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### UC:E14 The Estate of Handley Park, Northamptonshire, 1601-1939

Handley Park (also sometimes spelled Hanley Park) was part of a large ancient woodland in Northamptonshire, a few miles west of Towcester. It was purchased from the Crown in 1629 by Sir Simon Bennet, who had matriculated from University College in 1602. Bennet's father, Sir Thomas Bennet, had been Lord Mayor of London in 1603–4, and the family was prosperous and eminent enough that Bennet himself was created a baronet in July 1627. Bennet, however, was childless, and the baronetcy expired on his death.

It seems that Sir Simon had acquired Handley Park with a very specific purpose in mind. He died in August 1631, and his will, made just a few days before his death, revealed his ambitious plans for his new estate. First of all, the timber on Handley Park was to be cut down and sold off, and the proceeds used to subsidise the building of a new quadrangle at University College. Secondly, the deforested estate would then be turned over to farmland, and rented out. The income from this property would then support a number of new Fellows and Scholars at the College. Bennet left no instructions for their number, merely suggesting that the College elect as many as the income from the estate would allow, and asking that there be an equal number of Fellows and Scholars. He also left no instructions as to the method of their selection.

Information in documents like **UC:E14/L1/10** suggests that Bennet had been planning this benefaction for some time, and had made the College aware of his intentions. The reason for his remarkable generosity is unknown, and may simply arise from an affection for the College engendered during his time here. It is suggestive that Bennet's tutor was Charles Greenwood (F. 1597–1614), a popular and respected Fellow, who kept in touch with the College and his former pupils long after he moved to a living in Yorkshire. It is at least possible that Greenwood advised Bennet on the nature of his benefaction.

Despite Bennet's best intentions, the College endured a long and difficult struggle to create his endowment as he had hoped, thanks to his family. A genealogy of Bennet family given in **UC:E14/L6/22** shows that Bennet himself married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Arthur Ingram. He had a brother, Richard, who had a son, also called Simon. Richard Bennet predeceased his brother, and so Simon Bennet the younger became Sir Simon Bennet's heir, subject to dower rights to Elizabeth Bennet. Simon Bennet the younger had two guardians, namely his mother, Dame Elizabeth Finch, and Francis Finch.

In the years immediately following Sir Simon Bennet's death, all went well: work started on a new quadrangle at University College in 1634. However, after Elizabeth Bennet's death in 1636, matters became more complicated, as the College found itself in dispute both with the trustees of Bennet's will (who included his former father-in-law Sir Arthur Ingram) and the guardians of Simon Bennet the younger. In particular, the guardians of Simon Bennet the younger claimed a right to the estate and the timber sales, and so in 1638 and 1639 the College had to take them to court in both the Court of Chancery and the Court of Wards. Documents concerning these lawsuits may be found at **UC:E14/L1–L2** below.

On 14 Nov 1639 the Court of Chancery decided in favour of University College (**UC:E14/L2/24**). The Court made it clear, however, that it had no business to decide on the number or nature of Fellows or Scholars to be funded from the Bennet estate. On 27 Jan 1639/40 the trustees handed the property over to the College (**UC:E14/D2/12**), and work resumed on the new quadrangle. The College also began to lease the estate out. On the other hand, the College had to negotiate with the Bennet family on the nature of the Bennet

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Fellows and Scholars, the Bennet Family seeking a larger number of both, and demanding that half the places be reserved for relatives of Sir Simon himself (a condition never mentioned in Sir Simon's will), and the College (with the support of the Chancellor of Oxford, William Laud) seeking a smaller number.

Unfortunately, all the College's best efforts were undone by the Civil Wars of the 1640s, when nothing could be done on the estate. After the end of the war, and the Parliamentary Visitation of Oxford, which led to the ejection of the Master, Thomas Walker, and several Fellows, Simon Bennet the younger and his supporters took the College to court over the Bennet Foundation. In December 1649 the Court of Chancery ordered a settlement which matched the demands of the Bennet family. A larger number of Fellows and Scholars were to be elected, half of whom had to be founder's kin. Furthermore, the finances of the Bennet Foundation should be managed entirely separately from those of the rest of the College.

During the 1650s, it became clear that the Bennet family had been overambitious, as the Handley estate proved unable to support the number of Fellows and Scholars demanded under this settlement. In addition, the system of two separate foundations left the College's finances in a chaotic mess. In 1661, therefore, Thomas Walker (now reinstated as Master) took the Bennet family back to court, and had the 1649 settlement overturned. The new settlement provided for fewer Fellows and Scholars, and made no reference to places for founder's kin. It also decreed that the finances of the Bennet foundation be amalgamated with those of the rest of the College. Bennet Scholarships would be open to any applicant, irrespective of birthplace, but Bennet Fellows could only be elected from among the ranks of Bennet Scholars. These were the first Fellowships at University College open to people from outside the north east of England.

Although the College had achieved a better settlement for the Handley Park estate, there remained a problem. From the 1650s to the 1670s, the tenant of Handley was always a trustee acting for Ambrose Bennet, a nephew of Sir Simon Bennet, and a former Bennet Fellow of University College from 1649–c. 1658. During Ambrose Bennet's *de facto* tenancy, much was done to turn the estate over to arable purposes, and a farmhouse was erected on the estate at this time. However, Bennet proved an exceptionally difficult tenant, being slow to pay his rents, and highly disputatious and litigious to boot (more on the College's dealings with him can be found in **UC:E14/L7** and **UC:E14/C1**). Eventually the College sued Bennet for rent arrears, but Bennet, who had been accumulating debts from many sources, unexpectedly fled to Jamaica in February 1672, where he died in August that year. More information on Bennet's colourful life can be found in the two articles by Jack Zoeller below. After the departure of Ambrose Bennet from Handley Park, the management of the property appears to have settled down to normality, and Bennet's foundation at last worked as he had intended. At the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the College enlarged its estate at Handley, acquiring two pieces of glebe land in 1885 and 1925, and the neighbouring property of Rignals Farm in 1905. Deeds concerning these properties can be found at **UC:E14/D4–D6** below.

The College retained the Handley Park estate until the 1970s, when it was decided to sell them off in three transactions between 1971 and 1975 (copies of the related conveyances may be found at **UC:EB1/A/11** pp. 175, 186 and 267).

All the documents in this collection were found in the archives during the stocktaking of 1993 with the exception of the following, which were all transferred from the Estates Bursary:

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**UC:E14/M1/2–3** were transferred in December 2001 as part of Acc. 307.

**UC:E14/D4/1**, **UC:E14/D5/1–48**, and **UC:E14/D6/1–4** were transferred in July 2002 as part of Acc. 378.

**UC:E14/D3/52–54** and **UC:E14/M1/9** were transferred in December 2007 as part of Acc. 753.

**UC:E14/C4/39**, **UC:E14/F3/27–33** and **35–45**, and **UC:E14/M1/8** were transferred in December 2015 as part of Acc. 1171.

The archives of University College contain other significant collections concerning Handley Park. First of all, the papers of Thomas Walker, Master from 1632–48 and 1660–5 (**UC:MA26**) include several items relating to Walker's attempts to achieve a settlement for the estate and to manage its finances. Secondly, the College was given some papers in the 1960s by Lord Boothby concerning Handley Park which originated from Temple Newsam Park, the home of Sir Arthur Ingram, Sir Simon Bennet's father-in-law (**UC:P164**). The archives also include a set of accounts created by Ambrose Bennet when he was Bursar for the Bennet Foundation for 1653–4, when its finances were still managed separately (**UC:S11/F1/1**).

## Further Reading:

Robin Darwall-Smith, *A History of University College, Oxford* (Oxford, 2008), pp. 156–64, 173–5, 181, and 184.

Jack Zoeller, "Ambrose Bennet: College Fellow, Adventurer, and Scoundrel—I", *UCR* Vol. 14 no. 3 (2007), pp. 95–104.

Jack Zoeller, "Ambrose Bennet II: London Orphan, Virginia Planter, and Oxford Fellow" *UCR* Vol. 15 no. 1 (2008), pp. 95–110.

The collection has been arranged as follows:

**UC:E14/D1** - Deeds on the acquisition of the site of Handley Park by Sir Simon Bennet, 1601–31

**UC:E14/D2** - Deeds on the acquisition of the site of Handley Park by University College, 1631–40

**UC:E14/D3** - Leases of Handley Park and related papers, 1636–1939

**UC:E14/D4** - Deeds concerning the purchase of a portion of glebe land from the parish of Towcester, 1885

**UC:E14/D5** - Deeds concerning Rignals Farm (purchased 1905), 1714–1905

**UC:E14/D6** - Purchase of a second portion of glebe land from the parish of Towcester, 1925

**UC:E14/L1** - Papers on the lawsuit between University College and the trustees of Bennet's will, 1637–9

**UC:E14/L2** - Papers on the lawsuit between University College and the guardians of Simon Bennet the younger, 1638–9

**UC:E14/L3** - Papers concerning attempts at a settlement of the Bennet estate, 1639–41

**UC:E14/L4** - Papers on the lawsuit between University College and John and Thomas Jackson, 1640–53

**UC:E14/L5** - Papers on the 1649 settlement of the Bennet Estate, 1647–50

**UC:E14/L6** - Papers on the 1662 settlement of the Bennet Estate, 1661–1721

**UC:E14/L7** - Papers on lawsuits between University College and Ambrose Bennet, 1651–73

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- UC:E14/L8** - Certificate for a Bennet Fellows' stipend, 1835  
**UC:E14/C1** - Correspondence with Ambrose Bennet and related papers, 1659–97  
**UC:E14/C2** - Correspondence on tithe and rate payments at Handley, 1641–1854  
**UC:E14/C3** - Later 17<sup>th</sup> century Correspondence, 1678–87  
**UC:E14/C4** - General 18<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> Century Correspondence, 1788–1914  
**UC:E14/E1** - Surveys, rentals and extents of Handley Park, 1631–1824  
**UC:E14/F1** - Accounts for Ralph Radcliffe, 1636–40  
**UC:E14/F2** - Later 17<sup>th</sup> century financial records, 1673–5  
**UC:E14/F3** - Later Financial records, 1730–1927  
**UC:E14/F4** - Papers on the Handley allotments, 1881–91  
**UC:E14/MS1** - Notes on Handley Park, 1911–1936  
**UC:E14/M1** - Maps and Plans, 1652–1936  
**UC:E14/N1** - Press cutting, 1932  
**UC:E14/X1** - Printed Poster, 1818

**UC:E14/D1** - DEEDS ON THE ACQUISITION OF THE SITE OF HANDLEY PARK BY SIR SIMON BENNET, 1601–31

**UC:E14/D1/1** **23–25 May 1601**  
 Contemporary copy of a petition to the Crown from John Sill for the lease of Handley Park.

[Original reference Pyx I fasc. 1 no. 1]

**UC:E14/D1/2** **23 Aug 1601**  
 Auditor's particulars of Handley Park and certificate, allowing the land to be leased to John Sill.

[Original reference Pyx I fasc. 1 no. 2]

**UC:E14/D1/3** **11 May 5 Cha I (1629)**

Letters Patent

**Parties:**

1. Charles I.
2. Sir Simon Bennet, of Beachampton, Bucks., Bart.

**Property:** Woods and coppices and lands known as Ambrose Coppice, Delfe Coppice, Shortwood Coppice; the house called the Lodge of Hanly; pastures known as le Launde commonly called Hanly Parke, Hanly Office, Hanly Walkes, Hanly Freehay, Hanly Wood or Hanly Bailywicke. These lands are in the forest of Whitehood, Northants, and cover 863 acres.

**Consideration:** £6000.

**Comments:** 1 grants the above land to 2. The great seal is preserved in a lead box, and most of it is preserved. This document appears not to have been assigned a Pyx number, presumably because of its storage. William Smith wrote on **UC:E14/D1/4** below "The originall [i.e. this document] is in one of the Longe Boxes in the chest in the Treasury"; presumably documents stored there were not given references by him.

**Language:** Latin.

**UC:E14/D1/4** **After 11 May 5 Cha I (1629)**  
 Copy of **UC:E14/D1/3** above.

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[Original reference Pyx I fasc. 2 no. 1]

**UC:E14/D1/5****10 Aug 7 Cha I (1631)**

Lease for 3 Years

**Parties:**

1. Sir Simon Bennett of Beauchampton, Bucks., Bart.
2. William Elmer of the same, Yeoman.

**Property:** Woods and coppices and lands known as Ambrose Coppice, Delfe Coppice, Shortewood Coppice, Radmoore Coppice, Hallows Ramswell Coppice, Basnold Coppice, Howe Coppice, Broadhedges Coppice, les Hallows Bare Coppice, Hanley end Coppice; the house called the Lodge of Hanley; pastures known as le Launde commonly called Hanly Parke, Hanly Office, Hanly Walkes, Hanly Free hay, Hanly Wood or Hanly Bayliwicke.

These lands are in the forest of Whitlewood, Northants, and cover 863 acres.

**Consideration:** 6d a year, on the understanding that if 1 or his heirs pay 2 2s, then the lease becomes invalid.

**Language:** Latin.

[Original reference Pyx I fasc. 2 no. 2]

**UC:E14/D1/6****11 Aug 7 Cha I (1631)**

Conveyance

**Parties:**

1. Sir Simon Bennet of Beauchampton, Bucks., Bart.
2. (a) Ralph Radcliffe of the same, Gent.  
(b) Matthew Hopkins of the same, Yeoman.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E14/D1/5** above.

**Consideration:** None.

**Comments:** 1 gives this property to 2 for such uses and intentions during his lifetime as he will set out in another document, and, after his death, for such uses and intentions as he will set out in his will.

**Language:** Latin

[Original reference Pyx I fasc. 2 no. 3]

**UC:E14/D2 - DEEDS ON THE ACQUISITION OF THE SITE OF HANDLEY PARK BY  
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, 1631-40**

**UC:E14/D2/1****15 Aug 1631**

[This document was missing in July 1993. It is transcribed by William Smith at UC:AR2/MS1/1 pp. 94-104.]

Copy of the will of Sir Simon Bennet. Among other things, Bennet bequeaths the lands described in the previous documents to trustees for various (specified) purposes, including to University College, to assist in their building programme, and to endow an equal number of Fellowships and Scholarships.

[Original reference Pyx I fasc. 2 no. 4]

**UC:E14/D2/2****26 Sep 7 Cha I (1631)**

Conveyance

**Parties:**

1. (a) Ralph Radcliffe of Beauchampton, Bucks., Gent.

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- (b) Matthew Hopkins of the same, Yeoman, both executors of the will of Sir Simon Bennet.
2. (a) Sir John Gibson of Welbourne, Yorks, Kt.  
 (b) John Ingram, of York, Esq.  
 (c) Nicholas Hampson of Taplow, Bucks., Esq.  
 (d) Thomas Hampson of the same, Esq.  
 (e) Thomas Croke of Waterstocke, Oxon, Esq.

**Property:** Woods and coppices and lands known as Ambrose Coppice, Delfe Coppice, Shortewood Coppice, Radmoore Coppice, Hallows Ramswell Coppice, Basnold Coppice, Howe Coppice, Broadhedges Coppice, les Hallows Bare Coppice, Hanley end Coppice; the house called the Lodge of Hanley; pastures known as le Launde commonly called Hanly Parke, Hanly Office, Hanly Walkes, Hanly Free hay, Hanly Wood or Hanly Bayliwicke. These lands are in the forest of Whitlewood, Northants, and cover 863 acres.

**Comments:** 1 conveys the above property to 2 in trust under the terms of Bennet's will.

**Language:** Latin.

[Original reference Pyx I fasc. 2 no. 5]

**UC:E14/D2/3****13 May 1634**

Grant

**Parties:**

1. (a) Dame Elizabeth Bennet, of Beachampton, Bucks., widow of Sir Simon Bennet.  
 (b) Sir George Croke of Waterstock, Oxon, Kt. and JP.  
 (c) Sir Arthur Ingram the elder of York, Kt.
2. Thomas Walker, DD, Master of University College, Oxford, and the Fellows of the same.

**Property:** The right to fell timber in the properties set out in **UC:E14/D2/2** above.

**Comments:** 1 allow 2 to take the timber to use for their new building project.

[Original reference Pyx I fasc. 2 no. 6]

**UC:E14/D2/4****31 May 1634**

Agreement

**Parties:**

1. Thomas Walker, DD, Master of University College, Oxford, and Richard Washington, DD, Thomas Radcliffe, Philip Washington, John Elmehurst, Mathew Wentworth, Richard Clayton, and Abraham Woodhead, the Fellows of the same.
2. (a) Sir George Croke of Waterstock, Oxon, Kt. and JP.  
 (b) Sir Arthur Ingram the elder of York, Kt.

**Property:** As in **UC:E14/D2/2** above.

**Comments:** Sir Simon Bennet, Bt., now deceased, under the terms of his will left to Elizabeth Bennet, his wife, his property at Handley Park for her life, and then to 2 for 2 years upon trust that they give all sums of money which arise or are made of the property to 1, in order that 1 'should duely bestowe the same in new building for enlargement of the sayd Colledge within convenient tyme after receipt thereof'. By a deed of 13 May 1634, Elizabeth Bennet and 2

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had agreed that, for the better enabling of this building, they granted 1 the right 'to fell any Tymber at the Lodge within the Parke or Coppices before named'. Now 1 undertake that, in return for the grant this licence, they will, within seven years, have spent the money raised from the sale of timber on their new buildings, and promise to call it 'Sir Symon Bennetts Lodgeings and Hall'.

[Original reference Pyx I fasc. 2 no. 7]

**UC:E14/D2/5****9 Jul 11 Cha I (1635)**

Note of measuring posts (*metae*) and boundaries of the forest of Whittlewood, as recorded at a meeting of the local court. This document is presumably connected with plans to chop down timber which belongs to Handley Park.

**Language:** Latin.

[Original reference Pyx I fasc. 2 no. 8]

**UC:E14/D2/6****20 Feb 11 Cha I (1635/6)**

Lease for life

**Parties:**

1. (a) Sir John Gibson of Welborne, Yorks., Kt.  
(b) Nicholas Hampson of Taplow, Burks., Esq.  
(c) Thomas Hampson of Taplow, Esq.  
(d) Thomas Croke of Waterstock, Oxon., Esq.
2. Dame Elizabeth Benet, widow and executrix of Sir Symon Benet, Bart., decd.

**Property:** As in **UC:E14/D2/2** above.

**Consideration:** 1 peppercorn a year.

**Comments:** 1 grant the above property to 2 for life.

[Original reference Pyx I fasc. 2 no. 9]

**UC:E14/D2/7****20 Feb 11 Cha I (1635/6)**

Letter of Attorney

**Parties:**

1. (a) Sir John Gibson of Welborne, Yorks., Kt.  
(b) Nicholas Hampson of Taplow, Burks., Esq.  
(c) Thomas Hampson of Taplow, Esq.  
(d) Thomas Croke of Waterstock, Oxon., Esq.

**Property:** As in **UC:E14/D2/2** above.

**Comments:** 1 have appointed Richard Shirte of Wickin, Northants., Clerk, and Matthew Hopkins of Beauchampton, Bucks., Yeoman, as their attorneys to deliver the above properties to Dame Elizabeth Bennet.

[Original reference Pyx I fasc. 2 no. 10]

**UC:E14/D2/8****20 Feb 11 Cha I (1635/6)**

Letter of Attorney

**Parties:**

1. Dame Elizabeth Benet, widow and executrix of Sir Symon Benet, Bart., decd.

**Property:** As in **UC:E14/D2/2** above.

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**Comments:** 1 has appointed Rafe Radcliffe of London, Gent., and William Bodeley of Hanley, Northants., Yeoman, as her attorneys to receive the above properties from Sir John Gibson of Welborne, Yorks., Kt., Nicholas Hampson of Taplow, Burks., Esq., Thomas Hampson of Taplow, Esq., and Thomas Croke of Waterstock, Oxon., Esq.

[Original reference Pyx l fasc. 2 no. 11]

**UC:E14/D2/9****22 Jul 12 Cha I (1636)**

Letters patent from Charles I confirming the bequest of Handley Park to University College from Sir Simon Bennett, with a Licence of Mortmain. The document is in good condition, and most of its seal is preserved.

**Language:** Latin.

[Originally Pyx BB fasc. 3 no. 4]

**UC:E14/D2/10****n.d. (c.1636?)**

Account of fees paid for the Licence of Mortmain in **UC:E14/D2/8** above. This document was missing in the 1993 stocktaking. However, Smith made a full transcription of it at **UC:AR2/MS1/7** p.191.

[Originally Pyx BB fasc. 3 no. 5]

**UC:E14/D2/11****18 Sep 13 Cha I (1637)**

Inspeximus of the will of Sir Simon Bennett, carried out in response to controversy over his bequest of Handley Park to University College. The document is in fair condition, and two-thirds of its seal survive.

**Language:** Latin.

[Originally Pyx BB fasc. 3 no. 6]

**UC:E14/D2/12****27 Jan 1639/40**

Conveyance

**Parties:**

1. (a) Thomas Hampson of Taploe, Bucks., Esq.  
(b) Thomas Croke of Waterstock, Oxon., Esq.

2. The Master and Fellows of University College Oxford

**Property:** All as in **UC:E14/D2/2** above.

**Consideration:** None.

**Comments:** 1 give the above property to 2 in accordance with the wishes of Sir Simon Bennet. On the dorse of the document is a note that one of 1's attorneys entered the property on 26 Feb 1639/40 and delivered it to one of 2's attorney.

[Original reference Pyx k fasc. 5 no. 2]

**UC:E14/D2/13****27 Jan 1639/40**

Letter of Attorney

**Parties:**

1. (a) Thomas Hampson of Taploe, Bucks., Esq.  
(b) Thomas Croke of Waterstock, Oxon., Esq.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E14/D2/2** above.

**Comments:** 1 appoint John Hopkins of Oxford, Gent., and John Barrett of the University of Oxford, yeoman, as their attorneys to enter into the above property to deliver it to the Master and Fellows of University College.



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[Original reference Pyx κ fasc. 5 no. 3]

**UC:E14/D2/14****20 Feb 1639/40**

Letter of Attorney

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College Oxford.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E14/D2/2** above.**Comments:** 1 appoint William Seymour of Oxford, Gent., and John Day of the University of Oxford, Gent., as their attorneys to enter into the above property to receive from Thomas Hampson and Thomas Croke.

[Original reference Pyx κ fasc. 5 no. 4]

**UC:E14/D3 - LEASES OF HANDLEY PARK AND RELATED PAPERS, 1636–1939**

Smith noted here (UC:AR2/MS1/5 p. 399): “There was a Lease agreed for and a draught thereof made for letting Handley to Jackson for 21 years at 350 li but it was never seals or executed by reason of an Injunction or order of the Chancery procured by Mr. Hampson against it.”

**UC:E14/D3/1****1636 (no day or month given)**

Draft Articles of Agreement

**Parties:**

1. Thomas Walker, DD, Master of University College, Oxford, and the Fellows of the same.
2. [left blank].

**Comments:** 1 gives 2 permission to chop down timber on the Handley Park estate.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 7 no. 1]

**UC:E14/D3/2****2 Apr 1640**

Draft Articles of Agreement

**Parties:**

1. John Jackson son of Thomas Jackson of Croydon, Surrey, Yeoman.
2. Thomas Walker, DD, Master of University College, Oxford, and the Fellows of the same.

