

**The Hinchcliffe / Moore / Graham Long-Lease Estate
in Headingley-cum-Burley and Bramley,
and its Industrial Premises,
during the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries.**

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The zone of nineteenth-century industrial development at Kirkstall (in the townships of Headingley-cum-Burley and Bramley, both within the ancient Parish and early-modern Borough of Leeds) was substantially the creation of the owners of an estate there, Sir James Graham (1st Baronet) and his son Sir Sandford Graham.¹ However their developments were both assisted and constrained by earlier industrial development at this point (initiated by Kirkstall Abbey from the time of its foundation) and by the nature of their legal title to the estate. This title was not freehold, but was a group of 500-year leases held from the estate of the Earls of Cardigan. In the nineteenth century this led to legal problems and commercial restrictions when long sub-leases were sold. Understanding why this was so requires a knowledge of how the Grahams came to own this estate: essentially a reconstruction of their legal title. Some of the documents available for this also allow an outline of the sub-tenancies of the estate to be reconstructed, which in turn enables some suggestions of the timing of industrial development to be made.

I

This complex grouping of lands straddling the River Aire was assembled piecemeal by the Hinchcliffe family of millers and businessmen between the late-sixteenth century and the mid-seventeenth century. Centred on the complex of mills at Kirkstall Bargrange (now the Abbey Mills at Kirkstall), it included the Abbey site itself (including the Abbey precinct corn-mill that was allowed to become derelict after its water-supply was channelled to the newly established Kirkstall Forge in 1612-18) and various agricultural lands that together formed a continuous block stretching from Burley Hill into Bramley. The Hinchcliffes acted as substantial clients of the Saviles, the freehold landowners and lords of the various nominal manors created here in the aftermath of the Dissolution. The Hinchcliffes had for example held the contract for carting charcoal to Kirkstall Forge. Abraham Hinchcliffe eventually became an Assistant member of the Leeds Borough Corporation before the Civil War, although he was not nominated in the foundation charter. The precise details of how the Hinchcliffe estate was assembled are currently unclear, but 21-year leases were the usual form of landholding here after the middle of the sixteenth century, and it appears to have involved progressive engrossment of several originally separate leasehold tenancies.

In November 1637 new leases were made by Thomas Viscount Savile to Abraham Hinchcliffe of the bulk of these lands, but excluding the Abbey precinct itself and some associated agricultural land. The terms were unusual both for Headingley-cum-Burley and for Bramley in that they were to run for the longest of three named lives,

¹ MF Ward, *Industrial Development and Location in Leeds North of the River Aire, 1775 to 1914*, (Unpublished PhD Thesis, University of Leeds, 1972).

plus 21 years.² Such leases for lives were commonplace in some other parts of England, but not locally. The effect was that the leases were to last for a much longer period than was locally usual.

At the outbreak of the Civil Wars (1642) Hinchcliffe provided cash to Thomas Viscount Savile who was already deeply financially overextended. Savile initially took the Royalist side in the wars, and in the process sustained further financial losses (including the burning of Howley Hall, his seat in Batley township). Eventually he tried to change sides, with the result that he was discredited by both. He was never able to repay Hinchcliffe's money, and had to borrow more just to regain possession of his estates following their sequestration by Parliament.

In 1649 Hinchcliffe himself also voluntarily submitted to the Parliamentary Committee for Compounding, essentially confessing to having been a Royalist supporter in return for lenient punishment. To the Committee he declared his lands leased for three lives from Savile to be worth £74 per annum. He also declared a further lease of the Abbey demesne worth only £1 pa.. He was fined £81/10/- and had no further contact with the Committee.³

Savile had more difficulty with the Committee for Compounding and had to raise substantial extra funding before he could repossess his estates. As a result of this, and his existing indebtedness, he had to sell a substantial number of leases on terms that he would not previously have accepted. In August 1652 he issued three new leases to Abraham Hinchcliffe, and his heirs and assigns, of the lands already held by him. These were 500-year leases to start only on the expiry of the existing leases for three lives plus 21 years. The annual rents payable were to be higher than for the existing leases, but the length of the term essentially gave near-freehold ownership to Hinchcliffe's successors. A fourth long lease of the Abbey precinct and adjacent lands was made to Abraham's son James and his heirs-male. This lease however reverted to the Brudenell estate (as successor to the Savile estate) in 1703 on the death of the grantee's grandson without heirs-male. The terms of the three leases to Abraham Hinchcliffe did not require them to revert, and they remained in force.

The succession to the Hinchcliffe long leases was complicated by Abraham's complex family relationships. He lived to the age of seventy seven and had three wives. His son James died in 1654 only two years after the making of the 500-year leases. James's widow Ann (née Purdue) had previously been the widow of Walter Stanhope of Horsforth, and her older children were Walter's three sons, one of whom inherited the Horsforth estate, and one, Henry, became a Leeds Merchant and Mayor of Leeds. Just to complicate things further her mother Eleanor, widow of Thomas

² The three lives were his own, that of Elinor his then wife, and that of James his son and heir-apparent.

³ 1649 4 May Abraham Hinchcliffe of Burley volunteered to pay a composition fine for being royalist. At that time he was seized: in fee of piece of land in Burley worth 15s pa; of an estate for 3 lives and 21 years leased from Savile of a farm called Kirkstall Grange of 2 water corn mills and 2 fulling mills and lands in Kirkstall and Bramley worth £74 pa; and a lease for 7 years of lands called the Abbies demesnes in Kirkstall worth £1 pa. Cattle and household stuff valued at £114.

1649 15 May: fine £81/10/-.

Source: (YAS(RS) [18](#) 1895 Royalist Composition Papers vol 2 p201). Also Cal Committee for Compounding etc. (part III) p2028

Purdue (another member of the Savile clientage network), became Abraham Hinchcliffe's third wife.

James's son Abraham therefore inherited his grandfather's estate in 1663 while still a minor. Initially his career seems to have developed in accordance with expectations. He acquired minor public office as a Trustee of the Leeds Pious Uses Trust, and in 1671 he married a daughter of George Banister of North Hall Wood, a member of the Leeds urban elite. However the marriage seems to have broken down and in his 1684 will his father in law instructed that Abraham was not to intermeddle in the custody of his children James and Eleanor. Abraham eventually himself died in 1689. Custody of his children with administration of his estates was granted to his half-brother Henry Stanhope of Leeds. His daughter Eleanor married Richard Milburn of Leeds in 1691. In 1697 Abraham's son James married Helen Moore of Armley. Part of the Hinchcliffe estate was conveyed to two of her brothers Thomas and Joseph Moore of Redcote as trustees for this marriage, while part was conveyed to Henry Stanhope for twenty-one years. Stanhope seems thus to have retained some control of the estate even after the children achieved their majority. However in 1699 he was blaming his own financial problems on James's marriage. It seems that the involvement of the Moores as trustees had revealed deficiencies in Stanhope's care of the estate. From 1697 Stanhope withdrew from public life in Leeds and retired to Mirfield, possibly as the result of mental illness. Nevertheless his involvement with the estate did not cease for over a decade; he was still listed as responsible for accumulating arrears of rent due to the Cardigan estate in 1709. James died in 1702 without children, leaving his estate to his widow for life and then to her brother John Moore. Accordingly, on her death in 1717, John Moore became the owner of the long leases, although only when Stanhope's term expired the following year did his ownership become complete. How the estate was managed in practical terms through all these complex changes, and who did it at what stage, remains unclear. In particular, on the maps of the 1711 Dickinson survey (just two years after the recording of Stanhope's arrears of rent) John Moore is listed as the proprietor of not only the long leases, but also of a short lease of the lands formerly included in the James Hinchcliffe long lease.

John Moore was not only a member of a prominent Armley family, he was also the ironmaster at Kirkstall Forge and had built up a substantial estate quite apart from the long lease estate. In 1720 his eldest son, also called John, married Elizabeth Hardcastle and John senior settled the long lease estate on the couple.^{4 5} When John Moore senior died in December 1725 his will did not mention his eldest son, but passed all his remaining interests, including those in the Forge, to his second son Robert.

At present the memorial in the Wakefield Registry of Deeds of the 1720 settlement is the oldest available text of the legal description of the long-lease estate. Interpreting it is however problematic, because the 1720 version clearly incorporates some elements that relate to the early seventeenth century ('... in the tenure of William Stephenson deceased, ... and afterwards in the tenure of ... Abraham Hinchcliffe') and others

⁴ See Appendix 1.

