

CATALOGUE OF NEW HALL DOCUMENTS

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In 2020 a small suitcase containing old documents was found in New Hall, Rathmell, in a wardrobe, by the owner. It is possible that the collection was put together in the 1960s or 70s when there was a threat to flood the Ribble Valley as a reservoir. The suitcase was handed over for inspection to the Capturing the Past team by Jacky Frankland and Vanessa Stone on behalf of the Frankland family, for elaboration of the history of Rathmell and in particular of the history of New Hall.

The manor of Rathmell concerns the Catterall family from very early times up to about 1636 and the time of the Civil War. The manor then passed to various other parties. In 1880 the Frankland family became owners. The collection can therefore be divided into two main sections, before and after about 1636.

Although details about Rathmell and the manor are to be found in Brayshaw and Robinson's book on the ancient parish of Giggleswick, a systematic historical account based on New Hall specifically throughout time is lacking.

A large number of indentures are included. The law concerning property sales was awkward – an Agreement with a price might come first. Then a Lease for one year at a peppercorn rent, for which a fee of 5s was payable, followed the next day by a Release. A Deed Poll involves just one party. After 1704 deeds were registered at the Registry of Deeds set up in Wakefield and are held there as Memorials - shortened versions. As a result of previous work to list local deeds and obtain images for transcription, the list for Rathmell is incomplete. Those in hand are to be seen at www.dalescommunityarchives.org.uk. Deeds from New Hall post 1704 have not therefore been transcribed, just bare details abstracted. The 14 Indentures pre-1704 have been partially transcribed – some are very long and full of legal verbiage of little current consequence.

The items can be viewed in order in the RathmellCombinedText file. A history of New Hall and the Catteralls has been written incorporating the documents recently obtained from New Hall. Further research on the topic is needed to amplify matters.

CATALOGUE Part 1

1. 1610 Indenture 14 December Tithe of a field in Stainforth called the Tongue
 Gervisse Hellwysse, Williamson, John Robinson of Holling Hall
 Mention of Huggon House
2. 1612 Indenture 21 November Assignment of tenements
 John and Richard Catterall, Samuel Knipe, Nicholas Lyndley
3. 1614 Conveyance of Old Garth, tithes of Rathmell 11 September
 John Robinson of Holling Hall, William Banks of Huggon House

4. 1631 Indenture Lease 20 August
Robert Carr, Thos. Browne, Richard son of John Catterall
5. 1636 Indenture Deed of Partition 6 January New Hall and Holling Hall
John Catterall, Samuel Knipe.
6. 1636 Indenture Lease of the Manor of Rathmell for 1000 years
15 December (12th year Charles)
W. Catterall, Tobias and Anthony Knipe
Also dated 15 November 1736

Actually dated 6 January 1636 (12th year of Charles I) which is 1637 in modern calendar (from 1752).

CATALOGUE Part 2

7. 1641 Indenture Grant of the Oldgarth and half Rathmell tithes 9 March
William Banks, to son John Banks (Huggon House)
8. 1642 Indenture One fourth of Tithes 1 July
Robert Cookeson, John Banks (Huggon House)
9. 1642 Indenture Half Tithes
John Banks, Alice Banks his mother
10. 1646 Indenture 15 December Release of manor
Samuel Knipe, Tobias Knipe
11. 1651 Bond and obligation. Edward Radcliffe, Thomas Hamond
12. 1686 Bond and Condition of Obligation 9 October
Thomas Oldfield, elder and younger, William Johnson
13. 1693 Indenture Counterpart 27 March Purchase of Manor
Isaac Knipe of Holling Hall, Eleanor Knipe mother, Edward Walker, Thomas Tindall
14. 1693 Indenture 27 October Half tithes
William Armitstead, William Dawson
15. 1695 Indenture 19 April Manor of Rathmell
Henry Nowell, William Baynes, Thomas Tindall, Isaac Knipe of Holling Hall
et al