**Property:** Certain coppices and woodgrounds in Northampton, bequeathed by Sir Simon Bennet.**Consideration:****Comments:** In Feb 1639/40, 2 had agreed to lease the above property to 1 for 21 years, but because 1 had not paid his entry fine, the lease was not sealed. The property has also been subject to lawsuits in the Court of Chancery and elsewhere. The parties therefore agree to draw up a fresh lease should the courts dislike the existing one.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 7 no. 2]

**UC:E14/D3/3****6 Feb 1640/1**

Copy of a Bill of Complaint submitted to the Lord Keeper of the Seal from the Master and Fellows of University College. In 1638 they had leased some woods at Handley Park to Michael Betts of Tossiter, Northants., for one year,

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at a rent of £40, and some other woods there to William Beddily, late of Handley, for one year, at a rent of £70. Both tenants now refuse to pay part of their rent.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 7 no. 3]

**UC:E14/D3/4****n.d. (1641?)**

Reply from Michael Betts and William Beddily to the above charges. The document has been damaged by damp and is illegible in places. Smith's transcript (UC:AR2/MS1/5 pp. 230–1) suggests that the document was already in a poor condition when he examined it.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 7 no. 4]

**UC:E14/D3/5****21 Nov 1651**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. Joshua Hoyle, DD, Master of University College, and the Fellows of the same.
2. Samuel Carter of Weston, Oxon., Yeoman.

**Property:** Coppices known as Ambrose Coppice, Delfe Coppice, Shortwood Coppice, Radmore Coppice, Hallows Ramsewell Coppice, Basnold Coppice, How Coppice, Broad Hedge Coppice, the Hallow Bare Coppice, and Hanley End Coppice, and the messuage known as the Lodge of Hanley and the parcel of pasture known as Hanley Parke or Hanley Office or Hanley Walke or Hanley Free Hey or Hanley Wood or Hanley Ballywick, all of which were once owned by Sir Simon Bennet, decd., but with all timber rights reserved to 1.

**Consideration:** £300 a year, plus 100 bushels of wheat and 200 bushels of malt, or the cash equivalent.

**Comments:** Documents elsewhere in this collection show that 2 was acting as a trustee for Ambrose Bennet.

[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 16 no. 1]

**UC:E14/D3/6****21 Nov 1651**

Bond

**Parties:**

1. Ambrose Bennet of London, gent.
2. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.

**Comments:** 1 is bound to 2 for £800 to perform the covenants made in the above lease.

[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 16 no. 2]

**UC:E14/D3/7****17 Dec 1652**

The original document has been missing since at least the 1880s. Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/5 p. 400) describes it as a lease from Lord Maynard to William Farmer of Towcester, gent., of the tithes of Handley for 21 years at a rent of £60 a year.

[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 16 no. 3]

**UC:E14/D3/8****17 Jun 1654**

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**UC:E14 The Estate of Handley Park, Northamptonshire, 1601-1939****Parties:**

1. William Lord Maynard, Baron of Eastaines att the Tower, Essex.
2. Joshua Hoyle, DD, Master of University College, Oxford, and the Fellows of the same.

**Property:** The tithes of corn, grain and hay at Handley Park due to the rectory of Towcester.

**Rent:** £60 a year.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 16 no. 4]

**UC:E14/D3/9****21 May 1659**

Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. Samuel Carter of West, Oxon, Yeoman.
2. Ambrose Benet of Greys Inn, Middx., Gent.

**Property:** As in **UC:E14/D3/5** above.

**Consideration:** 5s.

**Comments:** 1 assigns his lease on the above property to 2.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 16 no. 5]

**UC:E14/D3/10****30 Sep 1664**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. Thomas Walker, DD, Master of University College, Oxford, and the Fellows of the same.
2. Michael Babington of London, Gent.

**Property:** Lands called Ambrose Coppice and Coles Close, enclosed and taken out from the same, Delfe Coppice *alias* the Delfe, Shortwood Coppice *alias* Osbornes Ground, Radmore Coppice *alias* Raddersine Dale Close, as it is now divided into four closes called Burges Close, Heycocke Close, Farmers Close, and Farmers Closes, Hallows Ramswell Coppice *alias* Samford Hallows, Rastnole Coppice *alias* Rastnoles, and Simpkins Close, divided from the same, How Coppice, Broadhedge Coppice, Bare Coppice, and the strip as it is now divided from the same, and Hanley end Close, New Lawne, the House Close, the olde Coppice, the parcel of land known as the Lawne, commonly called Hanley Parke or Hanley Office or Hanley Walke or Hanley Free Hey or Hanley Wood or Hanley Ballywick, and a mansion house or messuage formerly called the Lodge and now newly built, together with one malthouse, and all buildings adjoining, the whole comprising 863 acres, but with timber rights reserved for 1.

**Rent:** £350 a year.

**Comments:** As explained elsewhere, 2, like Samuel Carter in **UC:E14/D3/5** above, was acting as a trustee for Ambrose Bennet. The description of the property is the first one to take account of the deforestation of the estate and the erection of a new house there.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 16 no. 6]

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Declaration by Michael Babington (as in **UC:E14/D3/10** above) that he will discharge the Master and Fellows of University College from the payment of any tithes on Handley Park which are due to William Lord Maynard.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 16 no. 7]**UC:E14/D3/12****30 Sep 1664**

Bond

**Parties:**

1. (a) Michael Babington of London, Gent.  
(b) Ambrose Bennet of Greys Inn, Midds., Esq.
2. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.

**Comments:** 1 are bound to 2 for £500 to observe the covenants in the lease at **UC:E14/D3/10** above.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 16 no. 8]**UC:E14/D3/13****16 Jun 1671**

Article of Agreement

**Parties:**

1. Timothy Nourse, MA, on behalf of the Master and Fellows of University College Oxford.
2. William Osborne of Hanley, Northants., Yeoman.

**Property:** A close called Radmore Coppice or Radersinall Close, measuring about 30 acres, in Hanley in the parish of Towcester, Northants.

**Consideration:** £15 10s a year.

**Comments:** 1 agrees to lease the above land to 2 for one year.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 13 no. 7]**UC:E14/D3/14****16 Jun 1671**

Bond

**Parties:**

1. William Osborne of Hanley, Northants., Yeoman.
2. Timothy Nourse of the University of Oxford, MA.

**Comments:** 1 is bound to 2 for £30 to perform the covenants agreed in

**UC:E14/D3/13** above.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 13 no. 8]**UC:E14/D3/15****22 Jun 1671**

Article of Agreement

**Parties:**

1. Joseph Lodge MA, on behalf of the Master and Fellows of University College Oxford.
2. John Osborne of Towcester Northants., Innholder.

**Property:** A close called Shortwood Coppice, containing about 100 acres, in Hanley in the parish of Towcester, Northants.

**Consideration:** £96.

**Comments:** 1 agrees to lease the above land to 2 until Michaelmas 1672.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 13 no. 9]

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Bond

**Parties:**

1. John Osborne of Towcester Northants., Innholder.
2. Joseph Lodge of the University of Oxford, MA.

**Comments:** 1 is bound to 2 for £200 to perform the covenants agreed in **UC:E14/D3/15** above.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 13 no. 10]**UC:E14/D3/17** **29 Sep 1673**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. Richard Clayton, DD, Master of University College, Oxford, and the Fellows of the same.
2. William Lyndall of Closehill, Beds., Esq.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E14/D3/10** above.

**Rent:** £350 a year.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 16 no. 9]**UC:E14/D3/18** **27 Sep 1673**

The top of this deed is damaged, and the text lost, but Smith's summary (UC:AR2/MS1/5 p. 401) gives the names of the parties.

Bond

**Parties:**

1. William Lyndall of Closehill, Beds., Esq.
2. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.

**Comments:** 1 is bound to 2 for £40 (*sic*) to observe the covenants in the lease at **UC:E14/D3/17** above. Smith notes, both on the deed and in his summary, the errors made both in the sum of money and of the conflict in dates, and in his summary made the following important observation: "note also that about this time the Bible Clerk (for there was then but one) wrote the leases and divided the stewards fee (viz. 20 s) betwixt himself and the Master man - the Bible Clerk here with his 2s for sealing in all 12s, and the Master's Man 10s. The error in Mr. Clayton's Lease for Arnecliffe made the College change that later usage and employ a lawyer to write their Leases." See further **UC:E4/1C/9-29** on the errors associated with Seth Clayton's lease at Arncliffe.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 16 no. 10]**UC:E14/D3/19** **28 Oct 1675**

Letter of Attorney from the Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford, appointing Francis Foord of Oxford, Gent., their attorney to demand £175 in rent arrears from William Lyndall at Handley Park.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 16 no. 11]**UC:E14/D3/20** **30 Oct 1675**

Memorandum (found pinned to **UC:E14/D3/19** above) from Francis Foord, reporting that he made a legal demand of Lyndall for the unpaid rent.

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Letter of Attorney from the Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford, appointing Francis Foord of Oxford, Gent., their attorney to enter into Handley Park and take possession from William Lyndall.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 16 no. 12]**UC:E14/D3/22–23****4 Nov 1675**

Two memoranda, one undated (both found pinned to **UC:E14/D3/21** above) from Francis Food, in which he reports that has taken possession of Handley Park from William Lyndall.

**UC:E14/D3/24****17 Dec 1677**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. Obadiah Walker, MA, Master of University College, Oxford, and the Fellows of the same
2. William Lyndall of Hanley in the parish of Towcester, Northants., Esq.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E14/D3/10** above.

**Rent:** £350 a year.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 16 no. 13]**UC:E14/D3/25****17 Dec 1677**

Bond

**Parties:**

1. (a) William Lyndall (as in **UC:E14/D3/24** above).  
(b) Henry Sclater of Lightoaks in the parish of Leigh, Lancs., Esq.
2. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.

**Comments:** 1 is bound to 2 for £1000 for the performance of the covenants agreed in the above deed.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 16 no. 14]

William Smith added a note here in his summaries of these documents (UC:AR2/MS1/5 p. 402): "Upon Mr. Lindall's death Sir Tho: Sclater entered upon the Lease assigned over for security for a summe of money Lett to Mr. Lindall & kept it to year 1683 at which time he passed it over to Mr. Johnson who assigned it to Tho. Pomfrett & John Cockerill for the sume of 50 li, the half years rent due at Lady day being first discharged by Sir Thomas himself, which in reality was as if he had given Johnson near 175 li to ease him of it. Th: Pomfrett being dead his sonne assigned his interest to Jo: Cockerill."

Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 16 no. 15–18 have all been missing at least since the 1880s. Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/5 p. 402) describes them as follows:

No. 15 a & b were two copies of a renewal of a lease for John Cockerill for 21 years, dated 30 Oct 1695.

No. 16 was a new lease granted to Cockerill in 30 Oct 1695, after the previous lease has been surrendered.

No. 17 was a bond dated 30 Oct 1695 in which Cockerill was bound for £700 to perform covenants agreed in the above lease.

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No. 18 was another bond dated 30 Oct 1695, in which Cockerill and John Hutton, Rector of Wappenham, were found to secure the College against any payments for taxes.

There is a copy of a lost lease, dated 30 October 1695 at **UC:EB1/A1/2** f. 227v, in which Handley Park is leased to John Cockerill of Wappenham, Northants., Yeoman. Pasted into the lease book here is a memorandum that this lease was replaced by another lease of the same date, with different conditions.

**UC:E14/D3/26****28 Oct 1704**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Cockerill of Wappenham, Northants., Yeoman.

**Property:** Lands called Ambrose Coppice and Coles Close, enclosed and taken out from the same, Delfe Coppice *alias* the Delfe, Short Wood Coppice *alias* Osbordies Ground, Radmore Coppice *alias* Radersure Dale Close, as it is now divided into four closes called Burges Close, Heycocke Close, and Farmes Close, Wallows Ramswell Coppice *alias* Samford Hallows, Batenole Coppice *alias* Basenoles, and Simkins Close, divided from the same, Hows Coppice, Broadhedge Coppice *alias* Broadhedge Bare Coppice, and the strip as it is now divided from the same, and Hanley end Close, New Lawne, the House Close, the olde Coppice, the parcel of land known as the Lawne, commonly called Hanley Parke or Hanley Office or Hanley Walke or Hanley Free Hey or Hanley Wood or Hanley Ballywick, and a mansion house or messuage formerly called the Lodge and lately new built, together with one malthouse, and all buildings adjoining, the whole comprising 863 acres, but with timber rights reserved for 1.

**Rent:** £350 a year.**UC:E14/D3/27****28 Oct 1704**Counterpart of **UC:E14/D3/26** above.

There is a copy of a lost lease, dated 5 Nov 1713, at **UC:EB1/A1/3** pp. 134–7, in which Handley Park is leased to Henry Cockerill of Wappenham, Northants., Gent.

**UC:E14/D3/28****24 Mar 1720/1**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Henry Cockerill of Wappenham, Northants., Gent.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E14/D3/26** above.**UC:E14/D3/29****24 Mar 1720/1**Counterpart of **UC:E14/D3/28** above.**UC:E14/D3/30****24 Nov 1731**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

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2. Henry Cockerill of Wappenham, Northants., Gent.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E14/D3/26** above.

**UC:E14/D3/31****29 Nov 1738**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. [(a) Mary Cockerill of Wappenham, Northants., Widow.  
(b) Henry Pinckard of Hanley, Northants., Gent.]

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E14/D3/26** above.

**Comments:** The names of the tenants are illegible on the original deed, but they are given in its transcription at **UC:EB1/A/3** pp. 316–321.

**UC:E14/D3/32****3 Mar 1745/6**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Mary Cockerill of Wappenham, Northants., Widow.  
(b) Henry Pinckard of Hanley, Northants., Gent.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E14/D3/26** above.

**UC:E14/D3/33****3 Mar 1745/6**

Counterpart of **UC:E14/D3/32** above.

**UC:E14/D3/34****23 Jan 1753**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Mary Cockerill of Wappenham, Northants., Widow.  
(b) Henry Pinckard of Hanley, Northants., Gent.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E14/D3/26** above.

**UC:E14/D3/35****15 Oct 1759**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Henry Pinckard of Hanley, Northants., Gent.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E14/D3/26** above.

**UC:E14/D3/36****15 Oct 1759**

Counterpart of **UC:E14/D3/35** above.

**UC:E14/D3/37****21 Feb 1770**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Henry Pinckard of Handley, Northants., Gent.

**Property:** Property at Handley comprising four messuages or farmhouses, two cottages or tenements, the House Lawn, the Lower Lawn, Horse Close,



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Baskets Close, Upper Everil, Lower Everil, Old Coppice, the Riding, Bassens Close, Great Delph, Long Delph, Great How Coppice, Two Little How Coppices, Milking Close, Basses meadow, the Streight, Great Bear Coppice, Little Bear Coppice, Upper Barnhill, Lower Barnhill, Fletts Close, Picked Close, Middle Close, House Close, Sank Fine Close, Harrises House Close, Home Meadow or Rignell Close, Mile Oak, the Delph (in which are stone pits), Ambrose Close, Woods Close, Jennings's Close, Werkings Close, Long Close, Cabbin Close, Pump Close, Home Close, two little mowing closes, Hammer Close, Plowed Close, and Hoars Close (excepting timber and mineral rights reserved to 1).

**Rent:** £350 a year for the first 11 years of the lease, and then £595 a year.

**UC:E14/D3/38****12 Oct 1789**

Lease for 14 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Pinckard of Hanley, Northants., Gent.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E14/D3/37** above.

**Rent:** £595 a year.

**UC:E14/D3/39****12 Oct 1789**

Counterpart of **UC:E14/D3/38** above.

**UC:E14/D3/40****9 Nov 1803**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Pinckard of Hanley, in the parish of Towcester, Northants., Gent.

**Property:** Hanley or Handley Park Farm, consisting of four messuages or tenements with barns, stables, and other buildings, and lands attached, comprising 886 acres 2 roods and 16 perches, and now occupied by John Pinckard, [blank] Kendal, [blank] Warwick, and [blank] Wilcocks, all as shown on a map drawn on the back of the second membrane of this deed (excepting timber and mineral rights reserved to 1).

**Rent:** £750 a year.

**UC:E14/D3/41****14 Aug 1817**

Copy of Memorandum of agreement

**Parties:**

1. Richard Crabtree, acting for the Master and Fellows of University College.
2. John Pinckard, Sr., and John Thomas Pinckard Jr., both of Hanley Park.

**Property:** Various lands as marked on a (missing) map.

**Consideration:** £1062 a year.

**Comments:** 1 leases the above lands to 2 for various times of 3, 5 and 7 years.

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**UC:E14 The Estate of Handley Park, Northamptonshire, 1601-1939****UC:E14/D3/42****14 Apr 1817**

Memorandum of Agreement

**Parties:**

1. Richard Crabtree, acting for the Master and Fellows of University College.
2. John Kendall of Syresham, Northants.

**Property:** Lands at Handley Park as set out on the document.**Consideration:** £370 a year.**Comments:** 1 offers to lease the above lands to 2 for 7 or 14 years. However, some annotations on the deed show that 2 could only offer £304 a year, and so the agreement came to nothing.**UC:E14/D3/43****30 Sep 1825**

Lease for 11 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Pinkard of Handley Park in the parish of Towcester, Northants., Gent.

**Property:** Handley Park Farm, consisting of four messuages with buildings and lands, measuring 886 acres 2 rods and 16 perches, and currently occupied by John Pinckard, Benjamin Browne, Thomas Newman, and Joseph Johnson, as set out in more detail in a schedule at the end of the deed (excepting timber and mineral rights reserved to 1).**Rent:** £900 a year.**Comments:** This lease has been used as a draft for a later lease.**UC:E14/D3/44****9 Jun 1875**

Lease for 14 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Thomas Franklin of Handley Park Manor Farm, near Towcester, Northants.

**Property:** Handley Park Manor Farm in the parish of Towcester, Northants., with buildings and lands comprising 506 acres, as set out on a schedule on the deed (except for timber and mineral rights, which are reserved to 1).**Rent:** £750 for the first year of the lease; £758 for the second year of the lease; £766 for the third year of the lease; and £774 a year for the remainder of the lease.**UC:E14/D3/45****12 May 1875**

Lease for 14 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. George West of Silverstone, Northants., Farmer.

**Property:** Handley Mile Oak Farm, containing 378 acres and 1 perch, as set out on a schedule on the deed.**Rent:** £520 a year, with an extra £50 a year for every acre of pasture ground to be converted to arable uses.

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- UC:E14/D3/46** **12 Sep 1881**  
 Memorandum of Agreement  
**Parties:**  
 1. Robert Castle of 18 Merton Street, Oxford, as agent for University College Oxford.  
 2. George West of Silverston and Handley, Northants.  
**Property:** Lands in Hanley Park, including a field called Far Shed Close, the field called Sheppards Lane Close, and the field called Shortland corner.  
**Comments:** 2 agrees to surrender the above lands to University College, in return for an appropriate reduction in his rent, as well as £100 compensation. Charles Faulkner has noted on the back of this document that the land being surrendered was to be used for allotments.
- UC:E14/D3/47** **12 Sep 1881**  
 Another copy of **UC:E14/D3/46** above.
- UC:E14/D3/48** **20 Nov 1882**  
 Memorandum of agreement from John Franklin that he will set aside certain specified fields in the Manor Farm at Handley Park for pasture land.
- UC:E14/D3/49** **18 Dec 1888**  
 Lease for Yearly Tenancy  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. John Thomas Franklin of Handley Park.  
**Property:** Handley Park Farm, Towcester, Northants., as set out on a schedule on the deed.  
**Rent:** £510 a year.
- UC:E14/D3/50** **25 Mar 1925**  
 Lease on a Yearly Tenancy  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. William Nelson Rowlandson of Ashford, Kent.  
**Property:** Handley Park Farm, Towcester, Northants.  
**Rent:** £700 a year.
- UC:E14/D3/51** **4 Sep 1928**  
 Lease on a Yearly Tenancy  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. Ellis Clarke of Silverstone Field, Towcester.  
**Property:** Land at Towcester described on the dorse of the deed as Swinning Ford Farm.  
**Rent:** £80 a year.
- UC:E14/D3/52** **11 Jan 1935**  
 Lease for Yearly Tenancy  
**Parties:**

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1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Mr. J. W. Coles of Abthorpe, Towcester, Northants.

**Property:** Land at Handley Allotments comprising 6 acres

**Rent:** £6 a year.

**UC:E14/D3/53****2 Mar 1935**

Lease for Yearly Tenancy

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Samuel James Deeley and John Whiddett Barford

**Property:** Mileoak, Rignell and Costwell Farms, Towcester, Northants., as set out on a schedule on the deed.

**Rent:** £430 a year.

**UC:E14/D3/54****29 Aug 1939**

Lease for Yearly Tenancy

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Mr. Isaiah Loveridge of High Street, Towcester, Northants.

**Property:** Land at Handley Allotments comprising 6 acres lately occupied by J. Coles.

**Rent:** £5 for the first year, and £6 a year thereafter.

**UC:E14/D4 - DEED CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF A PORTION OF GLEBE LAND FROM THE PARISH OF TOWCESTER, 1885**

**UC:E14/D4/1****17 Dec 1885**

Conveyance

**Parties:**

1. The Revd. William Hill Lee, MA, Vicar of Towcester, Northants.
2. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners of England.
3. The Rt. Revd. William Connor, Bishop of Peterborough, and Patron of the living of Towcester.
4. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.

**Property:** A piece of land at Towcester adjoining the main road from Towcester to Banbury, as set out on a map drawn on the deed.

**Consideration:** £579 18s.

**Comments:** 1 sells the above land to 4 with the consent of 2 and 3. See

**UC:E14/C4/36** for correspondence relating to this transaction.

**UC:E14/D5 - DEEDS CONCERNING RIGNALS FARM (PURCHASED 1905), 1714-1905**

**UC:E14/D5/1****24 May 1714**

Lease for a Year

**Parties:**

1. (a) Richard Benson of Towcester, Northants., Clerk.  
(b) Anne, wife of 1a.  
(c) George Benson of the same, Gent.  
(d) Isabella, wife of 1c.

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2. Thomas Kingston of the same, Innkeeper.

**Property:** Piece of land (unspecified) in the common and open fields of Towcester or of Wood Burcot in the same parish, containing about 16 and a half acres, and currently in the tenure of William Banwell and John Innis.

**Consideration:** 5s.

**UC:E14/D5/2****25 May 1714**

Release following Lease for a Year

**Parties:**

1. (a) Richard Benson of Towcester, Northants., Clerk.  
(b) Anne, wife of 1a.  
(c) George Benson of the same, Gent.  
(d) Isabella, wife of 1c.
2. Thomas Kingston of the same, Innkeeper.
3. Jonathan Wickens of the same, Innkeeper.

