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Bundle 1st No 1.

- 1 DEC 1596 Indenture
1) Richard Conquest
2) Miles Sandys
Settlement after marriage of Edmund Conquest son of (1) and Elizabeth one of the daughters of (2)
- 1 OCT 1616 Note the letters Patent recited in this deed and Que: if any of the lands in this deed be to be sold.
[Deed Poll: Grant by Sir Richard Conquest to Lewis Conquest, his third son premises mentioned therein]
Indorsed an assignment of Sir Ri: Conquest's leasehold estat
- 2 OCT 1616 Deed Poll: Feoffment by said Sir Richard Conquest to said Lewis Conquest of certain messuages and lands in Chapple End.
Indorsed Sir Ri: Conquest to Lewis Conquest of his freehold lands
- 21 AUG 1625 But a Counterpart here Quae: where is the Original. The term not yet expired about 8 yeares to come but the. . . . was assigned by Sr. Fr: Clerke 4 Mar 1625 to Richard Conquest
Lease by
1) said Lewis Conquest to
2) Sir Francis Clarke
of premises for 99 yrs at peppercorn rent.
- MICH 1 CAR Fine... con..... mt for terme of yeares which is expired
[Final concord between.
1) Francis Clerk esq. plt.
2) Sir Lewis Leight, Lewis Conquest et ux. Def]
- 3 MAR 1625 Deed Poll: Declaration of Trust & assignment of said terms by Francis Clark to Lewis Conquest of the said Lease etc.
- 4 MAR 1625 Assignment by
1) Lewis Conquest to
2) Richard Conquest
in consideration £2200 of premises therein mentioned to be granted and assigned to him by Sir Francis Clark, for residue of term, subject to proviso by which Richard Conquest is to pay Lewis Conquest £1200)
- 11 OCT 1626 Quae: what are the uses.
[Marriage Settlement between
1) Sir Edmund Conquest
2) Richard Conquest
3) Sir William Armysyn
Sir John Thimblesby
Sir Thomas Hide
Sir Richard Conquest
on marriage between Richard Conquest the son and Elizabeth, sister of Sir John Thimblesby]
- 1 JAN 1628 Note the sevrall fee farme rents referred by this deed
[Assignment for residue of term of 99 years by
1) Sir John Walter
Sir James Fullerton
Sir Thos Trevor
2) Thomas Foxall
of Houghton Grange and the lands therein mentioned]
But a few yeares to come of this terme.
Quae: if the Inheritance of Houghton Grange is to be purchased and how it came out of the Crowne

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- 4 MAR 1629 Note the letter patents recited here
Note the reversion of those landes to be in the Crowne or else
Quae: how they come out.
(Assignment by
1) Richard Conquest and Lewis Conquest to
2) Richard Evelin
with proviso for redemption on payment £1488)
- 4 MAR 1629 Conveyance by Bargain and Sale inrolled
1) Richard Conquest to
2) George Evelin and Robert Hatton and their heirs, in trust for
Richard Evelyn
premises therein mentioned, with proviso for redemption on
payment of the £1488 mentioned, in former deed
- 4 FEB 1637 Royal licence for uniting Houghton Conquest and Houghton
Guildable into one Rectory
- 27 APR 1639 Note the 2. etc: upon this deed in 74 and 78
Assignment by
1) Thos. Foxall to
2) Richard Conquest
premises therein mentioned for £500
- 29 NOV 1649 Assignment of mortgage mentioned above by
1) George, son and heir and executor of Richard Evelin;
Richard Conquest:
Robert Hatton
2) Katherine Spencer
Margaret Spencer
in consideration £1200 to George Evelin and £300 to Richard
Conquest. Proviso for convenants to be void of payment mortgage
money.) Robert Hatton who survived George Evelin demises by
moieties the premisses to the two Spencers for a terme of 1000
years, the assignment to them by way of Moieties.
- Bundle 2 No 2.
- HILL 1651 Exemplication of Fine
1) Conquest Taylor gent., plaintiff
2) Richard Conquest Esq. and wife
John Thimelby Conquest, defdts.
1 messuage, 3 barns, 1 dovehouse, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 245 acres
pasture 30 acres wood in Houghton Conquest
Quae: the deed to leade the uses of this fine and recovery see
the following deed of the 13 Dec: 1652
- HILL 1651 Exemplication of Common Recovery
1) Christopher Low, demandt.
2) Conquest Taylor, deft.)
Quae: who (?) vouched
- 13 DEC 1652 Note the exhibit upon this deed. Quae: the proceedings in that
suite
Note this deed cutt through.
Deed to declare uses of fine and recovery.
1) Richard Conquest Esq. and wife Elizabeth.
John Thimelby Conquest, son and heir apparent
2) Christopher Low
Conquest Taylor
3) John Stone, Esq.
reciting fine above, on manor house Houghton Conquest alias
Conquest Bury and land in Houghton Conquest, by which Conquest
Taylor stood tenant to prem. in recovery;

