

Neals Ing, Stainforth

M. J. Slater
May 2021

An Indenture noting the sale by Edward Darcy esquire, his wife Elizabeth, and his brother Sir Henry, of Neals Ing with several named closes of land, is dated 2nd May 25 Eliz (1583) (WYL 163/538/1). This is to Richard Horsfall of Monkinhoiles in the county of York, Clothier. The sale price is £800 (equivalent to 2400 marks). The land is named as the upper and lower parrocks with two barns, Calfe Close, Cowe Close and half the 'olde ynge', New Close, New Close Head with a barn, half of Netherdale held in common between Richard Chewe and Thomas Frankland gentleman, half of Overdale and Cowefolde and the lane adjoining the Gyll Gate.

An associated but undated Obligation document (WYL 163/538/1) referring to an Indenture, relates the sale of a messuage or farm called Nealsing alias Nighellsing, late in the occupation of Richard Chewe gentleman, and previously his father Christofer Chewe. As noted in the Indenture there are the upper and lower parrocks with two barns, Calfe Close, Cowe Close and half the 'olde ynge', New Close, New Close Head with a barn, half of Netherdale held in common between Richard Chewe and Thomas Frankland gentleman, half of Overdale and Cowefolde and the lane adjoining the Gyll Gate.

This is accompanied by a witnessed bond dated 2nd May 1583 (WYL 163/538/1) to ensure that payment was made according to the deed. Sir Edward Darcy is indebted to Richard Horsfall of Mankinhoiles in the County of York to the extent of 2000 marks. The witness are Thomas Chapman, John Hamerton, John Procter, Hugh Frankland and one other (unreadable).

A document known as a final concord relating to the purchase of land at Stainforth under Bargh in 1583 has been translated from Latin and found to concern another sale by Edward Darcy esquire, his wife Elizabeth, and his brother Sir Henry Darcy of one messuage, three granaries, three tofts, one garden, 100 acres of meadow and 500 acres of pasture at a cost of 60 marks (WYL 163/521). Richard Horsfall, gentleman, is the purchaser. The document is a legal device for recording the purchase in the form of a fictitious dispute between the parties laid before the Justices of the Queen's Bench in Westminster. It is dated 31st May in the 25th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, i.e. 1583.

Background notes from

Brayshaw, T., Robinson, R. M., 1932. *A history of the ancient parish of Giggleswick*, Halton & Co., London

and

Stainforth History Group, 2001. *Stainforth: Stepping stones through history*

The name of Nigel de Stainford is known in the 13th century, associated with the landowner in Stainford-under-Bargh. Others also called Nigel follow as landowners up to 1303 when property was granted to Sawley Abbey by the last known Nigel de Stainford (will not located but may be Inquisition TNA C 143/52/18). This property was probably Neals Ing or Nigel's Ing. In the Indenture of 1583 the farm is referred to as Nighellsing. The name may derive from Old Irish 'Nele' and Old Norse 'Eng' – a meadow. But the forename 'Neal' is common in several early language – such as 'Njal' in Icelandic.

The Frankland family then were tenants of the Abbey and held Neals Ing until about 1620.

The Pilgrimage of Grace in 1536 saw a bill affixed to Giggleswick church door summoning people to 'Neales Yng' requiring them to join Robert Aske to move against the king.

In 1536 Sir Arthur Darcy was allowed to purchase the Sawley Abbey lands in Stainforth at a suspiciously low valuation. Two of Arthur's sons, Edward and Henry, inherited these lands. The Cliffords held the property post-Reformation and in 1575 Thomas Frankland of Nichels Ing was arraigned for killing deer, but shortly afterwards was wealthy enough to buy his freehold in Stainforth township. In 1579 the manor of Stainforth Underbarghe passed to Edward Darcy. The Darcys needed to raise money to support their large families by selling their lands in Ribblesdale. In 1583 we find Richard Horsfall of Storthes Hall, Mankinholes, near Todmorden buying Neals Ing and and Thomas Frankland buying land with Sannat Hall. In 1595 the manor and 20 messuages with manorial rights were sold to tenants.