⁵ WRRD W 634/844. Elizabeth was the daughter of Thomas Hardcastle (sr.) and granddaughter of Cyril Arthington of Arthington, and thus (according to Whittaker) an heiress in her own right. Although the Long Lease and the Arthington estates were subsequently to have a common estate agent, James Graham does not seem to have gained the Arthington estate on marrying Ann Moore.

relating to much later dates ('Sandbeddes ... in the tenure of John Moore deceased'). It is very difficult in particular to relate the descriptions of the various mills at Kirkstall and the closes around them to those shown on the 1711 Dickinson map. Furthermore it is also difficult to relate the Dickinson map to later surveys and maps because of substantial subsequent change to the road layout near Kirkstall Bridge. How the descriptions of the various mills at Kirkstall should be interpreted is thus particularly problematic. The clause relating to Kirkstall Bar Grange and the associated Bar Grange Mills ('two water corn mills ... and one Kiln and one Fulling Mill to the said two water corn mills adjoining ... in the tenure of Abraham Hinchcliffe') seems likely to relate to the present Abbey Mills complex of mills and to reproduce a description from 1652 or before. The next clause ('two other Fulling Mills and one Cottage house or Tenement called Dysons House standing near unto the same') is much more difficult to match either to the topography or to a date. If it too relates to the mid-seventeenth century then the topography had changed substantially before the Dickinson survey. It is possible however that the clause describes a change in the topography between 1711 and 1720, in which case the 1720 deed may be the earliest description of what is now called St Anne's Mills. John Moore of Kirkstall Forge who became the outright owner in 1718 is certainly someone who might have had the commercial drive, experience and capital to establish a new fulling mill at the southern end of the Abbey Mills tail-goit. The question of the interpretation of this record is only likely to be resolved either by locating the original deeds of the Long Lease estate or a transcription of an earlier deed in the sequence.

Subsequent details of how the estate was managed by (or for) successive members of the Moore family remain scant. It is clear that for several decades from 1730 or before Lancelot Whelpdale acted as the estate agent and was also tenant of a farm, first in Burley and subsequently on Spen Lane. Latterly he also acted as agent to the Arthington Hall estate (documented in 1759). He was still recorded as holding his farm on Spen Lane in 1766, but by his death 'at an advanced age' in 1773 he had retired to Adle.

The West Riding Registry of Deeds does however include two memorials of assignments of leases to mill premises at Kirkstall. The lease assigned was a 20-year lease from the long-lease estate originally executed by Thomas Hardcastle of Grays Inn, Middlesex (the brother of Elizabeth, and a trustee of the 1720 marriage settlement) in 1739.⁶ This is discussed further below. There is also a memorial of a 1742 deed which may be a mortgage of the settled property, or is more likely a resettlement of the estate onto John the son of John and Elizabeth, later to become the Reverend John Moore of Headingley.⁷ Some notes on the Reverend John Moore are given in Appendix 4. From the 1740s onwards there are a series of memorials in the West Riding Registry of Deeds of mortgages obtained by the Reverend Moore secured on the long lease and on other Moore properties in Armley and Bramley. Unfortunately the descriptions of the property usually recite out-dated descriptions and lists of tenants (for the exceptions see below). There is no information about the size or cost of the successive mortgages.⁸

⁶ See Appendix 2.

⁷ See Appendix 3.

⁸ See Appendix 5.

Following the death of the Reverend Moore in December 1764 his daughter became sole executrix and administrator of his estate (despite her brother still being alive). Restructuring of the mortgages took place at this stage.⁹ Subsequently her brother, an army officer, further mortgaged the estate.¹⁰

However in 1781 Ann Moore married James Graham, a barrister of Lincoln's Inn. In preparation for this the entire estate was conveyed by her brother to her and then to trustees for the marriage.¹¹ Following the marriage the mortgages were once more restructured by her husband.¹²

II

As noted above, descriptions of the property in the memorials of the title deeds are substantially recitations of earlier descriptions deriving ultimately from the 1652 deeds, which themselves incorporated some even older descriptions. While they demonstrate that the deeds refer to the same property, they do not generally give up to date information about it. However two lists of eighteenth century tenants are given in the deeds and these can be linked with other records to give some information about who actually occupied both the land and the mills and other premises.¹³ In particular the earliest rating survey of Headingley cum Burley (Spring 1784) gives detailed lists of the occupiers and landlords of every field and set of buildings.¹⁴ Unfortunately the whereabouts of the map originally prepared with this survey is not currently known, and the individual field-names must be identified by comparison with earlier and later maps and surveys. Nevertheless fields and their names seem to have remained very stable and so this matching process is generally possible. Furthermore most of the purely agricultural tenancies also seem to have remained stable for long periods, as can be seen from a comparison of the lists in Appendices 10 and 11. Identifying these holdings and their tenants is thus relatively straightforward.

At the time of the 1784 survey almost all the mills at Kirkstall, with a substantial number of fields, were held as one tenancy from the Long Lease estate by 'Messrs Rothwell and Brow'. These two do not appear in any other record of the township, and I thus assume that they were non-resident and possibly may only have held a lease on the mills for a limited period. The only mill not held by them was an oil mill leased to John Sharp. This was much less valuable (£18) than the complex of other mills (£105), but was nevertheless a significant property: for example only the most valuable riverside meadow land was valued at £1 or more per acre and most agricultural and pasture land was valued at nearer 10s per acre or even less. Sharp had been listed as a tenant of the long lease in 1749 and had been one of the petitioners to Leeds Quarter Sessions that had triggered the making of the 1784 rating survey. No other records of his involvement in the township have yet been traced.

⁹ See Appendix 6.

¹⁰ See Appendix 7.

¹¹ See Appendix 8.

¹² See Appendix 9.

¹³ See Appendix 10.

¹⁴ Richard Brooke, Nathaniel Jowett and John Gott, *A Particular Survey and Valuation of all the Houses, Woods, Lands, Tythes, Mills, Forges &c., &c., within the Township of Headingley taken Spring 1784*, MS Box XVI (Theaker Box 1), Thoresby Society Library. See Appendix 11 for extracts from this.

At the time of the 1749 and 1763 listings Richard Nicholson was the tenant of all the other mills at Kirkstall. Some details of the 1739 lease, originally made to him and his brother Jeremiah are given in the memorials transcribed in Appendix 2. From these it seems clear that initially the brothers held the whole complex of mills, but that in 1741 they divided the complex between them, with Jeremiah holding a wood mill and oil mill as an under-tenancy, while Richard assumed the ownership of the 1739 lease. Frustratingly, the memorial in the West Riding Registry does not recite the whole of the property included in the 1739 lease, and thus leaves entirely vague precisely what mills existed there at that date. When Jeremiah Nicholson subsequently mortgaged his sub-lease in 1742, the mortgaged property included a further house and fields in Headingley with a new corn mill built by there by Jeremiah and under-tenancies held by Abraham Midgely and Thomas Hirst. From the field-names the house and fields in Headingley can be identified as Headingley Hall and its associated farmland. The mortgage was probably to finance the building of his new mill, later known as Grove Mill, at Bentley on Meanwood Beck. The Headingley Hall property and Bentley were never part of the Long-Lease estate. In the 1760s a Jeremiah Nicholson was living at Headingley Hall where he raised a family, although a son also called Jeremiah born in 1766 died in 1770. In 1784 he was still the tenant from the Cardigan estate of Headingley Hall with 96 acres of land, but by the 1790s the Hall had been re-let.

Richard Nicholson remained resident at Kirkstall, being described as a miller, until his death in 1766. His son, also called Richard, seems to have continued there until his death in 1772 but the three girls of the next generation were all too young to take over at that stage and it must be assumed that the Nicholson mill-lease was sold on at that time.

A possible change in the number of mills included in the Nicholson lease at some point during this time is indicated by the tenancy of the oil mill there by John Sharp recorded both in 1749 and in 1784, but not in 1763. The memorials of the Nicholson deeds make no mention of a second oil mill, raising the possibility that Sharp's mill was in fact the oil mill held by Jeremiah Nicholson and subsequently mortgaged. Against this possibility it has to be said that the legal difficulties of unpicking the layers of lease and the mortgage would have been considerable. Sharp's mill seems anomalous, and it is frustrating that we do not presently know more about it.

The next significant document is Jeffries' 1771 map of Yorkshire (surveyed in 1769-70), which clearly records both Savins Mill and St Annes Mill as being present at that date, when Richard Nicholson junior was still alive, and before the marriage of Ann Moore to James Graham.

The Kirkstall Mills lease was publicly advertised to let in 1782.¹⁵ It was offered as a complete complex, with 76 acres of land (the 1784 rating survey revised this to 85 acres). The advertisement indicates that there had been substantial recent rebuilding and re-equipping, including the building of a warehouse on the (then still fairly new) Leeds – Liverpool Canal in Bramley. Details of who had done this rebuilding are not given. It does however specify that as well as the main mill complex there were then two fulling mills on the same goit. This clearly refers to the mills later known as Savins Mill and St Anne's Mill. Rothwell and Brow presumably took the tenancy of

¹⁵ See Appendix 12.

the mills after this advertisement, and in the 1784 survey they were listed as having two fulling mills as well as a corn mill and scribbling mills. The actual milling was quite probably done by further sub-tenants who have so far not been identified. Further information is still needed on the pattern of tenants and sub-tenants of all these mills throughout the eighteenth century. The copy of the 1784 survey in the Thoresby Library has subsequently been annotated to indicate that the mills at Kirkstall were at some later date separated for rating purposes. So far however, the initials given in the annotation have not been matched to individuals' names.