**Property:** As in **UC:E14/D5/1**, but a detailed schedule of the lands has been attached to the deed.

**Consideration:** £115 from 2 to 1a, and 5s from 2 to 1c and 1d.

**Comments:** The parties agree to levy a fine on the above property. 3 is acting as a trustee for 2.

**UC:E14/D5/3****7 Apr 1718**

Lease for a Year

**Parties:**

1. William Clarke of Towcester, Northants., Woollen draper.
2. Thomas Kingston of Towcester, Innholder.

**Property:** Porters Meadow, being in the field of Caldecott in the parish of Towcester, now or lately occupied by Henry Perrin; and other fields in the field of Towcester and Wood Burcott, comprising about 6 and a half acres, as follows: in Moorfield, two lands shooting towards Stockwell Hedge, one a foreshooter (*sic*), with lands of Lord Lemster to the south and Mr. Bradfield to the north; one rood in Pittfurlong, with land of John Wartons to the east and William Cooper to the west; one land and one rood in Brooke Furlong with land of Lord Lemster to the east and Mr. Marriott to the west; one land in the same furlong with land of William Peake of Heathencoate to the east; one land and one rood in the same furlomng with land of Mr. Talbott to the east and William Peake to the west; two lands in the same furlong with land of Lord Lemster to the east and John Warters to the west; one rood int eh same furlong with land of Mr. Ratnell fo the east and Lord Lemster to the west; and in Windmill Field one rood in Stonepit with land of Mr. Ratnell to the east and the church lands to the west; two roods in the same furlong with lands of Lord Lemster to the east and William Peake of Heathamcote to the west; one rood in the same furlong (boundaries left blank in lease; revealed in the release as being Lord Lempster to the west and William Peake to the west); and in Dockwell Mill Field two roods ley shooting on Dockwell Mill spring; one long ley on Shaw Leyes shooting from the Lanes to the brook, with land of Warters to the east and Lord Lemster to the east.

**Consideration:** 5s.

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Release following Lease for a Year

**Parties:**

1. William Clarke of Towcester, Northants., Woollen draper.
2. Thomas Kingston of Towcester, Innholder.

**Property:** Porters Meadow, as in **UC:E14/D5/3** above.**Consideration:** £126 1s.**UC:E14/D5/5****23 Dec 1730**

Lease for a Year

**Parties:**

1. (a) John Clarke of Northampton, Gent.  
(b) Anthony Webb of Towcester, Northants., Gent.
2. Thomas Kingston of Towcester, Innholder.

**Property:** A capital messuage in Parke Lane, Towcester, with lands belonging to it (unspecified) comprising about 50 acres, which were once occupied by Samuel Osmond and William McConnell.**Consideration:** 5s.**UC:E14/D5/6****24 Dec 1730**

Release following Lease for a Year

**Parties:**

1. (a) John Clarke of Northampton, Gent.  
(b) Anthony Webb of Towcester, Northants., Gent.
2. (a) Lewis Ancel of Hanslopp, Bucks., late Merchant.  
(b) Anne, wife of 2s, late Anne Clarke, widow of William Clarke, late of Towcester, Gent.
3. Thomas Whitfeild of Chancery Lane, Middx., Gent.
4. Thomas Kingston of Towcester, Innholder.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E14/D5/5** above.**Consideration:** £950 from 3 to 1.**Comments:** William Clarke owned various properties in Northampton and Towcester. By his will of August 1725, he left the lands to 1 upon trust to sell for such purposes as were set out there. On Clarke's death, his creditors successfully demanded that 1 and 2a should sell these properties to settle his debts to them. 3 therefore buys this property as part of the selling up of Clarke's estate for this purpose. 4 has been acting as a trustee for 2.**UC:E14/D5/7****8 May 1742**

Copy of the will (dated 12 Jun 1739), with notice of probate attached, of Thomas Kingston of Towcester, Gent. Among other bequests, he leaves part of the house in Park Lane in Towcester (as in **UC:E14/D5/5-6** above) now occupied by Samuel Osmond, and all of the 50 acres of land which went with it, as well as the lands bought from Richard Benson (as in **UC:E14/D5/1-2** above) to his son Robert Kingston, chargeable to a payment of £50 for his daughter Anne Kingston when she reaches the age of 21. He bequeaths the other portion of his house in Park Lane to his daughter Mary Davis, and the field in Caldecott called Porters Meadow (as in **UC:E14/D5/3-4** above) to his son Thomas Kingston.

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Lease for a Year

**Parties:**

1. Robert Kingston of Towcester, Northants., Gent.
2. (a) John Knight of Towcester, Clerk.  
(b) John Watts of Brackley, Northants., Plumber.

**Property:** Part of a capital messuage in Parke Lane, Towcester, now in the tenure of 1, with lands (unspecified) belonging to the same messuage, amounting to 50 acres, which are now occupied by Robert Kingston (bought by 1's father Thomas in 1730); also lands (unspecified) in the open fields of Towcester and Wood Burcutt in Towcester comprising about 16 and a half acres (bought by 1's father Thomas in 1714); and the lands in the fields of Towcester and Wood Burcutt comprising about 6 and a half acres (bought by 1's father Thomas in 1718).

**Consideration:** 5s.**UC:E14/D5/9****31 Dec 1757**

Marriage Settlement by way of Release following Lease for a Year

**Parties:**

1. Robert Kingston of Towcester, Northants., Gent.
2. (a) Charles Gibbes of Towcester, Gent.  
(b) Charlotte Gibbes, one of the daughters of 2a.
3. (a) John Knight of Towcester, Clerk.  
(b) John Watts of Brackley, Northants., Plumber.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E14/D5/8** above.**Consideration:** £500 from 2a to 1.**Comments:** 1 and 2b are to marry. 1 therefore assigns the above properties to 3 to hold in trust for the marriage.**UC:E14/D5/10****12 Mar 1763**

Copy (dated 12 Mar 1836) of an extract from the Enclosure Award for Towcester, dated 12 Mar 1763, which lists the lands allotted to Robert Kingston under the Act.

**UC:E14/D5/11****n.d.**

Another copy of the same extract, this one undated.

**UC:E14/D5/12****7 Dec 1781**

Mortgage

**Parties:**

1. (a) Robert Kingston of Towcester, Northants., Gent., one of the sons of Thomas Kingston, decd.  
(b) Charlotte, wife of 1a (née Gibbes)
2. Thomas Kingston of Towcester, Gent., eldest son and heir apparent of 1a.
3. Martha Garlick, Sarah Garlick and Elizabeth Garlick, all of Bugbrooke, Northants., Spinsters.
4. Edward Earl of Daventry, Northants., Barker.
5. (a) Thomas Freeman of Daventry.

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(b) Richard Davis of Towcester, Innholder.

**Property:** (i) Part of a capital messuage in Parke Lane, Towcester.

(ii) A piece of land in the hamlets of Wood Burcott and Caldecote which before the enclosure was called Moor Field and containing 69 acres, 2 roods and 36 perches, which at the time of the enclosure was bounded on the east by the largest allotment to George Earl of Pomfret, and on part of the south and south east by the turnpike leading from Towcester to Brackley, and on the south and part of the west by Handley Grounds, and on part of the north from Abthope Lane End to Shortwell Corner by the public road, leading from Towcester to Banbury on the remaining part of the way, and one the remaining part of the north and the other part of the east by Handley Grounds, and on the remaining part of the east by the land allotted to the Earl of Pomfret.

(iii) A piece of land in Towcester, Wood Burcott and Caldecote, which before the enclosure was in Moor Field and contained 7 acres 1 rood and 34 perches, which at the time of the enclosure was bounded on the east by the largest allotment of Joseph Wilkins, on the south by the Brook at Harvest Meadow, on the west by the allotment to the Trustees of Spouns Charity Lands, and on the north by the turnpike road leading from Towcester to Brackley.

All these lands were given to 1a in lieu of the lands which 1a's father had bought in **UC:E14/D5/1-6** above. The two lands have been subdivided into nine closes, which are now called, the Lower Stripe, the Stripe Meadow, the Meadow, the Meadow Ground, the Barn Close, the Upper Stripe, Shortland Corner, the Middle Ground and the Home Close.

**Consideration:** £500 from 3 to 1a.

**Comments:** 1 and 2 mortgage the above land to 3. They also agree to levy a fine on the land which will involve 4.

**UC:E14/D5/13****7 Dec 1781**

Bond

**Parties:**

1. (a) Robert Kingston of Towcester, Northants., Gent.  
(b) Thomas Kingston of Towcester, Gent.
2. Martha Garlick, Sarah Garlick and Elizabeth Garlick, all of Bugbrooke, Northants., Spinsters.

**Comments:** 1 are bound to 2 for £1000 to perform the covenants agreed in the above mortgage.

**UC:E14/D5/14****15 Days of St. Martin 11 Geo III (25 Nov 1781)**

Final Concord

**Parties:**

1. Edward Earl.
2. (a) Robert Kingston, Gent.  
(b) Charlotte his wife.  
(c) Thomas Kingston.

**Property:** 1 messuage, 3 barns, 3 stables, 3 gardens, 2 orchards, 60 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, and 20 acres of pasture in Towcester, Wood Burcott, and Caldecote.



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Undated extract (c. 1836?) from the will of Sarah Garlick, late of Bugbrook, Northants. (dated 16 Jun 1780; proved 15 Jan 1784). Garlick appoints her sisters Martha and Elizabeth as her executors. The Garlick sisters were mortgagees of the Kingston estate (see **UC:E14/D5/12** above).

**UC:E14/D5/16****17 Sep 1785**

Bargain and Sale

**Parties:**

1. John Malsbury Kirby, Esq., and Thomas Ewesden and William Etheridge, Gent.
2. (a) Robert Barford of Foscott, in the parish of Abthorpe, Northans.,  
Grazier.  
(b) John Clarke of Towcester, Northants., Malster.

**Property:** All the lands of Robert Kingston.**Consideration:** 5s.

**Comments:** On 2 May 1785, Robert Kingston of Towcester, Dealer and Chapman, was declared bankrupt, and 1 were among those appointed to settle his affairs. They now assign all the above lands to 2 who will sell them to help pay off Kingston's debts.

**UC:E14/D5/17****13 Jun 1786**

Lease for a Year

**Parties:**

1. (a) Robert Barford of Foscott, in the parish of Abthorpe, Northans.,  
Grazier.  
(b) John Clarke of Towcester, Northants., Malster (both are assignees of the estate and effects of Robert Kingston of Towcester, Dealer and Chapman, a bankrupt).  
(c) Robert Kingston as above.
2. Thomas Kingston of Towcester, Gent.

**Property:** Part of a capital messuage in Parke Lane, Towcester, and nine closes in the new enclosures of Towcester known as the Lower Stripe, the Stripe Meadow, the Meadow, the Meadow Ground, the Barn Close, the Upper Stripe, Shortland Corner, the Middle Ground and the Home Close, which are all now in the tenure of Thomas Kingston and Thomas Wilcox.

**Consideration:** 5s.**UC:E14/D5/18****14 Jun 1786**

Release following Lease for a year

**Parties:**

1. (a) Robert Barford of Foscott, in the parish of Abthorpe, Northans.,  
Grazier.  
(b) John Clarke of Towcester, Northants., Malster (both are assignees of the estate and effects of Robert Kingston of Towcester, Dealer and Chapman, a bankrupt).
2. Robert Kingston as above.

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3. Thomas Kingston of Towcester, Gent.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E14/D5/17** above.

**Consideration:** £803 10s.

**Comments:** 1 sell the above land to 3.

**UC:E14/D5/19****15 Apr 1787**

Assignment of Mortgage

**Parties:**

1. Martha Garlick and Elizabeth Garlick, both of Bugbrooke, Northants., Spinsters.
2. (a) Robert Kingston of Towcester, Northants., Gent.  
(b) Charlotte, wife of 2a.  
(c) Thomas Kingston of Towcester, Gent., eldest son and heir apparent of 2a.
3. (a) Thomas Freeman of Daventry, Northants., Gent.  
(b) Richard Davis of Towcester, Innholder.
4. George Rush of Evenly Park, Northants., Esq.
5. John Walton Hooton of Brackley, Northants., Gent.
6. (a) Robert Bartlett of Brackley, Gent.  
(b) Thomas Wilkins of the same, Innholder.

**Property:** All the lands as set out in **UC:E14/D5/12** above.

**Consideration:** £558 from 4 to 1, and £542 from 4 to 2, making £1100 in all.

**Comments:** 1 with the consent of 2 assign their mortgage on the above property to 4, and borrow more money from him. The parties will levy a fine on the above property, involving 3 and 5. 6 are trustees for 2a and 2b.

**UC:E14/D5/20****15 Days from Easter 27 Geo III (22 Apr 1787)**

Final Concord

**Parties:**

1. John Walton Hooton, Gent.
2. (a) Robert Kingston, Gent.  
(b) Charlotte his wife.  
(c) Thomas Kingston.  
(d) Thomas Freeman.  
(e) Richard Davis

**Property:** 1 messuage, 3 barns, 3 stables, 3 gardens, 2 orchards, 60 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, and 20 acres of pasture in Towcester, Wood Burcott, and Caldecote.

**Consideration:** £100.

**UC:E14/D5/21****5 Jan 1791**

Assignment of Mortgage

**Parties:**

1. George Rush, late of Evenly Park, Northants., and now of Benhall Suffolk, Esq.
2. Charlotte Kingston of Towcester, Northants., widow of Robert Kingston.
3. Thomas Kingston of Towcester, Gent., eldest son and heir of Robert Kingston.

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4. William Underwood of Newport Pagnell, Bucks., Gent.

**Property:** All the lands as set out in **UC:E14/D5/12** above.

**Consideration:** £1100 from 4 to 1.

**Comments:** 1 assigns his mortgage on the above property to 4 with the consent of 2 and 3.

**UC:E14/D5/22****19 Jul 1791**

Declaration of further charge on an estate

**Parties:**

1. (a) Charlotte Kingston of Towcester, Northants., Widow.  
(b) Thomas Kingston of Towcester, Gent.
2. William Underwood of Newport Pagnell, Bucks., Gent.

**Consideration:** £100.

**Comments:** Following the above assignment of mortgage at **UC:E14/D5/21** above, 1 now declare that they have borrowed a further £100 from 2 on the security of the above property.

**UC:E14/D5/23****28 Jun 1792**

Declaration of further charge on an estate

**Parties:**

1. (a) Charlotte Kingston of Towcester, Northants., Widow.  
(b) Thomas Kingston of Towcester, Gent.
2. William Underwood of Newport Pagnell, Bucks., Gent.

**Consideration:** £200.

**Comments:** Following the above assignment of mortgage at **UC:E14/D5/21** above and the declaration at **UC:E14/D5/22** above, 1 now declare that they have borrowed a further £200 from 2 on the security of the above property.

**UC:E14/D5/24****28 Feb 1798**

Official extract (dated 18 Apr 1836) from the will of William Underwood, late of Newport Pagnell, Bucks. (dated 5 Jul 1793; proved 28 Feb 1798). Underwood appoints George Cooch and Richard White joint executors of his will.

**UC:E14/D5/25****21 Sep 1801**

Certificate (dated 11 Mar 1838) of the burial of Richard White at Newport Pagnell on 21 Sep 1801.

**UC:E14/D5/26****21 Mar 1810**

Copy of the will (dated 16 Jul 1806; proved 21 Mar 1810), with notice of probate attached, of Thomas Kingston of Towcester, Northants., Gent. Kingston leaves his land to his wife Alice and his friends William Kendall and Joseph Wakefield in trust to raise money for his son Robert and his daughters Charlotte, Ann and Elizabeth.

**UC:E14/D5/27****1 Mar 1817**

Undated extract (c. 1836?) from the burial register of Syresham for William Kendall (buried 1 Mar 1817).

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Mortgage

**Parties:**

1. Charlotte Kingston of Towcester, Northants., Spinster, one of the sisters and coheirs of Robert Kingston, late of Towcester, Gent., who was only son and heir of Thomas Kingston.
2. Joseph Wakefield of Polcote in the parish of Cold Higham, Northants., Gent.

**Property:** A moiety of a message in Park Lane, Towcester, once occupied by Thomas Kingston, and then by Alice Kingston, and then of John Chambers, and now of Henry Burt, Gent., and also of some field in Towcester called the Lower Stripe (5 acres 1 rood, 22 perches), the Stripe Meadow (5 acres, 2 roods and 27 perches), the Meadow (9 acres and 5 perches), the Meadow Ground (16 acres and 14 perches), the Barn Close (4 acres and 13 perches), the Upper Stripe (8 acres, 3 roods and 1 perch), Shortland Corner (5 acres, 1 rood and 24 perches), the Middle Ground (14 acres, 2 roods and 12 perches), and the Home Close, and any buildings which were erected on the land allotted to Robert Kingston, which was bounded on the east by the largest allotment to George Earl of Pomfret, and on part of the south and south east by the turnpike leading from Towcester to Brackley, and on the south and part of the west by Handley Grounds, and on part of the north from Abthope Lane End to Shortwell Corner by the public road, leading from Towcester to Banbury on the remaining part of the way, and one the remaining part of the north and the other part of the east by Handley Grounds, and on the remaining part of the east by the land allotted to the Earl of Pomfret.

**Consideration:** £1600.**UC:E14/D5/29****14–15 Jul 1826**

Copy (dated 15 Apr 1836) of Marriage Settlement by way of Lease for a Year and Release

**Parties on the Lease**

1. Charlotte Kingston of Towcester, Northants., Spinster, one of the sisters and coheirs of Robert Kingston, late of Towcester, Gent., who was only son and heir of Thomas Kingston.
2. (a) William Baily of Shersby, Bucks., Esq.  
(b) Henry Elliott of Greens Norton, Northants., Esq.

**Parties on the Release**

1. Charlotte Kingston (as above).
2. Charles Burt of Olney, Bucks., Draper.
3. William Baily and Henry Elliot (as above).

**Property:** A moiety of a message and land, as in **UC:E14/D5/28** above.**Consideration:** 5s.**Comments:** Kingston and Burt are due to be married. She therefore assigns the above property to Baily and Elliot as trustees for the marriage.**UC:E14/D5/30****28 Mar 1830**

Mortgage

**Parties:**

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1. Elizabeth Kingston of Towcester, Northants., Spinster, one of the sisters and coheirs of Robert Kingston, late of Towcester, Gent., who was only son and heir of Thomas Kingston.
2. Joseph Wakefield of Polcote in the parish of Cold Higham, Northants., Gent.

**Property:** Another moiety of the same property as set out in **UC:E14/D5/28** above.

**Consideration:** £1100.

**UC:E14/D5/31****4 Jun 1830**

Lease for a Year

**Parties:**

1. Elizabeth Kingston of Towcester, Northants., Spinster, one of the sisters and coheirs of Robert Kingston, late of Towcester, Gent., who was only son and heir of Thomas Kingston.
2. (a) William Baily of Thenley, Bucks., Esq.  
(b) Henry Elliott of Polcote in the parish of Greens Norton, Northants., Esq.

**Property:** A moiety of the same property as set out in **UC:E14/D5/28** above, save that the house in Park Lane is now occupied by John Godfree, Esq.

**Consideration:** 5s.

**UC:E14/D5/32****5 Jun 1830**

Marriage Settlement, by way of Release following Lease for a Year

**Parties:**

1. Elizabeth Kingston, as in **UC:E14/D5/31** above.
2. George Coles of Pohole in the parish of Greens Norton, Northants., Esq.
3. (a) William Baily of Thenley, Bucks., Esq.  
(b) Henry Elliott of Polcote in the parish of Greens Norton, Northants., Esq.

**Property:** A moiety of land as in **UC:E14/D5/31** above.

**Comments:** 1 and 2 are due to marry, and so 1 gives the above property to 3 as trustees for her marriage settlement.

**UC:E14/D5/33****after 2 Aug 1832**

Extract from the will of Joseph Wakefield, late of Potcote, in the parish of Cold Higham, Northants., Gent (dated 20 Mar 1832). Wakefield appoints George Hitchcock, Thomas Alderman Houghton and Thomas Flack his joint executors.

**UC:E14/D5/34****25 Mar 1833**

Assignment of Mortgage

**Parties:**

1. (a) George Hitchcock the younger of Hinton Grange, Northants., Gent.  
(b) Thomas Alderman Houghton of Holcot, Northants., Gent.  
(c) Thomas Flack of Eastcote in the parish of Pattishall, Northants., Gent. (All three are joint executors of the will of Joseph Wakefield)

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2. (a) William Whitton of Caswell in the parish or Greens Norton, Northants., Gent.  
(b) Elizabeth, wife of 2b, formerly Elizabeth Wakefield, one of the two daughters of Joseph Wakefield.
3. Mary Wakefield of Caswell, spinster, the other daughter of Joseph Wakefield.

**Property:** A mortgage of £1600 on the moiety of property as in **UC:E14/D5/28** above.

**Consideration:** 5s from 3 to 1.

**Comments:** 1 with the consent of 2 grant to 3 all the rights on the above mortgage.

**UC:E14/D5/35****25 Mar 1833**

Assignment of Mortgage

**Parties:**

1. (a) George Hitchcock the younger of Hinton Grange, Northants., Gent.  
(b) Thomas Alderman Houghton of Holcot, Northants., Gent.  
(c) Thomas Flack of Eastcote in the parish of Pattishall, Northants., Gent. (All three are joint executors of the will of Joseph Wakefield)
2. Mary Wakefield of Caswell, spinster, one of the two daughters of Joseph Wakefield.
3. (a) William Whitton of Caswell in the parish or Greens Norton, Northants., Gent.  
(b) Elizabeth, wife of 3b, formerly Elizabeth Wakefield, the other daughter of Joseph Wakefield.

**Property:** A mortgage of £1100 on the moiety of property as in **UC:E14/D5/30** above.

**Consideration:** 5s from 3 to 1.

**Comments:** 1 with the consent of 2 grant to 3 all the rights on the above mortgage.

**UC:E14/D5/36****7 Nov 1834**

Extract (dated 6 Apr 1836) from the burial register of St. Paul Bedford, for Charlotte Burt née Kingston (buried 7 Nov 1834).

**UC:E14/D5/37****4 Mar 1836**

Letter from John Thomas Pinckard (address not given) to John Lovell at Towcester, on the acreage of the Rignal estate, and its boundaries.

**UC:E14/D5/38****24 Mar 1836**

Lease for a Year

**Parties:**

1. (a) Mary Baucutt of Caswell in the parish of Greens Norton, Northants., Widow and Administratrix of William Baucutt, formerly of Leeds, York, but late of Pisa, Italy, Linen Draper and Haberdasher.  
(b) William Whitton of Caswell in the parish or Greens Norton, Northants., Gent.  
(c) Elizabeth, wife of 1b, formerly Elizabeth Wakefield (1a and 1c are the two daughters of Joseph Wakefield).

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- (d) William James Baily of Thenley, Bucks., Esq.
- (e) Henry Elliott, late of Polcote in the parish of Greens Norton, Northants., and now of Heathencote in the parish of Paulerspury, Northants., Esq.
- (f) Alice Kingston of Green Norton, widow of Thomas Kingston of Towcester, Northants., Gent.

2. John Lovell of Towcester, Esq.

**Property:** Closes and enclosed grounds in Towcester called the Lower Stripe (5 acres 1 rood, and 2 perches), the Stripe Meadow (5 acres, 2 roods and 27 perches), both of which have now been laid out to form one entire close, the Meadow (9 acres and 5 perches), the Meadow Ground (16 acres and 14 perches), the Barn Close (4 acres and 13 perches), the Upper Stripe (8 acres, 3 roods and 1 perch), Shortland Corner (5 acres, 1 rood and 24 perches), the Middle Ground, now divided into two closes (14 acres, 2 roods and 12 perches), and a barn with cowhouse, stable, hovel and yard, upon these closes, containing 2 roods and 38 perches, formally in the occupation of Robert Kingston, and then of Thomas Kingston, then of William Adams, then of Joseph Wakefield, but now of John Henry Richardson, and known as the Rignal Estate.

