laveram E and land of John Chestro called Hobbs meade W. Rent 3d., heriot 20d., fine 6d.

[f. 46] Manor of Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. held 8 October 1649 before William Sheppard esq. steward

Homage: John Maries, Robert Clarke, Thomas Ashmeade, William King, Thomas Gregory, William Cleevly, Francis Clarke, William Coombe, Walter Cox, John Davison, Giles Mathewes, Giles Chestro *sworn*

Thomas Greene sen. and John Ruck present that out of court before them on 6 October last Robert Whithorne surrendered a 'landes end' in Forden Banck extending E to the stream there called Forden Brook and to the highway W, between land of Conway Whithorne N and Giles Grevill gent. S; and another land end in the same place extending to the stream E and the highway W, next to the house of William Free sen. N; and another piece of land, a 'throughshooter', in Knavenell field between lands of Linnette Pates, Walter Currier and William Free, all in Charlton Kings. Rent 2d., heriot 6d., fine 4d.

[f. 46v] William Mills jun. and his wife Margaret in person surrender for John Chestro a customary messuage or tenement in Cheltenham, with all its lands, now in the possession of Guy Ellis and once of Edward Churches and Guy Ellis. Rent 4s. 10d., heriot 30s., fine 9s. 8d.

John Nicholls and his wife Elizabeth in person surrender for John Morse sen. and Mary his wife, and their sons John and William Morse a piece of garden ground and the house erected thereon in Cheltenham now in the tenure of John Nicholls, 16 yds long, extending to the highway N and a barn in the possession of Elizabeth White widow S, land of Edward Johnson E, with free access to and through the entry court and backside, and use of the pump. Rent 2d., heriot 12d., fine 4d.

[f. 47] Robert Milton, Henry Roberts, [B f. 100: Thomas Gregory] and William Ashmead present that out of court before them on 21 April 1649 Richard Wills sen. surrendered for Henry Wills part of a customary messuage in Cheltenham on the N side of the Street now in the possession of Richard Wills sen. between land of Robert Gregory E and land of Thomas Wills W, together with its barn, stable and other houses now also in the occupation of Richard Wills; also its close and backside. Rent 1d., heriot 12s., fine 2d., [B f. 100: tithing silver 2d., worksilver 6½ d., 'a peter pennie'.]

William Ashmead, Robert Milton and Henry Roberts present that out of court before them on 2 October last Richard Wills sen. surrendered for his son Edward Wills a house or tenement, part of a messuage in Cheltenham on the N side of the street between lands of Henry Roberts W and John Wills E, also part of its close as now marked out with merestones, extending to the highway on the backside of the town, 18ft in width, to hold for his lifetime and after to the use of Richard Wills son of Edward. Provided that Edward shall always maintain the mound between John Wills and Edward Wills. Rent 1d., heriot 3s. 4d., fine 2d.

[f. 47v] William Ashmead, Robert Milton and Henry Roberts present that out of court before them on 2 October last Richard Wills sen. surrendered part of a customary messuage in Cheltenham on the N side of the street, between land of Edward Wills W and part of its adjacent close, and land of George Wills E, as now bounded by merestones, and 18ft broad, to the use of his oldest son John Wills for his lifetime and after to Richard Wills jun. and Giles Wills, eldest sons of said John. Provided that John Wills shall always maintain the

mound between George and John Willes. Rent 1d., fine 2d., heriot 3s. 4d., [B f. 122: worksilver 2d., Peter penny.]

Samuel Mansell, Linnet Pates and Thomas Buckle present that out of court before them on 29 March last Thomas Ashmeade sen. granted to Nicholas Ashmeade mercer a close or homestead of meadow (3 a.) in Westal, Naunton & Sandford lately purchased from Conway Whithorne, to hold from Michaelmas last for a term of 4 years. Fine 3d.

[f. 48] Thomas Gregory and William Ashmeade present that out of court before them on 17 April last Richard Willes sen. granted to Robert Milton and Henry Roberts part of a customary messuage in Cheltenham on the N side of the street, lying between land of Robert Gregory E and Richard Mathew W, the other part of the said messuage being between land of Giles Mathew E and Henry Roberts W. to hold for the lifetime of Willes and a term of 12 years after, without impeachment of waste. Rendering 10d. yearly.

Thomas Powell bailiff of the borough with Robert Milton and William Ashmeade burgesses swear that out of court on 5 June last Thomas Payne and his wife granted to Richard Milton a burgage on the S side of Cheltenham between lands of Richard Hawker and William Church E and land of Thomas Barnes and Richard Cooke W. Relief 12d.

Thomas Powell bailiff of the borough with Robert Milton and Thomas Benfield burgesses swear that before them out of court on 12 July last Mary Cox widow and her son John Cox granted to Richard Baylyes the moiety of a burgage 62 yds and ½ ft long and 17ft 2½in wide in Cheltenham on the N side of the street, having a burgae of Richard Cox W and land of John Cox E. Rendering 6d. yearly.

[f. 48v] Thomas Powell bailiff of the borough with Robert Milton and William Church burgesses swear that Edward Hall burgess before them out of court on this day granted to Giles Cox a house or tenement and backside being a quarter-burgage on the N side of Cheltenham, between land of Giles Cox W and of Walter Fox E. Relief 3d.

Thomas Buckle and Elizabeth Buckle present that Elizabeth White widow out of court before them on 24 September last granted to Nicholas Ashmeade all the outhouses and buildings belonging to a messuage or mansion house now in her possession in Cheltenham, together with its garden and backside, to hold from Michaelmas next for a term of 12 years, but excepting from this the use of 2 talletts or upper rooms on the W side of the courtyard of the messuage, the stable or barn now in the occupation of Giles Hollis on the W side of the courtyard, a piece of garden ground now in the occupation of Elizabeth White on the W side of 'the outward court', 12ft by 12ft, at the end of 2 stables on the W side of the 'outward court' adjoining the courtyard of Henry Mason, and with freedom to pass to and through the passages to the house etc., and with use of the pump in the inner court. Fine 6d.

[f. 49] Robert Milton, Henry Roberts and William Ashmeade present that out of court before them on 2 October last Richard Willes sen. a house being part of a messuage on the N side of the street of Cheltenham between land of John Wills E and of Richard Wills and William Wills W, and also part its close as now marked out with stones extending to the highway on the backside behind the town of Cheltenham, 16ft wide, for the use of his son and heir George Wills. Provided that George Wills shall 'repair and keep the mounds' between Richard and William Wills. Rent 1d., heriot 3s. 4d., fine 2d.

Thomas Powell bailiff of the borough, with Richard Finch and William Ashmeade burgesses, present that Robert Milton burgess on 3 October last granted all his burgage land in Cheltenham with its pasture to his wife Joan Milton for her lifetime as her jointure. [no sum given]

[f. 49v] Robert Milton, Henry Roberts and William Ashmeade present that on 2 October 1649 out of court before them Richard Willes sen. surrendered a house or tenement, part of a customary messuage in Cheltenham on the N side of the street, between land of Giles Mathewe E and land of George Willes W, and part of its adjacent close, as now set forth with merestones, shooting on the highway on the backside of the town of Cheltenham, and 18ft broad, to the use of Richard Willes and William Willes the grandchildren of Richard Willes sen., with free access by and through the court and backside, and with use of well. Rent 2d., fine 4d., heriot 3s. 4d., [B f. 121: tithingsilver 2d.]

Thomas Powell bailiff of the borough, with Richard Finch and Robert Milton burgess, presents that on 3 October last out of court before them William Ashmeade granted all his burgage lands now in his possession to the use of his wife Isabel for her lifetime as her jointure.

[f. 50] Robert Gale and his wife Frances in person surrender for Henry Atkins a messuage or tenement in Charlton Kings with its garden, orchard and courtyards, and close of meadow or pasture called Lower Hay, another parcel of close called Middlemores, another close called Lower Moores, in all 4 a., now in the possession of Nicholas Yate, having land of Robert Mansell S and the brook there N, land of Linnett Pates W and the highway there E. Rent 14d., heriot 3s., fine 2s. 4d.

At this court¹ Thomas Ashmead sen. and his wife Mary in person surrender for Margery Smith wife of Robert Smith of Badsey, Worcs., yeoman a homestead or close of meadow (3 a.) in Westal, Naunton & Sandford, lately purchased by Thomas Ashmeade from Conway Whithorne. Rent 6d., heriot 6s., fine 12d., [B f. 124: worksilver 14¼d., common fine 3d.]

[f. 50v] Samuel Mansell and Walter Currier present that Thomas Cartwright and Elizabeth Heyward, joint tenants, out of court before them on 5 October last for Thomas Wilks 5 rudes of arable land in the common fields of Charlton Kings being the residue of a messuage late of Timothy Cartwright, now in the tenure of Thomas and Elizabeth, with 22 parcels of arable and pasture (4 a.) in the fields of Westal, Naunton & Sandford, also the residue of a messuage of the same Timothy. Rent 2s. 3d., heriot 8s. 8½d., fine 2s. 6d.

William Buckle and George Roberts present that on 6 October 1649 out of court before them Toby Packer surrendered a customary tenement or parcel of tenement wherein Richard Lee now dwells with all its shops, cellars, solars, edifices and buildings now in the possession of Lee, together with the entry between this and another tenement now in the possession of John Thomas, and also a parcel of ground on the backside of the said tenement, between the backside of Giles Chestroe W and the backside of Packer's tenement E, bounded by a hedge and merestones lately placed, with right of access to pump etc., to the use of Richard Cooke and his wife Margaret for their lifetimes, and after to Walter Davis and his wife Elizabeth (the daughter of Cooke) for their lifetimes. Rent 6d., fine 12d., heriot 2s. 6d.

[f. 51] Robert Milton, Henry Roberts, Thomas Gregory and William Ashmeade present that on 21 April last Richard Wills sen. out of court before them surrendered for his son Thomas Wills 2 rooms with a 'vestibule' on the N side of the street of Cheltenham now in the separate possession of Thomas Wills and Thomas Hurst, with adjacent courtyard, between land of Henry Wills E and of Richard Mathew W, 38ft long, also an adjacent small piece of garden ground, as now set out by merestones, 20yds long and 12yds wide, with free access to and from with carts etc. Rent 2d., heriot 2s. 8d., fine 3d.

[f. 51v] Robert Milton, Henry Roberts, Thomas Gregory and William Ashmeade present that Richard Wills sen. out of court before them on 21 April last surrendered for the use of his

¹ Draft at B f. 124 has a deleted date (suggesting an original out of court transaction) of 29 Mar. 1649

grandchildren William Style, Elizabeth Style, Katherine Style and Jane Style 2 rooms of housing now in the tenure of John Garner in Cheltenham, together with a little court adjacent between land of Henry Willes E and land of Richard Mathew W, being 32ft long; also a plot of garden ground, above the garden now in the occupation of Thomas Willes, 17yds long and 12½yds broad, as now set out by merestones; also free passage to and fro down the backside and close of the said Henry Willes with carts and carriages when required, free access via the entry court and backside of Henry Welles, and use of the well in the backside. Rent 2d., heriot 2s., fine 4d. Grandchildren all make fealty and are admitted.

[f. 52] Presented by the homage that Nicholas Barnes burgess has died since the last court, and that his son also Nicholas is his next heir. Nicholas comes and is admitted.

[f. 53] Manor of Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton held 29 April 1650 before William Sheppard esq. steward

Homage: Nicholas Ashmeade, John Collett, John Ellis, Richard Wager, Giles Ashmeade, Edmund Butwell, Edmund Ballenger, Thomas Cox, Henry Atkins, Edmund Gale, Robert Gale, John Buckle *sworn*

Henry Wager alias Humfries bailiff of the borough, with Richard Finch, Thomas Benfield and William Ashmeade burgesses, swears that John Powell burgess on this 27 April granted to the use of Thomas Powell a half-burgage in Cheltenham on the N side of town between land of CCC E and of Thomas Powell W. Rendering 6d. yearly.

Thomas Tanty and Anthony Ward swear that out of court before them this day Richard Stephens surrendered for Walter Cox 5 selions of arable land in Alstone Sandfield (2 a.), one in Nashland furlong, land of John Mason N and of widow Sturmy S, the other in Elfurlonge between land of Thomas Strowde on one side and land late of John Eckly and now in the possession of James Eckly on the other; one other land shooting S upon Witherly Hedge, land of Mary Pates widow on one side and of Mary Sturmy widow on the other; another land shooting on the way leading from Arle to Alstone between land of Mary Sturmy on one side and late of John Eckly on the other; one other land in a furlong called Carfoorde between land of Mary Pate on one side and Mary Sturmy on the other. Rent 4d., heriot 2s., fine 8d.

[f. 53v] John Maryes on this date in person surrenders for Francis Gregory a quantity of pasture ground, parcel of his homestead or customary messuage in which he now dwells, continuing 20ft of ground as set forth by merestones, in Alstone, having land of Edmund Gale and Francis Gregory E, and land of John Maryes W. Rent 1d., heriot 6d., fine 2d.

[f. 54] 139 George Roberts gent. and John Maryes present that on 26 January 1649/50 out of court before them Richard Banaster gent. granted to William Drinkwater a parcel of arable land in Hazards field in Alstone (12 a.) to hold from Michaelmas last for a term of 12 years, paying £3 yearly at Lady Day and Michaelmas in equal portions. Relief 4d.

Thomas White and William Ashmead present that out of court before them on 10 December 1649 John Davison granted to William White 3a. of arable land in Cheltenham Lower field, 1 a. lying between land of John Ellis W and land of Mary Mason widow N; another acre in the same furlong between land of John Ellis W and land of Mary Mason widow N; a third acre on the backside of the town of Cheltenham between land of John Ellis E and land of John Collett W, to hold from this date for a term of 12 years; provided that if John Davison pays Willis £10 12s. on Michaelmas next, the grant is void.

[f. 54v] On this date Thomas Restall and his wife Alice in person surrender for Henry Mason their whole rugged acre of arable land now in the occupation of Thomas Cartwright jun. in

Cheltenham Upper field, land of Thomas Cox E and land of Thomas Cartwright sen. W. Rent 12d., heriot 5s., fine 2s.

Thomas Ashmeade sen. and Walter Currier present that on this date out of court before them on 29 April 1650 Lynnett Pate gent. granted to the use of Humphrey Yate all that piece of arable land in Bayes Hill in Alstone (4 a.) now or late belonging to one or other of Lynnett Pate's 2 mills called Sandford Mills. Rent 6d., fine 12d., heriot 2s.

[f. 55] Samuel Mansell, Richard Wager and Thomas Gregorie present that on 3 December last out of court before them John Collet surrendered a part-messuage with all its lands, also all other lands late of Bicke, in Cheltenham to the use of himself and his intended wife Helen Mansell, remainder to heirs. Rent for messuage 4s. 11d., and for Bicke lands 6d., heriot in all 27s., fine 6s. 10d.

Samuel Mansell and Thomas Gregory present that on 8 April out of court before them Giles [*recte* William] Driver¹ clerk granted to Robert Alexander alias Mansell and John Rucke churchwardens of the parish of Charlton Kings all his messuage called Burchins Hay and his orchard in Laffly and 1 rudge or arable land in an adjacent close called Laffly in Charlton Kings from this date for a term of 12 years; provided that if William Driver pays Alexander and Rucke or their successors as churchwardens the sum of £11 17s. 7d. on 10 Apr. 1651, then this grant to be void.

[f. 55v] Henry Mayer bailiff of the borough, with William Ashmead burgess, presents that Richard Milton burgess before them out of court on 5 Dec. last granted his burgage on the S side of the street of Cheltenham, between land of Richard [Haw]ker E and land now in the occupation of Thomas Barnes E, to the use of his wife Elizabeth Milton for her lifetime.

Henry Mayer bailiff of the borough, with Richard Finch and William Ashmeade burgesses, presents that Thomas Powell burgess on this day out of court before them granted his burgage in Cheltenham on the N side of the street, between land of CCC E and W, to the use of John Smith, with proviso that if Powell pays Smith £9 on 30 April 1651, £8 12s. on 30 April 1652, £8 4s. on 30 April 1653, £8 16s. on 30 April 1654, £7 4s. on 30 April 1655, £6 16s. on 30 April 1656, £6 8s. on 30 April 1657, £6 16s. on 30 April 1658, £5 16s. on 30 April 1659, and £5 8s. on 30 April 1660, this grant shall be void. [total £72 exactly]

[f. 56] Walter Currier and John Holder present that on 25 March last out of court before them William Driver clerk granted to Giles Driver of Rendcombe Glos. gent. his messuage tenement or homestead in Charlton Kings; also a ground called Allards breach, and other grounds called Lye breach, White Lilly and Lilly Laynes; also ground in Lilly field and ground in Laffly field, to hold from this date for the lifetime of William Driver and 12 years after. Relief 18d.

George Chestroe and Robert Milton present that on 22 November 1649 out of court before them William Maysy granted to William Willis 2 lands or ridges of arable (1 a.) in Longe Greenall, shooting E-W between lands of Thomas Ashmead N and of William Meysie S, in Charlton Kings, for the life of William Maysy and 12 years after. Rendering nothing because already paid. Provided that if Maysy pays Willis 16s. on 22 Nov. 1650, and £10 16s. on 22 Nov. 1651, the surrender is void.

On this day Richard Whithorne and his wife Anne surrendered for themselves for their lifetimes and the longer liver of them, remainder to heirs, customary lands of arable meadow and pasture in Charlton Kings. Rent 2s. 10d., heriot 17s. 6d., fine 5s. 8d.

¹ The original presentment at B f. 150 is in Driver's hand, and signed 'per me W^hm Driver'.

[f. 56v] On this day Richard Banaster and his wife Dorothy in open court surrendered for Walter Cleevely jun. a rudge of pasture ground ($\frac{1}{4}$ a.) in Westal, land of Walter Cleevely E and land of Elianor Banaster widow W. Rent 2d., heriot 6d., fine 4d.

[f. 57] Thomas Buckle and Henry Mason present that out of court before them on 27 April 1650 John Davison surrendered for himself for his lifetime and after to the use of his daughters Elinor, Alice, Sarah and Hannah Davison and heirs 12 selions or rudes (4 a.) of arable land in Westal, Naunton & Sandford as follows: 4 selions in Benbridge furlong, land now in the occupation of John to the E, and land of Robert Milton W; 2 other selions of arable in a furlong abutting the homestead of Thomas Higgs, land of Thomas Higgs E and land of Walter Cleevely W; another selions in the same furlong abutting on the homestead of John Powell, land of John Powell E and land of Thomas Higgs W; 2 selions or arable in Horne Acre furlong, land of John Powell E and land of Walter Cleevely W; another selion in Whitecross furlong, land of Richard Banaster E and of Walter Cleevely W; another selions (a 'stich') in the same furlong, land now in the occupation of Alice Goodrich widow E and of Walter Whithorne W; another selion (a 'stich') in the same field, land of Giles Grevill S and land of John Powell N. Rent 10d., fine 1s. 8d., heriot 5s.

[f. 57v] Thomas Buckle and Henry Mason present that out of court before them on this date John Davison surrendered for the use of himself for his lifetime and after to for his son John Davison his lands of arable and pasture in in the fields of Westal, Naunton & Sandford ($\frac{4}{2}$ a.); and lands in Cheltenham fields (3 a.). Rent 15d., heriot 8s. 6d., fine 2s. 6d.

Thomas Buckle, Guy Ellis and John Collett present that out of court before them on 11 Jan. 1649/50 John Buckle surrendered to the use of himself and his intended wife Elianor Welles daughter of John Welles of the Leigh, Glos. for their lifetimes and the longer liver of them as her jointure, with remainder to heirs, a messuage or tenement late in the possession of one John Okey and now in the possession of John Buckle, [f. 58] with all appurtenances; also a close in Cheltenham Lower field called Cockham Sladd (4 a.); several parcels of arable (16 a.) in the common fields of Cheltenham, namely a rudge (1 a.) in Cheltenham Lower field shooting on the Townsend way between land late of John Banaster gent. deceased W and land of Thomas Cox late Merrett's E; a rudge (1 a.) in the same field between land of Banaster W and land of Thomas Cartwright E; a rudge (1 a.) in the same field shooting on Gosditch between land late of Thomas Mason deceased W and widow Cox E; a rudge (1 a.) in Cheltenham Upper field in Conygree, between land of Thomas Cox E and of John Buckle W; a rudge (1 a.) in the same field between land of Richard Wager E and Lodowick Packer W; 2 lands or rudes (1 a.) in the same field at Square Hedge between land now in the possession of Mary Buckle widow mother of the said John, land belonging to Outridge's tenant W and of Walter Mason E; 2 rudes (1 a.) in the same field shooting on Sandpitts Lane between land late of Richard Willes and now of Christopher Baylyes [B f. 131: clerk] E and Eianor Cox widow W; a land or rudge (1 a.) in the same field in Middle furlong, between land of Robert Clarke tanner E and of Edward Rich esq. W; 4 rudes (3 a.) in the same field shooting on Sandy Lane between land of Mary Mason widow E and of Thomas Gregory sen. W; 2 lands or rudes (1 a.) in Whaddon field shooting on Cakebridge between land of Elianor Cox widow E and of Robert Bicke W; 4 rudes (2 a.) in the same field under Cakebridge Close hedge E and land late in the occupation of Richard Gardner W; 5 lands (2 a.) in the same field at Whaddon between land of John Collett E and Henry Mason W; a rudge lying in Cheltenham in Leechcroft between the lane there on the W, and land late Merrett's E, except and always reserving to John Buckle that range of building, parcel of the tenement next to Lodowick Packer's messuage or tenement late in the several possessions of Edward Waseley butcher and William Leech glazier; also excepting that parcel of the court belonging to the said messuage, lying next to the said range of buildings as it is now set out and bounded from the rest with stones and marks, together with the 'piggscotes and pigg yards' at the S end of the said range of buildings, and excepting all that shop in the possession of George Sturmy mercer, and excepting all that shop in the possession of said Thomas Ashmead jun. butcher;

and all those 2chmabers over the said 2 shops now in the possession of George Sturmy likewise excepted; all which messuages are in Cheltenham; also several closes of meadow or pasture ground called Burfords mead and the Hammes (5½ a.) in Cheltenham or Westal. Rent 4s. 9d., heriot 32s. 6d., fine 9s. 6d., [B f. 133: worksilver 6d., common fine 2d., Peter pence 1d.]

[f. 59] George Roberts gent. and Giles Ashmeade present that on 9 March 1649/50 out of court before them Richard Banaster gent. in consideration of the sum of £12 12s. paid by Edmund Ballinger of Westal, as also the yearly rent hereafter stated, grants to Ballinger a close or inclosure of pasture ground in Westal called Morfords; also all those several parcels of arable land in Westal, namely 3 rudes of arable near Whorr Lane; 1 rudge between land of Walter Higgs N and land in the occupation of Thomas Greeninge S; another rudge between land in the occupation of Thomas Greeninge N and of Thomas Gregory S; 4 butts called Morford Butts between land of Thomas Higgs W and of Walter Currier E; another land between land of William Gregory N and of Walter Clevely S; also 2 a. of arable in Hazards field in Alstone in a place called Meane breach; 2 rudes, of which one is between a certain way there W, and land of Thomas Gregory E; 2 other rudes between land of Thomas Gregory W and land in the occupation of Humphrey Yates E, and the other 2 rudes residue of the said 2 acres lie between land in the occupation of Humphrey Yates W and of Thomas Gregory E, to hold from Lady Day next for a term of 12 years, paying Banaster 36s. yearly at Michaelmas and Lady Day in equal portions. Relief 5d.

[f. 59v] Thomas Buckle and Guy Ellis present that on 10 January 1649/50 out of court before them Mary Buckle widow granted to John Buckle her house or tenement late in the possession of the same John Buckle deceased and now in the possession of John Buckle, with all its outbuildings, shops, cellars, solars, chambers, courts, backsides, barns, stables, gardens, orchards etc. heretofore in the possession of Okey and late in that of Mary, and now in the possession of John Buckle; also 2 a. of meadow ground in Cheltenham in Whaddon, which several parcels were heretofore amongst other things by John Buckle deceased father of the said John Buckle surrendered to the use of John, to hold from 1 November last for a term of 5 years. Paying nothing yearly because paid beforehand. Relief 2s. 4½d.

George Chestro and Nathaniel Chestro present that out of court before them on 24 January 1649/50 Robert Clarke granted to Edmund Buttwell and Richard Ellis a messuage in Alstone with its yards, gardens etc. and its close of pasture, between land late of Margaret Eckly widow deceased W and land late of Giles Cox E; also 4 a. arable rudes in the fields of Alstone, namely an acre called Nobbs acre in Sandfield between land now or late of Anthony Robinson gent. E and land of Francis Gregory W; a selions in the same field shooting on Nobbs acre between land of Maragert Eckly E and William Theyer W; another selions in the same field between land late of Robert Packer gent. E and land late of Thomazin Packer widow W; another selions in the same field, land of Michael Wells E and land late of John Sturmy W; another selions in Sallyes furlong between land late of Michael Wells N [f. 60] and Thomazine Packer S; another selion in the same field in Itchlands furlong between land of Margaret Eckly E and Francis Gregory W; 2 selions or rewes in Rewenfield between land of Thomas Alexander E and Francis Gregory W; another selion in the same field in Whiteclay furlong between land of John Sturmy E and Francis Gregory W; also 20 selions of arable (5 a.) in Hazards field, Alstone, in a place called Hazards peece, of which 15 lie together, shooting N-S, and the other 5 run E-W, late in the possession of John Eckly; also separate parcels of arable (7 a.), namely 2 a. in Barefoote furlong in Sandfield between land of Robert Packer E & W 1 selion (½ a.) in the same field next to the vill of Alstone between land of Andrew Gale E and William Coombe W; 1 selion in Itchlands furlong between land of Richard Pates E and Thomas Jones W; 2 selions (1 a.) in Hillfield, land of John Packer and Robert Packer E and Francis Gregory W; a selion (3 r.) in the upper part of the same field between land of Thomas Jones E and William Coombe W; a selion (1 r.) in the same field, Richard Pates E and land late of Thomazine Packer and Robert Packer W; 4 selions (1 a. 1 r.)

in Grandly furlong, Rowenfield, land of Anthony Rogers E & W; 2 selions (1 a. 1 r.), in the same field, between land of Francis Grgeory E and Richard Pates W; also 2 parcels arable in the common fields of [f. 60v] Alstone, namely 9 selions and a headland in Hazards field between land of Thomas Little S & N; 3 selions arable in Rewenfield in Baundfurlong between land of Michael Goodridge N and land late of Richard Pates S; 3 more selions in the same furlong, all late in the possession of John Eckly deceased; 6 selions (1½ a.) in Sandfield, of which 2 in Sallyes furlong, one in Ellfulrong, and 3 in Witherly hedge furlong, all lands late of John Eckly late husband of Elizabeth Clarke; to hold for the lifetime of Elizabeth. [no sums stated]

Presented by the homage that Alice Sturmy widow burgess has died since the last court, and that her son John Sturmy is heir; he is admitted to the burgage lands of which she died seised.

Also that Joan Cottrell widow burgess has died since the last court, and that Elizabeth Cottrell is her next heir.

[supplied from B f. 151: 14 April 1650 Memo that Richard Banaster out of court before Robert Milton and Nicholas Ashmeade surrendered for himself and his wife Dorothy 2 closes of meadow or pasture ground in Westal (6 a.) called Gorehay and Abrahams Close; also a close of pasture ground (2 a.) in Westal called Morford close. Rent 2s. 6d., heriot 28d., fine 5s.]

[additional material from B f. 154, under the rubric ‘**Hundred of Cheltenham. View of frankpledge with court baron of John Dutton esq. held for said hundred and manor 29 April 1650 before William Sheppard esq. steward**’]

Jury for the commonwealth (‘pro republica’):

Francis Gregory
Robert Milton sen.
Thomas Gregorie
Robert Clarke
Thomas Jelfe
John Holdship
William Barnard
Guy Ellis
Henry Mason
Ed. Carpenter
John Clifford
Walter Lane
Richard Weaver
Robert Milton
Walter Currier

Homage:
Nicholas Ashmead
John Collet
John Ellis
Richard Wager
Giles Ashmead
Ed. Butwell
Ed. Ballenger
Thomas Cox
Henry Atkins
Ed. Gale
Robert Gale
John Buckle

Affeerers:
John Ellis
John Buckle
John Collet

All sworn

George Roberts bailiff for hundred and manor, sworn in court
Henry Humphries bailiff of the borough
Robert Ellis and Nicholas Barnes high constables
William Combe tithingman of Alstone
Walter Gutheridge constable of Charlton
Richard Rogers tithingman of Cheltenham
Anthony Holder tithingman of Charlton
Walter French tithingman of Arle

John Whithorne tithingman of Bafford
 Thomas Caffoll tithingman of Brodwell
 Edmund Carpenter tithingman of Leckhampton
 William Philto constable of Leckhampton
 William King tithingman of Ashley
 Humphrey Yates tithingman of Westal, Naunton & Sandford
 George Merrall constable of Swindon
 John Ellis rent gatherer, sworn in court for ?Cheltenham burr..

Anyone making default for non-appearance - ?2s. 6d.

Ordered that there be a view between the land of Toby Packer and Thomas Gardner touching a mound in difference between their lands near their homesteads, by Hewnry Mason, Thomas Buckle, Nicholas Ashmead and Giles Chestroe, who are to meet at the place upon Whitsun Monday next and make return of what they find at next court, upon pain of 3s. 4d. apiece.

Also between the lands of John Mosse and Thomas Ashmead mercer touching the lopping of trees within the ground of the said John Mosse by Edmund Ballenger, Robert Milton and Henry Mason who are to meet at the place upon Whitsun Monday next and return to be made next court, on pain of 3s. 4d. apiece.

[B f. 163 Manor of Cheltenham: court baron of John Dutton esq. held 11 June 1650 before William Sheppard esq. steward]

Homage: Robert Milton, William Buckle, Henry Blowmer, William Ashmead, John Davison, Richard Rogers, Samuel Higgs *sworn*

To this court came Thomas Strowd and in person made claim to a certain burgage containing one messuage and its close, as heir to his late father William Strowde deceased.

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A grant from Robert Milton to Jone his wife [possibly for life and 12 years?]]

[Supplied from B f. 162] **1 May 1650** Memo that on this date John Davison sen. burgage-holder (before Robert Milton and Richard Finch 2 other burgage-holders) granted via Henry Maior bailiff of the borough a whole burgage on the N side of the Street of Cheltenham, land of Thomas White E and of Elizabeth Style widow W; also his 2 burgages on the S side of the Street, land of Richard Farr and Walter Milton sen. E, and land now in the occupation of Thomas Sturmy W, to the use of himself for his lifetime and after to his son John Davison jun. Rent 5s. 7d., relief 5s. 7d. Davison and Milton sign, Maior and Finch make marks.

[f. 61] Manor of Cheltenham. [B f.169: View of frankpledge with] court baron of John Dutton esq. held 7 October 1650 before William Sheppard esq. steward

[B: Jury pro republica: Edward Johnson, Ralph Crumpe, George Morell, John Hartlebury, William Combe, Thomas Finch, Thomas Lumbard, Thomas Ashmead, Roger Dowdeswell, William Church, Thomas Powell, Thomas White, John Tanty, Richard Banaster, Walter King *sworn*]

Homage: John Maries, Thomas Buckle, Walter Cox, Francis Gregory, William Danford, Robert Milton, Walter Cleevely, Walter Ireland, William Wayte, Samuel Higgis, Thomas Strowd *sworn*

[B: Affeerers: Thomas Lumbard, Robert Milton, Thomas Gregorie, Robert Hyet, William Welsh]

Officers:

[current]	[for coming year]
George Roberts, bailiff of the manor	
Henry Humfryes, bailiff of the borough	John Ellis, sworn in court
Robert Ellis, Nicholas Barnes, chief constables	Henry Mason and Giles Hobbs, sworn in court
William? ²¹ Combe, tithingman for Alstone	Thomas Tanty ordered to take his oth
Walter Gotheridge, constable for Arle	John Martyn, sworn in court
Richard Rogers, tithingman for Cheltenham	Richard Rogers, sworn in court
Arthur Holder, tithingman for Charlton	William Barnard, ordered to take his oath
?Will/Walter French, tithingman for Arle	John Hartlebury alias Mason, sworn in court
?John Whittorne, tithingman for Bafford	John Rooke, sworn in court
??? Caffold, tithingman for Bafford	Ralph Crumpe, sworn in court
??? Carpenter, tithingman for Leckhampton	-
??? Philto, constable for Leckhampton	Allen Cooper, ordered to take his oath
??? King, tithingman for Ashley	Thomas Ashmead, ordered to take his oath
Humphrey Yates, tithingman for Westal etc.	Humphrey Yates, sworn in court
George Merall, constable for Swindon	John Clifford, sworn in court

Ordered that there be merestones set up between the lands of Walter Higgs and Anne Dowdswell widow in Long Greenoll in Naunton field, and that Walter Curryer, Thomas Jelfe, Anthony Webb, and Robert Whithorne do appoint the setting up of the same as near as they can to the place where the last stones were.

Also between the lands of [?Janice?] Nicholls and Joan Strowde in Cheltenham about a division of land to be done by Thomas Benfield, William Church, Richard Gregory and Thomas White, who are to meet at the place the first day of December, and to make return of what they find at the next court, upon pain of 3s. 4d. apiece.

Ordered that the homage be adjourned to the next Court Baron at which time they are to bring in a Rent Roll of all the rents of the said town and manor, and that all tenants do, upon notice being given at the church, and at such times as the homage shall appoint, bring in their Copies to the homage; and that Samuel Mansell and Linnet Pates be assisting to them herein and also Henry Mason, Nicholas Ashmead and John Hartlebury alias Mason.

Ordered that there be a view between the lands of Thomas Little and Elionor Cox widow in Alstone touching a mound in difference between them, to be done by Edmund Gale, Edmund Butwell, John Maries and John Ashmead at the place within one month and return thereof made by them at next court upon pain of 3s. 4d. apiece.

The homage at the last court having presented the death of Joan Cottrell widow a burgage-holder of this manor, and that Elizabeth Cottrell her daughter is next tenant, the said Elizabeth did her fealty and was admitted tenant.

B. f. 183: Presented by the homage that Richard Packer gent. died long since, seised of 1 messuage and lands in Arle and Alstone, and that his brother Alexander Packer is heir. Admitted. Fine £3 17s.

Alexander Packer in person surrenders for John Mason alias Hartlebury a close of pasture called Snapps peece (7 a.) in Arle, in Middle field, land of Walter Fox E and Walter Cox W. Rent 1s. 4d., heriot 2s. 8d., fine 2s. 8d.

²¹ Water damage to this edge of folio.

Alexander Packer in person surrenders for John Gregory a close of pasture in Arle called the Siches (7 a.), land of Thomas Little S and of Richard Kent N. Rent 3s., heriot 6s. 8d., fine 6s.

[f. 61v] Thomas Cartwright and his wife Elionor in person surrender for Richard Teeckle a piece of garden ground ($\frac{1}{4}$ a.) in Cheltenham, as now marked out by metes and bounds, [\[B f. 178: in or near the upper end of the street,\]](#) having land of John Hayward E and of Thomas Cartwright W, the street of Cheltenham N, and shooting on Canbury mead S. Rent 3d., heriot 12d., fine 6d.

Walter Cox and Thomas Tanty present that on 3 October last out of court before them and Ed. Buttwell, Richard Stephens surrendered a piece of arable (4 a.) called Lippiate peece in Alstone in Bayshill field, having land of Anthony Ward and Walter Cleevely N and the highway from Westal to Cheltenham E, a certain way S and land of Thomas Ashmead W, to the use of Hester Stephens daughter of Richard. Rent 8d., heriot 2s. 6d., fine 1s. 4d.

[f. 62] Anthony Ward and his wife Amy in open court surrenders for John Ashmeade a butt or selion of arable land ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.) in Rowenfield near Ward's homestead in Alstone, between land of Henry Sturmy W and Anthony Ward E, the highway N, and a certain watercourse called Nether Sitornes S. Rent 1d., heriot 6d., fine 2d.

Linnet Pates and William Cleevely present that John Holder sen. out of court before them on 22 August last surrendered a tenement with garden and orchard in Charlton Kings to the use of his son John Holder and his wife Edith. Rent 7d., heriot 1s. 6d, fine 14d.

[f. 62v] Giles Ashmeade and his wife Margaret in person surrender for William Brock 2 closes of meadow or pasture in Arle, one called Cockley between land late of Walter Buckle E and Richard Drinkwater N, the other in Arle called Banchurch between land of Thomas Hartlebury alias Mason S and E. Rent 1s. 4d., heriot 14s., fine 2s. 8d.

William Church and Thomas Powell burgesses present that on 17 May last out of court before them and Henry Major bailiff of the borough, Richard Davison burgess granted his burgage or tenement in Cheltenham between land of CCC on both sides to the use of Thomas Cox. Relief 12d., fine 4d.