What the 1782 advertisement does make clear is that, even after the acquisition by James Graham of the Long Lease estate, the collection of different mills at Kirkstall were thought of as a single unit, rather than as separate industrial premises. This not only makes interpretation of the available records difficult when we are trying to work out the sequence of development of the various elements of the complex. It also makes it difficult to be clear who was the principal lessee and how many sub-tenants there were. Even at the turn of the eighteenth to the nineteenth century there seems to have been scope for confusion about which of the Kirkstall mills was which, and in particular which mill was performing what processes. The newspaper description of the fire of 1799 refers to 'corn, oil and scribbling mills' (which sounds like the Abbey Mill itself) and gives the miller's name as Charles Wood. However Ward identifies Charles Wood as the tenant of only Savins Mill where he insured fulling machinery.¹⁶ According to Ward, the textile part of the Abbey Mills was occupied by Obadiah Willans, while the corn mill was occupied by 'Snowden and Rhodes'. He also mentions a rapid return into action of Willans's fulling mill after a fire there in 1796, however fires were far more common in corn or weaving mills (where inflammable dusts were generated) than in fulling mills where everything was wet. Ward also however suggests that Charles Wood was eventually succeeded by Timothy Wood, who was later described as a 'Corn Factor, late of Kirkstall Mills' on his gravestone.¹⁷ Savin's Mill seems however to have been used as a textile mill throughout the nineteenth century.

Finally, according to Ward, St Anne's Mill was occupied in 1799 by John and Edward Brook. Other later records however suggest that the firm was called J&C Brookes in 1819 and thereafter JE Brooke & Co. woollen manufacturers of Kirkstall, when the proprietor was John Edward Brooke of Headingley Lodge. In about 1832 he transferred the mill to James Hargrave and Sons, but he remained at Headingley Lodge until 1834 (when he was described as a merchant) and possibly later.

In conclusion, what all this conflicting detail shows is that despite what we do know, we still currently do not have an adequate picture of the patterns of tenancy or activity at any of these mills during the eighteenth or early nineteenth centuries!

JLC; 3 January 2009.

¹⁶ MF Ward, *op cit.*, especially pp 346-349. Ward's principal source material was the records of insurance policies with the Sun Alliance Company. His thesis gives details of the policy numbers, property descriptions and valuations at the various dates of these policies.

¹⁷ See Appendix 13.

Appendix 1.

NB. All transcriptions of memorials of deeds enrolled in the West Riding Registry of Deeds are by JLC. Note that certain repetitive passages have been omitted and replaced with a series of dots.

Notes in square [] brackets are by JLC.

West Riding Registry of Deeds W 634 844

Indenture of Bargain & Sale & Assignment 5 January 6 Geo I 1719/20; registered 9 May 1726.

Marginal Note: Moore's to Trustees.

[This therefore sounds like a settlement on the marriage of John Moore jr to Elizabeth Hardcastle dau of Thomas Hardcastle [sr] and granddaughter of Cyril Arthington. The date of the marriage would have had to be January 1719/20. See pedigree in Thoresby, ed. Whittaker.]

[NB registered after JM senior's death]

1st	John Moore of Kirkstall gent.
2nd	John Moore son & heir apparent of the said John Moore.
3rd	Robert Moore younger son of JM
4th	Thomas Hardcastle of Grays Inn Middlesex, gent. Richard West of Wakefield merchant John Pollard of New laiths Grange gent Thomas Moore of Redcoate in Armley gent
5th	Elizabeth Hardcastle one of the sisters of Thomas Hardcastle

Of and Concerning [this appears largely to be a recital of the 1652 descriptions]

All that close or parcell of Land and pasture ... called the Sandbedds containing by estimation 18 acres ... near Kirkstall Bridge all along the East side of the River Ayre with the appurtenances in Kirkstall aforesaid within the Township of Hedingley cum Burley heretofore in the tenure of John Moore deceased or his assignes [?is this JM of Redcote?]

And also ... close of land or meadow ... called Toad Hole containing by estimation eight and a half acres ... Two other closes of land and meadow commonly called the upper Abbey Feild and Lower Abbey Feild alias the Abbey Feild containing by estimation 36 acres ... One other close of Land & meadow ... called Dead Ing containing by estimation 9 acres ... One other close of Land & meadow commonly caled the Duck Ing containing by estimation 2 acres & 1 rood all adjoining in Bramley theretofore in the tenure or occupation of John Moore deceased or his assigns

And all that parcel of Land ... Nether Fall within the Lordship of Bramley ... theretofore in the tenure or occupation of Abraham Hinchcliffe or his assigns ... one other parcel of Land late taken in and inclosed from and forth of the said parcel of Land called Nether Fall heretofore in the occuaption of one William Clark ... one other parcel of Land adjoining upon the highway there called Causey Close with the appurtenances in Bramley then in the tenure of Abraham Hinchcliffe Also one other parcel of ground theretofore taken in and inclosed from one piece of Continent or woody ground commonly called the Over Fall with the appurtenances the Lordship of Bramley theretofore in the occupation of Abraham Hinchcliffe

And also All that Messuage Mansion House or Tenement commonly called or known by the name of Kirkstall Bar Grange one orchard or orchardstead and one Garth commonly called the Fryer Garth adjoining or lying near the said messuage with the appurtenances scituate lying and being in Hedingley ... And also all those two Water Corn Mills commonly called or known by the name of Kirkstall Bar Grange Mills and one Kiln and one Fulling Mill to the said two water corn mills adjoining with the appurtenances in Hedingley and theretofore in the tenure or occupation of Abraham Hinchcliffe

And also those two other Fulling Mills and one Cottage house or Tenement called Dysons House standing near unto the same with the appurtenances in the Township of Heddingley and Burley within the parish of Leeds and also all those parcels of meadow and pasture containing by estimation 10 acres commonly called ... the Milne Garth, the Ing called Dysons Ing, and the Goates Ing lying near the said Cottage House or Tenement and Fulling Mills last mentioned

And also all that close or pasture containing by estimation 5 acres ... commonly called ... the Abbey Croft and one Barn standing in the same close ... And one other close or pasture called ... Well Croft ... 2 acres ... And also one other close or pasture ... Horse Close alias Myer Close ... 2 acres and adjoining to the said closes called Abbey Croft and Well Croft

And also one other close of Meadow ground called the Dandey Ing containing by estimation 6 acres ... and lying between the River of Ayre and the Miln Gote

And one other Close of arable Land commonly called ... Burley Hill Close lying on the south side of the Lane leading between Kirkstall and Burley containing by estimation 2 acres

And also all those closes of Land and pasture commonly called ... the Burley Hill, the two plain Closes and the two Green Royds containing together by estimation 35 acres lying on the South East side of the Lane called Leight Carr Lane leading between Kirkstall and Headingley aforesaid and on the North side of the said Lane leading between Kirkstall and Burley

And also all those 3 closes of Land & Pasture commonly called the Flower Bankes containing by estimation 8 acres lying on the south side of the said lane leading between Kirkstall and Burley

And also ... closes of Land ... called Calfe Close and the Stone Hill Close containing by estimation 9 acres

And also ... closes of Land & Wood called Lindley & Lindley Wood lying altogether on the south side of the lane between Kirkstall and Burley containing by estimation 40 acres

And also all that water corn mill being ruinous and out of or in decay And theretofore called the Abbey Milne scituate and being within the Abbey Yard there within the Township of Headingley Kirkstall & Burley aforesaid and heretofore in the tenure or occupation of Abraham Hinchcliffe

And also all that one other Messuage or Tenement called Dawsons Farme and one little croft adjoining to the same containing by estimation half an acre

And one little Ing called Jordan Ing containing by estimation 1 acre and lying on the north side of one close called Burley Firth

And also ... parcel of ground called Dawson Wood containing by estimation 18 acres adjoining to the River Ayr on the south part and upon the said closes called Lindleys and Lindley Wood on the west part

And also all those three closes of Land Meadow & pasture commonly called Light Carrs containing by estimation 16 acres lying between one close theretofore occupied with one Tenement ... called Browne Farm and certain grounds belonging or usually occupied with one of the Tenements called Toppant Farm [?Topping]

And also ... closes ... called several names the two Lee Closes, the Turnroyd, the little Burgans and Andrew Royd containing by estimation 24 acres lying between the above mentioned closes called the two Green Royds and certaine Grounds called West Leye and adjoining upon certain grounds called the parke Burgans on the south part with the appurtenances in the Township of Headingley Burley and Kirkstall heretofore in the tenure of William Stephenson deceased and afterwards in the tenure of ... Abraham Hinchcliffe.