**Consideration:** 5s from 1 to each of 1a–1f.

**UC:E14/D5/39****25 Mar 1836**

Release following Lease for a Year

**Parties:**

1. (a) Mary Baucutt of Caswell in the parish of Greens Norton, Northants., Widow and Administratrix of William Baucutt, formerly of Leeds, York, but late of Pisa, Italy, Linen Draper and Haberdasher.  
(b) William Whitton of Caswell in the parish or Greens Norton, Northants., Gent.  
(c) Elizabeth, wife of 1b, formerly Elizabeth Wakefield (1a and 1c are the two daughters of Joseph Wakefield).
2. (a) William James Baily of Thenley, Bucks., Esq.  
(b) Henry Elliott, late of Polcote in the parish of Greens Norton, Northants., and now of Heathencote in the parish of Paulerspury, Northants., Esq.
3. Charles Burt, late of Olney, Bucks., and now of Cheltenham, Gloucs., Draper.
4. (a) Martin Cutler of Nottingham, Grocer and Tea Dealer.  
(b) Elizabeth, Wife of 4a.
5. Alice Kingston of Green Norton, widow of Thomas Kingston of Towcester, Northants., Gent.
6. John Lovell of Towcester, Esq.
7. Samuel Perkins of Towcester, Draper, nominated by 6 as a trustee.

**Property:** The Rignal Estate, as in **UC:E14/D5/38** above.

**Consideration:** £3850 from 6, of which £1600 is paid to 1a, £1100 to 1b and 1c (both at the direction of 2), £325 to 2 (with the consent of 3), and £825 to 2 (with the consent of 4), and 10s to 2 from 6 and 7; also on condition that 4 is to receive an annuity of £40 on the property.

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**Comments:** 3 is the former husband of Charlotte Burt (née Kingston); 4b is her sister, formerly married to George Coles. Charlotte Burt died in 1824, and George Coles in 1831. 1a–c have inherited the two mortgages on the property taken out by the father of 1a and 1c. All these parties now convey this property to 6, with 7 acting as his trustee for the mortgages.

**UC:E14/D5/40****25 Mar 1836**

Covenant to Produce Deeds

**Parties:**

1. (a) William James Baily of Thenley, Bucks., Esq.  
(b) Henry Elliott, late of Polcote in the parish of Greens Norton, Northants., and now of Heathencote in the parish of Paulerspury, Northants., Esq.
2. John Lovell of Towcester, Esq.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E14/D5/38** above.**Comments:** 1 agrees to produce for 2 on request the originals of the lease and release of 14-15 July 1826 (of which a copy from April 1836 is in this sequence at **UC:E14/D5/29**).**UC:E14/D5/41****28 Apr 1836**

Assignment of Mortgage

**Parties:**

1. Sarah Cooch of Newport Pagnell, Bucks., Widow.
2. (a) William James Baily of Thenley, Bucks., Esq.  
(b) Henry Elliott, late of Polcote in the parish of Greens Norton, Northants., and now of Heathencote in the parish of Paulerspury, Northants., Esq.  
(c) Charles Burt, late of Olney, Bucks., and now of Cheltenham, Glocs., Draper.  
(d) Martin Cutler of Nottingham, Grocer and Tea Dealer.  
(e) Elizabeth, Wife of 2d.
3. John Lovell of Towcester, Esq.
4. John Gurney of Towcester, Merchant.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E14/D5/39** above.**Consideration:** 10s from 3 to 1.**Comments:** 1 is the widow of George Cooch, who was the surviving executor of William Underwood, who once held a mortgage on the above property (long paid off). 1 now, with the consent of 2, assigns to 4 in trust for 3 whatever remaining rights she had in the mortgage.**UC:E14/D5/42****9 Dec 1836**

Declaration by Alice Kingston as to the intestacy of her son Robert Thomas Kingston.

**UC:E14/D5/43****21 Oct 1861**

Inventory and valuation of corn, hay, live and dead farming stock at Rignal Farm, Towcester, from John Richardson of the same, to George West of Silverstone.



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**UC:E14/D5/44** **n.d. (mid-19th cent.)**  
 Measurements of Mr. Richardson's Farm at Towcester, called Rignall Farm on the dorse.

**UC:E14/D5/45** **29 Mar 1862**  
 Sworn statement of John Henry Richardson concerning Rignall Farm, Towcester. Richardson has occupied the farm for 28 years, as the tenant of John Lovell and then Mary Ann Lovell. His description shows that this is the farm once of the Kingston family.

**UC:E14/D5/46** **28 Jul 1870**  
 Deed of Exchange  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford  
 2. George West of Silverstone, Northants., Timber Dealer.  
**Property:** (a) Meadow at Handley Park being part of the meadows known as Home eadow and the Wickens Meadow, containing 5 acres, 2 roods and 37 poles; also part of the freeboard to the field known as the Mile Park Field at Handley, Park, measuring 16 perches, which are numbered 1 and 2 and coloured in green on a map drawn on the land; (b) a close of arable ground by Handley Park called Shortland Corner, containing 5 acres, 1 rood and 35 parches, and part of another field called the Upper Stripe, containing 1 rood and 18 perches, of which are numbered 3 and 4 and coloured in red on the same map.  
**Comments:** 1 gives property (a) to 2, and 2 gives property (b) to 1. Attached to the deed is a grant of permission to this transaction from the Copyhold Commissioners dated 6 Jul 1870.

**UC:E14/D5/47** **Jan 1871**  
 Solicitors's bill relating to work carried out in 1868–71 concerning an exchange of 5 acres of land near Handley Park between George West and University College.

**UC:E14/D5/48** **1905**  
 Schedule of deeds and documents relating to Rignalls Farm. This shows that George West acquired the property in 1862, and that it eventually came to G. W. Whitlock, who sold the remainder of the property to University College in September 1905. None of these deed, or copies of them, are preserved in the archives.

**UC:E14/D6 - PURCHASE OF A SECOND PORTION OF GLEBE LAND FROM THE PARISH OF TOWCESTER, 1925**

**UC:E14/D6/1** **13 Mar 1925**  
 Notice from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fishers granting permission for the Master and Fellows to purchase land from the Vicar of Towcester, as in **UC:E14/D6/4**.

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**UC:E14 The Estate of Handley Park, Northamptonshire, 1601-1939****UC:E14/D6/2****4 Apr 1925**

Statutory Declaration by Henry Pinckard Franklin of Towcester, Northants., Gent., that a portion of land (as shown on an attached map) has always been in the occupancy or possession of the Vicar of Towcester.

**UC:E14/D6/3****18 Jun 1925**

Authorisation from R. Edgar Ford, Vicar of Towcester, to Arthur Baker of Towcester, authorising him to pay all future rent on the land which he occupies to the Master and Fellows of University College (this being the land sold to the College in **UC:E14/D6/4** below).

**UC:E14/D6/4****3 Jul 1925**

Conveyance

**Parties:**

1. The Revd. Robert Edgar Ford of Towcester, Northants., Clerk in Holy Orders.
2. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners of England.
3. The Right Revd. Cyril Charles Bowman, Bishop of Peterborough (patron of the living).
4. The Master and Fellows of University College Oxford.

**Property:** Piece of land at Towcester, Silverstone, and Abthorpe, as depicted on a map attached to the deed, and described on a schedule contained within it.

**Consideration:** £1750 (from 4 to 2).

**Comments:** 1 with the consent of 2 and 3 sell the above land to 4. The land all adjoins 4's lands on the Handley Park estate.

**UC:E14/L1 - PAPERS ON THE LAWSUIT BETWEEN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND THE TRUSTEES OF BENNET'S WILL, 1637-9**

These documents refer to a lawsuit in which the College was the complainant, variously against the trustees of Sir Simon Bennet's will, and Elizabeth Finch and Francis Finch, the guardians of Simon Bennet the younger, Sir Simon's heir at law.

William Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/5 p. 119) describes **UC:E14/L1/1-9** as "The papers relating to the first suit which the College brought in Chancery against the Trustees to oblige them to convey Handley lands to the College according to the direction of Sir Simon Benett's will". Many of these documents are now in a fragile condition, and some have portions of text now missing.

**UC:E14/L1/1****n.d. (Easter Term 1637)**

Contemporary copy of plea from the College to the Court of Chancery. Following the death of Elizabeth Bennet, the College claims that the estate's trustees refuse to hand over the estate to the College. Instead the property is in danger of going to Sir Simon's nephew, Simon Bennet, son of his brother Richard. In particular the trustees disputed the claim that the College had the rights to profits from the sale of wood from the estate.

[Original reference Pyx I fasc. 3 no. 1]

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- UC:E14/L1/2** **25 May 1637**  
 Contemporary copy of the response of Bennet's trustees, Nicholas Hampson and Thomas Hampson, who deny that Bennet intended the wood on his estate to be cut down for the benefit of University College.  
 [Original reference Pyx I fasc. 3 no. 2]
- UC:E14/L1/3** **15 Jun 1637**  
 Contemporary copy of the submission of Ralph Radliffe and Matthew Hopkins, who support the College's interpretation of Bennet's will.  
 [Original reference Pyx I fasc. 3 no. 3]
- UC:E14/L1/4** **16 Jun 1637**  
 Contemporary copy of the response of Sir George Croke and Sir Arthur Ingram. Ingram was Elizabeth Bennet's father, and both were overseers of Bennet's will. They likewise support the College.  
 [Original reference Pyx I fasc. 3 no. 4]
- UC:E14/L1/5** **22 Jun 1637**  
 Contemporary copy of the response of Sir John Gibson and Thomas Croke, two of the trustees of Bennet's will. They knew nothing of the timber being intended for Bennet's heir at law, but rather assumed that it was intended for University College.  
 [Original reference Pyx I fasc. 3 no. 5]
- UC:E14/L1/6** **13 Nov 1637**  
 Contemporary copy of the response of Francis Finch. Finch, as guardian of Simon Bennet the younger, he claims that the College had no right to the timber in Handley Park.  
 [Original reference Pyx I fasc. 3 no. 6]
- UC:E14/L1/7** **Michaelmas Term 1637**  
 Contemporary copy of the response of Simon Bennet the younger. Smith (**UC:AR2/MS1/2** p. 125) noted that 'halfe of the leaves are eated & otherwise consumed', and the same holds true today.  
 [Original reference Pyx I fasc. 3 no. 7]
- UC:E14/L1/8** **4 Mar 1637/8**  
 Copies of depositions taken in the case of University College v. The Trustees of Sir Simon Bennet. All the depositors agree that Bennet was of sound mind when he wrote his will during his last illness, and agree that they thought he intended all the woods to go to University College, and that nothing from Handley Park should go to his nephew.  
 [Original reference Pyx I fasc. 3 no. 8]
- UC:E14/L1/9** **Hilary Term 1637/8**  
 Contemporary copy of the reply of the Master of University College, denying the claim of Simon Bennet the younger.  
 [Original reference Pyx I fasc. 3 no. 9]

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- UC:E14/L1/10** **Apr/May 1638**  
 Contemporary copy of the plea of University College against Francis Finch and Dame Elizabeth Finch, widow, and mother of Simon Bennet the younger, who dispute the College's claim to the property and its timber rights.  
[Original reference Pyx I fasc. 4 no. 1]
- UC:E14/L1/11** **19 Apr 1638**  
 Order from the Court of Wards for a hearing to be held in the case between University College and the guardians of Simon Bennet the younger. Some of the text in this document is missing.  
[Original reference Pyx I fasc 4 appendix no. 1]
- UC:E14/L1/12** **3 Nov 1638**  
 Order from the Court of Wards demanding an answer from the defendants. Some of the text in this document is missing.  
[Original reference Pyx I fasc 4 appendix no. 2]
- UC:E14/L1/13** **9 Nov 1638**  
 Order from the Court of Wards demanding an answer from the defendants. Some of the text in this document is missing.  
[Original reference Pyx I fasc 4 appendix no. 3]
- UC:E14/L1/14** **11 Nov 1638**  
 Order from the Court of Wards that the defendants say whether they will examine any witnesses. Some of the text in this document is missing.  
[Original reference Pyx I fasc 4 appendix no. 4]
- UC:E14/L1/15** **12 Nov 1638**  
 Contemporary copy of the answer of Dame Elizabeth Finch and Francis Finch to the College.  
[Original reference Pyx I fasc. 4 no. 2]
- UC:E14/L1/16** **after Nov 1638**  
 Contemporary copy of the answer of the Master and Fellows of University College.  
[Original reference Pyx I fasc. 4 no. 3]
- UC:E14/L1/17** **19 Nov 1638**  
 Order from the Court of Wards that both sides in the case may examine witnesses. Some of the text in this document is missing.  
[Original reference Pyx I fasc 4 appendix no. 5]
- UC:E14/L1/18** **22 Jun 1639**  
 Order from the Court of Wards that the depositions heard in Chancery should be used in both courts, and the causes be heard together at the next term. Some of the text in this document is missing.  
[Original reference Pyx I fasc 4 appendix no. 6]

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**UC:E14 The Estate of Handley Park, Northamptonshire, 1601-1939****UC:E14/L1/19** **29 Jun 1639**

Order from the Court of Wards that both causes be heard on 19 October.  
Some of the text in this document is missing.

[Original reference Pyx I fasc 4 appendix no. 7]

**UC:E14/L1/20** **Oct 1639**

Copy of breviate drawn up for the case between University College and the guardians of Simon Bennet the younger.

[Original reference Pyx I fasc. 4 no. 4a]

**UC:E14/L1/21–23** **Oct 1639**

Three copies of **UC:E14/L1/20** above.

[Original reference Pyx I fasc. 4 nos. 4b–4d]

**UC:E14/L2 - PAPERS ON THE LAWSUIT BETWEEN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND THE GUARDIANS OF SIMON BENNET THE YOUNGER, 1638–9**

Documents relating to the second suit, brought by the King's Attorney of the Court of Wards on behalf of Simon Benett (junior), his ward, 1638. In this case, the College was the defendant. This case, and the one discussed in **UC:E14/L1** above, were being pursued more or less simultaneously.

**UC:E14/L2/1** **13 Apr 1638**

Copy of deposition from Sir Rowland Wandesford, attorney for Simon Bennet the younger. He claims that University College has no right to the Handley Park property or the timber there.

[Original reference Pyx κ fasc. 3 no. 1]

**UC:E14/L2/2** **1638**

Copy of deposition from the Master and Fellows of University College in reply to the preceding.

[Original reference Pyx κ fasc. 3 no. 2]

**UC:E14/L2/3** **1638**

Copy of deposition from Sir John Gibson. He supports the College against the representatives of Simon Bennet the younger.

[Original reference Pyx κ fasc. 3 no. 3]

**UC:E14/L2/4** **1638**

Copy of deposition from Ralph Radcliff. He also supports the College against the representatives of Simon Bennet the younger.

[Original reference Pyx κ fasc. 3 no. 4]

**UC:E14/L2/5** **13 Nov 1638**

Copy of reply from Sir Rowland Wandesford, defending the claim of Simon Bennet the younger.

[Original reference Pyx κ fasc. 3 no. 5]

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**UC:E14 The Estate of Handley Park, Northamptonshire, 1601-1939**

- UC:E14/L2/6** **27 Nov 1638**  
 Order from the Court of Wards that the two parties should join in commission with the plaintiffs to settle the case. This document is in a fragile condition.  
 [Original reference Pyx k fasc. 3 appendix no. 1]
- UC:E14/L2/7** **24 Jan 1638/9**  
 Order from the Court of Wards that the defendants (University College) say whether they wish to examine the witnesses in court or not. This document is in a fragile condition.  
 [Original reference Pyx k fasc. 3 appendix no. 2]
- UC:E14/L2/8** **26 Jan 1638/9**  
 Order from the Court of Wards to deliberate a request from University College that a deposition made in the Court of Chancery be considered in this court. This document is in a fragile condition.  
 [Original reference Pyx k fasc. 3 appendix no. 3]
- UC:E14/L2/9** **31 Jan 1638/9**  
 Order from the Court of Wards postponing a hearing. This document is in a fragile condition.  
 [Original reference Pyx k fasc. 3 appendix no. 4]
- UC:E14/L2/10** **4 Feb 1638/9**  
 Order from the Court of Wards that depositions given in Chancery may be given in their court, subject to certain conditions. This document is in a fragile condition.  
 [Original reference Pyx k fasc. 3 appendix no. 5]
- UC:E14/L2/11** **1 May 1639**  
 Order from the Court of Wards that the depositions made in the case be published on the following Wednesday. This document is in a fragile condition.  
 [Original reference Pyx k fasc. 3 appendix no. 6]
- UC:E14/L2/12** **4 May 1639**  
 Order from the Court of Wards that the defendants deliver a list of witnesses who were examined in Chancery. This document is in a fragile condition.  
 [Original reference Pyx k fasc. 3 appendix no. 7]
- UC:E14/L2/13** **14 May 1639**  
 Order from the Court of Wards that the depositions submitted by the defendants be published in the next term. This document is in a fragile condition.  
 [Original reference Pyx k fasc. 3 appendix no. 8]
- UC:E14/L2/14** **May 1639**  
 Order from the Court of Wards that depositions for the College be taken at Stony Stratford, and that both cases be heard in the following term. This document is in a fragile condition.

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[Original reference Pyx k fasc. 3 appendix no. 9]

**UC:E14/L2/15** **24 May 1639**

Order from the Court of Wards that both the depositions and both the cases be heard together in the next term. This document is in a fragile condition.

[Original reference Pyx k fasc. 3 appendix no. 10]

**UC:E14/L2/16** **15 June 1639**

Order from the Court of Wards that the depositions on both sides be published. This document is in a fragile condition.

[Original reference Pyx k fasc. 3 appendix no. 11]

**UC:E14/L2/17** **16 Jun 1639**

Copy of various depositions made by various parties in relation to the Bennet case. These were all taken at Stony Stratford.

[Original reference Pyx k fasc. 3 no. 6]

**UC:E14/L2/18** **9 Oct 1639**

Order from the Court of Wards to produce the original of Sir Simon Bennet's will in court. This document is in a fragile condition.

[Original reference Pyx k fasc. 3 appendix no. 12]

**UC:E14/L2/19** **11 Oct 1639**

Order from the Court of Wards to produce the original of Sir Simon Bennet's will in court. This document is in a fragile condition.

[Original reference Pyx k fasc. 3 appendix no. 13]

**UC:E14/L2/20–23** **19 Oct 1639**

Four copies of a brevia drawn up in the case between the guardians of Simon Bennet the younger and University College. These four documents are in a very fragile condition.

[Original reference Pyx k fasc. 3 nos. 6a–6d]

**UC:E14/L2/24** **2 Dec 15 Cha I (1639)**

Exemplification of a Decree in Chancery (dated 14 Nov 1639) on the dispute over Handley Park. The court finds in favour of University College, but decides that it will make no decision about the number of Fellows and Scholars who are to be supported by the benefaction.

[Original reference Pyx k fasc. 5 no. 1]

**UC:E14/L3 - PAPERS CONCERNING ATTEMPTS AT A SETTLEMENT OF THE BENNET ESTATE, 1639–41**

Several documents in **UC:MA26** (the papers of Thomas Walker) and **UC:P164** (papers from Temple Newsam Park) also relate to these initial discussions about how to bring the Bennet benefaction into effect.

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**UC:E14 The Estate of Handley Park, Northamptonshire, 1601-1939****UC:E14/L3/1****Dec 1639**

List of requests from the Trustees of Sir Simon Bennet's will, in relation to the management of leases, and the appointment of Fellows and Scholars, with replies in the hand of Thomas Walker. The document has been annotated by William Smith, but not given a Pyx number.

**UC:E14/L3/2****9 Jan 1639/40**

Letter from Sir George Croke (address Sergeants Inn) to Thomas Walker. Croke discusses arrangements for how and the College can come to an agreement about the leases of Handley Park to effect Sir Simon Bennet's wishes. A few words are lost from the text; Smith's transcript (**UC:AR2/MA1/5** pp. 331–2) shows that they were missing in his time.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 1]**UC:E14/L3/3****14 Mar 1639/40 & 20 May 1640**

Document containing copies of two warrants issued on behalf of the Sheriff of Nottingham on the raising of ship money in Towcester and Handley.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 2]**UC:E14/L3/4****30 Oct 1640**

Copy of a certificate from William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury and Chancellor of Oxford (and therefore Visitor of University College) to the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal offering advice on how Sir Simon Bennet's benefaction should be used. Laud considers how many Fellows and Scholars are to be appointed from the income, and recommends electing four of each. He also advises that the new and existing Fellows should comprise one united body, sharing revenues from old and new properties.

[Original reference Pyx  $\kappa$  fasc. 5 no. 5a]**UC:E14/L3/5****30 Oct 1640**

A second copy of the above certificate.

[Original reference Pyx  $\kappa$  fasc. 5 no. 5b]**UC:E14/L3/6****3 Nov 1640**

Copy of order from the Lord Keeper in response to Laud's certificate above. He agrees with Laud's conclusion that four Fellows and four Scholars should be elected under Bennet's benefaction, and gives Bennet's heirs notice to make any objections.

[Original reference Pyx  $\kappa$  fasc. 5 no. 6]**UC:E14/L3/7****4 Dec 1640**

Copy of order from the Lord Keeper on the Bennet foundation. Bennet's heirs have protested against Laud's scheme, claiming that the benefaction could support more Fellows and Scholars. It is suggested that the estate could be leased for a higher amount, and both parties are urged to negotiate an agreed number of Fellows and Scholars. This shows that the College is now in dispute with both Bennet's heirs and Bennet's trustees, namely Sir George Croke, Sir Arthur Ingram, Francis Finch, Simon Bennet the younger, Thomas Hampson, and Matthew Hopkins.

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[Original reference Pyx κ fasc. 5 no. 7]

**UC:E14/L3/8****Jun 1641**

Draft Act of Parliament for settling Sir Simon Bennet's foundation at University College. Smith notes that this was given a first reading on 28 Jun 1641. This Act proposes that the estate at Handley Park be used to support eight Fellows and eight Scholars, of whom half each are to be elected out of Bennet's kindred. Smith wrote by his transcription of this document (UC:AR2/MS1/5 p. 174): "Brought in as I suppose & promoted soly by the relations of Sir Simon Benet without the Colleges concurrence or approbation".

[Original reference Pyx κ fasc. 5 no. 8a]

**UC:E14/L3/9****n.d. (1641)**

Draft of a petition submitted by the College to Philip Earl of Pembroke, then Chancellor of the University. The College is protesting against the settlement for the Bennet foundation proposed in the above Act of Parliament, and asks the Chancellor to intervene on their behalf to arrange a more equitable solution.

Parts of the text are lost, and were evidently lost in William Smith's day, as his transcript at UC:AR2/MS1/5 p. 181 shows.

[Original reference Pyx κ fasc. 5 no. 8b]

**UC:E14/L3/10****8 Nov 1641**

List of proposals copied out by Thomas Walker for the use of the Bennet money, which Walker says were made at Waterstock. They were presumably made by Bennet's trustees, because they suggest eight Fellows and eight Scholars, half of whom are to be related to Bennet.