Storthes Hall

The purchase price of 2000 marks (£666) paid by Richard Horsfall is in line with prices paid in Langcliffe in 1591 for messuages and land.

The National Archives

Nigel de Steynford to grant land in Stainforth to the abbot and convent of Sawley ...
Chancery: Inquisitions Ad Quod Damnum, Henry III to Richard III. Inquisitions taken as a result of applications to the Crown for licences to alienate land ... Nigel de Steynford to grant land in Stainforth to the abbot and convent of Swaley, retaining land. York.

Chancery, the Wardrobe, Royal Household, Echequer and various commissions
Reference C 143/52/18

The documents

Richard Horsfall Deed
West Yorkshire Archive Service WYI 163/538/1
2nd May 25Eliz (1583)

This Indenture Made the Second Day of May In the Fyve and Twentie Yeaere of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of god Quene of England Franccce and Ireland Defender of the Faithe etc Betwene Edward Darcy of London Esquire one of the gentlemen

of the quenes Ma[jes]t[i]es privie Chamber on thone partie And Richard Horsfall of Monkinhoiles in the Countie of Yorke Clothier of thother Partie **Witnesseth** That the saide Edward as well for and in Consideracon of the Some of Eight hundreth # # # Pounds of lawfull mony of England to him in hand at and before thensealing and delyverie of theis presentes well and truly paide whereof the saide Edward doth clerly acquite and Discharge him the saide Richard his heires executors and Admynistrators by theis presentes hath clerly and absolutely Bergayned and solde And by theis presentes doth fully Clerly and absolutely alien Bergayne and sell unto the saide Richard Horsfall his heires and assignes forever All that Mesuage Tenement or Farme commonly called Nealsing alias Nighelsing with thappurtenances sett lieing and being in the parisshe of Gigleswick in the saide Countie of Yorke now or late in the occupacon of Richard Chewe gentleman And all houses buyldings Barnes stables yarges gardens and Backsides to the saide Mesuage Tenement or Farme or any parte thereof belonging or in any wise apperteyning now in the tenure and occupacon of the saide Richard Chewe and late before in the tenure or occupacon of Christofer Chewe his father deceased with thappurtenances And also all theis severall parcells of Land Meadowe and Pasture hereafter particulerly following That is to say. Two Parockes, the one called the Upper Parock and thother called the lower parock with two Barnes standing in the same parockes, with one other Close called the Calfe close adioyning unto the saide lower parock late in the occupacon of the said Richard Chewe. All that Close or parcell of grounde called the Cowe close alias Lone rigg now in the occupacon of the saide Richard Chewe, and that one half parte or porcon of the olde Ynge. Which is now in the occupacon of the saide Richard Chewe, as it standeth meared oute by meares and boundes. All those Closes or parcells of land called the New close and new Close hedd with a Barne standing in the upper ende of the same new Close and one other close called Cove (*sic, Cowe*) close now or late in the occupacon of the saide Richard Chewe, and all that Moytie or one half of the Neatherdale now or lately occupied in Common betwene the saide Richard Chewe and one Thomas Frankland gentleman. And also all that Moytie or one half of the overdale now in the occupacon of the saide Richard Chewe. And also all that his moytie or porcon of the Cowefolde also being in the occupacon of the said Richard. Together with all that his Moytie of one lane lieng and adioyning upon the gillgate with thappurtenances whatsoever **And also the saide** Edward Darcy Doth for the consideracon aforesaid. Bergayne sell and grannte unto the saide Richard Horsfall His Heires and assignes forever All such Right estate title Interest use possession reversion remaynder Clayme and Demannde as he the said Edward or any other person or persons to his use hath or have or ought to have of in or to the saide Mesuage Tenemente or Farme and other the premisses above mencioned with their appurtenances and every or any parte or parcel thereof. Together with all the dedes Evidences Charters Writinges escriptes and munymentes whatsoever touching and conserning only the premisses before by theis presentes mencioned to be bergayned and solde or only any parte or parcell thereof which be now in the custodie and possession of the saide Edward Darcy or of any other person or persons to his or their use or by his or their Delyverie or that he or they may lawfully gett or come by withoute Sute in the Lawe. Together with true coppies of all such other Dedes evidences Charters Writinges escriptes and munymentes as do touche or conserne the said premisses together with other landes tenementes and hereditamentes **he the saide** Edward Darcy for him his heires and Executors Doth Covenante and grannte to and with the said Richard Horsfall his heires and assignes by theis presentes well and truly to Delyver or cause to be Delyvered to the said Richard Horsfall his heires and assignes, upon lawfull request therfore made and at his and their costes and Charge at or before the Feast of Saint Mighell Tharchnngell next Comyng after the Date hereof **To have and to holde** all the saide Mesuage Tenement or Farme with thappurtenances, and all the saide houses buyldinges barnes stables yarges gardens backsides, landes tenementes meadowes Feadinges Closes