Richard Morrell and Thomas Beven burgesses present that Richard Hawker burgess out of court on 8 June last before them and Robert Milton burgess, and via Henry Major bailiff of the borough granted to Mary wife of Richard Hawker for her lifetime a quantity of burgage in Cheltenham on the S side of the street, between land of Elizabeth Milton W and John Clifford E. [no sums mentioned.]

[f. 63] Richard Bannaster and his wife Dorothy in person surrender for Walter Cox 3 a. arable land in Alstone in Rewenfield, namely 1 selion between land of Mary Pates widow E and of James Eckly W; 2 other selions between land of Mary Pates W and Dawes headland E; 2 other selions in Banfurlong between land in the possession of James Eckly N and of Robert Clarke in the possession of William Drinkwater S; another selion in the same furlong between land of Robert Clarke now in the possession of William Drinkwater N and of Alice Wells widow S; another selion in the same furlong between land of Robert Clarke N and Mary Pates S; 2 other selions in Granley furlong between land of George Roberts gent. E and Mary Pates W. Rent 1d., heriot 3s., fine 2d.

Robert Milton and Richard Finch burgesses present that John Davison sen. out of court on 1 May last before them granted, via Henry Major bailiff of the borough, his burgage lands in Cheltenham on the N side of the street, amounting to 1 burgage, between land of Thomas White E and of Elizabeth Style widow W; and a nother whole burgage on the S side of the street between land of Richard Farr and Walter Milton E, and land now in the occupation of Thomas Sturmy W, to himself John Davison for his lifetime and afterwards to his son also John Davison. Relief 5s. 7d., for enrolment 4d.

[f. 63v] Richard Bannaster in person, in consideration of £5 15s. paid by Giles Ashmeade [\[B f. 181: butcher\]](#) grants to Giles 3 a. arable land in Alstone in Rewenfield, namely 2 selions in Granley

between land of Mary Pates widow W and George Roberts gent. E; 3 selions or rewes in the same field, 2 of them lying between land of Mary Pates W Dawes headland E; another rewe between land of Mary Pates E and of Robert Clarke W; 4 selions in Banfurlong shooting E-W, to hold from Michaelmas next for a term of 12 years, paying 6s. yearly at Michaelmas and Lady Day in equal portions. Relief 2d., for enrolment 4d.

John Powell and Walter Cox present that Richard Bannaster out of court on 3 October last before them granted to William Drinkwater 13 a. arable land in Alstone, of which 12 are in Hazards field having land of Walter Cox N and of Thomas Little now in the occupation of William Theyer E; and 1½ a. in Hunts Furzes in Alstone between land of Thomas Packer gent. N and the highway to Gloucester S, to hold for a term of 12 years (reserving for Richard all timber trees and hedgerows), rendering yearly to Richard 20s. at Lady Day and Michaelmas in equal portions. Relief 6d., for enrolment 4d.

[f. 64] Robert Milton and Henry Mason present that Richard Bannaster out of court before them on 18 September last granted to William Milton 10 selions of arable land in Alstone in Hassardes field (1 a.) between land of Thomas Gregorie E and land now in the occupation of Humphrey Yate W, to hold from 1 October last for a term of 12 years. Relief 2d., with Bannaster paying all customary dues during the term. For enrolment 4d.

Robert Milton, Ralph Powell and Richard Mathew present that Richard Bannaster out of court on this day before them granted to Walter Ireland 18 selions of arable land in Alstone in Hazards field (2 a.) between land of Humphrey Yate E and land now in the occupation of Walter Cox W, for a term of 12 years henceforth, rendering yearly to Richard 3s. 4d. at Lady Day and Michaelmas in equal portions. Relief 6d.

[f. 64v] Presented by the homage that Arthur Holder has died since the last court; his brother John Holder is next heir. Heriot 3s., fine 2s. John Holder comes and seeks admittance to the holdings of which his father died seised; is admitted and does fealty.

Also that Edmund Ballenger has died since the last court; his son Thomas Ballenger is next heir. Heriot 12s., rent 2s., fine 4s. Thomas Ballenger comes and seeks admittance to the holdings of which his father died seised; is admitted and does fealty.

And that Jane Ward has died; her son Anthony Ward is next heir.

[f. 65] Court baron of John Dutton esq. held 19 February 1650/1 before William Sheppard esq.

Homage:

Thomas Gregory sen.

Henry Roberts

Richard Manly

William Ashmead

Samuel Higgs

Richard Finch *sworn*

John Powell and his wife Mary surrender a customary messuage in Wetsal, Naunton & Sandford with all buildings etc. and all lands, now in the tenure of John Powell or assigns, to the following uses: half of the messuage to John Powell and Mary for their lifetimes, then to Ralph Powell their son; the other half to Ralph Powell. Rent 4s. 8d., heriot 30s., fine 9s. 4d.

[f. 65v] And afterwards to this court came said Ralph Powell and in person surrendered his messuage in Westal, Naunton & Sandford, with all its outbuildings and lands, now in his occupation and late in the possession of his father John Powell, for the use of Ralph for his lifetime, without impeachment of waste, and after his death for his wife Elizabeth, with remainder to their heirs. Rent 4s. 8d., heriot 30s., fine 9s. 4d. [C adds: worksilver 1s. 1½d., common fine 3d., Peter pence 1d.]

[f. 66] Thomas Ashmeade sen. and William Coombe present that Richard Bannester out of court on 16 Nov. last before them and Thomas Tanty granted 2 a. arable land in Westal, Naunton & Sandford in Granton furlong, now in the occupation of widow Seavill, and lying between land of Robert Milton W and Thomas Ashmeade of Charlton Kings E, to Humphrey Yate from Michaelmas last for a term of 12 years. Relief 3d., for enrolment 4d.

Thomas Cartwright and Giles Ashmeade swear that Richard Bannester out of court on 29 Oct. last granted to Thomas Ashmeade of Charlton Kings a parcel of arable called Ballhill in Alstone (7 a.) to hold for a term of 12 years. Relief 4d., for enrolment 4d.

[f. 67] Cheltenham. Court baron of of John Dutton held 14 April 1651 before William Sheppard esq. steward [[M33 says this is also VFP]]

Homage: William Cleevely, Thomas Cox, John Ashmeade, Thomas Ballenger, William Milton, Thomas Hartlebury, Walter Cox, Thomas Stroud *sworn*

George Roberts and Giles Ashmeade swear that Richard Bannaster gent. out of court before them this day granted to Mary Ballenger, relict of late Edmund Ballenger a close of pasture called Morford in Westal, to hold from 25 Mar. last for a term of 12 years. [B f. 206: 'paying 10s. 3d.' - presumably yearly rent] Relief 4d.

Afterwards Robert Milton and Nicholas Ashmeade swear that Richard Bannaster out of court before them this day surrendered 2 closes of meadow or pasture called Horehay and Abrahams Close and a close in Westal called Morfords (2 a.), to the use of himself and his wife Dorothy and heirs. Rent 2s. 6d., heriot 28s., fine 5s.

[f. 67v blank; f. 68] Robert Milton and Nicholas Ashmeade swear that Richard Bannaster out of court before them this day granted to Richard Weaver closes of meadow or pasture in Westal (6 a.) called Horehay and Abrahams Close and a close of 2 a. called Morfords, to hold from Lady Day last for the lifetime of Richard Bannaster, with proviso and upon special trust that he pay Dorothy the now wife of Richard all rents and fines that may from time to time be due for the premises. For enrolment, 4d.

Richard Bannaster and his wife Dorothy in court surrender for Nicholas Ashmeade separate parcels of arable land meadow or pasture, namely 1 a. in Westal, Naunton & Sandford in Pilleford field, between land of Walter Ireland E and of John Powell W; 4 butts of arable (1a.) in Naunton field between Thomas Ballenger S and a wainway in Naunton field N; another selion of arable called Raynebow in the same field; 2 selions of arable in Naunton in Middle Length, land of Alice Wells widow S and land in the occupation of William Danford N; another selion of arable in the same field, between land now in the possession of Richard Whithorne S and Walter Whithorne N; another selion in the same field between the wainway S and land of Alice Wells N; 2 selions arable in Naunton in a field called Fircombe shooting E-W between lands of Alice Wells.

[f. 68v] Also a selion of arable called the Picked headland in Fircombe field, between land of Richard Finch E and the Furlong W; a selion in Westal in Gratton field between land of Thomas Ballenger W and of Walter Whithorne E; a selion in the same field between land of Linnett Pates gent. W and Richard Finch E; 2 selions in Naunton, in Naunton field, in Whitecross furlong, between land of Thomas Ballenger E and of John Davison W; a parcel of arable (1 a.) in Naunton field in Keyditch, between land of Thomas Ballinger N & S; another parcel of pasture called Hunts furzes in Alstone (1½ a.), highway to Grovefield S and land of Thomas Packer N; another parcel of arable (1 a.) in Alstone in Bayshill, between land of Cheltenham Farm now in the occupation of Thomas Cleevely E and the way leading from the house called Lippiat towards Alstone S; also separate parcels of pasture dispersed in Westal, Naunton & Sandford now in the occupation of John Powell, the mill brook N and the mansion house of John Powell and Walter Ireland S. Rent 1s., heriot ?6s., fine 2s.

[f. 69] Richard Bannaster and his wife Dorothy in court surrender for John Clarke a parcel of arable land in Hazards field in Alstone called Hazards piece (12 a.) next to Woodbrooke between a footpath leading from Cheltenham to Badgeworth E and a certain piece of John Pates gent W. Rent 1s. 7d., heriot 1s., fine 3s. 2d.

Richard Bannaster and his wife Dorothy in court surrender a parcel of arable (6 a.) called Ballhill in Bayes Hill field in Alstone, having a way E and land of John Ashmeade W, for the use of Robert Milton of Westal. Rent 8d., heriot 10d., fine 16d.

[f. 69v] Richard Bannaster and his wife Dorothy in court surrender 38 selions of arable land in Hazards field in Alstone, shooting upon Woodbrooke, of which 18 selions lie between land of Robert Smith E and land in the occupation of Elianor Cox widow W, 10 lie between land of Robert Smith W and Thomas Gregory E, and the other 10 lie between land of Robert Smith W and Woodbrooke E; also 6 selions of arable in the same field in Meane Breach, of which 2 are between land of Thomas Gregory E, and a certain way there W, and 2 others lie between land of Robert Smith E and Thomas Gregory W, another land between Thomas Gregory E and Robert Smith W, and the last selion between Robert Smith E and Thomas Gregory W, for the use of William Milton of Westal. Rent 10d., heriot 10d., fine 1s. 8d.

[f. 70] William Southerne and his wife Joyce in court surrender 2 closes of meadow or pasture called Great and Little Cuttam Butts and a close of arable called Castles in Ham in Charlton Kings for themselves for their lifetimes, and afterwards for Walter Whithorne brother of Joyce. Rent 5s., heriot 8s. 9d., fine 10s.

Robert Milton and Nicholas Ashmeade swear that William Wayte out of court before them on 20 Mar. last granted to Richard White of Charlton Kings a messuage or tenement with backside in Cudnell in Charlton Kings, to hold for the lifetime of William Wayte and a term of 12 years after, without impeachment of waste, upon proviso that William Wayte pays White £41 12s. on 20 Sept. next. Fine 1s. 8s.

[f. 70v] William Free sen. and William Free jun. swear that Thomas Greene since the last court on 24 Feb. last surrendered 7 selions of arable variously in Charlton, and Westal, Naunton & Sandford, namely 1 selion in Charlton field between land of Edmund Clarke S and Thomas Stubbs N; 1 selion the same furlong, land of Linnet Pates S and Richard Grindle N; 1 selion in the same, land of John Rucke S and Walter Whithorne N; 2 selions together between land of John Ruck S and John Millington N; 1 selion in Naunton field in Long Greenhall, land of Walter Whithorne N and Robert Smith S; and 1 further selion in the same furlong between land late of Dr English S and of Anne Dowdeswell N, for the use of Thomas Whithorne. Rent 8d., heriot 2s. 10d., fine 1s. 4d.

[f. 71] Walter Lane in court grants to his wife Jane as her jointure a close of meadow or pasture called Broadmeade (9 a.), a close of pasture in Barbridge field called the Peece (8 a.); arable lands in Barbridge field (6 a., but excepting 1 rudge of ¼ a. between land of Walter Fox on both sides), a close called Ashlands of 3 a., the homestead or meeseplace called Oldhey), a messuage or tenement in which Mary Lane alias French mother of Walter now or lately lived with all its buildings orchards, yards etc., and right of entry, but excepting: 'the range of building next to the street', the parcel of land now used as garden lying N of this range, and the use of a kitchen for the lifetime of Mary 'for brewing and baking only', the orchard next to the street, and that part of the close next to the orchard as is now divided from the rest by a dead hedge. Relief 6s. 8d.

Richard Wills jun. and William Wills in person surrendered a house and parcel of land in Cheltenham now in the possession of Richard Wills next to the town of Cheltenham, 6 yds broad and 14 yds long, now divided off by merestones, and another parcel of land in Cheltenham 6 yds broad by 20 yds long, now in the possession of Richard Wills jun.; also a parcel of land 6 yds broad by 60 yds long having the highway N, now in the possession of Richard Wills sen., grandfather of Richard Wills jun., for the use of Richard Wills jun. Rent 1d., heriot 1s. 8d., fine 2d.

[f. 71v] Richard Wills jun. and William Wills in person surrender a house in Cheltenham now in the possession of William Wills, and an adjacent parcel of land S (6yds broad by 8yds long), also a parcel next to the house N, 6yds broad by 20 yds long, divided off by merestones and in the possession of William Wills; also a parcel of land 6 yds by 60 yds, now in the possession of Richard Wills sen., grandfather of Richard jun., for the use of William Wills. Rent 1d., heriot 1s. 8d., fine 2d.

[f. 72] Richard Whithorne and John Ruck swear that Richard Ruck out of court before them on 23 Nov. 1650 surrendered for the use of his brother Robert Ruck and heirs ([B f. 191: and if none, then to Thomas Ruck son of Thomas Ruck](#)) a tenement and its homestead in Charlton Kings in More-end, between land of Robert Alexander N and a house now in the tenure of Richard Cooke S, and the highway E, with 2 selions of arable in the common fields of Charlton Kings, one being a headland in the Lye, with land of William Danford S, the other in the Upper field near Culverford, land of Edmund Clarke N and of Conway Whithorne S., Rent 10d., heriot 6d., fine 1s. 8d.

Giles Ashmead and his wife Margaret in court surrender for John Mason a close of pasture in Arle called the New Leasow (12 a.). Rent 2s. 10d., heriot 22s., fine 5s. 8d.

[f. 72v] Samuel Mansell and Richard Wager swear that Walter Whithorne out of court before them on 19 Feb. 1650 granted to William Southerne and his wife Joyce a house or tenement with orchard, garden and courtyard where William now dwells, and a close of pasture or arable called Ham Close, 1 selion arable in a close called the Guthur shooting E-W between land of Edmund Gooderich on both sides, another parcel of pasture called Shackbreach, land of Edmund on both sides, an acre lying on the top of Ham Hill, between land of William Barnard on both sides, a broad butt of arable land in Ham furlong, land of William Barnard S and of Giles Grevill gent. N; 1 selion in the same furlong, land f William Barnard S and of Henry Mason N; 1 selion in the same furlong, land of William Barnard on both sides; all in Ham in Charlton Kings, to hold for the lifetime of Walter and a term of 12 years after. Fine 1s. 8d. and relief 3s.

[f. 73] John Ellis bailiff of the borough, with Richard Finch and Richard Cooke burgesses, swears that Thomas Powell burgess out of court on 12 Nov. last before them granted a half-burgage in Cheltenham lying on the N side of the Street between land of CCC E and of Thomas Powell W, with right of entry etc. through the vestibule and courtyard, and use of the pump or well there, to William Tayler and his wife Margaret. Rent 6d. yearly. On condition that Tayler should from time to time repair the boundary between himself and Thomas Powell separating the yard leading to the end of the close, bearing one half of the cost of maintaining the pump or well. For enrolment, 4d.

[B ff. 186-8 31 Oct. 1650. Whereas at a court held on 1 Oct. 28 Charles I it was presented by John Norwood gent, Francis Gregory and Nicholas Ashmeade that William Waight on 14 Aug. 1646 granted to John Nicholls a watermill with appurtenances in Charlton Kings from the following Michaelmas for a term of 12 years, upon condition that if Waight paid Nicholls £10 on 15 Aug. in each of 1647, 1648, 1649, 1650, 1651, and 1652 the grant would be void. Although £32 6s. 6d. of the said amounts remain unpaid, and the condition has not been met, nonetheless John Nicholls at the request of William Waight is 'well pleased and contented' to accept the £32 6s. 6d. \(as now paid\) and to waive his right and interest in the mill. And before Henry Mason, Nicholas Ashmeade and John Buckle, the watermill etc. is now granted to William Willis of Ham in Charlton Kings, to hold from Michaelmas last during the lifetime of William Waight and for a term of 12 years thereafter. Yearly rent 1 peppercorn at Michaelmas. Provided that if Waight pays Willis at or in Willis's dwelling house in Ham £10 on 3 Nov. in each of 1651, 1652, 1653, 1654, 1655 and 1656 then the grant shall be void. Relief 3s. 4d.](#)

[B f. 189 On 7 Nov. 1650 Richard Banister out of court before Samuel Mansell, Walter Currier and John Collett granted to Walter Ireland a moiety of a close of meadow or pasture called the Croft, in Cheltenham, for a term of 12 years, rendering yearly 5s. 8d.; Banister to bear all charges during the term. Fine 6d.](#)

B f. 193 On 25 Jan. 1650/1 Richard Banaster gent. and his wife Dorothy ~~out of court~~ surrendered for Robert Milton of Westal a piece of arable land (6 a.) called Ball Hill in Bays Hill field in Alstone, between a certain lane there E and land of John Ashmeade W. Rent 8d., heriot 10d., fine 16d. [presentment drafted as an out of court item, but possibly produced in court; witness names crossed out]

B f. 198 On 24 Feb. 1650/1 Thomas Greene out of court before William Free sen. and William Free jun. surrendered for Thomas Whithorne 7 rudes of arable in the common fields of Charlton Kings and Westal, Naunton & Sandford, namely 1 land in Charlton field shooting E-W, abutting on the 'ruge' way near Culumfoord, having land of Edmund Clarke S and of Thomas Stubbs N; another selion in the same furlong, land of Lynnet Pates gent. S and of Richard Grindle N; a selion in the same furlong having land of John Rucke S and land of Walter Whithorne N; 2 other selions together butting upon Cullumfoord, land of John Rucke S and of John Millington N; 1 selion in Naunton field in Long Greenhall, land of Walter Whithorne N and of Robert Smith S; 1 selion in the same furlong, land late of Dr English S and land of Ann Dowdeswell N. Charlton land: rent 6d., heriot 1s. 2d., fine 1s.; Naunton rent 2d., heriot 1s. 8d., fine 4d.

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View of frankpledge and court baron of John Dutton esq. held 6 October 1651 before William Sheppard esq. steward

Grand jury:

Linnet Pates
Thomas Buckle
Ralph Crumpe
George Merrell
John Hartlebury

William Combe
Roger Dowdswell
William Church
Thomas White
Thomas Ellis

Robert Ellis
John Powell
Edmund Butwell *sworn*

Homage:

Walter Whithorne
Francis Gregory
Walter Ireland
William Wayte

Robert Gregory
Samuel Higgs
Edmund Gale
Richard Manly

William Danford
John Ashmead *sworn*

Affeerers:

Thomas Ashmead

Robert Milton

Thomas Gregory

Old officers	New officers
George Roberts bailiff of the manor	George Roberts
John Ellys bailiff of the borough	
Henry Mason, Giles Hobbs, high constables	John Collet, John Mason <i>sworn in court</i>
Thomas Tanty, tithingman of Alstone	Philip Jones in 40th for not taking his oath being required & ordered to do it in 6 days in pain of £40 <i>sworn in court</i>
John Martyn, constable of Charlton	Richard Sperin
Richard Rogers, tithingman of Cheltenham	John Ellis
William Barnard, tithingman of Charlton	
John Hartlebury, tithingman of Arle	
John Rooke, tithingman of Bafford	John Rooke
Ralph Crumpe, tithingman of Brdowell	Thomas Caffold <i>sworn</i>
Edmund Carpenter, tithing[man] of Leckhampton	
Alen Cooper, constable of the same	William Howse
Thomas Ashmead, tithingman of Ashley	
Humphrey Yates, tithingman of Westal	Humphrey Yates <i>sworn in court</i>

John Clifford, constable of Swindon	Thomas Roberts <i>sworn in court</i>
Nicholas Barnes, rentgatherer & bailiff	

All tenants and residents that have not appeared, amerced in 2s. apiece by the Steward. All tenants affeered to 3d. apiece.

At this court Mary Barnard spinster aged 17 years or thereabouts in person desired it might be enrolled in the Record of this Court that she doth renounce her father Richard Barnard from being her Guardian in regard he hath spent much of her estate bequeathed by her Grandfather, and desires that Thomas Ashmead butcher may be her Guardian.

At this court John Stevens (late son of Richard Stevens who was admitted tenant at this court to a messuage and lands in Alstone whereof the said Richard lately died seised) did in open court choose Thomas Tanty and Richard Manly for his guardians.

Ordered that there be a view between the lands of Walter Whithorne and Anthony Webb touching an encroachment, to be done by Thomas Ashmead, Thomas Gregory, John Rooke and Samuel Titchet to meet at the place upon 1 November next on pain 2s. 4d. apiece.

Also between the land of Walter Cox and Philip Jones touching an encroachment to be done by John Maryes, Edmund Butwell, John Ashmead the elder and William Theyer who are to meet at the place in Sandfield, the 1 of November next, on pain of 3s. 4d. apiece.

[f. 73v blank; f. 74] **Court baron of John Dutton esq. held 6 October 1651 before William Sheppard esq. steward**

Homage [as B above]

George Roberts and Nicholas Ashmeade swear that William Denis out of court before them on 6 Nov. 1650 surrendered to himself for life and after to the use of his wife Ann Denis for life as her jointure; and then for John Dennis one of his sons, a messuage with lands in Cheltenham, late in the occupation of Geoffrey Tufly and since in the possession of Agnes Tufly, and now in the occupation of Henry Blowmer. Rent 8s., heriot 30s. Fealty of John respited 'till it shall happen' [when John comes of age?].

[f. 74v] Samuel Mansell, Walter Currier and John Collet swear that Richard Banister out of court before them on 7 Nov. 1650 granted to Walter Ireland a moiety of a close of meadow or pasture in Sandford called the Croft for a term of 12 years, at yearly rent of 6s. 8d., Banister bearing all customary dues. Fine 6d.

[f. 75] John Maryes and Robert Milton swear that Thomas Strowd sen. out of court before them on 30 June last surrendered a messuage or tenement with outbuildings etc. and all its lands, in Alstone, which Strowd purchased from Margaret Crumpe widow, for the use of Strowd and his wife Edith for their lifetimes without impeachment of waste, as part of her jointure; and after their deaths, to the use of their son Thomas Strowd jun. Rent 18d., heriot 25s., fine 3s. Fealty of Thomas jun. respited.

[f. 75v] John Maryes and Robert Milton swear that Thomas Strowd sen. out of court before them on 30 June last surrendered 2 a. of arable land in Alstone, which Strowd purchased from Richard Grevile gent., for the use of Strowd and his wife Edith for their lifetimes without impeachment of waste, as part of her jointure; and after their deaths, to the use of John Strowd one of their sons. Rent 5d., heriot 2s. 4d., fine 10d. Fealty of John respited.

[f. 76] Richard Mathew and his wife Elizabeth in persons surrender various pieces of arable land, namely: 1 selion or rudge in Coneygree in Cheltenham, land of Christopher Baylyes W and of John Buckle E; 2 selions in Cheltenham Upper field, shooting on Sandpits, land of John Buckle E and of

Mary Cowles W, now in the occupation of Arthur Packer, to the use of Christopher Baylyes clerk. Rent 4d., heriot 3s., fine 8d.

[f. 76v] Thomas Buckle and John Chestro swear that Katherine Packer out of court before them on 12 May last granted to William Buckle of Cheltenham mercer a close of meadow or pasture ground in Arle called the Sitches, now or late in the possession of Thomas Hayward, land of Thomas Little S and of Francis Gregory E, also separate parcels of arable in the fields of Alstone, Arle and Westal, now in the occupation of John Ashmead, all heretofore the lands of John Packer gent. deceased, to hold for a term of 12 years after the death of Katherine. Relief 12d.

John Ellis bailiff of the borough with Robert Milton and Thomas Benfield burgesses present that John Cox burgess out of court on 16 April last granted a shop with a chamber over the shop and entry on the N side of the town of Cheltenham, land of Mary Cox widow E and of Richard Baylis W, with a passage 6ft wide leading to the backside ‘as high as the land of the said Richard Baylis doth extend’; also half the close there, to the use of Roger Cox brother of John. Rent 3d., relief 3d.

[f. 77] Thomas Buckle and Richard Manley swear that Richard Banaster out of court before them on 15 May last surrendered for Nicholas Ashmead 2 selions or rudes of arable land in Westal, Naunton & Sandford, namely 1 selion shooting N-S near a certain stone or mark called the milestone, land of Richard Finch W and of Walter Cleevely of Westal E, the other selion (½ a.) shooting N-S on Grawton brook. Rent 3d., heriot 12d., fine 6d.

[f. 77v] John Mason and his wife Dorothy in person surrender a close of arable in Arle called Brook hey (1 a.) shooting N-S, land of Elizabeth Lygon widow E and of Elianor Cook widow W, to the use of William Barker. Rent 6d., heriot 4s., fine 12d.

[f. 78] George Roberts and Richard Manly swear that Richard Banaster gent. Out of court before them on 13 Sept. last surrendered parcels of land as follows: 4 butts or rudes of arable or pasture in Westal, Naunton & Sandford in Groatten field shooting on Groatten brook, between lands of Thomas Higgs W and of Walter Curryer E; 2 selions or rudes of arable now in the occupation of widow Seville in the same field, shooting N-S between land of Thomas Ashmead E and Robert Milton W; 1 rudge or selion of arable in Verney furlong, land of Elianor Banaster widow S; 3 selions or butts shooting E-W, between lands of Walter Higgs S and Whore Lane N; 1 selion of arable shooting E-W, land of Walter Higgs N and of the late John English DD S; 1 selion or rudge in the same furlong shooting E-W; the last 5 selions containing 2 a. and were late in the

[f. 78v] occupation of Edmond Ballenger, and now of Mary Ballenger widow; also all other lands in the same furlong next to Whore Lane. All to the use of Nicholas Ashmead and heirs. Rent 6d., heriot 2s., fine 12d.

[f. 79] Nicholas Ashmead and his wife Abigail in person surrender for Thomas Ashmead sen. of Charlton Kings parcels of arable or pasture as follows: 1 a. in Westal, Naunton & Sandford in Pilford field, land of Walter Ireland E and of John Powell W; 4 arable lands or butts in Naunton field, between a close of pasture of Thomas Ballenger S and a wainway leading into Maunton field N; 1 selion or rudge of arable called the Rainbow in the same field; 2 rudes or butts of arable in Naunton fiueild in Middle Length furlong, shooting E-W between land of Alice Wells widow S and land in the occupation of William Danford N; 1 selion or rudge or arable in the same field shooting E-W between land in the occupation of Richard Whithorne S and land of Walter Whithorne N; 1 butt or rudge of arable in the same field between a wainway there S and land late of Alice Wells widow N; 2 butts or rudes of arable in a field called Fircomb shooting E-W, land of Alice Wells between them; 1 selion or rudge called the Picked Headland, land of Richard Finch E and the furlong W; 1 selion or rudge of arable in Greatton field shooting N-S, land of Thomas Ballenger W and of Walter Whithorne E; 1 selion or rudge of arable in the same length, between land of Lynet Pates gent. W and of Richard Finch E; 2 selions or rudes of arable

[f. 79v] in Nauntun field in Whitecross furlong, shooting N-S between land of Thomas Ballenger E and John Davison W; 1 parcel of arable (1 a.) in a place or field called Kedditch shooting E-W, land of Thomas Ballenger N; 1 selion or rudge of arable shooting N-S near a certain stone or mark called the milestone, land of Richard Finch E and of Walter Clevely W; 1 selion or rudge of arable shooting upon Groatten brook, land of Richard Finch W; 1 parcel of arable (1 a.) in Bays hill between a lane leading to Lipyatts house S and land of the Farm of Cheltenham N; in all 8 a., and now in the several possessions of John Powell, Thomas Greening, widow Seville and Thomas Clevely. Rent 1s. 1d., heriot 3s., fine 2s. 2d.

[f. 80] Homage presents that Richard Stevens who held 1 messuage and its lands in Alstone died since the last court seised of the same, and that his son John Stevens is heir; is admitted tenant and does fealty. Rent 7s. 10d., heriot 28s., fine 15s. 8d.

Homage presents that Alexander Packer who held a parcel of land called Wells Laynes in Charlton Kings died since the last court seised of the same; and that his son Arthur Packer is next heir. He is admitted tenant and does fealty. Rent 6d., heriot 1s. 8d., fine 1s.

[f. 80v blank; f. 81] **Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. held Friday 23 January 1651/2 before William Sheppard esq. steward**

Homage: George Chestro, Nicholas Ashmeade, John Collet, Roger Wager, Thomas Jelfe, Giles Mathew *sworn*

Thomas Cartwright sen. and his wife Elionor in person surrender for their younger son Thomas Cartwright a messuage or tenement in Cheltenham with all its lands, sometime in the occupation of Thomas Norwood deceased and now occupied by Cartwright sen. Rent 4s. 10d., heriot 29s., fine 9s. 8d.

[f. 81v] Afterwards Thomas Cartwright jun. and his wife Frances surrendered for John Chestro 4 rudes of arable land in Cheltenham Lower field in Hollywithies furlong, between land now in the occupation of Guy Ellis sen. N and of Thomas Buckle S; also another rudge, being a headland heading the same furlong, having land occupied by Guy Ellis E; also another rudge of arable (1 a.) in the same field, land of John Ellis and Lodowick Packer E and W; 1 rudge (1 a.) in Lecchcroft, land of Henry Mason E and of Elionor Cox W; another rudge (1 a.) in Lechcroft, land of Henry Mason E and W. Rent 1s. 4d., heriot 5s. 4d., fine 2s. 8d.

[f. 82] Lawrence Mansell and Richard Wager swear that Walter Whithorne before them out of court on 13 Oct. last surrendered for his son Thomas Whithorne 8 butts or selions of arable land called Doles (3 a.) in Charlton Kings, with a close of meadow or pasture called the Logg in Ham. Rent 2s., heriot 7s. 10d., fine 4s.

[f. 82v] Samuel Mansell and Roger Wager swear that Walter Whithorne before them out of court on 13 Oct. last surrendered for his youngest son Thomas Whithorne a close of meadow or pasture called More-end close, with its sheephouse and adjacent close, and 3 lands nearby, a close called the Paddock, another close called Grindells green, and various lands in Charlton Lower field, a close called New Leasow in Ravensgate field, a piece of arable in the same field near the quarr, another similar near the same quarr, all of which are in Bafford and Charlton Kings. Rent 4s. 6d., heriot 8s. 10d., fine 9s.

[f. 83] Thomas Cartwright jun. and his wife Frances in person surrender 1 ridge of arable (1 a.) in Cheltenham Lower field, land of John Collet E and of Mary Mason widow W, to the use of John Horne. Rent 2d., heriot 1s. 2d., fine 4d.

The same Thomas Cartwright jun. and his wife Frances in person surrender for Thomas Cox 1 ride of arable (½ a.) in Cheltenham Upper field shooting N-S [f. 83v] between land now in the occupation of

George Chestro E and of Thomas Cox W; also another piece of arable (½ a.) in Whaddon field shooting N on Wymans Brook, having land of Thomas Cox E and of John Buckle W. Rent 3d., heriot 1s. 2d., fine 6d.

[f. 84] Presented by the homage that Walter Whithorne tenant has died since the last court seised of a messuage and lands in Westal, Naunton & Sandford; also of another messuage or tenement in Bafford called Moore-end meese; and that Edith Whithorne relict should hold the 2 messuages for her lifetime and 12 years after; and that Richard Whithorne is the eldest son and next heir. Heriot for the first, 30s., for the second 12s. 6d.

Also presented by the homage that Walter Whithorne died seised of a half-messuage and certain other lands in Ham, Charlton Kings. Heriot 16s. 2d., rent 4s. 2d.

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View of frankpledge and court baron of John Dutton esq. held 3 May 1652 before William Sheppard esq. steward

Grand jury:

John Chestro
John Tanty
John Clifford
Thomas Hartlebury
Walter Lane

Francis Gregory
Thomas Ballenger
Guy Ellis
William Clevely
Robert Mansell

Giles Hobbs
Thomas Cox
William Buckle *sworn*

Homage:

Thomas Gregory
William Combe
Robert Gale

John Holder
John Buckle
Giles Mathew

William Milton
Walter Clevely *sworn*

Affeerers:

John Chestro
Giles Hobbs

William Buckle
Guy Ellis *sworn*

Thomas Roberts, bailiff of the hundred and manor
Nicholas Barnes, bailiff of the borough
John Mason, John Collet, high constables
Philip Jones, tithingman of Alstone
Richard Sperin, constable of Charlton
John Ellis, tithingman of Cheltenham
William Barnard, tithingman of Charlton
John Hartlebury, tithingman of Arle
John Rooke, tithingman of Bafford
Thomas Caffoll, tithingman of Brodwell
Edmund Carpenter, tithingman of Leckhampton
William House, constable of Leckhampton
Thomas Ashmead, tithingman of Ashley
Humphrey Yates, tithingman of Westal
Thomas Roberts, constable of Swindon

All persons that made default amerced in 2s. apiece by the steward.

Ordered that there be a view between the lands of Steven Stephens and Elizabeth Lygon widow touching a certain parcel of land of the said Steven Stevens lying in a place called Arle Orchard within the lands of the said Elizabeth Lygon. And that it be done by the homage who are to meet at

the place on the last day of this month, and to bound out the land of the said Steven from the land of the said Elizabeth. And to make return of what they shall do in the premises at the next court, on pain of 3s. 4d. apiece.

[f. 85] **Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. held 3 May 1652 before William Sheppard esq. steward**

Homage [as B above]

B f. 245.: William Waite and his wife Joan in person surrender for William Willis a messuage or tenement with all buildings, waters, etc. in Cuddenhill in Charlton Kings. Rent 20d., heriot 5s., fine 3s. 4d., worksilver 2d., tithing silver 4d.

William Willis remits and releases quitclaim to William Wayte of Charlton Kings miller all that water grist-mill with all appurtenances in Wayte's occupation, with all its mill dampes stanks floodgates floodshards waters watercourses streams ways liberties etc., with all title interest etc. [no fee stated]

Richard Ellis and John Chestro swear that Giles Chestro wheeler out of court before them on 26 January 1651/2 surrendered for the use of his father George Chestro a messuage tenement or parcel of housing in Cheltenham, together with a piece of customary ground lately taken out of the close of Toby Packer, next to the capital messuage of Packer, as now set out and divided off from the close by marks and merestones, extending N to the highway on the backside of Cheltenham, between the messuage of and backside of John Ellis (now in the possession of Guy Ellis) W, and the said bounds and marks E. Rent 14d., heriot 6s., fine 2s. 4d. [B f. 231 adds: common fine 1d., Peter pence 1d.]

[f. 85v] George Chestro in person surrenders for his son Anthony Chestro a messuage tenement or parcel of housing in Cheltenham, also the parcel of ground lately taken out of the close of Toby Packer and adjoining Packer's capital messuage [as preceding]. Rent 14d., heriot 6s., fine 2s. 4d. [B f. 244 adds: common fine 1d., Peter pence 1d.]

[f. 86] Nicholas Barnes bailiff of the borough, with Robert Milton and William Church burgesses, presents that Thomas Benfield sen. burgess out of court on 26 Dec. 1651 before them granted to his son Thomas Benfield jun. and his wife Mary 2 burgages with appurtenances in Cheltenham on the S side of the Street, between land of William Benfield and Robert Milton carpenter W, and of John Benfield and Day Lane E, now in the tenure of Thomas Benfield sen., to hold after the deaths of Benfield sen. and his wife Elizabeth. Provided that if Elizabeth survives Thomas sen., the 2 burgages to be equally divided between her and Thomas jun. If Thomas jun. predeceases Elizabeth, then burgages divided between Elizabeth and Mary. Rent 5s.

[B f. 439: (undated) Thomas Atkins younger son and heir of Giles Atkins deceased, to be admitted tenant to a close of pasture ground (2 a.) called Coverdowne, heretofore parcel of a messuage in Cuddenhill in Charlton Kings, previously a messuage of Roger Holder. Rent 6d., heriot 12d., fine 12d.]

[f. 86v] Robert Mansell and Nicholas Ballenger swear that Thomas Atkins gent. out of court before them on 24 Jan. last surrendered for Henry Atkins a close of arable land in Charlton Kings called Covers downe, having land of Thomas Clarke E and a yokeway or lane W. Rent 6d., heriot 3s., fine 1s.