[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 11 no. 3a]

**UC:E14/L3/11****11 Nov 1641**

Letter from Sir George Croke (address, Waterstock) to Thomas Walker. Croke rejects Walker's proposal that only two Fellows and two Scholars be nominated by Bennet's heir. He also discusses accommodation arrangements for the new Fellows and Scholars. Much of the right-hand margin of his letter is lost, but Smith's transcript (UC:AR2/MS1/5 pp. 332–3) shows that it was already damaged when he examined it.

[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 11 no. 3b]

**UC:E14/L4 - PAPERS ON THE LAWSUIT BETWEEN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND JOHN AND THOMAS JACKSON, 1640–53**

**UC:E14/L4/7–27** were described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/5 p. 313) as "papers relateing to Tho Jackson after the removall of Dr Walker & the loyall party". John and Thomas Jackson were the first tenants appointed by the College to Handley Park, but their efforts to manage the estate were frustrated by the outbreak of war in 1642.

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**UC:E14 The Estate of Handley Park, Northamptonshire, 1601-1939****UC:E14/L4/1** **n.d. (1640?)**

Note by Thomas Walker on the value of the land at Handley, and the respective amounts of the lease and entry fine to be raised there, when the land was to be leased to Thomas Jackson.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 9 no. 4]

**UC:E14/L4/2** **2 Apr 1640**

Draft Bond

**Parties:**

1. (a) John Jackson of Croydon, Surrey, Yeoman.  
(b) Thomas Jackson of the same, Yeoman.
2. Thomas Walker, DD, Master of University College, and the Fellows of the same.

**Comments:** 1 are bound to 2 for a sum left blank in this text to obey the conditions set out in Articles of Agreement bearing the same date as this document.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 9 no. 7a]

**UC:E14/L4/3** **2 Apr 1640**

Draft Bond

**Parties:**

1. Thomas Walker, DD, Master of University College, and the Fellows of the same.
2. (a) John Jackson of Croydon, Surrey, Yeoman.  
(b) Thomas Jackson of the same, Yeoman.

**Comments:** 1 are bound to 2 for a sum left blank in this text to fulfil the conditions set out in Articles of Agreement bearing the same date as this document.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 9 no. 7b]

**UC:E14/L4/4** **11 Feb 1641/2**

Deposition by Thomas Jackson. In March 1639/40 he and the College had agreed on a lease of the Handley Park estate, to start on 25 May 1640, at a rent of £350, with a fine of £2000, and £300 as a gift for the new buildings. Jackson claims that although he has already paid the College £1525, his lease has yet to be confirmed. There is no copy of any such lease in the College's registers of leases.

[Original reference Pyx κ fasc. 5 no. 9]

**UC:E14/L4/5** **15 Dec 1646**

Declaration (in Thomas Walker's hand) by the Master and Fellows of University College that "in the time of extreame exigency" they took some bonds of John Jackson of Handley Park, to secure some monies due to them from Thomas Jackson and his son for a lease of the property. Now they agree to deliver fresh bonds to Thomas Jackson, on condition that matters between the parties remain as they were before the creation of the original bonds.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 9 no. 8]

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- UC:E14/L4/6** **22 Mar 1647/8**  
 [The original document is missing, and the only evidence for its contents is in Smith's summary at UC:AR2/MS1/5 p. 312]  
 Receipt from Thomas Walker that Richard Washington has received £200 as part of a payment of an entry fine from Thomas Jackson.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 9 no. 9]
- UC:E14/L4/7** **n.d. (c. 1648?)**  
 Petition from Thomas and John Jackson to Joshua Hoyle, Master of University College, and to the Visitors of the University, for some reduction in their rent of £350 a year, on account of losses which they have recently suffered.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 1]
- UC:E14/L4/8** **n.d. (c. 1648?)**  
 A note of reasons given by Thomas and John Jackson for a reduction in their rent.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 2]
- UC:E14/L4/9** **n.d. (after 25 Mar 1648)**  
 A note of the money which the College thinks Jackson owes them in unpaid rents and fines as of Lady Day 1648.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 3a]
- UC:E14/L4/10** **n.d. (after 29 Sep 1648)**  
 A note of the money which the College thinks Jackson owes them (viz. £1868) as of Michaelmas 1648.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 3b]
- UC:E14/L4/11** **n.d. (1648 or 1649?)**  
 Petition from Thomas Jackson to the Visitors of the University of Oxford against the request from University College for payment of rent arrears, not least on account of losses sustained during the war years.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 3c]
- UC:E14/L4/12** **n.d. (after 25 Mar 1649)**  
 A note that as of Lady Day 1649 Thomas Jackson owes University College £3765.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 4a]
- UC:E14/L4/13** **n.d. (after 25 Mar 1649)**  
 Another calculation of Thomas Jackson's debts to University College, apparently also as of Lady Day 1649. This estimates that he owes the College £5153.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 4b]
- UC:E14/L4/14** **n.d. (after 29 Sep 1649)**  
 A note of calculations made on Thomas Jackson's debts to University College after Michaelmas 1649, with a note of what Jackson is willing to pay.

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[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 4c]

**UC:E14/L4/15****6 Nov 1649**

Certificate from the Visitors of the University of Oxford in which they declare that the arrears of rent due to the College greatly exceed the fine which Thomas Jackson says he has paid the College.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 5]

**UC:E14/L4/16****after 27 Mar 1650**

Paper containing copies of documents relating to the dealings between the Visitors of the University of Oxford and Thomas Jackson, over the latter's dispute with University College over unpaid rents. It includes a detailed account from Jackson over his troubles with Sir Simon Bennet's trustees before the war and then his experiences during the war. The Visitors demand of the Master and Fellows to give an answer to Jackson's statement.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 6]

**UC:E14/L4/17****"11 Mar 1650" [11 Mar 1650/?]**

Order from the Committee for Indemnity that the Master and Fellows of University College appear in the Queen's Court in Westminster on 9 May to answer Thomas Jackson's petition.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 7]

**UC:E14/L4/18****9 Jul 1651**

Order from the Committee for Indemnity that an action of ejectment brought against by Jackson by University College be stayed until the case has been heard.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 8]

**UC:E14/L4/19****27 Mar 1651**

Order from the Visitors of the University that the Master and Fellows answer the claims made by Thomas Jackson (quoted in **UC:E14/L4/16** above).

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 9]

**UC:E14/L4/20****after 27 Mar 1651**

Reply by Joshua Hoyle, Richard Washington, Thomas Jennings, and Edward Terry, to the petition of Thomas Jackson.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 10]

**UC:E14/L4/21****9 May 1651**

Statement at a hearing at the Committee for Indemnity of the case between Thomas Jackson and the Master and Fellows of University College.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 11]

**UC:E14/L4/22****n.d. (dated by Smith to 1650)**

Statement of the College's case against Thomas Jackson. This is undated, and Smith was in some uncertainty about how to date it, eventually fixing on c. 1650.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 12]

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- UC:E14/L4/23** **1651**  
 Reasons given by some or all of the Fellows (Smith thinks that they were a group of Fellows on Bennet's foundation) on why John Jackson should be preferred as the College's tenant at Handley Park.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 13]
- UC:E14/L4/24** **1651**  
 List, perhaps given by another group of Fellows, as to why John Jackson should not be admitted tenant to Handley Park.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 14]
- UC:E14/L4/25** **12 Feb 1652/3**  
 Letter of Attorney from the Master and Fellows of University College, appointing Ambrose Bennet, Thomas Thornton, Edward Farrer, Thomas Jones, William Ofley and Richard Bures (who are all Fellows of the College) as their attorneys for treating with Thomas Jackson to settle the disputes between them.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 14b]
- UC:E14/L4/26** **24 Oct 1653**  
 Order from the Visitors of the University of Oxford that the Bursar of the new foundation at University College keep in his hand all moneys that he has until further notice.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 15]
- UC:E14/L4/27** **25 Nov 1653**  
 Copy of an order from the Committee for Petitions that the dispute between University College and Thomas Jackson be referred to arbitration. Smith writes at the end of his summary of this document (UC:AR2/MS1/5 p. 329): "It does not appear as far as I can find by any papers in our Treasury what was the issue of this meeting; nor what conclusion was at least made with this Jackson - but the lease was lett from him to Carter for the use of Ambr. Bennet at that time as I take it fellow of the College."  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 10 no. 16]
- UC:E14/L4/28** **n.d. (c. 1649–54?)**  
 [This document has been badly damaged by damp, and so it is easier to use Smith's summary of it at UC:AR2/MS1/5 pp. 231–5.]  
 Bill of Complaint against Joshua Hoyle, Master of University College, and the Fellows of the same, concerning the lease issued to John Jackson in 1640. The terms of the lease asked the tenant to build a house on the property within seven years, and replant some woodland. Disputes have now arisen over the College's abiding to its terms of the lease, not least with regard to paying tithes for the parish of Towcester.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 7 no. 5]

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Copy of a decree from the Earl of Manchester, in relation to a dispute between the College and Sir Thomas Hampson, who is the surviving trustee from Sir Simon Bennet's will. Hampson demands to see accounts for the moneys spent by Thomas Walker, Master of University College, and the Fellows of the same, out of Sir Simon Bennet's benefaction. A subpoena is therefore issued against Dr. Thomas Walker, Master of University College, to show accounts of the Handley Park rents.

[Original reference Pyx k fasc. 5 no. 10]

**UC:E14/L5/2****7 May 1649**

Appointment of a new referee in the same dispute.

[Original reference Pyx k fasc. 5 no. 11]

**UC:E14/L5/3****n.d. (Nov 1649)**

Copy of Articles of Agreement

**Parties:**

- 1
  - a) Henry Rolle, Chief Justice of the Upper Bench.
  - b) Mr. Justice Jarmyne.
  - c) Sir Thomas Hampson, Bt., surviving trustee of Sir Symon Bennet, decd.
- 2 Joshua Hoyle, DD, Master of University College.

**Comments:** A decree in the Court of Chancery on 1 Dec 16 Cha I (1640) said that the rent from Handley Park should not be less than £350, and ordered Thomas Walker to treat with Bennet's Trustees to decide the number of Fellows and Scholars. By orders of 11 Mar 22 Cha I (1646/7) and 7 May 1649 new trustees were appointed. Now a new set of regulations for the Bennet Foundation are drawn up. First of all, Handley Park be let at £400 p.a.. All income from there, including entry fines, will go only to these Fellows, who will form a separate foundation from the existing old foundation of the College. The rents from Handley Park will support eight Fellows and eight Scholars, half of whom will be from the kindred of Sir Simon Bennet. 1c will appoint the first two Fellows and Scholars to be of founder's kin, and the heir of Simon Bennet the next two. Regulations are set out for the regulation of the Fellows and Scholars.

On the back of this draft is a note in Ezreel Tonge's hand dated 26 Nov 1649, by which the Master and Fellows agree to these conditions. The articles were again signed on 15 Jan 1649/50 by George Gale, Ezreel Tonge, Robert Norton, Ezra Price, and Richard Bures, Fellows of the College.

[Original reference Pyx k fasc. 5 no. 12a]

**UC:E14/L5/4****n.d. (Nov 1649)**

Another copy of **UC:E14/L5/3** above, written in a different hand, and signed by Ezreel Tonge on the last page.

[Original reference Pyx k fasc. 5 no. 12b]

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Copy of Decree in Chancery. This is the decree of which there is an exemplification at **UC:E14/L5/6** below.

[Original reference Pyx κ fasc. 5 no. 13a]

**UC:E14/L5/6****9 Aug 1650**

Exemplification of Decree in Chancery. The document explains that on 30 Oct 1640 Archbishop William Laud had proposed to the Court of Chancery that there be four Bennet Fellows and four Bennet scholars. On 3 Nov 1640 the College's Counsel moved to have this report confirmed, but on 5 Dec 1640 Dr. Walker was ordered to attend Master Justice Crooke and Sir Arthur Ingram to discuss the matter further. On 11 Mar 22 Cha I (1646/7) and 7 May 1649 new trustees made and orders given to arrange a new settlement. Finally on 10 December 1649 an agreement was made, exactly on the lines quoted on **UC:E14/L5/3** above.

When William Smith saw this document it bore the great seal of the Commonwealth. Only fragments of that seal now survive.

[Original reference Pyx κ fasc. 5 no. 13b]

**UC:E14/L5/7****29 May 1650**

Letter from Ezreel Tonge (no address given) to an unnamed Fellow. The Fellow appears to be one of those who had been ejected in 1648, and William Smith thought that it was Obadiah Walker. Tonge reflects somewhat ruefully on the judgement made about the Bennet estate in 1649, and discusses some financial matters.

[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 11 no. 4]

**UC:E14/L6 - PAPERS ON THE 1662 SETTLEMENT OF THE BENNET ESTATE, 1661–1721****UC:E14/L6/1****n.d. (c. 1661–??)**

Document titled in Thomas Walker's hand "The certificate of the Delegates of the University", and bearing annotations by him. The document is a summary of the history of Sir Simon Bennet's benefaction, and the use to which it should be put. It was presumably written in 1661/2, at the time of the College's appeal to have the judgement of 1649 set aside. There are some annotations in William Smith's hand, but the document has not been given a Pyx number.

**UC:E14/L6/2****22 Nov 1661**

Affidavit that a subpoena was served on Simon Bennet summoning him to appear in a court case on 26 November.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 6 no. 1]

**UC:E14/L6/3****26 Nov 1661**

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**Parties:**

1. Edward Burlton and Richard Griffith, MA, of University College, Oxford.

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2. Sir Harbottle Grimstone, Bart., Master of the Rolls, and Sir Thomas Bennet, Master of the Court of Chancery.

**Comments:** Following a petition submitted by the Master and Fellow of University College to reverse the decision reached on 10 December 1649 on Bennet's gift, 1 are now bound to the Court of Chancery for £100 to obey their decision.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 6 no. 2]

**UC:E14/L6/4****27 Nov 1661**

Note of the College's bill being filed in Chancery that day.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 6 no. 3]

**UC:E14/L6/5****27 Nov 1661**

Copy of bill of complaint in Chancery from the Master and Fellows of University College for reversing the 1649 decree against Simon Bennet and Ralph Radcliffe. This is a very long document, which retells the whole tale from the beginning to 1650. The most significant passages begin at page 118, where the College asks that the Court review the 1649/50 settlement. The Master and Fellows claimed that the clause asking Croke and Ingram to be overseers of his will to explain all ambiguities was personal to them alone, and could not be transferred, as it was in the later 1640s; also that Joshua Hoyle "was never truly Master of the said Colledge". They also claim that Bennet made no provision in his will for founder's kin.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 6 no. 4]

**UC:E14/L6/6****c.1661**

Counsel's opinion on the preceding petition at **UC:E14/L6/5**.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 6 no. 5]

**UC:E14/L6/7****13 Feb 1661/2**

Answer of Simon Bennet the younger to the College. He has little enough to say, except that he thought that the 1649 settlement was reached with a majority of the Fellows of the College, and thought it was just enough. He also asks that, if the 1649 decree is reversed, that at least two or three Fellowships and Scholarships could be reserved for Sir Simon Bennet's kin (although he admits that Sir Simon Bennet did not say anything about this in his will).

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 6 no. 6]

**UC:E14/L6/8****25 Apr 1662**

The College's reply to **UC:E14/L6/7** above.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 6 no. 7]

**UC:E14/L6/9****6 May 1662**

Affidavit for the serving of a subpoena on Simon Bennet.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 6 no. 8]

**UC:E14/L6/10****9 Jun 1662**

Notice whether the defendant shows any cause for stay of publication.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 6 no. 9]

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- UC:E14/L6/11** **1662**  
 Draft list of questions to be put to witnesses summoned to the case.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 6 no. 10]
- UC:E14/L6/12** **1662**  
 Depositions made in the lawsuit. They mainly relate to the question of what tithes are being charged on Handley Park.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 6 no. 11]
- UC:E14/L6/13** **n.d. (c. 1662)**  
 Directions to the College for how to prepare themselves for the hearing in Chancery.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 6 no. 12a]
- UC:E14/L6/14** **23 Oct 1662**  
 Affidavit for the serving of a subpoena on Simon Bennet.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 6 no. 12b]
- UC:E14/L6/15–18** **25 Oct 1662**  
 Four copies of a brief for Chancery summarising the documents in this case, each one submitted to a different judge. The copy at **UC:E14/L6/17** has been extensively annotated by its judge, Serjeant Holloway.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 6 nos. 13a–13d]
- UC:E14/L6/19–20** **25 Oct 1662**  
 Two copies of the third decree in Chancery concerning the Bennet estate. The College's arguments are accepted, the 1649 decree is revoked as erroneous, and the Court returns to Laud's proposal of 1640. The Court orders that the Fellows of the two foundations should now make "but one intire body and be all of them governed by the same Master and shall communicate in each others rents revenues and profitts the rather for avoyding of faction and other inconveniences which may otherwise growe within the said howse to the utter ruine of the said Colledge". It is also agreed that the new Fellows are "to incorporate with the old foundation and all the said Fellowes both old and new equally to participate with each other in all manner of profitts and revenues", and that Handley Park be rented out for no more than £350 p.a. No mention is made of assigning any Fellowships or Scholarships to the kin of Sir Simon Bennet.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 6 no. 14a–14b]
- UC:E14/L6/21** **9 Apr 15 Cha II (1663)**  
 Inspeximus of the judgement given in the case concerning Simon Bennet's benefaction, heard in 1661–2. This resulted in the reversal of a previous decision on the benefaction, made in 1649, in favour of one more beneficial to the College.  
 The document is in fair condition, and about one-third of its seal survived. Smith appears not to have given it a Pyx number.  
**Language:** Latin and English.

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Volume inscribed on the front cover "Coll. Univ. Oxon./ MDCCXI / Simon Bennet / Equ. Aurat." Pasted into the page opposite the first page of text is a genealogy of the Bennet family, with a note in Arthur Charlett's hand that this was the work of Dr. Matthew Hutton, rector of Aynho. The book itself is a transcript of the Court judgement of 1662 (see **UC:E14/L6/21**) which overturned the judgement of 1649, to create just four Fellows and four Scholars on the Bennet Foundation, with no place for Founder's Kin. **UC:E14/L8/1** was found in this volume.

**UC:E14/L7 - PAPERS ON LAWSUITS BETWEEN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND  
AMBROSE BENNET, 1651-1673**

More information on Ambrose Bennet is given in the introduction to this catalogue. The document **UC:E14/L7/44** sheds more light on his long-running disputes with University College. It claims that that Bennet, when he was a Fellow of the College, lent it towards the recovery of the Handley estate from Thomas Jackson, and was then admitted tenant in his stead. A few years later, the rents from Handley were sequestered by the Visitors to the University, to pay for the College's debts. During this time Bennet is alleged to have chopped down a coppice. He then invited some Fellows to Handley and persuaded them to sign a release, very much in his favour (in particular it would save him from getting into trouble over cutting down the wood). In the 1650s he proved a very difficult tenant, delaying paying his rent, and involving the College in several local lawsuits. After the Restoration, he continued to be behind in paying his rent, and so the College had to sue him. See too the letters from and concerning Ambrose Bennet at **UC:E14/C1** below.

**UC:E14/L7/1****4 Jul 1651**

Draft declaration by Ambrose Bennet. A lease of Handley Park has been made to one Fluett, in order to test the title of the lands. Now it is agreed between Bennet and Richard Washington that this lease is to be made void.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 5]**UC:E14/L7/2****n.d. (1652 or 1653?)**

List of title deeds concerning Handley Park to be sent to the Northampton Assizes concerning the College's title to the property.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 5b]**UC:E14/L7/3****29 Aug 1653**

Court order requesting the payment of moneys to Ambrose Bennet, former Bursar of University College (for the Bennet foundation). There is a note at the bottom of the document, dated 15 Nov 1655, that the money had been paid to him.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 6]**UC:E14/L7/4****3 Sep 1653**

Declaration of Thomas Jones and Anthony Fidoe, Fellows of University College, that they are acting on behalf of the College to treat with Ambrose Bennet. They agree to make over him the rents from Handley Park to settle two debts of £405 1s 8d and £68 2s 4d which he is owed. Smith wrote on the

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back of the document "It seems a Bad Bargain & worded disadvantageously for the College."

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 7]

**UC:E14/L7/5****3 Sep 1653**

Account from Ambrose Bennet setting out how he spent £68 2s 4d for the College.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 8]

**UC:E14/L7/6****9 Sep 1655**

Account prepared by Ambrose Bennet for 1653–5 in relation to his dealings with University College over Handley Park.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 9]

**UC:E14/L7/7****21 May 1658**

Articles of agreement between the Master and Fellows of University College and Ambrose Bennet that they will grant him a general release on payment of his arrears.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no.10]

**UC:E14/L7/8****Trinity Term 20 Cha II (1668)**

Declaration in a lawsuit in the Court of the Exchequer between the Master and Fellows of University College and Ambrose Bennet over an unpaid debt of £520. The court finds in the College's favour.

[Original reference Pyx  $\lambda$  fasc. 8 part I no. 1a]

**UC:E14/L7/9****31 Oct 20 Cha II (1668)**

Copy of a writ of error brought by Ambrose Bennet against University College (which quotes the judgement in **UC:E14/L7/8** above).

[Original reference Pyx  $\lambda$  fasc. 8 part I no. 1b]

**UC:E14/L7/10****Michaelmas Term 20 Cha II (1668)**

Declaration in a lawsuit in the Court of the Exchequer between the Master and Fellows of University College and Michael Bebington over an unpaid debt of £350. The court finds in the College's favour.

[Original reference Pyx  $\lambda$  fasc. 8 part I no. 2a]

**UC:E14/L7/11****Michaelmas Term 20 Cha II (1668)**

Declaration in a lawsuit in the Court of the Exchequer between the Master and Fellows of University College and Michael Bebington over a debt of £175.

[Original reference Pyx  $\lambda$  fasc. 8 part I no. 3a]

**UC:E14/L7/12****8 May 21 Cha II (1669)**

Copy of a writ of error brought by Michael Bebington against University College (which quotes the above judgement).