pastures Woods Underwoods and all and singuler other the premisses with thappurtenances before by and in this presentes mencioned to be bergayned and solde and every parte and parcell of the same unto the saide Richard Horsfall his heires and assignes to the only proper use and behouff of the same Richard and of his heires and assignes forevermore **And the Saide** Edward Darcy for him self his heires executors and Admynistratores Covenanteth promyseth and granteth to and with the saide Richard Horsfall his heires executores and assignes and every of them in mannor and fourme Following That is to say That he the saide Edward at the tyme of thensealing and delyverie of this presentes hath lawfull auctoritie to grannte bergayne sell and Convey all and singuler the premisses and every parte and parcell of the same with their appurtenances to the said Richard Horsfall his heires and assignes to thonly proper use and behouff of the same Richard his heires and assignes forevermore in mannor and fourme as in this presentes is conteyned and expressed, **And Furthermore** that he the said Edward Darcy his heires executores and Admynistratores and every of them shall and will at all tymes hereafter and from tyme to tyme forever at and uppon the lawfull request to him or them to be made by the saide Richard Horsfall his heires or assignes or within Convenient tyme after such request made and at his and their owne proper Costes and Charges clierly and fully acquite exonerate Discharge or otherwise sufficiently Save or kepe harmlesse aswell the saide Richard Horsfall his heires executores and assignes and every of them asalso the saide Mesuage Farme or Tenement and all other the premisses with their appurtenances before mencioned to be bergayned and solde of and from all and all mannor former Bergaynes Sales guyftes granntes leases mortgages, Joyntores Dowes, titles of Dower Willes alteracons of use or uses execucons titles, forfeitures Statutes merchant and of the staple Recognizances Judgementes Annuities fees, Rentes charge rentes seck. Arrerages of Rentes Intrusions fynes for alienacon withoute licence and of and from almannor of other Charges titles troubles Demanns and Incumbrances whatsoever they be hadd made Comytted or done by the said Edward Darcy before thensealing and Delyverie hereof The Rentes and Survices from hencefourth to be due to the Chief Lorde or Lordes of the Fee or Fees thereof only except and Foreprized **And that** by vertue of this Indenture of Bergayne and sale and of other estates conveyances Fynes Recoveries and assurances to be hadd, and made of all and singuler the premisses by force of this presentes the saide Richard Horsfall his heires and assignes and every of them shall or may lawfully peacably and quietly have holde occupie possesse and Enioy the saide Mesuage Farme or Tenement and all and singuler other the premisses before mencioned to be bergayned and solde with their appurtenances and every parte and parcell of the same withoute any mannor of lawfull lett trouble Eviccon sute Clayme or Interupcon of the said Edward Darcy his heires or assignes or of any other person or persons having or lawfully Clayming to have any estate or demannde in by thorough or under his or their or any of their title right Estate Interest in any wise other then the chief Lorde or Lordes of the fee or Fees of the premisses **And moreover the saide** Edward Darcy for him self his heires executors and Admynistratores Covenanteth and granteth to and with the saide Richard Horsfall his heires and assignes, That he the saide Edward and his heires and Elizabeth now his wyfe, Sir Henry Darcy knight eldest brother of the saide Edward Darcy and his heires and all and every other person and his and their heires now having or lawfully Clayming to have, or which at any tyme hereafter shall lawfully have or lawfully Clayme to have any mannor of estate title Interest possession Revercon Clayme or Demannde of Inheritance or other estate of in or to the saide Mesuage Farme or Tenement or any other the above bergayned premisses or any parte or parcell thereof by from or under the saide Edward Darcy and his heires shall and at all tymes hereafter and from tyme to tyme for and during the tyme and space of Seaven Yeares next ensueing the Date hereof uppon reasonable request and at the only Costes and Charges in the Lawe of the saide Richard Horsfall his heires or assignes doe make knowledge Suffer and cause to be made done knowledged and

