

Notes Relating to Customary Tenure, with other Manors 1700-1800 (undated)
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The Customary Manors which lie west of Settle in Yorkshire are those of Lawkland cum Feizar, Austwick, Clapham, Newby, Ingleton & Thornton in Lonsdale In all which the Lands are conveyed in Fee usually by a single Deed with the words Grant Bargain Sell Aliene Surrender & Confirm, And they are descendible from Ancestor to heir in the same manor as Freeholds. Upon every Alienation Devise or Descent, the new Tenant is presented at the Customary Courts by the Jurors & admitted by the Steward upon paying Fines certain to the Lords as follows - Viz In Lawkland cum Feizar & Austwick three years Customary Rent. In Clapham 5 years Customary Rent upon Alienation & 4 upon Descent. In Newby 2 years Customary Rent in either Case. In Ingleton 15 years Customary Rent upon Alienation, & 7 years upon Descent And in Thornton in Lonsdale 3 years Rent in either Case. It is not looked upon that the Customs of any of these Manors will allow them to be intailed, So of Consequence there is not any Method of Docketing &c In some of 'em there are Fines due on the Death of the Lords, & in others not. There is another Manor called Burton in Lonsdale with the Forrest of Mewith in which arbitrary Fines viz 2(?) years improved Value of the Lands are paid upon Deed Will or Descent. These Lands are conveyed & desposed in the same Manner as those in the other Manors And no Fine is due on the Death of the Lords, nor are they intailable In cases where Wives have Estates in any of these Manors in their own Right, they are always (upon Conveyances of 'em) examined by the Steward & Jury apart from their Husbands, at the courts & declare their consent in the same Manner as upon levying Fines of Freeholds, which Examination & Consent are mentioned in the Admittances of the purchasors