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Recoverer to stand seized in: manor house, to use Richard Conquest his heirs and assigns, and : closes and parcels meadow and wood, to use of John Stone, executors or administrators for 2000 yrs., then to use of Richard Conquest and heirs.)
Quae: if this Manor house to be sold

- 14 DEC 1652 There is a Counterpart of this.
1) John Stone
2) Richard Conquest
Redemise (original) by (1) to (2) of lands mentioned in deed of 13 December for 1998 yrs at peppercorn rent, with proviso to determine upon the said Conquest's paying £3000 and interest on 14 December 1655)
- 3 APR 1655 1) Richard Conquest
2) John Chapman
Demise by (1) to (2) for 65 years by way of security for £500 to be paid 5 June next, of... Houghton Grainge and lands therein mentioned.)
- 2 JUL 1655 Assignment by Chapman to Francis Low
- 12 JUL 1655 1) Richard Conquest the elder
2) Richard Conquest his son
Conveyance: Bargain and Sale, by (1) to (2) of ... lands therein mentioned (not settled by indenture tripartite of 24 May 1654 with fines and recoveries) for 2000 yrs. at pepper corn rent, upon trust to pay the debts in a schedule annexed)
Quere: about the payment of those schedule debts.
Quere: the Ind: of May the 24 54 and the fines and recoveries upon it
But a counterpart. Quere: where is the originall
- 12 JUL 1655 Declaration that father might revoke his former deed
- 25 JUN 1656 1a) Penelope Lady Spencer, exor. of Katherine Spencer
1b) Sir Anthony Ashly Cooper, husband of Margaret Spencer
2) Thomas Spencer, a person nominated in trust for Sir Anthony Ashley Cooper
Assignment by (1a) in consideration of £756 from (1b), and assignment by (1b) in consideration 5s., to (2), of mortgage ment. above.)
- 26 JUN 1656 1) Francis Low, by consent of Richard Conquest
2) Sir Anthony Ashley Cowper
Assignment by (1) to (2) in consideration £741, of mortgage formerly assigned to him by Chapman
- 27 JUN 1656 but a Counterpart executed by Ri: Conquest
Quere: where is a the Originall
1) Sir Anthony (Ashley Cowper)
Thomas Spencer
2) Richard Conquest
Lease by (1) to (2) of premises mentioned therein for 60 years, with proviso to be void if £2938 8s not paid in a manner therein mentioned.
- 4 JUL 1659 Not said signed sealed and delivered, but onely sealed and delivered
[Deed Poll by Richard Conquest revoking deed dated 12 July 1655]