And also all and singular the houses [&c &c including dams and waterways &c] to the said [premisses] appertaining

And also all that Capital Messuage or Tenement and two Cottages with all their appurtenances scituate and being at or near a certain place called Kirkstall Bridge and within the Township of Headingley aforesaid and commonly called Barr Grange or by what other name or names ... heretofore in the Tenure or Occupation of Abraham Hinchcliffe his Assignee ... And also all and singular houses [&c &c] appertaining

And also all other the Messuages Cottagehouses Buildings Lands and Tenements whatsoever of Thomas Lord Viscount Savile with their appurtenances scituate lying and being near Kirkstall Bridge in the Township of Headingley aforesaid ... Leased or Conveyed to the said Abraham Hinchcliffe.

Indenture witnessed as to the execution by John Moore the elder, John Moore the younger, Robert Moore, Richard West, Thomas Moore the younger and Thomas Hardcastle by:

Richard Moore of Leeds merchant

William Ingram gent of Wakefield

John Ingram gent of Wakefield

Sarah Dixon widow of Wakefield

John England schoolmaster of Wakefield

Signed and Sealed by the above Richard West one of the Trustees named in the said Deed in the presence of:

Thomas Kirshay

Jn^o Ingram jurat

Appendix 2.**West Riding Registry of Deeds QQ 201 247**

Indenture of Assignment of Leasehold 7 July 1741; registered 3 Nov 1742.

1st Richard Nicholson of Kirkstall in the parish of Leeds ... miller.

2nd Jeremiah Nicholson of the said parish of Leeds yeoman.

Reciting that Thomas Hardcastle of Grays Inn in the County of Middlesex gentleman did by Indenture of Lease bearing date 16 September 1739 Demise unto the said JN & RN several messuages Mills Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises part whereof are hereinafter particularrly mentioned and are scituate standing lying and being in Kirkstall aforesaid **To Hold** to the said JN & RN ... from the feast of St Martin the Bishop in Winter then next ensuing ... for the Terme of Twenty one years at the yearly rent of Two Hundred and twenty pounds payable as therein mentioned and upon several other Conditions and Covenants therein particulary mentioned **It is Witnessed** that RN in consideration that the said JN hath Granted ... unto ... RN all the premisses comprised in the said Indenture ... except such as are hereinafter mentioned on his the said RN paying the rents and performing the Covenants in the said ... Lease and also in consideration of five shillings the said RN hath Granted Bargained Sold ... & Released unto the said JN ... All those Wood and Oyl Mills lately erected and built upon the said premisses ... Together with Two Chambers and Two Rooms now in th epossession of Richard Hey his assignee or assignes which were Demised to him by the said JN & RN And also the Implements and Utensils thereunto belonging and all the Moiety Share half part Estate ... whatsoever of the said RN in and to the said Wood and Oyl Mills Chambers Rooms Impliments and Utensils and premisses now in the possession of Richard Hey with the Rents Issues and profits ... **To Hold** the same to the said JN ... for all the residue ... of the said Terme of Twenty and One years ...

Assignment witnesses: Richard Strother of Leeds gent
Jeremiah Clamham of Wakefield sadler

Required to be registered by Richard Nicholson

Memorial witnesses: Jeremy Clapham [sic] sworn
RG Bent.

West Riding Registry of Deeds QQ 202 248

Indenture of Assignment [Mortgage for £400] 11 October 1742; registered 3 November 1742.

1st Jeremiah Nicholson of Woodhouse in the parish of Leeds ... yeoman.

2nd John Elgie of the parish of St George in the County of Middlesex gentleman.

It is witnessed that **As well for** the better securing unto the said JE for the sum of four hundred pounds and Interest as therein is mentioned according to the Condition of a Bond bearing even date herewith **as for** the sum of five shillings the said JN hath Bargained Sold ... unto the said JE ... **All that** Wood Oyl Mills with their appurtenances scituate and standing at Kirkstall aforesaid and standing near to Kirkstall Upper Mill or Corn Mill with all the Cloughs Goits Dams Races Streams Water Wheels Running Gear Impliments Utensills and Appurtenances whatsoever ... **And also** those two several Chambers ... that is to say the Chamber over the Oyl Mill and the Chamber over all the said Upper or Corn Mill And also a little Room under the Roof of the said Corn Mill containing 5 yards and a half long and three yards Broad with one other Building adjoining to the said Oyl Mill containing Sixteen feet long and Twelve feet Broad Together with the Chamber over the Same which are now in the possession of Richard Hey or his asignee or assigns, And were Demised by the said Thomas Hardcastle to ... JN & RN and the said RN hath since assigned or released his Interest therein to the said JN **And also All that** Dwelling House with the Barns Stables Outhouses Buildings and Appurtenances thereunto belonging And also All those closes ... lying and being in Heddingley in the parish of Leeds ... which formerly were in the tenure of John Holdgate commonly known by the several Names of the Lamb Close Laith Croft Kiln Croft near Bull Close farr Bull Close Sower Ing Great Three nooked Close Little three nooked Close Hill Close near and farr Middle Closes Wheat Field Dixon Close Lane Close Ridge pasture Whinny Hill near and farr Bentleys containing by estimation Eighty four acres be the same more or less And also All that Mill for grinding Corn which was lately built and erected upon part of the premisses at the Expence Cost ... of JN All which last mentioned premisses are in the several possessions of the said JN Abraham Midgley and Thomas Hirst their or some or one of their Undertenants or Assigns **To Hold** the other premisses last mentioned to the said JE ... for the remainder of the term of twenty one years therein yet to come ... subject to a proviso

that the same shall be void upon payment of the said sum of four hundred pounds and Interest as therein mentioned the 11 April next ensuing.

Indenture witnessed Richard Nicholson of Kirkstall miller
 Jeremiah Clapham of Wakefield sadler

Memorial signed Jer Nicholson

witnesses Jeremy Clapham sworn
 RG Bent.

Appendix 3.**West Riding Registry of Deeds QQ 526 685**

Indenture of four parts 24 December 1742; registered 27 May 1743.

Margin Note: Hardcastle & al to Elmsall.

1st Thomas Hardcastle of Grays Inn ... gent.

Richard West of Wakefield in the County of York merchant.

2nd John Moore of Leeds ... gent.

3rd Lancelot Whelpdale of Kirkstall gent and Elizabeth his wife.

4th Henry Elmsall clerk Rector of Thornhill in the said County of York.

Of and Concerning **All that** Close and parcell of Land or pasture commonly called the Sand Beds containing by estimation Eighteen Acres be the same more or less lying near Kirkstall Bridge all along the East side of the River Aire with the appurtenances in Kirkstall aforesaid within the Township of Headingley cum Burley and late in the tenure of one John Moore since deceased or his assign or assigns **And also** All that Close ... Toad Hole containing by estimation Eight Acres and a half ... more or less .. **And** Two other Closes ... the Upper Abbey Field and the Lower Abbey Field otherwise the Abbey Fields containing by estimation Thirty Six Acres ... more or less ... **And** one other Close ... Duck Ing containing by estimation Two Acres and One Rood ... more or less ... **All which** last mentioned closes do lye altogether and adjoyne one upon another with all their appurtenances ... in Bramley ... and were late also in the Tenure or Occupation of the said John Moore or his Assigns **And All** that parcell ... Land ... Netherfall lying within the Lordship of Bramley ... and late in the tenure or occupation of the said [sic] Abraham Hinchcliffe or his Assign ... **And Also** one other parcel of Land late taken in and Inclosed from and Forth of the said parcell of Land called the Nether Flatt [sic] late in the Tenure or Occupation of William Clarke **And Also** one other parcell of land adjoining upon the Highway there called Causey Cliffe with the appurtenances in Bramley ... late in the Tenure of Occupation of the said Abraham Hinchcliffe or his assign ... And also one other parcell of Ground late taken in and inclosed from and forth of one piece or Continent of Woody Ground commonly called the Overfall with the appurtenances in the Lordship of Bramley and late also in the Tenure or Occupation of the said Abraham Hinchcliffe or his assign ... **All of which** Parcels abovementioned are now in the Tenure or Occupation of Abraham Nichols and Robert Clapham **And** all that Messuage or Tenement with the Shop to the same belonging and one Laith ond one Croft scituate ... in Bramley .. and now in the several occupations of John Watson Jacob Heley William Burton and Edward Briggs under several yearly Rents **And All** those Four Closes ... in Bramley three of them called ... the Flatt Closes And the other ... Fall Spring containing together by estimation Nine Acres and now in the Tenure or Occupation of Abraham Nichols **And also** All that Rent Charge or Rent of Six Pounds a Year Issuing and going out of or charged or chargeable upon Certain Lands in Armley ... commonly called ... the Shaws or Shays and late the estate of William Airey deceased with all and singular the Hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging.

Indenture witnesses:

(for John Moore) Thomas Barstow of Leeds gent

Nicholas Smith his Clerk

(for Richard West) Thomas Barstow

Elizabeth West daughter of Richard West.

Memorial signed by Richard West, witnesses: Elizabeth West

Thomas Barstow. sworn

Appendix 4.