John Collet, Nicholas Ashmead and Walter Goodrich swear that Robert Ruck out of court before them on 6 Feb. last granted to John Brocke of Charlton Kings a house or tenement with its close, garden and backside, now in the occupation of John Birt; also a headland of arable in the Lye field, Charlton Kings, having land of William Danford S, to hold from Michaelmas next for a term of 12 years 'satisfying paying and discharging all and all manner of payments taxes impositions and quarterings of soldiers that shall or may at any time during the said term be taxed rated imposed or quartered upon

the said granted premises'. Brock not to fell, lop cut down take or carry away any timber trees woods or underwoods, only sufficient lop and 'shrowde' to make the mounds about the premises. Relief 12d.

[f. 87] Richard Wager, Thomas Gregory and John Batten swear that Francis Clark out of court before them on 25 Jan. last surrendered for himself for his lifetime without impeachment of waste, and then for his wife Amy for her lifetime as her jointure, and then for the use their daughter Mary Clarke, a messuage or tenement in Charlton Kings together with all its houses, outhouses, orchards, gardens, closes, inclosures, lands etc. Provided that if Mary Clarke does not pay Thomas Clark heir apparent of Francis £40 on demand after the parents' death, then the premises pass to Thomas. Rent 6d., heriot 2s. 6d., fine 1s.

[f. 87v] Richard Manley and his wife Mary in person surrender for Samuel Trinder sen. and his wife Mary for their lifetimes, and then for his son and heir apparent Samuel Trinder jun., a cottage with its garden and orchard (½ a.) in Westal, Naunton & Sandford. Rent 4d., heriot 1s. 6d., fine 8d.

Robert Whithorne jun. of Bafford, Charlton Kings and his wife Joan in person, in consideration of £100 'being part of the Poores Stock of the parish of Charlton Kings' paid to him by Thomas Ashmead and Samuel Titchet churchwardens of Charlton Kings, with the consent of Lynnet Pates, Samuel Mansell and Walter Curryer 3 of the 'chiefest inhabitants' of Charlton Kings, grant to Ashmead and Titchet and their successors as churchwardens, and Pates, Mansell and Curryer, all those lands meadows and pastures in Bafford as follows:

[f. 88] 2 closes or inclosures of meadow or pasture called Over Combe and Lower Combe; 2 closes of pasture called High breach and Lylly; meadow or pasure grounds called Thrifts; a close of arable called the Croft, to hold from today and for the lifetime of Whithorne and a term of 12 years thereafter. Provided that if Whithorne pay Ashmead and Titchet etc., or any two of them £3 on 20 Oct. next, and £3 on 20 Apr. following, and similarly every Oct. and Apr. until 20 Oct. 1660, and then £103 on the following 20 Apr., then this grant shall be void. [and other contingency conditions] Fine 7s. 10d.

[f. 88v] Samuel Mansell and William Free swear that Thomas Greene sen. out of court before them on 29 Apr. last surrendered for his son Francis Greene several parcels of arable: 3 selions in Short Greenehall furlong in Westal, Naunton & Sandford, between lands of Lynnet Pates gent. S and of Thomas Ballenger N; 9 other selions in the Old Mead (2 selions or butts shooting E-W, lands of Lynnet Pates N, and of Ralph Abots S; another selion N-S between land late of Walter Whithorne E and of William Whithorne W; 2 other selions in the same length, between land of Thomas Ashmead E and of Thomas Wilkes W; 2 other selions shooting E-W between lands of Thomas Wilkes N, one of the m a headland; 2 other selions shooting N-S between lands of Thomas Ashmead E and land late of Lynnet Pates W). Rent 5d., heriot 3s. 7d., fine 10d.

[f. 89] Robert Whithorne sen. and his wife Jane in person surrender for the use of Francis Greene 1 selion or rudge of arable in Charlton Lower field, in Benbreach, extending N-S between land of Walter Higgs W and land late of Dr English E; another selion in the Upper field of Charlton in Ritchy Croft, extending E-W between land of Edmond Clarke S and land of Lynnet Pates gent. N (together 1 a.). Rent 2d., heriot 1s., fine 4d.

John Ellis and Henry Mason swear that Thomas Milton out of court before them on 31 Oct. last surrendered for Guy Ellis of Cheltenham 2 ruddes or selions (2 a.) of arable land in Cheltenham Lower field between land now or late of William Mills E and of Thomas Gregory W, abutting on the homestead late of John Ashmead S and upon Goresditch N. Rent 4d., heriot 2s., fine 8d.

[f. 89v] Henry Roberts and Henry Mason swear that Richard Mathew out of court before them on 5 Apr. last surrendered for his daughter Elizabeth Mathew a messuage or tenement now in the occupation of Joan Merrell widow, between a tenement now occupied by Elizabeth Taylor widow E and land of Richard Mathew W, and a bay of housing adjoining the end of the tenement of Giles

Mathew in Cheltenham now or late in the occupation of Richard Mathew; also 1 rudedged acre lying under Mardens lease, having land of Mary Pates widow now in the occupation of Richard Merrell E and the leasowe called Mardens Lease W; 2 rudes of arable at Holly Withies, land of Henry Maior alias Humfries E and the rectory or farm land W; 2 other rudes of arable in the Bittoms, land of Robert Hiatt W and rectory or farm land E; and a little plot of garden ground next to the house where Joan Merrell now dwells, with right of access and passage through the close and backside etc. Rent 5d., heriot 3s. 6d., fine 10d. Elizabeth admitted; fealty respited, 'she being but an infant'.

[f. 90] Henry Mason and Henry Roberts swear that Richard Mathew out of court before them on 5 Apr. last surrendered for Richard Jennings a rudedged acre of arable land in Cheltenham Lower field in Kingsditch, having Rectory land S and of Francis Gregory of Arle N, and a ½ a. of arable in the same field shooting upon the Moores, land of the Rectory of Cheltenham E and of Thomas Cartwright jun. W. Rent 3d., heriot 1s. 6d., fine 6d.

Samuel Mansell, William Clough and William King swear that out of court before them on 7 Jan. last John Holder sen. granted to his wife Edith Holder all his customary lands dispersed in Ewin Close, and 2 butts in the same field, all in Charlton Kings, for her lifetime as her jointure. Fine 6d.

[f. 90v] Thomas Hartlebury alias Mason and John Hartlebury alias Mason swear that Richard Darke out of court before them on 24 Mar. last surrendered for his father Thomas Darke for his lifetime, and then for Margery Darke daughter of John Darke a close of arable or pasture called Woodbrooke in Arle (3 a.). Rent 1s. 3d., heriot 7s. 10d., fine 2s. 6d.

William Wayt and his wife Joan in person surrender for William Willis a customary messuage or tenement with all houses, buildings, orchards, gardens, courts etc. in Caddenhill in Charlton Kings. Rent 1s. 8d., heriot 5s., fine 3s. 4d.

[f. 91] Robert Milton and William Church burgesses swear that Thomas Benfield sen., burgess, and his wife Elizabeth on 2 Dec. last granted, via Nicholas Barnes bailiff of the borough, a half-burgage in Cheltenham on the S side of the Street, between land of Robert Milton carpenter W and of Thomas Benfield E for the use of William Benfield and his wife Jemimah. Rent 1s. 3d.

Robert Milton and Thomas Benfield burgesses swear that Richard Finch sen., burgess, out of court on 2 Apr. last before them granted, via Nicholas Barnes bailiff of the borough, to his son Thomas Finch a half-burgage in Cheltenham on the S side of the Street, between land of Nicholas Barnes E and of Walter Milton jun. W, to hold after the death of Richard for the lifetime of Thomas, and after for the use of Charles Finch son of Thomas, provided that Richard Finch jun., son of Richard Finch sen., shall hold one chamber within the hall belonging to the said premises called the Lower Chamber for his lifetime, and that Alice Finch daughter of Richard Finch sen. shall hold the lower hall adjoining the said chamber for her lifetime, with use of the pump there. Rent 8d.

[f. 91v] William Church and John Davison burgesses swear that Thomas Powell burgage-holder out of court on 11 Dec. last before them granted, via Nicholas Barnes bailiff of the borough, a half-burgage in Cheltenham on the N side of the Street between lands of CCC W and land now in the occupation of William Taylor E, for the use of William Strawford. Relief 6d.

Thomas Clevely and Walter Clevely jun. in person surrender for William Milton surrender part of close called Moorebreach in Westal, Naunton & Sandford, between the other part of the same close, in the possession of William Milton, E and land of John Powell and Thomas Higgs W; also all trees, hedges, hedgerows, ways, waters etc.. Rent 4d., heriot 1s. 6d., fine 8d.

[f. 92] Ralph Powell and his wife Elizabeth in person surrender for John Milton a close of pasture ground (3 a.) in Westal, Naunton & Sandford called Woodfield close, between land of Thomas Higgs now in the occupation of Walter Ireland E and the highway to Gloucester W; also 13 butts of arable land (1 a.) in Alstone called Woodbrooke between land of John Milton W and a certain yoke-way

leading to Newbridge E; also ½ a. of arable called the broad acre in Redacre furlong in Westal, Naunton & Sandford, between land of John Powell E and W; another ½ a. in Redacre between land of Thomas Gregory E and of Walter Curryer W. Rent 6d., heriot 2s. 6d., fine 1s.

[f. 92v] Richard Whithorne and his wife Anne in person surrender for Samuel Whithorne and his wife Avis a messuage house or tenement called Moorend house, with its orchard and garden, a close called Withyholt extending to the Forden brook E and the highway W, a little close called Grindles paddock, a little close called Grindles green, and a small parcel of ground adjacent to the house, as now marked out; with a messuage in Westal, Naunton and Sanford, with its meadows pastures and feedings. Rent 4s. 6d., heriot £1 15s., fine 9s.

Richard Whithorne and his wife Anne in person surrender for his brother Thomas Whithorne a half-messuage with its meadows, pastures and feedings, together with a close called the Castles, another close called Great Cuttum Butts, a little close called Little Cuttum Butts, in Ham. Rent 4s. 9d., heriot 12s. 11d., fine 9s. 6d.

[f. 93] Thomas Whithorne in person surrenders for Richard Whithorne and his wife Anne a close of meadow or pasture called Ravensgate Leasowe abutting on Ravensgate Lane W; another close of meadow or pasture called Little Close, together with all arable land in Ravensgate piece; a little close called Withyholt extending to Foorden brook E and the highway W; another little close called Grindleys, a small parcel of ground behind the barn as now marked out, adjacent to a house called Moorends house; all in Charlton Kings. Rent 1s. 6d., heriot 6s. 3d., fine 3s.

[f. 93v] Thomas Whithorne and Samuel Mansell swear that Edith Whithorne widow of late Walter Whithorne out of court before them on 22 Apr. last granted to her son Richard Whithorne and his wife Anne the following closes: 1 close of meadow called Flaunchbreach, a close of pasture called Whitebreach, a close of meadow or pasture called New Leasowe; a close of meadow or pasture called Little Close, arable lands in Ravensgate piece, and butts of arable in Lillyes in Charlton Kings, for the life of Edith and 12 years thereafter. Fine 2s. 11d.

Samuel Mansell and Thomas Whithorne swear that Edith Whithorne widow of the late Walter Whithorne out of court before them on 30 Apr. last granted to her son Samuel Whithorne and his wife Joyce a customary messuage or house called Moorends house, with its orchard and garden; a little close called Withyholts, a small enclosed parcel called Grindley paddock, another small enclosed parcel called Grindles Green; a customary meese in Naunton called Nauntons meese; all in Charlton kings and Naunton, for the lifetime of Edith and a term of 12 years thereafter. Fine 3s. 2d.

[f. 94] Elizabeth Mathew widow in person remits and releases forever to Richard Jennings of Cheltenham chandler a whole rugged acre of arable in Cheltenham Lower fields in Kingsditch, having land of the Rectory of Cheltenham S, and of Francis Gregory of Arle N; also ½ a. arable in the same field shooting on the Moores, having land of the Rectory of Cheltenham E and of Thomas Cartwright jun. W, which land was of Richard Mathew late husband of Elizabeth; to the use of Richard Jennings with all title and interest. [no fee stated]

Robert Milton and William Church burgesses swear that Thomas Benfield sen. burgage-holder out of court on 2 Dec. last, before Nicholas Barnes bailiff of the borough, granted to his son John Benfield a half-burgage in Cheltenham on the S side of the Street of Cheltenham, between land of Thomas Benfield W and Day Lane E; to hold after the deaths of Thomas Benfield sen. and his wife Elizabeth. Rent 11d.

[f. 94v] Presented by the homage that William Free has died since the last court, seised of several parcels of land and pasture in Charlton Kings (1 a.); 1 land by the Bittoms, 1 land in Forden bank, a further land in Forden Bank, a heading rudge in Richie Croft, 3 lands in Barley Mead, a land in 'Kavenhall', and a headland by the bottom of the Ten Layes; and that his son William Free is next heir. Heriot 2s.

By the homage: Walter Whithorne who held divers customary lands has died since the last court, and that Richard Whithorne is his eldest son and next heir. Heriot 2s. 9d. Is admitted and does fealty.

Also that Richard Mathew died since the last court seised of certain customary land, and that his daughter Joan Mathew is his next heir.

[f. 95] Richard Darke a customary tenant has died since the last court but before his death he surrendered his lands before some customary tenants.

Giles Chestro late a customary tenant has died since the last court but surrendered his lands before his death.

Richard Hawker a burgage-holder has died since the last court seised of part of a burgage, and that his son William Hawker is his next heir.

[f. 95v] Court baron of John Dutton esq., held 11 October 1652 before William Sheppard esq. steward.

Homage:

Toby Packer
Linnett Pates
Samuel Mansell
Robert Milton

Richard Wager
Walter Currier
John Maryes
Walter Ireland *sworn*

John Collett and Thomas Cartwright swear that Richard Banaster out of court before them on 15 June last, in consideration of a competent sum paid to him by Nicholas Ashmead of Cheltenham mercer granted to Ashmead all those yearly rents payable to Banaster by Mary Ballenger of Westall late wife of Edmund Ballenger deceased (by virtue of a grant previously made by Banaster to the Ballengers for a term of 12 years), for the remainder of the term. [no fee stated]

[f. 96] Nicholas Ashmeade in person surrenders for the use of Thomas Roberts gent. a parcel of pasture ground in Alstone called Hunt Furze (1½ a.) shooting E-W and lying between the highway leading to Grovefield S and land of Thomas Packer gent. N. Rent 1d., heriot 4d., fine 2d.

Nicholas Barnes bailiff of the borough, with Richard Finch and Thomas Benfield burgesses presents that John Chestro on 31 August last granted a burgage in Cheltenham between the house now in the possession of Mary Mills widow E and the dwelling house of Richard Hookes W to the use of John Chestro and his wife Margaret for their lifetimes and after to their heirs. Relief 10d.

[f. 96v] George Chestro sen. and William Kinge swear that John Chestro out of court on 31 Aug. last before them surrendered for himself and his wife Margaret 4 rudes of arable in Cheltenham Lower field in Holly Withies furlong, between land now or late in the occupation of Guy Ellis sen. N and of Thomas Buckle [W], and a rudge of arable heading the said furlong, and another rudge (1 a.) in the same field, land of John Ellis E; a rudge in Leechcroft (1 a.), land of Henry Mason E and W; rudes of arable called Ballacre in Mead furlong in Alstone; a parcel of arable (1 a.) in Alstone, adjoining a close of Thomas Buckle's called Laveram E, and land of John Chestro called Hobbs mead W; a headland in Cheltenham Lower field having the highway from Cheltenham to Gloucester N and land late of Thomas Cartwright and others S; and other arable in the Lower field lying between land of widow Banaster E and widow Cox W. Rent 2s. 7d., heriot 9s. 10d., fine 5s. 2d.

[f. 97] Thomas Cartwright jun. and his wife Frances in person surrender for Thomas Ricketts a parcel of ground as now set out by bounds or marks from ground of Thomas Cartwright E, next to a messuage or tenement and garden in the possession of John Clarke W, shooting N-S from the Street

of Cheltenham N and to Cambray mead S, 1 yd wide at the N end, and 10 yds wide at the S. Rent 1d., heriot 6d., fine 2d.

Thomas Cartwright jun. and his wife Frances in person surrender for Henry Mason 5½ a. of arable land in Cheltenham Upper field, namely a whole ruded acre shooting on Mr Bayley's head acre N, land of Henry Mason E and of Mary Pates widow W; another whole acre in the same furlong, land of John Collet E and of Henry Mason W; 2 rudes (1½ a.) in the same furlong, land of Lodowick Packer W and of Guy Ellis; another whole acre in another furlong in the same field at the Butts, land of Elianor Cox widow E and of the Rectory of Cheltenham W; and another acre there between Rectory land E and of John Collett W. Rent 1s., heriot 6s., fine 2s.

[f. 97v] Francis Gregory and William Buckle swear that Alexander Packer gent. out of court on 22 June last before them surrendered to himself for his lifetime and after for his daughters Katharine and Anne a water gristmill with appurtenances in Alstone, with adjacent meadow or pasture ground called the Millpitts. Rent 6s. 8d., heriot 10s., fine 13s. 4d. [\[B f. 250: their fealty respited, they being under age.\]](#)

Thomas Little and Thomas Buckle swear that Richard Strowde out of court on 16 Aug. last before them granted to his wife Elizabeth his house and close in Arle for a term of 12 years. Fine 2s. 2d.

[f. 98] John Sturmy in person grants to his wife Sarah all his customary lands meadows and pastures in Alstone for her lifetime as her jointure. Rent 4s. 10d., fine 2s. 5¼d.

Homage presents that Richard Strowde late customary tenant has died since the last court, seised of lands in Arle. Heriot [blank]. His eldest daughter is next heir.

Homage also presents that Thomas Whithorne who held a closes of meadow or pasture called Withyholt and Morends close, and 11 a. arable land Charlton Kings Lower field belonging to a essuage called Morends Meese in Bafford, and 8 selions or doles of arable in Ravensgate field, and a close of meadow or pasture called the Logg, and messuage house and ¼ of a meese of customary land belonging to it, in Ham, a close of pasture called the Castles, closes of pasture called Great and Little Cuttam Butts, all in Charlton Kings, died since the last court. Heriots as follows: Moorends Meese 12s. 6d.; the Logg and the Doules 7s. 10d., the remainder 12s. 11d. His eldest brother Richard Whithorne is next heir.

[f. 98v] Homage presents that Jane widow of Anthony Ward and daughter of Thomas Stephens who held the NE moiety of a customary piece of land called Bayshill (3 a.) in Alstone, rent 8d., has died since the last court seised thereof. Heriot 2s. 6d. Anthony Ward jun. is her only son and next heir. He is admitted, pays fine of 1s. 4d., but fealty respited because [under age].

Richard Whithorne eldest brother of late Thomas Whithorne seeks admission to holdings (as preceding page) of which his brother died seised. Rent 9s. 6d., heriot £1 13s., fine 19s.

[f. 99] Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. held 8 November 1652 before William Sheppard esq. steward

Homage:

Thomas Cartwright
Giles Ashmead
Giles Mathewe

Robert Bicke
William Ashmeade
Richard Cooke

John Buckle *sworn*
[ditto in [B f. 263](#)]

Richard Broade and his wife Mary in person surrender for Thomas Ashmeade sen. all those parcels of arable, meadow and pasture and woodgrounds called Greater and Lesser Feasants, Bafford Paddock, the Grove and Lilly Laynes in Charlton Kings. Rent 1s. 6d., heriot 9s. 3d., fine 3s.

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Cheltenham. View of frankpledge and court baron of John Dutton esq. held 25 April 1653 before William Sheppard esq. steward

Grand jury:

Robert Milton
 Anthony Ireland
 Robert Gale
 Walter Ireland
 Walter Lane

James Eckly
 John Clifford
 Ralph Crumpe
 Robert Clarke
 Thomas White

Roger Dowdeswell
 John Milton
 Thomas Hartlebury *sworn*

Homage:

John Maryes
 Walter Curryer
 Thomas Ashmead

William Combe
 Francis Gregory
 Thomas Gregory

Robert Alexander
 John Chestro *sworn*

Affeerers:

Henry Mason

Edward Johnson

Thomas Cox *sworn*

Thomas Roberts, bailiff of the hundred and manor
Thomas Cox, bailiff of the borough
John Buckle and Guy Ellis, high constables
Walter Cox, tithingman of Alstone
John Rooke, constable of Charlton
Richard Rogers, tithingman of Cheltenham
William Barnard, tithingman of Charlton
Henry White, tithingman of Arle
Lynet Pates gent., tithingman of Bafford
William Randle, tithingman of Brodwell
Edmund Carpenter, tithingman of Leckhampton
William Hopkins, constable of Leckhampton
Robert Alexander, tithingman of Ashley
Thomas Ballenger, tithingman of Westal
John Compton, constable of Swindon

All residents amerced in 2s. apiece and all tenants and freeholders in 1s. 6d. apiece by the steward for not appearing.

John Dobyngs chosen rent-gatherer
 Richard Merrell rent-gatherer

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A view between John Harris and Thomas Ashmead touching an encroachment made upon John Harris' land to be done by John Mayes, Walter Curryer, William Comb and Francis Gregory on Whitsun Monday next.

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Presentment of the Grand Jury made 25 April 1653

We do present that Walter Wardner did sell ale and beer by unlawful measures, as also the following; all amerced 3s. 4d. apiece:²²

²² Spelling in this section is more than usually idiosyncratic.

Thomas Powell
 Thomas Nicholls
 Lawrence Higges
 John Ellis
 Arthur Packer gent.
 Thomas Jenke
 Mary Sturme widow
 Elizabeth White widow
~~Thomas Chartwricke~~ [ie, Cartwright?]

~~Mary Attwood widow~~
 Thomas Sturme 'the Carer' [sc. carrier?]
 Margaret Blowmoare widow
 Henry Goodcheap
 Mary Milles widow
 John Machinge of Charlton
 Richard Stevens
 Richard Whithorne
 [Elizabeth?] Carlinne

Item we present John Norris and his wife Alice for erecting and building a cottage in Charlton and have not laid four acres of land to it – since the last court.

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Item we do order that John Warde baker shall make the wall sufficient about his oven, in pain of 10s., within the 1st of May.

Item we do order Roger Hubbard esq. shall make a sufficient bridge at 'Chamberey Meddow' leading the foot way to Leckhampton by the 14 day of May in pain of 10s.

Item we order that all the inhabitants of Cheltenham that do make use of the well at the lower end of the town [sic, seemingly incomplete], that everyone that do refuse to pay to the repair of the well shall forfeit 10 groats.

Item we do present that Thomas Nicholls has erected a cottage and has not laid 4 a. of land to it in Cheltenham, since last court.

Item we do order that all the inhabitants of Alstone are to maintain a sufficient bridge and a rail in Laverram being a footbridge leading to Gloucester by 4 June upon [pain] of 20s.

[f. 99v blank; f. 100] **Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. held 25 April 1653, before William Sheppard esq. steward**

Homage: [names as in B above]

John Buckle and Thomas Gregory swear that William Coombe out of court on 25 Oct. last granted to his wife Jane a messuage or tenement in Alstone where Coombe now dwells, and its lands, for her lifetime as her jointure. Fine 2s. 6d.

Richard Jennings in person surrenders for himself for his lifetime and afterwards for his wife Margery for her lifetime as her jointure, and afterwards for his son Lodowick Jennings, a whole rugged acre of arable land in Cheltenham Lower field in Kingsditch, having land of the rectory of Cheltenham S and of Francis Gregory of Arle N; also a ½ a. in the same field shooting on the Moores, land of the rectory E and of Thomas Cartwright W. Rent 3d., heriot 1s. 6d., fine 6d.

[f. 100v] Henry Roberts and Giles Mathewes swear that Toby Packer on 2 Dec. last surrendered to the use of Thomas Cox of Cheltenham 3 a. of arable land called Picked piece in Cheltenham Upper field, land of the Rectory of Cheltenham now in the possession of John Collett E and of Robert Bick W. Rent 12d., heriot 4s., fine 2s.

Isaac Williams in person surrenders for his wife Anne for her lifetime as her jointure all his land in Coultham field in Charlton Kings, lately purchased of Robert Gale (3 a.). Fine 3d.

[f. 101] Robert Gale and his wife Frances in person surrender for Isaac Williams 7 rudes of arable land in Charlton Kings in Coultam field (2 a.), land of Robert Alexander S, and land in the occupation of Thomas Ellis N; another rudge in the same field ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.), land of William King N and of Thomas Stubb clerk S; 3 rudes or arable ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.) in the same field, land now in the occupation of William Clevely N and of Robert Alexander S. Rent 6d., heriot 18d., fine 12d.

Robert Gale and his wife Frances in person surrender for the use of William Maysie a plot of arable land called Bun Hall ($\frac{1}{4}$ a.) in Charlton Kings land of John Martin E and land now in the occupation of William Maysie W. Rent 1d., heriot 7d., fine 2d.

[f. 101v] Lynnet Pates in person for the use of William Maysey sen. a piece of arable in Charlton Kings called Bonehall, having land of William Maysey W and of Thomas Stubbs clerk W ($\frac{1}{4}$ a.). Rent 1d., heriot 7d., fine 2d.

Henry Mason and Richard Jennings swear that Francis Gregory sen. on 18 Apr. 1653 before them surrendered for Robert Gregory a close of meadow or pasture called Gotheridge breach (3 a.) in Arle, having land of Thomas Buckle S and the arable field there N; also another close of meadow or pasture called Little Coverbreach (1 a.), land of Alexander Packer S and of Walter French alias Lane N. Rent 2s., heriot 5s., fine 4s.

[f. 102] Thomas Ashmeade sen. and his wife Mary in person surrender for the use of Alice Aston daughter of William Aston 3 butts of arable land in Charlton Kings in the Hitchings adjoining a close called Higgins Hay (belonging to Samuel Mansell) W. Rent 1d., heriot 6d., fine 2d. Alice admitted and does fealty.

Thomas Little and his wife Alice in person grant to Thomas Buckle 12 rudes of arable land together (4 a.) in Alstone in Hazards field between land of Richard Ellis now in the possession of James Eckley N and of Edmund Gale S, to hold for the lifetime of Thomas Little and a term of 12 years after. Fine 1s. 4d.

Thomas Little and his wife Alice in person surrender for Thomas Roberts gent. 12 rudes of arable land [as preceding]. Rent 8d., heriot 3s. 9d., fine 1s. 4d.

[f. 102v] Thomas Little and his wife Alice in person surrender for Walter Cox a messuage or tenement in Alstone and all its lands (except the 12 rudes just surrendered). Rent 4s. 4d., heriot £1 6s. 3d., fine 8s. 8d.

Robert Smith and his wife Margery in person for Humphrey Yate a messuage, houses, and homestead with all its lands in Westal and Alstone. Rent 4s. 8d., heriot 30s., fine 9s. 4d.

[[Either a leaf has been removed, or the numbering skips one]]

[f. 104] Linnett Pates and Walter Currier swear that Thomas Greene sen. on 12 Oct. last before them granted to Anthony Webb of Charlton Kings, to the use and behoof of the said Thomas Green and his wife Magdaline for their lifetimes, all his lands in Charlton Kings. Rent 1s. 2d., fine 1s. 2d.

Richard Pollard and his wife Mary in person surrender to the use of Jeffery Okey all their little house or tenement in Cheltenham, as now divided off my merestones, having land of Robert Bicke sen. S and of Thomas Sandford N and W. Rent 1d., heriot 2s., fine 2d.

Robert Milton and Thomas Hartlebury swear that Henry Mason on 1 Feb. last before them granted to Thomas Nicholls a plot of ground about 6 yds wide and 6 yds long in Cheltenham Upper field at the Butts, shooting on the highway into Cheltenham, for a term of 12 years, provided that it shall for lawful at the end of the term for Nicholls any building he may have erected upon it. Rent 2d.

[f. 104v] John Powell and his wife Mary in person by licence from the lord grant and release quitclaim to Ralph Powell their son their messuage or tenement in Westal, Naunton & Sandford, and all its lands. Afterwards came the said Ralph Powell and his wife Elizabeth in person and granted the same to Giles Dowle gent. for a term of 12 years. Fine 2s. 4d.

[f. 105] Thomas Cox bailiff of the borough, with Robert Mylton and John Davison burgesses, presents that Henry Joynes burgage-holder out of court before them gave to his wife Elizabeth a whole burgage, a half-burgage and a quantity of burgage in Cheltenham on the S side of the Street, between land of John Pye then in the occupation of Joseph Arckle E and of Thomas Buckle W, until Henry Joynes son of Henry sen. shall reach the age of 21 years, and after to following uses: to his wife Elizabeth the house he then dwelt in, with its garden as now divided, for her lifetime; to his eldest daughter Elizabeth the quantity of burgage then in the occupation of Henry Bloxam, also the quantity of burgage then in the possession of Richard Nicholls sen.; if his daughter Elizabeth has no heirs, then to Henry Joynes jun. and heirs, the whole burgage and other quantity of burgage, except that assigned to his wife Elizabeth and daughter Elizabeth, to the use of Henry Joynes jun., eldest son of Henry, Henry jun. to pay Elizabeth the mother 20s. yearly for her lifetime, once he is 21. Rents 2s. and 6d., relief 2s. 6d.

[f. 105v] Richard Sperring in person surrenders to himself for life and after to his wife Elizabeth for her life as her jointure, and after to their son John Sperring, rooms and parcels of meadow or pasture belonging to his messuage called Ballhouse in Charlton Kings, namely the hall, the buttery chamber over the hall, the chamber over the buttery, and the cokloft over the said chamber, and all the W end of the stable as now divided, and the moiety of the cowhouse and the 'tablett' over the cowhouse, together with the use of the threshing room in the barn when needful. Also the garden over against the hall window, and the moiety of the yard or court next to the highway there, and the moiety of the close called Ballhey, the moiety of the ground called Robwood brook, 2 grounds called Whitfurlong (one meadow, one arable); also meadow or pasture ground called Footshill, with rights of access etc. Rent 1s. ½d., heriot 20s., fine 2s. 1d.

[C: Thomas Green son of Thomas Greene is admitted tenant to the lands of which his father died seised. Heriot 6s. 5d., rent 1s. 2d., fine 2s. 4d.]

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Court leet and court baron of hundred and manor of Cheltenham, held 10 October 1653 before William Sheppard esq. steward

Grand jury:

Edward Johnsons
John Mason alias Hartlebury
John Tanty
Thomas Lumbard
George Merrell

George Horton
Edmund Gale
John Ellis sen.
Nathaniel Chestroe
John Collett

John Mason
Robert Milton
Thomas Cleeveley
Thomas Gregory *sworn*

Homage:

Thomas Ashmead sen.
John Pates
Francis Gregory jun.

Nicholas Ashmead
Robert Bicke
Giles Mathew

John Ashmead sen.
Michael Wells
Walter Cox *sworn*

Affeerers:

Thomas Ashmead

Henry Mason

John Buckle

Old officers	New officers
Thomas Roberts gent., bailiff of the manor	Thomas Roberts gent.
Thomas Cox, bailiff of the borough	Richard Merrell

John Buckle, Guy Ellis, high constables	Giles Ashmead, Thomas White <i>sworn</i>
Walter Cox, tithingman of Alstone	John Stevens <i>sworn</i>
John Rooke, constable of Charlton	William King <i>sworn</i>
Richard Rogers, tithingman of Cheltenham	Toby Packer <i>sworn</i>
William Bernard, tithingman of Charlton	-
Henry White, tithingman of Arle	Giles Robinson <i>sworn</i>
Lynet Pates, tithingman of Bafford	Lynett Pates <i>sworn</i>
William Randle, tithingman of Brodwell	William House <i>sworn</i>
Edmund Carpenter, tithingman of Leckhampton	John Tanty <i>sworn</i>
William Hopkins, constable of Leckhampton	Thomas Caffold
Robert Alexander, tithingman of Ashley	Robert Alexander <i>sworn</i>
Thomas Ballenger, tithingman of Westal	Samuel Whithorne <i>sworn</i>
John Compton, constable of Swindon	Benjamin Baldwyn, <i>sworn</i>
	Thomas White, Guy Ellis [1 wd u/r] carinders? <i>sworn</i>
	Thomas Benfield, Thomas Merrell aletasters, <i>sworn</i>

All persons that have made default amerced by the steward 2s. 6d. apiece.

~~John Clifford to be constable of Swindon this year.~~

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The presentment of the Grand Jury at the Leet held for the manor of Cheltenham 10 October 1653

We present Walter Warner for selling beer with unlawful measures. Similarly Thomas Powell, Lawrence Higgs, John Iles, Arthur Packer, Thomas Duke, Mary Sturmy widow, Elizabeth White widow, Thomas Cartwright, Mary Attwood widow, Thomas Sturmy 'karier', Margaret Blomar widow, Henry Goodchepe, Richard Stephens of Charlton Kings, John Machin. 3s. 4d. apiece.

We present:

Thomas Stephens of Cheltenham for entertaining 2 inmates in his house for one month since last court, contrary to the statute.

Gabriel Wilson that lately married the widow Jeynes for entertaining 2 inmates in his house since last court for one month, contrary to the statute.

Michael Rickets of Cheltenham for a common alehouse haunter and disturber of his neighbours, and do amerce him 3s. 4d.

Walter Gard of Cheltenham for a common drunkard and common swearer..

Roger Havard esq. who was ordered the last court by the grand jury upon pain of 10s. to set up a footbridge in Cambry Meade leading to Leckhampton for breach of the said order.

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We order:

Owners of the land leading from Morend to the parish church of Leckhampton shall not plough up the church path leading to the said church, but shal sufficiently repair it again, upon pain of 6s. 8d. for every default.

William Howse that he shall cleanse the 'gripp' and make a 'stanke' at the near end of Timbers lane, and to turn the water in its right course, by 1 December next, upon pain of 3s. 4d.

Those that have dung miskins upon the green in Swindon near the Churchway shall carry them away by 2 February next, and to put no more dung upon the green near the Churchway, upon pain of 10s.

The inhabitants of Swindon aforesaid shall fill up the sandpit in the green near the highway, and to dig no more sand there, upon pain of 5s. for every default.

The inhabitants of Cheltenham shall repair the pound of Cheltenham by 10 November next, upon pain of 10s.

The spring rising in 'Knavnill' field in the tithing of Westal, Naunton & Sandford shall continue his right course through Naunton and whosoever shall turn the said watercourse out of its old way shall pay for every such default 10s.

Walter Fox of Arle to pull down the stanke and to let the water run its right course between the old 'bery' and his own ground by 1 November next, upon pain of 10s.

John Lidiatt of Swinsell in the tithing of Westal shall sufficiently repair the Church way leading from Westal to Cheltenham from his house to the end of Gosstey close or else to pull up the hedge, by 1 November next, upon pain of 10s.

[f. 106] Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq., held 10 October 1653 before William Sheppard esq., steward

Homage:

Thomas Ashmeade sen.

John Pates

Francis Gregory jun.

Nicholas Ashmeade

Robert Bick

Giles Mathew

John Ashmeade sen.

Michael Wells

Walter Cox *sworn*

Samuel Higgs and his wife Alice surrender for John Nicholls and his wife Elizabeth for their lifetimes and after for their daughter Hanna Nicholls and her heirs, remainder to Jane Nicholls another daughter, a little house or tenement in Cheltenham now in the possession of Thomas Ward, adjacent to a messuage or tenement in the possession of Elizabeth Nicholls widow, together with use of the pump that stands between the said house in the possession of Ward and the messuage in the possession of Samuel Higgs, with right of access to the same. Rent 2d., heriot 6d., fine 4d.

[f. 106v] Richard Sperring in person surrenders for himself for life and then for his wife Elizabeth for her lifetime as her jointure, then for their son John Sperring, all rooms and parcels of meadow or pasture belonging to his messuage called Ballhouse in Charlton Kings, namely the hall, buttery, chamber over the hall, chamber over the buttery, cockloft over the two chambers, and all the W end of the stable as now divided; the moiety of the cowhouse and the 'tablett' over it, together with use of the threshing room in the barn when necessary; also the garden lying over against the hall window, and the moiety of the court or yard lying next to the highway there, and the moiety of Ballhey Close, the moiety of a ground called Redwood brooke, the 2 grounds called Whitfurlong (1 meadow, the other arable), and all that meadow or pasture called Footshill. Rent 1s. ½d., heriot 20s., fine 2s. 1d.

[f. 107] Elionor Cox widow in person surrenders for herself for her lifetime and after for her son Walter, with remainder to another son, Giles Cox, a messuage in Alstone with all its barns, stables, buildings, yards, orcwards and gardens; also the adjacent Upper Close, and all lands lately purchased from Robert Eckley and Edward Mathew. Rent 1s. 10d., heriot 10s., fine 3s. 8d.

Richard Sperring in person granted to William Mason of Whittington, Glos., and William Stone of 'Norlatch', Glos., 2 messuages and all lands in Charlton Kings (except all those rooms etc., surrendered above by Richard Sperring to the use of Elizabeth), to hold after the death of Sperring for

a term of 12 years, on trust that they use the rents and profits for the maintenance of his children. Fine 3d.