[Original reference Pyx  $\lambda$  fasc. 8 part I no. 2b]

[Note: Smith numbered two documents as Pyx  $\lambda$  fasc. 8 part I no. 3a]

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- UC:E14/L7/13** **4 Jun 1669**  
 Declaration and summons to the tenants of Handley Park to defend their title.  
 The tenants are listed as Ambrose Bennet, Richard Symkins, William  
 Osborne, John Osborne, and Thomas Whittear.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part I no. 3a]
- UC:E14/L7/14** **8 Nov 1670**  
 Bill of complaint submitted by Ambrose Bennet to Sir Orlando Bridgeman,  
 Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, in which he protests at having to pay  
 University College.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part I no. 3]
- UC:E14/L7/15** **18 Nov 22 Cha I (1670)**  
 Order for an injunction to Ambrose Bennet to stop proceedings in the  
 Common Law courts.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part II no. 1]
- UC:E14/L7/16** **22 Nov 1670**  
 Warrant for a Commission to take an answer of the Master and Fellows of  
 University College in the Master's Lodgings on 29 November next.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part II no. 2]
- UC:E14/L7/17** **23 Nov 1670**  
 Injunction according to the order in **UC:E14/L7/15** above.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part II no. 3]
- UC:E14/L7/18** **29 Nov 1670**  
 Answer from University College to Ambrose Bennet's bill of complaint.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part I no. 4]
- UC:E14/L7/19** **30 Nov 1670**  
 Copy of bill in Chancery submitted by Ambrose Bennet and Michael  
 Bebington against University College.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part I no. 5]
- UC:E14/L7/20** **30 Nov 1670**  
 Note relating to the case heard that day on a writ to ask the Sheriff of  
 Northampton to collect £200.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part II no. 4]
- UC:E14/L7/21** **5 Dec 1670**  
 Court order to Ambrose Bennet to pay £290 19s 9d.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part II no. 5]
- UC:E14/L7/22** **15 Dec 1670**  
 Letter from Edward Hutton (address, Temple) to William Hopkins. Hutton  
 explains that he is no longer acting for University College.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part II no. 6]

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- UC:E14/L7/23** **19 Dec 1670**  
 Order to discharge the injunction of 23 Nov 1670.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part II no. 7a]
- UC:E14/L7/24** **20 Dec 1670**  
 Letter from Edward Hutton (address, Temple) to William Hopkins concerning  
 the above order.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part II no. 7b]
- UC:E14/L7/25** **19 Dec 1670**  
 Injunction to the Master and Fellows of University College from Ambrose  
 Bennet.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part II no. 8]
- UC:E14/L7/26** **29 Dec 1670**  
 Notice to Ambrose Bennet from John and William Hopkins that they are going  
 to take a statement from the Master of University College.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part II no. 9]
- UC:E14/L7/27** **14 Jan 1670/1**  
 Copy of answer by the College to the bill at **UC:E14/L7/19**.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part I no. 6]
- UC:E14/L7/28** **23 Jan 1670/1**  
 Order to discharge the injunction of 19 December 1670.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part II no. 10]
- UC:E14/L7/29–30** **31 Jan 1670/1**  
 Two copies of a notice that the College intends to discharge its injunction next  
 Friday.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part II nos. 11a–11b]
- UC:E14/L7/31** **31 Jan 1670/1**  
 Copy of “exceptions taken” to the answers of the Master and Fellows of  
 University College.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part I no. 7]
- UC:E14/L7/32–33** **30–31 Jan 1670/1**  
 Two copies of briefs submitted in the lawsuit between Ambrose Bennet and  
 Michael Bebington and University College. Much of their contents repeat what  
 is in **UC:E14/L7/19** & **27** above.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part I nos. 8a–8b]
- UC:E14/L7/34** **Feb 1670/1**  
 Breviate of a court order in favour of University College. They are to proceed  
 with the action of ejectment, receive what money the Sheriff has in hand for  
 them, and sue Bennet and Bebington for £728 9s 9d.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part II no. 11c]

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- UC:E14/L7/35–36** **Easter Term 1671**  
Two copies of the College's bill against Ambrose Bennet and Michael Bebington.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part I nos. 9a–9b]
- UC:E14/L7/37–38** **Trinity Term 1671**  
Two copies (one being a very messy draft) of Michael Bebington's answer to the preceding document.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part I nos. 10a–10b]
- UC:E14/L7/39** **5 May 1671**  
A note that Mr. Hampson will pay £100 at the end of the current term.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part II no. 12]
- UC:E14/L7/40** **5 May 1671**  
Notice from Ambrose Bennet and Michael Bebington requesting an extra day's notice to pay the College.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part II no. 13]
- UC:E14/L7/41** **before 8 May 1671**  
Brief for the hearing on 8 May setting out the order of 3 Feb 1670/1.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part II no. 14]
- UC:E14/L7/42** **8 May 1671**  
Court order that the remaining money of £728 9s 9d be paid to the College.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part II no. 15]
- UC:E14/L7/43** **After 8 May 1671**  
Notice that the Master and Fellows of University College aim to move to have the above order discharged.  
[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 8 part II no. 16]
- UC:E14/L7/44** **n.d. (c. 1671)**  
Formal account, written according to William Smith by Timothy Nourse (F. 1659–74), of the College's dealings with Ambrose Bennet up to 1670. This is the most thorough account of this affair.  
[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 11 no. 25a]
- UC:E14/L7/45** **n.d. (c. 1671)**  
A second copy of the portion of the above account which starts in 1660, written in a different hand.  
[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 11 no. 25b]
- UC:E14/L7/46** **n.d. (1671?)**  
An account of Ambrose Bennet's dealings with the College in the 1650s.  
[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 11 no. 25c]

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**UC:E14 The Estate of Handley Park, Northamptonshire, 1601-1939****UC:E14/L7/47-49****n.d. (1672 or 1673)**

Three copies, each in a different hand, of a case submitted to counsel from University College, in which advice is sought in its suit against Ambrose Bennet.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 nos. 33a-c]**UC:E14/L8 - CERTIFICATE FOR A BENNET FELLOWS' STIPEND, 1835****UC:E14/L8/1****28 Sep 1835**

Certificate from the Master of University College that Travers Twiss was elected a Fellow of University College on 10 June 1830 on the Bennet Foundation, and has been receiving a stipend of £19 10s from the estate of Handley Park ever since.

This was found in **UC:E14/L6/22** above.

**UC:E14/C1 - CORRESPONDENCE WITH AMBROSE BENNET AND RELATED PAPERS, 1659-1697**

See also **UC:E14/L7** above for papers concerning the legal disputes between Bennet and University College.

**UC:E14/C1/1****25 Jan 1658/9**

Letter from Ambrose Bennett (address, Greys Inn) to the Master of University College. Bennet sets out his grievances against the College in their dealings with him over his tenure of Handley Park, and suggests a new settlement for the Bennet foundation.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no.11a]**UC:E14/C1/2****25 Aug 1659**

Copy of an order for Ambrose Bennet to provide a horse for the militia, and related papers.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no.11b]**UC:E14/C1/3****8-14 May 1660**

Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Greys Inn) to Thomas Walker, dated 8 May, with a draft of Thomas Walker's reply (address, Hillden Green), dated 14 May. Bennet offers to support Thomas Walker in his efforts to be reinstated as Master of University College at the Restoration. He has some rent owing to the College which he will hang on to until matters are settled. Walker replies courteously but cautiously to Bennet, saying that it is unwise for him to discuss such matters while it is uncertain whether he will return to the College.

Smith assigned two references to this document.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 nos. 12-13]**UC:E14/C1/4****6 Aug 1660**

Accounts compiled by Ambrose Bennet (and annotated by Thomas Walker) for his dealings with University College.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no.14]

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**UC:E14 The Estate of Handley Park, Northamptonshire, 1601-1939****UC:E14/C1/5** **5 Sep 1660**

Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Greys Inn) to Thomas Walker. Bennet expresses his pleasure that Walker has been restored to the Mastership. He asks Walker to examine his accounts, since Francis Johnson, who has just been expelled from the Mastership, refuses to do so.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no.15]**UC:E14/C1/6** **26 Nov 1660**

Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, "my house at Sheere Lane end towards Lincolnes Inne fields") to Thomas Walker. Bennet thanks Walker for his kindness towards him, and apologises that he cannot pay all his rent of £400 a year.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no.16]**UC:E14/C1/7** **16 Feb 1660/1**

Accounts from Ambrose Bennet concerning Handley Park, annotated by Thomas Walker.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no.17]**UC:E14/C1/8** **19 Feb 1660/1**

Promise from Ambrose Bennet that he will accept the decision made by any court in his dispute against University College.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no.18a]**UC:E14/C1/9** **19 Feb 1660/1**

Quitclaim

**Parties:**

1. Ambrose Bennet of Greys Inn, Middx, Esq.
2. The Master and Fellows of University College Oxford.

**Comments:** 1 quitclaims to 2 all his financial demands against them.[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 18b]**UC:E14/C1/10** **27 Feb–6 Mar 1660/1**

Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker, dated 27 February with a draft of Thomas Walker's reply (address, Oxford), dated 6 March. Bennet thanks Walker for his reception in Oxford, but regrets that he has not received either a general release or a new lease. Walker defends himself, claiming that Bennet has misunderstood his previous letters. Smith assigned two references to this document.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 nos. 19–20]**UC:E14/C1/11** **29 Apr 1662**

Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker. Bennet explains that he was asked to submit details to the College about the tithes and taxes at Handley, but refused to do so, as he did not trust the messenger.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 22a]



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- UC:E14/C1/12** **30 May 1662**  
 Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker.  
 Bennet equivocates about sending detailed accounts to Walker.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 22b]
- UC:E14/C1/13** **20 Jun 1662**  
 Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker.  
 Bennet claims to have sent Walker his accounts.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 22c]
- UC:E14/C1/14** **5 Jul 1662**  
 Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address not given) to Thomas Walker. Bennet  
 regrets that Walker is not satisfied with his accounts.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 22d]
- UC:E14/C1/15** **7 Jul 1662**  
 Draft letter from Thomas Walker (address, Oxford) to Ambrose Bennet, in  
 reply to **UC:E14/C1/14** above. Walker regrets that he cannot give Bennet a  
 fuller answer to his comments until he has arranged a meeting of the Fellows.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 22e]
- UC:E14/C1/16** **7 Aug 1662**  
 Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker.  
 Bennet promises to send Walker his accounts.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 22f]
- UC:E14/C1/17** **9 Sep 1662**  
 Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Abingdon Hall) to Thomas Walker.  
 Bennet once again equivocates about settling his accounts with the College.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 22g]
- UC:E14/C1/18** **15 Jan 1662/3**  
 Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker.  
 Bennet complains about the many problems faced in administering the  
 Handley estate, including difficulties with tithes, and his struggle with Lady  
 Farmer over rights to a pew in Towcester Church.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 22k]
- UC:E14/C1/19** **16 Feb 1662/3**  
 Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker.  
 Bennet discusses sending Walker money, but also asks whether he can  
 recommend a suitable candidate to be chaplain to Sir Harbottle Grimston, the  
 Master of the Rolls.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 22h]
- UC:E14/C1/20** **15 Mar 1662/3**  
 Copy of a decree in the Ecclesiastical Courts in a case between Lady Anne  
 Farmer, widow, and Ambrose Bennet. It concerns the right to sit in a pew in  
 Towcester church (see below), and finds in favour of Lady Farmer.

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**UC:E14 The Estate of Handley Park, Northamptonshire, 1601-1939**[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 14 no. 10]**UC:E14/C1/21** **15 Mar 1662/3**

Letter from Stephen Daster (address, Towcester) to Ambrose Bennet. Daster (who is evidently Bennet's subtenant at Handley) complains that he has been dispossessed of his pew in Towcester church, which has been occupied instead by the tenants of Lady Farmer. He protests at this action, and urges Bennet to act.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 14 no. 11]**UC:E14/C1/22** **17 Mar 1662/3**

Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker. Bennet protests that, when he pays so much for his lease at Handley, he finds that the pew set aside for the tenant at Handley has been taken away from him, and urges the College to settle the matter.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 14 no. 12]**UC:E14/C1/23** **20 Mar 1662/3**

Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker. Bennet reports that Sir Harbottle Grimston is willing to send a horse to Oxford, so that a representative of University College can come to a meeting.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 22h(2)]**UC:E14/C1/24** **3 Dec 1663**

Proposals made by Ambrose Bennet to University College concerning a new lease for Handley.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 22i]**UC:E14/C1/25** **25 Mar 1663**

Ambrose Bennet's accounts to the College for 1661–3 (annotated by Thomas Walker).

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 21a]**UC:E14/C1/26** **26 Mar 1663**

Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker. Bennet complains once again about the loss of the tenant's pew in Towcester church, and the College's remissness in defending his right.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 14 no. 13]**UC:E14/C1/27** **16 Apr 1663**

Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker. Bennet grumbles about his financial dealings with University College and his with his estate at Handley.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 23a]**UC:E14/C1/28** **1 May 1663**

Letter from George Benson (address, Towcester), to "Mr. Bennett" and the Fellows of University College. Benson discusses having to provide a horse for the militia, and his own financial problems.

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- UC:E14/C1/29** **2 May 1663**  
 Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Stanly) to Thomas Walker. Bennet has been visited by two Fellows of the College, and hopes that he has explained matters to them satisfactorily.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 23c]
- UC:E14/C1/30** **17 May 1663**  
 Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker. Bennet has been unable to settle his finances with the College because of the death of his brother.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 23d]
- UC:E14/C1/31** **28 May 1663**  
 Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker. Bennet continues to complain about the pew in Towcester Church, claiming that when he last visited there, he was "excommunicated".  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 14 no. 14]
- UC:E14/C1/32** **16 Jul 1663**  
 Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker. Bennet discusses settling his rent money.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 23e]
- UC:E14/C1/33** **31 Aug 1663**  
 Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker. Bennet suggests visiting Walker in Oxford.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 23f]
- UC:E14/C1/34** **?? Dec 1663**  
 Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker. Bennet discusses renewing his lease, but feels that he has been poorly treated by the College.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 22g(2)]
- UC:E14/C1/35** **25 Mar 1664**  
 Ambrose Bennet's accounts to the College for 1663.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 21b]
- UC:E14/C1/36** **4 May 1664**  
 Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address not given) to Thomas Walker. Bennet complains at his treatment by the College, apparently on being denied a lease for three lives of Handley Park. He suggests a meeting to discuss a fresh proposal.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 24a]
- UC:E14/C1/37** **12 May 1664**  
 Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker. Bennet expresses his willingness to visit Walker in Oxford soon.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 24b]

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Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker.  
Bennet makes further arrangements for a visit to Oxford.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 24c]**UC:E14/C1/39** **3 Jun 1664**

Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker.  
Bennet discusses the proposed entry fine attached to his lease. He also  
recommends two of his kinsmen for places on Simon Bennet's foundation.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 24d]**UC:E14/C1/40** **9 Aug 1664**

Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Aylesbury) to Thomas Walker. Bennet  
asks that his new lease be drawn up, and that a copy be sent to London for  
his counsel to examine.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 24e]**UC:E14/C1/41** **6 Sep 1664**

Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker.  
Bennet questions some details in his new lease, mainly on tithes.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 24f]**UC:E14/C1/42** **14 Sep 1664**

Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker.  
Bennet discusses his draft lease. He wishes to leave a blank for the tenant's  
name, but would rather appoint someone else to act on his behalf. He  
explains his reasons for this decision.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 24g]**UC:E14/C1/43** **30 Sep 1664**

Bond

**Parties:**

1. Ambrose Bennet of Greys Inn, Middx., Esq.
2. The Master and Fellows of University College Oxford.

**Comments:** 1 is bound to 2 for £200 to pay 2 £100.[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 21c]

NOTE: Smith has two groups of documents numbered Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 25a–c, transcribed  
in UC:AR2/MS1/5 straight after each other. He does not explain the double numbering.

**UC:E14/C1/44** **14 Jan 1664/5**

Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker.  
Bennet apologises for not sending any rent. He recommends the College  
elect Mr. Lawrence of St. John's College, a kinsman of his and Sir Simon  
Bennet, to a Fellowship [Thomas Lawrence or Laurence was eventually a  
Bennet Fellow from 1666–75]. He also offers his support to Mr. Guillim  
[unidentified], whom Walker had recommended as a Chaplain for the Master  
of the Rolls.

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**UC:E14 The Estate of Handley Park, Northamptonshire, 1601-1939****UC:E14/C1/45** **17 Jan (year not given; 1664/5?)**

Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker. Bennet thanks Walker for his civility to his kinsman (presumably Thomas Lawrence) and hope that he will be promoted soon. He is sorry to hear of the death of his cousin Robert Norton (F. 1648–65; d. 10 Jan 1664/5), and of the poor state of his finances. He also discusses his own finances. Smith wondered whether this letter was written in January 1665/6, but the allusion to the recent death of Robert Norton makes a date of January 1664/5 more likely.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 25f]

**UC:E14/C1/46** **25 Mar 1665**

Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker. Bennet asks for a copy of the grant of Handley Park made by the Crown to Sir Simon Bennet, as he needs to prove the College's title in some local disputes. He continues to lobby for his kinsman Mr. Lawrence.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 25b]

**UC:E14/C1/47** **13 Apr 1665**

Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to an unnamed fellow (suggested by William Smith as Obadiah Walker). Bennet continues to lobby for a Fellowship for Thomas Lawrence. He discusses the problems of settling the debts of the Bennet foundation so that some vacant Fellowships can be filled.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 25c]

**UC:E14/C1/48** **29 Apr 1665**

Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Sheere Lane End) to Thomas Walker. Bennet promises to send Walker the latest instalment of rent, and once again urges the College to elect Thomas Lawrence to a Fellowship.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 25d]

**UC:E14/C1/49** **24 Aug 1665**

Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Bulstrodes) to the Master and Fellows of University College. Bennet yet again lobbies on behalf of Thomas Lawrence, observing that he has been miraculously preserved from illness. In his transcript of this document, Smith suggests that he recovered "from the small pox (as I take it) with which he was pritty much marked when I first knew him; tho' the pittings wore off afterwards" (UC:AR2/MS1/5 p. 361).

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 25e]

**UC:E14/C1/50** **24 Apr 1666**

Letter of Attorney from the Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford, by which they appoint John Hopkins of the University of Oxford, Gent., to demand £87 10s in rent money from Handley Park.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 25e (2)]

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- UC:E14/C1/51** **28 Nov 1667**  
 Letter from Ambrose Bennet (no address given) to the Master and Fellows of University College. Bennet is angry that his letters had been open to misinterpretation. He regrets that he will not be able to pay his next instalment of rent yet.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 25g]
- UC:E14/C1/52** **26 May 1668**  
 Letter from Robert Browne (address, Staple Inn) to William Hopkins. Hopkins sent Browne a copy of University College's lease of Handley Park to declare against Mr. Babington, but it was written out with Thomas Walker as Master. Since Walker is now dead, his declaration is useless. He therefore asks Hopkins for the name of the new Master.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 12 no. 1]
- UC:E14/C1/53** **24 Jul 1668**  
 Letter of Attorney from the Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford, by which they appoint John Hopkins of the University of Oxford, Gent., to demand £87 10s in rent money from Handley Park. rent.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 25g (2)]
- UC:E14/C1/54** **after 21 Jan 1668/9**  
 Memorandum that on 21 Jan 1668/9 John Hopkins, under a letter of attorney dated 20 Jan 1668/9, duly demanded payment of unpaid rent of £87 10s from Handley Park, and continued to demand it until sunset (evidently without success).  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 25g (3)]
- UC:E14/C1/55** **12 Apr 1669**  
 Letter of Attorney from the Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford, by which they appoint William Hopkins of the University of Oxford, Gent., to enter into and take possession of Handley Park and keep it for the use of the College.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 25g (4)]
- UC:E14/C1/56** **12 Nov 1669**  
 Memorandum from Obadiah Walker, Timothy Nourse, and Ambrose Bennet, upon arrangements for the settling of accounts between Bennet and University College, and for drawing up a new lease on Handley Park.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 25h (a)]
- UC:E14/C1/57** **12 Nov 1669**  
 A draft of **UC:E14/C1/56** above.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 25h (b)]
- UC:E14/C1/58** **14 Apr 1670**  
 Bond  
**Parties:**  
 1. (a) Ambrose Bennet of Hedgerley, Bucks., Esq.

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- (b) Thomas Harborne of Aylesbury, Bucks., gent.  
2. John Thomson, Sheriff of Buckinghamshire.

**Comments:** 1 are bound to 2 for £800 to appear in court to answer against University College for a bill of £400.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 12 no. 2]

**UC:E14/C1/59****30 May 1670**

Letter from Ambrose Bennet (address, Handley) to the Master and Fellows of University College. Bennet once again promises to settle his arrears of rent as soon as he can.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 25k]

**UC:E14/C1/60****n.d. (June 1670?)**

Draft letter from Obadiah Walker to Ambrose Bennet, which William Smith thought was written in reply to **UC:E14/C1/59** above. Walker complains to Bennet about the serious damage which his non-payment of rent is doing to the College's finances.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 25i]

**UC:E14/C1/61–64****1670**

Four lists of moneys due from Ambrose Bennet to University College between Lady Day 1667 and Lady Day 1669.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 nos. 26a–d]

**UC:E14/C1/65****9 Jul 1670**

Letter from Robert Browne (address, Staple Inn) to William Hopkins. Browne regrets that the Master and Fellows of University College have accused him of bribery in their dispute with Ambrose Bennet. He protests his innocence. He passes on news of his most recent dealings with Bennet.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 12 no. 3]

**UC:E14/C1/66****19 Oct 1670**

Letter from Robert Browne (address, Staple Inn) to William Hopkins. Browne regrets not visiting Oxford, but his horse was lame. He has entered a plea of *non est factum* to the court in the dispute between University College and Ambrose Bennet.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 12 no. 4]

**UC:E14/C1/67****27 Oct 1670**

Letter from Robert Browne (address, Staple Inn) to William Hopkins. Browne advises Hopkins on the likely course of the next hearing of University College's case.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 12 no. 5]

**UC:E14/C1/68****29 Oct 1670**

Letter from Robert Browne (address, Staple Inn) to William Hopkins. Browne reports once more on his progress in the lawsuit.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 12 no. 6]

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- UC:E14/C1/69** **10 May 1671**  
 Letter from William Hopkins (address, Oxford) to Timothy Nourse. Hopkins reports on the moneys paid to the College by the Sheriff of Northampton.  
[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 12 no. 7]
- UC:E14/C1/70** **16 May 1671**  
 Note by William Hopkins on moneys currently owing them from Ambrose Bennet.  
[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 11 no. 26e]
- UC:E14/C1/71** **20 May 1671**  
 Letter from Abraham Crowther, Bursar of University College (address, University College), to William Hopkins. Crowther reports that Bennet has still made no payment to the College for any of his debts.  
[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 12 no. 7b]
- UC:E14/C1/72** **9 Jan 1671/2**  
 Letter from Thomas Harborne (no address given) to William Hopkins. Harborne admits that he is at the College's mercy, since the case has been declared against him. He protests that he has been badly treated by Bennet and William Gilmore, with regard to being paid.  
[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 12 no. 8]
- UC:E14/C1/73** **23 Jan 1671/2**  
 Letter from Samuel Astry (address (Clements [?] Inn) to William Hopkins. Astry asks whether he wishes to have an action taken out against Mr. Gilmore.  
[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 12 no. 9]
- UC:E14/C1/74** **4 Feb 1671/2**  
 Letter from William Gilmore (address, New Inn) to William Hopkins. Gilmore is deeply worried that an execution has been taken out against him. He has been unable to have Ambrose Bennet deliver up his lease to him, and now fears that, because he cannot raise a debt of £200, he will be arrested. He begs the College to hold off from this for now.  
[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 12 no. 10]
- UC:E14/C1/75** **5 Mar 1671/2**  
 Letter from William Gilmore (address, New Inn) to William Hopkins. Gilmore explains that Ambrose Bennet has not yet delivered up his lease because Mr. Babington had promised to give him £50.  
[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 12 no. 11]
- UC:E14/C1/76** **12 Mar 1671/2**  
 Letter from William Gilmore (address, New Inn) to William Hopkins. Gilmore protests that the bailiffs have been sent in against him, so that he is a prisoner in his house, and expresses hopes that Ambrose Bennet or Mr. Bebington will be able to settle his debts.  
[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 12 no. 12]



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Letter from Richard Holloway (no address given) to Obadiah Walker. Holloway has been to see Thomas Harborne in the King's Bench Prison, where he is troubled about the Ambrose Bennet affair. Harborne offers to pay the College £100 now, with a bond for £75 more.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 12 no. 13]**UC:E14/C1/78** **18 Jul 1672**

Letter from Thomas Harborne (no address given) to Richard Holloway. Harborne says that he can pay £100, but no more. He laments his unhappy position.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 12 no. 14]**UC:E14/C1/79** **24 Jul 1672**

Bond

**Parties:**

1. (a) Thomas Harborne of Aylesbury, Bucks., gent.  
(b) William Gilmore of St. Clement Danes, Middx., Gent.
2. Richard Clayton, DD., Master of University College Oxford.