Notes of entries extracted from various sources, including the published Leeds Parish Registers and the transcriptions of the Leeds Intelligencer (LI) and Leeds Mercury (LM) published in the Publications of the Thoresby Society (PThS). The published register of Cambridge Graduates by Venn & Venn and other biographical sources have also been used.

Rev John Moore: MA Corpus Christi Cambridge, 1742 m Ann d of Alderman Thomas Sawyer of Boar Lane, Deacon at York Sept 1744, Priest Jun 1745, initially assistant curate of Rothwell, Headingley Curate 1746-64 (licensed Jul 7 1749 after Leeds advowson litigation resolved). Not to be confused with Rev John Moore of Leeds Grammar School. Pedigree Thoresby Ducatus 2nd ed p8.

1743 Dec 19 bap Ann d of John Moore Briggate b Nov 20 Leeds reg
 1745 May 27 bap Thomas s of Rev John Moore Boar Lane b Apr 29
 Leeds reg

1759 May 18 bur Ann w of Rev John Moore Leeds
 May 22 1759 LI 265; PThS XXVIII(2) p114, Last Wednesday died the wife of the Rev Mr Moore curate of Headingley in this parish. She was the daughter of the late Thomas Sawyer Esq. Alderman of Leeds Borough. [LI 265]

1764 Dec 11 bur John s of John Moor H Curate
 Dec 11 1764 LI 558; PThS XXXIII, On Sunday last died the Rev. Mr Moore Curate of Headingley in this Parish.

1781 Jun 17 mar Ann M ... James Graham.

1787 May 7 bur Thomas s of Rev Moore Leeds Gent

May 8 1787 LM, PThS 29(2) p143, On Friday died in this town Thomas Moore Esq.: (son of the Rev Mr Moore formerly of Headingley) late an officer in the Carabineers.

Appendix 5.

1748 Mortgage of lands in Bramley, not part of the Long Lease: see F 228/309. And see QQ 526 685 of Dec 1742, since when lands seem to have come out of trust.

West Riding Registry of Deeds YY 611 748

Indenture [Mortgage] 19 September 1748; registered 22 September 1748.

1st Rev John Moore of Leeds clerk

2nd William Preston of Leeds merchant.

Marginal note: Moore to Preston.

Of and Concerning ... Messuage and shop and Laith and one Croft in Bramley ... in the occupation of John Watson, Jacob Heley, William Burton and Edward Briggs ... And four closes ... in Bramley ... 3 Flatt Closes and Flatt Spring containing by estimation 9 acres now or late in the occupation of Abraham Nichols And also rent charge of £6 in Armley.

1749 Further mortgage, presumably replacing and increasing that of 1748.

West Riding Registry of Deeds AC 311 421

Lease and Release 29 & 30 May 1749; registered 29 September 1749.

The Lease:

1st Rev John Moore of Leeds in the County of York clerk.

2nd Richard Wilson the younger esq, Jeremiah Dixon, and Thomas Fenton, merchants, all of Leeds Creditors of the said John Moor.

Of and Concerning All those two messuages or tenements with the shop to the same belonging and one Laith or Barn and one Croft now or late in the Occupations of John Walton Jacob Healey William Burton and Edward Briggs or their Assigns and all those four Closes of Land Arrable Meadow or Pasture Ground three of them commonly called or known by the name of the Flatt Closes and th eother by the name of the Fall Spring now or late in the tenure of Abraham Nichols or his Assigns which said ... are Scituate in **Bramley** in the said County of York and all that Rent Charge or other Yearly Rent of Six Pounds ... on certain Lands in **Armley** ... called ... the Shaws or Shays and late the Estate of William Airey deceased with all and singular the Hereditaments and Appurtenances ... and all and every the Messuages Lands Tenements Rents Hereditaments and Premisses whatsoever of him the said John Moore in Bramley and Armley aforesaid.

The Release:

1st the said Rev John Moore of Leeds in the County of York clerk.

2nd the said Richard Wilson the younger esq, Jeremiah Dixon, and Thomas Fenton, merchants, all of Leeds Creditors of the said John Moor.

3rd John Watts gent, Elizabeth Bridges widow, Thomas Denison merchant, Hugh Marshall salter, Samuel Oates stuffweaver, Isaac Hoylroyd Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Mirfield mercer deceased, Thomas Sawyer gent, Thomas Moxon, Ursula Coates widow Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of John Coates, Henty Atkinson apothecary and John Atkinson linnen draper, other Creditors of the said John Moore.

Of and Concerning All the said premisses contained in the abovementioned Indenture of Lease and also **Of and Concerning** All that close and parcell of Land and Pasture called the Sand Beds containing by estimation Eighteen Acres near Kirkstall Bridge with the appurtenances in **Kirkstall** aforesaid within the Township of Hedingley cum Burley in the said County of York and several other closes ... Toadhole Upper Abbey Field Lower Abbey Field alias Abbey Fields the Dead Ing and the Duck Ing Scituate in **Bramley** in the said County of York with all ... to the Land belonging and also all that parcell of Land called the Nether Fall and a parcell of Land taken in and Inclosed from the said Nether Fall and one other parcell of Land adjoining the Highway called Causey Cliffe and one other parcell of Gorund taken in and Inclosed from a Piece of Woody Ground called the Over Fall Scituate in **Bramley** aforesaid with all the Hereditaments and appurtenances ... and also of Divers other Messuages Watercorn Mills and Fulling Mills Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in **Hedingley Burley and Kirkstall** in the said parish of **Leeds** now in the proper occupation of the said John Moore and in the several occupations of Lancelot Whelpdale, Richard Nicholson, [-] Sharp, [-] Bloomer, [-] Close widow, Abraham Nichols, Thomas Baker, George Pickersgill, Robert Pickersgill, Thomas Bloomer, Thomas Birch, Thomas Waite, [-] Oldfield, Joseph Wilson, Nathaniel Waide, and Jonathan Howgate **AND** all and every the messuages

Lands ... whatsoever of him the said John Moore in the said parish of Leeds of in or to which the said John Moore or any other Person or Persons in Trust for him is or are Possessed of Interested in or entitled to for any Term or Terms of Years whatsoever with all and singular ... to the same belonging.

Indentures witnessed

Thomas Barstow of Leeds gent

Joseph Hargrave his clerk

Memorial signed Jer Dixon. Witnesses the same.

1763 Further mortgage of Moore lands (some already mortgaged): partly Long Lease lands, but also non-Long Lease lands in Bramley and Moor Allerton.

West Riding Registry of Deeds AW 716 937

Lease & Release 1 & 2 March 1763 [NS]; registered 17 March 1763 [NS].

1st The Rev John Moore of Kirkstall ...

2nd James Collins of Knaresborough ... gentleman

Lease: Of and Concerning All those two Messuages ... with the Shop ... and one Laith ... and one Croft late in the occupation of John Walton Jacob Healey William Burton and Edward Briggs ... **And all** ... four Closes of Land ... Three of them commonly called ... the Flatt Closes and the other ... Fall Spring late in the tenure or occupation of Abraham Nicholson ... which said ... are situate in Bramley ... **And also** all that Rentcharge ... £6 ... Lands in Armley ... the Shaws and late the Estate of William Airey deceased **And also** all those Messuages Farmholds Lands Tenements and Hereditaments situate in Moor Allerton ... and in Armley ... now in the ... occupation of Samuel Chadwick James Bramham Hannah Close William Armitage Richard Mirfield and John Musgrave ...

Release: Of and Concerning All [of the above] ... **And also** ... all that Close of Land and Pasture ... the Sandbeds containing by estimation eighteen acres near Kirkstall Bridge with the appurtenances in Kirkstall within the Township of Headingley cum Burley and several other closes ... Toad Hole Upper Abbey Field Lower Abbey Field alias Abbey Fields the Dead Ing and the Duck Ing Scituate in Bramley ... And ... Nether Fall and a parcell of Land ... Inclosed from ... Nether Fall and one other parcell ... adjoining upon the Highway called Causey Cliff and one other parcell ... Inclosed from ... the Over Fall ... in Bramley ... **And also** Of and Concerning divers Messuages Water Corn Mills Rape Mills and Fulling Mills Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in Headingley Burley and Kirkstall ... in the occupation of the said John Moore and in the several occupations of Richard Nicholson Thomas Holbury James Aveyard Nathaniel Wade Moses Wilson Thomas Baker George Pickersgill Robert Pickersgill Mr Lancelot Whelpdale Mr Wilks Horner John Constantine or other their undertenants ...

Witnesses Thomas Barstow and

Thomas Barstow the younger, both of Leeds gentlemen

Memorial signed John Moore

Witnesses the same.

1766 Same mortgage transfered to a different Collins.

West Riding Registry of Deeds BD 385 452

Lease and Release 28 & 29 January 1766; registered 27 February 1766.

1st James Collins of Knaresborough ... gent.

2nd Richard Collins of Leeds ... mercer.