16. 1714 Indenture 15 April Rent of closes. Marriage arrangement
Thomas Benison, John Morley
17. 1718 Indenture Deed to lead the uses of a fine 26 June
Hugh Currer, John Snowden
Wakefield M?? p474 no. 626 Reg 17
18. 1728 Indenture Hesley Farm Wakefield Reg. Deeds Z p608 no. 812
G. Houghton, E. Eglin
19. 1739 Court Baron 21 November
Henry Marsden and Josias Morley Steward John Tatham
20. 1743 Court Baron 23 November
21. 1740 Mortgage agreement and Release 8 January Messuage at Threapscore
John Houghton, Edward Salisbury
22. 1746 Indenture Lease for year
John Houghton, Richard Knowles Threapscore
23. 1746 Letter Revd Wilson, brother Morley 22 September Sale of New Hall
24. 1746 Letter Revd Wilson, G. Foxcroft 14 January re New Hall
25. 1747 Letter Wm. Tatham, Revd. Wilson re land at New Hall 23 January
26. 1747 Letter Revd Th. Wilson, brother Morley, G. Foxcroft 24 February
Explanation of purchase and title of Mr Marsden to New Hall
1637 purchased from John Catterall by Roger Moor £830
1684 purchased from John Moor and Agnes his wife
by Henry Marsden £1300, partition deed for New Hall and Holling Hall
1724 Agreement 1000 year lease
27. 1747 Letter H. Marsden, Revd Wilson payment request 7 March
28. 1747 Indenture 1 March Lease for a year New Hall
Wakefield Reg. Deeds XX p528 no. 719
Henry Marsden, George Gibson
29. 1748 Indenture Lease for a year of half of Manor 22 March
Henry Marsden, Revd Th. Wilson
Wakefield Reg Deeds XX p471 no. 634

30. 1747 Indenture Release of Manor and New Hall, mill and kiln 23 March
Wakefield Reg Deeds 16 May 1748 XX p471 no. 634
Henry Marsden, Revd Thomas Wilson
31. 1747 Agreement of sale of New Hall
Henry Marsden, Revd Th. Wilson, present tenant Ambrose Blackey
32. 1747 Letter Revd Wilson, J. Morley 25 Sept/ 28 October
33. 1750 Indenture Mortgage 30 January Probably irrelevant to Rathmell
John Cornthwaite, John Preston, James Smyth
34. 1755 Indenture Marriage contract Baynes/Wren 28 October
Richard Baynes, Anne Wren, Revd Thos Wilson, William Tatham
35. 1764 Jointure Marriage Miss Lydia Whaley/Josias Morley 11 August
Wakefield BA p322 no. 440
36. 1776 Conveyance of Crooks 2000 years 13 May
Robert Settle, William Boyce, Revd Thos. Wilson
37. 1778 Indenture 13 January Closes Bank and Thorneam
James Swinglehurst, Josias Morley
Wakefield CD p365 no. 516
38. 1778 Indenture 14 January Closes Bank and Thorneam (Money receipt)
James Swinglehurst, Josias Morley
Wakefield CD p365 no.516
39. 1778 Copy of Will of Revd Thos. Wilson DD Dean of Carlisle 17 August
40. 1785 Indenture Conveyance Closes Moor and Nook 12 May
Charles Nowell, Revd. Thos. Wilson Morley
Wakefield CQ p427 no. 618
41. 1798 Letter Bishop of Chester
42. 1800 Letters to Bishop of Chester from Morley
43. 1808 Indenture Feoffment 13 February
John Geldart, John Knowles, Revd Thos. Wilson Morley
re field Thornacres Wakefield FQ(?) p315 no. 131
44. 1825 List of property of New Hall Estate September

- Revd Thos. Wilson Morley
(no reference to school lands)
45. 1825 Copy of 44.
46. 1825 List of property of Holling Hall Estate September
Revd Thos. Wilson Morley
47. 1825 Copy of 46
48. 1825 List of Estate and Inn at Rathmell September
Revd Thos. Wilson Morley
49. 1834 Plan of proposed new farm house at New Hall (no date but goes with no. 49)
(R. Morley)
50. 1834 Plan of proposed new barn and shippon for 20 cows at New Hall
property of R. Morley (on silk)
51. 1837 Letter from Thos. Morley re Finance
52. 1837 Letter to Mrs Morley payment from Carlisle and Penrith Turnpike road
53. 1840 Letter from Thos. Morley
54. 1842 Particulars of conditions of sale of Swawbeck Farm, Littlebank and Lumb
55. 1879 Indenture Deed of Family Arrangement
Release and Conveyance of New Hall, Hollin Hall and Cross Keys Estates
Robert Morley, Revd George Bentley Morley, Miss Elizabeth Morley and
John Topham and George Groves
Wakefield Book 841 p 145 no. 60 February 1880
56. 1942/3, 1944 Ephemera
Clothing Coupons (H. S. Frankland of New Hall), Armaments postcard
(Swiss)(Armaments do not give security), Settle District Technical
Development Sub-Committee Agenda
2 June 1944
(Cattle breeding demonstration, Re-seeding trials, Bracken cutting, Rushes
treatment)
57. Lords Rents 1821, 1836 -1869, 1730, 1733, 1741, 1742
These are lists of rents paid for holdings in the Manors of Rathmell and New
Hall.

School Lands are often listed as owned by the Lord of the Manor. (The Overseers of School Lands). In the Tithe apportionment there are several fields with the word School associated.

In 1868 we have Schoolmaster of Rathmell School listed.

58. 1741 List of tenants of Mr Marsden in 1741. See scans no.58