**Comments:** 1 are bound to 2 for £70 to pay him £35 by 1 Feb 1672/3. Smith notes in his summary of this deed (UC:AR2/MS1/5 p. 369) "it seems as if the College had accepted the proposall, made by Mr. Harborne aforementioned or come to some other agreement with him."

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 12 no. 15]**UC:E14/C1/80** **11 Nov 1673**

Letter from Richard Holloway (no address given) to Richard Clayton. Holloway has received £500 from William Lindall for the College. This appears to be in relation to the payment of an entry fine for Handley Park.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 12 no. 16]**UC:E14/C1/81** **21 Feb 1673/4**

Letter from Robert Hampson (address, Temple Inn) to Richard Clayton. Ambrose Bennet had died the previous summer, and Hampson is now trying to settle his affairs with the College. He admits that Bennet died owing the College a great deal of money, and suggests how at least some of the debt may be settled by means of a general release. [In fact Jack Zoeller, "Ambrose Bennet: College Fellow, Adventurer, and Scoundrel—I", *UCR* Vol. 14 no. 3 (2007), p. 99, shows that Bennet had died in Jamaica in August 1672.]

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 12 no. 17]**UC:E14/C1/82** **n.d. (after 21 Feb 1673/4)**

Draft letter from Obadiah Walker sent in response to Hampson's letter above. Walker thanks Hampson for his good intentions in settling Ambrose Bennet's affairs, but declares that the College does not want to enter into any settlement which is prejudicial to them.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 12 no. 18]

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**UC:E14 The Estate of Handley Park, Northamptonshire, 1601-1939****UC:E14/C1/83** **24 Oct 1678**

Letter from Michael Bebington (address, Whitehall) to Obadiah Walker. Bebington claims that he had settled any debts owing by him the College when acting on behalf of Ambrose Bennet, and now asks that the College formally agree that he owes them nothing more.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 12 no. 19]**UC:E14/C1/84** **13 Dec 1683**

Letter from Michael Bebington (address, Whitehall) to Obadiah Walker. Bebington is relieved that his lease of Handley Park has now expired, and now asks the College to agree that he is quit of the College. William Smith noted on the back of this deed that the lease was dated 1664, and so had three more years to run.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 12 no. 20]**UC:E14/C1/85** **30 Sep 1684**

Quitclaim

**Parties:**

1. Michael Bebington of St. Martin in the Fields., Middx., Gent.
2. The Master and Fellows of University College Oxford.

**Comments:** 1 quitclaims to 2 all errors and writs of error relating to a judgement obtained against him by 2 over a debt of £350 and damaged of 40s.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 12 no. 21]**UC:E14/C1/86–87** **1671**

Two copies of accounts for costs and charges incurred in the lawsuit between University College and Ambrose Bennet in Chancery between 1668 and 1671.

[Original references Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 nos. 27a–b]**UC:E14/C1/88–89** **1672**

Two copies of accounts for further costs and charges incurred in the lawsuit between University College and Ambrose Bennet in Chancery, in this case between 1669 and 1672.

[Original references Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 nos. 28a–b]**UC:E14/C1/90** **1672**

A third set of accounts for costs and charges incurred in the lawsuit between University College and Ambrose Bennet in Chancery, in this case for 1671 and 1672.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 29]**UC:E14/C1/91** **1673**

A fourth set of accounts for costs and charges incurred in the lawsuit between University College and Ambrose Bennet, which covered the years 1671–3.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 11 no. 30]

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**UC:E14 The Estate of Handley Park, Northamptonshire, 1601-1939****UC:E14/C1/92** **1674**

Account of the rents due to University College from Ambrose Bennet. These now amount to £1398 4s 6½d.

[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 11 no. 31]

**UC:E14/C1/93** **25 Nov 1697**

A second account for rents due to University College from Ambrose Bennet from 1666–74, with a note of moneys received from him. This account was copied out by William Smith in 1697 from a (lost) original by Obadiah Walker.

[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 11 no. 32]

**UC:E14/C2 - CORRESPONDENCE ON TITHE AND RATE PAYMENTS AT HANDLEY, 1641–1854****UC:E14/C2/1** **17 Jun 1641**

Letter from Robert Banastre (address, Passenham) to Thomas Walker. Banastre discusses taking the College's tenant at Handley Park to court. William Smith notes on the letter that it probably relates to a dispute over the tithes payable on Handley.

[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 14 no. 1]

**UC:E14/C2/2** **2 May 1642**

Letter from Robert Banastre (no address given) to Thomas Walker. Banastre has not yet received any tithe money from Handley.

[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 14 no. 2]

**UC:E14/C2/3** **22 Oct 1660**

Letter from Henry Cocke (address, Middle Temple) to Thomas Walker. Cocke had called at University College to discuss with Walker that Lord Maynard had leased a tithe at Handley to his predecessor, but Walker was out, and he spoke to Robert Norton instead. Cocke's news is that the College owes Maynard rent for this tithe. Walker has noted that he answered this letter on 26 November.

[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 14 no. 3]

**UC:E14/C2/4** **7 Jul 1662**

Letter from Henry Cocke (address, Middle Temple) to Thomas Walker. Cocke reports on trouble with Ambrose Bennet not paying rent to Lord Maynard for the Handley tithes.

[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 14 no. 4]

**UC:E14/C2/5** **21 Jul 1662**

Letter from Henry Cocke (address, Middle Temple) to Thomas Walker. Cocke reports that Ambrose Bennet has now paid off some of his debt to Lord Maynard.

[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 14 no. 5]

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- UC:E14/C2/6** **1662**  
Accounts for Ambrose Bennet's payments of tithe at Handley for 1658–1661/2.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 14 no. 6]
- UC:E14/C2/7** **n.d. (early 1660s?)**  
Counsel's opinion from Thomas Brome concerning the lease taken out by the College from Lord Maynard for the tithes of Handley, and the extent of the College's liability for non-payment.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 14 no. 7]
- UC:E14/C2/?** **4 Aug 1662**  
Receipt for the payment of £24 15s from the Bursars of the New Foundation of University College to Lord Maynard for arrears of tithes.  
This document was not catalogued by William Smith; but rather was found inserted between the pages of **UC:AR2/MS1/3**, one of the volumes of his transcripts and summaries of the College's archives, in the section relating to the College's Welsh estates.
- UC:E14/C2/8** **Aug 1705?**  
[This document was missing in 2016, but is transcribed in full by William Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/5 pp. 380–1). Smith appears to have given it two references.]  
Letter from John Hutton, rector of Wappenham and Archdeacon of Stow, to Thomas Walker. One Rogers, a College tenant at Handley, has died, and the vicar of Towcester demands a mortuary fee. However it is claims that no mortuary has ever been paid for a tenant of Handley, and Hutton is not sure whether the vicar has any right to such a fee, because Towcester is a large parish, and not all the outlying villages within it pay mortuaries. He therefore asks the College to submit evidence to support its claim.  
On the back of the letter is a copy of an opinion from the Recorder of Oxford on the fee, dated 18 Aug 1705, to the effect that inhabitants of Handley are not liable to pay mortuaries.  
[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 14 nos. 8–9]
- UC:E14/C2/9** **25 Jun 1795**  
Agreement between Richard Hurd of Hartlebury Castle, Worcs., and John Pinckard of Handley. Hurd has leased to Pinckard all the tithes of Handley for 14 years at a rent of £84 a year.
- UC:E14/C2/10–14** were found bundled up together.
- UC:E14/C2/10** **1 Dec 1849**  
Letter from Henry Dixon (address, 3 Gordon Square) to Frederick Plumtre. Dixon discusses Joseph Garton's claim for arrears of tithe on the Handley estate. He is unimpressed by them.
- UC:E14/C2/11** **5 Jun 1852**  
Bill from the Churchwardens and Overseers of Towcester to J. Horton Sheppard, in relation to an appeal on the payment of the poor rate.

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**UC:E14 The Estate of Handley Park, Northamptonshire, 1601-1939****UC:E14/C2/12-13****Aug 1852**

Two solicitor's bills for John Thomas Pinckard in relation to a dispute with the Churchwardens and Overseers of Pinckard on his assessment for the poor rate.

**UC:E14/C2/14****30 Jun 1854**

Note of costs awarded against John Thomas Pinckard in the above dispute.

**UC:E14/C3 - LATER 17<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY CORRESPONDENCE, 1678-87****UC:E14/C3/1****5 Jul 1678**

Letter from Sir Thomas Sclater (address, Cambridge) to Edward Farrer (Fellow, and Sclater's cousin). Sclater reports on the death of his cousin William Lyndall, to whom he had lent a large sum of money. He reports on a visit he made to Handley recently. He is much concerned at the poor state in which he found matters there, and protests that the rent is far too high for such a property.

[Original reference Pyx µ fasc. 15 no. 1]

**UC:E14/C3/2****15 Jul 1678**

Letter from Sir Thomas Sclater (address, Cambridge) to the Master and Fellows of University College. Sclater thanks the College for their recent letter, and is reassured about Handley Park. He has arranged to send them £175 for the last Lady Day's rent.

[Original reference Pyx µ fasc. 15 no. 2]

**UC:E14/C3/3****14 Sep 1678**

Letter from Sir Thomas Sclater (address, Cambridge) to an unnamed addressee (probably Obadiah Walker, as Master). Sclater hopes to visit Oxford in a fortnight's time to tell them about Handley. He warns them that they are in a poor state, and barely able to sustain the rent expected from them. William Smith noted on the letter that he did not visit the College after all.

[Original reference Pyx µ fasc. 15 no. 3]

**UC:E14/C3/4****21 Oct 1678**

Letter from Sir Thomas Sclater (address, Cambridge) to Obadiah Walker. Sclater hopes that Walker will visit Handley Park. He himself will be there in early November, and hopes that Walker can meet him there.

[Original reference Pyx µ fasc. 15 no. 4]

**UC:E14/C3/5****21 Nov 1678**

Letter from Sir Thomas Sclater (address, London) to Obadiah Walker. Sclater reports on his visit to Handley. He could not persuade his tenants to continue renting there without an abatement in their rent.

[Original reference Pyx µ fasc. 15 no. 5]

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**UC:E14 The Estate of Handley Park, Northamptonshire, 1601-1939****UC:E14/C3/6** **20 Dec 1678**

Letter from Sir Thomas Sclater (address, Cambridge) to Obadiah Walker. Sclater reports on meeting Joseph Lodge and Nathaniel Boyse at Handley, and also on his dealings with Henry Carter about finding tenants.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 15 no. 7]**UC:E14/C3/7** **n.d. (late 1678?)**

Draft letter from Obadiah Walker to Sir Thomas Sclater. Walker regrets that Sclater is having trouble finding tenants, and hopes that Carter will be able to help him.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 15 no. 8]**UC:E14/C3/8** **10 Jan (year not given; almost certainly 1678/9)**

Letter from Sir Thomas Sclater (no address given) to Obadiah Walker. Sclater seeks help from a Mr. Henry Carter in letting those parts of Handley which have no tenants.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 15 no. 6]**UC:E14/C3/9** **7 Mar 1678/9**

Letter from Sir Thomas Sclater (address, Cambridge) to Obadiah Walker. Sclater has been laid up with gout in London, and so has only just returned to Cambridge, to find Walker's letter awaiting him. He is still having great difficulties in finding tenants for Handley Park.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 15 no. 9]**UC:E14/C3/10** **23 Mar 1679 [*sic; recte 1678/9 rather than 1679/80?*]**

Letter from Henry Carter (address Paulerspury) to Obadiah Walker. Carter reports on his dealings with Sir Thomas Sclater, and Sclater's work at Handley Park. Sclater is also willing to sell his lease for £1000.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 15 no. 10]**UC:E14/C3/11** **13 Aug 1681**

Letter from Sir Thomas Sclater (address, Cambridge) to Obadiah Walker. Sclater has arranged for a buck to be sent from Clarendon Park to the Master and Fellows, and 20 shillings to be sent among them.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 15 no. 11]**UC:E14/C3/12** **21 Nov 1682**

Letter from Sir Thomas Sclater (address, Cambridge) to Obadiah Walker. Sclater has not yet received an acquittance for his latest rent payment. He reports on the state of affairs at Handley.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 15 no. 12]**UC:E14/C3/13** **n.d. (after 21 Nov 1682)**

Draft letter from Obadiah Walker to Sir Thomas Sclater. Sclater's rent money has not yet reached Oxford. Walker also discusses Sclater's plans for Handley.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 15 no. 13]

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Letter from Henry Carter (address Paulerspury) to Obadiah Walker. Carter reports on meeting Sir Thomas Sclater at Cambridge. Sclater has been trying to sell his lease, as he has been having great difficulties making his subtenants pay their rents to him, but no one would like to buy it.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 15 no. 16]**UC:E14/C3/15****1 Jan 1683/4**

Letter from Henry Carter (no address given) to Obadiah Walker. Carter has sent the College half a year's rent on Handley Park, and requests an acquittance for it.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 15 no. 17]**UC:E14/C3/16****5 May 1684**

Letter from Thomas Whittear (no address given) to Obadiah Walker. Whittear has received a letter from John Osborne expressing concern at the changes at Handley after Sir Thomas Sclater had allegedly assigned his lease to on Counsellor Johnson. Smith (who was a Fellow at the time) noted on the letter that these surmises were all wrong.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 15 no. 18]**UC:E14/C3/17****3 Oct 1685**

Letter from Thomas Pomfret (address, Fallcot near Brackley) to Simon Miller (address, at the Star at the West End of St. Paul's Church). Pomfret has heard that a stray cow in Handley had been impounded, but has since been stolen by one of the tenants. He wishes to know what has happened to it. At the bottom of the letter is another note, presumably written by Simon Millar to Obadiah Walker. Millar forwards this letter to Walker, asking him to deal with it.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 15 no. 19]**UC:E14/C3/18****24 Jan 1686/7**

Unsigned letter (attributed by William Smith to Thomas Pomfret and John Cockerell) to Obadiah Walker. The correspondents have been investigating which tenants of Handley owe suit of court to Towcester. The letter discusses names many tenants at Handley, and gives their respective opinions on whether the parish of Towcester had any financial claims on them.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 15 no. 20]**UC:E14/C4 - GENERAL 18<sup>TH</sup>-20<sup>TH</sup> CORRESPONDENCE, 1788-1914****UC:E14/C4/1****11 Apr 1788**

Letter (address, Handly) from John Pinckard to the Bursar of University College. Pinckard encloses a draft of a half year's rent, but wants to be sure that this is the right sum.

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- UC:E14/C4/2** **19 Oct 1789**  
 Letter (address, Handly) from John Pinckard to Mr. Simpson (address, University College). Pinckard encloses a draft of a half year's rent, and hopes that the College can prepare a new lease for him to sign.
- UC:E14/C4/3** **3 Apr 1795**  
 Letter (address, Handly) from John Pinckard to Mr. Simpson (address, University College). Pinckard encloses a draft of a half year's rent.
- UC:E14/C4/4** **14 Apr 1795**  
 Copy of letter from C. Lenoult (address, Kensington) to J. Jenkinson (address, Towcester). A note on the back says that Lenoult was the brother of the then rector of Towcester, and Lenoult is writing about some moneys which Jenkinson owes the rector.
- UC:E14/C4/5** **17 Oct 1795**  
 Letter (address, Handly) from John Pinckard to Mr. Simpson (address, University College). Pinckard encloses a draft of a half year's rent.
- UC:E14/C4/6** **2 Feb 1807**  
 Letter from John Pinckard (address, Handley Park) to John Thorp (address, University College). Pinckard explains that he has felled some timber on the Handley estate in order to repair some of the houses there.
- UC:E14/C4/7** **24 Apr 1815**  
 Letter (address, Handly Park) from John Pinckard to the Bursar of University College. Pinckard encloses a draft of a half year's rent.
- UC:E14/C4/8** **27 Nov 1816**  
 Letter from Richard Crabtree (address, Wokingham, Berks.) to William Crabtree (address University College). Crabtree reports on a difficult meeting with John Pinckard at Handley Park. He is going to offer suggestions for how to parcel out the farms on the estate.
- UC:E14/C4/9** **1 Jan 1817**  
 Letter from William Kendall (address, Syresham) to the Bursar of University College. Kendall gives details of the College's tenants at Handley, and the rents which they all pay.
- UC:E14/C4/10** **13 Jan 1817**  
 Letter from R. Hurd (address, Worcester) to the Bursar of University College. Hurd discusses drafting out John Pinckard's new lease of Handley Park.
- UC:E14/C4/11** **24 Jul 1817**  
 Letter from Richard Crabtree (address, Wokingham, Berks.) to an unnamed addressee (the Master?). Crabtree reports on a visit to Handley Park, and advises on what rent the College should charge John Pinckard its tenant.





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College concerning Handley Park. Subjects include rent payments, tithes, bills for building work, a major fire at Handley in September 1853. [27 items]

- UC:E14/C4/21** **6 Apr–3 Dec 1835**  
 Bundle of letters, mostly from John Thomas Pinckard. They discuss various matters relating to Handley Park, including the arrival of a new vicar at Towcester, the installation of new pews in the Church, the local Poor Rate, and the renewal of Pinckard's lease. [6 items]
- UC:E14/C4/22** **13 May 1836**  
 Receipt from the Church committee at Towcester for a payment of £50 15s from John Thomas Pinckard for a fee for occupying the pew appropriated for the tenant of Handley Park.
- UC:E14/C4/23** **29 May 1839**  
 Letter from John Thomas Pinckard (address, Handley) to the Bursar of University College. Pinckard sends the Bursar his half year's rent, and discusses the question of vicarial tithes.
- UC:E14/C4/24** **16 Jul 1840**  
 Letter from John Thomas Pinckard (address, Handley) to an unnamed addressee (presumably the Bursar of University College). Pinckard reports on various affairs at Handley, including the payment of his rent, the near completion of a new brewhouse, poor law payments and the departure of the vicar of Towcester for a new parish.
- UC:E14/C4/25** **12 Nov 1841**  
 Letter from John Thomas Pinckard (address, Handley) to the Bursar of University College. Pinckard sends the College a draft for his half year's rent, and discusses the question of vicarial tithes.
- UC:E14/C4/26** **21 Jul 1843**  
 Letter from John Thomas Pinckard (address, Handley) to Frederick Plumtre. Pinckard thanks Plumtre for sending him £50 and hopes to welcome him on a visit soon.
- UC:E14/C4/27** **22 Nov 1843**  
 Letter from John Thomas Pinckard (address, Handley) to the Master and Fellows of University College. Pinckard reports on a "most awful" fire at Handley, which he suspects was arson, and which has destroyed all the outbuildings there. He asks the College to send its insurers over to him as soon as possible.
- UC:E14/C4/28** **4 Dec 1845**  
 Letter from N. Stevens and Feuron (address, 1 Grays Inn Square) to the Master of University College. The writers report on plans for determining the course of the Northampton, Banbury and Cheltenham Railway, which presumably was expected to go through part of the Handley Park estate.

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- UC:E14/C4/29** **1851–74**  
Envelope inscribed by Charles Faulkner “Mr. Paxton’s Report & Valuation & Mr. Castle’s and other papers respecting fresh rent, drainage loan, etc.” It contains particulars of valuations made at Handley in June and November 1851; three letters from 1869–72, from F. C. Plumptre, William Hedley, and John Thomas Pinckard, on a dispute over Pinckard’s rent (and Hedley’s mixed feelings about the forthcoming “Millennary Feast” to mark the supposed 1000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the College); a report on Handley Park from Jonas Paxton made in Mar 1874, with letters and notes on how to react to it. [8 items]
- UC:E14/C4/30** **25 Feb & 31 Mar 1856**  
Two letters from Henry Dixon (address Brandon Lodge, Leamington) to the Master of University College. Dixon, who has since ceased to act as the College’s land agent, gives advice on whether to grant a new lease to John Thomas Pinckard, and, if so, for who much.
- UC:E14/C4/31** **23 Jun 1875**  
Offer from the Northampton and Banbury Junction Railway Company (with accompanying letter) offering to sell University College some land which are not further required for the purposes of their railway. This particular portion adjoins the College’s estate at Handley Park.
- UC:E14/C4/32** **4 May 1877**  
Report made by Field Castle on a visit to Handley Park.
- UC:E14/C4/33** **31 May 1880–15 Apr 1881**  
Envelope inscribed by Charles Faulkner “Handley Oct ‘80 May ‘81 Mile Oak Farm. West’s letters - about remission of rent. Castle’s Report Oct. 1880.” It contains letters from George West (address, Silverstone, Towcester) to Charles Faulkner, with some draft replies from Faulkner, in which West requests a remission his rent, and a letter from Field and Castle reporting on the losses sustained by the College’s tenants at Handley. [9 items]
- UC:E14/C4/34** **8 Jun–4 Jul 1887**  
Envelope inscribed “Letters about the reletting at reduced rental of Franklins’ Farm 1888”. It contains letters from, John Thomas Franklin and Charles Fyffe about Franklin’s tenancy of Handley Park Farm, and the amount of rent he should pay the College. [6 items]
- UC:E14/C4/35** **13 Sep 1881 & 22 May 1882**  
Two letters from Robert Castle to Charles Faulkner. Castle reports on affairs at Handley, especially the plans to use some of the land leased to George West for allotments.
- UC:E14/C4/36** **21 Nov 1881–21 Oct 1885**  
Bundle of correspondence concerning the purchase of some glebe land from the Vicar of Towcester. Correspondents include W. H. Lee, the Vicar of Towcester, the Diocesan Registry at Peterborough, and the College’s

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solicitors. A few letters are annotated by Charles Fyffe. The bundle was found in a package addressed to Charles Fyffe. See **UC:E14/D4/1** for the conveyance relating to this land. [34 items]

**UC:E14/C4/37** **4 May 1887**

Letter from John J. Franklin (address, Handley) to an unnamed addressee (the Bursar?). Franklin reports that, in preparation for Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee, the local people are raising funds for the Imperial Institute, the Northampton Infirmary (to erect a new wing), and local festivities (including a dinner for the aged poor). Franklin asks University College to contribute.

**UC:E14/C4/38** **21 May 1891**

Letter from Castle, Field and Castle to the Master of University College, about what rent to charge J. T. Franklin on the Handley Park estate.

**UC:E14/C4/39** **1893**

Petition from the allotment holders at Handley Park, who have all signed it, to Field and Castle asking for a reduction in their annual rent.

**UC:E14/C4/40** **Sep 1910–Jul 1911**

Envelope inscribed "Handley 1911" it contains correspondence on various estate matters including from Henry Franklin, A. B. Poynton and the College's land agent [8 items].