Lease: Of and Concerning All those two Messuages ... with the Shop ... and one Laith ... and one Croft late in the occupation of John Walton Jacob Healey William Burton and Edward Briggs ... **And all** ... four Closes of Land ... Three of them commonly called ... the Flatt Closes and the other ... Fall Spring late in the tenure or occupation of Abraham Nicholson ... which said ... are situate in Bramley ... **And also** all that Rentcharge ... £6 ... Lands in Armley ... the Shaws and late the Estate of William Airey deceased **And also** all those Messuages Farmholds Lands Tenements and Hereditaments situate in Moor Allerton ... and in Armley ... now in the ... occupation of Samuel Chadwick James Bramham Hannah Close William Armitage Richard Mirfield and John Musgrave ...

Release: Of and Concerning All [of the above] ... **And also** ... all that Close of Land and Pasture ... the Sandbeds containing by estimation eighteen acres near Kirkstall Bridge with the appurtenances in

Kirkstall within the Township of Headingley cum Burley and several other closes ... Toad Hole Upper Abbey Field Lower Abbey Field alias Abbey Fields the Dead Ing and the Duck Ing Scituate in Bramley ... And ... Nether Fall and a parcell of Land ... Inclosed from ... Nether Fall and one other parcell ... adjoining upon the Highway called Causey Cliff and one other parcell ... Inclosed from ... the Over Fall ... in Bramley ... **And also** Of and Concerning divers Messuages Water Corn Mills Rape Mills and Fulling Mills Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in Headingley Burley and Kirkstall ... in the occupation of the said John Moore and in the several occupations of Richard Nicholson Thomas Holbury James Aveyard Nathaniel Wade Moses Wilson Thomas Baker George Pickersgill Robert Pickersgill Mr Lancelot Whelpdale Mr Wilks Horner John Constantine or other their undertenants ...

Witnesses James Smith of Holbeck gent

 James Collins junior of Scriven with Tentergate in the said County gent.

Memorial signed James Collins

Witnesses the same.

Appendix 6.

1770 Consolidation and transfer of mortgages on the long lease following the death of the Rev John Moore. NB Ann Moore sole administratrix.

West Riding Registry of Deeds BM 256 325

Lease and Release 23 & 24 October 1770; registered 20 December 1770.

Lease Parties:

1st Richard Wilson of Leeds ... esquire Eldest Son and Heir at Law and also sole Executor of and Residuary Devisee and Legatee Named in the Last Will and Testament of Richard Wilson late of Leeds aforesaid esquire deceased; Richard Collins of the same place mercer; James Blayds of the same place esquire one of the Devisees and Legatees named in the Last Will and Testament of Thomas Denison late of Leeds aforesaid esquire; and Thomas Moore only Son and Heir at Law of the Reverend John Moore late of Kirkstall in the said County of York deceased.

2nd Nicholas Torre of Pontefract ... esquire; Charles Aspinall of Grays Inn in the County of Middlesex gentleman; Nicholas Smith of Leeds aforesaid gentleman; which said Nicholas Torre, Charles Aspinall and Nicholas Smith are Trustees Named in an Act of Parliament entitled "An Act for Vesting in Trustees several Estates late of Jane Torre widow deceased in Hessle, Granby, Anlaby and elsewhere in the County of the Town of Kingston upon Hull which were given and devised by her Will to and for the benefit of the Reverend James Torre clerk and his Children upon Trust to Sell the same and to apply the money to Arise by the Sale in Manner therein expressed".

Release, of Ten Parts, Parties:

1st Samuel Crompton of Darby in the County of Darby esquire.

2nd the said James Blayds.

3rd Elizabeth Denison of Leeds aforesaid widow and relict of the said Thomas Denison; Langdale Sunderland of Newcastle upon Tyne esquire; George Peters of London merchant; Peter Birt of Armin esquire; which said ED, LS, GP, & PB are with James Blayds Joint Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Thomas Denison aforesaid.

4th the said Richard Wilson.

5th the said Richard Collins.

6th Hannah Walker of Chapel Allerton ... widow.

7th the said Thomas Moore.

8th Ann Moore spinster only Daughter and Administratrix of the said John Moore deceased.

9th James Torre of Snyderall in the said County of York clerk.

10th the said Nicholas Torre, Charles Aspinall and Nicholas Smith.

Of and Concerning [precis]

... Close ... Sandbeds ... 18 acres ... near Kirkstall Bridge along the east side of the River Aire with the Appurtenances in Kirkstall within the Township of Headingley with Burley;

And ... Closes ... together ... Toad Hole (eight and a half acres) ... Upper Abbey Field and Lower Abbey Field alias Abbey Fields (36 acres) ... Dead Ing (9 acres) ... Duck Ing (2 acres 1 rood) with the appurtenances in Bramley All formerly in the Occupation of one John Moore;

And ... several parcels ... in the Lordship of Bramley ... Nether Fall formerly in the Tenure of Abraham Hinchcliffe and a parcel of Land taken in and Inclosed from and forth of the said Nether Fall late in the Occupation of one William Clark and two parcels of Ground formerly in the Occupation of the said Abraham Hinchcliffe or his Assigns the one adjoining upon the highway there called the Causey Cliffe and the other formerly taken in and Inclosed from ... Over Fall with Appurtenances in Bramley ...;

And ... Messuage ... with the Shop ... and one Laith and one Croft in Bramley ... formerly in the several Occupations of John Watson Jacob Heley William Burton and Edward Briggs and all those four Closes ... in Bramley aforesaid three of them called ... the Flatt Closes and one ... Fall Spring containing together by estimation 9 acres late in the Occupaton of Abraham Nichols;

And ... Rent Charge ... £6 ... upon certain Lands in Armley ... Shaws or Shays late the Estate of William Airey deceased with appurtenances ...;

And ... Messuage or Tenement called Kirkstall Bargrainge and one Orchard or Orchardstead and one Garth commonly called the Fryer Garth adjoining or lying near to the said Messuage and two Water Corn Mills called Kirkstall Bargrainge Mills and one Kiln and Fulling Mill to the said two Water Corn Mills adjoining and two other Fulling Mills and one Cottage House or Tenement called Dysons House near

thereto with their appurtenances situate lying and being in the Township of Headingley and Burley ... late in the tenure of the said Abraham Hinchcliffe or his assigns;

And ... parcels of Meadow and Pasture containing ... 10 acres ... called the Milne Garth, Dysons Ing, and the Gate Ing heretofore part of Dysons Farm and lying near the said Cottage House and Fulling Mills last mentioned;

And all that Close of Pasture called the Abbey Croft with a Barn standing therein containing by estimation 5 acres, the Well Croft ... 2 acres ... and the Horse Close otherwise Myrie Close ... 2 acres ... and adjoining to the said Abbey Croft and Well Croft and one other Close of Meadow called the Daney Ing ... 6 acres ... lying between the River of Aire and the Milne Goit there and one other Close of Arable Land called Burley Hill Close lying on the south side of the Lane leading [sic] Kirkstall and Burley aforesaid ... 2 acres ... And all those Closes of Land Meadow and Pasture called the Burley Hills the two Plain Closes the two Green Royds containing together by estimation 35 acres ... lying on the South East side of a Lane called Light Car Lane leading between Kirkstall and Headingley aforesaid;

And three Closes ... Flower Banks ... 8 acres ... and several other Closes of ground called the Calf Close and the Stonehill Closes ... 9 acres ... and the Lindleys and Lindley Wood ... 40 acres ... situate lying and being on the South side of the Lane leading Between Kirkstall and Burley aforesaid;

And all that Water Corn Mill being formerly Ruinous and in Decay heretofore called the Abbey Mill situate and being within the Abbey Yard there with its Appurtenances;

And one other Messuage or Tenement known by the Name of Dawsons Farm with a little Croft adjoining thereto containing ... half an acre one Little Ing called Jordans ING ... 1 acre be the same more or less lying on the North side of a Close called Burley Firth;

And a parcel of Ground called Dawsons Wood containing by estimation 18 acres ... adjoining to the River of Air on the south and upon the said Closes called Lindleys and Lindley Wood on the West;

And also all those three closes called Light Carrs containing ... 16 acres ... lying betwixt one Close heretofore occupied with a Tenement called Brown Farm and certain Grounds belonging to or usually enjoyed with a Tenement called Toppam's Farm;

And also the two Ley Clses the Turn Royd the little Burgans and Andrew Royd by estimation 24 acres ... lying between the above mentioned Green Royds and the West Leys and adjoining upon the Pack Burgans on the South with the appurtenances;

And also all that Capital Messuage or Tenement and two Cottages with appurtenances called Bargrainge;

All which said Lands Tenements Mills and Premises were formerly in the Tenure or Occupation of the said Abraham Hinchcliffe;

And also ... Messuage Farm or Tenement ... closes ... Moortown otherwise Moor Allerton ... late in the occupation of John Hanson ...;

And ... several Closes in Armley ... the Long Acres, near Castleton, great Castleton, and little Castleton, now or late in the Occupation of Christopher Broadbelt ... the Baynes Intack late in the Occupation of John Close, ... the Farr Close and near Close ... in the Occupation of John Slingsby, ... Baynes Intack ... late ... Michael Musgrave;

And ... other Messuage ... with closes called the Wading first Intack, Wading second Intack, House Ing, New Close, Farr Closes, low Close, Pehill, and Brooke Royds formerly in the occupation of Timothy Dickenson ... in the Townships of Armley and Bramley aforesaid or in one of them;

Together with all Rights Members and Appurtenances ...