Suffred all and every such act and actes thing and thinges Devise and Devises and other assurances and Conveyances in the Lawe whatsoever, As by the saide Richard Horsfall his heires or assignes or his or their Councell learned in the lawe shalbe reasonably Devised or advised and required for the Further better and more perfect assurance Suertie sure making and conveying of the saide Mesuage Farme or Tenement and of all other the premisses with their appurtenances before by theis presentes mencioned to be bergayned and solde and of every parte and parcell thereof to be hadd and Conveyed unto the saide Richard Horsfall his heires and assignes to thonly use and behouf of the same Richard his heires and assignes forevermore in mannor and fourme aforesaide, Be it by Fyne feoffment Recoverie with single vovcher or doble vovchers ever after the course of Common recoveries in such case for assurance used. Dede or Dedes Inrolled, the Inrolment of theis presentes, Release or Confirmacon with Warrantie only agaynst him the saide Edward and his heires and all other persons lawfully Clayming from by or under him or them or any of them, or by all or any of the Waies or meanes aforesaide with such Warrantie only as before is mencioned and not otherwise **And it is nowe** Further fully Condiscended and agreed betwene the said parties to theis presentes And the said Edward Darcy for him self his heires and executors Covenanteth and grannteth to and with the saide Richard Horsfall his heires and assignes in mannor and fourme Following That is to say That if he the said Richard Horsfall at his owne only proper Costes and Charges in the lawe shall at or before the Feast of All Saintes next ensueing the Date of theis presentes, bring and pursue agaynst the saide Edward Darcy one Writt of Entrie sur disseizine in le poste of all and singuler the premisses before by theis presentes mencioned to be bergayned and solde with their appurtenances by such name and names as by the saide Richard Horsfall or his heires or by his or their Councell shalbe devised The saide Writt to be reternable before the quenes Ma[jes]ties Justices of the Common Plees at Westminster at some Day of returne in the terme after the Teste of the saide Writt of Entrie Then he the saide Edward Darcy in proper person or by his attorney lawfully aucthorized shall appeare to the same Writt And after Declaracon made agaynst him And Defense made by him uppon the saide Writt he the said Edward Darcy shall [*illeg*] the saide Sir Henry Darcy Thomas Darcy Arthur Darcy John Darcy Nicholas Darcy and Frannces Darcy his brethren And shall doe his Willing endeavour that the same Sir Henry Darcy Thomas Darcy Arthur Darcy John Darcy Nicholas Darcy and Frannces Darcy shall appeare in the saide Courte in their proper persones or by their attorney or Attorneys lawfully aucthorized and enter into the Warrantie. And that after Declaracon made agaynst them and Defence made by them as Tenantes by the Warrantie, They the same Sir Henry Thomas Arthur John Nicholas and Frannces shall vovche to Warrantie the Common Vovcher who shall ymediatly enter into the Warrantie And after like Declaracon made agaynst him, and like Defence made by him shall Imparte, and the same terme shall Departe in Contempte of the Courte, And that the saide Edward shall Further do his Indeavour that he and his saide brethren shall Doe and cause to be Done in and uppon the saide Writt at the costes and charges of the saide Richard Horsfall his heires or assignes all and every other thing and thinges which be comonly used in common Recoveries in Writtes of entrie sur disseizine in le poste with Doble vovcher to the intent the saide Richard Horsfall his heires or assignes may recover all and singuler the premisses before by theis presentes mencioned to be bergayned and solde and every parte and parcell of the same with thappurtenances agaynst the saide Edward Darcy and his heires, And also have and Sue execucon of the same Judgement accordingly to thonly use and behouf of the saide Richard Horsfall his heires and assignes forever according to the intent playne and true meanyng of theis presentes **And it is** Further agreed betwene the said parties That the saide Recoverie of the saide premisses to be Suffred in mannor and fourme before remembred and all and every other Recoveries fynes feoffments Conveyances and assurances to be hadd made Done leavied knowledged or executed by the saide Edward Darcy unto the

