



5. November 5<sup>th</sup> 1779 - Indenture between  
Paul Sparrow of Littleworth, Millwright  
And  
John Parish of Borstall in the Co. of Bucks, Yeoman, for the sum of five shillings.  
  
Previous tenant - John Freeman
6. November 6<sup>th</sup> 1779 - Release  
Parties as above - for the sum of £210
7. August 28<sup>th</sup> 1806 - Indenture between  
John Parish of Boarstall, Bucks, Yeoman, deceased and his late wife, Jemima  
and  
John Sheldon of Shotover, Farmer, and his heir, Thomas Sheldon of Wheatley,  
Blacksmith, for the sum of ninety pounds.
8. September 21<sup>st</sup> 1809 - Indenture between  
John Sheldon of Wheatley, Baker, but late of Shotover, Farmer  
and  
Thomas Stowe of Wheatley, Cowleech, for the sum of one hundred and thirty pounds.
9. March 20<sup>th</sup> 1837 - Indenture between  
Thomas Stowe of Wheatley, Cowleech,  
and  
James Jarvis of Lane End, Great Marlow in the county of Bucks, Chair Manufacturer,  
for the sum of one hundred pounds.

(Thomas Stowe has pulled down the previous 'messuage' and built a new one.)

10. April 17<sup>th</sup> 1857 - Indenture between  
James Jarvis of Lane End, Great Marlow in the county of Bucks, Chair Manufacturer  
and  
George Hinton of Horspath in the Co. of Oxford, Yeoman, for the sum of one hundred  
pounds.

By contrast, the later indentures do not have the same detail and give the impression that they are concerned with a smaller property as this extract from 1759 indicates:

....All that part or parcel of a Mansion house or dwelling house situate standing and being in Littleworth in the parish of Horspath in the said county of Oxford containing three rooms (that is to say) a Lower Room, a Loft overhead and an Outhouse joining to it, a Cowhouse and Orchard and all the Ground thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining lying on the Westside of the said Mansion house to the very Walls of the same being the same part of the said Mansion or Dwelling house wherein Henry Saunders doth now (or late did) inhabit and dweii

with all Commons Easements Trees Ways Ground Emoluments and Hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever belonging or herewith used or enjoyed.

Extract from the lease dated 1722, which is incomplete - having been cut off and a central area 'chewed' 1 Sir Sebastian Smythe has had a detailed agreement drawn up which provides an insight into the agricultural activity of the farm.

... James Pryor .... Will from time to time and at all times hereafter .... Repair and and keep the said messuage or farmhouse and all outhouses, barns, stables and buildings belonging to the said premises in good and sufficient repair And also..... Allowing Lopp and bushes at his appointment for the same And if at any time ....belonging to the said premises without the consent of Sir Sebastian Smythe his heirs or Assigns he shall forfeit or pay for each pole of hedgerow, sod cutt or each tree..... Lawful money and sod (?) apportionably any greater or lesser quantity And shall and will lay a new coat of straw upon one of the barns belonging to the said premises with.....lead and sinks in good repair during the said terms And the said messuage or farm house, outhouses, barns, stables and buildings being well and sufficiently repaired hedges, ditches quicksetted wooded walled fenced and mounded And also all the young trees bushed to prune them .....spend half the hay ..... and all the straw every year (except wheat and rye straw) which shall be growing upon the said premises or any ? thereof during the said term and shall lay and bestow all such dung and compost as shall be thereof made upon some ? of the said Arable land belonging to the said premises where there shall be most need and spread the same upon the same arable land in a husbandlike manner And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Sebastian Smythe his heirs and Assigns to sett his or their horses, mares or geldings in the best ? of the said stables as often as he or they shall have occasion.

.... And further also that he the said James Pryor his executors, Assigns shall not sow about six acres with oats in the last year of his said term upon any of the premises nor sow any .....of the Arable land belonging to the said premises contrary to the usual custom of the common fields of Whatley aforesaid nor cross crop the same during the said term and shall find .... Keeping in the backsides belonging to the said premises for one .... Of hens, cocks or pullets and food and take care of the same as his owne for the use of the said Sir Sebastian Smythe his Heirs and Assigns.