Witnesses (RC, JB, TM, RW) James Newport of Leeds gent

Lucas Nicholson of the same place gent.

(to ED) the same

(to SC) Samuel Crompton the younger of Darby gent.

James Newport as above.

(to GP) Frederick Seegebarth of London merchant.

James Newport.

(to HW) Lucas Nicholson

James Newport the younger gent

(to PB) Elizabeth Smith of Leeds spinster

Lucas Nicholson.

Memorial signed Tho Moore.

Witnesses Lucas Nicholson

James Newport jr

Appendix 7.

1774 A further mortgage, increased in 1776. And see 1785 below.

West Riding Registry of Deeds BT 504-6 637

Lease and Release of 8 & 9 1774; registered 9 September 1774.

1st Thomas Moore esquire only Son and Heir of the Reverend John Moore late of Kirkstall in the parish of Leeds in the County of York clerk deceased.

2nd Edmund Lodge of Leeds in the said parish esquire.

Of and Concerning [All lands as in BM 256/325, the only modification being extra present names of tenants in Armley.]

Witnesses James Newport of Leeds gent

James Newport the younger his clerk.

Memorial signed Thos Moore.

Witnesses the same.

West Riding Registry of Deeds BY 150 198

Indenture 12 February 1776; registered 3 May 1776.

1st Thomas Moore esquire only Son and Heir of the Reverend John Moore late of Kirkstall ... clerk deceased.

2nd Edmund Lodge of Willow Hall in the Township of Skircoat in the parish of Halifax ... esquire.

Of and Concerning [Long recital of Sandbeds, Closes &c in Bramley, closes in Headingley Burley and Kirkstall, Bargrainge]

And also all other the Messuages Cottages Lands and Tenements whatsoever formerly the Estate of the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Saviel and Robert Shaww with all their appurtenances situate lying and being near Kirkstall Bridge within the Township of Headingley aforesaid which he the said Viscount purchased of Anthony Foxcroft of Elland Hall in the said County Gentleman and taken the assurance of and in th enames of the said Roabert Shawe and one John Rayner late of Tinglawe in the said County yeoman deceased **And** [Moor Allerton, Armley, Armley and Bramley, Rent Charge of £6 issuaing out of lands in Armley] **And also** ... all and every other the Messuages Lands Tenements ... of him the said Thomas Moore in the parish of Leeds ...

Witnesses Richard Pearson gent and

Thomas Akeroyd yeoman, both clerks to James Newport of Leeds aforesaid Gent.

Memorial signed for Thomas Moore by James Newport his attorney lawfully authorised.

Witnesses the same.

Appendix 8.

1781 Settlement &c on marriage of Ann Moore to James Graham. The effect seems to be that Ann and her husband become responsible for the accumulated debts of the estate, including Thomas Moore's own debts.

West Riding Registry of Deeds CH 469 616

Indentures of Lease, and Lease & Assignment 2 & 3 April 1781; registered 30 April 1781.

Lease Parties

1st Thomas Moore esq only son and Heir of the Reverend John Moore late of Kirkstall in the parish of Leeds and County of York clerk deceased.

2nd Ann Moore of John Street in the parish of St Andrew Holborn in the County of Middlesex spinster.

Release and Assignment parties the same.

Of and Concerning [Long recital of lands of Long Lease, and othe Moore property] ... which said Indentures ... purport to be an absolute conveyance and assignment of all the said premisses from the said Thomas Moore as to the Freehold part of the same premises unto and to the use of the said Ann Moore her Heirs and assigns and as to the Leasehold part thereof unto the said Ann Moore her Executors Administrators and Assigns for and during the remainder of the several Terms therein mentioned but nevertheless upon Trust for securing the several Sums of money and upon the several other Trusts therein particularly mentioned ...

Witnesses Mary Coulthard the wife of James Coulthard of John Street in the parish of St Andrews Holborn in the County of Middlesex esquire.

Thomas Graham of Lincolns Inn in the County of Middlesex gent.

Memorial signes Thomas Moore.

Witnesses Thomas Graham of Lincolsn Inn (sworn by affidavit).

John Johnson of the same place.

West Riding Registry of Deeds CH 659 860

Indentures of Lease, and Lease & Assignment 12 & 13 June 1781; registered 26 August 1781.

Lease Parties

1st Thomas Moore esq only son and Heir of the Reverend John Moore late of Kirkstall clerk deceased and Ann Moore of John Street ... Holborn in the County of Middlesex spinster.

2nd James Graham of Lincolns Inn in the County of Middlesex gent and Thomas Graham of Lincons Inn ... gent.

Release & Assignment parties

1st Thomas Moore.

2nd Ann Moore.

3rd James Graham.

4th Thomas Graham.

Of and Concerning [Long recital of Long Lease and other Moore lands] ... And which said Indentures ... purport to be an absolute conveyance and assignment of all the said premisses from the said Thomas Moore and Ann Moore as to the freehold part ... unto and to the use of the said JG and TG and their Heirs, But nevertheless as the Estate and Interest of the said TG and his Heirs In Trust for the said JG and his Heirs, And as to the Leasehold part of the ... unto the said JG and his Executors Administrators and Assigns for and during the remainder of the several Terms ...

Witnesses (AM, TM, JG) Mary Coulthard

William Graham

Memorial signed James Graham.

Witnesses John Johnson

William Graham both of Lincolns Inn.

Appendix 9.

1782-1784

Mortgage of Long Lease &c.

West Riding Registry of Deeds CL 527 720

Indenture of Assignment and Demise 9 September 1782; registered 13 September 1782.

1st James Graham of Lincolns Inn in the County of Middlesex gent and Ann his wife late Ann Moore spinster the only daughter of the Rev John Moore of Kirkstall ... clerk deceased.

2nd Thomas Graham of Lincolns Inn ... Middlesex gent.

3rd Thomas Coulthard of Preston Candover in the County of Hampshire esquire.

Of and Concerning [Long recital of Moore and Long Lease lands] ... Subject to a proviso or condition for redemption of all the same premises as therein mentioned.

Witnesses John Johnson of Lincolns Inn

John Graham of the same.

Memorial signed James Graham.

Witnesses the same.

West Riding Registry of Deeds CN 752 1007

Indenture 14 February 1784; registered 23 February 1784.

1st Thomas Coulthard of Preston Candover in the County of Southampton esquire.

2nd James Graham of Lincolns Inn in the County of Middlesex gent, and Thomas Graham of Lincolns Inn aforesaid.

Of and Concerning all and singular the Messuages Mills Kilns ... & premisses in the said Indenture of 9 September 1782 described mentioned and contained ... in the County of York and more particularly described in a Memorial of the said Indenture of 9 September 1782 registered 13 September 1782 in Book CL page 527 number 720 and which Indenture by way of Indorsement of 14 February 1784 purports to be as well a Reconveyance and Reassignment of the Freehold part of the said Hereditaments and premisses from the said TC to the use of the said JG and TG their Heirs and Assigns for the Residue and Remainder of a Term of 500 years therein as also a Reconveyance of all the leasehold part of the said premisses from the said TC to the said JG his Executors Administrators and Assigns for and during the Residue and Remainder of the the several Terms therein mentioned and which said Indenture by way of Indorsement of the 14 February 1784 is

Witnessed (for TC) by Thomas Smith of Lincolns Inn ... gent.

John Johnson of the same gent.

Memorial signed Thomas Coulthard.

Witnesses the same.

1785 Reconveyance of 1774-6 Lodge mortgage to the Grahams.

West Riding Registry of Deeds CQ 67 105

Lease and Release 11 & 12 February 1785; registered 25 February 1785.

1st Edmund Lodge late of Leeds in the County of York but now of Willow Hall in the parish of Skircoat in the said County of York esquire.

2nd Elizabeth Marrow of Chapel Allerton ... spinster sole Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Hannah Marrow late of the same place spinster deceased.

3rd James Graham of Lincolns Inn in the County of Middlesex gent and Thomas Graham of the same place gent.

Of and Concerning all and singular the Messuages Mills Kilns Lands ... in the County of York described ... in certain Intentures of Lease and Release ... 8 & 9 September 1774 and made between Thomas Moore esquire ... and Edmund Lodge of the other part and which are partially described in A Memorial ... registered on 9 September 1774 in Book BT page 504 number 637 **And also** of and concerning all and singular the same messuages ... described ... in a certain Indenture ... 12 February 1776 ... between TM ... and EL ... Memorial registered 3 April 1776 in Book BY page 150 number 198 **And which** Indentures of Lease and Release of 11 & 12 February 1785 purport to be as well a reconveyance of

the freehold part of the said Hereditaments and premises from the said EL to the said JG & TG ... as also a reassignment of the leasehold part.