[f. 107v] Robert Smith and his wife Margery in person grant to Linnett Pates gent. a mansion house with its barns stables and curtilages in Westal, late in the possession of William Buttwell and in the possession of Humphrey Yate, 1 close or meadow or pasture (3 a.) called the Orchard, and 2 other closes of land and pasture lying together called the Laynes and Starfield or Starford (12 a.) in Westal, late in the possession of Buttwell and now of Yate; a close of meadow or homestead (3 a.) in Westal, Naunton & Sandfoird, sometime the land of Conway Whithorne, except all woods, underwoods saving necessary timber and fuel for repairing the housing and making the mounds; to hold from Michaelmas last for a term of 12 years. Fine 2s. 6d.

[f. 108] Thomas Cartwright and his wife Frances in person surrender for Toby Leech and his wife Jane a parcel of land in Cheltenham, late parcel of the homestead of Thomas Norwood, 9 yards wide at the Street end and 10 yds at the back, as now marked out with stones between a certain parcel lately purchased of Thomas and Frances by Thomas Meacock W and another parcel lately purchased of them by Richard Leigh on another side. Rent 2d., heriot 10d., fine 4d.

[f. 108v] Thomas Cartwright and his wife Frances in person surrender for Richard Lea and his wife Jane for their lifetimes and after for their heirs a parcel of ground late parcel of the homestead of Thomas Norwood in Cheltenham, 7 yds wide at the Street end and 5 yds at the back, lying between land of Richard Teeckle E and of Toby Leech W. Rent 2d., heriot 10d., fine 4d.

[f. 109] Walter Curryer and William Cleevely swear that Lynnet Pates gent. on 26 May last before them surrendered for John Holder and his wife Edith an inclosed ground of pasture or arable called Lattners Leasow (5 a.); a similar close called Coltham Close ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.); and a rudge of pasture or arable in Ewen ($\frac{1}{4}$ a.); all in Charlton Kings Rent 1s., heriot 2s. 6d., fine 2s.

Henry Mason and John Pates swear that Thomas Deane on 26 Apr. last before them and Thomas Hartlebury granted to his wife Elizabeth for her lifetime as her jointure all his customary lands in Charlton Kings. Fine $13\frac{1}{2}$ d.

[f. 109v] John Buckle and Thomas Sturmy swear that George Roberts on 16 Sept. last before them surrendered for Thomas Buckle of Uckington and Edward Johnson a messuage in Alstone heretofore surrendered by Middleton Rogers to the use of Roberts, and all its lands, upon trust that Buckle and Johnson shall surrender the premises to such uses as Thomas Roberts shall appoint in his will. Rent 1s. 6d., heriot 20s., fine 3s.

William Freame gent. and his wife Mary in person surrender for Ralph Davis alias Isaack and his wife Katharine a tenement in Arle now or late in the possession of George Bicke, with all its lands. Rent 2s. 4d., heriot 30s., fine 4s. 8d. [[B f. 446: worksilver 14 \$\frac{1}{2}\$ d., common fine 3d.](#)]

[f. 110] Walter Cleevely jun. in person surrenders for himself for life, and after for his wife Sarah for her lifetime as her jointure, a messuage or tenement in Westal which the said Walter lately built, together with its orchard, garden and backside, between land of Thomas Greening E and of Eleanor Bannester widow W; also a close of pasture called the Goare (2 a.) having land of Thomas Gregory E and land late of Richard Bannester W; also 2 closes called Woodfield (one of 2a., the other 8 a.). Rent 2s., heriot 7s., fine 4s.

Henry Mason and Thomas Hartlebury swear that Walter Cleevely jun. on 7 Oct. last before them surrendered for Robert Milton a parcel called Moore acre in Westal, Naunton & Sandford (1 a.), having land of Walter Ireland E and of Robert Milton W. Rent 1d., heriot 6d., fine 2d.

[f. 110v] William Buckle and his wife Katherine in person surrender for Thomas Roberts, Thomas Buckle and John Buckle 2 tenements or parcels of housing, one in the possession of Giles Perry, the other in the possession of Ralph Taylor, and a parcel of housing called 'the shopp' in the possession

of Robert Gregory and the chamber over the shop, and ground on the backside of the tenement, as broad as the tenement and extending in length to the gutter there; also several parcels of arable meadow or pasture: 2 rudes (1 a.) near the Marsh, between land of the Farm W and of widow Banaster E; 4 rudes called the Holte (2 a.) between land of Richard Bleeke W and of William Mills W; 6 rudes of arable (2½ a.) called James Ladder between a footpath there W and land of Giles Mathew E; 1 a. shooting on Wymans Brook, between land of John Buckle W and of William Mills E; 1 rudge (½ a.) in the same furlong, between land of Thomas Cox W and of Thomas Cartwright E; 1 a. meadow in Whaddon, lying in part on both sides of the brook there; 4 rudes of arable or pasture (2 a.) called Whaddon in Whaddon field, between land of Richatrd Mathew W and of Giles Cox E. Rent 2s. 6d., heriot 8s. 6d., fine 5s.

[f. 111] Thomas Cartwright and his wife Frances in person surrender for Thomas Meacocke and his wife Katherine a parcel of ground in Cheltenham, parcel of the homestead once of Thomas Norwood, 9 yds wide at the Street end and 10 yds wide at the back end, and 46 yds long, as now marked out with stones, between a parcel of ground lately sold by Thomas and Frances to Toby Leech E, and one sold to Thomas Merrell W. Rent 2d., heriot 10d., fine 4d.

[f. 111v] Thomas Cartwright and his wife Frances in person surrender for Thomas Merrell and his wife Joan a parcel of ground in Cheltenham being part of the homestead sometime of Thomas Norwood, 18 yds wide at the Street end, 20 yds wide at the back, and 46 yds long, lying between the house and grounds of Thomas Ricketts W and a parcel of ground lately sold by Cartwright to Thomas Meacocke, as now marked out. Rent 4d., heriot 1s. 8d., fine 8d.

Walter Ireland and Thomas Cartwright swear thatr William Wayte on 14 May last granted to Richard Weaver a messuage or tenement in Charlton Kings called Charlton's Mill, now in the possession of Wayte, to hold from Michaelmas next for a term of 9 years. Provided that if Wayte pays Weaver £12 yearly for the next 3 years at Michaelmas (starting on 29 Sept. 1654), the grant shall be void. Fine 1s. 8d.

[f. 112] William Cleevly in person grants to his wife Jane a messuage or tenement called Churchend Meese in Charlton Kings with all its lands for her lifetime as her jointure. Fine 5½d. The same William grants to Lynett Pates and Samuel Mansell his messuage or tenement called Churchend Meese with all its lands in Charlton Kings for the lifetime of Cleevly and 6 years after, without impeachment of waste, upon trust and for the benefit of William. Rent 11d., fine 9½d.

[f. 112v] William Cleevly in person surrenders for his youngest son Henry Cleevly and his wife Mary for their lifetimes, and their heirs a messuage or tenement called Churchend Meese with all its lands in Charlton Kings. Rent 11d., heriot 29s., fine 22d.

Thomas Je[l]fe and William Danford swear that Edith Whithorne widow on 20 May last before them granted to Samuel Whithorne a close of meadow or pasture called Sheephouse close, with the sheephouse there, to hold for her lifetime and a term of 12 years after, at a yearly rent of £5 at Michaelmas and Lady Day in equal portions. Fine 16d.

[f. 113] William Buckle and his wife Katherine in person surrender for William for his lifetime and after for Katherine for her lifetime, remainder to their daughters Mary, Elizabeth and Sarah Buckle, a messuage or tenement in Cheltenham called Outridge messuage, with all its lands in Cheltenham and Alstone, now in the possession of Mary Buckle widow, except for parts previously surrendered by John Buckle deceased, late father of William to Thomas Buckle brother of William, and except also that part earlier surrendered at this court by William to Robert Buckle, Thomas Buckle and John Buckle to pay the debts of William; excepting also a parcel of ground, part of the garden of William lately taken out of the backside of Outridge messuage, now in the possession of Mary Buckle widow. Rent 2s. 8d., heriot 14s., fine 5s. 4d.

Robert Milton and Francis Gregory swear that Walter Lane on 28 Apr. last in consideration of his impending marriage with Elianor Chandler daughter of William Chandler surrendered for himself until the marriage, and then for himself and Elianor for their lifetimes, a close of

[f. 113v] meadow called Broadmead (9 a.), a close of pasture ground in Barbridge field called the Piece (8 a.), arable lands in Barbridge field (6 a.) (except a ¼ a. rudge between lands of Walter French on both sides), Ashlands close (3 a.), a homestead or meese place called Oldhay, 3 lands (1 a.) in Haydon Hill field between lands of Thomas Ham E, 6 lands (2 a.) in the same field between lands of John Mason N and of Francis Gregory S, 2 lands in Pilgrove in the same field between land heretofore of John Ligon esq. W and of John Mason E; 2 lands or goares in Middle field shooting on the upper end of Small mead, lands in Middle field called Banchers (1 a.), lands in Middlefield (1 a.) shooting upon Howe brooke, also 2 lands in the Middle field shooting on the Greenway between land of Walter Lane E and of Francis Gregory W, 4 lands (2 a.) in Townsend field in Arle under New Lease Hedge, 2 lands (1 a.) in Townsend field near a hedge between land of heretofore of John Ligon on both sides, and other lands in the same field between lands of John Mason W and of Elizabeth Strowd widow E (1 a.); also a messuage tenement or dwelling house wherein Mary Lane or French mother of Walter now or lately dwelt, with all buildings, orchards, gardens etc. (except the range of building next the Street, and the parcel of ground now used for a garden at the N end of this range, and the use of the kitchen there during the lifetime of Mary; excepting also the orchard next to the Street and that part of an adjacent close as now divided off by a hedge, and part of the courtyard). Rent 12s., heriot 36s., fine 24s.

[f. 114] Presented by the homage that Edmund Buttwell late tenant who held a close in Alstone called Neyshcroft, on which he lately erected a dwelling house, and 2 rudes of arable land in Alstone in Hill field in Underhill furlong (1 a.), 2 other rudes in Sandfield, 1 in Ashlands furlong and the other in Collier furlong (1 a.), has died since the last court seised of the same. His eldest daughter Margery, now wife of James Eckley, is next heir. Rent 5d., heriot 3s., fine 10d. Margery is admitted.

[f. 114v] Presented by the homage that Francis Kent tenant who held a house or tenement with garden and curtilage in Arle, being part of the homestead sometime of Richard Grevill in Arle, between land of John Mason E and another part of the same homestead now in the possession of Giles Dowdeswell W, has died since the last court. Francis Kent is his son and heir. Rent 4d., heriot 4s. 6d., fine 8d. Francis is admitted.

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[On verso:] The 30th Oct. 1704. This book was then shown forth to John Prynne esqr upon his being examined at a commission issued forth of the High Court of Chancery between John Grevile gent and his wife Complainant and John Batten, Richard ... and others Defts beng examined on the defts ... before us

Edw Bulstrode

Jo. Elly

Nich Fletcher²³

1030479 B f. 316

Court leet and court baron held for the hundred and manor of Cheltenham 29 March 1654, before William Sheppard esq. steward

²³ Repetition of this statement (see ... above for first occurrence) is evidence that originally A consisted of two separate books, now bound together; an older 1-up numbering system survives on the later pages.

Grand jury:

Nicholas Ashmeade
Thomas Cartwright
Daniel Chestro
Robert Clarke

Thomas Packer
Walter Cox
Thomas Mason
Benjamin Baldwin

Walter Lane
Ralph Crumpe
John Davinson
Thomas Mason *sworn*

Homage:

Samuel Mansell
Linnett Pates
Richard Wager
Richard Ellets

Nathaniel Chestro
Henry Roberts
John Maries
James Eckley

Thomas Cleevely
George Chestro
Richard Teekle *sworn*

Old officers	
	Richard Whithorne, Robert Ellis <i>sworn</i> ²⁴
Thomas Roberts gent., bailiff of the manor	
Richard Merrett, bailiff of the borough <i>sworn</i>	
Giles Ashmead, Thomas White, <i>sworn</i> constables	
John Stephens, tithingman of Alstone <i>sworn</i>	
William Kinge, constable of Charlton	
Toby Packer, tithingman of Cheltenham	
William Bernard, tithingman of Charlton	
Giles Robinson, tithingman of Arle <i>sworn</i>	
Linnett Pates, tithingman of Bafford <i>sworn</i>	
William House, tithingman of Bradwell	
John Tanty, tithingman of Leckhampton <i>sworn</i>	
Thomas Caffold, constable of Leckhampton <i>sworn</i>	
Robert Alexander, tithingman of Ashley <i>sworn</i>	
Samuel Whithorne, tithingman of Westal <i>sworn</i>	
Benjamin Baldwyn, constable of Swindon <i>sworn</i>	
Thomas White, Guy Ellis, cariners	
Thomas Benfield, Thomas Merrell aleasters	

The officers that have made default amerced by the steward 3s. 4d. apiece.

All persons that have made default amerced by the steward 2s. 6d.

1030480

Ordered by the court that a view be had and made between Richard White and Thomas Clark in a field called the Banck lying in Charlton Kings, by Thomas Cartwright sen., William Kinge, Samuel Tichett and John Holder, to set down metes and bounds between them, that they do meet on or before 5 April next, everyone making [default] 3s. 4d. apiece.

A view to be had and made between Roger Proverb and Elizabeth Welsh widow lying in the Ham by the aforementioned viewers at the time afore mentioned.

And also a view between Richard 'Whigte' and William Willis lying in Cudnell by the same viewers and the same day.

A view to be had and made between William Barker and Walter Fox, at a mound called Hartsham, by John Maires and James Eckly, before or upon Whitsun Monday next. John Newman sworn.

That there be a view between Sarah Dancastel and Samuel Vicke touching a mound in difference between the lands of the said persons at a ground of the said Sarah Duncastle called the Homestead

²⁴ Unclear to what office

and a ground of Samuel Vicke called Court Hey, and that it be done by Samuel Mancell, Richard Wager, Lynnette Pates and Thomas Cleevely of Westal.

Also between the said Sarah Duncastle and Margaret Abats touching a ground in difference between both their homesteads, and that it be done by the viewers above named who are to meet at the places upon Whitsunday next, and settle the matter in difference between both parties, or make return of what they find touching the premises next court upon pain of 3s. 4d. apiece.

[1030481 presentments of deaths of tenants, presumably enrolled but will need to check idc]

1030503 B f. 337 – orders ‘by 4 May next’

We do order that John Lidielt of Swinsall do make a sufficient foot path leading from Cheltenham to Leckhampton from his house to the end of Gossty Close by 4 May next, upon pain of 10s.

We do order to have a pound in Swindon made sufficient by the charge of the parish upon pain of £10 by 4 June next, everyone according to his means, and whosoever refuse to pay upon pain of 10s.

We do order that the ditches be scoured and the trees lopped next the highway from John Rucks gate to Gouldwell green by 20 June next upon pain of 6s. 8d. for every one default.

We do order that the ditch be scoured next the highway leading to Glostr next Kingsmead in ‘Arell’ from the croseway to the watercourse by 2 June next, upon pain of 10s. for every one default.

We present John Whithorne of Charlton Kings and Richard Speareing and John Ferreis for entertaining of vagabonds, and do amerce them therefore 3s. 4d. apiece.

We do order that all those that do keep mastiff dogs, that they do keep them tied or muzzled according to the statute, upon pain of 20s. for every default.

We do order that the common pound of Cheltenham be sufficiently repaired by 10 June next by the lord of the manor or the inhabitants of Cheltenham.

1030504 B f. 338

Presentment of the grand jury at the leet held for the manor of Cheltenham 29 March 1654

We present Walter Warner for selling beer with unlawful measures. Similarly Thomas Powell, Lawrence Higgs, John Iles, Arthur Packer, Thomas Dowke, Mary Sturmy widow, Elizabeth White widow, Thomas Cartwright, Mary Attwood widow, Thomas Sturmy ‘karier’, Margaret Blowmor widow, Henry Goodchepe, Richard Stevens of Charlton Kings, John Machin, Richard Whithorne, Elizabeth Carleyn widow. 3s. 4d. apiece. [The list of all names after Warner are crossed through, and followed by the comment ‘There is a list pinned unto this presentment of all the names of sellers of ale’]

We do order Roger Havord esq. to cause a footbridge to be laid over the brook in Cambray mead in a footpath leading to Leckhampton by 3 May next, upon pain of 40s.

We do order the inhabitants of Alstone do lay a sufficient footbridge leading from Cheltenham to Gloucester in a place called Laverham with a lane [ie, line] to hold by, by 20 May next, upon pain of 40s.

We do order that all the inhabitants of Cheltenham that their pavements are broken at their several dwellings shall repair and make it passable for travellers by 24 June next, upon pain of 5s. for everyone in default.

[f. 116] **Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. held 29 March 1654 before William Sheppard esq. steward.**

Homage: [as given in B above]

Francis Crosley and his wife Mary in person surrender for Robert Greene a close of meadow or pasture called Noldhurst (1 a.) in Charlton Kings, now in the possession of Robert Greene, with all trees. Rent 4d., heriot 1s., fine 8d.

Francis Crosley and his wife Mary in person surrender for Thomas Greene a close of arable or pasture called Timbercombe in Charlton Kings (3 a.), land of Lynnett Pates gent. W and of Thomas Ashmeade E, with all trees. Rent 8d., heriot 2s., fine 16d.

[f. 116v] Nicholas Ashmeade and Thomas Cartwright swear that on 24 Oct. last out of court before them Alexander Packer surrendered for William Barker a meese close in Arle (1½ a.) having a pasture ground of Thomas Mason N and a yokeway there S; also another close of meadow of pasture in Arle called Hartsham, adjacent to th highway to Gloucester N and a meadow ground of Walter Cox S & W. Rent 2s., heriot 30s., fine 4s.

Francis Crosley and his wife Mary in person surrender for William Danford and heirs 2 closes or furlongs of arable or pasture in Charlton Kings (16 a.) called Over Rundsbourne and Nether Rundsbourne, the one lying N of the highway there, now in the possession of Samuel Trinder, the other lying on the S side of the highway, and in the possession of William Danford. Rent 1s. 10d., heriot 5s., fine 3s. 8d.

[f. 118] Thomas Marshall and his wife Margaret in person surrender for Thomas Roberts gent. 6 selions of land in Alstone in Hazards field, shooting on Woodbrooke, having land late of Francis Barner E & W; also a selion or 'rew' in Alstone in Hillfield, between land late of Robert Eckley E and of Francis Gregory W. Rent 1s. 4d., heriot 2s. 6d., fine 2s. 8d.

Richard Weaver and Richard Banaster and his wife Dorothy Banaster in person surrender for Thomas Ballinger a close of meadow or pasture in Westal called Morford, shooting between land of Walter Curryer E and of Lynnett Pates W (2 a.), and all trees thereon. Rent 8d., heriot 1s., fine 1s. 4d.

[f. 118v] Henry Mason and Thomas Cartwright swear that Thomas Roberts gent., Thomas Buckle and John Buckle on 4 Nov. last before them surrendered for Walter Buckle several parcels of land arable and pasture, namely 2 rudes (1 a.) near the Marsh between land of the Farm W and of widow Bannaster E; 4 rudes of arable called the Holts (2 a.) between land of Richard Bleeke W and of William Mills E, 1 a. shooting on Wymans Brook between land of John Buckle W and of William Mills E, 2 rudes of arable in Whaddon field (1 a.), between land of John Buckle W and of Giles Cox E. Rent 10d., heriot 2s. 10d., fine 1s. 8d.

Thomas Cartwright and Henry Mason swear that Thomas Roberts, Thomas Buckle and John Buckle out of court on 4 Nov. last before them surrendered for Walter Buckle 6 rudes or arable (2½ a.) called James Ladder lying between a footpath there leading to Cleeve W and land of Giles Mathewes E, 1 rudge or arable (1 a.) shooting on Wymans Brook, land of Thomas Cox E & W, 1 a. of meadow in Whaddon on both sides of the brook, land of John Buckle E, 2 rudes of arable or pasture (1 a.) in Whaddon field called Whaddon, land of John Buckle E and land late of Richard Mathewes W. Rent 10d., 2s. 10d., fine 1s. 8d.

[f. 120] Thomas Marshall and his wife Margaret in person surrender for Walter Lane alias French severall rudes of arable land dispersed in Heydon hill field in Arle, namely 1 rudge (¼ a.) having land in the possession of Thomas Ham W and of John Mason E, 3 rudes (1 a.), land of Thomas Ham W and of Thomas Mason alias Hartlebury E, 1 rudge (¼ a.), land of Thomas Mason E and land now or late of Katherine Ligon W, 2 rudes (½ a.), land of Thomas Mason E and land in the possession of

Walter Fox W, 1 rudge ($\frac{1}{4}$ a.), land of Thomas Mason E and of Thomas Ham W, 4 rudes in Hill Furzon in Arle, land of Walter Lane S and land now or late of Katherine Ligon N; all of which lands are now in the possession of John Holdshipp; also all meres, trees, hedges, bushes and thorns belonging thereto. Rent 1s. 4d., heriot 2s. 6d., fine 2s. 8d.

[f. 120v] Henry Mason and Thomas Cartwright swear that Thomas Roberts gent., Thomas Buckle and John Buckle on 4 Nov. last surrendered for Robert Milton 2 tenements or parcels of housing, one in the possession of Giles Berry and the other in the possession of Ralph Taylor, and a parcel of housing called a shop in the possession of Robert Gregory, and the chamber over the shop, and the ground on the backside of the tenements extending in enghth to the gutter there, and in breadth equal to the breadth of the tenements. Rent 10d., heriot 2s. 10d., fine 1s. 8d.

Richard Whithorne and James Randall swear that Walter Goodridge on 25 Oct. last surrendered a small inclosed piece of land called the Platt ($\frac{1}{4}$ a.) in Ham in Charlton Kings, land of Alexander Packer N and the highway S, for the use of Richard Thayer. Rent $\frac{1}{2}$ d., heriot 2d., fine 1d.

[f. 122] Nicholas Ashmeade and John Collett swear that Toby Packer on 4 Feb. last surrendered 2 houses or tenements in Cheltenham, one now in the possession of John Thomas and other late in the possession of Thomas [R]iccards, with all gardens, yards etc.; also meadow ground called Broad Leazow now divided into 5 closes at or near Ockley, to the use of Arthur Packer. Rent 3s., heriot 10s., fine 6s.

Nicholas Ashmeade and John Collett swear that Toby Packer on 4 Feb. last surrendered for Edward Johnsons and Robert Clarke of Cheltenham all customary messuages and lands in Cheltenham, except the two houses and meadow just previously surrendered.

[f. 122v] Upon trust and in accordance with a deed dated 2 Feb. 1653 between (1) Toby Packer and (2) Arthur Packer and (3) Edward Johnsons and Robert Clarke. Rent 4s., heriot 18s., fine 8s.

Thomas Cartwright jun. and his wife Frances in person surrender for William Ashmeade of Cheltenham baker several parcels of arable in Cheltenham Lower field, namely 1a. shooting on the Moors, a highway N and between land now in the possession of Thomas Milton E and of Walter Mason W, another parcel of arable (1 a.) between land of Elianor Cox widow E and of Thomas Gardiner in the occupation of Robert Ballinger W, 1 a. between Kingsditch W and a headland of Robert Bleeke E, land of the Rectory or Farm of Cheltenham N & S' sveral butts called the Four Butts (1 a.) between land of Richard Jennings E and a certain highway called the Broaken way W and another highway leading to Gloucester N. Rent 8d., heriot 5s., fine 1s. 4d.

[f. 124] Robert Alexander alias Mansell and James Randall swear that Francis Grevill gent. on 15 Oct. 1653 surrendered for Edmund Mortimer of Prestbury gent. a land of arable in a furlong called Prestbury acre; another land of arable in Coltham field (together $\frac{1}{2}$ a.) and in the possession of Francis Grevill. Rent 4d., heriot 6d., fine 8d. Provided that if Francis pays Edmund £5 yearly as expressed in a certain grant of even date, the surrender is to be void.

Robert Whithorne and his wife Joan in person in person surrender for John Norris and his wife Alice for their lifetimes a close of arable or pasture called Humbly How in Milkwell field in Charlton Kings (4 a.), land of Richard Churches S and of Robert Gale N. Rent 3d., heriot 10d., fine 6d.

[f. 124v] Thomas Ashmeade sen. and his wife Mary in person surrender for John Newman 4 lands of arable in Sandfield ($\frac{3}{4}$ a.), land of John Newman W and of Thomas Hartlebury E, abutting on Arle Orchards N; 1 a. arable in the Sallyes in Sandfield, land of Francis Gregory E and of Robert Milton W, with all meres, bushes and trees. Rent 4d., heriot 12d., fine 8d.

Samuel Mansell and Henry Atkins swear that Robert Alexander alias Mansell on 10 Feb. last before them surrendered for Thomas Alexander alias Mansell all his arable land in Cudnell field. Rent 4d., heriot 12d., fine 8d.

[f. 126] Nicholas Ashmeade and Thomas Cartwright swear that Stephen Stephens on 13 Feb. last before them surrendered for Thomas Marshall 6 selions of arable in Hazards field in Alstone, shooting on a brook called Woodbrook between land of Francis Barnes E & W; a land called the Rewe in Hill field, land of Robert Eckley E and of Francis Gregory W; a land in Arle Orchard, 4 lands in Arle in Hill Furzon; 2 lands in Haydon Hill field in Arle, in Haydon Yate furlong. Rent -, heriot -, fine -.

Guy Ellis swears that William Drinkwater on 29 Nov. last before him granted to John Clarke of Cheltenham tanner a parcel of land in Hazards field in Alstone (12 a.) for the remainder of a term of 12 years held by Drinkwater. Relief 4d.

[f. 126v] Thomas Greene grants to his wife Elizabeth for her lifetime as her jointure all his customary lands. Fine 7d.

Thomas Hartlebury alias Mason and John Ashmeade sen. swear that Elizabeth White relict of Richard White did this day out of court before them grant to her son Thomas White that part of her messuage house backside and garden in Cheltenham, now in the occupation of the said Elizabeth; also the tenement barn and stables belonging to the messuage, now in the possession of Richard Currier and Nicholas Ashmeade, to hold after her decease for a term of 12 years. Fine 20d.

Nicholas Barnes burgage-holder in person grants to his wife Elizabeth Barnes a burgage in Cheltenham on the S side of the Street, having the churchland of Elmstone E, now in the occupation of Thomas Hyett, and land of Richard Finch W, for her lifetime, unless she remarries.

[f. 128] William Church and Richard Cooke burgesses swear that Richard White burgage-holder on 28 Mar. last before them and Richard Murrell bailiff of the borough granted to William Okey and his wife Alice a quantity of a burgage, with all its houses, edifices etc., lying between lands of Robert Milton W & E. Relief 3d.

William Church and Richard Cooke burgesses swear that Richard White burgage-holder on 28 Mar. last granted to Richard Murrell bailiff of the borough a burgage in Cheltenham between land of CCC Oxon E and of William Ashmeade W, to the use of Richard White for his lifetime and then for his second son Thomas White. Relief 2½d.

Thomas White and Robert Milton burgesses swear that Walter White sen. a burgage-holder out of court on this day before them granted to Richard Merrill bailiff of the borough a quantity of a burgage in Cheltenham on the N side of the Street, between land of Joan Tyther W and of Thomas Whithorne jun. E, with all houses and buildings thereon, to the use of Walter White jun. son of Walter sen. and his wife Margaret for their lifetimes. Relief 4d. Thomas White jun. agrees that he shall make the mounds from the collar post which divides the quantity hereby granted from the tenement in the possession of Thomas White to the merestone there as now divided.

[f. 128v] Robert Milton and William Church burgesses swear that Richard Cooke burgess on 28 Mar. last before them granted to Richard Merrell bailiff of the borough his parts of burgage, containing in all half a burgage, with all houses, buildings. Gardens etc., in Cheltenham between land of Elizabeth Milton widow E and of Robert Milton W, and certain furlong called Meade furlong; which said premises were heretofore divided into 2 parts, one of which Cooke purchased of Richard Watkins and the other he bought of Robert Milton sen., to the use of Richard Cooke for his lifetime, and after to Giles Hyett and his wife Margaret daughter of the said Richard Cooke for their lifetimes, and after to the use of Richard Hyett grandchild of Richard Cooke. Relief 5d.

Presented by the bailiff that Giles Cox a burgage-holder died since the last court seised of a half-burgage now in the possession of Thomas Cox and also a quantity of burgage late of Edward Hall and now in the possession of the said Thomas Cox. Thomas Cox is brother of Giles and is his next heir. Relief 9d. Thomas is admitted.

[f. 130] Presented by the homage that Giles Cox who held 11 a. of arable in Whaddon field and Cheltenham Upper field, rent 4s. 6d., died since the last court, and that his brother Thomas Cox is heir. Heriot 12s. Forfeit 9s.

Also presented by the homage that William Newman and his wife Elizabeth who held for their lifetimes three grounds of meadow or pasture in Ham, namely Upper Roddway, Lower Rodway and Dry Laynes, have died since the last court, and that William Goderidge in person now claims admittance. He is admitted. Rent 4s., heriot 10s.

Also presented that John Harris a late freeholder did by deed dated 15 Feb. last alienate to his son Samuel Harris certain free lands held of the manor at yearly rent of 1s. 9d. Relief 1s. 9d.

[f. 132]

Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. held 31 July 1654 before William Sheppard esq. steward

Homage:

Arthur Packer
John Pates
John Buckle
Robert Milton

Nicholas Ashmead
Thomas Cartwright
John Chestro
Thomas White

William Ashmeade
Giles Ashmeade *sworn*

Fleetwood Dormer esq. and his wife Katherine in person surrender for themselves for their lifetimes, remainder to joint heirs and if no issue to heirs of Fleetwood, all their customary lands in Arle as follows: a close of pasture in Arle called Righey, and a parcel of ground called Ashlands, another close of meadow or pasture called Millhey, two other such closes called Little Graf/shams divided only by the Millbrook running between them, another close of pasture called Dayers close; all those parcels of customary land lately enclosed out of certain furlongs in Arle called Arle meade, Meade furlong and Thickthorne, another parcel called the Wodyard now in part or whole converted into a garden, customary land in Barne close, a parcel of land in an inclosure called Foreorchard, a parcel of arable in Barbridge field, having land now or late of Francis Gregory on both sides ($\frac{1}{4}$ a.), 4 lands lying together in Hewydon Hill field in Pilgrove, land of Reynold Lane E and the mill meade that leads to Uckington mill W; 2 lands together in the same field in the Shallowes, land now or late of Thomas Mason N and of Richard Strowde S, 3 other arable lands in the same field near the Shallowes, land late of Reynold Lane N and of Richard Strowde S, 2 other lands of arable in the same field

[f. 132v] in Moredeane, having land now or late of Francis Gregory W and of Thomas Ham E, 4 other arable lands in the same field, land of Thomas Hartlebury otherwise Mason on both sides, and arable land in the same field having land of Reynold Lane W and land now or late of Mary Pate widow E; 2 other lands in the same field, shooting on a ground called Westbreach, late of Walter Buckle, a farundel of arable in Arle Middle field, land now or late of Francis Gregory W and of Thomas Mason E; an arable land in the same field near Snapes piece, land of Thomas Hartlebury alias Mason E and of Mary Pate W; 2 arable lands at the Harp in the same field, land now or late of Thomas Mason N and of Thomas Hartlebury S; 2 arable lands shooting upon the Green Way, land of Thomas Hartlebury E and of Francis Kent W; 4 arable lands in the same field, shooting on a pasture ground called Highcroft, land now or late of Thomas Mason E, and now or late of Richard Strowd W; an arable land in Hill field in Arle, shooting on Gotheridge Breach, land now or late of Thomas Mason E and of Mary Pate W; 5 arable lands and a mere in the same field, freehold land of John Ligon esq. late father of the said Katherine on both sides; 3 arable lands in the same field, freehold of late John Ligon

W and land now or late of Francis Gregory W; 6 arable lands in the same field, land now or late of Thomas Mason on both sides; an arable land in the same field shooting on the Pound there, freehold late of John Ligon E and land late of late John Packer W; an arable land in the same field, next to the late enclosed ground now or late of Geroge Bick W, and land of Reynold Lane E; another similar next to the last, an arable land in the same field, land now or late of George Bicke E and of Francis Gregory W

[f. 134] (these lands all in Arle being heretofore of John Ligon esq. the late father of Katherine Fleetwood, and surrendered to Katherine his eldest daughter); also all other holdings of Fleetwood Dormer in Cheltenham. Rent 16s. 2d., heriot £4 15s. 6d., fine £1 12s. 4d.

1030506 B f. 339

Court leet and court baron held for the hundred and manor of Cheltenham 9 October 1654 before William Sheppard esq. steward

Grand jury:

John Pattes	Thomas Ashmeade jun.	Thomas Lumbard
John Bukle	John Hartlebury	Allen Cooper
Walter Bukle	John Ashmeade	Robert Milton
Walter Currier	George Murrell	Thomas Cleevely <i>sworn</i>
Thomas Ashmeade sen.	George Horton	

Homage:

Walter Lane	William Ashmeade	Richard Wills
Thomas Cartwright	Robert Bicke	William Wills
Walter Cox	William Danford	Roger Dowdeswell <i>sworn</i>

Affeerers:

William Cleevely	Giles Ashmead	Benjamin Baldwin <i>sworn</i>
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[old] Officers	[new officers]
[--] Roberts gent., bailiff of the manor	
Richard Merrell, bailiff of the borough	Richard Dobbins <i>sworn</i>
Giles Ashmead, Thomas White, constables	Thomas Cartwright, Thomas Hyet <i>sworn</i>
John Stephens, tithingman of Alstone	John Maryes <i>sworn</i>
William Kinge, constable of Charlton	William Willis <i>sworn</i>
Toby Packer, tithingman of Cheltenham	Richard Rogers <i>sworn</i>
William Barnard, tithingman of Charlton	Charles Hathorne <i>to take his oath</i>
Giles Robinson, tithingman of Arle	John Hartlebury
Linett Pates, tithingman of Bafford	Lynnet Pates gent.
William Howse, tithingman of Bradwell	
John Tanty, tithingman of Leckhampton	William Wheeler
Robert Alexander, tithingman of Ashley	Robert Ashly [sic]
Thomas Caffold, constable of Leckhampton	Thomas Lumbard <i>sworn</i>
Samuel Whithorne, tithingman of Westal	Humphrey Yeates <i>sworn</i>
Benjamin Baldwin, constable of Swindon	George Horton
	Thomas White, Guy Ellis, carriners
	Thomas Benfield, Thomas Merrell aletasters

Ordered that all officers that are elected at this court do within one week after they have notice thereof go to some justice of peace and take their oath, upon pain of £5.

All officers and jurymen that make default amerced by the [word omitted] in 3s. 4d. apiece; and all other persons that have made default amerced by the same steward in 2s. 6d. apiece.

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Ordered that there be a view between Thomas Gardner and Arthur Packer jun. touching a mound wherein the said Arthur Packer as is alleged hath encroached upon the homestead of the said Thomas Gardner; and that it be done by Walter Lane, Thomas Cartwright, Walter Cox and William Ashmead who are to meet at the place upon 1 November next and make return of what they find touching the premises at the next court upon pain of 3s. 4d. apiece.

Ordered that there be a view between Walter Whithorne and Thomas Cartwright jun. touching the bounding of the said Whithorne's land by merestones, and that it be done by Walter Lane, Thomas Cartwright, Walter Cox and William Ashmead who are to meet at the place on 1 November next and make return hereof touching the premises at the next court, upon pain of 3s. 4d. apiece.

Ordered that there be a view between Thomas Sandford and Jeffery Ke[?yn?], and that Samuel Sandford and Richard Wills sworn to testify the view made by Robert Bick and William Ashmeade and William Willis of a mound to be made before 1 November.

Ordered that there be a view between John Mason and [?Ralph] Davis touching a mound of the said Mason, and that it be done by Walter Lane and Thomas Cartwright and that it be done on or before 1 November, and they are to make return hereof upon pain of 3s. 4d. apiece.

Ordered that there be a view between William Barker and widow Cooke touching bounds and limits and that it be done by the men above said, on the day above said.

Ordered by this court that there be a view between Thomas Cartwright and Thomas Buckle and others, touching certain parcels of arable, and that it be done by Henry Roberts, Robert Milton sen. and Anthony Ireland, and that it be done on or before 1 November next, upon pain of 3s. 4d. apiece.

Ordered that there be a view John Buckle, Robert Bick and Thomas Gardner, touching the limits of their land in ?Whaden Meadow, and that it be done by Thomas Cartwright, Henry Roberts and Giles Mathewes and Anthony Ireland who are to meet at the place at or before 1 November and make return hereof at the next court upon pain of 3s. 4d. apiece.