of Gigeswick in the Countie of Yorke withinwritten now or late in the tenure or occupacon
of Richard Chewe gentleman And all houses/
Buyldinges Barnes stables yardes gardens Backsides and appurtenannces whatsoever to the
saide mesuage Tenemente or Farme or any parte/
thereof belonging or in any wise appurteyning now in the tenure or occupacon of the saide
Richard Chewe and late before in the tenure or/
occupacon of Christofer Chewe his Father deceased And also all theis severall parcelles of
land meadowe and pasture hereafter particulerly/
following That is to say Two par[oc]kes the one called the upper parock and thother called
the lower parock with two barnes standing in the /
same parocke with one other Close called the Calfe close adioyning unto the saide lower
parock late in the occupacon of the saide/
Richard Chewe All that close or parcell of grounde called the Cowe close alias lone rigge
now in the occupacon of the saide Richard Chewe/
And that one half parte or porcon of the olde ynge which is now in the occupacon of the saide
Richard Chewe as it standeth meared/
out by Meares and boundes All those Closes or parcelles of land called the new Close and new
close hedd with a barne standing in the upper/
ende of the same new close and one other Close called Coweclose now or late in the
occupacon of the saide Richard Chewe And all that moytie/
or one half of the Netherdale now or lately occupied in Common betwene the saide Richard
Chewe and one Thomas Frankland gentleman/
And also all that moytie or one half of the overdale now in the occupacon of the saide
Richard Chewe And all that his moytie or porcon/
of the Cowefolde also being in the occupacon of the saide Richard together with all that his
moytie of one lane lieing and adioyning upon
the gyll gate with thappurtenannces whatsoever As by the same dede Indented more plainly at
large appeareth If therfore the saide/
Richard Horsfall his heirs and assignes do or may from henceforth forevermore lawfully
peaceably and quietly have holde occupie/
posseste and Enjoy the saide Mesuage Farme or Tenemente and all and singuler other the
premisses with thappurtenannces by the same/
dede Bergayned and solde or menconed to be Bergayned and solde and every part and parcell
thereof without any mannor of lawfull/
lett trouble eviccon suit Clayme Incumbrance or Interupcon of the saide Edward Darcy his
heires/
person or persons having or lawfully clayming to have any estate interest title or demande in
by thorough or under his or their /
or any of their title right estate or Interest in any wise That then this Obligacon to be voide
and of none effecte Or elles/
it to stand and remayne in full Strength and vertue

West Yorkshire Archive Service WYL 163/521

31st May 1583

**Final Concord between Richard Horsfall and Edward Darcy, Elizabeth his wife, and
Henry Darcy**

Elizabeth dei gr[at]ia Angl[ie] Franc[ie] & hib[er]nie **Regina** fidei defensoris etcetera
Om[n]ibus ad quos presentes l[itte]re n[ost]re peruen[er]int **Sal[u]tem** Sciat[is] q[uo]d