Witnesses (EL) James Newport of Leeds gent
John Richardson his clerk.

Witness (EM) the same

Memorial registered and signed by EL.

Witnesses Jno Richardson
William Falla

Appendix 10.

1749 Long Lease Tenants in Headingley Burley and Kirkstall:
of divers other Messuages Watercorn Mills and Fulling Mills Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in Hedingley Burley and Kirkstall now in the proper occupation of the said John Moore and in the several occupations of

Lancelot Whelpdale,
Richard Nicholson,
[-] Sharp,
[-] Bloomer,
[-] Close widow,
Abraham Nichols,
Thomas Baker,
George Pickersgill,
Robert Pickersgill,
Thomas Bloomer,
Thomas Birch,
Thomas Waite,
[-] Oldfield,
Joseph Wilson,
Nathaniel Waide, and
Jonathan Howgate

1763 Long Lease Tenants in Headingley Burley and Kirkstall:
of divers Messuages Water Corn Mills Rape Mills and Fulling Mills Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in Headingley Burley and Kirkstall ... in the occupation of the said John Moore and in the several occupations of

Richard Nicholson
Thomas Holbury
James Aveyard
Nathaniel Wade
Moses Wilson
Thomas Baker
George Pickersgill
Robert Pickersgill
Mr Lancelot Whelpdale
Mr Wilks Horner
John Constantine

Note that Lancelot Whelpdale was not only tenant of Spen Lane Farm, but also acted as the agent for the estate.

Appendix 11.**1784 Long Lease Tenants Listed in Rating Survey, with summaries of their holdings.**

Notes by JLC on the locations are given in square brackets.

Messrs Rothwell and Brow

Sixteen fields (named),

Quarry and Waste,

Lindley Shroggs and Dyson Shroggs [woodlands in Burley],

'Corn Mill, Scribbling Mills, two Fulling Mills, with their dwelling Houses & Sundry other

Houses belonging the same' rateable value £105/-/- [out of a total rv. of £167/12/9¾]

Moses Willson

House and 11 fields (plus 14 others erroneously listed as part of the Graham estate.

James Aveyard

House and 18 fields

William Gott

3 fields (plus his own freehold house, garden and garth in Burley)

Robert Thompson

House, garden, 2 fields [This was the Star and Garter Inn, previously (1763) Thomas Holbury]

Robert Pickersgill senior

House, garden and 1 field

John Dixon

House & shop with garth, 3 fields

Robert Pickersgill junior

House, 2 garths (plus house and extensive lands held from Benjamin Wade's New Grange estate) [this was the Kepstorn holding]

William Waddington

Light Carr (Lee Carr), plus 4 fields held from other estates

Mr John Sharp

Oil Mill (no land) rateable value £18/-/-

Appendix 12.

NB.: the published abstract of this advertisement was grossly shortened by the editor. The following has been transcribed from microfilm copy of the original.

June 18 1782 Leeds Intelligencer 1466; PThS 40(2) p194. [Transcribed from Microfilm.]

Kirkstall Mills,

To be lett,

And entered upon at Martinmas next, Old Stile,

All those new erected MILLS situated at Kirkstall ... consisting of a Water Corn Mill containing six pairs of stones viz one pair of French Stones, two Pair of Blue Stones, one Pair of Grey Stones for shelling Oats, with fan and dust sieve, one other pair of grey stones for grinding Shelling, and one other pair for grinding Wheat. also one Cilinder Corn Scree, and two machines for dressing Flour, with Bings for Corn, Meal, Flour &c, &c.

Also SACK TACKLES ... , with chambers over the whole for Graineries.

Also, A compleat DRYING KILN adjoining, eighteen feet square, with three Bings for Corn, and an arched Vault for laying cinders in.

Also a very compleat OIL MILL ... with a new erected Warehouse for Corn, Rape or Line Seed, suitable for the above Mills, built upon the banks of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, about two hundred yards distant from the Mills.

Also Two FULLING MILLS, upon the same stream of Water, containing Ten Stocks, in full Employ.

Also, Several Closes of Land, adjoining to the said Mills, containing Seventy Six acres, and upwards, with Two Messuages, several Cottages, and Outhousing.

The Whole is pleasantly situated in a populous Part of a Manufacturing Country, within Three Miles of Leeds, and in the vicinity of several other Market Towns.

For further Particulars enquire of Mr James Newport who will either shew the Premises, or appoint a Person for that Purpose.

NB there is a large Chamber over the Waterhouse, wherein many other Kinds of Machinery may be erected, such as Tobacco Engines, Scribling Engines, Frizing Engines, &c, &c, &c.

The following is the published version:

June 18 1782 Leeds Mercury 802; PThS 40(2) p213-4.

Kirkstall Mills to be lett All those new erected mills situated at Kirkstall consisting of a Water Corn Mill containing six pairs of stones ... [long description of works etc.], acreage given as 76 acres.

Appendix 13.

Late-eighteenth and early nineteenth-century millers at Kirkstall.

John (&) Edward Brooks:

See MF Ward, *Industrial Development and Location in Leeds North of the River Aire 1775 to 1914*, (PhD Thesis, Leeds, 1972).

- 1799 tenants of St Annes Mill, Kirkstall, as a cloth mill.
 1802 tenants of Broom Hill, beside new Commercial Road, from Long Lease estate (recorded in orders for diversion of footpaths affected by building the new turnpike road).
 1819 Rent £1,300.
 1832 Replaced by James Hargrave & Sons until 1855.

J & C Brookes:

- 1819 tenants of Mills Warehouses & Land, 13 acres for £1300 pa.
 [St Annes Mills.]

John Edward Brooke:

- 1822 Baines direct^y: JE Brooke & Co: woollen manufacturer, Kirkstall.
 1825 Sep 19 bap Eliza d of John Edward & Mary Brooke - Gent
 1826 direct^y: JE Brooke: Headingley Lodge.
 1827 Jul 5 bap John Edward Newby s of John Edward & Mary Brooke
 Merchant
 1829 Jan 1 bap Mary d of John Edward & Mary Brooke Merchant
 1832 elector, John Edward Brooke, House and land, H; voted S.
 1834 elector, John Edward Brooke, Merchant, H, Regis Hunslet; did not vote.

Obediah Willans:

- Trading as Rawson Willans & Co. (1826) and Obadiah Willans and Son (1834).
 See MF Ward, *Industrial Development and Location in Leeds North of the River Aire 1775 to 1914*, (PhD Thesis, Leeds, 1972).
 1797 Tenant of the fulling mill part of Abbey Mills at Kirkstall, after 1796 fire.
 1826 direct^y: Rawson Willans & Co: woollen cloth manufacturer and merchants, Abbey Mills, Kirkstall.
 1832 voter, Building and land, K; did not vote.
 1834 Directory (Kirks): Obadiah Willans and Son, woollen cloth manufacturers and merchants, Kirkstall Abbey mills, and 24A, Wellington street.
 1836 Left Kirkstall for Britannia Mills. Ephraim Elsworth took the mill over.

Charles Wood: Miller.

See MF Ward, *Industrial Development and Location in Leeds North of the River Aire 1775 to 1914*, (PhD Thesis, Leeds, 1972).

- Acc to Ward thesis tenant of Savins Mill, Kirkstall.
 1791 Sep 18 bap John s of Charles Wood K
 1798 no 135: Cottage Headingley Village.
 1799 Nov 11 LI 2340; Yesterday morning about nine o'clock the corn, oil, and scribbling mills at Kirkstall near this town (the property of Mr Graham) occupied by Mr. Charles Wood were discovered to be on fire which raged with great fury for some time and notwithstanding every exertion was made to extinguish the same, the whole of the premises were nearly destroyed. The buildings were insured with the Sun Fire office but we understand the tenant, who we are sorry to say will be a considerable sufferer, is uninsured. The fire it is supposed was occasioned by the drying kiln.
 1800 Apr 27 bap Joseph s of Charles Wood K
 1800 Apr LI 2361?; Borough of Leeds. Whereas Sarah Tilford late servant to Mr Charles Wood of Kirkstall Mills ... escaped from justice on Tuesday last after being committed to the House of Correction at Wakefield ... charged with stealing sundry articles of wearing apparel. Appears about 18. [Description given] Native of Aberford ... information ... reward 3 guineas ... John Firth, Chief Constable of the said Borough.
 1802 Mills held by Wood and Burrows.
 1819 Wood paid £1,320 rent to Sir James Graham.

1822 (as T Wood & Co) gave up mill and replaced by Johnson, Hudson & Co.

Timothy Wood & Co:

? successor to Charles Wood at Kirkstall Mills?

1822 Baines direct^y: scribbling millers, Kirkstall.

Chapel Allerton old churchyard gravestone:

1824 May 17 died Timothy Wood, Corn Factor, late of Kirkstall Mills, in the 36th year of his age.

1838 Feb 19 died Hannah relict of the above, aged 57 years.