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Ordered that there be a view between the lands of Nicholas Ashmeade and Ralph Powell of Sandford touching an encroachment made upon the land of said Nicholas there, and that it be done by Walter Clevely sen., Robert Milton sen., Walter Mason and Richard Jenings, who are to meet at the place upon or before 1 November next and set out the land of the said Nicholas from the land of the said Ralph by merestones and bounds whereby it may be distinguished each from other. And to make return next court on pain of £5 apiece.

[f. 134v blank; f. 136]

Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. held 9 October 1654 before William Sheppard esq. steward

Homage: [as B above]

Thomas Ashmeade sen. and his wife Mary in person surrender for William Barnard for his lifetime and after for the use of his wife Anne Barnard for hers, a house and homestead in Alstone called the Croft, having the highway there S, and Alstone Green N & W. Rent 2d., heriot 2s., fine 4d.

Thomas Roberts gent. and Nicholas Ashmead swear that Alexander Packer out of court on 2 June last before them surrendered for Anthony Ireland a parcel of orchard (½ a.) in Alstone now planted with

apple trees and pear trees shooting S close to the brook called the Back brook, and N on a parcel of freehold ground of the said Alexander planted with cherries, lying together under and within the same inclosure with the surrendered parcel of ground and westward bounded with the highway there leading from Cheltenham to Alstone. Rent 6d., heriot 12d., fine 12d.

[f. 136v] Giles Dowle gent. in person surrenders for Ralph Powell a messuage or tenement in Westal, Naunton & Sandford with all its buildings and lands etc. Rent 4s. 8d., heriot [omitted], fine 9s. 4d. Afterwards Ralph Powell with his wife Elizabeth in person grants the same premises to Giles Dowle from this date for a term of 12 years. Fine 2s. 4d.

Nicholas Ashmeade in person grants to his wife Abigail for her lifetime as her jointure that part of messuage wherein Nicholas now dwells, in Cheltenham, with all its courts, yards, outhouses etc., lately purchased by Nicholas from Richard White. [no fee stated]

[f. 138] Nicholas Ashmeade and Giles Ashmeade swear that William Wayte out of court this day before them granted to Robert Belcher of Coberley, Glos., yeoman a grist watermill in Charlton Kings, in the possession of Wayte, and commonly called Charlton Mill, with all its gardens, plots of ground, headweirs, millponds, mill dams, stanks, ponds, streams, waters and watercourses, for a term of 12 years from last Michaelmas; provided that if Wayte pays Belcher £53 on 10 Oct. 1655, then the grant is void. Fine 1s. 8d.

John Hartlebury alias Mason swears that William Brocke of Haydon in parish of Staverton yeoman out of court on 30 Mar. last before him and Thomas Ham surrendered for William Drinkwater a meadow or pasture ground called Cockley (3 a.) in Arle, shooting N-S between land of Walter Buckle E and Palmers Lane W. Rent 11d., heriot 8s. 6d., fine 22d.

[f. 138v] John Maryes and Edward Johnson swear that Mary Sturmy widow out of court on this 7 Oct. granted to John Nicholls a grist watermill in Alstone now in the possession of Nicholls, with ground it stands on, and the adjoining dwelling house where Nicholls lives, a stable or parcel of building between the mill and the highway, with all ponds, dams, watercourses etc., and another piece of land now marked out for Nicholls (except for a way from the mansion house of Thomas Maryes to the brook); also a parcel of meadow in Alstone Mead between the highway S and meadow of Thomas Roberts gent. N (1 a.); to hold from Michaelmas last for the lifetime of Mary and for a term of 12 years after. For this Nicholls gave Mary £50. Fine 14d.

[f. 140] Lynnett Pates and Henry Atkins swear that Roger Dowdeswell out of court on this 7 Oct. before them surrendered for himself for his lifetime and after for his wife Jane for her lifetime a messuage or tenement called Churchend House with all its outbuildings, orchards, gardens etc., and its nearby home closes (5 a.); another close called Cockshorne (2½ a.) in Charlton Kings, lately parcel of lands of Timothy Cartwright deceased; 3 a. in Hencroft and a parcel in Little Hencroft near to house now of Thomas Greene, also in Charlton; 2 selions (1 a.) in Charlton Lower field, 1 in Nine Lands Length furlong between land of Robert Milton N and of Robert Whithorne S, the other in Benbridge furlong, between land of Walter Currier E and of Walter Higgs W. Rent 2s. 7d., heriot 22s., fine 5s. 2d.

[f. 140v] John Buckle and Thomas Morrell swear that Christopher Bayly out of court on 12 Apr. last surrendered for Nicholas Ashmeade and Edward Johnson 5 parcels of arable land, namely 2 rudes or selions in Cheltenham field at Leechcroft (2 a.), the lane leading from the town of Cheltenham to Prestbury E and land of Edward Rich esq. W; 2 rudes of arable (2 a.) at Cunnigree in Cheltenham Upper field, land late in the possession of John Buckle deceased E, and the lane from Cheltenham to Prestbury W; the head-acre in Cheltenham Upper field shooting E-W, land of the Fram of Cheltenham S and of William Mills N; 2 rudes (1 a.) shooting N-S in Cheltenham Upper field, shooting on a lane there called the Sandpitts, having land of John Buckle E and land in the possession of Henry Mason W; 2 rudes in Cheltenham Upper field shooting N-S (1 a.), land of Thomas Mason E and of John Buckle W, all lately purchased by Bayly partly from John Smith of Brockhampton and

partly from Richard Mathew of Cheltenham deceased. Ashmeade and Johnson are to 'with all convenient speed make sale of the premises and the money thereout to be raised shall and will dispose and employ to the purposes in the last will and testament of him the said Christopher Bayly'. Fine 5s. 8d.

[f. 142] John Chestro and William Ashmeade burgesses swear that Roger Cox a burgess on 26 May last before them granted via Richard Merrell bailiff of the borough a shop and the chamber over it and its entry on the N side of the town of Cheltenham between land of Mary Cox widow E and of Richard Balylis W, together with a way and passage leading up to the backside, as high as the land of the said Richard Baylis, 6 ft broad; also half its close, for the use of Roger Cox and Joan Little his intended wife for their lifetimes, and after to heirs. Relief 3d.

Richard Wager and John Marten swear that Edith Whithorne relict of Walter Whithorne out of court on 2 May last granted to her son Walter Whithorne a close of meadow or pasture called the Logg, together with arable lands etc. dispersed in the common fields of Charlton Kings in Bafford or elsewhere (excepting all trees, woods, underwoods, hedges and hedgerows, other than sufficient for making the mounds) for a term of 12 years after the death of Edith. Fine 2s.

[f. 142v] Francis Crosley and his wife Mary in person surrender for Thomas Jeffs a meadow ground called Rookes meade in Bafford, between a ground of Giles Grevill gent. of the city of Gloucester called Meade Plott N and a ground of Thomas Buckle called Buckles meade S. Rent 2s. 4d., heriot 8s., fine 4s. 8d.

John Hartlebury swears that William Brock pf Haydon in the parish of Staverton yeoman out of court on 30 Mar. last before him and Thomas Ham surrendered for Elizabeth Hawling wife of John Hawling of Alstone for her lifetime, and after for their son William Hawling, meadow or pasture ground called Baudchurch in Arle (2½ a.), having land of Francis Gregory sen. W and of Thomas Hartlebury alias Mason E. Rent 5d., heriot 5s. 6d., fine 10d.

[f. 144] Lynnett Pates and Thomas Ashmeade swear that Walter Currier on 23 Apr. last out of court before them surrendered for his eldest son John Currier a moiety of a messuage or tenement of meadow, pasture or arable land in Westal, Naunton & Sandford. Rent 2s. 8d., heriot 15s., fine 5s. 4d.

Henry Atkins and his wife Olive in person surrender for John Chestro 2 arable lands (1 a.) now in the possession of George Chestro, one in Cheltenham Upper field shooting N-S, land of Thomas Cox on both sides, the other in Whaddon field shooting on Wymans brook between land of Henry Mason W and of John Buckle in the possession of Nicholas Ashmeade E. Rent 4d., heriot 12d., fine 8d.

[f. 144v] John Hartlebury alias Mason and Ralph Davis swear that Thomas Tanty on 5 Oct. 1654 before them surrendered for John Ball and his wife Katherine for their lifetimes and heirs, and if none then for John Tanty son of Thomas, part of a customary messuage together with a house and orchard as now divided off by merestones, in Alstone, having land of Robert Clarke tanner W and of Thomas Tanty E. Rent 1d., heriot 13d., fine 2d. [C adds: worksilver 3d.]

[f. 146] Nicholas Ashmeade and his wife Abigail in person surrender for Thomas Ashmeade sen. of Charlton Kings several parcels of land as follows: 4 butts or rudes of arable or pasture in Westal, Naunton & Sandfrd in Groatten field shooting on Groatten brook, between land of Thomas Higgs W and of Walter Currier E; 2 selions of arable in the occupation of Humphrey Yate in the same field between land of Thomas Ashmeade E and of Robert Milton W; 1 rudge of arable in Verney furlong, having land of Eleanor Bannester widow S; 3 selions or butts of arable between lands of Walter Higgs S and a lane there N; 1 rudge of arable between land of Walter Higgs N and of Dr John English deceased S; 1 rudge of arable in the same furelong, shooting E-W; the last 5 rudes being in all 2 a., lying in the furlong next to Whore Lane, and lately in the occupation of Edmund Ballenger and now of Mary Ballenger; also other customary land of Nicholas Ashmeade in the same furlong next to Whore Lane. Rent 6d., heriot 2s., fine 12d.

[f. 146v] Robert Hyett and his wife Joan in person surrender for Robert Hyet for his lifetime and after for Joan Hyett for her lifetime and then for their son William Hyett 1 rudge of arable (1 a.) in Whaddon field, having land of John Ellis S and land in the occupation of Guy Ellis N; 2 ruddes of arable (1 a.) in Cheltenham Lower field in Further Derbys Pill, land of the Farm S and of Thomas Cartwright N; 1 gore of arable in Nether Derbys Spill, adjacent to the last ($\frac{1}{4}$ a.), Farm land S and land of John Ellis N; 1 rudge of arable (1 a.) in Cheltenham Lower field in the Bittoms, land of the Farm W and land in the occupation of Henry Roberts E; another rudge in the same field (1 a.), land of John Collet E and of John Buckle W; a rudge of arable (1 a.) in the Lower field shooting on a close of Walter Mason lying between land of Thomas Mason E and land in the possession of Thomas Buckle W. Rent 6d., heriot 3s., fine 12d.

[f. 148] John Buckle and his wife Margaret in person surrender for John Buckle for his lifetime and after for Margaret, part of the messuage or tenement in which John now dwells, together with all outhouses, barns, stables, backsides, orchards, gardens etc. (except such part of all these as are in the possession of Richard Goodcheape, Thomas Benfield and Thomas Ashmeade); also the meadow or pasture called Burfords Meadow, and parcels of arable land in Cheltenham Upper field, Lower field, and Whaddon field [lengthy listing, mentioning Sandpitts lane, Picked piece, Squire Hedge furlong, Kingsham [f. 148v] Cakebridge Close hedge, Wymans brook, Watershutt mere, Houltts furlong, Leechcroft, the Townsend Way] Rent 4s., heriot 30s., fine 8s.

[f. 150] 9 October 1654. To the right worshipful John Dutton esq. lord of the Liberty, Hundred, Manor and Market of Cheltenham in the county of Gloucester.

The humble petition of Nicholas Ashmeade and Edward Johnson executors of the last will and testament of Christopher Bayley schoolmaster of the free school in Cheltenham aforesaid deceased.²⁵

Whereby they humbly show that the said Christopher Bayley of his pious desire to advance the good of the Town of Cheltenham where he gained the greatest part of his estate did by his last will devise and appoint fourscore pounds to be employed by your petitioners for the erecting of a market house for sale of corn within the said town which your petitioners by the assistance of Almighty God and your worship's licence do intend forthwith to build with a convenient room over the same for a wool market and for the keeping of the Court Leets and other your worship's Courts within the manor, and for other public uses of the inhabitants of the said town.

Your petitioners do therefore humbly beseech your worship to be pleased to give them licence to erect and build a market house in the said town of Cheltenham to the uses aforesaid, and to assign them some convenient place where the old market house before it was taken down did stand, and also to be pleased to give direction that your worship's favour in this behalf may be at the next court to be held for the view of frankpledge and court of the said manor of Cheltenham enrolled in the rolls of the said court for a perpetual record thereof. And your petitioners shall pray etc.

Upon the exhibiting of the petition abovesaid the lord of the manor did order as followeth: I do hereby appoint Thomas Roberts of Cheltenham gent. my chief bailiff there to set out and appoint a fit and convenient place for the building a market house as is desired, to such uses as are above mentioned, and my will is that this petition with this my answer be the next court entered into the rolls of the said manor and made a record. 22 Sept. 1654. John Dutton.

[f. 150v] Presented by the homage that Francis Kent who held part of a messuage died since the last court seised of the same. Richard Kent sen. is the next tenant; he claims and is admitted. Rent 4d., heriot 4s. 6d.

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²⁵ Bayley had died 13 Apr. 1654 (Bigland).

Presentment of the grand jury at the court leet held on 30 April 1655 for the said hundred

We present John Forre of Charlton Kings for lodging and entertaining within one whole year last past vagrants; amerced 3s. 4d. If he make any further default herein, penalty of 10s. for every default.

We also present Edward Trotman of Cheltenham for taking in and keeping an inmate for the space of 2 months, contrary to the statute, within 2 years last past, and order him to remove the said inmate before 15 May next, upon penalty of £5.

We present Giles Bery of Cheltenham for being a common disturber of the peace of the Commonwealth of England, within one whole year last past.

We do also present those whose names are underwritten for selling ale or beer by unlawful measures within one whole year last past. Amerced 3s. 4d. apiece.

Cheltenham:

Walter Warner
Lawrence Higgs
John Iles
Mary Sturmy widow
~~Mary Ward widow~~
Arthur Packer gent.
Henry Goodchepe

Thomas Sturmy
Thomas Powell
~~Thomas Cartwright~~
James Warde
Henry Turner
Widow White
Richard Banister

Thomas Duke
Widow Blowmer
Widow Cevill
Widow Mylls
Edmund Cevill
John Clerke

Charlton Kings:

Richard Stephens
Widow Carlile

John Machin
Richard Whithorne

Richard Bayles

[C: George Horton constable of Swindon presented for tithing silver, 2s.]

[f. 152] Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. held 30 April 1655 before William Sheppard esq. steward**Homage:**

Lynnett Pates
John Pates
John Maryes
Walter Cox
John Buckle
Robert Bicke
Nichaols Ashmeade

Edward Gale
Anthony Ireland
Thomas Jelfe
Thomas Ballenger
Walter Ireland
John Collett *sworn*

Robert Milton and George Bicke swear that Robert Bicke on this last day of Apr. out of court before them surrendered for himself for his own lifetime and 4 years after, and after for the use of his daughter Mary Bicke a parcel of meadow ground in Whaddon (1 a.), between land of John Buckle W and of Thomas Gardner E; 1 butt of arable land in Whaddon field, between land of Thomas Mason N and late of Giles Cox S; another butt shooting upon Cakebridge N; a close called the Holt shooting E-W, having Prestbury brook N; 5 arable lands in Cheltenham Lower field, between land of Thomas Gregory jun. E and of Lodowick Packer W; 1 rudge in the same field between land of John Ellis E and of Thomas Gardiner W; part of the messuage house of Robert Bicke in Cheltenham from the entry southward with ingress egress and regress.

[f. 152v] Rent 8d., heriot 15s., fine 16d.

Francis Gregory and John Buckle swear that Alexander Packer gent. on 23 Nov. last out of court before them surrendered for his daughter Anne Packer a meadow ground in Alstone called Packer's meade (6 a.), having the highway to Alstone S, and the ground called Frogg Pitts N; another ground, in Arle, called Barrow Slade and Hill Furzes (12 a.), now in the possession of Margaret Packer widow for her lifetime. Rent for Arle 11s. 7d., and for Alstone 5s., heriot for Arle 10s., for Alstone 5s. Fines 23s. 2d. and 10s. Note: 'there was a proviso that if Alexander had lived to this court, this surrender should have been void.' [B f. 350 adds: *Ann's fealty respited because under age.*]

[f. 154] Henry Mason and Robert Milton swear that Francis Gregory on 16 Jan. last granted to his wife Mary for her lifetime as her jointure his meadow or pasture ground called Ashmeades in Alstone (3 a.). Fine 7d.

Thomas Little and James Randall swear that Richard Whithorne on 9 Apr. last before them granted to William Willis a messuage or tenement with all outhouses, gardens etc; a close called Great Cuttam butts; customary land in a close called Little Cuttam butts; a close called Ham close; a little close called Shackbreach; and an arable land in a place called the Guther, all in Charlton Kings (reserving for Whithorne all trees; Willis is 'only to lop the trees at seasonable times in the year', to hold from Lady Day last for a term of 12 years. Whithorne to pay all customary dues, Willis to keep the messuage and housing in sufficient repair. Fine 2d.

[f. 154v] John Pates gent. and his wife Frances in person surrender for Walter Lane alias French a piece of arable land (3 a.) in Alstone next to a ground called Grovefield, shooting N-S with land of Elizabeth Lygon widow S and E, land of Walter Lane W, and land of Godfrey Bradshaw N. Rent 3d., heriot 2s. 6d., fine 6d.

Nicholas Ashmeade and Thomas Tanty swear that Richard Drinkwater on 10 Nov. last out of court before them surrendered for himself for his lifetime and after for his wife Anne for her liefteime, and after their deaths for Richard Manly a parcel of arable land (1 a.) in Arle shooting E on a ground called Harris breach and W on the yokeway there, having a close of Thomas Buckle N; 5 rudes of arable in Haydons Hill field in Arle, between land of Walter Buckle S and of Richard Drinkwater N. Rent 8d., heriot 18d., fine 16d.

[f. 156] Lynnet Pates and Robert Whithorne swear that out of court before them on this 18 Apr. Hanna Whithorne surrendered for her brother William Whithorne a parcel of land in Lyce Hay (16 r.) in Charlton Kings. Rent 1d., heriot 6d., fine 2d.

John Fisher and Richard Pumfrey swear that Richard Whithorne out of court before them on 31 Oct. last surrendered for Charles Harris 5 arable lands and rudes (2 a.) in a little field called Ham furlong in Charlton Kings. Rent 5d., heriot 12d., fine 10d.

[f. 156v] Francis Gregory and John Buckle swear that Alexander Packer out of court before them on 23 Nov. last surrendered for his sister Katherine Packer widow 2 pieces of arable land called Smith Hill (4 a.) in Rowenfield in Alstone; 2 other rows or selions of arable in the same field between land of John Clarke E and of Mary Sturmy widow W; also 1 piece of arable in Bays Hill (5 a.), having land of Francis Gregory E and of Mistress Willoughby widow W; and 1 parcel of arable in Hazards field (1 a.) shooting upon Woodbrooke. Rent 2s. 1d., heriot 4s., fine 4s. 2d. ('He did surrender this with a proviso that in case he had lived till this court the surrender should have been void.')

Thomas Ballenger in person grants to his wife Alice as her jointure all his customary lands in Wesdtal, Naunton & Sandford, to hold for her lifetime after his death. Fine 17½d.

[f. 158] Nicholas Ashmeade and his wife Abigail, and Edward Johnson and his wife Mary in person surrender for Walter Milton of the city of London pewterer 5 a. of arable land in Cheltenham, 2 of which acres are in Leechcroft having the common highway from Cheltenham to Prestbury E and land of Edward Rcih esq. now in the occupation of Walter Warner E [sic]; another of the acres being at

Conygree in the Upper field, having the common highway W; 2 half-acres in the same field between lands of John Buckle W and of Thomas Mason E; 1 rudge or head-acre in the same field having land of the rectory of Cheltenham S and of William Mills N; also other parcels of arable land: a selion or rudge in Conygree, having the earlier Conygree acre W and land of John Buckle E; 2 selions or rudges in the Upper field between land of John Buckle E and of Mary Friend W. Rent 2s. 10d., heriot 38s., fine 5s. 8d.

Robert Alexander alias Mansell and his wife Mary in person surrender for their son Thomas Alexander 5 butts of arable land in the Home Close. Rent 10d., heriot 6d., fine 1s. 8d.

[f. 158v] Lynnett Pates and James Randall swear that Robert Ruck on 8 Apr. last out of court before them granted to Thomas Ashmeade sen. of Charlton Kings a meadow or pasture ground called Rosecome (6 a.), now in the possession of Ashmeade, to hold for a term of 4 years from that date, rendering rent of £6 13s. 4d. for the last of the 4 years. Thomas not to lop any trees except sallyes, maples, blackthorns and other thorns, and to keep the mounds in repair; Robert to pay all customary dues.

Thomas Roberts and his wife Mary, and his eldest daughter Mary Roberts in person surrender for Walter Buckle a customary messuage or tenement in Cheltenham in which Thomas Roberts lately dwelled, with all its houses, buildings, gardens, yards, etc. Rent 10d., heriot 10s., fine 20d. [\[B f. 368 adds: worksilver 3d., common fine ¾d.\]](#)

[f. 160] Henry Mason and Robert Milton swear that Francis Gregory on 13 Jan. last out of court before them surrendered for John Gregory 4 a. of arable land in Alstone, now in the occupation of Francis Gregory of Arle, 2 a. being in Alstone Sandfield, and the other 2 in Hill field. Rent 8d., heriot 16d., fine 16d.

Anthony Ireland and William Ashmead swear that Henry Mason on 9 Apr. last before them and by the direction of Anne Packer of Cricklade, Wilts., widow surrendered for Robert Milton, John Mason and John Dobbins a dwelling house, backside and garden now in the possession of Edward Wright apothecary, together with a workhouse and garden now in the possession of Mary Hyett, all which premises were part of a customary messuage of Edmund Hyett. Rent 4d., heriot 2s. 4d., fine 8d.

[f. 160v] Upon trust that Milton, Mason and Dobbins shall at all times at the request of Anne Packer and at her expense surrender the premises to such person or persons as she shall nominate in writing; and in the absence of such, for the use of such persons as her daughter Anne now the wife of John Packer shall nominate; and in the absence of any such nomination, to the use of Walter Packer, Rachel Packer, Anne Packer and Margaret Packer the children of Anne Packer widow, in satisfaction of £30 apiece given by Lodowick Packer gent. deceased to the said Anne and Margaret. Fine 8d. Saving the right of Giles Hyett who claims the premises after the death of his father Edward Hyett.

Robert Milton and Henry Mason swear that Richard Wager on 24 Jan. last surrendered for Thomas Gregory a close of arable called the Frogg Pitts (1 a.) in Cheltenham Lower field, between land of Giles Mathew W and of Richard Wager E; another acre of pasture or 'Furzie' ground called the Harpe in Cheltenham, between land now in the occupation of Joyce Bannaster widow S and the highway N; also a parcel of meadow ground called Roppham in Alstone mead. Rent 6d., heriot 2s. 4d., fine 12d.

[f. 162] Richard Dobbins bailiff of the borough, with John Chestro and Nicholas Barnes burgesses, presents that Thomas Benfield sen. on this 27 Apr. granted to his son John Benfield and his wife Elizabeth a burgage in Cheltenham on the S side of the Street, between land of Thomas Benfield W and Day Lane E. Fine 12d.

Henry Mason and John Mason swear that Edward Johnson and Robert Clarke trustees of Toby Packer and his son Arthur Packer, with the consent of Toby and Arthur, surrendered for Ralph Taylor a plot of ground being part of a homestead in Cheltenham 25 yds long, 6 yds wide at the S end next the

Street, and 10 ft wide at the N end, as now marked out by merestones, with the trees and monuds upon it, having land of Thomas Gardner E. Rent 2d., heriot 4d., fine 4d.

[f. 162v] Giles Ashmeade gent. and Thomas Mason swear that Thomas Ballenger on 23 Jan. last surrendered for his sister Mary Ballenger a messuage or tenement called Nauntons Meese, with all its lands in Naunton. Rent 16d., heriot 9s., fine 2s. 8d. Provided that if Thomas pays Mary £100 on 2 Nov. 1656, then the surrender is void. [B f. 353 adds: *worksilver 13½ d., common fine 3d., Peter pence 1d.*

[f. 164] Presented by the homage that Francis Gregory who held several messuages and lands in Alstone, and one messuage or pasture ground in Arle called Muncks Croft (10 a.), and a close of pasture in Arle called Pitt Stile (4 a.) and lands in Arle called Itchlands (5 a.) has died since the last court, seised of the same; and that his son Francis Gregory is next heir. Rent for Alstone 11s. 5½d., for Arle 8s. 8d., heriot for Alstone £1 7s. 2d., for Arle £2 2s.; fine for both £2 1d. [sic].

Also presented that Alexander Packer gent. who held 1 messuage with a garden and orchard and certain lands died since the last court; and that his daughter Katherine Packer is next heir. She is admitted. Rent 11s. 6d., heriot as previously due, fine £1 3s.

B f. 370: 30 April 1655. Thomas Tufly son of Edward Tufly brother to Jeffrey Tufly late tenant claims a messuage or tenement now in the possession of Margaret Blomer widow, relict of Henry Blomer deceased, gent.

1030528 B f. 356

Presentment of the homage at a court baron held for the manor on 8 October 1655

First we present that Walter Ireland a customary tenant died since the last court, seised of certain lands in Westal, Naunton & Sandford, and that his son Walter Ireland is heir. Heriot £1 16s. 11d., rent 6s. 11½d.

John Gardner a customary tenant has died since the last court, seised of a messuage of customary land.

Richard Cooke a tenant died since the last court possessed of part of a messuage of customary land in Cheltenham and that ~~Elizabeth Adams his eldest daughter is next heir~~ Walter Adams is next tenant for term of life. Heriot 2s. 6d., rent 6d.

Also the order is continued that was made the last court²⁶ for the preservation of corn and for avoiding of suits in land, that is to say that no man shall keep or depasture any cattle within the cornfields of Cheltenham from 1 May until the end of harvest (yearly) during the term of 7 [next] years. Also that those orders made for the preservation of corn in the fields belonging to Charlton Kings and to the tithing of Alstone do continue for and during the term, and upon such penalties as are therein specified.

1030530 B f. 357

Presentments of the grand jury at the court leet held 8 October 1655 for the said hundred.

We present that the work belonging to the highway that leads from Sandfords bridge to Leckhampton hill is not done according to an order made the last court, by reason that the surveyor of Westal, Naunton & Sandford died before the time appointed for the doing of the work.

We present that the horsepool of Cheltenham is out of repair and we do order that the next constables shall put it in repair, by 2 November next upon pain of 20s.

²⁶ So which court is being referred to?

We do order that Thomas Buckell shall scour his ditch from the lower end of Cheltenham to the bottom of the Frogpits before 1 December next, upon pain of 10s., it being a common nuisance from Cheltenham to Gloucs.

We do order that Thomas Cox shall scour his watercourse at the bottom of Little Cowlease at the further side of Whaden by 1 December next, upon pain of 20s., it being a nuisance to the highway leading from Cheltenham to Winchcombe.

We do also order that everyone shall scour their ditches afore their grounds adjoining to the highway from Ham brook to the top of Ham Lane and lop their trees that be offensive to the highways on both sides where need requires by 26 March next upon pain for everyone making default 3s. 4d.

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We do also present those whose names are underwritten for selling ale or beer by unlawful measures within our hundred.

Walter Warner
Lawrence Higges
John Iles
Mary Sturmei widow
Arthur Packer gent.
Thomas Cartwright

Thomas Sturmei
Widow Blowmer
Widow Fluck
John Clarke
Widow Cowles
Mary Mills

Mary .od. widow
Widow White
Richard Banister
Henry Goodchepe
Thomas Powell

Charlton Kings: John Machine

Amerced in 3s. 4d. apiece.

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Court leet and court baron of John Dutton esq. held at Cheltenham 8 October 1655, before John Dorney esq. deputy to William Sheppard esq. steward

Grand jury:

Toby Packer
Robert Clarke
William Ashmead
John Collet
John Chestro

John Machin
Charles Hawthorne
Roger Dowdswell
Robert Milton
Thomas Ballenger

Allen Cooper
Francis Gregory
George Merrell *sworn*

Homage:

John Mason
George Chestro
Nicholas Ashmead

Walter Cleevely
Robert Gale
Thomas Alexander

Walter Cox
Edward Gale *sworn*

Affeerers:

Guy Ellis

Giles Ashmead

Walter Curryer *sworn*

Old officers	<i>[new officers]</i>
[--] Roberts gent., bailiff in chief	
[Richard Dobbins], bailiff of the borough	Robert Milton <i>sworn</i>
Thomas Cartwright, Thomas Hyet, constables	Daniel Chestro, Richard Merrell <i>sworn</i>
John Maryes, tithingman of Alstone	John Nicholls <i>sworn</i>
William Willis, constable of Charlton	Robert Whithorne <i>sworn</i>

Richard Rogers, tithingman of Cheltenham	Robert Clarke; Richard Rogers his deputy <i>sworn</i>
Charles Hathorne, tithingman of Charlton	William Willis <i>to take his oath</i>
John Hartlebury, tithingman of Arle	Giles Robinson <i>sworn</i>
Linett Pates, tithingman of Bafford	Thomas Harding <i>sworn</i> .
William Howse, tithingman of Bradwell	
William Wheeler, tithingman of Leckhampton	Ralph Crumpe <i>ordered to take his oath</i>
Robert Alexander, tithingman of Ashley	Walter Curryer <i>sworn</i>
Thomas Lumbard, constable of Leckhampton	Richard Hall <i>sworn</i>
Humphrey Yates, tithingman of Westal	Humphrey Yeates <i>sworn</i>
George Horton, constable of Swindon	George Merrell <i>sworn</i>
	Thomas Hyet, Thomas Mathews, carnolls <i>sworn</i>
	Richard Finch, Richard Rogers, aletasters <i>sworn</i>

Ordered by the court that John Dennis and Anne Dennis widow do the next court make good their title to certain lands and tenements in Cheltenham now in the possession of Margaret Blomer widow, to which Thomas Tufley now at this court lays claim, and in case they refuse or neglect so to do (having timely notice) then the said Thomas Tufley be admitted tenant to the premises.

A view between Anthony Chestro and Arthur Packer at their homesteads touching a mound in difference to be done by John Mason, Nicholas Ashmead, Walter Cleevely and Robert Gale at or before 1 November next, in pain of 3s. 4d. apiece.

A view between Mary Lane and John Hartlebury touching a hedge in difference at 'burnd orchard' to be done at or before 1 November next by John Mason, Nicholas Ashmead, Walter Cox and Edward Gale, pain of 3s. 4d. apiece.

[f. 164 v blank; f. 166] **Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. held 8 October 1655, before John Dorney esq. deputy steward**

Homage:

John Mason
George Chestro
Nicholas Ashmeade
Walter Cleevely

Robert Gale
Thomas Alexander
Walter Cox
Edward Gale *sworn*

Walter Cleevely and his wife Sarah in person surrender for John Milton a close of pasture ground 'lately digged up' called the Goore (2 a.), between land of Thomas Gregory E and of Richard Bannester W; also 1 rudedged acre of arable land in Redacre furlong, between land of John Bannester E and of Richard Finch W; another rudge in the same furlong (½ a.) between land of Thomas Gregory E and of Robert Milton W; a headland in the same field (½ a.) between land of Robert Milton E and Longfurlong W; another whole rudedged acre of arable in Horne acre, land of William Milton E and of Robert Milton W; 1 land or butt of arable (¼ a.) in the same field, between land of John Bannester E and Willia Milton W; 2 rudes of meadow or pasture in Gossy Close (½ a.), land of Thomas Gregory E and the highway W; another rudge of meadow or pasture in the same close (¼ a.), having land of Robert Milton E; all in Westal, Naunton & Sandford. Rent 1s. 2d., heriot 5s., fine 2s. 4d.

[f. 166v] Thomas Atkins and his wife Sarah in person surrender for themselves for their lifetimes, with remainder to heirs, 3 closes of meadow or pasture in Ravensgate field (8 a.), namely 2 closes called Broadbreach and Sapercombe lying together between land of Richard Rooke W, of Timothy Cartwright S, and of Robert Alexander E, and the other close called Strowds, between land of Samuel Mansell S and Strouds Lane N; another close of meadow or pasture in the same field and called

Frecknell, between lands late of Giles Grevill gent. and Samuel Mansell NE, and of Walter Higgs and Timothy Cartwright SW, all in Charlton Kings. Rent 3s. 6d., heriot 11s. 5d., fine 7s.

[f. 168] Thomas Ballenger and his wife Alice in person surrendered for Thomas Whithorne 2 rudes or selions of arable land in Naunton field in Gonge furlong, between land of Richard Whithorne E, and of the Rectory of Cheltenham W, now in the possession of Thomas Ballenger. Rent 4d., heriot 6d., fine 8d.

Robert Milton and Henry Mason swear that Katherine Buckle out of court before them on 6 July last surrendered for Francis Gregory, Thomas Buckle and John Buckle several parcels of arable land (10 a.) dispersed in the fields of Alstone, and lately surrendered by Alexander Packer, namely 4 a. together in Bayes Hill, and 5 a. in Rewenfield in 3 separate parcels; and 1 a. in Hassards field. Rent 2s. 1d., heriot 4s., fine 4s. 2d. [B f. 379 adds: [provided that if Katherine Buckle shall be living at the next public court, this surrender to be void.](#)]

[f. 168v] Nicholas Ashmeade and John Buckle swear that Walter Milton of the city of London out of court on 4 May last surrendered for Edward Johnsons and Robert Milton of Westal all his lands in Cheltenham Upper field and Conygree (7 a.). Rent 2s. 10d., heriot 33s., fine 5s. 8d.

Thomas Ricketts and Richard Tickle swear that John Gardner before them on 12 July last surrendered for Edward Reade a little tenement in Cheltenham now in the occupation of widow Perry, with its 2 plots of garden ground in the possession of her and of John Holdey. Rent 1d., heriot 8d., fine 2d.

[f. 170] Edward Johnson, Nicholas Ashmeade and Giles Mathewes swear that Michael Gotheridge alias Wells on 4 May last before them surrendered for himself for his lifetime and after for Mary Ballenger daughter of Mary Ballenger of Westal his intended wife, for her lifetime as her jointure, a parcel of arable land (12 a.) in Highbreach in Hazards field; a plot of meadow ground in Alstone Mead (3 a.), between land of Thomas Packer E and of Thomas Buckle W; also 2 a. of arable in the fields of Westal and Naunton, namely 2 rudes in Naunton between land of Thomas Cleevely S and of Thomas Ashmeade N; 2 other rudes in the same field in the furlong below the elms there; 1 rudge in Whitecross furlong; all now in the possession of Michael Gotheridge. Rent 1s. 4d., heriot 9s., fine 2s. 8d.

[f. 170v] John Pates and John Collett swear that Thomas Clark out of court before them on 28 Sept. last surrendered for Guy Ellis 3½ a. of arable land, namely 2½ a. at Priests piece in Whaddon field, between land of Richard Wager E and of Thomas Cox W, and 1 a. in the same field shoting upon Lamb Leasow, between land in the occupation of Guy Ellis S and of Walter Mason N. Rent 14d., heriot 7s., fine 2s. 4d.

Robert Milton, Thomas Ricketts and Richard Tickle swear that John Gardner on 12 July last before them surrendered for his daughter Elizabeth Gardner a tenement in Cheltenham now in the possession of John Holdey, between a tenement of John Gardner W, and a tenement now in the occupation of widow Perry E; also a little parcel of ground 20 yds long and 5 yds broad, adjoining the homestead and shooting upon the peartree. Rent 1d., heriot 6d., fine 2d.

[f. 172] Edward Reade and his wife Joan in person surrender for Sarah Gardner the daughter of John Gardner a little tenement in Cheltenham, and a little plot of ground behind it, and another little plot of ground, 2½ yds square, lying behind the chimney of the said tenement, to set up a lean-to or pigscote; also a little plot of ground leading from the plumtree up to the peartree, 6 ft broad and 25 ft long; also way and passage to get to and from the well to fetch water, and access to the Street via the tenement in which John Gardner now dwells. Rent 1d., heriot 6d., fine 2d.

Robert Milton, Thomas Ricketts and Richard Tickle swear that John Gardner on 12 July last before them surrendered for his son Samuel Gardner the tenement now in John's possession in Cheltenham; also that part of the backside or homestead leading from the tenement up to the peartree, and hence

straight up to the upper end of the close; also a ½ a. shooting on the N side of the town of Cheltenham in the Upper field, between land of Thomas Cox on both sides; also another ½ a. shooting on Wymans Brook, both of these being now in the possession of George Chestro sen. Rent 5d., heriot 2s., fine 10d.