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Bundle 3d

- 28 SEPT 1659 Inrolled in Chancery
Quere why Sir John Thimelby joined.
1) said Richard Conquest
 Sir John Thimelby
2) Maurice Thomson esq.
3) John Hawes
 James Oldfield
Demise (by Richard Conquest in consideration £2950, and by Sir John Thimelby in consideration 5s.) to (2)
... diverse messuages and lands in Houghton Conquest
Covenant to convey inheritance to John Hawes and heirs so that a recovery can be suffered)
Note the severall.. ets and exhibits upon this deed.
Quere for what terme demised.
Quere the proceedings in the suites they refer to.
Not inrolled till the 3 June 27 Car. 2
A covenant to make Hawes tenant to the precipe but here is noe deed or fine for that purpose
In answer to this Note postea the deed of the 21 Oct 1659
- MICH 1659 Exemplification of Common recovery.
James Oldfeild demdt.
John Hawes tenant
Rich. Conquest vouchee)
noe good tenant to the precipe.
- 29 SEP 1659 1) Penelope Lady Spencer
 Sir Anthony Astley Cowper bt.
 Richard Conquest esq.
2) Maurice Thomson esq.
 William Webb esq
 Humfry Town
reciting mortgage of Houghton Grange to Sir Francis Clarke and divers mesne assignments whereby the premises came to Penelope Lady Spencer and Sir A. A. Cooper, and that Richard Conquest owes £2870
ASSIGNMENT by Lady Spencer and Sir Anthony for £2870, paid to Sir Anthony, and £80 paid to Richard Conquest, by Maurice Thomson, to William Webb, in trust for Maurice Thomson
... the said Houghton Grainge for remainder of term, and also
... other lands in Ampthill
Note the exhibits upon this deed, and Quere the suites antea 26 June 1656 the assignment of this mortgage of the Grange from Low to Sir Anthony Ashley Cooper onely.
Copy of an Indenture Common Pleas betweene Richard Conquest and Sir John Thimelby of the and John Hawes to of the other parte to make him a Tenant to the....
- 30 SEP 1659 1) Maurice Thomson
 William Webb
 Humfry Town
2) Richard Conquest
Demise by (1) to (2) of premises as in deed 28 sep 1659 for 1999 years at annual rent of £300 for first 21 years to Maurice Thomson, and a pepper corn for the remainder

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24 DEC 1662 1) John Stone, esq.
 2) Richard Conquest
 3) Nicholas Corsellis
reciting indentures of demise and redemise of 13 and 14 Dec 1652,
and that Richard Conquest did not pay the money, and that John
Stone had entered upon the premises, and
reciting a suit in Chancery, and that there was due to Stone
£2463 17s 8d from Richard Conquest,
Assignment by (1) to (3) of premises, in consideration of said
sum paid by (3), for remainder of said term 2000 years.

13 OCT 1666 1) John Stone
 2) Maurice Thomson
 3) Nicholas Corsellis
reciting indentures 13/14 Dec 1652
Assignment by John Stone for £2463 17s. of premises mentioned in
last deed to Nicholas Corsellis a trustee for Maurice Thomson

1 APR 1670 1) said Corsellis
 2) Maurice Thomson
 reciting indentures 24 Dec 1662 and 13 Oct 1666
 Assignment by (1) to (2) of remainder of said term.)

Bundle fourth

1 JAN 1695 1a) John Thimelby [? Conquest] Esq., son and heir and
 administrator of Richard Conquest Esq.
 1b) Benedict Conquest son and heir of Sir Thimelby Conquest (sic)
 2) Sir John Thomson, and heir and executor of Maurice Thomson
 Esq.
reciting indentures of 13 & 14 Dec.1652.,
indenture 28 Sep 1659, indent. 30 Sep. 1659; and that the said
John Thimelby Conquest did surrender to Maurice Thomson
... all the remainder in the said redemise granted by Maurice
Thomson to Richard Conquest,
and that a master in Chancery had reported due to Sir John
Thomson £13593 8s.; that the said John Thimelsby Conquest,
Benedict Conquest and John Thimelby agreed to confirm to Sir John
Thomson his exors. etc.
... all the lands and tenements in Houghton Conquest mentioned in
2 particulars annexed for the remainder of the said 2000 years,
and that the said John Thimelby Conquest, Frances his wife
Benedict Conquest and John Thimelby would convey the inheritance
to such person as the said Sir John should appoint, and the said
John Thimelby Conquest would surrender to the said Sir John the
Term of years granted by John Stone to Richard Conquest.
Quere: the indorsement of even date mentioned herein to be made
on the indenture of Redemise of the 30 Sept. 59

1-2 JAN 1695 1) John Thimelby Conquest and wife Frances
 Benedict Conquest
 John Thimelby
 2) Sir John Thomson
 Robert Bird
 Robie Sherwin
 3) Henry Davis
 Conveyance (Lease & Release) by (1) to Robert Bird and Robie
 Sherwin and heirs in trust for Sir John Thomson and heirs
 ... divers lands in Houghton Conquest with covenant to levy fine
 and suffer recovery)
 The Release refers to a Decree. Quere that Decree.