**UC:E14/C4/41** **4 Mar 1914**

Letter from Castle, Field and Castle to A. B. Poynton, reporting on Handley Park, and suggesting some improvements.

**UC:E14/E1 - SURVEYS, RENTALS AND EXTENTS OF HANDLEY PARK, 1631–1824****UC:E14/E1/1** **17 Oct 7 Cha I (1631)**

Copy of an extent of Handley Park, taken after the death of Sir Simon Bennet.

[Original reference Pyx I fasc. 1 no. 3]

**UC:E14/E1/2** **1639**

Survey of Handley Park.

[Original reference Pyx I fasc. 1 no. 4]

**UC:E14/E1/3** **1683**

Document containing rentals for Sir Thomas Sclater's tenants at Handley Park for Lady Day and Michaelmas 1683.

[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 15 no. 15]

**UC:E14/E1/4** **7 Nov 1694**

Rental for the tenants of Handley.

[Original reference Pyx μ fasc. 15 no. 21]

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Particular and valuation of the College's estate at Handley Park by Henry Dixon. The document shows that John Pinckard, the College's tenant, occupied only part of the estate, but had undertenants at Barnhill Farm, Mile Oak Farm, and Rignal Farm.

**UC:E14/F1 - ACCOUNTS FOR RALPH RADCLIFFE, 1636-40**

Ralph Radcliffe seems to have been appointed by University College to oversee the chopping down of timber at Handley Park for the building of its new quadrangle.

**UC:E14/F1/1** **7 Nov 1636**

Note of sums laid out for work in the Delfe Coppice.

[Original reference Pyx  $\lambda$  fasc. 9 no. 1e]

**UC:E14/F1/2** **1638**

Accounts kept by Richard Radcliffe of income and expenditure relating to Handley Park.

[Original reference Pyx  $\lambda$  fasc. 9 nos. 1a-1b]

**UC:E14/F1/3** **10 Jun 1638**

Acquittance from Sir Arthur Ingram the elder of the Master and Fellows of College for the payment of £25 for tithe money on Handley.

[Original reference Pyx  $\lambda$  fasc. 9 no. 1c]

**UC:E14/F1/4** **15 Jan 1638/9**

Acquittance from John Lockwood from Ralph Radcliffe for a payment of £5 for some vicarage tithes for Towcester.

[Original reference Pyx  $\lambda$  fasc. 9 no. 1d]

**UC:E14/F1/5** **5 Feb 1638/9**

Note of expenses and receipts submitted by Ralph Radcliffe to Thomas Walker for various matters relating to Handley, with a note added in Walker's hand.

[Original reference Pyx  $\lambda$  fasc. 9 no. 1f]

**UC:E14/F1/6** **4 Sep 1640**

Note by Thomas Walker of income and expenditure relating to Handley Park and Ralph Radcliffe's work there.

[Original reference Pyx  $\lambda$  fasc. 9 no. 1g]

**UC:E14/F1/7-8** **1640**

Two sets of very rough accounts, partly in the hands of Ralph Radcliffe and Thomas Walker, relating to Handley Park, for work done there in 1638-40.

[Original reference Pyx  $\lambda$  fasc. 9 nos. 2a-b]

**UC:E14/F1/9** **n.d. (late 1630s?)**

Note of conditions to be inserted into Ralph Radcliffe's lease of land at Handley Park.

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[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 9 no. 3a]

**UC:E14/F1/10** **n.d. (late 1630s?)**

Note of conditions to be inserted into Thomas Jackson's lease of land at Handley Park.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 9 no. 3b]

**UC:E14/F1/11** **5 Aug 1640**

Letter (no address given) from Ralph Radcliffe to Thomas Walker, of which the top third of the text is missing. Enough remains to show that Radcliffe is asking Walker for money owed to him.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 9 no. 5a]

**UC:E14/F1/12** **21 Aug 1640**

Letter (no address given) from Ralph Radcliffe to Thomas Walker. Radcliffe continues to ask Walker for money.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 9 no. 5b]

**UC:E14/F1/13** **28 Aug 1640**

Letter (no address given) from Ralph Radcliffe to Thomas Walker. Radcliffe continues to ask Walker for money. He also explains his troubles in collecting it in Northamptonshire.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 9 no. 5c]

**UC:E14/F1/14** **2 Sep 1640**

Release

**Parties:**

1. Ralph Radcliffe of Stratford Bowen, Middx.
2. Thomas Walker, DD, Master of University College, and the Fellows of the same.

**Consideration:** £435.

**Comments:** In return for receipt of the above sum over and above his expenses for gathering rents, 1 releases himself from all claims on 2 with regard to his work at Handley Park.

The right-hand side of this document has been damaged, and some text is lost.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 9 no. 6a]

**UC:E14/F1/15** **2 Sep 1640**

Formal promise made by Ralph Radcliffe to justify all the accounts made by him to Thomas Hampson.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 9 no. 6b]

**UC:E14/F1/16** **25 Sep 1640**

Letter (no address given) from Ralph Radcliffe to Thomas Walker, on the same matters as in **UC:E14/F1/13** above.

[Original reference Pyx λ fasc. 9 no. 5d]

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These two documents were missing in 1993. Smith's summary (UC:AR2/MS1/5 p. 374) described them as accounts prepared by Henry Carter of Paulerspury for moneys received from the occupants of Handley Park in 1672 and 1673.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 13 nos. 1–2]

**UC:E14/F2/3** **1673**

Account from John Rogers for money received for "joygements" (usually spelled agistments [i.e. rent received for the pasturing of someone else's livestock]) at Handley Park between Michaelmas 1672 and Lady Day 1673.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 13 no. 3]

**UC:E14/F2/4** **1673**

A second account from John Rogers for "joygements" at Handley, this time listing amounts not yet received.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 13 no. 4]

**UC:E14/F2/5** **1673**

Account from John Rogers for "joygements" received at Handley between 25 March and Michaelmas 1673,

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 13 no. 5]

**UC:E14/F2/6** **11 Jun 1675**

Account from Richard Simkins of money due from him to the College for rent at Handley Park, and what he has paid.

[Original reference Pyx  $\mu$  fasc. 13 no. 6]

**UC:E14/F3 - LATER FINANCIAL RECORDS, 1730–1927****UC:E14/F3/1** **20 Nov 1730**

Solicitor's Bill for business relating to Cockerill v. Herron, an otherwise unknown lawsuit. "Cockerill" is Henry Cockerill, who was the College's tenant at Handley at this time.

**UC:E14/F3/2–5** were found tied together.

**UC:E14/F3/2** **7 Jul 1773**

Copy of an authorisation to the collector of land tax to levy by distress some land tax which is owing from Handley Park.

**UC:E14/F3/3–4** **9 Sep 1773**

Two copies of a case submitted to Counsel by University College, and Counsel's opinion, on the question of land tax at Handley Park. The College wishes to know whether land tax should be paid on Handley Park or not. Counsel think it is, but suggests that the College could have the matter settled in the lawcourts.

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- UC:E14/F3/5** **17 Dec 1773**  
 Letter from James Duncan (address, no. 1 Lincolns Inn Old Buildings) to an unnamed addressee (the Master?). He reports on his discussions with Robert Chambers on an unspecified manner (which must be the question of paying land tax on the Handley estate).
- UC:E14/F3/6–7** **25 Mar 1794 & 25 Mar 1795**  
 Two receipts from the Phoenix Fire Office for the payment of insurance premiums by John Pinkard.
- UC:E14/F3/8** **18 Jun 1799**  
 Certificate for the redemption of Land Tax on Handley Park.
- UC:E14/F3/9** **15 Jan 1834**  
 Insurance certificate from the Sun Fire Office for John Pinckard of Handley Park.
- UC:E14/F3/10–17** **1845–50**  
 Eight solicitors' bills relating to expenses connected with the commutation of Tithes at Handley Park.
- UC:E14/F3/18** **1844**  
 Notes by Frederick Plumptre on expenses incurred in rebuilding the farm and other premises at Handley Park.
- UC:E14/F3/19** **1845**  
 Cash account for Henry Dixon in relation to his estate management work at Handley Park. This includes (unspecified) building work.
- UC:E14/F3/20** **16 Jan 1845**  
 Notes of disbursements made in relation to work at Handley Park, prepared by John Thomas Pinckard.
- UC:E14/F3/21** **30 Aug 1845**  
 Note of redemption of land tax on Handley Park.
- UC:E14/F3/22–23** **23 Dec 1847 & 13 Nov 1848**  
 Two judicial orders relating to a settlement of the claims relating to tithes payable on Handley Park. It is decreed that Handley Park should pay an annual sum of £47 10s for its tithes.
- UC:E14/F3/24** **8 Nov 1849–12 Aug 1851**  
 Bundle of correspondence, mainly comprising letters from the Rev. Joseph Garton, Vicar of Towcester, to the Bursar of University College (usually Thomas Shadforth), but also the College's solicitors, Shadforth himself, and Travers Twiss. Garton is trying to claim money from the College under the new apportionment of tithe money which he claims are due from Handley



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Park. The College disputes the sums involved. Eventually the matter came to settle upon a payment of £12, which the College decided to pay [18 items].

- UC:E14/F3/25** **Jul 1851**  
List of additional requirements for erecting a new house at Handley.
- UC:E14/F3/26** **4 Dec 1851 & 5 Jan 1852**  
Letter from John Thomas Pinckard (address Handley, Towcester) to the Bursar of University College. Pinckard reports on the rebuilding work which has taken place at Handley following a fire of July 1850, with a bill from John Castle for University College for building work carried out there.
- UC:E14/F3/27–33 and 35–45** were found together in a bundle inscribed "Towcester".
- UC:E14/F3/27** **5 Aug 1854 & 26 Mar 1856**  
Two letters from Francis Field to the Master of University College on Handley Park affairs.
- UC:E14/F3/28** **1858–65**  
Collection of loose papers comprising mainly bills relating to building work to the properties at Handley Park. There are also some letters to and from tenants, with correspondents including Peter Goldsmith Medd,, as well as receipts for payment of income tax [54 items].
- UC:E14/F3/29** **14 Dec 1860**  
List of rents due from Handley Park on Lady Day 1860.
- UC:E14/F3/30** **25 Feb 1861**  
List of rents due from Handley Park on Michaelmas 1860.
- UC:E14/F3/31** **1861**  
List of rents due from Handley Park on Lady Day 1861.
- UC:E14/F3/32** **1861**  
List of rents due from Handley Park on Michaelmas 1861.
- UC:E14/F3/33** **1863**  
Rent account from Francis Field for Handley Park for July 1862–April 1863.
- UC:E14/F3/34** **12 Jan 1864**  
Receipt for payment from Francis Headlam (then Bursar) of £100 for work done at Handley).
- UC:E14/F3/35** **3 Dec 1864**  
Receipt from the Treasurer of Towcester Church to University College for a subscription to the Towcester Church Sunday School.

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- UC:E14/F3/36** 1864  
Bundle of bills allowed Mr. Woodin [6 items].
- UC:E14/F3/37** 1864  
Bundle of bills allowed Mr. Franklin [7 items].
- UC:E14/F3/38** 2 Mar 1865  
Received bill for building work for two labourers' cottages at Handley Park.
- UC:E14/F3/39** 4 Apr 1866  
Francis Field's rent account for Handley Park, recording rent money as received from rented to Mr. Franklin, with an accompanying letter from Field.
- UC:E14/F3/40** Apr 1866  
Receipt for half-year's rent from Mr. Franklin, due Michaelmas 1865.
- UC:E14/F3/41** 1869–72  
Collection of loose papers comprising bills and receipts for income tax relating to the properties at Handley Park [13 items].
- UC:E14/F3/42** 1873  
Envelope inscribed by Charles Faulkner "Handley Park L.D. 1873 Pd Aug 1 1873". It contains papers concerning the payment of quit rents and other small dues relating to the College's land at Edgock, Hailey, and Handley Park [21 items].
- UC:E14/F3/43** 1871–3  
Rent account for the late executors of Francis Field, recording rent money from Handley Park owed to the College in 1871, with a note by Charles Faulkner that the sum was fully paid off in May 1873.
- UC:E14/F3/44** 13 Dec 1872  
Rent account from Field and Castle for the half year ending 25 March 1871 for rent money from Handley Park.
- UC:E14/F3/45** 1874–5  
Envelope inscribed by Charles Faulkner "Handley Park", containing a clutch of bills, mainly for building work, allowed by the College to its tenants John Franklin and J. Woodin [17 items]
- UC:E14/F3/46** Apr 1875–Nov 1877  
Two specifications (pinned together) of repairs to the farm buildings and the main farm house at Mile Oak Farm, Towcester, both dated Apr 1875. There are angry annotations by Charles Faulkner, who objected to these contracts. Also pinned to these specifications is an envelope containing correspondence [9 items] between George West, the College's tenant at Mile Oak Farm, and Charles Faulkner, over the ensuing dispute between tenant and College about who was to pay for the repairs. Eventually a settlement was reached.

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**UC:E14/F3/47** **27 Feb 1886**

Received bill for John Franklin for improvements carried out for land at Towcester, which is identified on the back of the document as the glebe land bought from the Vicar of Towcester.

**UC:E14/F3/48** **Dec 1910–Jan 1911**

Two receipted bills for building work carried out at Handley Park.

**UC:E14/F3/49** **23 Nov 1927**

Extract, with accompanying letter, from the Rate Book of Towcester for the College's tenants on the Handley estate.

**UC:E14/F4 - PAPERS ON THE HANDLEY ALLOTMENTS, 1881–91**

In 1881 Charles Faulkner and Charles Fyffe, the two Bursars of University College, prepared a scheme for converting some of the land at Handley Park into a group of allotments to be leased to smallholders (they introduced a similar scheme at their estate at Edgiock, Worcs.).

**UC:E14/F4/1** **Aug 1881**

Bundle (assembled by Charles Faulkner) of applications for allotments at Handley Park.

**UC:E14/F4/2** **Aug–Sep 1881**

Charles Faulkner's notes on the above applications.

**UC:E14/F4/3** **Oct 1881**

Report prepared by Charles Faulkner and Charles Fyffe for a meeting of the Governing Body of University College on 28 Oct 1881 on the smallholdings created at Handley and Edgiock.

**UC:E14/F4/4** **Mar 1882**

Particulars of the rents due on the Handley allotments for the half year ending 25 Mar 1882.

**UC:E14/F4/5** **18 Mar 1882**

Letter from Alfred E. Sansom (address, Towcester) to Charles Faulkner. Sansom reports on the Handley allotments. He thinks that the tenants on them are all working them well, and expects no trouble.

**UC:E14/F4/6** **Dec 1882**

Particulars of the rents due on the Handley allotments for the nine months ending Christmas 1882.

**UC:E14/F4/7** **1891**

Accounts for Handley allotments for the year ending 25 Dec 1891.

**UC:E14/F4/8** **1891**

Envelope containing receipted bills relating to the College's allotments at Handley.

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- UC:E14/MS1/1** **July 1911**  
Typescript version of notes made by A. B. Poynton on his visit to Handley in July 1911.
- UC:E14/MS1/2** **Jan 1912**  
Draft letter from A. B. Poynton, and reply from Towcester Rural District Council on workmen's cottages at Towcester.
- UC:E14/MS1/3** **1912–14**  
Envelope inscribed "Towcester 1913–14; Franklin & boundaries". The contents comprises timber accounts for Handley for 1912, notes made by Poynton on a visit to Handley made in July 1913, and letters to Poynton from Henry Franklin and Henry Deeley, two of the College's tenants on the Handley estate [8 items]
- UC:E14/MS1/4** **July 1913**  
Typescript version of A. B. Poynton's notes on his visit to Handley of July 1913 (see **UC:E14/MS1/3** for an MS version of the same).
- UC:E14/MS1/5** **16 Mar 1925**  
Report on the Handley Park estate. At this time, Mile Oak Farm is in the tenure of H. Deeley, and the Park Farm in that of Mr. F. Hawkings. A map is included, which shows the extents of the farms, the allotments, and also the glebe land recently acquired by the College (see **UC:E14/D6**)..
- UC:E14/MS1/6** **Apr–June 1936**  
Two reports on proposed improvements to surface water drainage at Handley Park, with accompanying letters and bills. [6 items] **UC:E14/M1/10–11** accompany these papers.
- UC:E14/MS1/7** **May 1936**  
Report on the condition of the hedges at Handley Park Farm (now occupied by Mr. Cherry). A small map on tracing paper, with keys to indicate which hedge is which, is included.

**UC:E14/M1 - MAPS AND PLANS, 1652–1936**

- UC:E14/M1/1** **9 Apr 1652**  
A "Perambulation" of Handley Park, carried out by Ambrose Bennet in the company of various witnesses, all named.  
**Draughtsman:** John Wilkins  
**Scale:** Not given.  
**Size:** 780 by 530 mm.  
**Inscribed:** Aprill the 9<sup>th</sup> 1652 A perambulation taken by Ambrose Bennet of □ Handley in the Countie of Northampton Gent. in the presents of those □ Whose names are here under written / Towcester in the Countie of

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Northampton Mr. Gaskines Schoolemaster / Richard Farmer Tho: Osbourne Ric: Brigies Sen, Tho: Sockes / Ric: Brigies, Will. Osbourne Tho: Curttis John Tempest George / Carter John Farmar Sam: Neale George Tight William / Randolph , Thomas Sheapard Junr,) Greenes Northton, Knightley / Elmes George Wilkinson, Adthrupe. Fiennes Stockley John Simkins) / of Wood Burcutt Silvester Sanford Tho: Gibbins Ric: Collison / of Silson, Rob: Hinson of Brading, John Percefall of Slapton, Larwance Hall Will: Hostar, Will: Hinman, Humph: Hoyle / Mich: Hoyle of Handley, John Sanford & John Rogers both of / Foxcutt, John Wilkins of Thame in the Countie of Oxon / who did survay this preambulation the day andyeare above written.

**Signed:** See above.

**Dated:** See above.

**Medium:** Various washes.

**Support:** Parchment.

**Format:** 1 membrane.

**Notes:** This is an unusual map, in that it only depicts the overall boundaries of the Handley Park estate. Although some coppices are named inside the boundary of the estate, otherwise the estate proper is left blank, with no depiction of any fields or buildings there. Around the edge of the estate, commons, roads, and field names are given.

[Original reference Pyx k fasc. 5 no. 14]

**UC:E14/M1/2****May 1766**

Book containing survey and map of Handley Park 1766. Most of the book is unused. The map is as follows:

Map of the College's states at Handley Park.

**Draughtsman:** John Gutteridge

**Scale:** 1 inch to 11 chains.

**Size:** 365 by 290 mm

**Inscribed:** [There is no inscription on the map proper, but on the facing page is this inscription: "A / Map of an Estate / lying at Handley / in the Parish of Towcester/ and County of / Northampton / Belonging to the Master & Fellows of / University College / In Oxford / Survey'd in / May 1766 / by John Gutteridge". The fields are numbered to act as a key to the accompanying survey]

**Signed:** [See above]

**Dated:** [See above]

**Medium:** Ink with various washes.

**Support:** Parchment.

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**UC:E14/M1/3****1828**

Map with accompanying reference of the College's property at Handley Park, Towcester.

**Surveyor:** Henry Dixon

**Scale:** 1 inch to 6 chains.

**Size:** 880 by 640 mm (not including wooden rollers)

**Inscribed:** Map / of the / Handley Estate / in the Parish of / Towcester / in the County of / Northampton / belonging to / the Master and Fellows of /

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University College / Oxford. / 1828. / Surveyed under the direction of / Henry Dixon, Oxford.

**Signed & Dated:** [see above.]

**Medium:** Ink with various washes.

**Support:** Linen-backed paper.

**Format:** 2 sheets.

**Notes:** The map and the reference are written on separate sheets of paper, both of which are attached to the lower wooden roller.

**UC:E14/M1/4****28 Sep 1881**

Map of Allotments at Handley Park, Towcester

**Draughtsman:** Unknown

**Scale:** 1 inch to 2 chains.

**Size:** 760 by 360 mm

**Inscribed:** Handley Allotments / Towcester [the plots are all numbered and their acreages given, and roads are annotated]

**Signed:** Unsigned.

**Dated:** 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 1881

**Medium:** Ink with brown wash.

**Support:** Linen paper

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**Notes:** UC:E14/M1/5 was found pinned to this map.

**UC:E14/M1/5****Sep 1881**

Key to the map UC:E14/M1/4 above, identifying the tenants of each allotment.

**UC:E14/M1/6****n.d. (before 1905)**

Booklet inscribed *University College Handley Park Estate Northamptonshire*. It contains a portion from an Ordnance Survey map backed onto linen paper and folded, with the College's land at Handley Park coloured in in pink. Some rivers, ponds and waterways have been coloured in in blue. It shows the estate before the purchase of Rignal Farm in 1905.

**UC:E14/M1/7****n.d. (c. 1905?)**

Portion of Ordnance Survey map cut up and mounted on linen paper, showing the College's property coloured in with blue, and an extra piece of land proposed to be purchased, coloured in with pink. This land is Rignal Farm, which was bought in 1905.

**UC:E14/M1/8****May 1934**

Plan of water systems installed at Handley Park

**Draughtsman:** Messrs Carter Jonas

**Scale:** Not to scale.

**Size:** 560 by 380 mm.

**Inscribed:** Plan / Water Systems / at / Handley Park Estate [the plan is fully annotated]

**Signed:** Messes Carter Jonas

**Dated:** May 1934

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Booklet inscribed *Handley Park Estate Northants. University College June 1935*. It contains a portion from an Ordnance Survey map backed onto linen paper and folded, with the College's lands at Handley coloured in pink, blue, green and yellow, presumably to reflect the different tenants here.

**UC:E14/M1/10****Apr 1936**

Block plan of Handley Park Farm, showing proposed new drains

**Draughtsman:** F. King & Sons.**Scale:** Not to scale**Size:** 550 by 500 mm**Inscribed:** Handley Park N. Hants / Block Plan / Not to Scale [buildings on the plan are all identified]**Signed:** F. King & Sons / Wappenham**Dated:** April 1936**Medium:** Black and red ink with pencil annotations.**Support:** Tracing paper**Format:** 1 sheet.**Notes:** This plan clearly accompanies **UC:E14/MS1/6** (the reports of 1936 on the drainage of Handley Park).**UC:E14/M1/11****n.d. (Apr. 1936)**

Another version of **UC:E14/M1/10** above. This version is rather neater, and with fewer corrections.

**UC:E14/M1/12****n.d. (20<sup>th</sup> cent.)**

Map of the Handley Park estate, evidently traced from an OS Map

**Scale:** Not given.**Size:** 420 by 275**Inscribed:** [uninscribed, but place names are given]**Medium:** Pencil and black ink.**Support:** Brown tracing paper**Format:** 1 sheet.**Notes:** The map was drawn after the purchase of Rignal Farm in 1905.**UC:E14/N1 - PRESS CUTTING****UC:E14/N1/1****1 Jan 1932**

Press cutting from the *Mercury & Herald*, with an article reporting on a set of farm accounts kept from 1767–1802 by John Cook, a farmer at Heathencote, Towcester, which records his dealings with Mr. Pinckard of Handley.

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Printed poster listing disbursements paid to the poor of the parish of Towcester.