[f. 172v] William Driver clerk and his wife Elizabeth in person surrender for Theophilus Brereton gent. a mansion house or tenement with its garden and backside in Bafford in Charlton Kings, with a close of meadow or pasture called Highbreach, another close of arable or pasture called Allards breach, 2 other closes called White Lyly and Lyly Laynes, an orchard or homestead called Burchinhey; an orchard with certain lands in Laftley which were lately the lands of Richard Stratford and Roger Holder; also 4 butts in Lyly field (1 a.); all in Bafford in Charlton Kings. Rent 2s. 6d., heriot 32s. 2d., fine 5s. [\[B f. 377 adds: tithing silver 1s. 4d.\]](#)

Robert Milton, Thomas Ricketts and Richard Tickle swear that John Gardner out of court before them on 12 July last granted to his wife Mary for her lifetime as her jointure a tenement in Cheltenham now in the possession of John Gardner, together with part of its backside, leading from the tenement to the peartree and so straight up to the close; also ½ a. in the Upper field shooting on the N side of the town, between land of Thomas Cox on both sides, and another ½ a. shooting on Wymans brook, both of these ½ acres being now in the possession of George Chestro sen. Fine 5d.

[f. 174] Anthony Ireland and Henry Mason swear that Thomas Sandford on 12 July last before them surrendered for Peter King and his wife Anne a house or tenement now in the occupation of Margaret Porter, together with its court and garden plot as now set forth with merestones between land of Geoffrey Okey S and of Thomas Sandford W and N, and the highway there W. Rent 1d., heriot 2s., fine 2d.

Henry Sturmy in person surrendered for John Nicholls for his lifetime, and after for Jane the wife of John Nicholls for her lifetime as her jointure a grist watermill in Alstone now in Nicholls' possession, and the ground on which the mill stands, also the adjacent dwelling house where Nicholls now dwells, the stable or outhouse and the ground it stands on between the mill and the highway between the house of Thomas Packer and the said stable, with all grounds, headweirs, millponds, watercourses etc.; also part of a court or yard adjoining the mill, as now bounded and allotted for John Nicholls to be held with the mill, also a parcel of meadow ground [f. 174v] in Alsone between the highway from Alstone to Cheltenham S and meadow of Thomas Roberts called Pates meade N (1a.). Rent 1s. 8d., heriot 6s., fine 3s. 4d.

[f. 176] Richard Dobbins bailiff of the borough presents that John Farr late a burgage holder died in December 1643 and that his son Richard Farr desires to be admitted to that part of the burgage held by John Farr at the rent of 4d. Admitted and does fealty.

Presented by the homage that Walter Ireland died since the last court seised of certain customary lands in Westal, Naunton & Sandford at a rent of 6s. 11½ d. His son Walter Ireland is next heir and is admitted. Heriot 33s. 11d.

Also that John Gardner customary tenant died since the last court, seised of part of a customary messuage of land.

Also that Richard Cooke late customary tenant died since the last court seised of part of a messuage of land in Cheltenham, rent 6d. And that Walter Adams is the next tenant for term of life. Heriot 2s. 6d.

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[Court leet and court baron of John Dutton esq. held for the hundred and manor on 11 April 1656 before William Sheppard esq. steward](#)

[\[...\]](#) for the Leet:
Edward Johnson

John Collett

Henry Atkins

Thomas Atkins gent.
Thomas Packer
Thomas Finch
John Ashmeade sen.

George Horton
John Tanty
Thomas Lumbert
Thomas Cleevely

Robert Milton
Thomas Ballenger *sworn*

Homage:

Henry Mason
John Hartlebury
Robert Milton

William Ashmeade
Thomas Ashmeade sen.
Thomas Buckle

Thomas Cartwright sen.
Samuel Mansell
Michael Wells *sworn*

Affeerers:

Guy Ellis

Richard Sperrin

Humphrey Yates *sworn*

[old officers]	
[--] Roberts gent., chief bailiff	
Robert Milton, bailiff of the borough	
Daniel Chestro, Richard Merrell, constables	
John Nicholls, tithingman of Alstone	
Robert Whithorne, constable of Charlton	
Robert Clarke, tithingman of Cheltenham	
William Willis, tithingman of Charlton	
Giles Robinson, tithingman of Arle	
Thomas Harding, tithingman of Bafford	
William Howse, tithingman of Bradwell	<i>Amerced 3s. 4d. for not appearing</i>
Ralph Crumpe, tithingman of Leckhampton	
Walter Curryer, tithingman of Ashley	
Richard Hall, constable of Leckhampton	
Thomas Cleevely, tithingman of Westal	
George Merrell, constable of Swindon	
	Thomas Gregory jun. rent-gatherer for this year

All residents in 2s.; all freeholders and tenants 1s. apiece by the steward.

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It is ordered by this court peremptorily that unless Mr John Dennis or his mother do at the next court appear and justify the court that they or one of them have good right to the customary lands as it is pretended whereof Jeffrey Tuffley died seised within this manor that then the homage shall inquire whether Thomas Tuffley pretended son of Edward Tuffley and brother of Jeffrey Tuffley shall be admitted tenant to the premises or not.

A view between Thomas Hyet and Elizabeth Ashmead touching a mound in difference between them in the borough of Cheltenham near to the house of William Ashmead to be done by Henry Mason, John Hartlebury, Robert Milton and William Ashmead who are to meet at the place on Whitsun Tuesday and make return at the next court what they find touching the same, on pain of 3s. 4d. apiece.

A view between William Jeffris and Edward Read and between Mary Gardner widow and the said William Jeffris touching a mound in difference between them in Cheltenham to be done by Henry Mason, John Hartlebury, Robert Milton and William Ashmead who are to meet at the place on Whitsun Monday next and return what they find next court on pain of 3s. 4d. apiece.

Also between the said Mary Gardner and Thomas Gardner touching a mound and encroachment upon the said Mary to be done by the same persons as the former in all points.

Ordered that summons be given to Thomas Hawling and Elionor his wife that they appear at the next court to show cause why certain customary lands within the manor held together and undivided between them and John Buckle and Margaret his wife should not be divided, and why they refuse to make partition thereof betwixt them, as the court is informed they ought not to do.

A view between Thomas Packer of Alstone and Michael Gutheridge of 'West on' [Westal?] touching a mound in difference between them lying at a place called High bridge parting Hazards field [from] the Hill field, to be done by Edmond Gale, John Maries, Walter Cox and Thomas Stroude, who are to meet at the place on ?Wednesday 16th of this month and make return at the next court of what they find touching the same, on pain of 3s. 4d. apiece.

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A view between John Cowles and John Okey of Alstone touching a mound that is made to land of John Cowles lying at Alstone at a place called Mancroft, to be done by Robert Milton, William Ashmead, Walter Cox and John Ashmead who are to meet at the place aforesaid on Whitsun Monday next by 9 o'clock next ensuing and make return at the next court what they find touching the same, on pain of 3s. 4d.

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Ordered by the court that Henry Mason, John Hartlebury, Robert Milton and William Ashmeade, four of the homage, shall view the lands in the possession of John Milton lying in Westal field in a furlong there called Redd acre and the land of Elianor Banaster widow adjoining to the said Redd acre, and whether the land of the said John Milton be not too nearly ploughed upon the said Elianor Banaster's land, and that they view the same upon ~~market day next~~ Wednesday next come 7night, and return their judgement therein the next court upon pain of 3s. 4d. apiece.

[f. 176v blank; f. 178] **Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. held Friday 11 April 1656 before William Shepard esq. steward.**

Homage [as above]

Thomas Ashmead sen. of Charlton Kings and his wife Mary in person surrender for William Churches and his wife Anne in lieu of jointure 2 closes of arable or pasture ground in Charlton Kings called Greater and Lesser Feasants. Rent 9d., heriot 4s. 6d., fine 18d.

[f. 178v] Nicholas Ashmead and George Chestro sen. swear that Thomas Clarke out of court on 13 Nov. last surrendered for Nathaniel Chestro 2½ a. of land in Cheltenham Upper field, namely 1 a. at the upper end of the town shooting N-S, having Rectory land E and land of Thomas Buckle W; 1 broad acre of arable having land of George Chestro E and of Mary Buckle widow W; and ½ a. of arable having land of Margaret Blowmer widow E and of Thomas Cartwright W. Rent 1s. 1d., heriot 7s., fine 2s. 2d.

Henry Mason and Nicholas Ashmeade swear that Francis Gregory, Thomas Buckle and John Buckle on 24 October 1655 out of court before them surrendered for Thomas Buckle and Edward Johnson 10 a. of arable in Alstone, namely 4 a. in Bayshill field, 5 a. in Rowenfield, and 1 a. in Hazards field; upon trust that Buckle and Johnson shall permit Thomas Roberts of Alstone gent. to enjoy the premises for his lifetime, and after his death (or before, if Roberts shall request it) shall surrender the premises to such persons as Roberts shall state in writing, and for want of such direction, to his grandson George Roberts. Rent 2s. 1d., heriot 4s., fine 4s. 2d.

[f. 180] Thomas Cleevely and his wife Elianor in person surrender for Thomas Longford a pasture ground called Smiths close in Westal (5 a.), and an enclosed parcel of arable (3 a.) upon Bayshill; 2 rudes of arable in Rudacre furlong, 1 of which lies between land of Robert Milton W and land in the possession of Alice Ireland widow E, the other between land of William Milton E and land late of Thomas Higgs deceased W; also land in Sandford field in More furlong, between land of William

Milton on both sides; another land in the same furlong ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.), between land of John Davison E and land in the possession of widow Ireland W; also 1 land in Sandford field near Elmstubb, land of John Ferris N and the way there S; another land ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.) in the same field in Long furlong, between land of Robert Milton N and of Alice Ireland S; 1 other land in the same ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.) between land of Robert Milton S and of Ralph Powell N; another land ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.) in the same field between land of Thomas Higgs W and of John Daison E; another land in the same field between land of John Milton E and of Walter Currier W; another land in Very furlong in Sandford field ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.), between land of Robert Milton on both sides; a land in the same field ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.), between land of Thomas Higgs W and Thomas Gregory E; another land in the same field ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.) between land of Robert Milton W and of Thomas Gregory W; also 1 butt ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.) in the same field between land of John Bannaster W and of Robert Milton E; also another land ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.) in the same field, between land of John Bannaster W and Alice Ireland E.

[f. 180v] Rent 2s. 8d., heriot 20s. 4d., fine 5s. 4d. With proviso that if Cleevly pays Longford £3 on 11 Oct. next, £3 on 11 Apr. 1657, £3 on 11 Oct. 1657, and £103 on 11 Apr. 1658, then this surrender shall be void.

John Buckle and Henry Mason swears that Francis Gregory out of court before them on 3 Feb. last surrendered for himself until a marriage intended to take place between Walter Buckle of Cheltenham and Anne Gregory daughter of Francis, and after to Walter Buckle, a close of meadow or pasture in Arle called New Lease (10 a.), between land now or late of Thomas Mason W and of Thomas Hartlebury E. Rent 3d., heriot 5s., fine 6d.

[f. 182] Provided that if Francis Gregory do or shall at any feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary within the next 7 years pay Walter Buckle £200, this surrender o be void.

Thomas Merrell and his wife Joan in person surrender for Thomas Roberts a piece of ground on the E side of the dwelling house of Thomas Roberts, 6 yds broad shooting N-S, having the Street or common highway N, and Cambray Meade S. Rent 2d., heriot 7d., fine 4d.

John Collet and Giles Ashmeade swear that John Marston out of court on 27 Mar. last surrendered closes of meadow or pasture ground in Charlton Kings in Milkwell field called Overcombe and Nethercombe, and 3 other closes called Foxholes, Littlebreach and Caweshmore, all which closes lie between the highway called Combe lane SW and Milkwell lane NE, abutting S on a close called Coombe, to the use of Thomas Ashmeade sen. of Charlton Kings. Rent 3s., heriot 16s., fine 6s.

[f. 182v] Lynnett Pates and John Collett swear that Samuel Mansell alias Alexander out of court on 24 Dec. last surrendered for Anthony Webb and his wife Jane (one of the daughters of Samuel) a close of meadow or pasture ground in Charlton Kings called Detmores close or home orchard. Rent 9d., heriot 3s. 9d., fine 18d.

John Milton, Robert Bick and Thomas Mason swear that John Davison out of court on 8 Oct. last granted to Henry Mason and Robert Milton for the lifetime of John Davison a customary messuage with homestead, close and orchard in Westal, Naunton and Sandford (2 a.), with customary land called Bestcroft in Alstone (5 a.); also 2 closes of pasture ground called Woodfield in Westal (12 a.); also 12 selions of arable (4 a.) dispersed in the fields of Westal, Naunton & Sandford, all which lands were lately surrendered by Davison to himself for life and after to his daughters Elionor, Alice, Sarah and Hannah. Fine 2s. 8d.

[f. 184] Henry Mason and John Buckle swear that Mary Buckle widow out of court before them this day granted to Robert Milton 2 tenements or parcels of housing, one now in the possession of Giles Berry barber, the other in the possession of Gabriel Welch, and all that parcel of housing or shop in the possession of Robert Gregory butcher, and the chamber over the same, together with all other adjoining housing and the ground on the backside, extending in length to the gutter there and in breadth equal with the breadth of the said tenement or housing, for the term of Mary's lifetime, rendering yearly £6 3s. 4d. at the 4 usual days in equal portions. Agreed that Mary Buckle shall pay

yearly towards all outpayments during the tenure as she now doth or by the space of 3 years last past she hath paid; and Robert Milton doth agree that the gate belonging to the tenement wherein the said Mary doth now dwell shall hang upon the wall now belonging to the tenement aforesaid in the possession of Robert Gregory as long as the said tenement shall remain unbuilt as it is, and that when it shall be new built the said Robert Milton shall place the post upon which the said gate shall hang in the wall of the said tenement for that the said gate may be as wide as now it is. Fine 5d.

Robert Milton bailiff of the borough and Robert Milton a burgageholder swear that Richard Grindle a burgageholder out of court on 31 Dec. last granted a half-burgage on the N side of Cheltenham, between land of CCC in the possession of Robert Hyett E and other ;and of CCC now in the possession of Elizabeth Grindle W to the use of Richard Grindle and his wife Alice. [Relief] 6d.

[f. 184v] Edward Johnson and Robert Milton in person surrender in pursuance of a trust placed in them by Walter Milton late of the city of London pewterer to the use of Maria Milton cousin and heir of Walter and daughter and heir of Thomas Milton deceased brother and heir of Walter customary lands dispersed in Cheltenham Upper field, Conygree and Leechcroft (7 a.). Rent 2s. 10d., heriot 33s., fine 5s. 8d.

Afterwards Maria Milton spinster in person surrendered for Robert Milton 2 rudes of arable in Leechcroft (2 a.) between land in the possession of Walter Warner W and the highway E; another rudge (1 a.) in the Upper field between lands of the Rectory of Cheltenham S and of Guy Ellis sen. N; another land in the same field (1 a.) shooting upon the Sandpitts, between land of Thomas Mason E and of John Buckle W. Rent 1s. 8d., heriot 18s. 10d., fine 3s. 4d.

[f. 186] Afterwards Maria Milton spinster in person surrendered for Edward Johnson 2 a. of arable land in the Conygree in Cheltenham Upper field between the highway to Prestbury W and land of John Buckle E; also 2 lands (1 a.) in the same field, shooting upon the Sandpitts, land of John Buckle E and of Thomas Cowles W. Rent 1s. 3d., heriot 14s. 2d., fine 2s. 6d.

Anne Milton widow of Walter Milton late of the city of London pewterer in person grants and quitclaims to Edward Johnson and Robert Milton all her right and interest in customary lands in Cheltenham Upper field, Conygree and Leechcroft (7 a.) now in the possession of Johnson and Milton and formerly surrendered to them by Walter Milton in his lifetime. For enrolment, 12d.

[f. 186v] Francis Gregory and his wife Anne in person surrender for Walter Buckle (now in possession) all their right and title in a close of meadow or pasture called Newlease (10 a.) in Arle, previously surrendered by Gregory to Buckle after the marriage of Buckle to Anne a daughter of Francis Gregory, which marriage has now taken place. Provided that if Francis Gregory at any time in the 7 years from Lady Day last pays Buckle £200, this grant and release shall be void. For enrolment 12d.

John Buckle and Henry Mason swear that Walter Buckle before them out of court on 23 Feb. last surrendered for himself until his intended marriage with Anne Gregory daughter of Francis Gregory of Arle, and thereafter for Buckle for his lifetime, and after for Anne for her lifetime as her jointure, 'and in recompence of her thirds and dower in all other the lands of the said Walter', a messuage or tenement in Cheltenham lately purchased by Walter Buckle from Thomas Roberts gent., his wife Mary, and Mary his daughter, with all its gardens, orchards, barns, stables, yards, backsides etc.,

[f. 188] and its close, lying between a close belonging to the Almshouse on one side, and the backside or close of Guy Ellis on the other; also several parcels of arable in the fields of Cheltenham, namely 4 lands or rudes in the Upper field (2 a.) shooting on a close-end of Richard Cocks, having land of Henry Mason W and of Thomas Cox E; 12 rudes of arable in the same field (5½ a.) shooting N on Sandpitts Lane, land now or late of Lodowick Packer E and of Mary Pates widow W; 2 closes of meadow or pasture in Westal, Naunton & Sandford (8 a.) called Baldhay and Clarkes Close; 1 a. arable in the Upper field shooting on Sandpitts Lane, land of Thomas Cox E and of Henry Mason W; 1 a. arable in the Upper field shooting on the same lane, land of Henry Mason W [sic] and of Thomas

Cox W [sic]; 7 rudes of arable in the Upper field in Kingsham shooting on the highway there (12 a.), having land in the possession of Richard Latner E and land of Walter Mason W; also 2 rudes of arable in Cheltenham Lower field (1 a.) shooting on a close in the possession of Richard Latner, having lands of John Buckle and Thomas Halling E and of John Ellis W; 6 rudes of arable in Whaddon field shooting N-S (2½ a.), having land of Giles Mathews E and a way leading from Cheltenham to Gloucester W; 2 a. of arable in Whaddon field in Middle furlong shooting N-S, land of Mary Buckle widow E and of Richard Wager W; 1 a. arable in Whaddon field shooting N on Waymans brook, land of

[f. 188v] John Collet E and of Giles Mathewes W; ½ a. arable in Middle furlong, land of Thomas Cox E & W; 5 rudes of arable in Whaddon field (2½ a.), shooting S on Sandpitts Lane, land of Henry Mason E and of Thomas Cox W; all these holdings being now in the possession of Walter Buckle. Rent 4s. 10d., heriot 16s. 6d., fine 9s. 8d.

Note in handwriting of John Delabere:

The above named Walter Buckle left one child only a daughter named Sarah who married Kinard Delabere (younger son of John Delabere of Southam Esq. by Joan his wife one of the daughters of [blank] Hales of the White Friars in Coventry Esq. and sister [blank] created a Baronet in [blank]) and by him left 4 sons and 2 daughters. Both the daughters died unmarried as did also 2 of the sons Richard and George the former a student of Pembroke Coll. Oxon, the latter belonging to the Customs in Bristol. Walter the eldest son left one son the writer of this and steward of this manor upwards of 37 years, to whom the estate above in jointure and also the other estates of the said Walter Buckle (except what he devised to John Delabere his grandson the other of the four sons of his daughter Sarah) descended. 6 Mar. 1786

I sold all the estate I had from the Buckles save the messuage mentioned in the above copy and the two closes of pasture ground in Westal called Baldhay and Clark's close. I live in the house. J. D.

[f. 190] John Buckle and his wife Margaret in person at this court against Thomas Hawling and his wife Elionor of a plea that whereas the four of them together and undivided hold to them and the lawful heirs of Elionor and Margaret a customary messuage in Cheltenham now divided into 2 parts, part of which is now in the possession of Henry Turner and Samuel Isgar, and the other part is in the occupation of Robert Ballenger and Edward Wasley, and 1 customary close now in the possession of the said John Buckle, between the highway W and close now or late of Thomas Collier E; and another close in Cheltenham near the Marsh Lane E and land in the possession of Widow Buckle W; and 2 selions in Lechcroft, and 3½ a. in Cheltenham Lower field, now or late in the possessions of Richard Cox, Thomas White, Alice Goodcheape and Henry Mason, they (Thomas and Elionor) to make petition [?whereat/thereat?] [?do deny?] and the same unjustly do not permit to be done as they say, and therefore the said John and Margaret pray that summons may be awarded against the said Thomas and Elionor, against the next court. Ordered at this court that summons be given accordingly.

Presented by the homage that Henry Partridge gent. late a freeholder of this manor died since the last court seised of diverse lands; and that his son Henry is his heir.

Also that Thomas Machin a freeholder died since the last court seised of certain lands.

Also that John Hyett late a customary tenant who held [blank] and certain lands dies since the last court; and that his daughter Frances is his only daughter and next heir.

1030578 B f. 600

Court leet and court baron of John Dutton esq. held at Cheltenham for the hundred and manor Friday 3 October 1656 before John Dorney esq. deputy steward

Grand jury:

Lynnett Pates gent.
Robert Clarke

John Pates gent.
Robert Mylton

Walter Currier
Richard Wager

Thomas Parker
Edward Gale
George Murrell

William Randle
Walter King
Francis Gregory

Guy Ellis *sworn*

Homage:

Henry Mason
Thomas Ashmeade sen.
John Buckle

Thomas Gregory jun.
Theophilus Brereton
Anthony Webb

Thomas Mason
Anthony Chestro
Robert Gale *sworn*

Affeerers:

John Buckle

John Gale

John Collet *sworn*

<i>Old officers</i>	<i>New officers for this year</i>
Thomas Roberts gent., bailiff	
Robert Milton, bailiff of the borough	Thomas Gregory jun. <i>sworn</i>
Daniel Chestro, Richard Merrell, high constables	John Ellis and John Dobyns <i>to take their oaths in 6 days, [or] £10 apiece</i>
John Nicholls, tithingman of Alstone	John Ashmead <i>sworn</i>
Robert Whithorne, constable of Charlton	Henry Atkins Samuel Titchet Charles Hawthorne <i>to take his oath</i>
Robert Clarke, tithingman of Cheltenham	Richard Rogers
William Willis, tithingman of Charlton	Walter Goodridg <i>to take his oath</i>
Giles Robinson, tithingman of Arle	Arnold ?Miles <i>to take his oath</i>
Thomas Harding, tithingman of Bafford	-
William Howse, tithingman of Bradwell	Thomas Ballenger <i>sworn</i>
Ralph Crumpe, tithingman of Leckhampton	Allen Cooper <i>sworn</i>
Walter Curryer, tithingman of Ashley	Richard Churches <i>to take his oath</i>
Richard Hall, constable of Leckhampton	William Ballenger <i>sworn</i>
Thomas Cleevely, tithingman of Westal	Thomas Cleevely <i>to continue</i>
George Merrell, constable of Swindon	-
	William Clarke and Roger Cox, ale-tasters <i>sworn</i>
	Daniel Chestro and Robert Ballenger, 'carners' <i>sworn</i>

All defaulters amerced in 2s. 6d. apiece by the steward.

1030579 B f. 401

A view between Samuel Crips and Thomas Wood, John Hawling and others tuching an encroachment made by the said Thomas Wood John Hawling and others upon a headland of the said Samuel Crips in a field called Harthurst and that it be done by John Holship, Henry Pearce, Walter Lane and John Maryes who are to meet at the place on 26 December next and make return next court.

That Henry Mason William Ashmead George Chestro and John Buckle do view an encroachment made by Thomas Gardner upon Mary Gardner on 1 November next, in 3s. 4d. apiece.

That Henry Mason, Thomas Gregory John Buckle and Anthony Chestro do view a mound in difference between Thomas Hyet and widow Ashmead on the S side of Cheltenham on 28 December next in pain of 3s. 4d. apiece.

1030580 B f. 402

Presentments of the homage at a court baron held for the manor of Cheltenham Friday 3 October 1656

We present that Edward Read a customary tenant of this manor died since the last court seised of certain lands part of a customary messuage in Cheltenham, and that Joan Read his daughter is next heir. Rent yearly 1d., heriot 8d. Joan Read admitted but fealty respited, being a child.

Jeffery Tufly of Cheltenham a customary tenant died long since before this court seised of one customary messuage with its lands, and that Thomas Tufly son of Edward Tufly brother to the said Jeffery is next heir. Heriot 30s., rent 8s. Thomas Tufley admitted tenant and does fealty.

John Griffin of Charlton Kings late a freeholder of this manor died seised of certain free land of this manor since the last court, 'but by what rent and what accrues to the lord we know not'.

[f. 190v] Cheltenham. Court baron of John Dutton esq. held Friday 3 October 1656, before John Dorney esq. deputy steward

Homage [as above]

Henry Roberts and Robert Milton swear that Henry Wills out of court before them on 11 July last surrendered for John Wills parcels of housing lately surrendered to him by his father Richard Wills, namely all the rooms from the middle collar post backward as now divided, containing 4 or five rooms on that side, now in the occupation of Thomas Long, between the land of Robert Gregory E and of Richard Wills W, and 1 yds of ground adjoining the house in the backside; and a plot of ground in the close there between lands of Edward and Thomas Wills, about 4 luggs long and 2 luggs broad; also right of access through the entry backside and close, and to the well. Rent 1d., heriot 3s., fine 2d.

[f. 192] George Roberts and Henry Milton swear that Henry Wills out of court before them on 11 July last surrendered for his brother Thomas Wills that middle range of housing on the N side of the street with a barn, stable and 'piggs-coate' adjoining the barn; also its garden and a plot of ground in the close, having land of Thomas Long alias Humfryes E and Elizabeth Mathew W, 8 luggs long and 2 luggs broad. Rent 1d., heriot 6s., fine 2d.

Henry Roberts and Robert Mylton swear that Henry Wills out of court before them on 11 July last surrendered for his brother Edward Wills parcels and rooms of his customary messuage in Cheltenham, namely the shop and room over the shop now in the possession of Elizabeth Nicholls widow, and all that part of the lower chamber, and that part of the chamber over, to the collar post, now in the possession of Thomas Long as now divided, having tenements of Robert Gregory E and of Richard Wills W; also a plot of garden ground about 11 yds broad, as now divided by stakes, land of Robert Gregory E and of Richard Wills W; and a plot of garden ground 4 luggs long and 2 luggs broad; with right of access through the entry backside and close with cart and carriages, and to the well. Rent 1d., heriot 3s., fine 2d.

[f. 192v] Thomas Sanford and his wife Anne in person surrender for Thomas Davis and his wife Alice a piece of garden ground, parcel of the homestead of Thomas Sandford in Cheltenham (9 r.) as now set out by merestones, having land of Thomas Sandford E and a certain way N. Rent 1s., heriot 2s., fine 2s.

Anthony Webb and Thomas Cartwright swear that Richard Finch sen. on 25 July last out of court before them surrendered for Samuel Trinder and his wife Mary for their lifetimes and after for their son John Trinder and his wife Mary a plot of garden ground in Sandford between the orchard or backside of Samuel Trinder E and land of widow Ireland W. Rent 2d., heriot 6d., fine 4d.

[f. 194] William Gregory and his wife Fortune in person surrender for William for his lifetime and after for Fortune for her lifetime and after for their son Francis Gregory parcels of land in Westal, Naunton & Sandford, namely 1 rudge ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.) in Reddacre furlong, between land of Robert Milton

E and of Thomas Higgs W; another rudge of arable in the same furlong ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.) , land of Robert Milton E and of William Milton W; 2 rudes of arable (1 a.) in Horn acre furlong, land of Robert Milton E and Thomas Cleevely W; 1 rudge ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.) in Long furlong, land of Robert Milton S and of Walter Ireland N; 1 rudge ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.) in Ellen Stubb, land of Robert Milton E, and of Ralph Powell W; 3 rudes of arable together in the same field shooting upon Sandfords Lane end (1a.), land of John Milton W and John Higgs E; a little plot of enclosed ground ($\frac{1}{4}$ a.) in the same field with the little house standing thereon, between land of Richard Finch E and the highway W. Rent 10d., heriot 4s., fine 20d.

Afterwards came William Gregory and his wife Fortune in person and surrendered for William Gregory for his lifetime and after for Fortune for her lifetime, and after for their son Thomas Gregory a messuage in Westal, Naunton & Sandford with its lands, meadows and pastures (excepting those lands and parcels just surrendered to Francis brother of Thomas). Rent 4s. 8d., heriot 26s., fine 9s. 4d.

[f. 194v] Thomas Gregory sen. surrenders for himself for his lifetime and thereafter for Thomas Gregory his grandson, the son of William Gregory, a parcel of meadow or pasture (1 a.) in Westal, Naunton & Sandford in Sandfords meade, called Long acre, having land of Lynnet Pates gent. N and of Thomas Gregory sen. S. Rent 6d., fine 2s., fine 1s.

John Ashmeade and his wife Margaret in person surrender for Thomas Payne a messuage or tenement or part thereof, with adjacent orchard, and all houses, edifices, yards, backsides etc., in Alstone, having a parcel of customary land there late Alexander Packer's called Hazards Close E and a gutter or passage for water there W, and John Ashmeade's home close N. Rent 6d., heriot 8d., fine 1s.

[f. 196] John Ashmeade sen. and his wife Margaret in person surrender for John Howse a house, tenement, backside and garden in Alstone now in the tenure of Robert Averis, with adjoining barn and 1 yard of ground above the end of the barn, as now set forth by merestones; also right of access to the premises through the court and backside of John Ashmeade. Rent 3d., heriot 6d., fine 6d.

John Ashmeade and his wife Margaret in person surrender for Thomas Toney sen. 1 butt or rudge of arable ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.), part of a homestead in Alstone which Ashmeade purchased from Anthony Ward, having land of Mary Sturmy widow W and of John Ashmeade E, together with all houses and buildings thereon. Rent 2d., heriot 6d., fine 4d.

[f. 196v] Edmund Gale and John Ashmeade swear that John Stephens out of court before them on 2 Oct. just past granted to his wife Sarah for her lifetime as her jointure a customary messuage in Alstone with its lands, except for $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. in Sandfield between land of Mr John Pate E and of Mary Sturmy widow W, and 4 other lands in Yeatchland furlong in the same field between land of Richard Hyett E and of Thomas Finch W. Fine 3s. 6d.

Samuel Higgs and his wife Alice in person grant to John Gale sen. a tenement and shop in Cheltenham next to the churchyard, having the highway E and the bakehouse in the occupation of John Ward W, for a term of 10 years. Fine 1d.

Robert Milton in person surrenders for Maria Milton spinster 2 rudes of arable land Leechcroft in Cheltenham (2 a.), having the lane leading from Cheltenham to Prestbury E and land of Edward Rich esq. W; also a headacre in Cheltenham field shooting E-W between land of the Farm of Cheltenham S and land of William Mils N; also 2 rudes in the Upper field (1 a.), having land of Thomas Mason E and of John Buckle W. Rent 1s. 8d., heriot 18s. 10d., fine 3s. 4d.

[f. 198] Maria Milton spinster in person surrenders [the same premises as preceding] for Edward Johnson. Rent 1s. 8d., heriot 18s. 10d., fine 3s. 4d.

Samuel Whithorne and his wife Joyce in person surrender for Francis Greene a little close of land called Withyholt abutting on Fordenbrooke E and upon the highway W, in Bafford in Charlton Kings. Rent 3d., heriot 12d., fine 6d.

[f. 198v] John Buckle and Henry Mason swear that William Danford out of court before them on 20 Sept. last surrendered a pasture ground in Charlton Kings (7 a.), having the highway from Charlton Kings to Dowdeswell S, called Lower Rungbornes; also 2 pasture grounds (10 a.) in Charlton Kings called Upper Rungbornes on the N side thereof; also a rudge of arable in the Leigh field in Charlton Kings, next to land of Robert Ruck N; another rudge of arable in Chalrton Kings in Hempcroft field, shooting E-W between land of John Ruck N and S; 1 rudge of arable in Waterfurrow field shooting E-W between land of Robert Milton N and Walter Higgs S; another rudge in the same field between land of Walter Higgs S and of Thomas Deane N; to the use of his son William Danford until his marriage to Sarah Davison one of the daughters of John Davison of Cheltenham maltster; and after the marriage, Lower Rungbornes to the use of William Danford the son for his lifetime, and after for Sarah for her lifetime, and then for their heirs. And as for all the other presmies, then for William Danford sen. for his lifetime without impeachment of waste, then for William jun. and then for Sarah. Rent 1s. 10d., heriot 5s., fine 3s. 8d.

[f. 200] Michael Wells alias Gotheridge and his wife Mary in person surrender for Thomas Ballenger a messuage or tenement called Nauntons Meese and the adjoining clode of meadow or pasture (2 a.) in Naunton, with diverse parcels of arable (2½ a.) there as follows: 1 selion in Long Grinoles furlong, having land of Walter Whithorne N and S; another selion and a stich of land in Gongfurlong, between land of Walter Whithorne E and of John Higgs gent. W; another selion and a stitch in Keningnester furlong between land late of Robert Ballenger S and of John Tytchett N; another selion in Raynebow furlong between lands of Walter Whithorne S and land sometime of Lynnet Pates W; 1 selion in Naunton field between land late of William Curryer N and land late of Samuel Deighton S; 1 headland called the Wing land lying in Naunton field adjoining land late of John Powell; another selion or butt in Naunton field between land late of John Powell N and of Walter Whithorne S; also 3 stiches in Cudly mere furlong, between land late of William Whithorne N and land late of Henry Ligon esq. S; another stitch in Cudley Meere, between land of Lynnet Pates gent. S and land late of Henry Lygon N; and a further selion in Cudley Meere. Rent 1s. 4d., heriot 9s., fine 2s. 8d.

[f. 200v] Thomas Clarke in person surrenders for John Cl;arke and heirs a tenement with appurtenances lately erected in Alstone wherein Henry White now dwells, with its garden, houses, edifices etc, and divers parcels of arable land: 2 selions (1½ a.) between land of John Maryes E and of William Theyer W; 1 selion (½ a.) between land of William Theyer E and of Edmund Gale W; 7 other selions in Rewenfield in Wetfurze furlong. Rent 3d., heriot 2s. 2d., fine 6d.

[f. 202] John Mason and his wife Dorothy in person surrender for Walter Lane alias French 2 pasture grounds in Arle, one close called Pitts Style (3 a.) lying between the common fields there N and a pasture ground in the occupation of Richard Hyett S & W, the other called Monks Laynes (1 a.) between land of Francis Gregory E, of Richard Hyett N, and of Walter Lane W. Rent 1s. 3d., heriot 9s. 10d., fine 2s. 6d.

Walter Cleevely and his wife Sarah in person surrender for John Milton closes of arable or parcel ground in Westal, Naunton & Sandford (10 a.) called Woodfield between land of John Milton and Thomas Caffold E and of John Davison W. Rent 11d., heriot 3s. 2d., fine 1s. 10d.

[f. 202v] Nicholas Ashmeade and Edward Johnson swear that Anthony Sturmy out of court before them on 2 Oct. last granted to Elionor Sturmy wife of Thomas Sturmy of Cheltenham innholder 3½ a. of arable land in Alstone, of which 2½ a. lie in Hillfield and 1 a. in Rowenfield, and are now in the possession of Anthony Sturmy, to hold after the death of Anthony for a term of 12 years. Fine 4d.

John Buckle and his wife Margaret, and Thomas Hawling and his wife Elionor in person surrender for John and Margaret and heirs, and if no issue, then to the heirs of Margaret, a house, garden and backside in the possession of Edward Wasley and the shop in the possession of Robert Ballinger and the house in the possession of Henry Turner as is allotted out by merestones; also a close of arable ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.) shooting S upon a highway leading on the backside of Cheltenham, the said highway W and land late of Thomas Cowles E; also another acre in Leechcroft, having land of the said Thomas Thomas Hawling E and of John Buckle W; also 1 a. in Cheltenham Lower field, having land of Henry Mason E and of Mary Pates W; also a $\frac{1}{2}$ a. of arable land in the same field, having land of Elionor Cox widow W and of Thomas Gardner E. Rent 2s. 6d., heriot £1 2s., fine 5s.

[f. 204] Thomas Hawling and his wife Elionor, and John Buckle and his wife Margaret in person surrender for Elionor for her lifetime and after for John Hawling son of Thomas and Elionor, a house, backside and garden now in the possession of Samuel Esgie and the slaughterhouse in the possession of Robert Ballenger and Richard Mason, and the barne in the possession of John Buckle; also that part of the yard adjoining the barn as now allotted by merestones; also a close of arable ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.) having land of Walter Buckle W and the lane leading to the Marsh E; also 1 a. in Leechcroft having land of John Chestro E and of John Buckle W; a $\frac{1}{2}$ a. in Cheltenham Lower field, having land of Elionor Cox E and of John Buckle W; also $\frac{1}{2}$ a. in the same field, having land of John Chestro E and of Elionor Cox W; a $\frac{1}{2}$ a. in Sowre furlong, land of John Ellis E and of Elionor Cox widow W; another lad in Frogpitts, land late of Alexander Packer gent. S and of Robert Collett N. Rent 2s. 6d., heriot 22s., fine 5s.

[f. 204v] [Homage presentments of deaths of Edward Reade, Jeffery Tufley and John Griffin, as B above]

[f. 206] Presented by the homage that Thomas Grindle late customary tenant who held several parcels of arable land (5 a.) in common fields of Charlton Kings, called Longfurlong, Picked land, Coltham and Riworth, and 1 selion in Hencroft at rent of 1s. 4d. and heriot 3s. 2d. died since the last court seised of the same; Richard Grindle is his son and heir. He is admitted. Fine 2s. 8d.