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- 2 JAN 1695 1) John Thimelby Conquest
Benedict Conquest
John Thimelby
Ratification of premises to Sir John Thomson for residue of term of 2000 years granted to John Stone and of the 2000 years granted to Maurice Thomson;
Sir John Thomson surrenders to Thimelby Conquest such part of the premises as were not before ratified to the said John Thomson
- MICH 9 WM III Fine between Robert Bird & Robie Sherwin, gent. Plaintiffs
John Thimelby Conquest Esq. and wife Frances & (?) Benedict Conquest, defdts.)
- MICH 9 WM III Exemplification of Common Recovery
Henry Davis, plt.
Robert Bird & Robie Sherwin, tenants.
John Thimelby (Conquest) vouchee
Benedict Conquest gent. second vouchee)
- 30 JUL 1705 (Crossed through: and blotted. apparently as below)
- 10 JUL 1668 Counterpart articles made on marriage settlement.
1) Maurice Thomson, esq., grandfather of the now Lord Haversham
2) Earl of Anglesey
Articles made between the above in consideration of a marriage between John Thomson Esq., son of (1) and afterwards Lord Haversham, and Lady Frances Wyndham, byt which covenant to settle ...divers land and tenements in the counties of Bedford, Essex and Lancashire which were in mortgage for £22,500 on Maurice Thomson for life, and on his death to be conveyed to the use of John Thomson and of his first and other sons, with power to raise up to £5,000 apiece for portions for daughters of John Thomson
No settlement has been made pursuant to these articles
- 23 MAR 1674 Copy of will of Maurice Thomson from the P.C.C. by which he made the late Lord Haversham his executor.
- 11 JAN 1703 Deed of Arthur Annesley esq., administrator with will annexed of the said Earl of Anglesey, appointing £1000 each to Helena Gregory, Frances Thomson, Mary Annesley, Martha Thomson, Katherine Thomson, Dorothy Thomson and Althamia Thomson, seven of daughters of late Lord Haversham, and £100 to Mrs. Elizabeth Grange, the eighth daughter
- 30 JUL 1705 Conveyance by said Lord Haversham, having the remainder of two terms of 2000 years and 2000 years in him, to Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Marriott for 500 years, in trust to raise £2000 each for his said daughters - Frances, Dorothea, Martha and Althamia, and interest at the rate of £5 per cent per annum from his death, and £1200 to his daughter Helena, subject to a revocation.
Previous entry for this, put above and crossed through, had note that the £1200 was revoked
Quere: the deed of the 23 Aprill 1707 mentioned in the Order.
- 26 JUL 1709 Lord Haversham revoked his daughter Gregory's portion of £1200
- 27-28 JAN 1709 The said Lord Haversham did by Lease and Release convey the premises with others in general words to the Earl of Rochester and Mr. Grahme in trust for Lady Martha Haversham his wife for life. These Deeds we have not.

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- 21 SEP 1710 Copy of late Lord Haversham's will from the proctor
- B. The Lady Dowager Haversham, relict of late Lords Haversham, prefers bill in Chancery against now Lord Haversham, to establish Lease & Release, and he prefers his bill to establish articles of 10 July 1668
- 11 DEC 1713 Lady Dowager's bill was dismissed, and the present Lord Haversham obtained a decess, amongst other things, for the premises in Houghton Conquest, vide. fol: 38 of the order)
- 2 JUN 1714 Lady Dowager Haversham appealed to house or Lords, and same was confirmed by house of Lords;
- 22 AUG 1713 Articles between Lord Haversham of one part, and Thomas Armstrong and wife Frances, John Beckford and w [?] and Althamia Thomson concerning their portions hargeable on Houghton Conquest estate
- 21 FEB 1713-14 Decree in Chancery made in persuance of said articles, and also for Lady Every's portion of £2000 charged by said deed of 30 Jul 1705 (which said Lady Every is since dead)