int[er] recorda ac pedes finiis cum proclam[acionibus] inde f[ac]tis s[e]c[un]d[um] formam Statuti in huiusmodi Casu nuper edit[i] & prouis[i] coram Justic[ijs] n[ost]ris C[ur]ia Banco apud Westm[onasterium] de T[er]min[us] s[anc]te Trinitatis Anno reg[i]ne n[ost]ris vicesimo quinto **contin[ue]t** sic **Ebor[ac]um** hec est finalis concordia f[ac]ta in Cur[ia] Domine Regine apud Westm[onasterium] in crastino s[anc]te Trinitatis Anno regnorum Elizabeth dei gra[tia] Angl[ie] Franc[ie] & hib[er]nie fidei defens[oris] etcetera A conqu[estu] vicesimo quinto coram Edmundo Anderson Thoma meade Francisco Wynham & Will[elm]o Peryam Justic[iariis] & alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus **Int[er]** Ric[ardu]m horsfall generosu[m] querens et Edwardu[m] Darcy Armigeru[m] & Elizabeth ux[or]em suis & henricu[m] Darcy militem deforc[ientes] de uno mesuagio tribus horreis tribus toftis uno gardino centu[m] acris prati & quingentis acris pasture cum pert[inenc]iis in Stayneforthe under barghe in parochia de Giggleswicke **Unde placitum** convenc[i]o[n]is sum[monitum] fuit int[er] eos in eadem cur[ia] **Scil[icet] quod** predicti Edwardus & Elizabeth & henricus recogn[ouerunt] predict ten[ementa] cum pert[inenc]iis esse ius ip[s]ius Ric[ard]i **ut illa** que Idem Ric[ard]us h[ab]et de dono pred[ic]torum Edwardi & Elizabeth **Et illa** remis[erunt] & quietclam[averunt] de ipsis Edwardo & Elizabeth & henrico & hered[ibus] suis pred[ic]t[i]s Ric[ard]o & hered[ibus] suis Imperp[etuu]m **Et preterea** idem Edwardus & Elizabeth concesser[unt] pro se & hered[ibus] ipsius Edwardi q[uo]d ip[s]i Warant[izabunt] pred[ic]t[i]s Ric[ard]o & hered[ibus] pred[ic]ta ten[ementa] cum pert[inenc]iis conc[essit] pred[ic]tis Edwardi & hered[ibus] suos Imperp[etuu]m **Et** pro hac recogn[icione] remissione quietclam[acione] Warantia fine & concordia Idem Ric[ard]us dedit pred[ic]tis Edwardo & Elizabeth & henr[ico] sexaginta marcas Argenti **In** cuius rei Testimonium Sigillu[m] n[ost]ru[m] ad C[ur]ia in Banco pred[ic]t[is] Sigilland[a] deputat[um] presentibus apponi fecim[us] T[este] E Anderson apud Westm[onasterium] xxxj^o die maij Anno r[egni] nostri(?) suprad[ic]to

Elizabeth by the grace of god Queen of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc to all to whom our present letters shall come Greeting. Know that among the records and feet of fines with proclamation thereof made according to the form of the statute lately ordained and provided was raised before our Justices of the Bench at Westminster in the term of the Holy Trinity in the twenty-fifth year of her reign continued thus at York is the final concord mader in the court of the lady Queen at Westminster the day after Holy Trinity in the 25th year of the reign of Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etcetera before Edmund Anderson, Thomas Meade, Francis Wyndham & William Peryam, Justices, and other faithful (subjects) of the lady Queen then there present **Between** Richard Horsfall gent. plaintiff, and Edward Darcy esquire & Elizabeth his wife & Sir Henry Darcy deforciant[s] concerning one messuage, three granaries, three tofts, one garden, 100 acres of meadow, & 500 acres of pasture with appurtenances in Stainforth under Bargh in the parish of Giggleswick. Whence a plea of covenant was summoned between them in the same court **Namely, that** the aforesaid Edward & Elizabeth & Henry have recognized that the aforesaid tenements with appurtenances are the right of Richard himself as which the same Richard has by the gift of the aforesaid Edward & Elizabeth **And they** have remised & quitclaimed them from Edward & Elizabeth & Henry themselves and their heirs to the aforesaid Richard and his heirs for ever **And moreover** the same Edward & Elizabeth have granted on behalf of themselves and their heirs that Edward will warrant to the aforesaid Richard & his heirs the aforesaid tenements with appurtenances granted by the aforesaid Edward and his heirs for ever **And** for this recognition remission quitclaim warranty fine & concord the same Richard has given the aforesaid Edward & Elizabeth & Henry 60 marks sterling. **In** witness whereof we have caused our seal appointed for sealing

writs in the aforesaid Bench to be affixed to the presents. Witness E Anderson at Westminster
31st day of May in the year of our reign abovesaid.