Finis.

[After this is inserted a single sheet (numbered '21') on different paper and in a different hand, recording two of the last surrenders above (Mason to Lane, f. 202, and Buckle/Hawling f. 202v), then the first three surrenders of 'Court leet held 31 March 1657'. Wording is identical with that in C, below.]

Here inserted: 1657 onwards, from D855/M33 [C] *The fact that A and B cease at this point is clearly linked in some way with the change of stewardship.*

[C f. 75] View of frankpledge with the court of the manor of Cheltenham, held Tuesday the last of March 1657 before Miles Cooke esq. steward

Surrender of Edmond Mortimer before John Maries and Walter Cox of 2 lands in Charlton Kings, one in Coltham, the other in Prestbury acre, to use of Edward Johnson and Thomas Buckle in trust for Thomas Roberts [no R/F/H]

Surrender of Thomas Ashmeade senior of several parcels of customary land (6 a.) in Westal Naunton & Sandford tithing, to the use of Humphrey Yate and heirs. Rent 9d, fine 18d, heriot 2s 9d.

[f. 76] Surrender of John Millington esq before Thomas Ashmeade senior and Thomas Cartwright senior and Thomas Cartwright junior of 3 messuages and a $\frac{1}{2}$ mess in Bafford in Charlton Kings, and of all lands, tenements, meadows, leasows, pastures, commons, feedings and hereditaments whatsoever to the same belonging; also 1 arable or pasture ground called Rowell and all other

customary lands etc of John Millington in Charlton Kings, to the use of Lynnett Pates and heirs.

R £1 5s 4d F £2 10s 8d H £4 15s 6d for messes

R 10d F 1s 8d H 1s 6d for Rowell

Surrender of Lynnett Pates gent. before Thomas Ashmead senior, Thomas Cartwright senior and Thomas Cartwright junior of 1 mess in Bafford Charlton Kings in the possession of William Pumfry and all lands [&c] thereto belonging; also meadow ground called the Millmeade in Westal Naunton & Sandford tithing; and 3 meadow or pasture grounds called Battleton; and another meese or messuage called Naunton Meese in

[f. 77] the aforesaid tithing, with all its lands, tenements, etc., to the use of John Millington and heirs. Provided that if Pates pays Millington the full and just sum of £1270 in manner following, viz 12 Oct next £500, and 7 Apr 1658 £770, without default, then the surrender to be void. Also provided that if Pates pays the said £500 before Michaelmas next, then this surrender in so far as it concerns Naunton Meese shall be from thenceforth utterly void. Rent £1 4s 10d, fine £2 9s 8d, heriot £4 10s 0d.

[f. 78] Surrender of Samuel Vicke of all that mansion house or tenement with backside and garden, to the use of his son William Vicke and heirs. Rent 1d, fine 2d, heriot 6d.

Surrender of [---] Hall of a dwelling house or tenement with adjacent parcel of ground at Blind Lane end in CK. Rent 4d, fine 8d, heriot 1s 4d.

Grant of John Currier to Elizabeth Pates for 4 years of ½ a mess in Westal Naunton & Sandford. Fine 1s 4d.

'My cosin Pates gave me the 20s Mr Millington appointed me to pay him' [cf. fourth entry preceding]

[f. 79] Surrender of Samuel Higgs and wife Alice of tenement or dwelling house (a quarter of a mess) lying in Cheltenham now in the possession of Richard Lovett to use of Lovett and his wife Hannah for their lives, and for the life of the survivor, and their heirs. Rent 1d, fine 2d, heriot 6d.

Surrender of Thomas Cartwright jun. of 5½ a. lying in several places in Cheltenham tithing in Whaddon field, to the use of Guy Ellis and heirs. Rent 3d, fine 6d, heriot 2s 8d.

Surrender of Richard Okey and wife Hester of a piece in Bayes Hill called Lypiatt to certain uses therein mentioned. Rent 2d, fine 4d, heriot 2s.

[f. 80] Surrender of Thomas White and wife Joan of 1 home close of pasture ground lately converted into arable land in Cheltenham in the occupation of John Dole and Henry Turner or assigns (¾ a.) to the use of Henry Mason. Rent 2d, fine 4d, heriot 12d.

Cheltenham. View of frankpledge with court baron held Monday 5 October 1657 before Miles Cooke steward

Surrender of Thomas Tony senior to the use of himself and his wife Elizabeth, remainder to son Thomas Tony of a moiety of the house wherein Thomas, Thomas and Elizabeth now dwell, and half the adjoining homestead, with the chamber now in the occupation of Thomas senior, with free liberty for Thomas junior for the pump. Rent 1½d, fine 3d, heriot 4d.

[f. 81] Surrender of Lynnett Pate to John Cowper and heirs of 2 mills in Westal Naunton & Sandford with appurtenances, all the meadow or pasture ground or grounds called Mill mead or Mill meads adjoining the Little Mill, a pasture or meadow ground called Mill Paddock next to the Great mill, the close called Stony Bridge Close, a parcel of meadow in Sandford meadow called the Millers acre, 3 parcels of arable land (2 a.) in Avenhill field in Charlton Kings, the plot of meadow ground and a water course, purchased of one Edward Wills deceased by the said Lynnett Pates. Rent 13s 6d, fine £1 0s 7d [recte £1 7s], heriot £1 15s 6d.

Surrender of Lynnett Pates to William [L?]ye and heirs of certain parcels of arable in several fields in Charlton Kings (7 a.). Rent 1s 2d, fine 2s 4d, heriot 3s 0d.

[f. 82] Surrender of Robert Whithorne and his wife Joan to the use of Walter Higgs and heirs of a meadow pasture or arable ground viz 2 closes called the Combes and the grove to the same belonging; 1 land or butt lying in Moore Butt; 1 other land in Richard Croft; 1 other land in the same furlong; 1 other land [in] Cullyford; 1 land in Stony furlong; 1 other land in the same furlong; 1 other land abutting upon a furlong called Long Greenehall; 1 other land in the same field abutting upon the highway leading to Cheltenham; 1 other land in Velditch; 1 other land in Benbridge; 1 other land in Ninelands length. Rent 1s 5d, fine 2s 10d, heriot 8s.

[f. 83] Surrender of John Maryes to use of himself for life and 9 years after his death of 1 mess in Alstone and all lands meadows pastures tenements and hereditaments thereunto belonging and all other cust lands in Cheltenham, and after his death and 9 years, then as for the messuage house except the kitchen northwards and the little garden, and as for for the moiety of all other the said premises, except the tenement Edward Gregory dwells in; for the garden thereunto adjacent as far as the pool, and 1 close called Beare acre lying at White Cross to his son Thomas Maryes for life and after to his heirs ; and as to the moiety of the premises except before excepted, and as for the part of the said messuage from the kitchen N of the little garden to the use of Rose Maryes daughter of the said John for her life, with remainder to Thomas and his heirs; and as to the tenement garden and acre of land before excepted, to the said Rose and heirs, provided she pays £20 to Ann Tony and £5 to Sarah Sturmy two other daughters of John Maryes; and if she makes failure? of the sums of money within 3 years of the decease of John Maryes then as to the 1 acre at Whitecross, to the said Ann Tony and heirs, and as to the tenement garden as far as the pool in the possession of Edward Gregory, to Sarah Sturmy and heirs, provided also that to whomsoever John Maryes shall dispose of the 9 years shall demise it to Thomas Maryes at £8 paid rent.

Rent for the house and acre called Beare acre 6d, fine 12d, heriot 2s.

Rent for the messuage and Whitecross and the premises 2s 7d, fine 5s [2]d, heriot 12s.

[Total] Rent 3s 1d, fine 6s 2d, heriot 14s.

[f. 84] Surrender of John Ellis to use of Henry Ellis and heirs of said Henry upon the body of Mary Bicke lawfully to be begotten, his house or tenement late in the possession of Henry Goodcheape and now of Henry Ellis and the parcel of ground adjacent extending from the house to the Back Lane. Rent 10d, fine 20d, heriot 10s.

Surrender of Robert Bicke to the use of his daughter Mary Bicke for life, and after to the use of Henry Ellis for life, with remainder to lawful heirs of Henry and Mary, of that piece of a messuage house of the said Robert, situate in Cheltenham, from the entry southward with free ingress; also 1 a. meadow in Whaddon, 1 butt of arable in Whaddon, 1 other butt there shooting on Cakebridge, a close called the Holts, 5 arable lands in the Lower field, 2 lands more in the same field, 1 rudge in the same field. Rent 1s 4d, fine 2s 8d, heriot 12s 4d, worksilver 7d, common fine 2d.

[f. 85] Surrender of Robert Bicke to the use of himself for life and 3 years after his death, then to use of Mary Bicke, the remainder to Henry Ellis for life, remainder to lawful heirs of Mary and Henry, of all that part of the mess of the said Robert in Cheltenham, from the entry northward with the courtyard, backside and garden and orchard belonging to the mess; 2½ a. of arable in the Lower field, 2 a. in Upper field in Guills Thornes, 2 a. in Whaddon in Middle furlong. Rent 1s 3½d, fine 2s 7d, heriot 12s 5d, worksilver 7½d, common fine 1d, Peter pence 1d.

Surrender of Thomas Cleevely to the use of Henry Ellis, of 2 lands of arable land in Redacre field in Westal. Rent 1d, fine 2d, heriot 6d.

[f. 86] Surrender of Lynnett Pate gent. of 2 messuages in Charlton Kings in Bafford tithing, namely 1 called the Sheepehouse Close, the other messuage or meese place called Younginge, Riches Croft, B[ed?]croft, Woodacre, Rowells, Ferney Bushes, Cowbreach, Milkwell, Neefnich, 24 a. of arable land in the common fields of Charlton Kings, which said messuages and lands were heretofore of Robert Maryes, and 1 messuage called Alexander and Alexanders Croft, Alexander's Breaches, Tymbercombe, [.]rouds Hey, Sweetenell, all his arable land in Castlesfield and Hencroft field, to the use of himself for life, and then for his now wife Mary in lieu of jointure, then their

heirs. Rent £1 0s 2d, fine £2 0s 4d, heriot £4 10s.

Surrender of Thomas Greene for use of Lynett Pate gent and heirs of a close called Tymbercombe in CK; and 5 laynes of meadow or pasture in Knavenhill field in CK. Rent 12d, fine 2s, heriot 2s 8d.

[f. 87] Grant by way of jointure made by Thomas House to his wife Elizabeth of the house and backside where he dwells, a barn and a yard of ground. Fine 1½d.

Surrender of Thomas White to the use of Nicholas Ashmead and heirs of the stable or woodhouse, part of the inclosure of the said Thomas, and a plot of ground as now set forth and divided, and another plot 15ft long by 10ft broad. Rent 3d, fine 6d, heriot 12d.

Surrender of Thomas White to use of John Morse junior and heirs, of all that barn and little plot of garden ground lying together as now set forth with merestones, and now in the possession of Nicholas Ashmeade. Rent 6d, fine 12d, heriot 18d.

Surrender of Nicholas Ashmeade to the use of Walter Adams and his wife Elizabeth and heirs of part of a close of meadow or pasture ground lying in Westal Naunton & Sandford called the Croft (1 a.) with proviso that if Ralph Powell pays Walter Addams or Elizabeth £20 within 12 years, it is to be re-surrendered to Ralph Powell. Rent 3d, fine 6d, heriot 18d.

[f. 88] Grant of Elizabeth White for her life and 12 years to Nicholas Ashmeade and assigns, of a woodhouse and stable and 2 plots of garden ground. Fine 3d.

Grant of Elizabeth White to John Morse junior of a barn and plot of garden ground for her life and 12 years. Fine 6d.

Surrender of Walter Cleevely one of the sons of Walter Cleevely senior to the use of John Milton and heirs of the messuage or cottage where Walter lives, together with its adjacent garden, orchard and backside (1 a.), and a close called Woodford (2 a.). Rent 5d, fine 10d, heriot 16d.

John Coop[er] alias Allen limits to his wife for her jointure a close of pasture called Oxlease and Picked Leasow. Fine 3d.

Thomas Wyte limits to his wife for her jointure all his dwelling house with all premises. Fine 2s. 6d.

[f. 89] Grant of John Currier to Humphrey Yeates for 12 years of half his messuage in the grant particularly mentioned; with proviso: upon payment of £49 10s with interest for the time, the grant to be void. Fine 1s 4d.

Hannah Whitmore grants to her sister Edith Whithorne a dwelling house with its close, garden and backside in Charlton Kings, for the life of Edith. Fine 4d.

The same Hannah surrenders to Robert Wilkes the same premises. Rent 9d, fine 18d, heriot 2s 6d.

Surrender of Thomas Marshall to the use of Thomas Roberts of 1 parcel of sellion of arable now lying in Greenesward in Arle Orchard. Rent 1d, fine 2d, heriot 6d.

Surrender of Thomas Payne and his wife Susan to the use of Richard Cripsham and heirs of part of a customary messuage house and backside, R 6d, fine 12d, heriot 8d.

[f. 90] Surrender and release of Thomas Sturmy and his wife Elianor and Anthony Sturmy to Anthony Chestro and heirs of all their lands in Rowenfield and Hillfield in Alstone. Rent 7d, fine 14d, heriot 3s.

Surrender of Francis Clarke to himself for life, remainder to [wife?] Amy for life, then Jane Fox for life, remainder to Francis Fox and heirs. Rent 3d, fine 6d, heriot 3s.

Grant of William Meysey to Richard Hiett of 1 a. of arable in Naunton field in a place called Long Greenewell for the life of William and 12 years after his death. Fine 4d.

[f. 91] Surrender of Ralph Powell to Lynett Pates, Thomas Cleevely, Thomas Ballenger and John Milton and heirs of meadow or pasture ground in Westal Naunton and Sandford called Nether

Leasow and of a meadow called Broad lane close in the same tithing. Rent 8d, fine 16d, heriot 2s 6d.

Court leet and court baron of William Dutton esq. held 13 April 1658

Surrender of Edward Johnsons and Robert Clarke to the use of Arthur Packer junior of the mess and lands in Cheltenham in the possession of said Arthur, and all other lands previously surrendered to him by Toby Packer in trust. Rent 2s, fine 4s, heriot 17s.

Received the heriot due upon the death of Richard Sperringe of his wife Elizabeth for 2 messuages, viz. £3.

[f. 92] Surrender of Walter Goodrich to use of John Bird and his wife Joan, Colthams close and Kingsmead for their lives; if no issue, remainder to right heirs of John. Rent 1s 1d, fine 2s 2d, heriot 6s.

Surrender of Samuel Mansell to use of Richard Wager and his wife Sarah for their lives, of a mess close or homestead called Wellin Hey (5 a.). Rent 1s 2d, fine 2s 4d, heriot 7s 6d, worksilver 13½d, tithing silver 4d.

[f. 93] Surrender of Richard Wager of his house or tenement together with its garden and backside in Cheltenham now in the possession of Samuel Hawkins senior, to the use of the same Samuel Hawkins for life, with remainder to his daughter Margaret and heirs. Rent 4d, fine 8d, heriot 16d.

Surrender of Richard Wager of one house or tenement with a garden and backside and a chimney? with the [f.....] wall belonging to the said tenement, in Cheltenham and now in the possession of William Hoop, to the use of Hoop and his wife Joan for lives, with remainder to heirs. Rent 2d, F4d, heriot 18d.

[f. 94] Surrender of Richard Wager for Richard Blisse for life, with remainder to his wife Margery, then their heirs, of a house, backside and yard with appurtenances now in the possession of Richard Blisse, except for the chimney in the possession of William Hoop. Rent 2d, fine 4d, heriot 18d.

Surrender of Richard Wager to the use of Richard Newman and his wife Mary for lives, then their heirs. Rent 2d, fine 4d, heriot 18d.

Surrender of Henry Cleevely to the use of Robert Greene and his wife Mary for life, then their heirs, of a house or tenement in the possession of Elizabeth Machin, and the backside and orchard mentioned in the surrender (¼ a.). Rent 2d, fine 4d, heriot 2s 6d.

[f. 95] Surrender of Roger Dowdeswell senior of a mess called Churchend house, with all houses and 2 closes called the Home Close (5 a.), and a close called Cockshorne, 3 a. of arable in Hencroft, a parcel in Little Hencroft, 2 selions in the Lower field to the use of Roger Dowdeswell junior after the death of Roger senior and his wife Jane. Rent 2s 7d, fine 5s 1d, heriot 22s.

Cheltenham. View of frankpledge with court baron here held 1 October 1658.

Surrender of Francis Gregory made out of court of a customary mess with appurtenances and its homestead or close, orchard and garden, in Arle, and all his customary arable lands whatsoever within Arle tithing, the meadow called Kingsmead (10 a.), pasture ground called Gotheridge (3 a.), a meadow or pasture ground called Arle meadow (3 a.), pasture ground called Pilgrove (3 a.), heretofore purchased of Richard Grevill (2 a.), a meadow called Little Ham (1 a.), 1 acre in Cheltenham Lower field, shooting upon

[f. 96] Kingsditch way, to the use of Francis for life without impeachment of waste and with power to commit waste after his death, and touching all premises except the arable lands whatsoever and pasture ground called Gotheredge to the use of his wife Ann for life as her jointure and in full satisfaction of her dowry, all other lands to the use of their son John, with power to limit during her life all or any part of the premises; entail conditions; if no issue, then to Eleanor eldest daughter of Francis and now wife of Henry Mason, and as for the arable lands and

the ground called Gotheridge from and after the death of Francis,

[f. 97] to the use of John Gregory for life, remainder to Catherine Packer spinster daughter of Alexander Packer deceased, the intended wife of John Gregory, for life as her jointure, remainder to their first son. Rent £1 1s 8d, fine £2 3s 4d, heriot £3 8s 10d.

Surrender of Thomas Higgs out of court before Francis Gregory, Henry Mason and Walter Cox to the use of himself for life, remainder to his wife Elianor for her jointure, remainder to their first son, of all the W part of the dwelling house in Sandford, viz. the entry and all the rooms westward, both lower and upper, and the dovehouse at the east end of the new barn. The parcel of ground

[f. 98] lying on the N side of the hall and the parlour, the little orchard at the east end of the said mess or dwelling house, and that part of the orchard or garden lying N of the same, late was and still stands divided with merestones, together with the use of backside, yards and courts, and the moiety of the fruits yearly growing on the trees in the backside, with liberty of ingress, egress and regress into and from the W part of the said messuage; also those 2 meadows or pasture grounds in Sandford, Great Hey and the Paddock, the mill brook running between the said grounds and other ground caled the Nashes and a ground called the Hopyard, and the ground called Lindover. Rent 5s, fine 10s, heriot 20s.

[f. 99] Surrender of Thomas Longford with consent and appointment of Thomas Cleevely of Westall to the use of Henry Mason son of Walter Mason and heirs of pasture ground called Smyth close, a meese place in Westal (5 a.), 2 rudes in the same tithing in Redacre, a rudge in More furlong, 1 other rudge in the same furlong, a rudge in Sandford field near Ellens Stubb, all that rudge in the same field in Long furlong, all that other rudge in the same field in More furlong, all that rudge in the same field between land of Thomas Higgs and John Davison, 1 other rudge in the same, between land of John Milton and Walter Currier, 1 other rudge in Horne Acre. Rent 1s 8d, fine 3s 4d, heriot 13s, worksilver 1s 3½d.

[f. 100] Thomas Cartwright senior to be admitted tenant of 4 rudes of arable extending N-S lying together in Cheltenham Upper field, between land of Richard White E, part of land belonging to Corpus Christi College Oxford now in the possession of Anthony Ireland W, 1 whole rudge of arable in the same Upper field extending N upon Sandy Lane, land of John Ellis E and John Collett W, 2 other rudes of arable lying together in the same field extending N-S in Middle furlong, between land of Edward Rich esq in the tenure of John Midelton E and land of the said Thomas Cartwright senior W, and of Arthur Packer E; 1 other selion

[f. 101] in the same furlong between land of Elianor Cox widow E and land late of Amos Tuffley W; ½ a. of meadow in Whaddon meadow between meadow of John Ellis E, and land of Thomas Gardiner W. Rent 1s 5d, fine 2s 10d, heriot 10s.

Thomas Cartwright surrenders the 4 rudes before mentioned to Anthony Chestro and his heirs. Rent 3d, fine 6d, heriot 2s 6d.

Surrender of Edward Rich esq out of court before Edward Johnson and John Collett to the use of Thomas Rich esq. son and heir apparent of Edward, of 6 parcels of land meadow and a parcel herein expressed. Rent 1s 10d, R 3s 8d, heriot 10s.

[f. 102] Surrender of Thomas Morrell and his wife Joan in court to the use of Edith Finch and heirs of a house and ground in Cheltenham, sometime parcel of the homestead of Thomas Norwood kt. Rent 3d, fine 6d, heriot 1s 8d.

Surrender of Francis Gregory made out of court before Henry Mason, Walter Buckle and John Gregory of a meadow or pasture ground called Benehall (8 a.), Monckes Leys (2 a.) Woodbrooke (4 a.), Westbreach (4 a.), Hill Furze (½ a.), Heydon Hill close (8 a.), Small Mead acre (1 a.), to the use of himself for life without impeachment of waste, and with power to do and commit waste, and after his death to William Gregory one of his sons, with power to limit a jointure of all or part thereof for jointure for such wife as he may take after the death of Frances, remainder to issue, and if none to Susanna one of the daughters of the said Francis now wife of Richard Fletcher glazier, and Walter Mason one of the sons of Henry Mason of Cheltenham, to be equally divided between

them. Rent 8s 4d, fine 16s 8d, heriot £1 14s 8d.

[f. 103] Surrender of Richard Rogers made out of court before John Buckle and Thomas Cox to the use of himself for life, remainder to his son Thomas Rogers, of a parcel of housing with garden, and backside now in the possession of William Browne, and part of the backside and orchard now in the possession of the said Richard Rogers senior, from the house that William Browne has, unto the middle of the mill strait along the orchard unto a close called the Rack Close, the bowling alley on one side and the other part of the backside and orchard N. Rent 2d, fine 4d, heriot 6d.

Surrender of Lynett Pates gent. and his wife Mary to the use of Joseph Lewis and his wife Susanna for their lives, remainder to heirs, of a close of arable called Coxhorne in Charlton Kings. Rent 2d, fine 4d, heriot 1s 6d.

[f. 104] Lynett Pate and his wife surrender to the use of Francis Greene and heirs 5 butts or selions of arable at Wethiholt in CK. Rent 1d, fine 2d, heriot 9d.

Surrender of Francis Greene to the use of Lynnett Pates and his wife Mary and heirs [no holding specified]. Rent 1d, fine 2d, heriot 9d.

At this court the homage present that Marjorie Smyth wife of Robert Smith of Badsey, Worcs., customary tenant, who was possessed of a mansion house with adjoining barns and curtilages to the same adjoining, in Westal, and 1 close of meadow or pasture ground (12 a.) called the Orchard, and 2 other closes of land or pasture lying together called the Laynes and Starfeild otherwise Starfore (12 a.), all which premises

[f. 105] were heretofore at a court held 24 Aug. 3 Charles I [1627] surrendered by Edward Clutterbooke to Samuel Ruggedale alias Tayler late father of the said Marjory and of all that close of meadow or homestead (3 a.) in Westal, Naunton & Sandford; which said close of meadow or homestead at a court held 8 Oct. 1649 was surrendered by Thomas Ashmead senior and his wife Mary to the use of the said Marjory at a yearly rent of 3s 6d, worksilver 2s, common fine 3d, Peter pence 1d, heriot 19s 6d for the said lands surrendered by Edward Clutterbooke, and rent 6d, heriot 6s for the close and homestead, died since the last court. And that Robert Smith junior, son of Robert Smith and Marjory, is her next heir, and ought to be admitted. Rent 4s, worksilver 2s, common fine 3d, Peter pence 1d, heriot £1 5s 6d.

Surrender of Henry Roberts out of court before Henry Mason and Thomas Hartlebury and John Buckle to the use of himself and his wife Dorothy for their lives, then the longest liver, without impeachment of waste and with power to commit waste, remainder to Richard Roberts one of their sons, and his wife Ann and their heirs, remainder to any issue of Richard, Edward and Henry Roberts, sons of Henry, of a customary messuage

[f. 106] lying on the N side of Cheltenham, containing 2 bays of building, and an entry lying next the Street together with the malthouses, stables, cowhouse, backside and gardens, and part of a 'wainehouse' and close, as the same is now set forth and stands divided with merestones, having land of Edward Wills E and land of Henry Roberts senior and Henry Pomfrey W; 1 a. arable land in Lower field between land of Thomas Hallinge E and of Walter Buckle W. Rent 2d, fine 4d, worksilver 1³/₄d.

Surrender of John Morse senior and his wife Mary, John Morse junior and William Morse in open court to use of John Morse junior for life, remainder to wife Joan as jointure, remainder to their heirs, of all the new-built house in Cheltenham in the possession of John Morse junior, the barn lately purchased of Thomas Whyte by the said John Morse junior on the

[f. 107] S end thereof, together with use of the backside and pump in the E side of the said house, the backside and pump to be kept repaired at their equal charge, and to be used in common by the said John Morse senior, Mary, and William Morse their son and assigns and by the said John Morse junior and his wife Joan and heirs, with free liberty of ingress, egress and regress, passage and way from the said house into and through the backside of the said John White into and out of the Street. Rent 1d, fine 2d, heriot 6d.

Surrender of Richard Whithorne to the use of Edmond Carpenter and heirs of certain lands in Charlton Kings and Naunton. Rent 3d, fine 6d, heriot 17s. [annotated '29 Apr. 1650' (or 1656)]

Surrender of Anthony Chestro to the use of John Ashmeade senior and heirs of certain lands (3½ a.) in Alstone late purchased by Anthony from Thomas Sturmy and his wife Elianor and Anthony Sturmy. Rent 7d, fine 14d, heriot 3s.

[f. 108] The homage presents that Richard Speringe customary tenant of this manor who held 2 messuages and certain lands thereto belonging in Charlton Kings under a rent of 4s ½d, heriot 3s and other customs and services, has died, and that his son Thomas Speringe is heir and ought to be admitted, saving the right of all others. Rent 4s ½d, fine 8s 1d, heriot 3s.

Thomas Ashmeade grants a mess in Cheltenham between a tenement in the possession of Giles Ashmeade on one side and a tenement in the possession of Thomas Ashmeade junior on the other for the life of Thomas senior. Fine 4d.

[f. 109] Cheltenham. View of frankpledge with court baron of William Dutton esq., held 4 April 1659.

Surrender of Richard Wager out of court on 20 Apr. 1658 before Robert Milton and Henry Roberts to the use of John Arthur alias Pavior and his wife Margaret for their lives, then their heirs, of one house or tenement and backside, with one garden and backside belonging to the same, now merestoned, having William Hoop W and the house of Richard Cox W. Rent 2d, fine 4d, heriot 1s 6d.

Surrender of Thomas White to Thomas Mansell of a garden plot and a stable called the Long Stable adjacent to the said garden, upon proviso of redemption, upon payment to Mansell of £20 within 6 months after the decease of Elizabeth White widow, together with interest. Rent 1s 2d, fine 2s 4d, heriot 3s.

[f. 110] Grant of Thomas White to Thomas Mansell of a shop and 3 rooms or chambers at the lower end of the said shop, lying in Cheltenham, now in the possession of John Lightfoote, from Michaelmas last for 12 years; upon proviso upon payment of 10s on 25 Mar. next and 24s yearly for residue of the said 12 years on 2 days, 29 Sept. and 25 Mar. if Elizabeth White shall so long live. Fine 12d.

Surrender of Thomas Maycock and his wife Catherine of a parcel of ground and a house built thereon, in Cheltenham, between a parcel of ground of Toby ?Lowy E, and of Thomas Morrell W, for the use of George Chestro junior. Rent 2d, fine 4d, heriot 10d.

[f. 111] Surrender of Thomas Cartwright and wife Frances of ½ a. of arable in the Upper field, and another ½ a., to the use of John Cox and heirs. Rent 4d, fine 8d, heriot 2s.

Surrender of Nathaniel Chestro and his wife Hannah of 1 a. lying in Charlton Kings, to the use of John Coop[er] and heirs. Rent 3½d, fine 7d, heriot 8d.

Grant of John Currier for 12 years from 25 Mar. last of a house or tenement with homestead close or backside in Sandford, 2 parcels of meadow called Long Acres and Morebreach close, Moore Acres and Five-corner close, certain lands in Swinsell, certain other lands in Woodfield, Great Morpitts and Little Morpitts, and certain arable called the Hams. Fine 1s 4d, [being] half a year's rent.

[f. 112] Surrender of Thomas Ashmeade senior to the use of his son Thomas Ashmeade junior and wife Elizabeth for their lives, with remainder to their son John Ashmeade of 2 messuages or tenements with appurtenances lying together in Cheltenham between a messuage or tenement in the possession of John Buckle W, and a tenement of Giles Ashmeade E, together with so much of the adjacent backside as is now in the possession of the said Thomas Ashmeade junior. Rent 1s 2d, fine 2s 4d, heriot 5s.

Surrender of Thomas Ashmeade senior to the use of Giles Ashmeade one of his sons of customary lands, viz. 1 plot of garden lying in Cheltenham with an alley or way leading thereto now or lately in the occupation of the said Giles, having a house or land of Thomas Cartwright E and the house

of John Buckle and a parcel of backside now in the possession of Thomas junior W, and 4 rudes arable with the hedgerow in the tithing of Alstone near Bayes (1 a.)

[f. 113] shooting E-W, having land of the rectory of Cheltenham N and a lane leading from Lippiatt house to Alstone Green on the S side. Rent 2d, fine 4d, heriot 1s.

Surrender of Thomas Wilkes to the use of Thomas Caffold of customary lands in Charlton Kings and Westal, Naunton & Sandford: 1 butt of arable in Charlton Lower field, a butt of land in Woodacre furlong in the same field, with the highway that goes by Walters acre N and the land of William Greene S; 1 headland shooting N-S, the N end shooting on a headland of Walter Higgs in Longe Grevill [*rectius* Greenold] and land of Lynett Pates W; 1 farundel in the same furlong, land of Lynett Pates on both sides; another butt in the same furlong, land of Giles Grevill gent. E and land of Lynett Pates W; also 3 lands lying together in Westal, Naunton & Sandford in Pilley mead furlong; 1 other land

[f. 114] in the same furlong shooting N-S; 2 butts shooting E-W in the same furlong; 1 other land shooting N-S in the same furlong, land of Lynett Pates gent E and of Samuel Whithorne W; 1 butt in the same field shooting N-S, land in the occupation of William Milton E and John Coop[er] W; 1 green ley in Pilford field, land of Samuel Whithorne N and of Lynett Pates S; 2 other butts of green shooting N-S on the N meadow; 1 green ley shooting N-S, land of Anthony Webb E & W and Samuel Whithorne W; 1 green headland shooting E-W, land of Thomas Jeffes N; 1 other green ley shooting N-S, land of Lynett Pates E and John Coop[er] clerk¹ W; 2 little butts in Little Old mead; 2 butts in the same furlong shooting E-W between land of John Coop[er] N and Lynett Pates S; 2 lands in Great Old mead, land of Francis Greene E and Samuel Whithorne W;

[f. 115]

one other land in the same furlong, land of Samuel Whithorne N and Francis Greene [S]; 1 other land in the same furlong, land in the occupation of Thomas Cleevely E, Samuel Harris W; 1 green ley in the same furlong, land of Samuel Harris N and Samuel Whithorne S. Rent 1s 3d, fine 2s 6d, heriot 8s 8d.

Surrender of Walter Goodrich and his wife Elizabeth to the use of Henry Mason and heirs of all that parcel of ground as it now lieth enclosed, some time arable but late turned into pasture lying in Charlton Kings at a place called the Hill otherwise Ham Hill, within this manor (24 a.), land of Henry Mason S and Alexander Packer gent. N. Rent 8d, fine 1s 4d, heriot 2s.

[f. 116] Surrender of William Rogers of Stanway [Glos.] to the use of Margaret Rogers widow and heirs of all those parts of the customary messuage or dwelling house late of Richard Rogers late father of the said William, now in the possession of Jane Symons widow [and] Margaret Rogers widow late wife of the said Richard Rogers and of the wife of Ralph Powell, containing 5 bays of building next to the lane there and the part of the backside of the said messuage from the collar post of the same house northward to the middle of the well there southward and the same is bounded with the orchard westward, the dwelling house E; excepting for the said William Rogers his servants and tenants liberty 'etc' through the backside to fetch water at the well there. Rent 2d, fine 4d, heriot 2s 5d, worksilver 9d.

[f. 117] The surrender of Thomas Milton to the use of Guy Ellis and heirs of 2 rudes or selions of arable land in ChLF between land of William Mills E and William Gregory W. Rent 4d, fine 8d, heriot 2s.

Grant of George Bicke to his wife Mary for her jointure of his dwelling house in Arle, with its shop, backside, garden and orchard, and other outhouses thereto belonging. Fine 5d.

Surrender of Thomas Buckle and Edward Johnsons made by the direction of Thomas Roberts of his messuages in Alstone, 10 a. bought of Buckle and other 4 a. in Hazards field and Cranmores to several uses. Rent 5s 6d, fine 11s, heriot £2 0s 9d.

¹ Appointed 1650; Gwen Hart has a couple of refs to him.

[f. 118] Surrender of Mary Price and Cuthbert Smalman [word illegible] son and heir of said Mary Price to use of Henry Turner and his wife Jane, of customary lands, viz. one room of housing on N side of Cheltenham and the adjoining lean-to, with backside and garden, with free egress and regress in to and through the entry on the W of the said house, and land now in the occupation of Richard Skey and Thomas Humphris E, the house of Robert Gregory W, also with free liberty to draw and fetch water from the pump in the backside, sharing repairs with Robert Gregory. Rent 4d, fine 8d, heriot 1s 6d.

Surrender of Samuel Higgs tailor and his wife Alice to the use of Robert Milton carpenter and heirs of a parcel of ground with house thereon now in the possession of of said Samuel Higgs S and the church way E, Farm land E. Provided that if Samuel Higgs pays Milton £12 11s between this and the next court. Rent Fine Heriot [no sums entered].

[the leaf which would have held ff. 119-121 has been torn out, leaving only a small stub]

[f. 121] Surrender of Henry Turner and his wife Jane to Robert Milton senior of customary lands as follows of 1 room of housing on the N side of Cheltenham, a lean-to with a backside and garden, egress etc. in to and through the entry on the W side of the house and land now in the possession of Richard Springe, having land now in the occupation of Richard Skey and Thomas Springe E and Robert Gregory W, also liberty to draw water from the pump, the said Robert Gregory repairing a full part of the said pump. Proviso for redemption if payment of £6 3s 7d is made on 1 Nov. next. Rent 4d, fine 8d, heriot 1s 6d.

Surrender of Walter Cox to the use of Thomas Packer and heirs of a parcel of meadow ground (½ a.) in Alstone mead between meadow of Thomas Roberts N & W, and another parcel of meadow near the floodgates between a piece of meadow of Thomas Packer W and Thomas Ashmead senior E. Rent 3d, fine 6d, heriot 6d.

The grant of Margaret Rogers widow and relict of Richard Rogers late of Cheltenham yeoman deceased to the use of William Rogers their son during the life of Margaret of a customary messuage, late of the said Richard Rogers and now in the possession of Mary Powell, with barn, stable, and all that part of the backside between the part of the mess W and the lane there E, as now divided with merestones, and all that part of the garden and orchard on the W side of the barn, divided with merestones. Fine 4d.

[f.122] Surrender of Robert Whithorne to his now wife Jane as her jointure immediately after his decease, of a mess house and homestead together with all edifices houses buildings gardens orchards backsides, 1 close of arable adjacent called the Croft, and 2 closes of arable or pasture called the Drifts. Fine 3s 6d.

Court baron of William Dutton esq., held 6 June 1659¹

Surrender of Thomas Lane and his wife Isabel of 2 closes called Harrietts groves and a parcel of land and a grove there, in Milkwells in Charlton Kings, to the use of Nicholas Webb and heirs. Rent 10d, fine 20d, heriot 8s 9½d.

Surrender of Thomas Okey and his wife Elizabeth of their customary messuage or tenement, with its orchard and close, to use of Stephen Mitten and heirs. Rent 9d, fine 18d, heriot 30s.

[f. 123] Cheltenham. View of frankpledge with court baron held 30 Sept. 1659

Surrender of Edward Wills of those parcels and rooms of customary messuage of Edward Wills, viz that shop, and the room over the shop, to Mary Wills and heirs, and 2 rooms behind the shop, and the chamber over that, to his daughter Margery Wills as it is now divided to a certain collar post, all now in the occupation of John Powell; also certain parcels of backside and garden ground belonging to the houses, to be equally divided between said Mary and Margery, with free access etc., and free liberty to come to the well. Rent 1d, fine 2d, heriot 3s.

Surrender of Robert Milton to Thomas Meacocke and his wife Catherine of a house or tenement

¹A private court?

and land in Cheltenham, part of a mess viz 1 room of housing on the N side of Cheltenham, with a lean-to adjacent; also backside and garden, with free ingress egress and regress in to and through the entry on the W side of the house, having houses in the possession of Richard Skey and Thomas Humphries E, and house and land of Robert Gregory W; free liberty to fetch water at the pump in the backside of Robert Gregory, Thomas Meacocke and his wife paying always towards the repair of the pump. Rent 4d, fine 8d, heriot 18d.

[f.124] Surrender of Thomas Jennings to use of Lodowicke Jennings of one whole ruded acre in the Lower field, and a rudge or ½ a. in the same field shooting on the Moores. Rent 3d, fine 6d, heriot 1s 6d.

Surrender of Thomas Lugford to the use of Henry Mason son of Walter Mason of an inclosed parcel of land on Bayeshill (3 a.), 1 rudge in Westal, Naunton & Sandford in Very furlong, 1 other rudge in the same field (½ a.), Higgs W, Thomas Gregory E, 1 other rudge in same field and furlong; 1 butt (¼ a.). Rent 11d, fine 1s 10d, heriot 7s.

[f. 125] At this court the homage presents that Edward Wills, who held 1 house or tenement in Cheltenham, being part of a mess in Cheltenham on the N side of the town between land of Henry Roberts W and John Wells E, and part of a close adjacent, as now set out by merestones, extending upon the backside of the town and being 18 ft broad, died since last court; Richard Wells is his son and heir. Rent 1d, fine 2d, heriot 3s 4d.

Grant of Thomas Hawlinge before John Collett and Thomas Cartwright to Samuel Arrowsmith's executors of all that mess or tenement with appurtenances situate in Cheltenham between a mess of John Buckle W and of George Chestroe junior E, together with all houses, outhouses, buildings, barns, stables, backside and gardens, for a term of 12 years. Fine 8d.

Surrender of Thomas Cleevely to Robert Milton and heirs of a moiety of a meadow or pasture ground called Little Mead in Westal, Naunton & Sandford (¾ a.), land of Walter Ireland W and of Thomas Hughes E, and a moiety of a pasture called the Raise, land of Walter Ireland W and of Oliver Partridge E. Rent 2d, fine 4d, heriot 6d.

[f. 126] Surrender of Thomas Cox to self and wife Margaret for their lives to [–] their son, of 2 closes of pasture lying in Charlton called the Harpe, heretofore purchased of Edmund Goodrich (10 a.) and 1 close called the Harpe adjacent there, 2 closes of land called the Harpe on the N, and a close of Richard Whithorne S (3 a.), 1 close of land called Coltham barnes shooting E & W, land of Thomas Cartwright junior N and Lodowicke Packer S; 6 rudes of arable (3 a.) in the Upper field, shooting upon Square Hedge, John Collett E and Walter Mason W; 1 rudge of arable (1 a.) in the same furlong, Richard Wager E and Thomas Cox W; 2 lands in the same furlong, Millmere W and Edward Rich E; 2 lands (1 a.) in the same field shooting upon the lane called Sandpitts, Millmere W and John Buckle E; 6 rudes (3 a.) in Sower furlong, William Mills E and John Buckle W; 2 lands in Whaddon field (1 a.) shooting E-W, Thomas Gregory S and Richard Wager N; 2 lands (1½ a.) in Upper field in a furlong shooting upon the town, widow Blowmer E and Henry Mason W; 2 lands in the same furlong (1 a.), John Collett E and George Chestro W; 2 lands (2 a.) in the same furlong, Henry Mason E and widow Blowmer W; provided that if Margaret survives Thomas Cox and remarries, that the said Thomas the son shall enjoy the last 10 acres for his lifetime, and the surrender and grant as touching the [?first] 20 acres to the said Margaret to be void as if she were dead. Rent 7s 9¼d, fine 15s 9½d, heriot £1 11s 8d.

[f. 127] Grant of a burgage between land of Corpus Christi College Oxford W and from Thomas Cox to the use of himself and his wife Margaret for lives for part of her jointure. Relief 12d, fine 4d.

Grant of a burgage in Cheltenham, having a house or land of Corpus Christi College Oxon in the possession of John Berry E and George Chestro W, to Thomas Cox for life, remainder to his son Thomas. Relief 1s 3d, fine 4d.

Surrender of Michael Wells before Robert Milton and Thomas Ballinger to the use of his daughter Mary of 1 plot of meadow in Alstone (3 a.), having Thomas Packer E and Ed. Gale W; 1 parcel of

arable or pasture called Highbreach (12 a.), Walter Cox E and Thomas Packer W; provided that if Alice sister of said Mary pays £100 within 1 month after feast of St Mark in the year 1680, then void. Rent 2s, fine 4s, heriot ?26s 8d.

Grant of Michael Wells before the same tenants to his wife Mary for 12 years after his death to breed up Alice and Mary his daughters a mess in Westal and all his customary lands. This grant to take before the surrender above written, and passed before it. Fine 3d.

[f. 128] Grant of a burgage in Cheltenham called Hoopers Hay and a close called Bowling Alley (1½ a.), having land belonging to Corpus Christi College E and Bowling Alley Lane W, from Thomas Cox the elder to himself and his wife Margaret for their lives, as part of her jointure, and after their decease, to his son Thomas. Rent 1s 3d, fine 4d.

Surrender of Thomas Sperringe before Samuel Whithorne, Thomas Jeffs and Joseph Danford to the use of Joseph Danford and heirs of 6 rudes of arable with a plot of meadow ground W, and of those 6 lands in Charlton Kings called Castlefield (1 a.), Lynett Pates E; the W end of the said 6 lands and plot of meadow shoots upon Castlewell green. Rent 2d, fine 4d, heriot 6d.

At this court William Maysey is admitted tenant to certain customary lands dispersed in Charlton Kings and Westal, Naunton & Sandford. Rent 4d, fine 8d, heriot 2s 10d.

[f. 129] Surrender of Thomas Ashmead senior and his wife Mary to himself and heirs for life, then to Elizabeth Turner daughter of Henry Turner of Oddingley, Worcs., and heirs of a close of meadow or pasture ground with appurtenances called Hendmarsh in Charlton Kings, land of Roger Holder E & W, land of James Randle S and John Whithorne N. Rent 4d, fine 8d, heriot 2s.

Surrender of Thomas Ashmead made before Robert Milton of Westal and John Ashmead of Alstone to the use of Thomas Packer and his wife Sarah, of a parcel of meadow ground in Alstone (½ a.), Thomas Packer E and a house of Thomas Ashmead N, Thomas Ashmead S. Rent 1½d, R 3d, heriot 6d.

Surrender of Arthur Packer before Walter Currier and Samuel Titchett to his son and heir Alexander Packer of a close of meadow or pasture with appurtenances called Detmore Leyes (2 a.) in Charlton Kings, having Alexander Packer N and a messuage of John Dowdeswell S. Rent 6d, fine 12d, heriot 20d.

[f. 130] Surrender of Richard Chipsham and his wife Margery to the use of John Ballinger and his wife Elizabeth of part of a customary messuage house and backside, with premises, with orchard, bought of Thomas Paine in Alstone, land in tenure of John Ashmeade N and land in occupation of Thomas Humphries E, and in the several tenures of John Howes and Thomas Jones W, highway leading towards Cheltenham S. Rent 6d, fine 12d, heriot 8d.

Grant of Michael Goodrich before Henry Atkins, Robert Atkins and Thomas Ballinger to his brother Richard Goodrich of a piece of arable called Bayshill (4 a.); also 1 a. in a field called Baldhill, being 6 rudes, having Robert Milton S, for 4 years after this date. Fine 3d.

Surrender of Samuel Higgs and his wife Alice to the use of John Gale senior of Alstone of 1 piece of ground in Cheltenham touching to the E corner of the churchyard, divided in 2 tenements, 1 in the occupation of Nathaniel Yeaton, the other in the occupation of the said Samuel Higgs.

Grant of Samuel Higgs and his wife Alice to the use of Robert Milton carpenter his executors and assigns of 1 tenement in Cheltenham. Fine 1d.

[f. 131] Cheltenham. View of frankpledge with court baron held 24 April 1660

Surrender of Thomas Sperringe to the use of Elizabeth Sperringe widow of several rooms and parcels of meadow and pasture belonging to a customary messuage called Ball Hay in Charlton Kings, under a certain proviso therein contained. Rent 1s 8d, fine 3s 4d, heriot £1 5s.

Grant of George Bicke before John Mason, John Hartlebury and John Gregory of a dwelling house or meese place in Arle, together with a shop, barn and backside, garden, orchard and other outhouses, having land of Walter Law S, land of Richard Kent N, to the use of his wife Mary as

her jointure. Fine 5d.

Surrender of Thomas Strowd senior and his wife Edith and son John, before John Mason, Walter French alias Lane and Thomas Ballinger, to the use of Thomas & Edith for their lives and then to Fleetwood Dormer esq. of several parcels of arable land in Alstone, viz. 1 rudge in Sandfield shooting N, the N end abutting on a piece of ground of Dormer's called Fore orchard, land of John Newman E;

[f. 132] and the land lying between the said lands and the Barn close W; 1 other land in the same furlong shooting N-S, land of Thomas Packer W, lands of Thomas Sturmy E; with other lands in Hilfield, land of Mary Sturmy in the occupation of John Mason on both sides thereof; and other lands lying in Rewenfield shooting N-S, land of William Gotheridge alias Wells W and lands of Edmund Gale E; in all 2 a. Rent 5d, fine 10d, heriot 2s 4d.

Surrender of Thomas Roberts gent. before Edmund Gale and Walter Cox to the use of Fleetwood Dormer esq. and heirs of a parcel of meadow in Arle Orchard ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.) which Thomas Roberts lately purchased of Thomas Marshall; also 1 rudge or selion of arable land lying under the hedge of the said ground of Arle Orchard (1 farundel). Rent 2d, fine 4d, heriot 12d.

Surrender of William Barker before John Mason and John Hartlebury to the use of Fleetwood Dormer esq. and heirs of 1 parcel of his homestead ground called Brookehey with appurtenances, as now marked out and bounded ($\frac{1}{4}$ a.) in Arle between a certain ground of Dormer's called Mill Close W and Dormer's orchard E, the mill brook N and the rest of William Barker's homestead S. Rent 1d, fine 2d, heriot 8d.

[f. 133] Surrender of Thomas Atkins before Thomas Roberts, Walter Cox and Richard Gale to the use of Kemmett Freeman of 3 closes of meadow or pasture ground lying dispersed in Ravensgate field (8 a.), viz. 2 closes called Broadbreach and Sappercombe lying between lands late of Richard Rooke W and of Timothy Cartwright S, Robert Alexander E, the other close called Stowds, between lands of Samuel Mansell S and Stowds land N; also one other close of pasture ground or meadow lying in the same field, called Frocknyll, between lands of Samuel Maunsell NE, and Walter Higgs and the said Timothy Cartwright SW, with appurtenances, all in CK; under a certain proviso. Rent 3s 6d, fine 7s, heriot 11s 5d.

Surrender of Robert Milton senior before John Ashmeade and William Ashmeade to the use of John Ashmead son of John, of a close of meadow or pasture or arable, with appurtenances ($1\frac{1}{4}$ a.) in Arle, between ground of Fleetwood Dormer E and a close of pasture or arable of Walter Free W. Rent 12d, fine 2s, heriot 9d.

[f. 134] Surrender of John Mason before Thomas Ashmeade, Thomas Hartlebury and Thomas Hamm to the use of Richard Brooke and heirs of several parcels of customary land with appurtenances in Arle; 1 piece of meadow or pasture ground called Kingsmeade ($6\frac{1}{2}$ a.); 1 piece of arable land ($\frac{1}{2}$ a.) called Barbridge Close; 1 parcel of arable adjacent to the highway leading to Gloucester lying in a certain part of Heydon Hill field called the Shallows, shooting E-W ($1\frac{1}{2}$ a.), having the highway to Gloucester N and land of Fleetwood Dormer esq. S. Rent 3s 6d, fine 7s, heriot £1 4s 6d, tithing silver 1s 4d.

Surrender of John Moulder and his wife Elizabeth to the use of John Moulder for life and then for Elizabeth, remainder to heirs, of all those rooms, parcels of land of meadow or pasture belonging to a customary messuage in Charlton Kings called Ball house, namely the hall, the buttery, chamber over the hall, little chamber over the buttery, the cockloft over the said chamber, all the W end of the stable as it is now divided, a moiety of the cowhouse, and the 'tabled' [tallet] over the cowhouse, together with use of threshing room in the barn at needful and necessary times; also garden lying over against the hall window; also the moiety of a yard or court lying next to the highway there; the moiety of Ballhay close, the moiety of ground called Redwodbrooke; also 2 grounds called

[f. 135] Whitfurlong, one meadow the other arable; also meadow or pasture ground called Footshill, with appurtenances and liberty of ingress etc. to the said rooms and premises. Rent 1s

½d, fine 2s 1d, heriot 20s.

Surrender of William Wayght before John Holder and Anthony Webb to the use of himself for life, then to his son Thomas Waight, of his water mill together with all edifices houses ponds streams watercourses gardens and backsides thereto belonging in Charlton Kings, and commonly called Martines Mill. Rent 3s 4d, fine 6s 8d, heriot 10s, 'and all other duties'.

Surrender of Richard Grindle before Robert Milton senior and William Ashmeade and Thomas Mason to the use of Robert Church and heirs of 2 parcels of arable land in parish of Charlton Kings, viz. 2 rudges and 1 pike or arable in Picked land furlong ($\frac{3}{4}$ a.) shooting E-

[f. 136] W, having land of Nathaniel Chestroe N and Thomas Alexander alias Mansell S; 1 selion arable in Coltham field ($\frac{1}{4}$ a.) shooting E-W, land of John Coop[er] clerk N and of John Marten S. Rent 5d, fine 10d, heriot 12d.

Surrender of Walter Goodrich before John Ruck and Anthony Webb of all that close of meadow or pasture called the Further Dry Laynes in Charlton Kings ($1\frac{1}{2}$ a.), land of Samuel Harris S and of Alexander Packer N. Rent 6d, fine 1s, heriot 1s 6d.

Surrender of Thomas Ashmeade senior and his wife Mary to the use of Thomas Ballinger of 2 rudges of arable together in Westal, Naunton & Sandford tithing in Naunton field shooting E-W, having land of Thomas Ballinger on both sides, the E end thereof shooting on Noulthey brook. Rent 2d, fine 4d, heriot 12d.

[f. 137] Surrender of Thomas Tuffley senior and his wife Mary before Robert Milton and Thomas Ballinger to the use of his son Thomas Tuffley of 2 rudges of arable in Cheltenham Upper field, shooting N-S between land of Thomas Cartwright E and Nathaniel Chestroe W (1 a.) R 1s., fine 2s., heriot 3s. 4d.

View of frankpledge with court baron, held 1 October 1660

[new hand, rather scrappy]

Surrender of Elizabeth Hawlinge to Martin ?Mayfield? of a parcel of a tenement. Rent 6d, fine 12d, heriot 8d

Surrender of William Twyning to Richard Sky. Rent 5d, fine 10d, heriot 2s. 8d.

[f. 138] Surrender of William Twyning and his wife to Abel Keare. Heriot 19s 6d, R 2s 1d, worksilver 5d, common fine 2d, Peter pence 1d.

[ff. 139-150 are numbered but blank. The book is then reversed, with pages numbered from p1, and continuing throughout; this suggests therefore that the latter is the earlier use.]

Manor of Cheltenham. Rents charged upon the manor of Cheltenham for the half-year ending Michaelmas 1650

	£	s	d
Bafford customary rents	3	17	9
Charlton great rents	2	16	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Charlton little rent	0	6	$2\frac{3}{4}$
Cheltenham great rents	1	9	$8\frac{3}{4}$
Cheltenham little rent	1	13	$3\frac{3}{4}$
Alstone rents	3	1	$19\frac{1}{4}$
Arle rents	4	2	6?
Westal, Naunton & Sandford	3	9	1
	20	19	6

The 'Burrowe' rents of Cheltenham		1	19	1½
the free rents of Cheltenham	4	14	0¼	
the common fine rent	1	14	6	
the double increase rents				
of all sorts	15	9	6	
the tacke of the Marsh and Towle		0	18	4
worksilver	6	13	8½	
Peter pence	0	5	3	
	<u>'52</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6¼'</u>	

The half-year's rent ending at Lady Day last past is £44 16s 7¾d

[image 141, verso of “1”]

The freeholders¹

John Sturmy for land in Alstone field he p[urchase]d it of John, 4 a. in Alstone Hazards field, 2 a. ?10 lands lying next the footpath leading to Gloucester.

Mr Willice hath Great Sturmyes field Heydon, W and E John Buckle of Cheltenham

Thomas Farmer land in Harthurst field sometime Hilton's land

John Smyth land late Machins in Harthurst field [gap] late John Sturmy's land and given by him in marriage with his daughter in Harthurst field he/she lives at Ciceter

John Hallinge for life the reversion in John Sturmy of Cheltenham in the same place

John Smith sold same to a widow in Harthurst field

Richard Drinkwater of Brandyards bought land of Mr Machin in Arle called Brandyards

Walter Buckle land called Westbridge late Mr Lygon's land

John Stephens for land called Free Peece 4 a. late Hilton's land

Thomas Packer 2 acres under Alcott, sold to Walter Cox

Thomas Packer Powers Manor and Comptons Manor sold to William Strowde

[image 142, p “2”]

Robert Ackley John Ackley his son and now a Girles hath married to Richard Ellis some land in Alstone bought of Bicke

William Theyre for land bought of Thomas Packer by Barnes in Alstone

Francis Gregory for land at Arle Woods bought of Thomas Packer

Bradshaw for lands in Benall Woods Machin's land

John Holdshipp lands at Harthurst field late Machin's land

the heirs of John Roberts for Soulters

Thomas Atkins for the Rayes

Walter Cox for land and a house in Alstone formerly Hibberts land

Walter Mason land in Cheltenham Dobbins land late Strowdes

John Ellis land late William Strowdes

James Nicholls land late William Strowdes

Mr Grevills land

Thomas Powell a house in Cheltenham late ?Clorveds land

Mr Rich

Mr Pate land at Kingsam late Riches

Richard Barnard's daughter's land next [S.p/y.rle] house [5 letters] orchards

[image 143]

Mr Banaster a house and land in Cheltenham late Gotheridge

Robert Ellis a house and land late French's over against Mr Banaster

¹Seems likely that this listing records *changes* rather than all freeholders

Elianor Cox land bought of Thomas Higgs the bowling alley
 Richard Banaster's house in Cheltenham now in Weaver's possession
 John Pate late Wickwarr's land the ?bis.... close in Alstone otherwise called Stile's way?
 John Hayward land bought of Mr Grevill
 Leech of the burrough land and house in Thos Ellis junior's possession
 old Thomas Ellis
 Robert Clarke's widow late Copes
 Robert Clarke the tanner the house he dwells in
 the widow Holders house
 Mr Willoughby's land
 Mr Grevill
 William Combe land in Charlton Davison's land the Kingsham
 Frances Clarke late Highwoods
 Thomas Ashmeade bought of William ?Douse an old meade
 Jelf for land ?Hardinge dwells in [1 word illegible] Thomas Greene

[p “3” image 144]

Thomas Green for the house he dwells in late Walter's land
 Thomas Atkins of Charlton late Humfry Harris' land
 Robert Smyth lands late Samuel Taylor otherwise called Rogers
 Robert Milton of Westal, land in Charlton bought of William Currier
 Robert Webb for land late Gale's and before Willis his land
 Roger Willes
 Walter Higgs for land in Charlton late Higgs
 William Whithorne the elder land in Charlton late Higgs
 John Harris of Ham
 the heirs of Alexander Packer for Ham and Northfield
 Edmond Carpenter
 Henry Partridge
 Francis Norwood
 Thomas Jelf of Charlton for land late Wheeler's land
 Robert Clarke
 Robert Mansell alias Alexander

[image 145]

Cheltenham	5	0	
Bafford	3	6	
Charlton		2	10
Ashley	5	0	
Leckhampton	3	0	
Bradwell	5	0	
Alstone	2	3	
Swindon	2	0	
Arle	3	0	
Westal	2	9	

[images 146-151 – pp “5”-“10”]

[pp “15”-“23”] An act for the settling [*etc – the 1625 Cheltenham act in full*] 5½ continuous sides, then 4 sides blank

[image 152]

Cheltenham. A rental for the great rent of Cheltenham¹

	£	s	d
John Buckle for part of 4 messes	0	10	8
Thomas Ashmead for part	0	1	4
John Yates for 1 mess	0	5	6
Thomas Cowles for part of 1 mess	0	-	-
Thomas Cox for 1 mess late Merrett's	0	1	6
Richard Rogers for part of 1 mess	0	0	0½
William Powell for part	0	0	4
John Davisson for part	0	0	4
Henry Mason for part	0	0	2
Thomas Mason for part	0	0	4
Giles Cox for part	0	0	8
John Ellis for part	0	0	6
Lodowicke Packer for part	0	0	2
Thomas Mason for part	0	0	6
William Mills 1 mess	0	4	10
Thomas Cartwright 1 mess	0	5	0
Henry Blomer 1 mess	0	8	0
Lodowicke Packer gent 1 mess	0	4	8
Toby Packer gent for part of 3 messes	0	3	2
Giles Cox for part	0	1	8
Elleanor Cox for part	0	1	6
Elizabeth White for part	0	0	4
Robert Clarke for part	0	3	4
Robert Cox for part	0	0	6
Giles Chestroe for part	0	1	2
John Buckle late Anthony Greenway's	0	8	8
George Bicke	0	1	0
Lodowicke Packer for part	0	0	4
Robert Bicke for 3 acres part	0	0	6
William Ashmead for part	0	0	2
John Ellis for part	0	0	3
Lodowicke Packer for Kemp's	0	0	4
Elizabeth White for part	0	0	3
John Collett for part	0	0	6
late Coppock's	0	0	6
Henry Blomer for part	0	0	3
Thomas White for part	0	0	2

¹ It seems likely from internal evidence that all these lists are 1650; positioning in text to be decided.

Richard Banister for part	0	0	2
[p “16” - image 153]			
John Davisson for part	0	0	2
Thomas Gregory for part	0	0	2
John Lippiatt for part	0	0	4
Richard Banister for part	0	0	4
Thomas Milton of 'Woodmacott'	0	0	4
Robert Bicke for part	0	2	3½
Lodowicke Packer for part	0	0	2
John Ellis for part	0	0	8
Robert Bicke	0	0	8
Thomas Cox 3 acres part of Giles Mathewes	0	0	9
Thomas Okey 1 mess part	0	0	9
Richard Mathewes 2 tenements	0	1	7
Robert Ellis late French 1 mess	0	1	4
Thomas Mason for part of Garners	0	4	4
Marie Buckle widow 1 mess and half	0	6	10
Richard Wager 1 mess	0	4	0
Robert Hiatt for part	0	0	6
John Collett 1 mess	0	6	1
Samuel Higgs for Hell Acre	0	0	10
Summa total	5	2	5
[p “17” - image 154]			
Customary rents of Bafford			
William Churches for part of Roger Houlder's	0	1	2
William Trindell part	0	0	6
John Fisher part	0	0	5
Richard Pomfrey part	0	0	1
Samuel Mansell for part	0	2	0
John Millington for part	0	0	10
Mary Yate part	0	0	4
James Randle part	0	0	3
Francis Clarke part	0	0	6
Lynett Pates	0	0	3
Walter Whithorne part	0	0	6
George Chestroe part	0	1	7
John Batten part	0	1	6
William Free part	0	1	1
John Marston part	0	2	6
William Driver clerk part	0	1	6
Roger Dowdeswell part	0	0	10

Thomas Greene part	0	1	2
Thomas Whithorne part	0	0	6
Richard Ellis part	0	0	3
Robert Milton part	0	0	6
Francis Crosby part	0	0	6
Lynnett Pates gent for 1 mess	0	5	4
Lynnett Pates for 2 messes in right of his wife	0	12	10
John Millington esq late Machins	1	5	4
Lynnett Pates part	0	0	6
William Ballinger part	0	1	8
John English gent late Horwood	0	5	3
Samuel Bicke part	0	0	1
Robert Gale part	0	0	6
Robert Rooke part	0	1	8
Lynnett Pates part	0	0	6
Samuel Mansell part	0	1	1
Francis Crosly part	0	2	10
Roger Dowdeswell part	0	0	3
Deane widow part	0	1	9
Edmund Clarke part	0	1	0
Francis Coppin part	0	3	6
Francis Crosly part	0	0	6
Robert Grindle part	0	0	1
[p “19” - image 155]			
Customary tenants and their rents at Charlton			
John Marten	0	10	7
Thomas Ashmeade	0	1	0
Robert Gale	0	6	11
Robert Mansell	0	1	3
John Powell	0	0	2
William Kinge	0	0	8
William Waite	0	5	0
William Cleeveley	0	2	0
Mrs Atkins	0	0	6
Samuel Titchett	0	0	11
William Southerne	0	4	11
Thomas Roberts gent	0	3	4
John Holder	0	1	7
Richard Grindle	0	1	3
Margaret Houlder	0	3	11

Mr Jacob	0	0	6
William Okey	0	2	2
William Gale	1	1	4
Francis Greville gent	0	0	4
Lynett Pates gent	0	0	2
William Barnewood	1	0	0
Thomas Greene	0	0	1
Henry Collett	0	0	3
Francis Clarke	0	0	3
Edmund Clarke	0	0	2
John Batten	0	0	3
Thomas Deane	0	0	2
Roger Dowdeswell	0	1	6
Isabel Cooke	0	0	10
Thomas Ashmeade jun	0	0	4
John English	0	0	2
Walter Whithorne	0	2	7
Charles Hawthorne	0	10	0
Walter Goodrich	0	14	2
William Newman	0	4	0
Giles Cox	0	1	11
Henry Mason	0	10	11
Roger Strowde	0	0	1
	5	14	??
[p “20” - image 156]			
Customary rents for Westal Naunton and Sandford, the whole year's rent			
[blank]			
[p “21” - image 157]			
Customary rents for Westal Naunton and Sandford			
Richard Banaster for 1 mess late Mr Lygon's	0	3	7
Robert Milton for 1 mess lat Con. Whithorne	0	4	8
Lynnett Pate gent for 3 mess.	1	12	0
Humphry Yate for part of the same	0	0	0½
Walter Currier for 1 mess	0	5	4
Zachar. Ireland for 1 mess	0	5	4
Thomas Buckle for Naunton Mess.	0	6	6
Elianor Banaster widow for part of the same	0	0	3
William Ballinger for part of the same	0	0	3
John Powell for 1 mess	0	4	8
Margaret Higgs widow part of 2 mess.	0	7	10
Richard Banaster jun for part of the same	0	0	4

John Stephens for part of the same	0	1	4
John Ellis for part of the same	0	1	2
Samuel Higgs for part of the same	0	0	4
Zachar. Ireland for part of the same	0	0	6
Robert Milton for part of the same	0	0	6
Margaret Higgs for part of the same	0	3	0
Robert Smyth gent in the right of his wife for part of 1 mess late Robert Hawkins	0	4	6
Elleanor Banaster widow for part of the same	0	2	9
Samuel Mansell for Footehill part of the same	0	0	9
John Davison for part of the same	0	2	0
Walter Cox for part of the same	0	0	6
Mary Buckle for ?Halt ¹ Hall part of the same	0	1	3
Mary Buckle for part of the same	0	0	2
Edward Rich esq. for Moorebreach part of the same	0	0	1
	4	10	11
[p “22” - image 158] [still Westal Naunton and Sandford tithing??]			
John Davison part of the same 1 mess late the land of Henry Gonier gent	0	0	6
John Davison for part of the same	0	1	8
William Ballinger for part of a mess in Naunton part of the same	0	1	4
John Hewett for Mareford part of the same	0	0	9
Richard Whithorne for part of the same	0	0	4
Thomas Whithorne for part of the same late ?Groves	0	0	3
Thomas Green for part of the same	0	0	3
Richard Finch for part of the same	0	1	8
Zachar. Ireland for part of the same	0	0	4½
Edward Rich esq. For part of the same	0	0	3
Richard Banaster jun for part of the same	0	1	6
Mary Buckle for part of the same	0	0	2
Richard Banaster for a homestead late Bakers	0	0	5
Elleanor Banaster for 6 acres part of the same	0	1	0
Thomas Gregorie for part of the same	0	0	6
Thomas Cleeveley for part of the same	0	1	2
Zachar Ireland for part of the same	0	0	3
Edward Rich esq. For part of the same	0	1	6
John Howell for part of the same	0	1	2
Walter Cleevely for 1 mess late Broadways		4	0 or 1?
Robert Clarke for part of the same	0	0	3
John Howell for part of the same	0	0	3

¹Cf Holte of Charlton Kings – Anthea Jones p118

Michael Gotheridge for 1 messuage	0	3	4
	1	2	10½
[p “23” - image 159] [which tithing? Note: Clarks Close is in Cheltenham tithing]			
Robert Milton for 1 mess	0	5	6
Thomas Gregorie 1 mess	0	5	6
Walter Whithorne 1 mess	0	3	4
Robert Smyth gent in the right of his wife daughter of Samuel Bridgedale for 1 mess	0	4	8
Thomas Cartwright and Elizabeth Hayward late the land of Timothy Cartwright for several parcels part of a mess	0	0	4
Thomas Greene for part of the same	0	0	5
Walter Cleevely for part of the same	0	0	1
Michael Gotheridge for part of the same	0	0	8
William Maysie for part of the same	0	0	2
Thomas Ashmeade for part of the same	0	0	8
Walter Buckle for Clarks Close part of the same	0	0	8
Edward Ballinger for part of the same	0	0	8
	1	2	8¹

¹Tithing total checked and is correct

The following lists occur at intervals in B, and are evidently working aids giving the steward a periodic tally and a correlation between old and new numbering schemes.

B, f.1030173. List, endorsed ‘Jo. Davissons Surrenders’¹

1645		
1	Driver Wm, from	Roger Holder
2	Holder Roger	Wm Driver
3	Smith Jno	Richard Wills
1646		
4	Lane Wm, admitted as heir of	Walt. Lane
5	Benfield Thos. Burg	
6	Fox Edwd	Robt Atwood
7	Hartlebury Tho.	John Hartlebury
8	Hartlebury Jno.	Tho. Hartlebury
9	Clark Robt, from	Toby Packer
10	Sturmy Jno. Ashmead Jno. From	Jno. Maries
11	Sandford Judith	Jointure
12	Sturmy Tho.	John Sturmy
13	Ellis Robt.	Walter Lane
14	Parker Wm et ux.	
15	Powell Tho. Burg., from	Jno his father
16	Powell Tho. Entails that burg.	
17	Ashmead Tho. From	Robt Smith et ux.
18	Cestroee Giles from	Toby Packer
19	Holder Arthur from	Edward Wells
20	Ashmead Tho. From	Tho Cartwright et ux.
21	Barnes Elionor from her father	Jno Barnes
22	Clark Robt from	Edm Smith et ux.
23	Higs Alice burg. from	Eliz. Nicolls
24	Nicolls Jno, grant from	Wm Waight
25	Goodrich Wm from	Wm his father
26	Hartlebury Tho from	Ri. Mathew
27	Elionor, Alice, Sara, Hanna Davison from	Jno their father
28	Jane wife of Wm Elborough admitted as heir of Edwd Fox her bro.	

[B., verso of f. 75] collation of entries and numbers for ‘1647’²

34	Clarke Anth fee from Rob his father	1
35	Norwood Jno et ux entail from Hen Goodcheape	2
36	Clark Robt fee from Robt his father	3
37	Wells Michael joint on his wifes	4
38	Wells Ri fee from Michael his father	5
39	Wells Edw fee from Mich his father	6

¹ This tabulation is puzzling. Davison was bailiff of the borough, so might be expected to have concerned himself only with burgage grants, but the transactions listed are of all types. It does not cover all ‘surrenders’ in the period, but those listed tend to be grouped in specific folios above. Perhaps Davison ended up minding [some] court papers in the period after direct impact of Civil War on Cheltenham in 1643 (see Hart). It seems clear that the record for 1645 is very deficient.

² Working assumption is that the righthand (‘circled’) numbers are cleaner/clearer and therefore subsequent to the faint ones.

40	Wells Wm fee from Mich his father	7
41	Packer Lodw entail from his fa Lodw	8
42	Clark Robt from Tho Tanty years	9
43	Johnson Edw from Eliz White	10
44	Ellis Guy from Jno his father entail	11
45	Pates Pen fee from Mary Pate	12
46	Hall Edw fee from Tho Ruck	13
47	Gale Wm jointure to his wife	14
48	Buckle Tho life and 12 yrs from Ro Clark	15
49	Ham Giles from Tho Buckle fee	16
50	Cox Tho fee from Giles Mathews	17
51	Whithorne Ro fee from Thom Buckle	18
52	Coppin Francis heir of Jno Coppin	19
53	Clarke Tho fee from Robt his father	20
54	Gregory Franc fee from Ri Packer	21
55	Do. Years from Kath Packer	22
56	Cox Tho fee from Ri Mathews	23
57	Gregory Tho fee from Wm Gregory	24
58	Mason Hen fee from Jno Bleek	25
59	Rogers Ri fee from Wm his Fa Burg	26
60	Merret Fr heir of Chr his fa. Admit	27
61	White Walt years from Eliz White	28
62	King Wm life & 12 y from Cartwright	29
63	Mary Holder jointure	30
64	Clark Tho fee from Rob Gale	31
65	Chestroe Jno fee from Rob Gale & Anth Clark	32

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67	Pates Pen to Ric Gregory	1
68	Collet Jno years from Higs	2
69	Milton Ric from Conway Whithorne	3
70	Dean Thos from Robt Whithorne	4
71	Sturmy Henry from Ant Sturmy	5
72	Atkyns .hen from Jno Gardner	6
73	Packer Ri from Cath Packer	7
74	Ashmead Nich from Eliz White	8 + 12
75	Sturmy Tho from Anth Sturmy	9
76	Sturmy Anth from Thos Sturmy dorso	9
77	Ashmead Jno from Hill et ux	10
78	Lane Walt fee from Robt Lane	11
79	Clarke Rob from Rd Tickle	13
80	Packer Ri heir of Jno Packer adm	14
81	Mason Hen from Walter Goodrich	15
82	Manly Ri from Saml Higgs	16
83	Churches Wm fee from Wm his father	17
84	Driver Wm release from Roger Holder	18
85	Finch Alice fee from Ri her father	19
86	Milton Robt settlement	20
87	King Wm from Wm his father	21
88	Buckle Tho from Anchor Nynd years	22
89	Dobbins Ri fee from Ri Mathews	23

90	Ashmead Wm years from Ri White	24
91	Milton Robt fee from Anth Clark	25
92	Chestro Geo years from Alice Gardner	26
93	Cleevely Walter fee from Walt Cleevely	27
94	Settlement of Goodrich Walter	28
95	Weaver Ri fee from Walt Milton	29

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96	William Henry fee from Wills Rich	1
97	Style (Wm Elinor Kath Jane) fee fm Wills Ri	2
98	Settlement, Walt Cox	3
99	Broad Ric fee from Seaman Wm	4
100	Whithorn Tho from Franc Crosly	5
101	Walt Ireland from Ireland Alice	6
102	Midleton Rogers admiss as heir of Anth	7
103	Roberts Jno from Eliz Rogers	7
104	Do. From Midleton Rogers	7
105	Roberts Geo fee from Midleton Rogers	8
106	Roberts Jno from Geo Roberts	8
107	Cox Walter et ux from Giles Ashmead	9
108	Wills Ri and Wm from Ri Wills	10
109	Wills Jno from Ri Wills	11
110	Cook Ri from Toby Packer	12
111	Smith Margery fee from Ashmead Tho	13
112	Willes Wm from Wm Maysy	14
113	White Wm from Jn Davison	15
114	Wm Church from Ri Hawker	16
115	Buckle Jno from Mary Buckle	17
116	Do. Settlement on Elinor Wells	18
117	Butwell and Ri Ellis from Robt Clark	19
118	Drinkwater Wm from Ri Banaster	20
119	Ballinger Edmd from Ri Banaster	21
120	Davison Ro from Franc Davison	22
121	Ashmead Gi from Jno Mason	23
122	Dark Ri from Jno Mason	24
123	Bick Geo from Jno Mason	25
124	Bayly Chr from Jno Smyth	26
125	Ashmead Nic from Tho Ashmead	27

Strays: B f. 442 and f. 449, undated items relating to Buckle/Greenway, and a previous surrender at a court of 1636.

Also: B f. 435 //undated// Thomas Sandford in person grants to his wife Anne a tenement court and backside in Cheltenham now in the possession of Thomas Wilson, and a tenement with a garden plot adjoining, and a ground or close on the W side of the quickset 'side' lying between the Bowling Alley N and land of Robert Bicke S, the last mentioned premises being in the possession of Thomas Sandford. Fine 2d.